

respectively, of *i*-C₃H₇NHCH₂OH); only traces of other signals are seen in the spectrum. In a parallel experiment a sample which had stood in CDCl₃ at 25 °C for 18 h produced nearly identical spectra. Shift assignments were confirmed by examination of coupled spectra.

2,4,6,8-Tetrakis[2-(diphenylmethylsilyl)ethyl]-2,4,6,8-tetraazabicyclo[3.3.0]octane (11). To a suspension of 2-(diphenylmethylsilyl)ethylamine hydrochloride¹² (0.944 g, 3.6 mmol), anhydrous K₂CO₃ (1.00 g, 7.23 mmol), and freshly activated 4-Å molecular sieves (5 g) in anhydrous CH₃CN (30 mL) was added a solution of 40% aqueous glyoxal (0.128 g, 0.883 mmol) in ethanol (3 mL) with ice-bath cooling. Formaldehyde (0.143 g, 1.76 mmol of 37% aqueous solution) in CH₃CN (5 mL) was then added. After standing at 25 °C for 48 h, the mixture was filtered and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to yield 0.41 g of an oil which was purified by chromatography on silica gel (elution with ethyl acetate/hexane) to yield 0.155 g (17%) of 11 as a colorless, viscous oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.15–7.50 (m, 40 H, C₆H₅), 3.83 (s, 2 H, ring CH), 3.49, 3.24 (AB q, *J* = 6.48 Hz, 4 H, ring CH₂), 2.5–2.71 (m, 8 H, CH₂CH₂Si), 1.10–1.31 (m, 8 H, CH₂CH₂Si), 0.49 (s, 12 H, CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₆₄H₇₄N₄Si₄: C, 75.98; H, 7.37; N, 5.54. Found: C, 74.15; H, 7.22; N, 5.32. Like 1k, compound 11 is decomposed by prolonged contact with silica gel.

1,1,2,2-Tetra-*N*-acetyl-1,1,2,2-tetra-*N*-benzyl-1,1,2,2-tetra-aminoethane (8). 2,4,6,8-Tetrabenzyl-2,4,6,8-tetraazabicyclo[3.3.0]octane (1d, 2.0 g, 4.21 mmol), acetic anhydride (100 mL), and 10% Pd/C catalyst (1.0 g) were shaken with hydrogen in a

Parr apparatus (45 °C, 50 psi, 6 h). The catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate concentrated to remove volatiles, leaving an oil mixed with solid. The product was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and extracted twice with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, twice with 1 N HCl, and once with water. After drying with anhydrous MgSO₄, the CH₂Cl₂ solution was concentrated to dryness to yield an oil mixed with solid. Trituration with methanol (10 mL) and storage at 0 °C deposited crystalline 8: 0.113 g, 4.3% yield; mp 175–177 °C; recrystallization from CH₃CN gave flat, rhombic prisms, mp 183–186 °C (42% recovery); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.4 (s, 20 H, C₆H₅), 6.5 (s, 2 H, CH), 4.8 (s, 8 H, CH₂), 2.0 (s, 12 H, CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₄₂N₄O₄: C, 73.76; H, 6.84, N, 9.06. Found: C, 74.55; H, 6.91; N, 8.73.

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Dimethyldioxirane Oxidation of Primary Amines

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Several primary amines **2** have been oxidized with dimethyldioxirane (**1**) under a variety of conditions. Mixtures of dimeric nitrosoalkanes **4** and oximes **5** were typically obtained with solutions of the oxidant in excess. In several instances, nitrones **12** were found as byproducts in these reactions. In situ oxidations using oxone in buffered aqueous acetone solutions also gave nitrosoalkanes **4** and oximes **3** as important products; in addition, oxaziridines **11** were obtained in significant amounts in biphasic procedures containing methylene chloride. The corresponding nitroalkanes **5** were not formed in major amounts in either oxidation procedure, unless large excesses of oxidant were used. These results are discussed in terms of the several competing processes which occur under the different reaction conditions.

Although amines are readily oxidized by a range of reagents, there is a lack of general methodology for specific oxidative transformations of primary amines.¹ Soon after the introduction of dimethyldioxirane² (**1**) as a powerful but selective oxidant, its applications to this problem were examined. Several papers report efficient conversions of primary amines to the corresponding nitro compounds by this reagent, which can be either prepared and used separately or generated in situ.^{3–7} Solutions of **1** have also

been utilized for the controlled oxidation of amino sugars and esters of amino acids to the corresponding hydroxylamines.⁸ Interestingly, complications associated with the nitroso compounds of intermediate oxidation state have not generally been a problem with this reagent, although nitroso dimers and oximes (common products with other oxidants^{1,9}) were noted in a few instances.^{5,6,8} Observations made during a study of the oxidation of allenic amines by **1**¹⁰ suggested that this situation is not universal and prompted a study of primary amines bearing primary and secondary alkyl substituents. In these cases, tautomerization of the intermediate nitrosoalkanes to oximes is

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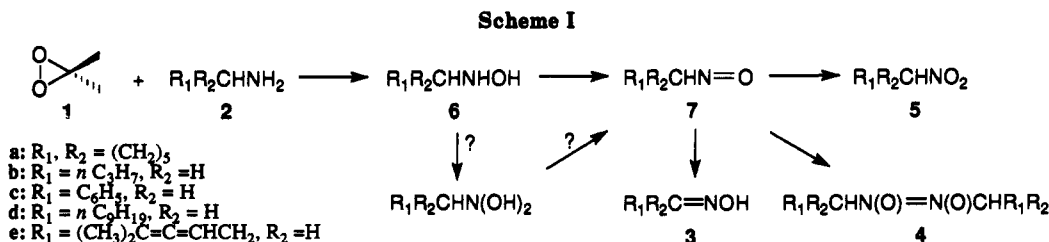
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possible and dimerization is facilitated relative to the aryl and tertiary alkyl analogs that were intermediates in most of the reported examples using 1.³⁻⁵

The oxidation of cyclohexylamine (2a) by 1 was examined in some detail. Reactions were normally performed by adding an excess of the oxidant solution in several portions to a solution of 2a until the starting amine was consumed, usually less than 0.5 h. A deep blue color suggestive of a nitroso compound was observed briefly upon mixing the reactants. Under these conditions the major products were oxime 3a and the dimer of nitrosocyclohexane (4a); little nitrocyclohexane (5a) was found in the crude product mixtures. The relative amounts of 3a and 4a varied with the exact procedure, but dimer 4a usually predominated over oxime 3a and the total yields of chromatographically purified components were in the 60% range (Table I). The formation of 3a and 4a as major products is consistent with oxidations of primary amines with other reagents.⁹ Since nitroso dimers are easily transformed to oximes by reaction with base,¹¹ it was possible to effect a preparative conversion of 2a to oxime 3a in 70% yield simply by heating the crude oxidation product with Et_3N in hexane prior to purification.

The sequence of reactions illustrated in Scheme I provides a basis for evaluation of these results. The starting amine is initially oxidized by 1 to a hydroxylamine derivative 6, which is subsequently oxidized to a nitrosoalkane (7), perhaps via a dihydroxylamine intermediate. The final oxidation of the nitroso compound to a nitroalkane (5) is in competition with other reactions of 7, namely dimerization to 4 and tautomerization to oxime 3. These considerations suggested possible modifications of the reaction conditions in order to enhance the yield of the nitro compound. Thus, the addition of 7 equiv of 1 all at once to a solution of 2a did give a mixture of dimer 4a and nitro compound 5a in about a 2:1 ratio. Likewise, the slow addition of a solution of 2a to 10 equiv of 1 gave a comparable amount of nitroalkane, accompanied in this case by both 3a and 4a. While this demonstrates that competitive oxidation of the nitrosoalkane monomer 7 to nitro compound 5a is possible, it is not feasible to use this procedure to obtain 5a in good yield without employing an unreasonable excess of oxidant.

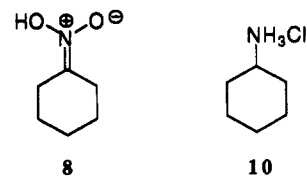
Several control experiments further substantiate the broad outlines of Scheme I. Independent oxidation of hydroxylamine 6a gave a mixture of oxime 3a and dimer 4a as anticipated.¹² On the other hand, dimer 4a reacted only slowly with the oxidant; 5 equiv of 1 for 6 h resulted in only 10% conversion to the nitro compound. This indicates that monomer-dimer equilibration is not facile under these conditions and rules out dimer 4a as a significant source of 5a. Oxime 3a is also relatively unreactive to 1, although prolonged exposure results in significant degradation to cyclohexanone. This conversion may involve formation of *aci*-nitrocyclohexane (8) by oxygen

Table I. Oxidation of Primary Aliphatic Amines with 1

starting material	equiv of 1	other conditions	products ^a			
			3	4	5	other
2a	3.5		40%	21%	tr	
2a	5	NaHCO_3	21%	46%		
2a	5	K_2CO_3	25%	33%		
2a	7	CH_2Cl_2	20%	48%		
2a	10		24%	39%	tr	
2a	10	b	(10)	(50)	(40)	
2a	7	c		(60)	(40)	
2a	7	c,d		(70)	(30)	
2a	1.2	-78 °C	(39)	(16)	tr	2a (6), 9a (39)
10	6.5			(90)	(10)	
10	6.5	H_2O^b		(26)	(53)	10 (21)
3a	5		(6)			(40) ^c
4a	5			(90)	(10)	
6a	2.5		(50)	(50)	tr	
2b	5		20% ^f	34%	g	12b 20%
2b	6	NaHCO_3	24% ^f	36%	tr	12b 15%
2b	6	K_2CO_3	16% ^f	58%	tr	
9b	4.5		(44)	(30)		12b (26)
2c	6	K_2CO_3	65%			
2c	6	NaHCO_3	69%			
2c	6		60%			
2d	6	K_2CO_3	73% ^f	18%	tr	
2d	6	NaHCO_3	43% ^f	13%	tr	12d (17) ^h
2d	6		51% ^f	18%	(8)	12d (3) ^h
2e	6	K_2CO_3	40% ^f	8%	g	
2e	6	NaHCO_3	36% ^f	9%	g	
2e	5		20% ^f	5%	g	12e 28%

^a Percent indicates isolated yields; parentheses indicates percentage of crude product. ^b Amine added to 1. ^c 1 added in one portion. ^d Protected from light. ^e Cyclohexanone. ^f 3 and 4 isolated as a mixture. ^g Present as <5% of crude product. ^h Not isolated.

transfer to the oxime nitrogen, followed by hydrolysis by the water invariably present in acetone solutions of 1.¹³ A number of attempts to observe hydroxylamine 6a in functioning oxidations of 2a all failed. For example, reaction with only 1.2 equiv of 1 at -78 °C gave oxime 3a, dimer 4a, and starting material. This indicates that hydroxylamine 6a is oxidized much more rapidly than the amine. Of particular significance for the work below was the accumulation of appreciable quantities of the cyclohexanimine of acetone (9a) in this particular reaction mixture (vide infra).



The suggestion that amine hydrochloride salts may be better starting materials than the amines themselves^{4,6} spurred several experiments with cyclohexylammonium chloride (10). The addition of 7 equiv of 1 to 10 in acetone

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Table II. In Situ Oxidations of Amines with Oxone

starting material	equiv of oxone	cosolvent	products ^a			
			3	4	5	11
2a	4.5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	10%	43%	10%	10%
2a	8	CH ₂ Cl ₂	(12)	(60)	(14)	(14)
2a	16	CH ₂ Cl ₂	(12)	(50)	(18)	(20)
2a	8		(2)	(26)	(72)	
2a	16			(14)	(86)	
2a	20			11%	65%	
9a	4.5			(5)	(22)	(73)
2b	4.5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24% ^b	30%	(6)	(27)
2b	4.5		40% ^b	40%	(12)	
2c	6	CH ₂ Cl ₂	55% ^b			(38) ^c
2c	6		52% ^b			tr
2d	4.5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	15% ^b	35%	(5)	37%
2d	4.5			64%	9%	(13)

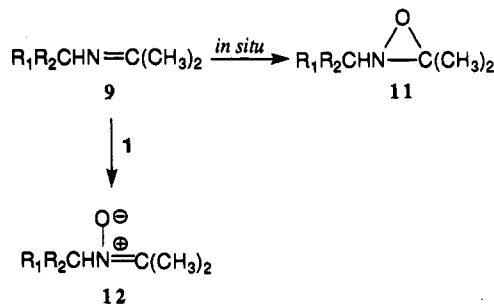
^a Percent indicates isolated yields; parentheses indicates percentage of crude product. ^b 3 and 4 were isolated as a mixture. ^c Not isolated.

gave the usual predominance of dimer 4a, along with nitro compound 5a and lesser amounts of oxime 3a in a slower, more complex reaction than with free 2a. The addition of an acetone solution of salt 10 containing a small amount of water to 10 equiv of 1 did give the nitroalkane as the major product, but appreciable quantities of dimer 4a and unreacted starting material were also present. Consequently, this approach to nitrocyclohexane was not pursued further.

Experimentation was also performed with in situ oxidations of 2a, in which the amine was reacted with the NaHCO₃-buffered, aqueous acetone solutions of oxone (the triple salt 2KHSO₅·KHSO₄·K₂SO₄) normally used to generate 1 (see Table II). These oxidations most likely involve 1 as the active oxidant, since omitting the acetone results in slower, more random oxidations of 2a. Nonetheless, the participation of caroate (peroxy monosulfate; HSO₅⁻) as a primary oxidant cannot be conclusively ruled out at this time.¹⁴ An important difference was found in these in situ oxidations depending upon the use of a homogeneous or a biphasic reaction medium. A biphasic process containing CH₂Cl₂ gave mainly nitroso dimer 4a, accompanied by smaller amounts of 3a, 5a, and a new material identified as oxaziridine 11a (10% yield). Oxaziridine 11a was formed as the major product upon submission of imine 9a to these in situ reaction conditions, although some 4a and 5a were also generated. Thus, it is likely that 11a arises from imine 9a which is formed from amine 2a and acetone under the oxidation conditions. Caroate is probably the functioning oxidant for the 9a → 11a conversion (vide infra). A preparative experiment in which the crude product from an in situ oxidation of 2a was treated with Et₃N prior to purification gave oxime 3a in 58% isolated yield. Although less efficient than the procedure using a solution of 1, this method avoids the need to prepare 1 and it can be scaled up more readily.

Interestingly, in situ oxidation without the CH₂Cl₂ phase gave more of the nitro compound (Table II), whereas oxaziridine 11a was not present in the product mixture. Thus, oxidation of 2a with 16 equiv of oxone gave an 86:14 ratio of 5a:4a. A preparative experiment using 20 equiv of oxone provided nitrocyclohexane (5a) in 65% isolated yield. This is clearly the best synthetic method for nitroalkane 5a of the many examined in this study. In this procedure the intermediates remain in the aqueous oxidation medium rather than being extracted into a protective organic layer as they are in the biphasic reactions.

This apparently promotes oxidation all the way to 5a. Any oxaziridine formed in the homogeneous reaction is probably oxidatively cleaved to acetone and nitrosoalkane 7a, which then goes on to 5a. Such a conversion has been documented for peracid oxidations of oxaziridines.¹⁵



The oxidation of n-butylamine (2b) with 6 equiv of 1 in the presence of K₂CO₃ gave a mixture of stereoisomeric oximes 3b and nitroso dimer 4b. Treatment of the crude product from a similar reaction with Et₃N generated a 56% yield of oxime 3b. Interestingly, a third component was isolated in up to 20% yield when K₂CO₃ was omitted from the reaction mixture. This new compound was assigned the nitron structure 12b on the basis of characteristic spectroscopic data which include ¹H NMR methyl singlets at δ 2.16 and 2.10 and a methylene triplet (*J* = 7.5 Hz) at 3.83; ¹³C NMR signals for the nitrogen bound carbons at δ 143.9 and 58.8 and a band at 1607 cm⁻¹ in the IR.¹⁶ The formation of 12b is believed to involve oxidation of transient imine 9b. The oxidation of imines with 1 has been shown to yield nitrones.¹⁷ In accord with this, nitron 12b was generated in modest amounts upon exposure of authentic imine 9b to a solution of 1.

A biphasic oxidation of 2b by 4.5 equiv of oxone in aqueous acetone-CH₂Cl₂ gave approximately equivalent amounts of oxime 3b, dimer 4b, and oxaziridine 11b, along with a small amount of nitro compound 5b. A similar reaction without CH₂Cl₂ gave a mixture of 3b, 4b, and 5b but no 11b. In this case, increasing the amount of oxone substantially did not improve the yield of nitroalkane. It seems likely that oxaziridine is produced from imine 9b by a process initiated by the nucleophilic addition of caroate to the imine function. This is analogous to the addition-elimination mechanism proposed for the peracid conversion of imines to oxaziridines¹⁷ and explains the dichotomy in the oxidations of imine 9b with solutions of 1 (direct oxygen transfer to nitrogen giving nitron 12b) relative to the in situ reactions (formation of oxaziridine 11b). Preparative conversion to oxime 3b was effected by Et₃N isomerization of the crude oxidation product from an in situ oxidation in 46% yield.

Oxidations of benzylamine (2c) with solutions of 1 in the usual manner gave oxime 3c as a 9:1 mixture of *E* and *Z* isomers as the only important product regardless of the reaction conditions (Table I). Neither nitroso nor nitro compounds were found in these oxidations. A biphasic in situ oxidation of 2c with 6 equiv of oxone also generated oxime 3c in modest yield (55%). The crude product from this reaction contained a second unisolated component tentatively assigned as oxaziridine 11c that decomposed upon chromatography. In order to facilitate the isolation of 3c, the crude product was heated with Et₃N in hexane

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prior to purification. This transformed 11c to benzaldehyde (31% yield) which was easily separated from 3c. This conversion of 11c is fully consistent with known chemistry of oxaziridines.¹⁸ The homogeneous in situ oxidation process gave oxime 3c in comparable yield but in higher purity. The phenyl substituent in this system clearly facilitates the formation of 3c from the intermediate nitrosoalkane so that most of the starting amine is channeled to this product.

A brief study of the long-chain *n*-decylamine (2d) supplemented these results. Thus, oxidations with solutions of 1 gave oxime 3d (a mixture of *E* and *Z* isomers) and nitroso dimer 4d, with the former predominating in this case. In experiments without added K_2CO_3 a small amount of a material tentatively identified as nitron 12d was also observed in the crude product by NMR. Oxidation in situ with 4.5 equiv of oxone in the absence of an organic phase gave only dimer 4d (64%) and nitroalkane 5d (9%) as significant products. However, biphasic oxidation once again led to oxaziridine formation. Thus, a mixture of 11d (37%), 3d, and 4d was isolated from a reaction containing CH_2Cl_2 . Preparative conversion of 2d to aldoxime 3d in 59% yield was effected by sequential oxidation and Et_3N treatment using the first in situ method.

Finally, allenic amine 2e was found to undergo oxidation of the amino group without serious compromise of the reactive allene moiety. Thus, oxidation of 2e with 6 equiv of 1 in the presence of K_2CO_3 gave a 45% yield of a 6:1 mixture of oxime 3e (1:1 *E*:*Z* ratio) and dimer 4e. A similar reaction which was heated with Et_3N prior to purification gave 3e in 47% yield. An experiment without K_2CO_3 produced nitron 12e (28%) in addition to 3e and 4e. Although the yields were modest in this case, where competing oxidation of the allene unit is possible,¹⁹ a synthetically useful conversion to the oxime was possible.

Conclusions. The oxidation of aliphatic primary amines by dimethyldioxirane is more complicated than previously indicated; oximes, nitroso dimers, nitroalkanes, nitrones, and oxaziridines can all be important products under certain conditions with specific amines. Oximes can be obtained preparatively by a two-step protocol involving oxidation by 1 (or more conveniently in situ by oxone), followed by Et_3N -promoted conversion of the product mixtures to oximes. The nitroso dimers can be isolated in reasonable yields from the initial reaction mixture in most cases. The use of a large excess of oxone in aqueous acetone was employed for the preparative oxidation of 1a to 5a; unfortunately, this procedure was not successful for amines with a primary alkyl substituent. Furthermore, we were unable to isolate simple hydroxylamine derivatives in this work and believe that the presence of additional polar functionality in the reported examples⁸ of this transformation may be required for efficient conversions to this intermediate oxidation state. Finally, the oxidative condensations of amines with acetone, which gave either nitrones or oxaziridines depending on the reaction conditions, provide direct routes to these novel materials, albeit in relatively low yields.

Experimental Section

General. Melting points are not corrected. 1H NMR spectra were taken on $CDCl_3$ solutions at 500 MHz; ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 125 MHz. Mass spectra were obtained using chemical (CI) or electron impact (EI) ionization. Exact mass measurements

are reported for the $M + 1$ or M peak. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Kieselgel 60F 254 silica gel on 10 × 20-cm plates of 0.25-mm thickness. Flash chromatography was done with Merck silica gel 60 (250–400 mesh).

Solvents and Reagents. Commercially available reagents were used without purification except for the amines which were distilled from potassium hydroxide.

Dimethyldioxirane Solutions. The simplified version of the procedure for the preparation of 1 was used.¹⁹ The solutions of 1 thus obtained were dried over K_2CO_3 , filtered, and stored over 3A molecular sieves at $-15^\circ C$ before use. Solutions of 1 were titrated by a procedure similar to that described by Baumstark;²⁰ concentrations were usually in the range of 0.09–0.12 M.

5-Methyl-3,4-hexadien-1-ylamine (2e).²¹ To a stirred solution of 8.2 g (31 mmol) of 5-methyl-3,4-hexadien-1-yl *p*-toluenesulfonate²² in 100 mL of DMF under N_2 was added 6.5 g (100 mmol) of sodium azide. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and poured into 200 mL of ether. The ether layer was washed three times with brine, dried ($MgSO_4$), and concentrated to give 4.4 g of crude azide: 1H NMR δ 4.95 (m, 1), 3.30 (t, 2, $J = 6$ Hz), 2.22 (q, 2, $J = 6$ Hz), 1.70 (d, 6, $J = 3$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 202.4, 96.4, 65.0, 50.8, 28.7, 20.5; IR 2099, 1971 cm^{-1} . To a stirred solution of 2.3 g (60 mmol) of $LiAlH_4$ in 200 mL of anhydrous ether under N_2 at $0^\circ C$ was added the crude azide in 100 mL of ether. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature, cooled to $0^\circ C$, and 11 mL of H_2O and then 2 mL of 10% NaOH were added. After 0.5 h the reaction mixture was dried (K_2CO_3), filtered, and concentrated to give 2.44 g (71%) of 2e of good purity which was stored at $-15^\circ C$ under N_2 : 1H NMR δ 4.84 (m, 1), 2.68 (t, 2, $J = 7$ Hz), 2.01 (q, 2, $J = 7$ Hz), 1.63 (d, 6, $J = 3$ Hz), 1.31 (s, 2); ^{13}C NMR δ 202.4, 95.1, 86.1, 41.6, 33.5, 20.7; IR 3368, 3297, 1968, 1580 cm^{-1} ; MS (CI) m/z (rel intensity) 112 (22), 111 (100), 96 (64), 84 (48), 82 (30), 79 (44), 67 (52); exact mass 112.115, calculated for $C_7H_{14}N$ 112.1126.

General Procedure for the Oxidation of Amines with Solutions of 1. To a solution of the amine in acetone was added a cold solution of 1, usually in portions, until the starting material was consumed as determined by GC or TLC. A large excess of oxidant was generally used. Solid $NaHCO_3$ or K_2CO_3 was sometimes added to the reaction mixture as a buffering agent. The reaction mixture was concentrated, dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 , dried over K_2CO_3 , and concentrated again. After analysis by NMR or GC, the crude product was usually purified by preparative TLC or flash chromatography. Additional details are indicated below for specific substrates.

General Procedure for in Situ Oxidations. Two methods were used. Method A involved stirring a mixture of the amines, 10 g of $NaHCO_3$, and an appropriate amount of oxone in a biphasic solvent mixture consisting of 30 mL each of water, acetone, and CH_2Cl_2 . After the oxidant was consumed, the reaction mixture was extracted with ether and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried (K_2CO_3), and concentrated. After analysis of the crude product by NMR, purification by flash chromatography was normally used to separate the components. Method B was performed in a similar manner, except that the CH_2Cl_2 was omitted from the reaction mixture. Further details are indicated below under the specific starting amine.

Oxidation of Cyclohexylamine (2a). A. To 50 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2a in a 1:3 acetone–dichloromethane solution (40 mL) was added 30 mL (7 equiv) of 1. Workup and preparative TLC using 1:1 ether–pentane gave 11 mg (20%) of 3a^{9d,f,23} and 27 mg (48%) of 4a as a white solid:^{9a} mp 111–113 $^\circ C$ (lit. mp 118–119 $^\circ C$).

B. The reaction of 93 mg of 2a with 42 mL (5 equiv) of 1 and 5 g of $NaHCO_3$ gave, after preparative TLC using 1:1 ether–pentane, 22 mg (21%) of 3a and 49 mg (46%) of 4a.

C. Reaction of 78 mg of 2a with 39 mL (5 equiv) of 1 and 4 g of K_2CO_3 gave 23 mg (25%) of 3a and 28 mg (33%) of 4a.

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D. Reaction of 80 mg of **2a** with 27 mL (3.5 equiv) of **1** gave 36 mg (40%) of **3a** and 21 mg (21%) of **4a**.

E. To 41 mg of **2a** in 8 mL of acetone was added 78 mL (10 equiv) of **1** in portions. After 10 min, workup and preparative TLC using 50% ether-pentane gave 21 mg (24%) of **3a** and 34 mg (39%) of **4a**. ¹H NMR analysis showed only traces of **5a**.

F. To 74 mL (10 equiv) of **1** was added dropwise 73 mg of **2a** in 10 mL of acetone. After 15 min, 75 mg of a 10:50:40 mixture of **3a**, **4a**, and **5a** was obtained.

G. To 35 mg of **2a** in 2 mL of acetone was added 25 mL (7 equiv) of **1** in one portion. After 15 min, 35 mg of a 60:40 mixture **3a** and **5a** was obtained. An experiment with the exclusion of light using 35 mg of **2a** in 5 mL of acetone and 25 mL (7 equiv) of **1** afforded 39 mg of a 70:30 mixture of **4a** and **5a**.

H. To 54 mg of **2a** at -78 °C was added 6.5 mL (1.2 equiv) of **1**. After 15 min, workup gave 55 mg of a yellow oil. ¹H NMR showed **4a**, **9a**,²⁴ **3a**, and **1a** in a ratio of 16:39:39:6. ¹H NMR displayed traces of **5a** but no **6a**. After the oil was allowed to stand for 1 day, re-analysis displayed **3a**, **2a**, **1a** and acetone, but no **9a**.

I. To 78 mg of **10** in 5 mL of acetone was added 38 mL (6.5 equiv) of **1**. After 1 h, 60 mg of a 90:10 mixture of **3a**:**5a** was obtained.

J. To 20 mL (10 equiv) of **1** was added dropwise 20 mL of an acetone solution of 26 mg of **10** and 0.3 mL of water. After 30 min, 25 mg of a 26:53:21 mixture of **4a**:**5a**:**10** was obtained. A similar experiment run overnight gave essentially the same product ratio.

K. In situ oxidation by method A of 560 mg of **2a** with 8.6 g (4.5 equiv) of oxone gave, after flash chromatography using 1:1 ether-pentane, 75 mg (10%) of **5a**, 80 mg (10%) of **11a**, 274 mg (43%) of **4a**, and 60 mg (10%) of **3a**. 2-Cyclohexyl-3,3-dimethylloxaziridine (**11a**) was obtained as a yellow liquid:²⁴ ¹H NMR δ 2.26 (tt, 1, *J* = 11, 4 Hz), 2.00–1.10 (m, 10), 1.52 (s, 3), 1.40 (s, 3); ¹³C NMR (DEPT) δ 81.1 q, 61.5 t, 31.8 s, 29.1 s, 26.3 p, 25.6 s, 24.4 s, 24.1 s, 17.1 p; MS (EI) *m/z* (rel intensity) 156 (17), 138 (55), 124 (10), 98 (65), 83 (44), 82 (23), 74 (100). A similar experiment using 8 equiv of oxone gave a 12:60:14:14 mixture of **3a**:**4a**:**5a**:**11a**; one using 16 equiv of oxone gave a 12:50:18:20 mixture of the same products.

L. In situ oxidation by method B of 585 mg of **2a** with 31.9 g (16 equiv) of oxone gave 648 mg (84%) of a 14:86 mixture of **3a** and **5a**. A similar experiment with 1.17 g of **2a** and 79 g (20 equiv) of oxone gave, after flash chromatography using 10% ether-pentane, 140 mg (11%) of **4a** and 990 mg (65%) of **5a**²⁵ as a yellow liquid: ¹H NMR δ 4.35 (tt, 1, *J* = 10, 4 Hz), 2.25–2.15 (m, 2), 1.90–1.75 (m), 1.70–1.60 (m), 1.40–1.10 (m); ¹³C NMR δ 84.5, 30.8, 24.7, 23.9. With 8 equiv of oxone a 2:26:72 mixture of **3a**:**4a**:**5a** was observed.

Oxidation of *n*-Butylamine (**2b**). A. To a solution of 37 mg of **2b** in 2 mL of acetone and 3 g of K₂CO₃ was added 30 mL (6 equiv) of **1**. Preparative TLC using 35% ether-pentane gave 32 mg (74%) of a 22:78 mixture of **3b**^{26,23} (1:1 *E*:*Z* ratio) and **4b**: ¹H NMR δ 4.26 (t, 4, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.85 (quintet, 4, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 1.39 (sextet, 4, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 0.95 (t, 6, *J* = 7.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 58.7, 26.8, 19.8, 13.4; IR 1200 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m/z* (rel intensity) 175 (100), 174 (70), 157 (9), 144 (13), 119 (24); exact mass 175.143, calculated for C₈H₁₉N₂O₂ 175.1446.

B. To a solution of 59 mg of **2b** in 2 mL of acetone was added 44.5 mL (5 equiv) of **1**. Preparative TLC using 35% ether-pentane gave 32 mg (54%) of a 37:63 mixture of **4b**:**3b** (1:1 *E*:*Z*) and 20 mg (20%) of *N*-isopropylidenebutylamine *N*-oxide (**12b**) as a yellow oil: ¹H NMR δ 3.83 (t, 2, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.16 (s, 3), 2.10 (s, 3), 1.79 (quintet, 2, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 1.33 (sextet, 2, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 0.93 (t, 3, *J* = 7.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 143.9, 58.8, 29.4, 20.4, 20.0, 19.9, 13.8; IR 1607, 1374, 1233, 1171 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m/z* (rel intensity) 130 (23), 129 (20), 114 (100), 100 (14); exact mass 130.123, calculated for C₇H₁₆NO 130.1231.

C. A similar reaction with 37 mg of **2b** in 2 mL of acetone and 35 mL (6 equiv) of **1** in the presence of 3 g of NaHCO₃ gave 10 mg (15%) of **12b** and 26 mg (60%) of a 60:40 mixture of **4b** and **3b**.

D. In situ oxidation by method A of 455 mg of **2b** with 9.5 g (4.5 equiv) of oxone gave after flash chromatography using 10% ether-pentane 1-butyl-3,3-dimethylloxaziridine (**11b**) as a volatile yellow liquid (27% of crude product):²⁶ ¹H NMR δ 2.80 (ddd, 1, *J* = 14.5, 8.0, 6.5 Hz), 2.65 (ddd, 1, *J* = 14.5, 8.0, 6.5 Hz), 1.6–1.7 (m, 2), 1.52 (s, 3), 1.42 (s, 3), 0.93 (t, 3, *J* = 7.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 80.9, 54.1, 30.5, 25.9, 20.5, 17.1, 13.9; MS (CI) *m/z* (rel intensity) 129 (2), 114 (74), 100 (5), 98 (84), 70 (100). Continued elution with 1:1 ether-pentane gave 293 mg (54%) of a 55:45 mixture of **4b** and **3b** (1:1 *E*:*Z* ratio).

F. In situ oxidation by method B of 740 mg (10 mmol) of **2b** with 15.4 g (4.5 equiv) of oxone gave 660 mg (80%) of a 50:50 mixture of **4b** and **3b**. About 12% of the crude product was **5b** by ¹H NMR analysis.

Oxidation of Benzylamine (**2c**) A. To a solution of 77 mg of **2c** in 5 mL of acetone with 5 g of NaHCO₃ was added 40.5 mL (6 equiv) of **1**. Preparative TLC using 1:1 ether-pentane gave 60 mg (69%) of a 9:1 mixture of *E*- and *Z*-**3c**.

B. A similar experiment with 79 mg of **2c**, 5 g of K₂CO₃, and 52 mL (6 equiv) of **1** gave 58 mg (65%) of an 8:1 mixture of *E*- and *Z*-**3c**.

C. An experiment with 100 mg of **2c** and 104 mL (6 equiv) of **1** gave 68 mg (60%) of **3c**.

D. In situ oxidation by method A was performed on 680 mg of **2c** with 12 g (6 equiv) of oxone. Analysis of the crude product showed a 38% component tentatively assigned as 1-benzyl-3,3-dimethylloxaziridine²⁴ (**11c**) by ¹H NMR: 3.98 (d, 1, *J* = 14 Hz), 3.93 (d, 1, *J* = 14 Hz), 1.66 (s, 3), 1.50 (s, 3). The crude product was refluxed overnight in hexane (250 mL) containing 0.82 mL of Et₃N. Concentration and flash chromatography using 5% ether-pentane gave 209 mg (31%) of benzaldehyde and 341 mg (45%) of *E*-**3c** as a light yellow solid:^{24,27} mp 28–29 °C (lit. mp 35 °C); ¹H NMR δ 9.10 (bs, 1), 8.20 (s, 1), 7.60–7.50 (m, 2), 7.40–7.20 (m, 3); ¹³C NMR δ 150.4, 131.8, 130.1, 128.8, 127.1; IR 3578, 3314, 3135, 3069, 3019, 2783, 1632, 1601, 1578, 1498, 951, 692 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 122 (16), 121 (73), 120 (18), 119 (16), 105 (10), 103 (100), 91 (41), 77 (66). Elution with ether afforded 73 mg (10%) of 90% pure *Z*-**3b** as a white solid:²⁸ ¹H NMR δ 9.00 (bs, 1), 7.95 (m, 2), 7.50–7.30 (m, 4); ¹³C NMR δ 147.0, 130.9, 130.4, 130.1, 128.5.

E. In situ oxidation by method B of 540 mg of **2c** with 10 g (6 equiv) of oxone gave, after flash chromatography using 5% ether-pentane, 310 mg (52%) of a 9:1 mixture of *E*- and *Z*-**3c**.

Oxidation of *n*-Decylamine (**2d**). A. To a solution of 40 mg of **2d** in 2 mL of acetone and 4 g of K₂CO₃ was added 21.5 mL (6 equiv) of **1**. Preparative TLC using 40% ether-pentane gave 40 mg (91%) of a 20:80 mixture of **4d** and **3d**²⁹ (1:1.3 *E*:*Z* ratio).

B. An experiment with 49 mg of **2d** and 20.5 mL (6 equiv) of **1** in the presence of 4 g of NaHCO₃ gave 31 mg (56%) of a 23:77 mixture of **4d** and **3d** (1:1.6 *E*:*Z* ratio). The crude product contains 17% of a third unisolated compound tentatively assigned as *N*-isopropylidenedecylamine *N*-oxide (**12d**) [¹H NMR δ 3.85 (t, 2, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.16 (s, 3), 2.11 (s, 3)] and 3% of **5d**.

C. A similar experiment with 40 mg of **2d** and 15 mL (6 equiv) of **1** gave 31 mg (69%) of a 26:74 mixture of **4d** and **3d** (1.3:1 *E*:*Z* ratio). The crude product showed 8% of **5d** and ca. 3% of **12d**.

D. In situ oxidation by method A of 480 mg of **2d** with 4.5 g (4.5 equiv) of oxone after flash chromatography using 10% ether-pentane gave 235 mg (37%) of **11d** and 260 mg (50%) of a 70:30 mixture of **4d** and **3d** (2.5:1 *E*:*Z* ratio). 2-Decyl-3,3-dimethylloxaziridine (**11d**) was obtained as a yellow liquid: ¹H NMR δ 2.79 (ddd, 1, *J* = 14.5, 8.0, 6.5 Hz), 2.64 (ddd, 1, *J* = 14.5, 8.0, 6.5 Hz), 1.50–1.70 (m, 2), 1.51 (s, 3), 1.41 (s, 3), 1.10–1.50 (m, 14), 0.86 (t, 3, *J* = 7 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 80.9, 54.4, 31.8, 29.51, 29.48, 29.46, 29.3, 28.4, 27.4, 25.9, 22.6, 17.1, 14.05; IR 1378, 1343, 1242, 1125, 824, 721 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m/z* (rel intensity) 214 (3), 198 (29), 196 (27), 126 (12), 112 (12), 87 (12), 85 (17), 84 (22), 83 (10), 74 (14), 73

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F. In situ oxidation by method B of 393 mg of 2d with 4 g (4.5 equiv) of oxone, after flash chromatography using 10% ether-pentane, gave 272 mg (64%) of 4d as a white solid: mp 64–65 °C; 1H NMR δ 4.24 (t, 4, $J = 7$ Hz), 1.84 (quintet, 4, $J = 7$ Hz), 1.2–1.4 (m, 28), 0.86 (t, 6, $J = 7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 58.9, 31.8, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 29.0, 26.6, 25.0, 22.6, 14.0; IR 1377, 1238, 1190 (s), 750 cm^{-1} ; MS (CI) m/z (rel intensity) 172 (8), 86 (11), 85 (48), 71 (51), 57 (100); exact mass 172.170, calculated for $C_{10}H_{22}NO$ (monomer + 1) 172.1701. Also obtained was 43 mg (9%) of 1-nitrodecane (5d) as a yellow liquid:³⁰ 1H NMR δ 4.36 (t, 2, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 1.99 (quintet, 2, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 1.1–1.5 (m, 14), 0.86 (t, 3, $J = 7.5$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 75.6, 31.8, 29.3, 29.21, 29.17, 28.8, 27.4, 26.2, 22.6, 14.0; IR 1553, 1464, 1437, 1381 cm^{-1} ; MS (CI) m/z (rel intensity) 188 (7), 97 (27), 85 (32), 83 (64), 71 (42), 69 (79), 57 (65), 55 (100). The crude product contained 13% of 11d.

Oxidation of 5-Methyl-3,4-hexadienylamine (2e). **A.** To 55 mg of 2e and 3 g of K_2CO_3 was added 30 mL (6 equiv) of 1. Preparative TLC using 40% ether-pentane gave 30 mg (48%) of a 83:17 mixture of 3e (1:1 *E:Z* ratio) and 4e: 1H NMR δ 4.96 (m, 2), 4.31 (t, 4, $J = 6$ Hz), 2.50 (t, 4, $J = 6$ Hz), 1.66 (d, 12, $J = 3$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 202.2, 97.2, 84.3, 58.1, 24.6, 20.5; IR 1190 cm^{-1} .

B. A similar reaction with 55 mg of 2e in 10 mL of acetone and 32 mL (6 equiv) of 1 in the presence of 5 g of $NaHCO_3$ gave 27 mg (45%) of an 80:20 mixture of 3e and 4e.

C. To 63 mg of 2e in 2 mL of acetone was added 28 mL (5 equiv) of 1. Preparative TLC using 40% ether-pentane afforded 26 mg (28%) of *N*-isopropylidene-5-methyl-3,4-hexadien-1-ylamine *N*-oxide (12e) as a yellow oil and 17 mg (25%) of an 80:20 mixture of 3e and 4e. Compound 12e shows: 1H NMR δ 4.97 (m, 1), 3.88 (t, 2, $J = 7$ Hz), 2.54 (q, 2, $J = 7$ Hz), 2.16 (s, 3), 2.10 (s, 3), 1.67 (d, 6, $J = 6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 202.2, 144.1, 96.5, 84.8, 58.1, 29.9, 20.6, 20.5, 20.1; IR 1967, 1607, 1447, 1155, 783, 739 cm^{-1} ; MS (CI) m/z (rel intensity) 168 (100), 110 (14), 95 (68), 70 (63); exact mass 168.139, calculated for $C_{10}H_{18}NO$ 168.1388.

Oxidation of 6a. To 23 mg of 6a:³¹ 1H NMR δ 4.19 (tt, 1, $J = 11, 4$ Hz), 1.0–2.1 (m, 10); ^{13}C NMR (acetone) δ 65.3, 30.4, 25.9, 25.5, was added 4.5 mL (2.5 equiv) of 1. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min and worked up to give 24 mg (100%) of a 50:50 mixture of 3a and 4a.

Oxidation of 3a. To 41 mg of 3a in 5 mL of acetone was added 19 mL (5 equiv) of 1. The reaction mixture was stirred 5 h and processed to give 38 mg (95%) of a 60:40 mixture of 3a and cyclohexanone.

Oxidation of 4a. To 74 mg of 4a was added 16 mL (5 equiv) of 1. The reaction was stirred 6 h and processed to give 74 mg of a 90:10 mixture of 4a:5a.

Oxidation of 9c. To 52 mg of 9c:³² 1H NMR δ 3.17 (t, 2, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 1.98 (t, 3, $J = 1$ Hz), 1.80 (s, 3), 1.58 (quin, 2, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 1.35 (sex, 2, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 0.91 (t, 3, $J = 7.5$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 156.6, 51.2, 32.9, 29.2, 20.7, 18.2, 13.9] in 2 mL of acetone was added 21 mL (4.5 equiv) of 1. After 15 min, processing gave 42 mg of a 44:30:26 mixture of 3c, 4c, and 12c.

In Situ Oxidation of 9a. To a solution of 10 g of $NaHCO_3$ in 30 mL of water and 30 mL of acetone was added 140 mg of 9a [1H NMR δ 3.17 (tt, 1, $J = 11, 4$ Hz), 1.94 (s, 3), 1.80 (s, 3), 1.0–1.8 (m, 10)] in 30 mL of CH_2Cl_2 and 1.5 g (4.5 equiv) of oxone. Workup gave 96 mg of a 73:22:5 mixture of 11a, 5a, and 4a.

Cyclohexanone Oxime (3a). To a solution of 72 mg of 2a in 10 mL of acetone and 30 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added 50 mL (7 equiv) of 1 in portions. The reaction mixture was concentrated,

dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 , dried over K_2CO_3 , and reconcentrated to give a 30:70 mixture of 3a and 4a. This product was refluxed overnight in 30 mL of hexane containing 56 μ L of Et_3N . Concentration and flash chromatography using 1:1 ether-pentane gave 57 mg (70%) of 3a as a white solid:³⁴ mp 88–89.5 °C (lit. mp 89–90 °C); 1H NMR δ 7.70 (bs, 1), 2.50 (t, 2, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 2.20 (t, 2, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 1.40–1.70 (m, 6).

Oxidation of 554 mg of 2a with 15.1 g (8 equiv) of oxone and 10 g of $NaHCO_3$ in 30 mL of water, 30 mL of acetone, and 30 mL of CH_2Cl_2 , followed by heating the crude isolated product to reflux in 220 mL of hexane containing 0.9 mL of Et_3N overnight, gave, after concentration and chromatography, 364 mg (58%) of 3a.

Butanal Oxime (3b). The product from oxidation of 37 mg of 2b in 2 mL of acetone with 30 mL (6 equiv) of 1 in the presence of 3 g of K_2CO_3 was heated to reflux for 1 h in 20 mL of hexane containing 60 μ L of Et_3N . Concentration and flash chromatography using 40% ether-pentane gave 24 mg (56%) of a 1:1 *E:Z* mixture of 3b as a yellow liquid.³⁵ The *E* oxime shows 1H NMR δ 9.0 (bs, 1), 7.41 (t, 1, $J = 6$ Hz), 2.18 (td, 2, $J = 7.5, 6$ Hz), 1.51 (sextet, 2, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 0.96 (t, 3, $J = 7.5$ Hz). The *Z* oxime shows 1H NMR δ 9.5 (bs, 1), 6.71 (t, 1, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 2.36 (td, 2, $J = 7.5, 5.5$ Hz), 1.51 (sextet, 2, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 0.96 (t, 3, $J = 7.5$ Hz).

Oxidation of 607 mg of 2b with 12.6 g (4.5 equiv) of oxone and 10 g of $NaHCO_3$ in 30 mL each of acetone and water followed by isomerization of crude product as above gave 335 mg (46%) of 3b as a 1:1 mixture of isomers.

Decanal Oxime (3d). Oxidation of 520 mg of 2d with 5.1 g (4.5 equiv) of oxone and 10 g of $NaHCO_3$ in 30 mL each of water and acetone followed by treatment with Et_3N in hexane as above gave 335 mg (59%) of a 1:1 *E:Z* mixture of 3d as a white solid:²⁹ IR 3585, 3262, 1667 cm^{-1} ; ^{13}C NMR δ 153.1 (*Z*), 152.4 (*E*), 31.9 (*E*). Oxime *E* displays 1H NMR δ 8.50 (bs, 1), 7.41 (t, 1, $J = 6$ Hz), 2.19 (td, 2, $J = 7.5, 6.0$ Hz), 1.47 (quintet, 2, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 1.20–1.40 (m, 12), 0.88 (t, 3, $J = 7.5$ Hz). Oxime *Z* displays 1H NMR δ 9.00 (bs, 1), 6.71 (t, 1, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 2.38 (td, 2, $J = 7.5, 5.5$ Hz), 1.47 (quintet, 2, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 1.20–1.40 (m, 12), 0.88 (t, 3, $J = 7.5$ Hz).

5-Methyl-3,4-hexadienal Oxime (3e). To 36 mg of 2e and 3 g of K_2CO_3 was added 18 mL (5.5 equiv) of 1. The isolated crude product in hexane (20 mL) containing 40 μ L of Et_3N was refluxed for 1 h and concentrated. Preparative TLC using 40% ether-pentane yielded 19 mg (47%) of a 1:1 *E:Z* mixture of 3e: IR 3378, 1969, 1661, 1364, 1233, 916 cm^{-1} ; MS (CI) m/z (rel intensity) 126 (58), 100 (22), 108 (100), 98 (50), 81 (50); exact mass 126.090, calculated for $C_7H_{12}NO$ 126.0918; ^{13}C NMR δ 202.7, 202.5, 150.8 (*Z*), 150.6 (*E*), 97.1, 96.7, 83.6, 83.4, 29.7 (*E*), 24.9 (*Z*), 20.5, 20.4. The *E* oxime displays 1H NMR δ 8.5 (bs, 1), 7.40 (t, 1, $J = 6$ Hz), 5.01 (m, 1), 2.85 (t, 2, $J = 6$ Hz), 1.68 (d, 6, $J = 3$ Hz). The *Z* oxime displays 1H NMR δ 9.0 (bs, 1), 6.80 (t, 1, $J = 5$ Hz), 4.95 (m, 1), 3.03 (dd, 2, $J = 6, 5$ Hz), 1.69 (d, 6, $J = 3$ Hz).

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