phenylphosphine (526 mg, 20 mmol), and anhydrous toluene (25 mL) which was previously purged with argon and heated for 45 min at 80–81.5 °C. Aliquots were taken at the intervals indicated in Table II. Each aliquot was quenched by being poured into a mixture of 3 mL of solution A (0.77 g of 1-chloronaphthalene in 100 mL of pentane) and 2 mL of solution B (HCl, 1.2 N) and shaken for 30 s. The organic layers were washed and dried and analyzed by GLC to give the results indicated in Table II. A blank experiment was performed without palladium acetylacetonate and triphenylphosphine. After 24 h cis-2g remained unchanged.

cis-3-Methylcyclohexanol Acetate (10). A shaken mixture of cis-2g (2.92 g, 20 mmol), a catalytic amount of Ra–Ni W2, and ethanol (50 mL) was hydrogenated at atmospheric pressure for 2 h until no more uptake of hydrogen was observed. The mixture was filtered through a short column of Celite and the solvent was fractionally distilled. The residue afforded 2.06 g (66%) of 10: bp 69 °C/10 mmHg; IR (CHCl₃) 1725 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.53–2.10 (m, 9 H), 0.93 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 3 H), 2.02 (s, 3 H), 4.46–4.91 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 20.78, 21.81, 23.61, 30.98, 31.16, 37.72, 40.21, 72.67, 169.66.

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Use of Carboxylic Acids as Chiral Solvating Agents for the Determination of Optical Purity of Chiral Amines by NMR Spectroscopy

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Optically pure mandelic acid, Mosher's acid, and N-(3,5-dinitrobenzoyl)phenylglycine have been used as chiral solvating agents to induce nonequivalence in the ¹H NMR spectra of several diamines, amino acid esters, amino alcohols, and other amines. The identity of the chiral solvating agent and the stoichiometry of the solvation complexes that yield the greatest nonequivalence varies with the nature of the substrate.

The increasing number of efforts devoted to the design of chiral ligands for metal-promoted reactions in organic synthesis have necessitated the development of methods for measuring the optical purity of both the ligands and the reaction products. The use of specific rotations to determine optical purity can be problematic since rotations vary significantly with the conditions of the measurement, particularly for polar molecules.¹ We were recently faced with the problem of determining the optical purity of several amino acid esters, β -amino alcohols and vicinal diamines of general structures 1-5 for use as potential chiral ligands in the asymmetric osmium tetroxide oxidation of olefins to vicinal diols.² Our initial efforts using the chiral shift reagent $Eu(tfc)_3$ were abandoned due to the immediate onset of severe line broadening when the shift reagent was added, even in trace amounts.³ We subsequently found that mandelic acid and other readily

available, optically pure carboxylic acids (6–8) can be successfully utilized as chiral solvating agents (CSA's) with ¹H NMR spectroscopy.⁴ Nonequivalence in the ¹H NMR spectrum suitable for integration was achieved under ambient conditions, enabling the measurement of the optical purity.

Results and Discussion

Induced Nonequivalence. Nonequivalence⁵ was observed in the ¹H NMR spectra of the racemic substrate amines 1–5, usually in the signals of the protons adjacent to the amino group, with mandelic acid (6),⁶ Mosher's acid

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(7),⁷ or N-(3,5-dinitrobenzoyl)phenylglycine (8)⁸ as chiral solvating agents in CDCl₃ and other common NMR solvents (Table I).⁹ While the $\Delta \delta$ values could be enhanced by careful adjustment of solvent ratio in a binary or ternary solvent system, in most cases this was not necessary to achieve base-line resolution to monitor optical purity. Nonetheless, the $\Delta \delta$ values were sensitive to the solvent composition, and nonequivalence was only observed with 7 in benzene- d_6 for 1a, 2a, and 2e. For some substrates, the induced nonequivalence had insufficient resolution for accurate optical purity determination by integration. The only substrate in which we were unable to observe nonequivalence with any CSA was 2c. As expected, the most convenient optical purity determinations were those of the N-methylamino substrates wherein nonequivalence was induced in the methyl singlets. Attempts to utilize (R, -R)-(+)-tartaric acid, (R,R)-2,3-di-O-benzoyltartaric acid.¹⁰ and (1R)-(-)-10-camphorsulfonic acid as chiral solvating agents with several diamines were unsuccessful. The



Figure 1. Dependence of the $\Delta\delta$ induced in ¹H NMR spectra of (A) (\pm)-1c, (\pm)-4b, and (\pm)-5c and (B) (\pm)-2b and (\pm)-3a, both in CDCl₃ on [(R)-6]. The $\Delta\delta$ values are in units of ppm, the [(R)-6] is in units of mole equivalents relative to the substrates.

relatively expensive (R)-(-)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(9-anthryl)ethanol (9)¹¹ succeeded in inducing nonequivalence for some but not all of the few substrates examined, (Table I; 1c, 2b, 2d, and 3a).

Mandelic acid, 6, induced excellent, base line resolved nonequivalence in the N-methyl signals of the binaphthyldiamines 1b and 1c. Mosher's acid, 7, however, was better than 6 for achieving nonequivalence in the cyclohexanediamines, 2a, 2d, and 2e. Both 6 and 8 were effective for inducing nonequivalence in the amino acid esters 4 and the amino alcohols 5. Only Mosher's acid succeeded for 1a, wherein nonequivalence was observed in the H-3 proton of the aromatic ring. In some cases, nonequivalence was optimized only with the addition of a drop or two of acetone- d_6 or methanol- d_4 , which also improved the solubility of the diastereomeric salts.

Stoichiometry. The dependence of the nonequivalence induced by mandelic acid, 6, on the [CSA]/[substrate] ratio was investigated by using racemic 1c, 2b, 3a, 4b, and 5c as models for each class of substrate (Figure 1). Addition of 6 caused downfield shifts in the resonances of concern for both enantiomers of 1c, 4b, and 5c. Nonequivalence induced in the N-methyl resonances of the binaphthyldiamine 1c and the monoamine 5c, and in the α -proton resonance of the monoamine 4b, increased as 1-1.5 equivalents of 6 were added (Figure 1A). Further addition of 6 increased $\Delta \delta$ only marginally. Furthermore, the $\Delta \delta$ values for 1c observed with 1 equiv of 6 were invariant to dilution within the concentration range of 0.007-0.029 M of the diastereomeric salt. These results emphasize an advantage in using carboxylic acids (e.g. 6) over more weakly interacting CSA's (such as 9) for enantiomeric purity determination of amines: complete formation of diastereomeric salts with maximal nonequivalence may be achieved at high dilution (small amounts of sample) without a large excess of the CSA.

The limited solubility of **6** in CDCl_3 , which prevented the measurement of $\Delta\delta$ in the presence of a large excess of **6**,¹² was overcome by the addition of 2 or 3 drops of

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acetone- d_6 . In comparison to the nonequivalence observed in the absence of acetone- d_6 , the observed $\Delta\delta$ values for 1c upon the initial addition of 6 were smaller. Far greater amounts of 6 could be added in the presence of acetone- d_6 , however, ultimately leading to nonequivalence comparable to that observed in the absence of acetone- d_6 ([6]/[1c] = 9.8, $\Delta\delta = 0.052$).

The (±)-cyclohexanediamine 2b, with two strongly basic amino groups, showed an initial downfield shift of the *N*-methyl resonances as the CSA was added, but without the induction of nonequivalence when the [6]/[2b] ratio was less than 1. Increasing addition of 6 produced overall shielding of the *N*-methyl groups, and nonequivalence was observed in these signals. The nonequivalence increased as the CSA/diamine ratio approached 2 (Figure 1B). In the presence of acetone- d_6 nonequivalence was observed at an earlier stage of the titration with 6, but a smaller $\Delta \delta_{max}$ was achieved even with a large excess of 6. The maximum $\Delta \delta$ was observed with 2.0 molar equiv of 6 in the absence of acetone- d_6 and 1.5 molar equiv in the presence of 2 drops of acetone- d_6 per molar equiv of 2b.

The nonequivalence induced in the α -protons of (\pm) -3a was dependent on the concentration of 6, analogous to 2b. With 3a, however, nonequivalence was observed with a lower concentration of 6, (<1 equiv). This initially induced nonequivalence disappeared with increasing amounts of 6 as the sense of nonequivalence inverted; the α -proton resonance of the diastereomeric salts which appeared at higher field when the [6]/[3a] ratio was less than 1 became the lower field α -resonance when [6]/[3a] was greater than 1.

These results can be interpreted as follows. For monoamines **4b** and **5c**, and the weakly basic binaphthyldiamine **1c**, addition of (R)-**6** resulted in the formation of diastereomeric, 1:1 salts, for example (+)-**1c**:(R)-**6** and (-)-**1c**:(R)-**6**, producing a downfield shift and induced nonequivalence in the resonances of the α -protons (NCH₃ or NCH) in the ¹H NMR spectra. Formation of the 1:1 diastereomeric salts was thus sufficient to measure the optical purity of these amines with NMR spectroscopy. The continued downfield shift and increasing nonequivalence of the α -protons as the amount of **6** increased beyond 1 molar equiv apparently was due to formation of increasingly complex interactions and aggregate formation, which reinforced the nonequivalence in the ¹H NMR spectra of the diastereomeric salts.¹³

For diamines 2b and 3a, the 1:1 diastereomeric salts with 6 which dominate at low [6], showed nonequivalence only for 3a, not 2b, in CDCl₃. With increasing amounts of 6, a second molecule of 6 interacted with the diastereomeric salts. In this 1:2 complex, strong shielding of the *N*-methyl signals of the 2b:6 diastereomeric salts occurred, in contrast to the downfield shifts observed for the *N*-methyl signals of 1c and 5c, and the α -proton of 4b. Thus, the *N*-methyl resonances of 2b actually shift upfield despite the acidbase interaction with the second molecule of 6. Nonequivalence was observed due to the formation of these diastereomeric complexes of 2b (2b:2.6), and the $\Delta\delta$ increased as the 1:2 complex increased its contribution to



Figure 2. Nonequivalence (0.046 ppm) induced in the ¹H NMR spectrum of 1c enriched in S enantiomer (29% ee) with (R)-6 (1.6 mol equiv of CDCl₃) for determination of optical purity while monitoring resolution.

the overall chemical shift of the 2b resonances.

Nonequivalence was observed in the 1:1 diastereomeric salts of **3a** and **6**, but interaction of a second molecule of **6** with these salts to form the 1:2 complexes reversed the relative positions of the nonequivalent α -proton resonances in the NMR spectrum. The nonequivalence observed in the 1:2 complexes of **3a** was greater than that observed in the 1:1 diastereomeric salts (Figure 1B). When the amount of **6** exceeded 2 equiv, higher aggregates formed and the nonequivalence decreased. A similar effect was also noted for **2b** (Figure 1B). In contrast to **1c**, **4b**, and **5c**, increasing the relative concentration of **6** (greater than 2 mol equiv) reduced the nonequivalence for **2b** and **3a**.

The importance of the 1:2 complexation state of **2b** for observing nonequivalence was illustrated by the following experiment. A solution of **2b** and **6** in CDCl₃ at a 1:1 molar ratio did not show nonequivalence (Figure 1B). When 1 equiv or less of TFA, HCO₂H, CH₃CO₂H or even acetone- d_6 was added, nonequivalence was induced as the 1:2 complexation state became populated. Thus, only one of the two interacting carboxylic acids in the 1:2 complex need be the CSA for nonequivalence to be induced. Indeed, acetone- d_6 sufficed to induce nonequivalence.

Conclusion

As illustrated in Figure 2, nonequivalence can be induced in the NMR spectra of chiral amines sufficient for the determination of optical purity using mandelic acid as an inexpensive, readily available chiral additive. Mandelic acid also proved useful as a CSA for monitoring the optical purity of Johnson's ketone resolving agent 11 and the precursor 10.¹⁴ The nonequivalences, which can be large (e.g. 0.112 ppm for 2b, Table I), allow for the routine monitoring of optical purity for amines of general structure 1-5, at 93.94 kG (400 MHz for 1 H). For some amines, however, nonequivalence was only observed with Mosher's acid as the chiral additive in benzene- d_6 . In general, benzene- d_6 was the best solvent to use with Mosher's acid, while $CDCl_3$ seemed to be best with 6. More polar solvents such as acetone- d_6 were not applicable, presumably due to increased dissociation of the diastereomeric salts.

The important observation that emerges is the critical way in which the experimental conditions for observing suitable nonequivalence for enantiomeric purity deter-

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Table I. Conditions for Inducing Nonequivalence To Monitor Optical Purity^a

substrate	CSA (equiv)	Δδ ^b	proton	solvent
	6	0		
	7 (2.8)	0.014*	H-3	CeDe
NH2	8	0		~6~6
NH ₂				
1 a				
	6 (3.0)	0.040	NCH ₃	$CDCl_3$
NHCH3				
~ ~ 4b				
	A (A A)			
	6 (3.0) 0 (19, 90)	0.056	NCH ₃	CDCl ₃
N(CH ₃)2	9 (12, 20)	0		CDCI3
N(CH ₃) ₂				
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10				
NH2	6	0		
NHa	7 (0.3)	0.005*	H-1,2	C_6D_6
	8	0		
44	e (0 0)	0 110	NOU	CDCI
NHCH3	0 (2.0) 6 (2.0)	0.112	H-1 9	CDCl ₃
NHCH	6 (2.0)	0.050	H-3.6 eq	CDCl.
9h	9 (2.5, 3.5, 15.5)	0		CDCl ₃
20		0		-
NHC6H5	6, 7, 8	0		
NHC ₆ H ₅				
20	0 (1 F)	0.000*	NOU	$(DOI + OD (0 + \dots))$
N(CH3)2	6 (1.5)	0.008*	NCH ₃	+ scetone-d. (2 drops)
N(CH ₃) ₂	7 (1.5)	0.013	NCH	$C_{c}D_{c}$
2d	8 (1.6)	0.008*	NCH ₃	CDCl ₃
	9 (0.6)	0.025	NCH ₃	CDCl ₃
N(CH3)C8H5	6 (1.2)	0.004*	NCH ₃	$CDCl_3 + C_6D_6$ (6 drops)
N(CH3)C6H5			-	+ acetone- d_6 (2 drops)
2e	7 (0.8)	0.005*	NCH_3	C_6D_6
	6 (2.0)	0.046	H-1 .2	CDCl ₂
	9 (0.4)	0.025	H-1,2	CDCl ₃
NH2				U U
За				
	6 (1.9)	0.043	NCH_3	CDCl ₃
,,,N(CH3)2				
N(CH ₃)2				
35				
	6 (1 0)	0.068	H-9	$CDC1 + acetone_d$ (2 drops)
	0 (1.0)	0.000	11-2	CDCI3 + acelone-u6 (2 drops)
NH2				
4a				
\land	6 (2.0)	0.045	H-2	CDCl ₃
CO2Et	- ()			·0
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NH2				
4b				
· ~~	6 (4.0)	0.034	H-2	$CDCl_{a} + CD_{a}OD (2 drops)$
CO ₂ Et	v ( 110)	0.001		
NH ₂				
4c				

Table I (Continued)								
substrate	CSA (equiv)	$\Delta \delta^b$	proton	solvent				
H ₃ C CO ₂ Et	6 (3.0)	0.004*	$2-CH_3$	$CDCl_3$ + acetone- $d_6$ (2 drops)				
	8	0						
N(CH ₃ ) ₂								
4d								
	<b>6</b> (3.0)	0.006*	NCH ₃	$CDCl_3 + CD_3OD (2 drops)$				
CO2E1	6 (3.0) 8 (1.0)	0.009	H-2 NCH	$CDCl_3 + CD_3OD (2 \text{ drops})$				
Ť	8 (1.0)	0.011	H-2	$CDCl_3 + C_6D_6$ (4 drops)				
N(CH3)2	0 (1.0)	0.021		0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0				
4 e	A (2.0)	0.000*	NOU	CDC1 + contains d (9 drops)				
CO2Et	6 (2.0) 6 (2.0)	0.006*	NCH ₃ H-2	$CDCl_3 + acetone-d_6 (2 drops)$				
	8 (1.0)	0.006*	NCH.	$CDCl_3 + C_sD_s$ (4 drops)				
N(CH ₃ ) ₂	8 (1.0)	0.009	H-2	$CDCl_3 + C_6D_6$ (4 drops)				
Δf								
(CHa)aCHa	6 (1.5)	0.056	NCH.	CDCl ₂				
(CHa) a CH	8 (0.75)	0.050	NCH ₃	$CDCl_3 + CD_3OD (2 \text{ drops})$				
(CH2)3CH3								
N(CH ₃ )2								
5a								
(CH ₂ ) ₃ CH ₃	8 (1.0)	0.015	NCH3	$C_6D_6$				
ОН								
(CH2)3CH3								
N(CH ₃ ) ₂								
5b								
(CH2)3CH3	8 (1.0)	0.046	NCH ₃	$CDCl_3 + CD_3OD (2 \text{ drops})$				
	6 (3.0)	0.058	NCH ₃	CDCl ₃				
(CH ₂ ) ₃ CH ₃								
N(CH ₃ ) ₂								
5c								
(CH ₂ ) ₃ CH ₃	6 (1.0)	0.046	NCH3	$\mathrm{CDCl}_3$				
СН3								
CH ₂ ) ₃ CH ₃								
N(CH ₃ ) ₂	i -							
5d		0.000	0.011	(D)(I)				
HN S	6 (0.25)	0.020	SCH ₃	CDCI ₃				
CH3								
10								
	<b>6</b> (0.25)	0.033	$SCH_3$	CDCl ₃				
CH3N s	6 (0.25)	0.010	NCH ₃	CDCI ₃				
СНз								
11								

^a All spectra were recorded at ambient temperature. Arrows indicate sites of induced nonequivalence. ^b Nonequivalence not suitable for integration (base-line resolution) are indicated by an asterisk (*). In general,  $\Delta \delta = 0.009$  (3.6 Hz) was sufficient for base-line resolution of singlets.

mination vary with the nature of the substrate. Thus nonequivalence is sensitive to solvent, the concentrations of the substrate and CSA, and the concentration ratio of substrate/CSA. In general, substrates with two strongly basic sites such as the alkyldiamines require two molecules of CSA in order to maximize nonequivalence. The much less basic aryl diamines and monoamines, however, only require a single molecule of interacting CSA. For some amines, too much of the carboxylic acid CSA's can actually lead to a reduction in the nonequivalence. Such behavior has not been reported in the weaker CSA-solute interactions with CSA's such as 9. Finally, the inversion of the sense of nonequivalence in the resonances of the diastereomeric salts of 3a with increasing amounts of 6 as the chiral additive illustrates the extreme difficulty in predicting absolute configuration from the sense of nonequivalence.15

#### **Experimental Section**

General Procedures. All NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL-400 (93.94 kG, 400 MHz for ¹H) at ambient temperature. For solvent conditions, see Table I. The detection limits for optical purity determinations using the CSA nonequivalence method is <2%. Samples were prepared by dissolving the appropriate amounts of substrate and CSA in the NMR solvent. For the titrations (Figure 1), stock solutions of the substrates, which contained 4–5 mg/0.4 mL (typical concentrations used for NMR spectra), were prepared to enable an identical starting point ( $\delta$ ) since the chemical shifts of all substrates were sensitive to

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concentration. All CSA's could be recovered without detectable loss of optical purity. Multiplicity assignments for the ¹³C NMR spectra were accomplished by using the DEPT and APT pulse sequences.

**Materials.** Chiral solvating agents: (+)-(S)- and (-)-(R)mandelic acids, 6 (Fluka), were used without further purification after confirming optical purity by optical rotation. (-)-(S)- and (+)-(R)-Mosher's acid,  $7,^{16}$  and (+)-(S)- and (-)-(R)-N-(3,5-di-1)nitrobenzoyl)phenylglycine, 8,17 were prepared according to literature procedures. (-)-(S)-7:  $[\alpha]_D$ -69.5° (c 1.2 g/100 mL, MeOH) [lit.¹⁶  $[\alpha]_D$ -71.8° (c 3.28, MeOH)]. (-)-(R)-8:  $[\alpha]_D$ -83.7° (c 0.20 g/100 mL, THF) [lit.¹⁷ [ $\alpha$ ]_D -90.0° (c = 0.92, THF)].

Substrate Amines (Table I). Binaphthyldiamines: 1a was prepared¹⁸ and resolved¹⁹ according to the literature; 1b and 1c were prepared from 1a as indicated below.^{2b} Cyclohexanediamines: 2a, commercially available (Aldrich) and distilled prior to use, was resolved according to the literature;²⁰ 2b and 2d were prepared from 2a as indicated below; 2c was prepared according to the literature;²¹ 2e was prepared from 2c as described below. 1,2-Diphenylethanediamines: 3a was prepared²² and resolved²³ according to the literature; 3b was prepared from 3a as indicated below. Amino acid esters, 4a-c were prepared by the esterification of the corresponding amino acids.²⁴ N,N-Dimethylamino acid esters: 4d-f were prepared from the corresponding amino acid esters by reductive formylation, as indicated below. The N,Ndimethylamino alcohols, 5a-d, were prepared from the corresponding amino acid esters as described below. Sulfoximines 10 and 11 were prepared according to the literature.^{14a} Spectroscopic data (NMR, IR, MS) for all compounds were consistent with their assigned structures, in accord with literature reports. All new compounds (2e, 5a, 5b, 5c, and 5d) yielded satisfactory analysis of molecular formula by FAB-HRMS and were shown to be >98% pure by ¹H NMR (control spectra of representative compounds indicated as little as 0.05% impurity could be detected).

General Procedure for the Monomethylation of Primary Amino Groups: Preparation of 1b and 2b.²⁵ To a solution of diamine 1a or 2a (1.77 mmol) in benzene (10 mL) and pyridine (1.3 mL) under N₂, cooled to 0 °C, was added a solution of ethyl chloroformate (4.42 mmol, 0.42 mL) in benzene (1 mL) dropwise over 15 min. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. The reaction was subsequently quenched by addition of 2 N KOH (10 mL), the organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with benzene (3  $\times$  20 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with brine, dried  $(Na_2SO_4)$ , and the solvent removed by rotary evaporation. The residue was chromatographed [flash  $SiO_2$ ], giving the corresponding dicarbamates; yields >95%.

To a stirred suspension of LiAlH₄ (0.403 g, 10.6 mmol) in THF (10 mL) under N₂, cooled to 0 °C, the dicarbamate (1.70 mmol) in THF solution (5 mL) was slowly added via addition funnel. The reaction mixture was subsequently warmed and refluxed for 3 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, excess LiAlH₄ was quenched with water (0.4 mL), and then NaOH solution (15%, 0.4 mL) and water (0.12 mL) were added: the gray precipitate was filtered and washed with ethyl ether (20 mL). The filtrate and washings were combined, and the solvent was reduced

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by rotary evaporation. The residues were chromatographed [flash  $SiO_2$  to give the known N,N'-dimethyldiamines  $1b^{25a}$  and 2b;^{25b} yields >85%

General Procedure for the Permethylation of Amino Groups via the Eschweiler-Clarke Reaction: Preparation of 1c, 2d, and 3b.²⁶ A solution of the amine or diamine (1 mmol), formaldehyde (37% aqueous solution, 2.5-fold excess based on the number of methyl groups produced), and formic acid (10 mmol) was heated overnight on a steam bath. The reaction mixture was cooled, concentrated by rotary evaporation, made basic with NaOH (2 N solution), and extracted with CHCl₃ (3  $\times$  20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried (Na₂SO₄). Evaporation yielded the N, N, N', N'-tetramethyldiamines, which were purified by recrystallization (anhydrous EtOH/benzene, 1:1), giving the known 1c²⁷ (mp 216-218 °C), or chromatography (flash,  $SiO_2$ ), giving the known  $2d^{20b,28}$ and 3b;^{26c} yields > 85%.

(±)-N,N,N',N'-Tetramethyl-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diamine (1c): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃)  $\delta$  7.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.81 (d, J = 7.8Hz), 7.46 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.27 (br t), 7.14 (m, 2 H), 2.46 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 149.74 (s, 2 C), 134.66 (s, 2 C), 129.67 (s, 2 C), 128.40 (d, 2 C), 127.69 (d, 2 C), 126.27 (s, 2 C), 126.06 (d, 2 C), 125.86 (d, 2 C), 123.31 (d, 2 C), 120.59 (d, 2 C), 43.44 (q, 4 C).

General Procedure for the Methylation of Amino Groups via Reductive Formylation: Preparation of 2e and 4d-f.²⁹ A solution of the amine or diamine (10 mmol), formaldehyde (37% aqueous solution, 4-fold excess based on the number of methyl groups produced), and Pd-C (2 g) in 95% EtOH (40 mL) was shaken for 4 h in a Parr hydrogenator (50 lbs/in.²). After filtration, the reaction mixture was concentrated by rotary evaporation, made basic with NaOH (2 N solution), and extracted with CHCl₃  $(3 \times 20 \text{ mL})$ . The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried  $(Na_2SO_4)$ . Evaporation yielded the permethylated amines, which were purified by chromatography (flash SiO₂); yields >95%. Known compounds: 4d,²⁹ 4e,^{26a} and 4f.²⁹ trans-N,N'-Dimethyl-N,N'-diphenylcyclohexane-1,2-di-

amine (2e): colorless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃)  $\delta$  7.20 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.2 Hz, 4 H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4 H), 6.68 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.78 (m, 2 H), 2.52 (s, 6 H), 1.85–1.95 (m, 4 H), 1.5–1.6 (m, 2 H), 1.40 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃)  $\delta$  149.94 (s, 2 C), 129.06 (d, 4 C), 116.05 (d, 2 C), 112.63 (d, 4 C), 59.83 (d, 2 C), 30.97 (t, 2 C), 29.20 (q, 2 C), 25.49 (t, 2 C); HRMS, [M + 1]⁺, calcd for C₂₀H₂₇N₂ 295.2174, found (m/z) 295.2174.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 5a-d. To a solution of the N,N-dimethylamino acid ester (10 mmol) in anhydrous ethyl ether (50 mL) under N₂, cooled to 0 °C, was added dropwise n-BuLi (3.3 equiv in hexane) with stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h at room temperature, and then the excess n-BuLi was quenched with water. Additional water (20 mL) was added, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl ether  $(4 \times 10 \text{ mL})$ , and the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried  $(Na_2SO_4)$ . The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and purified by chromatography (flash  $SiO_2$ ); yields >95%.

5a: colorless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.22 (br, OH), 2.54 (s, 6 H), 2.27 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 2.02 (m), 1.68 (m), 1.52 (m), 1.2–1.4 (10 H), 1.03 (t, J 6.6, 6 H), 0.92 (t, J = 7, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃)  $\delta$  73.49 (s), 72.92 (d), 43.65 (br d, 2 C), 37.27 (t), 36.87 (t), 28.46 (d), 26.12 (t), 25.63 (t), 23.84 (t), 23.50 (t), 23.50 (q), 22.25 (q), 14.26 (q, 2 C); HRMS,  $[M + 1]^+$ , calcd for  $C_{15}H_{34}NO$  244.26404, found (m/z) 244.26403.

**5b**: colorless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃)  $\delta$  7.36 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.3 (m, 3 H), 3.30 (s), 2.22 (s, 6 H), 1.7 (m, 2 H), 1.2–1.4 (m, 7 H), 1.1 (m, 3 H), 0.91 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3 H), 0.75 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3 H), OH too broad to be observed under ambient conditions at 400 MHz; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 135.09 (s), 131.29 (d, 2 C), 127.46 (d, 2 C), 126.97 (d), 78.18 (s), 74.09 (d), 44.39 (q, 2 C), 36.44 (t), 36.05 (t),

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# Notes

## A Novel Ring System: 6a-Aminofuro[2,3-b]furans

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Although a fair amount of work has been published on heterocycles containing two fused five-membered rings, less is known about compounds in which furan rings are involved.^{1,2} The parent furo[2,3-b]furan system and substituted derivatives are apparently unknown.

We report in this paper the reaction of bromomalonitrile (1) with  $\omega$ -cyanoacetophenone (2a) in the presence of alkoxide from which a furo[2,3-b]furan results in a single step (Scheme I).

The reaction is easily performed in ethanol at room temperature by stirring a mixture of 2a and bromomalononitrile (1). A crystalline solid is obtained in moderate yield (30%). The microanalytical and mass spectral data correspond to two units of  $\omega$ -cyanoacetophenone per unit of malononitrile.

An unambiguous structural assignment could not be achieved from the analytical and the deceptively simple spectral data alone, and X-ray crystallographic analysis was therefore performed. Compound 3a was found to be a novel furo[2,3-b]furan heterocyclic system, containing a most unusual functional grouping at carbon 6a (-O-C- $(NH_2)-O-$ ), a primary amide acetal.

A perspective drawing of 3a is shown in Figure 1, with the atomic labeling. The molecule presents a pseudo mirror plane. Each half is nearly situated in a plane, the dihedral angle being about 119.5°. Both five-membered rings are planar. Rings I and II and the  $C_{16}$ - $N_{17}$  nitrile group are nearly planar. On the contrary, rings III and IV and the  $C_{20}$ - $N_{17}$  nitrile group are farther from planarity

36.94 (t), 34.93 (t), 25.43 (t), 25.16 (t), 23.04 (t), 22.87 (t), 14.04 (q), 13.97 (q), 9.11 (q), N(CH₃)₂'s were severely broadened ( $\delta$  43 and 45) under ambient conditions at 100 MHz; HRMS,  $[M + 1]^+$ , calcd for  $C_{13}H_{30}NO$  216.23274, found (m/z) 216.23404.

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(see paragraph at the end of the paper about supplementary material). This nonsymmetrical molecular geometry in the solid state is probably a requirement of the molecular arrangement in the crystal; the NMR spectra suggest a perfect symmetry in solution, however.

The reaction can also be applied to substituted  $\omega$ -cyanoacetophenones. The corresponding compounds 3 can be very easily isolated by simple filtration in moderate yields. The presence of electron-donating groups (e.g., methoxy) in the para position of the  $\omega$ -cyanoacetophenones seems to prevent this reaction.

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