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摘 要

本論文共包含兩部分:以分子對稱性的觀點設計進行 Ellipticine 之全合成與 Tacamonine 合成研究。Ellipticine 工作已經完成:由茚烯(39)作為起始物經由八步可 得 Ellipticine,總產率 13%。Tacamonine 的部分則是利用雙甲酯(83)作為起始物,經 一連串反應之後可得立體位向與 Tacamonine 相同的化合物(91),但此化合物無法順利 脫去保護基,故需以其他的保護基替換方可繼續並結束此計畫。







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ABSTRACT

The total synthesis of ellipticine based on the concept of symmetry has been accomplished. 4,7-Dimethylindene (39) was used as the starting material and ellipticine was yield. synthesized in 8 steps in 13 % overall On the other hand, cis-1,3-dicarbomethoxycyclopent-4-ene (83) was chosen as the starting material for the synthesis of tacamonine. Compound 91 with the same stereochemistry of tacamonine was synthesized in 8 steps. Unfortunately, the bis-ketal of 91 could not be deprotected. Change to other protection groups is necessary for bringing this project to a successful conclusion.







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第一章 緒論

(一) Ellipticine全合成:

奧克羅木 (Ochrosia), 南美紅豆杉 (Aspidosperma), 馬蹄花 (Tabernaemontana) 與馬錢(Strychnos)這類夾竹桃科(Apocynaceae)的植物中存在某些結構為 6H-pyrido[4,3-b]carbazole 的天然物 (Fig. 1.1), 此類天然物的結構為carbazole與pyridine 的併環,例如ellipticine (1a,橢圓玫瑰樹鹼,在5與11碳上各有一個甲基)、 9-methoxylellipticine (1b)、olivacine (1c)。在一些動物及人類身上,這些天然物已被 證實具有抗癌的功效。另外,9-hydroxyellipticine (1d)、elliptinium (2, 2-methyl-9-hydroxyellipticinium acetate)也於臨床上用以治療急性骨髓白血病 (myeloblastic leukemia)、乳癌等疾病¹。

Fiq. 1.1



1d 9-Hydroxyellipticine

Ellipticine學名為 5,11-dimethyl-6H-pyrido[4,3-b]carbazole,於 1959 年第一次由 Goodwin教授等人從Ochrosia elliptica Labill植物葉片中單離出來²。Ochrosia elliptica Labill是一種小型熱帶常綠樹,屬於夾竹桃科的植物,盛產於美國佛羅里達州,在澳洲、 阿達曼群島與一些太平洋島嶼中也可見其蹤跡。之後ellipticine及其衍生物也在許多其他 的植物中被發現。

1959年,Woodward教授等人第一次將ellipticine的結構建立出來³,並完成了第一篇 的全合成。他們將吲哚與 3-acetylpyridine進行縮合得 4,接著以鋅與醋酸酐在迴流下進 行反應,產物 5 在高溫真空下裂解而得ellipticine,但產率僅 2% (Scheme 1.1)。 Scheme 1.1. by R. B. Woodward et al. (1959)



截至今日,關於ellipticine的全合成論文約有六十多篇,回顧性的文章約有六篇⁴, 分別介紹各時期ellipticine的全合成路徑。Sainsbury教授將 1977 年以前ellipticine的全合 成分為三類:一是以Fischer indolization建構B環完成ellipticine的骨架、一是以carbazole 的衍生物作為前驅物再建構D環、另一則是最後完成C環(參考Fig. 1.1 的環編號)。1977 至 1982 年期間關於ellipticine的全合成則由Shannon等人分類整理,他們依循Sainsbury教 授的方法並將這三個分類分別命名為B-型、C-型以及D-型合成法,代表著骨架最後完成 的部分。另外, Gribble教授等人則將 1977 年至 1984 年關於ellipticine以及其部分衍生 物的全合成整理分為八類,虛線代表合成pyridocarbazole骨架的關鍵鍵結 (Fig. 1.2)。





另外,Gribble 教授於 1991 年時再將其多年合成 ellipticine(1a)、9-methoxylellipticine(1b)、olivacine(1c)、9-hydroxyellipticine(1d)以及 elliptinium(2)的工作作一整理

並發表回顧性的文章。

以下依 Gribble 教授所分類的方法簡介部分合成 ellipticine 的方法:

Strategy I



1964 年 Stillwell 與 Woodward 合成出一個傳統製 6*H*-pyrido[4,3-*b*]carbazole 骨架的方法,便是以此策略進行(Scheme 1.2)。此合成以 decahydroisoquinol-6-one(**6**) 行 Fischer indolization 而得 **7**,產率 82%,但由於最後以 Pd/C 脫氫反應的步驟產率很低,故此法 未有實際應用價值。

Scheme 1.2. by R. B. Woodward et al. (1964)



另外, Miller 等人於 1980 年利用 Ullmann coupling 作為橋聯 A 與 B 環的方法,再利用醋酸鈀進行環化反應,但此步驟產率僅 15-25 %。(Scheme 1.3)

Scheme 1.3. by R. B. Miller et al. (1980)



由於 Scheme 1.3 的結果並不理想, Miller 於 1983 年發表了改善的途徑。將 11 進行 偶氮化再行環化,最後一步產率可提升至 70%。(Scheme 1.4) Scheme 1.4. by R. B. Miller et al (1983)



Strategy II



利用此策略合成 ellipticine (**1a**) 並未在文獻上發表過,但 6,11-dimethyl-5H-pyrido[3',4':4,5]pyrrolo[2,3-g]isoquinoline (**15**)則是以此作為合成策 略。由 1979年 Bisagni 利用前驅物 **12** 首度合成。(Scheme 1.5) **Scheme 1.5.** by Bisagni et al. (1979)



Strategy III



Cranwell 等人利用己二酮與吲哚生成 16 並進一步獲得 17,最後環合 D 環成 ellipticine。以此策略為合成方法最後的中間體多與 17 相近。

Scheme 1.6. by Cranwell et al. (1962)



Strategy IV



Bergman 等人於 1977 年將 1-45 於高溫下進行 C 環的環化反應, 如 Scheme 1.7 所示。 Scheme 1.7. by J. Bergman et al. (1977)



Strategy V



Kano 所使用的方法與 Bergman 類似(19 與 22),23 也是經由高溫後可得 1a,只是前驅物位向不同,加上利用 D 環分子內的對稱性,在環合時僅生成 1a。(Scheme 1.8)

Scheme 1.8. by Kano et al. (1981)



Strategy VI



如 Scheme 1.9, Kutney 等人提供了一條便捷製 26 的方法。經由不同的鋰試劑,5 與 11 位上可以有不同的取代基。



1984年 Moody 等人利用 27 進行環加成反應,此結果會產生兩種異構物 (ellipticine

與 isoellipticine) • (Scheme 1.10)

Scheme 1.10. by Moody et al. (1984)



Strategy VIII



Scheme 1.11 為 Husson 利用合成 1c 相同的方法合成 Ellipticine。 Scheme 1.11. by Husson et al. (1981)



另外值得一提的是, Ghosez 教授於 1985 年以一特別的方法合成咔唑, 並利用此法 形式合成 Ellipticine。如 Scheme 1.12 所示, 35 經加熱可環合成化合物 36 此一具 pyridocarbazole 骨架的分子。

Scheme 1.12. by Ghosez et al. (1985)



(二) Tacamonine 合成研究:

Tacamonine (38) 屬於 tacamine 類吲哚生物驗,不同的是其在 D 環是一個內醯胺。 另由於 E 環三個三級碳上的氫立體關係皆為同側(cis),此特殊的結構使我們對於合成 tacamine 類生物鹼產生高度的興趣。



Tacamonine首度於 1984 年由Beek等人⁵從*T. eglandulosa*的葉子(生長在中非森林的 小型藤本植物,夜晚開花,薩伊地區的住民以其根部治療毒蛇的咬傷)以乙醇萃取並單 離出來,Beek當時共分離出了二十二種生物驗,而其中十二種為新的未知物。然而較意 外的是早於 1982 年Levy已經合成此化合物⁶。目前為止有五組人發表tacamonine的全合 成7。分列如下:

1994年, Fukumoto 教授不對稱合成 tacamonine, 11 個步驟, 總產率為 3% (Scheme 2.1) •

Scheme 2.1. by K. Fukumoto et al. (1994)



另外, Lounasmaa 的團隊花了數年時間合成出 tacamonine (Scheme 2.2), 對於 3 位

上的三極碳作了許多異構化的研究。

Scheme 2.2. by M. Lounasmaa et al. (1998)



2001 年 Bosch 教授以 Lounasmaa 於 1982 年合成出的中間體為起始物,再經八個合成步驟取得 tacamonine,如 Scheme 2.3 所示。

Scheme 2.3. by J. Bosch et al. (2001)



同年,Lesma教授不對稱合成tacamonine,如Scheme 2.4所示。



Scheme 2.4. by G. Lesma et al. (2001)

本實驗室於 2002 年發表 tacamonine 的全合成 (Scheme 2.5)。

Scheme 2.5. by T.-L. Ho et al. (2002)



另外,本實驗室又嘗試以對稱的概念合成tacamonine⁸, 雖得異構物 12-epitacamonine

及 3-epitacamonine(Scheme 2.6),但由此工作我們得知E環上的兩邊碳鏈不能是自由的, 在一開始即必須為一個環以避免在後續的反應中造成異構化,於是我們將嘗試以其他起 始物但由類似的路徑進行合成tacamonine。

Scheme 2.6. by T.-L. Ho et al. (2001)



第二章 結果與討論

(一) Ellipticine 全合成:

我們計畫以對稱⁹的分子作為起始物來合成ellipticine。其溯徑分析:



由P. Knochel教授所發表的文獻¹⁰得知ArNO₂可與ArMgX試劑於低溫下反應,經由氣 化亞鐵與硼氫化鈉還原後得二芳胺的產物,並具有很好的產率。如果用化合物 41 與鹵 化苯合成一二芳胺 42,再進行C-C成鍵則可建立一個咔唑與環己烷併環的結構 44,由 於 44 的咔唑環上氮的孤對電子影響,應可選擇性氧化五員環上的碳,再經由Schmidt 反應引入氮原子或在α-碳上引入OAc的官能基,則皆有機會合成出ellipticine 1a。以下是 我們的實驗結果。



茚烯 **39**¹¹可經由 2,5-已二酮與環戊二烯在甲醇鈉下反應獲得,產率 84 %。再經氫 化可得indane **40**,產率 94.7%。化合物 **40** 在濃硝酸與濃硫酸下硝化而生成化合物 **41**, 但利用Knochel的方法將化合物 **41** 與PhMgCl進行反應卻失敗,所以我們嘗試先將化合 物 **40** 進行鹵化再與硝基苯進行反應 (Strategy B)。



由於化合物 40 經由一般溴化反應所得的結果,有單一溴化也有雙溴化,並不理 想。再者,從R. Tilve提供的方法¹²,可以只碘化單一位置,且化合物 40 是一對稱的分 子,所以不論苯環上的哪個位置被碘化都是相同的結果。故我們將化合物 40 依Tilve 教授的方法碘化得化合物 43,產率 70.9%。但將化合物 43 與硝基苯進行反應仍然失 敗。(註:此處不採用將 41 還原並與鹵苯以過渡金屬鈀的催化劑進行coupling的原因在 於此類反應常常需要在絕氧除水的環境下處理,也需要搭配一些配基以利反應,並不適 合在我們實驗室進行。)



我們嘗試以碘化對二甲苯與硝基苯進行 Knochel 的模型反應,可得到預期的產物, 至於無法取得化合物 42,原因不明。

從T. Okamoto的報告¹³得知,在三氟醋酸下PhNHOH可與苯反應得二苯胺。H. Takeuchi教授發現此反應在較高的溫度下會有較好的產率¹⁴,並且若存在三氟醋酸酐則 產率又更高,所以我們將化合物 **40** 與PhNHOH溶於三氟醋酸與三氟醋酸酐,並將溫度 提升至 60°C進行反應而得化合物 **42**(溫度高於 60°C已無太大變化,故將此定為反應溫 度)。



將化合物 42 進行光化學反應¹⁵可得化合物 44,但是此環化的產率相當低。我們嘗 試使用許多方法¹⁶來進行此一反應,但結果都是不如理想,於是我們採取另一途徑來獲 得足夠的化合物 44。如下所示:



43 與對氯化硝基苯進行Ullmann coupling¹⁷可得化合物 45,但產率僅 18.7%。接著利用J. Gadogan的方法¹⁸將化合物 45 溶於(EtO)₃P下迴流可得化合物 44,產率 64.9%。 進行此環化反應時需注意時間上的控制,時間過長則產物會部分與多餘的(EtO)₃P反應而 使氮原子乙基化。

至此,我們希望能選擇性的氧化氮對位的碳,以利進行 Schmidt 反應或是引入一 OAc 基團。嘗試幾種氧化劑的結果都無法成功,加上 Ullmann coupling 產率並不是很高, 能嘗試的反應有限。故我們希望若能一開始將環已烷環上的某個飽合碳作些改變,也許 可以有利於我們在後面的合成。



如上所示,在 indane 的 2 位上作些變化,則可以保留對稱性的優點,亦有利於未來

吡啶環的合成。故我們進行了如下的反應。



首先我們嘗試將化合物 39 經過氧化氫在甲酸溶液下進行反應,於稀硫酸下再利用 蒸汽蒸餾而得化合物 46¹⁹。不幸的是,我們無法有效的引進單一碘原子在苯環上,懷疑 酮基使α碳有所反應,經一般去碘化處理仍然無法獲得預期的產物。故我們只能將酮基 以乙二醇保護後再碘化,但結果發現化合物 48 的結果也不好,從粗光譜可得知由於此 條件下保護基被脫去。



我們把酮基以硼氫化鈉還原,得產物 50,產率 98.8%。此時碘化可得化合物 51, 但我們發現除了預期的產物以外尚有一個極性較低的副產物,其光譜與 51 有許多相似 之處,質譜所測得的分子量也與 51 相同。且此副產物在加熱下,或是長時間靜置都會 變作 51。我們推測此為化合物 51 的-OH 官能基可能與過量的碘有弱的鍵結產生,於是 我們在反應後處理上以濃鹽酸進行水解,則化合物 51 之產率提升到 81.6%。將化合 物 51 進行氧化得化合物 47,但 47 無法與對氯化硝基苯進行 Ullmann coupling,於是 我們必須嘗試其他的方法。

近幾年Suzuki coupling相當熱門²⁰,原因在於其優異的選擇性,又僅需少許的催化

劑,並且產率普遍很高。嘗試將化合物 47 與鄰硝基苯硼酸(苯硼酸於醋酸酐下經發煙 硝酸與尿素的混合溶液反應而得,參考W. Seamanu及M. P. Groziak的改進法²¹)進行 Suzuki coupling發現以S. Labadie的方法²²最為有效,但產率也僅 46%。



將化合物 52 依之前的環化方法所得的產物相當難溶於各類有機溶劑,包括苯、二 氯甲烷、甲醇、丙酮、乙酸乙酯、甚至是二氯甲烷與甲醇的混溶劑或是二甲基砜,因此 在蒐集光譜資料以及後續的反應大受影響。化合物 47 用乙二醇保護後所得的產物 49 可以解決這個問題。



如上所示,以化合物 49 進行Suzuki coupling產率可接近九成,但是,要避免反應 不完全,採用鄰硝基苯硼酸是過量的。將化合物 53 進行環化反應所得的產物極性雖 大,但溶解度已較之前改善許多,又雖然多出了一步,但總產率卻是提高。



接著,我們希望可以在五員環上有選擇性的引入一個氮。我們曾作過將化合物 47 為模型進行Schmidt反應²³以形成一個內醯胺的結構。



使用疊氮化鈉與濃硫酸有最好的結果,我們發現此條件下若溶劑中含有甲醇則無法 成功。雖然此模型反應顯示缺乏選擇性,但我們仍認為其具有可以研究的潛能,而將化 合物 54 進行Schmidt反應。結果發現所得到的產物多數為保護基脫去後的酮,溶解度 低而造成反應性減弱,使溶解度提升不能加入甲醇。但以相轉移催化劑是解決此問題的 方法。



質譜檢示有Schmidt反應產物的母峰,且光譜上可以明顯發現醯胺的存在,我們卻 無法將此混合物分離。由於極性很大,去除雜質極為困難,遑論單離其一產物。此時, 我們將此混合物以鋰氫化鋁還原,期待生成級環胺較易處理,但所得的結果並不理想。 另外,我們用J.G. Rodríguez的方法²⁴以二氯二氰基苯醌(DDQ)來氧化化合物 54 五 員環上的碳,而結果是成功的。此一高度選擇性氧化,是期待氮原子發揮的效果。



以酸水解所得的產物 56,結果並不甚理想;再者,把酮基以硼氫化鈉還原再進行 水解,結果也是不如預期。我們推測,化合物 56 以及 57 或 58 在水解條件下可能並 不是很穩定。



由於我們已知二氯二氰基苯醌可以選擇性的氧化五員環上的碳,較佳的合成 ellipticine途徑可以改進:



Ellipticine (1a)應可由化合物 63 還原去乙醯基而得的二醇來合成,則依循之前的 途徑我們可以推得需要以化合物 59 作為新的起始物。以下是我們的實驗結果:



我們將化合物 51 乙醯化²⁵ (產率 99%),59 再經由Suzuki coupling得化合物 60, 再以(EtO)₃P環化得 61。化合物 61 利用二氯二氰基苯醌氧化後經過少許處理則直接以 鋰氫化鋁進行還原並去保護,可得到順式 62a 與反式 62b 的二醇,此二醇再經過碘酸 鈉氧化開環後直接以醋酸銨處理並純化即可獲得ellipticine (1a),各項光譜皆與文獻報 導一致²⁶。自化合物 39 至 1a 合成共八步,總產率為 13%。

另值得一提的是, 化合物 45 也可以在二氯二氰基苯醌下反應而選擇性的氧化氮對 位的碳, 但由於其溶解度也相當不好, 直接以硼氫化鈉還原而得 64, 有關於化合物 64 的脫水反應仍需要嘗試條件, 若無意外 65 可以臭氧切開雙鍵後以醋酸銨處理而得 ellipticine, 此部分的細節還需要作進一步的實驗。



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2.78 (*s*, 3H); 3.25 (*s*, 3H); 7.22-7.27 (*m*, 1H); 7.49-7.57 (*m*, 2H); 7.90 (*d*, 1H, *J*=6 Hz); 8.37 (*d*, 1H, *J*=8.1 Hz); 8.42 (*d*, 1H, *J*=6 Hz); 9.68 (*s*, 1H); 11.37 (*s*, 1H)

(Ref 1)

2.80 (*s*, 3H); 3.30 (*s*, 3H); 7.25-7.30 (*m*, 1H); 7.52-7.60 (*m*, 2H); 7.93 (*d*, 1H, J=6.1 Hz); 8.40 (*d*, 1H, J=8.3 Hz); 8.44 (*d*, 1H, J=6.1 Hz); 9.70 (*s*, 1H); 11.40 (*s*, 1H)

本文	Ref 1	Ref 2	Ref 3
DMSO-d ₆	DMSO-d ₆	DMSO-d ₆	DMSO-d ₆
11.92	11.9	11.9	11.7
14.31	14.3	14.3	14.4
108.00	107.9	107.9	110.5
110.67	110.6	110.7	110.6
115.84	115.7	115.8	116.7
119.15	119.1	119.1	118.8
121.95	121.9	121.9	122.8
123.11	123.1	123.1	124.0
123.37	123.3	123.3	124.7
123.78	123.7	123.7	125.2
127.08	127.0	127.0	125.5
128.01	127.9	127.9	127.5
132.45	132.4	132.4	128.7
140.47	140.3	(lost)	138.4
140.53	140.4	140.5	143.0
142.66	142.6	142.6	143.1
149.67	149.6	149.6	148.6

Ref 1 : J. Org. Chem. 1992, 57, 5891-5899

Ref 2 : J. Org. Chem. 1982, 47, 2810-2812

Ref 3 : J. Org. Chem. 1983, 48, 2690-2695 (isoellipticine)

(二) Tacamonine 合成研究:

如第一部分,我們計畫以起始物為對稱⁹的分子來合成tacamonine (**38**)。其溯徑分 析的示意圖如下:



Tacamonine 的D環是一個內醯胺,由此作為拆解的開始。將D環打斷後接下來則是 打斷B與E環的橋鍵,前驅物即為一對稱性的分子,此分子應可再經由色胺與A或B縮合 而得。從蘇俊源學長之前的研究⁸得知,若以A類化合物作為合成的起始物,當我們將B 環與E環橋聯後,很有可能在立體位向上無法進行有效的控制。故我們設計了B這類的化 合物,可以有效的固定立體結構避免遭受破壞。

B 類化合物主要的特點在於 E 環的兩碳鏈是鎖起來的(假定此為 F 環),因此 E / F 併環的兩個三級碳的位向便無法輕易變動,而又由於 F 環在 C 環成環的過程中可扮演一 立體阻礙的角色,使環化中傾向有利於立體效應與立體電子效應的位向,可令 E 環上的 另一個三級碳在還原後也具有相同的位向,以下是我們預測反應位向的示意圖(前驅物 為一 Y=Z=O 的酸酐與色胺縮合)。



由上可知,66 進行環化反應時會形成一亞銨鹽的中間體,F 環會令此中間體構形 停留在較穩定的狀態 66',此構形進行接續的還原時有 a、b 兩個方位,b 方位因為立體 阻礙且立體選擇性較差的緣故而不利進行,而 a 方位既是立體位向選擇佳也是立體選擇 性佳,故還原勢必是依此方位,則預想所得的產物 67 即與 tacamonine 的位向相一致。

本實驗室稍早即以 B 類化合物作為起始物來進行 tacamonine 的合成,其途徑大致如下:



68 與色胺進行縮合可得化合物 69,經三氟甲磺酸酐反應並以硼氫化鈉反應可選擇 性還原亞銨鹽而得到立體位向與 tacamonine 相同的化合物 70。但由於最後兩邊各延伸 一個碳的結果並不理想,於是我們欲嘗試另一途徑:



將 tacamonine 拆解,我們希望在一開始即具備足夠的碳,則不需要在合成最後延 伸碳鏈造成困擾,並且應用對稱性的原則。以下是我們希望合成 72 的方法:



去甲冰片二烯經由Ni(COD)2催化反應可得一個雙聚體的結構 76^{27,}經高溫裂解後可得化合物 77²⁸,我們希望將此化合物作 1,4-加成而得化合物 72,但嘗試了多種還原法皆沒成功。



可以代替化合物 72 的是 78,可是從熱裂 80 以取得 81 有實驗上的困難。



於是我們嘗試利用下面的途徑得到 82:



我們將化合物 79 進行還原可得化合物 83;接著利用Acyloin縮合29可得化合物

84,由於為七員環的縮合,兩步的產率不高。至於 84 進行水解並氧化³⁰則可以得到期
望的 82 這樣對稱的分子,將 82 進行保護得 85 以避免後階段引起副反應。



為了要獲得大量的 83 我們先將去甲冰片二烯進行臭氧裂解並還原得一二醇 86,再 與對甲基苯磺醯氯反應得 87 後進行取代反應得 88⁸,此化合物以強鹼水解後續進行酯 化反應可得化合物 83。此途徑雖較之前為長,但有利於大量製備。



接著我們將 85 以過錳酸鉀進行雙鍵氧化³¹得化合物 89,將 89 經氯甲酸乙酯在三 乙胺下處理後直接與色胺進行縮合³²可得化合物 90。我們嘗試將 90 依之前的環化方法 (三氟甲磺酸酐然後以硼氫化鈉還原)失敗,推其原因可能是 90 的雙縮酮保護基之影 響,先將保護基脫去的反應也不順利,所得到的產物至多只脫一邊的保護基,造成不對 稱分子,故我們必須嘗試其他的方法進行環化。



採用Milewska的方法³³將 90 的亞胺以Lawesson試劑進行硫化單逼可得 92,再用 Raney鎳處理可得到一個內醯胺 93,此化合物可利用三氯氧磷進行環化後以硼氫化鈉還 原亞胺鹽^{7e}得立體位向與tacamonine相同的化合物 91。

但 91 的脫保護基反應卻遭遇到困難,嘗試多種水解條件皆無法完成,實在使人失望。至此,我們可能需要把 82 改變成其他有利於回復為二酮的結構,才能完成 tacamonine 之合成

第三章 實驗步驟

General. Column chromatography (CC): *Merck* silica-gel (63-200 mesh). TLC: *Merck* silica-gel 60 F 254 plates. M.p.: uncorrected; *Laboratory Devices*. IR Spectra: *Bio-Rad FTS* 3100; v in cm⁻¹. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR Spectra: *Varian Unity-300*; CDCl₃ unless otherwise indicated; δ in ppm, J in Hz (reference peak: δ^{H} 7.24, δ^{C} 77). EI-MS: *Trio-2000* and *Jeol SX-102A*; ionization potential 70 eV. EA: *Heraeus CHN-O Rapid*. THF and ether were distilled from sodium-benzophenone, and DMF from Mg₂SO₄, while dicholomethane and toluene from calcium hydride.



4,7-dimethylindene¹¹ (**39**)

Sodium (5 g, 0.22 mol) was dissolved in dry methanol (60 ml). The NaOMe solution was cooled at 0° and freshly distilled cyclopentadiene (6.5 g, 0.10 mol) and 2,5-hexandione (11.41 g, 0.10 mol) were added dropwise. The ice bath was removed, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hr. After quenching with water, the mixture was evaporated. The residue was extracted with hexane, and the extracts were washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the product was isolated by fractional distillation (b.p. 45°C, 0.05 torr) to afford **39** as a pale yellow oil, 12.18 g (84 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 2.43 (*s*, 3H); 2.53 (*s*, 3H); 3.37-3.38 (*m*, 2H); 6.63-6.67 (*m*, 1H); 7.01-7.03 (*m*, 1H); 7.08-7.12 (*m*, 2H)

¹³C NMR: δ 18.24 (q); 18.39 (q); 38.22 (t); 125.77 (d); 127.53 (d); 127.66 (s); 130.10 (s); 130.48 (d); 130.18 (d); 142.12 (s); 143.18 (s)



4,7-dimethylindane³⁴ (**40**)

A mixture of 4,7-dimethylindene (1 g, 6.9 mmol) and 10 % Pd/C (20 mg) in methanol (2 ml) was stirred under H₂. After absorption of hydrogen ceased, the catalyst was removed by filtration and the solvent was evaporated to provide indane **40** (0.96 g, 94.7 %). ¹H NMR: δ 2.20 (*quintet*, 2H, *J*=7.5 Hz); 2.36 (*s*, 6H); 2.98 (*t*, 4H, *J*=7.5 Hz); 7.02 (*s*, 2H) ¹³C NMR: δ 18.88 (*q*); 24.16 (*t*); 31.61 (*t*); 126.98 (*d*); 130.85 (*s*); 142.54 (*s*)





4,7-dimethyl-5-nitroindane (41)

A mixture of conc. HNO₃ (1 ml), conc. H_2SO_4 (1 ml) and 4,7-dimethylindane (1 g, 6.85 mmol) was stirred at 0° for 10 min. and at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction product was poured into 20 ml of ice water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic extracts were washed with water, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography to afford **41** (0.40 g, 30.4 %), m.p. 61-62°C

¹**H NMR:** δ 2.10 (*tt*, 2H, *J*₁=7.5 Hz, *J*₂=7.5 Hz); 2.21 (*s*, 3H); 2.35 (*s*, 3H); 2.85 (*t*, 2H, *J*=7.5 Hz); 2.88 (*t*, 2H, *J*=7.5 Hz); 7.51 (*s*, 1H)

¹³C NMR: δ 16.14 (*q*); 18.53 (*q*); 23.93 (*t*); 31.88 (*t*); 32.08 (*t*); 123.46 (*d*); 126.24 (*s*); 131.61 (*s*); 145.27 (*s*); 148.03 (*s*); 148.38 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 3441; 3433; 2958; 2918; 1645; 1514; 1458; 1433; 1378; 1333; 1265; 1212; 1004; 898

EI-MS: 192 (M⁺+1, 27.35); 191 (M⁺, 22.06); 175 (61.18); 174 (55.59); 147 (32.06); 146 (43.53); 128 (100); 115 (47.65); 91 (20.59)

EA: Anal. calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃O₂N: **C:** 69.09; **H:** 6.85; **N:** 7.32; Found: **C:** 69.25; **H:** 7.03; **N:** 7.28

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N-phenyl-4,7-dimethyl-5-indanamine (42)

TFA (3.42 g, 30 mmol) and TFAA (1.05 g, 5mmol) were mixed, stirred and warmed to 60° . 4,7-Dimethylindane (3.65 g, 25 mmol) and *N*-phenylhydroxyamine (0.55 g, 5 mmol) were added slowly. After 3 hr the reaction mixture was basified with aqueous Na₂CO₃ to pH>7, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined extracts were washed with 30% HCl and water, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/Hex=1/20) to afford **44** (0.74 g, 62 % based on *N*-phenylhydroxyamnie). Approximately 80 % of indene **42** was recovered.

¹H NMR: δ 2.23 (s ,3H); 2.24 (tt, 2H, J₁=7.5 Hz, J₂=7.5 Hz); 2.31 (s, 3H); 2.96 (t, 2H, J=7.5 Hz); 3.00 (t, 2H, J=7.5 Hz); 5.32 (br, 1H); 6.90-6.94 (m, 3H); 7.01 (s, 1H); 7.28-7.34 (m, 2H)
¹³C NMR: δ 14.08 (q); 18.91 (q); 24.47 (t); 31.37 (t); 32.23 (t); 115.61 (d); 118.97 (d); 121.05 (d); 124.03 (s); 129.12 (d); 131.26 (s); 137.78 (s); 138.63 (s); 144.07 (s); 145.66 (s)

IR (neat): v 3389; 3046; 2939; 2841; 1652; 1599; 1496; 1479; 1405; 1323; 1308; 1247; 1175; 748; 693

EI-MS: 237 (M⁺, 100); 222 (14.18); 220 (3.77); 145 (2.97); 144 (2.13); 91 (2.72); 77 (2.72) **HR-MS:** Anal. calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉N: 237.1519; Found: 237.1523



5-iodo-4,7-dimethylindane (43)

 $Fe(NO_3)_3.9H_2O$ (4 g, 10 mmol) was grinded with silica gel (8 g) in an agate mortar to furnish a pale yellow powder "silfen". It was used directly.

To a stirred solution of 4,7-dimethyindane (4.38 g, 30 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (45 ml), iodine (4.20 g, 16.5 mmol) and silfen (18 g) were added. After 12 hr at room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered, and the filter cake was washed with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic solution was washed with aqueous sodium thiosulfate and water, dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give **43** (5.83 g, 70.9 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 2.08 (*tt*, 2H, *J*₁=7.5 Hz, *J*₂=7.5 Hz); 2.19 (*s*, 3H); 2.34 (*s*, 3H); 2.82 (*t*, 2H, *J*=7.5 Hz); 2.91 (*t*, 2H, *J*=7.5 Hz); 7.47 (*s*, 1H)

¹³C NMR: δ 18.29 (q); 24.26 (t); 24.42 (q); 31.61 (t); 33.31 (t); 98.57 (s); 133.05 (s); 133.98 (s); 137.30 (d); 142.98 (s); 143.50 (s)

IR (neat): v 2941; 2916; 2842; 2360; 2342; 1710; 1637; 1593; 1570; 1459; 1377; 1174; 949; 859; 746

EI-MS: 272 (M+, 100); 145 (18.82); 130 (9.48); 115 (4.16)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃I: 272.0063; Found: 272.0069



4,10-dimethyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydrocyclopentano[2,3-b]carbazole (44)

A mixture of **45** (70 mg, 0.26 mmol) and triethyl phosphite (0.5 ml) was heated at 150° C under nitrogen for 5 hr. Excess (EtO)₃P and (EtO)₃P=O were distilled at reduced pressure to leave a brown residue which was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to give product **44** (40 mg, 64.9 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 2.20 (*tt*, 2H, *J*₁=7.8 Hz, *J*₂=7.8 Hz); 2.43 (*s*, 3H); 2.79 (*s*, 3H); 3.05 (*t*, 2H, *J*=7.8 Hz); 3.08 (*t*, 2H, *J*=7.8 Hz); 7.21-7.27 (*m*, 1H); 7.36-7.46 (*m*, 2H); 7.80 (*br*, 1H); 8.18-8.21 (*m*, 1H)

¹³C NMR: δ 13.51 (*q*); 16.97 (*q*); 25.25 (*t*); 31.22 (*t*); 31.81 (*t*); 110.29 (*d*); 112.04 (*s*); 118.95 (*d*); 120.42 (*s*); 122.19 (*d*); 124.17 (*d*); 124.69 (*s*); 125.34 (*s*); 134.44 (*s*); 138.41 (*s*); 139.70 (*s*); 140.79 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 3476; 3413; 2947; 2841; 1609; 1511; 1455; 1386; 1344; 1305; 1251; 1225; 1145; 1114; 744; 730

EI-MS: 235 (M⁺, 100); 220 (90.98); 204 (42.29); 117 (7.85); 108 (12.22); 102 (14.10)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N: 235.1362; Found: 235.1362



4,7-dimethyl-5-(2-nitrophenyl)indane (45)

5-Iodo-4,7-dimethylindane (0.27 g, 1 mmol) and *o*-chloronitrobenzene (0.16 g, 1.1 mmol) were dissolved in dry DMF (6 ml). The mixture was heated in a N₂ atmosphere, then Cu powder (0.64 g, 10 mmol) and CuI (0.76 g, 40 mmol) were added at reflux. After 20 hr the cooled reaction mixture was filtered, washed with CH_2Cl_2 , and the organic solutions were combined, washed with water, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to give product **45** (0.05 g, 18.7 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 1.99 (*s*, 3H); 2.13 (*tt*, 2H, *J*₁=7.5 Hz, *J*₂=7.5 Hz); 2.24 (*s*, 3H); 2.88-2.93 (*m*, 4H); 6.76 (*s*, 1H); 7.34 (*d*, 1H, *J*=7.5 Hz); 7.45-7.50 (*m*, 1H); 7.57-7.62 (*m*, 1H); 7.94 (*d*, 1H, *J*=8.1 Hz)

¹³C NMR: δ 16.36 (q); 18.81 (q); 24.02 (t); 31.08 (t); 32.09 (t); 123.76 (d); 127.37 (d); 127.77 (d); 128.53 (s); 130.66 (s); 132.15 (d); 132.54 (d); 135.19 (s); 136.95 (s); 142.70 (s); 143.15 (s); 149.49 (s)

IR (neat): v 3392; 3062; 2940; 2921; 2867; 2845; 1704; 1608; 1571; 1526; 1487; 1467; 1437; 1349; 1292; 1194; 1119; 959; 871; 854; 786; 757; 722; 695

EI-MS: 267 (M⁺, 90.20); 250 (93.14); 236 (94.12); 205 (43.87); 189 (28.92); 178 (29.41); 165 (26.23); 152 (9.99)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇O₂N: 267.1260; Found: 267.1255



4,7-dimethyl-2-indanone¹⁹ (46)

To an ice-cooled solution of 30 % H_2O_2 (5.5 g) in 98 % formic acid (24 ml), 4,7-dimethylindene (4.8 g, 33 mmol) was added dropwise. After addition was completed, the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The excess formic acid was removed *in vacuo*, and the remaining brown oil was mixed with 140 ml of 7% H_2SO_4 . Steam distillation gave an off-white solid. The product was collected by dissolving in CH₂Cl₂ and dried over Na₂SO₄. On evaporation, **46** (2.55 g, 47.8 %) was obtained.

¹**H NMR:** δ 2.22 (*s*, 6H); 3.42 (*s*, 4H); 7.01 (*s*, 2H)

¹³C NMR: δ 18.87 (q); 43.15 (t); 128.03 (d); 131.19 (s); 136.47 (s); 215.21 (s)





5-iodo-4,7-dimethyl-2-indanone (47)

To an ice-cooled, stirred solution of 5-iodo-4,7-dimethyl-2-indanol (8 g. 27.8 mmol) in acetone (50 ml) was added slowly Jones' reagent (16 ml). After 1 hr, excess oxidant was destroyed by isopropanol. Addition of water (100 ml) was followed by evaporation of acetone under reduced pressure. The residue was filtered and redissolvd with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic phase was washed with water, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and evaporated to afford product **47** (7.48 g, 94.2 %), m.p. 124-125°C.

¹**H NMR:** δ 2.15 (*s*, 3H); 2.28 (*s*, 3H); 3.37 (*s*, 2H); 3.46 (*s*, 2H); 7.56 (*s*, 1H)

¹³C NMR: δ 18.43 (*q*); 24.68 (*q*); 43.26 (*t*); 44.46 (*t*); 99.47 (*s*); 133.45 (*s*); 134.57 (*s*); 136.79 (*s*); 137.01 (*s*); 138.44 (*d*); 213.84 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 2912; 2859; 1749; 1577; 1462; 1376; 1182; 1147; 938; 863; 796; 761; 729; 576 EI-MS: 286 (M⁺, 100); 272 (5.10); 258 (83.67); 131 (15.43); 115 (10.84); 91 (21.30); 77 (20.28)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₁H₁₁OI: 285.9855; Found: 285.9855



4,7-dimethyl-2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)indane (48)

A mixture of 4,7-dimethyl-2-indanone (0.20 g, 1.25 mmol), ethlylene glycol (0.62 g, 10 mmol), and *p*-toluenesufonic acid (10 mg) in benzene (10 ml) was heated under a Dean-Stark apparatus at reflux overnight. Benzene was distilled as much as possible. The residue was basified with sat. K_2CO_3 and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by short column chromatography over silica gel to afford product **48** (0.25 g, 98 %), m.p. 65-66°C.

¹**H NMR:** δ 2.31 (*s*, 6H); 3.22 (*s*, 4H); 4.09 (*d*, 4H, *J*=1.2 Hz); 7.01 (*s*, 2H)

¹³C NMR: δ 18.56 (*q*); 42.09 (*t*); 64.17 (*t*); 116.91 (*s*); 127.39 (*d*); 130.50 (*s*); 138.03 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 2979; 2938; 2892; 1496; 1442; 1333; 1290; 1274; 1203; 1188; 1175; 1164; 1139; 1108; 1051; 1012; 947; 836; 806; 735; 578; 540

EI-MS: 204 (M⁺, 100); 159 (8.2); 145 (22.95); 132 (59.77); 117 (25.00); 91 (14.36)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₃H₁₆O₂: 204.1151; Found: 204.1149

EA: Anal. calcd. for C₁₃H₁₆O₂: C: 76.44; H: 7.89; Found: C: 76.62; H: 7.77



5-iodo-4,7-dimethyl-2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)indane (49)

A mixture of 5-iodo-4,7-dimethyl-2-indanone (0.50 g, 1.75 mmol), ethlylene glycol (0.86 g, 8 eq.), and *p*-toluenesufonic acid (50 mg) in benzene (30 ml) was heated under a Dean-Stark apparatus at reflux overnight. Benzene was distilled as much as possible. The residue was basified with sat. K_2CO_3 and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by short column chromatography over silica gel to afford product **49** (0.55 g, 95.3 %), m.p. 89-90°C.

¹**H NMR:** δ 2.13 (*s*, 3H); 2.27 (*s*, 3H); 3.05 (*s*, 2H); 3.14 (*s*, 2H); 4.01 (*s*, 4H); 7.48 (*s*, 1H)

¹³C NMR: δ 18.21 (q); 24.39 (q); 42.25 (t); 43.71 (t); 64.45 (t); 99.18 (s); 116.66 (s); 133.03 (s); 133.97 (s); 137.91 (d); 138.62 (s); 138.94 (s)

IR (neat): v 2946; 2883; 1576; 1462; 1417; 1378; 1328; 1280; 1220; 1114; 1061; 1012; 948; 859; 798; 742; 579; 504; 464; 451

EI-MS: 330 (M⁺, 87.30); 258 (100); 131 (48.36); 115 (50.82); 91 (23.26)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅O₂I: 330.0118; Found: 330.0113

EA: Anal. calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅O₂I: C: 47.29; H: 4.58; Found: C: 47.17; H: 4.70



4,7-dimethyl-2-indanol (50)

Sodium borohydride (0.2 g, 5.28 mmol) was added slowly to a stirred solution of 4,7-dimethyl-2-indanone (0.60 g, 3.75 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 ml) and methanol (10 ml) in an ice bath. After 3 hr, water was added and the solvents were evaporated. The residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , the organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to furnish product **50** (0.6 g, 98.8 %), m.p. 58-59°C.

¹**H NMR:** δ 2.32 (*s*, 6H); 2.87 (*dd*, 2H, *J*_{*I*}=16.5 Hz; *J*₂=3.3 Hz); 3.16 (*dd*, 2H, *J*_{*I*}=16.5 Hz, *J*₂=6.6 Hz); 3.19 (*br*, 1H); 4.69 (*tt*, 1H, *J*_{*I*}=3.3 Hz, *J*₂=6.6 Hz); 7.00 (*s*, 2H)

¹³C NMR: δ 18.64 (*q*); 41.08 (*t*); 71.97 (*d*); 131.03 (*s*); 139.21 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 3321; 3036; 3009; 2918; 1867; 1743; 1607; 1497; 1417; 1328; 1295; 1266; 1219; 1200; 1020; 948; 832; 805

EI-MS: 162 (M⁺, 43.93); 144 (20.27); 133 (100); 129 (11.61); 119 (16.61); 91 (19.20); 77 (19.29); 65 (14.02); 51 (20.80)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₁H₁₄O: 162.1045; Found: 162.1051

EA: Anal. calcd. for C₁₁H₁₄O: C: 81.44; H: 8.70; Found: C: 81.80; H: 8.73



5-iodo-4,7-dimethyl-2-indanol (51)

To a stirred solution of 4,7-dimethyl-2-indanol (6.26 g, 38.6 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (60 ml), iodine (5.60 g, 22 mmol) and then silfen (24 g) were added. The reaction mixture was allowed to proceed for 12 hr at room temperature, filtered, and washed with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic solution was washed with aqueous sodium thiosulfate and water. The extracts were dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue dissolved in methanol (20 ml) was cooled in an ice bath and conc. HCl(10 ml) was added slowly. The mixture was stirred for 2 hr and water (200 ml) was added. Solids that appeared were filtered and redissolved in CH_2Cl_2 . The organic solution was washed with water, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and evaporated to afford product **51** (8.97 g, 81.6 %), m.p. 85-86°C.

¹**H NMR:** δ 2.15 (*s*, 3H); 2.94 (*s*, 3H); 2.67-2.83 (*m*, 2H); 2.89 (*br*, 1H); 2.96-3.14 (*m*, 2H); 4.52-4.58 (*m*, 1H); 7.47 (*s*, 1H)

¹³C NMR: δ 18.25 (*q*); 24.36 (*q*); 41.16 (*t*); 42.75 (*t*); 71.80 (*d*); 99.06 (*s*); 133.37 (*s*); 134.28 (*s*); 137.77 (*d*); 139.65 (*s*); 140.09 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 3305; 2917; 1573; 1459; 1417; 1331; 1299; 1263; 1201; 1177; 1017; 955; 934; 859; 797; 743

EI-MS: 288 (M⁺, 100); 270 (15.67); 259 (96.48); 245 (9.02); 161 (11.14); 143 (38.73); 128 (22.71); 115 (28.17); 91 (12.15)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃OI: 288.0012; Found: 288.0013

EA: Anal. calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃OI: C: 45.86; H: 4.55; Found: C: 45.82; H: 4.78



4,7-dimethyl-5-(2-nitrophenyl)-2-indanone (52)

5-Iodo-4,7-dimethyl-2-indanone (0.57 g, 2 mmol), 2-nitrophenylboronic acid (0.40 g, 2.4 mmol), NaHCO₃ (0.50 g, 6 mmol), and Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (30 mg, 2 mol %) were placed in a two-necked round-bottomed flask filled with N₂. A mixture of DME and water (1:1 v/v, 16 ml) was added through syringe. The reaction was heated at 80°C for 18 hr, solvents were evaporated and the residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The extracts were combined, washed with water, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to give product **52** (0.26 g, 46 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 1.95 (*s*, 3H); 2.22 (*s*, 3H); 3.49 (*s*, 2H); 3.50 (*s*, 2H); 6.87 (*s*, 1H); 7.29-7.32 (*m*, 1H); 7.53-7.48 (*m*, 1H); 7.60-7.65 (*m*, 1H); 7.95-7.98 (*m*, 1H)

¹³C NMR: δ 16.58 (*q*); 18.87 (*q*); 43.40 (*t*); 43.67 (*t*); 124.00 (*d*); 128.24 (*d*); 128.26 (*d*); 129.12 (*s*); 131.30 (*s*); 132.25 (*d*); 132.48 (*d*); 136.19 (*s*); 136.56 (*s*); 136.59 (*s*); 137.10 (*s*); 149.15 (*s*); 214.78 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 3447; 2920; 1748; 1647; 1608; 1524; 1470; 1388; 1351; 1287; 1199; 1165; 1141; 950; 876; 854; 786; 758

EI-MS: 281 (M⁺, 44.13); 253 (100); 206 (16.90); 191 (15.34); 115 (5.65); 89 (11.38)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅O₃N: 281.1053; Found: 281.1054



4,7-dimethyl-5-(2-nitrophenyl)-2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)indane (53)

49 (2.90 g, 8.8 mmol), 2-nitrophenylboronic acid (2.50 g, 15 mmol), NaHCO₃ (2.58 g, 30.7 mmol), and Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.25 g, 4 mol %) were placed in a two-necked round-bottomed flask filled with N₂. A mixture of DME and water (1:1 v/v, 40 ml) was added through syringe. The reaction was heated at 80°C for 18 hr, solvents were evaporated and the residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The extracts were combined, washed with water, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to give product **53** (2.53 g, 88.6 %), m.p. 155-156°C.

¹**H NMR:** δ 1.91 (*s*, 3H); 2.18 (*s*, 3H); 3.07-3.21 (*m*, 4H); 4.03 (*s*, 4H); 6.74 (*s*, 1H); 7.26-7.29 (*m*, 1H); 7.43-7.48 (*m*, 1H); 7.54-7.60 (*m*, 1H); 7.90-7.93 (*m*, 1H)

¹³C NMR: δ 16.32 (q); 18.67 (q); 42.34 (t); 42.69 (t); 64.25 (t); 64.56 (t); 117.02 (s); 123.76 (d); 127.83 (d); 127.87 (d); 128.50 (s); 130.67 (s); 132.20 (d); 132.44 (d); 135.75 (s); 136.62 (s); 138.31 (s); 138.78 (s); 149.29 (s)

IR (neat): v 2946; 2890; 2361; 2341; 2252; 1526; 1454; 1417; 1350; 1284; 1209; 1115; 1059; 1013; 948; 911; 854; 786; 758; 730; 709

EI-MS: 325 (M⁺, 100); 308 (27.30); 294 (19.14); 278 (32.43); 234 (25.90); 222 (26.58); 207 (34.91); 189 (36.26); 178 (49.55); 165 (35.14); 152 (24.10); 88 (20.05)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉O₄N: 325.1315; Found: 325.1308

EA: Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉O₄N: **C:** 70.14; **H:** 5.89; **N:** 4.31; Found: **C:** 69.85; **H:** 5.87; **N:** 4.55



4,10-dimethyl-2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-

1,2,3,5-tetrahydrocyclopentano[2,3-*b*]carbazole (54)

A mixture of **53** (80 mg, 0.25 mmol) and triethyl phosphite (2 ml) was heated at 150° C under nitrogen for 5 hr. Excess (EtO)₃P and (EtO)₃P=O were distilled at reduced pressure to leave a brown residue which was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to give product **54** (50 mg, 69.3 %), m.p. 219-220°C.

¹**H NMR (CDCl₃+CD₃OD):** δ 2.31 (*s*, 3H); 2.55 (*s*, 3H); 2.90 (*br*, 1H); 3.24 (*s*, 4H); 4.05 (*s*, 4H); 7.11-7.16 (*m*, 1H); 7.27-7.39 (*m*, 2H); 8.04-8.07 (*m*, 1H)

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃+CD₃OD): δ 13.31 (*q*); 16.64 (*q*); 41.58 (*t*); 42.03 (*t*); 64.36 (*t*); 110.23 (*d*); 112.39 (*s*); 117.42 (*s*); 118.59 (*d*); 120.40 (*s*); 122.04 (*d*); 124.11 (*d*); 124.29 (*s*); 125.47 (*s*); 129.19 (*s*); 135.46 (*s*); 138.42 (*s*); 139.58 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 3359; 2936; 2904; 2882; 2359; 2337; 1296; 1136; 1120; 1050; 1008; 952; 738 **EI-MS:** 293 (M⁺, 100); 265 (7.88); 248 (20.28); 221 (56.12); 204 (26.66); 102 (19.52)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉O₂N: 293.1417; Found: 293.1415

EA: Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉O₂N: **C:** 77.79; **H:** 6.53; **N:** 4.77; Found: **C:** 77.50; **H:** 6.67; **N:** 5.11



5-iodo-4,7-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-2-indentyl acetate (59)

5-Iodo-4,7-dimethyl-2-indanol (0.36 g, 1.25 mmol), acetic anhydride (0.64 g, 6.27 mmol), pyridine (0.50 g, 6.33 mmol) and DMAP (20 mg) were dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and then evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to afford **59** (0.41 g, 99.4 %), m.p. 63-64°C.

¹**H NMR:** δ 2.02 (*s*, 3H); 2.16 (*s*, 3H); 2.29 (*s*, 3H); 2.85-3.00 (*m*, 2H); 3.14-3.31 (*m*, 2H); 5.46-5.50 (*m*, 1H); 7.48 (*s*, 1H)

¹³C NMR: δ 18.22 (q); 21.21 (q); 24.34 (q); 38.52 (t); 40.05 (t); 74.41 (d); 99.30 (s); 133.24 (s); 134.25 (s); 138.08 (d); 139.32 (s); 139.70 (s); 170.79 (s)

IR (neat): v 2942; 2916; 2860; 1732; 1574; 1462; 1373; 1312; 1242; 1199; 1015; 973; 860; 744

EI-MS: 330 (M⁺); 286; 270; 259; 244; 210; 195; 178; 160; 143; 128; 115; 105; 91; 77; 65; 51 **HR-MS:** Anal. calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅O₂I: 330.0118; Found: 330.0115



5-(2-nitrophenyl)-4,7-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-2-indentyl acetate (60)

59 (0.41 g, 1.24 mmol), 2-nitrophenylboronic acid (0.33 g, 1.98 mmol), NaHCO₃ (0.42 g, 5 mmol), and Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (20 mg, 2 mol %) were placed in a two-necked round-bottomed flask filled with N₂. A mixture of DME and water (1:1 v/v, 8 ml) was added through syringe. The reaction was heated at 80°C for 18 hr, solvents were evaporated and the residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The extracts were combined, washed with water, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to give product **60** (0.32 g, 79.2 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 1.95 (*s*, 3H); 2.04 (*d*, 3H, *J*=6.9 Hz); 2.20 (*s*, 3H); 2.95-3.02 (*m*, 2H); 3.24-3.35 (*m*, 2H); 5.54-5.58 (*m*, 1H); 6.78 (*s*, 1H); 7.27-7.32 (*m*, 1H); 7.43-7.49 (*m*, 1H); 7.56-7.61 (*m*, 1H); 7.90-7.31 (*m*, 1H) (conformation isomer)

¹³C NMR: δ 16.18 (q); 16.19 (q); 18.53 (q); 21.12 (q); 38.50 (t); 38.61 (t); 38.84 (t); 38.98 (t);
74.48 (d); 74.62 (d); 123.69 (d); 123.72 (d); 127.88 (d); 127.99 (d); 128.70 (s); 130.77 (s);
132.15 (d); 132.17 (s); 132.29 (s); 135.93 (s); 136.41 (s); 138.89 (s); 139.39 (s); 139.42 (s);
149.25 (s); 170.83 (s); 170.99 (s) (conformation isomer)

IR (neat): v 2943; 2920; 1734; 1609; 1571; 1527; 1469; 1437; 1350; 1244; 1194; 1021; 977; 873; 854; 786; 758; 708

EI-MS: 325 (M⁺); 295; 282; 265; 248; 234; 218; 203; 178; 165; 152; 146; 115; 101; 91; 77 **HR-MS:** Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉O₄N: 325.1315; Found: 325.1316



4,10-dimethyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydrocyclopentano[2,3-*b*]carbazol-2-yl acetate (61)

A mixture of **60** (0.32 g, 0.98 mmol) and triethyl phosphite (5 ml) was heated at 150° C under nitrogen for 5 hr. Excess (EtO)₃P and (EtO)₃P=O were distilled at reduced pressure to leave a brown residue which was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to give product **61** (0.21 g, 72.8 %).

¹H NMR: δ 1.97 (s, 3H); 2.33 (s, 3H); 2.66 (s, 3H) 3.01-3.11 (m, 2H); 3.29-3.38 (m, 2H);
5.51-5.57 (m, 1H); 7.11-7.16 (m, 1H); 7.26-7.37 (m, 2H); 7.88 (br, 1H); 8.06-8.09 (m, 1H)
¹³C NMR: δ 13.51 (q); 16.93 (q); 21.38 (q); 38.07 (t); 38.57 (t); 75.44 (d); 110.37 (d); 112.48 (s); 119.15 (d); 120.98 (s); 122.27 (d); 124.51 (d); 125.85 (s); 130.52 (s); 136.73 (s); 138.69 (s); 139.66 (s); 171.33 (s) (one C_q peak was not found)
IR (neat): v 3280; 2740; 1707; 1610; 1517; 1368; 1304; 1263; 1194; 1014; 976; 839; 773; 730

EI-MS: 293 (M⁺, 15.25); 234 (24.20); 233 (100); 218 (47.80); 117 (5.63)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉O₂N: 293.1417; Found: 293.1421



cis-4,10-dimethyl-1,2,3,5tetrahydrocyclopentano



trans-4,10-dimethyl-1,2,3,5tetrahydrocyclopentano

[2,3-*b*]carbazole-1,2-diol (62a)

[2,3-*b*]carbazole-1,2-diol (62b)

To a mixture of **60** (0.30 g, 1 mmol) and H₂O (0.15 g, 8.0 mmol) in THF (5 ml), a solution of DDQ (0.93 g, 4.1 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added dropwise at 0°C during 10 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 hr. 50 % K₂CO₃ (10 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for another 1 hr. THF was evaporated. The residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 / MeOH (10 : 1), the organic extracts were combined, washed with sat. K₂CO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated.

The residue (0.26 g) was dissolved in dry THF (10 ml) and added to LAH (0.26 g, 6.8 mmol) in dry THF (5 ml) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 hr, excess LAH was destroyed by water. The mixture was filtered, and washed with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic extracts were washed with sat. K_2CO_3 , dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to afford *cis*-diol **62a** (0.06 g, 21.9 %) and *trans*-diol **62b** (0.13 g, 47.6 %).

cis-diol (62a):

¹**H NMR** (**CD**₃**OD**): δ 2.40 (*s*, 3H); 2.82 (*s*, 3H); 2.96 (*dd*, 1H, *J*₁=15 Hz, *J*₂=8.7 Hz); 3.19 (*dd*, 1H, *J*₁=15 Hz, *J*₂=7.2 Hz); 4.31 (*ddd*, 1H, *J*₁=8.7 Hz, *J*₂=7.2 Hz, *J*₃=5.4 Hz); 5.09 (*d*, 1H, *J*=5.4 Hz); 7.09-7.14 (*m*, 1H); 7.27-7.33 (*m*, 1H); 7.43-7.46 (*m*, 1H); 8.07-8.10 (*m*, 1H) ¹³**C NMR** (**CD**₃**OD**): δ 13.53 (*q*); 16.63 (*q*); 37.37 (*t*); 74.39 (*d*); 74.49 (*d*); 111.59 (*d*); 113.99 (*s*); 119.59 (*d*); 121.94 (*s*); 123.00 (*d*); 125.33 (*d*); 125.57 (*s*); 129.05 (*s*); 132.72 (*s*); 138.25 (*s*); 141.58 (*s*); 141.75 (*s*) **IR (neat):** v 3419; 2923; 2085; 1645; 1519; 1456; 1338; 1297; 1235; 1118; 1085; 1002; 740 **EI-MS:** 268 (M⁺¹, 10.20); 267 (M⁺, 46.84); 249 (74.56); 221 (100); 206 (31.86); 204 (36.55); 191 (14.75); 111 (10.88)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇O₂N: 267.1260; Found: 267.1262

trans-diol (62b):

¹**H NMR (CD₃OD):** δ 2.43 (*s*, 3H); 2.82 (*m*, 1H); 2.86 (*s*, 3H); 3.44 (*dd*, 1H, *J*₁=16.8 Hz, *J*₂=5.4 Hz); 4.40-4.42 (*m*, 1H); 5.16 (*s*, 1H); 7.09-7.14 (*m*, 1H); 7.27-7.32 (*m*, 1H); 7.44-7.46 (*m*, 1H); 8.09-8.12 (*m*, 1H)

¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 13.50 (q); 16.72 (q); 38.73 (t); 80.24 (d); 81.84 (d); 111.58 (d); 114.17 (s); 119.54 (d); 122.20 (s); 123.00 (d); 125.25 (d); 125.58 (s); 129.23 (s); 133.13 (s); 139.48 (s); 141.79 (s); 141.87 (s)

IR (neat): v 3314; 2918; 1685; 1609; 1559; 1518; 1457; 1381; 1340; 1296; 1250; 993; 731 **EI-MS:** 268 (M⁺¹, 11.66); 267 (M⁺, 55.19); 249 (77.36); 235 (19.34); 234 (20.80); 221 (100); 218 (13.62); 217 (11.38); 206 (30.86); 204 (35.42); 194 (10.52); 191 (13.30); 165 (10.56); 111 (10.26)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇O₂N: 267.1260; Found: 267.1259



5,11-dimethyl-6*H*-pyrido[4,3-*b*]carbazole; Ellipticine²⁶ (1a)

To a stirred solution of the diol (*cis* + *trans*, 0.10 g, 0.37 mmol) and pH=8 phosphate buffer (2 ml) in *t*-BuOH (6 ml), NaIO₄ (0.16 g, 7.5 mmol) was added. At the end of 6 hr, ammonium acetate (0.29 g, 3.6 mmol) was added, stirring was continued for 1 hr and then the solvent was evaporated. The residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 / MeOH (10 : 1), washed with sat. K₂CO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to afford **1a** (0.08 g, 86.8 %).

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 2.78 (s, 3H); 3.25 (s, 3H); 7.22-7.27 (m, 1H); 7.49-7.57 (m, 2H);
7.90 (d, 1H, J=6 Hz); 8.37 (d, 1H, J=8.1 Hz); 8.42 (d, 1H, J=6 Hz); 9.68 (s, 1H); 11.37 (s, 1H)

¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d₆*): δ 11.92 (*q*); 14.31 (*q*); 108.00 (*s*); 110.67 (*d*); 115.84 (*d*); 119.15 (*d*);
121.95 (*s*); 123.11 (*s*); 123.37 (*s*); 123.78 (*d*); 127.08 (*d*); 128.01 (*s*); 132.45 (*s*); 140.47 (*d*);
140.53 (*s*); 142.66 (*s*); 149.67 (*s*)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄N₂: 246.1158; Found: 246.1152



pentacyclo[8.2.1.1^{4,7}.0^{2,9}.0^{3,8}]tetradeca-5,11-diene²⁷ (76)

Norbornadiene (42.7 g, 50 ml, 463.5 mmol) was added to a stirring solution of nickel bis(cyclooctadiene) (0.65 g, 2.37 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane through syringe. The resulting dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 22 hr, resulting in formation of a white precipitate. A second portion of norbornadiene (42.7 g, 50 ml, 463.5 mmol) was then added to the reaction mixture, which was heated at 50-55°C for 48 hr and at 40°C for an additional 16 hr. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to room temperature and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a solid residue. The white solid was treated by flash column chromatography (100 % Hex) over silica gel (81.55 g). On evaporation of solvent, the residue was purified by sublimation to afford dimer **76** (46 g, 53.9 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 1.23 (*d*, 2H, *J*=9 Hz); 1.34 (*s*, 4H); 1.69 (*d*, 2H, *J*=9 Hz); 2.62 (*s*, 4H); 6.01 (*s*, 4H)

¹³C NMR: δ 39.76 (*d*); 42.20 (*t*); 44.17 (*d*); 136.13 (*d*)



dimethyl (2R,3S)-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2,3-dicarboxylate³⁵ (79)

Freshly distilled cyclopentadiene (10.2 g, 153 mmol) was added slowly to an ice-cooled solution of dimethyl maleate (21.6 g, 150 mmol) and lithium perchlorate (6 g) in dry ether (30 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 hr and water was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , and the organic extracts were combined, washed with water and brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and evaporated. The resulting oil was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to afford **79** (30.5 g, 96.8 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 1.23-1.26 (*m*, 1H); 1.35-1.39 (*m*, 1H); 3.06-3.07 (*m*, 2H); 3.19-3.20 (*m*, 2H); 3.51 (*s*, 6H); 6.15-6.16 (*m*, 2H)

¹³C NMR: δ 46.01 (*d*); 47.79 (*d*); 48.42 (*t*); 51.23 (*q*); 134.65 (*d*); 172.66 (*s*)



endo-3,4-bis(trimethylsiloxy)tricyclo[4.2.1.0^{2.5}]nona-3,7-diene³⁶ (80)

To a vigorously stirred suspension of sodium (1.84 g, 80 mmol) in dry toluene (40 ml) at reflux was added a solution of diester **79** (3.74 g, 17.8 mmol) and freshly distilled chlorotrimethylsilane (9.12 g, 84 mmol) in dry toluene (10 ml) during 2 hr. The resulting mixture was heated at reflux for an additional 10 hr, cooled, filtered through Celite, and washed with dry ether. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel (Hex : EA = 10 : 1) to provide **80** (4.43 g, 96.4 %).

¹H NMR: δ 0.19 (s, 18 H); 1.56 (d, 1H, J=8.1 Hz); 1.94 (d, 1H, J=8.1 Hz); 2.57 (s, 2H);
2.72-2.73 (m, 2H); 5.90-5.91 (m, 2H)
¹³C NMR: δ 0.40 (q); 41.11 (d); 42.27 (d); 54.22 (t); 125.97 (s); 131.54 (d)



bicyclo[4.2.1]non-7-ene-3,4-dione (82)

A mixture of 3,4-bis(trimethylsiloxy)bicycle[4.2.1]nona-3,7-diene (6.18 g, 20.9 mmol) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (8.34 g, 2 eq.) in methanol (10 ml) and 50 % aqueous acetic acid was heated at 75°C for 12 hr. The reaction mixture was cooled, filtered though Celite, and washed with CH₂Cl₂. The solution was separated on addition of water, the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the organic extracts were combined, washed with water and 10 % K₂CO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to afford **82** (1.97 g, 62 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 1.42-1.46 (*d*, 1H, *J*=13.8 Hz); 2.20-2.29 (*m*, 1H); 2.25-2.32 (*m*, 2H); 2.47 (*dd*, 2H, *J*_{*I*}=14.4 Hz, *J*₂=5.4 Hz); 2.92-2.97 (*m*, 2H); 5.72 (*s*, 2H)

¹³C NMR: δ 35.47 (*t*); 37.14 (*d*); 42.26 (*t*); 134.53 (*d*); 207.49 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 3410; 2938; 1698; 1653; 1541; 1457; 1380; 1215; 1139; 1103; 1049; 991; 871; 812; 739

EI-MS: 150 (M⁺, 14.89); 122 (8.78); 107 (10.45); 91 (11.07); 79 (100); 66 (26.72)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₉H₁₀O₂: 150.0681; Found: 150.0681



cis-1,3-dicarbomethoxycyclopent-4-ene³⁷ (83)

88 (8.86 g, 60 mmol) was hydrolyzed with KOH (13.6 g, 24.3 mmol) in 70 % ethanol (50 ml) by heating the solution at reflux for 10 hr. After addition of water (30 ml), ethanol was evaporated. The solution was then acidified, and extracted with EA. The combined extracts were dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in methanol (30 ml) and several drops of conc. H_2SO_4 were added. The solution was heated at reflux overnight and the methanol was evaporated after addition of water (20 ml). The residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , and the organic extracts were washed with water, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to afford **83** (9.2 g, 71.5 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 0.97 (*dt*, 1H, *J*₁=7.5 Hz, *J*₂=13.2 Hz); 2.19-2.41 (*m*, 5H); 2.95-3.05 (*m*, 2H); 3.59 (*s*, 6H); 5.60 (*s*, 2H)

¹³C NMR: δ 36.71 (*t*); 40.54 (*t*); 41.85 (*d*); 51.29 (*q*); 134.24 (*d*); 172.83 (*s*)



3,4-bis(trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[4.2.1]nona-3,7-diene (84)

A dispersion of sodium (0.30 g, 13 mmol) was placed in dry toluene (15 ml) at reflux and with rapidly stirring for 1 hr. After cooling to room temperature, diester **83** (0.50 g, 2.4 mmol) was added followed by freshly distilled chlorotrimethylsilane (1.36 g, 12.6 mmol) in dry toluene (4 ml) in a dropwise manner at temperature below 50°C during 0.5 hr. The resulting mixture was heated at reflux for 1 d, cooled, filtered through Celite, and washed with dry ether. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel (Hex : EA = 10 :1) to provide **84** (0.30 g, 43 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 0.10 (*s*, 18H); 1.442 (*d*, 1H, *J*=11.7 Hz); 1.99-2.09 (*m*, 1H); 2.13-2.14 (*m*, 2H); 2.41-2.51 (*m*, 2H); 2.72-2.76 (*m*, 2H); 5.68 (*s*, 2H)

¹³C NMR: δ 0.99 (*q*); 37.26 (*t*); 38.33 (*t*); 39.43 (*d*); 133.48 (*d*); 133.72 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 3052; 2956; 2907; 2832; 2360; 1718; 1667;1558; 1507; 1448; 1435; 1410; 1340; 1250; 1178; 1082; 1025; 972; 888; 842; 757; 718; 687; 650

EI-MS: 296 (M⁺, 51.11); 281 (10.56); 230 (99.11); 215 (31.56); 147 (39.56); 73 (100); 45 (27.33)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₅H₂₈O₂Si₂: 296.1628; Found: 296.1627



3,4-bis(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-bicyclo[4.2.1]non-7-ene (85)

A mixture of bicyclo[4.2.1]non-7-ene-3,4-dione (0.25 g, 1.67 mmol), ethlylene glycol (1.60 g, 25.8 mmol), and *p*-toluenesufonic acid (30 mg) in benzene (20 ml) was heated under a Dean-Stark apparatus at reflux overnight. Benzene was distilled as much as possible. The residue was basified with sat. K_2CO_3 and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by short column chromatography over silica gel to afford bisketal product **85** (0.21 g, 53 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 1.49-1.60 (*m*, 3H); 1.62-1.77 (*m*, 2H); 2.18 (*d*, 1H, *J*=11.7 Hz); 2.46-2.51 (*m*, 2H); 3.71-3.82 (*m*, 8H); 5.62 (*s*, 2H)

¹³C NMR: δ 35.47 (*t*); 37.14 (*d*); 42.26 (*t*); 134.53 (*d*); 207.49 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 3481; 2952; 2895; 1724; 1427; 1404; 1367; 1314; 1156; 1070; 1030; 1002; 953; 867; 849; 830; 717

EI-MS: 238 (M⁺, 5.47); 165 (37.34); 150 (18.67); 137 (25.31); 86 (100); 79 (34.02); 41 (28.63)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈O₄: 238.1205; Found: 238.1206



cis-1,3-bis-hydroxymethyl-cyclopent-4-ene⁸ (86)

Ozone was bubbled into a solution of norbornadiene (20.00 g, 217.1 mmol) in a mixture of methanol (280.0 ml) and CH_2Cl_2 (160 ml) at -78°C. When all starting material had been consumed, the solution was purged with N₂, and NaBH₄ (8.20 g, 216.6 mmol) was added very slowly to the reaction mixture while keeping the temperature below -60°C. After 1 hr, the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature, and sat. K₂CO₃ was added. Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was extracted with EA. The product was isolated by distillation to give the product **86** (15.70 g, 56.4%) as a clear oil.

¹**H NMR:** δ 1.32 (*dt*, 1H, *J*₁=5.4 Hz, *J*₂=13.5 Hz); 2.13 (*dt*, 1H, *J*₁=9.3 Hz, *J*₂=13.5 Hz); 2.79-2.87 (*m*, 2H); 3.49 (*d*, 4H, *J*=4.8 Hz); 3.94 (*s*, 2H); 5.64 (*s*, 2H)

¹³**C NMR:** δ 28.80 (*t*); 47.93 (*d*); 65.92 (*t*); 133.31 (*d*)





cis-1,3-bis(toluenesulfonyloxymethyl)-cyclopent-4-ene⁸ (87)

To a solution of diol **86** (6.40 g, 50.0 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (28.6 g, 150 mmol) in dry ether (50 ml), pyridine (25.0 ml) was added dropwise at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 2 hr after removal of the ice bath. The mixture was poured into ice water and ether was evaporated carefully. The residue was added more ice water and excess *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride was consumed after 3 hr. The white solid was filtered and washed with water and methanol. The solid was dried under reduced pressure to give the product **87** (18.7 g, 86%) without further purification.

¹**H NMR:** δ 1.09 (*dt*, 1H, *J*₁=6.3 Hz, *J*₂=13.5 Hz); 2.13 (*dt*, 1H, *J*₁=8.7 Hz, *J*₂=13.5 Hz); 2.42 (*s*, 6H); 2.93-3.02 (*m*, 2H); 3.84 (*d*, 4H, *J*=4.5 Hz); 5.57 (*s*, 2H); 7.31-7.34 (*m*, 4H); 7.72-7.76 (*m*, 4H)

¹³C NMR: δ 21.60 (q); 29.11 (t); 44.96 (d); 72.91 (t); 127.83 (d); 129.86 (d); 132.46 (d); 132.76 (s); 144.86 (s)



cis-1,3-bis(cyanomethyl)-cyclopent-4-ene⁸ (88)

A solution of ditosylate **87** (10.0 g, 22.9 mmol) and NaCN (4.5 g, 91.8 mmol) in DMF (50.0 ml) was heated at 60°C for 30 hr. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was triturated with EA, washed with water and 0.5N HCl. The organic solutions were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to give the product **88** (3.1 g, 93%) as a colorless oil. ¹**H NMR (CDCl₃):** δ 1.19 (*dt*, 1H, *J*₁=6.9 Hz, *J*₂=13.5 Hz); 2.42 (*d*, 4H, *J*=6.6 Hz); 2.50 (*dt*,

1H, *J*₁=8.4 Hz, *J*₂=13.5 Hz); 3.00-3.09 (*m*, 2H); 5.73 (*s*, 2H)

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 23.19 (*t*); 32.73 (*t*); 41.93 (*d*); 118.34 (*s*); 133.82 (*t*)





(12RS,14SR)-1,4,7,10-tetraoxadispiro[4.0.4.5]pentadecane-

12,14-dicarboxylic acid (89)

A mixture of **85** (0.21, 0.88 mmol), ether (20 mL), and water (20 mL) was cooled in an ice bath. Solid KMnO₄ (0.50 g, 3.16 mmol) was added in small portions with efficient stirring and cooling within 30 min. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 6 h. Solid Na₂SO₃ (0.30 g, 2.38 mmol) was added, MnO₂ was filtered off, and the cake was washed several times with 5% NaHCO₃. The clear filtrate was adjusted to pH 7 with conc. HCl and the insoluble solid was extracted with EA. The solution was cooled in an ice bath then acidified with conc. HCl to ~pH 3 and extracted immediately with EA. The extracts were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated to furnish diacid **89** (0.20 g, 75 %).

¹**H NMR (CD₃OD):** δ 1.87-2.00 (*m*, 2H); 2.09-2.11 (*m*, 3H); 2.25 (*dt*, 1H, *J*₁=11.4 Hz, *J*₂=3.3 Hz); 2.58-2.67 (*m*, 2H); 3.88-4.02 (*m*, 8H); 5.00 (*br*)

¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 32.33 (*t*); 37.97 (*t*); 40.5 (*d*); 66.79 (*t*); 66.91 (*t*); 112.01 (*s*); 179.15 (*s*)
IR (neat): v 3369; 2969; 2889; 2362; 2337; 1695; 1456; 1431; 1363; 1295; 1165; 1117; 1064;
1036; 955; 900; 654

EI-MS: 302 (M⁺); 284; 256; 240; 216; 212; 198; 185; 157; 143; 112; 99; 86

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈O₈: 302.1001; Found: 302.1002



3,4-bis(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-8-[2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl]-

8-azabicyclo[4.3.1]decane-7,9-dione (90)

To an ice-cooled solution of diacid **89** (0.30 g, 1 mmol) in dry THF (10 ml) was added triethylamine (0.25 g, 2.5 mmol), and a solution of ethyl chloroformate (0.27 g, 2.4 mmol) in dry THF (5 ml) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature, and then evaporated *in vacuo* below 20°C. The residue (0.28 g) and tryptamine (0.16 g , 1 mmol) were dissolved in THF (10 ml) and the mixture was heated at reflux for 8 hr. On cooling, acetyl chloride (1 ml) was added, and then the mixture was heated at reflux for 10 hr. Volatile materials were evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to afford **90** (0.40 g, 95 %).

¹**H NMR**: δ 2.03-2.14 (*m*, 2H); 2.21-2.28 (*m*, 4H); 2.90-2.99 (*m*, 4H); 3.80-4.02 (*m*, 10H); 7.06 (*s*, 1H); 7.10-7.24 (*m*, 2H); 7.32-7.34 (*m*, 2H); 7.85-7.88 (*m*, 2H); 8.03 (*br*, 1H)

¹³C NMR: δ 22.40 (*t*); 22.59 (*t*); 35.40 (*d*); 37.16 (*t*); 40.99 (*t*); 65.54 (*t*); 65.73 (*t*); 110.95 (*d*); 111.53 (*s*); 113.42 (*s*); 119.38 (*d*); 121.94 (*d*); 121.96 (*d*); 127.59 (*s*); 136.19 (*s*); 176.17 (*s*) (one CH_(Ar) peak was not found)

IR (neat): v 3406; 3057; 2969; 2895; 1716; 1663; 1456; 1430; 1357; 1278; 1177; 1145; 1117; 1078; 1044; 951; 904; 744

EI-MS: 426 (M⁺, 4.11); 340 (2.27); 212 (7.43); 143 (100); 130 (17.34)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₂₃H₂₆O₆N₂: 426.1798; Found: 426.1795



(1RS,6SR) - 3,4 - bis(1,3 - dioxolan - 2 - yl) - 8 - [2 - (1H - indol - 3 - yl)ethyl] - (1H - 3 - yl)ethyl] - (1H - 3 - yl)ethyl] - (1H - 3 - yl)ethyl

9-thioxo-8-azabicyclo[4.3.1]decan-7-one (92)

A mixture of imide **90** (0.50 g, 1.2 mmol) and Lawesson's reagent (0.95 g, 2.35 mmol) was reflux in dry toluene (15 ml) for 10 hr. Evaporation left a residue which was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to afford **92** (0.35 g, 67.5 %).

¹H NMR: δ 2.15-2.58 (*m*, 6H); 2.95-3.05 (*m*, 2H); 3.13-3.23 (*m*, 1H); 3.56-3.58 (*m*, 1H); 3.77-4.07 (*m*, 8H); 4.34-4.44 (*m*, 1H); 4.63-4.73 (*m*, 1H); 7.06 (s, 1H); 7.10-7.20 (*m*, 2H); 7.31-7.33 (*d*, 1H, *J*=5.4 Hz); 7.90-7.93 (*m*, 1H); 8.18 (*br*, 1H) (one CH₂ (ketal) peak was not found)

¹³C NMR: δ 21.18 (*t*); 23.08 (*t*); 35.14 (*d*); 37.95 (*t*); 40.20 (*t*); 45.52 (*d*); 47.44 (*t*); 65.29 (*t*);
65.63 (*t*); 65.75 (*t*); 110.93 (*d*); 111.30 (*s*); 113.43 (*s*); 119.94 (*s*); 119.23 (*d*); 119.42 (*d*);
121.85 (*d*); 122.14 (*d*); 127.51 (*s*); 136.14 (*s*); 172.66 (*s*); 214.59 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 3405; 2963; 2932; 2889; 1698; 1456; 1427; 1386; 1362; 1315; 1283; 1231; 1176; 1141; 1095; 1071; 1043; 948; 906; 734

EI-MS: 442 (M⁺, 2.19); 143 (100); 130 (7.33)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₂₃H₂₆O₅N₂S: 442.1564; Found: 442.1565



(1RS,6RS)-3,4-bis(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-8-[2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethyl]-

8-azabicyclo[4.3.1]decan-7-one (93)

A suspension of Raney nickel (*ca.* 2 g) in absolute *t*-BuOH (8 ml) added to a hot solution of **92** (0.40 g, 0.9 mmol) in abs. *t*-BuOH (30 ml). The mixture was stirred for 3 hr at 60°C. The catalyst was separated by filtration and then washed with CH_2Cl_2 . The filtrate was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to afford product **93** (0.35 g, 94 %).

¹**H NMR:** δ 1.88-1.95 (*m*, 1H); 2.05-2.19 (*m*, 3H); 2.32-2.37 (*m*, 1H); 2.43 (*dd*, 1H, *J*₁=3.3 Hz, *J*₂=14.4 Hz); 2.58-2.60 (*m*, 1H); 2.88-3.14 (*m*, 3H); 3.29-3.41 (*m*, 2H); 3.83-4.14 (*m*, 10H); 7.00 (*s*, 1H); 7.04-7.16 (*m*, 2H); 7.33 (*d*, 1H, J=7.8 Hz); 7.65 (*d*, 1H, 7.8 Hz); 8.69 (*br*, 1H)

¹³C NMR: δ 22.30 (*t*); 24.79 (*d*); 27.64 (*t*); 34.97 (*d*); 36.65 (*t*); 37.75 (*t*); 48.40 (*t*); 56.44 (*t*);
65.20 (*t*); 65.28 (*t*); 65.68 (*t*); 66.05 (*t*); 111.18 (*d*); 111.79 (*s*); 112.13 (*s*); 113.02 (*s*); 118.69 (*d*); 118.97 (*d*); 121.64 (*d*); 122.18 (*d*); 127.41 (*s*); 136.32 (*s*); 171.45 (*s*)

IR (neat): v 3258; 3053; 2959; 2931; 2893; 2694; 1614; 1494; 1455; 1428; 1340; 1297; 1167; 1169; 1110; 1084; 1046; 1010; 951; 893; 741; 700

EI-MS: 412 (M⁺, 4.19); 270 (9.88); 210 (14.22); 198 (15.27); 143 (100); 130 (25.9)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₂₃H₂₈O₅N₂: 412.1999; Found: 412.2008



Bisketal (91)

Freshly distilled POCl₃ (0.6 ml) was added to a boiling solution of lactam **93** (0.15 g, 0.36 mmol) in benzene (5 ml) with vigorous stirring. After refluxing for 3 hr, the excess of POCl₃ and benzene were removed in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 / MeOH (8 ml, 1:1), then NaBH₄ (0.10 g) was added in protions. After stirring for 2 hr at room temperature, solvent was evaporated and water was added to the residue. Extraction with CH_2Cl_2 followed by standard workup provided a solid which could be purified chromatographically (0.13 g, 90.2 %), *dec.* ~200°C

¹H NMR (CDCl₃+CD₃OD): δ 1.33-1.41 (*m*, 1H); 1.56-1.61 (*m*, 1H); 1.75-1.96 (*m*, 4H); 2.20 (*m*, 1H); 2.35-2.49 (*m*, 3H); 2.62-2.66 (*m*, 1H); 2.76-2.82 (*m*, 2H); 3.13 (*m*, 1H); 3.32-3.39 (*m*, 1H); 3.77-3.88 (*m*, 8H); 6.86-6.95 (*m*, 2H); 7.15 (*d*, 1H, *J*=7.5 Hz); 7.30 (*d*, 1H, *J*=7.5 Hz)
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃+CD₃OD): δ 21.37 (*t*); 28.58 (*d*); 29.99 (*t*); 31.07 (*d*); 32.88 (*t*); 39.96 (*t*); 52.66 (*t*); 61.20 (*t*); 63.81 (*d*); 64.42 (*t*); 65.14 (*t*); 65.32 (*t*); 65.50 (*t*); 110.00 (*s*); 110.45 (*d*); 113.15 (*s*); 113.45 (*s*); 117.52 (*d*); 118.53 (*d*); 120.50 (*d*); 127.18 (*s*); 134.37 (*s*); 136.18 (*s*)
IR (neat): v 3419; 2955; 2897; 2796; 2744 (Wenkert-Bohlmann bands); 2529; 2244; 2088; 1645; 1456; 1346; 1266; 1172; 1081; 1045; 952; 852; 737

EI-MS: 396 (M⁺, 45.20); 251 (23.48); 211 (39.65); 184 (100); 169 (79.8); 156 (32.58); 143 (29.8); 112 (37.63)

HR-MS: Anal. calcd. for C₂₃H₂₈O₄N₂: 396.2050; Found: 396.2047

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