Synthesis of Substituted Piperidines from *N*,*N*-Bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]amines

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N,N-Bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]benzylamines and N,N-bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl](p-N,N-dimethylphenyl)amine on reaction with allyltrimethylsilanes yielded substituted piperidines. Other N,N-bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]anilines (unsubstituted and p-CH₃, OCH₃, Cl) gave julolidines (2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-pyrido[3,2,1-ij] quinoline).

Introduction

Syntheses of piperidines are well documented,^{1a-d} due to their physical and biological properties and their presence in numerous natural products.^{2a-d} N,N-Bis-[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]amines 1, readily prepared from 1-(hydroxymethyl)benzotriazole and amines or from benzotriazole, aqueous formaldehyde, and amines, ^{3a,b} are useful (Scheme 1) in the preparation of the following: (i) Secondary and tertiary amines ($R^1 = alkyl, H$), ${}^{4a,b}N$, Ndisubstituted hydroxylamines $(R^1 = OH)$,⁵ and 1,1disubstituted hydrazines and their 2-acyl derivatives (R¹ = NHCOR)⁶ via displacement by Grignard reagents or NaBH₄ reduction of benzotriazole; (ii) isoxazolidines (R¹ = OH)⁷ by conversion of bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]hydroxylamine to the nitrone and 1,3-dipolar additions; (iii) julolidines $(R^1 = Ph)$,⁸ through elimination of benzotriazole, formation of methylene immonium cation, and subsequent reaction with two molecules of vinyl ether or vinyl amide; and (iv) pyrrolidines $(R^1 = Ar, alkvl)^9$ by reductive cleavage of the Bt-C bond by SmI₂ to generate dianion and reaction with alkenes. We now report the application of **1** for the synthesis of piperidines.

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[3 + 3] cycloaddition reactions are of considerable importance and utility in the syntheses of six-membered heterocyclic systems.^{10a-d} Most such reactions involve the condensation of a 1,3-dinucleophile (e.g. amidine, guanidine, urea, thiourea, or sulfamide) with a 1,3-dielectrophile (e.g., 1,3-dicarbonyl compound, related species such as cyanoacetic esters and malononitriles, or α,β -unsaturated aldehydes, ketones, esters, and nitriles). These [3 + 3] cycloaddition reactions are mainly used for the synthesis of aromatic heterocycles. However, Grieco et al.^{11a-c} elegantly prepared 4-hydroxypiperidines by a

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related [3 + 1 + 1 + 1] reaction of allyltrimethylsilanes with *N*-benzylammonium trifluoroacetate and aqueous formaldehyde in water.

In an extension of Grieco's work, we now show that 4-functionalized piperidines can be prepared by the reaction of **1** with allyltrimethylsilane: allyltrimethylsilane serves as a three-carbon dipole equivalent¹² and **1** as a nitrogen atom centered 1,3-dication synthon. Depending on the substitution pattern of **1**, allyltrimethylsilane can serve alternatively as an alkene to give julolidines by intramolecular electrophilic cyclization (Scheme 1).

Results and Discussion

Reaction of *N*,*N*-Bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]alkylamines 1 with Allyltrimethylsilanes To Prepare Substituted Piperidines 2. Compounds 1a-cwere reacted with allyltrimethylsilanes 4a,b in the presence of SnCl₄ to give 1,4-di-, and 1,4,4-trisubstituted piperidines 2a-e in 58–68% yields (Scheme 2). Compound 2a was previously prepared by Grieco^{11a} in 48% yield by reacting benzylamine hydrochloride with aqueous formaldehyde and allyltrimethylsilane in the presence of lithium chloride.

Reactions of **1a**,**b** with 2-methylallyltrimethylsilane **4b** gave both the products **2b**,**d** of chloride ion trapping and



the elimination products **5b**,**d**. Compounds **2b**,**d** can be converted into compounds **5b**,**d** with either base or acid catalysts. Quenching the reaction with dry methanol instead of water reduced the percentage of product **5b** from 16% to 5%.¹³ The mechanism of this reaction could be as shown in Scheme 2. Since only traces of the byproduct homoallylamine **6** were isolated, it is probable that the departure of the second benzotriazole and the subsequent cyclization are faster than the initial homoallyl formation. Grieco^{11a} suggested that the final step from intermediate **7** (Scheme 2) was a concerted olefin—iminium cyclization.

Additional substituted allyltrimethylsilanes can be used in this reaction (Scheme 3). The mixture of crotyltrimethylsilane **4c** and 1-methylallyltrimethylsilane **4d** (prepared according to the literature¹⁴) reacted with **1b** under the same conditions to give the 1,3,4-trisubstituted piperidine **8**. Cyclic allylsilane **4e** afforded the bicyclic amine **9**. By analogy with the literature reports,^{11a,c} we locate the chloride trans to the alkyl substituent in compounds **8** and **9**.

Chiral piperidines can be prepared from chiral starting amines. Chiral (L) **1d** (analogous to racemic compound **1b**) reacted with trimethyl[(*E*)-2-pentenyl]silane to give **10** and **11** in 58% yield; however, the mixture could not be separated by a silica gel column. On the basis of their NMR spectra, the ratio of **10:11** was about 60:40 as measured from the $-CH_3$ group integrals.

Thus, starting from readily available **1**, 4-chloropiperidines **2a**–**e** were prepared via a [3 + 3] cycloaddition under mild reaction conditions while avoiding the use of trifluoroacetic acid. 4-Chloropiperidines **2a**–**e** are useful building blocks for many biologically active compounds, e.g., antihistaminic N-heterocyclic 4-piperidinamines^{2a} and fentanyl analogues.^{2b,c}

Reaction of *N***,***N***-Bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]anilines 1 with Allyltrimethylsilanes To Give Trimethylsilyl Julolidines 3.** Substituted julolidines were prepared by our group via the reaction of *N*,*N*-bis-

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[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]aniline (1) (R = Ph) with electron-rich alkenes, e.g., N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidinone, ethyl vinyl ether, and enolizable aldehydes.8 In a previous paper, we reported that allyltrimethylsilanes reacted with the iminium ions derived from N-(benzotriazol-1yl)methylanilines to give tetrahydroquinolin-4-ylsilanes.¹⁵ Under similar conditions, reactions of N.N-bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]anilines 1 with allyltrimethylsilanes **4** now yield 1,7,9-trisubstituted trimethylsilyl julolidines **3a**-**d** for which the isolated yields and trans/cis ratios (from GC/MS) are indicated in Scheme 4.

The ¹³C NMR spectra of the crude products **3** indicated a mixture of cis and trans isomers, though ¹H NMR spectra were identical. The predominant isomer was isolated by silica gel chromatography and assigned as trans geometry by comparison of the ¹³C NMR spectra to the literature.⁸ Reaction of 1e with 2-methylallyltrimethylsilane (4b) gave an inseparable cis, trans mixture of julolidine 3e (yield 20%), along with the desilylation product 12 (35% yield).

As shown in Scheme 4, para electron-releasing substituents (CH₃, OCH₃) on the aniline favored the formation of the julolidine product 3, whereas electronwithdrawing substituents (Cl) led to 3 in low yield. This can be explained by the ease of electrophilic attack on the electron-rich ortho position of the aromatic ring that bears a para electron-releasing group. There were no significant effects from the para substituents on the ratios of trans/cis products, which were 1:1 to 1.5:1 in all the entries.

A somewhat surprising result occurred when R¹ was the strongest electron-releasing group -N(Me)₂; 4-chloropiperidine 13 was obtained instead of the julolidine (Scheme 5). Possibly because of the cationic π resonance system, 1i acted as a 1,3-dication synthon and was trapped by allyltrimethylsilane (a 1,3-dianion equivalent) to form the piperidine ring through a [3+3] cycloaddition reaction.



In summary, piperidine derivatives **2** and trimethylsilyl julolidines **3** were prepared from the same synthons, *N*,*N*-bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]amino derivatives **1**. Reactions of N,N-bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]benzylamines and N,N-bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl](p-N,Ndimethylphenyl)amine with allyltrimethylsilanes yielded substituted piperidines 2. Other N,N-bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]anilines (unsubstituted and *p*-CH₃, OCH₃, Cl) gave access to julolidine analogues.

Experimental Section

General Comments. The NMR spectra were recorded with tetramethylsilane as the internal reference for ¹H (300 MHz) or solvent as the internal reference for ¹³C (75 MHz).

See the literature for the preparation and characterization of N,N-bis[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]amines: for 1a and 1c,^{3a} for **1b** and **1d**,⁹ for **1e**-**i**.³¹

General Procedure for the Reaction of 1 Reacted with Allyltrimethylsilanes. Allyltrimethylsilane (3 mmol) was added to a solution of 1 (1 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) being cooled by an ice-water bath. SnCl₄ (1 mmol) was then added to the stirred mixture. The resulting mixture was kept at this temperature for 2 h and then allowed to warm to roomtemperature overnight. A NaOH solution (2 N, 20 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude products, which were further purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the pure products.

1-Benzyl-4-chloropiperidine (2a).^{11a} 1a reacted with 4a: yield 62%; ¹H NMR δ 1.95-2.09 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.42 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.90 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 4.20-4.09 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.44 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR δ 35.6, 51.3, 57.5, 62.9, 127.1, 128.2, 129.0, 138.3; MS m/z 209 (M⁺, 10), 174 (M - Cl, 50), 91 (100).

1-Benzyl-4-chloro-4-methylpiperidine (2b). 1a reacted with **4b** to give **2b** and **5b**. **2b**: yield 68%; ¹H NMR δ 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.77-2.48 (m, 4H), 2.45 (t, J = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 2.60-2.72(m, 2H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 7.20–7.32 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR δ 39.2, 40.8, 49.6, 63.0, 69.8, 127.0, 128.2, 129.1, 138.5. Anal. Calcd for C13H18ClN: C, 69.78; H, 8.13; N, 6.26. Found: C, 69.58; H, 8.32; N, 6.47.

1-Benzyl-4-methylenepiperidine (5b): yield 16%, if quenched with dry methanol instead of 2 N NaOH solution, the yield of 5b was 5%; ¹H NMR δ 2.38–2.49 (m, 4H), 2.57– 2.70 (m, 4H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 7.36-7.52 (m, 5H); ¹³C

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NMR δ 34.6, 55.0, 62.9, 107.6, 126.9, 128.1, 129.1, 138.6, 146.7; HRMS calcd for $C_{13}H_{17}N$ 188.1439 (M + 1), found 188.1437 (M + 1).

1-(1-Phenylethyl)-4-chloropiperidine (2c). 1b reacted with **4a** to give **2c**: yield 58%; ¹H NMR δ 1.38 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.82–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.99–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.15–2.28 (m, 2H), 2.69–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.80–2.91 (m, 1H), 3.45 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92–4.15 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.33 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 19.4, 35.9, 48.6, 57.8, 64.4, 126.9, 127.5, 128.2, 143.9. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₈ClN: C, 69.78; H, 8.13; N, 6.26. Found: C, 69.75; H, 8.35; N, 6.56.

1-(1-Phenylethyl)-4-chloro-4-methylpiperidine (2d). 1b reacted with **4b** to give **2d** and **5d**. **2d**: yield 68%; ¹H NMR δ 1.60 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.94–2.20 (m, 4H), 2.58–2.70 (m, 2H), 2.72–2.85 (m, 1H), 3.00–3.11 (m, 1H), 3.68 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.55 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 19.5, 33.1, 41.1, 47.3 [46.3], 64.6, 70.0, 126.8, 127.5, 128.2, 144.3. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₀ClN: C, 70.71; H, 8.50; N, 5.89. Found: C, 70.73; H, 8.72; N, 6.23.

1-(1-Phenylethyl)-4-methylenepiperidine (5d): yield 21%; ¹H NMR δ 1.55 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.30–2.42 (m, 4H), 2.52– 2.68 (m, 4H), 3.65 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 7.32–7.50 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 19.3, 34.8, 52.0, 64.2, 107.1, 126.7, 127.6, 128.1, 143.8, 147.0. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉N: N, 6.96. Found: N, 7.15.

1-Phenethyl-4-chloropiperidine (2e). 1c reacted with **4a** to give **2e**: yield 64%; ¹H NMR δ 2.04–2.20 (m, 2H), 2.20–2.39 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.58 (m, 2H), 2.70–2.82 (m, 2H), 2.88–3.09 (m, 4H), 4.16–4.32 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.50 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 33.8, 35.5, 51.2, 57.3, 60.3, 126.0, 128.4, 128.6, 140.2. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₈ClN: C, 69.78; H, 8.13; N, 6.26. Found: C, 69.62; H, 8.37; N, 6.36.

1-(1-Phenylethyl)-3-methyl-4-chloropiperidine (8). 1b reacted with the mixture of **14a** and **14b**¹⁴ to give **8**: yield 42%; ¹H NMR δ 0.98 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H) [1.06 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H)], 1.37 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 3H) [1.39 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 3H)], 1.60–2.20 (m, 5H), 2.78–2.88 (m, 1H), 2.96–3.08 (m, 1H), 3.38–3.50 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.39 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 17.2 [17.3], 19.4, 36.7 [36.6], 40.1, 50.1 [50.4], 57.3 [57.6], 64.0 [63.9], 65.5 [65.4], 126.9, 127.5, 128.2, 143.6. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₀ClN: N, 5.89. Found: N, 6.07.

2-Benzyl-4a-chlorodecahydroisoquinoline (9). 1a reacted with **15** to give **9**: yield 36%; ¹H NMR δ 1.18–1.26 (m, 2H), 1.26–1.72 (m, 5H), 1.72–1.98 (m, 4H), 2.09 (t, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, J = 2.7, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (td, J = 4.2, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 7.15–7.27 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 21.7, 25.4, 25.7, 40.9, 41.1, 45.2, 49.4, 54.9, 63.0, 76.6, 127.0, 128.2, 129.1, 138.5; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₂₂-CIN 264.1519 (M + 1), found 264.1504 (M + 1).

1-[(1.5)-1-Phenylethyl)-3-ethyl-4-chloropiperidine (10). 1d reacted with **16** to give **10** and **11** (in brackets): yield 58%; ¹H NMR δ 0.90 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H) [0.81 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H)], 1.36 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 3H) [1.38 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H)], 1.60–1.80 (m, 3H), 1.85–2.20 (m, 4H), 2.72–3.14 (m, 2H), 3.40–3.50 (m, 1H), 3.50–3.63 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.38 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 10.9 [10.8], 19.7 [18.9], 24.0 [23.8], 36.3 [36.2], 45.9, 49.7 [49.8], 54.3 [54.2], 63.9 [63.7], 64.3, 126.8 [126.9], 127.4 [127.5], 128.2, 143.5. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₂ClN: C, 71.54; H, 8.82; N, 5.56. Found: C, 71.26; H, 9.20; N, 5.74.

1,7-Bis[(trimethylsilyl)methyl]-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*,5*H*pyrido[3,2,1-*ij*]quinoline (3a). 1e reacted with 4a to give 3a: yield 47%; ¹H NMR δ 0.20 (s, 18H), 1.01 (dd, J = 10.2, 14.8 Hz, 2H), 1.14 (dd, J = 4.2, 14.9 Hz, 2H), 1.85–1.91 (m, 2H), 2.05–2.20 (m, 2H), 3.04–3.09 (m, 2H), 3.20–3.27 (m, 2H), 3.34–3.41 (m, 2H), 6.65–6.68 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ –0.6, 25.3, 28.9, 32.7, 46.5, 115.2, 125.9, 128.4, 140.6; MS m/z 345 (M⁺, 50), 258 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₃₅-NSi₂: N, 4.05. Found: N, 4.20.

9-Methyl-1,7-bis[(trimethylsily])methyl]-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H***,5***H***-pyrido[3,2,1-***ij***]quinoline (3b). 1f reacted with 4a to give 3b: yield 46%; ¹H NMR \delta 0.20 (s, 18H), 1.00 (dd,** *J* **= 10.5, 14.8 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (dd,** *J* **= 4.0, 11.0 Hz, 2H), 1.83– 1.87 (m, 2H), 2.08–2.23 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.97–3.09 (m, 2H), 3.09–3.22 (m, 2H), 3.24–3.33 (m, 2H), 6.80 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR \delta –0.6, 20.5, 25.7, 29.3, 32.7, 46.9, 126.5, 126.6, 128.8, 138.2; MS** *m***/***z* **359 (M⁺, 80), 272 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₃₇-NSi₂: C, 70.11; H, 10.39; N, 3.89. Found: C, 69.96; H, 10.26; N, 4.26.**

9-Methoxy-1,7-bis[(trimethylsilyl)methyl]-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H***,5***H***-pyrido[3,2,1-***if***]quinoline (3c). 1g reacted with 4a to give 3c: yield 78%; ¹H NMR \delta 0.20 (s, 18H), 1.02 (dd, J = 10.5, 14.9 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (dd, J = 3.8, 14.9 Hz, 2H), 1.78–1.90 (m, 2H), 2.10–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.98–3.07 (m, 2H), 3.07–3.17 (m, 2H), 3.20–3.29 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.62 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR \delta –0.6, 25.8, 29.6, 33.0, 47.3, 55.8, 112.0, 130.3, 135.8, 150.7; MS** *m***/***z* **375 (M⁺, 100), 360 (40), 288 (90). Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₃₇NOSi₂: N, 3.73. Found: N, 3.91.**

9-Chloro-1,7-bis[(trimethylsily!)methyl]-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H***,5***H***-pyrido[3,2,1-***ij***]quinoline (3d). 1h reacted with 4a to give 3d: yield 25%; ¹H NMR \delta 0.20 (s, 18H), 0.97 (dd,** *J* **= 10.4, 14.8 Hz, 2H), 1.10 (dd,** *J* **= 4.1, 15.0 Hz, 2H), 1.75– 1.87 (m, 2H), 2.08–2.16 (m, 2H), 2.96–3.01 (m, 2H), 3.16– 3.22 (m, 2H), 3.31–3.39 (m, 2H), 6.91 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR \delta –0.6, 25.1, 28.6, 32.9, 46.4, 119.6, 125.4, 130.0, 139.1; MS** *m***/***z* **379 (M⁺, 90), 292 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₃₄NClSi₂: C, 63.19; H, 9.03; N, 3.69. Found: C, 63.47; H, 9.10; N, 3.71.**

1,7-Dimethyl-1,7-bis[(trimethylsilyl)methyl]-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H***,5***H***-pyrido[3,2,1-***if***]quinoline (3e). 1e** reacted with **4b** to give **3e** (20%) and **12** (35%): ¹H NMR δ 0.17 (s, 9H), 0.20 (s, 9H), 1.37 (dd, J = 5.5, 14.8 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (dd, J= 11.8, 16.6 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.95–2.10 (m, 2H), 2.23–2.31 (m, 2H), 3.32–3.46 (m, 4H), 6.82–6.90 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.31 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ 33.2 [32.1], 33.9 [33.3], 35.2 [35.1], 36.8 [36.7], 47.1 [46.9], 115.3 [115.4], 123.8, 124.3, 131.8; MS *m*/*z* 373 (M⁺, 60), 358 (40), 286 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₉NSi₂: C, 70.70; H, 11.54; N, 3.75. Found: C, 71.02; H, 11.13; N, 4.01.

1-(3-Methyl-3-butenyl)-4-[(trimethylsilyl)methyl]-1,2,3,4tetrahydroquinoline (12): ¹H NMR δ 0.22 (s, 9H), 1.35, 1.42 (AB, J = 14.8 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.95–2.20 (m, 2H), 2.50–2.62 (m, 2H), 3.58 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 6.82–6.90 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 0.8, 22.8, 32.0, 32.4, 33.7, 34.8, 36.8, 45.6, 50.1, 110.5, 111.4, 115.3, 126.1, 126.7, 132.6, 143.4, 143.9. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₃₁NSi: N, 4.65. Found: N, 4.69.

N-[4-(4-Chloropiperidino)phenyl]-*N*,*N*-**dimethylamine (13). 1i** reacted with **4a** to give **13**: yield 31%; mp 70.0– 72.0 °C; ¹H NMR δ 2.12–2.26 (m, 2H), 2.30–2.44 (m, 2H), 3.03 (s, 6H), 3.03–3.10 (m, 2H), 3.45–3.58 (m, 2H), 4.25–4.36 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ 35.5, 41.5, 49.4, 57.3, 114.4, 119.0, 142.9, 145.9; HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₉ClN₂ 238.1236, found 238.1139.

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