

benzylhydrazine and 1,1-dimethyl-2-(2-propenyl)hydrazine were prepared by the published procedure.²⁴

The preparation of compounds **8d**, **8e**, **12**, and **13** was accomplished by treating phenyl isocyanate with an equimolar quantity of the appropriate hydrazine.

Compounds **8a**, **8b**, and **8c** were prepared by heating a mixture of either dimethylcarbamoyl chloride or diphenylcarbamoyl chloride with 2 equiv of the appropriate hydrazine at 100° for 1–2 hr. The products were isolated by extracting the crude reaction mixture with boiling petroleum ether.

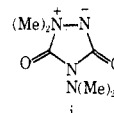
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Registry No.—**6a**, 51433-78-4; **6b**, 51433-77-3; **6c**, 51433-50-2; **6d**, 51433-51-3; **6e**, 51433-52-4; **6f**, 51433-53-5; **7a**, 51433-54-6; **7b**, 51433-55-7; **7c**, 51433-56-8; **7d**, 51433-57-9; **7e**, 51433-58-0; **7f**, 51433-59-1; **8a**, 51433-60-4; **8b**, 51433-61-5; **8c**, 51433-63-7; **8d**, 51433-64-8; **8e**, 51433-65-9; **9**, 51433-66-0; **9** hydrochloride, 51472-52-7; **10**, 51433-67-1; **11**, 51433-68-2; **12**, 51433-69-3; **13**, 51433-70-6; **15**, 51433-71-7; **18**, 51433-76-2; allyl bromide, 106-95-6; benzyl bromide, 100-39-0; benzyl chloride, 100-44-7; 3-propynyl bromide, 106-96-7; 1,1,4,4-tetramethylsemicarbazide, 27827-93-6; *N,N*-dimethylcarbamoyl chloride, 79-44-7; 1,1-dimethylhydrazine, 57-14-7; 1,1-dimethyl-4,4-diphenylsemicarbazide, 37934-75-1; 1,1-dimethyl-4-phenylsemicarbazide, 6297-20-7; 1-(2-butenyl)-1,1-dimethyl-4-phenylsemicarbazide, 51433-71-7; 1-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-1,1-dimethyl-4-phenylsemicarbazide bromide, 51472-53-8; 1,1-dimethyl-4-phenylsemicarbazide picrate, 51433-72-8; crotyl bromide, 4787-77-4; 1,1-dimethyl-2-(2-butenyl)hydrazine, 51433-73-9; crotonaldehyde *N,N*-dimethylhydrazine, 74422-95-9; 1,1,1-trimethyl-2-(2-butenyl)hydrazinium iodide, 51433-74-0; 1,1-dimethyl-2-(1-methyl-2-propenyl)hydrazine, 15848-66-5; phenyl isocyanate, 103-71-9; 1,1-dimethyl-1-(2-butenyl)hydrazinium bromide, 27828-89-3; *N,N*-diphenylcarbamoyl chloride, 83-01-2; 1,1-dimethyl-2-(2-propenyl)hydrazine, 2736-72-3; 1,1-dimethyl-2-benzylhydrazine, 28082-45-3.

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1-Oxadecalins and 1-Oxa-4-decalones. Syntheses and Conformational Analyses

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A general synthetic route to 6- and 7-carbomethoxy-*trans*-1-oxadecalins (**9** and **12**) is presented. Base-catalyzed equilibrations and pmr data are used to evaluate conformational equilibria and relative configurations in several *cis*- and *trans*-1-oxadecalins and 1-oxa-4-decalones. The *trans*-fused ring system is thermodynamically favored in all instances.

The *trans*-decalin ring system has often been used as a conformationally fixed system for the study of the relative reactivities of equatorial and axial substituents¹ and the relative energies of substituents in a pair of equatorial and axial orientations at a given carbon atom.² Similarly, ana-

logs of *trans*-decalin containing an atom other than carbon at a known position in the ring not containing the attached substituents provide the opportunity to evaluate the influences of the heteroatoms on the relative reactivities and relative energies of the substituents. These effects

Table I
Representative 4-Chromanone Hydrogenations

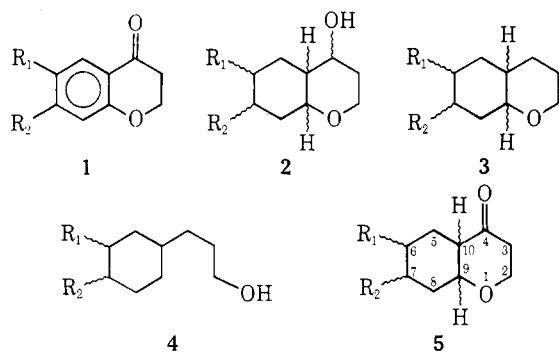
Compd	Yield, %		
	2	3	4
1a	95	Not observed	5
1b	60	25 ^a	15
1c	45	35 ^b	20

^a Composed of a single cis-fused compound by glpc.

^b Composed of two cis-fused compounds in a 4:1 ratio by glpc.

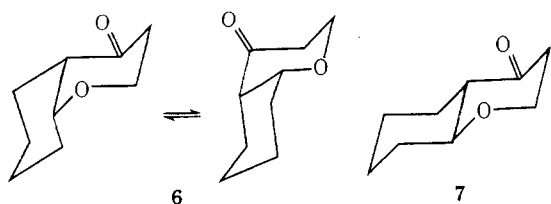
would result from changes in ring structure and from polar effects, the latter of which probably can be accounted for using a field model³ and the Kirkwood-Westheimer formalism.³

As the first phase of such a study of *trans*-heteradecalins, the syntheses and conformational analyses of representative 1-oxadecalins have been explored. Several 4-chromanones (1a-c) have been prepared and subjected to catalytic hydrogenation over ruthenium.⁴ The major product in each instance (45-95% of isolated product) was a mixture of 4-hydroxy-1-oxadecalins (2), while significant amounts (5-35%) of 1-oxadecalins (3) and saturated monocyclic alcohols (4) were also isolated (Table I). In each series, the 4-hydroxy-1-oxadecalins were complex mixtures containing primarily cis ring fusions. Jones oxidation⁵ of each alcohol mixture reduced the number of epimers⁶ and somewhat simplified stereochemical assignments.



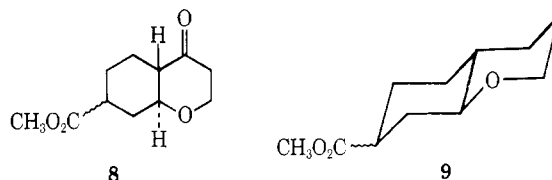
- a, $R_1 = R_2 = H$
b, $R_1 = H; R_2 = CO_2CH_3$
c, $R_1 = CO_2CH_3; R_2 = H$

Ketone 5a appeared to be primarily⁸ the *cis* isomer⁹ 6, since H-9 appeared as an obscured narrow multiplet at δ 3.80 in the pmr spectrum. Treatment of ketone 5a with 1,5-diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-5-ene (DBN), a strong nonnucleophilic base,¹⁰ in refluxing benzene resulted in a 90% recovery of *trans*-fused⁸ 7, which exhibited H-9 as the X portion of an ABMX pattern ($J = 4, 10, \text{ and } 10 \text{ Hz}$) at δ 3.23 in the pmr spectrum.¹¹ A mixture of ketones 5a and 7 was similarly treated with DBN to establish that equilibration was occurring. The greater stability of the *trans*-1-oxa-4-decalone (7) under equilibration conditions qualitatively parallels that of the 1-decalone system¹² and appears to be quantitatively⁸ greater than in this hydrocarbon analog.

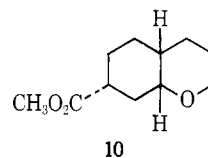


In the 7-carbomethoxy series, ketone 5b was chromatographically homogeneous, *cis* fused, and a mixture of the

carbomethoxy epimers (see below). Equilibration of 5b with DBN in benzene gave a mixture of ketones which was chromatographically homogeneous and almost exclusively *trans* fused. Pure *trans*-fused material (8) was obtained by one recrystallization, and exhibited H-9 as a multiplet in the pmr spectrum at δ 3.29 ($J = 4, 10, 10 \text{ Hz}$). Again the *trans*-fused ketone was more stable than the *cis*-fused.



Deoxygenation of 8 without bridgehead epimerization was required to obtain the desired *trans*-1-oxadecaline structure. A recently reported procedure¹³ involving sodium cyanoborohydride reduction of the tosylhydrazone was investigated for stereospecificity.¹⁴ Application of this procedure to 8 resulted in 76% conversion to a single pure 7-carbomethoxy-*trans*-1-oxadecaline (9). In order to check the stereospecificity, the mother liquors from which 8 had been obtained were deoxygenated. The product consisted of two epimers in addition to the major product 9. One of these, a *cis*-1-oxadecaline, was identical with the oxadecaline 3 obtained directly from the hydrogenation of 1b, and is assigned structure 10 based on the pmr spectrum and the known¹⁵ preference for *cis* hydrogenation over ruthenium. The other isomer was not identified. The small amounts of these isomers formed from the mother liquors and the absence of these isomers in the deoxygenation of pure 8 indicate negligible, if any, epimerization at C-10 under these deoxygenation conditions.

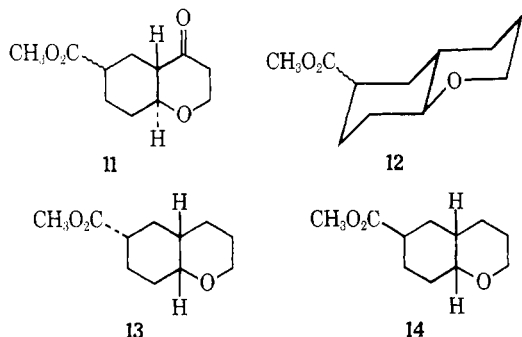


Several attempts were made to investigate the equatorial or axial nature of the carbomethoxy substituent in 9. Ester 9 was treated with DBN in order to see whether the ester had been equilibrated simultaneously with the ring fusion (5b \rightleftharpoons 8). No change was observed, compound 9 being recovered quantitatively. Treatment of 9 with sodium methoxide in methanol, the conditions used by Sicher² to equilibrate the *trans*-decalyl esters, resulted in the appearance of a new compound comprising approximately 20% of the mixture (by glpc). Mass spectral evidence supports assignment of the epimeric *trans*-fused structure to this compound. Unfortunately, equilibrium was probably not achieved because of decomposition of one of the esters under the reaction conditions. Nevertheless, these results support lack of ester epimerization with DBN. The pmr spectrum of ester 9 provides suggestive evidence that the ester functionality is equatorial. The C-7 methine hydrogen appears as a multiplet centered at δ 2.45 with coupling constants consistent only with an axial location ($J = 3.5, 3.5, 12, 12 \text{ Hz}$).

In the 6-carbomethoxy series, ketone 5c obtained on Jones oxidation⁵ of alcohol 2c was a mixture of three compounds in a 3:6:1 ratio. Epimerization with DBN changed this ratio to 6:3:1. The major isomer was obtained in 90% purity by several recrystallizations and identified as a *trans*-fused compound (11) by the H-9 multiplet at δ 3.24¹¹ ($J = 4.5, 10, 10 \text{ Hz}$) in the pmr.

Deoxygenation¹³ of a mixture of 6-carbomethoxy-1-oxa-

4-decalones containing 80% of trans-fused 11 produced two products in a ratio of 85:15, while deoxygenation of a 1:1 mixture of the trans and cis ketones resulted in a 1:1 mixture of deoxygenated products. Preparative glpc permitted identification of the major component in the trans-enriched reaction as a 6-carbomethoxy-*trans*-1-oxadecalin (12). The minor component was found to be identical with the major component in the 1-oxadecalin mixture (3) obtained directly on hydrogenation of ketone 1c (Table I). Based on the well-known preference for cis hydrogenation,¹⁵ this compound may be assigned structure 13 and the minor component from the direct hydrogenation would be 14.



The ester functionality in 6-carbomethoxy-*trans*-1-oxadecalin (12) is tentatively assigned an axial orientation based on pmr spectral comparisons. The C-6 methine hydrogen is not discernible. However, the carbomethoxy methyl appears as a clean singlet at δ 3.72 in 12 and at δ 3.70 in precursor *trans* ketone 11. By contrast, the methyl signal occurs at δ 3.67–3.68 in the 7-carbomethoxy analogs 8 and 9 in which the ester group is believed to be equatorial (see above). In addition, *cis*-fused systems 5b, 10, 5c, and 13 all exhibited methyl singlets at δ 3.67 or 3.68. Using the reasonable assumption that conformational equilibria in *cis* systems (as shown for 6) will result in a preponderance of that conformer in which any single attached substituent would be equatorial, the data from these *cis* systems reinforces the axial assignment to the ester group in 12.

The result that the carbomethoxy group is equatorial in the 7 series (9) and axial in the 6 series (12) is consistent with another line of reasoning. If all-*cis* hydrogenation is assumed to predominate,¹⁵ those isomers of 5b and 5c would be formed which would lead to DBN equilibration to the *trans*-fused ketonic precursors of 9 and 12 without any change in the ester stereochemistry. A perfect 1:1 correlation exists through both reaction sequences between ester stereochemistry in the major (all-*cis*) isomer of 5 and the final 1-oxadecalins 9 and 12, thereby providing further substantiation of the proposed C-6 and C-7 stereochemistry and of all the assumptions made concerning reaction stereochemistry.

Experimental Section

Melting points and boiling points are uncorrected. Nmr spectra were recorded on a Varian A-60A instrument using solutions in deuteriochloroform. Chemical shifts are assigned in Table II and coupling constants are shown in Table III except where either is included with the compound or mixture. Infrared spectra were determined with a Beckman IR-10 spectrophotometer, with only major absorptions being cited. Mass spectral analyses were obtained at 70 eV. Elemental analyses were performed by Alfred Bernhardt Mikroanalytisches Laboratorium, Elbach, West Germany. The glpc column used was a 6 ft \times 0.25 in. 10% NPGS w/w on Chromosorb W (60/80 mesh) column.

Previously Unreported Glpc Retention Times for 1-Oxadecalins (3) Isolated from the Hydrogenation of 4-Chromanones (1b and 1c). 7-Carbomethoxy-*cis*-1-oxadecalin (10) (175°), 8.3

Table II
Nmr Chemical Shifts of 1-Oxadecalins^a

Compd	H-2e ^b	H-2a	H-3e	H-7	H-9	H-10	CO ₂ -CH ₃
5a	4.29	3.73	2.19		3.80	2.77	
5b							3.68
5c							3.67
7	4.29	3.73	2.28		3.23	2.82	
8	4.35	3.75	2.33		3.29	2.73	3.68
9	4.00	3.40		2.45	2.93		3.67
10		3.65					3.67
11	4.34	3.75			3.24		3.70
12	4.00	3.41			2.93		3.72
13	4.05	3.55					3.68

^a In parts per million. ^b e and a have been used to designate equatorial and axial protons.

min; mixture of epimers of 6-carbomethoxy-*cis*-1-oxadecalin (3c) (175°), 6.7 and 8.9 min (1:4).

Hydrogenation of 1a. The general procedure of Hirsch and Schwartzkopf⁴ was used for the hydrogenation of 2.0 g (14 mmol) of 1a. Chromatography on silica gel (Woelm) of 1.9 g of crude product gave 50 mg (3%) of crude 3-cyclohexyl-1-propanol (4a) in the 10% ethyl acetate-methylene chloride fractions as an oil: ir (neat) 3400 (O-H) and 1070 cm⁻¹ (C-O); nmr δ 3.69 (t, J = 6 Hz, CH₂CH₂OH), 3.31 (s, OH).

The 20–100% ethyl acetate-methylene chloride fractions contained 1.42 g (67%) of 4-hydroxy-1-oxadecalin isomers (2a) as an oil, ir (neat) 3400 cm⁻¹ (O-H).

Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₆O₂: C, 69.20; H, 10.33. Found: C, 69.07; H, 10.41.

6-Carbomethoxy-1-oxa-4-decalone (5c). A stirred solution of 1.57 g (7.33 mmol) of the isomer mixture 2c in 20 ml of acetone was treated with 3.4 ml (9.5 mmol) of Jones reagent⁵ (2.8 M) over a few minutes at 0–10°. The ice bath was removed and stirring was continued for 1 hr. The mixture was treated with 20 drops of isopropyl alcohol and diluted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate and dried (MgSO₄). Concentration of the ethereal extract gave 1.06 g of crude product. Chromatography on silica gel (Woelm) using 10% ethyl acetate-methylene chloride gave 940 mg (60%) of a mixture of three isomers of 5c as an oil: ir (neat) 1730 cm⁻¹ (C=O); glpc retention times (225°) 8.4, 10.2, and 11.1 min (3:6:1).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆O₄: C, 62.24; H, 7.60. Found: C, 62.04; H, 7.48.

7-Carbomethoxy-*cis*-1-oxa-4-decalone (5b). This epimer mixture was prepared from isomer mixture 2b in 67% yield by the method used for 5c. A pure product was obtained without chromatography: ir (neat) 1730 cm⁻¹ (C=O); nmr δ 3.87–4.33 (m, 2, H-2), 3.68 (s, 3, OCH₃), 2.71 (m, H-9a), 2.45 (t, J = 6 Hz, H-3); glpc retention time (225°) 9.4 min (only one peak observed).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆O₄: C, 62.24; H, 7.60. Found: C, 62.14; H, 7.60.

***cis*-1-Oxa-4-decalone (5a).** This compound was prepared from the isomer mixture 2a by the method used for 5c. Chromatography on silica gel (Woelm) of the 1.61 g of crude product obtained gave 670 mg (45%) of 5a in the 2% ethyl acetate-methylene chloride fractions as an oil: ir (neat) 1730 cm⁻¹ (C=O); glpc retention time (180°) 3.9 min.

Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₄O₂: C, 70.10; H, 9.15. Found: C, 70.01; H, 9.15.

Equilibration of 6-Carbomethoxy-1-oxa-4-decalone (5c). A solution of 640 mg (3.02 mmol) of isomer mixture 5c and 0.6 ml of 1,5-diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-5-ene in 35 ml of dry benzene was refluxed for 18.5 hr. The cooled solution was extracted with 3 N HCl and the aqueous phase was washed with benzene. The combined benzene extracts were washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate and dried (MgSO₄). The benzene extract was concentrated, giving 560 mg (88%) of an equilibrated mixture of the three isomers: glpc retention times (225°) 8.4, 10.2, and 11.1 min (6:3:1).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆O₄: C, 62.24; H, 7.60. Found: C, 62.09; H, 7.52.

The mixture was recrystallized from carbon tetrachloride-petroleum ether, then twice more from hexane, giving 40 mg (7% recovery) of primarily 11: mp 73–76°; ir (Nujol) 1715 cm⁻¹ (C=O); glpc retention times (225°) 8.4, 10.2, and 11.1 min (9:1:trace).

Table III
Coupling Constants of 1-Oxadecalins^a

Compd	$J_{2a,2e}^b$	$J_{2a,3a}$	$J_{2a,3e}$	$J_{2e,3a}$	$J_{2e,3e}$	$J_{3a,3e}$	$J_{5a,10}$	$J_{5e,10}$	$J_{9,10}$	$J_{8a,9}$	$J_{8e,9}$	Other
5a	11	11	3.5	7	2.5	15	8	3	7.5	H-9	$W_{1/2} < 13$	
7	11.5	11.5	3.5	7	1.5	14	13	4.5	10	10	4	
8	11	11	3.5	7	2	14.5	12	4.5	10	10	4	
9	10									H-9	$W_{1/2} = 18$	$J_{6a,7a} = J_{7a,8a} = 12$ $J_{6e,7a} = J_{7a,8e} = 3.5$
11	11	11	3.5	7	2				10	10	4.5	
12	10									H-9	$W_{1/2} = 18$	
13	10											

^a In hertz. ^b e and a have been used to designate equatorial and axial protons.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆O₄: C, 62.24; H, 7.60. Found: C, 62.41; H, 7.52.

Equilibration of 7-Carbomethoxy-cis-1-oxa-4-decalone (5b). Equilibration was carried out as with 5c, giving, after one recrystallization from hexane, a 36% yield of 8: mp 104–106°; ir (Nujol) 1735 cm⁻¹ (C=O); glpc retention time (225°) 9.4 min (only one peak observed).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆O₄: C, 62.24; H, 7.60. Found: C, 62.41; H, 7.62.

Equilibration of cis-1-Oxa-4-decalone (5a). Equilibration was carried out as with 5c, giving a 90% yield of trans-1-oxa-4-decalone (7) as an oil. The analytical sample was chromatographed on silica gel (Woelm) using 2% ethyl acetate-methylene chloride: glpc retention time (180°) 3.9 min.

Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₄O₂: C, 70.10; H, 9.15. Found: C, 70.20; H, 9.13.

6-Carbomethoxy-trans-1-oxadecalin (12). A mixture of 60 mg (0.3 mmol) of 5c (ca. 80% trans isomer), 60 mg (0.3 mmol) of *p*-toluenesulfonylhydrazide, 10 mg of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid hydrate, 0.7 ml of sulfolane, and 0.7 ml of dry dimethylformamide was stirred at room temperature for 1 hr. The mixture was then treated with 70 mg (1.1 mmol) of sodium cyanoborohydride and was stirred in a 100–105° bath for 2 hr more. The cooled solution was diluted with water and extracted with cyclohexane. The cyclohexane extracts were washed three times with water and dried (MgSO₄). Concentration gave 40 mg (70%) of primarily 12 as an oil: ir (neat) 1748 cm⁻¹ (C=O); glpc retention times (175°) 7.5 and 8.9 min (85:15).

Application of this procedure to 350 mg (1.6 mmol) of 5c (ca. 50% trans isomer) gave 230 mg (72%) of a mixture of 12 and 13 (1:1). The isomers were partially separated by preparative glpc. The trans isomer (12) was obtained in 80% purity: glpc retention times (175°) 7.5 and 8.9 min (4:1).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₈O₃: C, 66.62; H, 9.15. Found: C, 66.78; H, 9.27.

The cis isomer (13) was also obtained in 80% purity: glpc retention times (175°) 7.5 and 8.9 min (1:4).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₈O₃: C, 66.62; H, 9.15. Found: C, 66.83; H, 9.25.

7-Carbomethoxy-trans-1-oxadecalin (9). This compound was prepared from 8 in 76% yield by the method used for 12. Material of greater than 99% purity was obtained as a low-melting solid (melts near room temperature) by chromatography on silica gel (Woelm) using 2% ethyl acetate-methylene chloride: ir (neat) 1725 cm⁻¹ (C=O); glpc retention time (175°) 9.4 min (only one peak observed).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₈O₃: C, 66.62; H, 9.15. Found: C, 66.74; H, 9.21.

Application of this procedure to 340 mg (1.6 mmol) of the mother liquors from the recrystallization of 8 gave 150 mg (47%) of an isomer mixture: nmr δ 3.67 (s, OCH₃); glpc retention times (175°) 7.0, 8.3, and 9.4 min (16:28:56).

Base-Catalyzed Equilibrations of 9. A solution of 18 mg of 9 [glpc (175°) indicated 98% of the isomer with retention time of 9.4 min] in 2 ml of 2.5 N NaOCH₃-CH₃OH was refluxed under N₂ for 7 days. The cooled solution was treated with 3 ml of 0.3 N HCl and 2 ml of brine and extracted with cyclohexane. The cyclohexane extracts were dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give only 0.7 mg of material which was not further investigated.

When the equilibration was repeated as above, with a reflux

period of 1 hr, a 76% recovery was realized. The recovered material contained 13% of a new glpc peak at 7.0 min (175°) in addition to 87% of the starting isomer peak. Gas chromatography-mass spectra showed that this new peak was an isomer of 9: new peak mass spectrum *m/e* (rel intensity) 198 (30), 167 (15), 139 (23), 111 (100), 97 (59), 84 (7); starting isomer peak mass spectrum *m/e* (rel intensity) 198 (12), 167 (14), 139 (32), 111 (55), 97 (100), 84 (12). On extending the reflux time to 4 hr only a 14% recovery of material which contained 21% of the new peak was possible.

Application of the equilibration technique used for ketones 5 led to recovered starting isomer with none of this new peak present.

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