

## 10-ARYL-7,7-DIMETHYL-5,6,7,8,9,10-HEXAHYDRO-11H-PYRIDO[3,2-*b*][1,4]BENZODIAZEPIN-9-ONES

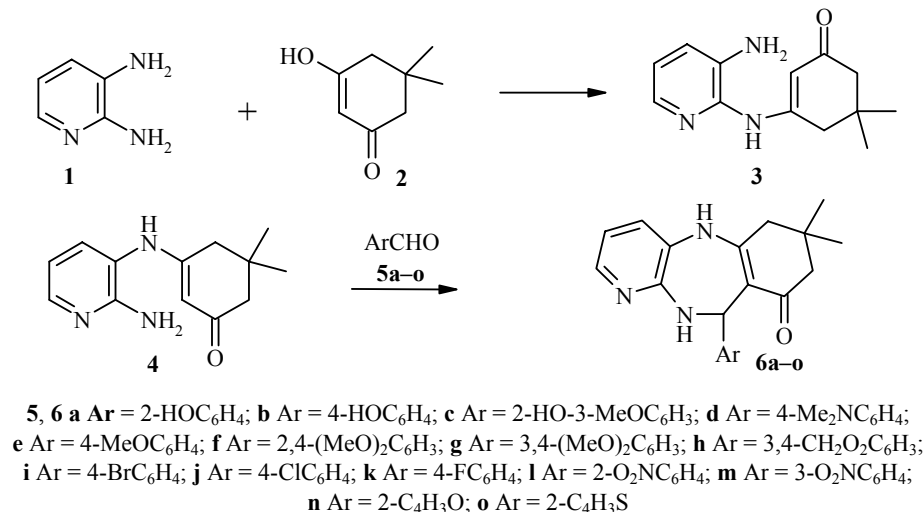
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In reactions of 3-(2-amino-3-pyridyl)amino-5,5-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one with aromatic aldehydes (2- and 4-hydroxy-, 2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-, 4-dimethylamino-, 4-methoxy-, 2,4- and 3,4-dimethoxy-, 3,4-methylenedioxy-, 4-bromo-, 4-fluoro-, 4-chloro-, 2-nitro- and 3-nitrobenzaldehydes, furfural, and 2-thiophenecarbaldehyde), we have obtained the corresponding 10-aryl-7,7-dimethyl-5,6,7,8,9,10-hexahydro-11H-pyrido[3,2-*b*][1,4]benzodiazepin-9-ones.

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Our attempts to synthesize derivatives of hydrogenated pyrido[3,2-*b*][1,4]- or pyrido[2,3-*b*][1,4]benzodiazepines by reactions of 2,3-diaminopyridine (**1**) with 2-formyldimedone [**1**] and 2-carbamidodimedone [**2**] did not lead to the indicated type of compounds.

In this paper, we describe the reactions of 3-(2-amino-3-pyridyl)amino-5,5-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one with aromatic aldehydes, which lead to synthesis of 10-aryl-7,7-dimethyl-5,6,7,8,9,10-hexahydro-11H-pyrido[3,2-*b*][1,4]benzodiazepin-9-ones. Such a general scheme (reaction of enamines, obtained from 1,3-cyclohexanediones, and aromatic *o*-diamines with aldehydes) has been widely used for synthesis of derivatives of dibenzodiazepine [3-7] and also pyridobenzodiazepine [8], among which the pyrido[2,3-*b*][1,4]benzodiazepine derivatives have the most valuable pharmacological properties [9-11].



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In the reaction of 2,3-diaminopyridine (**1**) with dimedone **2**, two isomeric enamines **3** and **4** can be formed. We know [8] that when diamine **1** reacts with 1,3-cyclohexanedione, the product of reaction at the 3-amino group is obtained. In the reaction under discussion of diamine **1** with dimedone, carried out under conditions for azeotropic distillation of water, only one compound is isolated from the reaction mixture and identified. Based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra, we have assigned this compound the structure of 3-(2-amino-3-pyridyl)-amino-5,5-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one (**4**). We identified enamine **4** by comparing its spectra with the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 3-(2-amino-3-pyridyl)aminocyclohex-2-en-1-one [8]. The chemical shifts and spin-spin coupling constants in the spectra of both these compounds virtually coincide: the differences between their chemical shifts ( $\Delta\delta$ ) are 0.07 ppm for the NH<sub>2</sub> group and 0.06 ppm for the =CH- group. The maximum chemical shift difference is observed for the C<sub>(3)</sub>-H protons of the pyridine moiety of the molecule ( $\Delta\delta = 0.12$  ppm), where the chemical shift values for the C<sub>(2)</sub>-H protons ( $\Delta\delta = 0.05$  ppm) and C<sub>(3)</sub>-H protons ( $\Delta\delta = 0.03$  ppm) are virtually the same in both compounds, while the spin-spin coupling constants ( $^3J_{\text{H}\alpha,\text{H}\beta} = 5$  Hz,  $^3J_{\text{H}\beta,\text{H}\gamma} = 7.5$  Hz) match within the experimental accuracy limits. In the spectra of both of the compared compounds, we observe a strongly broadened signal from the NH proton relatively upfield at  $\sim 7.3$  ppm. Chromatographic data for the reaction mixture after isolation of enamine **4** suggest the presence of four more compounds in the mixture, probably also including enamine **3**, which unfortunately we could not isolate.

We carried out the reaction of enamine **4** with aldehydes **5a-d**, containing the functional groups [OH, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], by boiling equimolar amounts of the reagents in ethanol in the presence of piperidine acetate. We used the same conditions in the reactions of enamine **4** with furfural **5n** and 2-thiophenecarbaldehyde **5o**. In the

TABLE 1. Characteristics of Synthesized Compounds

Com- pound	Empirical formula	Found, %				mp, °C	Yield, %
		Calculated, %					
		C	H	N	Hal (S)		
<b>4</b>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	67.30	7.49	18.10		223-224	26
		67.50	7.41	18.17			
<b>6a</b>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	71.44	6.16	12.60		252-253	82
		71.62	6.31	12.53			
<b>6b</b>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	71.50	6.33	12.42		291-292	70
		71.62	6.31	12.53			
<b>6c</b>	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>23</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	69.19	6.16	11.42		243-244	47
		69.02	6.34	11.50			
<b>6d</b>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O	66.81	6.49	14.14		252-253	70
		66.98	6.64	14.20			
<b>6e</b>	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>23</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	72.01	6.69	11.91		197-198	38
		72.18	6.63	12.03			
<b>6f</b>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>25</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	69.42	6.60	11.11		213-215	43
		69.63	6.64	11.07			
<b>6g</b>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>25</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	69.50	6.73	10.93		126-127	60
		69.63	6.64	11.07			
<b>6h</b>	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	69.21	5.70	11.60		233-234	66
		69.40	5.83	11.56			
<b>6i</b>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> BrN <sub>3</sub> O	60.11	5.01	10.66	19.90	237-239	62
		60.31	5.06	10.55	20.06		
<b>6j</b>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O	67.71	5.56	11.72	9.80	249-251	38
		67.89	5.70	11.88	10.02		
<b>6k</b>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> FN <sub>3</sub> O	71.01	6.04	12.33		237-238	73
		71.20	5.98	12.45			
<b>6l</b>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	65.70	5.50	15.27		196-197	73
		65.92	5.53	15.38			
<b>6m</b>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	65.77	5.39	15.19		179-181	77
		65.92	5.53	15.38			
<b>6n</b>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	69.65	6.03	13.42		244-245	74
		69.88	6.19	13.58			
<b>6o</b>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> OS	66.26	5.80	12.73	(9.60)	271-272	83
		66.43	5.88	12.91	(9.85)		

TABLE 2. IR and <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of Synthesized Compounds

Com- pound	IR spectrum, ν, cm <sup>-1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm. (SSCC, <i>J</i> , Hz)*
1	2	3
<b>4</b>	1666, 1595, 1570, 550-1530; 3400, 3350, 3250-3100	1.03 (6H, s, 2CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.18 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.36 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 4.71 (2H, br. s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 5.09 (1H, s, =CH-); 6.64 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 7.5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.30 (1H, br. s, NH); 7.38 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 7.5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 2, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.87 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 2, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N)
<b>6a</b>	1645; 3350-3250; 3200-3080	1.03 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.14 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.11 and 2.17 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> = 14, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.69 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 5.81 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, CH); 6.00 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, NH); 6.41-6.96 (6H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.25 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 7, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 2, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.56 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 2, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 8.94 (1H, br. s, OH); 9.76 (1H, br. s, NH)
<b>6b</b>	1642; 3450-3200; 3150-3050	0.95 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.14 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.12 and 2.20 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> = 14, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.55 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 5.74 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, CH); 6.49-7.72 (8H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, NH); 7.77 (1H, br. s, NH); 9.14 (1H, br. s, OH)
<b>6c</b>	1645; 3300-3200; 3150-3050	1.05 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.12 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.12 and 2.20 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> = 14, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.67 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 3.76 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> ); 5.77 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, NH); 6.05 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, CH); 6.25-6.81 (4H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.34 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 7, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.58 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 7, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 8.96 (1H, br. s, NH); 9.03 (1H, br. s, OH)
<b>6d</b>	1638; 3300, 3200; 3150-3050	1.01 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.12 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.15 and 2.21 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> = 16, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.54 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.81 (6H, s, NCH <sub>3</sub> ); 5.77 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, CH); 6.46-6.78 (4H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, NH); 7.03 (2H, m, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 8, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 7.27 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 7, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.65 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.78 (1H, br. s, NH)
<b>6e</b>	1640; 3300, 3200-3100	1.01 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.12 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.13 and 2.21 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> = 14, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.58 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 3.67 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> ); 5.76 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, CH); 6.58-7.27 (6H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, NH); 7.27 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 7, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.63 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.87 (1H, br. s, NH)
<b>6f</b>	1645; 3350, 3250-3100	1.01 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.09 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.14 and 2.22 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> = 15, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.56 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 3.58 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.65 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> ); 5.76 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, =CH-); 6.54 (5H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, NH); 7.25 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 7, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.63 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 8.81 (1H, br. s, NH)
<b>6g</b>	1644; 3350, 3260, 3200-3100	1.03 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.12 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.12 and 2.20 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> = 15, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.63 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 3.67 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.91 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> ); 5.72 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, NH); 5.83 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, CH); 6.21-6.75 (4H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.27 (1H, m, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 8, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> ); 7.58 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 8.92 (1H, br. s, NH)
<b>6h</b>	1638; 3300, 3200-3050	1.01 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.12 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.15 and 2.21 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> = 16, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.58 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 5.74 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, CH); 5.94 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 6.58-6.82 (5H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, NH); 7.27 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 7, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.67 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 8.85 (1H, br. s, NH)
<b>6i</b>	1638; 3300, 3200-3050	0.98 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.09 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.12 and 2.20 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> = 14, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.56 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 5.78 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, CH); 6.67 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 7, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 6.87 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, NH); 7.04-7.45 (5H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, NH); 7.67 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 2, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 8.89 (1H, br. s, NH)
<b>6j</b>	1638; 3300, 3240-3080	1.03 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.09 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.14 and 2.22 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> = 15, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.65 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 5.83 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, CH); 6.62 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 7, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 6.85 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, NH); 7.18-7.34 (5H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.69 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 8.92 (1H, br. s, NH)
<b>6k</b>	1645; 3300, 3250-3100	1.01 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.11 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.14 and 2.22 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> = 14, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.55 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 5.83 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 6, CH); 6.58-7.33 (7H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, NH); 7.67 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> = 5, <sup>4</sup> <i>J</i> = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 8.89 (1H, br. s, NH)

TABLE 2 (continued)

1	2	3
<b>6l</b>	1640; 3350, 3250-3100	0.98 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.09 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.06 and 2.14 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> J = 14, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.67 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 5.78 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> J = 6, NH); 6.07 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> J = 6, CH); 6.78-8.06 (7H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 8.89 (1H, br. s, NH)
<b>6m</b>	1643; 3300, 3240-3080	1.01 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.14 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.21 and 2.29 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> J = 15, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.63 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 6.09 (1H, br. s, CH); 6.89 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> J = 7, <sup>3</sup> J = 5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.49-8.12 (7H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, NH); 9.25 (1H, br. s, NH)
<b>6n</b>	1635; 3320, 3200-3050	0.96 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.07 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.11 and 2.17 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> J = 16, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.51 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 5.81 (1H, d, J = 6, CH); 5.82 (1H, m, C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>3</sub> O); 6.14 (1H, m, C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>3</sub> O); 6.67 (2H, m, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, NH); 7.29-7.42 (2H, m, C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>3</sub> O, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 7.72 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> J = 5, <sup>4</sup> J = 1, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 8.88 (1H, br. s, NH)
<b>6o</b>	1637; 3350, 3220-3080	0.99 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.05 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.12 and 2.20 (2H, two d, <sup>2</sup> J = 14, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.55 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 6.03 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> J = 6, CH); 6.58-6.92 (4H, m, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>3</sub> S); 7.14-7.34 (2H, m, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>3</sub> S); 7.69 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> J = 5, <sup>4</sup> J = 1.5, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N); 8.89 (1H, br. s, NH)

\* The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **4** was recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>; the spectra for the rest of the compounds were recorded in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

reactions with the aldehydes **5e-m**, the best results were achieved by boiling in ethanol in the presence of sulfuric acid.

In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the derivatives of pyridodiazepine **6**, the proton at the C<sub>(10)</sub> atom is characterized by a doublet δ 5.74-6.09 ppm (*J* = 6 Hz), and the proton at the adjacent N<sub>(11)</sub> atom gives a doublet δ 5.72-6.87 ppm (*J* = 6 Hz). The protons of the methylene group at C<sub>(8)</sub> are magnetically nonequivalent and coupled (geminal spin-spin coupling constant 14-16 Hz), representing an AB spin system.

In the IR spectra, the carbonyl group of compounds **6** is characterized by absorption bands in the interval 1645-1635 cm<sup>-1</sup>, while the stretching vibrations of the NH bonds are intense bands in the 3350-3100 cm<sup>-1</sup> region.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The IR spectra were taken on a Specord IR-75 for suspensions of the compounds in vaseline oil (1800-1500 cm<sup>-1</sup>, only the absorption bands for the carbonyl group are given) and in hexachlorobutadiene (3600-2000 cm<sup>-1</sup>, the stretching vibration bands for the C-H bonds in the 3050-2800 cm<sup>-1</sup> region are not given). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were measured on Bruker WH-90/DS (90 MHz) and Varian-BB Mercury (200 MHz) spectrometers, internal standard HMDS (δ 0.055 ppm)

We used Fluka 2,3-diaminopyridine for synthesis of enamine **4**.

**3-(2-Amino-3-pyridyl)amino-5,5-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one (4)**. A solution of dimedone (2.80 g, 20 mmol) and 2,3-diaminopyridine (2.18 g, 20 mmol) in toluene (100 ml) in the presence of a catalytic amount of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid was boiled for 3 h with a Dean-Stark attachment. Then the toluene was distilled off under vacuum and dry THF (30 ml) was added to the residue. The solution obtained was held for 24 hours in a refrigerator; the precipitate was filtered out and recrystallized one more time from THF. Enamine **4** (1.20 g, 26%) was obtained.

**10-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)- (6a), 10-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)- (6b), 10-(2-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)- (6c), 10-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)- (6d), 10-(2-Furyl)- (6n), and 10-(2-Thiophenyl)- (6o) 7,7-dimethyl-5,6,7,8,9,10-hexahydro[3,2-*b*][1,4]benzodiazepin-9-ones**. A solution of enamine **4** (1.5 mmol),

the corresponding aldehyde **5** (1.5 mmol), glacial CH<sub>3</sub>COOH (0.15 ml), and piperidine (0.20 ml) in ethanol (15 ml) was boiled for 3 h. The reaction mixture was poured into crushed ice to cool down. When a tarry residue was formed, it was triturated until it solidified; the precipitate formed was filtered out, and the compounds **6a,c,d,n,o** were recrystallized from ethanol and the diazepinone **6b** was recrystallized from 2-propanol.

**10-(4-Methoxyphenyl)- (6e), 10-(2,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)- (6f), 10-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)- (6g), 10-(3,4-Methylenedioxyphenyl)- (6h), 10-(4-Bromophenyl)- (6i), 10-(4-Chlorophenyl)- (6j), 10-(4-Fluorophenyl)- (6k), 10-(2-Nitrophenyl)- (6l), and 10-(3-Nitrophenyl)- (6m) 7,7-dimethyl-5,6,7,8,9,10-hexahydro-11H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]benzodiazepin-9-ones.** A solution of enamine **4** (1.5 mmol), the corresponding aldehyde **5** (1.5 mmol), and conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.15 ml) in ethanol (15 ml) was boiled for 3 h. Then the solvent (7-10 ml) was distilled off under vacuum. The residue was poured into crushed ice and an aqueous KOH solution was added until pH 7 was achieved; after 24 hours, the precipitate was filtered out and compounds **6e-g,j-m** were recrystallized from 2-propanol, the diazepinone **6h** was recrystallized from ethanol, and the diazepinone **6i** was recrystallized from dioxane.

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