SYNTHETIC AND STRUCTURAL STUDIES OF [6]-, [7]- AND [10]METACYCLOPHANES

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Abstract-A new preparative sequence from 2,3-polymethylene-2-cyclopentenone 5 2.6to polymethylenebromobenzenes 3 (n = 6, 7, 10) and 2,6-polymethylenephenyllithiums 6 has been found. The reaction of 6 with various electrophiles produces a number of new compounds to disclose the unique reactivity of the aryl C-Li moiety surrounded by the polymethylene chain. Photolysis of 3a and 3b provides transannular products 8, 10 and 11, all arising from the proximity between the aromatic bromine and the aliphatic hydrogen intraannularly opposed to be removed as HBr. Spectrometric study gives quantitative data of the dependence of the molecular geometry upon the chain length and the aromatic substituents. The energy barriers ΔG_c^{*} of the conformational flipping are 17.4 kcal/mol (T_c 76.5°) for [6]metacyclophane (7a), 11.5 kcal/mol (T_c - 28°) for [7]metacyclophane (7b), <8 kcal/mol for [10]metacyclophane (7c). The lower-energy process of the aliphatic chain in [6]metacyclophane derivatives is the pseudorotation with substituent-dependent barrier ΔG_c^{-11} 11·1 kcal/mol (T_c -31·5°) for 7a, 12.4 kcal/mol ($T_c - 4.5^\circ$) for 3a and 12.7 kcal/mol ($T_c 1.0^\circ$) for 12a. The rather large rotational barrier is attributed to the compressed structure of each system. The benzene ring distortion of the cyclophanes is deduced from the bathochromic shift of the B-band and the diamagnetic shift of the benzene proton signals in the PMR.

Bridged aromatic compounds¹ now include carbophanes (cyclophanes), heterophanes, heteraphanes, and bridged nonbenzenoid aromatics.² Interest has been focused on the conformational analysis of the aliphatic bridge, the characteristic deformation of both aromatic and aliphatic moieties, and on the inclusion of metal cations into hetero-hetera rings.³ We have synthesized [6]-, [7]- and [10]metacyclophanes to examine the following: (1) the reactivity of the aromatic substituents surrounded by the aliphatic chain with regard to the possible distortion effect and the transannular interaction with the polymethylene bridge,⁴ (2) the geometrical change of the carbon bridge induced by variation of the substituent on the benzene ring as well as of the chain length, and (3) the distortion of the incorporated benzene ring.

Synthetic approach to metacyclophanes. Ever since Cram's synthesis of [8]paracyclophanes⁵ efforts have

been devoted to obtain the lower homologs, [6]- and [7]paracyclophane, both of which have recently been prepared.⁶ Little has been known, however, with respect to the meta isomers, [8]metacyclophane being the lowest homolog at the outset of the present research. The synthesis of metacyclophanes given in Scheme 1 is general and applicable even to such highly strained lower homologs as [6]- and [7]metacyclophanes.

The sequence involves the dibromocarbene addition to 2,3-polymethylene-2-cyclopentenol (1) and the subsequent thermolysis of the resulting, labile 2,2dibromocyclopropylcarbinol 2 to produce 3 under ring transformation and elimination. By means of dichlorocarbene reaction (chloroform-potassium t-butoxide) 13chloro[7]metacyclophane (4) was obtained similarly.

The advantages of this route over the recorded onest are as follows:



Scheme 1.

[†]Parham *et al.* have prepared bridged quinolines and naphthalenes in a similar manner from bridged indoles and indenes (see Ref. 7). (1) Both the gain of the aromatization energy and the release of the cyclopropane strain compensate the strain of cyclophane to be formed. (2) The starting materials 1

are easily available. (3) Derivatization of the bridged bromobenzenes 3 is easily accomplished via the respective phenyllithiums 6 (Scheme 2).

Preparation of the cyclopentenol 1a and 1c was accomplished by the Stobbe condensation⁸ providing 5 and the subsequent hydride reduction. The alcohol 1b was obtained by intramolecular aldol condensation of cyclododecane-1,4-dione^{9a,b} (methanolic NaOH) affording 5b followed by the reduction. Alternatively, 5b was prepared by the acid catalyzed cyclization of cyclododeca-2,11-dienone ethylene acetal.



well as a benzophenone derivative 17b, which is ascribed to the Cannizzaro type reaction.^{7d} Remarkably acetone reacted at the carbonyl site to give the normal t-alcohol 18b. The α -proton abstraction by 6b is a minor process, if any, in spite of the enhanced basicity of 6b due to the hindrance.7

An attempt to obtain a chiral metacyclophane involved the reaction of Sa with methyllithium producing an alcohol 19, which was directly subjected to dibromocarbene addition and the adduct was exposed to silica gel. The resolution of thus obtained 12-bromo-8-methyl



Scheme 2.

Lithiation of 12-bromo[6]metacyclophane (3a) with n-butyllithium proceeded smoothly to give 12lithio[6]metacyclophane (6) in spite of the expected steric hindrance of the hexamethylene chain.† The subsequent quenching of 6a with water gave [6]metacyclophane (7a) along with a transannular product, 2a,3,4,5-tetrahydroacenaphthene (8). Reduction of 3b gave [7]metacyclophane (7b) and minor transannular products, 2,3,3a,4,5,6hexahydrophenalene (10) and 1,7-tetramethylenehydrindene (11), whereas that of 3e yielded [10]metacyclophane $(7c)^{10}$ only. Quenching with deuterium oxide afforded 9a and 9b.

Treatment of 6b with excess methyl iodide resulted in the lithium-iodine exchange affording 13-iodo[7] metacyclophane (12b). The compound was alternatively prepared by treating 6b with iodine. The lower homolog, 12-iodo[6]metacyclophane (12a), was obtained similarly. Noteworthy is the formation of 12a in spite of the enhanced strain. In contrast, however, exposure of 6c to methyl iodide provided 16-methyl[10]metacyclophane (13c) besides 16-iodo[10]metacyclophane (12c). The methyl derivative 13c was alternatively prepared by the reaction of 6c with methyl tosylate. The unusual behaviour of the bridged phenyllithium compounds toward methyl iodide is ascribed to the polymethylene moiety which is forced to solvate intramolecularly and to creat an anomalously nonpolar atmosphere in the vicinity of aromatic C-Li moiety ‡ and/or to the perturbation of the reaction path by the steric compression.

Carbonation of 6b or 6c gave the benzoic acid derivatives 14b or 14c. Autoxidation (bubbling O₂) of 6b yielded a bridged phenol 15b^{2c,12} albeit in a low yield along with 7b and transannular products 10 and 11. Reactivity of 6b toward carbonyl compounds has been examined. Benzaldehyde reacted with 6b to form a carbinol 16b as [6]metacyclophane (20) could not be attained due to the small amount.



Photochemical transannular reaction of 3a and 3b. Irradiation of the ethanol solution of 3a with a Pyrex-filtered mercury lamp afforded a transannular product 8 (Scheme 3).7c,13 Photolysis of 3b gave a 1:1 mixture of 10 and 11. The structures were confirmed by unambiguous syntheses of the authentic samples.^{12,14} The formal, "reverse" Friedel-Crafts type reaction is without precedent and is rationalized in terms of the release of the inner-strain energy attained by the transannular C-C bond formation

Conformational studies of metacyclophanes. (a) 2,6-Polymethylenebromobenzenes, 3a, 3b and 3c. The PMR spectrum of 12-bromo[6]metacyclophane (3a) (Fig. 1) clearly shows the non-equivalence of the benzylic protons. This observation indicates that the hexamethylene chain is located on the one side of the benzene ring and the conformational flipping does not occur at room temp. The lower-field signal (δ 3.38) of the benzylic protons is ascribed to the inner protons H_{A} (Fig. 2), the observed deshielding effect being due to the anisotropy of benzene ring and possibly of the Br atom.^{15a} The 2H peak ascribed to H_x and H_{x'}, of the enantiomeric conformers A and B (Fig. 2) indicates that a rapid equilibrium between them is set up at room temp by pseudorotation.§ This is supported by the PMR vicinal coupling constants between the benzylic protons and homobenzylic ones ($J_{AB} = 13.2$, $J_{AC} = J_{AD} = 7.0$, $J_{BC} = 4.7$, $J_{BD} = 6.8$ Hz).¹⁶ At -57° the pseudorotation was frozen and a 1H signal (H_x or H_{x'}) appeared at $\delta - 1.68$ (Fig. 1), the lower-field counterpart (Hx or Hx) probably being hidden behind the signals of other methylene protons. These two signals coalesced at -4.5° and reappeared as an average signal at $\delta = -0.03$ (2H). The energy barrier of the pseudoro-

[†]The unforeseen susceptibility to the lithiation is perhaps due to front side attack to 3 forming a four-centered transition state.

[‡]The bridging effect would influence the degree of association¹¹ of 6 at the same time.

[§]The dynamic process established by the hindered rotation of C(3)-C(4) bond through the loop of the bridge extremely suffers the non-bonded repulsion between the aromatic ring and the C(3)and C(4) protons. This inference is applicable to 7a and 12a.



Scheme 3.







Fig. 2. Conformational equilibrium of [6]metacyclophanes established by pseudorotation $(A \rightleftharpoons B, C \rightleftharpoons D)$ and flipping $(A,B \rightleftharpoons C,D)$.

Fig. 1. Temperature dependent PMR spectra of 3a (60 MHz, CFCl₃).

tation was estimated to be 12.4 kcal/mol at $T_c - 4.5^{\circ}$.¹⁷ The large value is explained by the compressed structure due to the non-bonded interaction between the aromatic π -cloud and the short aliphatic bridge. The higher energy barrier of the iodo derivative (Table 2) indicates the much severer compression in 12a.

The heptamethylene bridge of 13-bromo[7] metacyclophene (3b) exhibited well-resolved PMR signals (Fig. 3). The chemical shift difference of the methylene protons suggests the conformational rigidity of the methylene bridge, every proton of which suffers the diamagnetic anisotropy of the benzene ring to the varying extent. The highest-field signal ($\delta - 1.86$, 1H) was assigned to one of the C-4 protons in comparison with that of the frozen spectrum of [7]metacyclophane (7b) (Fig. 6, *vide infra*). Another C-4 proton signal seems to be buried in the three-proton signal at ca δ 1.0. The non-equivalence of C-4 methylene protons unambiguously reveals that the heptamethylene bridge is located on the one side of the benzene ring to give an extreme conformer E. The H_x in E is forced to reside close to the π -cloud of the benzene ring and to suffer the strong diamagnetic shielding effect. The conformational stability of heptamethylene bridge was supported again by the splitting pattern (AB part of ABCD-type signal) of the benzylic protons (C(1)-H and C(7)-H). The inner benzylic protons H_A are considerably deshielded by the anisotropy of the benzene ring as well as the bromine atom (see 3a). The parameters observed (first order approximation) are collected in Table 3 to indicate the gauch relationship between benzylic and homobenzylic methylenes. Table 3 lists further the values observed in 13-substituted derivatives. The flipping of the heptamethylene bridge of these derivatives appears to be frozen at room temperature.

The PMR spectrum (Experimental) of 3c displayed the benzylic protons appearing as an AB part of ABCD pattern to suggest that the decamethylene bridge is again located on the one side of the benzene ring. The situation did not change even at 200°.[†] The bromine atom at C(16)

[†]The similar phenomenon has been observed in 16-bromo-2,9dithia[10]metacyclophane (Ref. 18a).



Table 1. Physical properties of metacyclophanes

			Ca	alcd	Found	
	b.p. (°/mm)		C%	H%	C%	H%
Compound	or m.p. (°)	Formula	(exact i	mass P*)	(exact n	nass P*)
	97/0-18	C12H15Br	60.3	6.3	60.0	6.4
3b	47·5-48·5*	C13H17Br	61.7	6.8	61.5	6.9
3c	160/0-2	C16H23Br	65·1	7.9	65-1	8.2
4	110-120/2	C ₁₃ H ₁₇ Cl	74.8	8.2	74·7	8.3
7a	120/5	C12H16	89.9	10-1	90.0	10.1
7Ъ	115/4	C13H18	89 .6	10.4	89 ·3	10.5
7c	130/0-15	C16H24	88 ·8	11-2	88.8	11-4
12a	130/0-16	$C_{12}H_{15}I$	(286-	0217)	(286)	0235)
12 b	85·5-87°	C13H17I	52.0	5.7	52-3	5.7
12c	160-170/0-1	$C_{16}H_{23}I$	(342-	0843)	(342-	0824)
13c	130-140/0-1	C17H26	88.6	11.4	88-8	11-1
14b	146-147*	$C_{14}H_{18}O_{2}$	77.0	8.3	76.9	8.3
14c	166-167°	$C_{17}H_{24}O_{2}$	78-4	9.3	78-5	9.3
156	120/2	$C_{13}H_{18}O$	(190-	1357)	(190-	1355)
16b	117-118 ^d	C20H24O	85.7	8.6	85.6	8.4
176	92-93°	C20H22O	86-3	8.0	86.4	8.0
18b	110-110.5*	$C_{16}H_{24}O$	82.7	10.4	82.6	10.6
20	95/0-03	C ₁₃ H ₁₇ Br	61.7	6.8	61.4	6.8

^{*}Recrystallized from *n*-hexane. *Recrystallized from benzene. *Purified by sublimation. *Recrystallized from *n*-hexane: benzene = 3:2.

thus proved to be even more bulky than the cavity of the *meta* decamethylene bridge.

(b) Metacyclophanes, 7a, 7b and 7c. The PMR spectrum (Fig. 4) of [6]metacyclophane (7a) at room temp. is characterized by the non-equivalence of the benzylic protons and the 2H intensity of the most shielded signal (δ 0.35, H_x and H_x). This clearly indicates that a rapid

§For example, 5.8 kcal/mol for cyclooctene, 6.3 kcal/mol for cyclooctanone were reported (see Ref. 21).

equilibrium between conformers A and B (or C and D) (Fig. 2) exists at room temp. The freezing of the process is demonstrated by the low temp. PMR (Fig. 5) similarly as 3a.* The peak at δ 0.35 (2H) disappeared at T_c-31.5° and reappeared at $\delta - 1.27$ as a 1H peak at lower temp. (-82.5°) . At 76.5°, however, the peak disappeared, and a 4H peak (115°) was observed at $\delta 0.79$ (average signal of H_x , H_x , H_y and H_y), whereas the benzylic proton signal appeared as a triplet. The PMR change suggests that the hexamethylene bridge of 7a is now flipping up and down the benzene ring. The estimated energy barrier of the pseudorotation is collected in Table 2 and that of the flipping in Table 4. The coalescence temp. of the flipping in 12-deuterio[6]metacyclophane (9a) was by 3.5° lower than that of 7a. The considerable steric isotope effect arises from the significant interaction between the C(12)-H and the methylene chain in the transition state for the flipping.[†] It is noteworthy that the energy barrier ΔG_c^* of the conformational flipping of 7a is comparable to the corresponding one for the racemization of trans cyclononene derivative‡ and that the pseudorotation barrier of 7a is much larger than that of cycloalkenes.§

The aliphatic PMR spectrum of 7b at room temp. (Fig.

^{*}This is in sharp contrast to the conformational change of 2,5-dithia[6]metacyclophane, whose aliphatic bridge is flipping up and down the benzene ring at room temp. (Ref 18a). The intervening two sulphur atoms make the system more flexible because of the longer C-S bond and the low bending energy of C-S-C.

 $^{^{\}dagger}A$ similar conformational kinetic isotope effect of [2-2]metaparacyclophane has been analyzed more precisely (see Ref. 19).

[‡]The free energy of activation (ΔG_{-10}^{-1}) for the racemization of *trans*-cyclononene has been recorded to be 19·1 ± 0·2 kcal/mol (Ref. 20a), while 2-bromo (or 2-chloro)-3-methoxy-*trans*-cyclononene has T_c 92° (100 Mhz) (Ref. 20b).



6) exhibits a remarkably high-field 2H signal $(\delta - 0.18)$ which is assigned to the protons on C-4 on the analogy of [7](2,6)pyridinophane.²² Above room temp. the heptamethylene bridge appears to be flipping up and down the benzene ring, the protons showing the average signal of

Table 2. Coalescence temperature and energy barrier of the pseudorotation of [6]metacyclophanes (in CFCl₃)

Compound	Δν* (Hz)	T. (°)	k _c (sec ⁻¹)	ΔG _c " (kcal/mol)
	199	- 4.5	443	12.4
7a	194	- 31.5	431	11-1
12a	210*	1.0	467	12.7

 $\label{eq:k_e} \begin{array}{l} {}^{*}k_{e} = \pi \, \Delta \nu / \sqrt{2}, \ \Delta G_{e} \, {}^{*} = 2 \cdot 303 \ RT_{c} \ (10 \cdot 319 - \log k_{c} + \log T_{c}), \ assumption; \ \Delta \nu = 2(\nu_{high} - \nu_{average}), \ see \ Refs. \ 17 \ and \ 22; \\ {}^{b}\Delta_{av} = 8 \ 0 \cdot 04 \ (at \ 27^{\circ}) \ and \ \nu_{high} = -1 \cdot 71 \ (at - 77^{\circ}). \end{array}$

the extreme conformers F and G. In these conformers one proton (H_x or H_{y'}) on C-4 is forced in the shielding cone of the benzene ring. The C-4 proton signal disappeared at $T_c - 28^\circ$, and reappeared at $\delta - 1.33$ as a 1H peak at lower temp. (-73.5°). The lower-field counterpart was possibly concealed behind the multiplets of the other methylenes. The energy barrier (ΔG_c^*) of the conformational change was estimated to be 11.5 kcal/mol ($T_c - 28^\circ$). The barrier is larger than that of [7](2,6)pyridinophane²² and 2,6-dithia[7]metacyclophane¹⁸ and this indicates the effect of the incorporation of hetero atoms on the steric factors (bulkiness,²³ bond angle,²⁴ etc.).

The PMR spectrum of [10]metacyclophane (7c) exhibited a triplet signal for the benzylic protons. Apparently the decamethylene bridge is flipping and this movement is not frozen even at -119° .

The distortion of benzene ring in metacyclophanes. The chemical shifts of aromatic protons of the metacyclo-

 Table 3. The PMR spectral data of C(4)-Hx and benzylic protons of 13-substituted-[7]metacyclophanes (100MHz, 31.5°, in CDCl₃)

Compound	C(13)-X	C(4)Hx (δ)	$\nu_{\rm A}(\delta)$	ν _в (δ)	J _{AB}	J _{AC}	J _{AD}	J _{BC}	J _{BD}	(Hz)
3b	Br	- 1.86	3.37	2.68	13.0	4.6	10.5	4.5	4.5	
4	Cl	- 1.80	3.36	2.58	13.0	4.6	10.7	4.4	4.5	
7Ь	н	- 0 ·18	(ca	2.7)			•			
1 2b	I	- 1.92	3.34	2.83	13.0	4.7	10-5	4.5	4.5	
14b	СООН	-2.11	3.70	2.67	12.9	4.8	9.8	4.6	4.6	
156	OH	- 1-41	3.07	2.49	13.7	4.5	9.9	4.6	4.6	

Table 4. Coalescence temperature and energy barrier of the flipping of [6]- and [7]metacyclophanes and related compounds (measured at 60 MHz)

∆G _c ≓ (kcal/mol)
(2002,11101)
17.4"
12.4
11.5*
11.3*
9.0° 10-2

^a See footnote *a* of Table 2. ^b This was determined by the coalescence of benzylic protons (see Ref. 18a). ^c See Ref. 22. ^d Measured at 100 MHz (see Ref. 18b).

phanes are summarized in Table 5. The shorter the methylene bridge, the higher is the chemical shift of the aromatic proton. This is consistent with the expectation that the shortening of the methylene bridge induces the distortions of the benzene ring, reduces the diamagnetic ring current, and increases the olefinic character of the benzene ring.^{6d} Exceptionally C(13)-H of [7]meta-cyclophane (7b) is deshielded by *ca.* 0.3 ppm as compared with the corresponding protons of other [n]metacyclophanes. The down field shift is attributed to the van der Waals effect^{15b} of the surrounding heptamethylene chain, whose C(4)-H and/or C(3)- and C(5)-H are possibly located close to the aromatic C(13)-H to exert a steric compression on it.[†]

The distortion of the benzene ring of metacyclophanes discussed above is also demonstrated by the red-shift of UV absorptions (Table 6). In each case the red-shift appeared to be larger as is the methylene bridge shorter.²⁵

[†]The similar steric effect has recently been observed in the CMR of [2·2]metacyclophanes (Ref. 25).

[‡]The cyclohexatriene-like behaviour of the strained benzene ring of paracyclophane is demonstrated by the Diels-Alder reaction with dienophiles (Ref. 27). Attempted cycloaddition of dienophiles on [6]metacyclophanes failed.



Fig. 5. Temperature dependent PMR spectra of 7a (60 MHz, a-b in C₄Cl₄ and c-e in CFCl₃).



Fig. 6. Temperature dependent PMR spectra of 7b (60 MHz, CDCl₃) and the aromatic part of 7b and 9b (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 31°).

Table 5. Chemical shift of aromatic protons of [6]-, [7]- and [10]metacyclophanes (measured at 100 MHz)

Compound	х	n	$H_{A}(\delta)$	$H_{B}(\delta)$	
3a	Br	6	6-97	6.78	
3b	Br	7	7.03	6.93	₽Å
3c	Br	10	•	•	H _B , A H _B
7a	Н	6*	7.09	6.81	
7b	H	7°	7.17	6.92	
7c	H	10 ^d	7-11	6.89	(\mathbb{Y})
12a	I	6	6-94	6.67	l 🖞 J
12b	Ī	7	7.00	6.84	CH.
12c	Ī	10	7.07	6-96	(C112)n-4

^aAs the difference of the chemical shift between H_A and H_B is so small that a simple analysis of the AB₂ pattern is impossible. ^b $H_x = \delta 7.21$. ^c $H_x = \delta 7.43$. ^d $H_x = \delta 7.03$.

Compound	λ_{\max} [nm] (log ϵ)	Compound	λ_{\max} [nm] (log ϵ)		
3a	210.5 (4.35), 224 (4.20)	12a	219 (4-27), 246 (3-95)		
	253 (3·43), 295 (2·64)		297 (2·94)		
3b	209 (4·43), 220sh (4·26)	12b	216 (4·33), 241 (3·99)		
	243 (3-44), 280 (2-52)		284 (2.87)		
3c	204-5 (3-88), 260 (2-39)	12c	210 (4.36), 233 (3.94)		
	268 (2-37), 275 (2-26)		263 (2.82), 272 (2.76)		
			281-5 (2-59)		
2,6-Dimethyl-	269 (2·62), 277 (2·57)*	2,6-Dimethyl-	258 (3·06)"		
bromobenzene		iodobenzene			
7 a	209 (3-88), 223sh (3-59)	1 4b	213 (4·41), 260 (3·59)		
	280 (2.48)		304 (3·15)		
7Ъ	203 (4.5), 218sh (3.95)	14c	204 (4.24), 277 (2.82)		
	271 (2.40)				
[8]Metacyclo-	266 (2.4)*				
phane					
7e	215 (3.88), 256 (2.57)				
	263 (2-55), 273 (2-44)				
<i>m</i> -Xvlene	212 (3.86), 264.5 (2.48)				

Table 6. UV spectra of metacyclophanes (in n-hexane)

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EXPERIMENTAL

All the temps. are uncorrected. The IR spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu spectrometer 27-G, UV on a Shimadzu MPS-50L, and MS on a Hitachi RMU-6L spectrometer at 70 eV. The PMR spectra were obtained on a JEOL C-60-H and a Varian HA-100 D spectrometer, and the dynamic PMR were recorded on JEOL C-60-H (60 MHz). Exact mass spectra were taken on a Hitachi RMU-6D equipped with Nihon Denshi JEC-6 computer system.

2,3-Hexamethylene -2-cyclopentenone (5a). The compound was prepared according to the reported procedure⁴⁻ for 5c in 28% overall yield, b.p. 96-101°/4 mm, IR (neat): 1694 and 1646 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 164(P⁺). (Found: C, 80.4; H, 9.9. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆O: C, 80.4: H, 9.8%).

2,3-Heptamethylene-2-cyclopentenone (5b). A mixture of cyclododecane-1,4-dione (6.5 g, 33 mmol) and 4% methanolic NaOH (10 g of NaOH and 300 ml of MeOH) was heated at reflux for 4 hr under N₂. Work-up gave 5b (5.13 g, 87%), b.p. 95°/2 mm. IR(neat): 1696 and 1646 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 178 (P⁺). (Found: C, 80.7; H, 10.5. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₈O: C, 80.9; H, 10.2%).

2,3-Hexamethylene-2-cyclopentenol (1a). To LAH (1.9 g, 50 mmol, four-fold excess) suspended in ether (100 ml) with magnetical stirring 5a (8.2 g, 50 mmol) in ether (50 ml) was added dropwise under N₂ over a period of 1 hr. Stirring for 1 hr at room temp. and then at reflux for 40 min, followed by work-up, gave an acid-sensitive oil (1a, 7.8 g, 94%), b.p. 95%0.3 mm. IR(neat): 3320 and 1037 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 148 (P⁺ - H₂O) (Found: C, 79.6; H, 10.7. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₈O: C, 79.5; H, 10.9%).

2,3-Heptamethylene-2-cyclopentenol (1b). The enone 5b (4·4 g, 25 mmol) was reduced with LAH (0·93 g, 25 mmol) to yield 1b (3·8 g, 86%), b.p. 96°/0·1 mm. IR(neat): 3320, 1054 and 1030 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 162 (P⁺ - H₂O). (Found: C, 79·8; H, 11·5. Calcd for C₁₂H₂₀O: C, 79·9; H, 11·2%).

12-Bromo [6] metacyclophane (3a). To a vigorously stirred mixture of 1a (5.0 g, 30 mmol), t-BuOK (150 mmol), and n-hexane (250 ml) a soln of CHBr, (25 g, 99 mmol) in n-hexane (150 ml) was added during 3 hr at -20° under N₂ and stirring was continued overnight at room temp. Work-up afforded a crude carbeneadduct, which was subjected to destructive distillation from a Claisen flask filled with glass-wool at 170–180°/0-1 mm under dropwise addition in the period of over 3 hr. Redistillation gave 3a (1.8 g, 25%), IR(neat): 3063, 3044, 1562, 1421 and 1012 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 240 (P⁺ + 2), 238 (P⁺), 130 (100%).

13-Bromo [7] metacyclophane (3b): Treatment of 1b (3·1g, 17 mmol) with CHBr₃ (13g, 52 mmol) and t-BuOK (87 mmol) in n-hexane (200 ml) followed by distillation (135°/0·5 mm) gave 3b (1.5 g, 32%). Recrystallization from n-hexane gave an analytical sample, m.p. (Table 1). IR (KBr): 3070, 3055, 1572, 1425, 1005 and 774 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 254 (P⁺+2), 252 (P⁺), 131 (100%).

16-Bromo [10] metacyclophane (3c). The enone 5c was reduced with LAH to 1c (91% yield), IR(neat): 3330, 1046 and 973 cm⁻¹. The alcohol 1e was subjected to carbene addition and the adduct was thermolyzed to 3c (22%). IR(neat): 3072, 3048, 1575, 1425, 1024 and 783 cm⁻¹, PMR(CCL₄): δ 7·18-6·92 (m, 3H), 3·4-3·12 (m, 2H), 2·76-2·5 (m, 2H), 2·35-1·9 (m, 2H), 1·65-0·6 (m, 12H), and 0·65-0·2 (m, 2H) MS: m/e 296 (P^+ + 2), 294 (P^+), 131 (100%).

13-Chloro[7]metacyclophane (4). To a mixture of 1b (0-68 g, 3-8 mmol), t-BuOK (30 mmol) and n-hexane (50 ml) a soln of CHCl₃ (2-3 g 19 mmol) in n-hexane (40 ml) was added at 0° under N₂. Thermolysis followed by preparative TLC purification on silica gel (n-hexane, $R_f = 0.8$) afforded 4 (0-19 g, 24% yield). IR(neat): 3070, 3050, 1573, 1059 and 780 cm⁻¹, UV: λ_{max} (n-hexane) (log ϵ) 212-5 (4-52), 233 (3-75) and 279 nm (2-32).

12-Bromo-8-methyl[6]metacyclophane (20). To a soln of 5a (1.64 g 10.0 mmol) in ether (20 ml) an ethereal soln (20 ml) of MeLi (prepared from Li (0.28 g, 40 mmol) and MeI (2.8 g, 20 mmol) was added at 0° under N₂. After 0.5 hr the mixture was worked up to give an alcohol 19 (1.78 g, 99%), IR(neat): 3380 cm⁻¹. The crude 19 was directly subjected to the carbene addition and the product was purified on a silica gel column to afford 20 (1.37 g, 55%). PMR(CDCl₃): $\delta \in 81$ (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.5-3.15 (m, 2H), 3.0-2.7 (m, 1H), 2.6-2.3 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.1-0.8 (m, 6H), 0.35 (br s, 1H), and -0.3 (br s, 1H), MS: m/e 254 (P⁺ + 2), 252 (P⁺), 173 (100%), UV: λ_{max} (n-hexane) (log ϵ) 215 (4.02), 227 (3.89), 257 (3.09), and 304 nm (2.47).

[6] Metacyclophane (7a). A soln of 3a (0.29 g, 1.2 mmol) and n-Buli (2.4 mmol) in n-hexane (10 ml) was heated at reflux for 2 hr under N₂. The resulting mixture was quenched with H₂O and worked up. Distillation gave 163 mg of a mixture (3:1) of 7a and 8. Lithiation at room temp. during 7.5 hr increased the ratio to 5:1. The two products were separated by preparative TLC on SiO₂-AgNO₃ (n-hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 4:1) to give a pure sample of 7a and 711 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 160 (P⁺), 145, 131, 117, 105, 104 (100%) and 91. 8 ($R_f = 0.5$).

[7] Metacyclophane (7b). (vide infra). This was prepared by reducing 3b with n-BuLi in 70% yield along with a small amount (total 2%) of a 2:3 mixture of 10 and 11 (vide infra). Preparative GLC gave 7b, IR(neat): 3105, 3061, 3030, 1610, 1590, 1490 and 783 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 174 (P⁺), 104 (100%).

12-Deuterio [6] metacyclophane (9n). Bromide 3n (0.29 g,

13-Deuterio [7]metacyclophane (9b). This was obtained in 63% yield, b.p. 135% mm, IR(neat): 2258 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 175 (P⁺). Byproducts were 10 and 11 (total 2%).

[10]Metacyclophane (7c). Lithiation of 3c with n-BuLi and quenching with H₂O gave 7c (72%). IR(neat): 3055, 3024, 1606, 1588, 1486 and 783 cm⁻¹, PMR (CCL₄): δ 7·2-6·82 (m, 4H), 2·64 (t, J = 6 Hz, 4H), 1·8-1·54 (m, 4H) and 1·4-0·75 (m, 12H), MS: m/e 216 (P⁺).

12-Iodo [6] metacyclophane (12a). Lithiation of 3a (0.24 g, 1.0 mmol) with n-BuLi (2.0 mmol) at 69° for 1 hr and treatment with I₂ (0.51 g, 2.0 mmol) at room temp., followed by work-up and preparative TLC (three elutions with isopentane), gave 12a (R_r 0.78, 103 mg, 36%). IR(neat): 1556, 1415 cm⁻¹, PMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.02-6.64 (AB₂, 3H), 3.5-3.2 (m, 2H), 2.8-2.5 (m, 2H), 2.1-1.8 (m, 2H), 1.6-1.0 (m, 4H), 0.03 (br s, 2H), Ms: m/e 284 (P^{*}), 159, 130, 117 (100%). Byproducts were 8 (R_r 0.70, 15 mg, 10%) and 7a (R_r 0.73, 25 mg, 16%).

13-Iodo[7]metacyclophane (12b)

(a) Reaction of 6b with methyl iodide. Lithiation of 3b (0.27 g, 1.05 mmol) with n-BuLi (3.2 mmol) and treatment of the resulting 6b with freshly distilled MeI (2.0 g, 14 mmol) at 0° gave a crude solid, which was recrystallized from n-hexane to afford 12b (0.23 g, 74%). IR (KBr): 1563, 1417 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 300 (P⁺), 173, 131, 117 (100%). The mother liquor contained small amount of 7b, 10 and 11.

(b) Reaction of 6b with iodine. Quenching of 6b from 3b (0.22 mmol) and n-BuLi (0.75 mmol) with I_2 (1.0 g, 4 mmol) at 0° gave 12b (57 mg, 86%).

16-Iodo [10] metacyclophane (12c). Quenching of 6c from 3c (0.15) g, 0.51 mmol) and n-BuLi (1.2 mmol) with MeI (0.40 g, 2.8 mmol) followed by GLC (SE 30, 10% on Chromosorb, 1 m purification gave 12c (60 mg, 34%). IR(neat): 1574, 1416 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 342 (P⁺). Byproducts were 7c (4 mg, 4%), 13c (12 mg, 10%) and 3c (8 mg, 5%).

16-Methyl[10]metacyclophane (13c). Lithiation of 3c (0.15 g, 0.51 mmol) with n-BuLi (1.2 mmol), followed by treatment with MeOTs (0.22 g, 1.2 mmol) and preparative TLC (SiO_2 , n-hexane, R_f 0.9), gave a mixture (83 mg) of 7c and 13c (10:17). Preparative GLC (SE 30, 18% on Chromosorb) gave pure 13c. PMR (CCL): δ 7-0-6.85 (m, 3H), 3-05-2-76 (m, 2H), 2-65-2-35 (m, 3H), 2-33 (s, 3H), 2-1-1-6 (m, 2H), 1-65-0-3 (m, 14H), MS: m/e 230 (P^{*}).

[7] Metacyclophane-13-carboxylic acid (14b). Into 6b prepared from 3b (0.40 g, 1.6 mmol) with n-BuLi (4.7 mmol) in n-hexane (20 ml) CO₂ gas was bubbled at 0° for 1.5 hr, then at room temp. for 1.5 hr. Preparative TLC (SiO₂, ether) gave colourless needles 14b (0.10 g, 30%), IR (KBr): 3200-2500, 1677 cm⁻¹. PMR (CDCl₃): δ 11.90 (br s, 1H), MS: m/e 218 (P⁺), 173, 131, 117, 105, 91 (100%). The byproducts were 7b, 10 and 11 (13 mg).

[10]Metacyclophane-16-carboxylic acid (14c). A mixture of 6c prepared from 3c (0.12 g, 0.42 mmol) and n-BuLi (1.2 mmol) was stirred overnight at room temp. under a CO₂ atmosphere. Preparative TLC (benzene/ether 2:1) gave 14c (R_f 0.5, 32 mg, 30%), IR (Nujol): 3200-2500 cm⁻¹, PMR (CCL): δ 11.9 (br, s, 1H), MS: m/e 260 (P⁺).

13-Hydroxy[7]metacyclophane (15b). To a hexane soln of 6b O₂ was bubbled for 1 hr at -78°. Preparative TLC (SiO₂, n-hexane/benzene 1:1) gave 15b (R_f 0·4, 34 mg, 18%). IR(neat): 3550, 1188 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 190 (P⁺), 120 (100%), UV: λ_{max} (n-hexane) (log ϵ) 211 (4·40), 228 sh (3·81), 282 nm (3·05). Byproducts were 7b (15%), 10 (12%) and 11 (7%).

Reaction of 6b with benzaldehyde. To a hexane soln of **6b** obtained from **3b** (0.65 mmol) and n-BuLi (1.3 mmol) PhCHO (0.35 g, 3.3 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temp. for 2 hr and then heated to reflux for 0.5 hr. Preparative TLC gave **16b** and 17b. The carbinol **16b** (R, 0.5, ether/n-hexane 1:10, 146 mg, 80%) exhibited IR (Nujol): 3550 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 280 (P⁺), 171 (100%), UV: λ_{max} (n-hexane) (log ϵ) 218-5 (4.41) and 289-5 nm (2.67). The ketone **17b** (R_1 0.4, benzene/n-hexane 1:1, 33 mg, 18%), IR (Nujol): 1664 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 278 (P⁺), 105

(100%), UV: λ_{max} (n-hexane) (log ϵ) 207.5 (4.39), 248 (4.10), 279 nm (3.69).

Reaction of 6b with acetone. The phenyllithium **6b** obtained from **3b** (0.50 mmol) and n-BuLi (1.5 mmol) was treated with acetone (0.12 g, 2.0 mmol) at -78° for 1 hr and then at room temp. for 0.5 hr. Preparative TLC (SiO₂, n-hexane/ether 4:1) gave **18b** (R_f 0.4, 60 mg, 52%), IR (Nujol): 3350 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 214 (P⁺ - H₂O). A fraction (26 mg) at R_f 0.9 contained **7b**, 10 and 11.

Photolysis of 3a. A degassed soln of 3a (0.12 g, 0.50 mmol) in 95% EtOH (12 ml) was placed in a Pyrex tube and irradiated with a 200-W high pressure Hg lamp for 3.5 hr. Distillation (85°/3.5 mm) gave a single product 8 (52 mg, 66%), IR(neat): 1609, 824, 760 cm⁻¹, PMR (CCL): δ 7.1-6.6 (m, 3H), 3.1-2.4 (m, 5H), 2.4-1.0 (m, 6H), MS: m/e 158 (P^{*}). The compound was identical with the authentic sample.^{14a}

Photolysis of 3b. Irradiation of the ethanolic soln of 3b (0.25 g, 1.0 mmol) and distillatory work-up gave a mixture of 10 and 11 (0.15 g, 86%, 1:1 mixture). Preparative GLC (Dowfax 9N9 30% on Neopak 1A, 2 m) gave pure samples. 10, IR(neat): 1586, 840 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 172 (P⁺), 144 (100%). 11, IR(neat): 1597, 766 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 172 (P⁺), 130 (100%). These compounds were identical with the authentic samples.^{12,14}

3,4-Tetramethyleneindanone (23). A mixture of benzosuberone (4.0 g, 25 mmol), BrCH₂COOEt (5.9 g, 35 mmol), active Zn powder²⁸ (4.6 g, 70 mmol), and benzene (150 ml) was heated for 2 hr in the presence of I₂ (catalytic amount). Usual work-up afforded a β -hydroxyester (7.2 g), which was hydrolyzed with KOH (5 g) in 80% aq EtOH. Acidification and extraction gave a mixture of β -hydroxycarboxylic acid and α , β -unsaturated acid, which was subjected to dehydrative hydrogenation (H₂ 130 kg/cm², 10% Pd-C (1.0 g), 70% HClO₄ (5 drops) in EtOH (100 ml), 60°)²⁹ to afford 1-carboxymethylbenzosuberane (3.7 g, 73%). The carboxylic acid (1.1 g, 5.1 mmol) was treated with 115% polyphosphoric acid (150 g) at 100° for 2 hr. Work-up gave 23 (0.18 g, 19%), m.p. 117-118.5° (95% EtOH). IR (Nujol): 1704 cm⁻¹, MS: m/e 186 (P⁺). (Found: C, 83.6; H, 7.6. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄O: C, 83.8; H, 7.6%).

1,7-Tetramethylenehydrindene (11). A mixture of the toluene soln of 23 (15 mg, 0.081 mmol), 6N-HCl (4 ml) and Zn amalgam (0.2 g) was heated under reflux for 2 hr during which additional 4 ml of 12N-HCl was added. Work-up gave 11 (13 mg).

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