

# 1,3-Dipolar Cycloadditions VI [1]. Structure and Conformation of Cycloadducts from Reactions of C-Aryl-N-phenylnitrones with Substituted Cinnamic Acid Amides

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**Summary.** Studies on cycloadditions of C,N-diarylnitrones to cinnamic acid amides were carried out. The diastereoisomeric (**I**, **II**) and (in some cases) regioisomeric (**III**) cycloadducts obtained were characterized by spectroscopic and X-ray data. Conformational studies were carried out by molecular modelling.

**Keywords.** 1,3-Dipolar cycloaddition; Nitrones; Cinnamic acid amides; X-Ray crystallography; Conformational analysis.

## Introduction

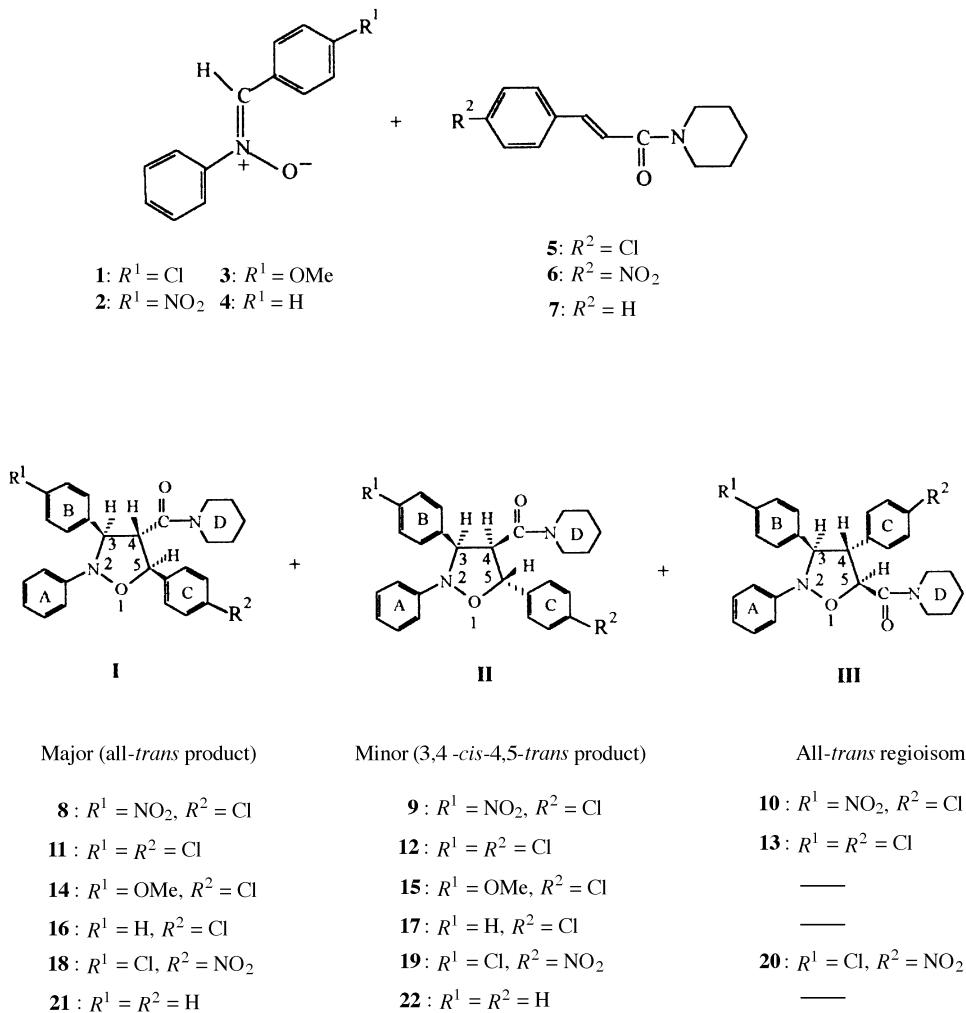
1,3-Dipolar cycloadditions of nitrones to olefins have been studied extensively [2, 3]. Certain areas, however, remain relatively unexplored, such as the detailed investigation of the regio-chemical and stereochemical course of the cycloaddition of nitrones to 1,2-disubstituted electron-deficient olefins. We report here our studies involving the cycloaddition of C,N-diarylnitrones to cinnamic acid amides.

## Results and Discussion

1,3-Dipolar cycloaddition of C-aryl-N-phenylnitrones **1–4** to N-cinnamoylpiperidines **5–7** afforded mixtures of diastereoisomeric products (types **I**, **II**); small amounts of regioisomeric products (type **III**) were obtained when the aryl rings had electron-withdrawing substituents. Structure elucidations were accomplished by spectroscopic (particularly NMR) and X-ray techniques.

The reactions were carried out using equimolar amounts of the reactants in refluxing toluene under nitrogen [4, 5] for about 30–40 h. At the end of this

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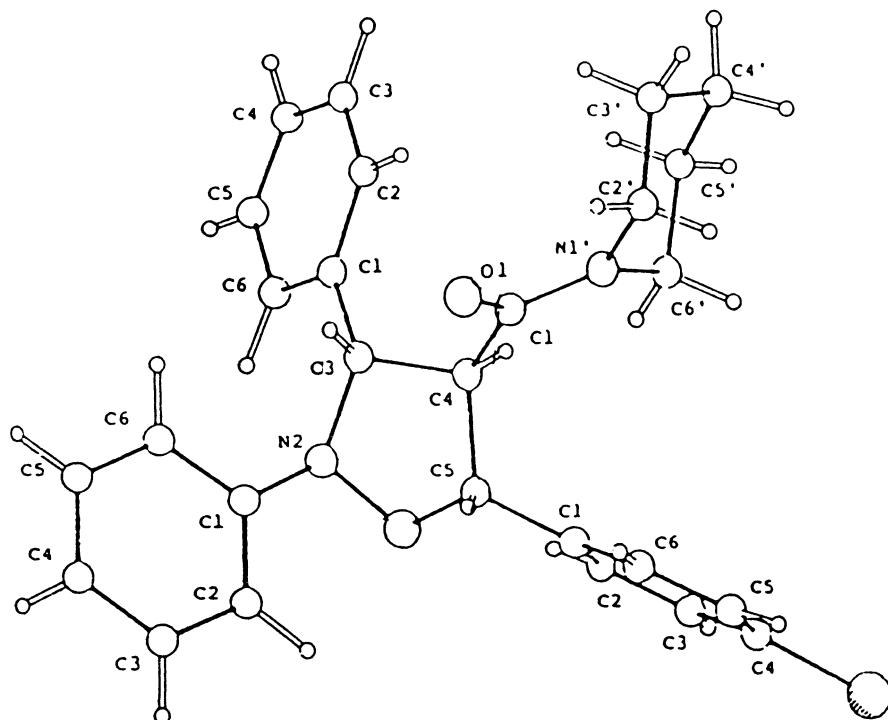
**Scheme 1**

period, only small amounts of the dipolarophile survived. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure and chromatography over neutral alumina furnished the products. The all-*trans* (type **I**) and the diastereoisomeric 3,4-*cis*-4,5-*trans* (type **II**) 5-aryl-4-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidine cycloadducts were isolated for all substrates in this series of reactions. The regioisomeric (type **III**) 4-aryl-5-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidines were also obtained in certain cases (Scheme 1). Product ratios of the cycloadducts were determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures. For three typical series of cycloadducts, *i.e.*  $R^1 = \text{NO}_2, R^2 = \text{Cl}$ ;  $R^1 = R^2 = \text{Cl}$ ; and  $R^1 = \text{H}, R^2 = \text{Cl}$ , product ratios were found to be 100:12:9 (**8:9:10**), 100:12:11 (**11:12:13**), and 100:10 (**16:17**), respectively. The all-*trans* isomer (type **I**) was the major product in this series. The structures and substitution patterns of the three types of cycloadducts followed from spectroscopic investigations.

All compounds showed amide bands at 1630–1660  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in their IR spectra. The three types could be differentiated from their  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR characteristics. Decoupling and two-dimensional  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^1\text{H}$ -COSY experiments established 2-phenyl-

3,4,5-trisubstituted isoxazolidine derived structures for all cycloadducts; the sequence -O-C(5)H-C(4)H-C(3)H-N(2)Ar- was found to be present in all cases. Two-dimensional long-range COSY experiments revealed correlations between the benzylic proton and C(3)-H for all three types of cycloadducts. Such long range correlations may result from C(5)-H and the benzylic protons in types **I** and **II** as well as from the benzylic protons and C(4)-H in type **III** cycloadducts. Thus, types **I** and **II** are 2-phenyl-3,5-diaryl-4-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidine derivatives stereoisomeric at C(3); the relative *trans*-C(4)H-C(5)H stereochemistry follows from the substrate amide. Type **III** cycloadducts, on the other hand, are regioisomers with 2-phenyl-3,4-diaryl-5-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidine structures. X-Ray crystallographic analysis of representatives of type **I** (**16**) and type **III** (**20**) finally confirmed the structural and stereochemical features of the cycloadducts. In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra, chemical shifts of C(3)H, C(4)H, and C(5)H were sharply differentiated in the three types of cycloadducts. The C(3)H doublet (in the series **11**, **12**, **13**) appeared at *ca.* 5.2 ppm in **I** and *ca.* 4.7 ppm in **II** compounds, C(5)H was found as a doublet in the region of *ca.* 5.3 ppm (**I**) and *ca.* 6.0 ppm (**II**). C(4)H resonated comparatively upfield for both types (3.7 ppm). In the regioisomeric type **III** series, H-3 and H-5 were shielded by  $\sim$ 0.7 and  $\sim$ 1.0 ppm, respectively, compared to type **I**; the benzylic H-4 (double doublet) was deshielded by  $\sim$ 0.7 ppm. These relationships were typical of all series.

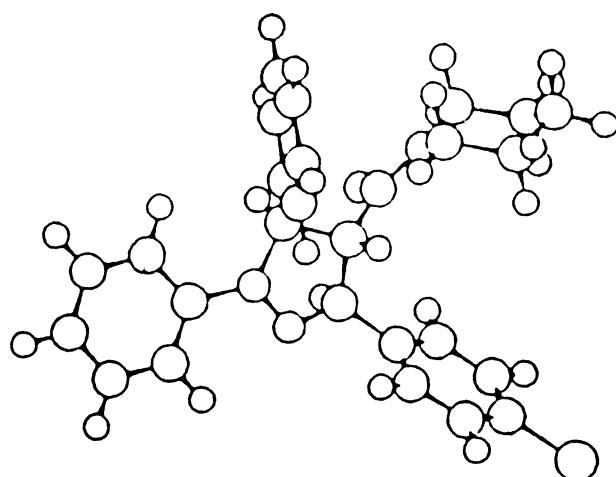
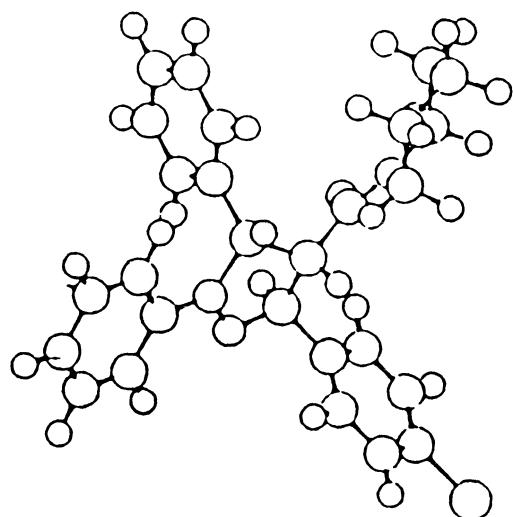
The X-ray analysis of the cycloadduct **16** (type **I**;  $R^1 = \text{H}$ ,  $R^2 = \text{Cl}$ ) showed that the compound had all-*trans* stereochemistry, including the lone pair of ring nitrogen (N2, *trans* to C(3)H) (Fig. 1). It has been found experimentally that the



**Fig. 1.** Structure of **16** (all-*trans* isomer)

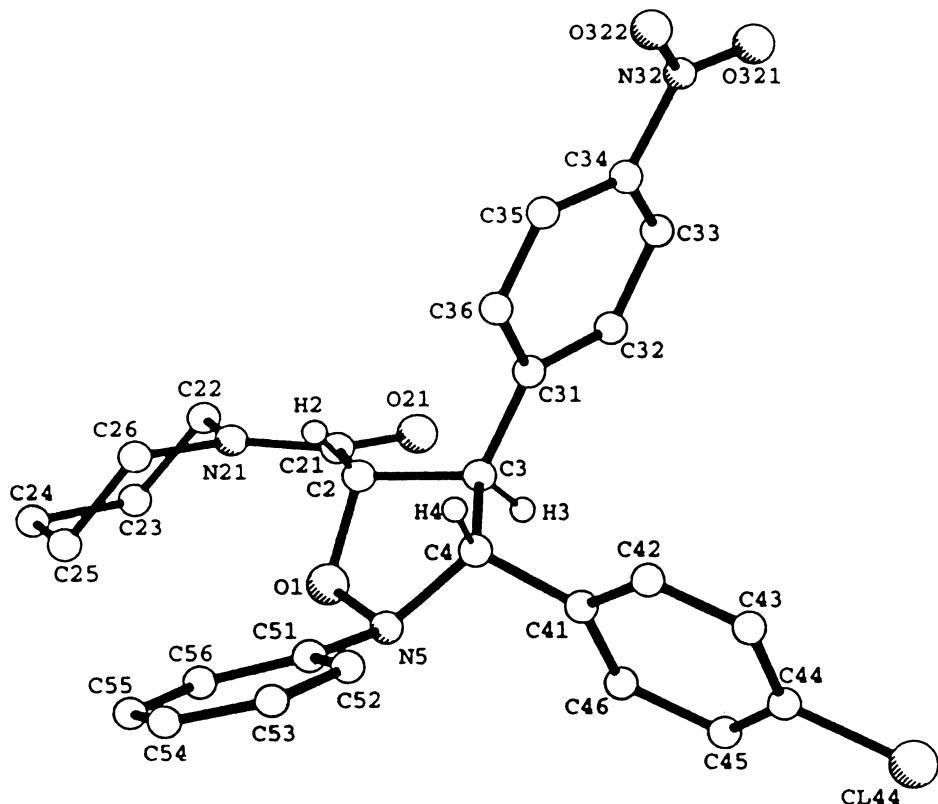
**Table 1.** Relative values of potential energy of **16** and **20**

Isomer	Relative potential energy	
		kJ/mol
All- <i>trans</i> ( <b>16</b> ; type I)		0.0
3,4- <i>cis</i> ( <b>17</b> ; type II)		16.3
All- <i>trans</i> ( <b>20</b> ; type III)		0.0
3,4- <i>cis</i> ( <b>23</b> )		12.6

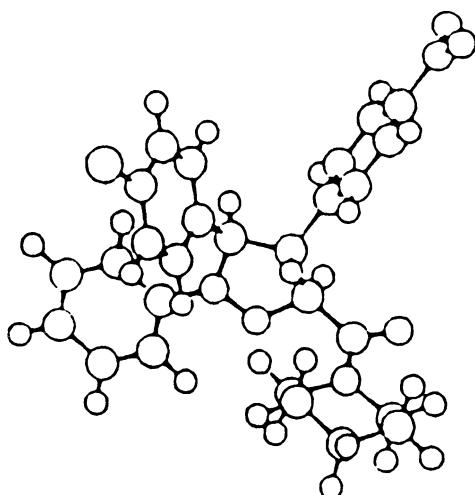
**Fig. 2.** Molecular modelling of **16** (all-*trans* isomer)**Fig. 3.** Molecular modelling of **17** (3,4-*cis* isomer)

all-*trans* isomer of type **I** was the major product in this cycloaddition series. The minor cycloadducts with 3,4-*cis* (type **II**) orientation of the isoxazolidine ring protons were characterized on the basis of one- and two-dimensional NMR experiments by comparison to the major all-*trans* isomer. X-Ray studies of compound **20** (type **III**,  $R^1 = \text{NO}_2$ ,  $R^2 = \text{Cl}$ ) showed that the compound is regioisomeric to type **I** adducts and has all-*trans* stereochemistry (Fig. 4).

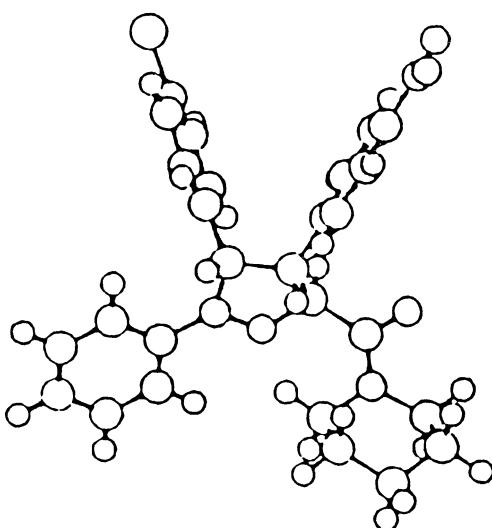
Our endeavour was also focussed on the conformational analysis and energy minimization of the regio- and stereoisomers by taking advantage of the X-ray crystallographic data of **16** and **20**. Energy minimization has been achieved by the conjugate gradient method using the DISCOVER module of the Insight-II molecular modelling package (MSI Inc) running on a Silicon Graphics Indigo 2 workstation [6, 7]. For all different isomers the energy minimizations were carried out for 2000 steps, and in most of the cases the RMS derivative of energy reached a value of 0.001 kcal/mol when the minimizations were stopped. The derived structures are given in Figs. 2, 3, 5, and 6. The structures of **16** (Fig. 1) and **20** (Fig. 4) are similar to those in Figs. 2 and 5 which were obtained by molecular modelling.



**Fig. 4.** Structure of **20** (all-*trans* regioisomer)



**Fig. 5.** Molecular modelling of **20** (all-*trans* regioisomer)



**Fig. 6.** Molecular modelling of **23** (3, 4-*cis* regioisomer)

## Experimental

Melting points were recorded on an electrically heated Kofler Block apparatus and are uncorrected. Silica gel (60–120 mesh) was used for column chromatography. Anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  was used for drying extracts. Analytical samples were routinely dried over  $\text{CaCl}_2$  in *vacuo* at room temperature. IR spectra were recorded in KBr pellets or as thin films on a Perkin-Elmer 682 spectrometer. UV spectra were measured on a Hitachi U-3501 spectrometer in 95% aldehyde-free methanol. Mass spectra were recorded with a JEOL JEM-D 300 mass spectrometer. NMR spectra ( $^1\text{H}$ : 300 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$ : 75.5 MHz) were recorded on a Bruker AM-300L spectrometer using *TMS* as standard.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR assignments were confirmed by decoupling, COSY, and COSY-LR experiments;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR assignments by DEPT and two-dimensional correlation experiments. Chemical shifts are given in ppm, coupling constants in Hz. A–C refers to the respective rings (Scheme 1). Elemental analyses

were in good agreement with calculated values. X-Ray structural analyses were performed on a four-circle automatic diffractometer PHILIPS PW 1100 using the SHELXS programme. The refinement of the structure was done by the SHELX76 and SHELX93 programmes. X-Ray data are deposited at the Cambridge Structural Data Centre under numbers AB0001/INDCUCH and AB0002/INDCUCH.

#### *General Method*

A solution of piperide **5–7** (0.0066 mol) in anhydrous toluene (50 cm<sup>3</sup>) was added to a hot solution of nitrone **1–4** (0.0066 mol) in anhydrous toluene (20 cm<sup>3</sup>). The reaction mixture was refluxed under a nitrogen atmosphere for 30–40 h. The solvent was removed from the crude reaction mixture, and the mixture was chromatographed over neutral alumina to separate the products.

*3RS-(3R\*,4S\*,5R\*)-2-Phenyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidine (8; C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl)*

Pale yellow crystals; m.p.: 132°C; yield: 1.56 g (40.6%); IR:  $\nu$  = 2920–2840 (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1630 (s, amide >C=O), 840 (m, 1, 4-disubstituted benzene ring), 760, 700 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring); cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\log \varepsilon)$  = 267(3.07) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 5.48 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.0, H-3), 3.73 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 9.4, H-4), 5.30 (1H, d,  $J$  = 9.4; H-5), 3.60 and 2.72 (2H, m each, H-2', H-6'), 1.41 (4H, m, H-3',4'), 0.94 (2H, m, H-5'), 6.97 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.4, A,H-2,6), 6.98 (1H, m, A,H-4), 7.27 (2H, t,  $J$  = 8.0, A,H-3,5), 7.73 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.4, B,H-2,6), 8.27 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.4, B,H-3,5), 7.40–7.44 (C, 4H, m) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz) 74.87 (C-3), 62.74 (C-4), 84.22 (C-5), 43.90 (C-2'), 25.70 (C-3'), 24.07(C-4'), 26.30 (C-5'), 46.90 (C-6'), 165.66 (>C=O), 151.39 (A,C-1), 114.09 (A,C-2,6), 129.11 (A,C-3,5), 122.27 (A,C-4), 147.58 (B,C-1), 127.93 (B,C-2,6), 124.37 (B,C-3,5), 147.60 (B,C-4), 134.96 (C,C-1), 127.00 (C,C-2,6), 127.93 (C,C-3,5), 134.15 (C,C-4) ppm; MS (EI):  $m/z$  = 491 (M<sup>+</sup>), 379 (M<sup>+</sup>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO), 267 (M<sup>+</sup>-C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), 225 (379-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>OCl), 165 (249-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N) 179 (225-NO<sub>2</sub>), 139 (M<sup>+</sup>-C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-2H).

*3RS-(3R\*,4S\*,5R\*)-2-Phenyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidine (9; C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl)*

White flakes; m.p.: 155°C; yield: 203 mg (7.5%); IR:  $\nu$  = 2940–2860 (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1640 (s, amide >C=O), 850, 830 (m, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 750, 690 (m, mono-substituted benzene ring) cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\log \varepsilon)$  = 253 (3.61) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 5.98 (1H, d,  $J$  = 9.2, H-3), 3.79 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 10.4, H-4), 4.91 (1H, d,  $J$  = 10.4, H-5), 3.49 and 3.10 (2H, m each, H-2', H-6'), 1.3–1.6 (6H, m, H-3',4',5'), 6.94 (2H, d,  $J$  = 7.9, A,H-2,6), 6.99 (1H, t,  $J$  = 7.4, A,H-4), 7.23 (2H, m, A,H-3,5), 7.71 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.6, B,H-2,6), 8.25 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.6, B,H-3,5), 7.45 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.5, C,H-2,6), 7.37 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.5, C,H-3,5) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz): 71.99 (C-3), 58.13 (C-4), 80.90 (C-5), 42.66 (C-2'), 25.20 (C-3'), 24.11 (C-4'), 26.30 (C-5'), 46.60 (C-6'), 164.93 (>C=O), 149.11 (A,C-1), 116.03 (A,C-2,6), 129.37 (A,C-3,5), 123.09 (A,C-4), 144.89 (B,C-1), 128.83 (B,C-2,6), 123.47 (B,C-3,5), 147.60 (B,C-4), 135.85 (C,C-1), 128.06 (C,C-2,6), 128.83 (C,C-3,5), 134.22 (C,C-4) ppm; MS (EI):  $m/z$  = 491 (M<sup>+</sup>), 379 (M<sup>+</sup>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO), 267 (M<sup>+</sup>-C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), 249 (M<sup>+</sup>-C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), 225 (379-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>OCl), 179 (225-NO<sub>2</sub>), 165 (249-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N), 139 (M<sup>+</sup>-C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-2H).

*3RS-(3R\*,4S\*,5R\*)-2-Phenyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-piperidinyloxoisoxazolidine (10; C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl)*

Pale yellow amorphous solid; yield: 163 mg (6%); IR:  $\nu$  = 2940–2860 (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1640 (s, amide >C=O), 850 (m, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 770, 700 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring); cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\log \varepsilon)$  = 260(3.73) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 5.18 (1H, d,  $J$  = 9.1, H-3), 4.51

(1H, t,  $J = 9.0$ , H-4), 4.77 (1H, d,  $J = 8.6$ , H-5), 3.55 and 2.78 (2H, m each, H-2', H-6'), 1.62 (4H, m, H-3',4'), 0.98 (2H, m, H-5'), 6.88 (2H, d,  $J = 8.5$  A,H-2,6), 6.95 (1H, m, A,H-4), 7.22 (2H, m, A,H-3,5), 8.10 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$ , B, H-2,6), 8.42 (2H-d,  $J = 8.4$ , B, H-3,5), 7.49–7.53 (C, 4H, m) ppm.

**3RS-(3R\*,4S\*,5R\*)-2-Phenyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxoisoxazolidine (11; C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)**

White crystals; m.p.: 125°C; yield: 1.34 g (42%); IR:  $\nu = 2930$ –2850 (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1640 (s, amide >C=O), 1015 (s, aryl-Cl), 845, 825 (m, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 770, 700 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring) cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\log \epsilon) = 316$  (3.79), 224 (4.92) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 5.22 (1H, d,  $J = 8.2$ , H-3), 3.79 (1H, dist t, H-4), 5.35 (1H, d,  $J = 9.4$ , H-5), 3.54 and 2.76 (2H, m each, H-2', H-6'), 1.35 (4H, m, H-3',4'), 0.77 and 0.94 (1H, m each, H-5'), 6.96 (2H, m, A,H-2, 4,6), 7.25 (2H, dist. t, A,H-3,5), 7.34–7.52 (8H, m, B,C, H-2,6,3,5) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz): 75.20 (C-3), 63.73 (C-4), 83.86 (C-5), 43.64 (C-2'), 25.70 (C-3'), 24.14 (C-4'), 26.22 (C-5') 46.64 (C-6'), 166.07 (>C=O), 151.78 (A,C-1), 114.25 (A,C-2,6), 129.98 (A,C-3,5), 121.99 (A,C-4), 139.61 (B,C-1), 127.59 (B,C-2,6), 128.98 (B,C-3,5), 134.80 (B,C-4), 134.62 (C,C-1), 127.65 (C,C-2,6), 129.24 (C,C-3,5), 133.63 (C,C-4) ppm; MS (EI):  $m/z = 480$  (M<sup>+</sup>), 368 (M<sup>+</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N-CO), 341, 303, 268, 249 (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NOCl, cycloreversion), 214 (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NCl), 205, 165 (249-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N), 139, 137, 101, 91, 84 (base peak).

**3RS-(3R\*,4R\*,5S\*)-2-Phenyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidine (12; C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)**

White needle-shaped crystals; m.p.: 131°C; yield: 210 mg (6.6%); IR:  $\nu = 2920$ –2850 (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1640 (s, amide >C=O), 1010 (m, aryl-Cl), 820 (m, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 750, 690 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring) cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\log \epsilon) = 248$  (4.12), 223 (4.20) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 4.75 (1H, d,  $J = 10.4$ , H-3), 3.73 (1H, dd,  $J = 9.1$ , 10.4, H-4), 5.99 (1H, d,  $J = 9.1$ , H-5), 3.40–3.48 (2H, m, H-2'), 2.82 and 3.03 (1H, m each, H-6'), 1.44 (6H, m, H-3',4',5'), 6.94–7.00 (3H, m, A,H-2, 4,6), 7.21 (2H, t,  $J = 8.3$ , A,H-3,5), 7.47 (2H, d,  $J = 8.5$ , B,H-2,6), 7.34 (2H, d,  $J = 8.5$ , B,H-3,5), 7.43 (2H, d,  $J = 8.5$ , C,H-3,5) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz): 72.32 (C-3), 58.38 (C-4), 80.72 (C-5), 42.53 (C-2'), 25.16 (C-3') 24.17 (C-4'), 26.10 (C-5') 46.44 (C-6'), 165.48 (>C=O), 149.48 (A,C-1), 116.27 (A,C-2,6), 130.03 (A,C-3,5), 122.81 (A,C-4), 136.36 (B,C-1), 128.19 (B,C-2,6), 128.71 (B,C-3,5), 135.99 (B,C-4), 134.24 (C,C-1), 128.19 (C,C-2,6), 128.71 (C,C-3,5), 134.02 (C,C-4) ppm; MS (EI):  $m/z = 480$  (M<sup>+</sup>), 368 (M<sup>+</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N-CO), 249 (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NOCl, cycloreversion), 214 (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NCl), 165 (249-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N), 139.

**3RS-(3R\*,4S\*,5R\*)-2-Phenyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidine (13; C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)**

White amorphous solid; yield: 180 mg (5.7%); IR:  $\nu = 2920$ –2860 (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1630 (s, amide >C=O), 1010 (m, aryl-Cl), 840 (s, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 760, 700 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring); cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\log \epsilon) = 242$  (1.17), 223 (4.47) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 4.49 (1H, d,  $J = 8.2$ , H-3), 4.38 (1H, dist t, H-4), 4.93 (1H, d,  $J = 9.5$ , H-5), 3.7–3.85 (2H, m, H-2'), 3.52 and 3.43 (1H, m each, H-6'), 1.60–1.70 (6H, m, H-3',4',5'), 7.10–7.14 (3H, m, A,H-2,4,6), 7.26 (2H, t, A,H-3,5), 7.42 (2H, d,  $J = 8.6$ , B,H-2,6), 7.33 (2H-d,  $J = 8.6$ , B,H-3,5), 7.29 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$ , C,H-2,6), 7.37 (2H, d,  $J = 8.5$ , C,H-3,5) ppm.

**3RS-(3R\*,4S\*,5R\*)-2-Phenyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidine (14; C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl)**

White needle-shaped crystals; m.p.: 156°C; yield: 1.61 g (51%); IR:  $\nu = 2980$ –2860 (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1640 (s, amide >C=O), 1015 (s, aryl-Cl), 845, 825 (s, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 770, 700 (m,

monosubstituted benzene ring)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; UV:  $\lambda_{\max}(\log\varepsilon) = 282$  (4.36) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 5.11 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$ , H-3), 3.75 (1H, br t,  $J \sim 8.9$ , H-4), 5.41 (1H, d,  $J = 9.9$ , H-5), 3.50 and 2.79 (2H, m each, H-2', H-6'), 1.42 (4H, m, H-3'4'), 0.85 (2H, m, H-5'), 3.82 (3H, s, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.94 (3H, m, A,H-2,4,6), 7.23 (2H, dd,  $J = 7.3$ , 8.4, A,H-3,5), 7.44–7.47 (2H, m, overlapped signal, B,H-2,6), 6.99 (2H, d,  $J = 7.8$ , B,H-3,5), 7.44–7.47 (2H, m, overlapped signal, C,H-2,6), 7.36 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$ , C,H-3,5) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz): 75.66 (C-3), 63.74 (C-4), 83.59 (C-5), 43.55 (C-2'), 25.71 (C-3'), 24.20 (C-4'), 26.17 (C-5'), 46.60 (C-6'), 54.28 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 166.46 (>C=O), 152.10 (A,C-1), 114.41 (A,C-2,6), 128.89 (A,C-3,5), 121.64 (A,C-4), 132.73 (B,C-1), 127.53 (B,C-2,6), 114.46 (B,C-3,5), 159.29 (B,C-4), 135.39 (C,C-1), 127.64 (C,C-2,6), 128.89 (C,C-3,5), 134.39 (C,C-4) ppm.

*3RS-(3R\*,4R\*,5S\*)-2-Phenyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidine (15; C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl)*

White flakes; m.p.: 144°C; yield: 226 mg (7%); IR:  $\nu = 2940$ –2860 (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1640 (s, amide >C=O), 1040 (s, aryl-Cl), 850, 830 (s, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 750, 700 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; UV:  $\lambda_{\max}(\log\varepsilon) = 250$  (4.44) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 4.73 (1H, d,  $J = 10.4$ , H-3), 3.67 (1H, dist t,  $J \sim 9.8$ , H-4), 6.00 (1H, d,  $J = 9.1$ , H-5), 3.3–3.5 (2H, m, H-2') 2.82 and 3.00 (1H, m each, H-6'), 1.22–1.52 (6H, m, H-3',4',5'), 3.82 (3H, s, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.87–6.94 (2H, m, A,H-2,4,6), 7.20 (2H, dd,  $J = 8.6$ , 7.2, A,H-3,5), 7.40 (2H, d,  $J = 8.6$ , B,H-2,6), 6.98 (2H, d,  $J = 8.6$ , B,H-3,5), 7.49 (2H, d,  $J = 8.5$ , C,H-2,6), 7.34 (2H, d,  $J = 8.5$ , C,H-3,5) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz): 72.76 (C-3), 58.58 (C-4), 80.63 (C-5), 42.39 (C-2'), 25.14 (C-3'), 24.20(C-4'), 25.99 (C-5'), 46.35 (C-6'), 55.21 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 165.89 (>C=O), 151.29 (A,C-1), 113.66 (A,C-2,6), 128.66 (A,C-3,5), 128.27 (A,C-4), 133.85 (B,C-1), 126.26 (B,C-2,6), 113.66 (B,C-3,5), 159.54 (B,C-4), 135.63 (C,C-1), 128.54 (C,C-2,6), 128.66 (C,C-3,5), 134.95 (C,C-4) ppm.

*3RS-(3R\*,4S\*,5R\*)-2,3-Diphenyl-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxoisoxazolidine (16; C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl)*

White crystalline solid; m.p.: 144°C; yield: 884 mg (30%); IR:  $\nu = 2940$ –2860 (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1645 (s, amide >C=O), 1100 (m, aryl-Cl), 840 (m, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 770, 700 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; UV:  $\lambda_{\max}(\log\varepsilon) = 243$  (3.80), 222 (3.53) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 5.18 (1H, d,  $J = 8.3$ , H-3), 3.77 (1H, t,  $J \sim 8.8$ , H-4), 5.40 (1H, d,  $J = 9.4$ , H-5), 3.50 and 2.73 (2H, m each, H-2',H-6'), 1.38–1.40 (4H, m, H-3',4'), 0.84 (2H, m, H-5'), 7.00 (2H, d,  $J = 7.8$ , A,H-2,6), 6.92 (1H, t,  $J = 7.2$ , A,H-4), 7.21 (2H, dist t,  $J = 7.5$ , A,H-3,5), 7.54 (2H, d,  $J = 7.1$ , B,H-2,6), 7.33–7.37 (3H, m, B,H-3,4,5), 7.42 (2H, m, C,H-2,6), 7.31 (2H, m, C,H-3,5) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz): 76.00 (C-3), 63.84 (C-4), 83.55 (C-5), 43.55 (C-2'), 25.78 (C-3'), 24.10 (C-4'), 26.11 (C-5'), 46.69 (C-6'), 166.66 (>C=O), 151.93 (A,C-1), 114.78 (A,C-2,6), 128.90 (A,C-3,5), 121.66 (A,C-4), 140.93 (B,C-1), 126.40 (B,C-2,6), 126.40 (B,C-2,6), 128.90 (B,C-3,5), 127.72 (B,C-4), 135.87 (C,C-1), 128.72 (C,C-2,6), 128.90 (C,C-3,5), 134.40 (C,C-4) ppm.

*3RS-(3R\*,4R\*,5S\*)-2,3-Diphenyl-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxoisoxazolidine (17; C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl)*

White crystals; m.p.: 134°C; yield: 206 mg (7%); IR:  $\nu = 2940$ –2860 (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1650 (s, amide >C=O), 1100 (m, aryl-Cl), 840 (m, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 760, 690 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; UV:  $\lambda_{\max}(\log\varepsilon) = 283$  (4.42), 220 (4.21) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 4.76 (1H, d,  $J = 10.4$ ; H-3), 3.70 (1H, dist. t,  $J \sim 9.5$ , H-4), 6.04 (1H, d,  $J = 9.1$ , H-5), 3.06 (2H, m, H-2'), 2.73 (2H, m, H-6'), 1.34–1.40 (4H, br m, H-3',4'), 0.84 (2H, m, 5'), 6.98 (2H, d,  $J = 7.7$ , A,H-2,6), 6.92 (1H, m, A,H-4), 7.28 (2H, dist t,  $J = 7.5$ , A,H-3,5), 7.54 (2H, d,  $J = 7.1$ , B,H-2,6), 7.31–

7.45 (3H, m, B,H-3,4,5), 7.31–7.45 (4H, m, C,H-2,3,5,6) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz): 73.46 (C-3), 59.09 (C-4), 80.91 (C-5), 44.72 (C-2'), 24.61 (C-3'), 24.22 (C-4'), 26.14 (C-5'), 45.72 (C-6'), 165.18 (>C=O), 151.05 (A,C-1), 116.77 (A,C-2,6), 128.97 (A,C-3,5), 122.70 (A,C-4), 140.39 (B,C-1), 128.13 (B,C-2,6), 128.97 (B,C-3,5), 126.34 (B,C-4), 135.23 (C,C-1), 128.20 (C,C-2,6), 128.73 (C,C-3,5), 134.43 (C,C-4) ppm.

**3RS-(3R\*,4S\*,5R\*)-2-Phenyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidine (18;  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Cl}$ )**

Light yellow crystals; m.p.: 165°C; yield: 758 mg (35%); IR:  $\nu = 2940\text{--}2860$  (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1645 (s, amide >C=O), 1535,1355 (s, aromatic-NO<sub>2</sub>), 850 (m, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 755, 705 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; UV:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\log \epsilon) = 276$  (3.97) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 5.15 (1H, d,  $J = 9.0$ , H-3), 3.75 (1H, t,  $J = 9.0$ , H-4), 5.60 (1H, d,  $J = 9.0$ , H-5), 3.55 and 2.74 (2H, m each, H-2', H-6'), 1.42 (4H, m, H-3',4'), 0.91 and 0.83 (1H, each, m, H-5'), 6.99 (2H, d,  $J = 7.9$ , A,H-2,6), 7.25 (2H, t,  $J \sim 8.5$ , A,H-3,5), 6.99 (1H, m, A,H-4), 7.48 (2H, d,  $J = 8.6$ , B,H-2,6), 7.38 (2H, d,  $J = 8.6$ , B,H-3,5), 7.67 (2H, d,  $J = 8.7$ , C,H-2,6), 8.26 (2H, d,  $J = 8.7$ , C,H-3,5) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz): 75.52 (C-3), 63.60 (C-4), 82.95 (C-5), 43.74 (C-2'), 25.72 (C-3'), 24.10 (C-4'), 26.36 (C-5'), 46.66 (C-6'), 165.97 (>C=O), 151.26 (A,C-1), 115.05 (A,C-2,6), 129.35 (A,C-3,5), 122.65 (A,C-4), 138.71 (B,C-1), 127.86 (B,C-2,6), 128.97 (B,C-3,5), 134.06 (B,C-4), 144.68 (C,C-1), 127.00 (C,C-2,6), 123.92 (C,C-3,5), 148.11 (C,C-4) ppm. MS (EI):  $m/z = 491$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 379 ( $\text{M}^+ \text{-C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}$ ), 340 ( $\text{M}^+ \text{-C}_7\text{H}_5\text{NO}_3$ ), 276 ( $\text{M}^+ \text{-C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NCl}$ ), 256 (379-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>), 193 (276-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N+H), 165 (276-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO+H), 126, 120 (165-NO<sub>2</sub>+H), 112, 104, 84.

**3RS-(3R\*,4R\*,5S\*)-2-Phenyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxo-isoxazolidine (19;  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Cl}$ )**

White flakes; m.p.: 172°C; yield: 325 mg (15%); IR:  $\nu = 2940\text{--}2840$  (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1630 (s, amide >C=O), 1510, 1340 (s, aromatic-NO<sub>2</sub>), 850 (m, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 750, 690 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; UV:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\log \epsilon) = 262$  (3.89) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 4.82 (1H, d,  $J = 11.0$ , H-3), 3.74 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.0, 9.0$ , H-4), 6.18 (1H, d,  $J = 9.0$ , H-5), 3.48, 3.34, 3.08, and 2.91 (1H, m each, H-2', H-6'), 1.25–1.60 (6H, m, H-3',4',5'), 7.01 (2H, d,  $J = 8.0$ , A,H-2,6), 7.20 (2H, t,  $J = 8.0$ , A,H-3,5), 7.00 (1H, m, A,H-4), 7.48 (2H, d,  $J = 8.5$ , B,H-2,6), 7.41 (2H, d,  $J = 8.5$ , B,H-3,5), 7.71 (2H, d,  $J = 8.8$ , C,H-2,6), 8.22 (2H, d,  $J = 8.8$ , C,H-3,5) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz): 72.22 (C-3), 58.76 (C-4), 80.19 (C-5), 42.62 (C-2'), 25.16 (C-3'), 24.09, (C-4'), 26.09 (C-5'), 46.48 (C-6'), 165.20 (>C=O), 149.32 (A,C-1), 116.38 (A,C-2,6), 130.03 (A,C-3,5), 123.14 (A,C-4), 138.27 (B,C-1), 128.61 (B,C-2,6), 128.75 (B,C-3,5), 136.37 (B,C-4), 144.84 (C,C-1), 127.38 (C,C-2,6), 123.80 (C,C-3,5), 148.14 (C,C-4) ppm. MS (EI):  $m/z = 491$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 379 ( $\text{M}^+ \text{-C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}$ ), 340, ( $\text{M}^+ \text{-C}_7\text{H}_5\text{NO}_3$ ), 276 ( $\text{M}^+ \text{-C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NCl}$ ), 256 (379-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>), 217, 193 (276-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N+H), 165 (276-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO+H), 120 (165-NO<sub>2</sub>+H).

**3RS-(3R\*,4S\*,5R\*)-2-Phenyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-piperidinyloxoisoxazolidine (20;  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Cl}$ )**

Pale yellow crystals; m.p.: 135°C; yield: 650 mg (30%); IR:  $\nu = 2960\text{--}2880$  (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1660 (s, amide >C=O), 1540, 1360 (s, aromatic-NO<sub>2</sub>), 860, 840 (m, 1,4-disubstituted benzene ring), 770, 710 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; UV:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\log \epsilon) = 269$  (4.01) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 4.60 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$ , H-3), 3.71 (1H, br t,  $J = 7.5$ , H-4), 4.94 (1H, d,  $J = 7.1$ , H-5), 3.82, 3.77, 3.52, and 3.43 (1H, m each, H-2',6'), 1.60–1.70 (6H, m, H-3',4',5'), 6.95 (2H, d,  $J = 7.7$ , A,H-2,6), 7.02 (1H, t,  $J = 7.7$ , A,H-4), 7.23 (2H, t,  $J = 7.7$ , A,H-3,5), 7.27–7.32 (4H, m, B,H-2,6,3,5), 7.45 (2H, d,  $J = 8.3$ , C,H-2,6), 8.15 (2H, d,  $J = 8.3$ , C,H-3,5) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz):

77.99 (C-3), 61.06 (C-4), 81.98 (C-5), 43.89 (C-2'), 25.53 (C-3'), 24.45(C-4'), 26.70 (C-5'), 47.02 (C-6'), 164.74 (>C=O), 149.76 (A,C-1), 115.83 (A,C-2,6), 129.02 (A,C-3,5), 123.10 (A,C-4), 137.71 (B,C-1), 128.35 (B,C-2,6), 129.15 (B,C-3,5), 134.03 (B,C-4), 145.96 (C,C-1), 129.32 (C,C-2,6), 124.14 (C,C-3,5), 147.43 (C,C-4) ppm. MS (EI):  $m/z = 491$  ( $M^+$ ), 350 ( $M^+ - C_7H_{11}NO_2$ ), 276 ( $M^+ - C_{13}H_9NCl$ ), 215 ( $M^+ - C_{14}H_{12}N_2O_4$ ).

### *3RS-(3R\*,4S\*,5R\*)-2,3,5-Triphenyl-4-piperidinyloxoisoxazolidine (21; C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)*

White crystals; m.p.: 135°C; yield: 1.05 g (42%); IR:  $\nu = 2940\text{--}2860$  (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1640 (s, amide >C=O), 760, 710 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV:  $\lambda_{max}(\log \epsilon) = 255$  (4.10) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 5.27 (1H, d,  $J = 8.2$ , H-3), 3.83 (1H, dist t,  $J \sim 8.8$ , H-4), 5.37 (1H, d,  $J = 9.5$ , H-5), 3.44–3.57 and 2.74 (2H, m each, H-2',6'), 1.36 (4H, m, H-3',4'), 0.86 (2H, m, H-5'), 7.03 (2H, d,  $J = 8.6$ , A,H-2,6), 6.92 (1H, t,  $J = 7.3$ , A,H-4), 7.23 (2H, dist t, A,H-3,5), 7.56 (2H, d,  $J = 7.2$ , B,H-2,6), 7.35–7.40 (3H, m, B,H-3,4,5), 7.48 (2H, d,  $J = 8.3$ , C,H-2,6), 7.35–7.40 (3H, m, C,H-3,4,5) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 75.5 MHz): 75.92 (C-3), 63.99 (C-4), 84.68 (C-5), 43.58 (C-2'), 25.70 (C-3'), 24.20 (C-4'), 26.01 (C-5'), 46.78 (C-6'), 166.63 (>C=O), 152.30 (A,C-1), 114.17 (A,C-2,6), 129.02 (A,C-3,5), 121.58 (A,C-4), 141.46 (B,C-1), 126.23 (B,C-2,6), 128.87 (B,C-3,5), 128.80 (B,C-4), 136.36 (C,C-1), 126.62 (C,C-2,6), 128.74 (C,C-3,5), 127.77 (C,C-4) ppm; MS (EI):  $m/z = 412$  ( $M^+$ ), 306 ( $M^+ - C_7H_6O$ ), 300 ( $M^+ - C_6H_{10}NO$ ), 222 (306-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N), 214, 195 (300-C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O), 144, 180 (C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sup>+</sup>), 131.

### *3RS-(3R\*,4R\*,5S\*)-2,3,5-Triphenyl-4-piperidinyloxoisoxazolidine (22; C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)*

White amorphous solid; yield: 138 mg (6.5%); IR,  $\nu = 2920\text{--}2860$  (m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1630 (s, amide >C=O), 770, 690 (m, monosubstituted benzene ring) cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV:  $\lambda_{max}(\log \epsilon) = 268$  (3.91) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , 300 MHz): 4.64 (1H, d,  $J = 10.5$ , H-3), 3.59 (1H, dist t, H-4), 5.98 (1H, d,  $J = 8.9$  H-5), 3.57 and 2.82 (2H, m each, H-2',H-6'), 1.41 (4H, m, H-3',4'), 0.93 (2H, m, H-5'), 7.32 (2H, d,  $J = 8.2$ , A,H-2,6), 6.99 (1H, m, A,H-4), 7.41–7.51 (2H, overlapped signal, A,H-3,5), 7.60 (2H, d,  $J = 8.3$ , B,H-2,6), 7.44–7.51 (3H, overlapped signal, B,H-3,4,5), 7.56 (2H, d,  $J = 7.8$ , C,H-2,6), 7.44–7.51 (3H, overlapped signal, C,H-3,4,5) ppm.

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