

potassium permanganate, 0.43 g (2.73 mmol) was added to a solution of 0.2 g (0.91 mmol) of pyrrole **Ib** in 10 ml of acetone under stirring at room temperature. The mixture turned colorless within 5 min, the precipitate of MnO₂ was filtered off and washed with acetone (3 × 5 ml), acetone was removed from the filtrate, and the aqueous solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 ml). The extract was washed with water (3 × 10 ml) and dried over potassium carbonate, and the solvent was distilled off to obtain 0.04 g (22%) of pyrrole **IIIb**. The physical constants of the product were in agreement with published data [2].

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