

The Reaction of Amines with Benzyl Halides under CO₂ Atmosphere

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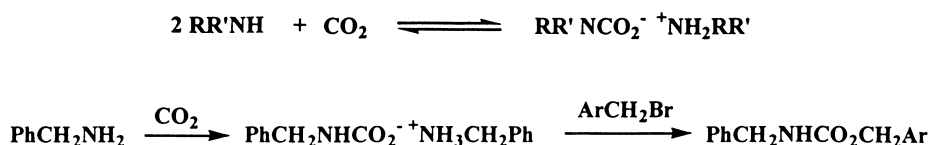
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To find a useful, practical, and ecologically safer way to synthesize protected amines, the reactions of amines with benzyl halides under CO₂ atmosphere were systematically examined. For primary amines, the CO₂-inserted products were obtained in higher yields in the presence of DBU as a base, under a high pressure of CO₂, and in a low-polarity solvent (toluene/hexane 1:1). Secondary amines gave only low yields of CO₂-inserted products.

Introduction. – Organic carbamates exhibit unique physical and chemical properties, accommodating a variety of applications in pharmacology (medicinal drugs), agriculture (pesticides, fungicides, herbicides), and chemical industry (synthetic intermediates) [1]. Their use as protective groups for the NH₂ group in amino acids in peptide synthesis is also well-known [2]. So far, the protecting reagent most often used is benzyl carbonochloridate (ZCl), which is prepared from phosgene (COCl₂), an extremely hazardous compound used in many syntheses, and benzyl alcohol. Several attempts have been made to employ new methodologies in which the toxic phosgene is replaced with less toxic and less dangerous reagents [3]. One of the many goals of the ‘green chemistry movement’ intends to replace phosgene by carbon dioxide, a cheap, benign-nature, and abundant reagent [4]. So far, several reports have appeared dealing with the synthesis of carbamate esters from amines, CO₂, and alkyl halides [5]. Obviously, this synthetic method can be directly applied to protect amino groups if benzyl carbamates can be produced in high yields. In one of these reports, *Yoshida et al.* found that the reaction of carbamate anions with alkyl halides in the presence of RR’NH as a base gave predominantly *N*-alkylated products (RR’NR’’) and only poor yields of carbamate esters (RR’NCO₂R’’) [5a]. This result may be due to the poor nucleophilicity of the carbamate as compared to the reactivity of the N-atom or to an unfavorable equilibrium concentration of carbamate in solution. Improvements in the yields and selectivities of urethane products over amine products *via* a stabilization of the carbamate anion by DBU as a base were reported by *Hori et al.* [5b]. In this case, however, only reactions with highly reactive electrophiles, *i.e.*, bromides and tosylates, gave acceptable amounts of urethanes. *Calderazzo et al.* have also reported the use of carbamates as nucleophiles in reactions with MeI to give methyl carbamates [6]. These investigations showed that the use of crown ethers and cryptands in combination with carbamate anion/potassium cation systems gave good yields of urethanes. A similar approach has been elucidated by *Aresta* and *Quaranta* in recent reports [7]. Recently, *McGhee et al.* disclosed that, in the reaction of amines, carbon dioxide, and alkyl chlorides, the effect of added base on the yield and selectivity of carbamate

(RNHCO₂R') formation was found to be highly important, the use of sterically hindered guanidine bases giving the best results [8]. However, in our own investigation of this reaction, we found that, using DBU as a base, similar yields and selectivities of carbamates (RNHCO₂R') could be obtained as well. In the present paper, we report our results on the synthesis of benzyl carbamates by means of CO₂. This reaction is very simple because it is well known that mixing CO₂ with amines leads to alkylammonium carbamates. Thus, the key step for the formation of benzyl carbamates is the reaction of alkylammonium carbamates with benzyl halides (*Scheme 1*). One competitive reaction is the direct alkylation of the amine with benzyl halides to give the corresponding secondary or tertiary amine. Thus the selection of solvents and bases, the pressure of CO₂, and the nucleophilicity of the amines themselves can drastically affect the reaction.

Scheme 1



Results and Discussion. – We first examined the reaction of benzylamine with benzyl halides under CO₂ atmosphere or in a stainless-steel autoclave with high pressure of CO₂ under various reaction conditions. The results, summarized in *Table 1*, show that bases, pressure of CO₂, and solvents played a very important role in this reaction. With Na₂CO₃ as a base and toluene or MeCN as solvent, no CO₂-inserted product could be obtained even under high pressure of CO₂ (*Table 1, Entries 1–3*) (amine/halide/Na₂CO₃ 1:1:1). In the presence of other inorganic bases such as K₂CO₃, Cs₂CO₃, Li₂CO₃, or LiOH in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF), the CO₂-inserted product **1a** was in general obtained in very low yields (*Entries 4–10*). The tertiary amine **2a** was the major product. The presence of catalytic amounts of phase transfer catalyst and crown ether ([18]crown-6) or high pressure of CO₂ did not improve the yields of **1a**. However, with 1.0 equiv. of DBU (=1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene) as a base, the yields of **1a** could be increased, but the undesired **2a** was still formed, especially with benzyl bromide as an electrophile (*Table 1, Entries 11–15*). This result can be explained by the ‘hard-and-soft acid/base principle’ (HSAB). As an acid, benzyl chloride is harder than benzyl bromide. As base, RNHC(O)O[–] is harder than benzylamine. Thus, **2a** was formed predominantly with benzyl bromide as the electrophile. In low-polarity solvents (toluene or hexane), the reaction yielded *ca.* 20% of **1a**, and the formation of **2a** was reduced (*Table 1, Entries 16 and 17*). Moreover, in the mixed solvent toluene/hexane 1:1 at room temperature, the yield of **1a** reached 44% (*Table 1, Entries 18 and 19*), and increasing the pressure of CO₂ also improved the yield of **1a**. The optimum result, *i.e.* 87% of **1a**, was obtained with 1.0 equiv. of DBU and benzyl chloride as the electrophile at 80° under high pressure of CO₂ (*Table 1, Entry 21*). The yield of isolated **1a** was very close to that obtained in the

Table 1. The Reaction of Benzylamine with Benzyl Halides under CO₂ Atmosphere at Room Temperature

$\text{PhCH}_2\text{NH}_2 + \text{PhCH}_2\text{X} \xrightarrow[\text{base, solvent}]{\text{CO}_2} \text{PhCH}_2\text{NHCO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph} + \text{PhCH}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})_2$						
Entry	PhCH ₂ X	Base	Pressure, CO ₂ /kg/cm ²	Solvent	Yield/% ^{a)}	
					1a	2a
1	Cl	Na ₂ CO ₃	1	toluene	–	30
2	Cl	Na ₂ CO ₃	1	MeCN	–	40
3	Cl	Na ₂ CO ₃	50	MeCN	–	35
4	Cl	K ₂ CO ₃	1	DMF ^{b)}	trace	40
5	Cl	Cs ₂ CO ₃	1	DMF	8	50
6	Cl	Cs ₂ CO ₃	50	DMF	13	60
7	Cl	Cs ₂ CO ₃	50	DMF ^{c)}	13	60
8	Cl	Cs ₂ CO ₃	50	DMF ^{d)}	10	50
9	Br	Li ₂ CO ₃	1	DMF	3	46
10	Br	LiOH	1	DMF	–	–
11	Cl	DBU	1	DMF	10	trace
12	Br	DBU	1	H ₂ O	6	60
13	Br	DBU	1	DMF/H ₂ O	32	34
14	Br	DBU	1	DMF	37	30
15	Cl	DBU	1	DMF	32	12
16	Br	DBU	1	toluene	19	10
17	Br	DBU	1	hexane	24	1
18	Br	DBU	1	toluene/hexane	44	12
19	Cl	DBU	1	toluene/hexane	43	14
20	Br	DBU	50	toluene/hexane	55	13
21	Cl	DBU	50	toluene/hexane ^{e)}	87	7

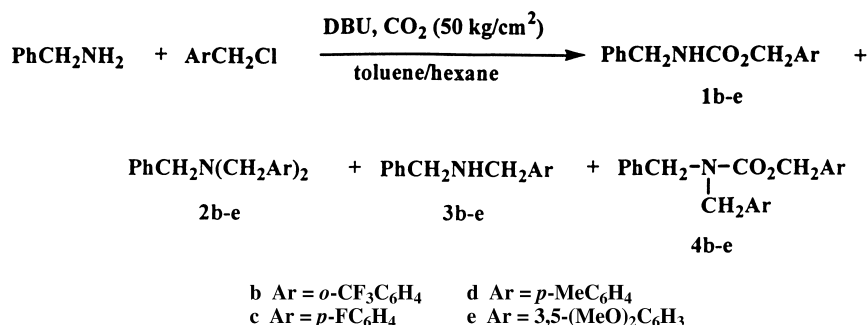
^{a)} Yield of isolated product. ^{b)} In the presence of [18]crown-6 (0.1 equiv.). ^{c)} In the presence of DBU (0.1 equiv.). ^{d)} In the presence of (Bu₄N)Br (5 mol-%) as phase-transfer catalyst. ^{e)} The reaction was carried out at 80°.

presence of sterically hindered guanidine as base [8]. We believe that DBU in this reaction acted both as a CO₂ carrier and a base (*Scheme 1*) [9]¹⁾.

To clarify the substituent effect on the benzyl chlorides on the reaction, we studied other benzyl chlorides C₆H₄CH₂Cl (R = F, CF₃, or Me) and MeO₂C₆H₄CH₂Cl under the optimized reaction conditions (*Scheme 2*, *Table 2*). For benzyl chlorides having electron-withdrawing groups (F or CF₃) or a weak electron-donating group (Me) at the phenyl ring, CO₂-inserted products were isolated in similar yields as with benzyl chloride, along with small amounts of the corresponding secondary amines **3** or tertiary amines **2** (*Table 2*). However, in the case of (MeO)₂C₆H₃CH₂Cl, only the corresponding tertiary amine **2e** was obtained in low yield because the two strong electron-donating MeO groups disfavor the nucleophilic attack of benzylammonium carbamates and benzylamine to benzyl halides. These results suggest that the substituents at the phenyl ring do not affect the electron density at the benzyl CH₂ moiety, which is connected to chloride and is attacked by alkylammonium carbamates

¹⁾ We also found that **1a** was formed in a very low yield even under the conditions reported by *Butcher*, with Cs₂CO₃ as a base [10a]; the major product was the tertiary amine **2a**. A careful examination of this reaction revealed that no so called ‘cesium ionic effect’ could be reproduced under the same conditions. According to a detailed report by *Jung* and co-workers [10c], both 3 equiv. of Cs₂CO₃ and 3 equiv. of Bu₄N are required to give a high yield of **1a** in DMF under CO₂ atmosphere with bubbling.

Scheme 2

Table 2. The Reaction of Benzylamine with Benzyl Chlorides under CO₂ Atmosphere (50 kg/cm²) at 70°

Entry	ArCH ₂ Cl	Series	Yield/% ^{a)}			
			1	2	3	4
1	<i>o</i> -CF ₃ -C ₆ H ₄ -CH ₂ Cl	b	67	–	25	–
2	<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄ -CH ₂ Cl	c	60	4	–	15
3	<i>p</i> -Me-C ₆ H ₄ -CH ₂ Cl	d	54	–	14	–
4	<i>m,m</i> -(MeO) ₂ C ₆ H ₃ -CH ₂ Cl	e	7	–	–	–

^{a)} Yield of isolated product.

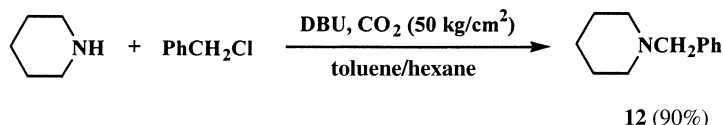
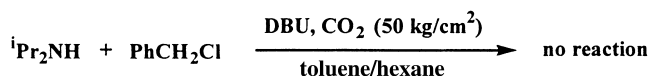
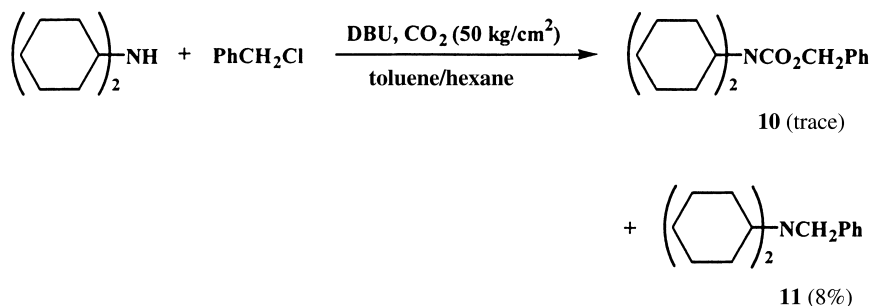
RNHCO₂[–]NH₃R, *i.e.* the formation of carbamates is generally not affected by substituents at the phenyl ring; however, there is a threshold, since no carbamates are formed if the phenyl ring bears several strong electron-donating groups. One interesting finding is that, in the reaction of benzylamine with *p*-fluorobenzyl chloride under high CO₂ pressure, compound **4b**, derived from the further reaction of the CO₂-inserted carbamate with *p*-fluorobenzyl chloride, was formed in 15% yield (Table 2, Entry 2). This phenomenon has never been reported so far.

With other primary amines such as propylamine, butylamine, prop-2-enylamine, cyclohexylamine, or 1-methylbenzylamine, similar tendencies as with benzylamine were observed: low yields of CO₂-inserted products **5** were obtained with K₂CO₃ or Cs₂CO₃ as a base under CO₂ atmosphere, and good yields were obtained with DBU as a base under high CO₂ pressure in toluene/hexane 1:1 at 70° (Scheme 3, Table 3). Especially in the cases of propylamine, butylamine, and prop-2-enylamine, *N*-benzylation of the CO₂-inserted product occurred to give the corresponding compound **6**. The by-products **7** were also observed.

With secondary amines, *e.g.* diethyl- and dicyclohexylamine, the CO₂-inserted products (*e.g.* **8** and **10**, resp.) were obtained only in trace amounts, along with the major tertiary amines RRNR' (*e.g.* **9** and **11**, resp.), even under the optimized reaction conditions (Scheme 4). Especially for diisopropylamine, no reaction occurred because of its steric hindrance. On the other hand, for a cyclic secondary amine such as piperidine, due to its high nucleophilicity, the tertiary amine **12** was formed exclusively under the same reaction conditions (Scheme 4).

$$\text{Et}_2\text{NH} + \text{PhCH}_2\text{Cl} \xrightarrow[\text{toluene/hexane}]{\text{DBU, CO}_2 (50 \text{ kg/cm}^2)} \text{Et}_2\text{NCO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph} + \text{Et}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{Ph}$$

8 (trace) 9 (10%)



Benzylcarbamic Acid Benzyl Ester (1a) [10c]. According to the *G.P.* 2: white solid (587 mg, 87%). M.p. 60–62°. IR (CHCl₃): 1687 (C=O). ¹H-NMR: 4.39 (*d*, *J* = 5.8, CH₂); 5.04 (*s*, NH); 5.14 (*s*, CH₂); 7.26–7.37 (*m*, 10 arom. H). ¹³C-NMR: 45.19; 66.89; 127.53; 128.14; 128.53; 128.69; 136.51; 138.40; 156.40 (C=O). EI-MS: 287 (*M*⁺). Anal. calc. for C₁₅H₁₅NO₂ (241.2851): C 74.67, H 6.27, N 5.81; found: C 74.67, H 6.29, N 5.69.

Benzylcarbamic Acid 2-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl Ester (1b). According to the *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (581 mg, 67%). IR (CHCl₃): 1703 (C=O). ¹H-NMR: 4.39 (*d*, *J* = 5.8, 1 CH₂); 5.17 (*s*, NH); 5.19 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 7.25–7.63 (*m*, 9 arom. H). ¹³C-NMR: 45.19; 65.86; 124.56 (*q*, *J*(C,F) = 3.8); 124.84 (*q*, *J*(C,F) = 3.8); 127.13; 127.58; 127.94 (*q*, *J*(C,F) = 145.2); 128.32 (*q*, *J*(C,F) = 145.6); 128.70; 128.98; 131.13; 137.64; 138.24; 156.11 (C=O). EI-MS: 310 (*M*⁺ · *H*⁺). HR-MS: 309.0996 (C₁₆H₁₁F₃NO₂ · *M*⁺; calc. 309.0977).

Benzyl[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amine (3b). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (138 mg, 25%). IR (CHCl₃): 1601 (C=C). ¹H-NMR: 3.84 (s, CH₂); 3.89 (s, CH₂); 7.26–7.67 (*m*, 4 arom. H). EI-MS: 265 (*M*⁺). HR-MS: 265.1071 (C₁₅H₁₄F₃N⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 265.1078).

Benzylcarbamic Acid 4-Fluorobenzyl Ester (1c). According to the *G.P.* 2: white solid (437 mg, 60%). M.p. 45–48°. IR (CHCl₃): 1714 (C=O). ¹H-NMR: 4.39 (*d*, *J* = 6.0, 1 CH₂); 5.0 (*s*, NH); 5.10 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 7.25–7.50 (*m*, 9 arom. H). ¹³C-NMR: 45.17; 66.12; 127.02; 127.54; 128.14; 128.43; 129.66 (*d*, *J*(C,F) = 6.0); 130.09 (*d*, *J*(C,F) = 6.0); 138.33; 156.29 (C=O); 162.55 (*d*, *J*(C,F) = 225.9). EI-MS: 260 (*MH*⁺). HR-MS: 259.1014 (C₁₅H₁₄FNO₂⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 259.1009).

Benzyl[bis(4-fluorobenzyl)]amine (2c). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (41 mg, 4%). IR (CHCl₃): 1600 (C=C). ¹H-NMR: 3.49 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 3.52 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 6.96–7.02 (*m*, 4 arom. H); 7.29–7.35 (*m*, 8 arom. H). EI-MS: 323 (*M*⁺). HR-MS: 323.1476 (C₂₁H₁₉F₂N⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 323.1486).

Benzyl(4-fluorobenzyl)carbamic Acid 4-Fluorobenzyl Ester (4c). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (136 mg, 15%). IR (CHCl₃): 1696 (C=O). ¹H-NMR: 4.41 (*br. s*, 2 CH₂); 5.19 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 7.0–7.50 (*m*, 13 arom. H). ¹³C-NMR: 49.21; 66.12; 66.86; 127.53; 127.54; 128.11; 128.66; 129.84; 129.95; 130.06; 132.40 (*d*, *J*(C,F) = 6.2); 133.07 (*d*, *J*(C,F) = 6.2); 137.15; 156.54 (C=O); 162.35 (*d*, *J*(C,F) = 245.6). EI-MS: 368 (*MH*⁺). HR-MS: 259.1396 (C₂₂H₁₉F₃NO₂⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 367.1384).

Benzyl Carbamic Acid 4-Methylbenzyl Ester (1d). According to *G.P.* 2: white solid (386 mg, 54%). M.p. 72–74°. IR (CHCl₃): 1682 (C=O). ¹H-NMR: 2.35 (*s*, Me); 4.38 (*d*, *J* = 6.0, 1 CH₂); 5.10 (*s*, NH); 5.10 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 7.25–7.63 (*m*, 9 arom. H). ¹³C-NMR: 21.19; 45.17; 66.86; 127.51; 128.31; 128.68; 129.22; 133.48; 138.00; 138.44; 156.47 (C=O). EI-MS: 255 (*M*⁺). HR-MS: 255.1257 (C₁₆H₁₇NO₂⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 255.1259).

Benzyl(4-methylbenzyl)amine (3d). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (82 mg, 14%). IR (CHCl₃): 1602 (C=C). ¹H-NMR: 2.36 (*s*, Me); 3.78 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 3.81 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 5.10 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 7.14–7.40 (*m*, 9 arom. H). EI-MS: 210 ([*M* – H]⁺). HR-MS: 211.1348 (C₁₅H₁₇N⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 211.1361).

Benzylbis(3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)amine (2e). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (81 mg, 7%). IR (CHCl₃): 1602 (C=C). ¹H-NMR: 3.58 (*s*, 2 CH₂); 3.64 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 3.84 (*s*, 4 MeO); 6.40 (*s*, 2 arom. H); 6.68 (*s*, 4 arom. H); 7.14–7.50 (*m*, 5 arom. H). EI-MS: 408 (*MH*⁺). HR-MS: 407.2101 (C₂₅H₂₉NO₄⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 407.2097).

Propylcarbamic Acid Benzyl Ester (5a). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless solid (456 mg, 86%). M.p. 42–44°. IR (CHCl₃): 1700 (C=O). ¹H-NMR: 0.92 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, Me); 1.51 (*quint*, *J* = 7.5, 1 CH₂); 3.16 (*q*, *J* = 7.5, 1 CH₂); 4.77 (*s*, NH); 5.09 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 7.26–7.36 (*m*, 5 arom. H). ¹³C-NMR: 11.17; 23.16; 42.76; 128.05; 128.08; 128.47; 136.62; 156.41 (C=O). EI-MS: 193 (*M*⁺). Anal. calc. for C₁₁H₁₅NO₂: C 68.37, H 7.82, N 7.25; found: C 68.45, H 7.89, N 7.39.

Benzyl(propyl)carbamic Acid Benzyl Ester (6a). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (28 mg, 4%). IR (CHCl₃): 1696 (C=O). ¹H-NMR: 0.83 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, Me); 1.37–1.68 (*m*, 1 CH₂); 3.15–3.28 (*m*, 1 CH₂); 4.50 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 5.17 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 7.13–7.45 (*m*, 10 arom. H). ¹³C-NMR: 11.20; 21.33; 47.91; 50.17; 67.10; 127.22; 127.76; 127.86; 128.42; 128.49; 128.52; 136.45; 137.98; 156.41 (C=O). EI-MS: 254 ([*M* – 29]⁺). HR-MS: 283.1587 (C₁₈H₂₁NO₂⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 283.1572).

Dibenzylpropylamine (7a). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (25 mg, 4%). IR (CHCl₃): 1602 (C=C). ¹H-NMR: 0.92 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, Me); 1.51 (*quint*, *J* = 7.5, 1 CH₂); 3.16 (*q*, *J* = 7.5, 1 CH₂); 3.54 (*s*, 2 CH₂); 7.0–7.46 (*m*, 10 arom. H). EI-MS: 239 (*M*⁺). HR-MS: 239.1667 (C₁₇H₂₁N⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 239.1674).

Butylcarbamic Acid Benzyl Ester (5b) [12]. According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (476 mg, 82%). IR (CHCl₃): 1701 (C=O). ¹H-NMR: 0.91 (*t*, *J* = 7.3, Me); 1.27–1.37 (*m*, 1 CH₂); 1.38–1.52 (*m*, 1 CH₂); 3.15–3.22 (*m*, 1 CH₂); 4.77 (*s*, NH); 5.09 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 7.26–7.36 (*m*, 5 arom. H). ¹³C-NMR: 13.68; 19.85; 32.02; 40.80; 66.54; 128.03; 128.48; 136.70; 156.41 (C=O). EI-MS: 208 (*MH*⁺). HR-MS: 207.1273 (C₁₂H₁₇NO₂⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 207.1259).

Benzyl(butyl)carbamic Acid Benzyl Ester (6b). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (25 mg, 3%). IR (CHCl₃): 1695 (C=O). ¹H-NMR: 0.83–0.91 (*m*, 2 Me); 1.27–1.38 (*m*, 2 CH₂); 1.39–1.58 (*m*, 2 CH₂); 3.15–3.28 (*m*, 2 CH₂); 4.50 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 5.17 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 7.13–7.45 (*m*, 10 arom. H). ¹³C-NMR: 13.80; 19.98; 30.10; 30.26; 45.98; 46.96; 50.17; 67.14; 127.25; 127.81; 127.89; 128.44; 128.52; 138.02; 156.41 (C=O). EI-MS: 207 ([*M* – 90]⁺). HR-MS: 297.1719 (C₁₉H₂₃NO₂⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 297.1729).

Butyldibenzylamine (7b) [13]. According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (36 mg, 8%). IR (CHCl₃): 1602 (C=C). ¹H-NMR: 0.91 (*t*, *J* = 7.3, Me); 1.27–1.37 (*m*, 1 CH₂); 1.38–1.52 (*m*, 1 CH₂); 3.15–3.22 (*m*, 1 CH₂); 5.09 (*s*, 2 CH₂); 7.26–7.36 (*m*, 10 arom. H). EI-MS: 163 ([*M* – 90]⁺). HR-MS: 163.1347 (C₁₁H₁₇N⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 163.1361).

Prop-2-enylcarbamic Acid Benzyl Ester (5c). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (452 mg, 84%). IR (CHCl₃): 1701 (C=O). ¹H-NMR: 3.80 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 5.10 (*s*, 1 CH₂); 5.06–5.20 (*m*, 1 CH₂); 5.73–5.93 (*m*, 1 H); 7.26–7.36 (*m*, 5 arom. H). ¹³C-NMR: 43.28; 66.52; 115.74; 127.92; 128.26; 128.32; 134.37; 136.39; 156.21 (C=O). EI-MS: 192 (*MH*⁺). HR-MS: 191.0954 (C₁₁H₁₄NO₂⁺, *M*⁺; calc. 191.0946).

Benzyl(prop-2-enyl)carbamic Acid Benzyl Ester (6c). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (47 mg, 6%). IR (CHCl_3): 1700 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$). $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 3.80 (s, 1 CH_2); 4.53 (s, 1 CH_2); 5.10 (s, 1 CH_2); 5.06–5.20 (m, 1 CH_2); 5.73–5.93 (m, 1 H); 7.26–7.36 (m, 10 arom. H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$: 49.03; 67.05; 67.25; 117.45; 127.29; 127.74; 127.96; 128.05; 128.45; 128.48; 133.15; 137.53; 156.41 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$). EI-MS: 282 (MH^+). HR-MS: 281.1429 ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2^+$, M^+ ; calc. 281.1416).

Cyclohexylcarbamic Acid Benzyl Ester (5d) [12]. According to *G.P.* 2: colorless solid (522 mg, 84%). M.p. 80–83°. IR (CHCl_3): 1701 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$). $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 1.0–1.25 (m, 3 H); 1.27–1.52 (m, 1 CH_2); 1.52–1.80 (m, 3 H, CH_2); 1.81–2.0 (m, 2 H, CH_2); 3.40–3.60 (m, CH); 4.65 (s, NH); 5.09 (s, 2 H, CH_2); 7.26–7.36 (m, 5 arom. H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$: 24.78; 25.50; 33.41; 49.91; 66.48; 128.05; 128.13; 128.52; 136.74; 156.41 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$). EI-MS: 234 (MH^+). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$ (233.3062): C 72.07, H 8.21, N 6.00; found: C 72.09, H 8.02, N 5.76.

(α -Methylbenzyl)carbamic Acid Benzyl Ester (5e). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (571 mg, 80%). IR (CHCl_3): 1714 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$). $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 1.48 (d, $J = 6.9$, Me); 4.85–4.88 (m, CH); 5.02 (s, NH); 5.05 (d, $J = 12.3$, 1 H); 5.12 (d, $J = 12.3$, 1 H); 7.20–7.46 (m, 10 arom. H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$: 22.51; 50.81; 66.76; 125.94; 127.36; 128.11; 128.52; 128.67; 136.51; 155.57 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$). EI-MS: 256 (MH^+). HR-MS: 255.1243 ($\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2^+$, M^+ ; calc. 255.1259).

(α -Methylbenzyl)dibenzylamine (7e). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (76 mg, 9%). IR (CHCl_3): 1602 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$). $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 1.42 (d, $J = 6.9$, Me); 3.68 (d, $J = 13.8$, CH); 3.78 (d, $J = 13.8$, CH); 3.92 (q, $J = 6.7$, CH); 7.20–7.50 (m, 10 arom. H). EI-MS: 302 (MH^+). HR-MS: 301.1832 ($\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}^+$, M^+ ; calc. 301.1830).

Diethylcarbamic Acid Benzyl Ester (8). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (6 mg, 1%). IR (CHCl_3): 1700 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$). $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 1.07 (t, $J = 7.2$, 2 Me); 2.52 (q, $J = 7.2$, 2 CH_2); 5.12 (s, 1 CH_2); 7.13–7.50 (m, 5 arom. H). EI-MS: 207 (M^+). HR-MS: 207.1250 ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2^+$, M^+ ; calc. 207.1259).

Benzyl-diethylamine (9) [14]. According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (59 mg, 10%). IR (CHCl_3): 1602 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$). $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 1.02 (t, $J = 7.4$, 2 Me); 2.51 (q, $J = 7.3$, 2 CH_2); 3.57 (s, 1 CH_2); 7.14–7.40 (m, 5 arom. H). EI-MS: 210 ($[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$). HR-MS: 163.1358 ($\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}^+$, M^+ ; calc. 163.1361).

Dicyclohexylcarbamic Acid Benzyl Ester (10). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (9 mg, 1%). IR (CHCl_3): 1719 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$). $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 1.17–1.40 (m, 5 CH_2); 1.40–1.78 (m, 5 CH_2); 4.20–4.22 (m, 2 CH_2); 5.37 (s, 1 CH_2); 7.26–7.58 (m, 5 arom. H). EI-MS: 316 (MH^+). HR-MS: 315.2197 ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2\text{N}^+$, M^+ ; calc. 315.2198).

Benzyl-dicyclohexylamine (11). According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (61 mg, 8%). IR (CHCl_3): 1602 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$). $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 0.82–1.50 (m, 6 CH_2); 1.51–2.01 (m, 4 CH_2); 2.47–2.65 (m, 2 CH); 3.75 (s, 1 CH_2); 7.14–7.40 (m, 5 arom. H). EI-MS: 272 (MH^+). HR-MS: 271.2292 ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}^+$, M^+ ; calc. 271.2300).

N-Benzylpiperidine (12) [15]. According to *G.P.* 2: colorless oil (441 mg, 90%). IR (CHCl_3): 1602 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$). $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 1.23–1.51 (m, 1 CH_2); 1.52–1.73 (m, 2 CH_2); 2.30–2.48 (m, 2 CH_2); 7.20–7.40 (m, 5 arom. H). EI-MS: 175 (M^+). HR-MS: 175.1364 ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}^+$, M^+ ; calc. 175.1361).

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