

in a mixture of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$  (1:1, 10 mL), and anhydrous  $\text{HCl}$  gas was bubbled through the solution for 15 min. After a further hour of stirring, the solution was evaporated and redissolved in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  before being washed with saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution and dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ). After filtration and evaporation under reduced pressure, the resulting diamine was dissolved in toluene (10 mL), and a solution of phosgene (12.5% in toluene, 100  $\mu\text{l}$ ) was added. The reaction was stirred for 24 h at rt and then evaporated under reduced pressure in a fume hood. The resulting residue was taken up in ethyl acetate, washed with saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution, and dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ). The crude product 11 was partially purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  to 10%  $\text{MeOH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  to afford a yellowish oil in low yield (20%):  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.80–1.80 (m, 13 H), 4.17 (m, 1 H), 4.22 (m, 1 H), 5.38 (m, 2 H), 5.78 (m, 1 H), 7.54 (m, 1 H), 7.71 (m, 1 H).

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**Supplementary Material Available:**  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectra for compounds 6A, 6B, 8, 9A, 9AB, and 10,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  and IR spectra for compound 8, 250-MHz NOE difference spectra used to establish stereochemistry at C-2 for 6A and 6B (Figure 2), a selected region of the 250-MHz  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectrum of 11 (Figure 3), and plots of the H2–C2–C3–H3 torsion angle for the cis and trans isomers of 11 as a function of time for dynamics calculations at 500 K (Figure 4) (13 pages). This material is contained in libraries on microfiche, immediately follows this article in the microfilm version of the journal, and can be ordered from the ACS; see any current masthead for ordering information.

## Additions and Corrections

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Page 4044, column 1. The first structure of Scheme III should be drawn as shown:

