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# Synthesis and Stereostructure of Saturated Isoindolone-Fused Hetero Tri-, Tetra-, and Pentacyclic Compounds

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Summary. t-2-Benzoyl-t-4-phenylcyclohexane-r-1-carboxylic acid reacts with hydrazine to give the saturated 1,7-diphenyl-trans-phthalazin-4(3H)-one. The reaction of the acid with ethylenediamine yields diastereomeric trans-imidazo[2,3-a]isoindoles, which differ in their C-1 configuration. The cyclizations of the acid with cis-2-aminocyclohexane- or 4-cyclohexenemethanol result in trans-isoindolo[2,1-a][3,1]benzoxazines, while in its reactions with the analogous di-endo- and di-exo-norbornane- and -norborneneamino alcohols, the acid gives methylene-bridged isomeric di-endo-norbornanes or a norbornene derivative; the corresponding diastereomeric di-exo derivatives have also been prepared. After isolation, the structures were established by means of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy, with application of DIFFNOE, DEPT, HMQC, HMBC, and 2D-COSY techniques.

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#### Introduction

Both literature data  $[1-3]$  and our own results  $[4-6]$  indicate that the AlCl<sub>3</sub>-catalysed reaction of cis-cyclohex-4-ene-1,2-dicarboxylic anhydride with benzene results in t-5-phenyl-c-2-benzoyl-r-1-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid. However, the reaction of t-4-phenyl-c-1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylic anhydride with benzene yields mainly t-4-phenyl-c-2-benzoyl-r-1-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (67%), together with a minor amount  $(11\%)$  of the corresponding t-5-phenyl derivative. On treatment with NaOH, the former underwent ready transformation to  $t$ -4-phenyl-t-2-benzoyl-r-1-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid 1 [4], which has now been applied

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to prepare fused isoindolones. This supplements our stereochemical studies on saturated derivatives containing two condensed heterorings, when stereoisomeric non-substituted and differently phenyl-substituted cyclohexane aminoacids were applied as starting synthons [6–9]. The pharmacological activity of the target compounds is likewise of interest because the aromatic analogues with related structures are used in therapy [10–12].

### Results and Discussion

On boiling in toluene in the presence of a catalytic amount of PTSA, 4-phenyltrans-2-benzoylcyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid 1 was cyclized with hydrazine hydrate to furnish the hexahydro trans-phthalazinone 2 (Scheme). In its reaction with ethylenediamine, 1 gives a mixture of diastereomeric, trans  $A/B$ -annelated imidazo $[2,3-a]$ isoindolones differing in C-1 configuration, 3 and 4, which were separated by chromatography. Here, the first step may be the formation of an azomethine, followed by cyclization and intramolecular acylation to 3 and 4. cis-trans-Isomerization in cyclohexane derivatives and analogous compounds [6, 9, 13] was observed a) in the presence of acids or bases, b) on heating, and c) after



Scheme

intramolecular transacylation for cyclohexane-condensed azetidinones [14]. In the thermal cyclizations of cis-ethoxycarbonylcyclohexylureas to cyclohexane-condensed dihydrouracils [15], and also on starting from the isomeric t-2-benzoyl-t-5-phenylcyclohexane-r-1-carboxylic acid [8] or isoindolones prepared from 4 and 5-phenyl 2-cis-aroyl-cyclohexanecarboxylic acids [5, 9], no isomerization was found. Consequently, in syntheses from either *cis-* or *trans-aroylcy*clohexanecarboxylic acids, isomerization has to be taken into account and the stereostructures of the new derivatives must always be clarified. As concerns the compounds discussed in this paper, the cis, di-endo or di-exo nature of the amino alcohols applied was exclusively retained in the cyclic products [5, 6, 9].

In its reactions with cis-2-aminocyclohexane- and -cyclohex-4-ene-methanol, 1 yielded the saturated or partly saturated isoindolo[2,1-a][3,1]benzoxazinones 5 and 6. With di-endo- or di-exo-3-aminobicyclo[2.2.1]heptane- and -hept-5-ene-2 methanols, 1 afforded the corresponding methylene-bridged derivatives 7–11; the reaction with di-endo-3-aminonorbornane-2-methanol furnished a mixture of diastereomers 7 and 8, which were separated by column chromatography.

#### **Structures**

The constitutions (molecular skeletons) of  $2-11$  were confirmed by their IR, <sup>1</sup>H, and 13C NMR spectra (Tables 1 and 2). The rather complicated stereostructures, however, need further consideration. The following points have to be clarified: (i) The cis or trans annelation of the condensed pyrrolidone-cyclohexane rings (the  $A/B$  annelation). (*ii*) The configuration of C-6 (the phenyl-substituted carbon in ring A). (*iii*) The *cis* or *trans*  $C/D$  annelation in 5 and 6 (the annelation of the condensed oxazine-cyclohexane rings).  $(iv)$  The di-exo or di-endo annelation of the norbornane/ene moiety in  $7-11$ . (v) The C-1 configuration (the position of the 1phenyl group, for example relative to the other phenyl or the hydrogens on the  $A/B$ annelation). (vi) The steric position of the bridging  $CH<sub>2</sub>$  in the norbornane/ene moiety relative to the skeleton  $(e, g, t)$  to the phenyl substituents or the hydrogens on the  $A/B$  annelation) in 7–11.

(i) A decision between *cis* or *trans*  $A/B$  annelation is possible on the basis of the multiplicity, the splitting pattern (vicinal H,H-couplings), and/or the  ${}^{1}$ H NMR chemical shifts of H-3a and/or H-7a. For comparison of the spectroscopic data, a special numbering system is used in this part and in the Tables, cf. the structures of 5 and 6, Scheme. In the event of hidden or coalesced signals, it is also possible to deduce the axial or equatorial orientation of H-3a and H-7a from the splits (multiplicity) of H-4(ax) and/or H-7(ax). For this purpose, the C-3a and  $C$ -7a <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are also utilizable [16a]. For 3, 5, and 7–10 the double triplet split of the H-3a signal {two large and one smaller couplings due to two diaxial and one axial–equatorial interactions [17]: 3a,4(ax), 3a,7a, and 3a,4(eq)} is certain proof of the *trans*  $A/B$  annelation and the diaxial orientation of H-3a and H-7a. The double quartet splitting pattern of the H-4(ax) signal in 2, 4, and 11 confirms the axial position of H-4a(ax): a large geminal  $4(ax)$ ,  $4(eq)$  and two diaxial couplings: 3a, $4(ax)$  and  $4(ax)$ ,  $5(ax)$  with similar values, and a small one, the axial–equatorial interaction of  $4(ax)$ ,  $5 (eq)$ .

	$\nu C = 0$ band	OCH <sub>2</sub> $(2 \times 1H)^d$		$H-3a$ $dt$ (1H) <sup>e</sup>	$H-4(ax)$ dqa~(1H) <sup>g</sup>	$H-6$ tt $(1H)^h$	$H-7(ax)$ qa $(HI)^1$	$H-7a$ $dt$ (1H) <sup>j</sup>
$\mathbf{2}$	1674			2.27	1.37	2.63	1.25	2.92
3	1683	3.12	3.25	2.41	1.34	2.58	0.88	2.15
4	1687	2.75	3.15	1.95	1.43	2.44	1.56	2.20
5	1706	3.54	3.99	2.28	1.45	2.30	1.59	1.62
6	1712	3.55	3.79	$\sim 2.3^{\rm r}$	$\sim 1.5^s$	$\sim 2.3$ <sup>r</sup>	$\sim 1.6^\mathrm{s}$	1.67
7	1687	$3.62^r$	$3.65^{\rm r}$	1.72	1.43	2.59	0.78	$\sim$ 2.26 <sup>s,v</sup>
8	1704	3.53	3.79	2.06	1.34	2.44	0.38	2.14
9	1692	3.04	3.88	1.98	$1.36^{r}$	2.43	0.37	2.09
10	1696	3.70	3.75	1.82	$1.54^r$	2.66	0.86	2.24
11	1712	3.60	4.20	$\sim 2.4$ <sup>r</sup>	1.43	$\sim 2.4^{\rm r}$	$\sim 1.75$ <sup>s</sup>	$\sim 1.75$ <sup>s</sup>

**Table 1.** Characteristic IR frequencies<sup>a</sup> and <sup>1</sup>H NMR data<sup>b</sup> for  $2-11^{\circ}$ 

Cyclohexane/ene (ring  $\bf{D}$ ) or norbornane/ene moiety



<sup>a</sup> In KBr discs (cm<sup>-1</sup>), further bands,  $\nu$ NH band:  $\sim$ 3205, broad (2), 3278 (3), 3455 and 3315 (4),  $\nu$ C-O: 1015 (5), 1026 (6), 1039 (7), 1043 (8), 1062 (9), 1081 (10), 1031 (11),  $\gamma C_{Ar}H$  and  $\gamma C_{Ar}C_{Ar}$  bands: 2–4 maxima between 777–698;  $\overline{b}$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution (in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> for 2) at 500 MHz, chemical shifts in ppm ( $\delta_{TMS} = 0$  ppm), coupling constants in Hz; <sup>c</sup> assignments were supported by HMQC, HMBC, and DIFFNOE (except for 2–4, 6, 11), for 2, 4, 7, 10, 11 also by 2D-COSY measurements;  $d^{11}$  CH<sub>2</sub> bound to the amine/amide-NH,  $2 \times m$  (3, 4), dd (J: 11.5 and 4.2) and t (J: 12.0) for 5 and  $6^u$ , t (J: 11.5) and  $dd$  (J: 12.0 and 8.2) for 8 and 9,  $2 \times dd$ , J: 12.4, 3.2 and 12.4, 6.5, resp. (10), 12.2, 10.5 and 12.2, 9.2, resp. (11);  $e^t$  J: 12.3 and 2.5 (7), 11.6 and 3.4 (8),  $m^f(3, 5, 9, \text{ and } 10)$ ,  $m^f(4, 6, \text{ and } 11)$ ; f multiplet with unresolved lines; <sup>g</sup> J: 12.8 and 3.7 (3), 12.4 and 3.4 (7),  $m^f$  (2, 4, 8, 11),  $m^f$  (5, 6, 9, 10); <sup>h</sup> J: ~12 and  $\sim$ 3.5 (3, 4, 7–10),  $m^f(2)$ ,  $m^f(5, 6, 11)$ ; <sup>i</sup> J:  $\sim$ 12 (12.4 for 2, 3),  $m^f(5, 6, 11)$ ; <sup>j</sup> J: 12.4 and 2.9 (8),  $d^f(4, 6)$ **6, 9, 10**),  $m^r$  (3, 5, 7, 11);  $k$  AB-type spectrum,  $2 \times d$  ( $2 \times 1$ H), J: 10.2 (7, 10), 9.5 (8, 11), 8.9 (9); <sup>m</sup> td, J: 12.5, 4.4 (5), dt, J: 8.8, 5.0 (6), dd, J: 11.5, 4.1 (7), 12.0, 2.5 (8), 10.0, 3.2 (9), 9.0, 1.5 (11), d, J: 8.5 (10);  $n \sim s$  (1H);  $\text{o}$  H(ax), 2 × 1H, 2 × qa (5),  $\sim s$  (2H) for 6, 2 × 1H and  $\sim$ 1.35 m (2H) for 7, 2 × m  $(2 \times 2H)$  for 8,  $2 \times dd$  (2  $\times$  1H), J: 5.6, 2.8, and 5.6, 3.1 (9, 11),  $4 \times m$  (4  $\times$  1H) with the two further signals at 1.20 and 1.28 (10); <sup>p</sup> m (1H); <sup>r,s,t</sup> overlapped signals; <sup>u</sup> further split of the upfield dd of 6 to a *ddd*/downfield d of 7 to a dd due to <sup>4</sup>J-long range coupling; <sup>v</sup> overlapped with the H-4(eq) signal

Similarly, three large couplings (one geminal and two diaxial) result in a quartet split of H-7( $ax$ ) in 2 and 4, which prove the axial position of H-7a and thus the *trans*  $A/B$  annelation. Because of signal overlaps, it is not possible to

	Isoindole ring <sup>d</sup>								
	$C-1$	$C = O(3)$	$C-3a$	$C-4$	$C-5$	$C-6$	$C-7$	$C-7a$	OCH <sub>2</sub> <sup>e</sup>
2	156.9	170.0	39.6	26.4	33.0	43.5	37.8	38.8	
3	89.3	176.9	48.3	26.0	33.2	44.3	35.9	57.0	48.1
$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$	88.6	182.7	49.8	26.2	34.7	45.3	33.1	47.5	46.7
5	92.7	180.9	45.7	26.1	$34.8^{t}$	44.9	30.8	54.5	63.3
6	92.9	181.4	$45.9^g$	27.1	34.8	$44.9^g$	30.8	54.7	64.2
7	93.1	175.1	43.5	26.2	33.7	44.3	34.6	54.4	62.8
8	94.1	179.1	43.2	26.0	33.5	44.1	34.9	56.6	62.4
9	93.4	178.2	43.0	25.9	33.6	44.1	34.9	56.7	64.8
10	93.3	174.8	44.1	26.1	33.7	44.3	34.4	53.8	64.9
11	92.2	181.6	$45.2^8$	26.1	34.7	$45.0^{g}$	31.1	54.0	67.5

Table 2.  $^{13}$ C NMR chemical shifts<sup>a</sup> for 2–11<sup>b,c</sup>

Cyclohexane/ene (ring  $D$  in 5 and 6) or norbornane/ene moiety

	$C-1'$	$C-2'$	$C-3'$	$C-4'$	$C-5'$	$C-6'$	CH <sub>2</sub> (7')
2							
3	42.5						
4	44.2						
5	53.3	27.7	26.0	21.4	27.9	$34.8^{f}$	
6	50.1	26.0	123.9 <sup>h</sup>	124.7 <sup>h</sup>	25.5	32.9	
7	51.3	41.6	22.4	22.8	42.8	33.1	36.9
8	54.5	42.0	22.2	24.0	38.5	32.8	38.0
$\boldsymbol{9}$	52.5	47.9	137.5	136.2	43.9	35.6	48.6
10	57.4	39.6	25.9	30.4	44.7	39.5	34.7
11	54.2	47.8	139.6	135.4	$45.1$ <sup>f,g</sup>	29.0	$45.1^{f}$

Further signals, 1-phenyl, C-1: 137.3 (2, 9), 138.8 (3), 142.0 (4, 6), 141.7 (5, 11), 136.4 (7, 10), 137.7 (8); C-2,6:<sup>i</sup> 127.0  $\pm$  1.2, broadened signal for 7 and 10; C-3,5:<sup>i</sup> 127.7  $\pm$  0.7; C-4: 127.4 (8),  $128.7 \pm 0.5$ ; 6-phenyl, C-1: 147.2 (2), 146.1 (4), 146.4  $\pm$  0.1; C-2,6: 127.6 (2), 127.3  $\pm$  0.1; C-3,5: 129.2 (2),  $128.8 \pm 0.1$ ; C-4: 127.0 (2),  $126.7 \pm 0.1$ 

<sup>a</sup> In ppm ( $\delta_{TMS} = 0$  ppm) at 125.7 MHz, solvent: CDCl<sub>3</sub> (for 2 *DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>*); <sup>b</sup> assignments were supported by DEPT, HMQC, and HMBC measurements;  $\degree$  for numbering see Scheme;  $\degree$  for 2 phthalazine ring;  $\text{e}$  CH<sub>2</sub> bound to the amine-NH in 3 and 4; f two overlapping lines; <sup>g,h</sup> interchangeable assignments;  $\frac{1}{1}$  two separated lines for 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11

draw an analogous conclusion for 11. However, the practically unaltered C-3a and C-7a shifts for 10 and 11 (44.1 and 53.8 ppm for 10, and  $\sim$ 45.2 and 54.0 ppm for 11) indicate the same stereostructure in the analogous part of these molecules.

(ii) For 3, 4, and  $7-10$  the equatorial position (*cis* to H-3a and *trans* to H-7a) of the 6-phenyl group follows from the triple triplet split of the H-6 signal (two large diaxial and two smaller axial–equatorial vicinal couplings, i.e. the axial orientation of H-6). For 2, 5, 6, and 11 the similar C-6 chemical shifts demonstrate the analogous steric position of the 6-phenyl group: these shifts are within a 1 ppm interval for compounds  $3-11$  (44.8  $\pm$  0.5 ppm).

- (iii) For the NCH group the triple doublet split (only one diaxial interaction) in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR signal confirms the cis  $C/D$  annelation in 5. For the more flexible 6 (due to the flattened cyclohexene ring D), however, the splits are smaller, and hence are not convincing as concerns the annelation. For 5 the shifts of the annelational carbons, however, are smaller (by 3.2 and 1.9 ppm) and a  $cis \rightarrow$ *trans* change in the  $C/D$  annelation should lead to an opposite difference [16a]. Consequently, the  $C/D$  annelation must be unaltered *cis* for 6.
- (iv) By application of our "splitting rule" [18, 19], the starting di-*endo* (7–9) or  $di-exo$  (10, 11) annelation of the reacting bicyclic partners (*E-H*, Scheme) remain the same in the pentacyclic products. The  $1', 6'$ -vicinal coupling leads to a doublet split of the corresponding H-1' and H-6' signals by  $\sim$ 8–9 Hz. For the di-endo compounds, the H-1',2' and H-5',6' couplings result in further splits of these signals to double doublets (due to a dihedral angle of  $\sim 30^{\circ}$ ), whereas in the di-exo analogues, these couplings are small (the dihedral angle is about  $90^{\circ}$ ), which causes no further split.
- (v) The steric orientation of the 1-phenyl group follows from the anisotropic shielding caused by the benzene ring on the close-lying hydrogens; the  ${}^{1}H$  NMR signals are shifted upfield by this effect [16b]. When the 1-phenyl ring is in the exo position (on the same side of the skeleton as H-3a), its anisotropy results in a dramatic upfield shift of the H-7( $ax$ ) and H-3a signals, as observed for 3 and 7–10 (the H-7(ax) shifts are  $\langle$ 1 ppm, whereas they are 1.25–1.75 ppm for the other compounds). The close arrangement of the 1-phenyl group and the 3a and  $7(ax)$  hydrogens was confirmed by DIFFNOE measurements. On irradiation of one of the signals of the ortho-hydrogens of the 1-phenyl groups or H-3a or  $H-7(ax)$ , the other displayed an intensity enhancement.
- $(vi)$  For 7 the DIFFNOE results demonstrate the close arrangement of the H-1',  $H-6'$  on the norbornane moiety (to the oxazine ring) and the 1-phenyl group. As regards the di-endo annelation, it has been proved that the latter group and the bridging  $CH<sub>2</sub>$  are on the same side of the skeleton. Since all the other parts of molecule 8 have the same steric structure as in 7, the bridging  $CH<sub>2</sub>$  must be in an opposite position in  $\mathbf{8}$ , *i.e.* the CH<sub>2</sub> lies on the opposite side of the skeleton from the 1-phenyl group. Accordingly, the two neighbouring methylene groups (in Pos. 3' and 4',  $Q$  in 8) are close to the 1-phenyl group, and the anisotropy of the latter results in an upfield shift of the signals of these methylene hydrogens (0.98 and 1.13 ppm for 8, and  $\sim$ 1.35, 1.48, and 1.80 ppm for 7).

Though norbornene  $9$  has no isomeric counterpart, the upfield shifts of H-3<sup> $\prime$ </sup> and  $H-4'$  (olefinic hydrogens in the norbornene moiety) relative to those in 11 (5.66 and 5.47 ppm in 9, and 6.38 and 5.95 ppm in 11) suggest the opposite position of the 1-phenyl and the bridging  $CH_2$  in 9, similarly as in 8.

Thus, it is easy to see that for 11 the relative position of the two groups in question is opposite to that in  $\bf{8}$  and  $\bf{9}$ : the bridging CH<sub>2</sub> and 1-phenyl group are on the same side of the skeleton, similarly as in 7. Because of the di- $exo$  annelation, however, the two groups are situated close to one another and the anisotropic effect of the benzene ring leads to an upfield shift of the hydrogens of the bridging  $CH<sub>2</sub>$ (0.61 and 0.99 ppm, whereas the corresponding values in 9 are 1.34 and 1.39 ppm).

DIFFNOE between the *ortho*-hydrogens  $(1$ -phenyl) and  $H-1'$  (NCH group) and the lack of anisotropic shielding on the bridging  $CH<sub>2</sub>$  suggest a stereostructure with these two groups on opposite sides of the skeleton for 10, analogously as in 8 and 9.

From the above, it can be concluded that the endo position of the 1-phenyl group in 4–6 and 11 is reflected in a downfield shift of the 3-carbonyl signal (these shifts are  $>180$  ppm, whereas they are  $<180$  ppm for the other compounds). The configurations in 1 remain unaltered in all products: trans  $\rightarrow$  cis isomerization was not observed with these compounds. Similarly, the original stereostructures are retained in the products. The isomeric pair 3 and 4 differ in the position of the 1-phenyl, while 7 and 8 differ in the positions of the 1-phenyl and the bridging  $CH<sub>2</sub>$  of the norbornane moiety. For 8, the steric hindrance between the 1-phenyl and the neighbouring methylene hydrogens (Pos.  $3'$  and  $4'$ ), leads to formation of the isomeric 7, whereas 9, in which the steric hindrance is only moderate, did not undergo isomerization. The steric structure of 10 can be explained analogously (in this structure, the molecule avoids an unfavourable interaction of the 1-phenyl group with the bridging  $CH<sub>2</sub>$ ).

#### Experimental

IR spectra were run in KBr discs on a Bruker IFS-55 FT-spectrometer controlled by Opus 3.0 software. The  ${}^{1}$ H and  ${}^{13}$ C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution in 5 mm tubes at rt on a Bruker DRX-500 spectrometer at 500.13 ( $^1$ H) and 125.76 ( $^1$ 3C) MHz with the deuterium signal of the solvent as the lock and TMS as internal standard. The VT-NMR measurements were carried out in  $DMSO-d_6$  from 298 K to 353 K on BRUKER AM 300 equipment. The standard Bruker microprogram NOEMULT to generate NOE [20] and DIFFNOE spectra [16c, 21] was used with a selective pre-irradiation time. DEPT spectra [22] were run in a standard manner [23], using only a  $\Theta = 135^{\circ}$  pulse to separate the  $CH/CH_3$  and  $CH_2$  lines phased "up" and "down", respectively. The 2D-COSY [24a, 25a], HMQC [24b, 25b], and HMBC [26, 27] spectra were obtained by using the standard Bruker pulse programs COSY-45, INV4GSSW, and INV4GSLRNDSW, respectively.

#### General Procedure for the Preparation of 2–11

A mixture of  $3.08 \text{ g}$  of 1 (0.01 mol), aminoalcohol (0.6 g ethylenediamine, 1.3 g *cis*-2-aminocyclohexanemethanol, or -cyclohex-4-enemethanol, 1.4 g di-endo- or di-exo-3-aminobicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-, or -hept-5-enemethanol, 0.01 mol) and 0.05 g of PTSA in dry toluene (for 2 and 5–9) or chlorobenzene (for 3, 4, 10, and 11) was refluxed for 2 h with the application of a water separator. After the solvent had been evaporated, the residue was transferred to an aluminum oxide (Acros basic,  $50-200 \mu$ , for 2, 6, and 9–11) or silica gel (Silica gel Merck 60, 0.040–0.063 mm, for 3–5, 7, and 8) column and eluted with benzene (for 5), EtOAc (for 2, 9, and 11) or n-hexane:EtOAc = 2:1 (for 3 and 4) or nhexane: $EtOAc = 4:1$  (for 6–8 and 10), with monitoring by TLC (silica gel TLC aluminum sheets, solvent: benzene: EtOH: petroleum ether (bp  $40-60^{\circ}$ C) = 4:1:3, development in iodine vapour; higher  $R_f$  4 and 7, lower  $R_f$  3 and 8).

1,7-Diphenyl-4a,5,6,7,8,8a-hexahydrophthalazin-4(3H)-one  $(2, C_{20}H_{20}N_2O)$ 

Yield 2.19 g (72%); mp 235–236 °C (*EtOH*).

8,9b-Diphenylperhydroimidazo[2,3-a]isoindolone  $(3, C_{22}H_{24}N_2O)$ 

Yield 0.86 g (26%); mp 237-239 °C (EtOH).

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8,9b-Diphenylperhydroimidazo[2,3-a]isoindolone  $(4, C_{22}H_{24}N_2O)$ Yield 0.93 g (28%); mp 248–250 °C ( $Et$ OH).

6a,8-Diphenyl-11-oxoperhydroisoindolo[2,1-a][3,1]benzoxazine  $(5, C_{27}H_{31}NO_2)$ Yield 2.65 g (66%); mp 263-265 °C (*EtOH*).

6a,8-Diphenyl-11-oxo-1,4,4a,6b,7,8,9,10,10a,12a-decahydroisoindo $lo[2,1-a][3,1]$ benzoxazine (6, C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>)

Yield  $2.32 \text{ g}$  (58%); mp  $226 - 228$ °C (*EtOH*).

di-endo-6a,8-Diphenyl-1,4-methano-11-oxoperhydroisoindo $lo[2,1-a][3,1]$ benzoxazine (7, C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>)

Yield 1.32 g (32%); mp 195–197 °C (*EtOH*).

di-endo-6a,8-Diphenyl-1,4-methano-11-oxoperhydroisoindo $lo[2,1-a][3,1]$ benzoxazine  $(8, C_{28}H_{31}NO_2)$ 

Yield 1.24 g (30%); mp 193-195°C (EtOH).

di-endo-6a,8-Diphenyl-1,4-methano-11-oxo-1,4,4a,6b,7,8,9,10,10a,12adecahydroisoindolo[2,1-a][3,1]benzoxazine  $(9, C_{28}H_{29}NO_2)$ 

Yield 3.13 g (76%); mp 280-281 °C (EtOH).

di-exo-6a,8-Diphenyl-1,4-methano-11-oxoperhydroisoindo $lo[2,1-a][3,1]$ benzoxazine (10, C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>)

Yield 3.30 g (80%); mp  $197-199$ °C (*EtOAc*).

di-exo-6a,8-Diphenyl-1,4-methano-11-oxo-1,4,4a,6b,7,8,9,10,10a,12adecahydroisoindolo[2,1-a][3,1]benzoxazine  $(11, C_{28}H_{29}NO_2)$ 

Yield 2.88 g (70%); mp 250–252 °C (*EtOH*).

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