

## [8+2] Cycloadditions of 2,4,6-Cycloheptatriene-1-imines with Chloroketenes: Facile and High-Yield One-Pot Synthesis of 1-Azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones

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Simple heating of mixtures of *N*-arylcyloheptatriene-1-imines and acyl chlorides in the presence of an excess amount of triethylamine afforded 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones in high yields. The intermediacy of the [8+2] cycloadducts between the 2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-imines and ketenes were confirmed by their isolations. Analogous results were obtained with tropone hydrazones.

1-Azaazulen-2(1*H*)-one derivatives have attracted the attention of chemists not only regarding their utility as synthetic intermediates for 1-azaazulene derivatives,<sup>1)</sup> but also due to their own interesting chemical and physical natures.<sup>2)</sup> Furthermore, the pharmacological activities of 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones have allowed pharmacologist to study their chemistry extensively,<sup>3)</sup> including investigations aimed at improving the synthetic methods concerning them.<sup>4)</sup>

2,4,6-Cycloheptatriene-1-imines<sup>5)</sup> are known to draw electrons away from the seven-membered ring part toward the external nitrogen atom, resulting in zwitter ionic forms having dipole moments. Molecular-orbital calculations concerning 2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-imines have also indicated the existence of a large dipole momentum (3.7 D, 1Debye=3.3356×10<sup>-30</sup>C m) and a large charge density (-0.329) on the nitrogen atom.<sup>6)</sup> Consequently, the nitrogen atoms of 2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-imines can easily attack electron-deficient olefins: 2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-imines react as 8π-components with active acetylenes and cumulenes to give [8+2]-type cycloadducts and with benzoyl isothiocyanate and diphenylnitrileimine to give [8+4]-type cycloadducts.<sup>7)</sup>

As a series of studies concerning the reactivities of tropone hydrazone derivatives,<sup>8)</sup> we attempted to use 2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-imines and tropone hydrazones in a new procedure for the synthesis of 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones. We found that the reactions of 2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-imines or tropone hydrazones with chloroketenes gave 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones in high yields. The results are discussed here.

### Results and Discussion

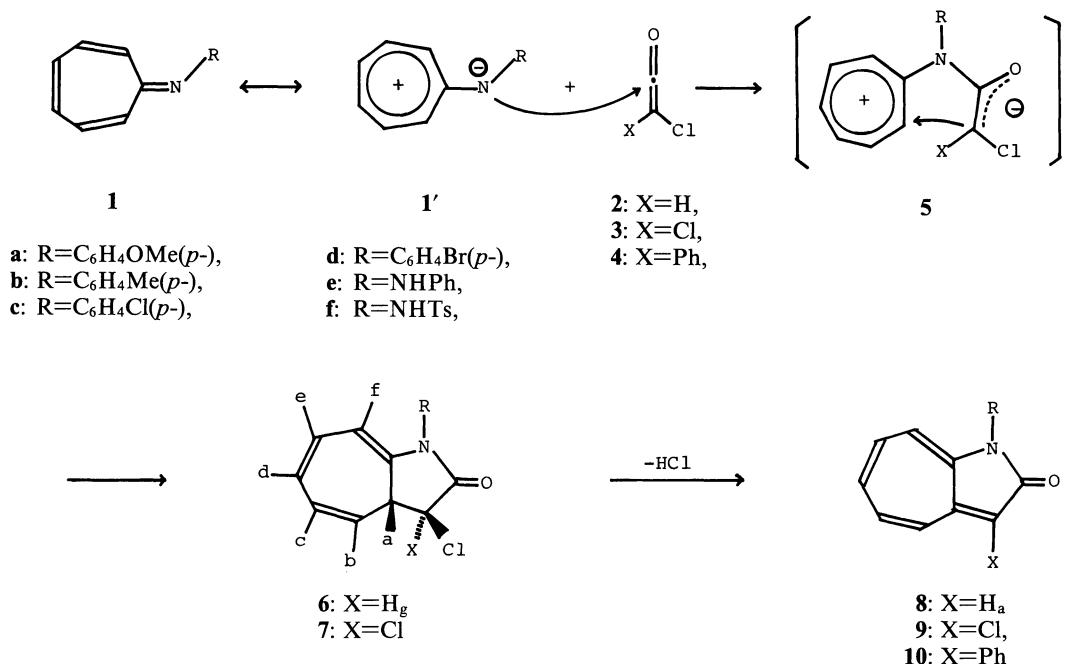
A mixture of *N*-*p*-methoxyphenyl-2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-imine (**1a**) and chloroketene (**2**)<sup>9)</sup> in chloroform was heated at 50°C for 72 h in the presence of an excess amount of triethylamine under a nitrogen stream. After the usual workup, the reaction mixtures were separated and purified using column and thin-layer chromatography on silica gel to give 1-*p*-methoxyphenyl-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-one (**8a**) in 73% yield. Under similar

reaction conditions, *N*-*p*-tolyl- (**1b**), *N*-*p*-chlorophenyl- (**1c**), *N*-*p*-bromophenyl- (**1d**) 2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-imines and tropone phenylhydrazone (**1e**), tropone tosylhydrazone (**1f**) gave the corresponding 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-one derivatives (**8b-f**) in 70—100% yields. Similar reactions using dichloroketene (**3**) and phenylchloroketene (**4**) also gave the corresponding 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones (**9** and **10**) in 68—100% yields. The intermediates in the formation of 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones, [8+2]-type cycloadducts (**6** and **7**), could be isolated when the reactions were carried out in the presence of equimolar amounts of the base. The treatments of the [8+2]-type cycloadducts (**6** and **7**) with excess amounts of triethylamine in chloroform at 50°C gave the corresponding 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones (**8-10**) in quantitative yields. These results are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Reaction Conditions and Yields of Products

Iminotropones	Ketenes	Reaction conditions <sup>a)</sup>	Products (Yield %)
<b>1a</b>	2	A	<b>8a</b> (73)
<b>1a</b>	2	B	<b>6a</b> (70), <b>8a</b> (9)
<b>1b</b>	2	A	<b>8b</b> (75)
<b>1b</b>	2	B	<b>6b</b> (74), <b>8b</b> (4)
<b>1c</b>	2	A	<b>8c</b> (84)
<b>1c</b>	2	B	<b>6c</b> (76), <b>8c</b> (10)
<b>1d</b>	2	A	<b>8d</b> (100)
<b>1d</b>	2	B	<b>6d</b> (82), <b>8d</b> (14)
<b>1d</b>	3	C	<b>9d</b> (100)
<b>1d</b>	4	C	<b>10d</b> (100)
<b>1e</b>	2	A	<b>8e</b> (27)
<b>1e</b>	3	B	<b>9e</b> (68)
<b>1e</b>	4	C	<b>10e</b> (60)
<b>1f</b>	2	A	<b>8f</b> (78)
<b>1f</b>	3	C	<b>7f</b> (23), <b>9f</b> (72)
<b>1f</b>	4	C	<b>10f</b> (100)

a) A: Mixture of **1**, three equimolar amount of acyl chloride, and excess amount of triethylamine in chloroform was heated at 50°C for 72 h. B: Mixture of **1**, three equimolar amount of acyl chloride, and triethylamine in dry ether was stirred at r. t. for 10 h. C: Mixture of **1**, three equimolar amount of acyl chloride, and excess amount of triethylamine in chloroform was stirred at r. t. for 24—72 h.



Scheme 1.

The structures of **8**, **9**, and **10** were deduced using their spectral properties, and were confirmed by their coincidences to those of the analogous 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones as follows.<sup>2,3,4)</sup> The molecular-ion peaks in their high-resolution MS spectra demonstrated that the products were derived from condensation reactions of **1** and ketenes, followed by an elimination of hydrogen chloride. UV spectra showed characteristic patterns<sup>10)</sup> as 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones with maxima at ca. 230, 270, 400, and 415 nm. In the IR spectra, the characteristic absorptions for the carbonyl group of the 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-one ring were clearly observed at 1660—1690 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were compatible to the structure of 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones.

The structures of **6** and **7** were deduced on the basis of their spectral properties as follows. The molecular-ion peaks in their mass spectra demonstrated that the products were 1:1 adducts between **1** and ketenes (**2** or **3**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra indicated the existence of phenyl and 1,7-disubstituted cycloheptatriene moieties.<sup>7)</sup> The assignment of each proton was determined by the use of a double-resonance technique in <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. The existence of an amido group was shown by the existence of a strong characteristic absorption band at ca. 1740 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the IR spectra.<sup>7a)</sup> The formation of 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-ones (**8**, **9**, **10**) by dehydrochlorinations of **6** and **7** supported the assignment of their structures. The *trans*-configuration between H<sub>a</sub> and H<sub>g</sub> was confirmed by the coupling constant value (ca. 4 Hz) between these protons.<sup>7a)</sup>

The reaction is considered to proceed through a nucleophilic attack of the nitrogen atom of **1** to the central

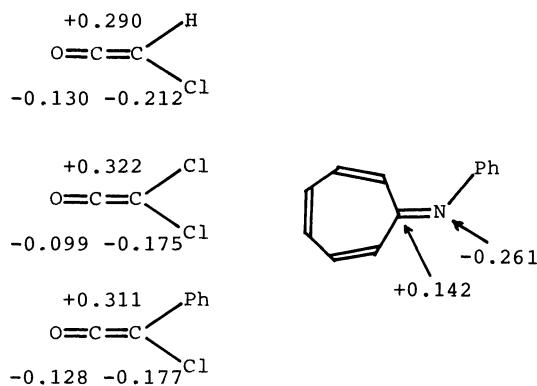


Fig. 1. Values of net atomic charges calculated by MNDO method.

carbon atom of the ketenes to afford an intermediate (**5**), which then cyclizes to give [8+2]-type cycloadducts (**6** and **7**). An analogous reaction mechanism has been proposed by Ciabattoni and Cabrion, which concerns the reactions of 2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-one and 2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-thione, analogues of 2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-imine, with chloroketenes to form 2*H*-cyclohepta[b]furan-2-one and 2*H*-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-2-ones, respectively, via [8+2] cycloadducts, which were not isolated.<sup>11,12)</sup> The dehydrochlorination of the [8+2]-type cycloadducts (**6** and **7**) by the use of a base afforded 1-azaazulen-2(1*H*)-one derivatives (**8**—**10**).

Molecular orbital calculations<sup>13)</sup> of **1** and chloroketenes using the MNDO method showed the existence of negative charges on the nitrogen atoms of **1** and

positive charges on the central carbon atoms of the ketenes supporting the above mentioned mechanism.

## Experimental

The melting points were recorded on a Yanagimoto Micro Melting Point Apparatus and were uncorrected. NMR Spectra were measured with a Hitachi R-90 or a Varian XL-200 spectrometer. IR, UV, and MS spectra were measured with JASCO FT/IR-5300, Hitachi 220A, and Hitachi M-2000S spectrometers, respectively. Wakogel C-200 and Wakogel B5-F were used for column and thin-layer chromatography, respectively.

**General Procedure for the Preparation of 8a-d.** To a mixture of **1** (0.5 mmol) and triethylamine (3.0 mmol) in chloroform (5 ml) was added a solution of chloroacetyl chloride (1.5 mmol) in chloroform (5 ml) at room temperature under a nitrogen stream. After the addition was completed, the mixture was heated at 50°C for 72 h, poured into water, extracted with dichloromethane, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removing the solvent, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel to give **8**.

**1-p-Methoxyphenyl-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (8a):** Mp 179–180°C (from ethyl acetate). Found: C, 76.20; H, 5.10; N, 5.60%. Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{13}NO_2$ : C, 76.47; H, 5.22; N, 5.57%. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 251 ( $M^+$ , 57), 236 (23), 178 (40), 165 (44), 156 (95), 149 (100). IR (KBr) 3020, 2950, 1660, 1590, 1550, 1490  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV (MeOH) 410 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.85), 392 (sh. 3.79), 265 (4.41), 228 (4.29).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =3.88 (s, Me, 3H), 6.19 (s,  $H_a$ ), 6.72–7.62 (m, olefin and benzene ring protons, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =55.6, 103.6, 113.0, 114.9, 128.9, 129.6, 131.1, 131.7, 146.1, 159.7, 169.4.

**1-p-Tolyl-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (8b):** Mp 116–117°C (from ethyl acetate). Found: C, 81.42; H, 5.48; N, 5.80%. Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{13}NO$ : C, 81.68; H, 5.57; N, 5.95%. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 235 ( $M^+$ , 100), 234 (62), 220 (21), 206 (18), 192 (20), 191 (11), 149 (19). IR (KBr) 3030, 2920, 1680, 1590, 1530, 1520, 1490  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV (MeOH) 411 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.88), 392 (sh. 3.83), 264 (4.45), 220 (4.21).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =2.48 (s, Me, 3H), 6.20 (s,  $H_a$ ), 6.74–7.64 (m, olefin and benzene ring protons, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =21.3, 103.6, 113.0, 128.3, 128.8, 128.9, 130.2, 131.1, 131.7, 138.8, 146.1, 169.3.

**1-p-Chlorophenyl-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (8c):** Mp 174–177°C (from ethyl acetate). Found: C, 70.32; H, 3.84; N, 5.43%. Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{10}NOCl$ : C, 70.46; H, 3.94; N, 5.48%. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 255 ( $M^+$ , 100), 254 (53), 226 (14), 220 (15), 192 (35), 167 (24), 149 (46). IR (KBr) 3030, 2920, 1680, 1590, 1540, 1490  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV (MeOH) 410 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.81), 391 (sh. 3.77), 264 (4.39), 221 (4.19).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =6.20 (s,  $H_a$ ), 6.70–7.65 (m, olefin and benzene ring protons, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =103.7, 112.9, 129.1, 129.3, 129.8, 131.1, 132.0, 134.7, 146.5, 165.6.

**1-p-Bromophenyl-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (8d):** Mp 192–193°C (from ethyl acetate). Found: C, 59.86; H, 3.30; N, 4.52%. Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{10}NO$ : C, 60.02; H, 3.36; N, 4.67%. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 300 ( $M^+$ , 24), 299 (100), 279 (8), 220 (15), 219 (14), 192 (46). IR (KBr) 3030, 2920, 1680, 1590, 1540, 1500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV (MeOH) 407 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.80), 398 (sh. 3.76), 266 (4.37), 229 (4.19).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =6.20 (s,  $H_a$ ), 6.70–7.80 (m, olefin and benzene ring protons, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =103.7, 112.9, 129.1, 129.3, 130.2, 131.1, 132.0, 132.8, 133.3, 146.5.

**General Procedure of the Preparation of 8e, 8f, 9d-f, and 10d-f.** To a solution of **1** (1.0 mmol) and triethylamine (6.0 mmol) in chloroform (5 ml) was added a solution of acyl chloride (3.0 mmol) in chloroform (5 ml) at room temperature under a nitrogen stream. After the addition was completed, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24–72 h. The usual reaction-mixture treatment gave the corresponding 1-azaazulen-2(1H)-ones.

**1-Anilino-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (8e):** Mp 256–257°C (decomp) (from ethyl acetate). Found: C, 75.95; H, 4.90; N, 11.61%. Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O$ : C, 76.25; H, 5.12; N, 11.86%. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 236 ( $M^+$ , 56), 202 (36), 145 (22), 129 (47), 117 (100). IR (KBr) 3020, 2950, 1660, 1600, 1530, 1490  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV (MeOH) 408 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.81), 399 (3.79), 262 (4.49), 234 (4.29).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =6.21 (s,  $H_a$ ), 6.55–7.66 (m, olefin and phenyl protons, 10H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =102.0, 112.8, 113.6, 122.0, 129.4, 129.7, 129.8, 131.5, 132.1, 141.6, 141.9.

**1-Tosylamino-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (8f):** Mp 197–198°C (from ethyl acetate). High-resolution MS  $m/z$  314.0731. Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O_3S$ : M, 314.0724. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 314 ( $M^+$ , 22), 160 (13), 109 (100), 103 (15). IR (KBr) 3020, 2950, 1680, 1600, 1540, 1490  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV (MeOH) 409 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.82), 391 (3.82), 265 (4.73), 231 (4.32).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =2.40 (s, Me, 3H), 5.91 (s,  $H_a$ ), 7.00–7.72 (m, olefin and benzene ring protons, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =21.8, 100.0, 115.3, 128.5, 129.6, 130.1, 130.8, 132.1, 132.8, 134.0, 145.1, 145.3, 164.8.

**3-Chloro-1-p-bromophenyl-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (9d):** Mp 257–258°C (from dichloromethane–hexane). Found: C, 53.96; H, 2.61; N, 4.15%. Calcd for  $C_{15}H_9NOClBr$ : C, 53.85; H, 2.71; N, 4.19%. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 335 ( $M^+$ , 100), 334 (50), 333 ( $M^+$ , 78), 254 (22), 253 (25), 190 (37). IR (KBr) 3030, 2920, 1690, 1590, 1540, 1490  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV (MeOH) 419 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.95), 405 (3.91), 275 (4.47), 228 (4.32).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =6.70–7.80 (m, olefin and benzene ring protons, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =113.4, 126.3, 129.9, 130.1, 131.4, 132.5, 132.9.

**1-Anilino-3-chloro-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (9e):** Mp 242–243°C (from ethyl acetate). Found: C, 66.26; H, 4.09; N, 9.95%. Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{11}N_2OCl$ : C, 66.55; H, 4.10; N, 10.35%. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 270 ( $M^+$ , 100), 179 (36), 150 (29). IR (KBr) 3000, 1660, 1600, 1550, 1500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV (MeOH) 419 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.81), 396 (3.76), 268 (4.43), 230 (4.28).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =6.40–7.70 (m, olefin and benzene ring protons, 10H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =113.3, 113.7, 122.3, 126.7, 129.4, 130.4, 131.8, 132.6, 137.5, 142.2, 145.9.

**3-Chloro-1-N-tosylamino-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (9f):** Mp 210–213°C (from ethyl acetate). High-resolution MS  $m/z$  348.0345. Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{13}N_2O_3SCl$ : M, 348.0335. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 348 ( $M^+$ , 31), 219 (31), 193 (100). IR (KBr) 2950, 1690, 1580, 1480, 1370, 1210, 1160  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV (MeOH) 416nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.78), 394 (3.77), 272 (4.34), 231 (4.27).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =2.48 (s, Me, 3H), 7.05–8.20 (m, olefin and benzene ring protons, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =21.8, 115.3, 127.7, 129.5, 130.7, 132.2, 132.5, 134.7.

**1-p-Bromophenyl-3-phenyl-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (10d):** Mp 224–225°C (from dichloromethane–hexane). Found: C, 66.98; H, 3.83; N, 3.72%. Calcd for  $C_{21}H_{14}NOBr$ : C, 67.04; H, 3.75; N, 3.72%. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 377 ( $M^+$ , 100), 375 ( $M^+$ , 100), 267 (25), 165 (63), 129 (70). IR (KBr) 3030, 2940, 1660, 1590, 1540, 1490  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV (MeOH) 419 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.90), 288 (4.26), 241 (4.34).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =6.70–7.90 (m, olefin

and benzene ring protons, 14H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =112.7, 127.4, 127.5, 128.6, 129.1, 129.8, 130.3, 131.2, 132.0, 132.7.

**1-Anilino-3-phenyl-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (10e):** Mp 274–275°C (from dichloromethane). Found: C, 80.55; H, 5.06; N, 8.83%. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : C, 80.75; H, 5.16; N, 8.97%. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 312 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 221 (39), 220 (88), 165 (70). IR (KBr) 3030, 2920, 1650, 1600, 1540, 1490 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV (MeOH) 422 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 4.10), 284 (4.52), 238 (4.58).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =6.64–8.05 (m, olefin and benzene ring protons, 15H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =112.5, 113.9, 122.1, 127.5, 128.5, 128.9, 129.2, 130.2, 131.6, 132.0.

**3-Phenyl-1-N-tosylamino-1-azaazulen-2(1H)-one (10f):** Mp 238–239°C (from dichloromethane–hexane). High-resolution MS:  $m/z$  390.1057. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ : M, 390.1037. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 390 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 58), 235 (100), 221 (58), 152 (85), 124 (77). IR (KBr) 3030, 2920, 1690, 1600, 1540, 1490 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV (MeOH) 416 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.76), 277 (4.06), 237 (4.28).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =2.45 (s, Me, 3H), 6.40–8.20 (m, olefin and benzene ring protons, 14H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =21.9, 113.4, 127.4, 128.1, 128.3, 128.8, 129.5, 130.7, 131.0, 131.2, 131.9, 132.0, 133.5.

**General Procedure for the Isolation of 6 and 7.** To a mixture of **1** (2.2 mmol) and triethylamine (8.0 mmol) in dry ether (10 ml) was added a solution of acyl chloride (8.0 mmol) in dry ether (5 ml) at room temperature under a nitrogen stream. After the addition was completed, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. The usual treatment of the reaction mixture gave **6** or **7**.

**6a:** Mp 133–135°C (decomp) (from methanol). High-resolution MS:  $m/z$  287.0721. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}$ : M, 287.0712. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 287 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 34), 253 (16), 252 (100), 209 (4), 133 (33). IR (KBr) 3020, 2950, 1740, 1640, 1600, 1550, 1490 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV (MeOH) 315 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.70), 250 (3.77), 221 (4.32).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$ =3.21 (s, Me, 3H), 3.23 (m,  $\text{H}_a$ ), 4.28 (d,  $\text{H}_g$ ), 4.70 (dd,  $\text{H}_b$ ), 5.29 (d,  $\text{H}_f$ ), 5.95 (ddm,  $\text{H}_c$ ), 6.04–6.22 (m,  $\text{H}_{d,e}$ , 2H), 6.60–7.00 (m, benzene ring protons, 4H). Coupling constants in Hz:  $J_{ab}$ =4.0,  $J_{ag}$ =4.2,  $J_{bc}$ =9.5,  $J_{cd}$ =5.7,  $J_{ef}$ =6.2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =46.2, 55.5, 57.8, 101.2, 115.0, 115.3, 121.1, 126.0, 128.3, 128.6, 170.7.

**6b:** Mp 132–134°C (decomp) (from methanol). High-resolution MS:  $m/z$  271.0762. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NOCl}$ : M, 271.0763. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 271 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 16), 237 (5), 236 (100), 149 (23), 129 (20). IR (KBr) 3020, 2920, 1740, 1640, 1620, 1550, 1510 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV (MeOH) 318 nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.66), 255 (sh. 3.64), 214 (4.26).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$ =2.00 (s, Me, 3H), 3.20 (m,  $\text{H}_a$ ), 4.25 (d,  $\text{H}_g$ ), 4.68 (dd,  $\text{H}_b$ ), 5.29 (d,  $\text{H}_f$ ), 5.94 (ddm,  $\text{H}_c$ ), 6.03–6.20 (m,  $\text{H}_{d,e}$ , 2H), 6.80–7.00 (m, benzene ring protons, 4H). Coupling constants in Hz:  $J_{ab}$ =3.9,  $J_{ag}$ =4.3,  $J_{bc}$ =9.1,  $J_{cd}$ =5.5,  $J_{ef}$ =5.8.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =21.2, 46.3, 57.8, 101.2, 121.1, 126.0, 126.8, 128.6, 129.3, 130.4, 170.7.

**6c:** Mp 156–158°C (decomp) (from methanol). High-resolution MS:  $m/z$  291.0209. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{NOCl}$ : M, 291.0216. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 291 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 1), 258 (9), 256 (100), 228 (2), 149 (5). IR (KBr) 3030, 2920, 1740, 1640, 1550, 1490 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV (MeOH) 310nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.70), 281 (3.73), 220 (4.75).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$ =3.10 (m,  $\text{H}_a$ ), 4.17 (d,  $\text{H}_g$ ), 4.61 (dd,  $\text{H}_b$ ), 5.06 (d,  $\text{H}_f$ ), 5.94 (ddm,  $\text{H}_c$ ), 6.02–6.16 (m,  $\text{H}_{d,e}$ , 2H), 6.60–7.02 (m, benzene ring protons, 4H). Coupling constants in Hz:  $J_{ab}$ =4.2,  $J_{ag}$ =4.0,  $J_{bc}$ =9.6,  $J_{cd}$ =5.7,  $J_{ef}$ =5.5.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =46.2, 57.5, 101.3, 121.1, 126.4, 128.4, 129.1, 130.0, 170.3.

**6d:** Mp 162–164°C (decomp) (from methanol). High-

resolution MS:  $m/z$  334.9699. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{NOClBr}$ : M, 334.9712. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 335 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 15), 302 (100), 300 (97), 220 (5), 192 (13), 149 (76). IR (KBr) 3020, 2920, 1740, 1640, 1620, 1550, 1490 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV (MeOH) 310nm ( $\log \epsilon$ , 3.90), 273 (3.92), 220 (4.59).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$ =3.10 (m,  $\text{H}_a$ ), 4.17 (d,  $\text{H}_g$ ), 4.62 (dd,  $\text{H}_b$ ), 5.06 (d,  $\text{H}_f$ ), 5.94 (ddm,  $\text{H}_c$ ), 6.02–6.18 (m,  $\text{H}_{d,e}$ , 2H), 6.52–7.00 (m, benzene ring protons, 4H). Coupling constants in Hz:  $J_{ab}$ =4.2,  $J_{ag}$ =4.1,  $J_{bc}$ =9.5,  $J_{cd}$ =6.6,  $J_{ef}$ =5.6.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =46.2, 57.5, 101.4, 121.1, 126.5, 128.7, 129.1, 129.2, 133.0, 171.4.

**7f:** Mp 191–193°C (from ethyl acetate). High-resolution MS:  $m/z$  384.0084. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{SCl}_2$ : M, 384.0102. MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 384 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 1), 336 (100), 176 (63). IR (KBr) 3200, 3000, 1720, 1650, 1600, 1360, 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ =2.45 (s, Me, 3H), 3.60 (bs,  $\text{H}_a$ ), 5.54 (bs,  $\text{H}_b$ ), 6.20–6.60 (m,  $\text{H}_c$ ,  $\text{H}_d$ ,  $\text{H}_e$ ,  $\text{H}_f$ , 4H), 7.20–7.90 (m, benzene ring protons, 4H).

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