

# Synthesis of furo[3,2-*c*]- and pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolines by lanthanide triflate catalyzed imino-Diels-Alder reaction

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Imino Diels-Alder reaction of imines with 2,3-dihydrofuran or 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran proceeded smoothly in the presence of a catalytic amount (0.5 mol %) of ytterbium triflate to afford furo[3,2-*c*]- and pyrano[3,2-*c*] quinolines conveniently in high yield.

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## Introduction

Tetrahydroquinoline derivatives are an important class of natural products and exhibit biological activities in various fields,<sup>1</sup> such as psychotropic activity,<sup>2</sup> antiallergenic activity,<sup>3</sup> anti-inflammatory activity<sup>4</sup> and estrogenic activity.<sup>5</sup> In addition, pyrano quinoline derivatives are used as a potential pharmaceuticals.<sup>6</sup> Therefore, many synthetic methods for their synthesis have been developed.<sup>7</sup> Of the methods, aza-Diels-Alder reaction between *N*-arylimines and nucleophilic olefins is one of the most powerful synthetic tools for constructing *N*-containing six-membered heterocyclic compounds.  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$  has been mainly used for this purpose since the pioneering work of Povarov<sup>8</sup> and transition metal catalysts such as  $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$ ,  $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4$ <sup>9</sup> as well as  $\text{InCl}_3$ <sup>10</sup> have also been found to be effective. The rare earth metal triflates are excellent water tolerant and reusable catalysts and have unique properties compared to traditional Lewis acids in several important carbon-carbon bond forming reactions, such as aldol condensations,<sup>11</sup> Friedel-Crafts acylations<sup>12</sup> and ring-opening reactions of epox-

ides.<sup>13</sup> We had reported that glyoxylates react smoothly with alkenes in the presence of ytterbium triflate<sup>14</sup> and one-pot synthesis of amino phosphonates from aldehydes using ytterbium triflate as catalyst.<sup>15</sup> Takaki<sup>7</sup> had ever reported the catalytic reaction of *N*-arylaldimines with vinyl ethers, but the amount of catalyst was not screened in detail and afforded products was in low yield together with by-product. We improved this reaction and found that the amount of lanthanide triflate catalyst affects strongly the yield of products and chemical selectivity. In the presence of  $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$  (0.5 mol%), the reaction of imines with 2,3-dihydrofuran or 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran afforded pyrano[3,2-*c*]- and furo[3,2-*c*]quinolines in high yield.

## Results and discussion

Benzylideneaniline (**1a**) was treated with 2,3-dihydrofuran (**2**) in the presence of a catalytic amount  $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$  (0.5 mol%) in acetonitrile at room temperature. The reaction proceeded smoothly to afford two isomers furo[3,2-*c*]quinolines **3a** and **4a** in a ratio of 35:65 with an overall yield of 92% (Scheme 1). The reaction is instantaneous and produce the furo[3,2-*c*]quinolines stereoisomers **3a** and **4a** as mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers as expected. Among the lanthanide triflate screened,  $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$  exhibited the superior catalytic activity, while the yield of the adduct was lower for other lanthanide triflates (Table 1, Entries 9—10). Various amounts were used in the model reaction in the acetonitrile.

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trile, and 0.5 mol%  $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$  was the best yield up to 92%.

**Table 1** Effect of metal salts on the reaction of benzylideneaniline and 2,3-dihydrofuran

Entry	Catalyst	Amount of catalyst (mol%)	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	$\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$	none	no reaction
2	$\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$	10	52
3	$\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$	5	80
4	$\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$	1.25	83
5	$\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$	0.8	90
6	$\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$	0.5	92
7	$\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$	0.3	85
8	$\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$	0.1	81
9	$\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$	0.5	62
10	$\text{La}(\text{OTf})_3$	0.5	39
11	$\text{Ce}(\text{OTf})_3$	0.5	27

<sup>a</sup> isolated yield.

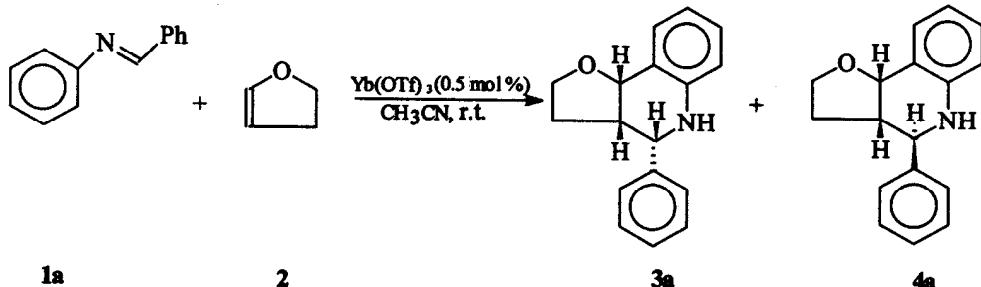
Several imines were examined and the results are listed in Table 2. In all cases, the reaction proceeded smoothly to give the corresponding furo[3,2-*c*] quinolines. The two stereo isomers **3** and **4** could be separated by column chromatography.

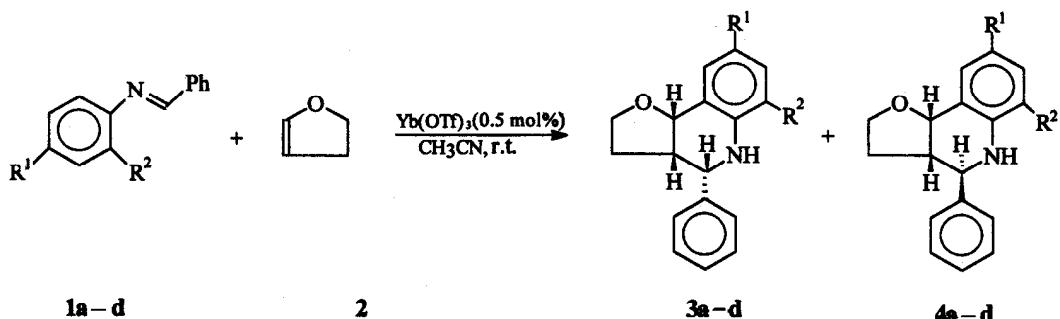
Furthermore, benzylideneaniline derivatives were treated with 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran in the presence of a catalytic amount  $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$  (0.5 mol%) in acetonitrile at room temperature. The reaction proceeded smoothly to afford the corresponding pyrano[3,2-*c*] quinolines in high yield, too. It shows that  $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$  does effectively catalyze imino Diels-Alder reaction (Table 3). Recently we have reported<sup>18</sup> that in the presence of 20 mol% of  $\text{GdCl}_3$  the imine reacted with dihydropyran or dihydrofuran to afford the corresponding imino Diels-Alder

adduct, a pyrano[3,2-*c*]- or furo[3,2-*c*] quinolines in high yields. In comparison with  $\text{GdCl}_3$ , we found the catalytic activity of  $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$  is higher and it is 40 times active as  $\text{GdCl}_3$ . Among lanthanide compounds, lanthanide triflates were expected to be some of the strongest Lewis acids because of the electrowithdrawing of the trifluoromethane sulfonyl group. Moreover, the  $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$  could be easily recovered almost quantitatively from the aqueous layer after the reaction was completed by simple evaporation and it could be reused. On the contrary, the recovering process of  $\text{GdCl}_3$  is complicate.

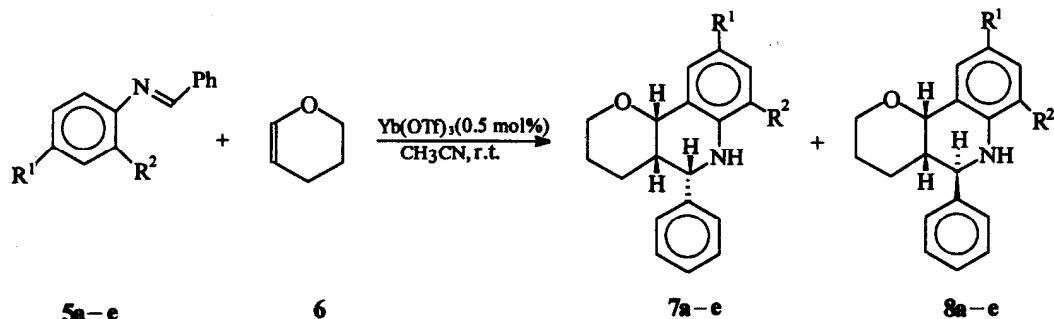
The structures of compounds **3**, **4**, **7** and **8** were characterized by IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, MS and elemental analyses. There are strong NH stretching bands at 3200—3450 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the IR spectra. The most diagnostic parameter for structural assignment is the scalar coupling constant between protons H-4a and H-5 (Fig. 1). In the isomer **7a** the coupling constant  $J(4a,5) = 5.6$  Hz is significantly smaller and typical for *gauche*. This orientation is present in both conformers of the configuration having *cis* orientation of the pyranoid ring and phenyl group. As expected for this configuration, reciprocal interactions between protons H-4a, H-5 and H-10b were observed in NOSEY (Fig. 1). In the isomer **8a** the  $J(4a,5) = 10.8$  Hz is relevant and indicative of *anti* reciprocal orientation of protons H-5 and H-4a. This orientation is only possible when the pyranoid ring and phenyl group are on opposite sides of the quinoline ring of **8a**. The NOE analysis confirms this structural assignment for **8a**: a strong reciprocal interaction is found between H-4a and H-10b, a weak one between protons H-4a and H-5, but none between protons H-10b and H-5 and the reciprocal orientation is *trans*.

**Scheme 1**



**Table 2** Synthesis of furo[3,2-*c*]quinolines by lanthanide triflate catalyzed imino-Diels-Alder reaction

Entry	Schiff's base	Substituent R <sup>1</sup>	Substituent R <sup>2</sup>	Time (min)	Product ratio of 3:4	Overall Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	<b>1a</b>	H	H	10	35:65	92
2	<b>1b</b>	H	OCH <sub>3</sub>	25	43:57	84
3	<b>1c</b>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	30	30:70	92
4	<b>1d</b>	H	Cl	30	38:65	94

<sup>a</sup> isolated yield**Table 3** Synthesis of pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolines by lanthanide triflate catalyzed imino-Diels-Alder reaction

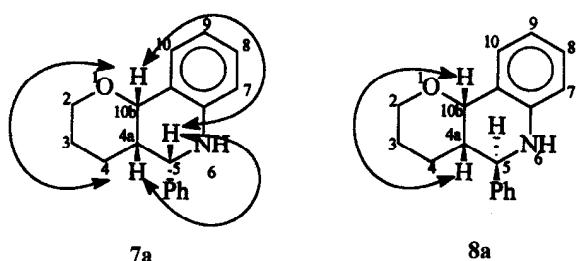
Entry	Schiff's base	Substituent R <sup>1</sup>	Substituent R <sup>2</sup>	Time (min)	Product ratio of 7:8	Overall Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	<b>5a</b>	H	H	30	52:48	88
2	<b>5b</b>	H	Cl	45	51:49	87
3	<b>5c</b>	Cl	H	60	45:55	75
4	<b>5d</b>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	40	41:59	82
5	<b>5e</b>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	30	30:66	74

<sup>a</sup> isolated yield

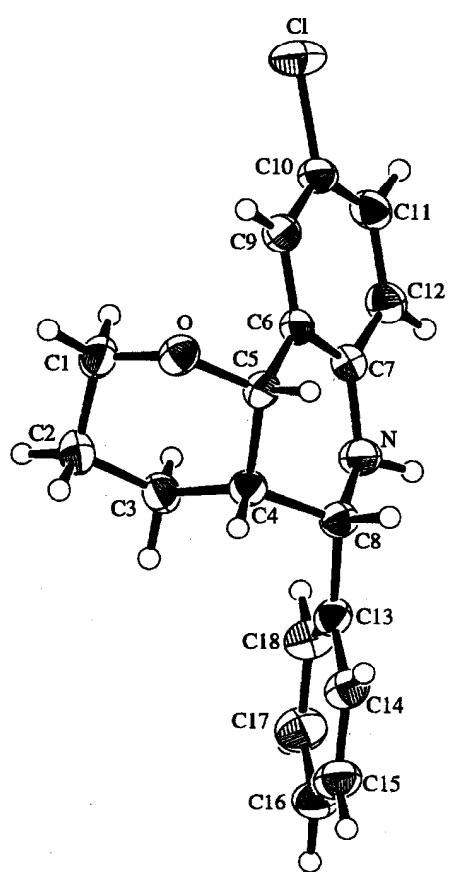
The X-ray analysis of compound **7b** was achieved in order to confirm their molecular structure as shown in Fig. 2. The results clearly illustrate that compound **7b** is the *cis*,<sup>16</sup> which is in agreement with the <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.

It can be concluded that ytterbium triflate (0.5

mol%) is an efficient catalyst both in the reaction of imines with 2,3-dihydrofuran and 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran to afford furo[3,2-*c*]- and pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolines in high yield under the mild conditions. Further synthetic application of these reactions is in progress.



**Fig. 1** Significant NOESY correlation ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compounds **7a** and **8a**.



**Fig. 2** X-ray molecular structure of **7b** with the atom numbering scheme.

## Experimental

Melting points were determined on a Kofler hot stage and are uncorrected.  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  was distilled from  $\text{CaH}_2$  under Ar.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were

recorded at 300 MHz or 400 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  using TMS as internal standard.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral measurements were performed at 75.4 MHz using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as an internal standard. IR spectra were obtained on FTS-185 as neat films. Mass spectra were determined on Finigan 8230 mass spectrometer. Benzylideneaniline was prepared from aniline and benzaldehyde.<sup>17</sup>

*A typical procedure for the reaction of benzylideneaniline with 2,3-dihydrofuran*

$\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$  (3 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.5 mol%), benzylideneaniline (181 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 2,3-dihydrofuran (1.1 mL, 1.4 mmol) were mixed in 5 mL of acetonitrile, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, water was then added and the product was extracted with  $\text{EtOAc}$ . The organic layer was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated to give the crude product. Analytically pure products **3a** and **4a** were then obtained (231 mg, overall yield 92%) by column chromatography.

**3a** mp 117–118°C (Lit.<sup>7</sup> 95°C).  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3348  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ : 7.47–7.26(m, 6H), 7.08(td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.80(td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.59(dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26(d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69(d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77(m, 3H), 2.75(m, 1H), 2.19(m, 1H), 1.50(m, 1H).  $\delta_{\text{C}}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ : 144.9, 142.2, 130.1, 128.6, 128.3, 127.6, 126.5, 122.7, 119.2, 114.9, 75.9, 66.8, 57.5, 45.8, 24.7.  $m/z$  (%): 251(M<sup>+</sup>, 85), 206(100). Anal.  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$ . Calcd: C, 81.28; H, 6.77; N, 5.58. Found: C, 80.88; H, 6.65; N, 5.29.

**4a** Viscous oil.  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3327  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ : 7.46–7.24(m, 6H), 7.12(td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.79(td,  $J$  = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.62(d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.59(d,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.08(m, 1H), 3.85(m, 3H), 2.45(m, 1H), 2.01(m, 1H), 1.72(m, 1H).  $\delta_{\text{C}}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ : 145.3, 141.7, 131.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 120.0, 118.2, 114.6, 76.1, 65.0, 57.6, 43.3, 28.7.  $m/z$  (%): 251(M<sup>+</sup>, 68), 206(100). HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$ : 251.1299; Found: 251.1409.

The following compounds were prepared similarly; the reaction time and yields were listed in Table 2 and Table 3.

**3b** mp 132–133°C.  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.46—7.25(m, 5H), 6.96(d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73(dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52(d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.23(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64(d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77(s, 3H), 3.52—3.80(m, 3H), 2.75(m, 1H), 2.20(m, 1H), 1.52(m, 1H). δ<sub>C</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 153.1, 142.4, 139.0, 128.6, 127.6, 126.5, 123.5, 116.2, 115.8, 113.8, 76.3, 66.9, 57.9, 55.7, 45.9, 24.5. *m/z*(%): 282(M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 29), 281(100). Anal. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>. Calcd: C, 76.87; H, 6.76; N, 4.98. Found: C, 76.80; H, 6.77; N, 5.06.

**4b** mp 94—96°C. ν<sub>max</sub>: 3298 cm<sup>-1</sup>. δ<sub>H</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.46—7.39(m, 5H), 6.99(d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80(dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.61(d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63(d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.06(m, 1H), 3.78(s, 3H), 3.87—3.73(m, 2H), 2.49(br, 1H), 2.01(m, 1H), 1.70(m, 1H), 1.20(m, 1H). *m/z*(%): 282(M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 3), 220(100). Anal. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>. Calcd: C, 76.87; H, 6.76; N, 4.98. Found: C, 77.02; H, 6.85; N, 5.17.

**3c** mp 102—103°C. ν<sub>max</sub>: 3322 cm<sup>-1</sup>. δ<sub>H</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.51—7.33(m, 5H), 7.25(d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99(d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.77(t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.32(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70(d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80—3.66(m, 3H), 2.79(m, 1H), 2.20(m, 1H), 2.14(s, 3H), 1.46(m, 1H). δ<sub>C</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 143.1, 142.5, 129.4, 128.7, 127.9, 127.7, 126.6, 122.2, 121.8, 118.4, 76.2, 66.7, 57.3, 45.6, 24.6, 17.2. *m/z*(%): 265(M<sup>+</sup>, 100). HRMS. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO: 265.1457; Found: 265.1467.

**4c** mp 92—94°C. ν<sub>max</sub>: 3401 cm<sup>-1</sup>. δ<sub>H</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.46—7.26(m, 6H), 6.99(d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72(t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.55(d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.02(m, 2H), 3.82(m, 2H), 2.43(m, 1H), 2.08(s, 3H), 1.92(m, 1H), 1.65(m, 1H). δ<sub>C</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 143.4, 142.0, 130.0, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 121.7, 119.4, 117.8, 76.5, 65.1, 57.8, 43.2, 28.9, 17.2. *m/z*(%): 265(M<sup>+</sup>, 73), 220(100). Anal. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO. Calcd: C, 81.48; H, 7.16; N, 5.28. Found: C, 81.63; H, 7.28; N, 5.43.

**3d** mp 153—155°C. ν<sub>max</sub>: 3342 cm<sup>-1</sup>. δ<sub>H</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.42—7.21(m, 6H), 6.98(dd, *J* = 8.50, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48(d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.16(d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.63(d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.80—

3.64(m, 3H), 2.72(m, 1H), 2.14(m, 1H), 1.50(m, 1H). δ<sub>C</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 143.4, 141.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 126.6, 124.2, 123.8, 116.2, 75.7, 67.0, 57.4, 45.5, 24.6. *m/z*(%): 285(M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO. Calcd: C, 71.48; H, 5.60; N, 4.90. Found: C, 71.34; H, 5.58; N, 5.13.

**4d** mp 99—101°C. ν<sub>max</sub>: 3343 cm<sup>-1</sup>. δ<sub>H</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.39—7.28(m, 6H), 7.05(dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.51(d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50(d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.89—4.25(m, 2H), 3.78(m, 2H), 2.43(m, 1H), 1.98(m, 1H), 1.68(m, 1H). δ<sub>C</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 144.0, 141.3, 130.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 122.9, 121.6, 115.9, 75.7, 65.3, 57.8, 43.3, 28.8. *m/z*(%): 285(M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO. Calcd: C, 71.48; H, 5.60; N, 4.90. Found: C, 71.39; H, 5.63; N, 5.07.

**7a** mp 130—132°C. (Lit.<sup>7</sup> 128.8—131°C.). ν<sub>max</sub>: 3313 cm<sup>-1</sup>. δ<sub>H</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.43—7.25(m, 6H), 7.03(tt, *J* = 7.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77(td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58(dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.31(d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.68(d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.58—3.85(m, 3H), 2.15(m, 1H), 1.50—1.25(m, 4H). δ<sub>C</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 145.2, 141.2, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 126.9, 120.0, 118.4, 114.5, 72.8, 60.7, 59.4, 39.0, 25.5, 18.1. *m/z*(%): 265(M<sup>+</sup>, 41), 206(100). Anal. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO. Calcd: C, 81.52; H, 7.16; N, 5.28. Found: C, 81.28; H, 7.23; N, 5.32.

**8a** Viscous oil. ν<sub>max</sub>: 3373 cm<sup>-1</sup>. δ<sub>H</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.42—7.36(m, 5H), 7.25(dd, *J* = 7.1, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07(td, *J* = 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.70(td, *J* = 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.51(dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.72(d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.39(d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.08(m, 2H), 3.71(td, *J* = 11.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.11(m, 1H), 1.83(m, 1H), 1.66(m, 1H), 1.48(m, 1H), 1.25(m, 1H). δ<sub>C</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 144.7, 142.3, 130.9, 129.3, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 120.7, 117.4, 114.2, 74.5, 68.5, 54.9, 38.9, 24.1, 22.1. *m/z*(%): 265(M<sup>+</sup>, 42), 206(100). HRMS Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO: 265.1471; Found: 265.1431.

**7b** mp 154—156°C. ν<sub>max</sub>: 3306 cm<sup>-1</sup>. δ<sub>H</sub>(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.39—7.29(m, 6H), 7.12(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65(t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29(d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.68(d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.41(br, s, 1H), 3.55(m, 1H), 3.33(m, 1H), 2.12(m,

1H), 1.50—1.41(m, 2H), 1.20(m, 2H). *m/z* (%): 299(M<sup>+</sup>, 46), 240(100). Anal. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO. Calcd: C, 72.15; H, 6.01; N, 4.67. Found: C, 72.35; H, 6.00; N, 4.85.

**8b** mp 109—101°C.  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3384 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $\delta_H$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.39—7.27(m, 5H), 7.15(m, 2H), 6.64(t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.66(d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.58(br, s, 1H), 4.34(d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.04(dt, *J* = 10.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.66(td, *J* = 10.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.01(m, 1H), 1.85(m, 1H), 1.63(m, 1H), 1.48(m, 1H), 1.30(m, 1H).  $\delta_C$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 141.9, 141.0, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.1, 127.8, 121.9, 118.1, 117.0, 74.4, 68.6, 54.9, 38.8, 24.0, 22.1. *m/z* (%): 301(M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 14), 299(M<sup>+</sup>, 38), 240(100). Anal. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO. Calcd: C, 72.15; H, 6.01; N, 4.67. Found: C, 72.10; H, 5.99; N, 4.85.

**7c** mp 170—172°C.  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3370 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $\delta_H$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.39—7.32(m, 6H), 7.01(dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.50(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25(d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.60(d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85(br, 1H), 3.60(m, 1H), 3.41(m, 1H), 2.13(m, 1H), 1.51(m, 3H), 1.25(m, 1H).  $\delta_C$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 143.7, 140.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 126.8, 123.1, 121.7, 115.6, 72.5, 60.8, 59.3, 38.6, 25.3, 18.1. *m/z* (%): 301(M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 33), 299(M<sup>+</sup>, 99), 240(100). Anal. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO. Calcd: C, 72.15; H, 6.01; N, 4.67. Found: C, 72.02; H, 6.01; N, 4.78.

**8c** mp 125—126°C.  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3298 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $\delta_H$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.39—7.30(m, 5H), 7.19(d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01(dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.41(d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63(d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.30(d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.02(m, 2H), 3.66(td, *J* = 15.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.01(m, 1H), 1.75(m, 1H), 1.62(m, 1H), 1.45(m, 1H), 1.27(m, 1H).  $\delta_C$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 143.3, 142.0, 130.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 121.9, 121.8, 115.3, 74.0, 68.5, 55.0, 38.7, 24.0, 22.1. *m/z* (%): 301(M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 19), 299(M<sup>+</sup>, 58), 240(100). Anal. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO. Calcd: C, 72.15; H, 6.01; N, 4.67. Found: C, 72.12; H, 6.02; N, 4.81.

**7d** mp 143—144°C.  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3338 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $\delta_H$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.48—7.32(m, 6H), 7.03(dd, *J* = 7.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.75(t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.37(d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.71(d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85—3.34(m, 3H), 2.15(s, 4H), 1.32—1.29(m, 4H).  $\delta_C$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 143.3, 141.5, 129.2, 128.5, 127.6,

126.9, 125.5, 121.6, 119.5, 117.8, 73.0, 60.7, 59.3, 38.8, 25.5, 18.1, 17.5. *m/z* (%): 279(M<sup>+</sup>, 62), 220(100). Anal. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO. Calcd: C, 81.73; H, 7.52; N, 5.01. Found: C, 81.33; H, 7.63; N 5.02.

**8d** mp 130—132°C.  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3389 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $\delta_H$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.48—7.44(m, 2H), 7.42—7.39(m, 2H), 7.33—7.31(m, 1H), 7.12(dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03(dd, *J* = 7.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66(t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.77(d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.40(d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.11(dt, *J* = 12.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.90(br, 1H), 3.73(td, *J* = 11.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.11(m, 1H), 2.07(s, 3H), 1.87(m, 1H), 1.69(m, 1H), 1.49(m, 1H), 1.32(m, 1H).  $\delta_C$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 142.8, 142.7, 130.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 121.2, 120.2, 117.0, 74.9, 68.7, 55.0, 38.9, 24.2, 22.1, 17.3. *m/z* (%): 279(M<sup>+</sup>, 40), 220(100). Anal. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO. Calcd: C, 81.73; H, 7.52; N, 5.01. Found: C, 81.70; H, 7.65; N, 5.13.

**7e** mp 144—146°C (Lit.<sup>7</sup> 144—146°C).  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3401 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $\delta_H$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.44—7.26(m, 5H), 7.02(d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75(dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60(d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.30(d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.60(d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.75(s, 3H), 3.55(m, 1H), 3.33(m, 1H), 3.85—3.12(br, 1H), 2.08(m, 1H), 1.48—1.24(m, 4H). *m/z* (%): 295(M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>. Calcd: C, 77.30; H, 7.11; N, 4.74. Found: C, 77.12; H, 7.25; N 4.95.

**8e** mp 98—100°C.  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3373 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $\delta_H$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.37—7.27(m, 5H), 6.79(d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65(dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.45(d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.60(d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.31(d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.04(m, 1H), 3.70(s, 3H), 3.64(m, 1H), 2.05(m, 1H), 1.75(m, 1H), 1.61(m, 1H), 1.43(m, 1H), 1.25(m, 1H).  $\delta_C$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 152.0, 142.4, 139.0, 128.6, 127.8, 121.4, 116.9, 115.5, 114.9, 74.6, 68.5, 55.9, 55.3, 39.0, 24.2, 22.1. *m/z* (%): 295(M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>. Calcd: C, 77.30; H, 7.11; N, 4.74. Found: C, 77.48; H, 7.23; N, 4.92.

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16. Colorless prismatic crystal of **7b** with dimensions  $0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.3$  mm was mounted on a Rigaku AFC7R diffractometer. 2787 reflections measured, maximum  $2\theta$  value  $49.9^\circ$ , 2097 unique reflections measured ( $R_{int} = 0.037$ ), 1645 of these with  $I > 3.00\sigma(I)$  used in refinement. The data were corrected for horizon and polarization effects. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS-86 of expanded using Fourier technique. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, hydrogen atoms were included but not refined. The final cycle of full-matrix least squares refinement was based on 1464 observed reflections of 199 variable parameters. All calculations were performed using the TEXSAN crystallographic software package of Molecular Structure Corporation. Crystal data  $C_{18}H_{18}ClNO$ ,  $M_r = 299.80$ , mp  $154-156^\circ\text{C}$ , triclinic, space group  $P\bar{1}$  (#2),  $a = 0.9992(2)$ ,  $b = 1.1009(2)$ ,  $c = 0.9486(2)$  nm,  $\alpha = 99.01(2)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 112.29(1)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 114.27(1)^\circ$ ,  $V = 0.7492(3)$  nm $^3$ .  $Z = 2$ ,  $D_c = 1.329$  g · cm $^{-3}$ ,  $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 2.53$  cm $^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 316.00$ ,  $R = 0.034$ ,  $R_w = 0.043$ .
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