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### SELECTIVE REACTIVITY OF THE BIENAMINE OF PIPERAZINE-CYCLOHEXANONE WITH BENZOYL CHLORIDE

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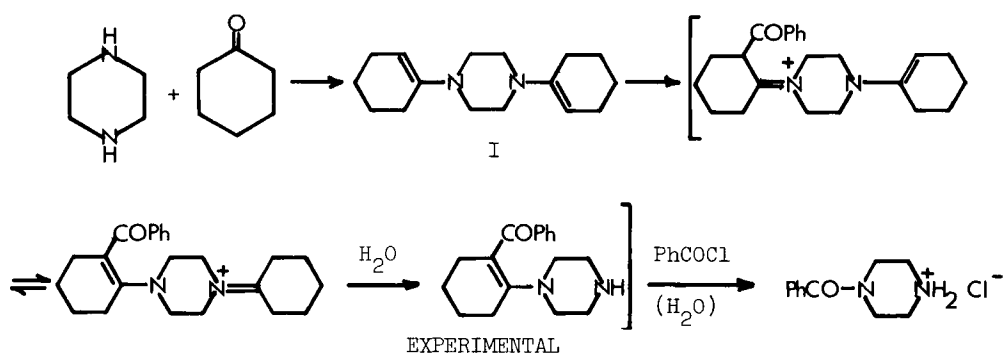
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The selective benzoylation of bis-enamine I affords a novel path to  
N-benzoylpiperazine.<sup>1,2</sup>



1,4-bis-[1-Cyclohexenyl]piperazine (I).- A solution of 11.28 g (0.13 mol) of piperazine in 150 ml of dry benzene was added to a stirred solution of 25.72 g (27.1 ml, 0.26 mol) of cyclohexanone in 150 ml of dry benzene in a 500 ml round-bottomed flask fitted with a Dean-Stark trap (half-filled with molecular sieves) and a reflux condenser. The system had been previously purged with N<sub>2</sub> and flame dried. A catalytic amount of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate was added, and the mixture was heated under reflux for 24 hrs. The mixture was concentrated to 150 ml by distillation under reduced pressure and the product separated as white crystals on cooling which were collected. Further concentration of the filtrate in vacuo gave additional product which was filtered, washed with a small quantity of cold benzene and cold ether. After recrystallization from benzene-petroleum ether, the combined yield was 25.33 g (78%), mp. 119-120°; <sup>1</sup>H nmr [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO-d<sub>6</sub>/TMS]: δ 1.5-1.9 (4H, broad), 1.9-2.2 (4H, broad), δ 2.8 (4H), δ 4.6 (2H, broad triplet). The bis-enamine is moderately stable to water and may be stored under N<sub>2</sub> in a desiccator.

Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N: C, 77.99; H, 10.65; N, 11.36.

Found: C, 77.84; H, 10.85; N, 11.35.

Monobenzoylpiperazine Hydrochloride (II).- To a stirred solution of 2.25 g (9.1 mmol) of I in 90 ml of anhydrous CHCl<sub>3</sub> was added a 2.5 molar equivalent (3.21 g, 2.65 ml, 22.75 mmol) of benzoyl chloride. The mixture was

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stirred at room temperature, open to the atmosphere, for 18 hrs. Anhydrous ether (50 ml) was then added to precipitate a white solid (2.06 g), consisting of 75% N-benzoylpiperazine (II) and 25% piperazine as their hydrochlorides (nmr).

Treatment of the mixture with base followed by extraction with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  gave impure monobenzoylpiperazine (II), [picrate, mp. 239-240°, lit.<sup>2a</sup> mp. 240°]. This was converted to its hydrochloride by passing a stream of anhydrous HCl through an ethereal solution for a few minutes. The precipitate was separated by filtration to give 1.52 g (62%), mp. 260-265° (dec.), lit.<sup>1</sup> mp. 274°. The overall yield from piperazine was 50%.

<sup>1</sup>H nmr ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ /acetone reference):  $\delta$  3.1-3.4 (4H, broad),  $\delta$  3.6-3.9 (4H, broad),  $\delta$  7.3 (5H, singlet).

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