cold EtOAc (300 mL), and acidified to pH 2.0 with phosphoric acid (20 %). The aqueous layer was extracted again with EtOAc (200 mL). The combined organic layer was washed quickly with water $(2 \times 100 \text{ mL}, 0 \text{ °C})$, dried briefly (Na_2SO_4) , and filtered. Addition of 3 mL of 1 M potassium 2-ethylhexanoate solution in EtOAc and of anhydrous Me₂CO (50 mL) afforded crystals of 1b (potassium salt), which were collected and washed with anhydrous Me₂CO (20 mL) to yield 0.687 g (62%) of product: R_f $(Me_2CO-HOAc, 19:1) 0.66, (C_6H_6-Me_2CO-HOAc, 75:20:5) 0.63;$ IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3360, 1670, 1485 (amide), 1780, 1760 (sh, β -lactam) 1615, 1400 (carboxylate), 700 (phenyl) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (D₂O, DSSA) δ 1.55 (s, CH₃), 1.58 (s, CH₃), 3.55 (s, CH₂CO), 4.33 (s, 3-H), 4.70 (s, HOD), 5.48 (s, 5-H), 7.25 (s, C_6H_5). Iodometric titration indicated that only 1.7% penicilloic acid was present. Loss on drying (60 °C in vacuo over P_2O_5) was 1.1%.

Epimerization and Deuteration of (Phenoxymethyl)penicillin (S)-S-Oxide Benzyl Ester (7a) and of Its 6-Epimer (8a). The progress of the epimerization of 7a and 8a and the percentage decomposition of these penicillin S-oxides were followed by high-pressure LC using a 250×4.6 mm LiChrosorb RP-18 (10 μ m) column with CH₃OH-H₂O (70:30) as the mobile phase at a flow rate of 2.5 mL/min and UV detection at 254 nm. Molar ratios of 7a (or 8a), D_2O , and Et_3N were identical with those described for the isomerization of 4a. The penicillin S-oxide esters 7a or 8a (228 mg, 0.5 mmol) were dissolved in a stock solution (2.3 mL), consisting of CH₃CN (50 mL), D₂O (5.63 mL), Et₃N (1.75 mL), and naphthalene (500 mg) as internal standard. The solution was kept at room temperature and at regular intervals $10-\mu L$ samples were taken, diluted with MeOH (1 mL), and analyzed by high-pressure LC. The percentage of epimerization was calculated from the 7/8 ratio, which was obtained from the peak areas of 7 (k' = 4.8) and 8 (k' = 2.9). A ratio of 40:60 was considered as a 100% epimerization. The percentage degradation of 7 and 8 was calculated from their peak areas and from that of the internal standard (k' = 11). For the determination of the percentage deuteration as a function of the reaction time, 1-mmol samples of 7a and 8a were epimerized under the conditions mentioned for 4a. For reaction times up to 24 h the epimerization mixture was worked up as described for 4a and both isomers were separated by crystallization from MeOH and C₆H₆. Crystalline 7 and 8 were analyzed for deuterium at C-6 by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. In the case of reaction times exceeding 24 h, chromatography on a silica gel column with $C_6H_6-Me_2CO$ (90:10) was used for separation of 7 and 8. The percentages of epimerization and degradation were calculated from the amounts of both isomers, isolated after column chromatography.

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Syntheses of Amine Derivatives of Phencyclidine

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3-Aminophencyclidine (5) was synthesized by reduction of 3-nitrophencyclidine (3) using either H_2 with Pd/C or Na_2S in refluxing methanol. Attempts to isolate 4-aminophencyclidine (2), which we hoped to synthesize by hydrolysis of carbamate 15 which was isolated after reaction of amide 10 under Hofmann conditions employing bromine in CH_3O^-/CH_3OH at -40 °C, were unsuccessful. 4-Aminomethylphencyclidine (18) was synthesized by LAH reduction of nitrile 13 as well as by reductive amination of aldehyde 20. Nitrile 13 and aldehyde 20 were synthesized from 4-bromophencyclidine (11) as was alcohol 26 which served as a precursor to 4-(2aminoethyl)phencyclidine (19). Amine 19 was also synthesized by NaBH₄ reduction of β -nitrostyrene 29 which was generated from aldehyde 20 by condensation with nitromethane using 1,5-diazabicycloundecene as the base catalyst followed by LAH reduction of the resulting 4-(2-nitroethyl)phencyclidine (30). Mass spectra and ¹³C NMR spectra have been obtained on most of the phencyclidine derivatives.

As part of a fluorescence immunoassay for phencyclidine (1-(1-phenylcyclohexyl)piperidine (1), we required derivatives of 1 which would be sufficiently nucleophilic that they could be covalently coupled to appropriate fluorescent dyes and proteins. Although many phencyclidine analogues have been synthesized,¹ the general procedure used to make most of them precludes incorporation of functional groups, such as primary amines, which contain acidic protons. Recently however 1-[1-(4-aminophenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (4) was reported² to have been prepared by reduction of a nitro phencyclidine, thought to be 2, which was obtained after nitration of 1 (eq 1). We³ have repeated this work and find the major product resulting from nitration of 1, under a variety of conditions, is 3nitrophencyclidine (3) as would be expected from the nitration of a benzylamine.⁴ Isomer 2 could be isolated by preparative high-performance LC as a minor product

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from the crude reaction mixture which was shown by high-performance LC to contain an 8/2 ratio of 3 and 2.

3-Nitrophencyclidine was readily reduced to 3-aminophencyclidine (5) in 70-80% yield by either hydrogenation over 5% Pd/C catalyst or by refluxing it with 1.2 equiv of $Na_2S \cdot 9H_2O$ in methanol. Attempts to reduce 2 to 4 employing similar procedures resulted in either reductive or eliminative loss of piperidine to give (4-aminophenyl)cyclohexane $(6)^5$ or 1-(4-aminophenyl)cyclohexene $(7).^5$ Reduction with LAH converted 2 and 3 into their respective azo compounds 8 and 9 in good yields.⁶ Our inability to reduce 2 to 4 prompted us to consider alternate routes to 4 such as Hofmann rearrangement of amide 10. Toward this goal 4-bromophencyclidine (11) was synthesized in 79% yield along with varying amounts (5-15%)of the previously unreported diadduct 12. Reaction of 11 with 5 equiv of CuCN in DMF at 110 °C for 3 days gave 4-cyanophencyclidine (13) in 71% yield.⁷ Higher reaction temperatures resulted in significant elimination of piperidine to give 1-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexene (14).⁸ Hydrolysis of 13 in 30% hydrogen peroxide-aqueous $K_2CO_3/acetone^9$ for 3 h at -40 °C allowed isolation of the desired 4-carbamylphencyclidine (10). Treatment of 10 under Hofmann reaction conditions,¹⁰ MeONa/MeOH followed by addition of Br_2 at -40 °C, gave carbamate 15, which, while unstable to silicic acid, could be purified by column chromatography on neutral alumina, using ether/ethanol as the eluant. Reaction of 15 in aqueous $K_2CO_3/MeOH$ at 25 °C for 6 h led to recovery of 15 while hydrolysis at 60 °C in aqueous KOH/MeOH for 4-6 h resulted in the isolation of 7 most likely via initial hydrolysis to give 4 followed by rapid elimination of piperidine. Interestingly 4-(dimethylamino)phencyclidine (16), which we synthesized as part of this series, proved to be a stable solid which showed little inclination to eliminate piperidine at moderate temperatures (<100 °C).

While 3-aminophencyclidine reacted at 40 $^{\circ}$ C with 1 equiv of phenyl isothiocyanate in Me₂SO containing a catalytic amount of triethylamine to give mixed thiourea 17,11 it was found not to be sufficiently nucleophilic to react with activated carboxyl groups on the protein bovine serum album under conditions reported to couple alkyl primary amines.¹²

In search of more nucleophilic amine derivatives of phencyclidine, we have synthesized primary amines 4-(aminomethyl)- (18) and 4-(2-aminoethyl)phencyclidine (19), each by several routes which would be amenable to specific tritium incorporation. Reduction of nitrile 13 by addition of 13 to LAH in refluxing ether gave benzylamine 18 in 83% yield. Because of the reported difficulties in



handling LA³H,¹³ a procedure which would allow the use of NaBH₄ or NaCNBH₃ (or their ³H derivatives) was also sought. Metalation of 11 with BuLi in THF at -78 °C followed by reaction of the anion generated with dry DMF gave 4-formylphencyclidine (20) in 78% yield. Reductive amination of 20 using NaBH₄ in MeOH with NH₄OAc at 25 °C for 2 days gave the amine 18 in moderate yield along with varying amounts of secondary amine 21, tertiary amine 22, and benzyl alcohol 23. Reaction of 20 for 4 days with NH₄OAc and NaCNBH₃ in MeOH at 25 °C gave, however, good yields, 78%, of 18 as a low-melting solid. Reduction of oxime 24, prepared from aldehyde 20, by either Zn/AcOH or hydrogenation over 10% Pd/C resulted in competitive hydrogenolysis of the benzylic piperidine. Reaction of 24 with LAH in refluxing THF gave mixtures of 18, 21, and 22.

Phenethylamine 19 was to be prepared by reductive amination of phenylacetaldehyde 25. However, oxidation of phenethyl alcohol 26, prepared by reaction of the Grignard reagent derived from bromide 11 with ethylene oxide, by procedures which had been reported to be good for this type of conversion,¹⁴ resulted mainly in formation

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of aldehyde 20, with only small amounts of 25 being isolatable, or in no reaction. Alcohol 26 could be converted to amine 19 by classical routes not particularly suited to radiolable incorportion by converting it to mesylate 27 followed by reaction with potassium phthalimide in DMF and subsequent deprotection of pthalimide derivative 28 with hydrazine in ethanol. An alternate route to 19 involves in situ reduction of β -nitrostyrene 29 with NaBH₄ in Me₂SO.¹⁵ Specifically, reaction of aldehyde 20 with 5 equiv of nitromethane in Me₂SO at 25 °C containing a catalytic amount of 1,5-diazabicycloundecene resulted in rapid (ca. 5 min), quantitative formation of nitro alcohol **30**. This reaction had to be quenched carefully with acetic acid and worked up so as not to reverse the addition reaction. Traditional procedures¹⁶ involving NH₄OAc in EtOH or NaOH resulted in 60/40 mixtures of 20 and 30 after 1 to 2 days. Attempts to eliminate H_2O from 30 to give styrene 29¹⁷ resulted in concomitant loss of piperidine.



Alcohol 30 could be converted to its acetate 31 by reacting it with 1 equiv of acetic anhydride in acetic acid containing 1.1 equiv of H_2SO_4 . Acetate 31 was reduced, without isolation, with NaBH₄/Me₂SO to give 4-(2-nitroethyl)phencyclidine (32) in 63% yield. The nitro compound was subsequently converted to phenethylamine 19 by reduction with LAH in ether. As anticipated, amines 18 and 19 reacted rapidly with phenyl isothiocyanate, using standard conditions, to give mixed thioureas 33 and 34, respectively.

Finally, our inability to brominate 4-methylphencyclidine (35), using either Br_2 or NBS in refluxing CCl_4 with light and/or benzoyl peroxide, without concomitant loss of the piperidine group prevented use of 4-(bromomethyl)phencyclidine (36) as a reaction intermediate in the synthesis of 18 or 19. Syntheses of other classes of nucleophilic derivatives of phencyclidines are in progress.

Experimental Section

General Procedures. Melting points were taken on a Thomas-Hoover Unimelt and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 257 spectrometer. The ¹H NMR spectra were taken on a Varian T-60 or CFT-80 spectrometer and are reported in parts per million downfield from Me₄Si. The ¹³C

NMR spectra were taken on a Varian CFT-20 spectrometer and are reported in parts per million downfield from Me₄Si. The abbreviations s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), and q (quartet) refer to the multiplicity of the absorption in an off-resonance decoupled spectrum. Mass spectra were determined on a Varian MAT-7 spectrometer using the direct inlet system. Gas chromatography was carried out by using programmed temperature control on a Varian 1740 instrument equipped with a flameionization detector and a 2- or 4-ft glass column packed with SE-30, SE-52, or Carbowax 20M on Chromosorb P. High-performance LC separations were performed on a Waters 500 Prep Instrument, using Prep PAK columns. Microanalyses were performed by Micro-Tech Laboratories, Skokie, IL. All reactions were executed under dry nitrogen.

1-(1-Phenylcyclohexyl)piperidine (1). Phencyclidine was prepared as described¹ in 80–85% yield: mp 45–46 °C (EtOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0–1.7 (m, 12), 1.9–2.1 (m, 4), 2.1–2.4 (m, 4), 7.32 (br s, 5); ¹³C NMR¹⁸ (CDCl₃) δ 140.3 (s), 127.5 (d), 127.3 (d), 126.0 (d), 61.0 (s), 46.6 (t), 33.7 (t), 27.2 (t), 26.5 (t), 25.1 (t), 22.5 (t).

1-[1-(3-Nitrophenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (3) and 1-[1-(4-Nitrophenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (2). To 12.2 g (0.05 mol) of 1 dissolved in 25 mL of concentrated H₂SO₄ at 0 °C was added dropwise 3.9 g (0.06 mol) of chilled HNO₃ (1.5 d). After the exothermic reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 25 °C, it was diluted with 100 mL of H₂O, made basic with concentrated NH₄OH, and extracted with CHCl₃ to give, after removal of solvent, 13 g of a pale yellow solid. High-performance LC analysis showed the solid to be an 8/2 mixture of two components. The major component was isolated in 70% yield by crystallization from CH₃OH and identified by its spectra as 3-nitrophencyclidine: mp 84-85 °C (lit.³ mp 83-84 °C); IR (CHCl₃) 2930, 2850, 2795, 1524, 1350, 1205 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0–1.6 (m, 12), 1.8–2.0 (m, 4), 2.0–2.2 (m, 4), 7.35–7.7 (m, 2), 7.9–8.15 (m, 2); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 148.1 (s), 143.4 (s), 133.4 (d), 128.4 (d), 121.9 (d), 121.2 (d), 61.1 (s), 47.6 (t), 34.6 (t), 27.1 (t), 26.3 (t), 24.9 (t), 22.2 (t); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 288 (M⁺, 25), 287 (14), 246 (21), 245 (100), 231 (18), 199 (8), 166 (25), 84 (35) with a metastable ion at m/e 208.4 (245²/288).

The minor component which was isolated by preparative high-performance LC, using silicic acid Prep Pak columns with hexane-acetone eluant, was crystallized from EtOH and identified as 4-nitrophencyclidine: mp 89–90 °C (lit.⁴ mp 90–91 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0–1.6 (m, 12), 1.8–2.0 (m, 4), 2.1–2.3 (m, 4), 7.42 (d, 2, J = 9 Hz), 8.18 (d, 2, J = 9 Hz).

1-[1-(3-Aminophenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (5). A. A solution of 2.88 g (0.01 mol) of 3 in 100 mL of EtOH containing 5 mL of 10% aqueous K_2CO_3 was hydrogenated in a Parr apparatus at 20–50 psi and 25 °C for 1–2 h, using 0.5 g of 5% Pd/C as the catalyst. Removal of the Pd/C by filtration and solvents under reduced pressure gave a solid which was crystallized from EtOH-H₂O to give 2.28 g (88%) of amine 5: mp 123–125 °C; IR (CHCl₃) 3440, 2950, 1625, 1365, 1230 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0–1.6 (m, 12), 1.8–2.0 (m, 4), 2.1–2.4 (m, 4), 3.4 (br s, 2, absent in D₂O), 6.5–7.3 (m, 4); ¹³C (CDCl₃) δ 145.6 (s), 141.6 (s), 128.1 (d), 118.1 (d), 114.4 (d), 112.9 (d), 60.9 (s), 46.6 (t), 33.8 (t), 27.2 (t), 26.5 (t), 25.1 (t), 22.5 (t); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 258 (M⁺, 32), 257 (27), 216 (18), 215 (100), 201 (20), 175 (30), 174 (20), 173 (28), 166 (25), 165 (60), and 84 (90), with a metastable ion at m/e 179.1 (215²/258).

B. A solution of 2.88 g (0.01 mol) of 3 was refluxed with 2.9 g (0.012 mol) of Na_2S ·9H₂O in 100 mL of CH₃OH for 1 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure at 25 °C and the residue extracted with H₂O/CHCl₃. The organic layer was dried with MgSO₄ and solvent evaporated to give 70–85% yields of 5.

LAH Reduction of Nitrophencyclidines 2 and 3. Reaction of 3 and 2 with excess LAH in refluxing ether gave, in good yields, the respective azo compounds 9 and 8 as orange solids. For 3,3'-bis[1-(1-piperidyl)cyclohexyl]azobenzene (9): mp 213-215 °C (hexane); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 1.1-1.7 (m, 24), 1.9-2.1 (m, 8), 2.1-2.4 (m, 8), 7.3-8.0 (m, 8); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative

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intensity) 512 (M⁺, 40), 511 (100), 470 (30), 469 (75), 384 (20), 166 (50), with a metastable ion at m/e 429.8 (469²/512).

Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₄₈N₄: C, 79.64; H, 9.44; N, 10.93. Found: C, 79.90; H, 9.11; N, 10.75

For 4,4'-bis[1-(1-piperidyl)cyclohexyl]azobenzene (8): mp 225–227 °C (hexane); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.1–1.8 (m, 24), 1.9–2.1 (m, 8), 2.2–2.4 (m, 8) 7.75 (d, 4, J = 9 Hz), 7.95 (d, 4, J = 9 Hz).

Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₄₈N₄: C, 79.64; H, 9.44; N, 10.93. Found: C, 79.45; H, 9.56; N, 10.77.

1-[1-[4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl]cyclohexyl]piperidine (16). p-(Dimethylamino)phencyclidine was synthesized by following a general procedure¹ in 71% yield from 10 g (0.09 mol) of 4-bromo-N,N-dimethylaniline. For 16: mp 107-109 °C (EtOH); IR (CHCl₃) 2920, 2840, 2780, 1605, 1510 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0-1.6 (m, 12), 1.8-2.1 (m, 4), 2.1-2.3 (m, 4), 2.90 (s, 6), 6.75 $(2, d, J = 9 \text{ Hz}), 7.15 (2, d, J = 9 \text{ Hz}); {}^{13}\text{C} (\text{CDCl}_3) \delta 148.2 \text{ (s)}, 128.3$ (d), 119.2 (s), 111.5 (d), 60.6 (s), 46.5 (q), 40.5 (t), 33.8 (t), 27.1 (t), 26.5 (t), 25.0 (t), 22.5 (t); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 286 (M⁺, 5), 285 (4), 243 (4), 202 (100), 201 (87), 200 (25), 173 (4), 172 (25), 134 (25), 84 (20), with a large doubly charged ion at m/e 121.5.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₃₀N₂: C, 79.66; H, 10.56; N, 9.78. Found: C, 79.34; H, 10.42; N, 9.98.

Reaction of 5 with Phenyl Isothiocyanate. A solution of 0.36 g of 5 and 0.15 g (1.3 equiv) of phenyl isothiocyanate in 1 mL of Me₂SO containing 5 drops of triethylamine was warmed at 40 °C for 2 h. Ethanol (2 mL) was added and the mixture cooled to give thiourea 17 in good yield: mp 140-142 °C (EtOH); IR (CHCl₃) 1650 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0–1.7 (m, 12), 1.8–2.1 (m, 4), 2.1-2.3 (m, 4), 6.9-7.8 (m, 10), 8.2 (br s, 2, absent in D₂O). Anal. Calcd for C24H31N3S: C, 73.24; H, 7.94; N, 10.67. Found: C, 73.21; H, 7.83; N, 10.91.

1-[1-(4-Bromophenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (11). Bromophencyclidine was synthesized by using a modification of a general procedure.¹ p-Dibromobenzene, 60.9 g (0.25 mol), in 300 mL of dry benzene was added all at once to a Morton flask containing 4.5 g (0.18 mol) of Mg turnings in 200 mL of ether. After a mildly exothermic reaction in which all the Mg reacted, the mixture was brought to reflux and 32 g (0.16 mol) of 1piperidyl-1-cyanocyclohexane in 200 mL of ether was added dropwise over 1 h. The mixture was allowed to stir for an additional 4 h at reflux, cooled in ice, quenched with aqueous K_2CO_3 until basic, and extracted with CHCl₃. The CHCl₃ layer was back extracted with 20% HCl which was washed well with CHCl₃ to remove 4,4'-dibromobiphenyl, cooled, and made basic with K₂CO₃. The aqueous basic layer was extracted with CHCl₃ which was distilled to give 41.1 g (79%) of 11: bp 175-180 °C (0.2 mm); mp 44-47 °C [lit.1 bp 130-135 °C (0.5 mm); mp 46-48 °C]; IR (CHCl₃) 2920, 2840, 2785, 1050 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0-1.8 (m, 12), 1.9-2.0 (m, 4), 2.1-2.3 (m, 4), 7.20 (d, 2, J = 8 Hz), 7.48 (d, 2, J= 8 Hz); ${}^{13}C$ (CDCl₃) δ 139.4 (s), 130.5 (d), 129.0 (d), 120.0 (s), 60.7 (s), 46.4 (t), 33.5 (t), 27.1 (t), 26.4 (t), 24.9 (t), 22.3 (t); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 321 (M⁺, 35, Br), 320 (30, Br), 278 (100, Br), 264 (20, Br), 169 (35, Br), 166 (35), 84 (80).

A minor product, 1,4-bis[1-(1-piperidyl)cyclohexyl]benzene (12), was isolated in varying yields from the dibromobenzene Grignard reaction. For 12: mp 172-173.5 °C (hexane-EtOH); IR (CHCl₃) 3080, 2920, 2840, 2785, 1450, 960 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0-1.7 (m, 24), 1.8–2.0 (m, 8), 2.1–2.3 (m, 8), 7.2 (s, 4); ^{13}C (CDCl₃) δ 137.7 (s), 126.4 (d), 60.6 (s), 46.6 (t), 33.6 (t), 27.1 (t), 26.6 (t), 25.1 (t), 22.4 (t); mass spectrum (70 eV, relative intensity), m/e 408 (M⁺ 100), 407 (15), 366 (20), 365 (80), 325 (37), 324 (55), 240 (15), 166 (20).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₄₄N₂: C, 82.29; H, 10.86; N, 6.86. Found: C, 82.12; H, 10.59; N, 7.21.

1-[1-(4-Formylphenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (20). To 80 mL of dry THF was added 12.5 g (0.039 mol) of 11. The solution was cooled to -78 °C and 30 mL of 1.5 M butyllithium in hexane was added via syringe. After the mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min at -78 °C, 2.6 g of freshly distilled DMF in 10 mL of THF was added slowly. The mixture was allowed to warm to 25 °C over 2 h, quenched with 10% NH₄Cl, and extracted with CHCl₃ to give, after evaporation of solvent, 8.2 g (78%) of a yellow oil which was further purified by standard bisulfite extraction followed by short path distillation: bp 140-145 °C (0.02 mm); mp 83-84.5 °C (EtOH); IR (CHCl₃) 2920, 2840, 2780, 2720, 1695, 1605 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0-1.8 (m, 12), 1.8-2.1 (m, 4), 2.1-2.3 (m, 4), 7.45 (d, 2, J = 9 Hz), 7.85 (d, 2, J = 9 Hz), 9.90 (s, 1); ¹³C $(CDCl_3) \delta$ 191.9 (d), 148.2 (s), 134.5 (s), 129.0 (d), 127.8 (d), 61.3 (s), 46.6 (t), 33.6 (t), 27.2 (t), 26.4 (t), 25.0 (t), 22.4 (t); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 271 (M⁺, 37), 270 (15), 229 (20), 228 (100), 224 (15), 166 (25), 91 (25), 84 (45), with a metastable ion at m/e 191.2 (228²/271).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₅NO: C, 79.66; H, 9.29; N, 5.16. Found: C, 79.91; H, 9.18; N, 5.32.

1-[1-(4-Oximinophenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (24). A mixture of 2.71 g (0.01 mol) of aldehyde 20, 0.8 g (0.16 mol) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride, and 1 g of K₂CO₃ in 5 mL of H₂O was added to 50 mL of methanol and the mixture refluxed for 10 h. The methanol was removed in vacuo to give a solid which was crystallized to give 2.49 g (86%) of oxime 24: mp 198-199 °C (EtOH); IR (CHCl₃) 3580, 3020, 2940, 2860, 1620 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 1.0–1.6 (m, 12), 2.0–2.4 (m, 8), 7.3 (br s, 1, absent in D_2O , 7.35 (d, 2, J = 9 Hz), 7.65 (d, 2, J = 9 Hz), 8.25 (s, 1); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 286 (M⁺, 45) 285 (30), 244 (20), 243 (100), 229 (15), 166 (15), 134 (25), 84 (20), with a metastable ion at m/e 206.6 (243²/286).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{26}N_2O$: C, 75.48; H, 9.15; N, 9.78. Found: C, 75.63; H, 9.23; N, 9.51.

1-[1-[4-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl]cyclohexyl]piperidine (23). A mixture of 2.7 g (0.01 mol) of aldehyde 20 and 0.39 g (0.01 mol) of NaBH₄ were stirred in 50 mL of EtOH for 10 h. Aqueous NH₄Cl was added to the solution and it was extracted extensively with CHCl₃ which was evaporated to give a near quantitative yield of 23: mp 148-148.5 °C (EtOH-hexane); IR (CHCl₃) 3580, 3005, 2940, 2860, 2800, 1450, 1210 cm⁻¹; ¹H (CDCl₃) δ 1.0-1.6 (m, 12), 1.8-2.4 (m, 8), 2.6 (s, 1, absent in D₂O), 4.61 (s, 2), 7.15 (br s, 4); ¹³C (CDCl₃) δ 139.3 (s), 138.6 (s), 127.7 (d), 127.3 (d), 65.1 (t), 61.1 (s), 46.5 (t), 33.7 (t), 27.0 (t), 26.4 (t), 24.9 (t), 22.5 (t); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 273 (M⁺, 35), 272 (35), 231 (20), 230 (100), 216 (15), 166 (15), 121 (20), 84 (25), with a metastable ion at m/e 194.2 (230²/272).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{27}NO: C, 79.07; H, 9.95: N, 5.12$. Found: C, 79.11; H, 9.82; N, 5.41.

1-[1-(4-Cyanophenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (13). A mixture of 3.2 g (0.01 mol) of 4-bromophenevelidine $(11)^7$ and 5 equiv of CuCN in 50 mL of dry DMF was heated at 120 °C for 3 days. After the mixture was cooled to 0 °C, 100 mL of H₂O containing 5 g of KCN was added to the mixture which was then extracted with CHCl₃. Evaporation of CHCl₃ gave 1.9 g (71%) of 13: mp 104-105 °C (MeOH); IR (CHCl₃) 2860, 2780, 2740, 2180 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.1–1.6 (m, 12), 1.8–2.0 (m, 4), 2.0–2.3 (m, 4), 7.31 (d, 2, J = 8 Hz), 7.55 (d, 2, J = 8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 146.5 (s), 131.3 (d), 127.9 (d), 119.1 (s), 109.8 (s), 61.2 (s), 46.5 (t), 33.3 (t), 27.1 (t), 26.2 (t), 24.9 (t), 22.2 (t); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 268 (M⁺, 30), 267 (28), 225 (100), 221 (55), 166 (58), with a metastable ion at m/e 189 (225²/268).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₄N₂: C, 80.55; H, 9.01; H, 10.88. Found: C, 80.44; H, 9.20, N, 10.79.

1-[1-[4-(Aminomethyl)phenyl]cyclohexyl]piperidine (18). A. To a flask containing 0.40 g (10 mmol) of LAH in refluxing THF was added, slowly over 10 min as a solid, 0.67 g (2.5 mmol) of nitrile 13. After the mixture was allowed to reflux an additional 3 h, the mixture was cooled, quenches with aqueous NH₄Cl, and extracted with CHCl₃ which was evaporated to give an oil which was distilled by short path to give 0.62 g (89%) of pure 18 as a low-melting solid: bp 140-150 °C (0.25 mm); mp 45-47 °C; IR (CHCl₃) 3200-3100 (NH₂) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0-1.7 (m, 12), 1.6 (br s, 2, absent in D₂O), 1.8-2.0 (m, 4), 2.1-2.3 (m, 4), 3.65 (s, 2), 7.00 (s, 4); ${}^{13}C$ (CDCl₃) δ 140.7 (s), 138.7 (s), 127.6 (d), 126.2 (d), 60.9 (s), 46.6 (t), 46.2 (t), 33.8 (t), 27.2 (t), 26.5 (t), 25.1 (t), 22.5 (t); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 272 (M⁺, 55), 271 (40), 230 (20), 229 (100), 215 (15), 188 (10), 166 (15), with a metastable ion at m/e 192.8 (229²/272)

B. Reduction of oxime 24 by LAH under conditions described above gave monoamine 18 in 62% along with variable amounts of related secondary, 21, and tertiary, 22, amines. For 21: mp 44-47 °C; IR (CHCl₃) 3300 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0-1.8 (m, 24), 1.8–2.3 (m, 16), 3.65 (s, 4), 7.05 (s); mass spectrum, m/e (70) eV, relative intensity) 527 (M⁺, 10), 444 (100), 442 (60). For 22: mp 156-158 °C (EtOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0-1.7

(m, 36), 1.8-2.4 (m, 24), 3.58 (br s, 8), 7.35 (AB, 12); ${}^{13}C$ NMR

 $(\text{CDCl}_3) \delta 138.7 \text{ (s)}, 137.4 \text{ (s)}, 127.8 \text{ (d)}, 127.1 \text{ (d)}, 60.8 \text{ (s)}, 57.9 \text{ (t)}, 46.5 \text{ (t)}, 33.8 \text{ (t)}, 27.1 \text{ (t)}, 26.5 \text{ (t)}, 24.9 \text{ (t)}, 22.4 \text{ (t)}; \text{ mass spectrum, } m/e (70 \text{ eV}, \text{ relative intensity}) 782 (M⁺, trace), 699 (50), 614 (100), with a metastable ion at <math>m/e 541 (614^2/699)$.

Anal. Calcd for C₅₄H₇₈N₄: C, 82.81; H, 10.02; N, 7.15. Found: C, 82.73; H, 10.29; N, 7.31.

Reaction of 18 with Phenyl Isothiocyanate. Amine 18, 100 mg, was reacted neat with 1 equiv of phenyl isothiocyanate. After a mild exothermic reaction the reaction mixture went solid. After recrystallization in EtOH, pure, mixed thiourea 33 was obtained in high yield: mp 178–179 °C (EtOH); IR (CHCl₃) 3400, 3370, 2950, 1590, 1520 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0–1.6 (m, 12), 1.8–2.4 (m, 8), 4.8 (d, 2, J = 6 Hz), 7.2 (m, 9), 7.6 (br s, 1, NH), 8.1 (br s, 1, NH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 180.9 (s, C=S), 49.16 (t, PhCH₂N); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 407 (M⁺, 58), 364 (30), 322 (52), 271 (22), 171 (100).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{25}H_{33}N_3S$: C, 73.66; H, 8.16; N, 10.32. Found: C, 73.45; H, 8.01; N, 9.93.

1-[1-(4-Carbamylphenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (10). To a flask containing 3 mL of 30% H_2O_2 , 3 mL of H_2O , 20 mL of acetone, and 3 mL of 10% K_2CO_3 was added 0.8 g (3 mmol) of nitrile 13. The mixture exothermed to 40 °C and was maintained at that temperature for 3 h at which time it was diluted with H_2O and extracted with CHCl₃ to give, after removal of solvent, 0.65 g (76%) of amide 10: mp 94.5-96.5 °C (CH₂Cl₂/hexane); IR (CHCl₃) 3400, 3340, 3170, 1670, 1380 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 1.0–1.8 (m, 12), 1.8–2.1 (m, 4), 2.1–2.4 (m, 4), 6.55 (br s, 1, absent in D₂O), 7.40 (d, 2, J = 9 Hz), 7.85 (d, 2, J = 9 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) 169.7 (s), 145.0 (s), 131.1 (s), 127.5 (d), 126.7 (d), 61.1 (s), 46.6 (t), 33.6 (t), 27.1 (t), 26.6 (t), 25.0 (t), 22.4 (t); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 286 (M⁺, 5), 243 (12), 166 (25), 84 (100).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{26}N_2O \cdot H_2O$: C, 71.01; H, 9.22; N, 9.20. Found: C, 71.11; H, 8.87; N, 9.17.

When higher reaction temperatures were employed, 1-(4carbamylphenyl)cyclohexene⁸ was also isolated in variable yield.

Hofmann Rearrangement of Amide 10. To a dry flask containing 3 mL of CH_3OH at -45 °C was added 0.14 g (6 mmol) of sodium. After reaction, 0.38 g (2.1 mmol) of bromine was added and the mixture was allowed to stir until all color was discharged. To this mixture was added, dropwise, 0.5 g (1.7 mmol) of amide 10 dissolved in a 1/1 mixture of dioxane/CH₃OH. The reaction was allowed to slowly warm to 40 °C and then stirred an additional 30 min. The mixture was cooled, neutralized with aqueous acetic acid, and extracted with CHCl₃. After removal of solvent, the organic residue was chromatographed on neutral alumina, using ether and ether-CH₃OH eluant, to give 0.6 g (66%) of pure carbamate 15.

For 15: IR (CHCl₃) 3420 (NH), 2930, 1722, 1515, 905 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 1.0–1.8 (m, 12), 1.8–2.1 (m, 4), 2.1–2.4 (m, 4), 3.75 (s, 3), 71, (br s, 1, absent in D₂O), 7.2–7.5 (ABCD, 4, goes to singlet at ca. 80 °C); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) 168.9 (s), 154.2 (s), 135.9 (s), 128.2 (d), 117.9 (d), 61.1 (s), 52.3 (q), 46.5 (t), 33.6 (t), 26.9 (t), 26.4 (t), 24.9 (t), 22.4 (t); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 316 (M⁺, 65), 315 (40), 273 (80), 259 (10), 243 (20), 233 (22), 232 (100), 231 (30), 225 (20), 166 (25), 164 (52), 84 (30), with a metastable ion at m/e 205.8 (273²/316).

1-[1-[4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)phenyl]cyclohexyl]piperidine (26). To a flask containing 0.6 g (0.026 mol) of Mg in 100 mL of a 2/1 mixture of ether/THF was added dropwise 6.42 g (0.02 mol) of 4-bromophencyclidine in 25 mL of THF. After reaction of the bromide, ethylene oxide was slowly bubbled into the flask until no more reagent remained (as judged by aliquots). Cold aqueous NH₄Cl was added to the mixture and it was extracted with ether. The ether was dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated to give 4.8 g (86%) of very pure alcohol as a viscous oil: bp 145–150 °C (0.02 mm); IR (CHCl₃) 3600, 3400, 2970, 1440, 1040 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 1.0–1.8 (m, 12), 1.8–2.4 (m, 8), 2.8 (2, t), 3.4 (br s, 1, absent in D₂O), 3.8 (2, t), 7.15 (s, 4); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) 137.6 (s), 136.3 (s), 128.1 (d), 127.6 (d), 63.3 (t), 61.0 (s), 46.5 (t), 38.8 (t), 33.6 (t), 26.9 (t), 26.5 (t), 24.9 (t), 22.5 (t); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 287 (M⁺, 20), 286 (35), 256 (10), 244 (100), 166 (35).

1-[1-[4-(2-Phthalimidoethyl)phenyl]cyclohexyl]piperidine (28). A mixture of 1.4 g (4.8 mmol) of alcohol 26, 0.5 g (5.7 mmol) of triethylamine, and 0.6 g (5.3 mmol) of freshly distilled methanesulfonyl chloride in 20 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h at which time the mixture was extracted with cold CHCl₃/ aqueous K₂CO₃ mixture. The organic layer was washed with H₂O and dried over K₂CO₃ to give, after removal of solvent, 1.7 g (96% yield) of mesylate 27 [¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.8 (3, s, SO₂CH₃), 3.1 (2, t, CH₂CH₂O), 4.5 (2, t, CH₂CH₂O)] which was reacted without further purification with 1.9 g (1.1 equiv) of potassium phthalimide in 20 mL of dry DMF containing 0.1 g of KI. After being allowed to stir for 10 h at room temperature the mixture was extracted with CHCl₃/H₂O and the organic layer washed with H₂O until the DMF was gone. Removal of solvent gave 1.8 g (93%) of **28**: mp (CH₃OH) 109–111 °C; IR (CHCl₃) 2940, 1770, 1710, 1395, 1360 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 1.0–1.7 (m, 12), 1.8–2.3 (m, 8), 2.95 (t, 2, J = 8 Hz), 3.90 (t, 2, J = 8 Hz), 7.1 (s, 4), 7.65 (AB, 4).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{27}H_{32}O_2N_2$: C, 77.85; H, 7.74; N, 6.72. Found: C, 77.62; H. 7.61; N, 6.81.

1-[1-[4-(2-Aminoethyl)phenyl]cyclohexyl]piperidine (19). A mixture of 0.16 g (0.38 mmol) of 28 and 0.05 g of 85% hydrazine hydrate in 5 mL of methanol was heated at reflux for 5 h and cooled. Water was added to the mixture and it was extracted with CHCl₃. The CHCl₃ layer was washed with 20% HCl which was made basic with K₂CO₃ and extracted with CHCl₃. The CHCl₃ layer was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to 0.1 g (91%) of amine 19 as a viscous oil: bp 150–160 °C (0.4 mm); IR (CHCl₃) 3390, 2940, 1442, 910 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) ϕ 1.0–1.8 (m, 12), 1.9–2.2 (m, 4), 2.2–2.5 (m, 4), 2.6–3.1 (m, 4), 7.2 (s, 4); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) ϕ 137.3 (s), 137.2 (s), 128.0 (d), 127.7 (d), 61.2 (s), 46.6 (d), 43.5 (d), 39.7 (d), 33.5 (d), 26.9 (d), 26.4 (d), 24.9 (d), 22.5 (d); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 286 (M⁺, 60), 285 (30), 256 (10), 243 (100), 229 (10), 173 (20), 172 (20), 166 (20), 105 (65), 84 (25), with a metastable ion at m/e 206.6 $(243^2/286)$.

Reaction of Amine 19 with Phenyl Isothiocyanate–Thiourea, 34. Amine 19 was converted to mixed thiourea 34 in 68% yield by reacting it neat with phenyl isothiocyanate at 25 °C.

For 34: mp 141.5–143.5 (CHCl₃/C₆H₁₄); IR (CHCl₃) 3400, 2940, 1600, 1525, 1495 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.1–1.7 (m, 12), 1.8–2.1 (m, 4), 2.2–2.4 (m, 4), 2.9 (t, 2), 3.9 (q, 2, t in D₂O), 6.1 (br s, 1, absent in D₂O), 7.0–7.6 (m, 9), 8.1 (br s, 1, absent in D₂O); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 421 (M⁺, 3), 420 (5), 386 (8), 377 (5), 343 (10), 286 (60), 285 (45), 243 (100), 173 (25), 172 (25), 166 (25), 135 (95), 105 (40), 84 (40), with a metastable ion at m/e 206.5 (243²/286).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{26}H_{35}N_3S$: C, 74.07; H, 8.37; N, 9.96. Found: C, 73.87; H, 8.19; N, 9.78.

Synthesis of 1-[1-[4-[2-Nitro-1-hydroxyethyl]phenyl]cyclohexyl]piperidine (30) and 1-[1-[4-(2-Nitroethyl)phenyl]cyclohexyl]piperidine (32). To a flask containing 25 mL of Me₂SO, 2.7 g (0.01 mol) of aldehyde 20 and 5 equiv of nitromethane was added 3 drops of 1,5-diazabicycloundecene. After 5 min the mixture was cooled and sufficient, cold acetic acid was added to neutralize the mixture which was then extracted with cold H₂O/CHCl₃. The organic layer was washed with cold H₂O till no Me₂SO remained, dried over MgSO₄, and evaporated to give 30. The yield of this reaction (60–90%) was a function of workup: mp 94–95 °C (CH₂Cl₂); IR (CHCl₃) 3600, 3400, 2950, 1550, 1380 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 1.0–1.7 (m, 12), 1.9–2.4 (m, 8), 3.1 (br s, 1, absent in D₂O), 4.6 (AB of ABX, 2), 5.5 (X of ABX, 1), 7.4 (s, 4); mass spectrum, m/e (70 eV, relative intensity) 332 (M⁺, 5), 289 (25), 271 (30), 228 (100), 166 (38).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{19}H_{28}O_3N_2$: C, 68.64; H, 8.49; N, 8.43. Found: C, 68.51; H, 8.32; N, 8.48.

Alcohol 30, 0.55 g (1.6 mmol), was dissolved in a mixture of 1.2 equiv of acetic anhydride and 1.2 equiv of sulfuric acid carefully over several minutes during which time the mixture warmed to ca. 40 °C. After 10 min, 20 mL of a Me₂SO solution containing 0.64 g (1.6 mmol) of NaBH₄ was added to the mixture. The mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h and then was poured into 50 mL of ice/H₂O which was extracted with CHCl₃. The organic layer was washed with H₂O until the Me₂SO was gone, dried over MgSO₄, and evaporated to give 0.33 g (63%) of 32 which was further purified by column chromatography on silic acid, using ether eluate: IR (CHCl₃) 2960, 1550, 1440, 1380 cm⁻¹; ¹H (CDCl₃) 1.0-1.7 (m, 12), 1.9-2.1 (m, 4), 2.1-2.4 (m, 4), 3.3 (t, 2), 4.6 (t, 2), 7.2 (s, 4).

Reaction of 32 with LAH. 4-(2-Nitroethyl)phencyclidine was converted, without further characterization, to 4-(2-aminoethyl)phencyclidine (19) in 90% by adding it to LAH in refluxing ether

1-[1-(4-Methylphenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (35). Methylphencyclidine was synthesized as described:¹ bp 120-130 °C (0.1 mm); mp 65-67 °C [lit.¹ mp 66-67 °C]; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.1-1.7 (m, 8), 1.8-2.1 (m, 4), 2.1-2.4 (m, 4), 2.22 (s, 3), 7.30 (s, 4); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 137.1 (s), 135.3 (s), 128.1 (d), 127.2 (d), 60.7 (s), 46.5 (t), 33.8 (t), 27.2 (t), 26.5 (t), 22.5 (t), 20.9 (q).

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Chlorination of 2-Methyl- and 2-Phenylindole with NaOCl. Formation of Intermediates and Their Reactions with Alkaline Methanol¹

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Chlorination of 2-methylindole (1) in carbon tetrachloride with excess sodium hypochlorite gave a 2:1 mixture of N,3-dichloro-2-methylindole (4) and 3,3-dichloro-2-methyl-3H-indole (5) in a total yield of 76-92%. N-Chloro-2-methylindole (2) was detected when the chlorination was carried out with an indole to NaOCl ratio of 10:1. Sodium hypochlorite was found to promote the rearrangement of N-chloroindoles 2 and 4. The chlorination of 2-phenylindole (6) gave a mixture of N,3-dichloro-2-phenylindole (8) and 3,3-dichloro-2-phenyl-3H-indole (9) in a total yield of 81-92%. The rearrangement of 8 to 9 was detected by IR and UV. This occurred in the presence or absence of NaOCl. Reactions of the dichloro intermediates with alkaline methanol gave a number of products. It is proposed that the N_{3} -dichloroindoles rearranged to their respective 3H-indoles in alkaline methanol and the products were formed by nucleophilic attack on either carbon (C-3) or chlorine of the 3H-indole.

Recently we reported the formation of N-chloroindole and its subsequent rearrangement in alcohols to 3chloroindole.³ The intermediacy of 3-chloro-3H-indole was also shown. Studies on the chlorination⁴ of 2.3-disubstituted indoles have detected only the formation of 3chloro-3H-indoles.⁵⁻¹⁵ The chlorination of 2-methyl- and

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