BASE CATALYZED INTRAMOLECULAR CYCLOADDITION OF DIALKYL(4-HYDROXYBUTYN-2-YL)[3-(p-TOLYL)PROPYN-2-YL]AMMONIUM CHLORIDES AND INTRAMOLECULAR RECYCLIZATION OF THE PRODUCTS OBTAINED

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Dialkyl(4-hydroxybutyn-2-yl)[3-(p-tolyl)propyn-2-yl]ammonium chlorides undergo a diene synthesis type intramolecular cyclization in aqueous base medium to give 2,2-dialkyl-4-hydroxymethyl-6-methyl-benzo[f] isoindolinium chlorides. Under conditions of aqueous base fission intramolecular cyclization of the latter gives 4-dialkylaminomethyl-8-methyl-1,3-dihydronaphtho[1,2-c]furans.

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We have found that $CH_2C \equiv CCH_2OH$ groups can take part in intramolecular cyclization [1-5] and that the cyclization products can recyclize intramolecularly in conditions of aqueous base fission [2-6].

Opening of the ring occurs with intramolecular nucleophilic attack by an alkoxy anion formed in basic medium, the recyclization not involving ring expansion or contraction but the formation of a dihydrofuran ring in place of the pyrrole fragment. Based on this reaction we have developed an original synthetic route for amines with a hydrogenated furan ring pharmacophore [2-6]. It should be noted that only one example is known of a recyclization of a purely intramolecular nature, i.e. the thermal reaction of iminobenzylfurandiones to 4-allylpyrrole-2,3-diones [7].

Many examples have been reported in the literature of the recyclization of carbo- and, particularly, heterocyclic compounds, some of which are collected in review articles [8-12]. In all cases the action of various

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nucleophilic, electrophilic, or dipolar reagents leads to ring opening followed by a closure. The process is often accompanied by ring expansion or contraction with the introduction of a heteroatom into it or with exchange of an existing heteroatom for another.

In continuation of our study of the above reaction this report concerns alkylation of the amines **1a-f**, the dialkyl(4-hydroxybutyn-2-yl)[3-(p-tolyl)propyn-2-yl]ammonium chlorides **2a-f**, and a study of the recyclization of the synthesized 2,2-dialkyl-4-hydroxymethyl-6-methylbenzo[f]isoquinolinium salts **3a-f**. In addition to resolving preparative questions it was also interesting to determine the effect of a methyl substituent in the *para* position of the benzene ring on the cyclization of salt **2**.

It was found that cyclization of salts **2a-e** occurs in the presence of aqueous KOH at a molar ratio of salt **2** to KOH of about 1:1, i.e. more forcing conditions when compared with their $3-R^1$ -substituted analogs (R^1 = phenyl, *p*-chlorophenyl, alkenyl) in which this ratio was 5: 1 [1-4].



1–4 a R = Me, **b** R = Et, **c** R = Pr, **d** $R + R = (CH_2)_4$, **e** $R + R = (CH_2)_5$, **f** $R + R = (CH_2)_2O(CH_2)_2$; **3a–d**, **f** X = Cl, **e** X = Br

The lower reactivity of compounds 2a-e is in line with the scheme proposed before for the cyclization of their analogs (3, R^1 = phenyl, alkenyl), according to which the $CH_2C=CR^1$ takes part directly in the cyclization and base is the driving force for the process which includes electron transfer *via* a six-membered cyclic mechanism [13-15]. Evidently the methyl substituent in the *para* position of the benzene ring in salts **2a-f** unfavourably affects their cyclization because the shift of electrons caused by the positive inductive and hyperconjugative effects of a CH₃ group opposes the electron transfer in the six-membered cyclic mechanism.



Previously, a kinetic investigation of the cyclization of dimethyl(propargyl)[3-(*p*-tolyl)propyn-2-yl]ammonium bromide has also shown that the presence of a methyl group in the *para* position of the benzene ring decreases the reaction rate [16]. It should be noted that, in contrast to the ammonium, pyrrolidinium, and piperidinium salts discussed **2a-e**, the cyclization of the morpholinium substituted salt **2f** occurs with a vigorous exotherm, even with a molar ratio of salt **2f** to KOH of 5:1. The observed effect can be explained by the marked inductive effect of a morpholine fragment associated with the presence of the unshared electron pair of the oxygen atom. It was also found that only the salts **2e**,**f** gave the corresponding products **3e**,**f** in a crystallizable state while after cyclization of salt **2e** the reaction product was acidified with hydrobromic acid to give the hydrobromide salt **3e**. Salts **3a-d** could not be separated and characterized because of their hygroscopic properties and the salts form a glassy mass. All of the salts **3a-f** undergo recyclization without their separation from the reaction mixture following cyclization of compounds **2a-f**. The recyclizations were performed in the presence of an equimolar or two fold amount (in the case of salt **3f**) of KOH at 80-85°C and with an overall yield of 62-70% for amines **4b-f** while the yield of amine **4a** was only 32% due to strong tarring. It should be noted that the products **4a-f** are formed in 8-15% yield *via* the above reported cyclization of salts **2a-f** with a five fold excess of salt **2** with respect to KOH.

The composition and structure of the novel compounds 1c,d,f, 2a-f, 3e-f, 4a-f were confirmed from elemental analytical data and also from their IR spectra and NMR spectra of compounds 2e,f, 3e,f and 4a-f. Assignment of the signals in the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of salts 3e,f and amines 4a-f were carried out from their 2D COSY, NOESY, and HMQC spectra.

The IR spectra of salts **3a,f** show the absence of the absorption bands in the region 2220-2240 (disubstituted acetylene bond) and 810-840 cm⁻¹ (*para*-substituted benzene ring) which are characteristic of the salts **2a-f** but there are present bands at 820 and 870 cm⁻¹ for the 1,2,4- and *penta*-ubstituted benzene rings respectively. Salts **2, 3** show absorptions at 1040, 1080, and 3200-3500 (OH groups), 1580, 1600, and 3130-3150 cm⁻¹ (aromatic ring). The spectra of amines **4a-f** show absorption bands at 720-800 and 870 cm⁻¹ (1,2,4- and *penta*-substituted benzene rings respectively) as well as bands at 1010, 1050, 1060-1110 cm⁻¹ (ring C–O-C) and at 1500, 1580, 1600 and 3030-3040 cm⁻¹ (aromatic ring).

EXPERIMENTAL

IR spectra were recorded on a UR-20 spectrometer for KBr tablets or in vaseline oil. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury VX 300 instrument (300 and 75 MHz respectively) at 300 K for solutions in DMSO-d₆–CCl₄ (1:3) and were referred to the residual non-deuterated solvent signal.

The starting amines **1a,b,e** were synthesized *via* a Mannich reaction as reported in [17] and 4-chloro-2-butynol was obtained using a reported method [18].

Synthesis of the Starting Amines (1c,d,f) (General Method). A mixture of *p*-tolylacetylene (120 mmol), paraformaldehyde (118 mmol), the corresponding secondary amine (120 mmol), ferric chloride (0.6 g), copper diacetate (0.4 g), and dioxane (80 ml) was held for 62 h at 90-92°C, acidified with 20% aqueous HCl, and solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure. After removal of organic admixtures by extracting with ether (2×50 ml), the residue was basified with 20% aqueous NaOH solution and extracted with ether (3×50 ml). Drying over MgSO₄, evaporation of the extract, and vacuum distillation of the residue gave the target amine 1.

Dipropyl[3-(*p***-tolyl)propyn-2-yl]amine (1c)**. Yield 16.90 g (62%); bp 135-136°C (1-2 mm Hg), n_D^{20} 1.5212, mp of picrate 98-102°C (EtOH). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 810, 840, 1560, 1580, 2230, 3020. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.23 and 7.07 (2H, m and 2H, m, C₆H₄); 3.51 (2H, s, CH₂C=CAr); 2.44 (4H, m, N(CH₂)₂); 2.34 (3H, s, Ar-CH₃); 1.47 (4H, sext., *J* = 7.3, CH₂CH₃); 0.92 (6H, t, *J* = 7.3, CH₂CH₃). Found, %: C 84.18; H 10.32; N 6.26. C₁₆H₂₃N. Calculated, %: C 83.79; H 10.11; N 6.11.

N-[3-(*p***-Tolyl)propyn-2-yl]pyrrolidine (1d)**. Yield 10.20 g (43%); bp 157-158°C (1 mm Hg), n_D^{20} 1.5570, mp of picrate 138-140°C (EtOH). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 810-840, 1560, 1600, 2220, 3030. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 7.24 and 7.07 (2H, m and 2H, m, C₆H₄); 3.54 (2H, s, CH₂C≡CAr); 2.61 (4H, m, N(CH₂)₂); 2.35 (3H, s, Ar-CH₃); 1.78 (4H, m, N(CH₂CH₂)₂). Found, %: C 84.78; H 8.76; N 7.19. C₁₄H₁₇N. Calculated, %: C 84.37; H 8.54; N 7.03.

N-[3-(*p***-Tolyl)propyn-2-yl]morpholine (1f)**. Yield 12.05 g (46.7%); bp 151-153°C (3-4 mm Hg), n_D^{20} 1.5632, mp picrate 157-158°C (EtOH). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 810-840, 1560, 1600, 2230, 3030. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 7.26 and 7.09 (2H, m and 2H, m, C₆H₄); 3.63 (4H, m, O(CH₂)₂); 3.43 (2H, s, CH₂C=CAr); 2.53 (4H, m, N(CH₂)₂); 2.35 (3H, s, Ar-CH₃). Found, %: C 78.54; H 8.19; N 6.71. C₁₄H₁₇NO. Calculated, %: C 78.14; H 7.96; N 6.51.

Alkylation of Amines 1a-f by 4-Chloro-2-butynol to Give Salts 2a-f (General Method). Chromatographically pure 4-chloro-2-butynol (30 mmol) was added to a solution of the amine 1a-f (15 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 ml). The reaction mixture was held at 90-92°C for 2-3 h and then for salts 2a-e the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The salts 2a-e were washed with absolute ether (3 x 20 ml) and dried over P_2O_5 . Salt 2f crystallized upon cooling the reaction mixture and was filtered off and recrystallized from absolute alcohol. Salts 2a-e are hygroscopic and it was not possible to determine their melting points.

(4-Hydroxybutyn-2-yl)[3-(p-tolyl)propyn-2-yl]dimethylammonium chloride (2a). Yield 4.10 g (98%). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 810-840, 1560, 1600, 2230, 3030, 3100-3500. Found, %: C 69.57; H 7.46; Cl 13.01; N 5.21. C₁₆H₂₀ClNO. Calculated, %: C 69.18; H 7.26; Cl 12.76; N 5.04.

(4-Hydroxybutyn-2-yl)[3-(*p*-tolyl)propyn-2-yl]diethylammonium chloride (2b). Yield 3.76 g (82%). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 810-850; 1560, 1600, 2220, 3020, 3100-3500. Found, %: C 71.08; H 8.12; Cl 11.86, N 4.76. $C_{18}H_{24}$ ClNO. Calculated, %: C 70.69; H 7.91; Cl 11.59; N 4.58.

(4-Hydroxybutyn-2-yl)[3-(*p*-tolyl)propyn-2-yl]dipropylammonium chloride (2c). Yield 4.40 g (88%). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 810-840, 1540, 1600, 2220, 3030, 3200-3500. Found, %: C 72.34; H 8.66; Cl 10.94; N 4.36. $C_{20}H_{28}$ ClNO. Calculated, %: C 71.94; H 8.45; Cl 10.62; N 4.19.

N-(4-Hydroxybutyn-2-yl)-N-[3-(*p***-tolyl)propyn-2-yl]pyrrolidinium chloride (2d)**. Yield 3.91 g (86%). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 810-840, 1540, 1600, 2220, 3030, 3200-3500. Found, %: C 71.56; H 7.46; Cl 11.99; N 4.76. $C_{18}H_{22}$ ClNO. Calculated, %: C 71.16; H 7.25; Cl 11.67; N 4.61.

N-(4-Hydroxybutyn-2-yl)-N-[3-(*p***-tolyl)propyn-2-yl]piperidinium chloride (2e)**. Yield 4.41 g (93%). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 810-840, 1550, 1600, 2220, 3020, 3200-3500. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.46 and 7.17 (2H, m and 2H, m, C₆H₄); 5.60 (1H, br. s, OH); 4.96 (2H, s, CH₂C≡CAr); 4.72 (2H, t, *J* = 1.9, NCH₂C≡CCH₂); 4.18 (2H, t, *J* = 1.9, CH₂OH); 3.82 (4H, m, N(CH₂)₂); 2.38 (3H, s, Ar-CH₃); 1.96 (4H, m, N(CH₂CH₂)₂); 1.73 (2H, m, N(CH₂CH₂)₂CH₂). Found, %: C 72.21; H 7.83; Cl 11.47; N 4.45. C₁₉H₂₄ClNO. Calculated, %: C 71.81; H 7.61; Cl 11.15; N 4.41.

N-(4-Hydroxybutyn-2-yl)-N-[3-(*p***-tolyl)propyn-2-yl]morpholinium chloride (2f).** Yield 4.00 g (83%); mp 198-200°C (abs. EtOH). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 810-840, 1600, 2220, 3020, 3200-3500. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.48 and 7.18 (2H, m and 2H, m, C₆H₄); 5.57 (1H, br. s, OH); 5.13 (2H, s, CH₂C=CAr); 4.87 (2H, t, *J* = 2.0, N(CH₂C=CCH₂); 4.18 (2H, t, *J* = 2.0, CH₂OH); 4.05 (4H, m, N(CH₂)₂); 3.84 (4H, m, O(CH₂)₂); 2.39 (3H, s, Ar-CH₃). Found, %: C 68.01; H 7.11; Cl 11.33; N 4.61. C₁₈H₂₂ClNO₂. Calculated, %: C 67.61; H 6.89; Cl 11.08; N 4.38.

Cyclization of Salts 2a-f to Salts 3a-f (General Method). An aqueous solution of KOH (3N, 0.7 ml) was added to a solution of salt 2a-f (10 mmol) in water (4 ml) (5:1 molar ratio of salt to KOH). The mixture was heated to 50°C. For salt 2f, the temperature was raised to 100°C and in the remaining cases to 85°C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted with ether and dichloromethane (2:1, 3×30 ml). Titration of the extract with 0.1N H₂SO₄ showed that the extract contained 8-15% of amine 4a-f, the picrate of which did not depress the melting point of the picrate of amine 4a-f prepared by recyclization of salts 3a-f (see below). After extraction, the aqueous solution was acidified with 20% aqueous HCl (or HBr in the case of salt 2e). The cyclization products 3e,f were separated in the crystalline state, filtered, washed on the filter with water, and dried. For separation of the products 3a-d the acidified mass was evaporated to dryness and the residue was extracted with absolute ethanol. Addition of ether to the alcohol extract gave the glassy salts 3a-d. They could not be prepared and characterized in the crystalline state.

4-Hydroxymethyl-6-methyl-2,2-pentamethylenebenzo[*f*]isoindolinium Bromide (3e). Yield 2.50 g (69%); mp 263-264°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 720, 870, 1030, 1050, 1080, 1580, 3040, 3200-3500. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 9.33 (1H, br. s, OH); 8.04 (1H, s, H-9); 7.93 (1H, d, J = 8.4, H-8); 7.52 (1H, d, J = 1.8, H-5); 7.45 (1H, dd, $J_1 = 8.4$, $J_2 = 1.8$, H-7); 5.44 and 5.34 (2H, t, J = 2.9 and 2H, dd, $J_1 = 3.2$, $J_2 = 2.5$, H-1 and H-3); 4.34 (2H, d, J = 5.3, CH₂OH); 3.40 and 3.02 (2H, m and 2H, m, α-H piperidino); 2.50 (3H, s, CH₃); 1.86-1.59 and 1.38 (5H, m and 1H, m, β,γ-H piperidino). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 137.45, 136.89, 134.77, 131.19, 130.62, 128.58, 128.42, 127.32, 122.91 and 120.76 (C arom.); 73.50 and 73.06 (C-1 and C-3); 56.98 (OCH₂); 52.03 (C-α piperidino); 22.38 (C-β piperidino); 21.37 (C-γ piperidino) and 21.17 (CH₃). Found, %: C 63.21; H 7.04; Br 22.38; N 4.05. C₁₉H₂₄BrNO. Calculated, %: C 62.99; H 6.68; Br 22.05; N 3.87.

4-Hydroxymethyl-6-methylspirobenzo[*f*]isoindoline-2,4'-morpholinium chloride (3f). Yield 2.30 g (73%), mp 158-159°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 720; 870, 1020, 1050, 1070, 1110, 1580, 1600, 3030, 3200-3400. 1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.88 (1H, s, H-9); 7.75 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4, H-8); 7.75 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6, H-5); 7.31 (1H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.4, *J*₂ = 1.6, H-7); 5.88 (1H, br. s, OH); 5.53 and 5.21 (2H, s and 2H, s H-1, H-3); 4.97 (2H, s, CH₂OH); 4.14 and 4.01 (2H, dt, *J*₁ = 13.8, *J*₂ = 5.0, and 2H dt, *J*₁ = 13.8, *J*₂ = 4.6, NCH₂ morpholino); 3.77 (4H, t, *J* = 4.8, OCH₂ morpholino); 2.54 (3H, s, CH₃). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 135.32, 132.96, 131.29, 131.04, 129.27, 128.63, 127.88, 127.82, 122.88 and 121.26 (C arom.); 66.1 and 65.8 (C-1 and C-3); 61.39 (OC morpholino); 58.36 (NC morpholino); 58.09 (4-CH₂); 56.98 (4-CH₂) and 21.48 (CH₃). Found, %: C 68.02; H 7.16; Cl 11.33; N 4.61. C₁₈H₂₂CINO₂. Calculated, %: C 67.61; H 6.93; Cl 11.08; N 4.38.

Recyclization of Salts 3a-f to Amines 4a-f (General Method). Salts **3a-f** were prepared by cyclization of compounds **2a-f** (10 mmol) in water (3 ml) and underwent cyclization without separation from the reaction mixture after extraction of the latter with a mixture of ether and dichloromethane (3:1, 2×25 ml). The product obtained contained the salts **3a-e** and was treated with a solution of KOH (10 mmol) in water (2 ml) (in the case of salt **3f** a solution of KOH (20 mmol) in water (4 ml)) and the mixture was held for 3-3.5 h at 80-85°C. Tarring occurred with salt **3a**. The cooled product was extracted with a mixture of ether and dichloromethane (3:1, 3×25 ml) and the extract was washed with water. In all cases, titration of the extract with 0.1N H₂SO₄ indicated the presence of 5.4-5.5 mmol (54-55%) of amine **4b-f**. The ether extract was dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of solvent gave amines **4c,f** in the crystalline state and were recrystallized from a mixture of ether and dichloromethane (2:1). Amines **4a,b,d,e** were separated from the residue by distillation. After distillation, amines **4b,e** crystallized and were recrystallized from a mixture of ether and dichloromethane.

4-Dimethylaminomethyl-8-methyl-1,3-dihydronaphtho[1,2-*c*]furan (4a). Yield 0.77 g (32%); bp 128-130°C (1-2 mm Hg). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 730, 790, 870, 1060, 1100, 1580, 1600, 3030. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.71 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4, H-6); 7.53 (1H, s, H-5); 7.31 (1H, d, *J* = 1.9, H-9); 7.25 (1H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.4, *J*₂ = 1.9, H-7); 5.35 (2H, t, *J* = 3.2, H-3); 5.20 (2H, t, *J* = 3.2, H-1); 3.45 (2H, s, 4-CH₂); 2.51 (3H, s, 8-CH₃); 2.21 (6H, s, NCH₃). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 136.04, 134.92, 133.72, 130.82, 130.12, 127.57. 127.16, 126.51, 126.37, and 122.30 (C arom); 73.42 and 72.32 (C-1 and C-3); 62.31 (4-CH₂); 44.88 (NCH₃); 21.23 (8-CH₃). Found, %: C 80.02; H 8.14; N 6.03. C₁₆H₁₉NO. Calculated, %: C 79.63; H 7.94; N 5.81.

4-Diethylaminomethyl-8-methyl-1,3-dihydronaphtho[1,2-*c*]furan (4b). Yield 1.70 g (62%); bp 135-137°C (3-4 mm Hg), mp 123-125 (ether–dichloromethane), mp picrate 187-190°C (EtOH). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 720, 760, 870, 1050, 1100, 1600, 3030. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.70 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4, H-6); 7.53 (1H, s, H-5); 7.31 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8, H-9); 7.25 (1H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.4, *J*₂ = 1.8, H-7); 5.34 (2H, t, *J* = 3.1, H-3); 5.22 (2H, t, *J* = 3.1, H-1); 3.60 (2H, s, 4-CH₂); 2.51 (3H, s, 8-CH₃); 2.50 (4H, q, *J* = 7.1, CH₂CH₃); 1.04 (6H, t, *J* = 7.1, CH₂CH₃). Found, %; C 80.65; H 8.83; N 5.45. C₁₈H₂₃NO. Calculated, %; C 80.26; H 8.61; N 5.21.

4-Dipropylaminomethyl-8-methyl-1,3-dihydronaphtho[**1,2-***c*]**furan (4c)**. Yield 1.90 g (64.1%); mp 97-98°C (ether–dichloromethane), mp picrate 184-185°C (EtOH). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 770, 800, 870, 1050, 1110, 1580, 3040. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.70 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3, H-6); 7.53 (1H, s, H-5); 7.31 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8, H-9); 7.25 (1H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.3, *J*₂ = 1.8, H-7); 5.34 (2H, t, *J* = 3.0, H-3); 5.22 (2H, t, *J* = 3.0, H-1); 3.58 (2H, s, 4-CH₂); 2.51 (3H, s, 8-CH₃); 2.36 (4H, t, *J* = 7.3, NCH₂); 1.48 (4H, sext., *J* = 7.3, C<u>H</u>₂CH₃); 0.85 (6H, t,

J = 7.3, CH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 135.82, 134.67, 133.60, 130.87, 130.77, 127.41, 127.01, 126.38, 126.21 and 122.22 (C arom.); 73.47 and 72.23 (C-1 and C-3); 57.62 (4-CH₂); 55.36 (C-α propyl); 21.19 (8-CH₃); 19.50 (C-β propyl); 11.47 (C-γ propyl). Found, %: C 81.16; H 9.38; N 4.86. C₂₀H₂₇NO. Calculated, %: C 80.76; H 9.15; N 4.71.

N-(8-Methyl-1,3-dihydronaphtho[1,2-*c***]furan-4-yl)methylpyrrolidine (4d)**. Yield 1.80 g (66%); bp 200-201°C (1-2 mm Hg); mp picrate 189-192°C (EtOH). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 780, 805, 870, 1130, 1500, 1600, 3040. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.71 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3, H-6); 7.55 (1H, s, H-5); 7.31 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8, H-9); 7.25 (1H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.3, *J*₂ = 1.8, H-7); 5.35 (2H, t, *J* = 3.1, H-3); 5.21 (2H, t, *J* = 3.1, H-1); 3.66 (2H, s, 4-CH₂); 2.51 (3H, s, 8-CH₃); 2.48 (4H, m, α-CH₂ pyrrolidine); 1.77 (4H, m, β-CH₂ pyrrolidine). Found, %: C 81.27; H 8.14; N 5.39. C₁₈H₂₁NO. Calculated, %: C 80.86; H 7.92; N 5.24.

N-(8-Methyl-1,3-dihydronaphtho[1,2-*c***]furan-4-yl)methylpiperidine (4e)**. Yield 1.91 g (68%); bp 209-210°C (1-2 mm Hg); mp 65-66°C (ether–dichloromethane), mp picrate 194-195°C (EtOH), mp hydrochloride 244-245°C (abs. EtOH). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 720, 770, 790, 870, 1010, 1030, 1130, 1580, 3030. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.69 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4, H-6); 7.50 (1H, s, H-5); 7.30 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8, H-9); 7.24 (1H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.4, *J*₂ = 1.8, H-7); 5.34 (2H, t, *J* = 3.1, H-3); 5.22 (2H, t, *J* = 3.1, H-1); 3.49 (2H, s, 4-CH₂); 2.51 (3H, s, 8-CH₃); 2.36 (4H, m, α-CH₂ piperidine); 1.55 (4H, m, β-CH₂ piperidine); 1.44 (2H, m, CH₂γ-piperidine). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 136.00, 134.71, 133.66, 130.84, 130.71, 129.93, 127.41, 127.02, 126.25 and 122.17 (C arom.), 73.46 and 72.23 (C-1 and C-3); 61.84 (4-CH₂); 53.92 (C-α piperidine); 25.51 (C-β piperidine); 23.90 (C-γ piperidine); 21.20 (8-CH₃). Found, %: C 81.53; H 8.47; N 5.22. C₁₉H₂₃NO. Calculated, %: C 81.14; H 8.24; N 4.98.

N-(8-Methyl-1,3-dihydronaphtho[1,2-*c***]furan-4-yl)methylmorpholine (4f)**. Yield 1.98 g (70%); mp 117-118°C (ether–dichloromethane), mp picrate 107-108°C (EtOH), mp hydrochloride 175-176°C (abs. EtOH). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 730, 760, 870, 1010, 1060, 1570, 1600, 3030. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.71 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3, H-6); 7.53 (1H, s, H-5); 7.32 (1H, d, *J* = 1.9, H-9); 7.26 (1H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.3, *J*₂ = 1.9, H-7); 5.35 (2H, t, *J* = 3.0, H-3); 5.24 (2H, t, *J* = 3.0, H-1); 3.60 (4H, m, OCH₂ morpholine); 3.55 (2H, s, 4-CH₂); 2.52 (3H, d, 8-CH₃); 2.40 (4H, m, NCH₂ morpholine). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 135.91, 134.98, 133.84, 130.66, 128.84, 127.44, 127.15, 126.62, 126.49 and 122.19 (C arom.), 73.42 and 72.26 (C-1 and C-3); 66.01 (OCH₂ morpholino); 61.41 (4-CH₂); 53.03 (NCH₂ morpholine); 21.19 (8-CH₃). Found, %: C 76.72; H 7.69; N 5.19. C₁₈H₂₁NO₂. Calculated, %: C 76.33; H 7.47; N 4.94.

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