

Supporting Information

a) Elemental Analyses (compounds were recrystallized to constant mp)

Entry	Formula	C% calcd	H% calcd	N% calcd	C% found	H% found	N% found
Ester 5	C ₁₇ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₇	57.3	3.4	7.9	57.4	3.5	7.8
Ester 6	C ₁₈ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₇	58.4	3.8	7.5	58.7	4.0	7.4
Amide	C ₁₈ H ₁₇ NO ₂	77.4	6.1	5.0	77.6	6.2	5.0

b) ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded at 200 MHz (Varian Gemini 200) in acetone-*d*₆ with TMS as internal standard; the attribution of the vinylenic hydrogen atoms was performed by simple decoupling technique and J values were in the range 15.22 – 15.42 Hz thus indicating *E,E* stereochemistry.