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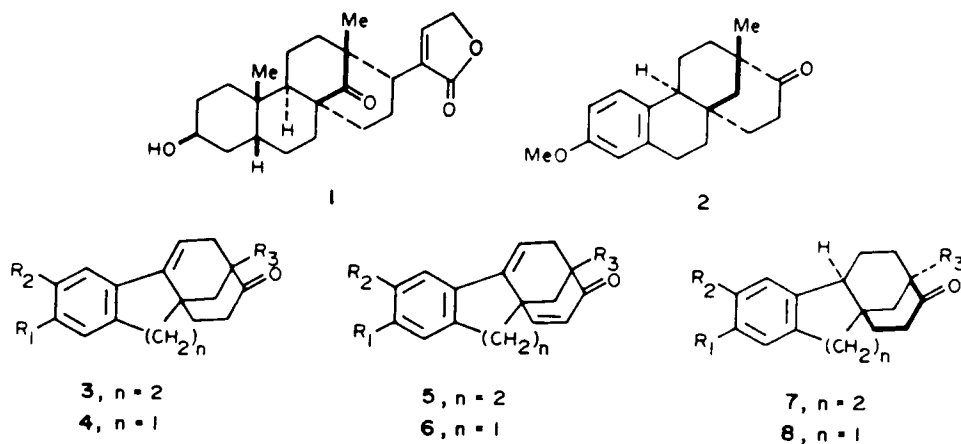
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During a reinvestigation of the cardiac glycosides from Nerium, Abe and Yamauchi¹ isolated a few new cardinolides having a novel bicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-9-one carbocyclic framework **1**. Recently, we developed² a remarkably simple formylation-cyclization route to functionalized bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane derivatives. The styrenoid ketones **3b** or **5b**, thus obtained,^{2c} appeared to be promising precursors for the elaboration to the tetracyclic ketone **2** as a starting point for the synthesis of the difficultly accessible carbocyclic framework of **1**. This objective prompted us to study in detail the stereochemical outcome of the reduction of **3b** and **5b** and the related tetracyclic systems (**3a-d**, **4a-d**)^{2a,2c} and (**5a-d**, **6a-d**)^{2a,2c}



a) $R_1 = R_2 = H$, $R_3 = Me$

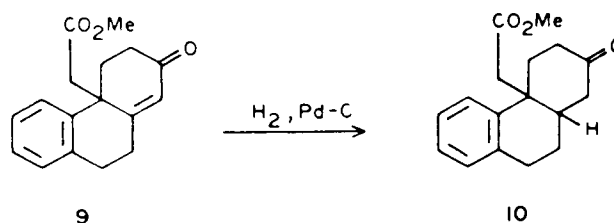
c) $R_1 = H$, $R_2 = OMe$, $R_3 = Me$

b) $R_1 = OMe$, $R_2 = H$, $R_3 = Me$

d) $R_1 = OMe$, $R_2 = R_3 = H$

When the styrenoid bond in the ketone **3b** was hydrogenated over 10% Pd/C in ethanol or ethyl acetate at one atmospheric pressure and room temperature, to our dismay, the undesired *trans*-saturated ketone **7b**³ was obtained as the sole product. Similar hydrogenation of styrenoid ketones **3a**, **3c**, **3d** and **4a**, **b** gave the saturated ketones **7a**, **7c**, **7d** and **8a-b** whose stereochemistry at the benzylic center was assigned by analogy with **7b**.

In an earlier observation⁴ from this laboratory, the catalytic hydrogenation of the enone **9** using Pd/C (10%) in pyridine at room temperature and atmospheric pressure led exclusively to the



cis-product **10**. Attempted reduction of the styrenoid double bond of **3b** with Pd/C (10%) using pyridine or piperidine led to the complete recovery of the starting material. However, hydrogenation of the styrenoid enone **5b** under identical conditions gave the ketone **3b** exclusively through selective reduction of the carbonyl conjugated double bond. Piperidine was found to be considerably superior to pyridine as the latter underwent simultaneous reduction making the overall hydrogenation more complex. Although other basic solvents such as N-methylpiperidine, γ -picoline, collidine and pyrrolidine were also effective, piperidine was found to be the solvent of choice. Thus, when the other carbonyl conjugated ketones **5a**, **5c**, **5d** and **6a-b** were subjected to hydrogenation under the same conditions in piperidine, the known styrenoid ketones **3a**, **3c**, **3d** and **4a-b** were obtained in excellent yields. On the other hand, when **5a-d** and **6a, b** were hydrogenated with Pd/C (10%) in ethanol, the saturated ketones **7a-d** and **8a-b** were produced in quantitative yields.

In conclusion, though the catalytic hydrogenation of the styrenoid ketones **3b** and **5b** failed to give the desired stereoisomer **2**, the present study introduces a method for chemoselective reduction of carbonyl conjugated double bond and stereoselective hydrogenation of styrenoid double bond, which may find application in natural product synthesis.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Mps. were recorded on a Mettler FP-16 instrument and are uncorrected. IR spectra of solids (KBr) and liquid (neat) were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer model PE298. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 60 MHz on Varian Associates T-60 A or at 200 MHz on Varian XL-200 for solutions in CCl₄ or CDCl₃, with TMS as internal standard. Column chromatography was performed on neutral alumina (B. D. H. India). Petroleum refers to the fraction boiling between 60-80° and light petroleum refers to the fraction boiling between 40-60°. Elemental analyses were performed in this laboratory by Mr. P. P. Bhattacharyya.

Stereoselective Reduction of Styrenoid Double Bonds. Preparation of Saturated Ketones (7a-d) and (8a-b) from (3a-d/5a-d) and (4a-b/6a-b).- The enones and dienones were hydrogenated in ethanol using Pd/C (10%) by standard procedure.^{2e}

Chemoselective Hydrogenation of Carbonyl Conjugated Double Bond Using Palladium-Charcoal in Piperidine. Preparation of Enones (3a-d) and (4a-d) from (5a-d) and (6a-b). General Procedure.- The dienone (100 mg) was hydrogenated in dry piperidine (3 ml) in presence of

10% Pd/C (20 mg) at room temperature and atmospheric pressure for 2 hrs. The catalyst was then removed by filtration and the solution was diluted with ice-cold 2N HCl (25 ml) and extracted with ether (3 x 20 ml). The ethereal extract was washed with brine and dried (Na_2SO_4). Evaporation of solvent left a solid in nearly quantitative yield which was purified by crystallization from petroleum to furnish a pure sample.

Compounds (3a-c) and (4a-b) were characterized by comparison with authentic samples^{2a-2c} (mp, mmp, IR and ^1H NMR). The enone (3d), mp 107° (petroleum), was characterized by its spectral data. UV (EtOH) λ_{max} 264 nm (log ϵ 4.35); IR (KBr): 1710, 1610 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 60 MHz): δ 1.4-2.96 (m, 13H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 6.30 (t, 1H, J = 4 Hz), 6.63-6.83 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, 1H, J = 9 Hz).

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2$: C, 80.56; H, 7.51. Found: C, 80.69; H, 7.59.

TABLE 1. Physical and Spectral Data of Saturated Ketones (7a-d) and (8a-b).

Cpd	mp. (°C)	IR (cm^{-1})	^1H NMR (δ)	Elemental Analysis
<u>7a</u>	95-96 (light petroleum)	1702	(CDCl_3 , 60 MHz) 1.09 (s,3H), 1.31-3.1(m,15H), 7.05-7.21(m,4H)	Calcd : C, 84.99; H, 8.72 Found: C, 84.86; H, 8.77
<u>7b</u>	135 (petroleum)	1700 1609	(CCl_4 , 60 MHz) 1.01 (s, 3H), 1.21-2.81(m,15H), 3.70(s,3H), 6.45-7.05 (m,3H)	Calcd : C, 80.24; H, 8.51 Found: C, 80.24; H, 8.51
<u>7c</u>	132 (light petroleum)	1695 1605	(CDCl_3 , 200 MHz) 1.08 (s,3H), 1.40-2.92 (m,15H), 3.80(s,3H), 6.70-7.06 (m,3H)	Calcd : C, 80.24; H, 8.51 Found: C, 80.29; H, 8.81
<u>7d</u>	97-98 (petroleum)	1700 1600	(CDCl_3 , 200 MHz) 1.26- 2.96 (m,15H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 6.66-6.80 (m,2H), 7.16 (d,1H,J=9 Hz)	Calcd : C, 79.96; H, 8.20 Found: C, 80.05; H, 8.15
<u>8a</u>	oil	1690 1595	(CDCl_3 , 200 MHz) 0.94 (s,3H), 1.18-3.20(m,13H), 7.14-7.21(m,4H)	Calcd : C, 84.95; H, 8.39 Found: C, 84.70; H, 8.45
<u>8b</u>	80-81 (methanol)	1695 1600	(CDCl_3 , 200 MHz) 0.94 (s,3H), 1.14-3.16 (m, 13H), 6.74-8.12 (m,3H)	Calcd : C, 79.96; H, 8.20 Found: C, 80.09; H, 8.07

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PREPARATION OF NOVEL

2-ARYL-4H-NAPHTH[2,1-c]-1,3,4-OXADIAZINE- 6-OL DERIVATIVES

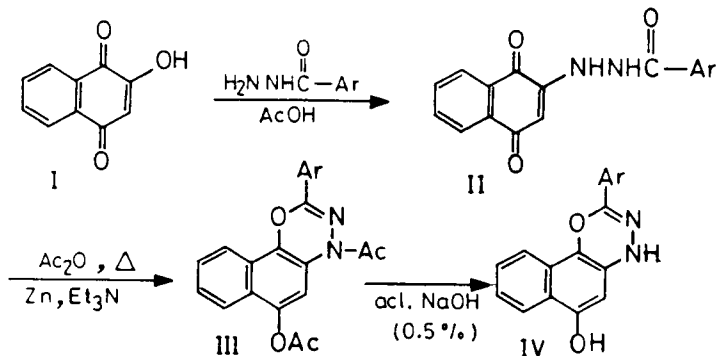
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As a continuation of our earlier work on heterocyclic systems from natural quinones,¹⁻⁴ we are now reporting the preparation of novel heterocyclic system namely 2-aryl-4H-naphth[2,1-c]-1,3,4-oxadiazine-6-ol (IV) in a three-step process from Lawsone, a natural quinone, in good yields. Lawsone (I, extracted from *Lawsonia alba*) was first treated in acetic acid with aroylhydrazines to give 2-aryl-hydrazino-1,4-naphthoquinone (II) in excellent yields.



As the attempts for direct cyclization of II to give the title products failed under various