

#### 442. Optical Rotatory Dispersion: Further Applications of the Octant Rule to Structural and Stereochemical Problems.\*

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The octant rule is applied to hexahydroindanones, to ketones which show weak or no apparent Cotton effect, and to ketones with atoms in "front octants." Tables of further reference values for the contributions of substituents to the amplitudes of Cotton-effect curves are given.

In an earlier paper<sup>1</sup> we considered many applications of the octant rule<sup>2</sup> to arrays of essentially unstrained cyclohexane rings carrying carbonyl groups, *i.e.*, extended cyclohexanones. In the present paper we deal with (1) hexahydroindanone types, (2) "front octant" effects, and (3) ketones which show weak or no apparent Cotton effects. We also give tables of reference values for the contributions of substituents to the amplitudes of Cotton-effect curves.

*Symbols on Octant Projections.* Symbols used in formulæ have the following meanings to indicate the contributions of atoms:

- × × Atoms symmetrically disposed; contributions cancel.
- atom in back octant; positive contribution.
- atom in back octant; negative contribution.
- ▲ atom in front octant; positive contribution.
- △ atom in front octant; negative contribution.
- \* atom in vertical *xy* plane (no contribution).

(1) *Hexahydroindanone Types.*—Hexahydroindanones may be divided into two classes according to whether the ketone group is in a six-membered or a five-membered ring. The latter group cannot yet be considered adequately in terms of the octant rule; some very tentative suggestions have been made elsewhere.<sup>3-5</sup> The six-membered ring ketones (hexahydroindane-4- and 5-ones) can, however, be considered; the results, some of which have been presented previously,<sup>6</sup> show, in summary, that such a ketone gives a rotatory dispersion curve of the same sign and approximately the same amplitude as its decalone analogue.

*Hexahydroindan-5-ones.* The curve for 8-methyl-*trans*-hexahydroindan-5-one<sup>6</sup> (I; *a*, +47) agrees closely with that for the corresponding methyldecalone (II; *a*, +47), as would be expected from the projections.

(+)-8-Methyl-*cis*-hexahydroindan-5-one<sup>7</sup> has a negative Cotton curve,<sup>6</sup> very similar to that of 5β-cholestan-3-one. The absolute configuration (III) was therefore allotted to this enantiomer. However, this allocation is not unambiguous, since any *cis*-hexahydroindanone can exist in two conformations (in the same way as a *cis*-decalone). The corresponding (1*S*,8*S*)-*cis*-1-hydroxy-5-oxo-compound (IV) was found by Acklin and Prelog<sup>8</sup> to give a similar negative dispersion curve; this 1-hydroxy-5-oxo-compound was correlated,

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<sup>1</sup> Djerassi and Klyne, *J.*, 1962, 4929.

<sup>2</sup> Moffitt, Moscovitz, Woodward, Klyne, and Djerassi, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1961, **83**, 4013.

<sup>3</sup> Klyne, *Bull. Soc. chim. France*, 1960, 1396.

<sup>4</sup> Klyne, *Tetrahedron*, 1961, **13**, 29.

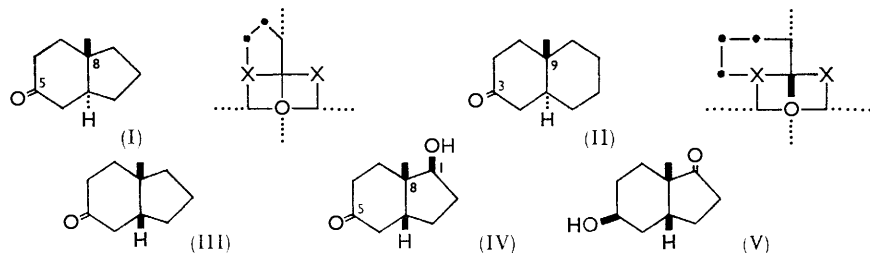
<sup>5</sup> Djerassi, Fishman, and Nambara, *Experientia*, 1961, **17**, 565.

<sup>6</sup> Djerassi, Marshall, and Nakano, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1958, **80**, 4853.

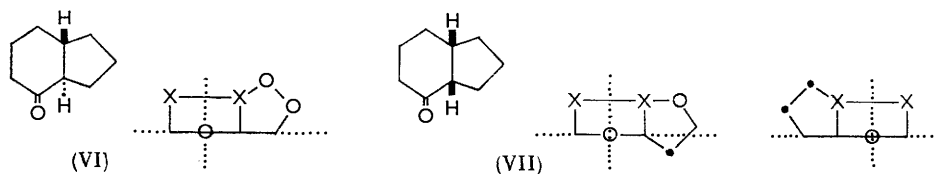
<sup>7</sup> Conroy and Cohen, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1958, **23**, 616.

<sup>8</sup> Acklin and Prelog, *Helv. Chim. Acta*, 1959, **42**, 1239.

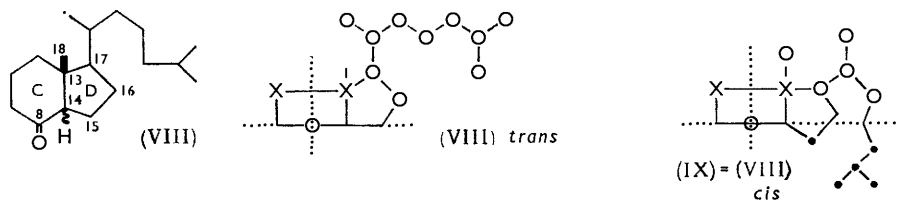
by an unusual 1,5-intramolecular hydride shift, with the (5*S*,8*S*)-5-hydroxy-1-ketone (V) from which the ketone (III) was subsequently obtained. The absolute configurations of the whole series were allotted by asymmetric synthesis, involving the 1-hydroxyl groups. The rotatory dispersion curve of compound (III) can therefore be used to assign the "steroid-like" conformation to this compound.



*Hexahydroindan-4-ones.* Schenker<sup>9</sup> has allotted the absolute configurations of simple hexahydroindan-4-ones (VI, VII) (obtained by microbiological routes) by analogy with those of the C-D steroid ketones (VIII) and (IX). The compounds (VI) and (VII) showed negative and positive curves, respectively; the samples were not optically pure, and the numerical values are therefore not significant.



The *trans*- (VIII) and the *cis*-bicyclic ketone (IX) obtained by Inhoffen *et al.*<sup>10</sup> by oxidation of calciferol, consist of rings C and D of the steroid nucleus with the side-chain. Exact predictions of the size of the Cotton effect are impossible because of the large flexible side-chain, but an estimate may be made as shown in the following diagrams.



In the *trans*-isomer (VIII), C-16,17,18 and the entire side-chain are all in the upper right-hand octant; a large negative Cotton effect would be predicted and is found ( $a$ ,  $-129$ ).<sup>6</sup> In the *cis*-isomer (IX) C-15 (now axial) has a large positive contribution, cancelling (roughly) those from C-17 and C-18; the two halves of the side-chain C-20,21,22 (upper right-hand octant) and C-24,25,26,27 (lower right-hand octant) may reasonably be expected to cancel. The very small Cotton effect ( $-9$ ) can thus be rationalized.

*3-Oxo-B-norsteroids.* Chemical evidence about the configuration at position 5 of the first-known isomer of this group has until recently been conflicting.<sup>11,12</sup> Djerassi *et al.*<sup>6</sup> suggested that this was the 5 $\beta$ -isomer (XI) because its dispersion curve was of the same sign and shape as that of 5 $\beta$ -cholestan-3-one (AB-*cis*). Recently both 5-epimers (X and

<sup>9</sup> Schenker, Thesis, E.T.H., Zürich, 1960.

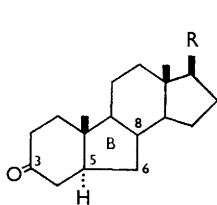
<sup>10</sup> Inhoffen, Quinkert, Schutz, Kampe, and Domagk, *Chem. Ber.*, 1957, **90**, 664.

<sup>11</sup> Fieser, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1953, **75**, 4386.

<sup>12</sup> Dauben and Foncken, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1956, **78**, 4736.

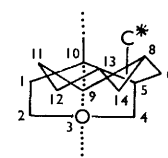
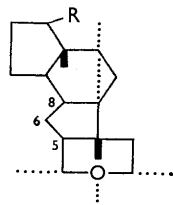
XI) have been prepared by Summers<sup>13</sup> and by Dauben *et al.*,<sup>14</sup> who have brought forward chemical evidence supporting the allotment of configurations made by Djerassi *et al.* Further, the dispersion curves of the two isomers have been measured in both our laboratories, and those of a similar pair of androstane derivatives<sup>15</sup> have also been measured. The results shown below, in conjunction with the predictions of the octant rule, fully support the previous allocation of configurations.<sup>6</sup>

The 5 $\beta$ -isomer could probably take up one of two conformations; in one, the A-ring has the same conformation (approximately) as in the 5 $\alpha$ -isomer, and the Cotton effect would be positive. In the other conformer (XI), the conformation of the A-ring is reversed, and the general shape of the molecule approximates to that of the common 5 $\beta$ -steroid series. Here all of the B-, C-, and D-rings, except C-11 and C-12, are in the upper right-hand octant, and a negative Cotton effect would be predicted. Since a negative value is found, (XI) must represent the preferred conformation of the *cis*-isomer, and the data as a whole support the configurations shown.



(X) A, R = C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>; B, R = OH

Predicted, positive. Found, A +73, B +68.



(XI) A, R = C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>; B, R = OAc

\* D-Ring lies behind C-13-14; omitted for clarity.

Predicted, negative. Found, A -55 (C. D.),  
-60 (W. K.); B -58.

The above formulæ show the normal ( $\beta$ ) configuration at position 8. Shoppee and Sly<sup>16</sup> suggested that these B-nor compounds might have the 8 $\alpha$ -configuration. This seems improbable on conformational grounds, because (unless ring c is a boat) it involves two unfavourable factors, (i) a CH<sub>2</sub>:CH<sub>3</sub> diaxial interaction between positions 6 and 18, and (ii) an eclipsed conformation on the cyclopentane ring between C-19,10,9,11. The octant rule does not at present enable us to distinguish between the 8 $\alpha$ - and the 8 $\beta$ -configuration, although it appears to support the latter.

*Gibberellic acid derivatives.* Extensive use has been made of rotatory dispersion evidence in allotting configurations to gibberellic acid derivatives (for reviews see Grove *et al.*<sup>17</sup>) both by the workers at Imperial Chemical Industries Limited and by Stork *et al.*<sup>18</sup>

Many hexahydroindan-5-ones are available in compounds of the types (XII) and (XIII) obtained by opening ring D (hydrofluorenones). These include compounds of B,C-*trans*- and B,C-*cis*-series (4b $\alpha$  and 4b $\beta$ ) and also compounds in which ring A is either alicyclic or aromatic. Most of the data have been collected by Grove and Mulholland.<sup>19</sup> The B,C-*trans*-ketones (4b $\alpha$ , 8a $\beta$ ) (*e.g.*, XII, a, +99!) generally show larger amplitudes than the B,C-*cis*-ketones (4b $\beta$ , 8a $\beta$ ) (*e.g.*, XIII, a, +35).

(2) *Front Octant Effects.*—It has been pointed out<sup>2</sup> that atoms lying in the front octants make contributions of opposite sign to those of atoms in the back octants. For most ketones the whole molecule (except the carbonyl-oxygen atom) lies in the back

<sup>13</sup> Summers, *J.*, 1959, 2908.

<sup>14</sup> Dauben, Boswell, and Berezin, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1959, **81**, 6082.

<sup>15</sup> Joska, Fajkoš, and Šorm, *Coll. Czech. Chem. Comm.*, 1960, **25**, 2341.

<sup>16</sup> Shoppee and Sly, *J.*, 1959, 345.

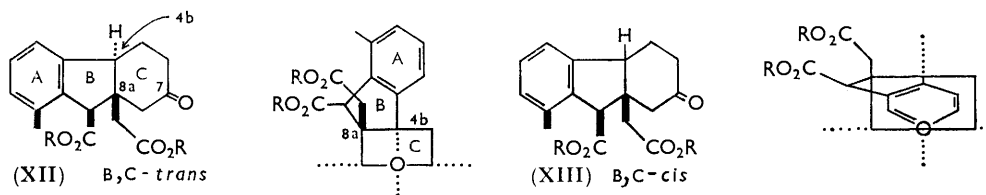
<sup>17</sup> Grove, *Quart. Rev.*, 1961, **15**, 56; Brian, Grove, and MacMillan, *Fortschr. Chem. Org. Naturstoffe*, 1960, **18**, 350; for X-ray evidence, see McCapra, Scott, Sim, and Young, *Proc. Chem. Soc.*, 1962, 185.

<sup>18</sup> Stork and Newman, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1959, **81**, 3168.

<sup>19</sup> Grove and Mulholland, *J.*, 1960, 3007.

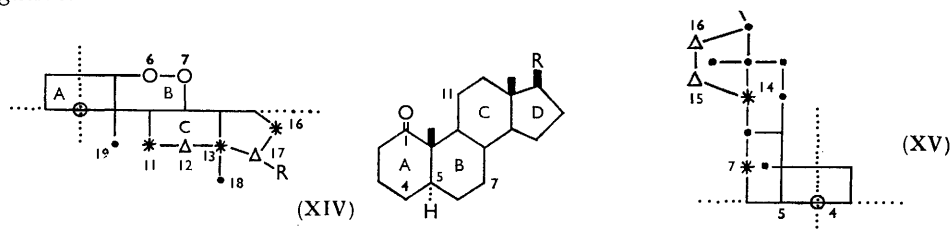
octants; but for some, particularly in polycyclic ketones whose carbonyl group is in a non-terminal ring, some parts of the molecule lie in the front octants and thus complicate the interpretation of dispersion curves.

We next comment on some steroid ketones which have atoms in a front octant. We



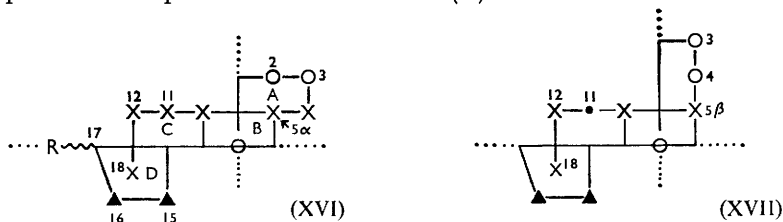
stress, however, that there is as yet no clear example permitting even the roughest quantitative estimate of the magnitude of front-octant effects.

**1-Oxo-5 $\alpha$ -steroid.** The 1-oxo-5 $\alpha$ -steroid (XIV) is a compound which was previously reported<sup>20</sup> to give a curve without a marked peak or trough. Reconsideration of the data shows that 5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-1-one (XIV; R = C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>) has a weak negative Cotton effect (−25) superimposed on a strong positive background. (For recent work on circular dichroism of such compounds see ref. 21.) The corresponding decalone has a moderate positive Cotton effect (+32). The difference between the 1-oxo-5 $\alpha$ -steroid and this decalone lies in the remote area of the c- and d-rings. C-12 and C-17 and the side-chain are clearly in the near right-hand lower octant (negative); C-18 and C-19 are in the far right-hand lower octant (positive). C-6 and C-7 are in the far right-hand upper octant (negative). C-11, C-13, and C-16 are nearly (if not exactly) in the vertical dividing surface. The resultant of these effects is apparently such as to render the total Cotton effect weakly negative.



**4-Oxo-5 $\beta$ -steroid.** The small observed Cotton effect<sup>21</sup> (+3) for compound (XV) is unexpected. The compound has a large number of atoms in the far upper left-hand octant (positive), with only two (C-7 and C-14) near the vertical plane and two (C-15 and C-16) in the near upper left-hand octant (negative); a large positive Cotton effect would be expected.

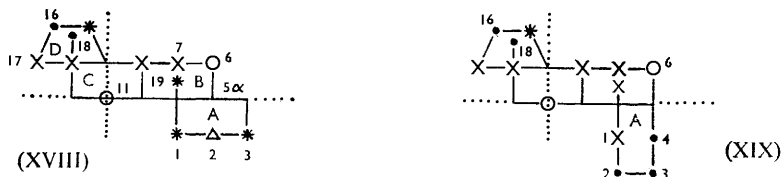
**7-Oxo-steroids.** In 5 $\alpha$ -compounds<sup>20</sup> (XVI) the negative Cotton effect (−19) indicates that the atoms (C-2, C-3) in the far upper right-hand octant (negative) outweigh those (C-15, C-16) in the near lower left-hand octant (positive). C-17 is nearly in the horizontal symmetry plane and the position of the side-chain (R) is uncertain.



<sup>20</sup> Djerassi, Closson, and Lippman, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1956, **78**, 3163.

<sup>21</sup> Djerassi, Riniker, and Riniker, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1956, **78**, 6362.

In the  $5\beta$ -isomer (XVII)<sup>22</sup> the positive Cotton effect (+30) is due essentially to the positive contribution (C-11) in the far upper left-hand octant, since the remaining contributions are either identical with those of the  $5\alpha$ -isomer (C-15, C-16) or very similar (C-4 and C-3 instead of C-2 and C-3).



**11-Oxo-steroids.** The 11-oxo- $5\alpha$ -steroid (XVIII) shows a small positive Cotton effect (+15).<sup>23</sup> This is compatible with the fact that the effects of most of the atoms cancel in pairs. C-2 in the near lower right-hand octant must make a negative contribution. All the atoms in the two dividing planes (C-10,5,4,14,15) are without effect. C-1 and C-19 are nearly in the vertical dividing surface; and if they are not truly in it, their effects cancel

TABLE 1.  
Contributions of  $\alpha$ -methyl substituents.

Compound	Subst.	Amplitude <i>a</i>	$\Delta a$ for Me subst.	Ref.*
$5\alpha$ -Cholestan-3-one	None	+48, 54		
	2 $\alpha$ -Me ( <i>eq</i> )	+48, 57	0, +3	1/1
	2 $\beta$ -Me ( <i>ax</i> )	+82, 79	+34, 25	
$5\alpha$ -Cholestan-2-one	None	+102, 94		
	3 $\beta$ -Me ( <i>eq</i> )	+102	0	
	None	+54		
$5\alpha$ -Androstan-3-one, 17 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	None	+57	+3	
	4 $\alpha$ -Me ( <i>eq</i> )	+27	-27	
	4 $\beta$ -Me ( <i>ax</i> )	-40		1/2
(9 <i>R</i> )- <i>trans</i> -1-Decalone	None	+27	+67	1/3
	9-Me ( <i>ax</i> )	+26		1/4
<i>trans</i> -2,5-Dimethylcyclohexanone		+81	+55 ( <i>ax</i> )	1/5
2,2,5-Trimethylcyclohexanone		+12		1/4
2-Methylcyclohexanone		+74	+62 ( <i>ax</i> )	1/6
<i>trans</i> -2,6-Dimethylcyclohexanone		+25		1/7
3-Methylcyclohexanone		+26	+1 ( <i>eq</i> )	1/4
<i>trans</i> -2,5-Dimethylcyclohexanone				

\* References in Table 1 are numbered 1/1, 1/2 . . . , in Table 2 are numbered 2/1, 2/2 . . . , etc., and back-references in other Tables are made in this form.

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TABLE 2.  
Contributions of  $\alpha$ -aryl substituents.

Compound	Subst.	Amplitude <i>a</i>	$\Delta a$ for aryl subst.
$5\alpha$ -Cholestan-2-one	3 $\beta$ -Ph ( <i>eq</i> )	+53!, 45	-49!, 57
	3 $\beta$ - <i>p</i> -MeO·C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <i>eq</i> )	+13!	-89
	3 $\alpha$ -Ph ( <i>ax</i> )	+303, 379	+201, 277
	3 $\alpha$ - <i>p</i> -MeO·C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <i>ax</i> )	+247	+147!
	3 $\alpha$ -Ph ( <i>ax</i> )	+398	+298
$5\alpha$ -Cholestan-3-one	3 $\beta$ -Me ( <i>eq</i> )		
	2 $\alpha$ -Ph ( <i>eq</i> )	+23	-34

References: 2/1, Cookson and Hudec, *J.*, 1962, 429. 2/2, Moscowitz, Mislow, Glass, and Djerassi, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1962, **84**, 1945. For unsubstituted compounds see Table 1.

<sup>22</sup> Djerassi and Closson, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1956, **78**, 3761.

<sup>23</sup> Djerassi, Osiecki, Riniker, and Riniker, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1958, **80**, 1216.

TABLE 3.  
Contributions of  $\alpha$ -halogen substituents in oxo-steroids and related compounds.

	Ketone without $\alpha$ -Hal $a$	Ketone (XXI)		Ketone (XX)		Ref.	
		Subst.	$a$	Subst.	$a$		$\Delta a$
1-Ketones (5 $\alpha$ )							
5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-1-one	-26			2 $\alpha$ -Br (eq) 2 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	-121	-95	20, 3/1, 3/2
2-Ketones (5 $\alpha$ )							
5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-2-one	+102	3 $\alpha$ -I (ax) 3 $\alpha$ ,3 $\beta$ -Br <sub>2</sub> (a) 3 $\alpha$ -Br (ax) 3 $\beta$ -Br (eq)	+236 +313 +262 +119	1 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	-117	-219	3/3 3/4
3-Ketones (5 $\alpha$ )							
5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-3-one	+48, 54	2 $\alpha$ -Cl (eq) 2 $\beta$ -Br (ax) 2 $\alpha$ -I (eq) 2 $\alpha$ -Br (eq) 2 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	+54 +120 +104 +46 +174				23, 3/4
5 $\alpha$ -Androstan-3-one, 17 $\beta$ -acetoxy-				4 $\alpha$ -Br (eq) 4 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	+30 -160	-24 -214	3/5
4-Ketones (5 $\alpha$ )							
5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-4-one, 7 $\beta$ -hydroxy-	-63	5 $\alpha$ -Br (ax) (b)	+106	3 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	-202	-108	3/6 3/7
5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-4-one	-94	5 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	+149				
4-Ketones (5 $\beta$ )							
5 $\beta$ -Cholestan-4-one	+3			3,3-Br <sub>2</sub> 5 $\beta$ -Cl (ax) (c) 5 $\beta$ -Br (ax) 3 $\alpha$ (eq), 5 $\beta$ (ax)-Br <sub>2</sub>	-194 -235 -213 -110	-100 -238 -216 -113	1/3 3/7
6-Ketones (5 $\alpha$ )							
5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-6-one	-73, -78	7 $\alpha$ -Br (ax) 5 $\alpha$ (ax), 7 $\alpha$ (ax), Br <sub>2</sub> 7,7-Br <sub>2</sub>	+170 -120	5 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	-323	-245	23, 3/8, 3/9
5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-6-one, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	-76, -68		-98				
7-Ketones (5 $\alpha$ )							
5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-7-one, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	-16	6 $\alpha$ -Br (eq) 6 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	-26 +193	5 $\alpha$ -Br (ax) 5 $\alpha$ (ax), 7 $\beta$ (eq)-Br <sub>2</sub>	-380 -282	-312 -214	23, 3/8, 3/9
7-Ketones (5 $\beta$ )							
7-Oxo-5 $\beta$ -cholanic acid, 3 $\alpha$ ,12 $\alpha$ -diacetoxy ; Me ester	+17	6 $\alpha$ -Br (eq) 6 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	+11 +96	8 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	-304	-288	20, 3/10, 1/1 3/11

TABLE 3. (Continued.)

Ketone without $\alpha$ -Hal	Ketone (XXI)			Ketone (XX)			Ref.
	Subst.	a	$\Delta a$	Subst.	a	$\Delta a$	
<b>11-Ketones</b>							
5 $\beta$ -Androstan-11-one	+15						
5 $\beta$ -Androstan-11-one, 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxy- or 3 $\alpha$ -acetoxy-	+13	9 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	+203	12 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	-206, -214	-219, -227	3/12
5 $\beta$ -Androstan-11-one, 3-ethylenedioxy-	+11	9 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	+247	"	-242	-231	3/12
5 $\beta$ -Androstan-3,11-dione	+15	9 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	+222	"	-199	-214	3/12
5 $\alpha$ -Ergostan-11-one, 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy- or 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	+11	9 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	+250, +247	"	-146	-157	23, 3/12, 3/13
5 $\alpha$ -Ergostan-11-one, 3-ethylenedioxy-	+20	9 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	+250	12 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	-251	-251	3/12
11-Oxo-5 $\beta$ -etionate, 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxy- or 3 $\alpha$ -acetoxy-; Me ester	0						3/14
<b>12-Ketones</b>							
12-Oxocholanic acid, 3 $\alpha$ -acetoxy-; Me ester	+10			11 $\alpha$ -Br (eq) 11 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	+15 -192	+5 -202	22, 23
<b>3-Oxofriedelanes</b>							
Friedelan-3-one	-109	4 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	+210D +209C	2 $\alpha$ -Br (ax)	-261D	-152	23, 3/15
<b>5-Oxo-dés-A-steroids</b>							
Des-A-androstan-5-one, 17 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	-39!	10 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	+244	6 $\beta$ -Br (ax) 6 $\alpha$ -Br (eq)	-305 -54	-266! -22!	3/16
Des-A-androstan-5-one, 17 $\beta$ -benzoyloxy-	-48	10 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	+207	6 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	-259	-211	"
Des-A-cholestan-5-one	-76	10 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	+205!	6 $\beta$ -Br (ax)	-332	-256	"
Des-A-cholestan-5-one, 10 $\alpha$ -2'-carboxyethyl-	+18			6 $\alpha$ -Br (eq) 6 $\alpha$ -Br (eq)	-88 -21	-14 -39	"
<b>Decalones (g)</b>							
(9S)-trans-1-Decalone	+40	2-Br (eq) 2-Br (ax)	+44 +196	9-Br (ax) 2-Br (eq)	-217 -4	-257 +10	1/2
(9R)-cis-1-Decalone	-14	9-Br (ax)	+223	2-Br (ax)	-163	-149	1/2

(a) *gem*-Dihalogeno-ketones; the effect of the equatorial halogen can in most cases be neglected, to a first approximation. (b) As 7-acetate. (c) With 7 $\beta$ -benzoyloxy-group. (d) Two axial bromine atoms, one on each side of carbonyl group; effects almost cancel. (e) *gem*-Dihalogeno-ketone. Difference in a from unsubstituted ketone is negligible. This may imply that the ring b has a "twist" conformation and that the two halogen atoms "straddle" the carbonyl. (f) Previous result (+143) (ref. 23) was for an impure sample. (g) Values corrected to 100% optical purity (see ref. 1/2).

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one another. C-3 is also nearly in this plane. The effect of C-7 cancels that of C-17. This leaves only the four atoms C-16 and C-18 (positive), C-6 (negative), and C-2 in the near lower right-hand octant (negative) to be considered. It might be expected from the octant projection that the 11-oxo-5 $\beta$ -steroid (XIX) would give a more positive curve (because of more contributions from ring A; C-2, -3, and -4), but in fact it does not.<sup>24</sup>

*Branched-chain  $\alpha$ -alkyl substituents.* Some preliminary observations on front-octant effects due to isopropyl and t-butyl groups  $\alpha$  to carbonyl in cyclohexanones have been presented elsewhere.<sup>25</sup>

(3) *Ketones with Weak or No Apparent Cotton Effect.*—Attention has been drawn<sup>2</sup> to the fact that certain ketones show curves which apparently lack a Cotton effect, or show only a very weak effect, *i.e.*, the curves have no distinct peaks or troughs. The explanation of this behaviour is simply that the contributions to the Cotton effect of different

TABLE 4.

Contributions of substituents  $\beta$  to carbonyl.

For reference values for compounds without the named  $\beta$ -substituent, see Tables 1 and 2, also footnote\*.

$\beta$ -Subst.	Compound	Amplitude <i>a</i>	$\Delta\alpha$ for subst.	Ref.
Me	5-Methyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+73	+15	30
Me	5-Methyl-5 $\beta$ -cholestan-3-one	-18	+7	30
Me	3-Methyl-cyclohexanone	+25*	+25	1/7, 4/1
Me	3,9-Dimethyl(9 <i>R</i> )- <i>trans</i> -1-decalone	+52*	+25	4/1
Bu <sup>t</sup>	3-t-Butylcyclohexanone	+37	+37	4/2
Bu <sup>t</sup>	3-t-Butyl-9-methyl(9 <i>R</i> )- <i>trans</i> -1-decalone	+66	+39	4/1
OH	5-Hydroxy-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+69	+15	3/6
OH	6 $\beta$ -Acetoxy-5-hydroxy-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+72!	+18!	3/6
CN	5-Cyano-5 $\alpha$ -androstan-3-one	+58	+6	4/3
CN	5-Cyano-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+45	-3	30
CN	5-Cyano-5 $\beta$ -androstan-3-one	-14	-11	4/3
CN	5-Cyano-5 $\beta$ -cholestan-3-one	-11!	+0!	30
CN	3-Oxo-19-nor-5 $\alpha$ -androstan-17 $\beta$ -ol, 5-cyano-	+52	-12	4/4
CN	3-Oxo-19-nor-5 $\beta$ -androstan-17 $\beta$ -ol, 5-cyano-	-20	+10	4/4
SCN	5-Isothiocyanto-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+30	-18	4/2
CO <sub>2</sub> Me	Me 3-oxo-5 $\alpha$ -cholestane-5-carboxylate	+73	+25	30
CO <sub>2</sub> Me	Me 3-oxo-5 $\beta$ -cholestane-5-carboxylate	+45	-20	30

\* Reference values for the corresponding compounds without the named  $\beta$ -substituent are: (9*R*)-9-methyl-*trans*-1-decalone, +27 (ref. 1/3); 3-oxo-19-nor-5 $\alpha$ -, +64, and -5 $\beta$ -steroid, -30 (ref. 1).

References: 4/1, Djerassi, Lund, and Akhrem, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1962, **84**, 1249. 4/2, Djerassi, Warawa, Wolff, and Eisenbraun, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1960, **25**, 917. 4/3, Henbest and Jackson, unpublished work. 4/4, Fishman, unpublished work.

atoms and groups cancel each other. The best example is perhaps the 17 $\alpha$ -oxo-D-homosteroid<sup>20</sup> (cf. ref. 1); the 5 $\alpha$ -1-oxo-steroid (XIV)<sup>20</sup> which is considered in this paper (p. 2394) is roughly, but not exactly, of enantiomeric type.

In the past few years other examples have accumulated, as follows. (a) 3-Oxo-5 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$ -steroids: tetrahydro-4 $\beta$ -Me,6 $\alpha$ (H),11 $\alpha$ (H)-santonin.<sup>1</sup> (b) 11-Oxo-steroids: 3 $\alpha$ ,20 $\beta$ -diacetoxy-5 $\beta$ -pregnan-11-one,<sup>26</sup> 3 $\beta$ ,20 $\beta$ -diacetoxy-5 $\alpha$ -pregnan-11-one,<sup>27</sup> 3 $\alpha$ ,20 $\beta$ ,21-triacetoxy-5 $\beta$ -pregnan-11-one,<sup>28</sup> and methyl 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-11-oxo-5 $\beta$ -etianate.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Djerassi, Mitscher, and Mitscher, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1959, **81**, 947.

<sup>25</sup> Djerassi, Warawa, Berdahl, and Eisenbraun, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1961, **83**, 3334.

<sup>26</sup> Jones *et al.*, unpublished work.

<sup>27</sup> Romo, Stock, Rosenkranz, and Djerassi, *J. Amer. Soc.*, 1952, **74**, 2918.

<sup>28</sup> Danilewicz and Klyne, unpublished work.

<sup>29</sup> Schindler, unpublished work.



The oxo-steroids which lack an apparent Cotton effect are interesting. The fundamental  $a$  values for  $5\alpha$ - and  $5\beta$ -androstan-11-ones and -pregnan-11-ones (see p. 2394) without substituents<sup>24</sup> are: androstan-11-one,  $5\alpha +15$ ,  $5\beta +14$ ; and pregnan-11-one,  $5\alpha +16$ ,  $5\beta +20$ !

TABLE 5.  
Contributions of substituents  $\gamma$  to carbonyl.

Subst.	Compound	Amplitudes		$\Delta a$ for subst.	Ref.
		$a$ (Subst.)	$a$ (Unsubst.)		
OH.....	$3\beta$ -Hydroxy- $5\alpha$ -cholestan-6-one	-69	-78, -73	+9, +4	—
OAc .....	$3\beta$ -Acetoxy- $5\alpha$ -cholestan-6-one	-76, -70, -68		+2, +8, +10	20
OH + Me	$6\beta$ -Hydroxy- $6\alpha$ -methyl- $5\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+68	+55	+13	3/6
OH .....	$7\beta$ -Hydroxy- $5\alpha$ -cholestan-4-one	-64	-94	+30	3/6

TABLE 6.  
Contributions of substituents  $\delta$  to carbonyl.

Subst.	Compound	Amplitude	$\Delta a$ for subst.	Ref.
		$a$		
MeO .....	$7\alpha$ -Methoxy- $5\beta$ -cholestan-3-one	-20	+5	6/1
AcO .....	$3\beta$ -Acetoxy- $5\alpha$ -cholestan-7-one	-16, -18	+3, +1	20
HO .....	$3\beta$ -Hydroxy- $5\alpha$ -cholestan-7-one	-28	-9	—

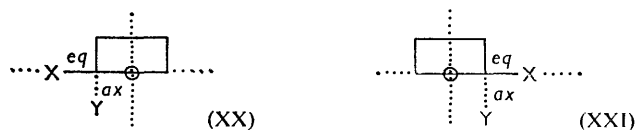
Reference values:  $5\beta$ -cholestan-3-one, -25;  $5\alpha$ -cholestan-7-one, -19.

Reference: 6/1, Henbest and Jones, *J.*, 1948, 1798.

In the compounds for which  $a$  is almost zero, this result may be due either to a simple mass effect [increase in effect of the side-chain, considered in its (unknown) preferred conformation] or to a more subtle effect such as hydrogen-bonding or solvent-bonding between groups in the side-chain and the 11-oxo-group. The last factor could be explored by studying the effect of different solvents on the dispersion curves.

(4) *Amplitude Contributions for Substituents in the Neighbourhood of the Carbonyl Group.*—In Tables 1—6 the contributions made to the amplitudes ( $a$ ) of carbonyl Cotton effects by substituents in the neighbourhood of the carbonyl are listed. The contributions ( $\Delta a$  values) are amplitudes for substituted ketones *minus* amplitude for unsubstituted ketone.

Where references to the literature are not given, the values are from unpublished observations in one of our laboratories, as indicated in the Experimental section of this paper or of ref. 1.



No comment is needed for Tables 1—3 except as in footnotes. For  $\beta$ -substituents (Table 4) the  $\Delta a$  values are generally small, and in many cases the sign of the Cotton effect is sufficient for allocation of configurations at the  $\beta$ -centre (see, *e.g.*, Nagata *et al.*<sup>30</sup>).

Formulae (XX) and (XXI) illustrate  $\alpha$ -substituents to left and right of the carbonyl group, as required for Table 3.

Some examples of decalones produced by microbiological action are discussed elsewhere.<sup>31</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Nagata, Hirai, Hazaki, and Takeda, *Annalen*, 1961, **641**, 184, 196.

<sup>31</sup> Klyne and Robertson, *Experientia*, 1962, **18**, 413.

TABLE 7.  
 Molecular rotations and Cotton effects.

Observer *	Compound	Extrema		$\lambda$ (m $\mu$ )	Amplitude $a$	Solvent	Ref. and source
		$[\phi]$	$[\phi]$				
	<i>Hexahydroindanones</i>						
D	<i>trans</i> -Hexahydro-8-methylindan-5-one (I)	-2140°	+1960°	310	-41	M	6
D	<i>cis</i> -Hexahydro-8-methylindan-5-one (III) †	-290	+670	315	-10	D	6, 7
K	<i>trans</i> -Hexahydroindan-5-one	+2440	-2820	310	+53	M	7/1
D	(1 <i>R</i> , 8 <i>R</i> ) 1-(1,5-Dimethylheptyl)- <i>trans</i> -hexahydroindan-4-one (VIII)	-5510	+10,000	305	-155	M	6, 10
D	<i>cis</i> -Isomer of above (IX)	+240	+1150!	302.5	-9!	M	6, 10
D	<i>n</i> -Nor-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one (X)	+4380	-5280	270	+97	M	14
K		+3470	-3790!	310	+73!	M	13
D	<i>n</i> -Nor-5 $\alpha$ -androstan-3-one, 17 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	+3950	-1870!	312.5	+58!	M	15
D	<i>n</i> -Nor-5 $\beta$ -cholestan-3-one (XI)	+1640	+3830	310	-55!	M	14
D		-1830	+4080!	310	-59!	M	14
D	<i>n</i> -Nor-5 $\beta$ -androstan-3-one, 17 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	-2290	+3430	310	-57	M	13
K	9 $\beta$ -Carboxy-4 $\alpha$ , 5, 6, 7, 8, 8a-hexahydro-1-methyl-7-oxo-fluoren-8 $\alpha$ -ylacetic acid (Me <sub>2</sub> ester) ( <i>B, c-trans</i> ) (XII)	+3780	-6080!	315	+99!	M	19
K	Isomer of preceding, 4 $\beta$ (H) ( <i>a, c-cis</i> ) (XIII)	+3860	+380	310	+35	M	19
	<i>Miscellaneous steroids</i>						
D	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-1-one (XIV)	+1410	+4100	317.5	-25	M	20, 3/1
D	5 $\beta$ -Cholestan-4-one (XV)	+1230	+920	300	+3	M	20
K	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-7-one (XVI)	-1060	+880	307	-19	M	3/10
D	7-Oxo-5 $\beta$ -cholanolic acid, 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxy- (XVII)	-1380	+1190	305	-26	M	22
D	5 $\alpha$ -Androstan-11-one (XVIII)	+370	-2630	312	+30	M	22
D	5 $\beta$ -Androstan-11-one (XIX)	+890	-610	325	+15	M	—
D	5 $\alpha$ -Pregnan-11-one	+1160	-260	322.5	+14	M	—
K		+820	-770	325	+16	M	—
D	5 $\beta$ -Pregnan-11-one	+790	+120!	320	+7!	M	—
D		+900	-1120!	317.5	+20!	M	24
	<i>Compounds with and without <math>\alpha</math>-alkyl substituents</i>						
D	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-3-one	+2320	-2470	308	+48	M	20
K		+3050	-2380	307.5	+54	M	—
K		+3160	-2300	310	+55	M	—
D	2 $\alpha$ -Methyl-	+3040	-1760	307.5	+48	M	1/1
K	"	+2620	-3040	305	+57	M	—
D	2 $\beta$ -Methyl-	+6170	-2080	305	+82	M	1/1
K	"	+4080	-3840	310	+79	M	—
D	5 $\alpha$ -Androstan-3-one, 17 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	+2420	-2950	310	+54	M	—
D	4 $\alpha$ -Methyl-	+2520	-3220	302.5	+57	M	—
D	"	+1280	-1380	307.5	+27	M	—
D	4 $\beta$ -Methyl-	+4830	-4540	310	+94	M	—
K	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-2-one	+4860	-5230	310	+101	M	20
K	3 $\beta$ -Methyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-2-one	+4900	-5350	307.5	+102	M	—
K	<i>trans</i> -2,5-Dimethylcyclohexanone	+1030	-1520	310	+26	M	2/1
D	2,2,5-Trimethylcyclohexanone	+4030	-4070	311	+81	M	1/4
D	<i>trans</i> -2,6-Dimethylcyclohexanone	+3900	-3460	310	+74	M	1/5
D		+19,400	-18,500	322	+379	M	2/1, 2/2
D	3 $\alpha$ -Phenyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-2-one	+2250	-2260	318	+45	M	2/1, 2/2
K	3 $\beta$ -Phenyl-	+1090	-230!	320	+13!	M	2/1
K	3 $\beta$ - <i>p</i> -Methoxyphenyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-2-one	+690	-1630	315	+23	M	2/1
K	2 $\alpha$ -Phenyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one					M	—

*Compounds with  $\alpha$ -aryl substituents*

TABLE 7. (Continued.)

Observer *	Compound	Extrema			Amplitude <i>a</i>	Solvent	Ref. and source
		$[\phi]$	$\lambda$ ( $m\mu$ )	$[\phi]$			
D	2 $\beta$ -Bromo-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-1-one	-4880	345	+7210	-121	M	3/1
D	1 $\alpha$ -Bromo-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-2-one	-4550	327-5	+7170	-117	M	—
K	3 $\alpha$ -Bromo-	+12,200	337-5	-14,400	+266	M	3/4
D	"	+13,100	335	-13,100	+262	M	3/4
K	3 $\beta$ -Bromo-	+5140	318	-6750	+119	M	3/4
K	3,3-Dibromo-	+14,800	335	-16,500	+313	M	3/4
O	3 $\alpha$ -Iodo-	+13,200	346	-10,400	+236	D	—
K	2 $\alpha$ -Chloro-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+3140	310	-2250	+54	M	23
K	2 $\beta$ -Bromo-	+6370	335	-5620	+120	M	3/4
D	2 $\alpha$ -Iodo-	+3250	315	-6850	+104	D	—
D	2 $\alpha$ -Bromo-5 $\alpha$ -androstan-3-one, 17 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	+2060	307-5	-2510	+46	M	3/5
D	2 $\beta$ -Bromo-	+8230	332-5	-9200	+174	M	3/5
D	4 $\alpha$ -Bromo-	+700	302-5	-2260	+30	M	3/5
K	5 $\alpha$ -Bromo-	-7400	332-5	+8630	-160	M	3/6
K	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-4-one, 7 $\beta$ -hydroxy-	-2260	307-5	+4100	-63	M	3/6
K	3 $\alpha$ -Bromo-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-4-one	-8250	332-5	+12,000	-202	M	3/7
K	5-Bromo-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-4-one	+11,300	330	+660	+106	M	3/6
K	5-Bromo-5 $\beta$ -cholestan-4-one	+7050	332-5	-7830	+149	M	3/7
K	5-Chloro-5 $\beta$ -cholestan-4-one, 7 $\beta$ -benzyloxy-	-8900	335	+12,400	-213	M	3/7
K	3 $\alpha$ , 5-Dibromo-5 $\beta$ -cholestan-4-one	-9550	325	+13,900	-235	M	3/6
D	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-6-one	-9400	330	+1520	-109	M	3/7
K	"	-2470	310	+4850	-73	M	3/8, 3/15
K	5-Bromo-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-6-one	-3500	310	+4300	-78	M	3/8, 3/15
K	7 $\alpha$ -Bromo-	-13,500	330	+18,800	-323	M	3/8, 3/15
K	"	+7200	332-5	-9800	+170	M	3/8, 3/15
K	5,7 $\alpha$ -Dibromo-	-6050	360	+5950	-120	M	3/8, 3/15
K	7,7-Dibromo-	-5010	312-5	+4760	-98	M	3/8, 3/15
D	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-6-one, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	-3580	306	+4050	-76	M	—
K	"	-3120	305	+3720	-68	M	—
K	"	-3660	310	+3300	-70	M	—
K	5-Bromo-	-16,700	307-5	+21,300	-380	M	3/8
D	5,7 $\beta$ -Dibromo-	-11,700	330	+16,500	-282	M	23, 3/9
D	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-7-one, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	-1520	310	+70	-16	M	20
K	"	-1270	310	+220	-15	M	3/10
D	6 $\alpha$ -Bromo-	-1740	300	+880	-26	M	23
D	6 $\beta$ -Bromo-	+8170	335	-11,100	+193	M	23
D	8 $\beta$ -Bromo-	-13,100	335	+17,300	-304	M	23
K	7-Oxo-5 $\beta$ -cholanic acid, 3 $\alpha$ , 12 $\alpha$ -diacetoxy-, Me ester	+2360	307-5	+660	+17	M	3/11
K	6 $\alpha$ -Bromo-7-oxo-	+630	330	-470	+11	M	3/11
K	6 $\beta$ -Bromo-7-oxo-	+5310	330	-4250	+96	M	3/11
K	5 $\beta$ -Androstan-11-one, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	+1690	320	+380	+13	M	3/12
K	9 $\alpha$ -Bromo-	+9300	342-5	-11,000	+203	M	3/12
K	"	-8550	335	+12,900	-214	M	3/12
K	12 $\alpha$ -Bromo-	-8500	337-5	+12,100	-206	M	3/12
K	12 $\alpha$ -Bromo-5 $\beta$ -androstan-11-one, 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-	+1600	325	+530	+11	M	3/12
K	5 $\beta$ -Androstan-11-one, 3-ethylenedioxy-	+9900	342-5	-14,800	+247	M	3/12
K	9 $\alpha$ -Bromo-	-9950	337-5	+14,200	-242	M	3/12
K	12 $\alpha$ -Bromo-	+1950	340	-12,500	+15	M	3/12
K	5 $\beta$ -Androstan-3,11-dione	+9700	340	-10,800	+222	M	3/12
K	9 $\alpha$ -Bromo-	-9100	342-5	+10,800	-199	M	3/12
K	12 $\alpha$ -Bromo-						

TABLE 7. (Continued.)

Observer *	Compound	Extrema		Amplitude $\alpha$	Solvent	Ref. and source
		$[\phi]$	$\lambda$ (m $\mu$ )			
D	5 $\alpha$ -Ergostan-11-one, <i>3\beta</i> -acetoxy-	+1260	322.5	+11	M	23, 3/13
K	9 $\alpha$ -Bromo- " "	{ +11,050 +11,300	{ 345 347.5	{ +240 +247	M	3/12
D	12 $\alpha$ -Bromo- " "	-7150	342.5	-146	M	23, 3/13
K	Ergostan-11-one, 3-ethylenedioxy-	+1630	317.5	+20	M	3/12
K	9 $\alpha$ -Bromo- " "	+11,400	345	+250	M	3/12
K	12 $\alpha$ -Bromo-11-oxo-5 $\beta$ -etanic acid, 3 $\alpha$ -acetoxy-, Me ester	-10,600	340	-251	M	3/14
D	12-Oxo-5 $\beta$ -cholanolic acid, 3 $\alpha$ -acetoxy-, Me ester	+3450	305	+10	M	22
D	11 $\alpha$ -Bromo-12-oxo- " "	+2620	295	+15	M	23
D	11 $\beta$ -Bromo-12-oxo- " "	-5350	337.5	-192	M	23
D	4 $\alpha$ -Bromofriedelan-3-one	{ +10,300 +9300	{ 335 332.5	{ +211 +209	D	23
D	2 $\alpha$ -Bromo- " "	+12,600	335	-263	D	23
K	6 $\beta$ -Bromodes-A-androstan-5-one, 17 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	-14,550	327.5	-305	M	3/16
K	10 $\beta$ -Bromo- " "	+11,350	350	+244	M	3/16
K	6 $\alpha$ -Bromodes-A-androstan-5-one, 17 $\beta$ -benzoyloxy-	-5040	305	-54!	M	3/16
K	6 $\beta$ -Bromo- " "	-11,610	325	-259	M	3/16
K	10 $\beta$ -Bromo- " "	+9780	327.5	+207	M	3/16
K	6 $\alpha$ -Bromodes-A-cholestan-5-one	-3920	310	-88	M	3/16
K	6 $\beta$ -Bromo- " "	-14,700	327.5	-333	M	3/16
K	10 $\beta$ -Bromo- " "	+15,000	330	+205!	M	3/16
K	6 $\alpha$ -Bromodes-A-cholestane-5-one, 10-2'-carboxyethyl-	-230	317.5	-21	M	3/16
<i>Compounds with substituents <math>\beta</math> to carbonyl</i>						
D	5-Methyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+4000	305	+73	M	30
D	5-Methyl-5 $\beta$ - " "	+120	307.5	-18!	M	30
K	5-Hydroxy-5 $\alpha$ - " "	+3540	300	+69	M	3/6
K	5-Hydroxy-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one, 6 $\beta$ -acetoxy-	+2340	305	+72!	M	3/6
K	5-Cyano-5 $\alpha$ -androstan-3-one	+2580	310	+58	M	4/3
D	5-Cyano-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+2650	310	+45	M	30
K	5-Cyano-5 $\beta$ -androstan-3-one	-440	307.5	-14	M	4/3
D	5-Cyano-5 $\beta$ -cholestan-3-one	+820	307.5	-11!	M	30
D	5-Cyano-3-oxo-19-nor-5 $\alpha$ -androstan-17 $\beta$ -ol	+2560	304	+52	M	4/4
D	5-Cyano-3-oxo-19-nor-5 $\beta$ -androstan-17 $\beta$ -ol	-480	304	-20	M	4/4
D	5-Isothiocyano-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+2660	305	+29!	M	4/2
D	5-Methoxycarbonyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+3060	305	+73	M	30
D	5-Methoxycarbonyl-5 $\beta$ -cholestan-3-one	+490	300	-45!	M	30
<i>Compounds with and without substituents <math>\gamma</math> and <math>\delta</math> to carbonyl group</i>						
K	3 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-6-one	-3500	307.5	-69	M	—
K	6 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-6 $\alpha$ -methyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3-one	+2640	305	+68	M	3/6
K	7 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-4-one	-2260	307.5	-64	M	3/6
D	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-4-one	-3020	307.5	-94	M	20
K	7 $\alpha$ -Methoxy-5 $\beta$ -cholestan-3-one	-640	310	-20	M	6/1
K	3 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-7-one	-2300	307.5—305	-28	M	—

\* D = Djerassi or co-worker, K = Klyne, or co-worker. † Perhaps incompletely resolved.  
Reference: 7/1, Bourn and Klyne, *J.*, 1960, 2044.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Rotatory dispersion curves were measured with Rudolph photoelectric spectropolarimeters. Experimental details are as in ref. 1; the solvent was methanol (M) or, less commonly, dioxan (D) or chloroform (C);  $l = 0.5$  or 1 dm.;  $18-25^\circ$ ,  $c$  0.1 mg. or less/c.c. New values are listed in Table 7, as molecular rotations.

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