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#### ABSTRACT

In the search for structural cyclic imide analogues of therapeutic interest, the synthesis, separation, and characterization of exo-endo **3** and endoendo **4** stereoisomers of benzenesulfonylaziridines, not found in the literature, are described in this study. The benzenesulfonylaziridines were synthesized through a 1,3-dipolar-type reaction of *p*-toluenesulfonylazide and different norbornenesuccinimides.

Key Words: Benzenesulfonylaziridines.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The aziridines or azacyclopropanes are generally prepared through cyclic reactions.<sup>[1,2]</sup> In the present study a series of benzenesulfonylaziridines was synthesized through a method adapted by Nunes,<sup>[3]</sup> from a method described by Zalkow.<sup>[4,5]</sup>

This study aimed to synthesize and characterize exo-endo **3** and endo-endo **4** stereoisomers of a series of benzenesulfonylaziridines. The benzenesulfonylaziridines (Sch. 1) were obtained through a 1,3-dipolar-type reaction between *p*-toluenesulfonylazide (previously prepared) and different endonorbornene-succinimides **2**. The endo-norbornenesuccinimides (Table 1) were prepared through the Diels-Alder reaction between substituted *N*-phenylmaleimides **1** and cyclopentadiene according to the method described in the literature for similar structures.<sup>[6]</sup> The *N*-phenylmaleimides were prepared through the reaction of a substituted aniline and maleic anhydride in acetic anhydride.<sup>[7]</sup>

The endo-norbornenesuccinimides **2** showed only one spot on thin layer chromatography (t. l. c.). The formation of exo-norbornenesuccinimide was not observed at any time. Their structures were confirmed through <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopic analysis, CNH elemental analysis, and comparison of their <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra with those of the exo- and endo-norbornene-succinimides and similar compounds given in the literature.<sup>[6,8–10]</sup> The signal, in the form of a doublet, exhibited by the H<sub>2,6</sub> hydrogens of all of the endo-norbornenesuccinimides synthesized in this study, indicates the existence of a coupling with the H<sub>1,7</sub> hydrogens, which was not observed in the case of exo-norbornenesuccinimide, due to the dihedral angle being approximately 90°.



X = H (a); 4-Cl (b); 3,4-Cl<sub>2</sub> (c); 4-CH<sub>3</sub> (d); 4-OCH<sub>3</sub> (e); 4-Br (f); 4-NO<sub>2</sub> (g); 2,3-dimethyl (h) and 3-ethyl (i).

Scheme 1.

	Y (%)	mp (°C) mp Literature [10-12]		Calcd. (%) found (%)		
Compound X			Formula mass	С	Н	N
2a	71	143.9-144.9	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	75.30	5.48	5.85
Н		144	239.27	74.94	4.96	5.95
2b	63	141.4-142.9	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> Cl	65.82	4.42	5.12
4-Cl			273.71	65.50	4.52	5.10
2c	67	163.8-164.6	$C_{15}H_{11}NO_2Cl_2$	58.46	3.60	4.55
3,4-diCl			308.16	58.51	3.68	4.49
2d	73	158.2-158.6	$C_{16}H_{15}NO_2$	75.87	5.97	5.53
4-CH <sub>3</sub>		157-158	253.30	75.80	6.02	5.45
2e	75	171.6-173.0	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>15</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	71.36	5.61	5.20
4-OCH <sub>3</sub>		169-170	269.29	71.23	5.72	5.11
2f	62	153.4-154.6	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> NBrO <sub>2</sub>	56.62	3.80	4.40
4-Br		156	318.16	57.23	3.30	4.26
2g	70	188.9-189.2	$C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_4$	63.38	4.25	9.85
4-NO <sub>2</sub>		190-191	284.27	63.28	4.91	9.43
2h	79	188.3-188.7	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	76.38	6.41	5.24
2,3-Dimethyl			267.32	76.37	6.72	5.33
2i	90	108.5 - 108.8	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	76.38	6.41	5.24
3-Ethyl		—	267.32	76.47	6.65	5.21

Table 1. Yield, mp, and CNH of endo-norbornenesuccinimides 2.

The *p*-toluenesulfonylazide was prepared from *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride and sodium azide, and its structure was confirmed through the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopie ( $\delta$  ppm: -CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph [(s: 2.48) e Ar-H (d: 7.38 7.85 J = 8.2 Hz)] and melting point (20°C).<sup>[3]</sup>

The formation of isomers was initially detected by t. l. c. in all the reactions of the benzenesulfonylaziridines and later confirmed through <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopies and CHN elemental analysis. The yield of the reactions was 65% to 90%, as described in the experimental section. The stereoisomers were separated and purified through column chromatography and successive recrystalizations.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in two dimensions (COSY) of the endo-endoaziridines shows a broad singlet for the  $H_{1,7}$  hydrogens and shows coupling between these hydrogens and the  $H_{2,6}$  and  $H_{8,10}$  hydrogens. The  $H_{2,6}$  and  $H_{8,10}$  hydrogens show multiplets due to a W coupling between them and consequently to the coupling with the  $H_{1,7}$  hydrogens.

On the other hand, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in two dimension (COSY) of the exo-endo-aziridines shows coupling of  $H_{1,7}$  hydrogens only with the

 $H_{2,6}$  hydrogens. The spectrum also shows a sharp singlet for the  $H_{8,10}$  hydrogens with no coupling with the  $H_{1,7}$  hydrogens since the dihedral angle between them is approximately 90°. This is the principal difference between the stereoisomers.

The results obtained with the aziridines synthesized in this study are consistent with the results found in the literature for related structures.<sup>[4,5,13,14]</sup> In the reaction of benzenesulfonylazides with *cis*-endo or *cis*-exo norbornene-5,6-dicarboxylic anhydride, the authors obtained exo- and endo-aziridines, where the endo isomer was obtained in greater proportion (approximately in the proportions of 70% : 30%). In the present study the endo-endo aziridine was also obtained in greater proportion as described in the experimental part.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

Analytical-grade reagents were utilized and purified according to methods cited in the literature.<sup>[15]</sup> For the determination of the melting point (mp) a Microquímica device model MQRPF-301 (Florianópolis, Brazil) was utilized. For the CHN analysis, a CHN elemental analyzer Perkin Elmer 2400 (Boston, MA, USA) was utilized. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using a Brucker AC-200F (Rheinstetten, Germany) (at 200 MHz and 50 MHz, respectively). CDCl<sub>3</sub> was used as the solvent with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard; chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were in parts per million. In the t. 1. c., aluminium sheets with silica gel 60 F-254 with 0.2 mm thickness were utilized. All benzenesulfonylaziridines were purified by column chromatography with silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh) purchased from Merck.

#### **General Experimental Procedure**

(2R,6S,8S,10R) **3a** and (2R,6S,8R,10S) **4a** 9-(4'-Methylphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-4,9-diazatetracycle[5.3.1.0<sup>2,6</sup> . 0<sup>8,10</sup>]undecane-3,5-dione

*p*-Toluenesulfonylazide (4.14 g, 0.0210 mol) was added to a mixture of 4-phenyl-4-aza-tricycle[5.2.1.02,6-endo]dec-8-ene-3,5-dione **2a** (4.00 g, 0.0167 mol) in acetonitrile (20 mL). The reaction was refluxed (15 hours) and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The solid residue was triturated with methanol: chloroform (3:7) and filtered off with suction to give the mixture of **3a** and **4a**. The two products were isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, ethyl acetate: acetone: hexane, 6:3:11). Yield: 91%. Ratio **3a**/**4a** = 35%/65%. mp 250.1–251.3°C **3a** and 253.0–254.9°C **4a**. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub> H<sub>20</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>4</sub> S: C, 64.69; H, 4.94; N, 6.86; O, 15.66; S,

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7.85. Found: C, 63.85; H, 4.98; N, 6.72 **3a** and C, 64.59; H, 4.97; N, 6.92 **4a**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (d: 1.22 and 1.85, J = 10.5 Hz); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.46); CH-8 (s sharp: 3.06); CH-7 (s broad: 3.12); CH-6 (m: 3.32); ArH (m: 7.15– 7.80). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (22.39); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (32.31); CH-7 (38.05); CH-8 (39.49); CH-6 (47.89); C Ar (127.41; 128.73; 129.84; 130.13; 130.54; 135.06; 145.62); C=O (175.98) **3a**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (m: 2.01 and 2.41); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.32); CH-7 (s broad: 3.11); CH-8 (t: 3.24 J = 2.5 Hz); CH-6 (t: 3.59 J = 2.0 Hz); ArH (m: 7.00–7.56). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (22.30); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (40.74); CH-7 (48.76); CH-8 (50.36); CH-6 (55.98); C Ar (126.70; 127.68; 128.04; 128.34; 129.14; 129.35; 129.88; 130.09); C=O (175.76) **4a**.

By this procedure the following benzenesulfonylaziridines were prepared:

(2R,6S,8S,10R) **3b** and (2R,6S,8R,10S) **4b** 9-(4'-Methylphenylsulfonyl)-4-(4''-chlorophenyl)-4,9-diazatetracycle[5.3.1.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>8,10</sup>]undecane-3,5-dione

Yield: 70%. Ratio **3b**/**4b** = 30%/70%. mp 230.3–231.8°C **3b** and 249.7–251.3°C **4b**. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub> H<sub>19</sub> Cl N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>4</sub> S: C, 59.66; H, 4.33; N, 6.33; O, 14.44; S, 7.24; Cl, 8.00. Found: C, 59.76; H, 4.40; N, 6.05; **3b** and C, 59.88; H, 4.72; N, 6.16 **4b**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11(d: 1.19 and 1.86, J = 10,6 Hz); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.46); CH-8 (s sharp: 3.03); CH-7 (s broad: 3.11); CH-6 (m: 3.31); ArH (d: 7.11 and 7.46, J = 8.6); ArH (d: 7.35 and 7.77, J = 8.2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.64); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (31.51); CH-7 (37.25); CH-8 (38.75); CH-6 (47.12); C Ar (127.93; 129.58; 129.81; 134.28; 134.92; 144.95); C=O (174.99) **3b**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (d: 1.93 and 2.32, J = 10.0); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.34); CH-7 (s broad: 3.10); CH-8 (m: 3.22); CH-6 (s: 3.56); ArH (m: 7.04–7.54). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  ppm: CH3-Ph (21.58); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (40.03); CH-7 (47.98); CH-8 (49.63); CH-6 (55.17); C Ar (127.22; 128.26; 128.72; 129.43; 131.10; 132.52; 133.12; 145.08); C=O (174.86) **4b**.

(2R,6S,8S,10R) **3c** and (2R,6S,8R,10S) **4c** 9-(4'-Methylphenylsulfonyl)-4-(3'',4''-dichloro phenyl)-4,9-diazatetracycle[5.3.1.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>8,10</sup>] undecane-3,5-dione

Yield: 75%. Ratio 3c/4c = 40%/60%. mp 203.5–204.9°C **3c** and 206.9–207.5°C **4c**. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub> H<sub>18</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>4</sub> S: C, 55.35; H, 3.81; N, 5.87; O, 13.40; S, 6.72; Cl, 14.85. Found: C, 55.05; H, 3.77; N, 6.02 **3c** and C, 55.15; H, 3.84; N, 5.79 **4c**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11(m: 1.22 and 1.83); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.45); CH-8 (s sharp: 3.01); CH-7 (s broad: 3.11); CH-6 (m: 3.31); ArH (m: 7.04–7.79). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.95); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (32.30); CH-7 (38.08); CH-8 (39.47); CH-6 (47.87); C Ar

(127.19; 128.72; 130.53; 130.79; 135.09; 139.99); C=O (176.12) **3c**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (m: 1.97 and 2.35); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.35); CH-7 (s broad: 3.13); CH-8 (s: 3.24); CH-6 (s: 3.60); ArH (m: 7.08–7.65). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.60); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (40.16); CH-7 (47.98); CH-8 (49.67); CH-6 (55.13); C Ar (125.11; 127.60; 128.05; 129.46; 130.13; 131.36; 131.89; 132.66; 145.14); C=O (174.59) **4c**.

# (2R,6S,8S,10R) **3d** and (2R,6S,8R,10S) **4d** 9-(4'-Methylphenylsulfonyl)-4-(4''-methylphenyl)-4,9-diazatetracycle $[5.3.1.0^{2,6}.0^{8,10}]$ undecane-3,5-dione

Yield: 80%. Ratio 3d/4d = 40%/60%. mp 230.7–231.2°C 3d and 244.9–246.4°C 4d. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub> H<sub>22</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>4</sub> S: C, 65.37; H, 5.26; N, 6.63; O, 15.15; S, 7.59. Found: C, 64.79; H, 5.17; N, 6.69 3d and C, 64.80; H, 5.19; N, 6.70 4d. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11(d: 1.20 and 1.82 J = 10.0); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.39); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.45); CH-8 (s sharp: 3.03); CH-7 (s broad: 3.09); CH-6 (m: 3.28); ArH (d: 7.00 and 7.27 J = 8.10); ArH (d: 7.34 and 7.77 J = 8.10). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.19); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.61); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (31.49); CH-7 (37.33); CH-8 (38.67); CH-6 (47.08); C Ar (126.44; 127.95; 128.69; 129.78; 130.00; 134.24; 139,19; 144.85); C=O (175.40) 3d. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (d: 1.93 and 2.33 J = 9.90); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.33); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.41); CH-7 (s broad: 3.08); CH-8 (m: 3.22); CH-6 (m: 3.55); ArH (m: 7.03–7.47). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.90); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (40.66); CH-7 (48.73); CH-8 (50.36); CH-6 (55.96); C Ar (126.55; 129.15; 129.94; 130.09; 130.72; 133.34; 138.21; 145.61); C=O (175.89) 4d.

(2R,6S,8S,10R) **3e** and (2R,6S,8R,10S) **4e** 9-(4'-Methylphenylsulfonyl)-4-(4"-methoxyphenyl)-4,9-diazatetracycle[5.3.1.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>8,10</sup>] undecane-3,5-dione

Yield: 70%. Ratio 3e/4e = 30%/70%. mp 232.3–233.6°C **3e** and 224.6–225.3°C **4e**. Anal. Calcd. For: C<sub>23</sub> H<sub>22</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>5</sub> S: C, 63.00; H, 5.07; N, 6.39; O, 18.23; S, 7.31. Found: C, 63.50; H, 4.97; N, 6.57 **3e** and C, 62.90; H, 5.21; N, 6.76 **4e**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11(m: 1.26 and 1.61); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.46); CH-8 (s sharp: 3.04); CH-7 (s broad: 3.10); CH-6 (m: 3.29); O-CH<sub>3</sub> (s: 3.83); ArH (m: 7.00–7.80). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.66); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (31.56); CH-7 (37.38); CH-8 (38.74); CH-6 (47.10); O-CH<sub>3</sub> (55.49); C Ar (114.75; 128.00; 129.82; 144.88); C=O (175.59) **3e**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (d: 1.95 and 2.30 J = 10.0); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.33); CH-7 (s broad: 3.10); CH-8 (s: 3.22); CH-6 (s: 3.54); O-CH<sub>3</sub> (s: 3.85); ArH (d: 7.00 and 7.50 J = 8.4); ArH (d: 7.08 and 7.42 J = 8.0). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.72); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (40.05); CH-7 (48.08); CH-8 (49.75); CH-6

(55.33); O-CH<sub>3</sub> (55.53); C Ar (113.96; 125.59; 127.51; 128.53; 129.49; 132.73; 145.03; 159.92); C=O (175.89) **4e**.

(2R,6S,8S,10R) **3f** and (2R,6S,8R,10S) **4f** 9-(4'-Methylphenylsulfonyl)-4-(4''-bromophenyl)-4,9-diazatetracycle[5.3.1.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>8,10</sup>]undecane-3,5-dione

Yield: 65%. Ratio **3f**/**4f** = 25%/75%. mp 217.2–218.1°C **3f** and 219.2–220.0°C **4f**. Anal. Calcd. for: C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S: C, 54.22; H, 3.94 N, 5.75; O, 13.12; S, 6.58; Br, 6.39. Found: C, 54.42; H, 4.21; N, 6.02 **3f** and C, 54.55; H, 3.98; N, 5.64 **4f**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11(d: 1.20 and 1.88 J = 10.7); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.46); CH-8 (s sharp: 3.02); CH-7 (s broad: 3.11); CH-6 (m: 3.30); ArH (d: 7.05 and 7.61 J = 8.6); ArH (d: 7.34 and 7.77 J = 8.2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.66); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (31.55); CH-7 (37.24); CH-8 (38.79); CH-6 (47.16); O-CH<sub>3</sub> (55.49); C Ar (123.00; 127.99; 128.19; 129.83; 130.00; 132.61; 134.33; 144.88); C=O (174.94) **3f**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (d: 1.95 and 2.35 J = 9.0); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.35); CH-7 (s broad: 3.10); CH-8 (m: 3.23); CH-6 (m: 3.57); ArH (d: 7.07 and 7.36 J = 8.0); ArH (d: 7.45 and 7.59 J = 8.7). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.62); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (40.06); CH-7 (48.00); CH-8 (49.65); CH-6 (55.19); C Ar (121.20; 127.50; 128.26; 129.45; 131.73; 132.54; 145.09); C=O (174.80) **4f**.

(2R,6S,8S,10R) **3g** and (2R,6S,8R,10S) **4g** 9-(4'-Methylphenylsulfonyl)-4-(4"-nitrophenyl)-4,9-diazatetracycle[5.3.1.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>8,10</sup>]undecane-3,5-dione

Yield: 65%. Ratio 3g/4g = 20%/80%. mp 266.7–266.9°C 3g and 216.9–217.1°C 4g. Anal. Calcd. for: C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S: C, 58.27; H, 4.23; N, 9.27; O, 21.16; S, 7.07. Found: C, 58.81; H, 4.58; N, 7.54 3g and C, 58.11; H, 4.69; N, 6.66 4g. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11(d: 1.25 and 1.90 J = 10.0); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.46); CH-8 (s sharp: 3.04); CH-7 (s broad: 3.14); CH-6 (m: 3.37); ArH (d: 7.26 and 7.48 J = 8.6); ArH (d: 7.76 and 8.37 J = 8.6). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.65); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (31.55); CH-7 (37.13); CH-8 (38.91); CH-6 (47.23); C Ar (124.55; 127.27; 127.92; 129.83; 134.34; 136.75; 145.05; 147.31); C=O (174.47) 3g. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (d: 2.00 and 2.33 J = 10.0); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.32); CH-7 (s broad: 3.14); CH-8 (m: 3.29); CH-6 (m: 3.59); ArH (d: 7.02 and 7.34 J = 8.3); ArH (d: 7.77 and 8.35 J = 9.1). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.56); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (40.22); CH-7 (48.05); CH-8 (49.63); CH-6 (55.09); C Ar (123.87; 126.25; 128.12; 129.47; 132.34; 138.20; 145.24; 146.08); C=O (174.50) **4g**.

(2R,6S,8S,10R) **3h** and (2R,6S,8R,10S) **4h** 9-(4'-Methylphenylsulfonyl)-4-(2'',3''-dimethylphenyl)-4,9-diazatetracycle $[5.3.1.0^{2,6}.0^{8,10}]$  undecane-3,5-dione

Yield: 75%. Ratio **3h**/**4h** = 40%/60%. mp 225.6–225.9°C **3h** and dec 232.0°C **4h**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11(d: 1.21 and 1.88 J = 10.5); 2-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (m: 2.11); 3-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.33); 4-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.46); CH-8 (s sharp: 3.11); CH-7 (s broad: 3.20); CH-6 (m: 3.35); ArH (m: 6.67–7.81). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  ppm: 2-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (14.88); 3-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (22.36); 4-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.14); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (32.38); CH-7 (38.08); CH-8 (38.90); CH-6 (47.93); C Ar (125.84; 126.17; 127.09; 128.55; 130.53; 132.01; 134.88; 135.47; 139.35; 144.61); C=O (176.08) **3h**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  ppm: 3-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph and CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (s: 1.94); 4-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph and CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (s: 2.11); 2-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.35); CH-7 (s broad: 3.10); CH-8 (s: 3.32); CH-6 (m: 3.56); ArH (m: 7.14–7.76). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  ppm: 2-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (15.07); 3-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (22.32); 4-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (21.16); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (40.54); CH-7 (48.96); CH-8 (50.55); CH-6 (56.24); C Ar (126.62; 129.26; 130.24; 130.99; 131.99; 133.33; 134.05; 138.32; 145.76); C=O (175.76) **4h**.

(2R,6S,8S,10R) **3i** and (2R,6S,8R,10S) **4i** 9-(4'-Methylphenylsulfonyl)-4-(3"-ethylphenyl)-4,9-diazatetracycle[5.3.1.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>8,10</sup>]undecane-3,5-dione

Yield: 73%. Ratio **3i**/**4i** = 40%/60%. mp 189.1–191.0°C **3i** and 155.7– 156.5°C **4i**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ ppm: CH<sub>2</sub>-11 and 3-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s broad: 1.25); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (m: 1.82); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.44); CH-8 (s sharp: 2.69); CH-7 and 3-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s broad: 3.09); CH-6 (s: 3.29); ArH (m: 6.99–7.76). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ ppm: 3-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (15.78 and 29.26); 4-CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (22.36); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (32.26); CH-7 (38.11); CH-8 (39.45); CH-6 (47.86); C Ar (126.63; 126.87; 128.65; 129.49; 129.99; 130.49; 132.02; 135.22; 145.56; 146.47); C=O (176.11) **3i**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ ppm: 3-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (t: 1.29); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (d: 1.97 and 2.33 J = 14.00); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (s: 2.33); CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-Ph (m: 2.72); CH-7 (s broad: 3.09); CH-8 (s: 3.24); CH-6 (s: 3.57); ArH (m: 7.02–7.50). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ ppm: 3-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (16.12 and 29.48); CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph (22.28); CH<sub>2</sub>-11 (40.70); CH-7 (48.73); CH-8 (50.32); CH-6 (55.97); C Ar (124.04; 124.62; 126.31; 126.80; 127.99; 129.17; 130.04; 133.30; 135.26; 145.57); C=O (175.84) **4i**.

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