Macrocycle Ring Expansion by Double Stevens Rearrangement

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General Experimental

Reactions were conducted under argon atmosphere unless otherwise noted. Benzene was distilled from CaH₂ immediately prior to use. Xylene (mixture of isomers) was distilled from CaH₂ and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves. GC mass spectra were obtained on a benchtop HP gc/mass spectrometer. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were recorded in CDCl₃ or acetone- d_6 at the indicated frequency. ¹H NMR spectra were referenced at 0 ppm on the TMS signal and ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced at 77.0 ppm for CDCl₃. Spectra in acetone- d_6 were referenced at the residual acetone signal which was at 2.04 ppm and 206.0 ppm for ¹H and ¹³C NMR, respectively. Ethyl diazomalonate,¹ 1,3-bis(methoxy)-2-imidazolidinone,² 1,3-bis(methoxy)-2-benzimidazolidinone³ and dithiols were synthesized by literature methods.

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4, 11-Dithiabenzimidazolophane 2A

A 1 L 2-necked rb flask equipped with a reflux condensor, magnetic stir bar and an addition funnel was charged with 12 g (36 mmol) of 3,10-dithia-benzimidazolophane 1A,⁴ 790 mg (1.8 mmol) of $Rh_2(OAc)_4$ and 350 mL xylenes and brought to reflux under an argon atmosphere. The addition funnel was loaded with 14 g (76 mmol) of diethyldiazomalonate in 50 mL xylenes and this was added over a period of 1.5 h to the h. After addition was complete, refluxing was continued for another 2h at which time TLC indicated full consumption of starting materials. Solvents were removed in vacuo and the crude mass was loaded onto a silica gel column. The product was eluted with 25%/25%/50% v/v/v ethyl acetate-chloroform-hexanes to give 12 g 2A (51%) as a white solid. Crystals of 2A were obtained by slow evaporation from CH₂Cl₂ and diethyl ether, mp 160°C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 6.06 (br s, 2H), 4.85 (br d, J = 76 Hz, 4H), 4.44 – 4.30 (m, 8H), 3.72 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (br d, J = 15Hz, 2H), 1.39 – 1.34 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) 169.4, 167.5, 151.6, 132.63, 129.2 (broad signal), 128.9 121.6 (CH), 108.2 (CH), 63.0 (CH2), 62.9 (CH2), 42.7, 39.2 (broad signal), 14.0 (CH3), 13.9 (CH3). FT-IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2982, 2936, 1725, 1619, 1517, 1494, 1424, 1388, 1367, 1245, 1201, 1157, 1095, 1027, 860, 816. High resolution MS (EI, m/z): anal calcd for C₃₁H₃₆N₂S₂O₉: 644.1862; found: 644.1817, error: 7 ppm. Elemental analysis, calculated: C, 57.8; H, 5.6; N, 4.3%; found: C, 57.7; H, 5.6; N, 4.3%.

Crystals of 2A were subjected to x-ray analysis. See attached cif file.

4, 11-Dithiabenzimidazolophane 2B

A 50 mL Schlenk flask equipped with a coldfinger condenser, magnetic stir bar and a rubber septum was charged with 70 mg (0.2 mmol) dithiabenzimidazolophane 1B.⁴ 2.2 mg (0.005 mmol) of Rh₂(OAc)₄ and 2 mL xylenes and brought to reflux under an argon atmosphere. Diethyl diazomalonate (112 mg, 0.6 mmol) was dissolved in 2 mL xylenes and this solution was added over a period of 1.5 h to the reaction mixture. After addition was complete, reflux was continued for another 2 h at which point TLC indicated full consumption of starting materials. Solvents were removed in vacuo and the crude mass was loaded onto a silica gel column (1 cm x 4 cm). The product was eluted with 1:3 ethyl acetate: hexanes to give 78 mg of a colorless oil which yielded 56 mg 2B (42%) as a white solid upon trituration with diethyl ether from a dichloromethane solution, mp 179-180°C. Analytical TLC (20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) R_f 0.25. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.94 (br m, 2H), 6.74 (br s, 1H), 5.00 (br d, J = 15.5 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (br s, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 - 4.27 (m, 8H), 3.59 (br d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 3.49 - 3.45 (m, 2H), 3.11 (br d, J =17 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.38 – 1.33 (m, 12H), 1.26 – 1.19 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) 169.4, 169.1, 168.3, 168.2, 135.1, 133.5, 131.9, 130.8, 130.0, 128.9, 128.5, 121.4(3), 121.4(0), 108.4, 108.1, 62.8, 62.7, 41.8, 35.7, 34.9, 31.5, 22.6, 20.2, 17.6, 14.1, 14.0, 13.9(2), 13.9(1), 13.8. FT-IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2977, 2934, 1728, 1618,

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1489, 1426, 1387, 1242, 1156, 1097, 1027, 858, 753. High resolution MS (EI, m/z): anal calcd for $C_{33}H_{40} N_2S_2 O_9$: 672.2177; found: 673.2248 (M+H⁺), error: 1.6 ppm.

[3.3] Benzimidazolophane 3A

Dithiacyclophane 2A (4.5 g, 7 mmol) was dissolved in 200 mL (EtO)₃P by heating to 60 °C for about 10 min and was then transferred to an immersion well reactor, equipped with a medium pressure Hg lamp (Hanovia) in a pyrex water-jacketed cold finger. The solution was sparged with argon during UV irradiation. Irradiation was conducted for 2 h at which time, TLC showed full conversion of the starting material. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* in a fume hood and the residue was rinsed with ice cold diethyl ether yielding 1.89 g (46%) of **3A** as a white solid. This was rinsed several times with more diethyl ether and observed to be pure by NMR. Crystals were grown by slow evaporation from CH₂Cl₂ and diethyl ether, mp 141-143 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) & 7.23 (s, 2H), 7.01-6.93 (m, 4H), 6.44 (s, 2H), 4.82 (d, J = 15 Hz, 2H), 4.44-4.31 (m, 8H), 4.13 (d, J = 15 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (d, J = 15 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (d, J = 15 Hz, 2H), 1.39-1.32 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 171.9, 170.3, 152.5, 133.4 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 129.5, 127.6, 120.9 (CH), 108.2 (CH), 62.4 (CH₂), 62.2 (CH₂), 57.5, 43.1 (CH₂), 38.4 (CH₂), 13.9 (CH₃), 13.8 (CH₃). FT-IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2978, 2359, 1731, 1495, 1440, 1365, 1300, 1236, 1114, 1095, 1081, 860, 772. High resolution MS (EI, m/z): anal calcd for C₃₁H₃₆N₂O₉: 580.2445; found: 580.2420; error: 4.3 ppm. Elemental analysis, calculated: C, 64.1; H, 6.3; N, 4.8%; found, C, 63.9; H, 6.3; N, 4.8%.

Crystals of **3A** were subjected to x-ray analysis. See attached cif file.

[3.3] Benzimidazolophane 3B

Dithiacyclophane **2B** (50 mg, 0.07 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL (EtO)₃P by heating to 60 °C for about 10 min and was then transferred to a quartz photolysis tube with a constant sparge of argon. A medium pressure Hg lamp (Hanovia) in a pyrex water-jacketed cold finger was employed for side-on photolysis. Irradiation was conducted for 3 h, at which time full conversion of starting material was observed (TLC). The solvent was removed in vacuo in a fume hood and the residue was rinsed with cold diethyl ether yielding 14 mg (31%) of **3B** as a white solid, mp 130 -131 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) 7.08 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.86 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.60 – 4.53 (m, 1H), 4.54 - 4.23 (m, 8H), 4.14 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.85 (d, J = 15.5, 1H), 3.61 (d, J= 16.5, 1H), 3.22 - 3.12 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.44 - 1.31 (m, 12H), 1.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) 172.5, 171.9, 171.2, 170.4, 153.4, 135.5, 132.9, 132.4, 131.1, 130.2, 129.7, 129.4, 120.9, 120.8, 108.6, 108.2, 62.6, 62.4(3), 62.4(0), 62.2, 58.0, 57.8, 43.9, 42.2, 32.9, 32.5, 20.3, 17.7, 14.0(4), 14.0(1), 13.9. FT-IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2979, 2363, 2341, 1729, 1493, 1446, 1366, 1236, 1091, 1029, 859. High resolution MS (EI, m/z): anal calcd for C₃₃H₄₀N₂O₉: 608.2735; found: 631.2623 (M+Na⁺); error: 0.5 ppm.

3,9-Dithiaimidazolidinophane 7A

A 500 mL rb flask equipped with a magnetic stirbar and rubber septum was charged with 150 mL methanol and 15 drops of H₂SO₄ and stirred at room temperature under an argon atmosphere. Two gas tight syringes (5 mL) with teflon-tipped plungers were individually loaded with solutions of 348 mg of 1,3-bis(methoxy)-2imidazolidinone (2 mmol) and 340 mg of 1,3-benzenedimethanethiol (2 mmol) each in methanol (5 mL total volume), which were added over a period of 6 h via syringe pump. After the addition was complete, TLC indicated complete consumption of reactants. The contents were diluted with 100 mL of CHCl₃ and transferred into a 500 mL separatory funnel and washed with NaHCO₃ (2 x 100 mL portions), dried (K₂CO₃) and evaporated (rotary evaporator) to give a crude white solid. This was dissolved in a minimum of CHCl₃, evaporated onto 2 g flash-grade silica gel in vacuo (rotary evaporator), then loaded onto a silica gel column (4 cm x 15 cm) and eluted with 20 % ethyl acetatehexanes to give 377 mg 7A (67 %) as a white solid. Crystals of 7A were obtained by slow evaporation from CH₂Cl₂, mp 159-161 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.34 -7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23 - 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 5.44 (d, J = 15, 2H), 3.77 (d, J = 15Hz, 2H), 3.75 – 3.66 (m, 4H), 2.80 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.67 – 2.64 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 157.5, 139.6, 129.1(CH), 128.0 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 47.9 (CH₂), 38.4 (CH₂), 37.1 (CH₂). COSY analysis showed coupling between protons with δ 7.23 – 7.22 and 3.75 – 3.66; 5.44 and 3.75 – 3.66. FT-IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 1690, 1486, 1439, 1249, 1224, 715. High resolution MS (EI, m/z): anal calcd for C₁₃H₁₆N₂S₂O: 280.0701; found: 280.0699, error: 1.0 ppm.

3,9-Dithiaimidazolidinophane 7B

A 500 mL rb flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and rubber septum was charged with 150 mL methanol and 15 drops of H_2SO_4 and stirred at room temperature under an argon atmosphere. A gas tight syringe (10 mL) with teflon-tipped plunger was loaded with a solution of 348 mg of 1,3-bis(methoxy)-2-imidazolidinone 6 (2 mmol) and 396 mg of 1,3 benzenedimethanethiol **5B** (2 mmol) in methylene chloride (10 mL total volume). This solution was added over a period of 6 h via syringe pump. After the addition was complete, TLC indicated complete consumption of reactants. The contents were diluted with 100 mL of CHCl₃ and transferred to a 500 mL separatory funnel and washed with NaHCO₃ (2 x 100 mL portions), dried (K_2CO_3), and concentrated (rotary evaporator) to give a crude white solid. This was dissolved in a minimum of CHCl₃, evaporated onto 2 g flash-grade silica gel in *vacuo* (rotary evaporator), then loaded onto a silica gel column (4 cm x 15 cm) and eluted with 20 % ethyl acetate-hexanes to give 290 mg 7B (47%) as a white solid. Crystals of 7B were obtained by slow evaporation from CH₂Cl₂, mp 234 – 236 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 5.51 (d, J = 12 Hz, 2H), 3.82 - 3.75 (m, 4H), 3.66 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 2H), 2.82- 2.69 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 157.8, 134.9, 134.3, 132.5 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 48.0 (CH₂), 38.4 (CH₂), 35.8 (CH₂), 18.6 (CH₃). COSY analysis indicates coupling between signals at δ 7.03 and 3.82 – 3.75; 7.03 and 2.31; 6.94 and 3.66; 6.94 and 2.31; 5.51 and 3.82 - 3.75; 5.51 and 3.66; 3.82 - 3.75 and 2.31. FT-IR

(thin film, cm⁻¹) 1686, 1488, 1435, 1247, 1227, 906. High resolution MS (EI, m/z): anal calcd for $C_{15}H_{20}N_2S_2O$: 308.1007; found: 308.1012, error: 1.4 ppm.

3,9-Dithia-benzimidazolophane 8A

Into an argon-flushed 50 mL rb flask equipped with magnetic stirbar and rubber septum was placed 44 mg 1,3-bis(methoxymethyl)-2-benzimidazolidinone (0.2 mmol), 34 mg 1,4-benzenedimethanethiol (0.2 mmol) in 10 mL CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature to which 0.1 mL BF₃-OEt₂ (0.113 g, 0.8 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe. The reactants were stirred for 4 h at room temperature at which time the reaction was complete (TLC). The reaction contents were poured into a separatory funnel containing 50 mL NaHCO₃, partitioned, and the aqueous layer was extracted three times with 20 mL portions of CH₂Cl₂. The pooled organics were dried (K₂CO₃) and concentrated to give 84 mg of a white foam which was purified by flash chromatography (1 cm x 12 cm) 1:4 ethyl acetates-hexanes (100 mL) then gradient elution to 1:1 ethyl acetate-hexanes) to afford 53 mg 8A as a white solid (83 %). Crystallization from CH₂Cl₂ gave white crystals, mp 173 – 174 °C. Analytical TLC: (1:3 ethyl acetate-hexanes) $R_f 0.45$. ¹H NMR $(300 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3, \text{ppm}) \delta 7.08 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 6.86 \text{ (s, 4H)}, 6.72 \text{ (br d, } J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 6.60 - 100 \text{ Hz}$ 6.54 (m, 1H), 5.75 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 3.77 - 3.62 (m, 4H).¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 153.6, 137.8, 128.0, 127.0, 126.7, 121.0, 109.8, 44.4, 37.2. FT-IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 3060, 2916, 1703, 1611, 1492, 1422, 1393, 1291, 1159, 1034, 890. High resolution MS (EI, m/z): anal calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂S₂O: 328.0699; found: 328.0699; error: 0 ppm.

3,9-Dithia-benzimidazolophane 8B

Into an argon-flushed 50 mL rb flask equipped with magnetic stirbar and rubber septum was placed 44 mg (0.2 mmol) 1,3-bis(methoxymethyl)-2-benzimidazolidinone, 34 mg (0.2 mmol) 1.3 – bismercaptomethyl – 4, 6-dimethylbenzene⁵ in 10 mL CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature to which 0.1 mL BF₃OEt₂ (0.113 g, 0.8 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe. The reactants were stirred for 4 h at room temperature at which time the reaction was complete (TLC). The reaction contents were poured into a separatory funnel containing 50 mL NaHCO₃, partitioned, and the aqueous layer was extracted three times with 20 mL portions of CH2Cl2. The pooled organics were dried (K2CO3) and concentrated to give a white foam which was purified by flash chromatography (1 cm x 12 cm, 1:4 ethyl acetate-hexanes (100 mL) then gradient elution to 1:1 ethyl acetatehexanes) to afford 20 mg 8B as a white solid (29 %). Crystallization from CH₂Cl₂ gave white crystals, mp 206 – 208 °C. Analytical TLC: (1:3 ethyl acetate-hexanes) $R_f 0.45$. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.00 – 6.97 (m, 3H), 6.90 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.91 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (d, J = 15 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (d, J = 15 Hz, 3.72 (d, J =15 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 153.7, 134.7, 132.6 (CH), 131.6, 128.0 (CH), 127.1, 120.8 (CH), 109.9, 44.3 (CH₂), 36.0 (CH₂), 18.3 (CH₃). FT-IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 1701, 1559, 1492, 1425, 1394, 1286, 1034. High resolution MS (EI,

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m/z): anal calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}N_2S_2O$: 356.10126; found: 356.1012; error: 0.3 ppm.

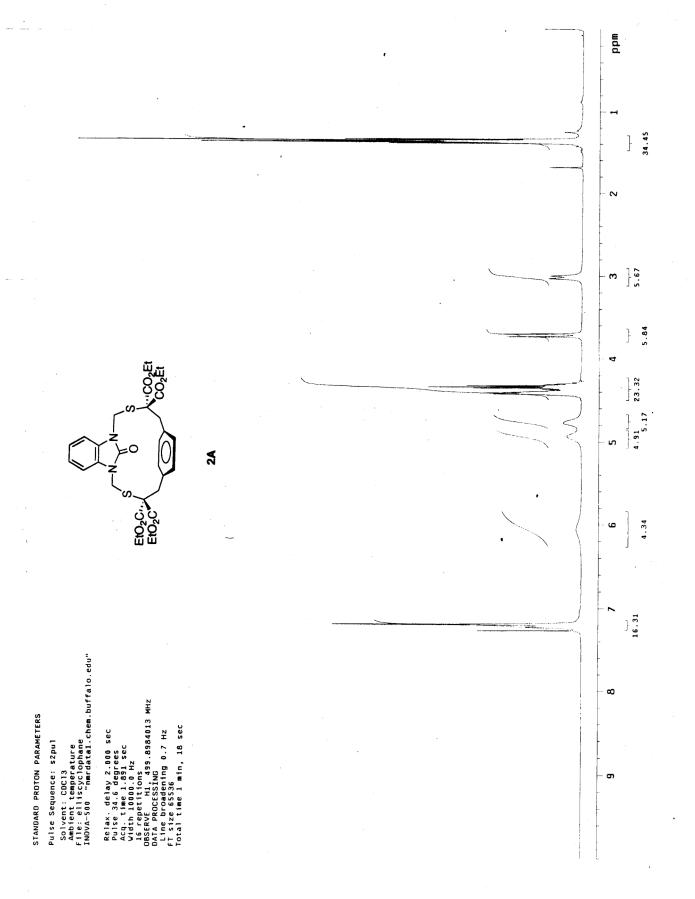
[2.2] Benzimidazolophane 9A

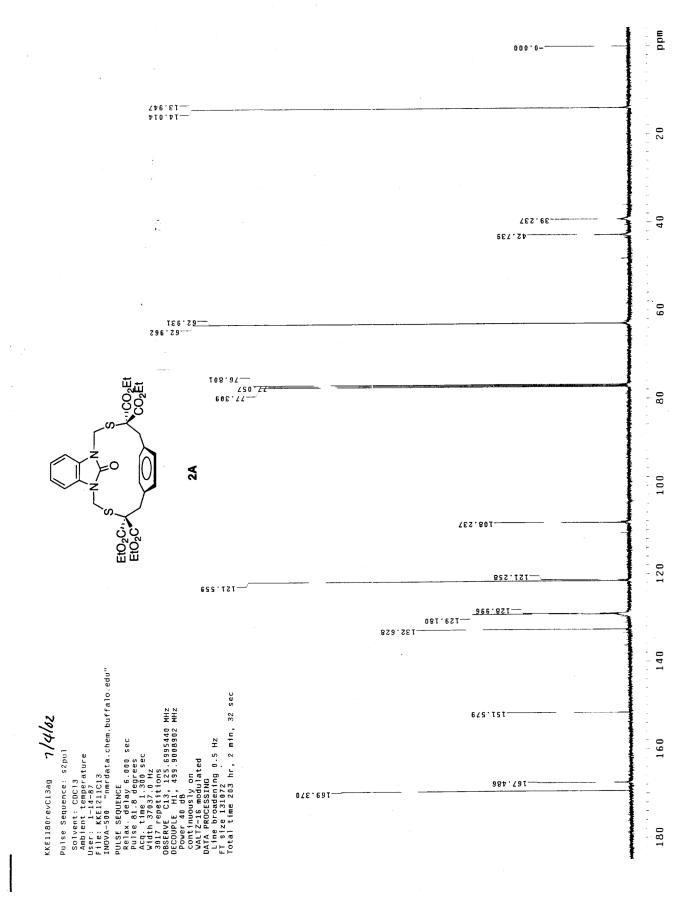
Into an immersion well reactor was dissolved 1.3g crude **8A** in 200 mL of 2:3 v/v benzene-P(OEt)₃ which was equipped with a medium pressure Hg lamp (Hanovia) contained in a pyrex water-jacketed cold finger. The solution was continuously sparged with a stream of argon and was irradiated for 5 h. The solvents were removed *in vacuo* (high vacuum) and the crude was purified by flash chromatography (2.5 cm x 12 cm, 1:4 ethyl acetate-hexanes) affording 250 mg (25%) of **9A**. Crystals of **9A** were obtained by slow evaporation of CH₂Cl₂, mp 148 – 149 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.33 – 7.10 (m, 7H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.04 – 3.85 (m, 4H), 2.85 – 2.66 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 158.2, 138.5, 131.7, 131.4, 129.9, 126.6, 121.8, 109.9, 45.7, 33.8. FT-IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2942, 2360, 1718, 1486, 1439, 1372, 1345, 1298, 1142, 1013, 786, 749, 719. High resolution MS (E/I, *m/z*): anal calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O: 264.1257; found: 264.1261; error: 1.6 ppm.

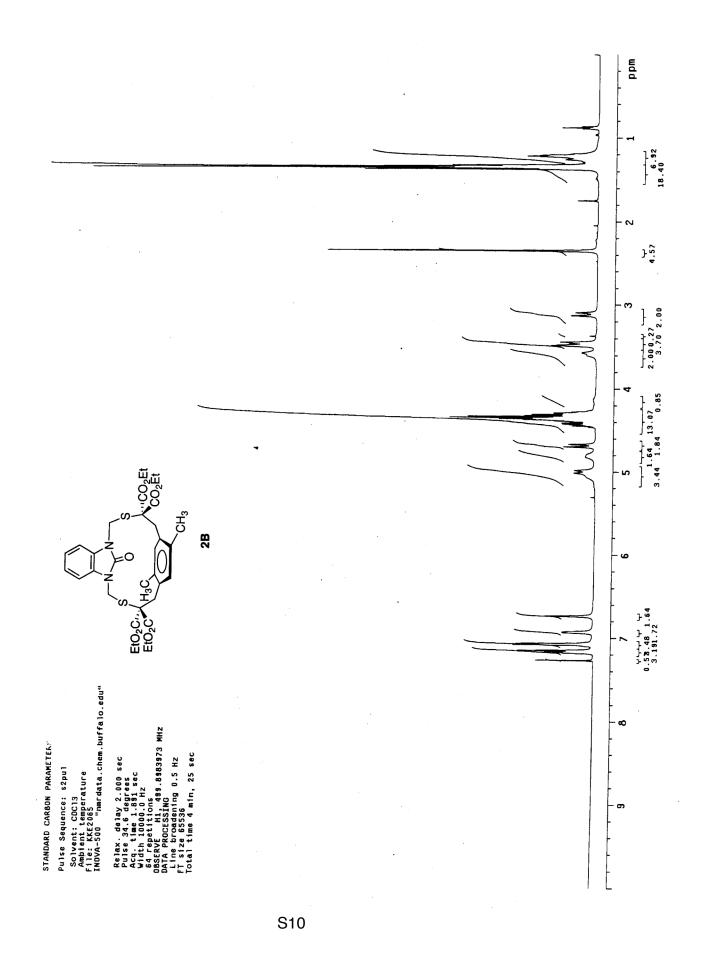
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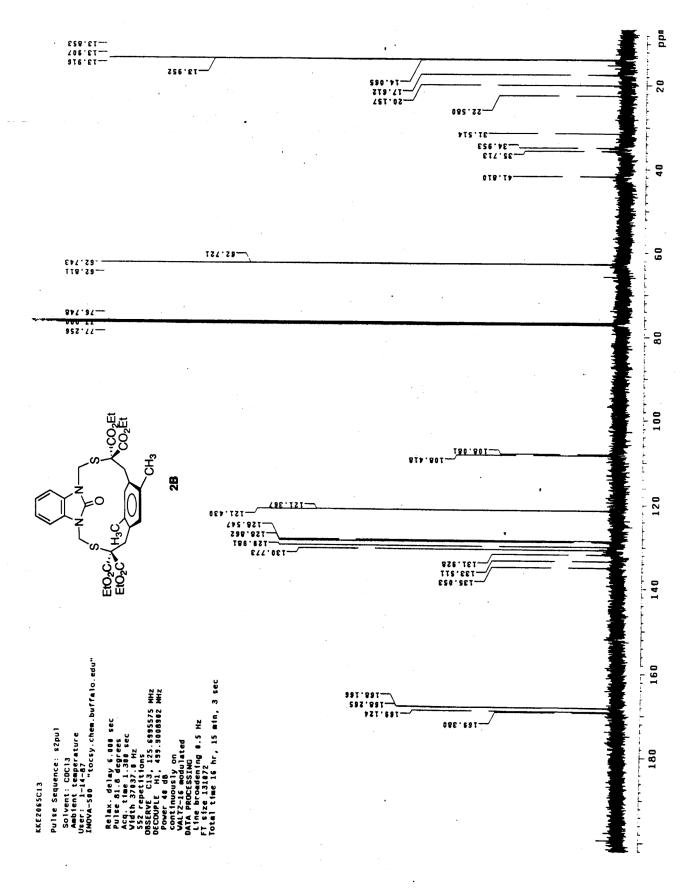
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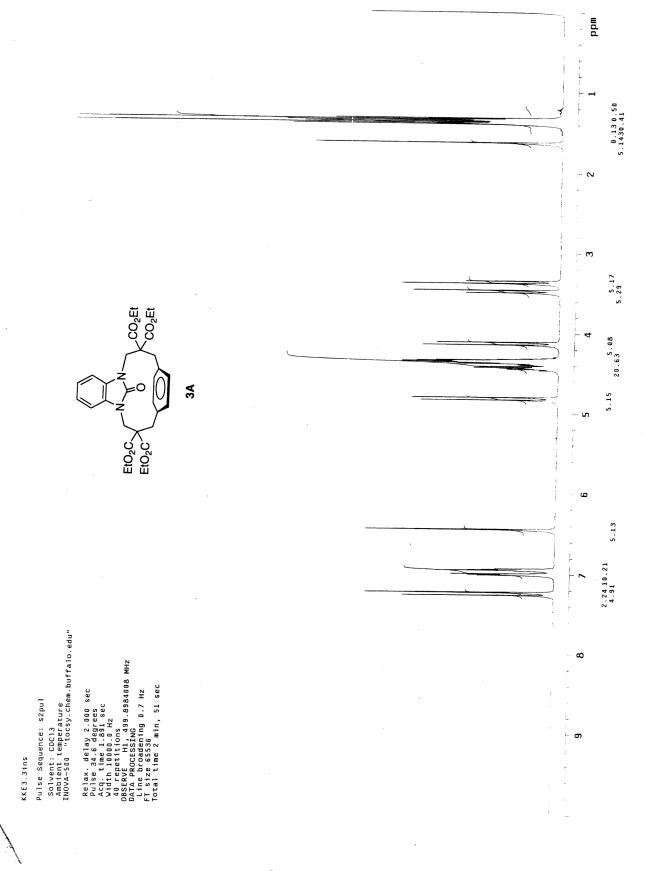
Into an immersion well reactor was dissolved 1.5 g **8B** in 250 mL of 2:3 v/v benzene-P(OEt)₃ which was equipped with a medium pressure Hg lamp (Hanovia) contained in a pyrex water-jacketed cold finger. The solution was continuously sparged with a stream of argon and was irradiated for 3 h. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* (high vacuum) and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography (2.5 cm x 12 cm, 1:4 ethyl acetate-hexanes) affording 134 mg (11%) of **9B**. Crystals of **9B** were obtained by slow evaporation of CH₂Cl₂, mp 177 – 179 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.96 – 3.93 (m, 2H), 3.87 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 2.86 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 2.58 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.306 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75.5MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 158.3, 134.2, 134.0, 132.4 (CH), 132.2 (CH), 131.5, 121.6 (CH), 109.9 (CH), 44.4 (CH₂), 30.2 (CH₂), 18.4 (CH₃). FT-IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2940, 2868, 1719, 1487, 1446, 1374, 1341, 1152, 1013, 748. High resolution MS (E/I, m/z): anal calcd for C₁₉H₂₀N₂O: 292.1570; found: 292.1575; error: 1.7 ppm.

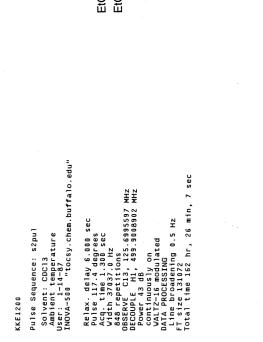












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