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Sigmatropic Rearrangement of Cyclic α -Vinyl Sulfonium Imides: Formation of Thiazocine, Thiazonine, and Thiazecine Derivatives¹⁾

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Thermolysis of the cyclic α -vinyl sulfonium *p*-toluenesulfonylimides (**6a—c**), prepared from 2-vinylthiolane (**5a**), 2-vinylthiane (**5b**), and 2-vinylthiepane (**5c**) by treatment with chloramine T, resulted in [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement with ring-expansion to give the 1,2-thiazocine (**7a**), 1,2-thiazonine (**7b**), and 1,2-thiazecine derivative (**7c**), respectively. Similarly, the 1,2-benzothiazonine (**17**) and the 3,4-benzothiazonine (**18**) were obtained from 2-vinylthiochroman (**13**) and 1-vinylisothiochroman (**14**) *via* the imides (**15** and **16**), respectively. The stereochemistry of the rearrangement is discussed.

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Thermal sigmatropic rearrangements of cyclic allylamine *N*-ylides (**1**) have been well studied in connection with those of related open-chain compounds.²⁾ The allylamine *N*-ylides (**1a**)³⁾ and *N*-imides (**1b**)⁴⁾ are known to undergo [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement to give the corresponding ring-expansion products, while in contrast, the thermolysis of the allylamine *N*-oxides (**1c**)⁵⁾ results in Meisenheimer-type [1,2] rearrangement predominantly and no [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement. The 2-vinyl (**2a**)^{3,6)} and 2-ethynyl cyclic sulfonium ylides (**2b**)^{1,7)} also undergo the thermal [2,3]rearrangement. As regards sulfonium imides, Tamura *et al.*⁸⁾ have reported that treatment of the thiochroman-4-one *S*-imides (**3**) affords tetrahydro-1,2-benzothiazepin-5-one derivatives by a novel rearrangement *via* Hofmann elimination followed by cyclization. However, no sigmatropic rearrangement has been reported for cyclic sulfonium imides, although open-chain allyl sulfonium imides are known to undergo [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement.⁹⁾ Therefore, we were interested in the thermal behavior of the cyclic allyl sulfonium imides (**4**) and report here our new results.¹⁰⁾

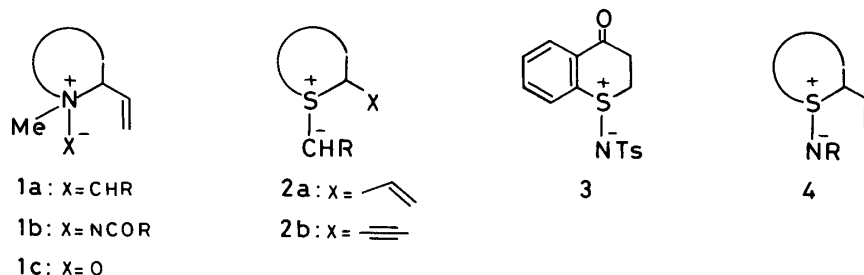


Chart 1

The cyclic 2-vinyl sulfides (**5a—c**) were prepared from the corresponding five-, six-, and seven-membered thiacycloalkanes by successive treatment with *N*-chlorosuccinimide and vinylmagnesium bromide, according to the reported method.^{3,6)}

Treatment of 2-vinylthiolane (**5a**) and 2-vinylthiane (**5b**) with sodium *p*-toluenesulfonchloramide (chloramine T) trihydrate⁸⁾ in methanol at room temperature gave the corresponding *p*-toluenesulfonylimides (**6a**: 70% yield) and (**6b**: 61% yield), respectively. In each case, only one diastereomer of the *S*-imide was isolated and no evidence for a second isomer could be found. Thermolysis of the *S*-imides **6a** and **6b** in xylene at *ca.* 140 °C for 3 h resulted in ring-expansion to give the 1,2-thiazocine (**7a**: 55% yield) and 1,2-thiazonine (**7b**: 54% yield) as the sole products, respectively.

The thermal behavior of the seven-membered ring compound was somewhat different from that of five- and six-membered ring compounds. 2-Vinylthiepane (**5c**), upon treatment with chloramine T at room temperature, afforded directly the ring-expansion product, the 1,2-thiazecine derivative (**7c**), in 61% yield, and the *S*-imide (**6c**) could not be isolated even when the reaction was carried out at *ca.* 0 °C. This result indicates that the rearrangement of the seven-membered ring *S*-imide **6c** occurs readily at room temperature or below.

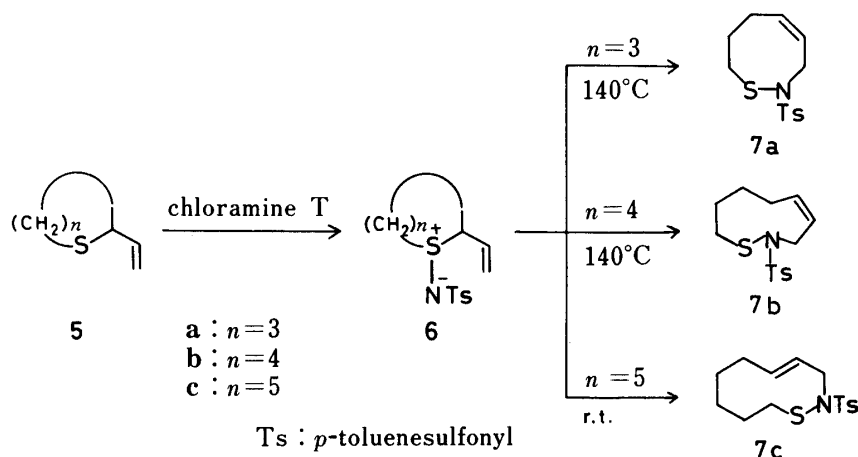


Chart 2

The structures of **7** thus obtained were characterized by elemental and spectral analyses. On the basis of the vicinal coupling constants of the olefinic protons in **7** observed by proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) decoupling studies, both **7a** and **7b** were shown to have a *cis* double bond ($J_{4,5} = 10$ Hz), while the double bond in **7c** was proved to be *trans* ($J_{4,5} = 15$ Hz). No thermal *cis*↔*trans* geometrical isomerization was observed for any of the ring-expansion products **7**; this fact shows that the rearrangement occurs stereoselectively.

The above results clearly indicate that this ring-expansion reaction proceeds *via* [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement, analogous to the cases of the cyclic allyl amine *N*-ylides (**1**)^{3,4,11)} and sulfide *S*-ylides (**2**).^{3,6)} The alkylation of cyclic sulfides is well known to occur by least-hindered approach of alkylating reagents.¹²⁾ Thus, it seems clear that the *S*-imination of **5** with chloramine T also occurs in a similar manner and the resulting imides as the sole products have *trans* stereochemistry as indicated in the stereo-structures **6a**—**c** shown in Chart 3, although specific evidence to confirm this is not available.

In the case of the five-membered-ring *S*-imide **6a**, the thermolysis may proceed by initial thermal pyramidal inversion¹³⁾ to the *cis* diastereomer **8**, which then undergoes rearrangement to give **7a** having a *cis* double bond *via* the bonded transition state **9**, analogous to the case of the 2-vinylthiolane *S*-ylides.^{3,6)} The six-membered-ring *S*-imide **6b** may also rearrange to the product **7b** with a *cis* double bond *via* the *cis* diastereomer (**10**) and the transition state (**11**). This result is different from that with the 2-vinylthiane *S*-ylides, which afford the ring-expansion products having a *trans* double bond.^{3,6)} The rearrangement of the *S*-ylides readily takes place below room temperature, and therefore the initially formed diequatorial

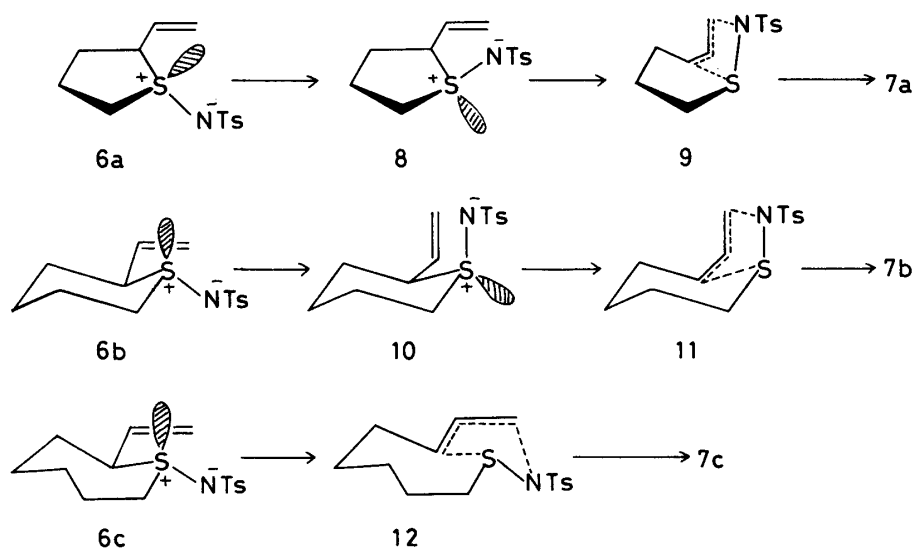


Chart 3

conformer of the *S*-ylides rearranges directly without pyramidal inversion to result in the formation of the *trans* products. In contrast, the rearrangement of the present *S*-imide **6b** did not occur below 110 °C. This fact shows that the diequatorial conformer **6b** shown in Chart 3 can not undergo the rearrangement, which thus may occur *via* the axial imide isomer **10** converted by thermal pyramidal inversion to the thermodynamically stable *cis* product **7b**.¹⁴⁾ In the case of the seven-membered-ring *S*-imide, the *trans* diastereomer **6c** might be susceptible to the rearrangement because the ring is somewhat flexible conformationally, and thus the reaction occurs at room temperature or below without pyramidal inversion; consequently the product has a *trans* geometry.

Next, this ring-expansion reaction was applied to some benzo-derivatives. 2-Vinylthiochroman (**13**) and 1-vinylisothiochroman (**14**) were prepared from thiochroman and isothiochroman, respectively, by successive treatment with *N*-chlorosuccinimide and vinylmagnesium bromide in 65%–75% yields. Treatment of **13** and **14** with chloramine T in methanol at room temperature gave the *p*-toluenesulfonyl imides (**15** and **16**) in yields of 70% and 83%, respectively. Heating the imides **15** and **16** at 140 °C in xylene resulted in ring-expansion to give the 1,2-benzothiazonine (**17**) and 3,4-benzothiazonine (**18**) derivatives in yields of 55% and 57%, respectively. The double bonds in both **17** and **18** were proved to be *cis* by ¹H-NMR spectral analyses.

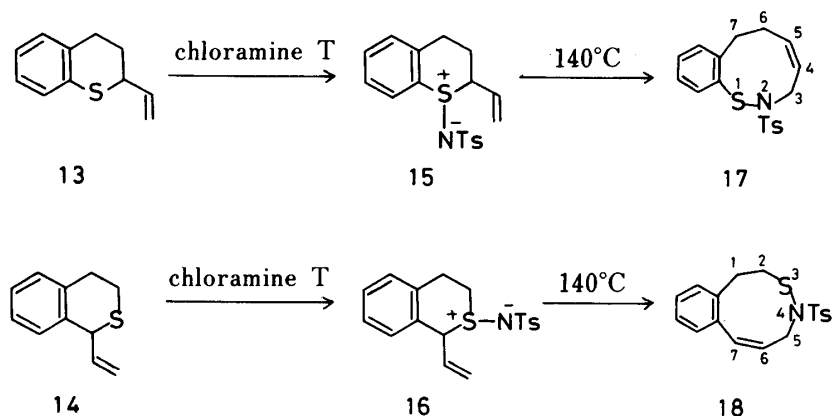


Chart 4

In conclusion, all of the ring-expansion products reported are novel ring systems and the present results provide a synthetic method for preparing 1,2-thiaza medium-sized rings, although the fully unsaturated compounds have not yet been synthesized.

Experimental

Melting points were measured on a Yanagimoto micro melting point hot stage apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra were determined with a Hitachi 270-30 spectrometer and mass spectra (MS) were recorded on a JEOL DX-300 instrument. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-MH100 spectrometer in CDCl_3 using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard unless otherwise stated; spectral assignments were confirmed by spin-decoupling experiments. Microanalyses were performed in the Microanalytical Laboratory of this school by Mrs. R. Igarashi.

Starting Materials—The cyclic 2-vinyl sulfides (**5a–c**),^{3,6)} thiochroman,¹⁵⁾ and isothiochroman¹⁶⁾ were prepared by the reported methods.

2-Vinylthiolane S-(p-Toluenesulfonyl)imide (6a)—A mixture of 2-vinylthiolane (**5a**: 1.14 g, 10 mmol), chloramine T trihydrate (3.38 g, 12 mmol), and methanol (20 ml) was stirred for 5 h at room temperature and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH (100:1) as an eluent to give **6a**: 1.96 g, 70% yield, mp 113–115 °C, colorless prisms (from acetone–ether). MS m/z : 283 (M^+). IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$: 1140, 1270 (SO_2). NMR δ : 1.8–2.6 (4H, m, 3- and 4- H_2), 2.36 (3H, s, Ph-Me), 2.8–3.3 (2H, m, 5- H_2), 3.9 (1H, m, 2-H), 5.08 (1H, d, $J=10$ Hz, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ *cis*), 5.09 (1H, d, $J=17$ Hz, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ *trans*), 5.69 (1H, ddd, $J=17, 10, 7$ Hz, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 7.17, 7.67 (each 2H, d, $J=8$ Hz, Ph-H). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$: C, 55.12; H, 6.00; N, 4.97. Found: C, 55.04; H, 6.12; N, 4.98.

2-Vinylthiane S-(p-Toluenesulfonyl)imide (6b)—2-Vinylthiane (**5b**: 1.28 g, 10 mmol) was treated with chloramine T and worked up as described for **6a** to give **6b**: 1.81 g, 61% yield, mp 91–93 °C, colorless prisms (from acetone–ether). MS m/z : 297 (M^+). IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$: 1140, 1280 (SO_2). NMR δ : 1.4–2.4 (6H, m, 3-, 4-, and 5- H_2), 2.38 (3H, s, Ph-Me), 2.7–3.3 (2H, m, 6- H_2), 3.5 (1H, m, 2-H), 5.17 (1H, dd, $J=10, 1$ Hz, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ *cis*), 5.30 (1H, dd, $J=17, 1$ Hz, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ *trans*), 5.60 (1H, ddd, $J=17, 10, 7$ Hz, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 7.19, 7.69 (each 2H, d, $J=8$ Hz, Ph-H). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$: C, 56.56; H, 6.40; N, 4.71. Found: C, 56.18; H, 6.33; N, 4.68.

2-(p-Toluenesulfonyl)-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-8H-1,2-thiazocine (7a)—A solution of the S-imide (**6a**: 566 mg, 2 mmol) in xylene (10 ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 3 h. After cooling, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel using CH_2Cl_2 as an eluent to give **7a**: 311 mg, 55% yield, mp 68–69 °C, colorless prisms (benzene–*n*-hexane). MS m/z : 283 (M^+). IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$: 1150, 1340 (SO_2). NMR δ : 1.95 (2H, m, 7- H_2), 2.40 (3H, s, Ph-Me), 2.5 (2H, m, 6- H_2), 2.83 (2H, t, $J=6$ Hz, 8- H_2), 4.16 (2H, d, $J=6$ Hz, 3- H_2), 5.8–6.0 (2H, m, 4- and 5-H), 7.26, 7.76 (each 2H, d, $J=8$ Hz, Ph-H); irradiation at 4.16: 5.86 (1H, dt, $J=10, 7$ Hz, 5-H), 5.98 (1H, d, $J=10$ Hz, 4-H). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$: C, 55.12; H, 6.01; N, 4.95. Found: C, 54.98; H, 6.00; N, 4.88.

2-(p-Toluenesulfonyl)-2,3,6,7,8,9-hexahydro-1,2-thiazonine (7b)—A solution of the S-imide (**6b**: 594 mg, 2 mmol) in xylene (10 ml) was heated and worked up as described for **7a** to give **7b**: 320 mg, 54% yield, mp 54–56 °C, colorless prisms (from benzene–*n*-hexane). MS m/z : 297 (M^+). IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$: 1160, 1350 (SO_2). NMR δ : 1.5–2.0 (4H, m, 7- and 8- H_2), 2.39 (3H, s, Ph-Me), 2.6 (2H, m, 6- H_2), 2.9–3.0 (2H, m, 9- H_2), 3.86 (2H, d, $J=6$ Hz, 3- H_2), 5.8–5.9 (2H, m, 4- and 5-H), 7.26, 7.76 (each 2H, d, $J=8$ Hz, Ph-H); irradiation at 3.86: 5.71 (1H, dt, $J=10, 6$ Hz, 5-H), 5.87 (1H, d, $J=10$ Hz, 4-H). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$: C, 56.57; H, 6.40; N, 4.71. Found: C, 56.54; H, 6.46; N, 4.71.

2-(p-Toluenesulfonyl)-2,3,6,7,8,9-hexahydro-10H-1,2-thiazecine (7c)—A mixture of 2-vinylthiepane (**5c**: 1.42 g, 10 mmol), chloramine T trihydrate (3.38 g, 12 mmol), and methanol (20 ml) was stirred for 5 h at room temperature and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using CH_2Cl_2 as an eluent to give **7c**: 1.89 g, 61% yield, mp 123–124 °C, colorless prisms (from benzene–*n*-hexane). MS m/z : 311 (M^+). IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$: 1165, 1345 (SO_2). NMR δ : 1.2–1.8 (6H, m, 7-, 8-, and 9- H_2), 2.2 (2H, m, 6- H_2), 2.39 (3H, s, Ph-Me), 2.4–4.4 (4H, m, 3- and 10- H_2), 5.42 (1H, dt, $J=15, 7$ Hz, 5-H), 5.73 (1H, dt, $J=15, 7$ Hz, 4-H), 7.25, 7.77 (each 2H, d, $J=8$ Hz, Ph-H). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$: C, 57.88; H, 6.76; N, 4.50. Found: C, 57.76; H, 6.76; N, 4.45.

2-Vinylthiochroman (13)—*N*-Chlorosuccinimide (NCS: 6.75 g, 50 mmol) was added in small portions over a 30 min period to a solution of thiochroman (7.50 g, 50 mmol) in benzene (100 ml) with stirring below 5 °C in an ice bath. The reaction mixture was stirred for a further 1 h and then the resulting precipitate of succinimide was removed by filtration. The benzene solution (containing 2-chlorothiochroman) was added under N_2 at below 10 °C to a tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) solution of vinylmagnesium bromide, which was freshly prepared from vinyl bromide (9.63 g, 90 mmol) and magnesium (2.19 g, 90 mmol) under N_2 in an ice bath. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 1 h below 10 °C and then diluted with 10% H_2SO_4 (100 ml). After separation of the layers, the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The combined organic layer was successively washed with satd. NaHCO_3 and satd. NaCl , dried over MgSO_4 , and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using *n*-

hexane-CH₂Cl₂ (5:1) as an eluent to give **13**: 6.53 g, 74% yield, colorless oil. MS *m/z*: 176 (M⁺). NMR δ : 1.5–2.2 (2H, m, 3-H₂), 2.5–2.8 (2H, m, 4-H₂), 3.69 (1H, dt, *J* = 5, 9 Hz, 2-H), 4.95 (1H, d, *J* = 10 Hz, -CH=CH₂ *cis*), 5.09 (1H, d, *J* = 17 Hz, -CH=CH₂ *trans*), 5.72 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17, 10, 8 Hz, -CH=CH₂), 6.7–7.0 (4H, m, Ph-H). *Anal.* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂S: C, 75.00; H, 6.82. Found: C, 75.29; H, 6.98.

1-Vinylisothiochroman (14)—Isothiochroman (7.50 g, 50 mmol) was successively treated with NCS and vinylmagnesium bromide, and worked up as described for **13** to give **14**: 5.72 g 65% yield, colorless oil. MS *m/z*: 176 (M⁺). NMR δ : 2.8–3.1 (4H, m, 3- and 4-H₂), 4.47 (1H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, 1-H), 4.88 (1H, dd, *J* = 17, 1 Hz, -CH=CH₂ *trans*), 5.06 (1H, dd, *J* = 10, 1 Hz, -CH=CH₂ *cis*), 6.07 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17, 10, 7 Hz, -CH=CH₂), 7.0–7.3 (4H, m, Ph-H). *Anal.* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂S: C, 75.00; H, 6.82. Found: C, 74.71; H, 6.83.

2-Vinylthiochroman S-(p-Toluenesulfonyl)imide (15)—A mixture of **13** (0.88 g, 5 mmol), chloramine T trihydrate (1.46 g, 5.2 mmol), and methanol (10 ml) was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and then concentrated *in vacuo* below 30 °C. The residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the extract was washed with satd. NaCl, dried, and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* below 30 °C. The resulting crystalline residue was washed with ether and recrystallized from ether-acetone to give **15**: 1.20 g, 70% yield, mp 97–100 °C, colorless prisms. MS *m/z*: 345 (M⁺). IR ν_{\max}^{KBr} cm⁻¹: 1140, 1280 (SO₂). NMR δ : 2.47 (3H, s, Ph-Me), 2.0–2.8 (2H, m, 3-H₂), 3.0–3.4 (2H, m, 4-H₂), 3.95 (1H, dt, *J* = 8, 7 Hz, 2-H), 5.32 (1H, dd, *J* = 10, 1 Hz, -CH=CH₂ *cis*), 5.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 17, 1 Hz, -CH=CH₂ *trans*), 5.76 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17, 10, 8 Hz, -CH=CH₂), 7.3–7.8 and 7.9–8.1 (6H, m, and 2H, m, Ph-H). *Anal.* Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂S₂: C, 62.61; H, 5.51; N, 4.06. Found: C, 62.62; H, 5.79; N, 3.90.

1-Vinylisothiochroman S-(p-Toluenesulfonyl)imide (16)—1-Vinylisothiochroman (**14**: 0.88 g, 5 mmol) was treated with chloramine T trihydrate (1.46 g, 5.2 mmol) and worked up as described for **15** to give **16**, which was too hygroscopic to be purified and thus was used in the following reaction without further purification. Crude **16**: 1.43 g, 83% yield. NMR δ : 2.34 (3H, s, Ph-Me), 2.7–4.2 (4H, m, 3- and 4-H₂), 4.64 (1H, d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1-H), 5.22 (1H, d, *J* = 17 Hz, -CH=CH₂ *trans*), 5.35 (1H, d, *J* = 10 Hz, -CH=CH₂ *cis*), 5.6–6.0 (1H, m, -CH=CH₂), 6.9–7.4 and 7.6–7.8 (6H, m, and 2H, m, Ph-H).

2-(p-Toluenesulfonyl)-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1,2-benzothiazonine (17)—A solution of **15** (690 mg, 2 mmol) in xylene was heated and worked up as described for **7a** to give **17**: 380 mg, 55% yield, mp 92–93 °C, colorless prisms (from CH₂Cl₂-*n*-hexane). MS *m/z*: 345 (M⁺). IR ν_{\max}^{KBr} cm⁻¹: 1160, 1350 (SO₂). NMR δ : 2.43 (3H, s, Ph-Me), 2.5–2.8 (2H, m, 6-H₂), 3.0–3.3 (2H, m, 7-H₂), 3.95 (2H, d, *J* = 8 Hz, 3-H₂), 5.51 (1H, dt, *J* = 10, 8 Hz, 5-H), 5.73 (1H, dt, *J* = 10, 8 Hz, 4-H), 7.1–7.5 and 7.7–7.9 (6H, m, and 2H, m, Ph-H). *Anal.* Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂S₂: C, 62.61; H, 5.51; N, 4.06. Found: C, 62.39; H, 5.40; N, 3.97.

4-(p-Toluenesulfonyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3,4-benzothiazonine (18)—A solution of **16** (690 mg, 2 mmol) in xylene was heated and worked up as described for **7a** to give **18**: 393 mg, 57% yield, mp 185–187 °C, colorless prisms (from CH₂Cl₂-*n*-hexane). MS *m/z*: 345 (M⁺). IR ν_{\max}^{KBr} cm⁻¹: 1160, 1340 (SO₂). NMR δ : 2.33 (3H, s, Ph-Me), 2.7–3.2 (4H, m, 1- and 2-H₂), 3.56 (2H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, 5-H₂), 6.09 (1H, dt, *J* = 10, 7 Hz, 6-H), 6.68 (1H, d, *J* = 10 Hz, 7-H), 6.7–7.2 and 7.57 (6H, m, and 2H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, Ph-H). *Anal.* Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂S₂: C, 62.61; H, 5.51; N, 4.06. Found: C, 62.83; H, 5.34; N, 4.08.

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