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## Synthesis of Substituted Tricyclo[5.3.1.0<sup>4,9</sup>]undecan-2,6-dione from 4,4-Disubstituted Cyclohexanone Enamines and Methacryloyl Chloride

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**Abstract:** Morpholine enamines 4-acetyl-4-methyl-1-morpholinocyclohexene **4a**, 4-acetyl-4-phenyl-1-morpholinocyclohexene **4b**, and 4-acetyl-4-isopropenyl-1-morpholinocyclohexene **4c** react with methacryloyl chloride to give 1,7-dimethyl-4(N-morpholino) tricyclo[ $5.3.1.0^{4.9}$ ]undecan-2,6-dione **9a**, 1-phenyl-7-methyl-4(N-morpholino) tricyclo[ $5.3.1.0^{4.9}$ ]undecan-2,6-dione **9b**, and 1-ispropenyl-7-methyl-4(N-morpholino) tricyclo[ $5.3.1.0^{4.9}$ ]undecan-2,6-dione **9c** respectively, along with the corresponding substituted adamandane-2,4-diones.

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In continuation of our previous work<sup>[1-4]</sup> on the synthesis of the substituted tricyclo[5.3.1.0<sup>4,9</sup>]undecan-2,6-diones we now herein report the synthesis of three new substituted tricyclo[5.3.1.0<sup>4,9</sup>]undecan-2,6-diones **9a**, **9b**, and **9c**. The synthesis is based on a general reaction of 4,4-disubstituted cyclohexanone enamines with methacryloyl chloride. We first prepared 4,4-disubstituted cyclohexanones **3a**-**c** following literature methods<sup>[5,6]</sup> in which one of the substituents is an acetyl group (Scheme 1). The morpholine enamines **4a**-**c** were prepared (Scheme 1) in accordance with the general procedure reported earlier<sup>[3,4]</sup> without using any catalyst.

Methacryloyl chloride underwent reaction with the morpholine enamines  $4\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{c}$  to produce the compounds  $9\mathbf{a}$  (25%),  $9\mathbf{b}$  (25%), and  $9\mathbf{c}$  (10%) respectively, in addition to the corresponding substituted isomeric adamantane-2,4-diones.<sup>[7]</sup>

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The general reaction between  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated acid chlorides and 4,4disubstituted cyclohexanone enamines is shown to follow the mechanistic pathways (Scheme 2) reported earlier,<sup>[11]</sup> yielding substituted adamantane-2,4-diones and substituted tricycloundecan-2,6-diones. The formation of substituted adamantane-2,4-diones has been explained through the formation of the intermediate enolate anion **12**, which cyclizes eventually onto the



Scheme 1.



axially orientated acetyl group. When the acetyl group is in equatorial conformation it may give rise to an alternative enolate anion 8 (preferably twist form), which would lead to the formation of the tricycloundecan-2, 6-dione structures by cyclization onto the iminium carbon.

In our previous studies we found that the reactions of 4a, 4b, and 4c with methacryloyl chloride yielded the corresponding adamantanediones<sup>[7]</sup> 13a, 13b, and 13c and the respective tricycloundecanediones 9a, 9b, and 9c. It is evident that the substituent X is equatorial in the enolate anion 12, producing the adamantanediones, and is axial in the enolate anion 8, producing the tricycloundecanediones. The reactions of the same enamines also yielded a mixture of adamantanediones and tricycloundecanediones with acryloyl chloride, as reported<sup>[1]</sup> earlier. The explanation for the formation of both such types of tricyclic compounds in reactions with



acryloyl chloride may be attributed to the steric interaction resulting from the axially orientated substituent X, or Y would be a minimum in the ketene or enolate anion where R' and R" both are H (Scheme 3). A similar explanation may be put forward for similar results, which we obtained from such reactions with methacryloyl chloride, showing that the resulting steric interactions are still at a minimum when R' is H and R" is  $CH_3$ .

The structures of the compounds **9a**, **9b**, and **9c** were fully established from its elemental analysis, IR spectra, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H NMR COSY, <sup>13</sup>C–<sup>1</sup>H NMR COSY, DEPT, HMBC, and mass spectral data. The coupling sites of all the protons of the compounds were located clearly from <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H NMR COSY, and their coupling constants were determined from one-dimensional <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (Table 1) the equivalent CH<sub>2</sub>–O–CH<sub>2</sub> methylene protons of the morpholine moiety of the compounds **9a**–**c** appeared as a triplet at  $\delta$  3.58–3.60 (3' and 5' protons) at the lowest field. On the other hand 2' and 6' protons, which are  $\alpha$  to the N-atom, appeared as a multiplet, and the nonequivalence of these protons arises probably because of different spatial arrangements next to the cage structure. The methylene protons at position 3 gave two doublets (18.60–18.75 Hz) in the form of ABq, which characterizes their structural environment. The axial proton at position 3 is more deshielded than the equatorial protons because of the

Protons	9a	9b	9c
3-H <sup>a</sup>	2.24	2.42	2.26
3-H <sup>e</sup>	2.32	2.50	2.34
5-Н	2.91	3.08	2.96
7-H	2.85	2.85	2.81
8-H <sup>a</sup>	1.87	1.92	1.86
8-H <sup>e</sup>	1.74	1.81	1.76
9-Н	2.38	2.56	2.43
10-H <sup>a</sup>	1.77	2.17	1.84
10-Н <sup>е</sup>	2.03	2.66	2.41
11-H <sup>a</sup>	1.63	2.03	1.71
11-Н <sup>е</sup>	1.85	2.48	2.24
2′, 6′-H <sub>2</sub>	2.43-2.56 (m)	2.50-2.63 (m)	2.42-2.55 (m)
3′, 5′-H <sub>2</sub>	3.60	3.63	3.58
1-CH <sub>3</sub>	1.02		
7- CH <sub>3</sub>	1.11	1.10	1.08
$1-C_{6}H_{5}$	_	7.16-7.36 (m)	—
1-C-CH <sub>3</sub>			1.75
1-C-C-H <sup>c</sup>	_	_	4.72
1-C-C-H <sup>t</sup>	—	—	5.00

**Table 1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data of the tricycloundecandiones **9a**, **9b**, and **9c** (chemical shift in  $\delta$  and coupling constants J in Hz)

adjacent carbonyl group. But at position 3, the axial proton also receives steric shielding from the adjacent morpholine group (position 4), which is equatorial. The overall effect is that 3-H<sup>a</sup> is more upfield by 0.08 ppm than 3-H<sup>e</sup>. Of the alicyclic part, the most downfield proton was at bridge-head position 5 as it is flanked by a carbonyl group and a morpholino group. 8-H<sup>a</sup> is more deshielded than 8-H<sup>e</sup> because of the anisotropic effect of carbonyl group at position 6.

At both the positions 10 and 11 the axial protons came more upfield than the equatorial protons, 0.26-0.57 ppm in the case of 10-H<sup>a</sup> and 0.22-0.53 ppm in the case of 11-H<sup>a</sup>, probably because of the anisotropic effect of the X group at position 1. 7-CH<sub>3</sub> resonated at  $\delta 1.08-1.11$  as a doublet. The chemical shift value of 7-H at  $\delta 2.81-2.85$  is comparable to that of the axial proton at the 7-position in the reported<sup>[11]</sup> similar tricyclo compound, 1-methyl-4-(Nmorpholino)tricyclo[5.3.1.0<sup>4.9</sup>]undecan-2,6-dione. This indicates the equatorial conformation of the methyl group in the compounds **9a**, **9b**, and **9c**, which is also expected for its bulky nature.

The coupling constants are shown in Table 2. The geminal couplings between 8-H<sup>a</sup> and 8-H<sup>e</sup>, 10-H<sup>a</sup> and 10-H<sup>e</sup>, and 11-H<sup>a</sup> and 11-H<sup>e</sup> showed the *J* values as 12.80-13.80, 11.9-13.9, and 14.5-14.75 respectively. The large *J* values of 11.9-12.15 Hz were observed for vicinal coupling between 5-H and 11-H<sup>e</sup>. The vicinal coupling between 9-H and 10-H<sup>e</sup> also showed a large coupling constant of 11.90-12.00 Hz (Table 3).

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR of tricyclic compounds **9a**, **9b**, and **9c** were analyzed by means of  ${}^{13}C{-}^{1}H$  NMR COSY, DEPT, and HMBC. The two carbonyl groups at positions 2 and 6 resonated at the lowest field (Table 2). The

**Table 2.** Coupling constants (*J* in Hz) of the tricycloundecandiones **9a**, **9b**, and **9c** 

Protons	9a	9b	9c
3-H <sup>a</sup> , 3-H <sup>e</sup>	18.75	18.60	18.66
5-H, 11-H <sup>a</sup>	3.5	3.65	3.67
5-H, 11-H <sup>e</sup>	12.0	11.9	12.15
9-H, 10-H <sup>a</sup>	3.5	3.25	4.18
9-H, 10-H <sup>e</sup>	12.0	11.90	
7-H, 8-H <sup>a</sup>	4.5	4.84	4.94
7-H, 8-H <sup>e</sup>	2.5	2.75	_
9-H, 8-H <sup>a</sup>	4.0	3.65	3.13
9-H, 8-H <sup>e</sup>	3.0	2.75	_
8-H <sup>a</sup> , 8-H <sup>e</sup>	13.25	12.8	13.80
10-H <sup>a</sup> , 10-H <sup>e</sup>	11.5	13.9	12.04
11-H <sup>e</sup> , 11-H <sup>a</sup>	14.5	14.75	14.50
11-H <sup>e</sup> , 10-H <sup>e</sup>	4.0	3.65	2.99
7-CH <sub>3</sub> , 7-H	6.38	6.4	6.41

**Table 3.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data of the tricycloundecandiones **9a**, **9b**, and **9c** (chemical shift in  $\delta$ )

Carbons	9a	9b	9c
1-C	41.53	48.71	49.54
2-C	213.15	210.42	210.80
3-C	38.63	39.53	39.42
4-C	6316	63.01	63.06
5-C	47.75	41.86	47.46
6-C	213.58	213.06	213.30
7-C	33.12	33.16	33.07
8-C	34.91	34.99	34.89
9-C	30.46	30.79	30.37
10-C	36.34	35.05	33.03
11-C	33.59	32.45	30.46
2′, 6′,-C <sub>2</sub>	44.83	44.95	44.85
3′, 5′,-C <sub>2</sub>	67.43	67.47	67.41
1-CH <sub>3</sub>	19.18	_	_
7-CH <sub>3</sub>	14.27	14.26	14.23
$1-C_{6}H_{5}$		138.95 (C <sub>1</sub> )	_
		$128.27(C_2)$	
		$127.34(C_2)$	
		127.12 (C <sub>1</sub> )	
$1-C-C(CH_3)=CH_2$		_	144.40
$1-C-C(CH_3)=CH_2$		—	112.90
$1-C-C(\underline{CH}_3)=CH_2$	—	—	20.66

signal at  $\delta$  213.06–213.58 was assigned to 6-C and at  $\delta$  210.42–213.15 for 2C. 6-C of the 6-carbonyl group shifted downfield in comparison with 2-carbonyl carbon because 6-C is flanked by the  $\alpha$ -substituent 7-CH<sub>3</sub> and the bridgehead carbon at position 5. In the present work, the two resonating values (for 6-C and 2-C) were confirmed with the help of HMBC. 6-Carbonyl carbon and 2-carbonyl carbon were correlated to 7-CH<sub>3</sub> and substitutions at the adjacent carbon's position 1, by three-bond coupling (HMBC). The methyl carbon in the case 9a at position 1 and at position 7 resonated at the highest field ( $\delta$ 19.18 and  $\delta$ 14.27 respectively). 1-CH<sub>3</sub> is more deshielded than 7-CH<sub>3</sub> because of the fully substituted 1-C. The quarternary 1-C and 4-C gave less intense peaks. 4-C was deshielded tremendously because of the electron-withdrawing morpholino group. 7-C of 9a, 9b, and 9c were deshielded by 2.57-2.66 ppm in comparison to that in the reported<sup>[1]</sup> compound. This can be explained by CH<sub>3</sub> substitution at 7-C. The chemical shift for 8-C ( $\delta$  34.89–34.99) was also deshielded by about 9.55–9.65 ppm in the same reported<sup>[1]</sup> tricyclic compound. This may be accounted for by the  $\beta$ -SCS effect because of the methyl group at the 7-position.

The  $\delta$  values of 9-C and 11-C agreed very well with the reported<sup>[1]</sup> compound. Of 7-C, 8-C, 9-C, 10-C, and 11-C, carbon at the 10-position is the most deshielded ( $\delta$  33.03–36.34). Besides other factors, the reason may be attributed to  $\gamma$ -anti-effect,<sup>[8]</sup> which indicates that C<sub> $\alpha$ </sub> (11-position), C<sub> $\beta$ </sub> (1-position), and C<sub> $\gamma$ </sub> (2-position doubly substituted by O) are compressed in the same plane.<sup>[8]</sup> 3-C gave the expected downfield shift because of the adjacent (2-position) carbonyl group and fully substituted 4-position. The 5-C is more deshielded than 3-C by 8.04–9.12 ppm because of more substitution at the bridgehead. In the case of compound **9b**, because of phenyl substitution at position 1, 1-C was more deshielded ( $\delta$  48.71) in comparison to that in **9a** ( $\delta$  41.53).

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#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 500-MHz and 300-MHz instruments at the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee, Department of Chemistry, USA. A number of NMR spectra were also recorded on JEOL 500-MHz and 400-MHz instruments, at the Kyoto, Kanazawa, and Showa Pharmaceutical Universities in Japan. Some of NMR and mass spectra were also recorded at the H. E. J. Laboratory of Karachi University, Pakistan, and mass spectra were also recorded in the Department of Chemistry, George Mason University, USA. The infrared spectra were recorded on a IR 470 infrared spectrometer (Shimadzu) in the Department of Chemistry, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. All <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> if not otherwise mentioned. IR spectra were run as KBr pellets in the case of solids and solution in the case of liquids; absorptions are expressed in centimeters<sup>-1</sup>. For column chromatography, silica gel 100 (supplied by E Mark) and light petroleum (60–80°C): chloroform = 10:1 were used.

#### Preparation of 4,4-Disubstituted Cyclohexanones

4-Acetyl-4-methyl cyclohexanone 3a,<sup>[6]</sup> 4-acetyl-4-phenylcyclohexanone 3b,<sup>[5]</sup> and 4-acetyl-4-isopropenylcyclohexanone 3c,<sup>[6]</sup>, and their precursors 1a,<sup>[5]</sup> 2a,<sup>[5]</sup> 1b,<sup>[5]</sup> 2b,<sup>[5]</sup> 1c,<sup>[9]</sup> and 2c<sup>[10]</sup> were prepared by essentially following the literature methods.

#### **Preparation of Enamines: General Method**

A mixture of the 4,4-disubstituted cyclohexanone (17.47–32.2 mmol) and a slight excess of morpholine (17.47–32.2 mmol) in toluene (75–80 ml) was

heated to reflux under a Dean and Stark head for 12 h. On cooling, the solvent and the excess of morpholine were removed under reduced pressure, and crude enamine was used without further purification because extensive decomposition occurred on distillation. In this way the following enamines were obtained:

- 4-Acetyl-4-methyl-1-morpholinocyclohexene (4a)  $\gamma_{\text{max}}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1700 (C=O), 1638 (C=C).
- 4-Acetyl-4-phenyl-1-morpholinocyclohexene, (**4b**),  $\gamma_{\text{max}}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1700 (C=O), 1638 (C=C).
- 4-Acetyl-4-isopropesiyl-1-morpholinocychohexene (4c),  $\gamma_{max}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1700 (C=O) 1655, 1638 (C=C).

#### Synthesis of 1,7-Dimethyl-4(N-morpholino) Tricyclo[5.3.1.0<sup>4,9</sup>]undecan-2,6-dione <u>9a</u>, 1-Phenyl-7-methyl-4(Nmorpholino) Tricyclo[5.3.1.0<sup>4,9</sup>]undecan-2,6-dione <u>9b</u>, and 1-Ispropenyl-7-methyl-4(N-morpholino) Tricyclo[5.3.1.0<sup>4,9</sup>]undecan-2,6-dione 9c: General Method

The methacryloyl chloride (21.72-35.40 mmol) in dry toluene (40-45 ml) was added dropwise to a boiling solution of the enamine (21.5-35.45 mmol) in dry toluene (130-160 ml) during 2 h. During the addition a solid was slowly precipitated from the reaction mixture. The mixture was then heated under reflux with stirring for 5 h and cooled, and the precipitated iminium salt was filtered off, washed with dry toluene, and hydrolyzed by stirring with ice-cold water (50 ml) for 10 h. The crude solid were isolated by extraction with ether  $(5 \times 25 \text{ ml})$ . The separated aqueous layer was further extracted with chloroform  $(5 \times 25 \text{ ml})$ . The crude tricyclic compound was isolated from the extracts and purified by separation from adamantanediones with the help of column chromatography (silica-gel column) and was eluted initially with light petroleum  $(60-80^{\circ}\text{C})$  followed by gradual addition of chloroform. The following results were obtained:

Methacryloyl chloride reacting with (**4a**) gave a 25% yield of **9a**, which was further purified by recrystallization from chloroform and light petroleum (40–60°C) and obtained as white crystals, mp 149–50°C; Rf in TLC 0.37 (chloroform and ethyl acetate, 5:1); IR  $\gamma_{max}$  1700 (C=O), 1665, 1595 (C=C); MS m/z 291 (M<sup>+</sup>), 263, 248, 222, 195, 166, 119, 91, 79, 41, 27. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 70.10%; H, 8.59%; N, 4.81%. Found: C, 70.05%; H, 8.62%; N, 4.78%.

Methacryloyl chloride reacting with (**4b**) gave a 25% yield of **9b**, which was further purified by recrystallization from chloroform and light petroleum (40–60°C) and obtained as white needles, mp 197–98°C; Rf in TLC 0.36 (chloroform and ethyl acetate, 5:1); IR  $\gamma_{max}$  1705 (broad C=O), 1680

(C=C), 760, 740, 700, 670, 620, 545, 560 (C–H bending of phenyl); MS m/z 353 (M<sup>+</sup>), 236, 311, 270, 257, 207, 193, 165,139, 91, 86, 40, 18. Anal. calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{27}NO_3$ : C, 74.78%; H, 7.64%; N, 3.96%. Found: C, 74.34%; H, 7.64%; N, 3.81%.

Methacryloyl chloride reacting with (**4c**) gave a 10% yield of **9c**, which was further purified by recrystallization from chloroform and light petroleum (40–60°C) and obtained as white needles, mp 150–51°C; Rf in TLC 0.40 (chloroform and ethyl acetate, 5:1); IR  $\gamma_{max}$  1710 (broad C=O), 1630 (C=C). MS m/z 317 (M<sup>+</sup>), 289, 274, 260, 246, 234, 218, 208, 193, 180, 166, 152, 134, 131, 117, 105. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 71.92%; H, 8.52%; N, 4.42%. Found: C, 70.64%; H, 8.42%; N, 4.31%.

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