

Study on the Reaction of Electron-deficient Cyclopropane Derivatives with Amines

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Reaction of electron deficient cyclopropane derivatives *cis*-1-methoxycarbonyl-2-aryl-6,6-dimethyl-5,7-dioxaspiro-[2,5]-4,8-octadiones (**1a—d**) (X = CH₃, H, Cl, NO₂) with anilines (**2a—e**) (Y = *p*-CH₃, H, *p*-Br, *p*-NO₂, *o*-CH₃) at room temperature gives *N*-aryl-*trans*, *trans*- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -aryl- γ -butyrolactams (**3a—p**) in high yields with high stereoselectivity. For example, **1a** (X = CH₃) reacts with ammonia **4** or benzyl amine **5** at room temperature to give inner ammonium salt **6** or **7** in the yield of 83% or 97% respectively. The reaction mechanisms for formation of the products are proposed.

Keywords γ -Butyrolactam, inner ammonium salt, high stereoselective synthesis

Introduction

Many chemists are interested in the synthesis of γ -butyrolactam derivatives or amino acid as these structural frameworks are often found in natural products and synthetic pharmaceutical molecules.^{1,2}

Although many synthetic methods have been developed,³⁻⁹ a simple approach to the highly stereoselective synthesis of polysubstituted γ -butyrolactam derivatives or amino acid is scarcely reported. The present paper describes the reaction of polysubstituted electron-deficient cyclopropane derivatives *cis*-1-methoxycarbonyl-2-aryl-6,6-dimethyl-5,7-dioxaspiro-[2,5]-4,8-octadiones

(**1a—d**) with anilines (**2a—e**) to afford *N*-aryl-*trans*, *trans*- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -aryl- γ -butyrolactams (**3a—p**) in high yields with high stereoselectivity. Electron-deficient cyclopropane derivative **1a** reacts with ammonia **4** or benzyl amine **5** at room temperature to give inner ammonium salt **6** or **7** respectively in high yields.

Results and discussion

cis-1-Methoxycarbonyl-2-aryl-6,6-dimethyl-5,7-dioxaspiro-[2,5]-4,8-octadiones (**1a—d**) (X = CH₃, H, Cl, NO₂) react with anilines (**2a—e**) (Y = *p*-CH₃, H, *p*-Br, *p*-NO₂, *o*-CH₃) in dimethylethylene glycol at room temperature generally giving rise to *N*-aryl-*trans*, *trans*- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -aryl- γ -butyrolactams (**3a—p**) in good to excellent yields with high stereoselectivity (Scheme 1 and Table 1). When the substituent on aniline molecule is a weak electron-donating group with steric hindrance (**2e**), the yields of **3** (**3n**, **3o**, **3p**) are slightly lowered to 83—86%. If compound **1** contains a strong electron-withdrawing substituent (X = NO₂ in **1d**) or compound **1** (X = CH₃ in **1a**) reacts with *p*-NO₂-substituted aniline **2d**, the yields of **3** are lowered to 68—74% (**3d**, **3h**, **3i**) and 42% (**3m**) respectively. The reaction will be totally inhibited in the case of -NO₂ substituents in both reaction

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materials (**1d** and **2d**).

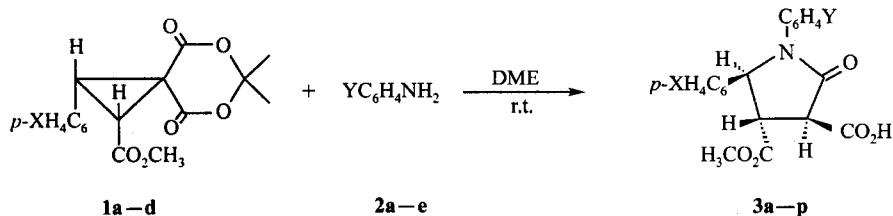
Electron-deficient cyclopropane derivative **1a** ($X = \text{CH}_3$) reacts with ammonia **4** or benzyl amine **5** at room temperature to give inner ammonium salt **6** or **7** (Scheme 2 and Table 2).

The structures of products **3**, **6**, **7** were confirmed by MS, IR, ^1H and ^{13}C NMR and elemental analyses and the configuration of product **3c** was assigned via its 2D Proton NOESY spectrum.

The reaction mechanism shown in Scheme 3 would account for the high stereoselectivity. The 1,2-*cis*-cy-

clopropane derivative **1** is attacked nucleophilically by a molecule of amine at C_a from the less hindered side of the cyclopropane ring. Cleavage of $\text{C}_a\text{—C}_c$ bond of compound **1** yields the intermediate **A**, which undergoes proton-shift into intermediate **B** ($\text{R} = \text{Y-C}_6\text{H}_4$) and inner ammonium salt **6** or **7** ($\text{R} = \text{H}$; $\text{R} = \text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$). Intermediate **B** transforms into intermediate **C** after the rotation of $\text{C}_a\text{—C}_b$ bond. Then α, β, γ -*trans*, *trans*- γ -butyrolactams **3** is formed through intramolecular attacking of the amino group in intermediate **C** to break the Medrum's acid ring with the elimination of a molecule of acetone.

Scheme 1

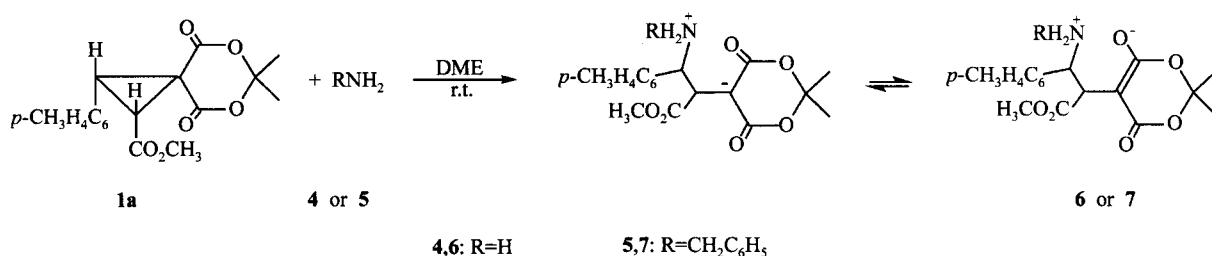


1: a $X = \text{CH}_3$, b $X = \text{H}$, c $X = \text{Cl}$, d $X = \text{NO}_2$ 2: a $Y = p\text{-CH}_3$, b $Y = \text{H}$, c $Y = p\text{-Br}$, d $Y = p\text{-NO}_2$, e $Y = o\text{-CH}_3$

Table 1 Physical data of compound **3**

Compd.	X	Y	Mp (°C)	Yield (%)	Compd.	X	Y	Mp (°C)	Yield (%)
3a	CH ₃	<i>p</i> -CH ₃	178—180	92	3i	CH ₃	<i>p</i> -Br	168—170	95
3b	H	<i>p</i> -CH ₃	164—166	97	3j	H	<i>p</i> -Br	160—162	98
3c	Cl	<i>p</i> -CH ₃	163—165	96	3k	Cl	<i>p</i> -Br	165—167	97
3d	NO ₂	<i>p</i> -CH ₃	170—172	74	3l	NO ₂	<i>p</i> -Br	164—166	68
3e	CH ₃	H	160—162	97	3m	CH ₃	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	177—179	42
3f	H	H	161—163	98	3n	CH ₃	<i>o</i> -CH ₃	168—170	83
3g	Cl	H	164—165	97	3o	H	<i>o</i> -CH ₃	162—164	84
3h	NO ₂	H	168—170	70	3p	Cl	<i>o</i> -CH ₃	163—165	86

Scheme 2



Scheme 3

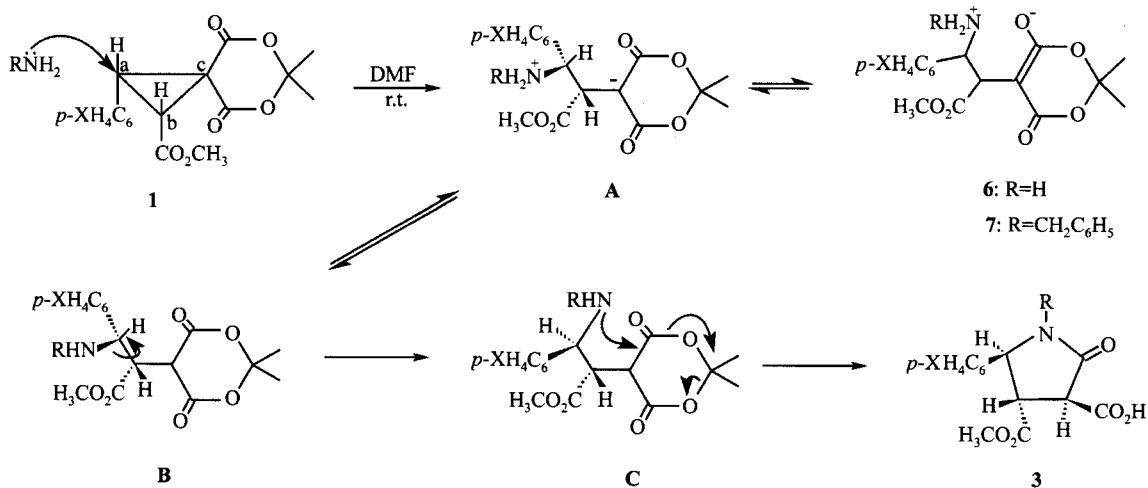


Table 2 Physical data of compound 6 or 7

Compd.	X	R	Mp (°C)	Yield (%)
6	CH ₃	H	150—152	83
7	CH ₃	CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	130—132	97

In summary, a facile and highly stereoselective synthesis of *N*-aryl-*trans*, *trans*- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -aryl- γ -butyrolactams and inner ammonium salt has been developed based on the reaction of *cis*-1-methoxycarbonyl-2-aryl-6,6-dimethyl-5,7-dioxaspiro[2,5]-4,8-octadiones with amines at room temperature. The simplicity of the procedure, the excellent yield and the high stereoselectivity of the products should offer a novel promising access to the synthesis of γ -butyrolactam and amino acid derivatives.

Experimental

Melting points were recorded on a WRS-1 melting point apparatus and uncorrected. IR spectra (KBr discs) measured on a 7400 spectrometer (Shanghai Analytical Instrument Factory, China). NMR spectra were taken on an AC-100SC spectrometer, using solutions in CDCl₃ with tetramethylsilane and CDCl₃ as internal standard. Coupling constants were given in hertz (Hz). Mass spectra were run on an HP 5989A spectrometer. Elemental data were obtained on a Foss Heraeus CHN-O-RAPID element analysis instrument.

Preparation of N-aryl-*trans*, *trans*- α -carboxyl- β -methoxy-

carbonyl-gamma-aryl-gamma-butyrolactams (3)

To a solution of *cis*-1-methoxycarbonyl-2-aryl-6,6-dimethyl-5,7-dioxaspiro[2,5]-4,8-octadione¹⁰ (**1**) (0.5 mmol) in dimethyl ethylene glycol (5 mL) was added aniline (**2**) (0.75 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature (monitored by TLC). The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was purified by recrystallization from methylene chloride-light petroleum to give *N*-aryl-*trans*, *trans*- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -aryl- γ -butyrolactam (**3**). The results are summarized in Table 1.

N-*p*-Methylphenyl-*trans*, *trans*- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -*p*-methylphenyl- γ -butyrolactam (**3a**)

Yield: 92%; m. p. 178—180°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ : 2.26 (s, 3H, NC₆H₄CH₃), 2.29 (s, 3H, C₆H₄CH₃), 3.40 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 9.3 Hz, 1H, α -H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H, γ -H), 7.02—7.26 (m, 8H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3451, 1733, 1656, 1608, 1165 cm⁻¹; MS *m/z* (%): 367 (M⁺, 8), 323 (100), 264 (42), 210 (70), 209 (68), 208 (80), 91 (73); Anal. calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO₅: C 68.65, H 5.76, N 3.81; found: C 68.52, H 5.66, N 3.71.

N-*p*-Methylphenyl-*trans*, *trans*- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -phenyl- γ -butyrolactam (**3b**)

Yield: 97%; m. p. 164—166°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ : 2.27 (s, 3H, NC₆H₄CH₃), 3.48 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 9.4 Hz, 1H, γ -H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H, γ -H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 9.4

Hz, 1H, α -H), 7.03—7.23 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.22—7.43 (m, 5H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3448, 1732, 1655, 1582, 1164 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 353 (M^+ , 8), 309 (100), 250 (36), 196 (96), 195 (76), 194 (68), 91 (68); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5$: C 67.98, H 5.42, N 3.96; found: C 67.89, H 5.42, N 3.85.

N-p-Methylphenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -p-chlorophenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3c)

Yield: 96%; m. p. 163—165°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 2.28 (s, 3H, $\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$), 3.43 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.10 (dd, $J = 10.8, 9.3$ Hz, 1H, β -H), 4.36 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.46 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H, γ -H), 7.10—7.29 (m, 8H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3446, 1732, 1654, 1584, 1167 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 387 (M^+ , 5), 389 (2), 343 (83), 284 (31), 232 (33), 230 (100), 229 (70), 228 (57), 91 (67); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_5$: C 61.83, H 4.56, N 3.60; found: C 61.89, H 4.67, N 3.61.

N-p-Methylphenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -p-nitrophenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3d)

Yield: 74%; m. p. 170—172°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 2.27 (s, 3H, $\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$), 3.42 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.21 (dd, $J = 10.9, 9.6$ Hz, 1H, β -H), 4.36 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.47 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 7.10—8.19 (m, 8H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3436, 1734, 1687, 1606, 1176 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 354 ($M - 44^+$, 89), 295 (14), 241 (100), 240 (72), 91 (29); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$: C 60.38, H 4.55, N 7.03; found: C 60.18, H 4.55, N 6.95.

N-Phenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -p-methylphenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3e)

Yield: 97%; m. p. 160—162°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 2.30 (s, 3H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$), 3.42 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.06 (dd, $J = 11.2, 9.3$ Hz, 1H, β -H), 4.38 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.47 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 7.04—7.41 (m, 9H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3442, 1734, 1654, 1593, 1167 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 353 (M^+ , 5), 309 (90), 250 (38), 196 (74), 195 (81), 194 (100), 77 (96); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5$: C 67.98, H 5.42, N 3.96; found: C 67.82, H 5.30, N 3.88.

N-Phenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -phenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3f)

Yield: 98%; m. p. 161—163°C, ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 3.40 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.11 (dd, $J = 11.0, 9.3$ Hz, 1H, β -H), 4.40 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.51

(d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H, γ -H), 7.19—7.41 (m, 10H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 6.3, 49.6, 51.7, 61.8, 122.5, 125.4, 127.0, 128.3, 128.5, 128.7, 135.9, 137.3, 167.5, 169.1; IR (KBr) ν : 3447, 1731, 1655, 1590, 1166 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 339 (M^+ , 6), 295 (81), 236 (38), 182 (70), 181 (77), 180 (85), 77 (88); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_5$: C 67.24, H 5.05, N 4.12; found: C 67.41, H 5.09, N 4.15.

N-Phenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -p-chlorophenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3g)

Yield: 97%; m. p. 164—165°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 3.43 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.10 (dd, $J = 10.7, 9.3$ Hz, 1H, β -H), 4.36 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.49 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H, γ -H), 7.10—7.34 (m, 9H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 46.2, 49.6, 51.8, 61.1, 122.6, 125.6, 128.5, 128.8, 129.1, 133.1, 135.1, 137.1, 167.5, 169.0, 169.1; IR (KBr) ν : 3448, 1730, 1652, 1589, 1164 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 373 (M^+ , 3), 375 (1), 329 (66), 270 (30), 218 (34), 216 (100), 215 (67), 214 (59), 77 (86). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_5$: C 61.05, H 4.28, N 3.74; found: C 60.86, H 4.31, N 4.03.

N-Phenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -p-nitrophenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3h)

Yield: 70%; m. p. 168—170°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 3.45 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.22 (dd, $J = 10.8, 9.0$ Hz, 1H, β -H), 4.34 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H, β -H), 5.66 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H, γ -H), 7.18—8.20 (m, 9H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3446, 1732, 1653, 1584, 1167 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 340 ($M - 44^+$, 51), 281 (38), 227 (100), 226 (81), 225 (36), 77 (50); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$: C 59.37, H 4.20, N 7.29; found: C 59.20, H 4.05, N 7.12.

N-p-Bromophenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxycarbonyl- γ -p-methylphenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3i)

Yield: 95%; m. p. 168—170°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 2.31 (s, 3H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$), 3.43 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.07 (dd, $J = 11.1, 9.3$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 4.31 (d, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.43 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H, β -H), 7.07—7.37 (m, 8H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3431, 1734, 1648, 1587, 1166 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 431 (M^+ , 3), 387 (67), 389 (71), 328 (25), 275 (58), 274 (100), 273 (56), 272 (80); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNO}_5$: C 55.57, H 4.20, N 3.24; found: C 55.41, H 4.06, N 3.19.

N-p-Bromophenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxy-carbonyl- γ -phenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3j) Yield: 98%; m.p. 160—162°C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 3.31 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.02 (dd, $J = 11.1$, 9.3 Hz, 1H, β -H), 4.30 (d, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H, β -H), 5.39 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H, β -H), 7.06—7.32 (m, 9H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3442, 1734, 1654, 1593, 1167 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 417 (M^+ , 2), 373 (61), 375 (62), 314 (16), 262 (66), 261 (59), 260 (100), 259 (54); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNO}_5$: C 54.52, H 3.85, N 3.35; found: C 54.64, H 4.01, N 3.27.

N-p-Bromophenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxy-carbonyl- γ -p-chlorophenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3k) Yield: 97%; m.p. 165—167°C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 3.44 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.13 (dd, $J = 11.0$, 9.3 Hz, 1H, β -H), 4.36 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H, β -H), 5.48 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H, γ -H), 7.09—7.41 (m, 8H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3440, 1734, 1655, 1586, 1164 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 453 (M^+ , 3), 407 (79), 350 (38), 297 (18), 296 (92), 295 (73), 294 (100), 293 (55), 292 (37); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrClNO}_5$: C 50.31, H 3.33, N 3.09; found: C 49.97, H 3.62, N 2.93.

N-p-Bromophenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxy-carbonyl- γ -p-nitrophenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3l) Yield: 68%; m.p. 164—166°C, $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 3.36 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.13 (dd, $J = 11.2$, 9.3 Hz, 1H, α -H), 4.28 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.54 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 7.20—8.13 (m, 8H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3432, 1734, 1718, 1588, 1187 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 418 ($\text{M} - 44^+$, 100), 420 (49), 359 (5), 307 (68), 306 (50), 305 (86); 27 (100), 226 (81), 225 (36), 77 (50); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_7$: C 49.26, H 3.26, N 6.05; found: C 49.19, H 3.41, N 5.96.

N-p-Nitrophenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxy-carbonyl- γ -p-methylphenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3m) Yield: 42%; m.p. 177—179°C, $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 2.32 (s, 3H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$), 3.47 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.13 (dd, $J = 11.3$, 9.2 Hz, 1H, α -H), 4.42 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.57 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 7.04—8.15 (m, 8H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3462, 1734, 1654, 1593 1156 cm^{-1} ; m/z (%): 354 ($\text{M} - 44^+$, 100), 295 (26), 241 (99), 240 (86), 239 (66); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$: C 60.30, H 4.55, N 7.03; found: C 60.12, H 4.73, N

6.93.

N-o-Methylphenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxy-carbonyl- γ -p-methylphenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3n) Yield: 83%; m.p. 168—170°C, $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 2.22 (s, 3H, $\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$), 2.32 (s, 3H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$), 3.35 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.18 (dd, $J = 11.0$, 9.6 Hz, 1H, β -H), 4.48 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.14 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H, α -H), 6.85—7.24 (m, 8H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3436, 1734, 1664, 1579, 1156 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 367 (M^+ , 12), 323 (84), 264 (100), 210 (61), 209 (55), 208 (90), 91 (93); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5$: C 68.65, H 5.76, N 3.81; found: C 68.98, H 5.87, N 3.70.

N-o-Methylphenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxy-carbonyl- γ -phenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3o) Yield: 84%; m.p. 162—164°C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 2.21 (s, 3H, $\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$), 3.31 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.20 (dd, $J = 11.0$, 9.6 Hz, 1H, β -H), 4.48 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H, γ -H), 5.16 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H, γ -H), 6.84—7.32 (m, 9H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3458, 1734, 1665, 1579, 1156 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 353 (M^+ , 3), 309 (53), 250 (83), 196 (45), 195 (44), 194 (78), 91 (100); Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5$: C 67.98, H 5.42, N 3.96; found: C 67.90, H 5.30, N 3.85.

N-o-Methylphenyl-trans, trans- α -carboxyl- β -methoxy-carbonyl- γ -p-chlorophenyl- γ -butyrolactam (3p) Yield: 86%; m.p. 163—165°C, $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 2.22 (s, 3H, $\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$), 3.39 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.22 (dd, $J = 10.7$, 9.6 Hz, 1H, β -H), 4.47 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H, γ -H), 5.18 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H, γ -H), 6.83—7.33 (m, 8H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3423, 1737, 1661, 1580, 1163 cm^{-1} ; MS m/z (%): 343 ($\text{M} - 44^+$, 94), 345 (42), 284 (100), 230 (86), 229 (57), 228 (65), 91 (81).

Inner ammonium salt (6) Yield: 83%; m.p. 150—152°C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (D_2O , 100 MHz) δ : 1.17 (s, 6H, CH_3), 2.35 (s, 3H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$), 3.42 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.60—3.72 (m, 2H, CHCO_2CH_3 , CHAr-NH_3^+), 3.78—3.86 (m, 3H, NH_3), 7.30 (s, 4H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 2994, 1699, 1666, 1554, 1148 cm^{-1} .

Inner ammonium salt (7) Yield: 97%; m.p. 130—132°C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 1.57 (s, 6H, CH_3), 2.38 (s, 3H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$), 3.25—3.35 (m, 1H, CHCO_2CH_3), 3.60—3.68 (m, 1H,

CHArNH₂), 3.66 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.87—3.95 (m, 2H, PhCH₂), 4.48—4.54 (m, 2H, NH₂), 6.97—7.39 (m, 9H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 2984, 1702, 1679, 1577, 1169 cm⁻¹.

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