× 100 mL), and the combined ethyl acetate layers were dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was treated with CHCl₃/MeOH/ether and on reevaporation furnished a solid 14, which was directly subjected to alkaline hydrolysis (5.40 g): mp 180 °C; ¹H NMR (DCCl₃) δ 3.25 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.70 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 6 H), 4.00 (s, 3 H), 6.70 (s, 1 H), 7.20 (s, 1 H), 11.10 (s, 1 H); IR (KBr) 3212, 2945, 1659, 1237 cm⁻¹; mass spectrum CI(CH₄) m/e 277 (MH⁺, 100).

The ketocarboline 14 from above was added to potassium hydroxide (9.5 g) and water (100 mL) and the mixture heated to reflux for 24 h.^{5,7} The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate brought to pH 5 with glacial acetic acid. The mixture was then cooled to precipitate the trimethoxytryptamine-2-carboxylic acid **9** (3.40 g, 40% overall): mp 208-210 °C; ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_{6^-} CF₃COOD) δ 3.10 (m, 2 H), 3.50 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 4.10 (s, 3 H), 6.75 (s, 1 H), 11.40 (s, 1 H); IR (KBP) 3430, 3268-2277, 1630, 1567, 1532 cm⁻¹; mass spectrum CI(CH₄) m/e 277 (MH⁺ - 18, 100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₂O₅-0.25H₂O: C, 56.28; H, 6.20; N, 9.38. Found: C, 56.02; H, 6.11; N, 9.02. Additional quantities of **9** can be obtained from the mother liquor.

7,8,9-Trimethoxy-2,3,5,6,11,11b-hexahydro-3-oxo-11b-(methoxycarbonyl)-1*H*-indolizino[8,7-b]indole (3h). The trimethoxytryptamine-2-carboxylic acid 9 (2.90 g, 10 mmol) and dimethyl 2-ketoglutarate (10; 2.70 g, 15 mmol) were added to a solution of benzene/dioxane (300:150 mL). This was followed by addition of TFAA (5 mL), and the mixture was heated to reflux under a Dean-Stark trap. After 36 h, the reaction mixture was cooled and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was taken up in ethyl acetate, washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution, and dried (Na₂CO₃). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The oil that remained was chromatographed by flash chromatography (silica gel) using EtOAc/EtOH (8:2) as the eluent to provide **3h** (2.5 g, 66%): mp 187 °C; ¹H NMR (DCCl₃) δ 2.20–3.20 (m, 7 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.90 (s, 6 H), 4.00 (s, 3 H), 6.65 (s, 1 H), 8.25 (s, 1 H); IR (KBr) 3248, 2938, 1736, 1680 cm⁻¹; mass spectrum CI(CH₄) *m/e* 375 (MH⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂N₂O₆: C, 60.96; H, 5.88; N, 7.49. Found: C, 60.82; H, 5.88; N, 7.14.

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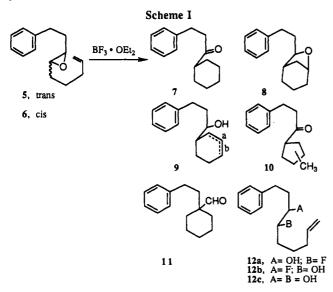
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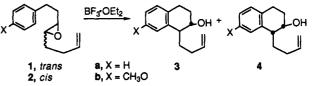
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Page 4202, Table I, compounds 1 and 2, and Scheme I, compounds 5 and 6, had extra bonds incorrectly drawn from the



epoxide positions to the aromatic rings. The corrected figures are as shown



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Page 2974, column 2, line 15, should read "...washed and filtered with acetone...".