Synthesis and Properties of the [n](2,5)Pyridinophane Ring System¹⁾

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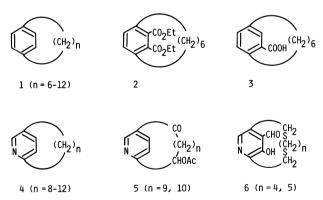
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The synthesis and properties of a series of [n](2,5) pyridinophane derivatives (13a-e) (n=10, 8, 7, and 6) are described. These compounds are prepared in low yields by the $[Mo(CO)_6]$ -induced cycloaddition reaction of 3-aryl-4,5-polymethylene-substituted isoxazoles (11a-e) with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate. The reaction pathways are suggested to involve the inclusion of the acetylenic ester across the C-4-C-5 bond of the N-complexed isoxazoles and the subsequent elimination of the oxygen atom from the resulting isoxazoline ring. The structures of 13a-e are established on the basis of the ^1H-NMR , ^13C-NMR , and UV spectra. A significant strain for the pyridine ring in 13a-e is reflected in the UV spectra. As the [n] decreases in 13-e, there is a red shift in the absorption spectra. This feature is in good accordance with that observed in a series of [n] paracyclophane ring systems.

Much interest has been focussed on the chemistry of the cyclophanes.²⁾ Especially, the [n] paracyclophane ring system (1)(n=6-12) has been one of the simplest models for clarifying the correlation of the aromaticity with the distortion of the benzene ring from planarity.²⁾ The synthesis of "more bent" benzene ring than the previous example is though still an intriguing and challenging problem. [n]paracyclophane ring system 1 has been synthesized for most values of [n], from 16 to 6.2,3) [n]paracyclophane 1 (n=6), which has the smallest methylene chain known for this series, was first reported by Jones et al. in 1974.3c) However, it is only recently that new efficient routes to the [6]paracyclophane derivatives (2)3g) and (3),3h) both of which have substituents on the benzene ring, were developed. Their X-ray studies revealed that the benzene rings are highly deformed (ca. 20°) from planarity.^{3g,h)}



In contrast to these studies, only a few examples of the aza analogue, the [n](2,5)pyridinophane ring system, have been known. The first example of [n](2,5)pyridinophane (4) (n=8-12) appeared in 1968.⁴⁾ The functionalization of 4 (n=9) and 10) leading to 5 has also been studied.⁵⁾ With a view toward a model for vitamin B₆-dependent enzyme, the chemistry of [n](2,5)pyridinophane (6)(n=4) and 5) containing pyridoxal has also been studied.⁶⁾ Thus, the smallest value of [n] for [n](2,5)pyridinophane known so far is [8].⁴⁾

Scheme 1.

In our previous studies,⁷⁾ [Mo(CO)₆] has been shown to effect a novel inclusion of the acetylenic ester across the C-4–C-5 bond of isoxazoles **7** and the subsequent elimination of an oxygen atom to give pyridine derivatives **9** via an intermediate **8** (Scheme 1). If this reaction is applicable to some 4,5-polymethylene-substituted isoxazoles (\mathbb{R}^2 - \mathbb{R}^3 =–(CH₂)_n– in **7**), [n](2,5)pyridinophanes can be expected as the products. We wish to describe here on the synthesis of [6](2,5)pyridinophane derivatives (**13d**, **e**), which might contain one of the most deformed pyridine rings, as well as a series of [10], [8], and [7] homologues, (**13a**—**c**).

Results and Discussion

The synthetic sequences of the [n](2,5) pyridinophane derivatives 13 are illustrated in Scheme 2. The syntheses of the desired 3-aryl-4,5-polymethylenesubstituted isoxazoles (12) were achieved by method similar to that used in the preparation of ringannelated isoxazoles.8) The 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of benzonitrile oxide to 1-(1-pyrrolidinyl)-1-cycloalkenes (10a-d) afforded the corresponding cycloadducts, 4,5-polymethlene-substituted 3-phenyl-5-(1pyrrloidinyl)isoxazolines (11a—d). Similarly, the isoxazoline (11e) was obtained from the reaction of 4-chlorobenzonitrile oxide with **10d**. Compounds 11a, b and 11d, e were easily purified by recrystallization to give colorless crystals. On the other hand, oily 11c decomposed on distillation [at ca. 120 °C (bath temp)/667 Pa]. Therefore, 11c was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give a

colorless oil and then submitted to the next step. On the acid-catalyzed elimination of the pyrrolidine, 11a-e were converted to the desired 3-aryl-4,5polymethylene-substituted isoxazoles (12a-e). The yields of the 2-isoxazolines 11a-e and the isoxazoles 12a-e are listed in Table 1. The structures of 11a-e and the 12a-e were unequivocally assigned on the basis of the physical data (see Experimental section). According to the procedure employed in our related studies,7) the reaction of the isoxazoles 12 (1 mmol) with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (DMAD, 2 mmol) in the presence of [Mo(CO)₆] (1 mmol) afforded [n](2,5) pyridinophane derivatives (13a—e). Although the yields of 13a-e are only 5-11% (Table 1), no other product is isolated except for hexamethyl benzenehexacarboxylate (ca. a 10% yield based on the DMAD used), which results from the [Mo(CO)₆]induced trimerization of DMAD.7)

The formation of 13a—e can be best explained by the reaction pathways shown in Scheme 3.7° The initial stage of this reaction would be the coordination of $[Mo(CO)_5]$ on the nitrogen atom of the isoxazole 12, leading to 14. In 14, there may be a delocalization of the d-electron from the molybdenum atom to the π^* (LUMO) of the isoxazole

Table 1. Yields of isoxazolines 11, isoxazoles 12, and [n](2,5) pyridinophanes 13

		Yield/%				
	Ar	[n]	11	12	13	
a	Ph	10	30	97	11	
b	Ph	8	21	98	8	
c	Ph	7	59	67	8	
d	Ph	6	43	87	8	
e	$4-ClC_6H_4$	6	5 6	57	5	

Scheme 2.

moiety.⁹⁾ In the presence of DMAD, the C-5-atom of **14** may connect with DMAD to give **15**, the following cyclization would afford the propellane-type³⁾ intermediate **16**. The facile N-O bond cleavage of the 2-isoxazoline ring has been shown previously.^{7,10)} Thus, the intermediate **16** undergoes the cleavage of both N-O and C-4-C-5 bonds to give the complexed vinylnitrene **17**.¹¹⁾ The cyclization of **17** to lead to **18**^{7,12)} and the subsequent decomplexation eliminating CO_2 and $[Mo(CO)_4]$ result in the formation of the [n](2,5) pyridinophane derivatives **13a**—**e**.

The structures of 13a-e were determined on the basis of the elemental analyses and the mass, IR, ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR, and UV spectra (see Experimental section). Considering the ¹H-NMR spectra, several protons of the methylene chain appear at δ 0.60—0.95 (10H) for **13a**, at δ 0.10—2.10 (12H) for **13b**, at δ 0.20-2.20 (10H) for 13c, at δ 0.45-0.98 (4H) for 13d, and at δ 0.40–0.80 (4H) for 13e. These protons located over the face of the corresponding pyridine ring. The shielding effect can be exactly attributed to the aromatic ring current of the pyridine ring. However, the degree of the shielding effect for the methylene chain in 13a and 13b seems to be smaller than that of [n](2,5) pyridinopane 4.4 In compound 4, the high-field signals appear at δ 0.2—2.2 (16H) for **4** (n=10) and at δ -0.40-1.85 (12H) for **4** (n=8). Thus, it can be suggested the two methoxycarbonyl groups on the pyridine ring of 13 reduce the ring current. Furthermore, 13d exhibits a signal at δ 3.30 (1H, $J_{\text{jem}}=12.0 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{vic}}=6.0 \text{ Hz}$). The signal could be assigned to the Ha proton (Fig. 1), which is located in the deshielding region of the phenyl group. similar characteristic is observed in 13e. This fact suggests that the [6](2,5)pyridinophane derivatives

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$$\frac{M_0(CO)_6}{M_0(CO)_5}$$
 $\frac{Ar}{M_0(CO)_5}$ $\frac{DMAD}{M_0(CO)_5}$ $\frac{Ar}{M_0(CO)_5}$ $\frac{Ar}{M_0(CO)_5}$

Scheme 3.

C1	$\lambda_{ ext{max}} (\log \varepsilon) (\text{nm})$								
[n]			13a)	4 b)			1 °)		
	19:d)		252,	305			20:c) —	214,	265
			(4.33)	(4.24)					
[10]	13a:	_	253,	302	216,	271		223,	268
			(4.01)	(4.03)	(3.83)	(3.53)			
[9]				_	218,	273		224,	271
					(3.79)	(3.48)			
[8]	13b:		266,	313	223,	278	_	230,e)	276e)
			(4.02)	(3.93)	(3.79)	(3.49)			
[7]	13c:	230,	273,	322			216,	245,	283
	((4.12)	(3.97)	(3.87)					
[6]	13d:	249,	285,	342			212,	253,	296
	((4.12)	(3.90)	(3.80)					

Table 2. UV Data of the [n](2, 5) pyridinophanes 13a-d, 4, and the [n] paracyclophanes 1

a) This work; b) Ref. (4); c) Ref. (3c); d) Ref. (7); e) Ref. (3d).

Fig. 1.

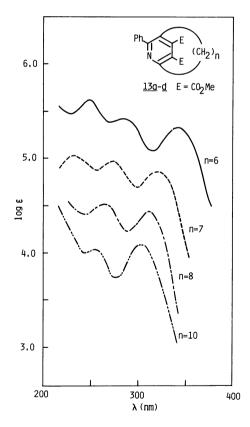


Fig. 2. UV spectra of the [n](2,5) pyridinophanes 13a —d in absolute ethanol.

The curves are displayed upward successively by 0.5 log unit from the curve immediately below.

13d, e have rather rigid structures. The ¹³C-NMR of the 13a—e series are similar to each other, and the ring-current effect for the methylene chain seems to be negligibly small. The ring-current effect for the chemical shift of ¹³C-NMR is not a predominant factor and often overwhelmed by a steric compression. ¹³⁾

The UV spectra of 13a-d in ethanol are depicted in Fig. 2. The absorption maxima of [n](2,5) pyridinophane 13a-d, 4, and a series of [n]paracyclophane 1 along with the model compounds, 2-methyl-3,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)-6-phenylpyridine (19)⁷⁾ and 1,4-diethylbenzene (20),3c) are also summarized in Table 2. The significant ring strain of the [n](2,5)pyridinophane derivatives **13a**—**d** is reflected in the UV spectra. An increase in the red shift is observed for 13-d as the value of [n] decreases. Since the absorption maximum of 13a is very similar to that of 19, 13a seems to contain a planar and lessconstrained pyridine ring. In contrast, the longest absorption maxima of 13d and 13e, both of which have the smallest value of [n] in the 13 series are exactly shifted to wavelength longer by 40 and 43 nm respectively as compared to 13a. These features are in good agreement with those observed in the series of the [n] paracyclophanes $\mathbf{l}^{3c,d}$ and the [n](2,5) pyridinophanes 4.4) Therefore, these can be no doubt that the [n](2,5) pyridinophanes 13d and 13e contain one of the most deformed pyridine ring thus far obtained.

Experimental

The IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IR-400 spectrometer. The $^1H\text{-NMR}$ spectra were recorded on a Hitachi R-24 (60 MHz) spectrometer, and the chemical shifts are given in ppm (8) relative to an internal SiMe4 standard. The $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra were recorded on a JMN-FX90Q (22.5 MHz) spectrometer. The mass-spectral studies were conducted on a Shimadzu GCMS QP-1000 spectrom-

eter at 70 eV. All of the melting points are uncorrected. The solvents were dried and purified by the standard methods. The enamines, 1-(1-pyrrolidinyl)cyclododecene (10a), 140 1-pyrrolidino-1-cyclodecene (10b), 140 1-pyrrolidino-1-cyclooctene (10d), 150 were prepared by the method described in the literature. Benzohydroximoyl chloride and 4-chlorobenzohydroximoyl chloride were also obtained by the standard method. 160

e. A solution of enamine 10 (30 mmol) and triethylamine (5 cm³) in ether (200 cm³) was cooled at 0 °C. To this solution we then slowly added a solution of benzohydroximoyl chloride (30 mmol) in ether (30 cm³). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 6 h, and then it was poured into water (100 cm³). The ether layer was separated, washed with water, and dried over MgSO₄. The ether was removed in vacuo to give the 2-isoxazolines 11a—e.

Compounds 11a, b, d, and 11e were purified by recrystallization to give colorless crystals. Compound 11c was obtained as a colorless oil and decomposed on distillation [ca. 120 °C (bath temp)/667 Pa]. Therefore, 11c was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using benzene as the eluent and submitted to the next step. The structures of 11a-e were determined on the basis of the following physical data. For 11a: mp 78-79 °C (from hexane); IR (CHCl₃), 2920, 1451, 1343, 1130 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ =1.20-2.45 (24H, m), 2.40-3.05 (4H, m), 3.10-3.55 (1H, m), 7.20—7.70 (5H, m). Found: C, 77.98; H, 9.75; N, 7.72%. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄N₂O: C, 77.92; H, 9.67; N, 7.90%. For 11b: mp 115—116 °C (from hexane); IR (CHCl₃), 2923, 1605, 1574, 1492, 1453, 1358, 1134 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) $\delta = 1.10 - 2.50 (20 \text{H}, \text{m}), 2.50 - 3.10 (4 \text{H}, \text{m}), 3.12 - 3.41 (1 \text{H}, \text{m})$ m), 7.18-7.70 (5H, m). Found: C, 77.05; H, 8.99; N, 8.52%. Calcd for C₂₁H₃₀N₂O: C, 77.25; H, 9.26; N, 8.58%. For 11c: colorless oil; IR (CHCl₃), 2923, 1605, 1574, 1492, 1453, 1358, 1132 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ =1.20—2.25 (18H, m), 2.25— 3.00 (4H, m), 3.10—3.35 (1H, m), 7.20—7.80 (5H, m). For 11d: mp 126—128°C (from hexane); IR (CHCl₃), 2928, 2857, 1449, 1349, 1328, 1250 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃), $\delta = 1.40 - 2.40 (16H, m), 2.45 - 2.95 (4H, m), 3.10 - 3.35 (1H, m)$ m), 7.30—7.68 (5H, m). Found: C, 76.53; H, 8.85; N, 9.30%. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₆N₂O: C, 76.47; H, 8.78; N, 9.39%. For **11e**: mp 128-129°C (from hexane); IR (CHCl₃), 2923, 2808, 1594, 1494, 1402, 1338, 1090, 1011 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃), $\delta = 1.10 - 2.40 (16H, m), 2.40 - 2.90 (4H, m), 3.10 - 3.30 (1H, m)$ m), 7.32 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.60 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz). Found: C, 68.41; H, 7.49; N, 8.42%. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₅N₂OCl: C, 68.56; H, 7.57; N. 8.42%.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Isoxazoles 12a—e. A solution of the 2-isoxazoline 11 (10 mmol) in methanol (25 cm³) and concentrated HCl (45 cm³) was refluxed for 1 h. The solution was then neutralized with aqueous NaOH and extracted with benzene. The benzene extract was washed with water and dried over Na₂SO₄. After the benzene had been evaporated, the residue was purified by recrystallization or distillation to give the isoxazoles 12a—e. 12a: mp 38—39 °C (from hexane); IR (CCl₄), 2915, 2865, 1620, 1468, 1445, 1410 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ=1.20—2.10 (16H, m), 2.50—3.00 (4H, m), 7.30—7.80 (5H, m); MS, m/z (rel intensity), 283 (M+, 100). Found: C, 80.28; H, 8.79; N, 4.88%. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₅NO: C,

80.52; H, 8.89; N, 4.94%. **12b**: bp 128 °C/132 Pa; IR (film), 2923, 1618, 1582, 1473, 1447, 1414, 1335, 1273, 1131 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ =1.05-2.10 (12H, m), 2.45-3.00 (4H, m), 7.15-7.65 (5H, m); MS, m/z (rel intensity), 255 (M⁺, 14), 77 (100). Found: C, 79.65; H, 8.38; N, 5.38%. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NO: C, 79.96; H, 8.29; N, 5.49%. **12**c: bp 120— 125 °C/132 Pa; IR (CHCl₃), 2911, 1620, 1583, 1465, 1445, 1418, 1353, 1283, 1205 cm⁻¹; 1 H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ =1.18—2.05 (10H, m), 2.40-2.70 (2H, m), 2.73-3.00 (2H, m), 7.30-7.75 (5H, m); MS, m/z (rel intensity), 241 (M+, 53), 77 (100). Found: C, 79.67; H, 7.78; N, 5.52%. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉NO: C, 79.63; H, 7.94; N, 5.80%. **12d**: mp 54—55 °C (from hexane); IR (CHCl₃), 2932, 2857, 1594, 1584, 1449, 1418, 1351, 1261, 1126, 1071, 1010 cm⁻¹; 1 H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ =1.35—2.05 (8H, m), 2.40—2.75 (2H, m), 2.75—3.10 (2H, m), 7.22—7.70 (5H, m); MS m/z (rel intensity), 227 (M⁺, 100). Found: C, 79.05; H, 7.69; N, 6.08%. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₇NO: C, 79.26; H, 7.54; N, 6.16%. 12e: mp 97—98 °C (from hexane); IR (CHCl₃), 2941, 1620, 1441, 1143, 1081, 1020 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃), $\delta = 1.35 - 2.10$ (8H, m), 2.40 - 2.75 (2H, m), 2.75 - 3.05 (2H, m), 7.40 (2H, d, J=9.0 Hz), 7.50 (2H, d, J=9.0 Hz); MS, m/z(rel intensity), 263 (M+, 33), 261 (M+, 100). Found: C, 68.72; H, 6.23; N, 5.47%. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆NOCl: C, 68.83; H, 6.16; N, 5.35%.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of [n](2,5)Pyridinophanes 13a-e. A solution of the isoxazole 12 (1 mmol), [Mo(CO)₆] (1 mmol), and DMAD (2 mmol) in benzene (10 cm3) was refluxed for 24 h under dry-nitrogen atmosphere. After hexane (10 cm3) was added to the reaction mixture, it was filtered through Celite to remove insoluble material. The filtrate was concentrated, and the resulting residue was separated by TLC on silica gel using benzene as the developer to give the [n](2,5) pyridinophane derivatives 13a-e and hexamethyl benzenehexacarboxylate (ca. 10% yield in each case based on the DMAD used). The UV spectra of 13a-d are displayed in Fig. 2, while absorption maxima are summarized in Table 3. 13a: bp 150 °C (bath temp)/66 Pa; IR (CHCl₃), 1729 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ =0.60-0.95 (10H, m), 1.00-2.06 (6H, m), 2.83-3.35 (4H, m), 3.88 (3H, s), 3.90 (3H, s), 7.30—7.75 (5H, m); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ =24.4, 25.9, 26.5, 26.6, 27.2, 27.4, 27.6, 27.7, 28.2, 35.2 (methylene chain), 52.4 (methoxyl groups), 128.4, 128.7, 129.7, 139.8, 142.4, 158.4, 161.3, 167.1, 167.7 (aromatic rings and carbonyls); MS, m/z (rel intensity), 409 (M+, 38), 350 (100). Found: C, 73.12; H, 7.42; N; 3.19%. Calcd for C₂₅H₃₁NO₄: C, 73.32; H, 7.63; N, 3.42%. **13b**: bp 145 °C (bath temp)/132 Pa; IR (CHCl₃), 1721 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ =0.10-2.10 (12H, m), 2.10-3.10 (3H, m), 3.30—3.60 (1H, m), 3.87 (3H, s), 3.91 (3H, s), 7.30—7.62 (3H, m), 7.69—7.98 (2H, m); 13 C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ =24.8, 25.3, 27.9, 28.8, 29.3, 30.1, 30.8, 36.2 (methylene chain), 52.4, 52.7 (methoxyl groups), 121.0, 128.6, 129.2, 129.3, 130.3, 138.8, 142.8, 159.6, 159.8, 166.7, 167.8 (aromatic rings and carbonyls); MS, m/z (rel intensity), 381 (M⁺, 26), 380 (100). Found: C, 72.53; H, 7.15; N, 3.40%. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{27}NO_4$: C, 72.42; H, 7.13; N, 3.67%. **13c**: bp 130 °C (bath temp)/66 Pa; IR (CHCl₃), 1722 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR $(CDCl_3) \delta = 0.20 - 2.10 (10H, m), 2.50 - 3.10 (3H, m), 3.53 -$ 3.93 (1H, m), 3.90 (3H, s), 3.97 (3H, s), 7.31—7.70 (3H, m), 7.84—8.07 (2H, m); ${}^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ =25.6, 25.9, 26.1, 29.1, 29.9, 30.9, 36.5 (methylene chain), 52.4, 52.7 (methoxyl groups), 120.3, 127.9, 128.7, 129.5, 130.8, 138.4, 143.2, 158.8, 159.5, 166.5, 167.9 (aromatic rings and carbonyls); MS m/z

(rel intensity), 367 (M+, 27), 366 (100). Found: C, 71.87; H, 6.93; N, 3.70%. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₅NO₄: C, 71.91; H, 6.86; N, 3.81%. 13d: bp 120 °C (bath temp)/66 Pa; IR (CHCl₃), 1721 cm⁻¹; ${}^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ =0.45—0.98 (4H, m), 1.00— 1.75 (4H, m), 2.50-3.05 (3H, m), 3.30 (1H, dxt, J=12.0, 6.0 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 3.93 (3H, s), 7.38—7.60 (3H, m), 7.90— 8.10 (2H, m); ${}^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ =24.8, 25.3, 31.5, 33.0, 33.8, 37.4 (methylene chain), 52.2, 52.8 (methoxyl groups), 127.6, 128.7, 130.1, 130.4, 136.3, 136.7, 142.5, 158.1, 164.4, 166.3, 168.2 (aromatic rings and carbonyls); MS, m/z (rel intensity), 353 (M+, 76), 352 (100). Found: C, 71.37; H, 6.56; N, 3.96%. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₃NO₄: C, 71.34; H, 6.71; N, 3.94%. 13e: bp 150 °C (bath temp)/93 Pa; IR (CHCl₃), 1721 cm⁻¹; ${}^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ =0.40-0.80 (4H, m), 1.05-1.80 (4H, m), 2.40-3.05 (3H, m), 3.32 (1H, dxt, J=12.1, 6.2 Hz), 3.91(3H, s), 4.00 (3H, s), 7.40 (2H, d, J=8.5 Hz), 7.90 (2H, d, I=8.5 Hz); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) $\delta=25.5$, 25.9, 31.5, 32.9, 33.7, 37.4, (methylene chain), 52.3, 52.9, (methoxy groups), 127.6, 128.4, 129.0, 131.5, 136.4, 142.6, 156.9, 164.2, 165.9, 167.7 (aromatic rings and carbonyls); MS, m/z (rel intensity), 389 $(M^+, 25), 387 (M^+, 75), 386 (100); UV (EtOH, log <math>\varepsilon$) 252 (4.23), 287 (4.01), 345 (3.98) nm. Found: C, 64.69; H, 5.82; N, 3.88%. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₄Cl: C, 65.03; H, 5.72; N, 3.61%.

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