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A CONVENIENT ONE-POT SYNTHESIS OF CYCLOHEXENIC PRIMARY AMINES

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Abstract: The reaction between Grignard reagents prepared from allylic or propargylic halides and the N-phenylsulfenimine derived from the heptane-2,6-dione affords primary 1-alkenyl (or alkynyl)-3-methylcyclohex-2-enamines in good yields.

The synthesis of tertiary carbinamines $(R)(R^1)(R^2)C$ -NH₂ may be obtained by use of organometallics and ketimines having a protective group Y on the imine function:

$$R^{1} \longrightarrow N-Y + RM \longrightarrow R^{1} \longrightarrow R^{1}$$

Among the varied protective groups ,^{1,2} the phenylsulfenyl group seems very useful, at first because the transformation of a ketone in a N-phenylsulfenimine is easy ,^{3,4} then because some recent publications describe the preparation of tertiary carbinamines from such "masked" ketimines and allylmagnesium bromide,⁵ allylic organozinc derivatives ⁶ or alkyl(or phenyl)lithium reagents.^{7,8}

Numerous applications of this reaction may be developed and, specially, this

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pathway would must be able to be extended to the preparation of primary diamines from diketones R-CO-(CH₂)_n-CO-R.

In this work, we describe the particular behaviour of the diketone CH₃-CO-(CH₂)₃-CO-CH₃ *I* which leads only to a cyclohexenic N-phenyl-sulfenimine 2; then, we show that the reaction between 2 and Grignard reagents derived from allylic or propargylic halides is a very convenient method to prepare cyclohexenic primary amines 3.

Preparation in situ of the N-phenylsulfenimine 2

When the diketone *I* is treated by 2.2 equivalents of N,N-bis(trimethyl-silyl)phenylsulfenamide in the presence of tetrabutylammonium fluoride catalyst, according to,^{3,4} it appears that only the monosulfenimine *2* is formed:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
O & C_6H_5S-N(SiMe_3)_2 \\
\hline
& 2.2 \text{ eq.} \\
\hline
& (n-C_4H_9)_4N \text{ F} \\
0.01 \text{ eq./THF} \\
& 20^{\circ}\text{C, 2h} \\
\end{array}$$

This fact may be explained by the previous transformation in the medium, catalysed by ions F-, of the diketone *I* in the cyclohexenic ketone resulting from intramolecular aldolisation reaction, followed by a crotonisation reaction:

Such a transformation of the heptane-2,6-dione has been already observed, in the presence of a little quantity of alkali 9-11 and in its reaction with hydrazine. 12,13

Reaction of Grignard reagents with N-phenylsulfenimine 2 prepared in situ:

$$\begin{bmatrix}
N \sim SC_6H_5 \\
2
\end{bmatrix}
\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c}
1) \text{ RMgX, 3eq.,} \\
0^{\circ}C \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C, 15h \\
2) \text{ HCl 3M, 20°C, 2h} \\
3) \text{ NaOH 5M}
\end{bmatrix}
\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c}
NH_2 \\
R
\end{array}}$$

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Organomagnesium derivative/ solvent	Product		Yield* (%)
MgBr / THF	NH ₂	3a	63
MgBr / THF	NH ₂	3 <i>b</i>	55
MgBr / THF	NH ₂	3c	64
MgCl / THF	NH ₂	3 <i>d</i>	57
MgBr / (C ₂ H ₅) ₂ O	NH ₂	3e	56
MgBr / (C ₂ H ₅) ₂ O	NH ₂	<i>3f</i>	40**
MgBr /(C ₂ H ₅) ₂ O	NH ₂	3g	25**

^{*} Isolated yield.

The results (*Table*) show that the reaction with organomagnesium reagents prepared from allylic or propargylic halides leads only to primary cyclohexenic amines 3. The yields are good (55-64%) in the allylic series and we observe the allylic rearrangement with crotyl- and prenylmagnesium halides.

With Grignard reagents prepared from propargylic halides, the yields are lower, but we must note that the primary cyclohexenic amines possess a substituent with a propargylic structure only.

^{**} In these cases, a large quantity of 3-methylcyclohex-2-enone is recovered.

<u>Remark</u>: We have studied also the preparation of N-phenylsulfenimines derived from diketones CH_3 -CO- $(CH_2)_n$ -CO- CH_3 (n = 2, 4; n = 4, 5), then their reactivity towards Grignard reagents.

The diketone 4 leads to a normal bis-N-phenylsulfenimine, since we have obtained with allylmagnesium bromide only the primary diamine:

$$NH_2$$
 NH_2 $6a$, yield = 63%

In our experimental conditions, aldolisation-crotonisation in situ of the diketone does not produce; such a reaction is possible 14-18 but requests very drastic conditions.

The diketone 5 leads to more complex results. Then, by reaction with an excess of allylmagnesium bromide after formation in situ of N-phenylsulfenimine derivatives, we have obtained the mixture of three aminated products (yield = 70%):

The formation of 8a and 9a may be explained by a limited aldolisation, ¹⁹ followed (or not) by a crotonisation of the diketone 5, before its transformation into a sulfenimine. Isolated 8a may be deshydrated according to ²⁰ producing 9a with a good yield (75%).

EXPERIMENTAL

IR spectra were recorded on a IR 4240 Beckman spectrometer ; ν frequencies are given in cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a

JNM JEOL EX 90 spectrometer, at 89.5MHz and 22.5MHz respectively, in CDCl₃ using TMS (1 H, δ = 0.00 ppm) or CDCl₃ (13 C, δ = 77.0 ppm) as internal standards; chemical shifts are given in δ units. Mass spectra (MS, m/z, rel.%) were obtained on a Fisons Trio 1000 spectrometer (GC/MS, IC+, CH₄) at 70eV.

Preparation of diketones 1, 4 and 5

prepared according to ;
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 Eb. 60-62°C/0.5 torr, yield = 70%. Litt. 21 : 96-97°C/11 torr.

Mp. 40°C; Litt. 24: 41°C.

IR: 1730F (C=O).

¹H NMR : 2.45 (t, 4H, CH₂CO, ^{3}J 6.5Hz) ; 2.13 (s, 6H, CH₃) ; 1.56 (t, 4H, CH₂,

 ^{3}J 6.5Hz).

 $^{13}\text{C NMR}$: 208.1 (CO) ; 43.0 (<u>C</u>H₂CO) ; 29.5 (CH₃) ; 22.9 (CH₂).

Preparation of allylic Grignard reagents

The allyl-, methallyl- and crotylmagnesium bromides were prepared at 0-5°C in THF medium and the 3-methylbut-2-enylmagnesium chloride was formed also in THF at -15°C.²⁵

Preparation of Grignard reagents from propargylic bromides

They were prepared at 18-20°C in ether medium according to. ^{26,27} General procedure

A solution 1M in THF of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (2mL) was added

slowly at room temperature to a solution of diketone (0.02mol) and of N,N-bis(trimethylsilyl)phenylsulfenamide (0.044mol, 11.8g) in THF (43mL). During the addition, the temperature of the medium was increased until 40-45°C. The reaction mixture was then maintained under stirring at room temperature for 2h. After cooling at 0°C, the Grignard reagent prepared from 0.1mol of allylic or propargylic halide was added slowly. The mixture was stirred for 15h at room temperature and then treated with saturated ammonium chloride solution (100mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ether (4 x 60mL). The combined organic extracts were treated under stirring for 2h with a solution of 3M hydrochloric acid. The aqueous layer was then cooled at 0°C and treated by 5M sodium hydroxide solution until pH = 10. After extraction with ether (4 x 60mL), drying of the organic phase (MgSO₄) and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the primary amine was bulb to bulb distilled.

Products from 1

NH₂

3-methyl-1-(prop-2-enyl)cyclohex-2-enamine 3a

IR: 3360w, 3280w, 1590br w (NH₂); 3080m, 1640m, 1000m, 915s (CH₂=CH); 1665w (C=CH).

¹H NMR: 6.10-5.55 (m, 1H, CH=CH₂); 5.22 (app. s, 1H, C=CH); 5.20-4.85 (m, 2H, CH₂=); 2.14 (d, 2H, CH₂C=, ${}^{3}J$ 7.3Hz); 2.00-1.40 (m, 6H, (CH₂)₃); 1.63 (app. s, 3H, CH₃); 1.42 (br s, 2H, NH₂).

¹³C NMR: 133.8 (C=, \underline{C} H=CH₂); 129.0 (\underline{C} H=C); 117.4 (CH₂=); 50.1 (C-N); 47.2 (\underline{C} H₂CH=); 35.9 (\underline{C} H₂C-N); 29.5 (\underline{C} H₂C=); 23.1 (CH₃); 18.9 (\underline{C} CH₂C).

MS: 192 $[(M+C_3H_5)^+, 0.5]$; 180 $[(M+C_2H_5)^+, 2]$; 152 $[(M+H)^+, 12]$; 150 $[(M+H)^+ - H_2, 14]$; 135 $[(M+H)^+ - NH_3, 100]$; 110 $[(M+H)^+ - C_3H_6, 56]$.

3-methyl-1-(2-methylprop-2-enyl)cyclohex-2-enamine *3b* **IR**: 3360w, 3280w, 1590br m (NH₂); 3080m, 1640m, 890s (C=CH₂); 1665w (sh) (C=CH).

¹H NMR: 5.14 (app. s, 1H, CH=); 4.77 and 4.65 (2 app. s, 2H, CH₂=); 2.05 (s, 2H, CH₂C=); 1.69 (app. s, 6H, CH₃); 1.54 (br s, 2H, NH₂); 1.90-1.20 (m, 6H, (CH₂)₃).

¹³C NMR: 142.5 (\underline{C} =CH₂); 133.6 (C=); 129.9 (CH=); 114.4 (CH₂=); 50.8 (\underline{C} H₂C=CH₂); 50.7 (C-N); 36.5 (\underline{C} H₂C-N); 29.8 (\underline{C} H₂C=); 24.9 and 23.5 (CH₃); 19.4 (C \underline{C} H₂C).

MS: 194 $[(M+C_2H_5)^+, 1]$; 166 $[(M+H)^+, 4]$; 164 $[(M+H)^+ - H_2, 8]$; 149 $[(M+H)^+ - NH_3, 100]$; 110 $[(M+H)^+ - C_4H_8, 49]$.

NH₂

3-methyl-1-(1-methylprop-2-enyl)cyclohex-2-enamine *3c* Two diastereoisomers : 50/50.

IR: 3360w, 3290w, 1600br w (NH₂); 3080m, 1640m, 1000m, 910s (CH₂=CH); 1665w (C=CH).

¹H NMR: 6.10-5.55 (m, 1H, CH=CH₂); 5.40-4.85 (m, 3H, CH₂=, C=CH); 2.35-1.30 (m, 7H, CHC-N, (CH₂)₃); 1.65 (app. s, 3H, CH₃C=); 1.26 (br s, 2H, NH₂); 1.01 and 0.96 (2d, 3H, CH₃, ${}^{3}J_{1}$ 6.9Hz, ${}^{3}J_{2}$ 6.9Hz).

MS: 206 [(M+C₃H₅)⁺, 0.4]; 194 [(M+C₂H₅)⁺, 1]; 166 [(M+H)⁺, 10]; 164 [(M+H)⁺- H₂, 9]; 149 [(M+H)⁺- NH₃, 100]; 110 [(M+H)⁺- C₄H₈, 33].

NH₂

3-methyl-1-(1,1-dimethylprop-2-enyl)cyclohex-2-enamine 3d

IR: 3370w, 3310w, 1600br w (NH₂); 3080m, 1640m, 1005m, 910s (CH₂=CH); 1665w (C=CH).

¹H NMR: 6.25 -5.85 (m, 1H, CH=CH₂); 5.39 (app. s 1H, C=CH); 5.15-4.80 (m, 2H, CH₂=); 1.95-1.25 (m, 6H, (CH₂)₃); 1.66 (app. s, 3H, CH₃C=); 1.19 (br s, 2H, NH₂); 1.01 (s, 6H, (CH₃)₂C).

¹³C NMR: 145.4 (<u>C</u>H=CH₂); 135.1 (C=); 126.1 (C=<u>C</u>H); 112.3 (CH₂=); 54.6 (C-N); 43.0 (<u>C</u>C=); 31.3 (<u>C</u>H₂C-N); 29.7 (<u>C</u>H₂C=); 23.9 (<u>C</u>H₃C=); 21.9 and 21.2 ((<u>C</u>H₃)₂C, diastereotopy); 19.3 (<u>C</u><u>C</u>H₂C).

MS: 220 [(M+C₃H₅)⁺, 0.7]; 208 [(M+C₂H₅)⁺, 2]; 180 [(M+H)⁺, 14]; 178 [(M+H)⁺-H₂, 11]; 163 [(M+H)⁺-NH₃, 100]; 110 [(M+H)⁺-C₅H₁₀, 70].

NH₂

3-methyl-1-(prop-2-ynyl)cyclohex-2-enamine 3e

IR: 3360w, 3240w (sh), 1590br m (NH₂); 3310s, 2130w, 635br s (HC \equiv C); 1670m (C \equiv CH).

¹H NMR : 5.33 (app. s, 1H, CH=) ; 2.27 (d, 2H, CH₂C=, ${}^{4}J$

2.5Hz) ; 2.05 (t, 1H, HC \equiv , 4J 2.5Hz) ; 2.00-1.40 (m, 6H, (CH₂)₃) ; 1.64 (app. s, 3H, CH₃) ; 1.56 (br s, 2H, NH₂).

¹³C NMR: 134.6 (C=); 127.6 (CH=); 80.6 (C=); 70.1 (HC=); 49.8 (C-N); 35.6 ($\underline{\text{CH}}_2\text{C-N}$); 32.7 ($\underline{\text{CH}}_2\text{C}$ =); 29.4 ($\underline{\text{CH}}_2\text{C}$ =); 23.0 (CH₃); 19.0 ($\underline{\text{C}}\underline{\text{C}}\underline{\text{H}}_2\text{C}$).

MS: 178 $[(M+C_2H_5)^+, 2]$; 150 $[(M+H)^+, 11]$; 148 $[(M+H)^+_- H_2, 19]$; 133 $[(M+H)^+_- NH_3, 100]$; 110 $[(M+H)^+_- C_3H_4, 90]$.

3-methyl-1-(1-methylprop-2-ynyl)cyclohex-2-enamine 3f After bulb to bulb distillation, the amine 3f was purified by preparative gas chromatography from the mixture of 3f and

recovered ketone.

Two diastereoisomers: 70/30.

IR: 3350m, 3220m (sh), 1585br m (NH₂); 3300s, 2110w, 630br s (HC≡C); 1670w (C=CH).

¹H NMR: 5.31 (app. s, 1H, CH=); 2.45 (qd, 1H, CHC=, ${}^{3}J$ 7.0Hz, ${}^{4}J$ 2.1Hz); 2.06 (d, 1H, HC=, ${}^{4}J$ 2.1Hz); 2.00-1.35 (m, 6H, (CH₂)₃); 1.66 (app. s, 3H, CH₃C=); 1.38 (br s, 2H, NH₂); 1.16 and 1.12 (2d, 3H, CH₃CH, ${}^{3}J_{1}$ 7.0Hz, ${}^{3}J_{2}$ 7.0Hz).

¹³C NMR: 135.6 and 135.5 (C=); 127.4 and 125.9 (HC=); 86.2 and 86.0 (C≡); 69.9 (HC≡); 52.1 (C-N); 37.4 and 36.7 ($\underline{\text{C}}$ HC≡); 34.1 and 31.6 ($\underline{\text{C}}$ H₂C-N); 29.7 and 29.6 ($\underline{\text{C}}$ H₂C=); 23.4 ($\underline{\text{C}}$ H₃C=); 19.0 and 18.6 ($\underline{\text{C}}$ CH₂C); 15.2 and 14.9 (CH₃).

MS: 204 [(M+C₃H₅)⁺, 0.8]; 192 [(M+C₂H₅)⁺, 2]; 164 [(M+H)⁺, 11]; 162 [(M+H)⁺ $_{-}$ H₂, 8]; 147 [(M+H)⁺ $_{-}$ NH₃, 100]; 110 [(M+H)⁺ $_{-}$ C₄H₆, 46].

NH₂

3-methyl-1-(1,1-dimethylprop-2-ynyl)cyclohex-2-enamine 3g

After bulb to bulb distillation, the amine 3g is obtained by preparative gas chromatography from the mixture of 3g and recovered ketone.

IR: 3350m, 3220m (sh), 1590br m (NH₂); 3300s, 2110w, 630br s (HC≡C); 1665m (C=CH).

¹H NMR: 5.53 (app. s, 1H, CH=); 2.14 (s, 1H, HC=); 2.00-1.35 (m, 11H, (CH₂)₃, CH₃C= and NH₂); 1.24 and 1.20 (2s, 6H, (CH₃)₂C, diastereotopy).

¹³C NMR: 136.0 (C=); 126.1 (CH=); 90.8 (C=); 69.5 (HC=); 55.0 (C-N); 39.9 ($\underline{C}C=$); 30.3 and 30.0 ($\underline{C}H_2C=$, $\underline{C}H_2C-N$); 24.7 ($\underline{C}H_3C=$); 23.9 and 23.8 (($\underline{C}H_3$)₂C, diastereotopy); 19.5 (C $\underline{C}H_2C$)

MS: 218 [(M+C₃H₅)⁺, 1]; 206 [(M+C₂H₅)⁺, 2]; 178 [(M+H)⁺, 15]; 176 [(M+H)⁺ – H₂, 12]; 161 [(M+H)⁺ – NH₃, 100]; 110 [(M+H)⁺ – C₅H₈, 85].

3-methylcyclohex-2-enone (recovered product)

Eb. $90-91^{\circ}$ C/17 torr; Litt.¹²: $48-50^{\circ}$ C/2.3 torr, Yield = 63%.

IR: 1670vs (C=O); 1630s (C=CH).

¹H NMR: 5.83 (app. s, 1H, CH=); 2.50-2.15 (m, 4H, CH₂C=, CH₂C=O); 2.15-1.75 (m, 2H, CH₂); 1.97 (app. s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR: 198.4 (C=O); 161.9 (C=); 125.8 (CH=); 36.3 ($\underline{C}H_2C=O$); 30.2 ($\underline{C}H_2C=$); 23.7 (CH₃); 21.9 (C $\underline{C}H_2C$).

MS: 151 [(M+C₃H₅)⁺, 6]; 139 [(M+C₂H₅)⁺, 10]; 111 [(M+H)⁺, 100]; 93 [(M+H)⁺ $_{-}$ H₂O, 1].

Product from 4

4,7-dimethyldeca-1,9-diene-4,7-diamine 6a

IR: 3350m, 3280m, 1595br m (NH₂); 3080m, 1640m, 1000m, 915s (CH₂=CH).

¹H NMR: 6.12-5.55 (m, 2H, CH=); 5.28-4.86 (m, 4H, CH₂=); 2.10 (d, 4H, CH₂C=, ${}^{3}J$ 7.3Hz); 1.51 and 1.37 (2 app. s, 8H, NH₂, CH₂); 1.04 (s, 6H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR: 133.8 (CH=); 117.5 (CH₂=); 50.6 (C-N); 46.7 (\mathbb{C} H₂C=); 35.8 (CH₂); 27.2 (CH₃).

MS: 237 [(M+C₃H₅)+, 2]; 197 [(M+H)+, 50]; 181 [(M+H)+ $_{-}$ CH₄, 12]; 180 [(M+H)+ $_{-}$ NH₃, 63]; 155 [(M+H)+ $_{-}$ C₃H₆, 96]; 138 [(M+H)+ $_{-}$ NH₃, $_{-}$ C₃H₆, 100]; 96 [(M+H)+ $_{-}$ NH₃, $_{-}$ 2 C₃H₆, 9].

Products from 5

The mixture of 7a, 8a and 9a is distilled on a Kugelrohr apparatus and three fractions were obtained:

- the first fraction gives mainly 9a and this amine was purified by chromatography on silica gel (40-63 μ m) by eluting with AcOEt/MeOH (90/10);
- the second fraction is merely constituted of 8a (purity > 95%);
- 7a is the major product of the third fraction and this diamine is purified by chromatography on silica gel (40-63 μ m) by eluting with MeOH.

3080m, 1640m, 1000m, 915s (CH₂=CH).

¹H NMR: 6.00-5.35 (m, 2H, CH₂); 5.25-4.55 (m, 4H, CH₂=); 1.96 (d, 4H, CH₂C=, ${}^{3}J$ 7.2Hz); 1.90-0.85 (m, 8H, (CH₂)₄); 1.20 (br s, 4H, NH₂); 0.91 (s, 6H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR : 134.3 (CH=) ; 117.7 (CH₂=) ; 51.1 (C-N) ; 47.1 (<u>C</u>H₂C=) ; 42.6 (<u>C</u>H₂C-N) ; 27.5 (CH₃) ; 24.3 (CH₂).

MS: 265 $[(M+C_3H_5)^+, 2]$; 253 $[(M+C_2H_5)^+, 1]$; 225 $[(M+H)^+, 27]$; 223 $[(M+H)^+ + H_2, 6]$; 209 $[(M+H)^+ + CH_4, 14]$; 208 $[(M+H)^+ + NH_3, 49]$; 183 $[(M+H)^+ + C_3H_6, 100]$.

2-(1-amino-1-methylbut-3-enyl)-1-methylcyclopentanol 8a.

Two diastereoisomers (13C NMR).

IR: 3440br m (OH); 3360m, 3280m, 1595br m (NH₂); 3080m, 1640m, 1000m, 915s (CH₂=CH).

¹H NMR: 6.05-5.40 (m, 1H, CH=); 5.25-4.70 (m, 2H, CH₂=); 2.40-1.90 (m, 4H, CH₂C=, CH, OH); 1.85-0.90 (m, 14H, (CH₂)₃, NH₂, CH₃).

¹³C **NMR**: 133.7 and 133.4 (CH=); 118.9 and 118.4 (CH₂=); 79.6 (C-OH); 57.9 and 55.3 (CH); 54.0 and 51.1 (C-N); 50.6 and 47.1 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2\text{C}\text{-N}$); 42.6 and 41.6 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2\text{C}\text{-O}$); 24.0, 23.8, 18.1 and 17.9 (CH₂CH₂); 27.6, 25.2, 25.0 and 23.6 (CH₃).

MS: $184 [(M+H)^+, 16]$; $182 [(M+H)^+ - H_2, 4]$; $168 [(M+H)^+ - CH_4, 10]$; $167 [(M+H)^+ - NH_3, 21]$; $166 [(M+H)^+ - H_2O, 67]$; $149 [(M+H)^+ - H_2O, -NH_3, 100]$; $142 [(M+H)^+ - C_3H_6, 33]$.

2-[1-(2-methylcyclopent-1-enyl)]pent-4-en-2-amine 9a.

IR: 3360m, 3280m, 1590br m (NH₂); 3080m, 1640m, 1000m, 915s (CH₂=CH).

¹H NMR: 6.05-5.35 (m, 1H, CH=); 5.25-4.70 (m, 2H, CH₂=); 2.65-1.90 (m, 6H, CH₂C=); 1.85-1.35 (m, 7H, CH₂, NH₂, CH₃C=); 1.24 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR: 138.9 and 131.7 (C=); 134.7 (CH=); 117.8 (CH₂=); 54.4 (C-N);

47.5 (= CCH_2C -N); 41.3 and 35.7 (CH_2C =); 28.8 (CH_3C -N); 21.4 (CH_2); 15.9 (= CCH_3).

MS: 194 [(M+C₂H₅)⁺, 1%]; 166 [(M+H)⁺, 16]; 164 [(M+H)⁺ $_{-}$ H₂, 35]; 150 [(M+H)⁺ $_{-}$ CH₄, 16]; 149 [(M+H)⁺ $_{-}$ NH₃, 100]; 124 [(M+H)⁺ $_{-}$ C₃H₆, 64].

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