92. Efficient Preparation and X-Ray Structure Analyses of (2R)-N-Pyruvoyland (2R)-N-(Phenylglyoxyloyl)bornane-10,2-sultam

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An efficient synthesis of the two title compounds is reported, as well as their X-ray crystal-structure analyses. A discussion based on stereoelectronic considerations rationalizes the first example of a crystalline $SO_2/C(O)$ syn-periplanar conformer of a N-acylbornane-10,2-sultam.

We have recently reported the diastereoselective [4 + 2] cycloaddition of 1-methoxybuta-1,3-diene to (2R)-N-glyoxyloylbornane-10,2-sultam $(1a)^2$) under high pressure and/ or in the presence of catalytic amounts of $[Eu(fod)_3]$ [6]. To study the scope and limitation of this kind of hetero-*Diels-Alder* reaction³), we prepared the homologous dienophiles (-)-1b, c⁴) which are also important chiral precursors for nucleophilic additions⁵).



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²) For an efficient synthesis of **1a**, see [1]. For the spirocyclization of 2-substituted tryptamines, *Pictet-Spengler* cyclization, and formal syntheses of compactin and purpurosamine C, see [2], [3], [4], and [5], respectively.

³) For a recent review on asymmetric intermolecular homo- and hetero-Diels-Alder reactions, see [7].

⁴) For an independent and recent synthesis of (-)-1b, isolated as a gum and presented without chiroptical data, see [8].

⁵) For the diastereoselective reduction of N-pyruvoyl- and N-(phenylglyoxyloyl)amides, see [9].

Pure (-)-1b, recrystallized from Et₂O, was obtained in 72% yield after deprotonation of the commercially available (2*R*)-bornane-10,2-sultam [10] with NaH (1.0 equiv.) in toluene, followed by acylation with pyruvaloyl chloride [11]. Similarly, using phenylgly-oxyloyl chloride [12] (NaH (1.5 equiv.), toluene, Ph(CO)₂Cl (1.2 equiv.), -20° to room temperature), the unknown (-)-1c was synthesized and isolated in 71% yield after recrystallization from AcOEt.

The X-ray crystal-structure analysis of (-)-1b (see below, *Fig. 1*) shows an astonishing $SO_2/C(O)$ syn-periplanar conformation which is, to the best of our knowledge, the first example of a crystalline uncomplexed conformer of *N*-acylbornane-10,2-sultam recognized as such in the literature⁶). The X-ray structures reported up to date for such derivatives systematically have an *anti*-periplanar $SO_2/C(O)$ conformation⁷), initially rationalized on the basis of dipole-dipole interactions [13], and more recently [16] on the basis of stereoelectronic considerations associated with the generalized anomeric effect of the N lone pair [17]. Indeed, pyramidalization of the N-atom in camphor-derived sultams is another common and well documented feature [18], initially attributed to a possible pinching effect of the five-membered sultam ring minimizing the steric and ring constraints [19]. More recently, a careful examination of the *Cambridge Structural Data Base*



Fig. 1. ORTEP Diagram of (-)-1b. Arbitrary numbering.

⁶) For a SO₂/C(O) syn-periplanar conformation of (-)-2b chelated by TiCl₄, see [13]; $\Delta hN = 0.150$ (6) Å, torsional angle S-N-C=O -25.6 (7)°.

⁷) For an *anti*-periplanar S-N-C=N conformation, see [14]; this characteristic conformation was also observed for toluene-sultams derived from saccharine (= 1,2-benzoisothiazol-3(2H)-one 1,1-dioxide) [15].

(1995) showed that this pyramidalization is generally dependent on the S–N–C=O torsional angle $[16]^{6})^{8}$, and that the N pyramid tends to planarity for a pure *syn*- or *anti*-periplanar conformation of the SO₂/C(O) groups, thus favoring the electronic delocalization and, therefore, the chemical reactivity¹⁰).

Considering first the most common $SO_2/C(O)$ anti-periplanar case ((-)-1c, (-)-2a-d) and assuming a possible anomeric effect between the N lone pair and the quasi antiperiplanar S–O(1) σ -bond¹¹), it became important to define the orientation of all O lone pairs. With respect to the SO₂ molecular orbitals, this is not an obvious task, and we retained two working hypotheses A and B. To reach maximum stabilization, the most evident is, according to hypothesis A, to place the four O lone pairs in the O(1)=S=O(2)plane, thus allowing two *anti*-periplanar σ^* anomeric stabilizations with the most electronegative O substituents. This symmetric representation, possessing four parallel lone pairs (see A), does not need more explanation. Hypothesis B considers the polarizable S-N(acyl) bond with staggered lone pairs and merits a more detailed discussion (see B). In that case, the O(1) lone pairs are orientated in the O(1)=S-N plane. One lone pair is anti-periplanar to the S-N bond, while the second, syn-periplanar to this bond, is pointing below the N pyramid¹²). Consequently, the O(2) lone pairs are preferably oriented in the C(10)-S=O(2) plane¹³), minimizing electrostatic repulsion between the N and S–N O(2) syn-periplanar lone pairs, and thus directing the π -orbitals of the pseudoequatorial O(2) atom¹⁴) for favorable N electronic delocalization. In both hypotheses, and in supplement to the dipole-dipole interaction, the *anti*-periplanarity of the $SO_2/C(O)$ groups may also be rationalized by a *Coulomb* repulsion between the SO_2 and C(O) lone pairs.

The roles of the O(1) and O(2) atoms in hypothesis *B* could be inverse, *i.e.*, the lone pairs of O(2) would direct in the O(2)=S-N plane, while the C(10)-S=O(1) plane would contain the lone pairs of O(1). However, this inversion is only possible either at the price of a destabilizing electrostatic repulsion between the N and the S-N syn-periplanar O(2)

⁸) Selected *∆hN*, and S–N–C=O and O=C–C=X torsional angles are as follows: (-)-1b: 0.083 (6) Å, -9.3 (8)°, +121.2 (5)°; (-)-1c: 0.228 (5) Å, +150.6 (5)°, +102.8 (6)°; (-)-2a [19]: 0.226 (5) Å, +153.9 (4)°, +1.0 (9)°; (-)-2b [10]: 0.230 (5) Å, +150.8 (4)°, -6.1 (8)°; (-)-2c [20]: 0.304 (7) Å, +134.8 (6)°, +140.2 (8)°; (-)-2d [18]: 0.308 (4) Å, +140.2 (4)°, +134.0 (5)°.

⁹) For a detailed discussion of the steric, electronic, and electrostatic influences of pseudoaxial substituents in the five-membered ring of camphorsultam- and toluenesultam-derived dienophiles on π-facial stereoselectivity, see [16]. For a preliminary attempt to put in evidence a stereoelectronic influence, see [21].

¹⁰) Sultam (-)-1b has the most planar N reported up to date for a N-acylbornane-10,2-sultam derivative. For the most extreme *anti*-periplanar example reported (*AhN* = 0.164 Å, S-N-C=O +172.4°), see [22]. For a different point of view concerning the chemical reactivity of *syn*- and *anti*-periplanar conformers, see [23].

¹¹) The N lone pair (lp) position is defined as in [13] and is also *anti*-periplanar to the H-C(2) σ-bond; dihedral angle lp-N-S=O(1) for (-)-1b -162.9 (4)°, and for (-)-1c -177.2 (4)°. This postulated anomeric effect may be the result rather than the cause of the observed geometry.

¹²) A possible electrostatic assistance to the N pyramidalization is not excluded.

¹³) For a practically *anti*-periplanar complexation of Ti at O(2) with respect to C(10) (torsional angle C(10)-S=O(2)-Ti-157.4 (3)°), see [13]. For a similar intramolecular H-bonding (C(10)-S=O(2)-H-167.9 (1)°), see [24].

¹⁴) Due to intrinsic properties of the camphor skeleton as well as to steric effect of the Me(8) group, the C(3) and O(2) atoms are systematically pseudoequatorial with respect to the five-membered sultam ring (see *Table 1*). Due to gauche effects, these atoms are often pseudoaxial in toluene-sultams [15].

lone pairs or by loss of the N lone pair S=O(1) anomeric stabilization under conditions of predominant steric or ring constraints [15] [25]. This alternative, which entails a favorable orientation of the O(1) π -orbitals with respect to the N lone pair, can also be envisaged in case of *quasi*-planarity of the N-atom¹⁵).

The conformation of the enoyl side chain may be understood as a result of steric interactions [18] either between the $C(\beta)$ -atom and the SO₂ moiety for (-)-2a, b, which force the C=C bond into a s-*cis* conformation with respect to the C=O bond, or between the sterically more demanding Me group at $C(\alpha)$ and SO₂ for (-)-2c, d thus now forcing, in the crystalline state, the C=C bond into an *anti*-clinal conformation^{*}).

An identical stereoelectronic situation (hypothesis A or B) explains the exceptional $SO_{2}/C(O)$ syn-periplanar conformation of (-)-1b, but now directed by the final sidechain heteroatom. The X-ray structure analysis of (-)-1b shows several noteworthy features (Fig. 1). Indeed, the C(13) atom perfectly bisects the O(1)=S=O(2) angle, directing O(3) slightly further from O(1) than from O(2)¹⁶). The electrostatic and steric repulsion is geometrically minimized by the quasi-planarity of the N-atom⁸), accentuated by the syn-planarity of the S-N-C(13)=O(3) moiety⁸)¹⁷. As already observed for the (2R)-N-(methacryloyl)bornane-10,2-sultam ((-)-2c), the sterically more demanding Me(15) group now directs the conformation of the side chain by preferring to avoid the C(3) atom, thereby minimizing simultaneously the electrostatic and dipoledipole interactions of both carbonyls groups which adopt an anti-clinal conformation⁸). We wondered why (-)-1b could not adopt an *anti*-periplanar s-transoid arrangement such as (-)-2c [20]. A MM2 calculation [26] simulating this conformation¹⁶)¹⁸ confirmed that it would be sterically unfavorable due to a much shorter distance between the $O(4) \cdots O(2)$ atoms, resulting in a higher electrostatic repulsion between their lone pairs.

The situation in (-)-1c is slightly different (see Fig. 2). With respect to the steric demand of a Ph substituent as compared to (-)-1a, b, the two carbonyl groups of (-)-1c cannot easily gain an electron-delocalizing stabilization by a pure or quasi C(O)/C=O s-cis or s-trans conformation and are obliged to adopt an orthogonal conformation⁸), where the C=O(4) group is conjugated with the aromatic π -system¹⁹). The benzene ring is directed towards the lower face of the camphor moiety to minimize the destabilizing O(4)/O(1) lone-pair interactions and the C(8)/Ph steric repulsion. This conformation also has the advantage that it minimizes the O(4)/O(2) repulsion and thus does not oblige the C=O(3) to adopt a less satisfying SO₂ syn-periplanar arrangement.

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¹⁵) Although semi-empirical calculations [16] did not permit the unequivocal determination of the orientation of the SO₂ lone pairs, they nevertheless suggest a symmetric orientation according to hypothesis A for non-chelated sym-periplanar s-cis (-)-2a and an orientation according to hypothesis B for its anti-periplanar s-cis conformer.

¹⁶) $C(13)\cdots O(1) 3.134 (8) Å; C(13)\cdots O(2) 3.129 (8) Å; O(3)\cdots O(1) 3.178 (7) Å; O(3)\cdots O(2) 3.016 (7) Å.$

¹⁷) An angle of 4.1(3)° is measured between the lone pair on the N and the 2p_z orbital of the adjacent carbonyl group. In comparison, the *anti*-periplanar (-)-1c (14.5 (4)°) and (-)-2b (18.1 (2)° [13]) have higher values.

¹⁸) Syn-periplanar s-trans conformer: S-N-C=O -8.5°, O=C-C=O +123.1°, O(3)…O(1) 2.96 Å, and O(3)…O(2) 2.95 Å; anti-periplanar s-trans conformer: S-N-C=O +165.0°, O=C-C=O +155.7°, O(4)…O(1) 3.03 Å, and O(4)…O(2) 2.73 Å.

¹⁹) Torsional angle O(4)=C(14)-C(15)=C(16)+172.4 (6)°.



Fig. 2. ORTEP Diagram of (-)-1c. Arbitrary numbering.

An anomeric effect between the N lone pair and the S=O(1) bond would theoretically lead to an elongation of this bond and a shortening of the S–N bond [17]. Comparison of the S=O(1) vs. S=O(2) bond lengths in more than forty N-acylbornane-10,2-sultam derivatives did not reveal any obvious or systematic correlation. This is certainly due to the competing S=O(2) (hypothesis A) or S–N anti-periplanar O(1) lone-pair anomeric effect (hypothesis B) which tends to shorten the S=O(1) bond length and to lengthen the S=O(2) or S–N bond, respectively.

Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths [Å] and Angles [°] for (–)-1b and (–)-1c

· · · · •	(—)-1b	(—) -1c		(—) -1b	(—)-1c
C(1)-C(10)	1.502 (7)	1.518 (7)	C(10)-C(1)-C(2)	109.2 (4)	110.0 (4)
C(1) - C(2)	1.530(7)	1.551 (7)	N(12)-C(2)-C(1)	106.8 (4)	105.4 (4)
C(2)-N(12)	1.478 (6)	1.466 (6)	C(1) - C(10) - S(11)	107.3 (4)	106.7 (4)
C(10) - S(11)	1.783 (6)	1.775 (5)	O(2) - S(11) - O(1)	119.1 (3)	116.3 (3)
S(11)-O(2)	1.407 (5)	1.415 (4)	O(2) - S(11) - N(12)	109.8 (3)	111.0(2)
S(11)O(1)	1.425 (4)	1.415 (4)	O(1) - S(11) - N(12)	108.0 (3)	107.7 (3)
S(11)-N(12)	1.705 (4)	1.686 (4)	O(2) - S(11) - C(10)	112.6 (3)	114.4 (3)
N(12)-C(13)	1.344 (7)	1.392 (6)	O(1) - S(11) - C(10)	109.4 (3)	110.2 (3)
C(13)-O(3)	1.210(7)	1.196 (6)	N(12)-S(11)-C(10)	95.3 (2)	95.1 (2)
C(13)-C(14)	1.524 (9)	1.541 (8)	C(13) - N(12) - C(2)	128.1 (4)	121.9 (4)
C(14)-O(4)	1.204 (7)	1.206 (6)	C(13) - N(12) - S(11)	119.0 (4)	122.5 (4)
			C(2) - N(12) - S(11)	112.0 (3)	109.3 (3)
			O(3)-C(13)-N(12)	124.1 (6)	122.1 (5)
			O(3)-C(13)-C(14)	117.2 (5)	119.3 (5)
			N(12)-C(13)-C(14)	118.5 (5)	118.2 (5)
			O(1)-S(11)-N(12)-C(2)	102.3 (4)	80.9 (4)
			O(2)-S(11)-N(12)-C(2)	-126.4 (4)	-150.8 (4)
			S(11)-N(12)-C(2)-C(3)	141.4 (4)	153.9 (4)

In conclusion, the X-ray analysis of (-)-1b illustrates the crucial function of the specific electronic situation in *N*-acylbornane-10,2-sultams in controlling both the conformational equilibrium and chemical reactivity. This is consistent with a recent rationalization based on the high reactivity of the SO₂/C(O) syn-periplanar conformers of 1 and 2 which may also contribute to the course of their stereochemical transformations [6b] [16]²⁰).

Cycloadditions and nucleophilic additions of (-)-1b, c will soon be reported.

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Experimental Part

General. MS: AMD-604 spectrometer; EI = electron ionization, LSI = liquid secondary ionization; m/z (rel. %). M.p.'s: Kofler-type (Boetius) hot-stage apparatus; not corrected. Optical rotations: Perkin-Elmer-241 polarimeter at 22°. IR Spectra: Nicolet-FT-IR Magna-500 spectrometer; in cm⁻¹. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR Spectra: in CDCl₃ using SiMe₄ as internal standard, Varian-Gemini-200 and Varian-Unity Plus-500 spectrometers; δ in ppm, J in Hz.

X-Ray Structure Determination of (-)-1b and (-)-1c: Suitable crystals were grown from a MeOH/hexane soln. The measurements were run on an Enraf-Nonius-MACH3 diffractometer using Express software, without absorption corrections. Table 2 shows details of the data collection and refinement. In the final steps of the least-squares procedure, all but Me group H-atoms were kept fixed at their calculated positions. The known configuration of the asymmetric centers of the sultam unit has been confirmed by the Flack parameter refinement [28]. The structure

	(-)-1b	(–)-1c		(-)-1b	(–) -1c
Empirical formula	C ₁₃ H ₁₉ NO ₄ S	C ₁₈ H ₂₁ NO ₄ S	F(000)	608	736
Formula weight	285.35	347.42	Crystal size [mm]	0.28 imes 0.14 imes 0.10	$0.70 \times 0.14 \times 0.14$
Temperature [K]	293 (2)	293 (2)	Range for data coll. [°]	4.82 to 74.15	4.40 to 73.48
Wavelength [Å]	1.54178	1.54178	Reflections collected	1251	1395
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Independent reflections	1251	1395
Space group	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Unit cell dimensions [Å]	a = 8.1942(6)	a = 7.651(1)	Data/restr./param	1251/0/236	1395/0/242
	b = 11.8701(2)	b = 11.789(1)	Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.082	1.066
	c = 14.4680(2)	c = 19.144(3)	Final $R[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	R1 = 0.0486,	R1 = 0.0470,
Volume [Å ³]	1407.2(1)	1726.7 (4)		wR2 = 0.1236	wR2 = 0.1080
Z	4	4	R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0486,	R1 = 0.0485
Density (calculated)				wR2 = 0.1236	wR2 = 0.1096
$[Mg/m^{-3}]$	1.347	1.336	Absolute struct. param.	0.05 (5)	-0.01 (5)
Absorption coefficient			Extinction coefficient	0.0075 (9)	0.0013 (4)
[mm ⁻¹]	2.143	1.851			

Table 2. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for (-)-1b and (-)-1c

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²⁰) Publication of [16b] has been postponed for several months due to strong disagreements between semi-empirical transition-state calculations [16a] and expected results. This discrepancy has been recently rationalized [16b] on the basis of the results from a stereoelectronically assisted selective hydrolysis under cycloaddition conditions of N-(2-oxa-3-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-3-carbonyl)-derived diastereoisomer mixtures.

was solved by the SHELXS86 [29] and refined with the SHELXL93 [30] programs. Lists of the fractional atomic coordinates, isotropic thermal parameters, and bond lengths and angles have been deposited at the *Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre*²¹).

(2R)-N-*Pyruvoylbornane-10,2-sultam* (= (3aS, 6R, 7aR)-1-(1,2-Dioxopropyl)-1,4,5,6,7,7a-hexahydro-8,8dimethyl-3H-3a,6-methano[2,1]benzoisothiazole 2,2-Dioxide; (-)-1b). NaH (50% in mineral oil; 0.44 g, 9.2 mmol) was washed with dry toluene and suspended in toluene (5 ml). The suspension was cooled to 0° under Ar, and a soln. of (2*R*)-bornane-10,2-sultam (1.98 g, 9.2 mmol) in dry toluene (25 ml) was added during 10 min. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 h, cooled to -20° and pyruvoyl chloride (= 2-oxopropanoyl chloride; 1.29 g, 12.1 mmol) was added dropwise within 15 min. The mixture was allowed to reach r.t. and stirred for an additional 22 h. H₂O (10 ml) was added, the mixture stirred for 10 min, the aq. phase extracted with toluene (2 × 50 ml), the combined org. phase dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated, and the crude product recrystallized from Et₂O: (-)-1b (1.89 g, 72%). M.p. 103-104°. [α]_D = -189.5 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 1720, 1675. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz): 1.00 (*s*, 3 H); 1.20 (*s*, 3 H); 1.35-1.46 (*m*, 2 H); 1.86-2.12 (*m*, 5 H); 2.45 (*s*, 3 H); 3.47 (*AB*, *J* = 87, 14, 2 H); 4.02 (br. *t*, *J* = 6.4, 1 H). ¹³C-NMR (500 MHz): 19.89 (C(9)); 21.38 (C(8)); 26.13 (C(15)); 26.24 (C(5)); 33.34 (C(6)); 38.34 (C(3)); 45.31 (C(4)); 47.83 (C(7)); 49.57 (C(1)); 53.02 (C(10)); 65.22 (C(2)); 194.12 (C(14)). EI-MS: 242 (23, [*M* - COMe]⁺); 135 (100). LSI-MS: 308 (30, [*M* + Na]⁺), 286 (58, [*M* + H]⁺), 216 (100). Anal. calc. for C₁₃H₁₉NO₄S: C 54.7, H 6.7, N 4.9; found: C 54.7, H 6.9, N 4.7.

(2 R)- N-(*Phenylglyoxyloyl*)*bornane-10,2-sultam* (= (3a S, 6 R, 7a R)-1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7a-Hexahydro-8, 8-dimethyl-1-(2-phenyl-1,2-dioxoethyl)-3 H-3a, 6-methano[2,1]*benzoisothiazole* 2,2-*Dioxide*; (-)-1c). As described for 1b, with NaH (60% in mineral oil; 0.29 g, 7.2 mmol) in toluene (5 ml), (2*R*)-bornane-10,2-sultam (1.03 g, 4.7 mmol) in toluene (10 ml), and phenylglyoxyloyl chloride (= 2-phenyl-3-oxoacetyl chloride; 0.97 g, 5.8 mmol); stirring at r.t. overnight). Workup with sat. aq. NH₄Cl soln. (10 ml; instead of H₂O) and toluene (2 × 30 ml) and recrystallization from AcOEt gave (-)-1c (1.15 g, 71%). M.p. 172-173°. [α]_D = -234.4 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3100, 1680, 1600, 1120, 570. ¹H-NMR (200 MHz): 0.98 (s, 3 H); 1.21 (s, 3 H); 1.25-2.20 (m, 7 H); 3.45 (*AB*, *J* = 85, 13.9, 2 H); 4.08 (*dd*, *J* = 7.8, 4.8, 1 H); 7.45-8.05 (*m*, 5 H). ¹³C-NMR (500 MHz): 19.87 (C(9)); 20.91 (C(8)); 26.28 (C(5)); 32.89 (C(6)); 38.17 (C(3)); 45.07 (C(4)); 47.98 (C(7)); 49.97 (C(1)); 52.54 (C(10)); 64.39 (C(2)); 128.96 (C(17), C(19)); 130.15 (C(16), C(20)); 132.29 (C(15)); 134.29 (C(18)); 186.83 (C(14)). EI-MS: 347 (0.2, *M*⁺), 105 (100). Anal. calc. for C₁₈H₂₁NO₄S: C 62.2, H 6.1, N 4.0; found: C 62.34, H 6.2, N 4.0.

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