

**4-Nitro-2-(*p*-toluenesulfonamido)-1-[2'-(*p*-toluenesulfonamido)ethoxy]benzene (4).** Sulfonamide 3 (5.15 g, 14.7 mmol) was suspended in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (250 mL) and pyridine (14 mL). *p*-Toluenesulfonyl chloride (4.19 g, 22.0 mmol) was added in one portion, and the mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. The reaction mixture was washed with 5% HCl and then water. The  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution was dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ) and evaporated in vacuo to give a yellow solid which was washed with cold  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  to give 4 (5.14 g, 69%) as a white solid: mp 188.5–189.5 °C; IR (KBr) 3327, 3223 (NH), 1528 ( $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1343, 1162 ( $\text{SO}_2$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{CD}_3\text{S}(\text{O})\text{CD}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.31 (s, 3 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 3.13 (q,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.67 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2 H), 6.55 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1 H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H), 7.85–8.05 (m, 2 H), 8.41 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1 H), 9.50 (s, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{CD}_3\text{S}(\text{O})\text{CD}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.04, 41.39, 66.94, 109.99, 119.42, 121.40, 126.31, 126.66, 128.91, 129.26, 136.53, 137.81, 141.05, 142.80, 143.19, 154.38. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{S}_2$ : C, 52.27; H, 4.59. Found: C, 52.29; H, 4.52.

**4,10-Bis(*p*-toluenesulfonamido)-5'-nitro-2,3-dibenzo-12-crown-4 (5).** Disulfonamide 4 (3.15 g, 6.23 mmol) and the dimethylate of diethylene glycol (1.63 g, 6.23 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (30 mL), and the solution was added with a syringe pump to a stirred suspension of  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (4.31 g, 31.2 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) during a 7-h period. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 17 h at rt, and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (30:1) as eluent to give 5 (2.40 g, 67%) as a tan solid: mp 92–93 °C; IR (KBr) 1518 ( $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1343, 1162 ( $\text{SO}_2$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.40 (s, 3 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 3.20–4.00 (m, 10 H), 4.25 (t,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 2 H), 6.71 (dd,  $J = 1.7, 7.9$  Hz, 1 H), 6.80–7.00 (m, 2 H), 7.15–7.40 (m, 4 H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.47, 50.98, 52.50, 68.83, 70.14, 71.53, 112.63, 128.86, 129.96, 127.24, 127.71, 129.30, 129.61, 129.84, 134.77, 135.64, 140.63, 143.55, 144.00, 162.82. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{10}\text{S}_4$ : C, 54.25; H, 5.08. Found: C, 54.20; H, 5.04.

**4,10-Diaza-5'-nitro-2,3-dibenzo-12-crown-4 (1).** Macrocycle 5 (2.87 g, 4.99 mmol) was dissolved in concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (10 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 12 h under  $\text{N}_2$ . The reaction mixture was cooled in an ice bath, and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (200 mL) was added dropwise; a light gray precipitate formed. The solid was filtered and dissolved in a minimum amount of water. Solid KOH was added to pH >10, and an orange precipitate formed which was filtered. The filtrate was extracted several times with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , and the orange solid and organic extracts were combined. The solution was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was passed through a short bed of alumina with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH (49:1) as eluent to provide 1 (0.80 g, 60%) as a yellow solid: mp 138–139 °C; IR (KBr) 3346 (NH), 1518, 1338 ( $\text{NO}_2$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.86 (br s, 1 H), 2.75 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 2 H), 2.87 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 2 H), 3.39 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 2 H), 3.56 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2 H), 3.65 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 2 H), 4.22 (t,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 2 H), 6.15 (br s, 1 H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.45–7.65 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  44.29, 47.24, 47.58, 67.89, 68.86, 71.49, 107.01, 113.03, 117.75, 141.84, 144.22, 151.54. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ : C, 53.92; H, 6.41. Found: C, 53.74; H, 6.33.

**4-Nitro-2-(*p*-toluenesulfonamido)phenol (6).** A stirred solution of 2-amino-4-nitrophenol (2.00 g, 13.0 mmol) and pyridine (1.13 g, 143 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20 mL) was cooled to –3 °C in an ice-salt bath, and *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (2.47 g, 12.98 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt during a 5-h period. The mixture was washed with 6 N HCl which produced a precipitate. The solid was filtered and washed with water and then  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  to give 6 (3.09 g, 77%) as a light brown solid: mp 206.5–208 °C; IR (KBr) 3395 (OH), 1529 ( $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1345, 1159 ( $\text{SO}_2$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{CD}_3\text{S}(\text{O})\text{CD}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.36 (s, 3 H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 2 H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2 H), 7.78–7.84 (dd,  $J = 2.9, 8.7$  Hz, 2 H), 8.28 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1 H), 10.66 (br s, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CD}_3\text{S}(\text{O})\text{CD}_3 + \text{CD}_3\text{S}(\text{O})\text{CD}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.21, 114.74, 116.15, 121.08, 124.96, 126.92, 129.40, 135.66, 140.07, 143.85, 153.59. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$ : C, 50.65; H, 3.92. Found: C, 50.34; H, 3.89.

***N*-Methyl-4-nitro-2-(*p*-toluenesulfonamido)anisole (7).** A mixture of tosylamide 6 (3.18 g, 10.0 mmol)  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (5.68 g, 22.0 mmol), and iodomethane (5.68 g, 40.0 mmol) in DMF (30 mL) was vigorously stirred and heated at 80 °C for 16 h. The mixture was evaporated in vacuo, and 100 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and 100 mL of

water were added to the residue. The organic layer was separated, washed with water ( $2 \times 50$  mL), and dried ( $\text{CaCl}_2$ ). Evaporation of the solvent in vacuo gave 7 (3.15 g, 91%); mp 119–121 °C; IR (KBr) 1589 ( $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1344, 1157 ( $\text{SO}_2$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.45 (s, 3 H), 3.19 (s, 3 H), 3.60 (s, 3 H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2 H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H), 8.13–8.20 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$ : C, 53.56; H, 4.80. Found: C, 53.35; H, 4.75.

***N*-Methyl-2-methoxy-5-nitroaniline (2).** A solution of 7 (0.80 g, 2.3 mmol) in 15 mL of concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  was heated at 100 °C for 16 h under  $\text{N}_2$ . The mixture was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath, and 30 mL of 30% aqueous NaOH was added. The mixture was filtered and washed with 5 mL of water. The combined filtrate and washing were extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $3 \times 40$  mL). The organic layer was dried ( $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) and evaporated in vacuo to give 2 (0.38 g, 91%) as an orange solid: mp 85–87 °C (lit.<sup>7</sup> mp 87 °C); IR (KBr) 3448 (NH), 1529, 1336 ( $\text{NO}_2$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.85 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 3 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 4.40 (br s, 1 H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (s, 1 H), 7.55 (dd,  $J = 2.7, 8.7$  Hz, 2 H).

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### On the Mechanism of the Reaction between Ketones and Trifluoromethanesulfonic Anhydride. An Improved and Convenient Method for the Preparation of Pyrimidines and Condensed Pyrimidines

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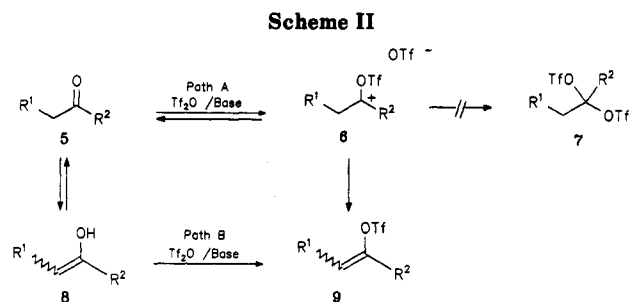
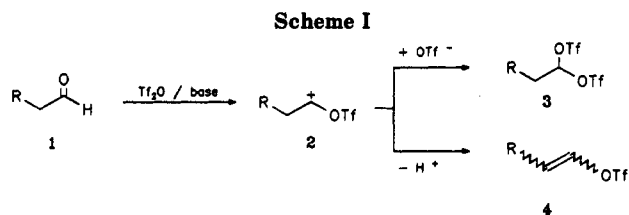
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### Introduction

Carbonyl compounds react with trifluoromethanesulfonic (triflic) anhydride to give products of different structure and stereochemistry. Ketones afford vinyl trifluoromethanesulfonates (triflates), while *gem*-ditriflates have been isolated from aldehydes and nonenolizable ketones.<sup>1</sup> Triflates have been found to be valuable starting

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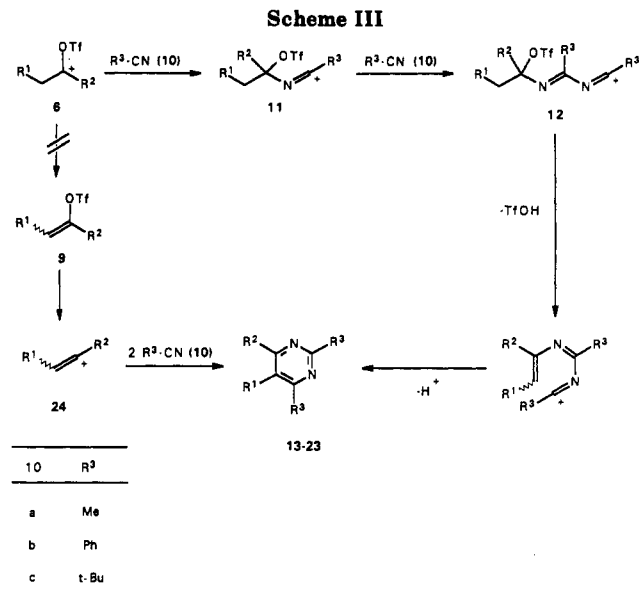


materials for carbon-carbon bond formation,<sup>2</sup> and applications of vinyl triflates in organic synthesis are rapidly increasing.<sup>3</sup> However, only limited attention has been focused on the mechanism of the formation of triflates from carbonyl compounds and triflic anhydride. We and others have shown earlier<sup>4,5</sup> that the reaction of aliphatic aldehydes 1 with triflic anhydride in the presence of a base involves an electrophilic attack at the carbonyl group with formation of (trifluoromethanesulfonyl)carbenium ion 2 as the intermediate. When the reaction is carried out at 0–25 °C in dichloromethane, these intermediate cations 2 are trapped by the triflate anion to give geminal ditriflates 3. However, when the reaction is carried out in refluxing 1,2-dichloroethane elimination of a proton from the carbenium ion intermediate 2 takes place to afford the corresponding vinyl triflate 4 (Scheme I). *gem*-Ditriflates were also obtained from strained bicyclic ketones, e.g., camphor, which are not capable of accommodating double bonds at the bridgehead.<sup>6</sup>

The reaction of ketones with triflic anhydride in the presence of a base affords vinyl triflates in good yields. The formation of *gem*-triflates in these cases was not observed or detected.<sup>5,7</sup> Accordingly, it was concluded<sup>1,5</sup> that the formation of vinyl triflates proceeds mainly by the reaction of an enol tautomer 8 with triflic anhydride (Scheme II, path B).

### Results and Discussion

In order to clarify this latter mechanistic aspect, we have now carried out the reaction of ketones 5 with triflic anhydride under mild conditions (room temperature in dichloromethane)<sup>1,9</sup> in the presence of a nucleophile such as a nitrile 10 (Scheme III). Nitriles have shown their efficiency in trapping the reactive intermediate vinyl cations<sup>8</sup> by nucleophilic attack to give pyrimidines.



The formation of pyrimidines in good yields (Table I) proves unambiguously that the reaction between ketones 5 and triflic anhydride proceeds via the (triflyloxy)carbenium ion 6 (Scheme II, path A). (Triflyloxy)carbenium ions 6 are stable enough to be generated in nonpolar solvents. Thus, the reaction of *tert*-butyl methyl ketone and *tert*-butyronitrile with triflic anhydride in *n*-pentane as well as in carbon tetrachloride, carried out under the same conditions as that for dichloromethane (see Experimental Section) gave the pyrimidine 18 in good yield (85% and 86%, respectively).<sup>10</sup> This result is comparable with that obtained for the same reaction in dichloromethane as the solvent (see Table I). As expected, the secondary cations 6 ( $R^2 = H$ ) formed from aldehydes are less stable and can be easily formed<sup>3b</sup> in polar solvents (such as dichloromethane). The intermediate formation of cations 6 supports the satisfactory explanation of the experimentally proved solvent dependability of the reaction between aldehydes and ketones with triflic anhydride.<sup>3b,10</sup>

In the presence of nitriles 10, the cation 6 is trapped by the nucleophile, whereby a resonance-stabilized nitrilium species 11 is formed. A second molecule of nitrile 10 reacts with the intermediate 11 to give products 13–23, after elimination of triflic acid, cyclization, and loss of a proton (Scheme III).

Although the reaction of aliphatic and alicyclic ketones with triflic anhydride proceeds, analogous to the reaction of aliphatic aldehydes and strained bicyclic ketones, by the same route, *gem*-bistriflates 3 are not obtained. The reason for this fact seems to be the steric hindrance that may preclude the reaction of 2 with the triflate anion. Thus, in these cases the elimination of a proton to give the vinyl triflates 9, as well as trapping by the nitrile 10 to yield the corresponding pyrimidines are preferred. The formation of pyrimidines is accompanied by a minimum amount of vinyl triflates 9. This result demonstrates that the trapping of the cationic species 6 by means of the nitrile 10 occurs faster than the loss of a proton. This observation does not support the intermediacy of vinyl cations 24 in the formation of pyrimidines 13–23 from ketones 5 and proves that this reaction occurs through a (triflyloxy)carbenium ion 6 as intermediate. In the case of cyclo-

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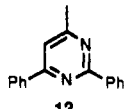
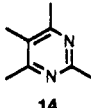
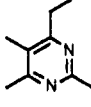
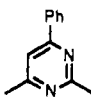
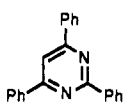
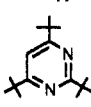
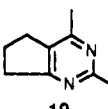
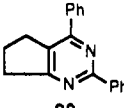
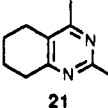
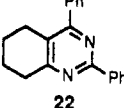
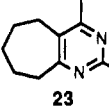
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Table I. Pyrimidines and Condensed Pyrimidines Obtained from Ketones, Nitriles, and Triflic Anhydride

entry	ketone (5)	nitrile (10)	reaction time (h)	product	yield (%)
1	acetone	benzonitrile	18		17
2	methyl ethyl ketone	acetonitrile	24		70
3	diethyl ketone	acetonitrile	24		90
4	acetophenone	acetonitrile	24		90
5	acetophenone	benzonitrile	22		90
6	tert-butyl methyl ketone	tert-butyronitrile	18		92
7	cyclopentanone	acetonitrile	24		85
8	cyclopentanone	benzonitrile	24		85
9	cyclohexanone	acetonitrile	24		80
10	cyclohexanone	benzonitrile	24		87
11	cycloheptanone	acetonitrile	24		85

<sup>a</sup>All reactions were carried out in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature, except entry 4 which was done in refluxing 1,2-dichloroethane (81 °C).  
<sup>b</sup>Yield of isolated product.

pentenyl triflate (8d), it is known that its solvolysis in 100% trifluoroethanol requires 10 days at 100 °C and proceeds via a sulfur-oxygen cleavage,<sup>9</sup> since the formation of a highly strained non-linear cyclopentenyl vinyl cation is avoided.

### Conclusion

Our results on the reaction of triflic anhydride with ketones in the presence of nitriles are not only of theoretical interest, but also offer an improved method for the preparation of pyrimidines and condensed pyrimidines.<sup>11-15</sup>

Some derivatives of these compounds are also of interest, since they show hypoglycemic,<sup>11</sup> bacteriological,<sup>12</sup> and antitumor<sup>13,14</sup> activities.

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### Experimental Section

All melting and boiling points are uncorrected. Melting points were obtained using a Mel-Temp capillary melting point apparatus.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL 300 spectrometer, and the chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  from internal standard TMS and with reference to  $\text{CDCl}_3$  resonance at  $\delta = 7.28$  and  $76.89$ , respectively. The IR spectra were recorded using a Perkin-Elmer spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were obtained on a Varian Mat-711 spectrometer at  $100\text{ eV}$ .

All ketones and nitriles used are commercial samples. They were dried over molecular sieves ( $4\text{ \AA}$ ) and distilled. Triflic anhydride was prepared from triflic acid and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  as reported in the literature<sup>1</sup> and freshly distilled from  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ <sup>21</sup> before use. Solvents were purified by distillation from standard drying agents.

**General Procedure for the Reaction of Ketones with Nitriles and Triflic Anhydride.** To a well-stirred solution of triflic anhydride (6.4 g, 22.8 mmol) and the nitrile **10** (42 mmol) in anhydrous  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20 mL) was added slowly a solution of the ketone **5** (20 mmol) in anhydrous  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL) or 1,2-dichloroethane (10 mL). The red-brown mixture was magnetically stirred for the appropriate time at room temperature or refluxed depending upon the ketone (Table I). Saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (50 mL) was carefully added, and the organic phase was washed with brine ( $2 \times 50\text{ mL}$ ) and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the crude product was purified by distillation, crystallization, or column chromatography over silica gel 60 (Merck) using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (2:1) as the eluent (Table I).

**4-Methyl-2,6-diphenylpyrimidine (13):** mp  $91\text{--}92\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (lit.<sup>16</sup> mp  $92\text{--}94\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ); IR (KBr)  $1575, 1535, 1445, 1375\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.58 (s, 3 H), 7.46 (m, 7 H), 8.16 (m, 2 H), 8.59 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  24.39, 113.72, 126.95, 128.14, 128.22, 128.59, 130.23, 130.42, 136.99, 137.92, 163.36, 164.02, 167.50; MS  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 246 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 20), 245 (100), 142 (17), 126 (7).

**2,4,5,6-Tetramethylpyrimidine (14):** bp  $29\text{--}30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (0.15 Torr) (lit.<sup>15</sup> bp  $196\text{--}197$  (760 Torr)); IR (film),  $1570, 1435\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.57 (s, 3 H), 2.83 (s, 6 H), 3.02 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  11.76, 20.46, 23.73, 121.56, 162.04, 162.25; MS  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 136 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100) 135 (28).

**4-Ethyl-2,5,6-trimethylpyrimidine (15):** bp  $52\text{--}54\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (2.5 Torr) (lit.<sup>8</sup> bp reported as a mixture of 4- and 5-ethyl isomers); IR ( $\text{CCl}_4$ )  $1560, 1415\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.24 (t, 3 H,  $J = 8\text{ Hz}$ ), 2.20 (s, 3 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 2.61 (s, 3 H), 2.74 (q, 2 H,  $J = 8\text{ Hz}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  11.22, 11.81, 20.96, 24.04, 27.06, 121.73, 162.46, 163.27, 167.41; MS  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 150 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 61), 149 (100), 135 (10), 122 (15).

**2,6-Dimethyl-4-phenylpyrimidine (16):** bp  $95\text{--}96\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (0.7 Torr) (lit.<sup>8</sup> bp  $95\text{--}96\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (0.7 Torr)). Spectral data identical with the values, which we have reported in ref 8.

**2,4,6-Triphenylpyrimidine (17):** mp  $184\text{--}185\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (EtOH) (lit.<sup>17</sup> mp  $184\text{--}185\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ). Spectral data identical with the values reported by us earlier.<sup>8</sup>

**2,4,6-Tri-tert-butylpyrimidine (18):** mp  $76\text{--}77\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (MeOH) (lit.<sup>18</sup> mp  $78\text{--}80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ). Spectral data identical with the values reported by us earlier.<sup>8</sup>

**2,4-Dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-cyclopenta[d]pyrimidine (19):** bp  $61\text{--}63\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (1.5 Torr) (lit.<sup>19</sup> bp not reported); IR (film)  $1585, 1430, 1405\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.11 (q, 2 H,  $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.66 (s, 3 H), 2.92 (t, 2 H,  $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$ ), 2.95 (t, 2 H,  $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.57, 20.81, 24.49, 27.13, 33.07, 128.67, 160.48, 164.71, 172.88; MS  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 148 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 147 (37), 133 (6), 120 (7), 106 (33).

**2,4-Diphenyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-cyclopenta[d]pyrimidine (20):** mp  $126\text{--}127\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (EtOH); IR (KBr)  $1570, 1400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.15 (q, 2 H,  $J = 7.3\text{ Hz}$ ), 3.11 (t, 2 H,  $J = 7.3\text{ Hz}$ ), 3.18 (t, 2 H,  $J = 7.3\text{ Hz}$ ), 7.47–7.59 (m, 6 H), 8.07–8.10 (m, 2 H), 8.60–8.65 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  22.51, 30.62, 34.10, 127.91, 128.15, 128.19, 128.42, 128.70, 129.55, 129.85, 137.78, 138.03, 158.88, 162.75, 176.22; MS  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 286 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 23), 285 (100), 284 (94), 182 (5). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2$ : C, 83.78; H, 5.92; N, 10.28. Found: C, 83.78; H, 6.03; N, 10.42.

**2,4-Dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzo[d]pyrimidine (21):** bp  $82\text{--}83\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (1.5 Torr) (lit.<sup>19</sup> bp not reported); IR (film)  $1560, 1425\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (reported by us earlier);<sup>8</sup>  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.37, 22.28, 22.59, 24.72, 25.54, 32.28, 124.66, 163.84, 164.50, 164.98; MS  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 162 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 161 (20), 121 (31), 108 (37), 79 (22).

**2,4-Diphenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzo[d]pyrimidine (22):** mp  $124\text{--}126\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (EtOH) (lit.<sup>20</sup> mp  $122\text{--}123\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ); IR (KBr)  $1550, 1405\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.69–1.78 (m, 2 H), 1.87–1.97 (m, 2 H), 2.75 (t, 2 H,  $J = 6\text{ Hz}$ ), 3.01 (t, 2 H,  $J = 6.6\text{ Hz}$ ), 7.40–7.50 (m, 6 H), 7.60–7.65 (m, 2 H), 8.40–8.50 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  22.26, 22.70, 26.76, 32.57, 125.20, 127.84, 127.97, 128.15, 128.74, 128.83, 129.78, 138.00, 138.49, 161.21, 164.85, 166.53; MS  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 272 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 20), 271 (94), 270 (100), 168 (6).

**2,4-Dimethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-cyclohepta[d]pyrimidine (23):** bp  $83\text{--}84\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (0.1 Torr); IR (film)  $1580, 1435\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.19–1.30 (m, 4 H), 1.42–1.48 (m, 2 H), 2.07 (s, 3 H), 2.21 (s, 3 H), 2.34–2.40 (m, 2 H), 2.50–2.56 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $21.89, 25.16, 25.49, 26.40, 27.57, 31.83, 38.11, 129.66, 162.51, 163.48, 170.28$ ; MS  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 176 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 29), 161 (6), 123 (70), 43 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2$ : C, 74.94; H, 9.15; N, 15.96. Found: C, 75.09; H, 8.92; N, 16.06.

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