## Synthesis of $N^1, N^1, N^3, N^3$ -tetrasubstituted diethylenetriamines

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Preparative procedures for the synthesis of  $N^1$ ,  $N^1$ ,  $N^3$ ,  $N^3$ -tetrasubstituted diethylenetriamines *via* aminoalkylation of N, N-disubstituted ethylenediamines with N, N-disubstituted 2-chloroethylamines were developed. Aminoalkylation of N, N-dimethylethylenediamine under heating gave simultaneously secondary  $N^1$ ,  $N^1$ ,  $N^3$ ,  $N^3$ -tetrasubstituted diethylenetriamines and quaternary ammonium salts, N-(2-aminoethyl)-N-(2-dialkylaminoethyl)-N, N-dimethylammonium chlorides. Structures of the synthesized compounds were established by IR spectroscopy, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy, and electrospray ionization mass spectrometry.

**Key words:** synthesis, aminoalkylation, ethylenediamines, diethylenetriamines, quaternary ammonium salts.

Aliphatic polyamines and their derivatives have found wide applications in medicinal and organic chemistry.<sup>1-4</sup> Due to wide variety of their properties, aliphatic diethylenetriamines and their derivatives are used as ligands,<sup>5-9</sup> amphiphilic reagents,<sup>10</sup> and components of medications.<sup>11</sup> In contrast to well-studied symmetrical analogs, nonsymmetrical aliphatic diethylenetriamines are less explored.

The present work continues our studies on synthesis of  $N^1, N^1, N^3, N^3$ -tetrasubstituted diethylenetriamines bearing secondary and ternary amino groups that can be further transformed into different diamino amides with potential biological activities.<sup>12</sup>

 $N^1, N^1, N^3, N^3$ -Tetrasubstituted diethylenetriamines can be synthesized by several following pathways: basic hydrolysis of the corresponding *N*-lithio derivatives of diethylenetriamines, <sup>13</sup> reduction of the amide group of aminesubstituted carboxamides, <sup>11</sup>, <sup>14</sup>, <sup>15</sup> hydrogenation of aminoacetonitriles, <sup>16,17</sup> and amination of bis(chloroethyl)amine with secondary amines. <sup>5,18</sup> The main drawbacks of these methods are instability of the starting compounds, the technical complexity of the synthetic procedure, and the lack of generality.

Aminoalkylation of diamine to synthesize bis(2-diethylaminoethyl)amine was also published.<sup>19</sup> Among the mentioned approaches, aminoalkylation of diamines is the most convenient and scalable procedure for the synthesis of diethylenetriamines bearing different substituents at the N(1) and N(3) atoms.

## **Results and Discussion**

Aminoalkylation of N, N-disubstituted ethylenediamines **1a**—**c** with N, N-disubstituted 2-chloroethylamine hydrochlorides **2a**—**e** to give the target diethylenetriamines **3a**—i was carried out following two different experimental routes (Scheme 1). It is known that aminoalkylation with an excess of 2-chloroethylamines results in tetramines.<sup>20</sup> We prevented formation of tetramines by using limiting amount of 2-chloroethylamines. Thus, the ratios of ethylenediamine 1 to 2-chloroethylamine 2 were varied in the range from 1.5 : 1 to 2 : 1.

Molecules of N, N-disubstituted ethylenediamines **1a**-**c** comprise two nucleophilic centers, namely, the primary and ternary amino groups. Alkylation of these groups can result in two type of the products, *i.e.*, secondary amines and quaternary ammonium salts (the latter being the products of the Menshutkin reaction<sup>21-24</sup>). Optimization of the aminoalkylation reaction involved the following factors and reaction conditions: reaction temperature, the solvent nature, and the nature of haloamine used as an alkylating agent. Two experimental procedures were developed (methods A and B).

In method A, the reaction was carried out in 10% aqueous NaOH. Aminoalkylation of N, N-dimethylenediamine (1a) with N-(2-chloroethyl)pyrrolidine (2c) at room temperature for 24 h gives selectively quaternary ammonium salt 4b in 75% yield without any formation of the target triamine **3b**. An increase in the reaction temperature results in the appearance of the target products in the reaction mixture. When the reaction is carried out at 60-70 °C, secondary ethylenediamines 3a-c are formed in the yield of 18-28%. The nature of the starting diamine significantly affects the yields of the target products 3. Thus, the reactions of N, N-diethylethylenediamine (1b) and N-(2-aminoethyl)piperidine (1c) with 2-chloroethylamines 2b-e at 65-70 °C for 15-18 h result mainly in secondary triamines 3d-i not contaminated with quaternary ammonium salts. Products were extracted from the

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Note.  $NC_4H_8$  is pyrrolidin-1-yl,  $NC_5H_{10}$  is piperidin-1-yl,  $NC_4H_8O$  is morpholin-4-yl.

**Reaction and conditions:** *i*. Method *A*: NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O, 60–70 °C or method *B*: K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, KI, MeCN, reflux; *ii*. HCl, dioxane, Pr<sup>i</sup>OH.

aqueous reaction mixtures with ethyl acetate and purified by vacuum distillation. Method A gives compounds 3d-iin 38-56% yields.

To increase the yields of diethylenetriamines 3a-c, we elaborated another method of their synthesis via generated in situ ternary iodoethylamines (method B). The reactions were carried out at a 2 : 1 molar ratio of N, N-dimethylethylenediamine (1a) to N-(2-chloroethyl)amine 2a,c,d in the presence of  $K_2CO_3$  and KI in refluxing MeCN for 16–18 h. Under these reaction conditions, the formed inorganic salts were almost insoluble in MeCN and precipitated out. After completion of the reaction, the inorganic precipitate was filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated. The target secondary diethylenetriamines 3a-c were isolated by extraction of the residue with diethyl ether and subsequent vacuum distillation. Method **B** gives compounds **3a–c** in 26–38% yields. Poorly soluble in diethyl ether quaternary ammonium salts 4a-c were isolated in the yields of 52-54% and converted into the corresponding dihydrohlorides  $(4a-c) \cdot 2HCl$  in 56–72% yields.

A comparison of both methods revealed that method B gives higher yields of the target products. The apparent

reasons are the intermediate formation of reactive *N*-(2-iodoethyl)amines and lower stabilization of the quaternary ammonium salts in aprotic polar MeCN by the I<sup>-</sup> counter ion than that of Cl<sup>-</sup>. An increase in the size of the substituent at the nitrogen atom of halo-substituted amino-alkylating agent **2** (Et<sub>2</sub>N (**2b**) and (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>N (**2d**) *vs.* Me<sub>2</sub>N (**2a**)) also does not favor the stabilization of the quaternary ammonium salts and, therefore, these salts are almost not formed. In turn, the reagents with the bulkier *N*-substituents give the higher yields of the corresponding products **3d**-**i** than that of **3a**-**c**.

Purity of the synthesized compounds was confirmed by TLC, their structures were established by IR and NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry.

In summary, the developed procedures enable synthesis of biologically active non-symmetric  $N^1, N^1, N^3, N^3$ -tetra-substituted diethylenetriamines and their derivatives.

## Experimental

N,N-Dimethylethylenediamine (1a), N,N-diethylethylenediamine (1b), N,N-dimethyl-2-chloroethanamine hydrochloride (2a), N,N-diethyl-2-chloroethanamine hydrochloride (2b), N-(2-chloroethyl)pyrrolidine hydrochloride (2c), N-(2-chloroethyl)piperidine hydrochloride (2d), N-(2-chloroethyl)morpholine hydrochloride (2e) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. N-(2-Aminoethyl)piperidine (1c) was synthesized from 2-chloroethylamine and piperidine following the known procedure.<sup>25</sup>

Solvents were purified and dried by the standard procedures. Thin layer chromatography was performed with Kavalier Silufol UV-254 plates (elution with MeOH, spots were visualized with the iodine vapors). Melting points were measured using a Büchi MP-520 apparatus. IR spectra were recorded for pure compounds with a Bruker Alpha instrument operating in a single-pass attenuated total reflection mode. NMR spectra were run on a Bruker DPX-300 instrument (working frequencies of 300.13 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H) and 75 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C)) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>O, and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> relative to Me<sub>4</sub>Si as an internal standard. Electrospray ionization mass spectrometer. Samples were injected as solutions in methanol. High-resolution electrospray ionization mass spectra were recorded on a LTQ OrbitrapXL<sup>TM</sup> mass spectrometer.

Synthesis of diethylenetriamines 3a-i (method A). To a stirred mixture of ethylenediamine 1a-c (1.5–2 equiv.) and NaOH (2 equiv.) in water (9 mL per 1 g of NaOH), 2-chloroethanamine hydrochloride 2a-e (1 equiv.) was added portionwise. The mixture was magnetically stirred at 65–70 °C for 16–18 h (TLC monitoring, methanol as an eluent). Products 3a-i were extracted five times with equal volumes of ethyl acetate, the combined organic layers were dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Vacuum distillation of the residues afforded diethylenetriamines 3a-i as colorless liquids.

*N*,*N*-**Bis(2-dimethylaminoethyl)amine (3a)** was synthesized from *N*,*N*-dimethylethylenediamine (**1a**) (3.67 g, 0.042 mol), NaOH (1.67 g, 0.042 mol), and *N*,*N*-dimethyl-2-chloroethanamine hydrochloride (**2a**) (3.0 g, 0.021 mol). Yield 0.59 g (18%). B.p. 112–115 °C (30 Torr). IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3312 (NH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 1.98 (t, 4 H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>N, *J* = 6.3 Hz); 2.16 (s, 12 H, 4 CH<sub>3</sub>N); 2.65 (t, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>, *J* = 6.3 Hz).<sup>13</sup> *N*,*N*-Dimethyl-*N'*-(2-pyrrolidinoethyl)ethylenediamine (3b) was synthesized from *N*,*N*-dimethylethylenediamine (1a) (2.3 g, 0.0276 mol), NaOH (1.41 g, 0.036 mol), and *N*-(2-chloroethyl)-pyrrolidine hydrochloride (2c) (3.0 g, 0.018 mol). Yield 0.8 g (24%). B.p. 104–106 °C (12 Torr),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4625,  $R_f$  0.36. IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3309 (NH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 1.73 (m, 4 H,  $\beta$ -H, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 2.18 (s, 7 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>N + NH); 2.38 (t, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N, J = 6.6 Hz); 2.46 (m, 4 H,  $\alpha$ -H, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 2.56 (t, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N, J = 6.6 Hz); 2.65–2.74 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 23.32 (2  $\beta$ -C, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 45.50 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>N); 47.50 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 48.76 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 54.18 (2  $\alpha$ -C, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 55.99 (CH<sub>2</sub>N); 59.11 (CH<sub>2</sub>N). MS, *m*/*z*: 186.0 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

*N*,*N*-Dimethyl-*N'*-(2-piperidinoethyl)ethylenediamine (3c)<sup>11</sup> was synthesized from *N*,*N*-dimethylethylenediamine (1a) (5.7 g, 0.066 mol), NaOH (2.64 g, 0.066 mol), and *N*-(2-chloroethyl) piperidine hydrochloride (2d) (6.0 g, 0.033 mol). Yield 1.8 g (28%). B.p. 118–122 °C (14 Torr),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4675,  $R_f$  0.25. IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3311 (NH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 1.39 (m, 2 H,  $\gamma$ -H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 1.53 (m, 4 H,  $\beta$ -H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 2.19 (s, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>N); 2.32–2.44 (m, 9 H, 4 CH<sub>2</sub>N + NH); 2.64–2.71 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 24.36 ( $\gamma$ -C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 25.88 (2  $\beta$ -C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>; 45.46 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>N); 46.83 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 47.43 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 54.70 (2  $\alpha$ -C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 58.66 (CH<sub>2</sub>N); 59.11 (CH<sub>2</sub>N). Found: *m*/z 200.2121 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 222.1942 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>. Calculated: M + H = 200.2127, M + Na = 222.1946.

*N*,*N*-**Bis(2-diethylaminoethyl)amine (3d)** was synthesized from *N*,*N*-diethylethylenediamine (**1b**) (6.08 g, 0.052 mol), NaOH (2.8 g, 0.07 mol), and *N*,*N*-diethyl-2-chloroethanamine hydrochloride (**2b**) (6 g, 0.035 mol). Yield 3.15 g (42%). B.p. 116–120 °C (7 Torr),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4500,  $R_f$  0.43. IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3308 (NH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 1.01 (t, 12 H, 4 CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.1 Hz); 2.04 (br.s, 1 H, NH); 2.48–2.57 (m, 12 H, 6 CH<sub>2</sub>N); 2.66–2.70 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>).<sup>14,15</sup>

*N*,*N*-Diethyl-*N*'-(2-pyrrolidinoethyl)ethylenediamine (3e) was synthesized from *N*,*N*-diethylethylenediamine (1b) (6.2 g, 0.053 mol), NaOH (2.8 g, 0.07 mol), and *N*-(2-chloroethyl)-pyrrolidine hydrochloride (2c) (6.0 g, 0.035 mol). Yield 3.2 g (43%). B.p. 142–144 °C (14 Torr),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4659,  $R_f$  0.52. IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3310 (NH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 0.96 (t, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.1 Hz); 1.71 (m, 4 H, β-H, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 2.17 (br.s, 1 H, NH); 2.43–2.57 (m, 12 H, 6 CH<sub>2</sub>N); 2.62–2.73 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 11.27 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 22.91 (2 β-C, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 46.55 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>N, NEt<sub>2</sub>); 47.28 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 48.32 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 52.20 (CH<sub>2</sub>N); 53.73 (2 α-C, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 55.54 (CH<sub>2</sub>N). Found: *m*/z 214.2269 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 236.2087 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>. Calculated: M + H = 214.2283, M + Na = 236.2103.

*N*,*N*-Diethyl-*N*'-(2-piperidinoethyl)ethylenediamine (**3f**) was synthesized from *N*,*N*-diethylethylenediamine (**1b**) (6.3 g, 0.054 mol), NaOH (2.16 g, 0.054 mol), and *N*-(2-chloroethyl)piperidine hydrochloride (**2d**) (5.0 g, 0.027 mol). Yield 3.4 g (56%). B.p. 152–156 °C (14 Torr),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4720,  $R_f$  0.35. IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3307 (NH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ: 0.96 (t, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.1 Hz); 1.39 (m, 2 H, γ-H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 1.51 (m, 4 H, β–H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 2.32–2.52 (m, 13 H, 6 CH<sub>2</sub>N + NH); 2.61–2.69 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ: 11.27 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 23.92 (γ-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 25.47 (2 β-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 46.34 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 46.52 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>N, NEt<sub>2</sub>); 47.17 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 52.15 (CH<sub>2</sub>N); 54.23 (2 α-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 58.13 (CH<sub>2</sub>N). MS, *m/z*: 228.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

*N*,*N*-Diethyl-*N*'-(2-morpholinoethyl)ethylenediamine (3g) was synthesized from *N*,*N*-diethylethylenediamine (1b) (5.6 g, 0.048 mol) and NaOH (2.56 g, 0.064 mol) in water (23 mL) and *N*-(2-chloroethyl)morpholine hydrochloride (2e) (6.0 g, 0.032 mol). Yield 2.8 g (38%). B.p. 166–168 °C (22 Torr),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4698,  $R_{\rm f}$  0.42. IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3310 (NH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 0.99 (t, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>, J = 7.1 Hz); 2.41–2.57 (m, 12 H, 6 CH<sub>2</sub>N); 2.66–2.74 (m, 4 H, C<u>H<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub></u>); 3.07 (s, 1 H, NH); 3.68 (t, 4 H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>O, J = 4.4 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 11.30 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 45.46 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 46.48 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>N, NEt<sub>2</sub>); 46.86 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 51.89 (CH<sub>2</sub>N); 53.18 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>N, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O); 57.44 (CH<sub>2</sub>N); 66.49 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>O). Found: m/z 230.2220 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 252.2039 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O. Calculated: M + H = 230.2232, M + Na = 252.2052.

*N*-[2-(2-Pyrrolidinoethylamino)ethyl]piperidine (3h) was synthesized from *N*-(2-amonoethyl)piperidine (1c) (3.39 g, 0.0264 mol), NaOH (1.41 g, 0.0352 mol), and *N*-(2-chloroethyl) pyrrolidine hydrochloride (2c) (3.0 g, 0.0176 mol). Yield 2.1 g (52%). B.p. 168–174 °C (21 Torr),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4868,  $R_f$  0.35. IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3311 (NH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ: 1.40 (m, 2 H, γ-H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 1.54 (m, 4 H, β-H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 1.74 (m, 4 H, β-H, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 1.95 (br.s, 1 H, NH); 2.33–2.37 (m, 4 H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>N); 2.42 (t, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N, *J* = 6.3 Hz); 2.48 (m, 4 H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>N); 2.57 (t, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N, *J* = 6.3 Hz); 2.68–2.74 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ: 23.48 (2 β-C, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 24.49 (γ-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 26.04 (2 β-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 46.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 48.78 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 54.15 (2 α-C, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 54.72 (2 α-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 56.01(CH<sub>2</sub>N); 58.66 (CH<sub>2</sub>N).

*N*-[2-(2-Piperidinoethylamino)ethyl]morpholine (3i) was synthesized from *N*-(2-amonoethyl)piperidine (1c) (3.1 g, 0.024 mol), NaOH (1.3 g, 0.032 mol), and *N*-(2-chloroethyl)morpholine hydrochloride (2d) (3.0 g, 0.016 mol). Yield 1.9 g (49%). B.p. 187–194 °C (21 Torr),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4884,  $R_f$  0.35. IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3308 (NH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ: 1.40 (m, 2 H, H(γ), NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 1.54 (m, 4 H, β-H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 1.98 (br.s, 1 H, NH); 2.33–2.49 (m, 12 H, 6 CH<sub>2</sub>N); 2.67–2.71 (m, 4 H, C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>NHC<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>); 3.68 (t, 4 H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>O, *J* = 4.6 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ: 24.47 (γ-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 26.08 (2 β-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 46.20 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 46.79 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH); 53.71 (2 α-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 54.68 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>N, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O); 58.28 (CH<sub>2</sub>N); 58.54 (CH<sub>2</sub>N); 67.01 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>O).

Synthesis of diethylenetriamines 3a-c and quaternary ammonium salt hydrochlorides (4a-c) · 2 HCl (method B). To a stirred mixture of N, N-dimethylethylenediamine (1a) (2 equiv.),  $K_2CO_3$ (4 equiv.), and KI (0.1 equiv.) in MeCN (12 mL per 1 g of compound 1a), 2-chloroethylamine hydrochloride 2a,c,d (1 equiv.) was added portionwise at 50 °C. The mixture was magnetically stirred under reflux for 16 h (TLC monitoring, methanol as an eluent). The mixture was cooled to room temperature, inorganic precipitate was filtered off. The volatiles (solvent and unreacted starting compound 1a) were removed in vacuo. Triamines 3a-c and ammonium salts 4a-c were separated by extraction of the residue with diethyl ether. Ether-soluble compounds 3a-cwere isolated from the organic extracts by removal of the solvent in vacuo and subsequent vacuum distillation of the residues. Physicochemical properties of compounds 3a-c synthesized by methods A and B are identical.

The insoluble materials remained after diethyl ether extraction were vacuum dried over  $CaCl_2$  to give salts **4a–c**. Quaternary ammonium salt hydrochlorides (**4a–c**) • 2HCl were prepared by treatment of the solutions of salts **4a–c** in propan-2-ol with a solution of HCl in dioxane. The products were washed with anhydrous acetone, dried *in vacuo* over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, and recrystallized from anhydrous methanol—anhydrous acetone.

*N*,*N*-**Bis(2-dimethylaminoethyl)amine (3a)**<sup>13</sup> was synthesized from *N*,*N*-dimehylethylenediamine (1a) (6.12 g, 0.07 mol),  $K_2CO_3$  (19.3 g, 0.14 mol), and KI (0.58 g, 0.0035 mol) in MeCN (70 mL) and 2-chloroethyldimethylamine hydrochloride (2a) (5.0 g, 0.035 mol). Yield 1.5 g (26%). *N*-(2-Aminoethyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-*N*-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)ammonium chloride (4a). Yield 3.7 g (54%), heavy oil. IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3342, 3267 (NH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 2.28 (s, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>N); 2.51 (br.s, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>); 2.77 (t, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N, *J* = 4.8 Hz); 3.27 (t, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, *J* = 6.5 Hz); 3.44 (s, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 3.74–3.81 (m, 4 H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>).

*N*-(2-Aminoethyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-*N*-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)ammonium chloride dihydrochloride (4a · 2 HCl). Yield 2.8 g (56%). M.p. 169–172 °C. IR,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 2470–2666 (HN<sup>+</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ : 2.84 (s, 6 H, 2 C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>); 3.24 (s, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 3.40 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>, partially overlaps with the solvent signal); 3.70 (m, 4 H, C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> + C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 3.73–3.90 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 8.61 (s, 3 H, H<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 11.24 (s, 1 H, HN<sup>+</sup>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ : 32.16 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>); 42.50 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>); 48.33 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>); 51.41 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 56.42 (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 59.55 (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>).

*N*,*N*-Dimethyl-*N'*-(2-pyrrolidinoethyl)ethylenediamine (3b) was synthesized from *N*,*N*-dimethylethylenediamine (1a) (5.3 g, 0.06 mol),  $K_2CO_3$  (16.2 g, 0.12 mol), KI (0.5 g, 0.003 mol), and *N*-(2-chloroethyl)pyrrolidine hydrochloride (2c) (5 g, 0.03 mol). Yield 2.05 g (37%).

*N*-(2-Aminoethyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-*N*-(2-pyrrolidinoethyl)ammonium chloride (4b). Yield 3.4 g (52%), heavy oil. IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3348 (br., NH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O), δ: 1.74 (m, 2 H, β-H, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 2.59 (m, 4 H, α-H, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 2.97 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N); 3.13 (s, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 3.33–3.51 (m, 6 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> + 2 CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O), δ: 21.76 (2 β-C, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 34.50 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>); 46.66 (CH<sub>2</sub>N); 50.48 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 52.57 (2 α-C, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 60.97 (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 62.64 (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>).

*N*-(2-Aminoethyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-*N*-(2-pyrrolidinoethyl)ammonium chloride dihydrochloride (4b · 2 HCl). Yield 2.9 g (64%). M.p. 188–190 °C.  $R_f$  0.19. IR,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 2455–2671 (HN<sup>+</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>–D<sub>2</sub>O),  $\delta$ : 1.95 (m, 4 H,  $\beta$ -H, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 3.14–3.47 (m, 12 H, C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>NH<sup>+</sup> + 2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> + 4 α-H of NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 3.67 (m, 2 H, C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>); 3.73–3.86 (m, 4 H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ : 1.98 (m, 4 H,  $\beta$ -H, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 3.13 (br.s, 2 H, C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>); 3.28 (s, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 3.36–3.52 (m, 4 H, α-H, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, partially overlaps with the solvent signal); 3.73–3.98 (m, 6 H, C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> + 2 C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 8.92 (s, 3 H, H<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 11.69 (s, 1 H, HN<sup>+</sup>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ : 22.76 (2 β-C), NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 32.14 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>); 45.78 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>); 51.56 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 53.15 (2 α-C, NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>); 57.05 (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 59.38 (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>).

*N*,*N*-Dimethyl-*N*'-(2-piperidinoethyl)ethylenediamine (3c)<sup>11</sup> was synthesized from *N*,*N*-dimethylethylenediamine (1a) (4.79 g, 0.054 mol),  $K_2CO_3$  (14.9 g, 0.108 mol), KI (0.45 g, 0.0027 mol), and *N*-(2-chloroethyl)piperidine hydrochloride (2d) (5 g, 0.027 mol). Yield 2.06 g (38%).

*N*-(2-Aminoethyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-*N*-(2-piperidinoethyl)ammonium chloride (4c). Yield 3.3 g (53%), white deliquescent powder. IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3321, 3267 (NH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ: 1.40 (m, 2 H, H(γ), NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 1.52 (m, 4 H, β-H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 2.40–2.50 (m, 6 H, NH<sub>2</sub> + 4 α-H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 2.76 (t, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N, J = 5.5 Hz); 3.24 (t, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, J = 6.1 Hz); 3.43 (s, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 3.71–3.78 (m, 4 H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>).

*N*-(2-Aminoethyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-*N*-(2-piperidinoethyl)ammonium chloride dihydrochloride (4c · 2 HCl). Yield 3.1 g (72%). M.p. 182–184 °C.  $R_f$  0.22. IR,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 2376–2662 (HN<sup>+</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O),  $\delta$ : 1.41 (m, 1 H,  $\gamma$ -H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 1.69 (m, 3 H, 2 β-H +  $\gamma$ -H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 1.85 (m, 2 H, β-H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 3.01 (m, 2 H,  $\alpha$ -H of NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 3.22 (s, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 3.48–3.54 (m, 4 H, 2  $\alpha$ -H of NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub> + CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>); 3.63–3.75 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> + CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 3.85–3.91 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ : 1.45 (br.s, 1 H,  $\gamma$ -H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 1.61 (br.s, 1 H, γ-H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 1.80 (br.s, 4 H, β-H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 3.01 (br.s, 2 H, α-H, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 3.26 (s, 6 H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>), 3.37–3.48 (m, 4 H, 2 α-H of NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub> + C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>, partially overlaps with the solvent signal); 3.73 (m, 4 H, C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> + C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 4.03 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 8.87 (s, 3 H, H<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 11.35 (s, 1 H, HN<sup>+</sup>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>), δ: 21.13 (γ-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 22.18 (2 β-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 32.09 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>); 47.53 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sup>+</sup>); 51.33 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 52.35 (2 α-C, NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>); 56.21 (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); 59.48 (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>).

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