

Table I. ^{13}C NMR Chemical Shift in D_2O^a

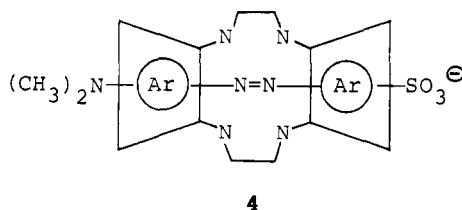
compd	^{13}C chemical shift, ppm
2	100.06 (C_1), 79.35 (C_4), 71.23 (C_3), 70.19 (C_2 , C_5), 58.70 (C_6), 45.45 (C-NHR), 37.08 (C-NH $_2$)
3	100.45 (C_1), 79.66 (C_4), 71.75 (C_3), 70.39 (C_2 , C_5), 58.77 (C_6), 47.66 (C-NHR)
$(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NH}^b$	44.1 (C-NH-C)
$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2^c$	35.9 (C-NH $_2$)

^a Acetone was used as an internal standard. ^b L. F. Johnson and W. C. Hankowski, "Carbon-13 Spectra", Wiley-Interscience, New York, 1972. ^c E. Breitmaier, G. Haas, and W. Vocler, "Atlas of Carbon-13 NMR Data", Plenum Press, New York, 1976.

solvent molecule(s) was usually bound much tighter than by parent cyclodextrin. Found: C, 45.21; H, 6.53; N, 3.02. Calcd for $\text{C}_{88}\text{H}_{148}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{66} \cdot (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NCHO}$: C, 45.69; H, 6.54; N, 2.93. Calcd for $\text{C}_{88}\text{H}_{148}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{66}$: C, 45.58; H, 6.44; N, 2.42.

The NMR spectra of both **2** and **3** show the characteristic absorptions of the protons α to amino nitrogen at δ 3.4 in D_2O : **2**, δ 3.4 (12 H, N-CH $_2$), 3.7–4.9 (38 H), 5.4 (7 H, C_1 H); **3**, δ 3.4 (16 H, N-CH $_2$), 3.6–4.8 (76 H), 5.4 (14 H, C_1 H). More characteristic are the ^{13}C NMR spectra of **2** and **3**; the former, as listed in Table I, shows two types of methylene absorption adjacent to the primary and secondary amino groups while no methylene absorption adjacent to the primary amino group is observed in duplex cyclodextrin (**3**).

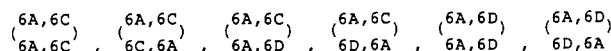
The present host duplex cyclodextrin shows unique and interesting binding characteristics toward guest molecules having two hydrophobic recognition sites. One typical example of this multiple recognition is the binding of 6-*p*-toluidinylnaphthalene-2-sulfonate (TNS) where its fluorescence maximum at 480 nm in aqueous solution⁸ shifted to 444 nm in the presence of duplex cyclodextrin. This large shift due to the hydrophobic environment of the host-guest inclusion complex is approximately equal to that of 2:1 β -cyclodextrin-TNS complex but much larger than that of the corresponding 1:1 complex as the following data suggest: aqueous, 480; β -duplex 1:1 complex, 444; β -CD 1:1 complex, 457; β -CD 2:1 complex, 444; β -CD($\text{N}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$)₂ (**2**) 1:1 complex, 452 nm. This suggests that the binding of TNS by duplex cyclodextrin is very similar to that involved in 2:1 β -CD inclusion. Another example is binding of methyl orange where the association constant with duplex cyclodextrin was 3160 M^{-1} , much higher than that with the corresponding β -CD tetramine **2** (520 M^{-1}), demonstrating the additive contribution of the second hydrophobic binding site.⁹ These examples strongly support the multiple recognition mechanism for binding by duplex cyclodextrin as shown in **4**.



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- (8) Since no fluorescence of TNS could be observed in pure water, the fluorescence maximum of free TNS employed here was measured in 10% ethanol solution.
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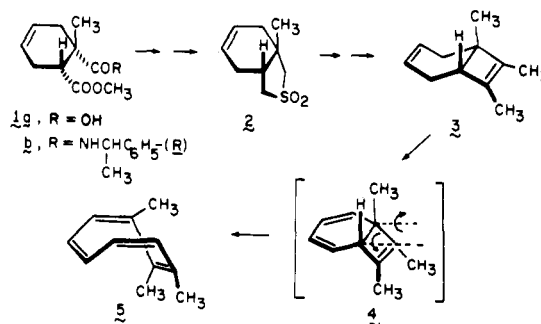
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Bond Fixation in Annulenes. 5. Absolute Configuration and Chiroptical Properties of Optically Active 1,2,3-Trimethyl- and 1,2,3,4-Tetramethylcyclooctatetraenes¹

Sir:

Whereas the smaller annulene ring systems (cyclobutadiene and benzene) are too planar to support optical activity² and the larger annulenes are too flexible to maintain chirality,³ the medium-sized cyclooctatetraene nucleus is ideally suited for probing the interaction of light with a cyclic conjugated polyolefin network. The successful realization of this objective is dependent upon adequate inhibition of the high susceptibility of these tub-shaped molecules toward ring inversion and π -bond alternation,⁴ processes which normally result in facile racemization. The control of these dynamic phenomena having been mastered,^{1,5-7} we can now report the first absolute configurational assignments to two chiral [8]annulene hydrocarbons and the elucidation of their chiroptical properties.

The assignment of absolute stereochemistry to (–)-**5** began by sequential reaction of fully resolved acid ester **1a**, $[\alpha]^{25}_{\text{D}} -13.8^\circ$ (c 10.8, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$),¹ with oxalyl chloride and excess (R)-(+)- α -methylbenzylamine to give **1b**, mp 95–97 °C, $[\alpha]^{25}_{\text{D}} +66.5^\circ$ (c 18.8, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$).⁸ This compound was iso-



lated as monoclinic crystals of space group $P2_1$ with lattice constants $a = 10.084$ (3), $b = 9.429$ (3), $c = 18.234$ (4) Å; $\beta = 96.36$ (2)°. An observed and calculated density of $\sim 1.16 \text{ g/cm}^3$ indicated four molecules in the unit cell or two molecules of composition $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$ in the asymmetric unit. All unique diffraction maxima with $\theta \leq 57^\circ$ were collected (Cu

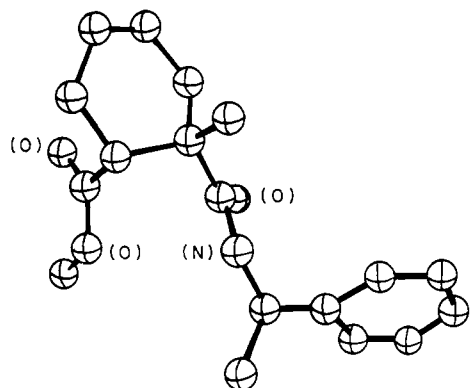


Figure 1. A structural view of (+)-1b as seen by X-ray analysis.

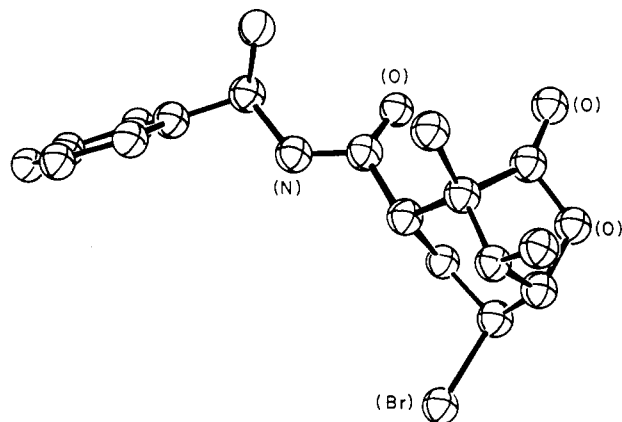


Figure 2. A structural view of (+)-7b as seen by X-ray analysis.

K α radiation) and a total of 1663 (67%) reflections were considered observed after correction for Lorentz, polarization, and background effects ($F_o^2 \geq 3\sigma(F_o^2)$).

In spite of the size of the asymmetric unit and the paucity of high angle scattering data, the structure emerged uneventfully from standard direct methods.⁹ Tables describing fractional coordinates and temperature factors, bond distances and angles, as well as observed and calculated structure factors have been placed in the microfilm version of the journal. As the computer generated perspective drawing (Figure 1) indicates, our prior knowledge of the absolute configuration of the α -methylbenzylamine moiety permits depiction of the correct absolute stereochemistry for the remainder of structure 1b.

It then follows that the precedented¹⁰ sequence of steps employed to transform (–)-1a to (+)-2 and subsequently 3, [α]_D²⁵ +141° (c 12.7, hexane), must deliver a product having the 1S,6R configuration. Furthermore, since the disrotatory opening of 4, prepared by regiospecific bromination–dehydrobromination of (+)-3, likely proceeds with full orbital symmetry control,⁵ this optically active cyclooctatetraene, [α]_D²⁵ –148° (c 21.1, diglyme), must have the absolute stereochemistry indicated.¹¹

To gain access to (+)-9, diacid 6a, obtained by hydrolysis of the citraconic anhydride–1,3-pentadiene adduct,¹² was resolved with (R)-(+)- α -methylbenzylamine. The enantiomeric purity of this material, [α]_D²⁵ –110.1° (c 98.2, C₂H₅OH), was established by conversion via 6b* (Ac₂O, then CH₃OH, reflux) to 6c* whose ¹H NMR spectrum showed a single methyl ester absorption at δ 3.62. For comparison, amide prepared from racemic 6b displayed a pair of equally intense signals at δ 3.62 and 3.56. Bromolactonization of optically pure 6a proceeded with full stereochemical control¹³ to give bromolactone 7a, [α]_D²⁵ –25.68° (c 25.9, CH₂Cl₂). The derived amide 7b, [α]_D²⁵ +10.75° (c 14.6, CH₂Cl₂), formed stout acicular crystals which proved to be nicely suited to X-ray analysis by

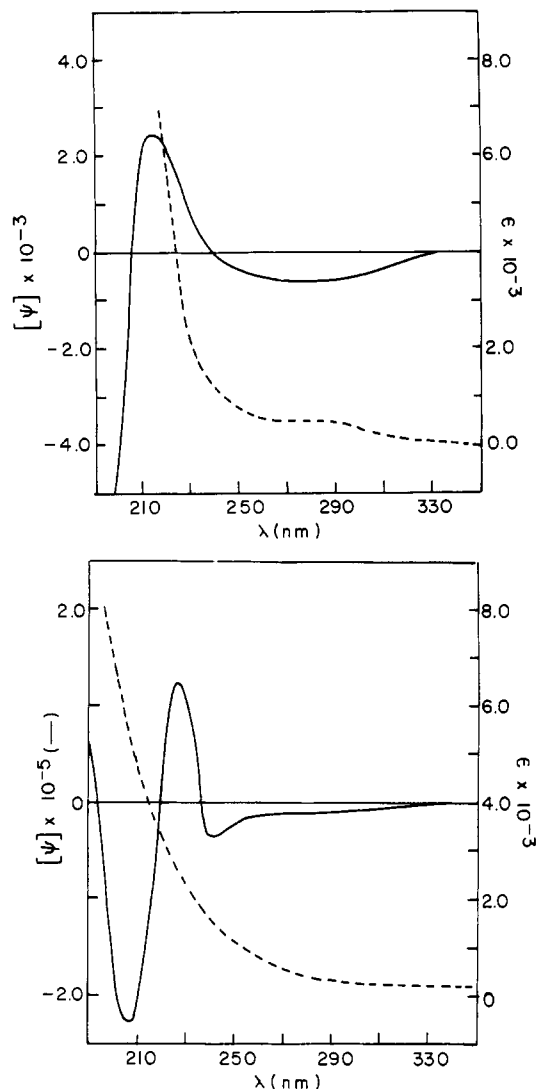
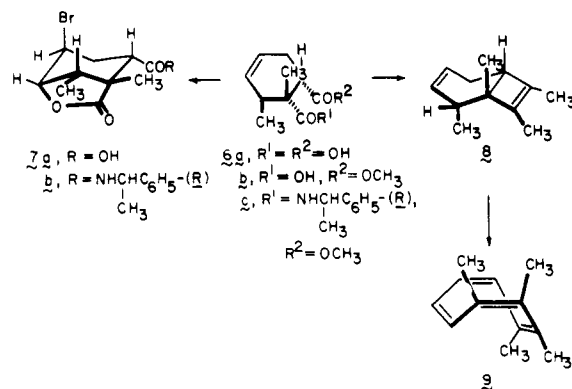


Figure 3. UV (---) and CD (—) spectra of (–)-5 (top) and of (–)-9 (bottom). *n*-Hexane was used as solvent.



heavy-atom techniques: $a = 10.675$ (7), $b = 18.047$ (8), $c = 19.533$ (11) Å; density, 1.34 g/cm³ with two molecules of composition C₁₈H₂₂BrNO₃ per asymmetric unit. A total of 1505 (52%) reflections were judged observed (see supplemental material). Figure 2 shows the final X-ray model with absolute stereochemistry.

Starting with optically pure (–)-6a, cyclobutene 8 was obtained as a colorless liquid, [α]_D²⁵ –109.3° (c 38.2, pentane). Bromination–dehydrobromination of material of this quality led to 9, [α]_D²⁵ +87.8° (c 7.8, pentane), whose absolute stereochemistry must be as indicated. This substance was not optically pure, however, as revealed through application of an

alternative method of resolution¹⁴ which afforded the levorotatory enantiomer of **9** having substantively higher rotatory power, $[\alpha]_D^{25} -310^\circ$ (c 0.15, hexane).

Whereas **5** belongs to the C_1 point group, **9** has C_2 symmetry; both molecules are therefore dissymmetric although **5** is also asymmetric.¹⁵ Because the parent cyclooctatetraene ring system is achiral (D_{2d} symmetry), any chiral moiety contained therein must be balanced by an enantiomeric moiety, a common occurrence. Thus, if $C_1-C_2-C_3-C_4-C_5$ has left-handed helicity, the segment $C_1-C_8-C_7-C_6-C_5$ has the enantiomeric right-handed helicity. For this reason, the substituted derivatives **5** and **9** cannot be referred to as "inherently dissymmetric" hydrocarbons, a designation which would be appropriate only if the substituents caused the [8]annulene framework to distort significantly to a chiral geometry or if the methyl groups participated so significantly in the electronic transitions under consideration that they would have to be considered an integral part of the chromophore.

In the present circumstances, therefore, neither the homoannular diene helicity rule¹⁶ nor the allylic chirality rule¹⁷ apply. Twisting about individual double bonds¹⁸ similarly cannot be playing a significant role. In actual fact, the two CD curves taken in conjunction with the UV spectra (which show minimal $\pi-\pi^*$ interaction, Figure 3) clearly reveal that "conjugated" polyene systems with distinct near-UV absorptions are *not* being dealt with. Rather, these systems consist essentially of four virtually unconjugated ethylene chromophores coupled principally by the electrostatic potential between the $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition dipoles.

The CD spectra of the pair of optically active cyclooctatetraenes unmistakably reveal that antipodes of like sign belong to the same enantiomeric series. The curve due to **9** is more complex, however, perhaps because of a higher concentration of the bicyclo[4.2.0]octatriene valence tautomer.⁵ Notwithstanding, it remains difficult to know at this time which CD band is pertinent for any given analysis. Obviously, further study of the matter is required, a goal currently being pursued in these laboratories.

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Supplementary Material Available: Fractional coordinates and temperature factors, bond distances, bond angles, and observed and calculated structure factors for **1b** (Tables 1–4, respectively) and **7b** (Tables 5–8, respectively) (24 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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Bond Fixation in Annulenes. 6. Equalization of Ring Inversion and Bond Shifting Energetics in Methyl-Substituted Cyclooctatetraenes. Use of Buttressing Effects for Comparing Transition-State Geometries¹

Sir:

Cyclooctatetraenes are recognized to be capable of conformational ring inversion (RI) and bond shifting (BS).² While it is generally accepted that RI occurs through the D_{4h} planar alternate transition state **1** (ΔG^\ddagger = 12–15 kcal/mol for monosubstituted derivatives³), the mechanism for BS has remained controversial. The planar symmetric D_{8h} species **2** has been advanced to explain the permutation of ring carbon