

achieved by column chromatography on silica gel with benzene as eluent.

Indoline-2-thione (12). This compound was synthesized by following the literature procedure.¹⁸ Oxindole (1.33 g, 0.01 mol) and phosphorus pentasulfide (0.45 g, 0.002 mol) were heated to reflux in 50 mL of benzene for 2 h. Filtration of the hot solution followed by the addition of hexane to the filtrate yielded 0.5 g of yellow solid. An additional 0.75 g of solid was obtained by concentrating the filtrate under reduced pressure. Multiple recrystallization of the first 0.5 g of solid gave 300 mg of yellow needles: mp 142–43.5 °C (lit.²⁴ mp 147–9 °C); NMR δ 4.02 (s, 2 H), 6.7–7.3 (m, 4 H), 10.5–10.8 (broad, 1 H).

N-Methylindoline-2-thione (13). 1-Methylindolin-2-one (1.0 g, 0.0068 mol) and phosphorus pentasulfide (0.3 g, 0.0013 mol) were heated over a steam bath for 4 h in 50 mL of toluene. Upon cooling, the reaction mixture was decanted and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a gummy yellow solid (1.0 g). Multiple recrystallization from hexane gave yellow needles: mp 106.5–8.0 °C (lit.²⁴ mp 109–10 °C); NMR δ 3.60 (s, 3 H), 4.08 (s, 2 H), 7.24 (s, 4 H).

N,N-Dimethylphenylthioacetamide (15). Phosphorus pentasulfide (0.35 g, 0.0015 mol) was added to N,N-dimethylphenylacetamide (1.2 g, 0.0074 mol) in 20 mL of toluene. This solution was heated on a steam bath for 3 h, decanted, and concentrated in vacuo, leaving 1.0 g (75%) of a yellow solid. Repeated recrystallization from benzene/hexane solution followed

by sublimation (40 °C, 0.5–1.0 mm) afforded the pure white product: mp 74.0–5.5 °C (lit.²⁵ mp 79 °C); NMR δ 3.20 (s, 3 H), 3.50 (s, 3 H), 4.31 (s, 2 H), 7.31 (s, 5 H).

N,N-Dimethylthioacetamide (16). Phosphorus pentasulfide (6.6 g, 0.30 mol) was added to a solution of N,N-dimethylacetamide (12.9 g, 0.148 mol) in 10 mL of toluene whereupon a highly exothermic reaction ensued causing the solution to reflux. This solution was maintained at reflux for 4 h and then concentrated under reduced pressure leaving a yellow solid (8.6 g, 56%). Multiple recrystallization from hexane gave long spiny white needles melting at 72–3 °C (lit.²⁶ mp 74.5 °C); NMR δ 2.61 (s, 3 H), δ 3.30 (s, 3 H), δ 3.48 (s, 3 H).

γ -Crotonolactone (25). This compound was prepared according to the Organic Synthesis procedure.²⁷ γ -Butyrolactone was brominated by reaction with bromine and phosphorus. The α -bromo lactone was then dehydrohalogenated using trimethylamine to afford the desired product: bp 61–3 °C (1.8 mm); NMR δ 4.99 (m, 2 H), 6.16 (m, 1 H), 7.77 (m, 1 H).

$\Delta^{\beta,\gamma}$ -5-Methylbutenolide (26). A pK pure sample was graciously provided by Dr. G. Kraus.

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Heterocyclic Betaines. Aza Analogues of Sesquifulvalene. 1. Structural Studies of 1-Alkyl-4-azolyldiene-1,4-dihydropyridines and Azolium Azolate Inner Salts

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The aza analogs of sesquifulvalene may adopt various structures, and of these several 1-alkyl-4-azolyldiene-1,4-dihydropyridines 8A \leftrightarrow 8B have been prepared by deprotonation of their corresponding 1-alkyl-4-azolyldienium salts. These novel structures 8 could show a spectrum of properties ranging from those of ethylenes to betaines. Semiempirical (MNDO//MNDO), experimental dipole moment values (ca. 9.05 D), ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, and single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis of compound 16 are consistent with the betaine character of these compounds. The electronic and molecular structure of azolium azolate inner salts 10 has been investigated. Theoretical calculations (MNDO//MNDO), experimental dipole moments (9.18 to 11.33 D), ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, EIMS, and single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis of compound 35 are consistent with the highly dipolar structure of this type of mesomeric betaines.

A general principle of heterocyclic chemistry is to relate heterocyclic compounds to aromatic ones. This is obvious when the aromatic compound is a classical one, but when the reference compound is an unusual structure, such as sesquifulvalene (1),² the possibilities are richer. Sesquifulvalene (1) can be described in a first approximation by

covalent resonance structure 1A and a dipolar one, 1B.

At least three reasonable possibilities exist (i \rightarrow iii) and Figure 1 shows structures 2–5 represented in their dipolar resonance form B. The first possibility has been carefully explored, and the term hetero analogues of sesquifulvalene is usually used for compounds that are formally derived from 1 by replacement of the seven-membered carbocyclic ring by a quaternary heteroaromatic ring.³ To the best

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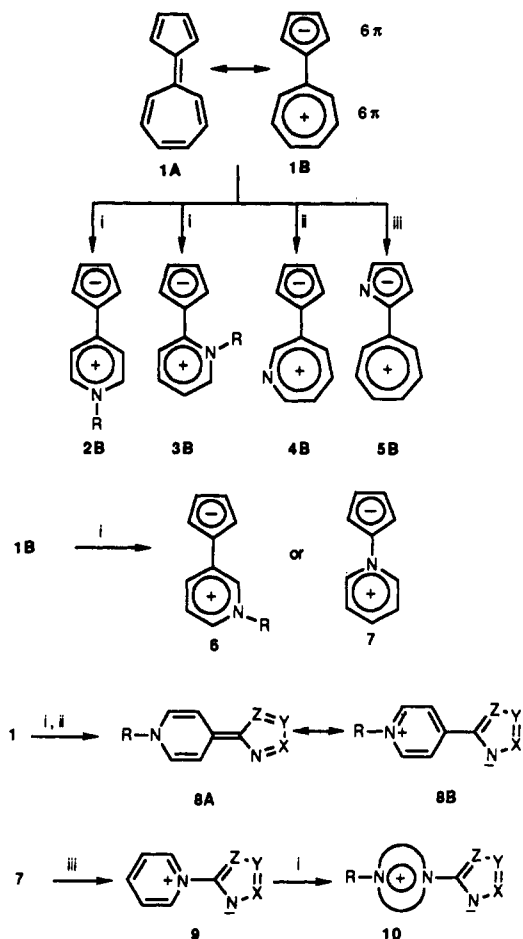


Figure 1. Aza analogues of sesquifulvalene (1): (i) $>C=C< \rightarrow -NR-$; (ii, iii) $>C=C< \rightarrow >C=N-$.

of our knowledge, the second and the third possibilities are unknown. Within the first possibility, it is of interest to consider structures 6 and the *N*-ylide 7^4 in which a covalent (nondipolar) resonance structure is forbidden. They may only exist as betaines, being aza analogues of the dipolar form of sesquifulvalene (1B).

In connection with our interest in the chemistry of heterocyclic betaines,⁵⁻⁷ we have now investigated the case of 1-alkyl-4-azolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 8 in which possibilities i and iii are combined.⁸ These compounds should show a spectrum of properties ranging between those of ethylenes and betaines.

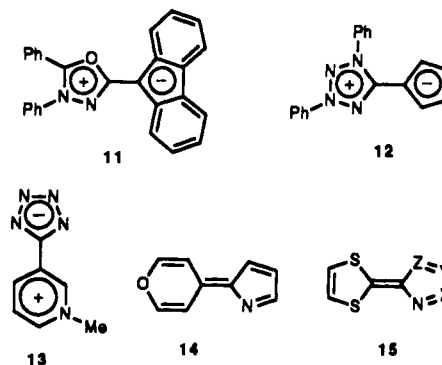
Other hetero analogues of sesquifulvalene have been described, i.e., 11,⁹ 12,¹⁰ 13,¹¹ 14, and 15.¹² The hetero analogues of sesquifulvalene are relatively stable compounds and the dipolar resonance form makes a contribution to the ground state in contrast with sesquifulvalene

Table I. Semiempirical Calculations (MNDO//MNDO) of Sesquifulvalene and Its Aza Derivatives

compd	torsion angle τ^a	ΔH_f^b	$\delta\Delta H_f^b$	μ^c	interannular distance ^d
1	0.0	400.56	0	1.29	1.368
	90.0	549.16	194.38	0.88	1.376
2	1.5	360.57	0	5.22	1.375
	90.0	466.17	105.61	7.55	1.407
3	10.2	379.23	0	3.02	1.378
	90.0	447.85	68.61	7.23	1.419
16	0.3	453.34	0	7.69	1.396
	30.0	463.38	10.04	8.37	1.401
17	90.0	524.21	70.86	18.07	1.458
	0.0	407.35	0	8.08	1.398
20	90.0	475.59	68.24	18.67	1.459
	0.1	355.23	0	8.87	1.381
21	90.0	443.59	88.36	12.74	1.444
	0.1	304.12	0	9.34	1.381
	90.0	391.02	86.90	13.45	1.420

^aIn degrees. ^bIn kJ/mol. ^cIn Debye; 1 D = 3.34×10^{-30} C m. ^dIn angstroms.

(1) itself. The latter is a highly unstable compound with the properties of a reactive polyolefin rather than an aromatic compound.¹³



According to Ollis, Stanforth, and Ramsden,⁴ *N*-pyridinium cyclopentadienide (7) is a typical example of conjugated heterocyclic *N*-ylides isoconjugated with odd nonalternant hydrocarbon anions. The azinium azolate 9 and azolium azolate 10 inner salts,⁵⁻⁷ aza analogues of the *N*-ylide 7, belong to this class of mesomeric betaines (see, Figure 1).

The synthesis and reactivity of mesomeric betaines of azolium azolate (10) have been described.⁷ In view of their interest from a physical organic viewpoint, we now report the results for theoretical MNDO//MNDO calculations, the physicochemical properties (spectroscopic data and experimental dipole moments), and one X-ray structure determination of this type of mesomeric betaines 10.

Results and Discussion

1-Alkyl-4-azolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 8. Theoretical Study. The calculations were carried out by using the MNDO SCF-MO¹⁴ procedure employing a standard *s/p* valence basis and with full optimization of all geometric variables.

The semiempirical calculations (MNDO//MNDO) have been performed for sesquifulvalene (1), its aza analogues 2 (*R* = Me) and 3 (*R* = Me), and the 1-alkyl-4-azolylid-

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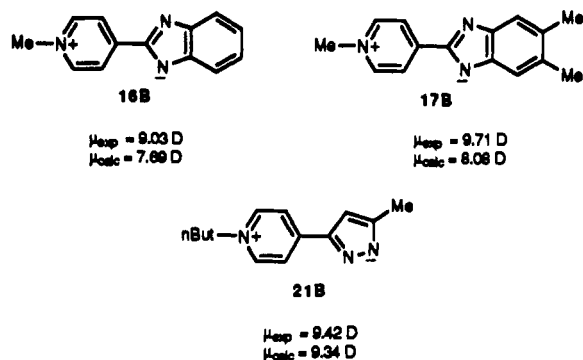
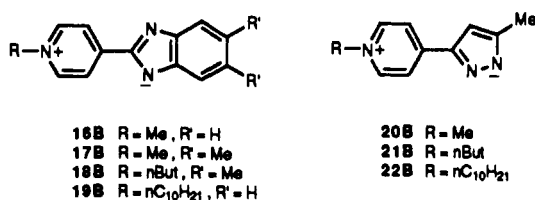


Figure 2. Experimental and calculated (τ_{min}) dipolar moment values for compounds 16, 17, and 21.

ene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16, 17, 20, and 21. Heats of formation for some selected torsional angles, dipole moments, and interannular distances are given in Table I.



In all cases the most stable conformation is the planar one ($\delta\Delta H_f \approx 0$). The calculated barrier of rotation around the interannular bond decreases in the order $1 \gg 2 > 20 \approx 21 > 16 \approx 17 \approx 3$. Considering the canonical dipolar structures, B, the aforementioned results correspond to the facts that a positive charge is better stabilized in a pyridinium ring than in a tropylium one (compare 1B and 2B) and that a negative charge is better stabilized in an azolate anion that in a cyclopentadienyl one. Taking into consideration the acidic pK_a s of cyclopentadiene (≈ 15),¹⁵ benzimidazole (12.86),¹⁶ 5,6-dimethylbenzimidazole (12.36),¹⁶ and 3(5)-methylpyrazole (14.21),¹⁶ a linear relationship can be established for the four 1-methyl-(4-substituted)pyridinium derivatives 2, 16, 17, and 20: $\delta\Delta H_f$ ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) = $-26.0 + 3.38pK_a$, $R^2 = 0.97$. This relationship reflects the fact that the stability of the anion influences similarly the pK_a and the rotational barrier.

Concerning aza analogues of sesquifulvalene, the only reported data refer to compound 3 (R = Me) and its experimental rotational barrier of $47.42 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ at 223 K .¹⁷ For compound 3 (R = Me) the calculated barrier is $68.52 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ (see Table I), which is too high, but still reflects the destabilization of the ground state by the *N*-methyl ortho effect (compare 2 and 3). Thus, in the present study, the calculated rotational barriers in MNDO (Table I) are overestimated. Nonetheless, the overall magnitude of the rotational barrier is not important for our purposes; the relative ordering of the series thus far investigated is $1 \gg 2 > 20 \approx 21 > 16 \approx 17 \approx 3$.

The 1-alkyl-4-benzimidazolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16–19 are not suitable for experimental determination of rotational barriers owing to their symmetry. The 1-alkyl-4-pyrazolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 20 and 21 are very insoluble in low-melting solvents. Nevertheless, the ¹H NMR spectra of a saturated solution of 20 and 21 have

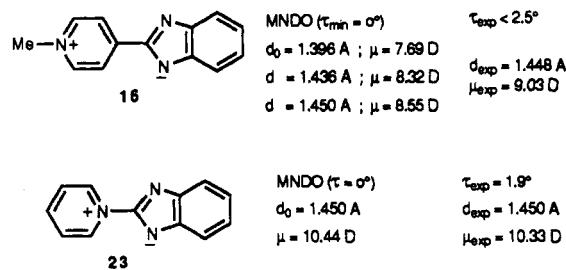


Figure 3. For 16 different μ 's were obtained upon variation the interannular C–C bond distance. A MNDO SCF-MO was done for 23 on a geometry equal to that obtained by X-ray analysis.⁶

shown that their experimental rotational barrier is well below 53 kJ mol^{-1} (see below: Spectroscopic Methods).

Concerning the dipole moments, Figure 2 shows the experimental and the calculated values for compounds 16, 17, and 21 (see below: Dipole Moments).

For compound 21, there is an excellent agreement between the experimental and calculated (for $\tau_{\text{min}} = 0^\circ$) values of μ . For compounds 16 and 17 (benzimidazole derivatives) their dipolar moments are moderately well predicted and underestimated in MNDO, but this does not point to a nonplanar structure. First, in compounds 16 and 17 the coplanar conformations possess two attractive "aromatic C–H/lone pair" interactions,¹⁸ which stabilize the ground state. On the contrary, for compound 21 in the coplanar conformation one attractive and one repulsive "aromatic C–H/aromatic C–H" interaction is seen.¹⁸ Second, a twist of 30° of τ only increases the calculated dipole moment of 16 to 8.37 D . The experimental dipole moment should of course reflect a dynamic situation in which all conformations will be populated according to their energies. If the energy differences are overestimated, the contribution from conformers with high dipole moments could be significant. Third, MNDO-calculated μ s are usually smaller than the experimental ones,^{14b} the difference being larger in organic molecules containing sp^2 or sp N atoms. This tendency of the MNDO approach is also observed in the calculated dipole moments of hydrocarbons. Indeed, the calculated μ for 1 is 1.29 D , while it has been estimated to be 2.2 D .²

The interannular distances collected in Table I show that $d_{90} > d_0$ and both d_0 and d_{90} invariably increase when $\delta\Delta H_f$ diminishes, d_{90} showing the more rapid increase. The fact that no X-ray determination of an aza analogue of sesquifulvalene was known when these MNDO calculations were carried out is noteworthy. Based only on the results in Table I, the C–C interannular bond length could be too short in this class of molecules, and everything seems to indicate that this distance is of crucial importance in these structures for predicting the dipolar moment values. Thus, for compound 16 at $\tau = 0^\circ$ and the fixed C–C interannular bond length $d = 1.450 \text{ \AA}$, the calculated dipolar moment value is 8.55 D , in agreement with the experimental value (see Figure 3 and Table VI). Furthermore, when one MNDO SCF-MO was done for 2-(1-pyridino)benzimidazolylidene (23) on a geometry equal to the X-ray data,⁶ the calculated and experimental dipole moment values agree perfectly (10.44 and 10.33 D , respectively).

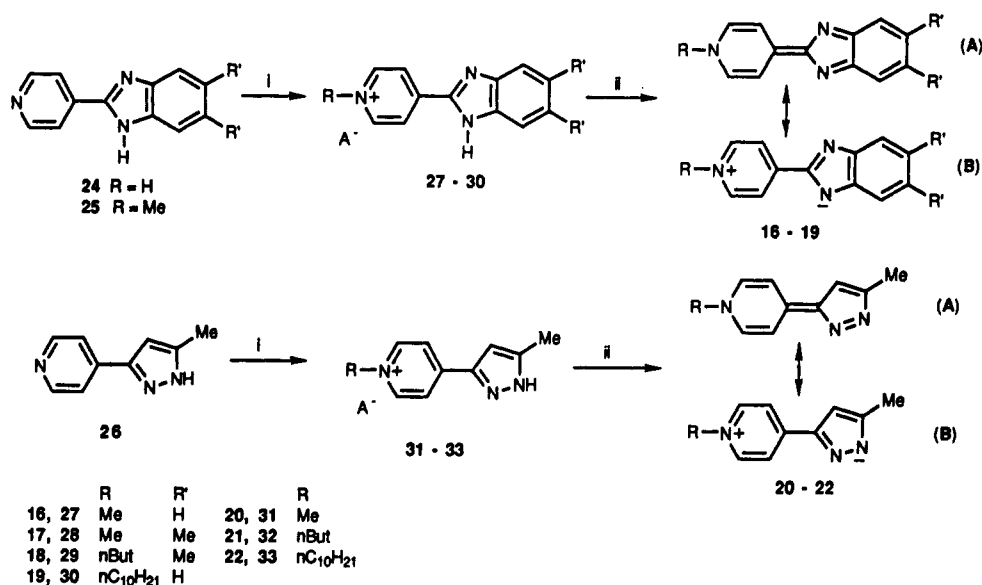
In the light of the available theoretical (MNDO SCF-MO method¹⁴) and experimental data for the aza analogues of sesquifulvalene of type 8 (C–C bond) in which resonance forms (8A \leftrightarrow 8B) are possible, the C–C interannular bond length may be partially responsible for the low dipole

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Scheme I^a

^a Reagents and conditions: (i) MeI in anhydrous acetone, reflux; Bu^tBr, BuⁱI, and nC₁₀H₂₁Br in dimethylformamide at 85 °C; (ii) anion-exchange Amberlite resin IRA-401 (OH⁻ form).⁶ Overall yields: 16–19 > 65% and 20–22 > 43%.

Table II. Physical Data of 1-Alkyl-4-azolyliidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16–22 and Their Corresponding 1-Alkyl-4-azolylpyridinium Salts 27–33

compd ^a	azolyl or azolyliidene	alkyl	method	reactn time (h)	yield ^b (%)	mp (°C) ^c (solvent)
27	1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-2-yl	Me	A	3	88	266–8 (<i>d</i>)
28	5,6-dimethyl-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-2-yl	Me	A	4	80	269–70 (<i>d</i>)
29	5,6-dimethyl-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-2-yl	nC ₄ H ₉	B	12	88	208–9 (<i>e</i>)
30	1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-2-yl	nC ₁₀ H ₂₁	B	4	98	80 (<i>f</i>)
31	5-methyl-1 <i>H</i> -pyrazol-3-yl	Me	A	4	93	248 (<i>f</i>)
32	5-methyl-1 <i>H</i> -pyrazol-3-yl	nC ₄ H ₉	C	5.5	80	106.7 (<i>g</i>)
33	5-methyl-1 <i>H</i> -pyrazol-3-yl	nC ₁₀ H ₂₁	B	4	60	<i>h</i>
16	benzimidazolyl-2-idene	Me	D		99	255 (<i>i</i>)
17	5,6-dimethylbenzimidazolyl-2-idene	Me	D		99	283–4 (<i>i</i>)
18	5,6-dimethylbenzimidazolyl-2-idene	nC ₄ H ₉	D		98	237–8 (<i>i</i>)
19	benzimidazolyl-2-idene	nC ₁₀ H ₂₁	D		99	222–3 (<i>j</i>)
20	5-methylpyrazolyl-3-idene	Me	D		99	205 (<i>i</i>)
21	5-methylpyrazolyl-3-idene	nC ₄ H ₉	D		98	160–1 (<i>j</i>)
22	5-methylpyrazolyl-3-idene	nC ₁₀ H ₂₂	D		95	<i>k</i>

^a Satisfactory analytical data ($\pm 0.4\%$ for C, H, N) were obtained for all new compounds. ^b Yields were not optimized. ^c Some pyridinium salts have been described: 27, mp 270–1 °C (ref 19); 28, mp 303–4 °C (ref 19); 31, mp 252–3 °C (ref 35); 32, mp 211–2 °C (Br⁻), mp 195–6 °C (Cl⁻) (ref 35). ^d Ethanol. ^e Methylene chloride/ethyl acetate (1:1). ^f Ethyl ether. ^g 2-Propanol/tetrafluoroboric acid. ^h Oily compound. ⁱ 70% ethanol. ^j Acetonitrile. ^k Instable oily compound, air- and thermal-sensitive.

moments (see Table I and Figure 3) and for the aforementioned high rotational barriers calculated for these molecules.

The present theoretical evaluation of 1-alkyl-4-azolyliidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16–22 has revealed that these compounds show an intermediate behavior between an olefin (8A) and a betaine (8B). More interestingly, this behavior is linked to the torsion interannular angle. The olefinic character appears in the $\tau = 0^\circ$ conformation with its relatively short interannular distance and relatively low dipole moment. The betaine character explains the low rotational barriers and the very high dipole moment of the $\tau = 90^\circ$ conformation. Two possibilities are feasible for increasing the betaine character of 4-azolyliidene-1,4-dihydropyridines: the use of ortho steric effects to increase the angle of torsion to obtain more betaine character (higher dipole moments and chemical reactivity) or use of dipolar aprotic solvents to stabilize the betaine with a concomitant increase of the torsion angle.

Finally, it had been possible to obtain suitable single crystals of 1-methyl-4-benzimidazolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridine (16) and the X-ray diffraction study⁸ has shown that the torsion angle between the rings is $\leq 2.5^\circ$ and the

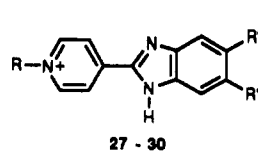
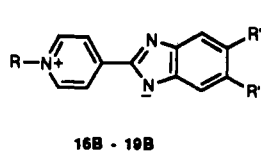
interannular bond length is 1.448 Å. It is now possible to check the MNDO data obtained with this novel class of aza analogues of sesquifulvalene with a betaine character (8). The MNDO data for 16 are shown in Figure 3. For an interannular distance of 1.450 Å the μ_{calc} is 8.55 D, with $\mu_{\text{exp}} = 9.03$ D ($d = 1.448$ Å).

Synthesis. The 1-alkyl-4-benzimidazolyl-2-idene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16–19 and 1-alkyl-4-(5-methylpyrazolyl-3-idene)-1,4-dihydropyridines 20–22 were prepared by a three-step procedure (Scheme I). First, 2-(4-pyridyl)-1*H*-benzimidazoles 24 and 25 and 5-methyl-3-(4-pyridyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (26) were obtained by standard methods⁵ (see Experimental Section). N-Alkylation under neutral conditions gave the 1-alkyl-4-(1*H*-benzimidazol-2-yl)pyridinium salts 27–30 and 1-alkyl-4-(5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)pyridinium salts 31–33, which were deprotonated by using an anionic (OH⁻ form) ion-exchange resin. The new aza analogues of sesquifulvalene 16–22 were obtained. The physical data of compounds 16–22 and their corresponding 1-alkyl-4-azolylpyridinium salts 27–33 are listed in Table II.

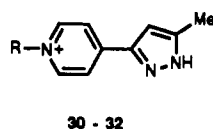
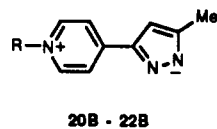
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Table III. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra Data of 1-Alkyl-4-benzimidazolyl-2-idene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16–19 and Their Corresponding 1-Alkyl-4-benzimidazol-2-ylpyridinium Salts 27–30^a

	16	27 ^b	$\Delta\delta^c$	17	28 ^b	$\Delta\delta^c$	18	29	$\Delta\delta^c$	19	30	$\Delta\delta^c$
H-4',7'	7.61	7.66	-0.05	7.23	7.44	-0.21	7.28	7.44	-0.16	7.67	7.75	-0.08
R-5', R-6'	7.10	7.30	-0.20	2.25	2.33	-0.08	2.28	2.30	-0.02	7.06	7.29	-0.23
NH		<i>d</i>			<i>d</i>			<i>d</i>			<i>d</i>	
H-2,6	8.81 ^e	9.03 ^f	-0.22	8.55 ^g	9.01 ^h	-0.46	8.58 ⁱ	9.21 ^j	-0.63	8.21 ^k	8.69	-0.48
H-3,5	8.61 ^e	8.52 ^f	+0.09	8.42 ^g	8.53 ^h	-0.11	8.47 ⁱ	8.65 ^j	-0.18	7.42 ^k	8.69	-1.27
R	4.27	4.34	-0.07	4.14	4.33	-0.19	4.31	4.60	-0.29	4.25 (2 H)	4.87 (2 H)	-0.62
							1.85	1.91	-0.06	1.84 (2 H)	1.97 (2 H)	-0.13
							1.29	1.30	-0.01	1.22 (14 H)	1.21 (14 H)	-0.01
							0.91	0.89	+0.02	0.89 (3 H)	0.85 (3 H)	+0.04
C-2'	151.0	143.5	+7.5	<i>d</i>	143.8		151.7	144.6	+7.1	153.6	139.5	+14.1
C-4',7'	117.7	116.3	+1.4	118.3	115.9	+2.4	118.2	116.1 ^l	+2.1	118.4	116.3	+2.1
C-5',6'	122.6	124.3	-1.7	128.4	133.5	-5.1	128.5	133.9	-5.4	121.2	124.6	-3.4
C-3'a,7'a	145.4	139.6	+5.8	<i>d</i>	138.6		142.6	138.6 ^l	+0.4	148.2	144.2 ⁿ	+4.0
Me-C-5',6'				20.6	20.1	+0.5	20.3	20.2	+0.1			
C-2,6	145.0	145.9	-0.9	143.7	145.7	-2.0	142.6	145.2	-2.6	140.9	144.4	-4.4
C-3,5	121.8	123.1	-1.3	121.3	122.7	-1.4	121.4	123.3	-1.9	122.6	124.1	-1.8
C-4	148.6	145.4	+3.2	<i>d</i>	144.6		148.4	144.0 ^m	+4.4	150.7	143.9 ⁿ	+6.8
R	47.0	47.8	-0.8	46.1	47.5	-1.4	58.5	60.1	-1.6	59.4 ^o	61.3 ^p	-1.9
							32.2	32.7				
							18.7	19.0				
							13.1	13.6				



R
16, 27 Me H
17, 28 Me Me
18, 29 nBut Me
19, 30 nC₁₀H₂₁ H



R
20, 30 Me
21, 31 nBut
22, 32 nC₁₀H₂₁

^aIn DMSO-*d*₆, except for compounds 19 and 30 (CDCl₃). For the AA'BB' system, δH corresponds to the center of the multiple signal. ^bReported in ref 19. ^c $\Delta\delta$, observed chemical shift difference between the benzimidazolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16–19 and their benzimidazolylpyridinium salts 27–30. ^dSignal not observed. ^e $J_{\text{AB}} = 6.5$ Hz. ^f $J_{\text{AB}} = 6.6$ Hz. ^g $J_{\text{AB}} = 6.8$ Hz. ^h $J_{\text{AB}} = 6.6$ Hz. ⁱ $J_{\text{AB}} = 7.0$ Hz. ^j $J_{\text{AB}} = 5.8$ Hz. ^k $J_{\text{AB}} = 6.0$ Hz. ^lBroad signal due to prototropic annular tautomerism. ^mHETNOE $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ on irradiation at δH 8.66 ppm [$n = 0.937$ (93.7%)]. ⁿSignals can be interchanged. ^o59.4; 31.6; 29.9; 21.1; 28.5; 25.7; 22.4; 13.8. ^p61.3; 34.7; 31.5; 29.1; 29.0; 28.7; 25.8; 22.2; 13.7.

^{13}C NMR spectroscopy,¹⁹ and the asymmetric pyrazole nucleus of 5-methyl-3-(4-pyridyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (26) has been assigned as the 5-methyl tautomer via two-bond heteronuclear selective NOE difference²⁰ and by the chemical shift of C-Me at 10.8 ppm characteristic of 5-methylpyrazoles²¹ (see Figure 4, supplementary material).

The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra for 1-alkyl-4-benzimidazolyl-2-idene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16–19 and 1-alkyl-4-(5-methylpyrazolyl-3-idene)-1,4-dihydropyridines 20–22 were vital for structural proof and also for providing evidence of charge distribution, which clearly indicated the dipolar resonance forms 16B–22B.

The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR parameters of benzimidazole derivatives 16–19 and 27–30, as well as of pyrazole derivatives 20–22 and 31–33, are given in Tables III and IV, respectively; additional ^{13}C NMR experiments allowed assignment of all carbon resonances (Table V, supplementary material). For compound 20, a NOE experiment revealed that the molecule is coplanar, in good agreement with the calculated minimized torsion angle between the two rings (see Tables I and V). Comparison of the ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts, in (CD₃)₂SO and CDCl₃, of 1-alkyl-4-

azolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16–22 with data reported for quaternary pyridinium compounds,²² anionic species in the azole series, and the valuable data obtained for mesomeric betaines of the azinium azolate class⁸ left no doubt that these compounds had a betaine character and that the NMR signals correspond to their dipolar resonance forms 16B–22B.

Comparison of ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts in DMSO-*d*₆ of two 2-(1-pyridinio)benzimidazolates mesomeric betaines 9 (C–N interannular bond, only a dipolar form is possible)^{6a} and their corresponding analogues 1-alkyl-4-benzimidazolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16B and 18B clearly show the large charge separation in both series (see Figure 5, supplementary material). Thus, the benzimidazolates ring showed similar proton and carbon-13 chemical shifts in both series (9 and 8A ↔ 8B), which provides evidence of the anionic species in solution for compounds 16B–19B.

As mentioned before, 1-alkyl-4-azolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 8A ↔ 8B should be considered as a novel class of push-pull ethylenes for which barriers of rotation about the interannular C=C bond in 8A should be considerably lower due to the presence of a 1,4-dihydropyridine moiety (a potentially heteroaromatic ring) attached to one end of the olefinic bond. Thus, the dipolar

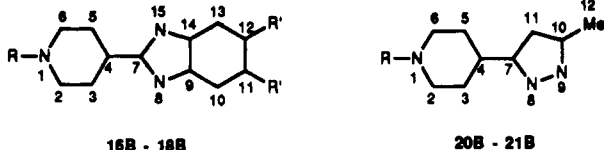
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Table IV. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectral Data of 1-Alkyl-4-(5-methylpyrazolyl-3-ylidene)-1,4-dihydropyridines 20–22 and Their Corresponding 1-Alkyl-4-(5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)pyridinium Salts 31–33^a



	20	31	$\Delta\delta^b$	21	32	$\Delta\delta^b$	22	33	$\Delta\delta^b$
H-4'	6.56	6.92	-0.36	6.44 ^c	6.93	-0.38	6.23	6.36	-0.13
Me	2.23	2.29	-0.06	2.22	2.30	-0.08	2.34	2.35	-0.01
NH		13.30			13.45			9.46	
H-2,6	8.38 ^d	8.90 ^e	-0.52	8.47 ^f	8.91 ^j	-0.44	7.91 ^h	8.95 ⁱ	-1.04
H-3,5	7.98 ^d	8.31	-0.33	7.97 ^l	8.34 ^g	-0.37	7.66 ^h	8.03	-0.37
R	4.07	4.31	-0.24	4.25	4.51	-0.26	4.00 (2 H)	4.60 (2 H)	-0.60
				1.73	1.84	-0.09	1.65 (2 H)	1.88 (2 H)	-0.23
				1.20	1.25	-0.05	1.23 (14 H)	1.21 (14 H)	-0.03
				0.87	0.89	-0.02	0.84 (3 H)	0.81 (3 H)	+0.02
C-3'	144.9	145.0	-0.1	145.1	145.8	-0.7			
C-4'	104.5	104.8	-0.4	104.7	105.0	-0.3			
C-5'	147.1	141.7	+6.6	148.5	141.9	+6.6			
C-Me	12.9	10.6	+2.3	13.7	10.6	+3.1			
C-2,6	143.9	145.2	-1.3	142.8	144.8	-2.0			
C-3,5	119.1	121.7	-2.6	118.7	122.4	-3.7			
C-4	149.3 ^h	147.7 ⁱ	+1.6	149.9	148.8	+1.1			
R	45.7	47.3	-1.5	58.1	59.9	-1.8			
				32.6	32.8				
				19.0	19.1				
				13.6	13.5				

^aIn DMSO-*d*₆, except for compounds 22 and 33 (CDCl₃). For the AA'BB' system, δH corresponds to the center of the multiple signal. ^b $\Delta\delta$, observed chemical shift difference between the pyrazolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 20–22 and their pyrazolylpyridinium salts 31–33. ^cProton enhanced, NOE 29.3% on irradiation at 7.97 ppm. ^d $J_{\text{AB}} = 6.9$ Hz. ^e $J_{\text{AB}} = 6.4$ Hz. ^f $J_{\text{AB}} = 6.9$ Hz. ^g $J_{\text{AB}} = 6.7$ Hz. ^h $J_{\text{AB}} = 5.0$ Hz. ⁱ $J_{\text{AB}} = 6.0$ Hz. ^jProton enhanced, NOE 16.1% on irradiation at 6.55 ppm. ^kBy analogy with compound 21. ^lAssignment of signals by heteronuclear NOE $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$.

canonical form 8B can make an important contribution to the ground state due to the stability of the aromatic electronic structure: the pyridinium ion and the azolate ions (see Theoretical Study). In general, reported rotational barriers of potentially aromatic systems^{23a,c} and the derivatives of biphenyl^{23b} barriers are rather low ones (ca. 50 kJ·mol⁻¹).

As to experimentally determining rotational barriers, the pyrazole derivatives 20–22 can serve as models for evaluation of these barriers. A serious additional problem is, however, present: the elevated lack of solubility of compounds 20 and 21 in low-melting solvents as well as the lack of stability of the product 22. The ^1H NMR spectrum of a saturated solution of 20 in (CD₃)₂CO has been recorded at 263 K; the aromatic protons of the pyridinium ring appeared as a well resolved AA'BB' system ($\delta\text{H}-3 = \delta\text{H}-5$), indicating that this temperature is well above the decoalescence temperature. Unfortunately, below about 263 K it was not possible to record the proton NMR spectrum of compound 20, because 2 mg in 1 mL crystallizes. This result corresponds to a rotational barrier of below 53.1 kJ·mol⁻¹.²⁴

The 1-butyl-4-(5-methylpyrazolyl-3-ylidene)-1,4-dihydropyridine (21) invariably crystallized before reaching decoalescence temperature. In spite of this, it has been possible to record the proton NMR spectrum (80 MHz)

Table VI. Dipole Moments and Polarization Data in Dioxane at 298 K for 1-Alkyl-4-azolyldiene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16, 17, and 21 and for Imidazolium Benzimidazolate Inner Salts 35, 45, and 46

compd	α	β	R_{MD}	$P_{2\sigma}$	μ (D)
16	α	α	α	α	9.03
17	49.93	0	72.33	2020.82	9.71
21	51.18	0	64.23	1877.87	9.42
35	80.26	≈ 0	54.27	2677.82	11.33
45	46.78	≈ 0	68.21	1921.51	9.52
46	39.00	≈ 0	77.51	1801.39	9.18

^aData not available.

of a saturated solution of 21 in deuterated acetone at 243 K (the lowest temperature that could be achieved), and the AA'BB' ($\delta\text{H}-3 = \delta\text{H}-5$) system, corresponding to the dipolar form of the pyridinium ring 21B, could be clearly seen, indicating that at 243 K the decoalescence was still distant. The rotation barrier may thus be situated at below 49.1 kJ/mol.²⁴ (See Figure 6, supplementary material.)

The majority of the 1-alkyl-4-azolyldiene-1,4-dihydropyridines showed intense molecular ions in their electron-impact mass spectra: for compounds 16 and 18 they were base peaks and were relatively abundant in the range 45–95% for the others (17, 19–22).

Dipole Moments. The experimental dipolar moment values extrapolated to infinite dilution in dioxane at 298 K of the anhydrous 1-alkyl-4-azolyldiene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16, 17, and 21 were high in the range of 9.0–9.7 D (see Theoretical Study, Figures 2 and 3), which implies a substantial charge separation, and the values extrapolated to infinite dilution are given in Table VI.

Azolum Azolate Inner Salts (10). Theoretical Study. MNDO//MNDO calculations¹⁴ have been performed with full optimization of all geometric variables for

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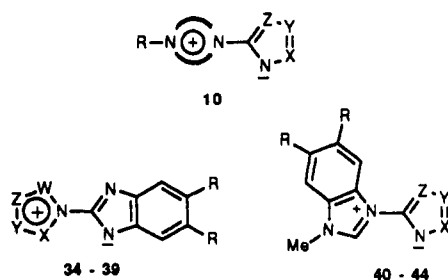
(24) Values of rotational barriers (ΔG_T^\ddagger) for compounds 20 and 21 were calculated according to the method of ref 25, considering a rotamer population 1:1. Frequency separation at slow rotation of the two coalescing lines H-3' and H-5' (pyrazole ring protons) has been estimated to be of 0.7 ppm on the basis of the value established in the case of *N*-arylazoles.²⁸

Table X. τ_{\min} , Dipolar Moments, Interannular Distance, and Bond Order of Azolium Azolate Inner Salts 34-44

compd	τ_{\min}	μ^a	interannular distance ^b	bond order ^b
34	52.5	10.09	1.422	0.905
35	0.0	12.30	1.413	0.938
36	1.7	12.82	1.415	0.934
37	31.4	12.21	1.419	0.921
38	45.8	8.52	1.418	0.910
39	0.1	12.52	1.412	0.954
40 anti	42.8	12.15	1.406	0.957
40 syn	-37.7	11.96	1.405	0.956
41	1.3	9.12	1.404	0.973
42 anti	11.0	11.93	1.405	0.957
42 syn	-5.3	11.64	1.404	0.962
43	14.5	14.76	1.403	0.950
44 anti	2.0	11.86	1.404	0.960
44 syn	19.2	11.80	1.404	0.957

^aIn Debye; 1 D = 3.34 ~ 10⁻³⁰ C m. ^bIn angstroms.

11, azolium azolate betaines 34-44 and the results are given in Tables X and XI (supplementary material).

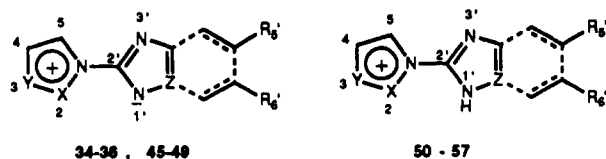


Type A					Type B			
X	Y	Z	W	R	X	Y	Z	R
34	NMe	CH	CH	H	40	N	CH	H
35	CH	NMe	CH	H	41	CH	CH	H
36	CH	NMe	CH	Me	42	N	CH	H
37	CH	NMe	(CH ₂) ₃	H	43	N	N	H
38	CH	N	CH	NMe	44	N	CH	Me
39	CH	NMe	CH	N				

The mesomeric betaine character of the studied compounds is well reflected by the bond order of the interannular C-N bond (around 1.0) and this bond does not change with the system planarity. The results in Table I can be qualitatively discussed as follows. Compounds are divided into two main types depending on the charge carrying the benzimidazole moiety: type A (compounds 34-39) and type B (compounds 40-44).

The presence of two methyl groups in the benzene ring does not appreciably modify the calculated dipole moment, either in type A (compare 35 with 36) or in type B (compare 42 with 44). When the positive moiety of type A compounds has an *N*-Me group in the ortho position, the dipole moment is significantly smaller. It is worth noting here that the N atom is not responsible for this (note the μ_{calcd} for 39). In contrast, the position of the N atoms in the negative moiety of type B is important for the magnitude of μ . The calculated dipole moment is larger when the system is a pyrazolate than when it is an imidazolate (compare 40 to 41). Moreover, the number of N atoms also affects the dipolar moment value. Compound 43, having four N atoms in its negative moiety, presents the largest calculated μ , but there is almost no difference between 40 and 42 (or 44).

Concerning the interannular linkage between the azolium and azolate moieties, the minimized torsion angle (τ_{\min}) is in the range of 0° to 52°, which shows that the preferred conformation around the central C-N bond depends on the nature of the ortho interactions of the azolium and/or azolate rings.^{6a,18} Their energy barriers for free rotation around the interannular bond are 6.33-7.00

Table XII. Selected ¹H NMR Spectroscopic Data of Compounds 34-36 and 45-57^a

X, Y, Z := CR-, -NR-, =N-

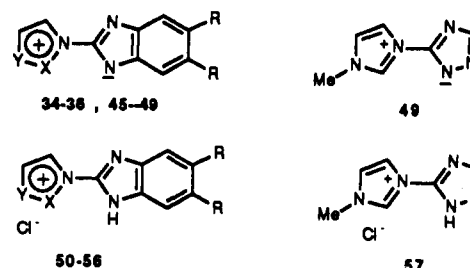
compd	H-2	H-3	H-4	H-5	H-4',7'	H-5',6'
34		8.81 ^b	7.03	9.06	7.61	7.12
35	9.86		7.77 ^c	8.34	7.47	6.99
36	9.73		7.72	8.23	7.17	
45	10.04		7.82	8.39	7.48	6.98
46	9.83		7.75	8.25	7.19	
47 ^d	10.00		7.80	8.27	7.20	
48	9.86		7.79	8.26	7.19	
48 ^d	9.10		6.46	7.81	7.15	
50		9.16 ^e	7.27	9.31	7.74	7.33
51	10.28		8.06	8.73	7.61	7.28
52	10.17		7.99	8.65	7.39	
53	10.46		8.20	8.79	7.64	7.29
54	10.46		8.16	8.76	7.35	
55 ^d	10.16		7.83	8.43	7.13	
56 ^d	10.66		7.36	8.21	7.08	
					H-4'	
49	9.70		7.81	8.09	7.81	
57	10.12		8.17	8.30	8.88	

^aDMSO-*d*₆. ^bOn radiation at 4.47 ppm, N-Me showed NOE (17.4%). ^cOn radiation at 3.92 ppm, N-Me showed NOE (8.7%). ^dCDCl₃. ^eOn radiation at 4.43 ppm, N-Me showed NOE (17%).

kJ/mol. The central C-N bond is of crucial importance for predicting the dipolar moments and the calculated values of the interannular bond lengths (1.403 to 1.422 Å) and bond order (0.905 to 0.973) are underestimated by MNDO.¹⁴ A calculated dipolar moment value of 13.26 D is obtained using the X-ray determined bond lengths of 35 (see below).

Finally, the electronic structure of azolium azolate inner salts 10 is well reflected in their calculated dipolar moments, which are in the range of 8.52 to 14.76 D (see Dipole Moments).

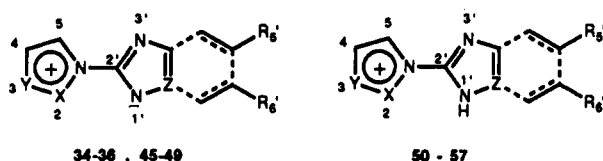
Spectroscopic Methods. Eight mesomeric betaines of the azolium azolate type 34-36, 45-49, and their corresponding 1-alkyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-2-ylazolium salts 50-56 and 1-methyl-3-[1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3(5)-yl]imidazolium salt 57 were prepared^{7b} and in this article we described their spectroscopic data.



34, 50			45, 54			X			Y			R		
34	50	NMe	CH	H	45	54	CH	NnBut	Me					
35	51	CH	NMe	H	47	55	CH	NCH ₂ Ph	Me					
36	52	CH	NMe	Me	48	56	CH	NnC ₁₀ H ₂₁	Me					
45	53	CH	NnBut	H										

¹H and ¹³C NMR data for betaines 34-36 and 45-49 were very important for structural proof of their highly dipolar structure. Selected ¹H and ¹³C chemical shifts of betaines 34-36, 45-49, and their corresponding *N*-azolyazolium salts 50-57 are shown in Tables XII and XIII (see Tables XIV and XV in supplementary material).

Table XIII. Selected ^{13}C NMR Spectroscopic Data of Compounds 34–36 and 45–57^a



34–36, 45–49

50–57

X, Y, Z: –CR–; –NR–; –N–

compd	C-2	C-3 ^b	C-4 ^c	C-5 ^d	C-2'	C-3'a,7'a
34		139.7	107.7	136.6	147.9	143.3
35	134.1		123.8	119.1	148.9	144.2
36	133.5		123.6	118.95	150.0	144.3
45	133.3		122.5	119.4	150.8	145.8
46	132.7		122.1	119.0	150.2	144.5
47 ^e	132.8		122.2	119.4	150.1	144.6
48	132.7		122.1	119.0	150.1	144.5
50		142.1	108.8	138.9	138.4	137.1
51	136.1		124.8	119.8	140.9	137.1
52	135.9		124.6	119.8	140.1	135.6
53	135.7		123.7	120.2	141.2	137.1
54	135.3		123.4	119.9	141.0	135.6
55	135.4		123.4	120.5	140.3	135.8
56	135.25		123.4	119.9	140.0	135.5
49	136.1		124.1	119.2	153.1	150.3
57	135.7		125.1	119.4	153.0	145.6

^aDMSO-*d*₆. SFORD experiments at a moderate (DP = 40H) decoupler power setting showed the following C–H decoupled carbons upon irradiation at the frequencies indicated in brackets. ^bC-3 ($\delta\text{H}_3 = 8.74$) (34) and ($\delta\text{H}_3 = 9.04$) (50) ^cC-4 ($\delta\text{H}_4 = 7.77$) (35). ^dC-5 ($\delta\text{H}_5 = 8.28$) (35). ^e CDCl_3 .

The chemical shifts of the azolate ring protons were shifted to lower frequencies compared with the protons of the corresponding *N*-azolylazolium salts,²⁷ and the δC values of the carbon atoms were in excellent agreement with data reported for anionic species in the azole series and the useful comparative data for pyridinium azolate inner salts.^{6a} Both the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts of the quaternary azolium ring accord very well with data reported for pyrazolium derivatives²⁹ and the not less frequently reported imidazolium salts.³⁰ These spectral properties indicate the high electron density on the azolate ring of 34–36 and 45–49.

The hydrogen atoms H_4 and H_5 of the imidazolium derivatives and H_3 and H_5 of the pyrazolium derivatives were unambiguously assigned by NOE experiments (see Table XIV); the results are consistent with the ^1H chemical shifts previously reported.^{28,29} As to the ^{13}C NMR signals of betaines 34–36, 45–49, and their salts 50–57 (Table XV), it is particularly noteworthy among the data that in imidazolium derivatives the chemical shifts of C_4 and C_5 were assigned by intermediate power selective decoupling of the corresponding protons (SFORD technique) previously

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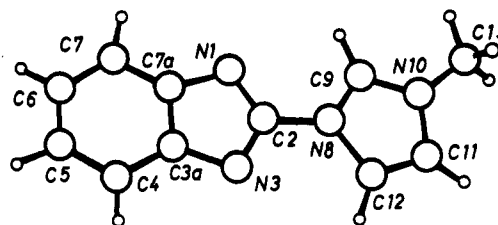


Figure 7. Computer-generated perspective drawing of 35.

assigned by NOE experiments. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first unambiguous assignment of C_4 and C_5 atoms in an imidazolium quaternary nucleus.

The majority of the mesomeric betaines 34–36 and 45–49 showed an intense molecular peak in their electron-impact mass spectra. For betaines 35, 36, 45–47, and 49 they were the base peaks and for 34 and 48 the relative abundance was ca. 64%.

Dipole Moments. In our previous work^{6a} on heterocyclic mesomeric betaines of pyridinium azolate, it was pointed out that coplanar inner salts (i.e., compound 23) were strongly associated when the weight fraction was greater than 0.0002, and their dipole moment values tend to move to zero when concentration increases, indicating a head-to-tail orientation to form nonpolar dimers. This orientation of 23 was further confirmed in its unit cell by X-ray analysis.

In the present study, different dipole moment measurements were measured in three examples of azolium azolate mesomeric betaines 10. Owing to the perturbing influence of self-association³¹ (nonpolar dimers), extreme dilution was required for experimental determination of the dipole moments in anhydrous dioxane at 293 K of the anhydrous betaines 35, 45, and 46 (See Experimental Section), and their values were in the range of 9.18 to 11.33 D.

Although the dipole moments were extrapolated to infinite dilution, the effect of self-association was not completely eliminated, with consequent decrease of the measured values. The quasicoplanar structures 35, 45, and 46 were strongly associated when $\omega \geq 0.0003$ and their dipole moment values decrease with increasing concentration (see below and Figure 8).

For betaine 35, the dipole moment was calculated to be 12.30 D and the experimental value was 11.35 D (See Table VI and X). Thus, the μ_{calcd} showed that the betaine structure of 35 and with regard to the μ_{exp} is overestimated.³² The implication of this result— μ_{calcd} versus μ_{exp} —should take into account the possible dominance of self-association even when this was substantially reduced (see Experimental Section). Solution of this controversy³³ is beyond the scope of the present work. Nonetheless, both the calculated and the experimental dipole moment data of 35 showed a large charge separation, in keeping with a high dipolar structure for organic molecules excluding polymers (natural or synthetic).

X-ray Data. A single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis of 2-(3-methyl-1-imidazolium)benzimidazole inner salt

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(32) (a) Betaine 35: $\mu_{\text{exp}} = 11.33$ D; $\mu_{\text{calcd}} = 12.30$ D; $\mu_{\text{calcd}} = 13.26$ D using the X-ray determined bond lengths. Compared with data for 2-(1-pyridinio)benzimidazole inner salt (23) (Figure 3). (b) MNDO calculated dipole moments^{14b} are usually smaller than those obtained experimentally.

(33) Evaluation of the effect of self-association for reliable interpretation of solution data and to carry out an extensive theoretical study by semiempirical methods (i.e., MNDO and AM1).

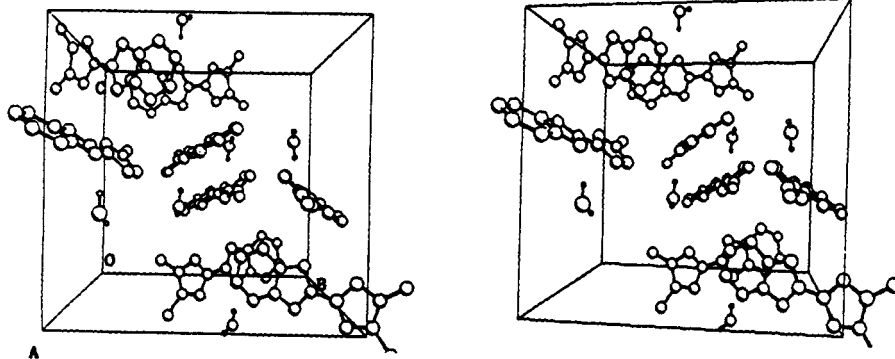


Figure 8. Unit cell packing diagram (stereo pair) for compound 35.

(35) shows that the unit cell contains two symmetry-independent molecules. The first molecule, hereafter called (A), is completely ordered; the second one (B) is indistinctly found in the two different orientations. Figure 7 shows molecule A with the corresponding atom numbering. The atoms of molecule B are named by adding a'. The disorder becomes evident during refinement from the excessively high temperature coefficient of C(13') and the apparition of C(14') bound to C(11'). The introduction of an occupation factor of $2/3$ for C(13') and $1/3$ for C(14') yields reasonable refined temperature coefficients. Hence, N(10') is occupied by $2/3$ N + $1/3$ C and C(11') by $1/3$ N + $2/3$ C.

The molecule 35 is quasicoplanar, the angle between the mean plane of the benzimidazole ring (rms distance 0.02 Å) and the mean plane imidazole ring (rms distance 0.003 Å) 10.6° for molecule A. The C(2)-N(8) interannular bond length is 1.431 (4) Å. The benzimidazole ring may be considered as symmetrical within experimental error, and the mean values are close to those described for related heterocycles.^{6a,b} In the case of molecule B, the angle between the mean plane of the benzimidazole ring (rms distance 0.03 Å) and the mean plane of the imidazole ring (rms distance 0.005 Å) is 3.8°. The C(2')-N(8') bond length is 1.432 (4) Å. Selected bond lengths (Å) for molecule A and molecule B are given in Table XVI, and further details are provided in the supplementary material. Due to the disorder, the difference between the two bond lengths N(8)-C(9) = 1.33 and N(8)-C(12) = 1.39 Å of the asymmetrical ring is larger than between the N(8')-N(9') = 1.34 and N(8')-C(12') = 1.35 Å.

The crystal structure is built by alternating layers of the type A and type B molecules. The layers are parallel to (001) and the arrangement of the two types of molecules within each layer is completely different. As shown in Figure 8, only the type A molecules are placed pairwise in a head-to-tail orientation (shortest contacts between the molecules forming one pair: C(11)···N(1) = 3.41 Å; C(12)···N(1) = 3.43 Å; C(7a)···C(11) = 3.46 Å). This could be an explanation of why only one type of molecules is disordered.

The X-ray study indicates that this compound forms a dihydrate. The water molecules are predominantly placed between the layers. The shortest contacts and H-bonds involving water molecules are O(1)-H···N(1) = 2.87 (1) Å; O(1)-H···N(1') = 2.85 (1) Å; O(1)···C(12) = 3.41 (1) Å; O(2)-H···N(3) = 2.88 (1) Å, O(2)-H···O(1) = 2.79 (1) Å; O(2)···C(12') = 3.23 (1) Å.

Conclusions

To sum up, all the theoretical and experimental results on 1-alkyl-4-azolyldene-1,4-dihydropyridines 8A ↔ 8B are consistent with a betaine character for this class of aza analogues of sesquifulvalene. Thus, their spectroscopic

Table XVI. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) with Esds in Parentheses for Compound 35 (Molecules A and B)

molecule A		molecule B	
C2-N1	1.316 (4)	C2'-N1	1.303 (5)
C7A-N1	1.390 (4)	C7A'-N1	1.386 (5)
N3-C2	1.331 (4)	N3'-C2'	1.312 (5)
N8-C2	1.431 (4)	N8'-C2'	1.432 (5)
C3A-N3	1.396 (4)	C3A'-N3'	1.393 (5)
C4-C3A	1.396 (5)	C4'-C3A'	1.396 (6)
C7A-C3A	1.405 (5)	C7A'-C3A'	1.378 (5)
C5-C4	1.389 (6)	C5'-C4'	1.388 (7)
C6-C5	1.390 (6)	C6'-C5'	1.372 (7)
C7-C6	1.392 (7)	C7'-C6'	1.375 (6)
C7A-C7	1.388 (5)	C7A'-C7'	1.380 (5)
C9-N8	1.329 (4)	C9'-N8'	1.337 (5)
C12-N8	1.389 (4)	C12'-N8'	1.353 (5)
N10-C9	1.323 (5)	N10'-C9'	1.330 (5)
C11-N10	1.373 (5)	C11'-N10'	1.373 (5)
C13-N10	1.460 (5)	C13'-N10'	1.493 (7)
C12-C11	1.329 (5)	C12'-C11'	1.326 (5)
		C14'-C11'	1.365 (15)

data and large dipole moments favor the betainic canonical form 16B-22B, which had been unambiguously confirmed by the X-ray crystal structure⁸ of 1-methyl-4-benzimidazolyldene-1,4-dihydropyridine (16B).

The theoretical and experimental study of azolium azolate mesomeric betaines 10 shows their highly dipolar structure, in agreement with data reported on closely related betaines of pyridinium azolate.^{6a}

Experimental Section

General Methods. Melting point (uncorrected): CTP-MP 300 hot-plate apparatus. IR (KBr disks): Perkin-Elmer 1430 spectrophotometer. ¹H NMR: Bruker AM-100 or Perkin-Elmer R-24B spectrometers (100 and 60 MHz, respectively). ¹³C NMR: Bruker AM-100 Fourier transform spectrometer (25.1 MHz). NMR spectra were determined in dimethyl sulfoxide-*d*₆, and chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (δ) relative to TMS as internal standard or the central peak of dimethyl sulfoxide-*d*₆. EIMS: Finnigan TSQ-70 and Hewlett-Packard 5988A spectrometers. TLC: Merck precoated silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates. Solvent systems: A, diethyl ether-methanol (8:2); B, chloroform-methanol (8:2); C, diethyl ether-methanol (9.5:0.5); detection by UV light. Ion-exchange chromatography: Amberlite IRA-401 (OH⁻ form).^{6a} If necessary the compounds were dried by overnight heating at 110 °C in a vacuum oven. Where microanalyses are indicated by symbols of the elements, the analytical results were within ±0.4% of the theoretical values; they were performed on a Carlo Erba 1106 analyzer by the Instituto de Química Biorgánica, Barcelona, Spain.

Materials. 2-(4-Pyridyl)-1H-benzimidazole (24),¹⁹ 5,6-dimethyl-2-(4-pyridyl)-1H-benzimidazole (25),¹⁹ and 5-methyl-3-(4-pyridyl)-1H-pyrazole (26)³⁴ were prepared according to literature procedures. Mesomeric betaines of the azolium azolate type

34–36, 45–49, and their corresponding 1-alkyl-(1*H*-benzimidazol-2-yl)azolium salts 50–56 and 1-methyl-3-[1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3(5)-yl]imidazolium salt 57 were prepared according to the companion paper.^{7b}

Preparation of 1-Alkyl-4-(1*H*-benzimidazol-2-yl)-pyridinium Salts 27–30 and 1-Alkyl-4-(5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)pyridinium Salts 30–33 (Table II). Method A. A solution of methyl iodide (1.24 mL, 20 mmol) in dry acetone (10 mL) was added dropwise at 0–5 °C to a stirred solution of 4-pyridylazoles 24, 25, or 26 (5 mmol) in dry acetone (150 mL) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. The reaction mixture was refluxed for the time specified in Table II. After cooling, the precipitate was filtered, washed with diethyl ether, and then recrystallized for compounds 27 and 28 while compound 31 was obtained pure (see Table II).

Method B. *n*-Butyl bromide (2.69 mL; 25 mmol) or *n*-decyl bromide (5.18 mL, 25 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 4-pyridylazoles 24, 25, or 26 (5 mmol) in dimethylformamide (10 mL) under an atmosphere of nitrogen and then heated at 85–95 °C (bath temperature) for the time specified in Table II. Diethyl ether (150 mL) was added to the dimethylformamide solution and the precipitated 29 or 30 was filtered, washed with diethyl ether, and recrystallized (Table II).

The reaction mixture of 33 was washed with 3 × 15 mL portions of diethyl ether; the solutions were decanted from the oily and hygroscopic product, which was identified as pure 33 (see Table II).

Method C. *n*-Butyl iodide (5.35 mL, 47 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 5-methyl-3-(4-pyridyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (26) in dry dimethylformamide (10 mL) under an atmosphere of nitrogen and was then heated at 85–95 °C (bath temperature) for 5.5 h. Diethyl ether (20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture; the solution was decanted from the oily product, which was washed with 3 × 10 mL portions of diethyl ether and then triturated with diethyl ether. The solid, rather hygroscopic residue was dissolved in 70% ethanol and passed through a column packed with Amberlite resin IRA-401 (OH⁻ form). The neutral eluates were concentrated to dryness in a rotary evaporator at 25 °C and the residue was recrystallized (Table II).

In the alkylation of the pyridylazoles 24–26 described above, the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC (chloroform-methanol, 8:2 or 9.5:0.5) and by ¹H NMR of aliquots.

Preparation of 1-Alkyl-4-azolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 16–22 (Table II). Method D. A column packed with anion-exchange Amberlite IRA-401 resin was used and the chloride form was converted to the hydroxide form.⁶ A solution of 1-alkyl-4-azolylpyridinium salt (1 mmol) in 70% ethanol (50 mL) was passed through the column. The neutral eluates were concentrated on a rotary evaporator at 25 °C (20–22) or 45 °C (16–19) to give the corresponding 1-alkyl-4-azolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridine (Table II). The 1-alkyl-4-(5-methylpyrazolyl-3-ylidene)-1,4-dihydropyridines 20–21 are heat-sensitive, and compound 22 is air- and heat-sensitive.

Experimental Procedure for Determination of Dipole Moments. The method used for determination of experimental dipole moments is based on the Debye equation as well as the Halverstadt and Kumler extrapolation method³⁶ for calculation of the total polarization (P_{2m}) of a infinite dilution of the anhydrous mesomeric betaines 35, 45, and 46 in dioxane at 298 K.

This procedure is based on the calculation of P_{2m} from the equation

$$P_{2m} = M_2 \left[\frac{\epsilon_1 - 1}{\epsilon_1 + 2} (V_1 + \beta) + \frac{3V_1}{(\epsilon_1 + 2)^2} \alpha \right]$$

in which ϵ_1 is the dielectric constant and V_1 the specific volume of the solvent, M_2 is the molar mass and ω_2 is the weight fraction of the solute.

α is determined from the slope of the line obtained by plotting the dielectric constant against the weight fraction of the solute to infinite dilution ($\omega_2 \rightarrow 0$). Similarly, β is determined by plotting

the specific volume against the weight fraction.

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{d\epsilon}{d\omega_2} \right)_{\omega_2 \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\beta = \left(\frac{dV}{d\omega_2} \right)_{\omega_2 \rightarrow 0}$$

After obtaining the P_m for a molecule, the Debye equation is used to determine the dipolar moment value in Debye units from the equation $\mu = 0.01281[(P_m - R_{MD})_T]^{0.5}$.

The fact that extreme dilution of the sample is necessary for measurement of the electric dipolar moments is noteworthy. First, the problem of low solubility of the mesomeric betaines 35, 45, and 46 in dioxane was resolved by using an ultrasound bath for 10 min. Second, the self-association of the quasicoplanar betaines was much easier than that for the pyridinium azolate inner salts previously reported.^{6a} The weight fractions were in the range of 0.0003 and 0.0008 and Table VI lists the slopes of the graph of electric polarizability (α) and specific volume (β), together with the polarization data and dipole moments (μ).

When the plot of electric polarizability (α) against weight fraction (ω) was not linear, the points were fitted to an equation of the form $\epsilon = \epsilon + \alpha\omega_2 + \alpha'\omega_2^2$ and the limiting gradient at infinite dilution (α) was employed to calculate the experimental dipole moment value in order to readjust α the value for $\omega_2 \rightarrow 0$ as described for 2-pyridone.^{31a} The dipole moments computed from a linear plot, $\epsilon = f(\omega)$, may be the more reliable results.

Single-Crystal X-ray Structure Determination of Compound 35. Crystal data for 35: C₁₁H₁₀N₄H₂O, $M = 216.3$, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/a$, $a = 12.225(8)$, $b = 14.090(3)$, and $c = 12.890(8)$ Å, $\beta = 99.54(4)^\circ$, $U = 2190$ Å³ (by least-squares refinement on diffractometer angles for 25 automatically centered reflections, $\lambda = 0.71069$ Å), $Z = 8$, $D_c = 1.31$ g/cm³; colorless, $0.20 \times 0.19 \times 0.80$ mm³, $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 0.824$ cm⁻¹, $F(000) = 912$. All crystallographic measurements were made on a CAD4 diffractometer, ω - 2θ mode with ω scan width = $2.40 + 1.05 \tan \theta$, ω scan width 1.5–6.7 deg/min, graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation; 3234 unique reflections [$1.0 \leq \theta \leq 23.5^\circ$, $-13 \leq h \leq 13$, $0 \leq k \leq 15$, $0 \leq l \leq 14$; 990 observed reflections with $I > 2.5\sigma(I)$]. Stability of intensity control, ca. 1%. The structure was solvent by multiresolution direct methods using the Ω tangent formula;³⁷ full-matrix least-squares refinement with all non-H atoms anisotropic. All the non-methyl H-atoms of the disordered molecule were determined experimentally. Final R and R_w values are 0.055 and 0.067; the weighting scheme is $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o) + 0.0042 F_o^2]$ with $\sigma(F_o)$ from counting statistics. Highest and lowest peaks in final ΔF map (e Å⁻³) were 0.41 and 0.37. Programs used and sources of scattering factor data are given in refs 37–40 respectively. Atomic coordinates, bond lengths and angles, and thermal parameters have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center.

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DMSO- d_6 for compounds 21, 31 and 32 (Table V), ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts of compound 26 in DMSO- d_6 (Figure 4), comparison of ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts (in DMSO- d_6) of two 2-(1-pyridinio)benzimidazole mesomeric betaines 10 and their analogues 1-alkyl-4-benzimidazolylidene-1,4-dihydropyridines 8 (Figure 5), 80-MHz ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 21 at 243 K (Figure 6), total charges at τ_{min} for compounds 16B-18B and 20B-21B (Table VII), comparison of experimental and calculated geometry of compound 16 (Table VIII), elemental analyses of new compounds (Table IX), heats of formation, total energy, energy barriers, dipolar moments, and bond orders of azolium azolate inner salts 34-44 (Table XI); ^1H NMR spectroscopic data of

compounds 34-36 and 45-57 (Table XIV), ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data of compounds 34-36 and 45-57 (Table XV), total charges at τ_{min} for compounds 34-44 (Table XVII), comparison of experimental and calculated geometry of 2-(3-methyl-1-imidazolium)benzimidazole inner salt (35) (Table XVIII), list of final positional parameters for non-hydrogen atoms and equivalent temperature coefficients (Table XIX), thermal coefficients for non-H atoms (Table XX), bond lengths and bond angles (Table XXI), and found positional parameters for H atoms (Table XXII) for compound 35 (18 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page. Structure factors tables are available from the authors.

Heterocyclic Betaines. Aza Analogues of Sesquifulvalene. 2. Azolium Azolate Inner Salts: Synthesis, Reactivity, and Structure of a 1:1 Adduct with Dimethyl Acetylenedicarboxylate

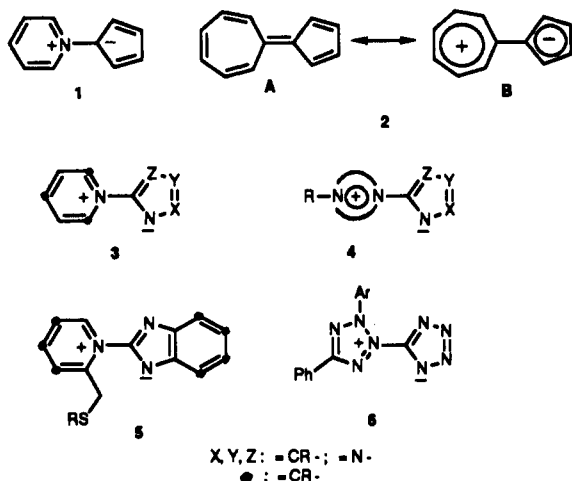
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Reaction of an activated 2-chloroazole with several *N*-alkylazoles afforded the *N*-azolylazolium salts, deprotonation of which results in a series of the title mesomeric betaines 7 and 8. Their reactivity toward electrophiles and dipolarophiles under mild conditions reflects the highly dipolar structures of 7 and 8. The thermal stability and dequaternization reactions of some of their corresponding *N*-azolylimidazolium and -pyrazolium salts have also been studied.

Of the vast variety of structures that conjugated heterocyclic mesomeric betaines adopt,¹ few reports have appeared of aza analogues of the *N*-ylide 1 and the dipolar resonance form of sesquifulvalene (2B). Several representative mesomeric betaines of azinium azolate 3 and azolium azolate 4 have been previously reported as part of our research work on aza analogues of 1.²⁻⁵ Other pyridinium benzimidazole 5 and tetrazolium tetrazolate 6 inner salts have been prepared.^{6,7}



The highly dipolar character of mesomeric betaines 3 and 4 has a dominant influence upon their chemistry, which merits study. These systems are suited to a study of their behavior as *dipoles*, where the dipolar moiety contains more than four π electrons, and their reactions with dipolarophiles should be a potentially attractive route for the synthesis of a variety of heterocyclic structures, as well as novel polycyclic ring systems.

As to quaternary salts of nitrogen heteroaromatic compounds, these are usually stable and their dealkylation reactions are of interest. In this context, pyridinium salts, and to a lesser extent, condensed systems derived from six-membered nitrogen heterocycles, are by far the most commonly investigated. This is presumably due to the fact that such studies were directed toward seeking insight into fundamental topics of heteroaromatic chemistry^{8a} such as aliphatic nucleophilic substitution reactions, forward and reverse Menschutkin reactions,⁹ and the use of pyridine as a leaving group.^{8b,10} Furthermore, synthetic methods have been developed during the last two decades using polar aprotic solvents and soft nucleophiles.^{8a,11}

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