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ABSTRACT

N,N-Bis(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)- β -phenylethylamines **3** are cyclised intramolecularly in conc. H₂SO₄ to the corresponding N-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines **4**. The remaining benzotriazolyl-moiety can be replaced by nucleophiles, leading to N-substituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines **5–8**.

INTRODUCTION

The preparation of 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines with electronwithdrawing substituents on the aromatic moiety is a challenging task.

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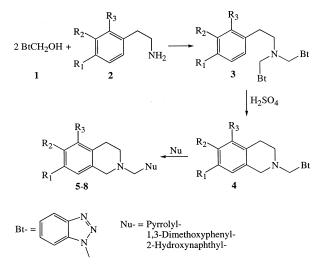
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Classic methods, such as the Pictet-Spengler,^{1,2} Bischler-Napieralski³⁻⁵ or the Pomeranz-Fritsch⁶ syntheses often fail⁷⁻⁹ due to the decreased activity of the aromatic ring in the intramolecular cyclisation step. These compounds are, however, of particular interest, since they have been shown¹⁰ to inhibit phenylethanolamine N-methyltransferase (PNMT); an interference with this key enzyme in the biosynthesis of epinephrine is likely to be of therapeutic value, particularly in the treatment of anxiety and ischemic heart conditions.¹¹ Some attempts have been made to develop synthetic routines suitable for the preparation of deactivated tetrahydroisoquinolines. Deady and co-workers,¹² for instance, reported the preparation of the 6-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline from the corresponding N-(2-bromoethyl)-4-chloro-benzylamine by refluxing with AlCl₃ in decalin. Quallich et al.⁹ developed a synthesis for 6-nitro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline by double displacement of a diol with a nitrogen nucleophile. In this multi-step approach a diacid, obtained by malonate displacement and subsequent hydrolysis and decarboxylation, is reduced to the corresponding diol, which is then cyclised in the presence of an amine. Further, various chloro- and bromo-substituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines are accessible by one-pot cyclisation from their corresponding 2-benzylamino-1-ethanol hydrochloride by heating in the presence of ammonium chloride and aluminium chloride. Obtained yields are, however, only in the 40-80% range.¹⁰ Stokker⁸ introduced an interesting method, which is exclusively applicable to the synthesis of tetrahydroisoquinolines lacking electron-donating substituents. It involves the intramolecular reaction of an α -amido alcohol, prepared in situ from paraformaldehyde and N-trifluoroacylated β -phenylethylamines. Yields are good for deactivated β -phenylethylamines, but the reaction fails if the starting material is activated by any methoxy-substituent; applied to the synthesis of unsubstituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline the obtained yield is poor.

This paper describes an approach, which is related to the Pictet– Spengler reaction but must be seen as complementary to it, since it gives high yields for 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines with electron-withdrawing aromatic substituents, but fails for unsubstituted or activated derivatives. It involves the intramolecular Friedel–Crafts cyclisation of N,N-bis(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)- β -phenylethylamines **3** which are easily accessible from the reaction between 1-hydroxymethylbenzotriazole **1** and the corresponding β -phenylethylamines **2**. After ring-closure, the remaining benzotriazolyl moiety in the resulting N-benzotriazol-1ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines **4** can be replaced with different nucleophiles to yield various N-substituted deactivated derivatives **5–8** (Scheme 1).



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Scheme 1.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Reaction of 1-Hydroxymethylbenzotriazole with β-Phenylethylamines

In the first step of the reaction the *N*,*N*-*bis*(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)- β phenylethylamines **3a–f** are synthesised from 1-hydroxymethylbenzotriazole **1**, prepared according to a well-known procedure from benzotriazole and formaldehyde,¹³ and the β -phenylethylamines **2a–f** by heating in EtOH for 1 h. The crystalline products are characterised by a resonance of approx. $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.6 for the benzotriazolylmethylene group [BtCH₂N] (Table 1). The reaction between **1** and primary amines in a 2:1 ratio to the corresponding *bis*-adducts is well established in the literature¹⁴ and has been employed before for the preparation of various *N*,*N*-*bis*(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)- β -phenylethylamines.¹⁵

Cyclisation of *N*,*N*-*Bis*(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)β-phenylethylamines in H₂SO₄

In a previous paper,¹⁵ the intramolecular ring-closure of some N,N-bis(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)- β -phenylethylamines with AlCl₃ at RT

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Compound	Formula	R_1	R_2	R ₃	Yield (%)	Mp (°C, EtOH)	δ_{H} [BtCH ₂ N]
3a	$C_{22}H_{20}BrN_7$	Br	Н	Н	92	143–145	5.63 (s, 4H)
3b	$C_{22}H_{20}FN_7$	F	Н	Н	89	117-118	5.64 (s, 4H)
3c	$C_{22}H_{20}FN_7$	Н	Н	F	98	116-117	5.66 (s, 4H)
3d	C22H20ClN7	Cl	Н	Н	92	149-150	5.62 (s, 4H)
3e	C22H20ClN7	Н	Н	Cl	80	116-118	5.68 (s, 4H)
3f	$C_{22}H_{19}Cl_2N_7$	Cl	Η	Cl	88	125–126	5.68 (s, 4H)

Table 1. N,N-Bis(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-β-phenylethylamines 3a-f

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Table 2. N-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines 4a-f

Compound	Formula	R_1	R ₂	R ₃	Yield (%)	Mp (°C, EtOH)	$\begin{matrix} \delta_{H} \\ [BtCH_{2}N] \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} \delta_{H} \\ [ArCH_{2}N] \end{matrix}$
4a	$C_{16}H_{15}BrN_4$	Br	Н	Н	82	145–146	5.63	3.83
4b	$C_{16}H_{15}FN_4$	F	Н	Н	83	147–148	(s, 2H) 5.64	(s, 2H) 3.84
4c	$C_{16}H_{15}FN_4$	Η	Η	F	69	134–135	(s, 2H) 5.65	(s, 2H) 3.86 (s, 2H)
4d	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ ClN ₄	Cl	Н	Н	83	146–148	(s, 2H) 5.62 (s, 2H)	(s, 2H) 3.80 (s, 2H)
4 e	$C_{16}H_{15}ClN_4$	Η	Η	Cl	73	144–145	5.61 (s, 2H)	3.81 (s, 2H)
4f	$C_{16}H_{14}Cl_2N_4$	Cl	Η	Cl	86	149–150	5.63 (s, 2H)	3.80 (s, 2H)

was reported. Employing that mild Friedel–Crafts catalyst prevented, however, the successful cyclisation of the stronger deactivated *N*,*N*-bis(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-5,7-dichloro-β-phenylethylamine **3f** and caused also some difficulties for compound **3e**. In contrast, the use of conc. H₂SO₄ as catalyst and 'solvent' is straightforward and yields the corresponding crystalline *N*-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines **4a–f** in high quantities. After alkaline work-up the successful intramolecular ring-closure is evident in a characteristic resonance at approx. $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.8 [ArCH₂N] (Table 2).

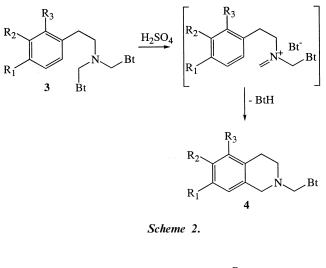
It can be assumed that the intramolecular cyclisation of compounds **3a–f** proceeds *via* an iminium ion after removal of one benzotriazolyl moiety from the molecule (Scheme 2).

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As briefly mentioned before, the method can be seen as complementary to the Pictet-Spengler reaction, since it fails with unsubstituted and methoxy-substituted N,N-bis(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-\beta-phenylethylamines. Under the conditions described, these compounds yield the corresponding bis(N-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl)methanes 9, even when treated with conc. H_2SO_4 for only 15 min at 4°C.

The formation of bis(N-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl)methanes 9a-f (Figure 1) also occurs to a small extent during the cyclisation of 3a-f to 4a-f, evident in a minor peak in the products' crude ¹³CNMR-spectra at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 80, stemming from the *bis*(N-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl)methylene group [NCH₂N]. An adherence to the reaction conditions, not only with respect to temperature, but the ratio of starting material to H₂SO₄ is essential for a successful preparation of compounds 4a-f. If the conditions are, for instance, changed from a 45:1 to a considerably higher ratio, the corresponding *bis*(*N*-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl)methanes **9a-f** are obtained as the exclusive product of the reaction¹⁶ (Table 3).



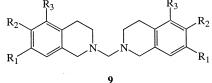


Figure 1.



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Compound	Formula	R_1	R ₂	R ₃	Ratio $(H_2SO_4 \text{ to } 3)$	Conditions	Yield (%)	δ _C [NCH ₂ N]
9a	$C_{19}H_{20}Br_2N_2$	Br	Н	Н	100:1	25°C, 4 h	87	80.0
9b	$C_{19}H_{20}F_2N_2$	F	Н	Η	100:1	25°C, 4 h	85	80.2
9c	$C_{19}H_{20}F_2N_2$	Η	Н	F	100:1	25°C, 4 h	90	80.3
9d	$C_{19}H_{20}Cl_2N_2$	Cl	Н	Н	100:1	25°C, 4 h	96	80.1
9e	$C_{19}H_{20}Cl_2N_2$	Η	Н	Cl	100:1	25°C, 4 h	99	80.1
9f	$C_{19}H_{18}Cl_4N_2$	Cl	Н	Cl	200:1	80°C, 30 h	93	79.5
9g	$C_{19}H_{22}N_2$	Η	Η	Η	100:1 45:1	4°C, 30 min 4°C, 15 min	96 83	80.7

Table 3. Bis(N-1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroisoquinolinyl)methanes **9a**-g¹⁶

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Replacement of the Benzotriazolyl-Moiety by Nucleophiles

Benzotriazole is a very versatile auxiliary, which can be replaced under mild conditions by a variety of nucleophiles.^{17–19} In this case, AlCl₃ is employed as Friedel–Crafts catalyst and the benzotriazolyl substituted by pyrrole (**5b**, **5c**, **5g**), 1,3-dimethoxybenzene (**6d**, **6g**) and 2-hydroxynaphthalene (**7a**, **7e**, **7g**). The reduction of **4f** to *N*-methyl-5,7-dichloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **8f** with NaBH₄ further underlines the versatility of the replacement (Scheme 3, Table 4). To establish the ideal conditions for the various substitutions, *N*-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **4g**, which can easily be prepared from the reaction between 1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinoline and **1**,²⁰ was used as a lead compound.

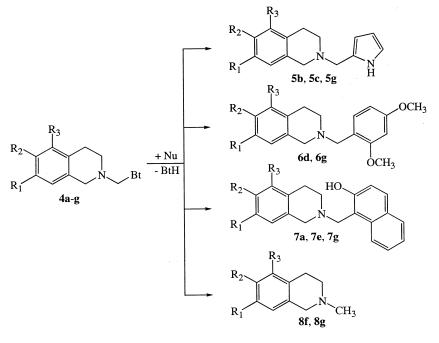
It is found that pyrrole reacts readily at RT with compounds **4b**, **4c** and **4g** in the presence of the catalyst. After alkaline work-up the corresponding *N*-(2'-pyrrolylmethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines **5b**, **5c** and **5g** are obtained as sole products of the reaction. The replacement of the benzotriazolyl moiety with 1,3-dimethoxybenzene in compounds **4d** and **4g** at RT is, however, incomplete and more reliable results are obtained when the mixture is refluxed in CHCl₃. The respective *N*-(2',4'-dimethoxybenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines **6d** and **6g** are isolated after alkaline work-up. As anticipated, due to steric hindrance the *N*-(2',6'-dimethoxybenzyl)-isomer is not formed in this reaction. Refluxing in CHCl₃ was also found to be a successful procedure in the preparation of the *N*-(2'-hydroxy-1'-naphthylmethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines **7a**, **7e** and **7g**. Further, stirring compound **4f** or **4g** and NaBH₄ at RT in MeOH following an earlier reported procedure¹⁵ yields high quantities of the *N*-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines **8f** and **8g**.

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Scheme 3.

CONCLUSION

The method described in this paper is a convenient approach to the preparation of some deactivated N-substituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines. Although related to the Pictet-Spengler reaction, it must be seen as complementary to it, since it is exclusively applicable to 1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinolines with electron-withdrawing substituents on the aromatic moiety. In a two-step reaction, β -phenylethylamines **2a**-f and 1-hydroxymethylbenzotriazole 1 are converted into the stable intermediates N-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines 4a-f, employing conc. H₂SO₄ as catalyst and 'solvent' for the intramolecular ringclosure. A strict adherence to the established conditions for the cyclisation step with respect to temperature and concentration of 4 in the acid is important, otherwise the corresponding bis(N-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl)methanes 9a-f are obtained. The replacement of the benzotriazolyl moiety in compounds 4a-g opens the way to the synthesis of a wide range of N-substituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines, exemplified by the replacement with pyrrole (5b, 5c, 5g), 1,3-dimethoxybenzene (6d, 6g)



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Compound	Nucleophile	\mathbf{R}_1	R_2	R ₃	Mp (°C)	Yield (%)	δ _H [NCH ₂ Nu]
7a	С	Br	Н	Н	127-128	93	4.33
							(s, 2H)
5b	А	F	Η	Н	100-102	95	3.67
							(s, 2H)
5c	А	Н	Н	F	86–89	86	3.69
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6d	В	Cl	Η	Н	126–129 ^a	93	3.67
7.	C	тт	τī	Cl	120 122	07	(s, 2H)
7e	С	Η	Η	Cl	130–132	97	4.34
8f	D	Cl	Н	Cl	133–135 ^a	83	(s, 2H) 2.45
01	D	CI	11	CI	155-155	85	(s, 3H)
5g	А	Н	Н	Н	88-89	98	3.67
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6g	В				133–135 ^a	96	3.67
8							$(s, 4H)^{b}$
7g	С				154-156	85	4.32
							(s, 2H)
8g	D				150–153 ^a	70	2.44
							(s, 3H)

Table 4. N-Substituted 1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroisoquinolines **5–8**

A: Pyrrole; B: 1,3-Dimethoxybenzene; C: 2-Hydroxynaphthalene; D: Reduction with NaBH₄.

^aAs picrate; ^bSignal collapsed with [ArCH₂N].

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and 2-hydroxynaphthalene (7a, 7e, 7g), as well as the reduction with NaBH₄ to the corresponding *N*-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines (8f, 8g). All steps of the established procedure work under mild conditions and yield high to excellent quantities of the final product.

EXPERIMENTAL

General

All reagents used were AR grade. Melting points were determined on a Gallenkamp Melting Point Apparatus and are uncorrected. FTIR-spectra were taken on a Mattson Polaris FTIR-Spectrophotometer in Nujol and UV/VIS-data on a Varian Cary 1 UV Visible Spectrophotometer, using

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ethanol as solvent. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian Gemini 200 (200 MHz/50 MHz) in deuteriochloroform (CDCl₃) with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal reference. ¹H-NMR chemical shifts δ are reported in parts per million (ppm, $\delta_{TMS} = 0.00$) and ¹³C-NMR results (in ppm) are measured relative to CDCl₃ ($\delta = 77.0$ for centerline). Coupling patterns are indicated as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet) and m (multiplet). GC/MS spectra were obtained on a Varian Star 3400 CX spectrometer with a SGE 30QC2.5/BPX1.0 column. Elemental analyses were performed in the Research School of Chemistry, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.

Preparation of *N*,*N*-*Bis*(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)β-phenylethylamines. General Method

A solution of the β -phenylethylamines **2a–f** (1.0 equiv.) in EtOH was added to 1-hydroxymethylbenzotriazole **1** (2.0 equiv.). The mixture was heated with stirring for 1 h. The *N*,*N*-bis(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)- β -phenylethylamines **3a–f** crystallised from the solution and were recrystallised from EtOH. The preparation of compounds **3d–f** was already reported elsewhere.¹⁵

N,*N*-*Bis*(*benzotriazol*-1-*ylmethyl*)-4-*bromo-β-phenylethylamine* **3a**. 1.00 g 4-Bromo-β-phenylethylamine **2a** (5.0 mmol) was reacted with 1.49 g (10.0 mmol) 1-hydroxymethylbenzotriazole **1** in 20 mL EtOH. Product **3a** was obtained as very fine, white crystals (2.12 g, 92%). Mp. 143–145°C (EtOH); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.10 (d, 2H, 9 Hz), 7.51–7.40 (m, 6H), 7.22 (d, 2H, 7 Hz), 6.82 (d, 2H, 7 Hz), 5.63 (s, 4H, NCH₂N), 3.12 (t, 2H, 6 Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.77 (t, 2H, 6 Hz, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 146.2, 137.8, 133.2, 131.6, 130.3, 128.1, 124.4, 120.2, 109.7, 64.4 (NCH₂N), 51.5 (NCH₂CH₂), 33.1 (NCH₂CH₂); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (nm/dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹) 284 (1320), 256 (2880), 210 (7740); v_{max} (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 1330, 1275, 1225, 1200, 1145, 1060, 1010, 975, 750, 525; Anal. calc. for C₂₂H₂₀BrN₇: C 57.2; H 4.4; N 21.2; Found: C 57.4, H 4.1, N 21.3%.

N,*N*-*Bis*(*benzotriazol*-1-*ylmethyl*)-4-*fluoro-β*-*phenylethylamine* **3b**. Product **3b** (2.56 g, 89%) was obtained from the reaction between 4-fluoro-β-phenylethylamine **2b** (1.00 g, 7.2 mmol) and 1-hydroxymethylbenzotriazole **1** (2.14 g, 14.4 mmol) as very fine white powder. Mp. 117–118°C (EtOH); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.11 (d, 2H, 8 Hz), 7.53–7.41 (m, 6H), 6.97–6.77 (m, 4H), 5.64 (s, 4H, NCH₂N), 3.13 (t, 2H, 7 Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.79 (t, 2H, 7 Hz, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 161.7 (239 Hz), 146.3, 134.4, 133.2, 130.1 (8 Hz), 128.1, 124.4, 120.2, 115.3 (16 Hz), 109.8, 64.4 (NCH₂N), 52.0 (NCH₂CH₂), 33.0 (NCH₂CH₂); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (nm/dm³mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹) 272 (11200), 259 (13920), 210 (19040); v_{max} (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 1505, 1225, 1200, 1150, 1140, 1075, 990, 840,



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745, 660, 580, 560, 510; Anal. calc. for $C_{22}H_{20}FN_7$: C 65.8; H 5.0; N 24.4; Found: C 66.1, H 5.4, N 24.4%.

N,*N*-*Bis*(*benzotriazol*-1-*ylmethyl*)-2-*fluoro-β*-*phenylethylamine* **3c**. The reaction between 2-fluoro-β-phenylethylamine **2c** (1.00 g, 7.2 mmol) and 1-hydroxymethylbenzotriazole **1** (2.14 g, 14.4 mmol) yielded product **3c** (2.82 g, 98%) as fine white crystals. Mp. 116–117°C (EtOH); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.10 (d, 2H, 8 Hz), 757–7.36 (m, 6H), 7.11–6.85 (m, 4H), 5.66 (s, 4H, NCH₂N), 3.18 (t, 2H, 6 Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.90 (t, 2H, 6 Hz, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 161.3 (245 Hz), 146.2, 133.3, 130.9 (4 Hz), 128.3, 128.0, 125.6 (15 Hz), 124.3, 120.1, 115.2 (19 Hz), 109.8, 64.3 (NCH₂N), 50.6 (NCH₂CH₂), 27.2 (ArCH₂); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (nm/dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹) 280 (9760), 258 (15360), 212 (20000); $v_{\rm max}$ (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 1275, 1225, 1175, 1155, 1130, 1075, 1025, 970, 825, 755, 745, 670; Anal. calc. for C₂₂H₂₀FN₇: C 65.8; H 5.0; N 24.4; Found: C 66.1, H 5.3, N 24.5%.

Preparation of *N*-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinolines. General Method

The *N*,*N*-*Bis*(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-β-phenylethylamines **3a–e** (1.0 equiv.) were slowly added to conc. H_2SO_4 (45.0 equiv.) at 4°C with stirring. After 2 h, the mixture was slowly brought to RT and stirred for another 2 h. The stronger deactivated compound **3f** required more vigorous conditions and was heated at approx. 80°C for 30 h. The solution was then in all cases quenched with crushed ice, its pH adjusted to 12 with NaOH 10 M and exhaustively extracted with DCM. The combined organic extracts were washed with NaOH 2 M, dried with anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The corresponding *N*-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines **4a–f** crystallised from an oily solution and were recrystallised from EtOH. The identity of compounds **4d** and **4e** was confirmed by comparison with the literature¹⁵ (Mp., ¹H and ¹³C NMR data). Compound **4g** was obtained from the reaction between 1-hydroxymethylbenzotriazole **1** and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroiso-quinoline.²⁰ An alternative preparation uses compound **3g** and AlCl₃.¹⁵

N-*Benzotriazol*-1-*ylmethyl*-7-*bromo*-1,2,3,4-*tetrahydroisoquinoline* **4a**. *N*,*N*-*Bis*(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-4-bromo-β-phenylethylamine **3a** (0.50 g, 1.1 mmol) was reacted in conc. H₂SO₄ (2.8 mL, 50.4 mmol) to yield product **4a** (0.31 g, 82%) as white crystals. Mp. 145–146°C (EtOH); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.09 (d, 1H, 8Hz), 7.69 (d, 1H, 8Hz), 7.53 (t, 1H, 7Hz), 7.40 (t, 1H, 7Hz), 7.24–7.16 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, 1H, 6Hz), 5.63 (s, 2H, NCH₂N), 3.83 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 2.95 (t, 2H, 4Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.87 (t, 2H, 4Hz, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 135.9, 134.0, 132.7, 130.5, 129.5, 127.9, 126.7, 124.2, 120.2, 119.4, 118.4, 109.9, 68.8 (NCH₂N), 51.9 (NCH₂CH₂), 48.1 (ArCH₂N), 28.5 (NCH₂CH₂); $\lambda_{\rm max}$

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 $(nm/dm^3 mol^{-1} cm^{-1})$ 273 (3010), 259 (3460), 212 (9110); v_{max} (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 1330, 1205, 1150, 1080, 1050, 960, 940, 820, 750, 725; Anal. calc. for C₁₆H₁₅BrN₄: C 56.0; H 4.4; N 16.3; Found: C 56.3, H 4.5, N 16.4%.

N-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-7-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline 4b. Product 4b (0.59 g, 83%) was obtained from the reaction of N,N-bis(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-4-fluoro- β -phenylethylamine **3b** (1.00 g, 2.5 mmol) in conc. H₂SO₄ (6.4 mL, 115.2 mmol) as white crystals. Mp. 147-148°C (EtOH); δ_H 8.09 (d, 1H, 9 Hz), 7.70 (d, 1H, 8 Hz), 7.53 (t, 1H, 7 Hz), 7.39 (t, 1H, 7 Hz), 7.02 (t, 1H, 7 Hz), 6.85–6.68 (m, 2H), 5.64 (s, 2H, NCH₂N), 3.84 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 2.96 (t, 2H, 5Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.87 (t, 2H, 5 Hz, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 161.2 (239 Hz), 146.1, 135.6 (4 Hz), 134.0, 130.3 (4 Hz), 127.8, 126.7, 124.1, 120.2, 118.4, 113.3 (22 Hz/33 Hz), 109.9, 68.8 (NCH₂N), 52.2 (NCH₂CH₂), 48.4 (ArCH₂N), 28.3 (NCH₂CH₂); λ_{max} $(nm/dm^{3} mol^{-1} cm^{-1})$ 276 (3410), 260 (3720), 211 (6730); v_{max} (cm⁻¹) Nujol) 1315, 1250, 1225, 1150, 1085, 1050, 975, 950, 870, 750, 725, 620, 575; Anal. calc. for C₁₆H₁₅FN₄: C 68.1; H 5.4; N 19.9; Found: C 68.5, H 5.4, N 20.1%.

N-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-5-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline 4c N, N-Bis(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-2-fluoro- β -phenylethylamine 3c (1.00 g, 2.5 mmol) was reacted in conc. H₂SO₄ (6.4 mL, 115.2 mmol). After alkaline work-up, compound 4c (0.49 g, 69%) was obtained as white crystals. Mp. 134–135°C (EtOH); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.09 (d, 1H, 9Hz), 7.70 (d, 1H, 9Hz), 7.53 (t, 1H, 7 Hz), 7.40 (t, 1H, 7 Hz), 7.07 (q, 1H, 7 Hz/15 Hz), 6.82 (t, 2H, 9 Hz), 5.65 (s, 2H, NCH₂N), 3.86 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 2.97 (t, 2H, 4Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.89 (t, 2H, 4Hz, NCH₂CH₂); δ_C 161.6 (245 Hz), 146.1, 136.4 (4Hz), 134.0, 127.8, 127.0 (11 Hz), 124.2, 122.0, 120.2, 118.4, 112.7 (12 Hz), 110.0, 69.0 (NCH₂N), 51.9 (NCH₂CH₂), 47.7 (ArCH₂N), 22.5 (NCH₂CH₂); λ_{max} $(nm/dm^3 mol^{-1} cm^{-1})$ 270 (4060), 259 (5070), 212 (7630); v_{max} (cm⁻ Nujol) 1345, 1250, 1205, 1180, 1150, 1010, 955, 795, 780, 525, 500; Anal. calc. for C₁₆H₁₅FN₄: C 68.1; H 5.4; N 19.9; Found: C 67.8, H 5.5, N 19.5%.

N-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-7-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **4d**. The reaction of N, N-bis (benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-4-chloro- β -phenylethylamine 3d (5.00 g, 12.0 mmol) in conc. H₂SO₄ (30.0 mL, 540.0 mmol) yielded compound **3d** (2.96 g, 83%) as white needles.

N-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-5-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **4e**. Product 4e (1.56 g, 73%) was obtained as white needles after alkaline work-up from the reaction of N,N-bis(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-2-chloro- β -phenylethylamine **3e** (3.00 g, 7.2 mmol) in conc. H₂SO₄ (18.0 mL, 324.0 mmol).

N-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-5,7-dichloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline N,*N*-*Bis*(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-2,4-dichloro-β-phenylethylamine **4f**. -3f (5.00 g, 11.1 mmol) was reacted in conc. H₂SO₄ (31.0 mL, 558.0 mmol).

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Product **4f** (3.18 g, 86%) crystallised from the oily solution upon contact with EtOAc and was recrystallised from EtOH to yield fine white crystals. Mp. 149–150°C (EtOH); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.10 (d, 1H, 9 Hz), 7.68 (d, 1H, 8 Hz), 7.54 (t, 1H, 7 Hz), 7.40 (t, 1H, 7 Hz), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 5.63 (s, 2H, NCH₂N), 3.80 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 2.98 (t, 2H, 4 Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.85 (t, 2H, 4 Hz, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 146.1, 137.3, 135.1, 133.9, 131.9, 130.6, 127.9, 127.1, 125.2, 124.2, 120.2, 109.8, 68.5 (NCH₂N), 52.0 (NCH₂CH₂), 47.9 (ArCH₂N), 26.8 (NCH₂CH₂); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (nm/dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹) 274 (1790), 254 (2230), 210 (7840); $v_{\rm max}$ (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 1560, 1205, 1175, 1160, 1145, 1095, 1050, 970, 870, 830, 750, 620, 570; Anal. calc. for C₁₆H₁₄Cl₁₂N₄: C 57.7; H 4.2; N 16.8; Found: C 57.7, H 4.4, N 16.7%.

Preparation of *N*-(2'-Pyrrolylmethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines. General Method

The respective *N*-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines (1 equiv.) were dissolved in DCM (20 mL). Anhydrous $AlCl_3$ (4 equiv.) and pyrrole (1 equiv.) were added. The mixture was stirred at RT for 5 h with a drying tube (anhydrous $CaCl_2$) attached, then poured onto crushed ice and brought to pH 12 with NaOH 2 M. The layers were separated and the aqueous solution exhaustively extracted with DCM. The combined organic extracts were washed with NaOH 2 M, dried with anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The products crystallised slowly from an oily solution and were recrystallised.

N-(2'-*Pyrrolylmethyl*)-7-*fluoro*-1,2,3,4-*tetrahydroisoquinoline* **5b**. The reaction between *N*-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-7-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **4b** (0.50 g, 1.8 mmol), anhydrous AlCl₃ (0.95 g, 7.1 mmol) and pyrrole (0.12 g, 1.8 mmol) yielded product **5b** (0.39 g, 95%) as colourless crystals. Mp. 100–102°C (EtOAc : hexane 1:9); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.77 (broad s, 1H, NH), 7.09–7.02 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, 1H, 8 Hz), 6.72–6.66 (m, 2H), 6.14 (t, 1H, 5 Hz), 6.10 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 2H, NCH₂), 3.57 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 2.83 (t, 2H, 5 Hz, NCH₂CH₂); 2.74 (t, 2H, 5 Hz, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 161.2 (245 Hz), 136.5 (11 Hz), 130.2 (11 Hz), 129.8, 128.3, 117.9, 113.5 (21 Hz), 112.8, 107.9, 107.8, 55.7 (NCH₂), 54.9 (ArCH₂N), 50.4 (NCH₂CH₂), 28.1 (NCH₂CH₂); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (nm/dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹) 276 (1590), 270 (1560), 223 (6550); v_{max} (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 3480, 3210, 1255, 1130, 1075, 1025, 950, 875, 725, 605, 575; Anal. calc. for C₁₄H₁₅FN₂: C 73.0; H 6.6; N 12.2; Found: C 73.4, H 7.3, N 12.2%.

N-(2'-Pyrrolylmethyl)-5-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline 5c. Compound 5c (0.24 g, 86%) was obtained from the reaction between N-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-5-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline4c (0.35 g,

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1.2 mmol), anhydrous AlCl₃ (0.66 g, 5.0 mmol) and pyrrole (0.08 g, 1.2 mmol), crystallising as colourless prisms from a brown oily solution. Mp. 86–89°C (Et₂O: hexane 1:2); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.62 (broad s, 1H, NH), 7.09 (q, 1H, 7Hz, 14 Hz), 6.90–6.76 (m, 3H), 6.15 (t, 1H, 2 Hz), 6.10 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H, NCH₂), 3.60 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 2.83 (t, 2H, 5 Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.76 (t, 2H, 5 Hz, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 161.1 (245 Hz), 137.3 (9 Hz), 128.3, 126.9 (11 Hz), 122.1, 121.8, 117.9, 112.6 (21 Hz), 108.0, 107.8, 55.3 (NCH₂), 55.0 (ArCH₂N), 49.7 (NCH₂CH₂), 22.4 (NCH₂CH₂); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (nm/dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹) 276 (2230), 270 (2180), 225 (7100); v_{max} (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 3180, 1250, 1230, 1110, 1070, 1005, 910, 775, 725; Anal. calc. for C₁₄H₁₅FN₂: C 73.0; H 6.6; N 12.2; Found: C 73.0, H 6.9, N 12.1%.

N-(2'-*Pyrrolylmethyl*)-1,2,3,4-*tetrahydroisoquinoline* **5g**. *N*-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **4g** (0.50 g, 1.9 mmol), anhydrous AlCl₃ (1.00 g, 7.5 mmol) and pyrrole (0.13 g, 1.9 mmol) were reacted at RT for 5 h. Compound **5g** (0.39 g, 98%) was obtained from the reaction as white crystals. Mp. 88–89°C (hexane); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.75 (broad s, 1H, NH), 7.13– 7.04 (m, 3H), 7.00–6.97 (m, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.13 (t, 1H, 2 Hz), 6.09 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 2H, NCH₂), 3.60 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 2.90 (t, 2H, 5 Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.74 (t, 2H, 5 Hz, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 134.7, 134.3, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 126.4, 125.8, 117.7, 107.9, 107.6, 55.9 (NCH₂), 55.1 (ArCH₂N), 50.5 (NCH₂CH₂), 28.9 (NCH₂CH₂); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (nm/dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹) 273 (550), 266 (590), 220 (11100); $v_{\rm max}$ (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 3180, 1330, 1235, 1125, 1075, 1025, 745, 710, 610; Anal. calc. for C₁₄H₁₆N₂: C 79.2; H 7.6; N 13.2; Found: C 78.9, H 7.5, N 13.0%.

Preparation of *N*-(2',4'-Dimethoxybenzyl)-1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinolines and *N*-(2'-Hydroxy-1'-naphthylmethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines. General Method

The respective *N*-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines (1 equiv.) were dissolved in CHCl₃ (30 mL). Anhydrous AlCl₃ (4 equiv.) and 1,3-dimethoxybenzene or 2-hydroxynaphthalene (1 equiv.) were added. The mixture was refluxed for 24 h, then quenched with crushed ice and brought to pH 12 with NaOH 2 M. The layers were separated and the aqueous solution exhaustively extracted with DCM. The combined organic extracts were washed with NaOH 2 M, dried with anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure.

N-(2',4'-Dimethoxybenzyl)-7-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **6d**. The reaction between N-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-7-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **4d** (0.50 g, 1.7 mmol), anhydrous AlCl₃ (0.89 g, 6.7 mmol) and 1,3-dimethoxybenzene (0.23 g, 1.7 mmol) yielded product **6d** (0.50 g,

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93%) as slightly yellow oil, which crystallised upon triturating with ether and cooling. Due to a presumably low melting point, the solid could not be isolated at RT and was converted into the corresponding picrate. Mp. (picrate) 126–129°C (EtOH); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.28 (d, 1H, 8 Hz), 7.05–6.99 (m, 3H), 6.50–6.46 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 3.67 (s, 2H, NCH₂), 3.63 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 2.83 (t, 2H, 4 Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.78 (t, 2H, 4 Hz, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 160.3, 159.1, 137.0, 133.0, 131.5, 131.1, 130.1, 126.6, 126.3, 118.2, 104.1, 98.5, 55.4 and 55.2 and 55.1 (OCH₃ and ArCH₂N and NCH₂), 50.1 (NCH₂CH₂), 28.3 (NCH₂CH₂); m/z (%) 317 (M⁺, 13), 179 (20), 166 (12), 152 (14), 151 (100), 121 (29), 91 (16), 77 (16); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (nm/dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹) 280 (3110), 224 (9590); $v_{\rm max}$ (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 1620, 1505, 1295, 1205, 1160, 1040, 940, 840, 800; Anal. calc. for C₂₄H₂₃ClN₄O₉: C 52.7; H 4.2; N 10.2; Found: C 53.1, H 4.5, N 10.2%.

N-(2',4'-*Dimethoxybenzyl*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **6**g. *N*-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **4g** (0.50 g, 1.9 mmol), anhydrous AlCl₃ (1.00 g, 7.5 mmol) and 1,3-dimethoxybenzene (0.26 g, 1.9 mmol) were refluxed for 24 h in CHCl₃. Product **6g** (0.52 g, 96%) was obtained as colourless oil, which crystallised upon contact with either at 4°C. Since the solid could not be isolated at RT, the corresponding picrate was obtained. Mp. (picrate) 133-135°C (EtOH); δ_H 7.31 (d, 1H, 9Hz), 7.09 (d, 3H, 2Hz), 7.01–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.15–6.45 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 3.67 (s, 4H, ArCH₂ and ArCH₂N), 2.89 (t, 2H, 5Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.77 (t, 2H, 4Hz, NCH₂CH₂); δ_{C} 160.2, 159.1, 135.4, 134.6, 131.4, 128.8, 126.8, 126.1, 125.6, 118.8, 104.0, 98.5, 55.9 (OCH₃), 55.4 (NCH₂ and ArCH₂N), 50.4 (NCH₂CH₂), 29.0 (NCH₂CH₂); m/z (%) 283 (M⁺, 14), 207 (21), 151 (100), 145 (28), 132 (20), 121 (33), 91 (23), 77 (21); λ_{max} $(nm/dm^3 mol^{-1} cm^{-1})$ 278 (600), 207 (4730); v_{max} (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 1620, 1500, 1295, 1215, 1155, 1050, 745, 670; Anal. calc. for C₂₄H₂₄N₄O₉: C 56.3; H 4.7; N 10.9; Found: C 55.9, H 4.6, N 10.7%.

N-(2'-*Hydroxy*-1'-*naphthylmethyl*)-7-*bromo*-1,2,3,4-*tetrahydroisoquinoline* **7a**. The reaction between *N*-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-7-bromo-1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinoline **4a** (0.70 g, 2.0 mmol), anhydrous AlCl₃ (1.09 g, 8.2 mmol) and 2-hydroxynaphthalene (0.29 g, 2.0 mmol) yielded compound **7a** (0.69 g, 93%) as creamy white crystals. Mp. 127–128°C (EtOH); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.87–7.70 (m, 3H), 7.47 (t, 1H, 6 Hz), 7.35–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.00 (m, 3H), 4.33 (s, 2H, NCH₂), 3.82 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 2.94 (bs, 4H, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 156.7, 135.6, 132.8, 132.6, 130.5, 129.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.7, 126.6, 122.7, 121.1, 119.7, 119.3, 110.7, 55.8 (NCH₂), 54.9 (ArCH₂N), 49.9 (NCH₂CH₂), 28.0 (NCH₂CH₂); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (mm/dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹) 335 (1910), 290 (2790), 279 (3750), 230 (11770); $v_{\rm max}$ (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 3400, 1625, 1315, 1270, 1245, 1225, 1160, 1100, 950, 895, 820, 750, 670; Anal. calc. for C₂₀H₁₈BrNO: C 65.2; H 4.9; N 3.8; Found: C 65.5, H 5.1, N 3.6%.



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N-(2'-*Hydroxy*-1'-*naphthylmethyl*)-5-*chloro*-1,2,3,4-*tetrahydroisoquinoline* **7e**. *N*-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-5-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **4e** (0.60 g, 2.0 mmol), anhydrous AlCl₃ (1.07 g, 8.0 mmol) and 2-hydroxynaphthalene (0.29 g, 2.0 mmol) were refluxed in CHCl₃ for 24 h. After alkaline work-up, compound **7e** (0.63 g, 97%) was obtained as white crystals. Mp. 130–132°C (EtOH : EtOAc 1:1); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.88–7.70 (m, 3H), 7.47 (t, 1H, 9 Hz), 7.31 (t, 1H, 8 Hz), 7.26 (d, 1H, 3 Hz), 7.15–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, 1H, 8 Hz), 4.34 (s, 2H, NCH₂), 3.84 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 3.00 (bs, 4H, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 156.7, 135.6, 134.5, 132.8, 131.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 127.6, 127.1, 126.6, 125.2, 122.7, 121.1, 119.4, 110.7, 55.7 (NCH₂), 55.3 (ArCH₂N), 50.0 (NCH₂CH₂), 26.8 (NCH₂CH₂); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (nm/dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹)) 335 (1390), 290 (2130), 279 (2770), 269 (2420), 233 (10230); $v_{\rm max}$ (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 3400, 1625, 1425, 1325, 1275, 1270, 1240, 1130, 820, 775, 750, 705; Anal. calc. for C₂₀H₁₈CINO: C 74.2; H 5.6; N 4.3; Found: C 73.8, H 5.6, N 4.0%.

N-(2'-*Hydroxy*-1'-*naphthylmethyl*)-1,2,3,4-*tetrahydroisoquinoline* **7g**. The reaction between *N*-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **4g** (0.50 g, 1.9 mmol), anhydrous AlCl₃ (1.01 g, 7.6 mmol) and 2-hydroxynaphthalene (0.27 g, 1.9 mmol) yielded compound **7g** (0.47 g, 85%) as white solid. Mp. 154–156°C (EtOH); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.88–7.68 (m, 3H), 7.46 (t, 1H, 8 Hz), 7.30 (t, 1H, 8 Hz), 7.17–6.99 (m, 5H), 4.32 (s, 2H, NCH₂), 3.86 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 2.97 (bs, 4H, NCH₂CH₂); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 156.8, 133.6, 133.4, 132.9, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 126.8, 126.5, 126.1, 122.6, 121.1, 119.4, 110.9, 56.0 (NCH₂), 55.4 (ArCH₂N), 50.2 (NCH₂CH₂), 28.5 (NCH₂CH₂); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (nm/dm³mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹) 335 (750), 290 (1300), 279 (1680), 268 (1620), 230 (8760); $v_{\rm max}$ (cm⁻¹, Nujol) 3400, 1625, 1580, 1525, 1270, 1245, 1160, 1080, 975, 925, 750, 735, 535; Anal. calc. for C₂₀H₁₉NO: C 83.0; H 6.6; N 4.8; Found: C 83.4, H 6.4, N 4.6%.

Preparation of *N*-Methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines. General Method

The respective *N*-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (1 equiv.) was slowly added to NaBH₄ (2.5 equiv.) dissolved in MeOH (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at RT for 7h with a drying tube (anhydrous CaCl₂) attached. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was partitioned between NaOH 2 M (10 mL) and DCM (10 mL). The aqueous solution was extracted with DCM (3×10 mL) and the combined organic extracts washed with NaOH 2 M (30 mL). The organic solution was dried with anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to yield the corresponding

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N-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline as oil. The preparation of compound 8g was already described elsewhere.¹⁵

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5,7-*Dichloro-N-methyl*-1,2,3,4-*tetrahydroisoquinoline* **8f**. *N*-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl-5,7-dichloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **4f** (0.10 g, 0.3 mmol) was reduced with NaBH₄ (0.03 g, 0.8 mmol) to yield compound **8f** (0.05 g, 83%) as pale yellow oil. Mp. (picrate) 133–135°C (EtOH); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.22 (s, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 3.51 (s, 2H, ArCH₂N), 2.84 (t, 2H, 6 Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.69 (t, 2H, 6 Hz, NCH₂CH₂), 2.45 (s, 3H, NCH₃); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 138.4, 135.0, 131.6, 130.9, 126.9, 125.0, 57.5 (ArCH₂N), 52.3 (NCH₂CH₂), 45.6 (NCH₃), 26.9 (NCH₂CH₂); *m/z* (%) 215 (M⁺, 35), 214 (100), 180 (22), 174 (19), 172 (30), 137 (32), 102 (31); Anal. calc. for C₁₆H₁₄Cl₂N₄O₇: C 43.2; H 3.2; N 12.6; Found: C 42.8, H 3.3, N 12.3%.

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