# 195. Carbon Participation in the Solvolysis of 6- and 7-Substituted 2-Norbornyl p-Toluenesulfonates

Norbornanes, Part 11

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## Summary

The solvolysis rates and products of several 7-anti-substituted 2-endo-norbornyl p-toluenesulfonates 11 have been determined and compared with those of the previously reported 6-exo-substituted 2-exo-norbornyl p-toluenesulfonates 1. Although the number of bonds between the substituent and the reaction site is the same in the two series, the inductive effect of the substituents is transmitted far more strongly in the 6-exo-2-exo-series 1 than in the 7-anti-2-endo-series 11; *i.e.* their inductivities differ widely. It is concluded that through space induction involves graded bridging of the substituent-bearing C-atom to the incipient cationic center at C(2) and that this involves differential bridging strain. The different reactivities of unsubstituted 2-exo- and 2-endo-norbornyl derivatives can then be ascribed to a stereoelectronic effect.

**1.** Introduction. – Recent studies of the solvolysis rates and products of 6-exosubstituted 2-exo- and 2-endo-norbornyl p-toluenesulfonates<sup>1</sup>) **1** and **2**, respectively, [1] have shown that the intermediate cations are bridged, as in **3**, when the substituent is an electron donor – relative to the cationic center at C(2) – and unbridged, as in **5**, when it is an electron acceptor<sup>2</sup>).



<sup>1)</sup> Referred to as tosylates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>) For a review of this work see [2].

This follows from the observed changes of the rate constants as well as the 2-exo/2-endo rate ratios and the products with the substituent R. In conjunction with other evidence [3] these results eliminated steric hindrance to endo-ionization as an explanation for high 2-exo/2-endo rate ratios [4]. Furthermore, hydrolysis of 1 and 2 yielded 2-exo-norbornanols only when R was a donor substituent, a sign that nucleophilic solvents attack the cation 3 from the unbridged exo-side only. On the other hand 2-exo- and 2-endo-norbornanols were obtained when R was an acceptor, indicating that unbridged cations 5 are attacked from both sides of C(2) [1] [5]. Finally, reversible Wagner-Meerwein rearrangements of the cations 3 and 4 were fast relative to their capture by solvent when R was a donor, but slow when R was an acceptor, as in 5 and 6 [6], a sign that bridging and rearrangement are related.

It was proposed recently<sup>3</sup>) that the reaction constant  $\rho_I$  in the Hammett-Taft equation  $\log k/k_0 = \rho_I \sigma_I^q$  is a measure of C-bridging in the transition state leading to the formation of carbocations. The  $\rho_I$ -values for 1 and 2 were -2.0 and -0.78, respectively, revealing a much higher inductivity (*i.e.* sensitivity of rate to the *I* effect of the substituents<sup>4</sup>)) in the 6-exo-2-exo-series 1 compared to the 6-exo-2-endo-series 2 [1]. Assuming that induction can be roughly separated into a through-bond and a through-space component and that the latter involves graded bridging [2], these  $\rho_I$ -values confirm that bridging is strong in the transition state leading to the exo-ion pair 7 and weak or negligible in the transition state leading to the endo-ion pair 8. It was, therefore, concluded that in the latter case bridging of C(2) by C(6) is hindered by the departing endo-tosylate ion.



It was also pointed out recently that bridging resembles ordinary bonding in that it is subject to stereoelectronic constraints, notably steric strain [2] [9]. For bridging to be effective, the back lobe of an orbital of the bridging C-atom should overlap with the p-orbital of the incipient cationic center, as illustrated in 9; this in turn implies that the respective orbital axes (represented in 9 by dotted lines) should intersect at an angle of at least 90°. This is the case in the ion pair 10 derived from the 2-exo-tosylate 1, but not in other bicyclic cations which, therefore, exhibit larger bridging strains [2] [9].

Support for this hypothesis comes from the following study of the rates and products of the 7-anti-substituted 2-endo- and 2-exo-norbornyl tosylates 11 and 12 (a-h), respectively. While the number of intervening bonds and the direct distances between R and C(2) are the same in all four compounds 1, 2, 11 and 12 the strains which accompany bridging of C(2) with C(6) and C(7), respectively,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>) Cf. [7] and earlier papers in the series 'Polar Effects'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>) This term was introduced recently [8] to designate the intensity with which the *I*-effect is transmitted to a reaction center.



are clearly different<sup>5</sup>). Thus, in the ion pairs 15 derived from the *endo*-tosylates 11 the orbital axes of C(2) and C(7) do not intersect. Hence, overlap will be poor. Expressed in other terms: bridging, as illustrated in 16, subdivides a five-membered ring into three- and four-membered rings and, therefore, generates considerable strain. Furthermore, conversion of the tetrahedral configuration at C(7) to the trigonal bipyramidal arrangement preferred by pentacoordinate atoms [10] will tend to increase bridging strain because the rigid C(1)-C(7)-C(4) angle in norbornanes of 94° [11] resists widening to 120°.

In the ion pairs 17 derived from the *exo*-tosylates 12 overlap of the relevant orbitals at C(7) and C(2) is hindered by the departing anion, but also for the reasons stated above. On the other hand strong bridging is expected to occur between C(2) and the unsubstituted C(6), as shown in 18. It was, therefore, of interest to test these hypotheses by determining the rates and products of the solvolysis of 11 and 12 and, especially, the reaction constants  $\rho_I$  for these series of compounds.

2. Results. – The syntheses of the tosylates 11 and 12 (b-h) and the solvolysis products obtained in 70:30 (w/w) dioxane/water (summarized in *Table 4*) have been reported [12]. The rate constants were measured in ethanol/water 80:20 (v/v) by the conductometric method and are listed in *Tables 1* and 2. Included are the rate constants for the 7-syn-chloro-2-endo and 2-exo-norbornyl tosylates 13f and 14f and the corresponding bromides 13g and 14g, respectively (*Table 3*). The former compounds had already been studied by *Gassman & Hornback* [13]; they were included in the present investigation to determine the directional effect of substituents at C(7) on inductivity.

3. Discussion. - The same types of product were obtained from the *endo*- and *exo*-tosylates 11 and 12, respectively, albeit in different yields (*Table 4*). The main products were the 7-*anti*-substituted-2-*exo*-norbornanols 19 which are formed from 11 with inversion and from 12 with retention of configuration<sup>6</sup>). This result

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>) This can be shown with plastic framework models (*Prentice Hall*) using trigonal bipyramidal metal clusters to indicate the orientation of the orbitals at C(2), C(6) and C(7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>) It was shown in [14] that solvolysis of 2-norbornane derivatives does not involve appreciable nucleophilic solvent participation.

11	R	T [°]	k [s <sup>-1</sup> ]	H <sup>≠</sup> [kcal/mol]	S≠ [cal/mol degree]
a	Н	70.00	$8.42 \cdot 10^{-5}$ a)	23.84	- 7.98
b	CH <sub>3</sub>	70.00 79.87 90.01 99.29	$1.04 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ b})$ 2.84 \cdot 10^{-4} 7.40 \cdot 10^{-4} 1.73 \cdot 10^{-3}	23.66	- 8.10
c	CH <sub>2</sub> OCOCH <sub>3</sub>	70.00 89.69 98.89 109.05	$1.20 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ b}) 8.66 \cdot 10^{-5} 2.08 \cdot 10^{-4} 4.99 \cdot 10^{-4}$	24.20	- 10.82
d	CH <sub>2</sub> Br	70.00 99.44 109.62 119.73	$8.07 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ b})$ $1.55 \cdot 10^{-4}$ $3.87 \cdot 10^{-4}$ $9.22 \cdot 10^{-4}$	24.79	- 9.86
e	COOCH3	70.00 99.47 109.58 119.57	$2.77 \cdot 10^{-6b})$ $5.87 \cdot 10^{-5}$ $1.50 \cdot 10^{-4}$ $3.63 \cdot 10^{-4}$	25.62	- 9.58
f	Cl	70.00 109.61 119.68 130.13	$\begin{array}{c} 1.64 \cdot 10^{-6} ^{\circ}) \\ 7.01 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ 1.62 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ 3.69 \cdot 10^{-4} \end{array}$	24.03	- 15.27
g	Br	70.00 109.52 119.65 129.70	$\begin{array}{c} 1.45 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{b}) \\ 7.20 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ 1.73 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ 3.94 \cdot 10^{-4} \end{array}$	25.06	- 12.50
h	CN	70.00 109.52 119.57 129.88	$3.65 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{b})$ $1.84 \cdot 10^{-5}$ $4.38 \cdot 10^{-5}$ $1.03 \cdot 10^{-4}$	25.15	- 14.99

 Table 1. First-Order Rate Constants for  $10^{-3}$  M 7-anti-Substituted 2-endo-Norbornyl p-Toluenesulfonates

 11 in 80 Vol. % Ethanol with 1.1 Equiv. of Triethylamine

alone indicates that C(7)-C(2)-bridging must be negligible in the ion pair 15 from 11 and that C(6)-C(2)-bridging is strong in the ion pair 18 from 12. Small amounts of 7-syn-substituted 2-exo-norbornanols 20 were also obtained. These alcohols are derived from the cations 25 which are in turn formed by C(6)-C(2) hydride shifts from the original ion pairs 15 and 17.



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R	Т	k	H≠	S≠
	[°]	[s <sup>-1</sup> ]	(kcal/mol]	[cal/mol degree]
Н	70.00	$3.58 \cdot 10^{-2a}$ )	22.04	- 1.20
CH3	70.00 30.05 40.04 50.06	$3.68 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ b}) 5.51 \cdot 10^{-4} 1.84 \cdot 10^{-3} 5.12 \cdot 10^{-3}$	21.08	- 3.94
CH <sub>2</sub> OCOCH <sub>3</sub>	70.00 49.55 59.72 69.95	$3.34 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ b}) 4.08 \cdot 10^{-4} 1.21 \cdot 10^{-3} 3.31 \cdot 10^{-3}$	21.92	- 6.28
CH <sub>2</sub> Br	70.00 64.93 75.08 85.15	$2.01 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ b})$ $1.26 \cdot 10^{-3}$ $3.19 \cdot 10^{-3}$ $7.54 \cdot 10^{-3}$	20.65	- 10.98
COOCH3	70.00 49.55 59.76 69.94	$9.52 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{b})  1.16 \cdot 10^{-4}  3.46 \cdot 10^{-4}  9.44 \cdot 10^{-4} $	21.94	- 8.71
Cl	70.00 90.17 99.75 109.80	$1.57 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{b}) 1.06 \cdot 10^{-3} 2.49 \cdot 10^{-3} 5.65 \cdot 10^{-3}$	22.83	9.70
Br	70.00 89.86 99.40 109.48	$1.43 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ 8.34 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ 1.86 \cdot 10^{-3} \\ 4.01 \cdot 10^{-3}$	21.37	- 14.15
CN	70.00 99.40	$2.42 \cdot 10^{-5}$ $3.78 \cdot 10^{-4}$	23.02	- 12.84
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Table 2. First-Order Rate Constants for  $10^{-3}$  M 7-anti-Substituted 2-exo-Norbornyl p-Toluenesulfonates 12in 80 Vol. % Ethanol with 1.1 Equiv. of Triethylamine

Considerable amounts of the rearranged 3-endo-substituted 2-exo-norbornanols 21 were detected when R was an electron donor such as alkyl or a weak acceptor (CH<sub>2</sub>OAc, CH<sub>2</sub>Br, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), not, however, when R was a stronger acceptor (Cl, Br, CN). The alcohols 21 are probably formed from the cations 26 which are related to the cations 18 and 25 by way of *Wagner-Meerwein* rearrangements. The formation of nortricyclanes 22 by 1,3-elimination and of small amounts of the lactone 23 by cyclization when  $R = COOCH_3$  and CN is not unusual for reactions via 2-norbornyl cations [1] [2]. The precursors of small amounts of the epoxide 24 from 11 and 12 (f and g) are probably the *trans*-halohydrins 21, R = Cl and Br.

Although the number of intervening bonds and the direct distances between R and C(2) are the same in the series 11 and 1, the rates change far less with the *I* effect of R in the former case. This is strikingly demonstrated by the corresponding reaction constants of -0.72 and -2.0 [1], which were derived from the plots of

Tosylate	<i>T</i> [°]	$k^{[s^{-1}]}$	H <sup>≠</sup> [kcal/mol]	S <sup>≠</sup> [cal/mol degree]
13f	70.00 110.18 120.29 130.32	$6.88 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{c})$ $3.22 \cdot 10^{-5}$ $7.76 \cdot 10^{-5}$ $1.67 \cdot 10^{-4}$	24.34	- 16.07
14f	70.00 70.11 80.18 90.36	$1.63 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{c}) 1.64 \cdot 10^{-4} 4.47 \cdot 10^{-4} 1.12 \cdot 10^{-3} $	22.80	- 9.70
13g	70.00 110.18 120.29 130.32	6.61 · 10 <sup>-7</sup> c) 3.19 · 10 <sup>-5</sup> 7.41 · 10 <sup>-5</sup> 1.67 · 10 <sup>-4</sup>	24.48	- 15.75
14g	70.00 70.07 80.18 90.36	$2.09 \cdot 10^{-4} c) 2.09 \cdot 10^{-4} 5.72 \cdot 10^{-4} 1.42 \cdot 10^{-3} $	22.70	- 9.49

Table 3. First-Order Rate Constants for 10<sup>-3</sup> M 7-syn-Chloro- and 7-syn-Bromo-2-endo- and -2-exonorbornyl p-Toluenesulfonates 13 and 14 in 80 Vol. % Ethanol<sup>a</sup>)<sup>b</sup>)

<sup>a</sup>) In the presence of 1.1 equiv. of triethylamine. <sup>b</sup>) Prepared as described by *Gassman & Hornback* [13]. <sup>c</sup>) Extrapolated.

 Table 4. Yield of Products (%) from the Reaction of 7-anti-Substituted 2-endo-(11) and (in brackets) of 2-exo-Norbornyl p-Toluenesulfonates (12) in 70 Vol.-% Dioxane<sup>a</sup>)

11 (12)	R	19	20	21	22	23	24
a	Н	93 (94)	b)	b)	7 (5.5)		
b	CH <sub>3</sub>	51 (31)	2(2)	42 (35)	2 (20)		
с	CH <sub>2</sub> OAc	48 (67)	5 (6)	14 (18)	28 (9)		
d	CH <sub>2</sub> Br	69 (56)	6 (8)	9 (14)	15 (18)		
e	COOCH3	65 (60)	5 (8)	5 (10)	20 (14)	1(1)	
f	Cl	80 (64)	8 (9)	_	1 (20)	-	7 (2)
g	Br	82 (64)	9 (9)	-	1 (3)	-	3 (14)
ĥ	CN	71 (58)	2(1)		23 (25)	3 (7)	

<sup>a</sup>) Containing 1.1 equiv. of triethylamine. <sup>b</sup>) When R = H the norbornanols 19, 20 and 21 are identical and are formed *via* hydride shifts and *Wagner-Meerwein* rearrangements [1] [2].

log k vs. $\rho$ ? [15] in the Figure. Inductivity in the transition state is, therefore, much smaller in the series 11 than in the series 1. Assuming that transmission of the *I* effect through space involves graded bridging by a  $\beta$ -C-atom at the rear of the C(2)-OTs-bond, it follows that electron mobility is much smaller between C(7) and C(2) than between C(6) and C(2). A plausible explanation for this difference is that C(7)-C(2)-bridging, as in 16, generates far more strain than does C(6)-C(2)-bridging, as in 7. In fact, the exclusive formation of the inverted 2-exo-alcohols 19 from 11 indicates that the product-forming intermediates are unbridged. The residual low inductivity must then be ascribed to through-bond induction.



Nevertheless, bridging between C(7) and C(2) can become prominent if the 7-anti-substituent is a highly electrofugal group and therefore a powerful electron donor, such as trimethyltin. In fact Davis & Johnson have reported that the methyl-sulfonate 27 of 7-anti-(2-endo-hydroxynorbornyl)trimethyltin undergoes accelerated acetolysis to tricyclo [3.2.0.0<sup>2,7</sup>]heptane 28 and trimethyltin acetate [16]. These results show that ionization is assisted by bridging of C(7), as illustrated in 27, but they do not show whether this fragmentation<sup>7</sup>) is a concerted or a two-step process via a bridged cation<sup>8</sup>). An exalted I effect of a  $\beta$ -trimethyltin group was observed recently in the solvolysis of the 1-bromoadamantane 29 which reacted 26 times faster (in 80% ethanol at 70°) than anticipated on the basis of the inductive constant  $\sigma_I^q$  (-0.26) for this substituent [17]. But in this case the presumably 1,3-bridged cation failed to cyclize due to the excessive strain involved.

R		$k_{13}/k_{11}^{a}$ )	$k_{14}/k_{12}^{b}$ )	$k_{12}/k_{11}^{c}$ )	$k_{14}/k_{13}^{d}$ )	$k_{1}/k_{11}^{e}$ )	$k_1/k_2^{f}$ )	$k_{11}/k_2^{g})$
н				425		425	425	1
CH	3			354		105	181	1.73
CH <sub>2</sub> OAc			278		16	24	1.48	
CH	2Br			249		13	16	1.2
COOCH <sub>3</sub>				344		2.3	2	1.6
Cl		2.4	1.04	96	237	-		-
Br		2.2	1.46	99	316	0.10	0.37	3.6
CN				66		0.34	0.88	2.6
a)	Tables 1 and	3.	e) Table 2	and [1].				
b)	Tables 2 and	3.	f) [1]. The rate constants for 1 and 2 ( $R = CH_2OAc$ ) at 70.0° are 1.96 $\cdot 10^{-4}$					
c)	Tables 1 and	2.	and $8.09 \cdot 10^{-6}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> ), respectively.					
d)	Table 3.		g) Table 1,	[1] and <sup>f</sup> ).	- •			

Table 5. Relative Rates of 6- and 7-Substituted 2-Norbornyl p-Toluenesulfonates in 80 Vol. % Ethanol at 70.0°

The conclusion that through-bond induction via C(1) dominates in the 7-antiseries 11 is supported by a comparison of the rates of the 7-anti-chloro and bromo derivatives 11f and 11g with the corresponding 7-syn-halogen derivatives 13f and 13g, respectively. As shown by the small  $k_{13}/k_{11}$  ratios of 2.4 and 2.2 (Table 5), the rates are indeed almost the same.

The reaction constant  $\rho_I$  of -0.97 for the 7-anti-2-exo-norbornyl tosylates 12 is considerably larger than that for the endo-tosylates 11 (-0.72) but much smaller

<sup>7)</sup> This type of fragmentation which generates a cyclopropane ring was termed homofragmentation [1].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>) Extremely facile homofragmentation to nortricyclane 22, R = H, accounts for the failure to isolate the 6-*exo*-trimethyltin derivative of 2-*exo*-norbornyl tosylate 1,  $R = (CH_3)_3 Sn$ , in this laboratory.



Figure. Plot of logk for 7-anti-substituted 2-endo- and 2-exo-norbornyl p-toluenesulfonates 11 (line 1) and 12 (line 2), respectively, against of-values (Broken line 3: 6-exo-2-exo-norbornyl series 1 [1])

than that for the 6-exo-2-exo-isomers 1 (-2.0) (Figure). This indicates that C(6)-C(2)-bridging occurs in the incipient ion pair 18 from 12. But not being directly attached to C(6), the 7-anti-substituents have less effect on rates, as the lower  $\rho_{\Gamma}$  value shows. Bridging in the intermediate cations 18 is confirmed by the exclusive formation of the 2-exo-norbornanols 19 with retention of configuration. Bridging transfers part of the positive charge to C(6) which, like C(2), withdraws electron density from C(1). This deshielding of C(1) should increase its throughbond interaction with the substituents at C(7), thereby raising the  $\rho_{\Gamma}$ -value for the series 12 relative to that of 11.

This assumption is confirmed by a comparison of the 7-syn- and 7-anti-chloroand bromo derivatives 12 (f and g) and 14 (f and g), respectively. The small rate ratios  $k_{14}/k_{12}$  of 1.04 and 1.46 for f and g, respectively, (Table 5) again point to substituent effects that are transmitted entirely via the equidistant C(1) and would not be expected if C(7)-C(2)-bridging were important<sup>9</sup>). Furthermore, the 2-exo/ 2-endo rate ratios  $k_{12}/k_{11}$  and  $k_{14}/k_{13}$  are high in spite of the strong I effects of the halogen atoms at C(7) (Table 5). This supports the conclusion that the 2-exotosylates 12 and 14 (f and g) benefit from bridging of C(6), whereas the 2-endoepimers 11 and 13 (f and g) receive no such assistance.

It is also noteworthy that the *exo/endo* rate ratios, *i.e.*  $k_1/k_2$  and  $k_1/k_{11}$ , decrease from 425 for R=H to well below unity as the electron-withdrawing power of the substituent at C(6) and C(7), respectively, increases (*Table 5*). This constitutes further proof that *exo/endo* rate ratios are determined by the polar effect of substituents (including hydrogen) rather than by steric *endo*-hindrance of the norbornane structure, as argued by *Brown* [4]. On the other hand  $k_{11}/k_2$ -ratios

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>) In their careful study of the acetolysis rates and products of the four epimeric 7-chloro-2-norbornyl tosylates **11f-14f** Gassman & Hornback [13] come to a somewhat different conclusion, namely that  $C(1)-C(6) \sigma$ -bond participation is not important.

differ little from unity which confirms that substituents at C(7) and C(6) exert almost equal through-bond I effects in the ionization of 2-endo-tosylates.

In conclusion<sup>10</sup>), a comparison of the influence of substituents at C(6) and C(7) on the rates and products of 2-exo- and 2-endo-norbornyl tosylates indicates that the reactivity of 2-exo-tosylates is dominated by through-space induction, whereas the reactivity of corresponding 2-endo-tosylates is controlled by a much weaker through bond interaction. Assuming that through-space induction involves bridging, exo/endo rate ratios are determined by differential bridging strain, which is essentially a stereoelectronic effect and, hence, includes polar and steric factors. Confirmation of this hypothesis should help to reconcile the opposing views [4] [18], that either polar or steric effects are responsible for the different behavior of exo- and endo-norbornyl derivatives.

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#### Experimental Part<sup>11</sup>)

7-syn-Bromo-2-endo-norbornyl p-toluenesulfonate (13g). A solution of 397 mg (2.1 mmol) of 7-syn-bromo-2-endo-norbornanol (m.p. 56-57°) [19] and 789 mg (4.1 mmol) of p-toluenesulfonyl chloride in 7 ml of abs. pyridine was kept at 20° for one week. Ice and 4N HCl were added to the reaction mixture which was then extracted three times with 30 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The extracts were washed with 2N NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and then H<sub>2</sub>O, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated *i.v.* The oily residue was chromato-graphed on silica gel with CHCl<sub>3</sub> to yield 405 mg (56%) of a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.1-2.65 (*m*, 8 H); 2.45 (*s*, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>-Ar); 3.9 (*m*, 1 H, H-C(7)).

C14H17BrO3S (345.26) Calc. C 48.70 H 4.96% Found C 48.83 H 4.89%

7-syn-Bromo-2-exo-norbornyl p-toluenesulfonate (14g). 7-syn-Bromo-2-exo-norbornanol (20, R = Br) [19] [20] (564 mg, 2.9 mmol) was treated with 1.13 g (5.7 mmol) of p-toluenesulfonyl chloride in 10 ml of abs. pyridine for 3 days at 20° and worked up as for 13g. After chromatography on silica gel with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and crystallization from Et<sub>2</sub>O/pentane 571 mg (57%) of 14g was obtained; m.p. 70-73°. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.95-2.70 (m, 11 H); 3.70 (s, 1 H, H-C(7)).

C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>S (345.26) Calc. C 48.70 H 4.96% Found C 48.63 H 5.16%

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