

Reductive 1,2-Allylboration of Indoles by Triallyl- and Triprenylborane – Synthesis of 2-Allylated Indolines

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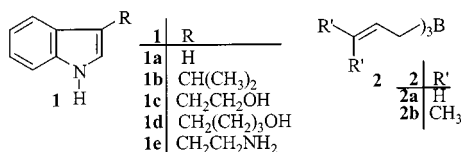
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Indoles undergo reductive α -allylation upon treatment with allylic boranes (triallyl- and triprenylborane) to give, after deboration, the corresponding 2-allylated indolines in 70–85% yield. 1,2-Addition of the allylboration fragment to heterocycles occurs with full rearrangement of the allylic moiety. Reductive prenylboration of 3-substituted indoles, as well as allylboration of 3-isopropylindole, with AlI_3B proceed stereoselectively to produce *trans*-2,3-disubstituted indolines only, while similar reactions of triallylborane with 3-R-indoles,

containing a primary group R, afford a mixture of *trans* (86–92%) and *cis* isomers (8–14%). From 1-deuterioindole and triallylborane, a mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-2-allyl-3-deuterioindole in a ratio of 1:1 was obtained. Proposed mechanism of the general reaction involves intermediate formation of 3*H*-indole tautomers followed by fast allylboration of the C=N bond. Structures of *trans*-indolines **3b** and **3c** were confirmed by X-ray analysis.

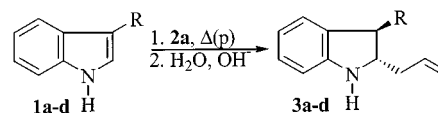
Introduction

Allylic boranes readily add to the C=N bond of imines,^[1–7] quinolines, phenanthridine,^[8] isoquinoline,^[9] and 3-chloro-1-indolenines^[10] to produce, after deboration, the corresponding homoallylic amines or α -allylated dihydro heterocycles. We have recently found that pyrrole undergoes 1,2-allylboration on action of allylic triorganoboranes to form a mixture of 2-allylated *N*-boryl-3- and -4-pyrrolines.^[11] Subsequent treatment of the mixture with alcohol and base affords *trans*-2,5-diallylpyrrolidine (ca. 60%) and 2-allyl-3-pyrroline (ca. 20%). Intermediate formation of 2*H*- and 3*H*-pyrrole followed by fast 1,2-allylboration of the C=N bond have been postulated as an explanation of the reductive mono- and *trans*-2,5-diallylation of the heterocycle. Our further efforts are directed to the extension of this methodology to other aromatic heterocycles. We report herein the results concerning the reductive 1,2-allylboration of indoles **1** with triallyl- (**2a**) and triprenylborane (**2b**), and the stereochemical outcome of this useful reaction.



Results and Discussion

The reaction of indole (**1a**) with borane **2a** (1:1) gave 2-allylindoline (**3a**) (Scheme 1; Table 1, Entry 1).



Scheme 1. Reductive allylboration of indoles **1a–d**

Table 1. Synthesis of 2-allylated indolines **3a–e** and **4a,b**

Entry	Starting indole	Borane	1/2	T [°C] (t [h])	Product	Yield [%]	<i>trans/cis</i>
1	1a	2a	1:1	36 (3) ^[a]	3a	80	–
2	1b	2a	1:1	90 (2)	3b	58	100:0
3	1b	2a	1:1	20 (23) ^[b]	3b	68	100:0
4	1c	2a	1:3	120 (6)	3c	78	92:8
5	1c	2a	1:2	20 (20) ^[b]	3c	71	86:14
6	1d	2a	1:2.5	115 (2)	3d	84	86:14
7	1d	2a	1:2	20 (670)	3d	25	85:15
8	1e	2a	1:1.5	120 (5)	3e	64	91:9
9	1a	2b	1:1.1	120 (1.5)	4a	80	–
10	1e	2b	1:1.5	120 (8)	4b	83	100:0

^[a] In Et_2O . – ^[b] In teflon ampoule at 7.5 kbar.

Heterocycle **3a** was transformed into benzo[*f*]pyrrolizidine by a hydroboration–oxidation–cyclization sequence.^[12,13]

3-R-Indoles **1b–e** reacted with **2a** under harsher conditions than in the case of **1a**, and the stereochemistry of the 2-allyl-3-R-indolines thus obtained was found to be controlled by bulkiness of the R group (Table 1). The reactions were monitored by NMR spectroscopy and TCL.

trans-2-Allyl-3-isopropylindoline (**3b**), was obtained (58%) as the sole product from the reaction of 3-isopropyl-

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indole (**1b**) with triallylborane (**2a**) (1:1, 70–80 °C, 2 h), followed by deboronation, (Table 1, Entry 2). Indoline **3b** was also prepared in 68% yield by reaction of **1b** and **2a** at room temperature under high-pressure conditions (7.5 kbar, 23 h), followed by workup (Table 1, Entry 3). The structure and *trans* stereochemistry of **3b** was confirmed by X-ray analysis of its hydrobromide **3b** · HBr.

1,2-Allylboration of carbinols **1c**, and **1d**, and tryptamine (**1e**), is accompanied by boronation of OH and NH₂ groups to form the corresponding diboron compounds. Therefore, 2–3 equiv. of triallylborane (**2a**) were used per mol of **1c–e**. At room temperature, these reactions proceeded slowly (Table 1, Entry 7) and heating at 110–130 °C or high pressure were required.

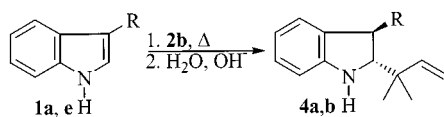
¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of the raw products showed the presence of two isomers in each case (Table 1, Entries 4–8). The picrate of the major isomer (*trans*-**3c**) was isolated in its pure state by recrystallization (Et₂O/MeOH) of a mixture of picrates (*trans*-**3c**/*cis*-**3c** = 92:8), and its *trans* stereochemistry was established by X-ray analysis. The crystal structure contains two crystallographically independent *trans* conformers of the cation with different orientation of CH₂CH₂OH group.

We have supposed that decreasing the reaction temperature could enhance the *trans* selectivity of the reductive 1,2-allylboration of **1c** with **2a**. For this reason, the reaction was carried out at 20 °C under high pressure (7.5 kbar, 20 h). However, the *trans*-**3c**/*cis*-**3c** ratio became 86:14 (Table 1, Entry 5). The ratio of the *trans*/*cis* isomers became 91:9 (NMR-spectroscopic data) after heating the mixture (86:14) with triallylborane (3 equiv.) at 130–140 °C for 6 h. This isomerisation seems to proceed by a deallylboration–allylboration sequence.

We failed to prepare appropriate crystals from either the picrate or hydrobromide of **3d** or **3e**. Nevertheless, ¹H-NMR data enabled us to assign the *trans*/*cis* ratio. Assuming that chemical shifts of 2-H and 3-H in indolines **3d** and **3e** follow the same trend as in 2,3-dimethyl-, 1,2,3-trimethyl-, and 2-methyl-3-phenylindoline,^[14] as well as in **3c**, where $\delta(\textit{cis}) > \delta(\textit{trans})$, we concluded that the major isomers of **3d** and **3e** also have a *trans* configuration. Thus, the reductive allylboration of 3-R-indoles containing primary R groups proceeds with 86–92% *trans* stereoselectivity.

To obtain information about the mechanism of the reductive 1,2-allylboration we carried out prenylboration of indole (**1a**) and tryptamine (**1e**), as well as a reaction of triallylborane (**2a**) with 1-deuterioindole.

The reaction of **1a** with triprenylborane (**2b**) was completed in 1.5 h at 115–120 °C. 2-(1,1-Dimethylallyl)indoline (**4a**), with a terminal double bond, was obtained in 80% yield, after deboronation (Scheme 2; Table 1, Entry 9).

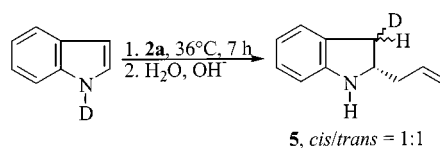


Scheme 2. Prenylation of **1a** and tryptamine **1d**

When the same two-step process was carried out with tryptamine (**1e**) and **2b** (1:1.5, 120–130 °C, 8 h), *trans*-diamine **4b** was isolated. The absence of *cis* isomer in the crude product was shown by NMR spectroscopy. Strong NOE correlations between the 3-H proton and both CH₃ groups in the reversed prenyl function confirm the *trans* configuration of **4b**.

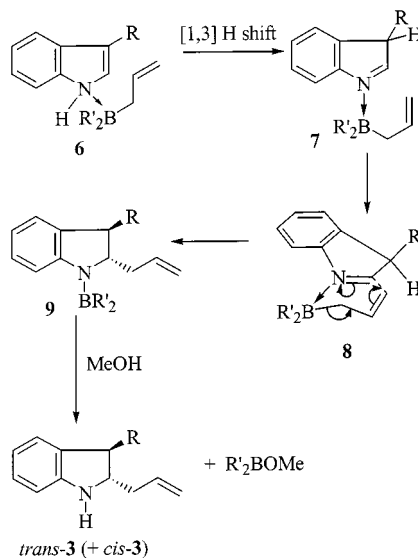
Formation of indolines **4a** and **4b** with a terminal double bond evidently shows that the reductive 1,2-allylboration of indoles proceeds with full rearrangement of the allylic moiety.

An additional important result was derived from the reaction of 1-deuterioindole and triallylborane (**2a**) (1:1, ether, 36 °C, 7 h), followed by basic hydrolysis. A 1:1 mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-2-allyl-3-deuterioindoline (**5**) was obtained in 60% yield. (Scheme 3)



Scheme 3. Reductive α -allylation of *N*-deuterioindole with triallylborane (**2a**)

This observation shows clearly that a key stage of the reactions under consideration involves a 1,3-migration of the deuterium (or the hydrogen) atom from the nitrogen atom to C-3. The present results, as well as the previous data on the allylboration of pyrrole,^[11] allow us to propose the following mechanism for the reductive 1,2-allylboration of indoles (Scheme 4).



Scheme 4. Proposed mechanism of reductive 1,2-allylboration of indoles

The N→B coordination giving adduct **6** seems to be the first step of the reaction. Then, [1,3]-sigmatropic shift of the hydrogen atom (H) from N to C-3 proceeds to generate the imine complex **7**. The C=N bond formed undergoes allylboration through a six-membered transition state **8** immediately, the allyl group being added mainly (or quantitatively) in a *trans* fashion relatively to the substituent at C-3. De-

boronation of allylated aminoborane **9** with methanol (or base) furnishes the boronate, R'₂BOMe and the α -allylated indoline *trans*-**3** (or a mixture of *cis*-**3** and *trans*-**3**).

The intermediate formation of the 3*H*-indoles has been assumed in the reactions of indoles with electrophiles.^[15] Square-planar adducts Ind₂PdCl₂ with coordination of the nitrogen atom at Pd^{II} in the 3*H*-indole form have been prepared by the reaction of 2-methyl- and 2,5-dimethylindole with Na₂PdCl₄, and their structures have been characterized by X-ray analysis and spectroscopic methods.^[16]

Conclusion

In conclusion, reductive 1,2-allylboration of indole and its derivatives is a general, novel reaction, leading predominantly to *trans*-2-allylated 3-*R*-indolines. 1,2-Addition of the allylboron fragment to indoles proceeds with full rearrangement of allylic moiety. 2-Allylated indolines thus obtained include a terminal double bond and an NH function, and may be used as starting materials for the synthesis of more complicated heterocyclic systems.

Experimental Section

General Remarks: All reactions with organoboron compounds were carried out under dry argon. – ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded with Bruker AC-200P and Bruker AC-300P spectrometers, chemical shifts are given relative to SiMe₄ (δ = 0.00). – IR spectra were taken with UR-20 spectrophotometer. – Mass spectra (MS) were taken with a Cratos MS-30 spectrometer. – Triallylborane (**2a**) was obtained from tributoxyborane and sesquiallyl aluminum bromide, following a literature procedure.^[17] Solvents were dried by standard procedures and distilled prior to use.

Tris(3-methylbut-2-enyl)borane (Triprenylborane, 2b): A solution of boron trifluoride–diethyl ether (20.1 g, 141 mmol) in ether (69 mL) and a solution of 1-bromo-3-methylbut-2-ene (66.4 g, 445 mmol) in ether (36 mL) were added simultaneously with stirring to magnesium turnings (12.4 g, 511 mmol) in ether (300 mL), over 2 h. The mixture was heated to reflux for 1 h. A solid precipitate (Mg and salts) was separated and extracted with hexane. The solvents were evaporated and triprenylborane (15.72 g, 51%) was obtained after two distillations, b.p. 69–70°C (1 Torr).

2-Allyl-1-diallylborylindoline (3a): A mixture of **1a** (1.9 g, 16 mmol) and **2a** (2.6 g, 20 mmol) in ether (12 mL) was heated under reflux for 3 h. Aminoborane **3a** (2.89 g, 71%) was obtained by distillation, b.p. 86–89°C (1 Torr). – n_D^{20} = 1.5512. – IR (CCl₄): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3080, 2975, 2915, 2855, 1635, 1610, 1485, 1400, 1340, 1265, 1180, 1120, 1020, 990. – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.9–2.35 (m, 6 H, –CH₂– in All), 2.6–2.75 (m, 1 H, 3-H_a), 3.0–3.18 (m, 1 H, 3-H_b), 4.25–4.40 (m, 1 H, 2-H), 4.85–5.15 (m, 6 H, =CH₂), 5.6–5.85 (m, 1 H, 3'-H), 5.85–6.15 (m, 2 H, B–CH₂–CH=), 6.85–6.98 (m, 1 H in Ar), 7.0–7.25 (m, 3 H in Ar). – ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 26.8, 28.3 (B–CH₂), 34.1 (C-3), 40.5 (C-2'), 61.2 (C-2), 114.6, 115.1 (B–CH₂–CH=CH₂), 116.9 (C-5), 117.7 (C-4'), 122.8 (C-6), 125.5 (C-4), 127.0 (C-7), 133.7 (C-3a), 134.5 (C-3'), 136.3 (B–CH₂–CH=), 147.5 (C-7a). – ¹¹B NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 46.0.

General Procedure for Preparation of Allylated Indolines 3,4: Triallylborane (**2a**) or triprenylborane (**2b**) were added to the corres-

ponding indole **1**, and the mixture was heated with stirring for 1–8 h (Table 1). Then the mixture was cooled to room temp. and worked up with 0.5–1 mL of methanol and 6 N NaOH. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with water, and brine, and then with 1 N HCl/water solution. The acidic layer was washed with ether and treated with 6 N NaOH. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were dried with K₂CO₃, the solvent was evaporated, and the residue dried in vacuo. The product thus obtained was pure by NMR, but needed to be distilled for element analysis.

2-Allylindoline (3a): **3a** [2.07 g, 80%, b.p. 84–85°C (1 Torr), n_D^{20} = 1.5667] was obtained from **1a** (1.9 g, 16 mmol) and **2a** (2.6 g, 20 mmol). – MS (EI, 70 eV), m/z (%): 159 [M]⁺ (53%), 118 [M – C₃H₅]⁺ (100%), 117 [M – C₃H₆]⁺ (61%), 109 [M – C₄H₇]⁺, 91 [C₇H₇]⁺ (60%), 65 [C₅H₅]⁺ (26%). – IR (CCl₄): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3495, 3400 (br.), 3080, 3060, 3035, 2980, 2935, 2905, 2850, 1640, 1610, 1485, 1465, 1450, 1400, 1370, 1315, 1245, 1150, 1010, 990, 900. – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.13–2.30 (m, 2 H, –CH₂– in All), 2.5–2.75 (m, 1 H, 3-H_a), 2.90–3.15 (m, 1 H, 3-H_b), 3.65–3.90 (m, 2 H, HCN, NH), 4.95–5.15 (m, 2 H, CH₂=), 5.6–5.85 (m, 1 H, –CH= in All), 6.40–6.70 (m, 2 H in Ar), 6.85–7.1 (m, 2 H in Ar). – ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 35.3 (C-3), 40.1 (C-2'), 58.4 (HCN), 108.9 (C-5), 117.1 (CH₂=), 118.2 (C-6), 124.5 (C-4), 127.0 (C-7), 128.2 (C-3a), 135.0 (–CH= in All), 150.5 (C-7a). – C₁₁H₁₃N (159.1): calcd. C 82.97, H 8.23, N 8.80; found C 83.00, H 8.48, N 8.70.

trans-2-Allyl-3-isopropylindoline (3b): a) **3b** [0.46 g, 58%, b.p. 108–108.5°C (1 Torr), n_D^{20} = 1.5427] was synthesized from **2a** (0.76 g, 5.7 mmol) and **1b** (0.63 g, 3.9 mmol). – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 0.95–1.15 (m, 6 H, 2CH₃), 1.95–2.15 [m, 1 H, CH(CH₃)₂], 2.25–2.4 (m, 2 H, CH₂ in All), 2.9–3.05 (m, H, 3-H), 3.6–3.8 (m, 1 H, 2-H), 3.95 (br. s, NH), 5.1–5.3 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 5.8–6.1 (m, H, =CH-), 6.7 (d, 1 H in Ar), 6.8 (t, 1 H in Ar), 7.1–7.3 (m, 2 H in Ar). – ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 18.9 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃), 32.0 [CH(CH₃)₂], 41.8 (C-3), 54.0 (CH₂), 59.7 (C-2), 108.9 (CH in Ar), 117.5 (=CH-), 117.7 (CH in Ar), 125.1 (CH in Ar), 127.4 (CH in Ar), 130.1 (C_{quat}), 134.9 (=CH₂), 150.3 (C_{quat}–N). – C₁₄H₁₉N (201.3): calcd. C 83.53, H 9.51, N 6.96; found C 83.53, H 9.57, N 6.98. – b) A mixture of **1b** (0.42 g, 2.6 mmol) and **2a** (0.54 g, 4.0 mmol) was kept at room temp. and 7.5 kbar in a 2-mL Teflon ampoule during 23 h. The mixture was then treated in the usual way, and 0.36 g (68%) of *trans*-**3b** was obtained.

trans-2-Allyl-3-isopropylindolinium Bromide (3b·HBr): This compound was synthesized from **3b** (0.54 g, 2.7 mmol) and 1 N solution of HBr (3 mL, 3 mmol) in ether (10 mL). After decantation and recrystallisation, monocrystals of **3b·HBr** [m.p. 106–108°C (from ether/methanol)] were obtained.

2-Allyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)indoline (3c): a) **3c** [2.87 g, 78%, b.p. 131–134°C (0.5 Torr), n_D^{20} = 1.5725] was obtained from **1c** (2.90 g, 18.0 mmol) and **2a** (7.82 g, 58.4 mmol). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3350 (OH, NH), 2937 (CH₂), 1640, 1610, 1480, 1469, 1435, 1400, 1325, 1255, 1059, 1026, 1000, 924 (CH=CH₂), 758. – ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.85–2.0 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.2–2.35 (m, 2 H, CH₂OH), 3.0 (br. s, OH), 3.1–3.2 (m, H, 3-H in *trans* isomer), 3.3–3.4 (m, 3-H in *cis* isomer), 3.55–3.7 (m, 3 H, 2-H in *trans* isomer and CH₂ in All), 3.8–3.9 (m, 1 H, 2-H in *cis* isomer), 4.0 (br. s, NH), 5.1–5.2 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 5.75–5.9 (m, H, =CH-), 6.65 (d, 1 H in Ar), 6.75 (t, 1 H in Ar), 7.0–7.15 (m, 2 H in Ar). – ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): main set of signals (*trans* isomer): δ = 37.4 (CH₂), 40.3 (CH₂), 44.4 (C-3), 60.0 (CH₂OH), 63.6 (C-2), 109.7 (CH in Ar), 117.8 (=CH-),

118.8 (CH in Ar), 124.5 (CH in Ar), 127.6 (CH in Ar), 131.3 (C_{quat}), 134.8 ($=\text{CH}_2$), 149.5 ($C_{\text{quat}}-\text{N}$); minor (*cis*) isomer signals set: δ = 30.8 (CH_2), 34.3 (CH_2), 41.1 (C-3), 60.1 (CH_2OH), 62.0 (C-2), 110.0 (CH in Ar), 117.7 ($=\text{CH}-$), 119.0 (CH in Ar), 124.4 (CH in Ar), 127.5 (CH in Ar), 132.2 (C_{quat}), 135.6 ($=\text{CH}_2$), 149.9 ($C_{\text{quat}}-\text{N}$). The ratio of *trans-3c/cis-3c* isomers was 92:8. – $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ (205.3): calcd. C 76.81, H 8.43, N 6.89; found C 76.90, H 8.48, N 6.91. – b) A mixture of **1c** (0.33 g, 2.0 mmol) and **2a** (0.84 g, 6.3 mmol) was stirred at 50°C for 15 min (until the propene elimination was complete). The mixture was placed into a 2-mL Teflon ampoule and kept at room temp. at 7.5 kbar during 20 h. After workup, **3c** was obtained (0.30 g, 71%). The ratio of *trans-3c/cis-3c* isomers was 86.5:13.5.

cis–trans Isomerisation of 2-Allyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)indoline (3c): A mixture of 0.30 g (1.5 mmol) of **3c** obtained under high-pressure conditions (content of *cis* isomer 14%, see above) and **2a** (0.60 g, 4.5 mmol) was heated for 6 h at 120–140°C. Compound **3c** was recovered after workup. The ratio of *trans-3c/cis-3c* isomers was 91.5:8.5.

2-Allyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)indolinium Picrate (3c•Pic): Compound **3c** (0.20 g, 1.0 mmol) and picric acid (0.22 g, 1.0 mmol) were heated under reflux in methanol for 30 min. After evaporation of the solvent and recrystallisation, monocrystals of **3c•Pic** were obtained (m.p. 110–111.5°C).

2-Allyl-3-(4-hydroxybutyl)indoline (3d): a) **3d** [4.85 g, 84%, b.p. 180°C (0.5 Torr), n_D^{20} = 1.5610] was synthesized from **1d** (4.70 g, 24.8 mmol) and **2a** (9.24 g, 51.7 mmol). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3360 (OH, NH), 2939 (CH_2), 2863 (CH_2), 1640, 1610, 1480, 1469, 1440, 1405, 1330, 1255, 1060, 1026, 1000, 924 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 755. – ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 1.45–1.65 (m, 6 H, 3CH_2), 2.2–2.35 (m, 2 H, CH_2OH), 2.95 (q, H, 3-H in *trans* isomer), 3.20 (q, H, 3-H in *cis* isomer), 3.55 (m, H, 2-H in *trans* isomer), 3.60 (t, 2 H, CH_2 in All), 3.8 (m, H, 2-H in *cis* isomer), 3.9–4.0 (br. s, NH), 5.1–5.3 (m, 2 H, $=\text{CH}_2$), 5.75–5.90 (m, H, $=\text{CH}-$), 6.61 (d, 1 H in Ar), 6.7 (t, 1 H in Ar), 7.0–7.1 (m, 2 H in Ar). – ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): main set of signals (*trans* isomer): δ = 23.0 (CH_2), 32.7 (CH_2), 34.4 (CH_2), 40.7 (CH_2), 47.4 (C-3), 62.3 (CH_2OH), 63.4 (C-2), 109.2 (CH in Ar), 117.5 ($=\text{CH}-$), 118.2 (CH in Ar), 124.3 (CH in Ar), 127.4 (CH in Ar), 132.0 (C_{quat}), 135.0 ($=\text{CH}_2$), 149.7 ($C_{\text{quat}}-\text{N}$); minor (*cis*) isomer signals set: δ = 23.8 (CH_2), 27.4 (CH_2), 34.0 (CH_2), 44.2 (C-3), 61.7 (C-2), 109.6 (CH in Ar), 118.5 (CH in Ar), 124.1 (CH in Ar), 132.6 (C_{quat}), 135.6 ($=\text{CH}_2$), 149.9 ($C_{\text{quat}}-\text{N}$). The ratio of *trans-3d/cis-3d* isomers was 86:14. – $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}$ (233.4): calcd. C 77.88, H 9.15, N 6.05, found C 77.82, H 9.37, N 5.98. – b) **1d** (3.8 g, 20 mmol) and **2a** (5.6 g, 41 mmol) were mixed together, and stirred at 50°C for 30 min (until the propene elimination was complete). The mixture was kept at room temp. for 28 d (672 h). The mixture was then worked up in the usual way. Compound **3d** (1.14 g, 25%) was obtained by distillation, b.p. 174–177 °C (0.5 Torr). The ratio of *trans-3d/cis-3d* isomers was 85:15.

2-Allyl-3-(2-aminoethyl)indoline (3e): **3e** [2.45 g, 64%, b.p. 134–136°C (0.5 Torr), n_D^{20} = 1.5782] was obtained from **2a** (3.81 g, 28.4 mmol) and **1e** (3.00 g, 18.7 mmol). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3380 (NH), 3260 (NH_2), 2925 (CH_2), 2857 (CH_2), 1640, 1610, 1480, 1469, 1435, 1400, 1325, 1255, 1026, 1000, 924 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 755. – ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 1.8 (m, 2 H, CH_2), 2.3 (m, 2 H, CH_2NH_2), 2.85 (t, CH_2 in All), 3.05 (m, H, 3-H in *trans* isomer), 3.2 (m, H, 3-H in *cis* isomer), 3.55 (m, H, 2-H in *trans* isomer), 3.8 (m, H, 2-H in *cis* isomer), 5.1 (t, 2 H, $=\text{CH}_2$), 5.85 (m, H, $=\text{CH}-$), 6.55 (d, 1 H in Ar), 6.7 (t, 1 H in Ar), 7.05 (m, 2 H in Ar). – ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): main set of signals (*trans* isomer): δ = 38.6 (CH_2), 39.5

(CH_2), 40.5 (CH_2), 44.9 (C-3), 63.6 (C-2), 108.9 (CH in Ar), 117.4 ($=\text{CH}-$), 118.0 (CH in Ar), 124.1 (CH in Ar), 127.3 (CH in Ar), 131.5 (C_{quat}), 134.8 ($=\text{CH}_2$), 149.7 ($C_{\text{quat}}-\text{N}$); minor (*cis*) isomer signals set: δ = 31.7 (CH_2), 34.1 (CH_2), 40.2 (CH_2), 41.7 (C-3), 61.7 (C-2), 109.2 (CH in Ar), 118.2 ($=\text{CH}-$), 124.0 (CH in Ar), 127.2 (CH in Ar), 132.1 (C_{quat}), 135.4 ($=\text{CH}_2$), 149.9 ($C_{\text{quat}}-\text{N}$). The ratio of *trans-3e/cis-3e* isomers was 91:9. – $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2$ (204.3): calcd. C 77.18, H 8.97, N 13.85; found C 76.88, H 9.02, N 13.90.

2-(1,1-Dimethylprop-2-enyl)indoline (4a): **4a** [2.17 g, 82%, b.p. 81–83°C (0.5 Torr), n_D^{20} = 1.5545] was synthesized from **1a** (1.66 g, 14.0 mmol) and **2a** (3.50 g, 15.6 mmol). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3375 (NH), 2983 (CH_2), 2870 (CH_2), 1638, 1609, 1490, 1469, 1415, 1405, 1380, 1363, 1320, 1255, 1065, 1025, 1010, 920 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 753, 590, 425. – ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 1.15 (s, 6 H, 2 CH_3), 2.9–3.1 (m, 2 H, 3-H), 3.85 (t, 1 H, 2-H), 3.95 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 5.2 (dd, 2 H, $=\text{CH}_2$), 6.0 (dd, 1 H, $=\text{CH}-$ in *i*Pren), 6.65–6.8 (m, 2 H in Ar), 7.1–7.2 (m, 2 H in Ar). – ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 21.8 (CH_3), 24.1 (CH_3), 31.3 (C-3), 40.1 (C_{quat}), 67.7 (C-2), 108.4, 112.4 (CH in Ar), 117.9 ($=\text{CH}-$ in *i*Pren), 124.4, 127.1 (CH in Ar), 128.7 (C-3a), 145.5 ($=\text{CH}_2$), 151.2 (C-7a). – $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}$ (211.3): calcd. C 83.37, H 9.15, N 7.48; found C 83.29, H 9.16, N 7.61.

trans-3-(2-Aminoethyl)-2-(1,1-dimethylprop-2-enyl)indoline (4b): **4b** [1.80 g, 83%, b.p. 123–127°C (0.5 Torr), n_D^{20} = 1.5679] was obtained from **1e** (1.50 g, 9.4 mmol) and **2a** (2.99 g, 13.8 mmol). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3370 (NH), 3280 (NH_2), 3080, 3055, 3033, 2984 (CH_2), 2963 (CH_3), 2878 (CH_2), 1637, 1609, 1490, 1469, 1418, 1382, 1365, 1325, 1260, 1060, 1025, 1013, 920 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 752, 742, 690. – ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 0.9 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.0 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.3 (br. s, NH_2), 1.75 (q, 2 H, CH_2), 2.75–2.85 (m, 2 H, CH_2NH_2), 3.1–3.2 (m, 1 H, 3-H), 3.25 (d, 1 H, 2-H), 4.0 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 5.0–5.1 (m, 2 H, $=\text{CH}_2$), 5.7–5.85 (q, H, $=\text{CH}-$ in *i*Pren), 6.5 (d, 1 H in Ar), 6.65 (t, 1 H in Ar), 7.0 (m, 2 H in Ar). – ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 21.2 (CH_3), 22.5 (CH_3), 39.3 (CH_2NH_2), 41.0 (C-3), 41.1 (CH_2), 41.7 (C_{quat}), 71.2 (C-2), 107.6, 112.7 (CH in Ar), 117.4 ($=\text{CH}-$ in *i*Pren), 123.9, 127.3 (CH in Ar), 131.9 (C-3a), 145.2 ($=\text{CH}_2$), 150.5 (C-7a). – $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2$ (233.4): calcd. C 78.21, H 9.63, N 12.16; found C 78.45, H 9.62, N 12.09.

1-Deuterioindole: Indole (0.50 g, 4.3 mmol) was dissolved in MeOD (1.00 mL, 24.6 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temp. for 1 h. The alcohol was removed under vacuum, and the residue was dissolved in another 1 mL MeOD. After 1 h at room temp., the alcohol was evaporated and 1-deuterioindole (0.5 g, 89% purity) was obtained. – ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 6.3 (1 H, d), 7.0–7.2 (3 H, m), 7.4 (1 H, d), 7.7 (1 H, d), 8.1 (NH in indole, br. s, *I* = 0.11).

2-Allyl-3-deuterioindolines (5a and 5b): A mixture of **2a** (0.67 g, 5.0 mmol) and deuterioindole (0.50 g, 4.2 mmol) in ether (6 mL) was heated under reflux for 7 h. Then, MeOH (0.6 mL) and 5 N NaOH (2 mL) were added. The amines were extracted with ether and dried with K_2CO_3 . Indole was removed by chromatography on SiO_2 with ether as eluent. A mixture of *trans*- (**5a**) and *cis*-2-allyl-3-deuterioindoline (**5b**) [0.41 g, 60%, b.p. 85–87°C (1 Torr)] was obtained by distillation. – ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 2.1–2.4 (m, 2 H, CH_2 in All), 2.5–2.65 (m, 0.5 H, 3-H in *trans* or *cis* isomer), 2.9–3.05 (m, 0.5 H, 3-H in *trans* or *cis* isomer), 3.6–3.90 (m, 2 H, HCN, NH), 4.9–5.2 (m, 2 H, $\text{CH}_2=$), 5.6–5.85 (m, 1 H, $=\text{CH}-$ in All), 6.45–6.80 (m, 2 H in Ar), 6.95–7.15 (m, 2 H in Ar). – ^2H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 2.92 (s, 0.5 D, D-3 in *trans* or *cis* isomer), 3.32 (s, 0.5 D, D-3 in *trans* or *cis* isomer). – ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 34.6, 35.0, 35.3 (C-3, $J_{\text{C-D}}$ = 32 Hz), 40.6 (C-2'), 58.3 (HCN), 109.1

(C-5), 117.2 (CH₂=), 118.4 (C-6), 124.6 (C-4), 127.1 (C-7), 128.3 (C-3a), 134.9 (–CH= in All), 150.4 (C-7a). The ratio of **5a/5b** was 1:1.

X-ray Crystallographic Study: Both structures of **3b·HBr** and **3c·Pic** were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares technique in anisotropic approximation. All H atoms (except hydrogen atoms in the NH₂⁺ group in **3b·HBr** which were refined in isotropic approximation) were placed in the geometrically calculated positions and included in the refinement using the rigid-model approximation with the $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.3 \cdot U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for the methylene and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5 \cdot U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methyl groups, where $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ is the equivalent isotropic temperature factor of the carbon atom bonded to the corresponding H atom. The oxygen atoms in the disordered NO₂ groups in **3c·Pic** were refined with the site occupancy factors equal to 0.6 and 0.4. All calculations were carried out with an IBM PC with the help of SHELXTL PLUS 5 program package.^[18] Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structures reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC-136225 for **3b·HBr** and CCDC-136226 for **3c·Pic**. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [Fax: (internat.) + 44-1223/336-033; E-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

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