

A SIMPLE SYNTHESIS OF 4-THIAZOLIDINONES, TETRAHYDRO-1,3-THIAZIN-4-ONE AND HEXAHYDRO-1,3-THIAZEPIN-4-ONES FROM AMIDE-THIOLS  
(STUDIES ON THE SYNTHESSES OF HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS 749<sup>1</sup>)

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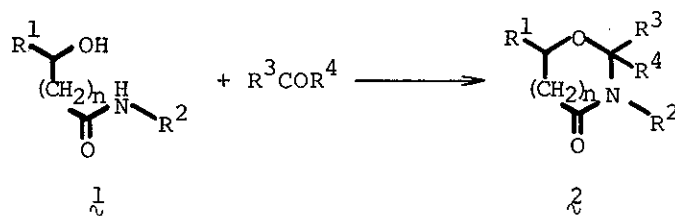
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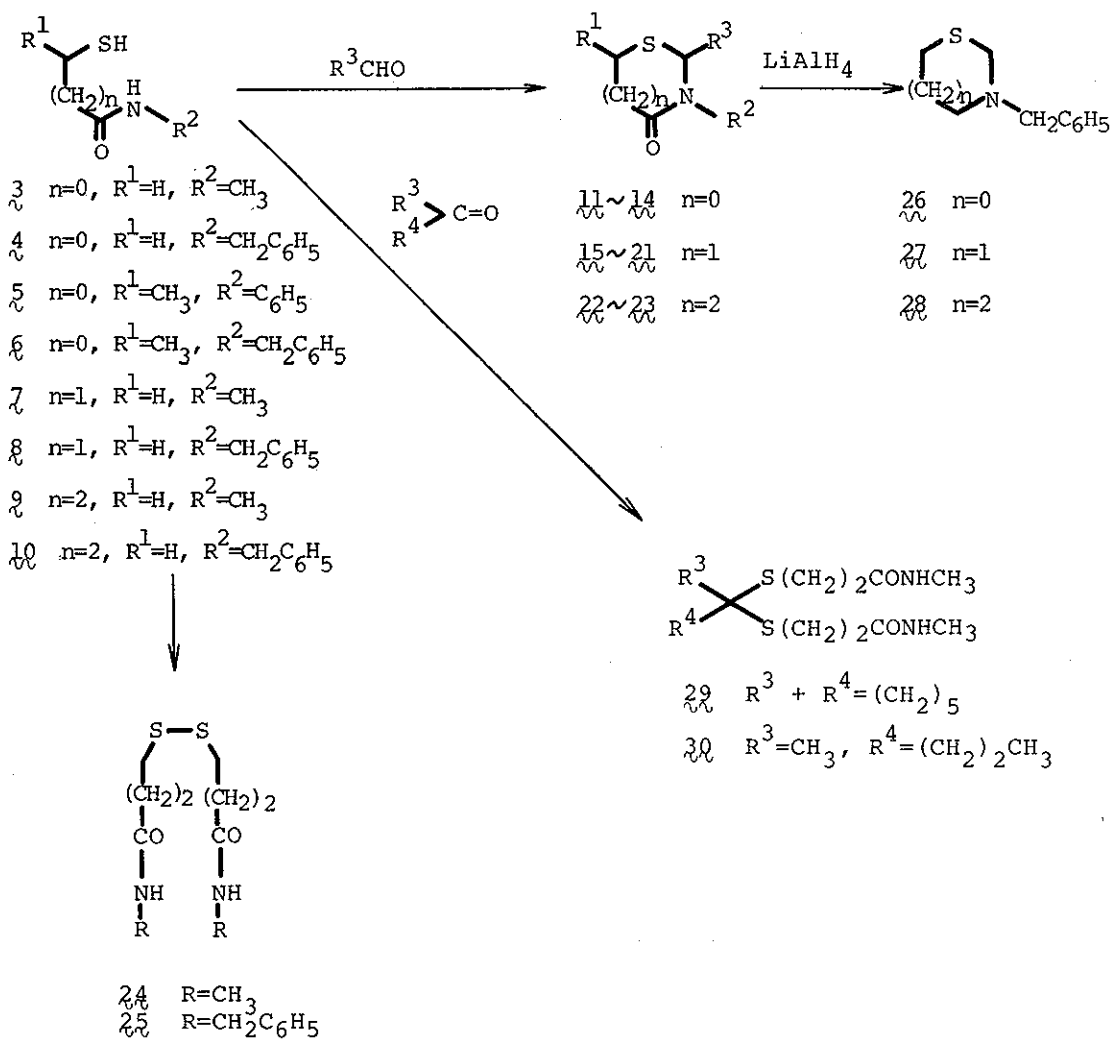
Acid-catalyzed cyclisation reaction of the secondary amides ( $3 \sim 10$ ) possessing a mercapto group at  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ - or  $\gamma$ -position with aldehydes gave some novel 4-thiazolidinones ( $11 \sim 14$ ), tetrahydro-1,3-thiazin-4-ones ( $15 \sim 21$ ), and hexahydro-1,3-thiazepin-4-ones ( $22$  and  $23$ ), and the reduction of the cyclisation products  $12$ ,  $16$  and  $23$  with lithium aluminium hydride afforded thiazolidine ( $26$ ), tetrahydro-1,3-thiazine ( $27$ ), and hexahydro-1,3-thiazepine ( $28$ ), respectively.

We have previously reported<sup>2,6</sup> that the secondary amides possessing a hydroxyl group at  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ - or  $\gamma$ -position ( $1$ ) ( $n=0,1,2$ ) reacted with various carbonyl compounds in the presence of acid

catalyst to give cyclisation products (2) (n=0,1,2).



As an extension of this work, we have investigated a cyclisation



reaction of the secondary amides ( $3 \sim 10$ ), possessing a mercapto group at  $\alpha, \beta$  or  $\gamma$ -positions, with carbonyl compounds. Here we wish to report our successful result, which provides a facile synthetic route to some novel 4-thiazolidinones ( $11 \sim 14$ ), tetrahydro-1,3-thiazin-4-ones ( $15 \sim 21$ ), and hexahydro-1,3-thiazepin-4-ones ( $22$  and  $23$ ).

The starting amide-thiols ( $3 \sim 10$ ) were prepared by a condensation of amines with mercapto-carboxylic acid ester or  $\gamma$ -thiobutyrolactone, and were used in next reaction without isolation for the easy formation of the disulphides ( $24$  and  $25$ ) by air oxidation.

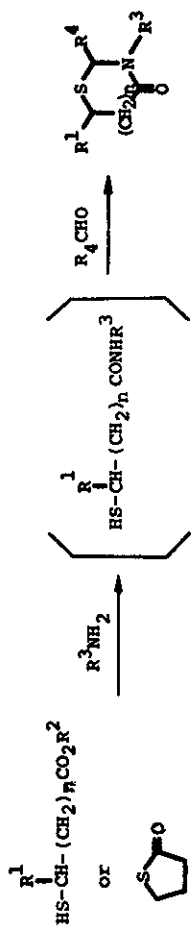
The cyclisation reaction was performed by refluxing the amide-thiols with carbonyl compounds in benzene or xylene in the presence of *p*-toluenesulphonic acid.

When the amide-thiols ( $3 \sim 10$ ) were reacted with formaldehyde, the cyclisation reaction was proceeded smoothly and gave the thiazolidinones ( $11 \sim 14$ ), tetrahydro-1,3-thiazin-4-ones ( $15$  and  $16$ ), and hexahydro-1,3-thiazepin-4-ones ( $22$  and  $23$ ). Furthermore the reaction of the  $\beta$ -mercaptopropionamides ( $7$  and  $8$ ) with paraldehyde, benzaldehyde, capronaldehyde, 2-pentanone or cyclohexanone was examined. In these carbonyl compounds, the aldehydes were reacted with the propionamides ( $7 \sim 8$ ) to form the 2-substituted thiazin-4-ones ( $17 \sim 21$ ), but a reaction of ketones with *N*-methyl- $\beta$ -mercapto-propionamide ( $7$ ) gave only the unexpected mercaptals ( $29$  and  $30$ ).

These results were summarized in Table I. In general, the reaction of amide-thiols with carbonyl compounds has completed in shorter time than that of amide-alcohols.

The structures of these compounds were confirmed by spectral data and elemental analyses as shown in Table I and II.

Table I. The Cyclization Reaction of the Secondary Amides Possessing a Mercapto Group at  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ - or  $\gamma$ -Position with aldehydes.



Compd. No.	n	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	Reaction Conditions solv. a)	Yield (%)	b.p. (mmHg) or m.p./Recryst. Solvent (°C)	Formula	Anal. Calcd. C	H	N
11	0	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	A	37.4	68-70 (1.1)	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NOS	41.00 (41.30)	6.02 (6.10)	11.96 (11.89)
12	0	H	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	B	73.5	135-137 (1.2)	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NOS	62.15 (62.44)	5.73 (5.77)	7.24 (6.72)
13	0	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	B	11.8	133-135/benzene-hexane	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NOS	61.15 (61.82)	5.73 (5.68)	7.24 (7.06)
14	0	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	B	56.2	142-144 (1.5)	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NOS	63.72 (63.95)	6.32 (6.28)	6.76 (6.57)
15	1	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	B	39.0	86-88 (0.7)	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NOS			10.68 (10.47)
16	1	H	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	B	52.2	123-125 (0.6)	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NOS	63.72 (63.73)	6.32 (6.25)	6.76 (6.81)
17	1	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	B	76.1	84-87 (0.5)	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NOS	49.62 (49.18)	7.64 (7.85)	9.65 (9.59)
18	1	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	B	31.3	90-92/benzene-hexane	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NOS			
19	1	H	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	B	40.8	120-121 (4.0)	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>15</sub> NOS	65.12 (65.24)	6.83 (6.74)	6.33 (6.39)
20	1	H	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	B	21.0	155-157 (0.35)	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NOS			5.05 (4.83)
21	1	H	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	B	12.2	158-160 (0.6)	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NOS			4.94 (4.89)
22	2	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H		A	26.4	93-95/benzene-ether	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NOS	49.62 (49.57)	7.63 (7.65)	9.65 (9.59)
23	2	H	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H		A	57.3	89-90/benzene-hexane	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>15</sub> NOS	65.12 (65.34)	6.83 (6.88)	6.33 (6.32)

a) A=benzene, B=xylene

Table II Spectral Data of the Cyclisation Products

Compd. No.	IR $\nu_{\max}$ . (CHCl <sub>3</sub> )	NMR(CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) $\delta$
11	1670	2.97 (3H, s, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.58 (2H, t, $J$ 1 Hz, 5-H), 4.44 (2H, t, $J$ 1 Hz, 2-H)
12	1670	3.60 (2H, t, $J$ 1 Hz, 5-H), 4.25 (2H, t, $J$ 1 Hz, 2-H), 4.53 (2H, s, N-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 7.26 (5H, s, aromatic protons)
13	1670	1.62 (3H, d, $J$ 7 Hz, CHCH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.91 (1H, q, $J$ 7 Hz, CHCH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.67, 4.81 (2H, each d, $J$ 9 Hz, 2-H), 6.91-7.57 (5H, m, aromatic protons)
14	1670	1.51 (3H, d, $J$ 7 Hz, CHCH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.78 (1H, q, $J$ 7 Hz, CHCH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.11 (2H, s, N-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 4.47 (2H, s, 2-H), 7.20 (5H, s, aromatic protons)
15	1630, 1650	2.79 (2H, t, $J$ 5 Hz, 5-H or 6-H), 2.87 (2H, t, $J$ 5 Hz, 5-H or 6-H), 3.02 (3H, s, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.29 (2H, s, 2-H)
16	1630, 1650	2.91 (2H, t, $J$ 4 Hz, 5-H or 6-H), 2.95 (2H, t, $J$ 4 Hz, 5-H or 6-H), 4.28 (2H, s, N-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 4.73 (2H, s, 2-H), 7.34 (5H, s, aromatic protons)
17	1630	1.63 (3H, d, $J$ 7 Hz, CHCH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.56-3.32 (4H, m, 5-H and 6-H), 3.02 (3H, s, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.51 (1H, q, $J$ 7 Hz, CHCH <sub>3</sub> )
18	1625	2.61-2.89 (4H, m, 5-H and 6-H), 2.95 (3H, s, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 5.49 (1H, s, CHC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 7.32 (5H, s, aromatic protons)
19	1630	1.56 (3H, d, $J$ 7 Hz, CHCH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.48-3.34 (4H, m, 5-H and 6-H), 4.12, 5.32 (2H, each d, $J$ 15 Hz, N-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 4.45 (1H, q, $J$ 7 Hz, CHCH <sub>3</sub> ), 7.28 (5H, s, aromatic protons)
20	1630	0.61-2.24 (11H, m, -(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.48-3.52 (4H, m, 5-H and 6-H), 4.05, 5.43 (2H, each d, $J$ 15 Hz, N-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 4.14 (1H, t, $J$ 7 Hz, CH(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ), 7.31 (5H, s, aromatic protons)
21	1635	2.30-3.14 (4H, m, 5-H and 6-H), 3.50, 5.71 (2H, each d, $J$ 15 Hz, N-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 5.38 (1H, s, CHC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 7.21, 7.25 (10H, each s, aromatic protons)
22	1630	1.79-2.25 (2H, m, 6-H), 2.60-2.99 (4H, m, 5-H and 7-H), 2.99 (3H, s, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.47 (2H, s, 2-H)
23	1630	1.88-2.25 (2H, m, 6-H), 2.70-3.02 (4H, m, 5-H and 7-H), 4.38 (2H, s, N-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 4.65 (2H, s, 2-H), 7.28 (5H, s, aromatic protons)

In addition, the reduction of the cyclisation products (12, 16, and 23) was carried out with lithium aluminium hydride to give 3-benzylthiazolidine (26), 3-benzyl-tetrahydro-1,3-thiazine (27), and 3-benzyl-hexahydro-1,3-thiazepine (28), respectively. The structures of these products were verified by spectral data and elemental analyses. The reductants showed no carbonyl absorption in i.r. spectrum and the n.m.r. spectral data were consistent with assigned structures.

There are a few reports<sup>7</sup> on a reaction of the amides possessing a mercapto group with carbonyl compounds, but the amides were limited to primary ones. Thus we could demonstrate the examples of the cyclisation reaction of the secondary amides having a mercapto group at  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ - or  $\gamma$ -position with aldehydes to give 4-thiazolidinones, 1,3-thiazin-4-ones and 1,3-thiazepin-4-ones.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

M.p.s were determined on a Yanagimoto hot-stage apparatus. I.r. and n.m.r. spectra were recorded with Hitachi-215 spectrophotometer and JNM-PMX-60 spectrometer (tetramethylsilane as internal standard). The starting amide-thiols (3 ~ 10) were prepared by a condensation of ethyl thioglycolate, methyl thiolactate<sup>8</sup>, methyl  $\beta$ -mercaptopropionate<sup>9</sup> or  $\gamma$ -thiobutyrolactone<sup>10</sup> with methylamine (40 % solution in methanol), benzylamine or aniline with stirring at room temperature, and were allowed to react without isolation, with the exception of 4 which was stable enough for characterisation or storage, because the exposure of 9 and 10 to air caused air oxidation and gave the disulphides (24 and 25).

Therefore, most of the structures of the thiol-smides were confirmed as the disulphides by the comparison of the physical constants with the references<sup>11,14</sup> or from the spectral data and elemental analyses for the novel ones.

N-Benzylthioglycolamide (4). m.p. 152 - 153° (from ethanol)

(Found: C, 59.80; H, 5.63; N, 7.68; S, 18.01. C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NOS requires C, 59.63; H, 6.11; N, 7.73; S, 17.69 %),  $\nu_{\max}$ . (KBr) 3300 (NH) and 1640 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O),  $\delta$  [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO] 3.26 (1H, s, SH), 3.54 (2H, s, S-CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 4.30 (2H, d, J 5 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.27 (5H, s, aromatic protons), 8.53 (1H, broad, NH).

3-Methylthiazolidin-4-one (11). A mixture of ethyl thioglycolate (2.0 g) and 40 % methylamine in methanol solution (1.5 g) was stirred at room temperature for 3 h in a current of nitrogen. The excess of reagent and solvent were evaporated in vacuo to leave a pale yellow oil, to which were added p-toluenesulphonic acid (0.5 g), paraformaldehyde (1.5 g) and benzene (50 ml). After the mixture had been refluxed for 3 h with stirring under the azeotropic removal of the water formed by using the water-separator, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in chloroform (50 ml) and washed with aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and water. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and filtered. After evaporation of the solvent, distillation of the residue gave the thiazolidinone (11).

All the compounds listed in Table I were obtained in a similar way as above by using the appropriate carbonyl compounds (1.5 - 2 molar equiv. with the exception of the paraformaldehyde) and amide-thiols (3 ~ 10), if necessary, with the additional operation of the

silica gel column chromatography in chloroform as an eluent.

Bis(N-methylcarbamoyl-4-propyl)disulphide (24). m.p. 104 - 106°  
(from benzene-hexane) (Found: C, 45.18; H, 7.64; N, 10.56; S, 23.90.  
 $C_{10}H_{20}N_2O_2S_2$  requires C, 45.42; H, 7.62; N, 10.60; S, 24.25 %),  
 $\nu_{max}$ . (KBr) 3300 (NH) and 1635  $cm^{-1}$  (C=O),  $\delta$  ( $CDCl_3$ ) 1.75 - 2.69  
(12H, m,  $-(CH_2)_3-$  x 2), 2.79 (6H, d,  $J$  5 Hz, N- $CH_3$  x 2), 7.16 (2H,  
NH x 2).

Bis(N-benzylcarbamoyl-4-propyl)disulphide (25). m.p. 122 - 125°  
(from methanol-benzene) (Found: C, 63.42; H, 6.94; N, 6.73; S, 15.27.  
 $C_{22}H_{28}N_2O_2S_2$  requires C, 63.12; H, 7.22; N, 6.69; S, 15.32 %),  
 $\nu_{max}$ . (KBr) 3300 (NH) and 1635  $cm^{-1}$  (C=O),  $\delta$  [ $(CD_3)_2SO$ ,  $CDCl_3$ ] 1.72 -  
2.77 (12H, m,  $-(CH_2)_3-$  x 2), 4.38 (4H, d,  $J$  6 Hz, N- $CH_2C_6H_5$  x 2),  
6.29 (2H, broad NH x 2), 7.27 (10H, s, aromatic protons).

3-Benzyl-hexahydro-1,3-thiazepine (28). To a suspension of lithium  
aluminium hydride (0.8 g) in anhydrous ether (50 ml), 3-benzyl-  
hexahydro-1,3-thiazepin-4-one (23) (4.0 g) in dioxane (30 ml)  
was added dropwise with stirring under ice cooling and the stirring  
was continued for 2 h at room temperature. After decomposition of the  
excess of lithium aluminium hydride by addition of 30 % aqueous sodium  
hydroxide, the organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate.  
Evaporation of the solvent and then distillation of the residue  
gave a colourless oil which was purified by silica gel column  
chromatography in chloroform as an eluent. Redistillation of the  
residue gave the thiazepine (28) (2.4 g, 64.0 %) as a colourless  
oil, b.p. 120° (0.6 mmHg) (Found: C, 69.90; H, 8.30; N, 6.80.  
 $C_{12}H_{17}NS$  requires C, 69.51; H, 8.26; N, 6.76 %),  $\delta$  ( $CDCl_3$ ) 1.5 -  
2.2 (4H, m, 5-H and 6-H), 2.5 - 3.1 (4H, m, 4-H and 7-H), 3.68 (2H,  
s, 2-H), 4.13 (2H, s, N- $CH_2C_6H_5$ ), 7.27 (5H, s, aromatic protons).



3-Benzylthiazolidine (26). 3-Benzylthiazolidin-4-one (12) (0.65 g) and lithium aluminium hydride (0.15 g) was reacted as the same way as the reduction of 23 to give the thiazolidine (26) (0.25 g, 41.5 %) as a colourless oil, b.p. 97 - 98° (0.6 mmHg) (Found: C, 66.80; H, 7.44; N, 7.77.  $C_{10}H_{13}NS$  requires C, 66.99; H, 7.31; N, 7.81 %),  $\delta$  ( $CDCl_3$ ) 2.7 - 3.3 (4H, m, 4-H and 5-H), 3.54 (2H, s, 2-H), 4.03 (2H, s,  $N-CH_2C_6H_5$ ), 7.30 (5H, s, aromatic protons).

3-Benzyl-tetrahydro-1,3-thiazine (27). 3-Benzyl-tetrahydro-1,3-thiazin-4-one (16) (0.5 g) was treated with lithium aluminium hydride (0.1 g) as above to give the thiazine (27) (0.21 g, 45 %) as a colourless oil, b.p. 114 - 116° (0.4 mmHg),  $\delta$  ( $CDCl_3$ ) 1.5 - 2.0 (2H, m, 5-H), 2.5 - 3.1 (4H, m, 4-H and 6-H), 3.91, 3.99 (4H, each s, 2-H and  $N-CH_2C_6H_5$ ), 7.25 (5H, s, aromatic protons).

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