

## Integrated Intensities of Hydroxy Stretching Vibration Bands in Some Bicyclic Systems containing a Hydroxy Group $\beta$ to *o*-Benzeno, Etheno, Epoxy, or Epithio Functions

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For the title class of compounds, OH stretching vibration bands,  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$ , and integrated intensities,  $A_{\text{OH}}$ , were measured for dilute carbon tetrachloride solutions. When  $A_{\text{OH}}$  values were compared for f-structures which are incapable of intramolecular hydrogen bonding and b-structures in which intramolecular bonding takes place, the result was remarkable in that the  $A_{\text{OH}}$  values of free  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  bands in f-structures were greater than those for the hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  bands in the b-structures. The C=O and C-O stretching vibration bands,  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{C-O}}$ , for the corresponding acetates were also measured. The  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  bands for the f-structures shifted to higher wavenumbers than those for b-structures, but the  $\nu_{\text{C-O}}$  bands are shifted to lower wavenumbers. These results were ascribed to the through-space interaction between  $\pi$ - or *n*-electrons and the  $sp^3$ -hybridized carbon atom bearing hydroxy and acetoxy groups which affects on polarization of these groups.

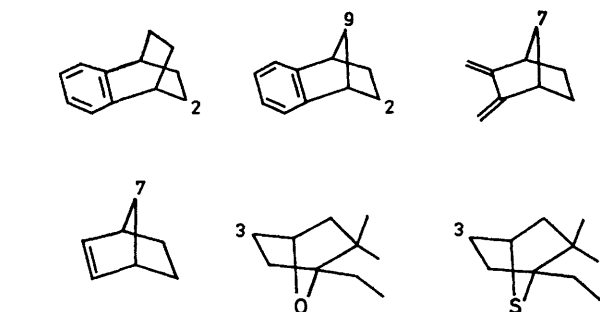
THE formation of a hydrogen bond by a hydroxy group causes a shift of the stretching vibration band,  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$ , to lower wavenumber and increases the integrated intensity,  $A$ , providing much information on the bond character and electronic structure.<sup>1-3</sup> For intramolecular hydrogen bonds (OH  $\cdots$  X system where X represents *n*-,<sup>4-8</sup>  $\pi$ -,<sup>5,9,10</sup> or  $\sigma$ -electrons<sup>11</sup>), the shift value,  $\Delta\nu_{\text{OH}}$ , varies with the spatial requirement of the hydroxy group and the proton acceptor, X. An increase in  $\Delta\nu_{\text{OH}}$  generally enhances  $A_{\text{OH}}$  for intra-<sup>6,12</sup> and inter-molecular hydrogen bonds<sup>13-16</sup> in the OH  $\cdots$  *n* system. This trend was also found for intermolecular hydrogen bonds in the OH  $\cdots$   $\pi$ -electron system,<sup>17,18</sup> though no information is available on intramolecular hydrogen bonds in this system. We studied hydroxy stretching bands in a given class of bicyclic compounds, as shown below, which contain a hydroxy group  $\beta$  to the *o*-benzeno, etheno, epoxy, or epithio function. These compounds have two epimers, one of which has a conformation incapable of

while the stretching vibration bands,  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ , of the carbonyl groups in the f-structures are shifted to higher wavenumbers than those in the b-structures, the stretching vibration bands of the C-O groups,  $\nu_{\text{C-O}}$ , are shifted to lower wavenumbers.

The mechanism of solvolysis of compounds (4)–(8) has attracted our interest for some years.<sup>19,20</sup> The great difference in solvolysis rates between the *anti*- and *syn*-epimers (or the *exo*- and *endo*-epimers) has been reasonably attributed to stabilization of the cationic transition state due to the participation of neighbouring  $\pi$ - or *n*-electrons. A recent view of Hoffmann<sup>21</sup> on through-space and through-bond interactions based on molecular orbital theory was applied to explain u.v.,<sup>22</sup> n.m.r.,<sup>23-26</sup> and photoelectron spectral results<sup>27,28,†</sup> obtained for related compounds. As an important factor in the i.r. observations, we suggest that through-space interaction between the  $\pi$ - or *n*-electrons and the  $sp^3$ -hybridized carbon atom bearing the hydroxy and acetoxy groups takes place.

### EXPERIMENTAL

I.r. spectra were recorded on a JASCO DS-402G grating spectrometer calibrated in the usual manner. Compounds (4)–(9) and (14) were prepared as reported.<sup>20</sup> Compounds (10) and (11) were supplied by Sawa *et al.*<sup>32</sup> and (12), (13), (15), and (16) by Komeno *et al.*<sup>33</sup> Compounds (1)–(3) are known substances.<sup>34,35</sup> The solvent carbon tetrachloride was purified by distillation and stored over  $P_2O_5$ . Alcohols (1)–(13) were dissolved in carbon tetrachloride at a concentration (*c*) below 0.006M (cell length  $l = 2$  or 5 cm) to exclude self-association of the hydroxy groups. The integrated intensity ( $A$ ) was calculated by Ramsay's method,<sup>36</sup> defined as  $A = (\pi/2) \cdot [\ln(I_0/I)/c \cdot l] \cdot \Delta\nu_{1/2}$  ( $\text{mol}^{-1} \text{dm}^3 \text{cm}^{-2}$ ), where  $\ln(I_0/I)/c \cdot l$  is the absorption coefficient ( $\text{mol}^{-1} \text{dm}^3 \text{cm}^{-1}$ ) at the band maximum and  $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$  is the band width ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) at half intensity. The accuracy of  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  and  $A_{\text{OH}}$  in the alcohols was within  $\pm 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\pm 3\%$ ,<sup>‡</sup> respectively. The acetates (14)–(16) were also dissolved



forming an intramolecular hydrogen bond (f-structure) and the other which can (b-structure). We found that the integrated intensities,  $A_{\text{OH}}$ , of free  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  bands in f-structures are greater than those of the hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  bands in b-structures. This observation is obviously at variance with the general situation mentioned above. In the acetates of the present compounds,

† From the photoelectron spectra,<sup>28-31</sup> it has been suggested that the vertical ionization energy of the  $\pi$ -system in norbornene and benzonorbornene is stabilized when a hydroxy or methoxy group is introduced into the *anti*-position.

‡ Since the value of the integrated intensity is slightly dependent on the i.r. spectrometer used, the comparison of data from different sources is less reliable. However, the difference in magnitude between the integrated intensities observed with an identical spectrometer can be determined accurately.

at a concentration below 0.01M ( $l = 0.1$  cm). The accuracy of  $\nu_{C=O}$  and  $\nu_{C-O}$  in the acetates was within  $\pm 1$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . All measurements were carried out at room temperature (27 °C).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

(a) *Integrated Intensity,  $A_{OH}$ , of the OH Stretching Band,  $\nu_{OH}$ .*—The values of  $\nu_{OH}$  and  $A_{OH}$  observed for alcohols (1)—(13) are shown in Table 1 and Figures

and compounds (1)—(3) and (11f) and also greater than  $A_{OH}$  for hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{OH}$  for the corresponding b-structures (*endo*- and *syn*-epimers), though the hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{OH}$  as usual shifts to lower wavenumbers (Figure 1 and Table 1). Since  $A_{OH}$  generally increases with hydrogen bond formation as a result of increasing frequency shifts ( $\Delta\nu_{OH}$ ),<sup>6,12-16</sup> the last finding seems unusual. However, no literature is available for the

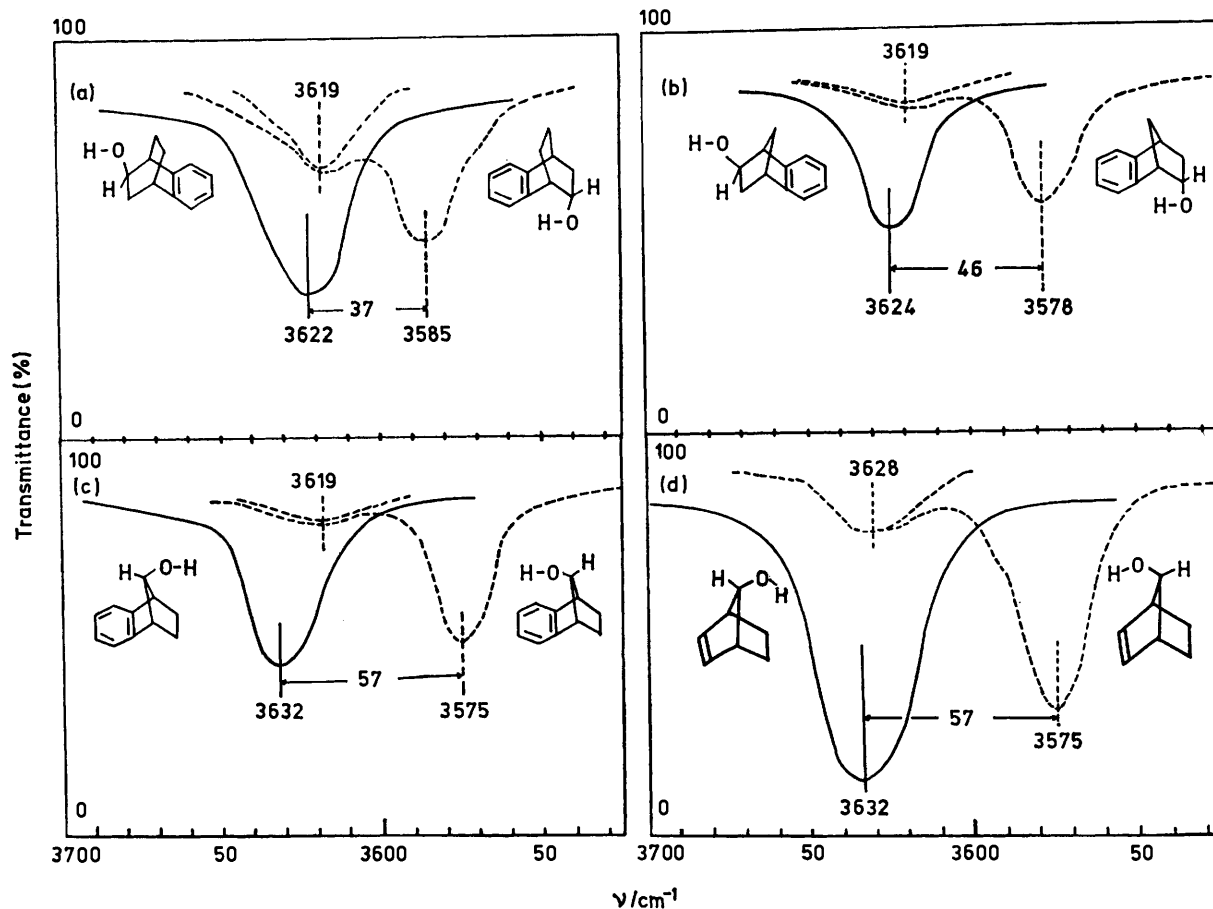


FIGURE 1 I.R. spectra of (a) *exo*- and *endo*-benzobicyclo[2.2.2]octen-2-ol (4f) ( $3.181 \times 10^{-3}$ M) and (4b) ( $3.157 \times 10^{-3}$ M); (b) *exo*- and *endo*-benzonorbornen-2-ol (5f) ( $1.446 \times 10^{-3}$ M) and (5b) ( $1.454 \times 10^{-3}$ M); (c) *anti*- and *syn*-benzonorbornen-9-ol (7f) ( $2.033 \times 10^{-3}$ M) and (7b) ( $2.042 \times 10^{-3}$ M); and (d) *anti*- and *syn*-norbornen-7-ol (8f) ( $5.711 \times 10^{-3}$ M) and (8b) ( $5.728 \times 10^{-3}$ M). In  $\text{CCl}_4$ ; 20 mm cells

1—3. These alcohols, except (1)—(3) and (11), are bicyclic compounds containing a hydroxy group  $\beta$  to a functional group such as *o*-benzeno, etheno, epoxy, or epithio. Compounds (1)—(3) do not have any functional groups and compound (11) has a hydroxy group  $\gamma$  to the methoxyphenyl function. Normal  $A_{OH}$  values ( $\times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ) of free  $\nu_{OH}$  for saturated alcohols, R-OH, have been reported by us and others to be in the range 0.32—0.54 (average value 0.45).<sup>6,15,37</sup> In the present case, the  $A_{OH}$  values of (1)—(3) and (11f) [equatorial epimer of (11)] are in the same range. However, for alcohols (4)—(8) involving a  $\pi$ -electron function such as *o*-benzeno or etheno, the  $A_{OH}$  values for the free  $\nu_{OH}$  in the f-structures (*exo*- and *anti*-epimers) are in the range 0.55—0.66; they are greater than  $A_{OH}$  for free  $\nu_{OH}$  for the above described saturated alcohols

relation between  $A_{OH}$  and  $\Delta\nu_{OH}$  for intramolecular hydrogen bonds in  $\text{OH} \cdots \pi$ -electron systems. This lack of information is probably due to the fact that accurate estimation of  $A_{OH}$  is difficult, particularly for the case of weak intramolecular hydrogen bonds which are ordinarily observed in the majority of  $\text{OH} \cdots \pi$ -electron systems. In these systems, the presence of both free and hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{OH}$  allows estimation of  $A_{OH}$  only by extrapolation to 100% formation of the hydrogen bond. However, an example of the  $A_{OH}$  increase with formation of an intramolecular hydrogen bond in a  $\text{OH} \cdots \pi$ -electron system was obtained here with compound (11) which has a hydroxy group  $\gamma$  to the methoxyphenyl  $\pi$  system. The  $A_{OH}$  value, 1.01, for the hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{OH}$  of the axial epimer (11b) is *ca.* 2.5 times greater than that, 0.44, of free  $\nu_{OH}$  for the

equatorial epimer (11f) (Figure 2 and Table 1). In contrast,  $A_{\text{OH}}$  for (11f) in the absence of hydrogen bond formation is of almost the same order as  $A_{\text{OH}}$  for the free  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  of the saturated alcohols. It should be pointed out, however, that even in this morphinane system, the result for the  $\gamma$ -hydroxy-substituted compound (11b) is different from that for the  $\beta$ -hydroxy derivative

alcohols. Further, the  $A_{\text{OH}}$  values of hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  of the b-structures are smaller than those of the corresponding f-structures.

In order to explain the large  $A_{\text{OH}}$  of the free  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  and small  $A_{\text{OH}}$  of the hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  observed for compounds (4)–(8), (12), and (13), we suggest an important contribution by the interaction between the

TABLE 1  
I.r. spectral data of OH stretching bands

Compound	Alcohol	$\nu_{\text{OH}}$ cm <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta\nu_{\text{OH}}^a$ cm <sup>-1</sup>	$\epsilon$ mol <sup>-1</sup> dm <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta\nu_{1/2}$ cm <sup>-1</sup>	$10^{-4}A_{\text{OH}}^b$ mol <sup>-1</sup> dm <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup>
(1)	<i>exo</i> -Norbornan-2-ol	3 623		56.7	18.0	0.37
(2)	<i>endo</i> -Norbornan-2-ol	3 625		48.9	26.4	0.47
(3)	Norbornan-7-ol	3 630		62.0	23.5	0.53
$\pi$ -Electron						
(4f)	<i>exo</i> -Benzobicyclo[2.2.2]octen-2-ol	3 622		57.1	26.9	0.55
(4b)	<i>endo</i> -Benzobicyclo[2.2.2]octen-2-ol	3 619		17.1	21.4	0.13
		3 585	37	40.4	19.0	0.28 (0.40)
(5f)	<i>exo</i> -Benzonorbornen-2-ol	3 624		77.9	20.1	0.57
(5b)	<i>endo</i> -Benzonorbornen-2-ol	3 619		10.3	22.8	0.08
		3 578	46	65.0	19.4	0.46 (0.53)
(6f)	<i>anti</i> -2,3-Dimethylenenorbornan-7-ol	3 630		107.5	16.7	0.65
(6b)	<i>syn</i> -2,3-Dimethylenenorbornan-7-ol	3 627		22.4	23.5	0.19
		3 582	48	40.1	18.2	0.26 (0.37)
(7f)	<i>anti</i> -Benzonorbornen-9-ol	3 632		73.1	23.8	0.63
(7b)	<i>syn</i> -Benzonorbornen-9-ol	3 619		8.2	20.4	0.06
		3 575	57	60.0	18.7	0.41 (0.46)
(8f)	<i>anti</i> -Norbornen-7-ol	3 632		69.3	26.5	0.66
(8b)	<i>syn</i> -Norbornen-7-ol	3 628		6.5	30.6	0.07
		3 575	57	40.0	21.8	0.32 (0.35)
(9b)	Dibenzonorbornadien-11-ol	3 562		61.4	19.0	0.44
(10b)	3-Methoxy- <i>N</i> -methylmorphinan-15 $\alpha$ -ol	3 632		5.0	20.4	0.04
		3 573		63.8	18.9	0.44 (0.48)
(11f)	3-Methoxy- <i>N</i> -methylmorphinan-6 $\beta$ -ol	3 623		56.2	16.7	0.34 (0.44)
		3 608		14.7	18.0	0.10
(11b)	3-Methoxy- <i>N</i> -methylmorphinan-6 $\alpha$ -ol	3 589	34	105.5	26.5	1.01
Epoxy						
(12f)	2 $\alpha$ ,5-Epoxy-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3 $\beta$ -ol	3 635		79.7	21.8	0.63 (0.70)
		3 617		19.2	10.5	0.07
(12b)	2 $\alpha$ ,5-Epoxy-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3 $\alpha$ -ol	3 621		9.2	22.1	0.07
		3 589	46	55.9	21.7	0.43 (0.49)
Epithio						
(13f)	2 $\alpha$ ,5-Epithio-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3 $\beta$ -ol	3 624		75.9	27.1	0.74
(13b)	2 $\alpha$ ,5-Epithio-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3 $\alpha$ -ol	3 618		9.6	30.6	0.11
		3 551	73	22.3	40.0	0.32 (0.41)

<sup>a</sup>  $\Delta\nu_{\text{OH}}$  = Free  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  (f-structure) – H-bonded  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  (b-structure). <sup>b</sup>  $A_{\text{OH}}$  Values given in parentheses were estimated by extrapolation to 100% formation of the hydrogen bond.

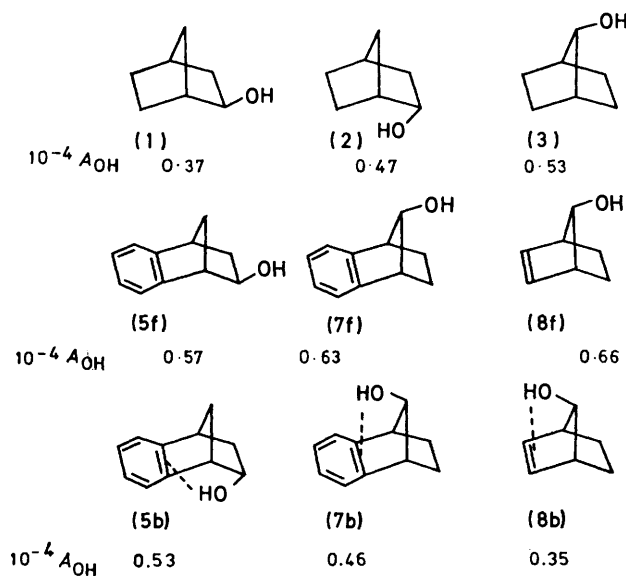
(10b). The hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  of (10b) shows a shift lower than that for (11b) and its  $A_{\text{OH}}$  value, 0.48, is about half that, 1.01, for (11b). This fact may indicate that the spatial circumstances of the  $\beta$ -hydroxy group and the methoxyphenyl moiety in the 15 $\alpha$ -ol are similar to those of the OH  $\cdots$   $\pi$  system in the b-structures (4b)–(8b). The hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  of (9b) shifts to lower wavenumber, but its  $A_{\text{OH}}$  is small.

Data obtained for (12) and (13) which contain  $n$ -electrons in the epoxy and epithio groups are similar to the above (Table 1, Figure 3). The  $A_{\text{OH}}$  of free  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  of the f-structures are 0.70 for (12) and 0.74 for (13); they are *ca.* 1.6 times greater than those for the saturated

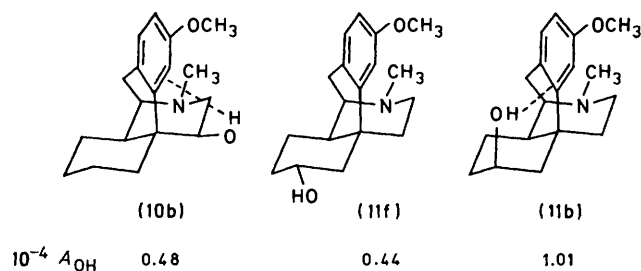
$\pi$ - or  $n$ -electrons and the  $sp^3$  carbon atom bearing the hydroxy groups.

(b) *Carbonyl and C–O Stretching Bands in Acetates.*—The i.r. spectra of acetate (14), with a  $\pi$ -system, and (15) and (16), with  $n$ -systems, are presented in Figure 4. The spectral data are in Table 2. In all compounds, the  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  values of the f-structures shift to higher wavenumbers than those of the b-structures and, in contrast, the  $\nu_{\text{C–O}}$  values to lower wavenumbers. The shifts to higher wavenumbers, except in the case of (16), are accompanied by a decrease in the integrated intensities for  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  and the shifts to lower wavenumbers by an increase in those for  $\nu_{\text{C–O}}$ . The general class of saturated

acetates, R-OAc, is known to have  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  at ca. 1735  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in carbon tetrachloride and  $\nu_{\text{C-O}}$  at ca. 1240  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and the wavenumber of  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  is affected by



resonance in the acetoxy group.\* Compounds (14f)—(16f) have higher  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  and lower  $\nu_{\text{C-O}}$  values than those of the saturated acetates. Also, *exo*-2-acetoxybenzo-



bicyclo[2.1.1]hexene shows a high  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  at 1745 and a low  $\nu_{\text{C-O}}$  at 1231  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>41</sup> The  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  of phenyl acetate at 1768  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\nu_{\text{C-O}}$  at 1212 and 1196  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are in the same category. The shifts of  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  to high values and those of  $\nu_{\text{C-O}}$  to low values were intensively studied by

TABLE 2  
I.r. spectral data of C=O and C-O stretching bands

Compound	Acetate	$\frac{\nu_{\text{C=O}}}{\text{cm}^{-1}}$	$\frac{10^{-4}A}{\text{mol}^{-1} \text{dm}^3 \text{cm}^{-2}}$	$\frac{\nu_{\text{C-O-C}}}{\text{cm}^{-1}}$	$\frac{10^{-4}A}{\text{mol}^{-1} \text{dm}^3 \text{cm}^{-2}}$
(14f)	<i>anti</i> -7-Acetoxy-norbornene	1742	2.29	1238	3.37
(14b)	<i>syn</i> -7-Acetoxy-norbornene	1739	2.51	1247	3.33
(15f)	3 $\beta$ -Acetoxy-2 $\alpha$ ,5-epoxy-5 $\alpha$ -cholestane	1749	0.73	1222	0.56
(15b)	3 $\alpha$ -Acetoxy-2 $\alpha$ ,5-epoxy-5 $\alpha$ -cholestane	1741	1.67	1241	3.90
(16f)	3 $\beta$ -Acetoxy-2 $\alpha$ ,5-epithio-5 $\alpha$ -cholestane	1747	1.75	1238	3.53
(16b)	3 $\alpha$ -Acetoxy-2 $\alpha$ ,5-epithio-5 $\alpha$ -cholestane	1732	0.81	1242	2.96
		1738	2.49	1254	0.72

Jones and Sandroy<sup>38</sup> using steroid acetates. The most important factor for these shifts is considered to be

\* Because the C-O stretching mode is usually strongly coupled with other vibration modes, its character is less reliable than that of the C=O stretching mode.

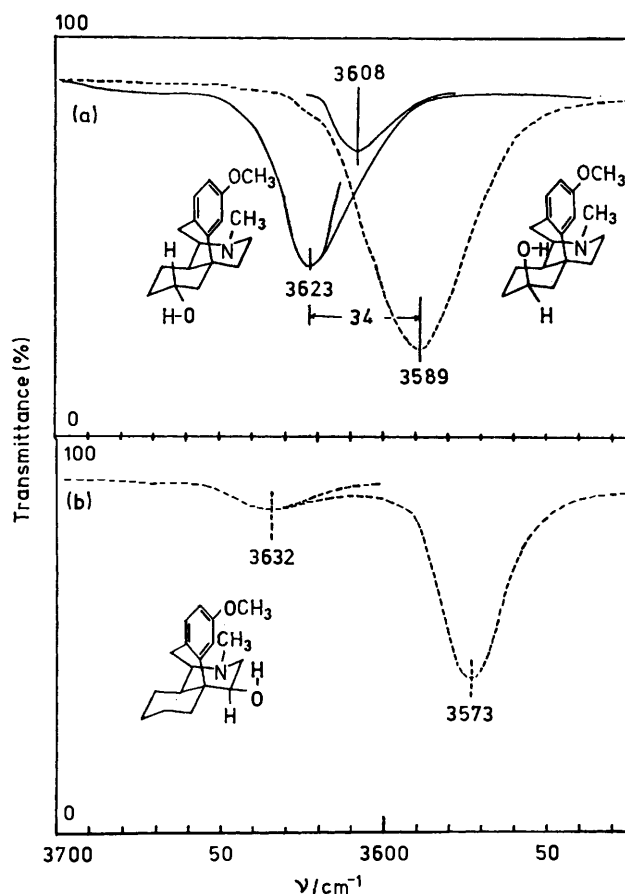
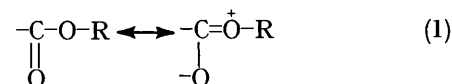


FIGURE 2 I.r. spectra of (a) 6 $\beta$ - and 6 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-3-methoxy-N-methylmorphinane (11f) ( $1.085 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) and (11b) ( $1.113 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) and (b) 3-methoxy-N-methylmorphinan-15 $\alpha$ -ol (10b) ( $1.075 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ). In  $\text{CCl}_4$ ; 50 mm cells

resonance, as in equation (1),<sup>38,40,42</sup> which would be suppressed, if R is replaced by an  $\alpha\beta$ -unsaturated group,

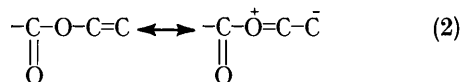


due to the contribution of resonance as in equation (2). The resonance in equation (2) increases the double-bond character of C=O and decreases that of C-O.<sup>38-40</sup>

Compounds (14b)—(16b) show  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  at slightly higher wavenumbers and  $\nu_{\text{C-O}}$  at significantly higher wavenumbers compared with the corresponding values for the general class of saturated acetates.

As suggested above, the interaction between  $\pi$ - or

$n$ -electrons and the  $sp^3$  carbon atom bearing the acetoxy group is considered to be an important factor for the spectral features of the  $f$ -structures. The results from



the  $b$ -structures can be explained by electron-electron repulsion which exists between the  $\pi$ - or  $n$ -electrons and the lone pair electrons of the ester oxygen atom.

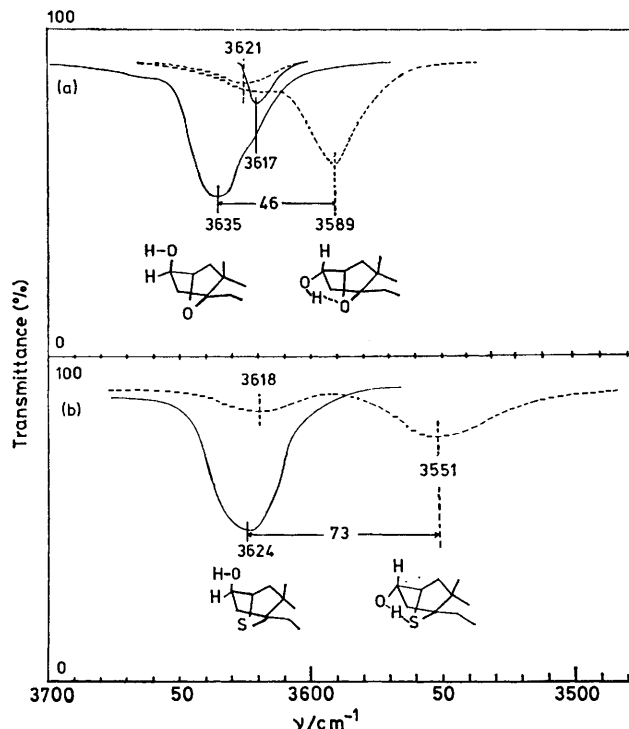
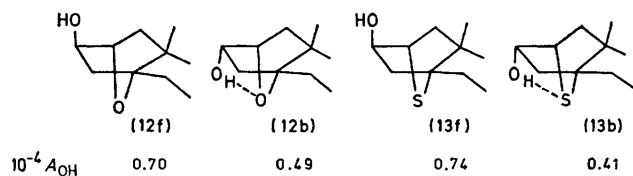


FIGURE 3 I.r. spectra of (a)  $3\beta$ - and  $3\alpha$ -hydroxy- $2\alpha,5$ -epoxy- $5\alpha$ -cholestane (12f) ( $1.656 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) and (12b) ( $1.636 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) and (b)  $3\beta$ - and  $3\alpha$ -hydroxy- $2\alpha,5$ -epithio- $5\alpha$ -cholestane (13f) ( $1.911 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) and (13b) ( $1.820 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ). In  $\text{CCl}_4$ ; 20 mm cells

(c) Correlation between  $A_{\text{OH}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  for  $f$ -Structures.—

The integrated intensity is proportional to the quantity  $(\delta\mu/\delta Q)^2$  where  $\mu$  is the molecular dipole moment and  $Q$  is the normal co-ordinate.<sup>3</sup> A free  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  band virtually corresponds to the OH stretching mode.<sup>12</sup> Enhancement



$\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  at  $1768 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  of phenyl acetate shifts to a wave-number  $33 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  higher than that of the saturated acetate; this is considered to be due to resonance as

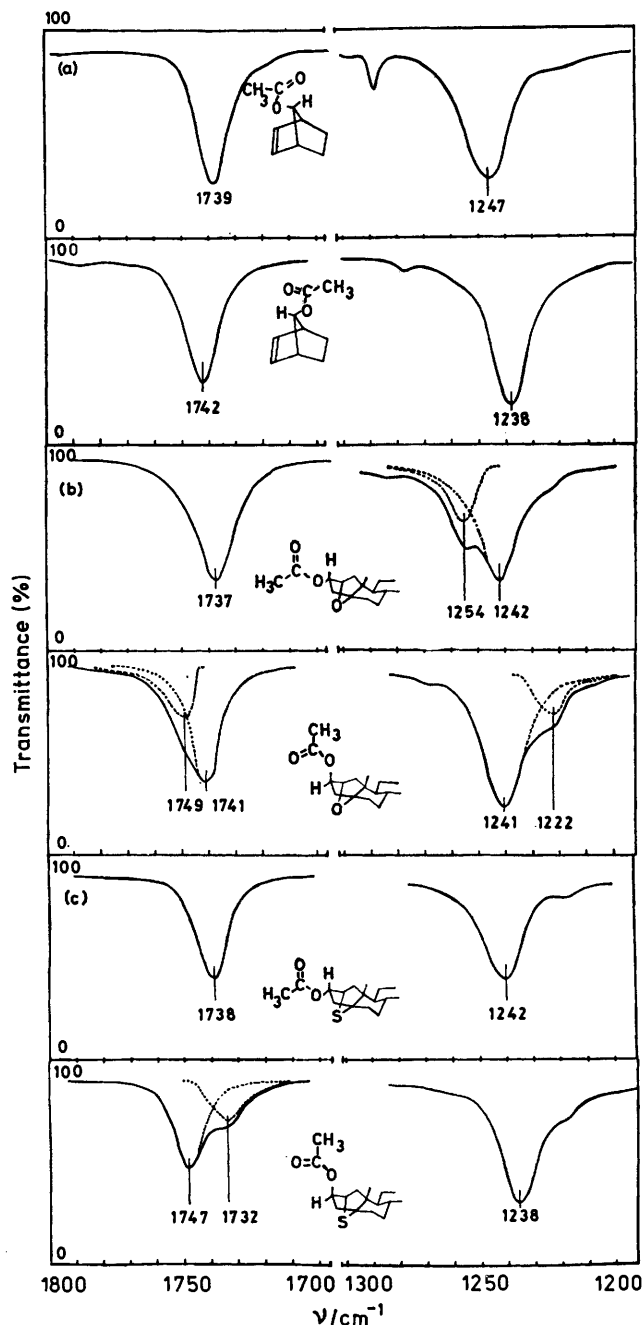


FIGURE 4 I.r. spectra of (a) *anti*- and *syn*-7-acetoxynorbornene (14f) ( $8.430 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) and (14b) ( $8.723 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ); (b)  $3\beta$ - and  $3\alpha$ -acetoxy- $2\alpha,5$ -epoxy- $5\alpha$ -cholestane, (15f) ( $8.177 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) and (15b) ( $8.698 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ); (c)  $3\beta$ - and  $3\alpha$ -acetoxy- $2\alpha,5$ -epithio- $5\alpha$ -cholestane (16f) ( $6.161 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) and (16b) ( $6.255 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ). In  $\text{CCl}_4$ ; 1 mm cells

of  $A_{\text{OH}}$  of the free  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  indicates in an approximate sense polarization in an OH band. For example, because of resonance between the benzene ring and one of the lone pair electrons of the oxygen atom in the hydroxy group,  $A_{\text{OH}}$  of free  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  ( $3612 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) of phenol is 1.15 which is 2.6 times greater than  $A_{\text{OH}}$  for the saturated alcohols. The

mentioned in the last paragraph. A linear correlation, shown in Figure 5, is obtained by plotting  $A_{\text{OH}}$  of the free  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  for the saturated alcohols, (8f), (12f), and (13f) and phenol against  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  for the saturated acetates (14f)—(16f) and phenyl acetate. The circle for the

saturated alcohols and acetates and that for phenol and phenyl acetate are located at both terminals of the line, and the circles for (8f) and (14f), (12f) and (15f), and (13f) and (16f) are located in between with increasing  $A_{OH}$  values in the order epithio > epoxy  $\approx$  etheno. Note that this order does not agree with the electronegativity order.

In summary, the present study provides the following significant results. (a) the  $A_{OH}$  values of free  $\nu_{OH}$  bands in f-structures are greater than those in saturated alcohols and also the  $A_{OH}$  values of hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{OH}$  bands in b-structures. (b) Wavenumbers of  $\nu_{C=O}$  of

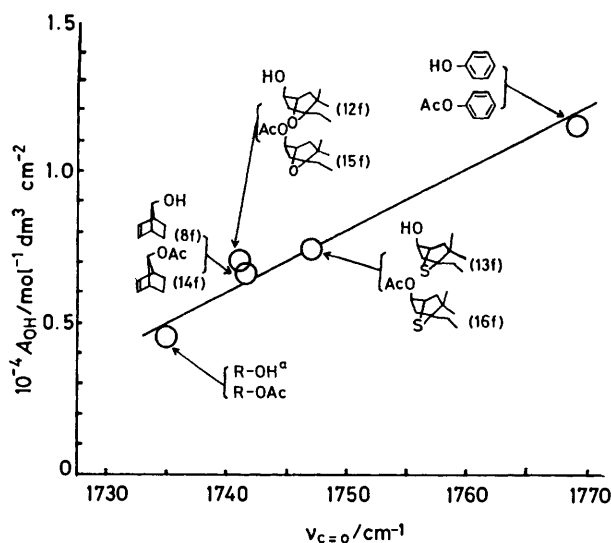


FIGURE 5 Correlation between  $A_{OH}$  of free  $\nu_{OH}$  for alcohols and  $\nu_{C=O}$  for acetates. <sup>a</sup> See text

acetates with f-structures are high. (c) A linear correlation exists between  $A_{OH}$  of alcohols and  $\nu_{C=O}$  of acetates. We rationalize all these results by assuming an interaction between the  $\pi$ - or  $n$ -electrons and the  $sp^3$ -hybridized carbon atom bearing the functional groups. The inconsistency of the observed order of the effectiveness of the electrons (Figure 5) with that of the electronegativity and the structural features of the molecules suggest that the through-space interaction is more important than through-bond interaction. This through-space interaction causes a decrease in the dipole moment induced in  $OH \cdots \pi$  or  $OH \cdots n$  intramolecular hydrogen bonds.<sup>†</sup> With the decrease, the  $A_{OH}$  values of the hydrogen-bonded  $\nu_{OH}$  in b-structures do not increase.

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<sup>†</sup> Similarly, salicylaldehyde has a small  $A_{OH}$  despite the very strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding. This is explained by large delocalization of the OH bond electrons through the hydrogen bond system.<sup>12</sup>

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