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Supporting Information

Nucleophilic vinylic substitution in bicyclic methyleneaziridines: $S_N V_{\pi}$ or $S_N V_{\sigma}$?

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(7)





S3



210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0



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(12)





200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0

NOE experiments for compound 4

Top trace: full spectrum*

Lower traces: NOE experiment with irradiation of:

(a) =CHD resonance at δ 5.16 (1H, s)

(b) =CHO resonance at δ 4.35 (1H, dd)

(c) CHN resonance at δ 3.62 (1H, d)

weak correlations with CHN and *i*-Pr support its *trans*-disposition with respect to the alkene–N bond;
expected correlations to CHN and *i*-Pr only;
in addition to the expected CHO correlation, weak
correlation to =CHD is consistent with observation (a));
correlation to one only of the *i*-Pr methyls (*cf.* (a)).

(* first irradiated region in this spectrum deleted to maintain the correspondence of peaks in the stack)



5.0 1.4 4.8 4.2 4.0 3.8 3.6 3.4 3.2 3.0 2.8 2.6 2.4 2.2 2.0 1.8 1.6 1.2 1.0 4.6 4.4

NOE experiment for compound 11

Upper trace: full spectrum*

Lower trace: NOE experiment with irradiation of =CHD resonance at δ 4.98 (1H, s)

(*irradiated region in this spectrum deleted to maintain the correspondence of peaks in the stack)

NH 5.15

∙Ĥ 4.22

Ηu



• Strong correlations to the *CH*NH and *CHO* protons at 4.18–4.24 (2H, m) and one of the *i*-Pr methyls at 0.90 (3H, d) support a *cis*- disposition of the =*CHD* proton and the heterocycle; a very weak correlation to the vinyl methyl resonance at 1.81 ppm supports their *trans*- disposition across the alkene double bond.

Top trace: full spectrum

Lower traces: NOE experiment with irradiation of:

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(a) =CH_{Z}H_{E} resonance at \delta 5.44 (1H, d)
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• no correlation with =CHD consistent with D and vinyl group *cis*- disposed;

• correlation only to its *geminal* methylene proton;

• no significant correlations;

(b) =CHD resonance at δ 5.32 (1H, s)

(c) =CHz H_E resonance at δ 5.17 (1H, d)

(d) CHN resonance at δ 4.78 (1H, d)

• in addition to the expected CHO correlation, weak correlations to =CH_ZH_E and =CHD support their overall *cis*relationship to the heterocycle;

(e) CHO resonance at δ 4.48 (1H, dd)

correlation to $=CH_ZH_E$ supports the observation in (d).

• in addition to the expected CHN correlation, a weak

(* first irradiated region in this spectrum deleted to maintain the correspondence of peaks in the stack)

