

(+)-Isothujylamine (IIIa) from (+)-(1*S*,3*R*,4*S*)-3-Nitrothujane (XXVII).—A solution of 1.80 g (9.82 mmoles) of XXVII in 200 ml of 95% ethanol saturated with sodium bicarbonate was boiled for 8 hr. After partial removal of the ethanol, addition of water, extraction with hexane, drying, and evaporation of the hexane, there was obtained 1.15 g of (+)-(1*S*,3*S*,4*S*)-3-nitrothujane (XXVIII) (64%) as a residual oil, $[\alpha]^{25}_D +96^\circ$ (*c* 2.5, methanol). Without further purification, 1.06 g (5.78 mmoles) of this oil was reduced with iron powder in glacial acetic acid, and there was obtained 0.61 g of a crude amine product. Addition of this oil to an equivalent amount of 0.016 *M* aqueous nitric acid gave a precipitate. Recrystallization of this precipitate from water gave 0.52 g of (+)-isothujylamine nitrate

(60% based on crude amine), mp 171–173° dec, $[\alpha]^{25}_D +71^\circ$ (*c* 0.8, water) [lit.^{3b} mp 176.9°, $[\alpha]^{25}_D +70.48^\circ$ (water)]. The infrared spectrum of this substance was identical with that of authentic (+)-isothujylamine nitrate,³⁸ mp 172–173° dec, $[\alpha]^{25}_D +72^\circ$ (*c* 1.0, water).

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Terpenes. III. The Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectra and Absolute Configurations of the Thujylamines¹

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The nmr spectra at 60 and 100 Mc/sec were measured for (+)-isothujylamine and (+)-neoisothujylamine, for the *N-p*-nitrobenzoyl derivative of (–)-thujylamine, and for the *N*-benzoyl derivatives of (–)-neothujylamine, (+)-isothujylamine, and (+)-neoisothujylamine. The absolute configurations at the ring-junction carbon atoms being known with certainty, interpretation of these spectra confirms for the amino and methyl groups the configurational assignments recently deduced on the basis of the preparation of the amines from the related thujyl alcohols and thujones. Since these assignments previously depended explicitly on the configurational assignments for the hydroxyl and methyl groups in the alcohols and ketones, this present work, when taken together with the chemical evidence, also confirms the corresponding configurational assignments in the thujyl alcohols and thujones.

In the preceding paper in this series,^{1b} the absolute configurations of the four isomeric thujylamines (Ia–IVa, Chart I)³ were deduced on the basis of their preparation from the related thujyl alcohols (Ib–IVb)⁴ and thujones (V and VI),⁴ and, as shown in Table I, a name consistent with that applied to the related thujyl alcohol⁴ was given to each amine.

TABLE I
THE THUJYLAMINES

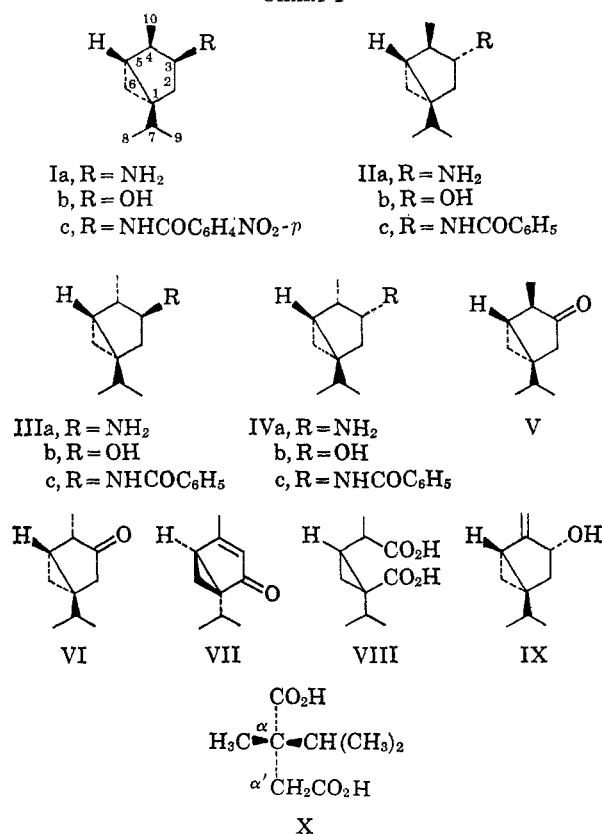
Compound	Name	$\alpha^{25}_D^a$
Ia	(–)-Thujylamine	–22.07
IIa	(–)-Neothujylamine	–14.15
IIIa	(+)-Isothujylamine	+94.94
IVa	(+)-Neoisothujylamine	+27.80

^a Rotation in degrees for 1 dm without solvent.

In these amines, the configurations at C-1 and at the dependent asymmetric center at C-5 follow from those at C-1 and C-5 for (–)-thujone (V) and (+)-isothujone (VI), these assignments first being deduced on the basis of the asymmetric synthesis of (–)-*cis*-umbellularic acid,⁵ a degradation product of (–)-umbellulone (VII).⁶ This latter terpene was shown previously to be enantio-

morphic at C-1 and C-5 with (–)-thujone by the conversions of (–)-umbellulone and (–)-thujone to (+)- and (–)-homothujadicarboxylic acid (VIII), respec-

CHART I



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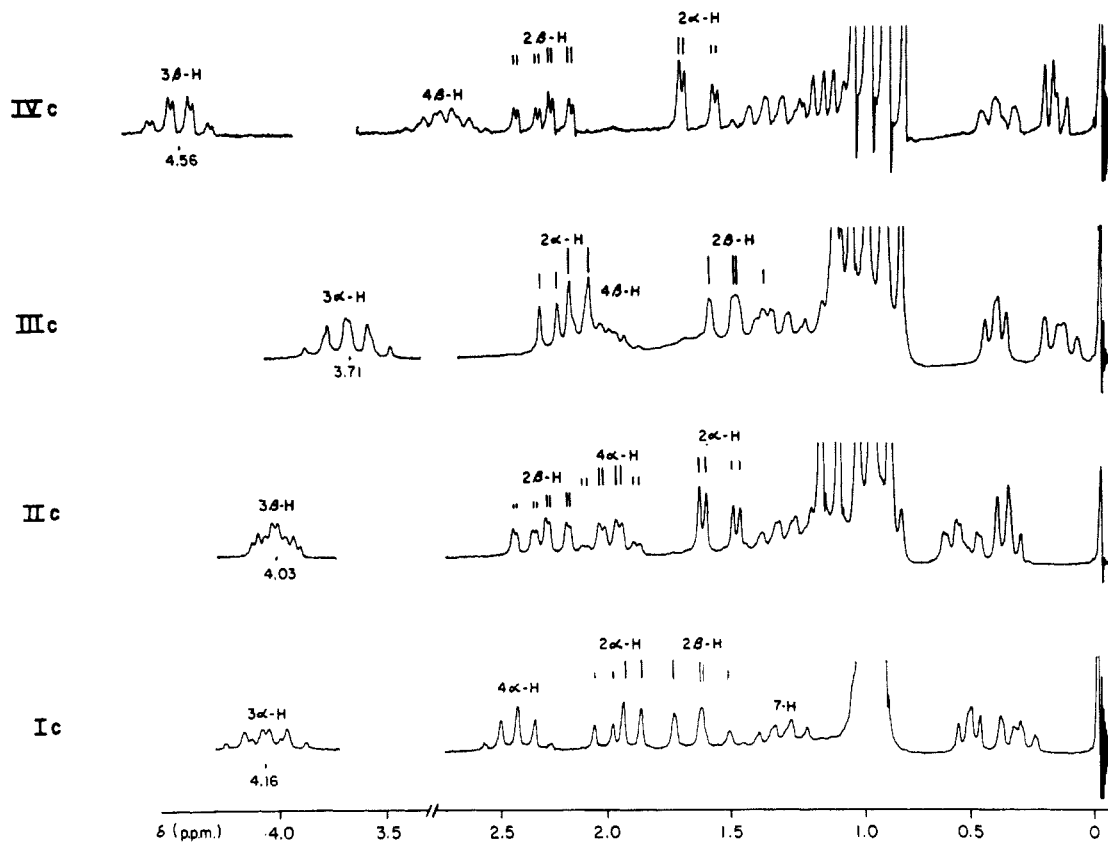


Figure 1.—The 100-Mc/sec nmr spectra of (–)-*N-p*-nitrobenzoylthujylamine (Ic), (–)-*N*-benzoylneothujylamine (IIc), (+)-*N*-benzoylisothujylamine (IIIc), and (+)-*N*-benzoylneoisothujylamine (IVc) in deuteriochloroform. (The horizontal scale in these spectra is somewhat irregular.)

tively.⁷ These assignments were subsequently confirmed by the degradation of (+)-sabinol (IX) to (+)-(*S*)- α -methyl- α -isopropylsuccinic acid (X),⁸ the latter, a compound of established absolute configuration,⁹ and the former, configurationally the same at C-1 and C-5 as (–)-thujone and (+)-isothujone.¹⁰ In addition, as reported in a preliminary communication¹¹ and described in the previous paper in this series,^{1b} (–)-umbellulone has also been degraded to (+)-(*S*)- α -methyl- α -isopropylsuccinic acid (X), following the route previously used for the establishment of the structure of (+)-umbellulone dibromide.¹² The fact that (+)-sabinol and (–)-umbellulone both are converted to (+)-(*S*)- α -methyl- α -isopropylsuccinic acid resides in the circumstance that with the former it is C-2 and with the latter it is C-5 which eventually becomes the α' -methylene carbon atom in the succinic acid.

In the amines, since the configurational assignments at C-3 and C-4 depend explicitly on the assignments at these same positions recently established for the thujyl alcohols and thujones,⁴ we now wish to report nmr measurements which confirm these assignments at C-3 and C-4 in the amines and which depend only on the configuration at C-5. This seems especially important since these amines provide suitable model compounds for investigations of the optical rotatory dispersion and

circular dichroism of amines and amine derivatives¹³ and studies of cations of the bicyclo[3.1.0]hexyl type.¹⁴ In addition, when taken together with the chemical evidence previously reported,^{1b} these present measurements confirm the configurational assignments made for the thujyl alcohols and thujones.⁴

Results and Discussion

The nmr spectra at 60 and 100 Mc/sec were measured in deuteriochloroform for (+)-isothujylamine (IIIa) and (+)-neoisothujylamine (IVa), for the *N-p*-nitrobenzoyl derivative of (–)-thujylamine (Ic), and for the *N*-benzoyl derivatives of (–)-neothujylamine (IIc), (+)-isothujylamine (IIIc), and (+)-neoisothujylamine (IVc). The spectra of the amines and amides (Figure 1) show an expected resemblance to one another and to the spectra of the isomeric thujyl alcohols.⁴ The proton chemical shifts vary somewhat with the functional group (alcohol, amine, or amide), with those of the amides being the best separated. For the amines and amides, the assigned proton chemical shifts and coupling constants are summarized in Table II.¹⁵

The key to the configurational assignments at C-3 and C-4 lies principally in the coupling patterns and chemical shifts assigned to the ring protons at C-2, C-3, and

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TABLE II
SUMMARY OF THE NMR DATA FOR THE THUJYLLAMINES AND THEIR N-*p*-NITROBENZOYL OR N-BENZOYL DERIVATIVES

Protons ^a	Ic	IIc	IIIa	IIIc	IVa	IVc
	Chemical shifts assigned, ppm from TMS = 0					
2 α /2 β	1.95/1.64	1.56/2.28	1.97/1.4 ^b	2.18/1.52	1.45/2.05	1.66/2.32
3 α /3 β	4.16/...	.../4.03	2.23/...	3.71/...	.../3.37	.../4.56
4 α /4 β	2.4 ^b /...	2.0 ^b /...	.../1.6 ^b	.../2.1 ^b	.../c	.../2.73
6 α ,6 β ^d	0.34, 0.5 ^b	0.38, 0.56	0.1 ^b , 0.25	0.15, 0.40	0.05-0.35 ^e	0.18, 0.44
8, 9 ^d	0.93, 0.93	0.90, 0.95	0.87, 0.94	0.84, 0.93	0.86, 0.93	0.84, 0.93
10	0.92	1.10	0.98	1.05	0.97	1.00
NHR	6.48	6.27	1.25	6.36	0.85	5.9 ^b
	Coupling constants assigned, cps					
2 α -2 β	12	14	12 ^f	12	13	14
2 α -3/2 β -3	8/11	3/8	7/9	7.5/10	1.5/7.5	2.3/8
3-4/4-5	7 ^f /0 ^f	2 ^f /0 ^f	8-9/c	c/c	7.5 ^f /c	7 ^f /7 ^f
4-10/7-8, 7-9	7/5.5	7/5.5	7/5.5	7/6.5	7/5.5-6	7/5.5
3-NHR	8 ^f	6 ^f	0 ^f	9 ^f	0 ^f	g

^a For the significance of α and β , see footnote 15. ^b Chemical shift is approximate. Signal is partially obscured by another multiplet. ^c Value was not obtained owing to signal being obscured by another signal. ^d No differentiation between these protons is made or implied. ^e Two signals were not distinguishable. ^f Approximate value; may not be true coupling constant where perturbed. ^g Broad multiplet

C-4. The 3-H signals occur at lowest field, apart from nitrogen-attached and aromatic protons in the amides, and can be identified unambiguously. The splitting present in the 3-H signals shows the effect of coupling with N-H in the amide spectra, but not in the amine spectra.

The 2 α -H and 2 β -H signals are identified by the large geminal coupling (12-14 cps) superimposed on the coupling with 3-H. The 2-H signals then comprise the AB part of an ABX... spin system. The 4-H resonance occurs close to the lower-field component of the 2-H signals, the 4-H and 2-H signals being distinguished from one another by their coupling patterns. Once the 2-H, 3-H, and 4-H signals are assigned and their coupling interpreted, the configurations at C-3 and C-4 relative to that at C-5 may be deduced using the Karplus relationship.¹⁶ For this purpose only the general shape of the Karplus curve need be accepted. Dihedral angles of 70-110° are assumed to lead to small coupling constants (0-3 cps), whereas the constants associated with angles in the range 0-30 or 150-180° were taken as moderate to large (>6 cps). A more rigorous analysis, involving further hazards in estimating corrections,¹⁷ does not seem to be called for.

Using the complete set of amide spectra (Figure 1) and Drieding models, we compared the expectations for the chair (XI) and boat (XII) conformations of



each amide configuration (Ic-IVc) with the four spectra, taking into consideration the chemical shifts and spin splittings observed for the 2-H, 3-H, and 4-H signals. Final assignment of 2 α -H and 2 β -H signals was made after the configurations at C-3 and C-4 had been identified. On this basis the chair conformation of configuration IIIc does not fit any of the spectra, and the boat conformation of this configuration corresponds only to the spectrum of (+)-N-benzoylisothujylamine (spectrum IIIc in Figure 1).¹⁸ (The same notation

is used, respectively, for compounds, configurations, and spectra to avoid the confusion of extra sets of notations.)

Likewise, only the boat conformation of configuration IVc fits the spectrum of (+)-N-benzoylneoisothujylamine (IVc). (The chair conformation of configuration IVc could be compatible with spectrum IIIc, but, if this assignment were made, it becomes impossible to match all four spectra and configurations.) For configuration Ic, none of the spectra is consistent with a chair conformation although spectrum Ic and possibly IIIc are compatible with the boat conformation of this configuration. Configuration IIIc, however, has already been assigned, leaving configuration Ic for the spectrum of (-)-N-*p*-nitrobenzoylthujylamine (Ic). Finally, since both spectra Ic and IIIc, which could be compatible with the chair conformation of configuration IIc, have already been assigned, the boat conformation of this configuration fits only the spectrum of (-)-N-benzoylneothujylamine (IIc). Accordingly, there is a unique correlation of spectra and configurations if, and only if, *the four amides exist preferentially in the boat conformation*, the preferred conformation also deduced for the thujones^{4,21} and thujyl alcohols.⁴

The assignment of proton chemical shifts and coupling constants in the two thujylamine spectra (IIIa and IVa) and the respective configurations to the four thujylamines (Ia-IVa) follow from these assignments made for the amides.

Experimental Section²²

(-)-N-*p*-Nitrobenzoylthujylamine (Ic) had mp 147-148°, [α]_D²⁵ -49° (c 1.1, chloroform); lit.³ mp 146.5°, [α]_D²⁵ -51.25° (chloroform).

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(-)-**N-Benzoylneothujylamine** (IIc) had mp 95–97°, $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -13° (*c* 2.1, methanol); lit.³ mp 94.5°, $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -12.16° (methanol).

(+)-**Isothujylamine** (IIIa) had bp 113° (62 mm), n^{25}_D 1.4559, $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ $+114^\circ$ (*c* 2.4, 95% ethanol); lit.³ bp 76.8° (11 mm), n^{25}_D 1.4564, $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ $+107.9$, $+108.4^\circ$ (*c* 1.6, ethanol).

(+)-**N-Benzoylisothujylamine** (IIIc) had mp 132–135°, $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ $+89^\circ$ (*c* 1.1, methanol); lit.³ mp 131.5°, $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ $+87.74^\circ$ (methanol).

(+)-**Neoisothujylamine** (IVa) had bp 110° (52 mm), n^{25}_D 1.4658, $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ $+52.2^\circ$ (*c* 2.2, 95% ethanol); lit.³ bp 77.0° (12 mm), n^{25}_D 1.4654, $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ $+51.27^\circ$ (*c* 3, ethanol).

(+)-**N-Benzoylneoisothujylamine** (IVc) had mp 74–75°, $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ $+95^\circ$ (*c* 1.0, methanol); lit.³ mp 73–75°, $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ $+91.44^\circ$ (methanol).

Nmr Measurements.—The nmr spectra at 60 and 100 Mc/sec were recorded on Varian A-60 and HR-100 spectrometers, using samples dissolved in deuteriochloroform containing tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. All chemical shifts are reported in parts per million downfield from TMS.

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Steroids. CCLXVI.¹ A Series of C-19 Modified Analogs of Testosterone and Related Compounds²

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The preparation of the 10 β -angular hydroxymethyl, formyl, carboxyl, chloromethyl, vinyl, ethyl, N,N-dimethylcarboxamido, and N,N-diethylaminomethyl analogs of various 3,17-bisoxxygenated Δ^4 - and Δ^5 -androstenes as well as a series of 6 β ,19-oxides is described. A new synthesis of 17 α -ethinyl-19-nortestosterone acetate is presented.

The marked difference in biological properties between testosterone or several structural modifications of testosterone and their corresponding 19-nor analogs³ clearly indicates that the nature of the 10 β -angular substituent plays an important role in structure-activity relationships. However, variations of the angular substituent have been extremely limited owing to the chemical inaccessibility of the C-19 angular methyl group.⁴ Functionalization of the non-activated 19-carbon became possible through the pioneering work of Barton and his collaborators.⁵ Recent work in our laboratories^{6–9} and independent studies by the CIBA group^{10–12} have led to ready syntheses of 19-oxygenated steroids from the reaction of readily available 6 β -hydroxy precursors with lead tetraacetate, and hence made the way clear to the preparation on industrial scale of a variety of 19-substituted compounds. Other independent investi-

gators have pursued different routes to 19-substituted steroids.¹³ This paper describes the preparation of the 10 β -angular hydroxymethyl, formyl, carboxyl, chloromethyl, vinyl, ethyl, N,N-dimethylcarboxamido, and N,N-diethylaminomethyl analogs of various 3,17-bisoxxygenated Δ^4 - and Δ^5 -androstenes (Chart I).

Cleavage of 3 β -hydroxy-5 α -bromo-6 β ,19-oxidoandrost-17-one acetate (Ia)⁸ with zinc dust in ethanol under reflux afforded the Δ^5 -19-alcohol (IIa) in high yield. When this reaction was carried out in acetic acid, the product was the corresponding diacetate IIb. Acetylation of IIa with acetic anhydride in pyridine proceeded normally to yield the C-19 tosylate IIc which underwent displacement with lithium chloride in isopropyl alcohol solution under reflux for 5 hr to afford 3 β -hydroxy-19-chloroandrost-5-en-17-one acetate (IIId).¹⁴ Similarly, treatment of IIc with lithium bromide led to 19-bromoandrost-5-en-17-one acetate (IIe). Alkaline hydrolysis of IIId furnished the alcohol IIIf, which upon Oppenauer oxidation gave 19-chloroandrost-4-ene-3,17-dione (IIIa). Reduction of IIIa with lithium aluminum hydride gave a product which did not exhibit any selective absorption in the ultraviolet above 210 m μ but which was readily oxidized with dichlorodicyanobenzoquinone (DDQ) in dioxane solution¹⁵ at room temperature to 19-chlorotestosterone (IIIb).

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