

Conformation of 6-Morpholino-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane Derivatives

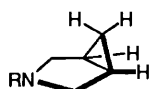
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¹H NMR spectroscopic studies established the presence of a chair conformation for *endo*-3-methyl-6-morpholino-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane derivatives **8a** and **b**. This was additionally confirmed by an X-ray structural analysis of **8b**. The diastereomers **10a,b** and the *N*-demethyl-*endo*-morpholino compounds **9a,b**, however, were found to prefer a boat conformation. The correlation between dihedral angles and ring buckle of 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane **4** was determined by MNDOC semiempirical calculations. Further structural information about this bicyclic system was obtained by HF/6-31 G* calculations for the 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane parent compounds **4** and **5**.

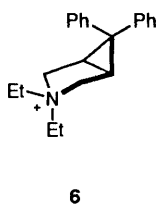
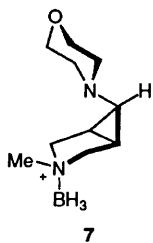
X-Ray structural analyses of some 3-azoniabicyclohexane derivatives **1**,¹ **2**¹ and **3**² showed that this type of compound adopts mainly a boat conformation in the solid state. 3-Azoniabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane derivatives **6**³ and **7**,⁴ however, possessing two additional substituents at the N(3)-atom, prefer a chair conformation as the most favourable structure.



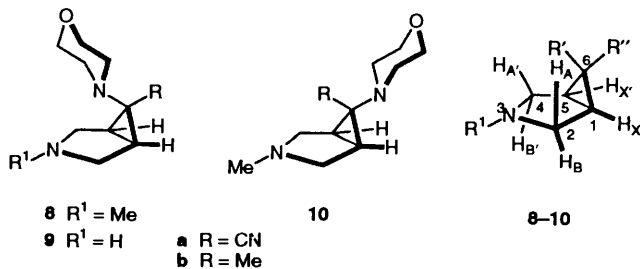
- 1** R¹ = R³ = H, R² = COO⁻
2 R² = R³ = H, R¹ = COO⁻
3 R¹ = R² = H, R³ = 4-CH₃C₆H₄-



- 4** R = H
5 R = CH₃

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A half chair conformation⁵ and a slightly boat shaped conformation⁶ were postulated for compounds **4** and **2** due to detailed ¹H NMR spectroscopic investigations (LAOCN 3), respectively. Within our work on stereoselective syntheses, we found an access to two pairs of 6-morpholino-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane diastereomers **8a,b**^{7,8} and **10a,b**.⁹

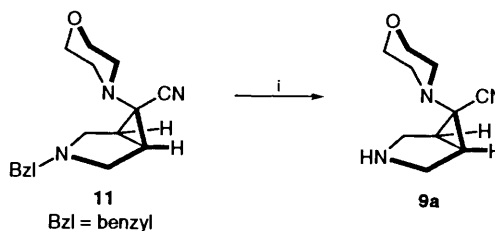


Conformational properties of these aminoazabicyclo[3.1.0]-

hexanes **8a,b** and **10a,b** and of the *N*-demethyl species **9a,b** were studied by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. An X-ray structural analysis gave further insight in the conformation of derivative **8b**. General information about the structural properties of the 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane skeleton were expected from HF/6-31 G* calculations which were done for the parent compounds **4** and **5**. The results of these conformational investigations are described in this paper.

Results and Discussion

The syntheses of diastereomeric compounds **8a/10a**^{7,8} and **8b/10b**⁹ were described in the literature. *N*-Demethyl compound **9a** could be obtained in analogy to **9b**⁹ by hydrogenolysis of the corresponding *N*-benzylbicyclic nitrile **11** (Scheme 1).

Scheme 1 Reagents: i, H₂/Pd-C, MeOH

Conformational Analysis of the Compounds 8a,b, 9a,b and 10a,b on the Basis of ¹H NMR Coupling Constants.—The ¹H NMR signals of the 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane skeleton of the two diastereomeric bicyclic nitriles **8a** and **b** were treated as AA'BB'XX'-spin systems. The experimentally detectable couplings ($J_{AB} = J_{A'B'}$, $J_{AX} = J_{A'X'}$, $J_{BX} = J_{B'X'}$) were taken from the spectra; values of 8.5 Hz (for **8a**) and 6.5 Hz (for **10a**) were taken for the $J_{XX'}$ -coupling due to a report on this coupling for 3,5-dioxabicyclo[5.1.0]octane diastereomeric compounds.¹⁰ All other couplings ($J_{AA'}$, $J_{BB'}$, $J_{AB'}$, $J_{A'X'}$, $J_{BX'}$) were zero. H(2)_A and H(4)_A are in the *endo*-position, H(2)_B and H(4)_B are in the *exo*-position of the bicyclic system; assignment was made by coupling with H(1)_X/H(5)_{X'} which is larger for *exo*-H atoms (H_B, H_{B'}) in all cases.

Simulation with the LAOKOON III program¹¹ and variation of the coupling constants to a small extent showed that the originally used values already gave sufficient correspondence between the experimental and the simulated ¹H NMR spectra. Subsequent iterative simulation with the PANIC

Table 1 ^1H NMR data of the 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane skeleton of diastereomeric compounds **8a/10a** and **8b/10b** and of *N*-demethyl species **9a** and **9b** (200 MHz, J in Hz)^{a,b}

	H(1) _X H(5) _{X'}	H(2) _B H(4) _{B'}	H(2) _A H(4) _{A'}	$J_{1,2B}$ $J_{5,4B'}$	$J_{1,2A}$ $J_{5,4A'}$	$J_{2A,2B}$ $J_{4A',4B'}$	$J_{1.5}$
8a ^{c,d}	1.69	2.87	1.83	5.94	1.96	9.76	8.69
10a ^{d,e}	1.33	2.17	2.83	3.55	0	9.29	7.64
8b ^{f,g}	1.58	3.13	2.10	6.9	2.8	10.1	8.5
10b ^{f,g}	1.46	2.63	2.75	4.8	0	9.6	7.5
9a ^{h,g}	2.15	2.94	3.14	3.3	0	12.8	7.6
9b ^{d,g}	0.98	2.94	2.82	3.7	0	12.3	7.5

^a Coupling constants J were taken from the spectra and optimized by simulation of the ^1H NMR spectra by the LAOKOON III program¹¹ (for **8a**, **9a**, **10a**) or by the PANIC 81 program¹² (for **8b**, **9b** and **10b**). The coupling between H(1)_X and H(5)_{X'} (XX'-coupling of the AA'BB'XX'-system) is essential for a correct simulation of the spectra; $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.5$ Hz (for **8a**) and $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.8$ Hz (for **10a**) were used as starting values for the coupling of the two *syn*-H-atoms H(1)_X and H(5)_{X'} at the cyclopropane. All other couplings ($J_{\text{AA}'}$, $J_{\text{BB}'}$, $J_{\text{AB}'}$, $J_{\text{AX}'}$, $J_{\text{BX}'}$) were zero. ^b Numbers of atoms correspond to the usual counting in a 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane system; H(2)_A and H(4)_{A'} are in the *endo*-position and H(2)_B and H(4)_{B'} are in the *exo*-position of the bicyclic skeleton. Assignment was made by coupling with H(1)_X/H(5)_{X'} which is larger for *exo*-hydrogen atoms (H_B, H_{B'}) in all cases. ^c Additional iterative adaption of the spectrum by the PANIC 81 program;¹² two iterative steps, RMS-error at the end of the 2nd step: 0.098; error of $J \pm 0.04$ Hz. ^d C₆D₅CD₃. ^e Additional iterative adaption of the spectrum by the PANIC 81 program;¹² four iterative steps, RMS-error at the end of the 3rd and the 4th step: 0.067; error of $J \pm 0.02$ Hz. ^f CDCl₃. ^g J -values are given with only one decimal digit if iterative simulation was not performed. ^h CD₃CN.

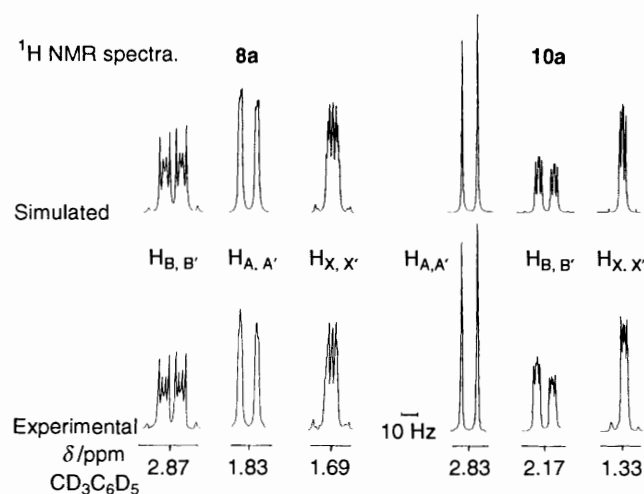


Fig. 1 Signals of the 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane skeleton of **8a** and **10a** of the simulated and the experimental ^1H NMR spectrum

81 program¹² led to an almost identical reproduction of the experimental spectra of **8a** and **10a**. J -Values from the iterative simulation are given in Table 1; Fig. 1 shows the signals of the 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane skeleton of **8a** and **10a** of the simulated and the experimental ^1H NMR spectrum.

Simulation without iterative proceeding was performed in the case of **8b/10b** and **9a/9b**. Iterative calculated XX'-coupling constants of **8a** and **10a** were used for the simulation of the spectra of **8b/10b** and **9a/9b**. The other experimentally detectable coupling constants were varied to some extent until an optimal agreement between experimental and simulated ^1H NMR spectra was obtained (Table 1).

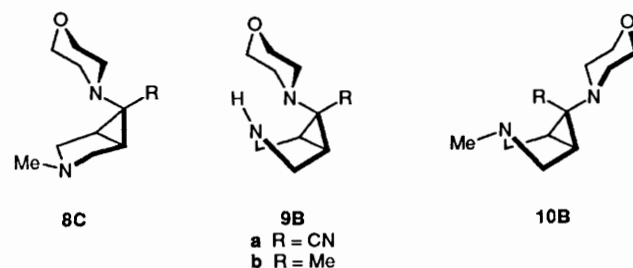
The ^1H NMR signals of the azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane skeleton of **8a** and **b** on the one hand and of **9a,b** and **10a,b** on the other hand differ both in shape and in chemical shifts. The most important fact is the coupling $J_{1,2A}$ and $J_{5,4A'}$. It indicates the presence of a chair conformation C for **8a,b** ($J_{1,2A}$, $J_{5,4A'}$ =

Table 2 Correlation between the angle of ring buckle (α) and some dihedral angles in 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane **4** obtained by MNDOC calculations^a

Conformation	α (°)	Dihedral angles (°) ^b	
		H(1)C(1)C(2)H(2) _B H(5)C(5)C(4)H(4) _{B'}	H(1)C(1)C(2)H(2) _A H(5)C(5)C(4)H(4) _{A'}
Boat	30	-38.5	80.0
Boat	25	-35.9	83.1
Boat	20	-33.2	85.6
Boat	15	-30.4	88.1
Boat	10	-27.6	90.7
Boat	5	-24.9	93.4
Chair	5	-19.5	98.7
Chair	10	-16.7	101.6
Chair	15	-14.0	104.4
Chair	20	-11.3	107.3
Chair	25	-8.7	110.2
Chair	30	-6.1	113.1

^a MNDOC parameters taken from ref. 13. ^b Values of dihedral angles directed to H(2)_{A,B} and H(4)_{A',B'} are identical due to C_s-symmetry.

0 Hz) and a boat conformation B for **9a,b** and **10a,b** ($J_{1,2A}$, $J_{5,4A'} = 2-3$ Hz).



HC(1)C(2)H/HC(5)C(4)H-dihedral angles of the 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane system, dependent upon the ring buckling, were determined by MNDOC semiempirical calculations (see Table 2). For example, a boat conformation with $\alpha = 20^\circ$ leads to a dihedral angle of 85.6° for H(1)C(1)C(2)H(2)_A/H(5)C(5)C(4)H(4)_{A'}. This agrees well with the missing coupling $J_{1,2A}$ and $J_{5,4A'}$ in the boat conformation of **9a,b** and **10a,b**. A value of 30° for a chair conformation on the other hand corresponds with a dihedral angle of 113.1° and with coupling constants of 1.96 Hz and 2.8 Hz for **8a** and **b**, respectively. The MNDOC semiempirical calculations¹³ were done for compound **4**. The ring buckle was varied between -30° and -5° (chair) and between $+30^\circ$ and $+5^\circ$ (boat) in steps of 5° ; each conformation was fully optimized with exception of the value α of the ring buckle.

The ^1H NMR results of **9a,b** and **10a,b** indicating a boat conformation correspond quite well with those which were reported for the boat conformation of methanoproline derivative **1** ['zero coupling'^{1,6} between H(1) or H(5) and the *endo*-H-atom of the adjacent methylene moiety; J values of 2.3 and 4.6 Hz^{1,6} for the analogous coupling of H(1) and H(5) with the *exo*-H-atom of the adjacent methylene group, respectively].

Conformational Analysis of the Compounds 8a/9a and 8b/9b on the Basis of Temperature Dependent ^1H NMR Spectroscopy.— ^1H NMR spectroscopy of the morpholine moiety in the compounds **8a/10a** and **8b/10b** could be used for a simple establishment of the configuration: topomerization of the H_A and the H_B signal of a CH_AH_B-group of morpholine is much easier if it is in the *exo*-position of a [n.1.0]bicyclic system than in the corresponding *endo*-position.^{14,15} It was shown that this topomerization process for hydrogen atoms of a mor-

Table 3 ΔG^\ddagger Values of the dynamics of the morpholine ring of the compounds **8a,b** and **9a,b** in $CD_3C_6D_5$

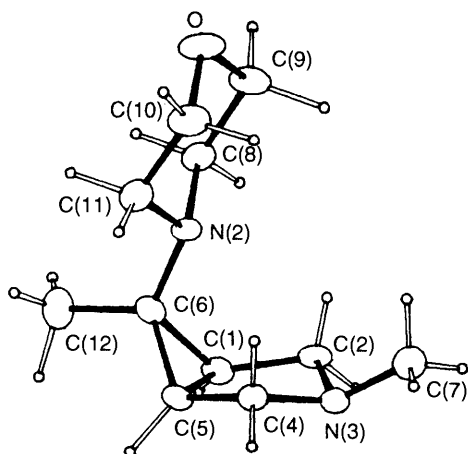
	$\Delta G^\ddagger/kJ\ mol^{-1}$
8a ^a	58.5, ^b 58.4 ^c
8b ^e	58.6, ^b 59.9 ^c
9a ^d	68.5, ^b 68.7 ^c
9b ^{e,f}	66.0 ^b

^a Ref. 7. ^b Determined for OCH_2 . ^c Determined for NCH_2 . ^d OCH_2 : H_A : 3.43, H_B : 2.95, J_{AB} : 10.9 Hz; $T_c = 77^\circ C$. NCH_2 : H_A : 2.48, H_B : 1.84, J_{AB} : 11.2 Hz; $T_c = 82^\circ C$; ΔG^\ddagger calculated according to the approximation formula for the coupled case.¹⁸ ^e Ref. 9. ^f OCH_2 : H_A : 3.53, H_B : 3.11, J_{AB} : 12.0 Hz; $T_c = 63^\circ C$. NCH_2 : H_A : 2.39, H_B : 1.90, J_{AB} : 12.0 Hz; $T_c = 65^\circ C$; ΔG^\ddagger calculated according to the approximation formula for the coupled case.¹⁸

Table 4 Selected bond lengths, torsional angles and interplanar angles for **8b**^a

Bond lengths/Å			
C(1)–C(5)	1.512(3)	N(3)–C(2)	1.460(3)
C(1)–C(6)	1.508(3)	N(3)–C(7)	1.433(3)
C(5)–C(6)	1.519(3)	C(4)–N(3)	1.478(3)
Torsional angles (°)			
H(1)–C(1)–C(2)–H(2) _A	112.3	H(4) _A –C(4)–C(5)–H(5)	–112.5
H(1)–C(1)–C(2)–H(2) _B	–11.5	H(4) _B –C(4)–C(5)–H(5)	5.1
Interplanar angles (°)			
C(1)C(5)C(6)–C(4)C(5)C(1)C(2)	65		
C(4)C(5)C(1)C(2)–C(2)N(3)C(4)	29.5		

^a The numbering of the atoms in Fig. 2 and Table 4 in this paper was changed partially with respect to the numbering in the deposited data; it was adjusted to the general numbering in a 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane system for better comparison with other data.

**Fig. 2** ORTEP representation of **8b** with the atom-labelling scheme. Ellipsoids are scaled to enclose 33% of the electronic density.

pholine moiety in the *endo*-6-position of a bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane skeleton was additionally influenced by the conformation of the latter: the dynamics of morpholine are more hindered by a boat bicyclo[3.1.0]hexyl moiety than by a chair bicyclohexyl group as *N*-substituent.^{16,17}

It may be expected, therefore, that conformational differences of **8a** and **9a** or **8b** and **9b** also are detectable by studying the morpholine dynamics. Thus, the ΔG^\ddagger -values of **9a** and **b** were determined and compared with those of **8a** and **b**, respectively (Table 3). The N(3)–H compounds **9a** and **b** indeed gave higher ΔG^\ddagger -values for the topomerization of morpholine H-atoms than the N(3)-methyl analogues **8a** and **b**. The obviously higher space requirement of N(3)–H in **9a** and **b** than N(3)–Me in **8a**

and **b** can only be understood by the presence of different conformations since H–N is less bulky than N–Me. A boat conformation can be deduced for **9a,b** and a chair conformation follows for **8a,b**. Presumably, the H-atom at N(3) in **9a** and **b** is in the axial position due to lone pair–lone pair repulsion.

X-Ray Structural Analytic Detection of the Conformation of 8b.—Thus far X-ray structural data are only known for 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane derivatives possessing an ammonium type nitrogen atom. Compound **8b** was selected, therefore, for the X-ray structural analysis to get information about the conformation of a 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane skeleton as a free base. X-Ray structural analysis was performed at $-68^\circ C$. Selected data are given in Table 4. The presence of a chair conformation with an equatorial N-methyl group for **8b** can be clearly seen in the Ortep plot (Fig. 2). A steric inside fixation of the morpholine N-lone pair by the bicyclic system and its repulsive effect on the lone pair of the N(3)-nitrogen atom should be the reason for the chair structure of this type of compounds. MNDOC prediction of the dihedral angles $H(1)C(1)C(2)H(2)_{A/B}/H(5)C(5)C(4)H(4)_{A/B}$ for the found ring buckle $\alpha = 29.5^\circ$ (Table 2) agrees sufficiently with the experimental values from the X-ray structural analysis (Table 4).

HF/6-31G Calculations of the 3-Azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane Parent Compounds 4 and 5.*—Energetic differences of chair and boat conformations of the 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane skeleton should be best predicted by *ab initio* calculations. The *ab initio* calculations were performed using the Convex and Cray versions of the Gaussian 92 program package.²⁰ The 6-31 G* basis set²¹ was chosen for geometry optimizations. All geometries were fully optimized in C_s symmetry and characterized by diagonalization of the HF/6-31G* force matrix. Four conformations were investigated for each of the two parent compounds **4** and **5**: a boat conformation with an axial (**B_{ax}**) or equatorial (**B_{eq}**) N-substituent and analogously a chair conformation with an axial (**C_{ax}**) or equatorial (**C_{eq}**) N-moiety.

HF/6-31G* total energies, zero point energies ZPE, relative energies and interplanar angles of these selected conformations of **4** and **5** are given in Table 5; the missing conformation **4C_{eq}** proved not to be a minimum on the energy hypersurface. Fig. 3 shows the calculated structures of **4** and **5**. The boat conformation turned out to be favoured for both compounds **4** and **5**. In the case of **4**, however, almost identical energies were calculated for both boat conformations **4B_{ax}** and **4B_{eq}**. An axial position of the *N*-methyl moiety in **5** was calculated to be unfavourable for boat and for chair conformation **5B_{ax}** and **5C_{ax}**, respectively. The lowest energy was found for **5B_{eq}**.

The ring buckling (interplanar angles) of the chair conformation **5C_{eq}**, predicted by the *ab initio* calculation (67.7° and 28.6°), corresponds quite well with the experimental values of the X-ray structural analysis of **8b** (65° and 29.5°). The presence of a boat or a chair conformation proved to have no influence on the bond-length of C(1)C(6), C(1)C(5) or N(3)C(2) of the compounds **4** and **5** [C(1)C(6): 1.50 Å for all conformations of **4** and **5**; C(1)C(5): 1.53 Å for all conformations of **4** and **5** except **4B_{ax}** (1.52 Å) and **4C_{ax}** (1.52 Å); C(2)N(3): 1.46 Å for all conformations of **4** and **5** except **4B_{eq}** (1.47 Å)].

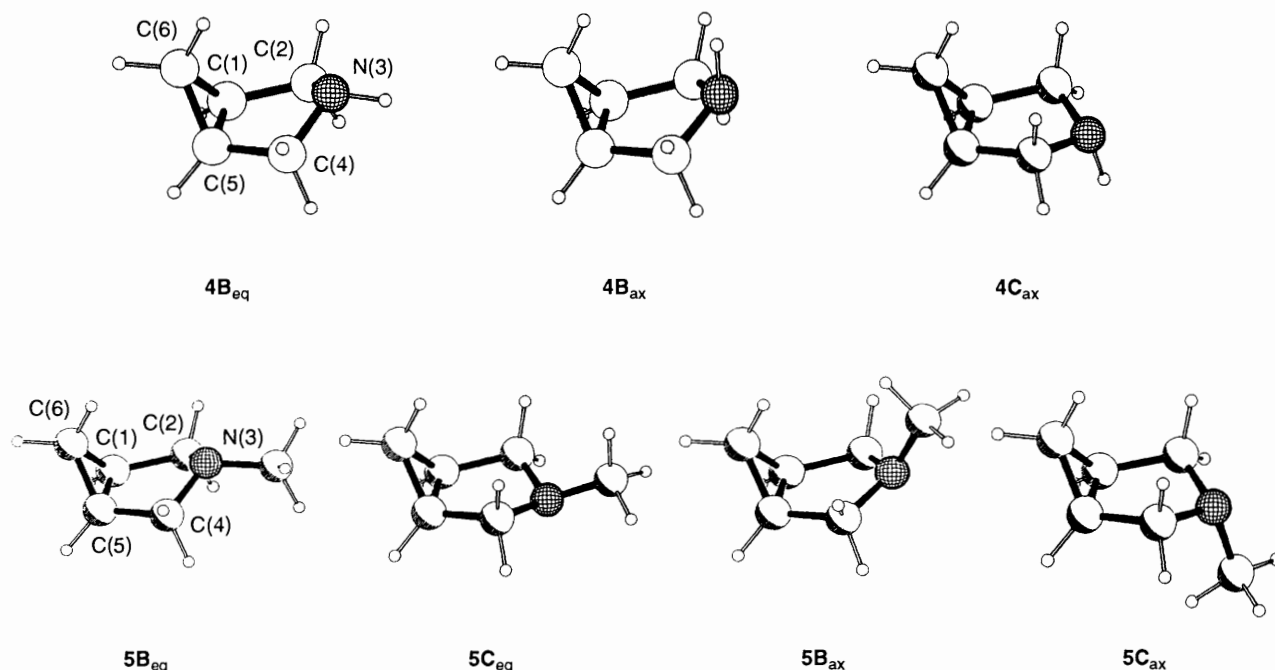
Conclusions

A boat conformation should be most favourable for a 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane skeleton as indicated by *ab initio* calculations for the parent compounds **4** and **5**. It was shown experimentally that 6-morpholino-3-azabicyclohexane derivatives indeed prefer a boat conformation if the 6-amino moiety is in the *exo*-position as in **10**. Prevention of lone pair–lone pair interactions, however, becomes important in the case

Table 5 HF/6-31 G* Total energies (au), zero point energies (kcal mol⁻¹), relative energies including ZPE correction (kcal mol⁻¹) and interplanar angles of the conformers **4B_{ax}**, **4B_{eq}**, **4C_{ax}**, **5B_{ax}**, **5B_{eq}**, **5C_{ax}** and **5C_{eq}**

	Conformation	HF (au) [<i>E_{rel}</i>]		Interplanar angle (°) ^a	
		kcal mol ⁻¹	ZPE/kcal mol ⁻¹	C(1)C(5)C(6) C(4)C(5)C(1)C(2)	C(4)C(5)C(1)C(2) C(2)N(3)C(4)
4B_{eq}	Boat	-248.982 43 [0]	91.44	68.2	35.0
4B_{ax}	Boat	-248.982 53 [0.1]	91.56	68.3	26.4
4C_{ax}	Chair	-248.974 96 [4.7]	91.43	67.8	25.1
5B_{eq}	Boat	-288.014 33 [0]	110.01	68.0	34.4
5C_{eq}	Chair	-288.007 45 [4.1]	109.84	67.7	28.6
5B_{ax}	Boat	-288.006 59 [4.7]	109.82	68.8	15.5
5C_{ax}	Chair	-288.002 16 [7.8]	110.15	67.5	31.0

^a The numbering of the atoms corresponds to the general numbering in a 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane system.

**Fig. 3** HF/6-31G* Optimized geometries of the 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane derivatives **4** and **5**

of *endo*-6-morpholino-3-azabicyclohexane compounds **8** and **9**. In this case lone pair–lone pair interactions are circumvented in a boat conformation by arranging the lone pair in an equatorial position. This can be realized by **9** with a hydrogen atom as substituent at N(3). Substituents at N(3) which are larger than a hydrogen atom strongly prefer an equatorial position. Interaction of the resulting axial N(3)-lone pair with the second N-lone pair then can be avoided only by adoption of a chair conformation as in **8**.

Experimental

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured with a Bruker WP 200 and an AMX 400 spectrometer (Me₄Si as internal standard). *Ab initio* calculations were done with a Convex C220 and a Cray YMP supercomputer. MNDOC semiempirical molecular orbital calculations were performed on a 486 Personal Computer.

(1 α ,5 α ,6 β)-6-Morpholino-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-6-carbonitrile **9a**.—Pd-catalyst (10% Pd-C, 710 mg) was added to a

solution of *N*-benzyl compound **11**⁹ (2.0 g, 7.06 mmol) in methanol (80 cm³). The solution was saturated with hydrogen and stored over hydrogen until the theoretical amount of hydrogen (157 cm³, 7.06 mmol) was consumed. Removal of the catalyst by filtration, evaporation of the solvent and recrystallization of the residue from ether gave **9a** as colourless crystals (0.75 g, 55%); m.p. 81 °C (Found: C, 62.2; H, 8.0; N, 21.8. C₁₀H₁₅N₃O requires C, 62.15; H, 7.82; N, 21.74%); ν_{\max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3380 (N–H) and 2200 (C–N); δ_{H} (CD₃CN) 1.90 (1 H, br s, NH), 2.15 (2 H, H_{X1}, H_{X'1}), 2.94 (2 H, H_{B1}, H_{B'1}), 3.14 (2 H, H_{A1}, H_{A'1}) (AA'BB'XX'-system, 3-azabicyclohexane system), 2.51 (2 H, H_Y), 2.60 (2 H, H_{X2}), 3.48 (2 H, H_{B2}) and 3.74 (2 H, H_{A2}) (ABXY-system, morpholine); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 32.5 (d), 41.5 (s), 48.0 (t), 51.3 (t), 66.8 (t) and 116.1 (s).

X-Ray Crystal Structure Analysis of 8b.—Single crystals of **8b**⁹ were obtained by crystallization from ether.

Crystal data. C₁₁H₂₀N₂O, *M* = 196.3. Monoclinic, *a* = 8.447(4), *b* = 8.825(3), *c* = 15.420(6) Å; β = 105.66(3)°, *V* = 1106.8(15) Å³; space group *P*2₁/*n*, *Z* = 4, *D*_X = 1.18 g cm⁻³.

Colourless crystal. Crystal dimensions $0.6 \times 0.5 \times 0.3$ mm, $\mu(\text{Mo-K}\alpha) = 0.71 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Data collection and processing. Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer, temperature: 205 K; $\omega/2\theta$ mode with ω scan width = $1.00 + 0.35 \tan \theta$, ω scan speed $1.21\text{--}4.02 \text{ deg min}^{-1}$, graphite-monochromated Mo-K α radiation; 1235 reflections measured ($4.00 < 2\theta < 42.00^\circ$), 1182 unique [merging $R = 0.036$], giving 988 with $I > 2.50\sigma(I)$.

Structure analysis and refinement. The structure was solved by direct methods. Refinement was performed by a full-matrix least-squares program. Hydrogen atoms were localized in a ΔF map and refined with isotropic temperature factors. Refinement converged at $R = 0.0064$ and $R_w = 0.069$, weighting scheme: $w = 4F_o^2/[\sigma(I)^2 + (PF_o^2)^2]$ ($P = 0.015$). The largest shift/error ratio at this stage was 0.62. The residual electron density was < 0.23 .¹⁹

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