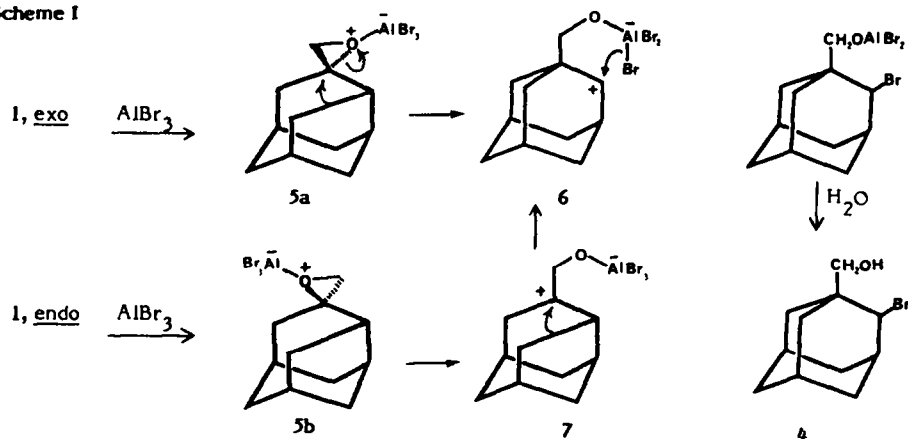


Electrophilically-catalyzed ring openings and rearrangements of 1

We describe highly efficient methods of rearranging 1 to a number of 1-(hydroxymethyl) 2-substituted adamantanes by Lewis acids under extremely mild conditions. Under electrophilic catalysis, both isomers of 1 ring open with concomitant rearrangement to the more stable adamantane skeleton.^{17,18} The overall reaction represents an important approach to the synthesis of a variety of 2-substituted 1-(hydroxymethyl)adamantanes. Chakrabarti¹⁷ reacted 1 with 40% hydrogen bromide in acetic acid to obtain 2-bromo-1-(hydroxymethyl)adamantane (**4**) in 30% yield. Upon reexamining this reaction, it became apparent that **4** was just one component in a complex mixture of products (GC/MS).

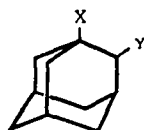
A greatly improved method consisted of treating 1 with aluminum bromide in dichloromethane at -78°C to furnish **4** in 82% yield. The mechanism for such a transformation would commence with the coordination of the Lewis acid with 1. Ring opening of the oxonium ion of the exo isomer of 1 and subsequent rearrangement to the 2-adamantyl cation (**6**) can occur in a concerted manner (cf. **5a**) since the migrating C-C bond is antiperiplanar to the leaving group. This σ -participation is characteristic for reactions of 4-exo-protoadamantyl derivatives.^{14,19,24,27,28} The intermediate **6** is structurally perfect for nucleophilic attack at C-2 by one of the bromines via a 6-membered cyclic transition state to form **4** (Scheme I).

Scheme I



The corresponding endo oxonium cation, **5b**, can cleave to provide the 4-protoadamantyl carbonium ion (**7**) which readily rearranges to the more stable 2-adamantyl cation (**6**), the precursor for **4**.

Table I. 1,2-Disubstituted Adamantanes Synthesized from 1 and 2

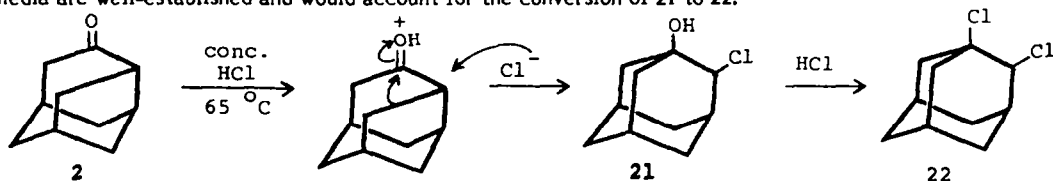


Compd	X	Y	Compd	X	Y	Compd	X	Y
4	CH_2OH	Br	19	AcO	AcO	29	F	Br
8	CH_2OH	Cl	20	AcO	AcO	30	F	I
10	CH_2OH	I	21	OH	Cl	31	Cl	Br
11	CH_2OH	F	22	Cl	Cl	32	Cl	I
12	CH_2OH	Ph	23	OH	Br	33	Br	Cl
13	CO_2H	Cl	24	Br	Br	34	Br	I
14	CO_2H	Br	25	OAc	Br	35	OAc	Cl
15	CO_2H	I	26	OH	I	36	OAc	I
16	CO_2H	Ph	27	I	I	37	I	Cl
17	CO_2H	F	28	F	Cl	38	I	Br

where $\text{Ac} = \text{COCH}_3$

sulfuric acid, reflux, 2 days). The starting material was recovered quantitatively. This is not surprising since the diol (20) is known to rearrange to 4-protoadamantanone (2) upon exposure to acids.²⁴

The reaction of 4-protoadamantanone (2) with concentrated hydrochloric acid at 65 °C afforded a mixture of 2-chloro-1-adamantanol (21) and 1,2-dichloroadamantane (22). The reaction was accelerated by the addition of anhydrous zinc chloride. The protonated ketone 18 (E = H) rearranges and picks up chloride ion to furnish 21. 1,2-Dichloroadamantane (22) was formed apparently from 2-chloro-1-adamantanol (21) since longer reaction times converted 2 completely to 22. Displacements of alcohols at bridgehead carbons in electrophilic media are well-established and would account for the conversion of 21 to 22.^{30a}



A cognate reaction of 4-protoadamantanone (2) with 48% hydrobromic acid gave a mixture of 2-bromo-1-adamantanol (23) and 1,2-dibromoadamantane (24). When 48% hydrobromic acid was replaced by 30% hydrogen bromide in acetic acid there was also obtained 2-bromo-1-adamantyl acetate (25) in addition to 23 and 24. Presumably, in the presence of a large excess of acetic acid, the bromo alcohol 23 was acetylated to give 25. 2-Iodo-1-adamantanol (26) and 1,2-diiodoadamantane (27) were prepared during the reaction of 4-protoadamantanone (2) with hydrogen iodide (generated from potassium iodide and phosphoric acid).

Synthesis of 1,2-dihaloadamantanes

The availability of so many precursors suggested the synthesis of a number of mixed 1,2-dihaloadamantanes in view of their interesting NMR spectral parameters.⁴⁰ 2-Chloro-, 2-bromo- and 2-iodo-1-adamantanols (21, 23 and 26) served as starting materials for the preparation of a number of "mixed" 1,2-dihaloadamantanes. Thus, 1-fluoro-2-haloadamantanes (28, 29, and 30) were isolated in excellent yields by reacting the corresponding alcohols with diethylaminosulfur trifluoride (DAST). Also 23 and 26 were treated with thionyl chloride to form 2-bromo-1-chloro- and 1-chloro-2-iodoadamantanes, 31 and 32, respectively.

1-Bromo-2-chloro- and 1-bromo-2-iodoadamantanes (33 and 34, respectively) were obtained from the corresponding alcohols (21 and 26) upon reaction with 30% hydrogen bromide in acetic acid. Acetates 35 and 36 were isolated as by-products. These esters were converted to the starting alcohols by potassium carbonate in methanol. Reaction with 48% hydrobromic acid (instead of 30% hydrogen bromide in acetic acid) required elevated temperatures and surprisingly some substitution took place at C-2 also. For example, 2-chloro-1-adamantanol (21) afforded 1-bromo-2-chloroadamantane (33) contaminated with approximately 10% of 1,2-dibromoadamantane (24). Separation of these products by fractional crystallization, sublimation, or chromatography, proved futile.

The same problem was encountered during attempts to prepare 1-iodo-2-chloro- and 1-iodo-2-bromoadamantanes (37 and 38, respectively) from the corresponding alcohols and hydrogen iodide. The desired mixed dihalo products were always contaminated by 1,2-diiodoadamantane (27). It is of course of interest to note that the 2-chloro and 2-bromo groups were displaced by iodide ion in this protic medium. Thus, for the preparation of 37 and 38, alternate approaches were sought.

Reactivities of the two halogens in 1,2-dihaloadamantanes toward nucleophilic displacement are quite different. Nucleophilic displacements at C-1 and C-2 of adamantanes proceed with different mechanisms and have been the subject of many studies.³⁰ The bridgehead halogen is substituted by an S_N1 mechanism with the formation of the intermediate 2-halo-1-adamantylcarbonium ion (39). Such a carbonium ion (39) is expected to be destabilized due to the electron-withdrawing effect of the neighboring halo group at C-2.



Bridgehead halogens in 1,2-dihaloadamantanes tend to be inert towards nucleophilic displacement. Indeed, 1,2-dibromoadamantane failed to undergo either acetolysis (reflux in acetic acid for 7 days), or hydrolysis (aqueous DMSO or DMF at 150 °C for 7 days). But, the other halogen at C-2 can undergo S_N2 displacements, but very slowly. The transition state for such reactions tend to be impeded by the presence of the four axial hydrogens at C-4, C-9, C-8, and C-10 (cf. 40). Furthermore, the electron-withdrawing effect of the halo groups at C-1 further reduces the reactivity of the 2-halo group. In fact, we prepared 2-chloro-1-iodo- and 2-bromo-1-iodoadamantanes (37 and 38, respectively) by the nucleophilic displacement of the iodo group at C-2 in 1,2-diiodoadamantane (27) by the reaction with either potassium chloride or potassium bromide in HMPA at 150 °C. No displacement took place at C-1.³¹

Conclusions

We demonstrated the usefulness of protoadamantane-adamantane rearrangements in the synthesis of 1,2-disubstituted adamantanes. Efficient methods for the rearrangement of epoxides 1 were developed and enabled us to synthesize a number of 2-substituted 1-(hydroxymethyl)adamantanes. These alcohols were readily oxidized to the corresponding carboxylic acids. We have investigated also the rearrangements of 4-protoadamantanone to provide 2-substituted 1-adamantanols. Syntheses of twelve 1,2-dihaloadamantanes with different combinations and permutations of fluoro, chloro, bromo, and iodo groups at C-1 and C-2 are also reported.

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined on a Thomas Hoover apparatus and are uncorrected. Microanalyses were performed by Microtech Laboratories, Skokie, Illinois. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet NIC-360 NB spectrometer operating at 361.1 MHz for ^1H and 90.8 MHz for ^{13}C . Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ) downfield from internal $(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{Si}$. Mass spectra and GC/MS analyses were performed on a Varian MAT 112S or on a Finnigan MAT 4510 spectrometer using either DB-1 30 m x 0.32 mm i.d. or a DB-5 30 m x 0.25 mm i.d. fused silica capillary columns and He as carrier gas. In general, the reported ions are those with m/z above 40 and with relative intensities greater than 5% of the base peak, unless otherwise deemed important.

Gas chromatographic (GC) analyses were carried out on a Varian Aerograph 2740 instrument using 3% SE-30 on 100/120 mesh Veraport in a 30 5 ft. x 1/8 in. column with temperature programming from 150 to 250 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min. The majority of the reactions reported here were monitored periodically by GC analysis. Flash chromatography³² used silica gel 40 μm particle size (J.T. Baker).

All solvents and reagents were used as purchased, unless otherwise specified. Dimethyl sulfoxide was dried by vacuum distillation (~ 1 Torr) from CaH_2 at temperatures not exceeding 90 °C. Benzene was dried azeotropically. "Petroleum ether" refers to that fraction bp 30-60 °C. "Brine" refers to a saturated aqueous salt solution. The statement that solvents were removed "in vacuo" implies that a rotary flash evaporator was utilized, usually connected to a water pump (~ 20 -30 Torr). Distillation of the last traces of solvents sometimes required high-vacuum (< 1 Torr).

4-Exo- and 4-endo-epoxymethyleneprotoadamantane (1)

Method A: The reaction between 4-protoadamantanone (2)^{33,34} and trimethylsulfonium iodide was carried out as described by Chakrabarti *et al.*¹⁷ except that NaH was used instead of *t*-BuOK. The product was a waxy solid (94%); mp 60-64 °C, (lit.¹⁷ mp 62-64 °C); GC/MS (DB-1 column, isothermal, 110 °C) indicated the presence of the two epimers (*exo:endo* ratio, 3:2), R_f , 5.16 and 5.53 min. Both isomers showed this MS: m/z (rel intensity) 164 (14, M^+), 135 (11), 134 (45), 122 (14), 121 (15), 119 (10), 105 (11), 93 (32), 92 (100), 91 (49), 79 (46), 78 (18), 77 (33), 67 (16), 65 (13); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.72 (narrow AB q approaching a singlet, CH_2O , *endo* isomer), 2.65, and 2.51 (AB q, $\text{J} = 4.65$ Hz, CH_2O , *exo* isomer), 1.4-2.4 (a series of complex multiplets, 14 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) of the *exo* isomer: δ 60.51 (C-4), 50.93 (CH_2O), 42.65 (C-3), 41.54 (C-9), 39.21 (C-10), 38.37 (C-5), 36.01 (C-1), 35.63 (C-2), 34.35 (C-8), 33.20 (C-7), 28.21 (C-6); of the *endo* isomer: δ 60.44 (C-4), 57.62 (CH_2O), 43.02 (C-3), 41.54 (C-9), 39.46 (C-10), 36.86 (C-5), 35.78 (C-1), 35.56 (C-2), 35.37 (C-8), 33.43 (C-7), 29.40 (C-6). Assignments of ^{13}C signals were accomplished by means of 2-D INADEQUATE experiments.³⁵⁻³⁷

These epoxides (1) were not very stable at room temperature and tended to rearrange to 4-(*endo*- and *exo*)protoadamantanecarbaldehyde¹⁷ which were detected by the appearance of two ^1H NMR signals at 9.77

and 9.86 ppm (s, CHO, exo and endo in CDCl_3). The epoxides (I) are very sensitive to acids. It was advantageous to remove traces of HCl in CDCl_3 by storing this solvent over anhydrous K_2CO_3 .

Method B: The same procedure was followed as described in **Method A** but trimethylloxosulfonium iodide¹⁸ was used instead of trimethylsulfonium iodide. The epoxides were obtained in 92% yield; GC/MS and 360 MHz ^1H NMR indicated that the exo isomer was formed predominantly (exosendo ratio, 15:1).

The mixture of epoxides (I) prepared by method B was used in all subsequent reactions of I.

2-Halo-1-(hydroxymethyl)adamantanes. General procedure

A solution of the epoxides (I) (32.3 mmol) in the specified solvent (5 mL) was injected gradually through a rubber septum into a stirred solution of the Lewis acid (32.3 mmol) in the same solvent (250 mL) at -78°C (under N_2). The mixture was stirred at -78°C (4 h), was allowed to warm gradually to room temperature (1 h) and was then poured carefully into ice-water (100 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 100 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with water, then brine, dried (MgSO_4), and evaporated, in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue using stepwise elution with 10-20% ether in petroleum ether, followed by recrystallization from hexane furnished pure halo alcohols.

2-Chloro-1-(hydroxymethyl)adamantane (8): was obtained in 84% yield from I and AlCl_3 in dichloromethane; mp (hexane) 153-154 $^\circ\text{C}$; GC, $R_t = 2.4$ min; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 4.38 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.58 and 3.19 (dd, 2H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 11.2$ Hz, CH_2O), 1.61 (s, 1H, OH), 2.20-2.13 (m, 2H), 1.96-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.22 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.57 (a series of complex multiplets, 8H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 184 (9), 182 (27, $\text{M}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{O}$), 171 (31), 169 (100, $\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_2\text{OH}$), 164 (72, $\text{M}^+ - \text{Cl}$), 135 (13), 133 (56), 105 (26), 93 (19), 91 (65), 79 (48), 77 (27), 67 (24), 65 (13). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClO}$: C, 65.83; H, 8.54; Cl, 17.66. Found: C, 66.14; H, 8.65; Cl, 17.38.

2-Bromo-1-(hydroxymethyl)adamantane (9): was produced (82%) by reacting I with AlBr_3 in dichloromethane; mp (hexane) 136-137 $^\circ\text{C}$; lit.¹⁷ mp 138 $^\circ\text{C}$; GC, $R_t = 3.1$ min; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 4.65 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.51 and 3.18 (dd, 2H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 11.1$ Hz, CH_2O), 1.93 (s, 1H, OH), 2.29-2.26 (m, 2H), 1.28 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.63 (a series of complex multiplets, 10H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 246 (0.4) and 244 (0.4, M^+), 215 and 213 (2, $\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_2\text{OH}$), 166 (13), 165 (100, $\text{M}^+ - \text{Br}$), 147 (63), 133 (19), 119 (32), 105 (34), 93 (17), 91 (67), 79 (39), 77 (21), 67 (26).

2-Iodo-1-(hydroxymethyl)adamantane (10): A solution of AlI_3 in carbon disulfide was allowed to react with I as described in the "General procedure". In the workup, however, the organic extract was washed with 5% NaHSO_3 solution before the final wash with brine. The iodo alcohol (10) was obtained in 79% yield; mp (hexane) 102-103 $^\circ\text{C}$; GC, $R_t = 3.7$ min; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 4.88 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.35 and 3.20 (dd, 2H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 11.2$ Hz, CH_2O), 1.95 (s, 1H, OH), 2.36 (m, 2H), 1.33 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.71 (a series of complex multiplets, 10H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 261 (0.7, $\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_2\text{OH}$), 165 (100, $\text{M}^+ - \text{I}$), 147 (73), 119 (57), 105 (53), 95 (14), 93 (39), 92 (27), 91 (99), 81 (36), 79 (79), 77 (37), 67 (57). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{IO}$: C, 45.22; H, 5.86; I, 43.44. Found: C, 44.92; H, 5.86; I, 43.75.

1-Hydroxymethyl-2-fluoroadamantane (11): The epoxides (I, 600 mg, 3.6 mmol) were reacted with BF_3 etherate (0.49 mL, 3.96 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL), as described in the "General procedure". The products were separated by flash chromatography. The first fractions were eluted by 5% ether in petroleum ether and contained a waxy solid (206 mg) identified by ^1H NMR as a mixture of exo and endo 4-protoadamantanecarboxaldehyde¹⁷. Further elution with 10-20% ether in petroleum ether afforded the fluoro alcohol (11) (260 mg, 40%); mp (hexane) 150-151 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 4.66 (m, H-2, 1H, $J_{\text{FH}} = 51.4$ Hz), 3.50 and 3.28 (dd, 2H, CH_2O , $J_{\text{gem}} = 11.0$ Hz), 2.22 (s, 1H, OH), 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.85 (m, 5H), 1.75-1.53 (m, 6H), 1.31 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 184 (1, M^+), 166 (13, $\text{M}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{O}$), 164 (30, $\text{M}^+ - \text{HF}$), 154 (15), 153 (100, $\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_2\text{OH}$), 133 (17), 111 (11), 93 (12), 91 (17), 79 (26), 67 (12). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{FO}$: C, 71.71; H, 9.29; F, 10.31. Found: C, 71.36; H, 9.37; F, 9.73.

1-(Hydroxymethyl)-2-phenyladamantane (12)

Method A: A solution of I (2.0 g, 12.2 mmol) in carbon disulfide (10 mL) was injected into a solution of AlBr_3 (6.53 g, 24.4 mmol) in the same solvent (100 mL), cooled to -78°C (N_2). The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 4 h and was then allowed to warm to 0°C for 1 h. Dry benzene (10 mL) was added and stirring continued at 0°C for 3 h. The reaction was monitored by GC and was quenched as soon as it was complete. Unnecessarily long reaction times should be avoided as these may lead to intractable mixtures. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water (200 mL) and was extracted with CHCl_3 (3 x 150 mL). The organic phase was washed with water, then with brine, dried (MgSO_4) and solvents were evaporated, in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue using 5-10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether as an eluent produced 12 initially

an oil which slowly solidified to a waxy solid (1.9 g, 70%); mp 60–63 °C; GC, $R_t = 6.0$ min; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.18–7.45 (m, 5H, Ph), 3.18 and 3.06 (AB q, 2H, CH_2O , $J_{\text{AB}} = 11.1$ Hz), 2.94 (m, 1H, H-2), 2.20–2.09 (m, 5H), 1.93–1.85 (m, 4H), 1.80–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.42 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 242 (16, M^+), 224 (36, $\text{M}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{O}$), 211 (100, $\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_2\text{OH}$), 129 (30), 117 (20), 115 (14), 91 (94), 79 (35), 67 (18). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$: C, 84.25; H, 9.15. Found: C, 84.01; H, 9.26.

Method B: To a cooled (10 °C) solution of either **4** or **8** (7.35 mmol) in dry benzene (150 mL) was added AlBr_3 (2.53 g, 9.51 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 2–4 h at 10 °C and was monitored by GC. The workup procedure was as described above. The yield of **12** was 1.5–1.7 g (85–94%).

Reactions of 4-protoadamantanone with hydrohalic acids

A. With hydrochloric acid: A mixture of 4-protoadamantanone (7.5 g, 0.05 mol), conc. HCl (200 mL), and ZnCl_2 (13.6 g, 0.1 mol) was stirred at 65 °C for 8 h³⁸. The mixture was then cooled, diluted with water (400 mL) and extracted with CHCl_3 (3 x 200 mL). The extract was washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO_3 , then with water, dried (MgSO_4), and evaporated, *in vacuo*. Flash chromatography in petroleum ether eluted 1,2-dichloroadamantane (**22**, 2.89 g, 28%); mp 186–187 °C, (lit.^{12,13} mp 178–180, 183–185 °C); GC, $R_t = 1.7$ min.

Further elution with a gradient of ether in petroleum ether (5–50%) afforded 2-chloro-1-adamantanol (**21**, 5.58 g, 60%); mp (hexane) 235–236 °C (sealed tube); GC, $R_t = 1.3$ min; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 4.23 (br s, 1H, H-2), 2.71 (s, 1H, OH), 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.07–2.14 (m, 4H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.84–1.75 (m, 3H), 1.67–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.46 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 188 (8), 186 (25, M^+), 151 (4, $\text{M}^+ - \text{Cl}$), 129 (5), 128 (5), 109 (3), 95 (100, $\text{M}^+ - \text{Cl} - \text{C}_4\text{H}_9$), 79 (16), 77 (10), 67 (9), 53 (10). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}$: C, 64.34; H, 8.09; Cl, 18.99. Found: C, 64.08; H, 8.04; Cl, 18.97.

B. With hydrobromic acid: 4-Protoadamantanone (3.0 g, 0.02 mol), was stirred with 30% HBr in acetic acid (12.4 mL) at 80–90 °C for 18 h³⁸. The mixture was cooled, diluted with water (100 mL) and extracted with CHCl_3 (3 x 200 mL). The extract was washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO_3 , then with water, dried (MgSO_4), and evaporated, *in vacuo*. Using flash chromatography, 1,2-dibromoadamantane (**24**, 1.38 g, 23%) was obtained by elution with petroleum ether; mp 123–124 °C, lit.¹² mp 121–123 °C¹²; GC, $R_t = 2.8$ min.

Further elution with 5% ether in petroleum ether furnished 2-bromo-1-adamantyl acetate (**25**) (1.09 g, 19%) as colorless oil; GC, $R_t = 2.6$ min; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 5.35 (br s, 1H, H-2), 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.36 (br s, 1H), 2.31–2.26 (m, 2H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.13–2.10 (m, 2H), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH_3CO), 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.56 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 274 (3), 272 (3, M^+), 214 (80), 212 (85, $\text{M}^+ - \text{AcOH}$), 193 (36, $\text{M}^+ - \text{Br}$), 172, (13), 170 (12), 151 (74), 133 (71), 107 (7), 105 (9), 95 (36), 91 (67), 27 (79), 67 (18), 55 (15), 43 (100), 41 (29). The acetate was hydrolyzed to 2-bromo-1-adamantanol (**23**) by refluxing with 1% solution of K_2CO_3 in methanol.

Continued elution with a 5–30% gradient of ether in petroleum ether produced 2-bromo-1-adamantanol (**23**, 1.38 g, 31%); mp (hexane) 188–189 °C; GC, $R_t = 1.6$ min; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 4.50 (br s, 1H, H-2), 2.48 (s, 1H, OH), 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.17 (m, 3H), 2.09–2.04 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.79 (m, 3H), 1.68–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.55–1.53 (m, 2H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 232 (1), 230 (1, M^+), 151 (100, $\text{M}^+ - \text{Br}$), 133 (5), 107 (7), 95 (87, $\text{M}^+ - \text{Br} - \text{C}_4\text{H}_9$), 93 (12), 91 (15), 81 (10), 79 (12), 77 (10), 67 (10), 53 (6). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}$: C, 51.96; H, 6.54; Br, 34.57. Found: C, 51.84; H, 6.37; Br, 34.27.

C. With hydriodic acid: A mixture of 4-protoadamantanone (3.0 g, 0.02 mol), KI (6.0 g), 85% H_3PO_4 (75 mL), was stirred at 65–85 °C for 24 h (under N_2).³⁸ The mixture was cooled, diluted with water (100 mL) and extracted with CHCl_3 (3 x 200 mL). The CHCl_3 extract was washed with a saturated solution of NaHSO_3 , NaHCO_3 solution, and then water and was dried (MgSO_4). 1,2-Diiodoadamantane (**27**, 3.31 g, 43%) was eluted by petroleum ether (flash chromatography), mp 107–108 °C, lit.^{16,39} mp 105–108, 106–108 °C; GC, $R_t = 4.8$ min.

Further elution with a gradient of ether in petroleum ether (5–30%) yielded 2-iodo-1-adamantanol (**26**, 2.58 g, 47%); mp (hexane) 111–112 °C; GC, $R_t = 2.4$ min; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 4.75 (br s, 1H, H-2), 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 1H, OH), 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.16–2.13 (m, 3H), 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.87–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.69–1.56 (m, 4H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 278 (0.4, M^+), 151 (100, $\text{M}^+ - \text{I}$), 133 (10), 107 (19), 95 (26, $\text{M}^+ - \text{I} - \text{C}_4\text{H}_9$), 93 (18), 91 (43), 81 (31), 79 (25), 67 (27), 55 (24). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{IO}$: C, 43.15; H, 5.44; I, 45.63. Found: C, 42.87; H, 5.43; I, 45.79.

1,2-Diacetoxyadamantane (19)

Into a stirred mixture of 4-protoadamantanone (3.0 g, 0.02 mol) and acetic anhydride (65 mL), was injected BF_3 etherate (1 mL) (N_2 atmosphere). Stirring was continued at room temperature for 6 h. The mixture was shaken with ice-water (500 mL) when the diacetate crystallized out. The product was filtered, washed thoroughly with water and dried in a vacuum desiccator over NaOH and CaCl_2 . Low-temperature recrystallization from petroleum ether furnished the pure product (4.28 g, 84%); mp 83–85 °C, GC, $R_t = 3.1$ min; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 5.41 (m, 1H), 2.30 (m, 2H), 2.21–2.11 (m, 5H), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.93 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.80–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.47 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 192 (33, M^+-AcOH), 174 (2), 150 (94), 135 (3), 121 (9), 108 (17), 107 (10), 95 (18), 93 (7), 91 (8), 79 (14), 68 (8), 55 (6), 43 (100, COCH_3^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4$: C, 66.65; H, 7.99. Found: C, 66.70; H, 7.97.

Upon refluxing 1,2-diacetoxyadamantane with a 1% solution of K_2CO_3 in methanol (0.5 h), there was isolated 1,2-adamantanediol (96%); mp 327–330 °C, lit.^{12,13} mp 326–330, 328–330 °C.

2-Substituted 1-adamantanecarboxylic acids. General procedure

To a stirred solution of the corresponding 2-substituted 1-(hydroxymethyl)adamantane (0.543 mmol) in acetone (3 mL), was added 0.5 mL of Jones reagent. (A 50 mL stock solution of this reagent consists of 13.4 g of CrO_3 and 11 mL of concentrated H_2SO_4 in H_2O .) After the mixture was stirred for 2.5 h, methanol (0.5 mL) was added to destroy excess oxidizing agent. The mixture was diluted with water and extracted with CHCl_3 (3 x 75 mL). The organic layer was extracted by 10% NaOH solution (2 x 50 mL), then with water (50 mL). The combined aqueous extract was acidified with dilute HCl , and extracted again with CHCl_3 (3 x 100 mL). The CHCl_3 extract was washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated, *in vacuo*. The residue was recrystallized either from hexane or aqueous ethanol to furnish the pure acids.

2-Fluoro-1-adamantanecarboxylic acid (17): yield, 92%; mp 158–159 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) 11.27 (br s, 1H, COOH), 4.99 (dd, 1H, H-2, $^2J_{\text{HF}} = 49.8$ Hz, $J_{\text{HH}} = 3.8$ Hz), 2.25–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.01–1.96 (m, 3H), 1.91–1.86 (m, 4H), 1.75–1.71 (m, 3H), 1.54 (m, 1H); mass spectrum, m/z (rel intensity) 198 (3, M^+), 179 (21, M^+-F), 178 (3, M^+-HF), 153 (100, M^+-COOH), 134 (31), 133 (22), 79 (28), 77 (12), 67 (13), 65 (6), 55 (11). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{FO}_2$: C, 66.65; H, 7.62; F, 9.58. Found: C, 66.63; H, 7.75; F, 9.14.

2-Chloro-1-adamantanecarboxylic acid (13): yield, 96%; mp 168–169 °C, lit.⁷ mp 157–159 °C.

2-Bromo-1-adamantanecarboxylic acid (14): yield, 89%; mp 161–162 °C, lit.^{7,17} mp 160, 160–161 °C.

2-Iodo-1-adamantanecarboxylic acid (15): yield, 93%; mp 195–196 °C, lit.⁸ mp 195.5–196 °C.

2-Phenyl-1-adamantanecarboxylic acid (16): yield, 86%; mp 166–167 °C, lit.⁸ mp 167–168 °C.

2-Substituted 1-fluoroadamantanes. General procedure

To a cooled solution (–78 °C) of $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2\text{NSF}_3$ (2.2 mmol) in dichloromethane (50 mL), under N_2 atmosphere, was added a solution of the respective 2-substituted 1-adamantanol (2 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL). The mixture was allowed to warm gradually to room temperature. After 30 min, water (200 mL) was added and the organic layer was separated. The extract was washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO_3 , then with brine, dried (MgSO_4), and solvents were evaporated, *in vacuo*. The product was purified by either vacuum sublimation or flash chromatography using 1% ether in petroleum ether as an eluent.

2-Chloro-1-fluoroadamantane (28): yield, 90%; mp 225–226 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 4.28 (m, 1H), 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.19–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.68–1.65 (m, 3H), 1.48 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 190 (3), 188 (9, M^+), 153 (13, M^+-Cl), 152 (100, M^+-HCl), 137 (7), 133 (4), 111 (13), 110 (36), 109 (17), 97 (83), 95 (6), 93 (16), 92 (29), 91 (25), 79 (24), 77 (17), 67 (12), 56 (14), 55 (6). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClF}$: C, 63.66; H, 7.48; Cl, 18.79; F, 10.07. Found: C, 63.47; H, 7.57; Cl, 18.62; F, 10.11.

2-Bromo-1-fluoroadamantane (29): yield, 93%; mp 175–176 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 4.46 (m, 1H), 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.25–2.14 (m, 4H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.70–1.64 (m, 3H), 1.53 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 234 (3), 232 (3, M^+), 153 (100, M^+-Br), 133 (11), 111 (5), 109 (4), 97 (11), 91 (16), 79 (7), 77 (5), 67 (10), 55 (4). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrF}$: C, 51.52; H, 6.05; Br, 34.28; F, 8.15. Found: C, 51.63; H, 6.04; Br, 34.33; F, 7.87.

1-Fluoro-2-iodoadamantane (30): yield, 81%; mp 47–49 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 4.65 (m, 1H), 2.46–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.30–2.28 (m, 2H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.71–1.64 (m, 4H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 280 (7, M^+), 153 (100, M^+-I), 133 (12), 111 (5), 109 (3), 97 (10), 91 (19), 79 (7), 77 (5), 67 (10), 55 (5). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{FI}$: C, 43.20; H, 5.04; I, 45.30; F, 6.78. Found: C, 42.73; H, 5.01; I, 46.12; F, 6.71.

1-Chloro-2-haloadamantanes. General procedure

To a solution of the respective 2-halo-1-adamantanol (1.0 mmol) in CHCl_3 (10 mL), was added SOCl_2 (0.36 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h then refluxed for 2 h. The solvents and excess SOCl_2 were evaporated, *in vacuo*. The crude product was subjected to flash chromatography using petroleum ether as an eluent to give the pure product.

2-Bromo-1-chloroadamantane (31): yield, 64%; mp 155–156 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 4.59 (m, 1H), 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.43 (m, 2H), 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.87 (m, 3H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.56 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 252 (0.5), 250 (3.4), 248 (2.9) (M^+), 215 (3), 213 (3), (M^+-Cl), 171 (30), 169 (100), (M^+-Br), 133 (77), 115 (5), 113 (7), 105 (21), 93 (12), 91 (87), 79 (28), 77 (30), 67 (19), 65 (20), 55 (14). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrCl}$: C, 48.12; H, 5.65; Br, 32.02; Cl, 14.21. Found: C, 47.90; H, 5.63; Br, 31.84; Cl, 14.11.

1-Chloro-2-iodoadamantane (32): yield 69%, mp 69–70 °C; GC, $R_t = 2.9$ min; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 4.86 (m, 1H), 2.61–2.55 (m, 2H), 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.96–1.92 (m, 2H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.65 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 298 (1), 296 (3, M^+), 261 (2, M^+-Cl), 171 (26), 169 (83, M^+-I), 133 (89), 127 (6), 115 (6), 113 (8), 105 (27), 93 (15), 91 (100), 81 (10), 79 (31), 77 (34), 67 (24), 65 (19), 55 (17). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClI}$: C, 40.50; H, 4.72; Cl, 11.95; I, 42.79. Found: C, 40.27; H, 4.66; Cl, 11.31; I, 43.33.

Reaction of 2-halo-1-adamantanol with HBr. General procedure

The respective 2-halo-1-adamantanol (3.0 mmol) was stirred with 30% HBr in acetic acid (20 mL) at room temperature for 4 h. The mixture was poured into ice-water (100 mL) and extracted with CHCl_3 (3 x 200 mL). The CHCl_3 extract was washed with saturated solution of NaHCO_3 , then with brine, dried (MgSO_4), and solvents were evaporated, *in vacuo*. Flash chromatography of the residue separated pure products.

1-Bromo-2-chloroadamantane (33) and 2-chloro-1-adamantyl acetate (35) were obtained from 2-chloro-1-adamantanol (21), as described above. Using petroleum ether as an eluent, 1-bromo-2-chloroadamantane (33), (448 mg, 60%) was obtained (60%); mp 152–153 °C; GC, $R_t = 2.6$ min; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 4.46 (m, 1H, H-2), 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.41–2.37 (m, 2H), 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.06–2.04 (m, 2H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.76–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.56 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 172 (3), 170 (10, M^+-Br), 171 (34), 169 (100, M^+-HBr), 133 (52), 105 (24), 93 (10), 91 (51), 79 (30), 77 (20), 67 (13), 65 (14), 55 (13). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrCl}$: C, 48.12; H, 5.65; Br, 32.02; Cl, 14.21. Found: C, 48.38; H, 5.72; Br, 31.85; Cl, 14.29.

Further elution with 5% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether furnished 2-chloro-1-adamantyl acetate (35, 205 mg, 29%) as a colorless liquid; GC, $R_t = 2.5$ min; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 5.14 (m, 1H, H-2), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.29–2.28 (m, 2H), 2.18–2.07 (m, 4H), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.49 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 228 (1, M^+), 171 (5), 170 (35), 169 (16), 168 (100, M^+-AcOH), 133 (54), 128 (13), 126 (33), 95 (62), 91 (58), 79 (28), 77 (15), 67 (14), 55 (10), 43 (57, CH_3CO^+). Hydrolysis of this acetate regenerated 2-chloro-1-adamantanol.

When 48% HBr was used instead of 30% HBr in acetic acid, the mixture had to be heated to 80 °C to complete the reaction. The desired product, 1-bromo-2-chloroadamantane, was contaminated with about 10% of 1,2-dibromoadamantane. Repeated recrystallizations, sublimations, or chromatography on silica gel failed to yield an analytically-pure product.

1-Bromo-2-iodoadamantane (34) and 2-iodo-1-adamantyl acetate (36) were obtained from the reaction of 2-iodo-1-adamantanol (1.0 g, 3.6 mmol) with HBr, as described above. Flash chromatography of the crude product, using petroleum ether, eluted 1-bromo-2-iodoadamantane (0.83 g, 67%); mp 94–95 °C, lit.³⁹ mp 91–92 °C; GC, $R_t = 3.8$ min.

Further elution with 5% ether in petroleum ether yielded 2-iodo-1-adamantyl acetate (264 mg, 22%) as a colorless liquid which slowly crystallized; mp 43–44 °C; GC, $R_t = 3.5$ min; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 5.55 (m, 1H), 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.32–2.30 (m, 2H), 2.21–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.83–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.66 (m, 1H); MS, m/z (rel intensity) 320 (0.4, M^+), 261 (1, M^+-AcO), 260 (1, M^+-AcOH), 192 (54, M^+-I), 152 (25), 151 (100), 133 (29), 109 (10), 107 (23), 105 (15), 95 (29), 93 (24), 91 (66), 81 (22), 79 (30), 77 (19), 67 (27), 55 (19), 53 (11), 43 (93, CH_3CO^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{IO}_2$: C, 45.01; H, 5.35; I, 39.64. Found: C, 45.24; H, 5.39; I, 39.66.

2-Halo-1-iodoadamantanes. General procedure

A mixture of 1,2-diiodoadamantane (300 mg, 0.77 mmol), either dry KBr or KCl (70 mmol) in HMPA (10

mL) was stirred at 140-160 °C for 7 days. The mixture was cooled, diluted with water (100 mL) and extracted with hexane (3 x 75 mL). The extract was washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent was evaporated, *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether as the eluting solvent.

2-Chloro-1-iodoadamantane (37): yield, 70%; mp 43-44 °C; GC, R_t = 3.2 min; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.59 (m, 1H), 2.98-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.36 (m, 3H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.80 (m, 5H), 1.65 (m, 1H); MS, *m/z* (rel intensity) 298 (0.3), 296 (1, M⁺), 261 (0.5, M⁺-Br), 171 (32), 169 (100, M⁺-I), 133 (65), 127 (8), 105 (28), 93 (12), 91 (72), 79 (41), 77 (24), 67 (18), 65 (14), 55 (15), 53 (13). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₄ClI: C, 40.50; H, 4.76; Cl, 11.95; I, 42.79. Found: C, 40.56; H, 4.76; Cl, 11.65; I, 42.87.

2-Bromo-1-iodoadamantane (38): yield, 79%; mp 77-78 °C; GC, R_t = 3.8 min; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.81 (m, 1H), 3.03-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.46-2.42 (m, 3H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.88 (m, 3H), 1.84-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.71 (m, 1H); MS, *m/z* (rel intensity) 342 (1), 340 (1, M⁺), 261 (7, M⁺-Br), 215 (79), 213 (82, M⁺-I), 133 (100), 105 (37), 93 (18), 91 (94), 79 (46), 77 (29), 67 (23), 65 (21), 55 (22), 53 (16). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₄BrI: C, 35.02; H, 4.14; Br, 23.39; I, 37.29. Found: C, 35.08; H, 4.11; Br, 23.39; I, 37.29.

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