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Synthesis and Structure of Enaminecarbaldehydes and Enamino Ketones

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The synthesis of enaminecarbaldehydes 1a - s and 17a - c as well as enamino ketones 2a - k, and their N-acyl derivatives 19a - kand 2l - t with electron accepting substituents at C-2 and at the CO group, respectively, is described. Condensation of methyl 2-formyl-3-oxopropanoate (13) with ammonia and the amines 14b - s gave the enaminecarbaldehydes 1a and 1b - s, respectively, in 72 - 93% yield. The enaminecarbaldehydes 17 were obtained by formylation of 15 with acetic formic anhydride. The synthesis of the enamino ketones 2a - k was accomplished in 61 - 97% yield by reaction of ammonia and amines with the enol ethers 24a - f, which were formed by treatment of reactive acyl chlorides 23 with ethyl vinyl ether. The enaminecarbaldehyde 1aas well as the enamino ketones 2a - k could be acylated to give 19a - k and 2l - t, respectively, which can be used in the *hetero* Diels-Alder reaction.

Synthese-und Struktur von Enamincarbaldehyden und Enamino-Ketonen

Die Synthese der Enamincarbaldehyde 1a-s und 17a-c sowie der Enamino-Ketone 2a-k und deren N-Acyl-Derivate 19a-k und 21-t mit Elektronenacceptor-Substituenten an C-2 bzw. an der CO-Gruppe wird beschrieben. Kondensation von 2-Formyl-3-oxopropansäure-methylester (13) mit Ammoniak und den Aminen 14b-s ergab die Enamincarbaldehyde 1a bzw. 1b-s in einer Ausbeute von 72-93%. Die Enamincarbaldehyde 17 konnten durch Formylierung von 15 mit dem gemischten Ameisensäureessigsäureanhydrid erhalten werden. Die Synthese der Enamino-Ketone 2a-k erfolgte mit einer Ausbeute von 61-97% durch Kondensation von Ammoniak und Aminen mit den Enolethern 24a-f, die durch Umsetzung reaktiver Acylchloride 23 mit Ethylvinyl-ether dargestellt wurden. Die für hetero-Diels-Alder-Reaktionen benötigten N-Acyl-Derivate 19a-k und 2l-t wurden durch Acylierung des Enamincarbaldehyds 1a und der Enamino-Ketone 2a - k gebildet.

Simple enaminecarbaldehydes and enamino ketones are usefull starting compounds in the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds¹). In contrast, enaminecarbaldehydes 1 and enamino ketones 2, which bear an electron acceptor substituent at C-2 and at the CO-group, respectively, have so far hardly been investigated, and their synthetic value has not been completely evaluated.



These compounds are of great utility, since they show ambident behavior in cycloaddition reactions; thus, as found by us, they can undergo a novel type of photochemical [2+2] as well as a thermal [4+2] cycloaddition. The photochemical cycloaddition of these enaminecarbaldehydes or enamino ketones lead via several intermediates to 2-hydroxytetrahydropyridines and 1,4-dihydropyridines²⁾. Using this procedure, NADH analogues 4 can be obtained by reaction of N-glycosyl enaminecarbaldehydes such as 3 and alkenes, e.g. ethene³⁾. This is at present one of the best methods for the synthesis of these biologically relevant substances⁴⁾. In addition, 1,4-dihydropyridines have great importance as calcium antagonists⁵⁾ and the 2-hydroxytetrahydropyridines can be used as intermediates for the synthesis of ipecacuanha alkoloids by an iminium ion cyclization. Thus, photochemical reaction of the enaminecarbaldehyde 1m and acrylonitrile gives the 2-hydroxytetrahydropyridine 5, which cyclizes on treatment with boron trifluoride etherate on aluminum oxide to provide 6 in 80% yield⁶.



On the other hand, the *hetero* Diels-Alder reactions of 7 and enol ethers 8 afford dihydropyrans 9, which can be used for the synthesis of branched 3-amino sugars of the garosamine type⁷⁾. In addition,



the *hetero* Diels-Alder reaction of the enamino ketones **2** is a key step in the preparation of 3-amino sugars of the daunosamine type⁸.

It is essential that the enaminecarbaldehydes 1 and enamino ketones 2 used for the photochemical cycloaddition bear a hydrogen atom at the nitrogen to stabilize a cyclic form by intramolecular hydrogen bonding. This prevents a fast deactivation of the excited state by E/Z isomerization. Instead of N-alkyl, also N-acyl enaminecarbaldehydes 19 can be applied in the photochemical cycloaddition; however, in the latter case a loss of regioselectivity is observed. For the *hetero* Diels-Alder reaction only N-acyl enaminecarbaldehydes 19 and N-acyl enamino ketones 21-t can be used, since for the N-alkyl compounds 1 and 2a-k the energy of the LUMO is too high to allow a thermal cycloaddition at a resonable reaction temperature.

In this paper we describe the synthesis of several enaminecarbaldehydes and enamino ketones, which have been used for photochemical cycloadditions and *hetero* Diels-Alder reactions.

Synthesis of the Enaminecarbaldehydes

For the synthesis of the enaminecarbaldehydes 1a-s methyl 2-formyl-3-oxopropanoate (diformylacetate, 13) was used as educt. 13 can easily be obtained by a novel and highly efficient method appyling the reaction of trichloro-acetyl chloride (10) with methyl vinyl ether (11), which gives 3,3-dimethoxypropanoate (12) after workup with methanol in the presence of potassium carbonate⁹; 12 was then formylated with methyl formate to give 13¹⁰.



Condensation of 13 with primary or secondary amines 14b-s in anhydrous toluene¹¹⁾ in the presence of freshly calcined sodium sulfate at room temperature afforded the N-alkylated enamines 1b-s in 72-93% yield. The reaction conditions are less suitable for gaseous amines and ammonia; here the condensation should be performed in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran at $50-60^{\circ}$ C. Instead of the free amines their hydrochlorides can also be used; in this case an appropriate amount of sodium methanolate or better of a strongly basic ion exchange resin has to be added. Most of the applied amines could be purchased or are described in the literature. 14p was obtained from diethyl 3-chloropropylmalonate and *p*-methoxyaniline according to a method by Szántay¹²⁾. **14q** could be synthesized in a 5-step sequence from isatin by Knoevenagel reaction with cyanoacetic ester, catalytic hydrogenation of the double bond, hydrolysis, decarboxylation, and catalytic hydrogenation of the nitrile group to the amino function¹³⁾.

In cases, where the appropriate vinylogous acids or esters are not available, the formylation of enamino ketones such as $15a - c^{14}$ with acetic formic anhydride¹⁵ (16) can be used for the synthesis of enaminecarbaldehydes. Thus, 17a and 17b were prepared from 15a and 15b applying this procedure in 77% yield. As a side reaction acylation at the nitrogen can occur; this was particularly pronounced with unsubstituted enaminecarbaldehyde 15c ($R^2 = H$). Reaction of 15c with 16 gave 38% of the desired product 17c and 49% of the *N*-formyl derivative 17d.

					R ¹					
	OH	R1		. lí	N_R2					
Ме	о₂с∕↓сно + н	$N-R^2$		→ MeO₂C	СНО					
	13	14		1	erre					
14, 1	R ¹	R ²	14, 1	R ¹	R ²					
a	н	н	k	C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂	Н					
ь	снз	н	1	С ₆ Н ₅ СН(СН ₃)	Н					
с	с(сн ₃)3	н	m	m	н					
d	n-C₄Hg	н	n	n	Н					
9	CH3CH20(CH2)3	Н	0	0	Н					
f	H ₂ C=CHCH ₂	Н	Р	P	н					
9	MeO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₄	н	P	q	н					
h	С ₆ Н ₅	н	r	C ₂ H ₅	С ₂ Н ₅					
i	₽-02NC6H4	н	S	C ₆ H ₅ CH₂	С ₆ Н ₅ -СН ₂					
i	₽-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Ч								
	Me0	<u>~</u>	. /							
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	CH2-2 M		\square	CH2-5	CH2-2					
~	N	\checkmark	<u>N</u>	o₂Et ∽ N						
			F	· · · · ·						
	R ¹				R ¹					
$ \qquad \qquad$										
\mathcal{A}_{1}^{U} \mathcal{H} \mathcal{U} \mathcal{H}_{3} \mathcal{H}^{2} \mathcal{H}^{4}										
		<i>c</i>		0						
I	10 1	0		17						
15, 1	7 R ¹ R ² F	3	R ⁴ R ⁴	5						

, 17	R'	R∠	R3	R⁴	R ^o	
a	СН₃	сн₃	OCH3	СНО	н.	
ь	СН₃	C_2H_5	OCH3	СНО	Н	MeO CH2-S
с	с	н	СНз	сно	Н	MeO
d	с	н	снз	н	СНО	с
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The vinologous amide 1a can easily be acylated to 19a - kby reaction with acyl chlorides 18 in dichloromethane/ether/ pyridine in 54-87% yield. 19a could also be obtained in 60% yield by condensation of diformylacetate 13 with acetamide. The urea derivative 19k was synthesized by addition of 1a to phenyl isocyanate. Monoalkylated enaminecarbaldehydes, e.g. 1b-q, can also be acylated, however, the *N*acyl derivatives are quite unstable, and a deacylation occurs during workup. In contrast, the N-acyl derivaties with hydrogen at the nitrogen are stable except for 19b, and some of them (19a, c, d, f, g) could be obtained in a crystalline form. Also, the phthalimide derivative 20, formed by reaction of 1a and phthalic chloride can be stored without decomposition.



For the synthesis of enaminecarbaldehydes derived from less stable β -dicarbonyl compounds such as malonic aldehydes¹⁶⁾ or formyl acetone¹⁷⁾, the direct condensation method cannot be used. However, they are easily prepared by reaction of the trimethylsilyl enol ethers **21** with primary amines. Thus, amination of **21a** with homoveratrylamine **14m** afforded **22a** in excellent yield. In the same way the enamino ketone **22b** was obtained starting with **21b**.



The enamino ketones 2a - k were prepared in 61 - 97%yield analogously to the enaminecarbaldehydes 1 by condensation of ammonia and amines 25 with the enol ethers 24a - k, which can easily be synthesized by reaction of activated acyl chlorides 23a - k and ethyl vinyl ether according to Effenberger^{9,18}. Acylation of the non- or monoalkylated enamino ketones 2 with acyl chlorides in the presence of 4-dimethylaminopyridine/triethylamine afforded the *N*acyl derivatives 2l - r, mostly in excellent yield; the use of pyridine as base was not suitable in this reaction. In the same way as described for 2l also chiral enamino ketones can be obtained starting from monoesters of oxalyl chloride with chiral alcohols. Reaction of an excess of oxalyl dichloride with (+)-menthol gave (+)-menthyl oxalyl chloride **23k**, which was treated with ethyl vinyl ether to afford the enol ether **24k**. Condensation of **24k** with ammonia at $50-60^{\circ}$ C in tetrahydrofuran followed by acylation with phthaloyl dichloride gave the chiral enamino ketone **2t** in a total yield of 60%.



Structure of the Enaminecarbaldehydes and Enamino Ketones

Simple enaminecarbaldehydes or enamino ketones with the general structure O=C-C=C-N can exist in the four different configurations/conformations $A-D^{19}$.

The enaminecarbaldehydes 1, 17 and 19, however, bear an additional carbonyl group, which can also display two different orientations. Thus, for 1, 17 and 19 cight possible conformations have to be discussed. The rules for the nomenclature of the simple compounds are not sufficient for these substances, since they do not allow to determine the conformation of both carbonyl groups.



Therefore we suggest, to extend the normal rules by addition of the conformation of the second carbonyl group with lower priority, e.g. as in E and F.



A second possibility, however, would be a nomenclature based on the conformations obtained by rotation about the three bonds C-1-C-2, C-2-C-3, and C-2-C-4, e.g. as in E and F.

According to the torsion angles, the C=O and C=N groups can have a synperiplanar (sp) arrangement with $30^{\circ} > \Theta > 330^{\circ}$ and an antiperiplanar (ap) arrangement with $150^{\circ} < \Theta < 210^{\circ}$.

The *E*,*s*-*Z*,*s*-*Z* arrangement **E** would be named an apapap and the *Z*,*s*-*Z*,*s*-*Z* arrangement **F** an apspap conformation.

The existence of the different configurations/conformations is due to partial double bonds between C-1-C-2, C-2-C-3, and C-2-C-4. The strength of the bonds is mainly influenced by substituents at C-2 and the N atom. Thus, electron-withdrawing groups at the N atom enhance the character of the double bond between C-2 and C-3, and reduce the barrier of rotation about the single bonds between the CO groups and C-2²⁰⁾. On the other hand, electronwithdrawing substituents at C-2 reduce the character of the double bond between C-2 and C-3²¹⁾.

Most of the prepared enaminecarbaldehydes 1 exist as a mixture of the two isomeric forms E and F. For the determination of the structure, spectroscopic methods such as UV^{22} , IR²³, and NMR spectroscopy have been used. The relationship between the configuration of enamino ketones and the wave length as well as the intensity of their UV absorption has already been discussed in several papers, and general rules for the calculation of λ_{max} based on increments have been published²². Since the λ_{max} values for the parent enaminecarbaldehyd and the enamino ester are different and the increment for the second CO group is zero, the rules can be used for the determination of the configuration of enaminecarbaldehydes of type 1.

The results (Table 1) show that for enaminecarbaldehydes 1a-q with an -NHR group the configuration/conformation E is more populated, whereas in compounds 1r-s with an $-NR_2$ group ($R \neq H$) the confirguration/conformation F should dominate.

Table 1. Calculated and measured λ_{max} [nm] for different enaminecarbaldehydes 1

1	\mathbf{R}^1	R ²	Calculated for isomer E	Calculated for isomer F	Measured
a d h	H H H	H n-C₄H9 C₄H4	287 306 339	268 287 330	287 ^{a)} 299 ^{b)} 337 ^{b)}
r	 C₂H₅	C_2H_5	275	297	310 ^{c)}

^{a)} In CH₃CN. - ^{b)} In ether. - ^{c)} In CH₃OH.

In contrast to UV measurements, ¹H-NMR spectroscopy allows a rather exact determination of the ratio of isomers **E** and **F** using the absorption of the aldehydic proton (4-H) and the methoxycarbonyl moiety. Thus, in the dominating E,s-Z,s-Z isomer **E**, 4-H absorbs at lower (0.03-0.20 ppm) and the CH₃O groups at higher field compared to isomer **F**. The coupling constants for the aldehydic proton are found to be J = 3.6 Hz for isomer **E** and J = 0-1 Hz for isomer **F**.

Table 2. Selected ¹H-NMR data [δ (4-H)] of enaminecarbaldehydes 1 in CDCl₃

	Confor	mation		Conformation		
	E,s-Z,s-Z	Z,s-Z,s-Z		E,s-Z,s-Z	Z,s-Z,s-Z	
1a	9.80	9.62	j	9.93	_	
b	9.83	9.63	k	9.77	9.69	
с	9.63	9.57	1	9.80	_	
d	9.80	9.72	m	9.75	9.61	
d	9.66 ^{a)}	9.48 ^{a)}	n	9.84	_	
d	9.68 ^{b)}	9.58 ^{b)}	0	9.97	9.83	
е	9.73	9.70	р	9.62	9.43	
f	9.70	_	q	9.70	9.57	
g	9.80	9.75	r	-	9.68	
ĥ	9.95	-	S	-	9.77	
i	9.98	9.90				

^{a)} In CD₃OD. - ^{b)} In [D₆]DMSO.

According to the Sternhell²⁴⁾ equation for a planar system, a coupling constant of J = 2 Hz should be found for the aldehydic proton in isomer E. The higher value observed may be explained by the partial double bond character of the bond C-4-C-2. However, the measured coupling constants only fit with an *E.s-Z,s-Z* orientation E. Similar results were obtained by Breitmeier²⁵⁾ with related systems.

Calculations for configuration/conformation F give a coupling constant for the aldehydic proton of J = 0.1 - 1.6 Hz. Although this correlates well with the observed value, the difference to the coupling constant of 4-H in isomer E is too small to be an exact proof. However, we were able to

confirm the results of the calculations by experimental evidence using enaminecarbaldehyde 26. In this compound two formyl groups exist, which have either the $Z_{,s}$ -Z or the $E_{,s}$ -Z configuration/conformation. In agreement with our considerations we found two signals for the aldehydic protons, one at $\delta = 9.73$ with J = 3.6 Hz and one at $\delta = 9.53$ with J < 0.5 Hz.



Although there is no clear-cut proof for the s-Z conformation of the ester CO and aldehyde CO group, respectively, in the isomers E and F, we assume this preference from the chemical shift of the vinylic proton^{22c)}. Also, it has been shown that the s-Z conformer of α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds is stabilized by about 8 kJ/mole compared to the s-E conformer.

The ratio of the isomers E and F in solution depends on the solvent, the temperature, and the character of the substituents at C-2 and the nitrogen.

It has been found that for the enaminecarbaldehydes 1a-q with an NH group the amount of the less populated configuration/conformation F increases with growing polarity of the solvent and rising temperature. 1d shows a ratio of isomer E and F at $25^{\circ}C$ of 91:9 in $CDCl_3$, 78:22 in $[D_6]DMSO$, and 75:25 in $[D_4]MeOH$. At lower temperatures only isomer E is found. The N-aryl enaminecarbaldehydes 1h and 1j exist in CDCl₃ at 25°C as isomer E only, whereas for the N-aryl enaminecarbaldehyde 1i and for the N-acyl compounds 19 a ratio of E and F of about 80:20 is found at room temperature. In contrast to these results, N,N-dialkyl enaminecarbaldehydes 1r and 1s exclusively exist in the configuration/conformation F. In the latter compounds hydrogen bonding is not possible and resonance stabilization would be larger in the Z_{s} - Z_{s} -Z orientation F. We assume that in these compounds the ester moiety is not in plane with the enamine any more. This has been confirmed for the phthalimide derivative 20 by crystal structure analysis and also deduced from the low reactivity of 20 in *hetero* Diels-Alder reactions⁷.

Table 3. Selected ¹³C-NMR data (δ) of enaminecarbaldehydes 1 in CDCl₁

Carbon	Con- formation	l a ^{a)}	b	ſ	Ъ	j	m	0
C-1	E,s-Z,s-Z	169.82	167.78	167.70	167.32	167.38	167.68	167.87
C-1	Z,s-Z,s-Z	169.69	169.36	169.33	_	169.28	169.28	169.35
C-4	E,s-Z,s-Z	191.58	189.96	190.25	191.10	190.57	190.06	190.07
C-4	Z,s-Z,s-Z	189.87	187.12	187.31	187.59	187.31	187.22	187.42
^{a)} In CD			1				•	

¹³C-NMR spectroscopy has so far only rarely been used for the determination of the configuration/conformation of

enamino ketones^{21 a, 26}. No systematic investigations are known for diacyl enamines. In contrast to the monoacyl enamines, the difference of the chemical shift values for C-2 and C-3 of isomers E and F is small. However, a pronounced difference is found for the aldehyde CO group (C-4). C-4 absorbs at $\delta = 189 - 192$ in the *E*,*s*-*Z*,*s*-*Z* (E) and at $\delta = 186 - 189$ in the Z,s-Z,s-Z (F) isomer (Table 3).

For 1r only one set of signals is found with an absorption for C-4 at $\delta = 187.2$, indicating that this compound has a $Z_{s}-Z_{s}-Z$ configuration/conformation. This is in agreement with the results obtained from UV and ¹H-NMR spectroscopy.

The chemical shift values in ¹³C-NMR spectra correlate quite well with the electron density at the carbons. A comparison of chemical shift values for C-2, C-3 and C-1/C-4 of 1 a and 29²⁵⁾ clearly shows that for the enaminecarbaldehyde 1a the iminium enolate resonance structure 28 in $27 \leftrightarrow 28$ has more importance than for the simple enaminecarbaldehydes 29 (Fig. 1). Of great interest is also a comparison of the ¹³C-NMR data of 30 and 31 (Fig. 1). 30 is much more polarized; this can be explained by a deviation of the enamino ketone system from planarity due to a steric interaction of the methyl groups at C-3 and the nitrogen.



Figure 1. Comparison of ¹³C-NMR data of enaminecarbaldehydes 1 a and 29 as well as of enamino ketones 30 and 31

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Experimental

IR: Perkin-Elmer 297. – UV: Varian-Cary 219. – ¹H NMR: Varian EM-360A, XL-100, XL-200, FT-80A. The assignment of the chemical shifts to the two isomers is indicated by "-E" for the E,s- $Z_{s}-Z$ (E) and "-Z" for the $Z_{s}-Z_{s}-Z$ isomer (F). - Melting points: Kofler melting point apparatus (corrected values). - Elemental analyses were carried out at the analytical laboratory of the university.

Methyl 3-Amino-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1a): A suspension of freshly calcined Na₂SO₄ (15.0 g) and 13 (2.60 g, 20.0 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) is heated to reflux. Dry ammonia is passed through the solution with vigorous stirring, whereby a colorless precipiate is formed. The addition of ammonia is continued until the primarily formed precipitate has dissolved and 13 cannot be detected any more by TLC. Na₂SO₄ is filtered off and washed twice with warm acetone. The combined extracts are dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent is removed in vacuo to afford the crude product, which is purified by recrystallization; yield 2.18 g (84%), m.p. 115°C (CH₃CN). IR (KBr): v = 3370 cm⁻¹, 3240 (N-H), 1680, 1645 (C=O), 1510 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} $(\lg \epsilon) = 227 \text{ nm} (4.201), 287 (4.167). - {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (\text{CD}_3\text{CN}): \delta =$ 3.69 (s, 2.3 H, OCH₃-E), 3.72 (s, 0.7 H, OCH₃-Z), 6.6-8.0 (br., 1 H, NH), 7.91 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.2 Hz, 0.2H, 3-H-Z), 7.96 (ddd, J = 16.0, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1 H, 3-H-E), 9.62 (s, 0.2 H, CHO-Z), 9.80 (d, J = 3.5Hz, 0.8 H, CHO-E), 9.2-10.6 (br., 1 H, NH).

Synthesis of the Enaminecarbaldehydes 1b-s. – General Procedure I. – Reaction of Methyl 2-Formyl-3-oxopropenoate (13) with Primary or Secondary Amines 14b-s: To a solution of 13 (2.60 g, 20.0 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (100 ml) are added freshly calcined Na₂SO₄ (15 g) and an equimolar amount of a primary or secondary amine 14b-s, dissolved in 30 ml of anhydrous toluene. The reaction mixture is stirred at room temp. for 1-3 h (TLC control on silica gel with mixtures of ethyl acetate and petroleum ether), Na₂SO₄ is filtered off, and the combined solvents are evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product. Purification was accomplished by recrystallization from ether, ethyl acetate, or acetonitrile.

Methyl 2-Formyl-3-methylamino-2-propenoate (1 b): Methylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 2.66 g (93%) of 1b, m.p. 69°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3210 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (N–H), 1685, 1625 (C=O), 1595 (C=C). – UV (ether): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 231 nm (4.182), 298 (4.174). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.17$ (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 3H, NCH₃), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH₃) 7.93 (m, 1 H, 3-H), 9.63 (s, 0.1 H, CHO-Z), 9.83 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 0.9 H, CHO-E), 10.70 (br., 1H, NH).

C₆H₉NO₃ (143.1) Calcd. C 50.35 H 6.34 N 9.79 Found C 50.34 H 6.41 N 9.86

Methyl 3-tert-Butylamino-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1c): tert-Butylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 3.68 g (81%) of 1c, m. p. 55°C. – IR (KBr): v =3200 cm⁻¹ (N–H), 1690, 1650 (C=O), 1595 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 235 nm (4.209), 300 (4.218). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.35$ [s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃], 3.74 (s, 2.4 H, OCH₃-E), 3.77 (s, 0.6 H, OCH₃-Z), 7.98 (dd, J = 14, 4 Hz, 0.8 H, 3-H-E), 8.05 (d, J = 14 Hz, 0.2 H, 3-H-Z), 9.57 (s, 0.2 H, CHO-Z), 9.63 (d, J = 4Hz, 0.8 H, CHO-E), 10.95 (br., 1 H, NH).

> C₉H₁₅NO₃ (185.2) Calcd. C 58.36 H 8.16 N 7.56 Found C 58.56 H 8.14 N 7.47

Methyl 3-Butylamino-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1d): *n*-Butylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I; yield 3.24 g (88%) of 1d, $n_{D}^{20} = 1.5228$. – IR (film): v = 3210 cm⁻¹ (N–H), 1700, 1650 (C=O), 1595 (C=C). – UV (ether): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 231 nm (4.070), 299 (4.190). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.93$ (t, J = 6 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.13–1.92 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 3.40 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.56 (s, 2.7H, OCH₃-E), 3.60 (s, 0.3H, OCH₃-Z), 7.97 (dd, J = 14, = 4 Hz, 1 H, 3-H), 9.72 (s, 0.1 H, CHO-Z), 9.80 (d, J = 4 Hz, 0.9 H, CHO-E), 10.70 (br., 1 H, NH).

C₉H₁₅NO₃ (185.2) Calcd. C 58.36 H 8.16 N 7.56 Found C 58.83 H 7.86 N 7.53

Methyl 3-(3-Ethoxypropylamino)-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1e): 3-Ethoxypropylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 3.96 g (92%) of 1e, m. p. 53°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3140 (N–H), 1690, 1645 (C=O), 1580 (C=C). – UV (ether): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 232 nm (4.211), 299 (4.212). – ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.25$ (t, J = 9 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.88 (quint, J = 9Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₂CH₂), 3.34–3.64 (m, 6H, NCH₂, CH₂OCH₂), 3.70 (s, 2.7H, OCH₃-E), 3.73 (s, 0.3H, OCH₃-Z), 7.90 (m, 1H, 3-H), 9.70 (s, 0.1H, CHO-Z), 9.73 (d, J = 4 Hz, 0.9H, CHO-E), 10.66 (br., 1H, NH).

 $\begin{array}{c} C_{10}H_{17}NO_4 \mbox{ (215.2)} \\ Found \mbox{ C 55.80 } H \mbox{ 7.96 } N \mbox{ 6.51} \\ Found \mbox{ C 55.90 } H \mbox{ 7.92 } N \mbox{ 6.49} \end{array}$

Methyl 2-Formyl-3-(2-propen-1-ylamino)-2-propenoate (1f): Allylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 2.84 g (84%) of 1f, m.p. 42°C. – IR (KBr): v =3320 cm⁻¹ (N–H), 3040 (C=C–H), 1710, 1675, 1640 (C=O), 1600, 1580 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 233 nm (4.203), 300 (4.213). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta =$ 3.70 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.91 (m_e, 2H, NCH₂), 5.00–6.20 (m, 3H, CH=CH₂), 7.85 (dd, J = 14.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 9.70 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H, CHO), 10.50 (br., 1H, NH). C₈H₁₁NO₃ (169.2) Calcd. C 56.80 H 6.55 N 8.28 Found C 56.82 H 6.52 N 8.33

Dimethyl 2-Formyl-4-azanon-2-ene-1,9-dioate (1g): To a solution of 13 (2.60 g, 20.0 mmol) and methyl 5-aminopentanoate hydrochloride (2.64 g, 20.0 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (60 ml) was added dropwise a solution of sodium methanolate (1.19 g, 22.0 mmol) in methanol (20 ml) at 20°C. The mixture was stirred for 15 h at room temp. and worked up according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 3.60 g (74%) of 1g, m.p. 60°C. – IR (KBr): v = 3220 cm⁻¹ (N–H), 1735, 1695, 1630 (C=O), 1590 (C=C). – UV (CH₃OH): λ_{max} (lg ϵ) = 236 nm (4.201), 2.99 (4.228). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.68 (m, 4H, CH₂CH₂), 2.35 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H, CH₂CO₂CH₃), 3.38 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 3.70, 3.80 (2s, 6H, 2OCH₃), 7.90 (m, 1H, 3-H), 9.75 (s, 0.1H, CHO-Z), 9.80 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.9H, CHO-*E*), 10.73 (br., 1H, NH).

C₁₁H₁₇NO₅ (243.3) Calcd. C 54.31 H 7.04 N 5.76 Found C 54.36 H 6.86 N 5.80

Methyl 2-Formyl-3-phenylamino-2-propenoate (1h): Aniline was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 3.57 g (87%) of 1h, m. p. 73°C. – IR (KBr): v = 3080 cm⁻¹ (N–H), 1695, 1655 (C=O), 1600, 1580 (C=C). – UV (ether): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 232 nm (4.213), 337 (4.316). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.30 (m, 5H, PhH), 8.43 (dd, J = 14.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 9.95 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H, CHO), 12.35 (br., 1H, NH).

 $\begin{array}{c} C_{11}H_{11}NO_3 \mbox{(205.2)} & Calcd. \ C \ 64.38 \ H \ 5.40 \ N \ 6.83 \\ Found \ C \ 64.58 \ H \ 5.54 \ N \ 6.84 \end{array}$

Methyl 2-Formyl-3-(4-nitrophenylamino)-2-propenoate (1i): 4-Nitroaniline was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 4.45 g (89%) of 1i, m.p. 172°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3080 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (N–H), 1705, 1630 (C=O), 1590, 1570 (C=C), 1500 (NO₂). – UV (ether): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 225 nm (3.964), 361 (4.253). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 3.85 (s, 2.5H, OCH₃-E), 3.86 (s, 0.5 H, OCH₃-Z), AA'BB' system, δ_a = 7.33, δ_b = 8.30 (4H, PhH), 8.37 (m, 1H, 3-H), 9.90 (s, 0.2H, CHO-Z), 9.98 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.8 H, CHO-E), 12.50 (br., 1 H, NH).

 $\begin{array}{rl} C_{11}H_{10}N_2O_5\mbox{ (250.2)} & Calcd. \ C\ 52.80\ H\ 4.03\ N\ 11.20\\ Found\ C\ 52.81\ H\ 4.09\ N\ 11.20 \end{array}$

Methyl 2-Formyl-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-2-propenoate (1j): 4-Methoxyanilin was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 3.38 g (72%) of 1j, m. p. 100°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3060 \text{ cm}^{-1} (N-H)$, 1690, 1645 (C=O), 1595, 1565 (C=C). – UV (ether): λ_{max} (lg ϵ) = 239 nm (4.145), 348 (4.328). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.81$ (s, 6H, 2OCH₃), AA'BB' system, $\delta_a = 6.92$, $\delta_b =$ 7.15 (4H, PhH), 8.32 (dd, J = 14.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 9.93 (d, J =3.5 Hz, 1H, CHO), 12.55 (br., 1H, NH).

$$\begin{array}{rl} C_{12}H_{13}NO_4 \mbox{ (235.2)} & Calcd. \ C \ 61.27 \ H \ 5.57 \ N \ 5.95 \\ Found \ C \ 61.37 \ H \ 5.65 \ N \ 6.08 \end{array}$$

Methyl 3-Benzylamino-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1k): Benzylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 4.03 g (92%) of 1k, m.p. 84°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3140 (N – H), 1690, 1645 (C = O), 1590, 1580 (C = C). – UV (ether): $\lambda_{max}(\lg \varepsilon) = 236 \text{ nm}$ (4.201), 299 (4.209). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.70$ (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.53 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 7.23 (m, 5H, PhH), 7.90 (m, 1H, 3-H), 9.69 (s, 0.1 H CHO-Z), 9.77 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.9 H, CHO-*E*), 10.93 (br., 1H, NH).

C₁₂H₁₃NO₃ (219.2) Calcd. C 65.74 H 5.98 N 6.39 Found C 65.63 H 5.99 N 6.39

Methyl (S)-2-Formyl-3-(1-phenylethylamino)-2-propenate (11): (S)-1-Phenylethylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 4.43 g (95%) of 11, m.p. 68°C, $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -162.3 (c = 0.67 \text{ in CHCl}_3)$. – IR (KBr): v = 3450 cm⁻¹ (N-H), 1695, 1640 (C=O), 1590, 1580 (C=C). – UV (ether): λ_{max} (lg ϵ) = 236 nm (4.279), 302 (4.272). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.60 (d, J = 7 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 3.70 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 4.60 (m, 1 H, NCH), 7.28 (m, 5H, PhH), 7.93 (dd, J = 14.0, 3.5 Hz, 1 H, 3-H), 9.80 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1 H, CHO), 11.06 (br., 1 H, NH).

> C₁₃H₁₅NO₃ (233.3) Calcd. C 66.94 H 6.48 N 6.00 Found C 67.02 H 6.48 N 5.99

Methyl 3-[2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)ethylamino]-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1 m): 2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)ethylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 5.40 g (92%) of 1 m m.p. 91 °C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (N – H), 1695, 1645 (C=O), 1595 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 233 nm (4.354), 301 (4.230). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.82 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H, PhCH₂), 3.56 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.68 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.82 (s, 6H, 2 OCH₃), 6.64 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1 H, ar-2-H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8, 2 Hz, 1 H, ar-6-H), 6.80 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1 H, ar-5-H), 7.77 (dd, J = 14.0, 3.5 Hz, 0.9 H, 3-H-E), 7.85 (d, J = 14 Hz, 0.1 H, 3-H-Z), 9.61 (s, 0.1 H, CHO-Z), 9.75 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.9 H, CHO-E), 10.70 (br., 1 H, NH).

 $\begin{array}{rl} C_{15}H_{19}NO_5 \mbox{ (293.3)} & Calcd. \ C \ 61.42 \ H \ 6.53 \ N \ 4.78 \\ Found \ C \ 61.25 \ H \ 6.55 \ N \ 4.83 \end{array}$

Methyl (S)-3-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-2-phenylethylamino)-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1n): (S)-1-Ethoxycarbonyl-2-phenylethylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 5.40 g (88%) of 1n, m.p. 59°C, $[\alpha]_D^{3C} = -166.8 (c = 1.0 \text{ in CHCl}_3)$. – IR (KBr): v = 3400 cm⁻¹ (N – H), 1740, 1705, 1655 (C = 0), 1585, 1500 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ϵ) = 232 nm (4.137), 300 (4.210). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 3.05 (dd, J = 14.1, 8.8 Hz, 1H, PhCH_aH_b), 3.27 (dd, J = 14.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H, PhCH_aH_b), 3.70 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.13 (ddd, J = 9.0, 8.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H, O₂CCH), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 7.16 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H, ar-2-H, ar-6-H), 7.26–7.38 (m, 3H, ar-3-H, ar-4-H, ar-5-H), 7.57 (dd, J = 13.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 9.84 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H, CHO), 10.96 (br., 1H, NH).

 $\begin{array}{rl} C_{16}H_{19}NO_5 \mbox{ (305.3)} & Calcd. \ C \ 62.94 \ H \ 6.27 \ N \ 4.59 \\ Found \ C \ 62.73 \ H \ 6.14 \ N \ 4.64 \end{array}$

Methyl 3-[2-(3-Indolyl)ethylamino J-2-formyl-2-propenoate (10): Tryptamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 4.41 g (81%) of 10, m. p. 128°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3200 (N–H), 1680, 1640 (C=O), 1600 (C=C). – UV (CH₃OH): $\lambda_{max}(\lg \epsilon) = 222 \text{ nm}$ (4.524), 291 (4.154). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.05$ (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 3.57 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.80–7.73 (m, 5H, indole-CH), 7.88 (m, 1H, 3-H), 8.80 (s, 1H, indole-NH), 9.83 (s, 0.1H, CHO-Z), 9.97 (d, J =3.5 Hz, 0.9H, CHO-E), 10.95 (br., 1H, NH).

 $\begin{array}{rl} C_{15}H_{16}N_2O_3 \mbox{(272.3)} & Calcd. \ C \ 66.16 \ H \ 5.92 \ N \ 10.29 \\ Found \ C \ 66.30 \ H \ 5.77 \ N \ 10.30 \end{array}$

Methyl 3-[2-(2-Ethoxycarbonyl-5-methoxy-3-indolyl)ethylamino]-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1 **p**): 2-Ethoxycarbonyl-5-methoxytryptamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 6.51 g (87%) of 1 **p**, m. p. 201°C. – IR (KBr): v =3340 cm⁻¹, 3240 (N – H), 1710, 1685, 1650 (C = O), 1500 (C = C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 226 nm (4.226), 300 (4.219). – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta =$ 1.35 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3 H, CH₂CH₃), 3.30 – 3.70 (m, 4H, NCH₂CH₂), 3.58 (s, 2.3 H, CO₂CH₃-E), 3.63 (s, 0.7 H, CO₂CH₃-Z), 3.78 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 4.30 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2 H, CH₂CH₃), 6.77 – 7.43 (m, 3 H, indole-CH), 7.63 (d, J = 14 Hz, 0.3 H, 3-H-Z), 7.70 (dd, J = 14.0, 3.5 Hz, 0.7 H, 3-H-E), 9.43 (s, 0.3 H, CHO-Z), 9.62 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.7 H, CHO-E), 10.65 (br., 1 H, NH), 11.52 (s, 1 H, indole-NH).

 $\begin{array}{rl} C_{19}H_{22}N_2O_6 \ (374.4) & Calcd. \ C \ 60.95 \ H \ 5.92 \ N \ 7.48 \\ Found \ C \ 61.13 \ H \ 5.97 \ N \ 7.61 \end{array}$

Methyl 3-[2-(2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-indolyl)-ethylamino]-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1q): 2-(2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-indolyl)ethylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 4.32 g (75%) of 1q, m.p. 153°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3220 (N–H), 1735, 1720, 1650 (C=O), 1595 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ϵ) = 235 nm (4.241), 299 (4.160). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.30$ (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.20–3.70 (m, 3H, NCH₂, indole-3-H), 3.70 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.77–7.33 (m, 4H, indole-CH), 7.78 (m, 1H, 3-H), 9.10 (br., 1H, indole-NH), 9.57 (s, 0.1H, CHO-Z), 9.70 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.9H, CHO-E), 10.67 (br., 1H, NH).

 $\begin{array}{rl} C_{15}H_{16}N_2O_4 \ (288.3) & Calcd. \ C \ 62.49 \ H \ 5.59 \ N \ 9.72 \\ Found \ C \ 62.52 \ H \ 5.42 \ N \ 9.69 \end{array}$

Methyl 3-Diethylamino-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1r): Diethylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 2.81 g (76%) of 1r, m. p. 55°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 1690 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1640 (C=O), 1575 (C=C). – UV (CH₃OH): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 245 nm (4.003), 310 (4.135). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.14$ (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.30 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 3.70 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.32 – 3.95 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 7.72 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 9.68 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H, CHO).

Methyl 3-Dibenzylamino-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1s): Dibenzylamine was condensed with 13 according to procedure I. Recrystallization gave 4.26 g (69%) of 1s, m.p. 69°C. – IR (KBr): v =1690 cm⁻¹, 1645 (C=O), 1590, 1560 (C=C). – UV (ether): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 303 nm (4.011). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 3.70 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.40 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.82 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.23 (m, 10H, PhH), 7.90 (d, J = 1 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 9.77 (d, J = 1 Hz, CHO).

C₁₉H₁₉NO₃ (309.4) Calcd. C 73.77 H 6.19 N 4.53 Found C 73.85 H 6.29 N 4.72

Synthesis of the Enaminecarbaldehydes 17a - d. – General Procedure II. – Formylation of the Enamino Ketones 15a - c with Acetic Formic Anhydrid (16): To a stirred solution of 15a - c (20.0 mmol) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (20 ml) a solution of 16^{15} (2 ml, 23

mmol) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml) is added dropwise. After stirring for 4 h at room temp. a saturated aqueous solution of sodium hydrogen carbonate is added slowly, stirring is continued for 30 min, then the layers are seperated and the aqueous layer is extracted (CH_2Cl_2 , 2 × 30 ml). The combined organic extracts are washed (brine) and dried (Na_2SO_4). The solvent is removed unter reduced pressure, and the residue purified by recrystallization or chromatography.

Methyl 2-Formyl-3-methyl-3-methylamino-2-propenate (17a): Formylation of 15a according to procedure II yielded after recrystallization (toluene/hexane) 2.42 g (77%) of 17a, m. p. 74°C. – IR (KBr): v = 3400 cm⁻¹, 3200 (N–H), 1690 (C=O), 1610 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(\lg \varepsilon) = 237$ nm (4.101), 297 (4.112). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.40$ (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.00 (d, J = 5 Hz, 3H, NCH₃), 3.62 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 9.60 (s, 1H, CHO), 12.56 (br. m, 1H, NH).

Methyl 3-Ethyl-2-formyl-3-methylamino-2-propenoate (17b): Formylation of 15b according to procedure II (addition of 16 at 0 °C) yielded after chromatography [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:5)] 2.64 g (77%) of 17b. – IR (KBr): $v = 3460 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (N–H), 1700 (C=O), 1610 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(\lg \varepsilon) = 238 \text{ nm}$ (4.114), 298 (4.143). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.22$ (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 2.95 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 3.08 (d, J = 5 Hz, 3H, NCH₃), 3.72 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 9.81 (s, 1H, CHO), 12.60 (br. m, 1H, NH).

C₈H₁₃NO₃ (171.2) Calcd. C 56.13 H 7.65 N 8.18 Found C 56.02 H 7.65 N 8.23

Formylation of 15c: Reaction of 15c (400 mg, 1.61 mmol) with 2 ml of 16 for 1 h afforded 2 products, which were separated by chromatography [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (4:1)].

Fraction 1: 2-Acetyl-3-[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethylamino] propenal (17c): Yield 169 mg (38%) of 17c, $R_f = 0.33$ [ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether (4:1)], m.p. 93°C (ether/petroleum ether). – IR (KBr): v = 3220 cm⁻¹ (N-H), 3000 (C = C - H), 1680, 1645 (C = O), 1600, 1520 (C = C). – UV (CH₃CN) λ_{max} (lg ε) = 252 nm (4.591), 298 (4.190). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.27 (s, 1.35 H, COCH₃-E), 2.42 (s, 1.65 H, COCH₃-Z), 2.87 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H, ar-CH₃), 3.60 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.82 (s, 6H, 2OCH₃), 6.60 – 6.80 (m, 3H, PhH), 7.46 (d, J = 14 Hz, 0.55 H, 3-H-Z), 7.83 (dd, J = 14, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.54 H, 3-H-E), 9.40 (s, 0.55 H, CHO-Z), 9.82 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.45 H, CHO-E), 10.95 (br., 1 H, NH).

> C₁₅H₁₉NO₄ (277.3) Calcd. C 64.97 H 6.91 N 5.05 Found C 64.97 H 6.88 N 4.96

Fraction 2: *N*-Formyl-4-[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethylamino]-3buten-2-one (17d): Yield 218 mg (49%) of 17d as a colorless oil, $R_f = 0.56$ [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (4:1)]. – IR (film): v =3010 cm⁻¹ (C=C-H), 1695, 1630 (C=O), 1600, 1520 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(lg \varepsilon) = 232$ nm (4.014), 274 (4.282). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.28$ (s, 2.3 H, COCH₃), 2.36 (s, 0.7 H, COCH₃), 2.76–2.92 (m, 2 H, ar-CH₂), 3.70–3.90 (m, 2 H, NCH₂), 3.88 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.90 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 5.85 (d, J = 15 Hz, 0.77 H, 3-H), 5.88 (d, J = 15 Hz, 0.23 H, 3-H), 6.60–6.90 (m, 3 H, PhH), 7.67 (d, J =15 Hz, 0.77 H, 4-H), 7.86 (s, 0.23 H, CHO), 8.18 (d, J = 15 Hz, 0.23 H, 4-H), 8.50 (s, 0.77 H, CHO).

C₁₅H₁₉NO₄ Calcd. 277.3241 Found 277.3241 (MS)

Synthesis of the Enaminecarbaldehydes 19a - k and 20. – General Procedure III. – Acylation of Methyl 3-Amino-2-formyl-2-propenoate (1a): To a stirred solution of 1a (1.50 g, 11.6 mmol) and pyridine (1.37 g, 17.4 mmol) in 30 ml of anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ and 15 ml anhydrous ether is added dropwise at 0°C 17.4 mmol of the freshly distilled acyl chloride. The mixture is allowed to warm up to room temp. and stirring is continued for several hours (TLC control). The precipitate is filtered off, washed with ether, and the combined organic solvents are evaporated in vacuo. The residue is purified by chromatography or recrystallization.

Methyl 3-Acetylamino-2-formyl-2-propenoate (19a). – Variant A: Reaction of 1a with acetyl chloride according to procedure III yielded after chromatography [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:1)] 1.28 g (64%) of 19a, m. p. $69 - 71^{\circ}$ C (tert-butyl methyl ether).

Variant B: To a stirred solution of diformylacetate **13** (1.50 g, 11.6 mmol) in 50 ml of anhydrous toluene were added freshly calcinated Na₂SO₄ (12 g) and acetamide (0.75 g, 12.7 mmol). The mixture was heated for 48 h to 70 °C. Workup according to variant A yielded 1.20 g (60%) of **19a**. – IR (KBr): $v = 3280 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (N–H), 1725, 1670 (C=O), 1590 (C=C). – UV (CH₃OH): $\lambda_{max}(\lg \varepsilon) = 220 \text{ nm}$ (3.962), 294 (4.230). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.82$ (s, 2.85 H, OCH₃-E), 3.87 (s, 0.15 H, OCH₃-Z), 8.45 (m, 1 H, 3-H), 9.81 (s, 0.05 H, CHO-Z), 9.94 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.95 H, CHO-E), 11.70 (br., 1 H, NH).

C₇H₉NO₄ (171.2) Calcd. C 49.12 H 5.30 N 8.18 Found C 49.14 H 5.34 N 8.06

Methyl 3-(tert-Butylcarbonylamino)-2-formyl-2-propenoate (19b): Reaction of 1a with pivaloyl chloride according to procedure III yielded after chromatography [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:1)] 1.85 g (75%) of 19b as a colorless oil. – 1R (KBr): v = 3250 cm⁻¹ (N-H), 1715, 1665 (C=O), 1570 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 216 nm (3.901), 302 (4.178). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.18 [s, 1.8 H, C(CH₃)₃-Z], 1.29 [s, 7.2 H, C(CH₃)₃-E], 3.79 (s, 2.4 H, OCH₃-E), 3.85 (s, 0.6, OCH₃-Z), 8.46 (m, 1H, 3-H), 9.77 (s, 0.2 H, CHO-Z), 9.93 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 0.8 H, CHO-E), 12.18 (br., 1 H, NH).

C₁₀H₁₅NO₄ (213.2) Calcd. C 56.33 H 7.09 Found C 56.44 H 6.98

Methyl 3-Benzoylamino-2-formyl-2-propenoate (19c): Reaction of 1a with benzoyl chloride according to procedure III yielded after chromatography [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:1)] 2.30 g (85%) of 19c m.p. 99°C (ether). – IR (KBr): v = 3240 cm⁻¹ (N–H), 1725, 1705, 1660 (C=O), 1580 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 244 nm (3.931), 313 (4.340). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.88$ (s, 2.7H, OCH₃-*E*), 3.92 (s, 0.3H, OCH₃-*Z*), 7.25–8.00 (m, 5H, PhH), 8.70 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 0.1H, 3-H-*Z*), 8.72 (dd, J = 11.6, 3.6 Hz, 0.9H, 3-H-*E*), 9.88 (s, 0.1H, CHO-*Z*), 10.06 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 0.9H, CHO-*E*), 12.88 (br. d, J = 12 Hz, 1H, NH).

 $\begin{array}{rl} C_{12}H_{11}NO_{4} \mbox{ (233.2)} & Calcd. \ C \ 61.80 \ H \ 4.75 \ N \ 6.01 \\ Found \ C \ 62.04 \ H \ 4.88 \ N \ 6.01 \end{array}$

Methyl 2-Formyl-3-(4-nitrobenzoylamino)-2-propenoate (19d): Reaction of 1a with 4-nitrobenzyl chloride according to procedure III yielded after chromatography (ethyl acetate) 2.61 g (81%) of 19d, m.p. 195°C (CHCl₃). – IR (KBr): $v = 3260 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (N–H), 3055 (C=C–H), 1700, 1640 (C=O), 1565 (C=C), 1525 (NO₂). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 259 nm (4.123), 315 (4.301). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.88$ (s, 2.85 H, OCH₃-E), 3.95 (s, 0.15 H, OCH₃-Z), 8.25 (m, 4H, PhH), 8.69 (m, 1 H, 3-H), 9.90 (s, 0.05 H, CHO-Z), 10.06 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.95 H, CHO-E), 12.94 (br. d, J = 11 Hz, 1 H, NH). $C_{12}H_{10}N_2O_6$ (278.2) Calcd. C 51.80 H 3.62 N 10.07 Found C 51.62 H 3.66 N 10.17

Methyl 3-[2-(3-Indolyl)-acetylamino]-2-formyl-2-propenoate (19e): Reaction of 1a with indolyl acetyl chloride according to procedure III yielded after recrystallization (CH₃CN) 2.06 g (62%) of 19e, m.p. 146°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3360, 3240 (N – H), 1745, 1705, 1665 (C = O), 1585 (C = C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 218 nm (4.272), 283 (4.131), 289 (4.170), 300 (4.093). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.69$ (s, 0.9 H, OCH₃-Z), 3.84 (s, 2.1 H, OCH₃-E), 4.02 (s, 2 H, OCCH₂), 7.14 – 7.66 (m, 5H, indole-H), 8.44 (br., 1 H, indole-NH), 8.44 (d, J = 12 Hz, 0.3 H, 3-H-Z), 8.50 (dd, J = 12.0, 3.5 Hz, 0.7 H, 3-H-E), 9.85 (s, 0.3 H, CHO-Z), 9.89 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.7 H, CHO-E), 10.69 (br., 0.3 H, NH-Z), 11.83 (br., 0.7 H, NH-E).

Methyl 2-Formyl-3-methoxycarbonylamino-2-propenoate (19f): Reaction of 1a with methyl chloroformate according to procedure III yielded after chromatography [ethyl acetate/hexane (1:2)] 1.69 g (78%) of 19f, m.p. 66°C (ethyl acetate/hexane). – IR (KBr): v =3280 cm⁻¹ (N–H), 3020 (C=C–H), 1750, 1730, 1710, 1660 (C=O), 1590 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(lg \epsilon) = 213$ nm (4.070), 291 (4.282). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.85$ (s, 2.2H, CO₂CH₃-*E*), 3.89 (s, 0.8H, CO₂CH₃-*Z*), 3.92 (s, 3H, NHCO₂CH₃), 8.38 (br. m, 1H, 3-H), 9.86 (s, 0.3, CHO-Z), 10.01 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.7H, CHO-*E*), 10.30 (br., 0.3H, NH-*Z*), 11.30 (br., 0.7H, NH-*E*).

> C₇H₉NO₅ (187.2) Calcd. C 44.92 H 4.85 N 7.48 Found C 44.83 H 4.87 N 7.49

Methyl (*S*)-3-(2-Benzyloxypropionylamino)-2-formyl-2-propenoate (**19g**): Reaction of **1a** with (*S*)-O-benzyllactoyl chloride [prepared from (*S*)-O-benzyllactic acid and oxalyl dichloride] according to procedure III yielded after chromatography [ether/tert-butyl methyl cher/hexane (1:1:4)] 2.50 g (74%) of **19g**, m. p. 73 °C (ethyl acetate/hexane), $[\alpha]_{10}^{20} = -2.8$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃). – IR (KBr): v = 3230 cm⁻¹ (N–H), 3060, 3030 (C=C–H), 1730, 1710, 1660 (C=O), 1560 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(lg \epsilon) = 209$ nm (4.253), 301 (4.276). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.48 (d, J = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.14 (q, J = 7 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 4.65 (s, 2H, PhCH₂), 7.28–7.50 (m, 5H, PhH), 8.44 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 0.1H, 3H-Z), 8.46 (dd, J = 12.5, 3.5 Hz, 0.9H, 3H-E), 9.91 (s, 0.1 H, CHO-Z), 10.08 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.9H, CHO-E), 11.56 (br., 0.1 H, NH-Z), 12.48 (br., 0.9H, NH-E).

 $\begin{array}{rl} C_{15}H_{17}NO_5 \mbox{ (291.3)} & Calcd. \ C \ 61.85 \ H \ 5.88 \ N \ 4.81 \\ Found \ C \ 61.73 \ H \ 5.79 \ N \ 4.75 \end{array}$

Methyl (*R*)-3-(2-Acetyloxy-2-phenylacetylamino)-2-formyl-2propenate (19h): Reaction of 1a with (*R*)-O-acetylmandeloyl chloride [prepared from (*R*)-O-acetylmandelic acid and oxalyl dichloride] according to procedure III yielded after chromatography [ethyl acetate/hexane (1:2)] 2.30 g (65%) of 19h as a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_{D}^{30}$ = - 5.8 (*c* = 1.0 in CHCl₃). - IR (film): v = 3240 cm⁻¹ (N-H), 3060, 3030 (C=C-H), 1740, 1710, 1660 (C=O), 1580 (C=C). -UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(lg\epsilon) = 206 nm (4.240), 300 (4.264). - {}^{1}H NMR$ $(CDCl₃): <math>\delta$ = 3.29 (s, 0.6H, OCCH₃-Z), 3.33 (s, 2.4H, OCCH₃-E), 3.84 (s, 2.4H, CO₂CH₃-E), 3.90 (s, 0.6H, CO₂CH₃-Z), 6.21 (s, 1H. 1'-H), 7.32-7.56 (m, 5H, PhH), 8.42 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 0.2H, 3-H-Z), 8.46 (dd, *J* = 12, 3.5 Hz, 0.8H, 3-H-E), 9.88 (s, 0.2H, CHO-Z), 10.05 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 0.8H, CHO-E), 11.55 (br., 0.2H, NH-Z). 12.43 (br., 0.8H, NH-E).

 $C_{15}H_{15}NO_{6}$ (305.3) Cacld. C 59.02 H 4.95 N 4.59 Found C 59.19 H 5.01 N 4.71

Methyl (S)-2-Formyl-3-(2-methoxy-2-phenyl-2-trifluoromethylacetylamino)-2-propenoate (19i): Reaction of 1a with (R)-2-methoxy-2-phenyl-2-trifluoromethylacetyl chloride [prepared from (S)-2-methoxy-2-phenyl-2-trifluoromethylacetic acid and oxalyl dichloride] according to procedure III yielded after chromatography [ethyl acetate/hexane (1:5)] 2.80 g (70%) of 19i as a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = +113.0$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃). – IR (film): v = 3260 cm⁻¹ (N – H), 3060 (C = C – H), 1740, 1710, 1670 (C = O), 1580 (C = C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ϵ) = 204 nm (sh, 4.211), 301 (4.224). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.57 (q, J = 1.7 Hz, 3H, OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 2.3 H, CO₂CH₃-E), 3.91 (s, 0.7 H, CO₂CH₃-Z), 7.34 – 7.64 (m, 5H, PhH). 8.46 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 0.2H, 3-H-Z), 8.48 (dd, J = 12.5, 3.5 Hz, 0.8H, 3-H-E), 9.92 (s, 0.2H, CHO-Z), 10.06 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, CHO-E), 11.81 (br., 0.2H, NH-Z), 12.58 (br. d, J = 12.5 Hz, 0.8H, NH-E).

$\begin{array}{rl} C_{15}H_{14}F_{3}NO_{5}\left(345.3\right) & Calcd. \ C \ 52.18 \ H \ 4.09 \ F \ 16.51 \ N \ 4.06 \\ Found \ C \ 52.11 \ H \ 4.24 \ F \ 16.80 \ N \ 4.00 \end{array}$

Methyl (*S*)-3-Camphanoylamino-2-formyl-2-propenoate (**19j**): Reaction of **1a** with (*S*)-camphanoyl chloride according to procedure III yielded after chromatography [ether/hexane (5:3)] 3.12 g (87%) of **19j** as a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +49.8 (c = 1.0 \text{ in CHCl}_3). -$ IR (film): $v = 3260 \text{ cm}^{-1} (N - \text{H})$, 1800, 1725, 1675 (C = O), 1580 (C = C). - UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\lg \epsilon) = 302 \text{ nm} (4.221). - {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR}$ (CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.96$ (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.11 (s, 1.0H, CH₃-Z), 1.12 (s, 2.0H, CH₃-E), 1.16 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.68 - 1.84 (m, 1H, CH₂), 1.93 - 2.14 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.47 - 2.64 (m, 1H, CH₂), 3.88 (s, 2.0H, CO₂CH₃-E), 3.94 (s, 1.0H, CO₂CH₃-Z), 8.50 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 0.3H, 3-H-Z), 8.53 (dd, J = 12.0, 3.5 Hz, 0.7H, CHO-E), 11.60 (br. d, J = 12 Hz, 0.3H, NH-Z), 12.39 (br. d, J = 12 Hz, 0.7H, NH-E).

C₁₅H₁₉NO₆ (309.3) Calcd. C 58.25 H 6.19 N 4.53 Found C 58.45 H 6.13 N 4.45

Methyl 2-Formyl-3-phenylaminocarbonylamino-2-propenoate (19k): To a suspension of diformylacetate 13 (387 mg, 3.00 mmol) in CHCl₃ (10 ml) was added phenyl isocyanate (375 mg, 3.15 mmol), and the mixture was heated 3 h to reflux. After cooling in an icebath the precipitated crystals were filtered off; yield after recrystallization (CHCl₃) 436 mg (59%) of 19k as yellowish crystals, m. p. 157°C. – IR (KBr): v = 3280 cm⁻¹ (N-H), 1740, 1705, 1660 (C=O), 1545 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 222 nm (4.253), 311 (4.410). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 3.75 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 6.90 – 7.60 (m, 5H, PhH), 8.38 (br., 1 H, 3-H), 9.74 (br., 1 H, CHO), 10.83 (br., 2 H, NH). C₁₂H₁₂N₂O₄ (248.2) Calcd. C 58.06 H 4.87

Found C 57.96 H 4.79 Methyl 2-Formyl-3-phthalimido-2-propenoate (20): Reaction of 1 a with phthaloyl dichloride according to procedure III using two equivalents of pyridine yielded after chromatography (ethyl acetate) 1.62 g (54%) of 20, m.p. 192°C (CH₃CN). – IR (KBr): v = 1740cm⁻¹, 1675 (C=O), 1650 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(lg \varepsilon) = 221$ nm (4.365), 252 (sh, 4.343), 272 (4.496). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta =$

3.74 (s, 2.7H, OCH₃-*E*), 3.80 (s, 0.3H, OCH₃-*Z*), 7.78 (s, 0.9H, 3-H-*E*), 7.84 (s, 0.1H, 3-H-*Z*), 8.02 (m_c, 4H, PhH), 9.64 (s, 0.9H, CHO-*E*), 9.81 (s, 0.1H, CHO-*Z*).

 $\begin{array}{rl} C_{13}H_9NO_5\ (259.2) & Calcd. \ C\ 60.24\ H\ 3.50\ N\ 5.40\\ Found\ C\ 60.33\ H\ 3.60\ N\ 5.37 \end{array}$

2-Ethyl-3-trimethylsiloxyacrolein (21 a): To a suspension of the sodium salt of 2-ethylmalonaldehyde¹⁶⁾ (2.24 g, 20.0 mmol) in anhydrous ether (40 ml) were added at 0°C 5 ml (40 mmol) of chlorotrimethylsilane, dissolved in 8 ml of anhydrous ether. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 0°C and allowed to stay for 12 h at room temp. NaCl was filtered off unter N₂, the solvent was removed and the crude product was distilled under vacuum to afford 2.60 g (82%) of **21a** as a colorless liquid, b.p. 50°C/0.3 Torr. – IR (film): $v = 1640 \text{ cm}^{-1} (\text{C=O})$, 1605 (C=C). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.30 [\text{s}, 9\text{H}, \text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3]$, 0.95 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 2.29 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 7.10 (s, 1H, 3-H), 9.27 (s, 1H, CHO).

4-Trimethylsiloxy-3-butene-2-one (21 b): To a suspension of sodium hydride (2.4 g, 0.1 mol) in anhydrous cyclohexane (100 ml) was added a mixture of acetone (5.8 g, 0.1 mol) and methyl formate (12.0 g, 0.2 mol; both freshly distilled from P_4O_{10}) under N_2 . The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h, and after cooling to room temp. 3 ml of methanol was added to destroy excess of sodium hydride. The solvent was removed in vacuo to afford 12.5 g of the crude sodium salt of formyl acetone. To a mixture of the crude product in anhydrous ether (150 ml) was added a solution of chlorotrimethylsilane (30 ml) in anhydrous ether (45 ml) at 0°C. After stirring for 3 h the reaction mixture was allowed to stay for 12 h at room temp. The formed NaCl was filtered off under N₂, the solvent was removed, and the crude product was distilled under vaccum to afford 8.85 g (56%) of **21b** as a slightly yellow liquid, b.p. 85°C/2.2 Torr. – IR (film): v = 1635 cm⁻¹ (C=O), 1610 (C=C). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.30$ [s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃], 2.12 (s, 2.7H, CH₃-E), 2.33 (s, 0.3H, CH₃-Z), 5.50 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 0.1H, 3-H-Z), 5.69 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H, 3-H-E), 7.52 (d, J = 12 Hz, 0.9H, 4-H-E), 7.87 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 0.1H, 4-H-Z).

Synthesis of the Enamincarbaldehyde 22a and the Enamino Ketone 22b. – General Procedure IV. – Amination of Trimethylsilylenolethers 21a, b with Homoveratrylamine (14m): To a stirred solution of 21a, b (10.0 mmol) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (20 ml) was added dropwise at 0°C an equimolar amount of homoveratrylamine (1.81 g), dissolved in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml). After stirring for 1 h the solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the solid residue purified by recrystallization.

3-[2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)ethylamino-2-ethylacrolein (22a): Reaction of 21a with 14m according to procedure IV afforded after recrystallization (ether) 2.18 g (83%) of 22a, m.p. 115°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3235 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3150 (N–H), 1660 (C=O), 1625 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 230 nm (3.490), 286 (4.211). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.91$ (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 2.13 (q, J = 6.6Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 2.80 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, ar-CH₂), 3.46 (q, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.82 (s, 6H, 2OCH₃), 5.60 (br. s, 1H, NH), 6.62 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 6.60–6.80 (m, 3H, PhH), 8.76 (s, 0.9 H, CHO-E), 9.06 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 0.1H, CHO-Z).

 $C_{15}H_{21}NO_3 (263.3) \quad \ Calcd. \ C \ 68.42 \ H \ 8.04 \ N \ 5.32 \\ Found \ C \ 68.37 \ H \ 8.07 \ N \ 5.46$

3-[2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)ethylamino]-3-butene-2-one (22 b): Reaction of 21 b with 14m according to procedure IV afforded after recrystallization (CH₃CN) 2.20 g (88%) of 22b, m. p. 128°C. – IR (KBr): v = 3250 cm⁻¹ (N – H), 1660 (C = O), 1625, 1520 (C = C). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(lg \varepsilon) = 230$ nm (3.509), 284 (4.132). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.98 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.74 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H, ar-CH₂), 3.35 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.82 (s, 6H, 2OCH₃), 4.88 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 1H, 3-H), 6.41 (dd, J = 12.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H, 4-H), 6.60–6.80 (m, 3H, PhH), 9.80 (br. s, 1H, NH).

> C₁₄H₁₉NO₃ (249.3) Calcd. C 67.45 H 7.68 N 5.62 Found C 67.41 H 7.65 N 5.55

Synthesis of the Enamino Ketones 2a - i. – General Procedure V. – Amination of the Enones (24a - d): To a solution of 15.0 mmol of the enone $24a - d^{9,18}$ in 20 ml of anhydrous tetrahydrofuran is added at $20 - 60^{\circ}$ C an excess of ammonia or an equimolar amount of a primary or secondary amine. The reaction mixture is stirred at $20 - 60^{\circ}$ C for several hours (TLC control on silica gel with mixtures of *tert*-butyl methyl ether and petroleum ether). After the reaction is completed the solvent is evaporated and the residue purified by chromatography or recrystallization.

Methyl 4-Amino-2-oxo-3-butenoate (2a): Reaction of 24a with ammonia at 50°C according to procedure V yielded after chromatography (ethyl acetate) 1.84 g (95%) of 2a, m.p. 98°C (ethyl acetate/tert-butyl methyl ether). – IR (KBr): v = 3320 cm⁻¹, 3180 (N-H), 1730, 1660 (C=O). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(lg\varepsilon) = 326$ nm (4.108). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.78$ (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.65 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.5 Hz, 1 H, 3-H), 6.80 (br., 1 H, NH), 7.25 (dt, J = 15.0, 7.5 Hz, 1 H, 4-H), 9.41 (br., 1 H, NH).

C₅H₇NO₃ (129.1) Calcd. C 46.51 H 5.46 N 10.85 Found C 46.68 H 5.50 N 10.78

4-Amino-1,1,1-trichloro-3-butene-2-one (2b): Reaction of 24b with ammonia at 55°C according to procedure V yielded after recrystallization (tert-butyl methyl ether) 2.60 g (92%) of 2b, m.p. 88°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3310 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3220 (N–H), 1650 (C=O), 820 (C–Cl). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(lg\epsilon) = 311 \text{ nm}$ (4.161). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 5.74$ (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 5.96 (br., 1H, NH), 7.22 [dt, J = 15.0, 7.5(t) Hz, 1H, 4-H], 8.95 (br., 1H, NH).

C₄H₄Cl₃NO (188.4) Calcd. C 25.50 H 2.14 N 7.43 Found C 25.68 H 2.17 N 7.44

4-Amino-1,1-dichloro-3-buten-2-one (2c): Reaction of 24c with ammonia at 60°C according to procedure V yielded after recrystallization (*tert*-butyl methyl ether/petroleum ether) 1.92 g (83%) of 2c, m.p. 30°C. – IR (KBr):v = 3490 cm⁻¹, 3310 (N–H), 1650 (C=O), 1520 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ϵ) = 307 nm (4.131). – ¹H NMR (CD₃CN): $\delta = 5.20$ (d, J = 5 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 5.96 (s, 1H, CCl₂H), 6.50 (br., 1H, NH), 7.10 [dt, J = 10, 5(t) Hz, 1H, 4-H], 8.80 (br., 1H, NH).

4-Amino-3-bromo-1,1,1-trichloro-3-buten-2-one (2d): Reaction of 24d with ammonia at 60°C according to procedure V yielded after chromatography [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:1] 2.45 g (61%) of 2d, m. p. 134°C (*tert*-butyl methyl ether/petroleum ether). – IR (KBr): $v = 3420 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3330 (N–H), 1625 (C=O), 1540 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 310 nm (4.121). – ¹H NMR (CD₃CN): $\delta = 6.40$ (br., 2H, NH₂), 8.30 (m, 1H, 4-H).

> C₄H₃BrCl₃NO (267.3) Calcd. C 17.97 H 1.13 Br 29.89 Cl 39.78 N 5.24 Found C 18.09 H 1.22 Br 29.98 Cl 39.72 N 5.26

Methyl 4-Benzylamino-2-oxo-3-butenoate (2e): Reaction of 24a with benzylamine at 20°C according to procedure V yielded after chromatography (tert-butyl methyl ether) 2.86 g (87%) of 2e, m.p. 95-97°C (ethyl acetate). – IR (KBr): v = 3230 cm⁻¹ (N-H), 1740 (C=O), 1555 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ϵ) = 337 nm (4.176). – ¹H NMR (CD₃CN): δ = 3.73 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.48 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 6.18 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 7.29 (dd, J = 12.5, 17 Hz, 1H, 4-H), 7.30 (s, 5H, PhH), 7.70 (br., 1H, NH).

C₁₂H₁₃NO₃ (219.2) Calcd. C 65.74 H 5.98 N 6.39 Found C 65.94 H 6.10 N 6.48

1,1.1-Trichloro-4-methylamino-3-buten-2-one (2f): Reaction of 24b with methylamine at 60°C according to procedure V yielded after chromatography (tert-butyl methyl ether) 2.67 (88%) of 2f as a colorless oil. – IR (film): $v = 3310 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (N–H), 1650 (C=O), 1590 (C=C), 810 (C–Cl). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 322 nm (4.234). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 3.13 (d, J = 5 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 5.65 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 7.04 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H, 4-H), 9.00 (br., 1H, NH).

C₃H₆Cl₃NO (202.5) Cacld. C 29.66 H 2.99 N 6.92 Found C 29.62 H 2.92 N 6.87

1,1.1-Trichloro-4-[(S)-1-phenylethylamino]-3-buten-2-one (2g): Reaction of 24b with (S)-1-phenylethylamine at 20°C according to procedure V yielded after chromatography (ether) 4.08 g (93%) of 2g as a yellowish oil, $[\alpha]_{20}^{20} = 58.9$ (c = 1.0 in CH₃OH). – IR (film): v = 3300 cm⁻¹ (N-H), 1645 (C=O), 1585 (C=C), 830 (C-Cl). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(lg \varepsilon) = 327$ nm (4.277). – ¹H NMR $\begin{array}{l} (\text{CDCl}_3): \delta = 1.62 \ (d, \ J = 6.6 \ Hz, \ 3\,\text{H}, \ \text{CH}_3), \ 4.54 \ (quint, \ J = 6.6 \ Hz, \ 1\,\text{H}, \ \text{NCH}), \ 5.64 \ (d, \ J = 7.5 \ \text{Hz}, \ 1\,\text{H}, \ 3-\text{H}), \ 7.00 \ (dd, \ J = 13.5, \ 7.5 \ \text{Hz}, \ 1\,\text{H}, \ 4-\text{H}), \ 7.00 - 7.60 \ (m, \ 5\,\text{H}, \ \text{PhH}), \ 10.00 \ (br., \ 1\,\text{H}, \ \text{NH}). \\ C_{12}H_{12}\text{Cl}_3\text{NO} \ (292.6) \ Calcd. \ C \ 49.26 \ \text{H} \ 4.13 \ \text{N} \ 4.79 \ \text{Found} \ C \ 49.30 \ \text{H} \ 4.05 \ \text{N} \ 4.85 \end{array}$

1,1.1-Trichloro-4-dimethylamino-3-buten-2-one (2h): Reaction of 24b with dimethylamine at 50°C according to procedure V yielded after recrystallization (*tert*-butyl methyl ether) 3.15 g (97%) of 2h, m.p. 72°C (*tert*-butyl methyl ether/petroleum ether). – IR (KBr): $v = 1665 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (C=O), 1590 (C=C), 830 (C-Cl). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 328 nm (4.487). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.95 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.18 (s, 3H, CH₃), 5.55 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 7.75 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H, 4-H).

C₆H₈Cl₃NO (216.5) Calcd. C 33.29 H 3.72 N 6.47 Found C 33.39 H 3.67 N 6.48

1,1.1-Trichloro-4- $\langle N-[(1S),(2R)-2-hydroxy-1-methyl-2-phenyl$ ethyl]-N-methylamino>-3-buten-2-one (2i): Reaction of 24b with(-)-ephedrine at 40°C according to procedure V yielded after re $crystallization (ether) 4.80 g (95%) of 2i, m.p. 143°C, <math>[\alpha]_D^{20} =$ + 52.8 (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃). – IR (KBr): v = 3430 cm⁻¹ (N-H), 1645 (C=O), 1550 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lgε) = 329 nm (4.353). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.35 (d, J = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 2.45 (br., 1H, OH), 2.80 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 3.60 (dq, J = 7.0, 5.3 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 4.75 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H, 2'-H), 5.48 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 7.29 (s, 5H, PhH), 7.78 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H, 4-H).

 $\begin{array}{rl} C_{14}H_{16}Cl_{3}NO_{2} \ (336.6) & Calcd. \ C \ 49.95 \ H \ 4.79 \ N \ 4.16 \\ Found \ C \ 49.94 \ H \ 4.95 \ N \ 4.17 \end{array}$

Synthesis of the Acylated Enamino Ketones 21-t. – General Procedure VI. – Acylation of the Enamino Ketones (2a, b, e-g): To a solution of 10.0 mmol of the enamino ketone 2a, b, e-g, p-dimethylamino pyridine (366 mg, 3.00 mmol), and triethylamine (2.02 g, 20.0 mmol) in 40 ml of anhydrous tetrahydrofuran/tert-butyl methyl ether (1:1) under N₂ is added at 0°C 20.0 mmol of the acyl chloride. The reaction mixture is warmed to room temp. and stirred for 1-12 h. After addition of ether (50 ml) the precipitated ammonium salt is filtered off, washed twice with ether (20 ml), and the combined organic layers are evaporated in vacuo. The residue is purified by chromatography or recrystallization.

Methyl 4-Benzoylamino-2-oxo-3-butenoate (21): Reaction of 2a with benzoyl chloride according to procedure VI; the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temp. Yield after chromatography [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:1)] 1.63 g (70%) of 21, m.p. $90-92^{\circ}C$ (tert-butyl methyl ether). - IR (KBr): v = 3410 cm⁻¹ (N-H), 1730, 1700 (C=O). - UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 329 nm (4.228). - ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.88$ (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 6.35 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1 H, 3-H), 7.90 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1 H, 4-H), 7.40-8.00 (m, 5 H, PhH), 12.30 (br., 1 H, NH).

$$\begin{array}{rl} C_{12}H_{11}NO_4 \mbox{ (233.2)} & Calcd. \ C \ 61.80 \ H \ 4.75 \ N \ 6.01 \\ & Found \ C \ 61.96 \ H \ 4.84 \ N \ 6.01 \end{array}$$

Methyl 4-Methoxycarbonylcarbonylamino-2-oxo-3-butenoate (2m): Reaction of 2a with methyl chloro oxalate according to procedure VI for 1 h at 60°C yielded after recrystallization (ethyl acetate) 1.22 g (57%) of 2m, m.p. 160°C. – IR (KBr): $v = 3290 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (N–H), 1710 (C=O), 1610 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (Ig ε) = 309 nm (4.189). – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 3.75$ (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.63 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 7.80 (dd, J = 13.4, 10.5 Hz, 1H, 4-H), 11.40 (br. d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H, NH).

Methyl 4-(N-Benzoyl-N-benzylamino)-2-oxo-3-butenoate (2n): Reaction of 2e with benzoyl chloride according to procedure VI

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for 1 h at 50°C yielded after chromatography [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2)] 3.14 g (97%) of **2n**, m.p. 106-110°C (*tert*-butyl methyl ether/petroleum ether). – IR (KBr): $v = 1730 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1690 (C=O), 1560 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 311 nm (4.206). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.75$ (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 5.08 (s, 2 H, NCH₂), 6.25 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1 H, 3-H), 7.20-7.50 (m, 10 H, PhH), 8.23 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1 H, 4-H).

$$\begin{array}{c} C_{19}H_{17}NO_{4} \left(323.3 \right) \quad Calcd. \ C \ 70.58 \ H \ 5.30 \ N \ 4.33 \\ Found \ C \ 70.63 \ H \ 5.21 \ N \ 4.40 \end{array}$$

1,1,1-Trichloro-4-(N-ethoxycarbonyl-N-methylamino)-3-buten-2one (20): Reaction of 2f with ethyl chloro oxalate according to procedure VI for 12 h at room temp. yielded after chromatography [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2)] 2.75 g (91%) of 20, m. p. 63°C (tert-butyl methyl ether/petroleum ether). – IR (KBr): v = 1735cm⁻¹, 1700 (C=O), 1580 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(lg \varepsilon) = 297$ nm (4.304). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.40$ (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 3.30 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 4.40 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 6.28 (d, J = 13.6Hz, 1H, 3-H), 8.10 (br. d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H, 4-H).

 $C_9H_{10}Cl_3NO_4$ (302.5) Calcd. C 35.73 H 3.33 N 4.63 Found C 35.82 H 3.41 N 4.66

1.1.1-Trichloro-4-⟨N-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-N-[(S)-1-phenylethyl]amino⟩-3-buten-2-one (2p): Reaction of 2g with 4-nitrobenzoyl chloride according to procedure VI for 3 h at room temp. yielded after chromatography [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:3)] 4.15 g (94%) of 2p, m. p. 124 – 134°C (tert-butyl methyl ether), $[\alpha]_{20}^{20} = -58.9$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃). – IR (KBr): v = 1705 cm⁻¹, 1670 (C=O), 1590 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lgε) = 265 nm (4.147), 308 (4.211). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.85 (d, J = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 6.02 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 6.13 (q, J = 7 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 7.33 (s, 5H, PhH), 7.75 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1 H, 4-H), 8.00 (m_c, 4H, PhH). C₁₉H₁₅Cl₃N₂O₄ (441.7) Calcd. C 51.67 H 3.42 N 6.34 Found C 51.88 H 3.54 N 6.28

Methyl 2-Oxo-4-phthalimido-3-butenoate (2q): Reaction of 2a with phthaloyl dichloride in an anhydrous mixture of 40 ml of tetrahydrofuran/tert-butyl methyl ether (2:1) according to procedure VI using two equivalents of triethylamine for 1 h at room temp. yielded after chromatography (ethyl acetate) 1.97 g (76%) of 2q, m. p. $151-154^{\circ}$ C (ethyl acetate/tert-butyl methyl ether). – IR (KBr): $\nu = 1735$ cm⁻¹ (C=O), 1615 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ϵ) = 223 nm (4.461), 298 (4.379). – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): δ = 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.48 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 7.75 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H, 4-H), 7.80-8.10 (m, 4H, PhH).

C₁₃H₉NO₅ (259.2) Calcd. C 60.24 H 3.50 N 5.40 Found C 60.15 H 3.65 N 5.42

1,1-Trichloro-4-phthalimido-3-buten-2-one (2r): Reaction of 2b with phthaloyl dichloride in 40 ml of an anhydrous mixture of tetrahydrofuran/tert-butyl methyl ether (2:1) according to procedure VI using two equivalents of triethylamine for 12 h at room temp. yielded after chromatgraphy (ethyl acetate) 2.68 g (84%) of 2r, m. p. 146°C (tert-butyl methyl ether). – IR (KBr): v = 1740 cm⁻¹ (C=O), 1625 (C=C), 845 (C-Cl). – UV (CH₃CN): $\lambda_{max}(lg\epsilon) = 223$ nm (4.418), 285 (4.501). – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 7.75$ (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 7.90 (m_c, 4H, PhH), 8.04 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H, 4-H).

C₁₂H₆Cl₃NO₃ (318.5) Calcd. C 45.25 H 1.90 N 4.40 Found C 45.38 H 2.02 N 4.42

Ethyl 4-Benzoylamino-3-bromo-2-oxo-3-butenoate (2s): Reaction of 24s with ammonia at 50°C according to procedure V afforded crude 2j, which was acylated with benzoyl chloride according to procedure VI for 1 h at room temp. Yield after chromatagraphy [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:1)] 2.84 g (58%) of 2s, m.p. 78°C (tert-butyl methyl ether/petroleum ether). - IR (KBr): v = 3390 cm⁻¹ (N-H), 1730, 1710 (C=O). – UV (CH₂CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 241 nm (3.898), 310 (4.340). - ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.40$ (t, J =7 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 4.38 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 7.40-7.80 (m, 5 H, PhH), 8.60 (br. d, J = 12 Hz, 1H, NH), 8.84 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H, 4-H).

C₁₃H₁₂BrNO₄ (326.1) Calcd. C 47.88 H 3.71 N 4.29 Found C 47.89 H 3.77 N 4.40

(+)-Menthyl 2-Oxo-4-phthalimido-3-butenoate (2t): Reaction of 24t with ammonia at 60°C according to procedure V afforded after filtration over silica gel [ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:1) crude 2k as a brown oil, which was acylated with phthaloyl dichloride to procedure VI using two equivalents of triethylamine and 10 mol% of 4-pyrrolidinopyridine. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temp. Yield after chromatography [ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether (1:3)] 4.54 g (79%) of 2t, m.p. 91-93°C (ether/ petroleum ether), $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = +49.6^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CH₃OH). – IR (KBr): $v = 1735 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (C=O), 1610 (C=C). – UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} $(\lg \varepsilon) = 222 \text{ nm} (4.441), 286 (4.388). - {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (\text{CDCl}_{3}): \delta = 0.60$ to 2.20 (m, 18 H, menthyl-H) 4.90 (dt, J = 10.5, 4.3 Hz, 1 H, 1'-H), 7.80 (d, J = 15 Hz, 1 H, 3-H), 7.70-8.10 (m, 4H, PhH), 8.10 (d, J = 15 Hz, 1H, 4-H).

C22H25NO5 (383.4) Calcd. C 68.91 H 6.57 N 3.65 Found C 69.01 H 6.68 N 3.66

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