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An Efficient New Pyrimidine Synthesis – A Pathway to Octupoles ¹)

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Abstract. The condensation of N,N,N'-tris(trimethylsilyl)amidines (6, 11, 22) with vinamidinium salts (1, 7) in the presence of potassium fluoride is the method of choice for the synthesis of pyrimidines (8, 12, 20, 23). Octupoles comprising 1,3,5-benzene (8) and triphenylamine (12, 20) derivatives can be prepared in high yields.

Donor-acceptor substituted benzene derivatives such as 4-nitroaniline are solvatochromic and have nonlinear optical (NLO) properties, cf. [1]. For second harmonic generation (SHG) it is essential that the long-wavelength absorption of the compounds in question is ≤ 415 nm. Unfortunately, the hyperpolarizability β and the secondorder nonlinear optical susceptibility $\chi^{(2)}$, respectively, of dipolar π -electron systems increases with a red-shift of λ_{max} [2] (transparency-efficiency trade-off). An interesting possibility to escape the consequences of the transparency-efficiency trade-off, i.e., to obtain materials with λ_{max} and $\lambda_{\text{cut-off}} \leq 415$ nm, having at same time high B values, are octupolar systems [3]. 1,3,5-Triamino-2,4,6-trinitrobenzene is one of the compounds studied in this regard [4, 5]. It absorbs at shorter wavelengths than 4-nitroaniline (PNA) and its B value is twice as high as that of PNA.

We have shown previously [7] that donor–acceptor substituted 2,5-diarylpyrimidines (diazaterphenyls) having interesting NLO properties (high β values at $\lambda_{max} <$ 430 nm) can readily be prepared by the condensation of amidines with vinamidinium salts. We wanted now to apply this method for the synthesis of octupoles. To this end, the trisvinamidinium salt 1 was prepared by reaction of 1,3,5-benzene triacetic acid [8] with the dimethylformamide–oxalyl chloride reagent (Scheme 1).

The X-ray analysis of 1 shows (Figure 1), that the planes formed by the dimethylamino groups of the vinamidinium moieties are twisted against one another by 18.18° . The plane formed by the carbon atoms of the vinamidinium moieties are twisted against the plane of the benzene ring by 70.77° . The strong steric interfer-



Scheme 1

ence of the vinamidinium groups of 1, an indication of which is the blue-shifted λ_{max} , as compared to that of 2, reduces the resonance interaction in the vinamidinium moeties and this implies that 1 is more reactive than 2. This is born out by the reaction of 1 with 4-methoxybenzamidine to form 1,3,5-benzene-tris[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-pyrimidine] 4 in 63% yield (Scheme 2). Besides being a novel type of octupole, 1 belongs to the class of star-shaped compounds that can be used as core-groups of dendrimers.

The hyperpolarizability β of 1 was measured [9] using the Hyper-Raleigh scattering (HRS) technique [10]. 1 can be viewed as a derivative of the trimethylenemeth-

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Fig. 1 Structure of 1 in the crystal (Ortep)



Scheme 2

ane dication salt 3 and as a derivative of the mesitylene trianion as well. Accordingly, the β value of 1 is roughly three times that of 3.

Attempts to synthesize the isomer 8c of 4 by condensation of 1,3,5-benzenetriscarboxamidine 5 with the corresponding vinamidinium salt 7c, resulted in a frustratingly low yield of 1% (Scheme 3). Obviously, the vinamidinium salt 7c is much less reactive than 1. In order to overcome this problem we decided to use N,N,N'-tris(trimethylsilyl)amidines [11] for the condensation with vinamidinium salts. Thus, the reaction of $\mathbf{6}$ [IIb] with 7c in the presence of potassium fluoride provided 8 in 72% yield. This very good result demonstrates quite clearly, that the condensation of vinamidinium salts with N,N,N'-tris(trimethylsilyl)amidines is the method of choice for the synthesis of pyrimidines. Further compounds 8 could be prepared in the same way with 2-arylvinamidinium salts 7 as well as compounds **9** using 2-cyano- and 2-nitro-vinamidinium salts.



Scheme 3

Reduction of **8g** delivers the triamine **8e** which can be treated with triphenylpyrylium tetrafluororborate to give rise to the tripyridinium salt **8h**.

Starting from tricyanotriphenylamine **10** [12] (when prepared from triiodotriphenylamine [13] instead of tribromotriphenylamine with CuCN in DMF, there is no need to purify the compound through sublimation and chromatography) the per(trimethylsilyl)amidine **11** was prepared using the standard procedure. Its condensation with vinamidinium salts in the presence of potassium fluoride gave rise to 4,4',4"-tris(pyrimid-2-yl)triphenylamines **12** in good yields (Scheme 4).

12b can be reduced with stannous dichloride to provide the corresponding triamino derivative 12c which in turn can be treated with 2,4,6-triphenylpyrylium tetrafluoroborate to produce the tripyridinium salt 20.

The dipolar diazaterphenyl derivative 14 absorbs at shorter wavelengths than the phenylpyrimidine derivative 13 ($\Delta\lambda = 46$ nm) and the same is true for the corresponding octupoles 12c and 12a (cf. Table 1). With related terphenyl and biphenyl derivatives the hypsochromic shift is much smaller ($\Delta\lambda = 12$ nm [2). The fact that the octupolar compounds 12a, 12b, 12d and 12e have roughly the same λ_{max} as their dipolar analogues 13–16 but higher hyperpolarizabilities β shows that octupoles are promising candidates for SHG.



In contrast to the situation with dipolar systems the donor substituted diazaterphenylderivative 18 absorbs at longer wavelengths than the phenylpyrimidine derivative 17.

Another application of the new pyrimidine synthesis is the preparation of new carbazole derivatives. Starting material is 3,6-dicyano-N-phenylcarbazol **21**, prepared from 3,6-diiodo-N-phenylcarbazol [14] with CuCN in DMF, that can be transformed into N-phenylcarbazolyl-3,6-bis[N,N,N'-tris(trimethylsilyl)-carboxamidine] **22** the in situ condensation of which with vinamidinium salts in the presence of KF gives rise to the carbazole derivatives **23** (Scheme 5).



Scheme 4



Table 1 UV/VIS spectra ($\lambda_{max}/\lambda_{cutoff}$ [nm], in DMSO) of dipolar (13–19) vers. corresponding octupolar compounds (12a–g)

ł	NO ₂ NHO ₂ NHO ₂ 13	NO2 N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	CO ₂ Me N N N N N NMe ₂ 16 17				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	· · ·
448/595	402/495	394/484	388/458	335/380	362/415	429/435	
12a	12b	12d	12e	12f	12g	12c	
450/610	417/530	417/485	407/480	372/420	392/470	399/475	

Cyclovoltammetric studies showed that **8h** can be irreversibly reduced at -0.81 V and reversibly/irreversibly oxidized at 4.48/0.91V. Since the reference compound **24** behaves similar $(0.37_{rev}/0.66_{irrev}$ V; -0.78_{irrev} V) it has to be assumed that in **8h** the 3 substructures are electronically independent.



12g can be quasireversibly reduced at -0.51V and 12d reversibly oxidized at 1.29 V. With 20 three irreversible reduction waves (-0.81, -1.02 V) and one quasireversible oxidation wave (1.04 V) are detected. In contrast to 20, 25 displays one quasi-reversible reduction wave (-1.33 V), two quasireversible oxidation waves (0.53, 1.17 V) and one irreversible oxidation wave (0.98 V). Obviously, with 20 the 3 substructures interact electronically by way of the central nitrogen atom.

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Experimental

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker WP 80 (80MHz) and a Varian VXR 400 S (400 MHz); IR spectra on a Perkin-Elmer 125 and a Bruker IFS 45; UV/VIS spectra on a Zeiss DMR 10 and a Perkin-Elmer model Lambda 3; mass spectra on a AEJ, MS 902, and a MAT 95Q, Cs-Gun). Cyclovoltammetric measurement were performed with a Bioanalytical Systems CV-1B, using a Pt working electrode and an Ag/AgC1 reference electrode (Bu_4NPF_6). Melting points were obtained on a Büchi SMP-20 and a Reichert Thermovar BHT apparatus.

Crystal data for 1

 $C_{27}H_{45}N_6 \times 3$ ClO₄, M = 752.05, rhomboedric, space group R3_C (167), a = 1224.8(3) pm, α = 19.16(2)(2)°, V = 1.8373 nm³, Z = 2, D_c = 1.259 g cm⁻³, μ = 3.100 cm⁻¹, F (000)= 792.00, $2\Theta_{max}$ = 4-46°, ω -scan, crystal dimensions 7/30 × 20/ 30×24/30 mm, maximum measuring time 180 s, graphite monochromated Mo-K_{α} radiation. 2829 measured (h, k, ± I),

838 independent reflections, 762 classed as observed [I > 3σ (I])1; refined parameters: 75. Solution of structure: SHELXS-76, SIR. R = 0.1255, R_w = 0.1115; largest residual electron density $\rho = +0.575/-0.679 \text{ e pm}^{-3} 10^6$. Supplementary material on the X-ray structure determination may be obtained from the Fachinformationszentrum Karlsruhe, Gesellschaft für wissenschaftlich-technische Information mbH, D-76344 Eggenstein-Leopoldshafen 2, on quoting the depository number CSD, the names of the authors and the journal citation.

2,2',2"-(1,3,5-Benzene)-tris-(3-dimethylamino-N,N-dimethylpropene-2-eneiminium) triperchlorate (1)

1,3,5-benzenetriacetic acid (2.0 g, 7.9 mmol) was added to the reagent prepared from dimethylformamide (4.4. ml, 57.2 mmol) and oxalyl chloride (5 ml, 56.3 mmol) and the mixture refluxed for 2 days. After cooling, a solution of sodium perchlorate monohydrate (4.0 g, 28.5 mmol) in water (20 ml) was added dropwise (cooling with ice). The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, stirred with a little methanol and dried in vacuo.

1,3,5-Benzene-tris[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-pyrimidine (4)

A suspension of 1 (2.0 g, 2.66 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzamidinium chloride [x] in 50 ml of pyridine was heated to 100 °C for 10 h. After cooling, the mixture was poured into water, the precipitate collected by filtration, dissolved in acetonitrile and deposited again by addition of water.

Colorless powder, m.p. 158 °C, yield 1.06 g (63%). – IR (KBr): $v = 3010 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 2965, 2940, 2840, 1606, 1582, 1539, 1515, 1456, 1423, 1384, 1334, 1255, 1168, 1028, 878, 846, 798, 709, 653. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 318 \text{ nm}$. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.20$ (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.28 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 8.13 (s, 3 H, benzene-H), 6.95 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 3.76 (s, 9 H, OCH₃). – MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%) = 630.3 (100) [M⁺].

1,3,5-Benzene-tris-(5-phenyl-2-pyrimidine) (8a)

General procedure for 8a-8d. 8f. 8g. 9a. 9b. 12a. 12b. 12d-12g. 23a-23d

7a [15] (2.4 g, 7.9 mmol) and potassium fluoride (1.5 g, 25.8 mmol) were added to a suspension of **6** (2.2 g, 2.6 mmol) in pyridine (50 ml) and the mixture stirred at 100 °C for 6 h. After cooling, the product was poured into water (100 ml), the precipitate collected by filtration, washed with water and methanol and recrystallized from *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide. Colorless powder, m.p. >300 °C, yield 0.98 g (70%). –

IR (KBr): v = 3033 cm⁻¹, 1581, 1563, 1443, 1417, 797 747, 697.- V (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 296.5$ nm. -¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.60$ (s, 3 H, benzene-H), 9.15 (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 7.76

(m, 6 H, phenyl-H), 7.43 (m, 9 H, phenyl-H). – MS (70 eV): m/z (%)= 540 (100) [M⁺]. C₃₆H₂₄N₆×H₂O Calcd. C 77.40 H 4.69 N 15.04 (558.6) Found C 77.09 H 4.60 N 14.92

1,3,5-Benzene-tris-[5-(4-tolyl)-2-pyrimidine] (8b)

With **7b** [15] (2.5 g, 7.9 mmol).

Colorless powder, m.p. 260 °C, yield 1.06 g (70%). -

IR (KBr): $v = 3019 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 2920, 1579, 1452, 1420, 1281, 817, 794. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 303 \text{ nm}$. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]MSO): δ = 9.55 (s, 3 H, benzene-H), 9.10 (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 7.55 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 7.30 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 2.38 (s, 9 H, CH₃).

1,3,5-Benzene-tris-[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-pyrimidine] (8c)

With 7c [15] (2.7 g, 8 mmol).

Colorless powder, m.p. 245 °C, yield 1.18 g (72%). -

IR (KBr): $v = 3020 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3000, 2935, 2840, 1610, 1579, 1517, 1455, 1425, 1412, 1270, 1181, 1033, 830, 794, 720. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 309 \text{ nm.} - {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} ([D_6]\text{DMSO}): \delta = 9.58$ (s, 3 H, benzene-H), 9.10 (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 7.70 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 7.03 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 3.20 (s, 9 H, OCH3). – MS (70 eV): m/z (%)= 630.3 (100) [M⁺]. C₃₉H₃₀N₆O₃ Calcd. C 74.27 H 4.79 N 13.33

(630.7) Found C 74.26 H 4.86 N 13.15

1,3,5-Benzene-tris-[5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-pyrimidine](8d)

With 7d [15] (2.6 g, 8.1 mmol).

Colorless powder, m.p. >300 °C, yield 0.68 g (45%). – IR (KBr): v = 3424 cm⁻¹, 3020, 1653, 1610, 1589, 1417, 1273, 1177, 833, 792, 730. – UV (DMSO): λ_{max} = 327 nm. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.50$ (s, 3 H, benzene-H), 9.10 (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 7.63 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 6.90 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 3.70 (s, broad, 3 H, OH). – MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%) = 588 (100) [M⁺]. C₃₆H₂₄N₆O₃×1.5H₂O Calcd. C 70.23 H 4.42 N 13.65

(615.6) Found C 70.38 H 4.63 N 13.48

1,3,5-Benzene-tris-[5-(4-bromophenyl)-2-pyrimidine] (8f)

With 7f [15] (3.0 g, 7.9 mmol).

Colorless powder, m.p. 200 °C, yield 1.43 g (71%). -

IR (KBr): $v = 3022 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1581, 1534, 1453, 1420, 1281, 1075, 999, 824, 670. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 365 \text{ nm}$. –¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.74$ (s, 3 H, benzene-H), 9.34 (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 7.87 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 7.78 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H). – MS (70 eV): m/z (%)= 780 (36.89) [M⁺, 3⁸¹Br], 778 (99.8) [M⁺, ⁷⁹Br, 2⁸¹Br], 775.9 (100) [M⁺, 2⁷⁹Br, ⁸¹Br] 774 (31.44) [M⁺, 3⁷⁹Br].

 $\begin{array}{ccc} C_{36}H_{21}N_6Br_3 \ \text{Calcd. C} \ 55.62 \ \ \text{H} \ 2.72 \ \ \text{N} \ 10.81 \ \text{Br} \ 30.84 \\ (777.3) \ & \text{Found C} \ 55.62 \ \ \text{H} \ 2.96 \ \ \text{N} \ 10.90 \ \text{Br} \ 30.34 \end{array}$

1,3,5-Benzene-tris-[5-(4 -nitrophenyl)-pyrimidine] (8g)

With **7g** [15] (2.80 g, 8 mmol).

Colorless powder, m.p. >300 °C, yield 1.40 g (80%). -

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1,3,5-Benzene-tris-(5-cyano-2-pyrimidine) (9a)

With 2-cyano-3-dimethylamino-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-prop-2-eneiminium perchlorate [16] (2.0 g, 7.9 mmol).

Colorless powder, m.p. >300 °C, yield 0.68 9 (68%). – IR (KBr): $v = 2234 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1578, 1533, 1452, 1419, 1288, 1215, 925, 796, 762. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 288 \text{ nm}$. –¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.70$ (s, 3 H, benzene-H), 9.40 (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H).

$C_{21}H_9N_9$	Calcd. C 65.11	H 2.34	N 32,54
(387.4)	Found C 65.34	H 2.34	N 32.38

1,3,5-Benzene-tris-(5-nitro-2-pyrimidine) (9b)

With 3-dimethylamino-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-2-nitroprop-2-eneiminium perchlorate [16] (2.17 g, 8 mmol).

Colorless powder, m.p. 325 °C, yield 0.87 g (75%). – IR (KBr): $v = 3080 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3040, 1604, 1582, 1563, 1517, 1415,

IN (KB): $v = 5080 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, 5040, 1004, 1382, 1303, 1317, 1413, 1347, 1283, 1148, 868, 831, 793. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 314$ nm. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.66$ (s, 3 H, benzene-H), 9.63 (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-l-l).

 $\begin{array}{c} C_{18}H_9N_9O_6 \times 0.33 \text{ DMF Calcd. C48.38 H} 2.42 \text{ N} 27.72 \\ (471.7) & Found C48.64 \text{ H} 2.69 \text{ N} 28.06 \end{array}$

1,3,5-Benzene-tris-[5-(4-aminophenyl)-2-pyrimidine] (8e)

Stannous chloride dihydrate (10.0 g, 44.3 mmol) was added to the suspension of **8g** (2.0 g, 3 mmol) in conc. HCl (50 ml) and the mixture heated to 100 °C for 3 h. After cooling, the precipitate was collected by filtration, dried *in vacuo* and refluxed in DMF for 1 h. After filtration, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue recrystallized from acetonitrile. Pale yellow powder, m.p. >300 °C, yield 1.23 g (70%).

IR (KBr): $v = 3356 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3242, 3029, 1610, 1536, 1522, 1456, 1417, 1288, 1184, 828, 799. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 365 \text{ nm}$. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.43$ (s, 3 H, benzene-H), 8.98 (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 7.45 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 6.65 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 5.25 (s, broad, 6 H, NH₂). – MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%) = 585 (100) [M⁺].

 $\begin{array}{ccc} C_{36}H_{27}N_9 \times 2.1H_2O & Calcd. \ C69.34 & H \ 5.04 & N \ 20.21 \\ (623.5) & Found \ C69.04 & H \ 4.57 & N \ 20.10 \end{array}$

1,3,5-Benzene-tris-{5-[4-(2,4,6-triphenyl-1-pyridinio)-phenyl]-2-pyrimidine} trisperchlorate (8h)

A suspension of **8e** (1.26 g, 2.15 mmol) and triphenylpyrylium tetrafluoroborate (2.6 g, 6.56 mmol) in pyridine (30 ml) was stirred at 100 °C for 2 d. After cooling and filtration a solution of sodium perchlorate monohydrate (0.4 g, 2.8 mmol) in water (10 ml) was added and the solvents removed by destillation *in vacuo* (not to complete dryness!). The residue was triturated in water and the undissolved material removed by filtration. A solution of sodium perchlorate monohydrate (1.0

g, 7.1 mmol) in water(10 ml) was added, the colorless precipitate collected by filtration, washed with water and recrystallized from acetonitrile-methano1. Colorless powder, m.p. 310 °C, yield 2.3 g (61%).

IR (KBr): $v = 3065 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1621, 1598, 1577, 1423, 1122, 1096, 850, 775, 771 624. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 315 \text{ nm.} - {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR}$ ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.63$ (s, 3 H, benzene-H), 9.20 (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.66 (d, 6 H, pyridinium-H), 8.44–8.25 (m, 6 H), 7.81–7.24 (m, 51 H).

 $\begin{array}{cccc} C_{105}H_{72}C1_3N_9O_{12}{\times}2\ H_2O & Calcd. \ C\ 70.29 & H\ 4.27 & N\ 7.03 \\ (1794.2) & Found \ C\ 70.13 & H\ 4.25 & N\ 7.32 \end{array}$

Triphenylamino-4,4,4"-tris-[N,N,N'-tris-(trimethylsilyl)-carboxamidine] (11)

Lithium hexamethyidisilazene (2.5 g, 14.9 mmol) was added to a suspension of 1.5 g tricyanotriphenylamine (10) (1.5 g, 4.7 mmol) in 50 ml dry ether and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, toluene (50 ml) and chlorotrimethylsilane (1.9 ml, 15 mmol) added to the residue and the mixture refluxed for 5 h. The solvent was distilled off *in vacuo* and the orange residue (yield 4.8 g) used according to the "general procedure" (cf. 8a).

Tris-[4-(5-nitro-2-pyrimidinyl)-phenyl]-amine (12a)

With **11** (4.8 g, 4.7 mmol) and *N*,*N*-dimethyl-3-dimethylamino-2-nitroprop-2-eneiminium perchlorate [16] (4.2 g, 15.5 mmol).

Tris-{4-[5-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-pyrimidinyl]-phenyl}-amine (12b)

With 7g [15] (5.4 g, 15.5 mmol).

Orange powder, m.p. 204 °C, yield 2.81 g (71%). -

IR (KBr): $v = 1597 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1578, 1516, 1428, 1342, 1176, 855, 798. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 307 \text{ nm}$, 417; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{max} = 303 \text{ nm}$, 422. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.14$ (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.36 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 8.25 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 8.00 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 7.18 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H).

$C_{48} H_{30} N_{10} O_6$	Calcd.	C 68.40	H 3.59	N 16.62
(842.8)	Found	C 68.20	H 3.73	N 16.41

Tris-[4-(5-cyano-2-pyrimidinyl)-phenyl]-amine (12d)

With 2-cyano-N,N-dimethyl-3-dimethylaminoprop-2-eneiminium perchlorate [16] (3.7 g, 14.7 mmol). Chromatography on silica gel, eluent CHC1₃.

Yellow powder, m.p. 275 °C (from DMF–acetonitrile), yield 1.77 g (68%). –

IR (KBr): $v = 2231 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1572, 1424, 1317, 1284, 1176, 798. - UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 417 \text{ nm}$; UV (acetonitrile): $\lambda_{max} = 410 \text{ nm}$; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{max} = 411 \text{ nm}$. -¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.24$ (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.36 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H),

7.23 (d, 6 H, phenyler	ne-H). –	MS (70 e	vV): m/z ((%) = 554
(100) [M ⁺].				
$C_{33}H_{18}N_{10}$	Calcd.	C 71.47	H 3.27	N 25.26
(554.6)	Found	C 71.33	H 3.52	N 24.97

Tris-[4-(5-methoxycarbonyl-2-pyrimidinyl)-phenyl]-amine (12e)

With 3-dimethylamino-2-methoxycarbonyl-*N*,*N*-dimethylprop-2-eneiminium perchlorate [17] (4.44 g, 15.6 mmol).

Yellow powder, m.p. 288 °C (from DMF–acetonitrile), yield 2.33 g (76%). –

IR (KBr): $v = 2960 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 2935, 2865, 1730, 1577, 1422, 1285, 1177, 1133, 802, 756, 728. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 349 \text{ nm}$; UV (acetonitrile): $\lambda_{max} = 401 \text{ nm}$; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{max} = 414 \text{ nm}$. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.15$ (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.36 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 3.85 (s, 9 H, CH₃). – MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 653.2 (100) [M⁺].

 $\begin{array}{cccc} C_{36}H_{27}N_7O_6{\times}0.5 \ H_2O \ Calcd. \ C\ 65.25 & H\ 4.26 \ N\ 14.80 \\ (662.7) & Found \ C\ 65.51 & H\ 4.34 \ N\ 14.67 \end{array}$

Tris-[4-(5-ethoxy2-pyrimidinyl)-phenyl]- amine (12f)

With 3-dimethylamino-2-ethoxy-N,N-dimethyl-prop-2-eneiminium perchlorate [18] (4.20 g, 15.5 mmol). Chromatography on silica gel, eluent CHC1₃.

Colorless powder, m.p. 168 °C (from THF), yield 1.15 g (40%). –

IR (KBr): $v = 3050 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 2981, 2940, 2900, 1599, 1541, 1508, 1433, 1386, 1316, 1272, 1177, 1040, 847, 790, 736. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 265 \text{ nrn}$, 372; UV (acetonitrile): $\lambda_{max} = 366 \text{ nm}$; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{max} = 378 \text{ nm}$. ⁻¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 8.55$ (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.23 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 7.15 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 4.23 (q, 2 H, OCH₂), 1.41 (t, 3 H, CH₃). C₃₆H₃₃N₇O₃×0.5 H₂O Calcd. C 69.66 H 5.52 N 15.79

 $\begin{array}{cccc} (620.7) \\ \hline & Found \\ \hline C 69.87 \\ H \\ 5.67 \\ N \\ 15.63 \\ \hline \end{array}$

Tris-{4-[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-pyrimidinyl]-phenyl}-amine (**12g**)

With **7c** [15] (5.20 g, 15.6 mmol).

Ochre powder, m.p. 170 °C, yield 2.58 g (69%). – IR (KBr): $v = 2834 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1608, 1579, 1517, 1427, 1251, 1177, 828, 797. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 297 \text{ nm}$, 392; UV (acetonitrile): $\lambda_{max} = 386 \text{ nm}$; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{max} = 292 \text{ nm}$, 400. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.16$ (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.43 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 7.80 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 7.29 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 7.11 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 3.84 (s, 9 H, OCH₃). C₅₁H₂₀N₂O₃ Calcd, C 76.77 H 4.93 N 12.29

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
\text{Found C 76.67} & \text{H 4.93 N 12.29} \\
\text{Found C 76.67} & \text{H 5.14 N 12.42} \\
\end{array}$$

Tris-{4-[5-(4 -aminophenyl)-2-pyrimidinyl]-phenyl}-amine (12c)

Same procedure as for 8e with 12b (2.0 g, 2.4 mmol). The neutralized and dried precipitate was extracted (Soxhlet) with acetonitrile (200 ml) for 2 d.

Pale yellow powder, m.p. 220 °C, yield 0.9 g (50%). -

IR (KBr): $v = 3439 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3390, 3033, 1608, 1579, 1428, 1317,

1285, 1177, 827, 797. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 399$ nm. – ¹H

NMR ([D₆]DMSO): δ = 8.96 (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.33 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 7.48 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 7.18 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 6.68 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 4.25 (s, broad, 6 H, NH₂). – MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%)= 752 (12.64) [M⁺]. C₄₈H₃₆N₁₀×1.5 H₂O Calcd. C 73.92 H 5.04 N 17.96 (779.9) Found C 73.78 H 4.97 N 18.07

Tris-{4-[5-[4-(2,4,6- triphenyl-1-pyridinio)-phenyl]-phenyl}-amine trisperchlorate (20)

Same procedure as for **8h** with **12c** (1.0 g, 1.33 mmol). Yellow powder, m.p. 300 °C, yield 1.79 g (70%).– IR (KBr): $v = 3070 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1621, 1598, 1579, 1429, 1122, 1096, 847, 798. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 308 \text{ nm } 404. - {}^{1}\text{H NMR}$ ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.14$ (s, 6 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.72 (s, 6 H, pyridinium-H), 8.38 (d, 12 H, phenylene-H), 7.80 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H), 7.72–7.38 (m, 51 H), 7.27 (d, 6 H, phenylene-H).

 $C_{117}H_{81}C_{13}N_{10}O_{12} \times 3\,H_2O \quad \mbox{Calcd. C } 70.99 \quad \mbox{H } 4.43 \quad \mbox{N } 7.08 \\ (1979.4) \quad \qquad \mbox{Found C } 70.87 \quad \mbox{H } 4.33 \quad \mbox{N } 7.28$

2-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)-5-nitropyrimidine (13)

N,*N*-Dimethyl-3-dimethylamino-2-nitroprop-2-eneiminium perchlorate [16] (1.55 g, 5.7 mmol) was added to a suspension of 4-dimethylaminobenzamidinium chloride [11c] (1.14 g, 5.7 mmol) in pyridine (30 ml) and the mixture heated to 100 °C for 10 h. The solvent was distilled off *in vacuo*, the residue triturated with water, the solid collected by filtration and washed with methanol.

Dark red powder, m.p. 298 °C (from acetonitrile), yield 0.90 g (65%). –

$$\begin{split} & \text{IR (KBr): } \nu = 3070 \text{ cm}^{-1}, 2910, 2870, 1606, 1534, 1422, 1367, \\ & 1343, 1326, 1188, 1149, 833, 791. - UV (DMSO): \lambda_{max} = \\ & 448 \text{ nm; UV (toluene): } \lambda_{max} = 435 \text{ nm. } -{}^1\text{H NMR ([D_6]DMSO):} \\ & \delta = 9.23 \text{ (s, 2 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.23 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), } \\ & 6.75 \text{ (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 3.00 (s, 6 H, N(CH_3)_2).} \\ & \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2 \\ & \text{Calcd. C 59.00 H 4.95 N 22.93} \\ & (244.3) \\ & \text{Found C 59.47 H 5.01 N 22.75} \end{split}$$

2-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-pyrimidine (14)

Lithium hexamethyldisilazene (2.4 g, 14.3 mmol) was added to a suspension of 4-dimethylaminobenzonitrile (2 g, 13.7 mmol) in dry ether (50 ml) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 10 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, toluene (50 ml) and chlorotrimethylsilane (1.9 ml, 15 mmol) were added and the mixture refluxed for 5 h. The solvent was distilled off *in vacuo* and **7g** [15] (4.76 g, 13.7 mmol), potassium fluoride (2.7 g, 46.5 mmol) and pyridine (50 ml) added to the residue and the mixture stirred at 100 °C for 6 h. After cooling, the product was poured into water (100 ml), the precipitate was collected by filtration and refluxed with DMF for 1 h. The solid material was collected by filtration and washed with methanol.

Red powder, m.p. 322 °C, yield 3.46 g (79%). -

IR (KBr): $v = 3080 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 2920, 2875, 2830, 1614, 1597, 1583, 1515, 1433, 1372, 1339, 1187, 866, 856, 825, 795. – UV (toluene): $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 403 \text{ nm}$. –¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.05$ (s, 2 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.20 (d, 4 H, phenylene-H), 7.93 (d, 2 H,

phenylene-H), 6.74 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 3.82 (s, 6 H, $N(CH_3)_2$). C₁₈H₁₆N₄O₂×0.25 H₂O Calcd. C 66.54 H 5.12 N 17.25

 $\begin{array}{c} (324.9) \\ (324.9) \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Found} \ \ \text{C} \ 66.25 \ \ \text{H} \ 5.16 \ \ \text{N} \ 17.25 \\ \text{Found} \ \ \text{C} \ 66.25 \ \ \text{H} \ 5.16 \ \ \text{N} \ 17.25 \\ \end{array}$

5-Cyano-2-(4-dimethylaminophenyl)-pyrimidine (15)

Same procedure as for **13** with 2-cyano-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-3-dimethylaminoprop-2-eneiminium perchlorate [16] (2.2 g, 8.7 mmol).

Yellow powder, m.p. 217 °C, yield 1.22 g (74%). -

IR (KBr): $v = 2920 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 2875, 2820, 2222, 1808, 1580, 1535, 1515, 1433, 1368, 1183, 833, 793. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 394.5 \text{ nm}$; UV (acetonitrile): $\lambda_{max} = 387 \text{ nm}$; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{max} = 390 \text{ nm}$. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.02$ (s, 2 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.21 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 6.76 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 3.03 (s, 6 H, N(CH₃)₂).

Methyl-2-(4-dimethylaminophenyl)-4-pyrimidinecarboxylate (16)

Same procedure as for **14** with 3-dimethylamino-2-methoxycarbonyl-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-prop-2-eneiminium perchlorate [17] (3.90 g, 13.7 mmol).

Pale yellow powder, m.p. 214 °C, yield 2.82 g (80%). – IR (KBr): $v = 2910 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 2820, 1723, 1710, 1611, 1581, 1422, 1366, 1288, 1191, 1134, 798. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 303 \text{ nm}$, 388; UV (acetonitrile): $\lambda_{max} = 380 \text{ nm}$; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{max} =$ 383 nm. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.00$ (s, 2 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.20 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 6.70 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 3.83 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.98 (s, 6 H, N(CH₃)₂). C₁₄H₁₅N₃O₂ Calcd. C 65.35 H 5.88 N 16.33

 $\begin{array}{c} (257.3) \\ \hline \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{Calcu. } C \ 05.55 \\ \text{Found } C \ 65.01 \\ \text{H} \ 5.92 \\ \text{N} \ 16.24 \\ \end{array}$

2-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)-4-ethoxypyrimidine (17)

Same procedure as for **13** with 3-dimethylamino-2-ethoxy-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-prop-2-eneiminium perchlorate [18] (1.0 g, 3.7 mmol).

Colorless powder, m.p. 157 °C, yield 0.36 g (40%). -

IR (KBr): $v = 2979 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 2930, 2895, 2820, 1606, 1530, 1479, 1428, 1393, 1367, 1273, 1185, 1046, 829, 789. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 335 \text{ nm}$; UV (acetonitrile): $\lambda_{max} = 321 \text{ nm}$; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{max} = 323 \text{ nm}$. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 8.44$ (s, 2 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.08 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 6.74 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 4.17 (q, 2 H, OCH₂), 2.95 (s, 6 H, N(CH₃)₂). C₁₄H₁₇N₃O Calcd. C 69.11 H 7.04 N 17.27 (243.3) Found C 69.32 H 7.26 N 17.07

2-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-pyrimidine (18)

Same procedure as for **14** with **7c** [15] (4.60 g, 13.8 mmol). Pale yellow powder, m.p. 216 °C, yield 3.50 g (84%). – IR (KBr): $v = 3040 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 2910, 2845, 2810, 1608, 1581, 1429, 1364, 1268, 1244, 1168, 1027, 840, 827, 796. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 287 \text{ nm}$, 362; UV (acetonitrile): $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 353 \text{ nm}$; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 357 \text{ nm}$. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 8.84$ (s, 2 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.13 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 7.59 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 6.95 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 6.69 (d, 2 H,

phenylene-H), 3.75 (s,	3 H, OC	CH ₃), 2.94	(s, 6 H, N	$I(CH_3)_2).$
$C_{19}H_{19}N_{3}O$	Calcd.	C 74.72	H 6.27	N 13.76
(305.4)	Found	C 74.48	H 6.23	N 13.68

2-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)-4-(4-aminophenyl)-pyrimidine (19)

Stannous chloride dihydrate (7.10 g, 31.5 mmol) was added to the suspension of 14 (2.0 g, 6.24 mmol) in conc. HCl (50 ml) and the mixture heated to 100 °C for 3 h. After cooling, the precipitate was collected by filtration and triturated with 5% aqueous NaHCO₃ (50 ml). The remaining solid material was filtered off, dried in vacuo and refluxed in DMF for 1 h. The solution was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo*.

Pale yellow powder, m.p. 235 °C (from acetonitrile), yield 1.10 g (61%). –

IR (KBr): $v = 3458 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3387, 3040, 2900, 2865, 2815, 1610, 1582, 1530, 1431, 1361, 1191, 827, 794, 657. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 369 \text{ nm.} - {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR}$ ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.90$ (s, 2 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.19 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 7.45 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 6.63 (d, 2 H, phenylene-H), 5.33 (s, 2 H, NH₂), 2.95 (s, 6 H, N(CH₃)₂).

 $\begin{array}{cccc} C_{18}H_{18}N_4 \times 0.33 \ H_2O & Calcd. \ C \ 72.94 & H \ 6.35 & N \ 18.90 \\ (296.4) & Found \ C \ 72.64 & H \ 6.25 & N \ 18.82 \\ \end{array}$

N-Phenylcarbazole-3,6-dicarbonitrile (21)

A suspension of 3,6-diiodo-*N*-phenylcarbazol [14] (4.0 g, 8.1 mmol) and cuprous cyanide (2.0 g, 22 mmol) in DMF (70 ml) was refluxed under nitrogen for 5 h. After addition of a solution ferric chloride hexahydrate (5.0 g, 18.5 mmol) in ethanol (60 ml) refluxing was continued for 5 min. The solvent was distilled off and the remaining solid material extracted 3 times with dichloromethane (600 ml each time). The combined dichloromethane phases were evaporated to dryness and the residue washed with methanol.

Colorless powder, m.p. 320 °C, yield 1.80 g (76%). -

IR (KBr): $v = 3070 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 2219, 1633, 1596, 1502, 1482, 1368, 1294, 1244, 1187, 897, 817, 773, 698. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 281 \text{ nm}$, 328, 344; UV (acetonitrile): $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 278 \text{ nm}$, 293, 308, 328; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 284 \text{ nm}$, 294, 329, 344. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 8.93$ (s, 2 H, 4,5-carbazole-H), 7.89 (d, 2 H, carbazole-H), 7.73 (t, 2 H, phenyl-H), 7.65 (d, 3 H, phenyl-H), 7.43 (d, 2 H, carbazole-H).

$C_{20}H_{11}N_3$	Calcd.	C 81.89	H 3.78	N 14.33
(293.3)	Found	C 81.82	H 3.76	N 14.22

N-Phenylcarbazole-3,6-bis-[N,N,N'-tris-(trimethylsilyl)-carboxamidine] (22)

Lithium hexamethyldisilazene (1.84 g, 11 mmol) was added to a suspension of 21 (1.5 g, 5.1 mmol) in dry ether (50 ml) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 10 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, toluene (50 ml) and chlorotrimethylsilane (1.5 ml, 12 mmol) were added and the mixture refluxed for 5 h. The solvent was destilled off *in vacuo* and the orange product (3.89 g) used according to the "general procedure" (cf. **8a**).

3,6-Bis-(5-nitro-2-pyrimidinyl)-N-phenylcarbazole (23a)

With 22 (3.89 g, 5.1 mmol) and 3-dimethylamino-2-nitro-N,N-

dimethyl-proeneiminium perchlorate [16] (2.9 g, 10.7 mmol). Orange powder, m.p. >300 °C, yield 1.60 g (64%). –

IR (KBr): $v = 1559 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1512, 1417, 1338, 1291, 1231, 1132, 856, 798, 772, 699. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 270 \text{ nm}$, 330, 405; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{max} = 322 \text{ nm}$, 394. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.58$ (s, 4 H, pyrimidine-H), 9.50 (s, 2 H, 4,5-carbazole-H), 8.66 (d, 2 H, carbazole-H), 7.80–7.62 (m, 5 H, phenyl-H), 7.53 (d, 2 H, carbazole-H). C₂₆H₁₅N₇O₄ Calcd. C 63.80 H 3.09 N 20.03

$26n_{15}n_{7}O_{4}$	Calcu.	C 05.00	n 5.09	1.A	20.05
489.5)	Found	C 63.95	Н 3.32	N	20.06

3,6-Bis-[5-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-pyrimidinyl]-N-phenylcarbazole (**23b**)

With **7g** [15] (3.7 g, 10.6 mmol).

Yellow powder, m.p. >300 °C, yield 2.16 g (68%).

IR (KBr): $v = 1599 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1581, 1517, 1424, 1345, 1293, 854, 798, 752, 695. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 290 \text{ nm}$, 353, 379; UV toluene): $\lambda_{max} = 335 \text{ nm}$, 353, 383. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.34$ (s, 2 H, 4,5-carbazole-H), 9.19 (s, 4 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.54 (d, 2 H, carbazole-H), 8.25 (d, 4 H, phenylene-H), 8.00 (d, 4 H, phenylene-H), 7.58 (s, 5 H, phenyl-H), 7.35 (d, 2 H, carbazole-H).

3,8-Bis-(5-ethoxy-2-pyrimidinyl)-N-phenylcarbarole (23c)

With 3-dimethylamino-2-ethoxy-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-prop-2-eneiminium perchlorate [18] (2.9 g, 10.7 mmol).

Ochre powder, m.p. 242 °C, yield 0.55 g (22%). – IR (KBr): v = 1598 cm⁻¹, 1543, 1502, 1429, 1396, 1274, 918, 899, 789, 698. – UV (DMSO): λ_{max} = 300 nm, 381, 408; UV (acetonitrile): λ_{max} = 277 nm, 297, 328; UV (toluene): λ_{max} = 300 nm, 335. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): δ = 9.15 (s, 2 H, 4,5-carbazole-H), 8.60 (s, 4 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.43 (d, 2 H, carbazole-H), 7.63 (s, 5 H, phenyl-H), 7.40 (d, 2 H, carbazole-H), 4.24 (q, 4 H, CH₂), 1.40 (t, 6 H, CH₃). C₃₀H₂₅N₅O₂×0.33 H₂O Calcd. C 73.00 H 5.24 N 14.19

(493.6) Found C 72.99 H 5.20 N 14.25

3,6-Bis-[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-pyrimidinyl]-N-phenylcarbazole (**23d**)

With 7c [15] (3.5 g, 10.5 mmol).

Ochre powder, m.p. >300 °C, yield 2.16 g (68%). – IR (KBr): $v = 1606 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1582, 1517, 1502, 1424, 1288, 1251, 1181, 1033, 828, 796. – UV (DMSO): $\lambda_{max} = 321 \text{ nm}$, 362; UV (acetonitrile): $\lambda_{max} = 315 \text{ nm}$, 354; UV (toluene): $\lambda_{max} =$ 307 nm, 321, 350, 362. – ¹H NMR ([D₆]DMSO): $\delta = 9.39$ (s, 2 H, 4,5-carbazole-H), 9.20 (s, 4 H, pyrimidine-H), 8.61 (d, 2 H, carbazole-H), 7.83 (d, 4 H, phenylene-H), 7.75 (s, 5 H, phenyl-H), 7.52 (d, 2 H, carbazole-H), 7.13 (d, 4 H, phenylene-H), 3.85 (s, 6 H, OCH₃).

$C_{40}H_{29}N_5O_2$	Calcd.	C 78.54	H 4.78	Ν	11.45
(611.7)	Found	C 78.27	H 4.76	Ν	11.49

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