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## Synthesis of 2-Aryl-3*H*-naphtho[1,2-*d*]imidazoles Containing an Adamantane Fragment

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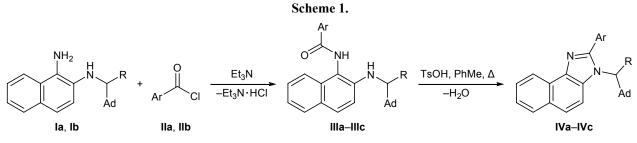
**Abstract**— $N^2$ -[1-(1-Adamantyl)alkyl]naphthalene-1,2-diamines reacted with benzoyl chlorides in chloroform in the presence of triethylamine to give N-{2-[1-(1-adamantyl)alkylamino]naphthalen-1-yl}benzamides which underwent intramolecular cyclization to 2-aryl-3*H*-naphtho[1,2-*d*]imidazoles on heating in toluene in the presence of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid. 3-[(1-Adamantyl)methyl]-2-(3-nitrophenyl)-3*H*-naphtho[1,2-*d*]imidazole was synthesized from  $N^2$ -[(1-adamantyl)methyl]naphthalene-1,2-diamine and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde.

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Some 3*H*-naphtho[1,2-*d*]imidazoles were reported as nonsteroidal antiinflammatory agents [1]; they also exhibited antihypertensive activity [2]. It is known that introduction of an aromatic substituent into the 2-position of 3*H*-naphtho[1,2-*d*]imidazoles may enhance biological activity [2] and that the presence of a lipophilic adamantyl fragment in their molecules facilitates penetration through biological membranes [3]. We previously synthesized  $N^2$ -[1-(1-adamantyl)alkyl]naphthalene-1,2-diamines Ia and Ib by reduction of N-[1-(1-adamantyl)alkyl]-1-nitrosonaphthalen-2amines, and compounds Ia and Ib were then used to obtain 2-alkyl-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazoles possessing an adamantane fragment [4]. While continuing our studies on heterocyclizations of naphthalene-1,2-diamines Ia and Ib, in the present work we examined their reactions with benzoyl chlorides IIa and IIb (Scheme 1).

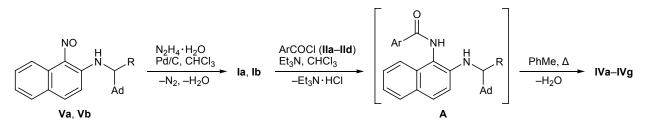
By heating diamines **Ia** and **Ib** with benzoyl chlorides **IIa** and **IIb** and triethylamine in chloroform we obtained the corresponding benzamides **IIIa–IIIc**. In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **IIIb** and **IIIc** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), the carbonyl carbon signal appeared at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  165–167 ppm. Benzamides **IIIa–IIIc** were subjected to intramolecular cyclization to previously unknown 2-aryl-3*H*-naphtho[1,2-*d*]imidazoles **IVa–IVc** by heating in boiling toluene in the presence of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid. The progress of the cyclization was monitored by TLC. After removal of the solvent, the products were isolated by column chromatography.

Diamines **Ia** and **Ib** readily undergo oxidation; therefore, it is advisable to perform their benzoylation *in situ* immediately after the reduction of N-[1-(1-adamantyl)alkyl]-1-nitrosonaphthalen-2-amines **Va** and **Vb** with hydrazine hydrate over Pd/C in chloroform (Scheme 2). Following this procedure, we have synthe-

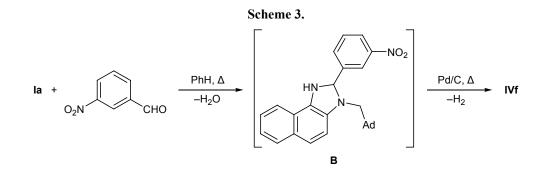


I, R = H (a), Me (b); II, Ar = Ph (a), 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (b); III, IV, R = H, Ar = Ph (a); R = Me, Ar = Ph (b), 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (c).

Scheme 2.



V, R = H (a), Me (b); IV, R = H (a, d-f), Me (b, c, g); Ar = Ph (a, b), 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (c, d), 4-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (e), 3-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (f, g).



sized 2-aryl-3*H*-naphtho[1,2-*d*]imidazoles **IVa–IVg**. 3-Alkyl-2-aryl-3*H*-naphtho[1,2-*d*]imidazoles were successfully obtained previously via condensation of aromatic aldehydes with naphthalene-1,2-diamines and subsequent dehydrogenation [1]. We examined the reaction of compound **Ia** with 3-nitrobenzaldehyde (Scheme 3) and thus isolated a compound which was identical to 3*H*-naphtho[1,2-*d*]imidazole **IVf** synthesized from diamine **Ia** and 3-nitrobenzoyl chloride.

The mass spectra of compounds IVa, IVb, and IVf contained the molecular ion peaks with m/z values corresponding to the assumed structure. In addition, a ion peak with m/z 135 due to adamantyl cation was observed; its further fragmentation gave ions with m/z 93 and 79, which are typical of 1-alkyl-substituted adamantanes regardless of the alkyl group nature [5]. The elemental compositions of IVc–IVe and IVg were consistent with the calculated values.

Compounds IVa and IVd–IVf displayed in the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra signals from the AdCH<sub>2</sub> methylene group at  $\delta$  4.19–4.25 ppm (s) and  $\delta_C$  56.1–56.5 ppm. The corresponding fragment in the spectra of IVc and IVg was represented by a doublet at  $\delta$  1.9 ppm (CH<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta_C$  13 ppm) and a quartet at  $\delta$  4.4 ppm (CH,  $\delta_C$  62 ppm). Signals from the adamantyl substituent were also present. Signals from the benzene and naphthalene fragments were assigned using <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY, HMBC, and HSQC homo- and heteronuclear correlation techniques (see figure). The 4'-H and 6'-H

signals in the spectra of **IVf** and **IVg** were assigned on the basis of calculations of chemical shifts according to the additivity scheme with the following increments for the nitro group:  $Z_{ortho} = 0.93$ ,  $Z_{para} = -0.39$  [6].

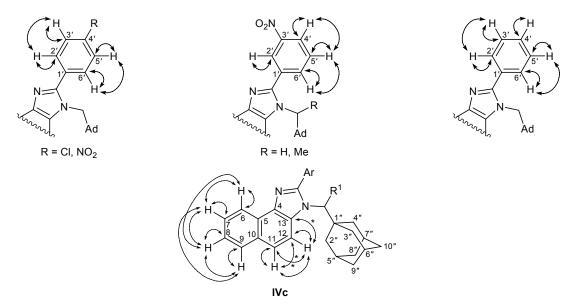
## **EXPERIMENTAL**

The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at the Krasnoyarsk Regional Joint Center (Siberian Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences) on a Bruker Avance III spectrometer (600.13 and 125.86 MHz, respectively) at 223 K using the solvent signals as reference (for atom numbering in the description of the NMR spectra, see figure). The mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan MAT-8200 mass spectrometer. GC/MS analyses were performed on an Agilent Technologies 6890N instrument (HP-5MS quartz capillary column, 30 m× 0.25 mm, film thickness 0.33  $\mu$ m; electron impact, 70 eV); the components were identified in the total ion current mode.

The products were isolated by column chromatography on Silicagel L 100/400 (Chemapol). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on Sorbfil PTSKh-AF-V plates with a UV indicator; eluent heptane–ethyl acetate (9:1).

Naphthalene-1,2-diamines **Ia** and **Ib** were synthesized according to the procedure described in [7].

*N*-{2-[1-(1-Adamantyl)alkylamino]naphthalen-1-yl}benzamides IIIa–IIIc (general procedure).



 $^{1}$ H $^{-1}$ H COSY,  $^{1}$ H $^{-13}$ C HSQC, and  $^{1}$ H $^{-13}$ C HMBC correlations in compounds IVa and IVc–IVg. Weak  $^{1}$ H $^{-13}$ C HMBC correlations in IVc are marked with an asterisk.

A mixture of 1.6 mmol of naphthalene-1,2-diamine Ia or Ib, 3 mmol of benzoyl chloride IIa or IIb, and 0.22 mL (1.5 mmol) of triethylamine in 30 mL of chloroform was heated for 2 h under reflux (TLC). The solution was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by chromatography in a  $2 \times$  50-cm column charged with 50 g of silica gel using hexane–ethyl acetate (9:1) as eluent.

*N*-{2-[(1-Adamantyl)methylamino]naphthalen-1-yl}benzamide (IIIa). Yield 0.43 g (65%), light yellow crystals soluble in acetone, ethanol, and chloroform; mp 169°C. Found, %: C 82.15; H 6.94; N 6.43.  $C_{28}H_{30}N_2O$ . Calculated, %: C 81.91; H 7.37; N 6.82.

N-{2-[1-(1-Adamantyl)ethylamino]naphthalen-1-yl}benzamide (IIIb). Yield 0.37 g (57%), light vellow crystals soluble in acetone, ethanol, and chloroform; mp 168°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 1.16 d  $(3H, CH_3, J = 6.77 Hz), 1.51-1.73 m (12H, CH_2, Ad),$ 2.02 m (3H, CH, Ad), 3.31 m (1H, CH), 7.21-7.24 m (2H, 3-H, 7-H), 7.42 m (1H, 8-H), 7.56–7.61 m (3H, 3'-H, 5'-H, 9'-H), 7.64–7.66 m (1H, 4'-H), 7.74–7.76 m (2H, 4-H, 6-H), 8.07 m (2H, 2'-H, 6'-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ<sub>C</sub>, ppm: 15.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.5 (3C, CH, Ad), 37.2 (3C, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 36.8 (C, Ad), 38.8 (3C, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 57.8 (CH), 112.1 (C<sup>1</sup>), 115.1 (C<sup>3</sup>), 120.0 (C<sup>9</sup>), 121.8 ( $C^7$ ), 127.3 ( $C^{10}$ ), 127.3 ( $C^{2'}$ ,  $C^{6'}$ ,  $C^8$ ), 128.0 ( $C^6$ )  $C^{4}$ ), 129.0 ( $C^{3'}$ ,  $C^{5'}$ ), 131.8 ( $C^{5}$ ), 132.0 ( $C^{4'}$ ), 134.5 ( $C^{1'}$ ) 143.6 (C<sup>2</sup>), 166.6 (C=O). Found, %: C 82.27; H 7.14; N 6.33. C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated, %: C 82.04; H 7.60; N 6.60.

N-{2-[1-(1-Adamantyl)ethylamino]naphthalen-1-yl}-4-chlorobenzamide (IIIc). Yield 0.46 g (66%), light yellow crystals soluble in acetone, ethanol, and chloroform; mp 170°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 1.16 d (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J = 6.35 Hz), 1.51–1.73 m (12H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 2.00 m (3H, CH, Ad), 3.31 m (1H, CH), 7.21–7.24 m (2H, 3-H, 7-H), 7.41–7.44 m (1H, 8-H), 7.55 m (2H, 3'-H, 5'-H), 7.61-7.64 m (1H, 9-H), 7.74-7.76 m (2H, 4-H, 6-H), 8.00 m (2H, 2'-H, 6'-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta_{C}$ , ppm: 15.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.4 (3C, CH, Ad), 37.2 (3C, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 36.8 (C, Ad), 38.8 (3C, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 57.7 (CH), 112.1 (C<sup>1</sup>), 115.1 (C<sup>3</sup>), 119.8 (C<sup>9</sup>), 121.9 (C<sup>7</sup>), 127.0 (C<sup>10</sup>), 127.2 (C<sup>8</sup>), 128.7 (C<sup>2'</sup>, C<sup>6'</sup>), 128.4 (C<sup>4</sup>), 128.7 (C<sup>6</sup>), 129.3 (C<sup>3'</sup>, C<sup>5'</sup>), 131.7 (C<sup>5</sup>), 138.4 ( $C^{4'}$ ), 132.6 ( $C^{1'}$ ), 143.0 ( $C^{2}$ ), 165.6 (C=O). Found, %: C 75.48; H 6.16; Cl 7.61 N 6.83. C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>31</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated, %: C 75.88; H 6.81; Cl 7.72; N 6.10.

**2-Aryl-3H-naphtho**[1,2-*d*]imidazoles IVa–IVf (general procedure). *a*. A mixture of 0.6 mmol of benzamide IIIa–IIIc and 0.05 g of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid in 30 mL of toluene was heated for 48 h under reflux. The mixture was cooled, washed with a 5% solution of sodium carbonate and water, and evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography ( $2 \times 50$  cm) on 50 g of silica gel using hexane–ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent.

*b*. To a mixture of 1.6 mmol of compound Va or Vb and 0.5 g of 0.5% Pd/C in 30 mL of chloroform we added under vigorous stirring 0.3 mL (7.2 mmol) of 95% hydrazine hydrate, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The catalyst was filtered off, 3 mmol of benzoyl chloride **Ha–Hd** and 0.22 mL (1.5 mmol) of triethylamine were added in succession to the filtrate, and the mixture was heated for 2 h under reflux. The mixture was then evaporated under reduced pressure on a rotary evaporator, 30 mL of toluene was added to the residue, and the mixture was heated for 48 h under reflux, filtered, and evaporated. An analytical sample of the product was obtained by chromatographic purification in a  $2 \times 50$ -cm column charged with 50 g of silica gel using hexane–ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent.

3-[(1-Adamantyl)methyl]-2-phenyl-3H-naphtho-[1,2-d]imidazole (IVa). Yield 0.15 g (64%) (a), 0.13 g (21%) (b); light vellow crystals soluble in acetone, ethanol, and chloroform; mp 230°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 1.30–1.75 m (12H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 1.84 m (3H, CH, Ad), 4.22 s (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.52 m (1H, 4'-H), 7.53 m (1H, 8-H), 7.55 m (2H, 2'-H, 6'-H), 7.62 d (1H, 12-H), 7.66 m (1H, 7-H), 7.73 d (1H, 11-H), 7.75 m (2H, 3'-H, 5'-H), 7.97 m (1H, 9-H), 8.77 m (1H, 6-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta_{\rm C}$ , ppm: 28.1 ( ${\rm C}^{5''}$ ,  ${\rm C}^{7''}$ ), 36.4 ( ${\rm C}^{8''}$ ,  $C^{9''}$ ,  $C^{10''}$ ), 36.9 ( $C^{1''}$ ), 41.1 ( $C^{2''}$ ,  $C^{3''}$ ,  $C^{4''}$ ), 56.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 112.3 ( $C^{12}$ ), 122.0 ( $C^{6}$ ), 123.2 ( $C^{11}$ ), 124.5 ( $C^{8}$ ), 126.4  $(C^7)$ , 127.0  $(C^5)$ , 128.3  $(C^9)$ , 128.7  $(C^{2'}, C^{6'})$ , 129.1  $(C^{4'})$ , 130.2  $(C^{10})$ , 130.1  $(C^{3'}, C^{5'})$ , 132.3  $(C^{1'})$ , 133.1  $(C^4, C^{13})$ , 152.5  $(C^2)$ . Mass spectrum, m/z ( $I_{rel}$ , %): 392 (9)  $[M]^+$ , 135 (20), 93 (15), 79 (100), 55 (38). Found, %: C 85.90; H 7.22; N 7.21 C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 85.67; H 7.19; N 7.14. M 392.54.

**3-[1-(1-Adamantyl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-3***H***-naphtho-[1,2-***d***]<b>imidazole (IVb).** Yield 0.14 g (57%) (*a*), 0.4 g (35%) (*b*); mp 168°C. Mass spectrum, m/z ( $I_{rel}$ , %): 406 (7) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 327 (5), 178 (10), 135 (100), 113 (12), 93 (25), 79 (18), 67 (5), 55 (5), 44 (12), 32 (11). Found, %: C 85.70; H 7.47; N 7.05. C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 85.67; H 7.44; N 6.89. *M* 406.57.

**3-[1-(1-Adamantyl)ethyl]-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (IVc).** Yield 0.13 g (51%) (*a*), 0.13 g (31%) (*b*); light yellow crystals soluble in acetone, ethanol, and chloroform; mp 171°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.30–1.71 m (12H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 1.85 m (3H, CH, Ad), 4.19 s (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.54 m (1H, 8-H), 7.55 m (2H, 2'-H, 6'-H), 7.61 m (1H, 12-H), 7.67 m (1H, 7-H), 7.71 m (2H, 3'-H, 5'-H), 7.98 m (1H, 9-H), 8.74 m (1H, 6-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta_{C}$ , ppm: 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.2 (C<sup>5'</sup>, C<sup>7''</sup>), 36.5 (C<sup>8'</sup>, C<sup>9''</sup>, C<sup>10''</sup>), 39.4 (C<sup>1''</sup>), 39.9 (C<sup>2''</sup>, C<sup>3''</sup>, C<sup>4''</sup>), 62.7 (CH), 115.0 (C<sup>12</sup>), 122.0 (C<sup>6</sup>), 122.8 (C<sup>11</sup>), 124.7 (C<sup>8</sup>), 126.4 (C<sup>7</sup>), 127.1 (C<sup>10</sup>), 128.0 (C<sup>9</sup>), 129.0  $(C^{2'}, C^{6'})$ , 129.8  $(C^{13})$ , 131.3  $(C^{1'})$ , 131.6  $(C^{3'}, C^{5'})$ , 135.3  $(C^{4'})$ , 152.3  $(C^{2})$ . Found, %: C 79.27; H 6.59; Cl 8.00; N 6.38.  $C_{29}H_{29}ClN_2$ . Calculated, %: C 78.98; H 6.63; Cl 8.04; N 6.35.

**3-[(1-Adamantyl)methyl]-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (IVd).** Yield 0.27 g (40%) (*b*), mp 230°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.30–1.71 m (12H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 1.85 m (3H, CH, Ad), 4.19 s (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.54 m (1H, 8-H), 7.55 m (2H, 2'-H, 6'-H), 7.61 m (1H, 12-H), 7.67 m (1H, 7-H), 7.71 m (2H, 3'-H, 5'-H), 7.98 m (1H, 9-H), 8.74 m (1H, 6-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta_{\rm C}$ , ppm: 28.1 (C<sup>5"</sup>, C<sup>6"</sup>, C<sup>7"</sup>), 36.4 (C<sup>8"</sup>, C<sup>9"</sup>, C<sup>10"</sup>), 36.9 (C<sup>1°</sup>), 41.2 (C<sup>2"</sup>, C<sup>3"</sup>, C<sup>4"</sup>), 56.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 112.2 (C<sup>12</sup>), 121.9 (C<sup>6</sup>), 123.5 (C<sup>11</sup>), 124.7 (C<sup>8</sup>), 126.6 (C<sup>7</sup>), 127.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 128.3 (C<sup>9</sup>), 129.1 (C<sup>2'</sup>, C<sup>6'</sup>), 130.2 (C<sup>10</sup>), 130.8 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 131.2 (C<sup>3'</sup>, C<sup>5'</sup>), 133.1 (C<sup>13</sup>), 135.3 (C<sup>4'</sup>, C<sup>4</sup>), 151.2 (C<sup>2</sup>). Found, %: C 79.17; H 6.54; Cl 8.16; N 6.23. C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>27</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 78.76; H 6.37; Cl 8.30; N 6.56.

**3-[(1-Adamantyl)methyl]-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-3***H***naphtho[1,2-***d***]imidazole (IVe). Yield 0.3 g (43%) (***b***), yellow crystals soluble in acetone, ethanol, and chloroform; mp 220°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, \delta, ppm: 1.28– 1.60 m (12H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 1.84 m (3H, CH, Ad), 4.23 s (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.56 m (1H, 8-H), 7.62 m (1H, 12-H,** *J* **= 8.9 Hz), 7.69 m (1H, 7-H), 7.77 m (1H, 11-H), 7.97 m (2H, 2'-H, 6'-H), 7.98 m (1H, 9-H), 8.42 m (2H, 3'-H, 5'-H), 8.74 m (1H, 6-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum, \delta\_{C}, ppm: 28.0 (C<sup>5"</sup>, C<sup>6"</sup>, C<sup>7"</sup>), 36.3 (C<sup>8"</sup>, C<sup>9"</sup>, C<sup>10"</sup>), 37.1 (C<sup>1"</sup>), 41.2 (C<sup>2"</sup>, C<sup>3"</sup>, C<sup>4"</sup>), 56.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 112.1 (C<sup>12</sup>), 121.8 (C<sup>6</sup>), 124.0 (C<sup>3'</sup>, C<sup>5'</sup>), 124.3 (C<sup>11</sup>), 125.0 (C<sup>8</sup>), 126.9 (C<sup>7</sup>), 127.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 128.4 (C<sup>9</sup>), 130.4 (C<sup>10</sup>), 130.7 (C<sup>2'</sup>, C<sup>6'</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 138.4 (C<sup>13</sup>), 138.7 (C<sup>4</sup>), 147.9 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 149.7 (C<sup>2</sup>). Found, %: C 77.24; H 5.89; N 9.13. C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 76.86; H 6.22; N 9.60.** 

**3-[(1-Adamantyl)methyl]-2-(3-nitrophenyl)-3***H***naphtho[1,2-***d***]imidazole (IVf). Yield 0.55 g (80%) (***b***), 0.21 g (31%) (according to [1]); light yellow crystals soluble in acetone, ethanol, and chloroform, and DMSO; mp 158°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, \delta, ppm: in CDCl<sub>3</sub>: 1.30–1.61 m (12H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 1.86 m (3H, CH, Ad), 4.25 s (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.56–7.58 m (1H, 8-H), 7.63 m (1H, 12-H), 7.69 m (1H, 7-H), 7.77–7.79 m (2H, 5-H, 11-H), 7.97 m (1H, 9-H), 8.18–8.19 m (1H, 6'-H), 8.40 m (1H, 4'-H), 8.66 s (1H, 2'-H), 8.75 br.s (1H, 6-H); in DMSO-***d***<sub>6</sub>: 1.21 m (6H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 1.32– 1.49 m (6H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 1.71(3H, CH, Ad), 4.35 s (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.50–7.54 m (1H, 8-H), 7.6–7.66 m (1H, 7-H), 7.78–7.81 m (1H, 12-H), 7.85–7.90 m (1H, 5'-H), 7.93–7.96 m (1H, 11-H), 8.01–8.04 m (1H, 9-H), 8.32–**  8.35 m (1H, 6'-H), 8.37–8.40 m (1H, 4'-H), 8.50– 8.53 m (1H, 6-H), 8.64 s (1H, 2'-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta_{\rm C}$ , ppm: 28.0 (C<sup>5"</sup>, C<sup>6"</sup>, C<sup>7"</sup>), 36.3 (C<sup>8"</sup>, C<sup>9"</sup>, C<sup>10"</sup>), 37.1 (C<sup>1"</sup>), 41.2 (C<sup>2"</sup>, C<sup>3"</sup>, C<sup>4"</sup>), 56.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 112.1 (C<sup>12</sup>), 121.9 (C<sup>6</sup>), 123.9 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 124.2 (C<sup>11</sup>), 124.6 (C<sup>2'</sup>), 125.0 (C<sup>8</sup>), 126.9 (C<sup>7</sup>), 127.0 (C<sup>10</sup>), 128.4 (C<sup>9</sup>), 130.0 (C<sup>5'</sup>), 130.4 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 133.3 (C<sup>13</sup>), 135.9 (C<sup>6'</sup>), 148.3 (C<sup>4</sup>), 149.5 (C<sup>3'</sup>, C<sup>2</sup>). Mass spectrum, *m/z* (*I*<sub>rel</sub>, %): 437 (70) [*M*]<sup>+</sup>, 407 (100), 281 (15), 259 (15), 207 (30), 156 (27), 135 (30), 114 (12), 93 (20), 79 (18), 67 (12), 55 (5), 44 (13). Found, %: C 77.05; H 6.40; N 9.74. C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 76.86; H 6.22; N 9.60. *M* 437.54.

**3-[1-(1-Adamantyl)ethyl]-2-(3-nitrophenyl)-3***H***naphtho[1,2-***d***]imidazole (IVg). Yield 0.5 g (70%) (***b***), light yellow crystals soluble in acetone, ethanol, and chloroform; mp 148°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, ppm: 1.44–1.60 m (12H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Ad), 1.91 m (3H, CH, Ad), 1.91–1.95 d (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>,** *J* **= 7.40 Hz), 4.41 q (1H, CH), 7.56 m (1H, 8-H), 7.68 m (1H, 7-H), 7.73 m (1H, 11-H), 7.78 m (1H, 5'-H) 7.83 (1H, 12-H), 7.97 m (1H, 9-H), 8.06 m (1H, 6'-H), 8.41 m (1H, 4'-H), 8.56 m (1H, 2'-H), 8.75 (1H, 6-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum, \delta\_{C}, ppm: 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.1 (C<sup>5"</sup>, C<sup>6"</sup>, C<sup>7"</sup>), 36.4 (C<sup>8"</sup>, C<sup>9"</sup>, C<sup>10"</sup>), 39.5 (C<sup>1"</sup>), 39.9 (C<sup>2"</sup>, C<sup>3"</sup>, C<sup>4"</sup>), 63.3 (CH), 114.9 (C<sup>12</sup>), 122.1 (C<sup>6</sup>), 123.8 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 124.2 (C<sup>11</sup>), 125.2 (C<sup>2'</sup>),**  125.2 (C<sup>8</sup>), 126.9 (C<sup>7</sup>), 128.1 (C<sup>9</sup>), 130.0 (C<sup>4</sup>, C<sup>5'</sup>, C<sup>1'</sup>), 136.3 (C<sup>6'</sup>). Found, %: C 77.47; H 5.96; N 8.83.  $C_{29}H_{29}N_3O_2$ . Calculated, %: C 77.13; H 6.47; N 9.31.

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