Photocyclization Reactions. Part 1. Synthesis of Dihydrobenzofuranols Using Photocyclization of 2-Alkoxybenzaldehydes, 2'-Alkoxyacetophenones, 2-Formylphenoxyacetic Acids and 2-Acetylphenoxyacetic Acids

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Photocyclization reactions were carried out on 2-alkoxybenzaldehydes 1a-f, 2'-alkoxyacetophenones 2a-h, 2-formylphenoxyacetic acids 1i-l and 2-acetylphenoxyacetic acids 2i-m. Irradiation of 1a-f and 2a-h in acetonitrile gave the corresponding dihydrobenzofuranols 3, 5 and dihydroisobenzofuranols 4, 6. Using carboxylic acids 1i-l, 2i-m as starting materials, decarboxylation occurred immediately to give the corresponding ethers 1a-d, 2a-e. Further irradiation of the solution afforded dihydrobenzofuranols 3, 5 and dihydroisobenzofuranols 4, 6. Substituent effects on photocyclization and reaction pathways are discussed.

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Introduction.

It is well-known that irradiation of aromatic carbonyl compounds such as benzophenone or acetophenone in the presence of alcohols or amines gives photoreduction products [1]. The reactions proceed through hydrogen abstraction from alcohols or amines by the excited carbonyl group. On the other hand, carbonyl compounds which possess γ-hydrogen atoms undergo a very facile photoelimination, called a Norrish type II reaction, to produce alkenes and smaller carbonyl compounds [2]. In the reactions cyclobutanols are also formed by intramolecular cyclization of intermediate 1,4-biradicals. In aromatic ketones γ hydrogen abstraction occurs from (n, π^*) excited triplet state of the carbonyl group [3]. By using this type of photocyclization dihydrobenzofuranols have been prepared from carbonyl compounds [4]. For example, Pappas et al. [4a] prepared cis and trans isomers of 2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol by irradiation of 2-benzyloxybenzaldehyde $1 (R^1 = Ph, R^2 = H)$ in acetonitrile. However, there are few literatures which investigate systematic synthesis of dihydrobenzofuranols and substituent effects on photocyclization. Therefore, in this paper we report synthesis of dihydrobenzofuranols and substituent effects on photocyclization from 2-alkoxybenzaldehydes 1a-f, 2'-alkoxyacetophenones 2a-h, 2-formylphenoxyacetic acids 1i-l and 2acetylphenoxyacetic acids 2i-m.

Results and Discussion.

2-Alkoxybenzaldehydes 1c-f and 2'-alkoxyacetophenones 2b-h for photocyclization reactions were prepared as shown in Table 1. Compounds 1a-b and 2a are commer-

Figure 1

cially available. For example, compounds 1c-f were obtained from the reactions of 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde with 1-iodopropane, 1-bromo-2-methylpropane, chloromethylbenzene or 2-iodopropane in the presence of tripotassium phosphate as a base. Similarly, compounds 2b-h were prepared by the reactions of 2'-hydroxyacetophenone with iodoethane, 1-iodopropane, 1-bromo-2-methylpropane, chloromethylbenzene, 2-iodopropane, ethyl bromoacetate or bromoacetonitrile in the presence of tripotassium phosphate.

Carboxylic acids 1j-l, 2i-m were prepared as shown in Table 2. Compound 1i is commercially available. Reactions of 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde with ethyl 2-bromopropanoate, ethyl 2-bromobutanoate or ethyl 2-bromo-3-methylbutanoate gave the corresponding carboxylic acids 1j-l after hydrolysis of the esters with potassium hydroxide. However, synthesis of 1m was difficult because of

Table 1
Synthesis of 2-Alkoxybenzaldehydes 1c-f and 2'-Alkoxyacetophenones 2b-h

Starting material [a]	Product	R ¹	R ²	Reagent	Solvent	Temperature	Yield (%)
В	1c	C_2H_5	Н	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ I	Acetone	Reflux	56
В	1d	CH(CH ₃) ₂	H	(CH ₃) ₂ CHCH ₂ Br	DMSO	60°	82
В	1e	Ph	H	PhCH ₂ Cl	DMSO	60°	63
В	1f	CH ₃	CH ₃	(CH ₃) ₂ CHI	Acetone	Reflux	60
A	2b	CH ₃	H	CH₃CH₂I	DMSO	60°	89
A	2c	C_2H_5	H	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ I	Acetone	Reflux	83
A	2d	$CH(CH_3)_2$	Н	(CH ₃) ₂ CHCH ₂ Br	DMSO	60°	83
A	2e	Ph	Н	PhCH ₂ Cl	Acetone	Reflux	83
A	2f	CH ₃	CH ₃	(CH ₃) ₂ CHI	DMSO	60°	87
A	2g	$CO_2C_2H_5$	Н	BrCH ₂ CO ₂ C ₂ H ₅	Acetone	Reflux	64 [b]
A	2h	CN	Н	BrCH ₂ CN	DMSO	60°	93

[[]a] B and A are 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde and 2'-hydroxyacetophenone respectively. [b] The compound was prepared by ethylation of the corresponding carboxylic acid obtained from the reaction of 2'-hydroxyacetophenone and etheyl bromoacetete. The value shows overall yield form 2'-hydroxyacetophenone.

Table 2 Synthesis of 2-Formylphenoxyacetic Acids 1j-I ($R^2 = CO_2H$) and 2-Acetylphenoxyacetic Acids 2i-m ($R^2 = CO_2H$)

Starting material [a]	Product	\mathbf{R}^{1}	Reagent	Solvent	Temperature	Yield (%)
В	1j	CH ₃	CH ₃ CHBrCO ₂ C ₂ H ₅	Acetone	Reflux	46
В	1k	C ₂ H ₅	CH ₃ CH ₂ CHBrCO ₂ C ₂ H ₅	Acetone	Reflux	43
В	11	CH(CH ₃) ₂	(CH ₃) ₂ CHCHBrCO ₂ C ₂ H ₅	DMSO	60°	47
A	2i	Н	BrCH ₂ CO ₂ C ₂ H ₅	Acetone	Reflux	84
A	2j	CH ₃	CH ₃ CHBrCO ₂ C ₂ H ₅	Acetone	Reflux	65
A	2k	C_2H_5	CH ₃ CH ₂ CHBrCO ₂ C ₂ H ₅	Acetone	Reflux	79
A	21	$CH(CH_3)_2$	(CH ₃) ₂ CHCHBrCO ₂ C ₂ H ₅	DMSO	60°	28
A	2m	Ph	PhCHBrCO ₂ C ₂ H ₅	Acetone	Reflux	48

[[]a] B and A are 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde and 2'-hydroxyacetophenone respectively.

Table 3
Photocyclization Reactions of 2-Alkoxybenzaldehydes 1a-f [a]

R ¹	R ²	Irradiation time (minutes)	Conversion (%)	Product yield 3a-f (cis:trans) [b]	d (%) 4a-f
Н	Н	90	97	27	0
CH ₃	Н	60	92	28 (20:80)	0
C_2H_5	H	75	88	28 (0:100)	0
$CH(CH_3)_2$	H	70	83	29 (0:100)	0
Ph CH2	H CH₂	60 45	88 97	40 (63:37) 0	0 24
	H CH ₃ C ₂ H ₅ CH(CH ₃) ₂	H H CH ₃ H C ₂ H ₅ H CH(CH ₃) ₂ H Ph H	time (minutes) H H 90 CH ₃ H 60 C ₂ H ₅ H 75 CH(CH ₃) ₂ H 70 Ph H 60	time (%) H H 90 97 CH ₃ H 60 92 C ₂ H ₅ H 75 88 CH(CH ₃) ₂ H 70 83 Ph H 60 88	time (minutes) (%) 3a-f (cis:trans) [b] H H 90 97 27 CH ₃ H 60 92 28 (20:80) C ₂ H ₅ H 75 88 28 (0:100) CH(CH ₃) ₂ H 70 83 29 (0:100) Ph H 60 88 40 (63:37)

[[]a] An acetonitrile solution (500 ml) of 1a-f (2.00 mmoles) was irradiated after deoxygenation by bubbling nitgrogen gas for 1 hour. [b] Cis and trans isomers with regard to the R¹ and hydroxyl group.

decomposition during hydrolysis. Carboxylic acids 2i-m were similarly obtained from the reactions of 2'-hydroxy-acetophenone and the corresponding bromoesters.

When 2-alkoxybenzaldehydes la-e were irradiated with 400-W high-pressure mercury lamp in acetonitrile, dihydrobenzofuranols 3a-e (27-40%) were obtained along with a small amount (ca. 10%) of pinacols which were not further investigated. In the case of 1f only isobenzofuranol 4f was produced. The results are shown in Scheme 1 and Table 3. It seems that dihydroisobenzofuranols 4 were produced in every reaction but decomposed during isolation procedure except for 4f. The yields (27-40%) of dihydrobenzofuranols 3a-e were not necessarily good, however, photocyclization reactions are convenient to prepare this type of compounds. In the case of dihydrobenzofuranols 3b-e. cis and trans isomers with regard to the R1 and hydroxyl group are possible. In general, coupling constants between C2-H and C3-H in dihydrobenzofurans are 5.5-7.4 Hz for cis isomers and 2.0-4.8 Hz for trans isomers [4a.5-6]. Configurations of **3b-e** were determined by comparing these coupling constants with general values in literatures (see Experimental). In the reaction of 1b (R1 = CH_3 , $R^2 = H$) cis and trans isomers, cis-3b, trans-3b were obtained in a 20:80 ratio. Furthermore, when 1c (R1 = C_2H_5 , $R^2 = H$) and 1d $(R^1 = CH(CH_3)_2, R^2 = H)$ were used only trans isomers of 3c and 3d were produced. The results suggest that intramolecular cyclization of 1,5-biradical intermediates (vide infra) proceeds as the substituent R1 and hydroxyl group become apart each other probably because of a steric requirement. In contrast, using 1e (R1 = Ph. R^2 = H) as the starting material cis isomer of 3e was obtained predominantly in spite of a bulky phenyl group, showing attractive interaction between the hydroxyl and phenyl groups in the cyclization step. The effect of a phenyl group is different from that of alkyl groups.

Using 2'-alkoxyacetophenones 2a-h as the starting materials, dihydrobenzofuranols 5a-h and dihydroisobenzofuranols 6b-c, 6f were obtained (Scheme 2 and Table 4). Dihydroisobenzofuranols 6b-c were a mixture of cis and trans isomers with regard to the R1 and hydroxyl group and difficult to purify enough because of instability. The stereochemistry of dihydroisobenzofuranols 6b-c is not clear. The yields (36-89%) of dihydrobenzofuranols 5 became better than those from 2-alkoxybenzaldehydes, especially, in the case of R1 = CO2C2H5 and CN the yields were high. The yield of dihydrobenzofuranol 5f was low probably because of steric hindrance in the cyclization step. In contrast, stereoselectivity of cis and trans isomers with regard to the R1 and hydroxyl group in dihydrobenzofuranols became lower, showing that bulk of methyl and hydroxyl groups of 1,5-biradicals is similar in the acetonitrile solution. Table 4 shows that formation of dihydrobenzofuranols 5 and dihydroisobenzofuranols 6 is competing and the substituent R1 such as phenyl, ethoxycarbonyl and cyano groups which stabilize 1,5-biradicals suppresses production of dihydroisobenzofuranols and makes dihydrobenzofuranol formation favorable. The stereochemistry of dihydrobenzofuranols 5 was determined by considering an anisotropic effect of C₃-CH₃ for C₂-H in ¹H nmr spectra. Generally, in dihydrobenzofurans C₃-CH₃ shield C₂-H at the cis position and deshield C₂-H at the trans position by anisotropy of the methyl group [6]. In the

 $R^2 = H$

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 $f, R^1 = CH_3,$

 $h, R^1 = CN,$

 $g, R^1 = CO_2C_2H_5, R^2 = H$

 $R^2 = CH_3$

 $R^2 = H$

 $b, R^1 = CH_3,$

 $e, R^1 = C_2H_5$

 $d, R^1 = CH(CH_3)_2, R^2 = H$

Scheme 3

 $1, R^3 = H$

 $2, R^3 = CH_3$

cis isomers with regard to the R¹ and hydroxyl group, the chemical shifts of C2-H appear at a higher magnetic field than those of trans isomers. The assignments were also supported by determining NOE effect of both isomers of 5b. Irradiation of C₃-CH₃ in the cis isomer cis-5b showed 25% NOE effect for C2-H, and in contrast irradiation of C₃-CH₃ in the trans isomer trans-5b gave 12% NOE effect for C₂-H.

The mechanisms of photocyclization reactions through γ- or δ-hydrogen abstraction have been well studied [2-3,4j,5]. The plausible mechanisms of photocyclization from 2-alkoxybenzaldehydes la-f and 2'-alkoxyacetophenones 2a-h are shown in Scheme 3.

Irradiation of ethers 1, 2 produces (n, π^*) excited triplet state 7 after intersystem crossing process. The carbonyl group of 7 abstracts δ-hydrogen to give 1,5-biradicals 8 which afford a variety of products. For example, intramolecular cyclization of 8 immediately produces cis and trans dihydrobenzofuranols 3, 5. In contrast, novel rearrangement is necessary for formation of dihydroisobenzofuranols 4, 6. The possible intermediates for dihydroisobenzofuranol formation are spiroenols 9 which were initially suggested by Wagner et al. [7,4j]. By irradiation of 2-benzyloxyacetophenone in benzene they obtained 2'benzoylacetophenone as a major product which was formed through spiroenol 9 ($R^1 = Ph, R^2 = H, R^3 = CH_3$) followed by spiro-ring cleavage and oxidation by oxygen. However, in this study we isolated dihydroisobenzofuranols 4, 6.

Next we examined photocyclization reactions of 2-formylphenoxyacetic acids 1i-l. The results are summarized in Table 5. When carboxylic acids 1i-1 were irradiated, decarboxylation reactions occured immediately to give the corresponding ethers la-d. Further irradiation of the solution afforded dihydrobenzofuranols 3a-d and dihydroiso-

$$\begin{bmatrix} R^1 \\ \downarrow \\ OCH-R^2 \\ Q \\ R^3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1. \text{ hv}} \begin{bmatrix} R^1 \\ \downarrow \\ OCH-R^2 \\ R^3 \end{bmatrix}^*$$

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benzofuranols 4b-c along with a small amount of pinacols (ca. 10%). In the reactions product yields and isomer ratios of dihydrobenzofuranols 3a-d were almost the same with those from 2-alkoxybenzaldehydes la-d. Dihydroisobenzofuranols 4b-c were a mixture of cis and trans isomers and the stereochemistry was not determined. The results in Table 5 suggest that photocyclization products from 2-formylphenoxyacetic acids 1i-l and 2-alkoxybenzaldehydes 2a-d were obtained from the common 1,5-biradical intermediates such as 8.

Table 4 Photocyclization Reactions of 2'-Alkoxyacetophenones 2a-h [a]

Starting	\mathbb{R}^1	\mathbb{R}^2	Irradiation	Conversion	Product yield (%)	
material			time (minutes)	(%)	5a-h (cis:trans) [b]	6a-h
2a	Н	Н	120	88	37	0 [c]
2b	CH ₃	H	60	88	43 (67:33)	46 (60:40) [d]
2c	C_2H_5	H	75	97	38 (57:43)	52 (60:40) [d]
2d	CH(CH ₃) ₂	H	110	90	36 (42:58)	-[e]
2e	Ph	Н	70	94	56 (78:22)	-[e]
2f	CH ₃	CH ₃	75	81	7	52
2g	$CO_2C_2H_5$	Н	120	96	86 (75:25)	0
2h	CN	H	300	73	89 [f]	0

[a] An acetonitrile solution (500 ml) of 2a-h (2.00 mmoles) was irradiated after deoxygenation by bubbling nitgrogen gas for 1 hour. [b] Cis and trans isomers with regard to the R1 and hydroxyl group. [c] The compound was not isolated because of instability. [d] Two stereoisomers were obtained as a mixture and the ratios were determined from the ¹H nmr spectra. [e] The compounds were difficult to purify. [f] Only one isomer was obtained and the stereochemistry was not determined.

Table 5
Photocyclization Reactions of 2-Formylphenoxyacetic Acids 1i-I ($R^2 = CO_2H$) [a]

Starting material	R^1	Decarboxylation time (minutes)	Irradiation time (minutes)	Product yield (%) $3a-d (R^2 = H)$ $4a-d (R^2 = H)$ (cis:trans) [b]		
1i	H	20	60	32	0 [c]	
1j	CH ₃	15	40	23 (20:80)	15 (55:45) [d]	
1k	С ₂ Ḧ ₅	20	50	22 (0:100)	12 (55:45) [d]	
1l	СН(СН ₃) ₂	25	40	35 (0:100)	-[e]	

[a] An acetonitrile solution (500 ml) of 1i-1 (2.00 mmoles) was irradiated after deoxygenation by bubbling nitgrogen gas for 1 hour. In all cases conversion is 100%. [b] Cis and trans isomers with regard to the R¹ and hydroxyl group. [c] The compound was not isolated because of instability. [d] Two stereoisomers were obtained as a mixture and the ratios were determined from the ¹H nmr spectra. [e] The compound was difficult to purify.

Table 6
Photocyclization Reactions of 2-Acetylphenoxyacetic Acids 2i-m ($R^2 = CO_2H$) [a]

Starting material	R ¹	Decarboxylation time	Irradiation time	Product y $\mathbf{5a} \cdot \mathbf{d} \ (R^2 = H)$	ield (%) 6a-d (R ² = H)
		(minutes)	(minutes)	(cis:trans) [b]	
2i	Н	12	120	38	0 [c]
2j	CH ₃	12	60	30 (67:37)	11 (60:40) [d]
2k	C_2H_5	12	60	34 (56:44)	20 (60:40) [d]
21	CH(CH ₃) ₂	15	130	39 (45:55)	-[e]
2m	Ph	30	120	64 (65:35)	-[e]

[a] An acetonitrile solution (500 ml) of 2i-m (2.00 mmoles) was irradiated after deoxygenation by bubbling nitgrogen gas for 1 hour. In all cases conversion is 100%. [b] Cis and trans isomers with regard to the R¹ and hydroxyl group. [c] The compound was not isolated because of instability. [d] Two stereoisomers were obtained as a mixture and the ratios were determined from the ¹H nmr spectra. [e] The compounds were difficult to purify.

Finally, photocyclization reactions of 2-acetylphenoxyacetic acids 2i-m were examined. The results are summarized in Table 6. Photoreactions of 2i-m proceed through immediate decarboxylation as well as those of 2-formylphenoxyacetic acids 1i-l. The product yields and isomer ratios of dihydrobenzofuranols 5a-e were almost the same with those from 2'-alkoxyacetophenones 2a-e. A small amount of dihydroisobenzofuranols 6b-c was also obtained as a mixture of cis and trans isomers.

To examine decarboxylation process some carboxylic acids were irradiated. Though phenoxyacetic acid 10 was irradiated for 2 hours no methoxybenzene was obtained and 93% of the starting material being recovered. In the case of 4-acetylphenoxyacetic acid 11 decarboxylation product 12 was only 7% yield after 5 hours with recovery of 52% starting material. In contrast, decarboxylation of 2-acetylphenoxyacetic acid 2i was complete after 12 minutes to give 2'-methoxyacetophenone 2a (67%) and dihydrobenzofuranol 5a (17%). These results show that the acetyl group at the *ortho*-position is necessary for the facile decarboxylation reaction. When 2-(2-acetylphenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid 13 which possess no δ-hydrogen was irradiated, decarboxylation time (60 minutes) was longer than that of 2-acetylphenoxyacetic acids 2i-m.

Scheme 5

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From the above results two pathways are possible for decarboxylation process as shown in Scheme 5. The first one (Path A) is similar to photocyclization reactions of 2alkoxybenzaldehydes la-f and 2'-alkoxyacetophenones 2a-h. The (n, π^*) excited triplet state 14 of starting carboxylic acids abstract δ-hydrogen to produce 1,5-biradicals 15, which give intermediate biradicals 8 by decarboxylation. The following pathways are the same with photocyclization of 2-alkoxybenzaldehydes and 2'-alkoxyacetophenones. The second mechanism may be single electron transfer process (SET, Path B). Davidson et al. [8] suggested excited charge transfer complex in decarboxylation reaction of phenoxyacetic acid in the presence of benzophenone. In the cases of 2-acetylphenoxyacetic acids the similar process would occur intramolecularly to give ion radicals 16, which afford the intermediate biradicals 8 after loss of carbon dioxide. The decarboxylation of carboxylic acids 1i-l, 2i-m would occur through both paths, however, path A is probably the main process because decarboxylation time of 2i-m is shorter than that of 13.

Photocyclization reactions of 2-alkoxybenzaldehydes, 2'-alkoxyacetophenones, 2-formylphenoxyacetic acids and 2-acetylphenoxyacetic acids are useful to synthesize dihydrobenzofuranol derivatives which are difficult to prepare by ionic reactions under basic or acidic conditions. Especially ethoxycarbonyl and cyano groups which stabilize intermediate 1,5-biradicals make furan-ring formation favorable.

EXPERIMENTAL

The melting points are uncorrected. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (Wakogel C-200). Unless otherwise stated anhydrous sodium sulfate was employed as the drying agent. Ether refers to diethyl ether. Acetonitrile was dried by distillating over phosphorus pentoxide, then over potassium carbonate. Photoreactions were carried out with 400-W high-pressure mercury lamp (Riko UVL-400 HA) in a pyrex cylindrical vessel equipped with a nitrogen inlet. The ir spectra were determined on a Hitachi Model 270-30 IR spectrometer. The 'H and '3'C nmr spectra were determined at 90 MHz on a JEOL-FX 90Q FT NMR spectrometer, using tetramethylsilane as the internal standard.

2-Propoxybenzaldehyde 1c.

A mixture of 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (2.0 g, 16.4 mmoles), 1-iodopropane (5.6 g, 32.9 mmoles), tripotassium phosphate (5.2 g, 24.5 mmoles) and acetone (30 ml) was refluxed for 3 hours. After removal of insoluble materials by filtration the acetone was evaporated. The residue was chromatographed and eluted with benzene (95)-ether (5) to give $\mathbf{1c}$ (1.5 g, 56%) as a colorless oil, bp 89° at 1.8 Torr (lit [9] bp 87° at 0.3 Torr); ir (neat): 1685 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.07 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.65-2.05 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂CH₃), 4.02 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₂CH₃), 6.90-7.06 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.42-7.61 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.81 (dd, J = 1.7 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 10.51 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H, CHO); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 10.5 (q), 22.5 (t), 70.2 (t),

112.7 (d), 120.5 (d), 125.2 (s), 128.2 (d), 135.8 (d), 161.6 (s), 189.7 (d).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{12}O_2$: C, 73.15; H, 7.37. Found: C, 72.92; H, 7.48.

2-Isobutoxybenzaldehyde 1d.

A mixture of 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (2.0 g, 16.4 mmoles), 1-bromo-2-methylpropane (4.5 g, 32.8 mmoles), tripotassium phosphate (7.0 g, 33.0 mmoles) and dimethyl sulfoxide (30 ml) was stirred at 60° for 1 hour. The following treatment was carried out in a manner similar to the synthesis of 1c to give 1d (2.4 g, 82%) as a colorless oil, bp 80° at 0.9 Torr (lit [9] bp 117° at 1-2 Torr); ir (neat): 1690 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); 'H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.06 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H, CH₂CH(CH₃)₂), 1.93-2.37 (m, 1H, CH₂CH(CH₃)₂), 3.83 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH(CH₃)₂), 6.90-7.07 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.42-7.61 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.82 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 10.54 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H, CHO); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 19.2 (q), 28.3 (d), 74.9 (t), 112.6 (d), 120.5 (d), 125.2 (s), 128.2 (d), 135.8 (d), 161.7 (s), 189.6 (d).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₄O₂: C, 74.13; H, 7.92. Found: C, 73.88; H, 7.93.

2-Benzyloxybenzaldehyde 1e.

Compound 1e (63%) was obtained in a manner similar to the synthesis of 1d. It formed colorless crystals from hexane, mp 44.46° (lit [10] mp 47-48°); ir (potassium bromide): 1680 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 5.15 (s, 2H, OCH₂Ph), 6.87-7.07 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.19-7.60 (m, 6H, Ar-H and Ph-H₃), 7.84 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 10.54 (s, 1H, CHO); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 70.4 (t), 113.1 (d), 120.9 (d), 125.2 (s), 127.2 (d), 128.1 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.6 (d), 135.8 (d), 136.1 (s), 161.0 (s), 189.3 (d).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{14}H_{12}O_2$: C, 79.23; H, 5.70. Found: C, 78.95; H, 5.84.

2-Isopropoxybenzaldehyde 1f.

Compound 1f (60%) was obtained as a colorless oil in a manner similar to the synthesis of 1c, bp 83° at 1.8 Torr (lit [11] bp 130-131° at 15 Torr); ir (neat): $1690 \text{ cm}^{-1} (\text{Ar-CO})$; ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.40 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 4.68 (septet, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂), 6.89-7.05 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.42-7.61 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.82 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 10.49 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H, CHO); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 21.9 (q), 71.2 (d), 114.3 (d), 120.4 (d), 125.9 (s), 128.1 (d), 135.7 (d), 160.6 (s), 189.7 (d).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₀H₁₂O₂: C, 73.15; H, 7.37. Found: C, 72.88; H, 7.49.

2'-Ethoxyacetophenone 2b.

Compound **2b** (89%) was obtained in a manner similar to the synthesis of **1d**. It formed colorless crystals from benzene-hexane, mp 39-40°; ir (potassium bromide): 1665 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.47 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₃), 2.63 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 4.12 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₃), 6.87-7.04 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.33-7.51 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.73 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 14.7 (q), 31.9 (q), 64.2 (t), 112.6 (d), 120.4 (d), 128.5 (s), 130.3 (d), 133.6 (d), 158.5 (s), 199.3 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{12}O_2$: C, 73.15; H, 7.37. Found: C, 72.94; H, 7.50.

2'-Propoxyacetophenone 2c.

Compound 2c (83%) was obtained in a manner similar to the synthesis of 1c. It formed colorless crystals from benzene-hexane, mp 38-39°; ir (potassium bromide): 1670 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.08 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₂CH₃), 2.24-2.67 (m, 2H, OCH₂CH₂CH₃), 2.64 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 4.02 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₂CH₃), 6.89-7.05 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.34-7.54 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.74 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 10.8 (q), 22.6 (t), 32.0 (q), 70.2 (t), 112.4 (d), 120.4 (d), 128.6 (s), 130.4 (d), 133.5 (d), 158.6 (s), 199.8 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{11}H_{14}O_2$: C, 74.13; H, 7.92. Found: C, 74.26; H, 8.05.

2'-Isobutoxyacetophenone 2d.

Compound 2d (83%) was obtained as a colorless oil in a manner similar to the synthesis of 1d, bp 87° at 2.5 Torr; ir (neat): 1690 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.07 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H, OCH₂CH(CH₃)₂), 1.92-2.38 (m, 1H, OCH₂CH(CH₃)₂), 2.65 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 3.82 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH(CH₃)₂), 6.88-7.05 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.33-7.53 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.74 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 19.4 (q), 28.3 (d), 32.0 (q), 75.0 (t), 112.4 (d), 120.3 (d), 128.4 (s), 130.3 (d), 133.6 (d), 158.6 (s), 199.1 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{12}H_{16}O_2$: C, 74.97; H, 8.39. Found: C, 74.78; H, 8.25.

2'-Benzyloxyacetophenone 2e.

Compound **2e** (83%) was obtained as a colorless oil in a manner similar to the synthesis of **1c**, bp 139° at 0.7 Torr (lit [12] mp 40°); ir (neat): 1670 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.58 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 5.14 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.89-7.06 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.28-7.52 (m, 6H, Ar-H and Ph-H₅), 7.74 (dd, J = 1.5 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 32.0 (q), 70.8 (t), 113.0 (d), 120.9 (d), 127.5 (d), 128.2 (d), 128.7 (d), 129.0 (s), 130.4 (d), 133.4 (d), 136.3 (s), 158.0 (s), 199.6 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{15}H_{14}O_2$: C, 79.62; H, 6.24. Found: C, 79.39; H, 6.45.

2'-Isopropoxyacetophenone 2f.

Compound **2f** (87%) was obtained as a colorless oil in a manner similar to the synthesis of **1d**, bp 82° at 2.7 Torr; ir (neat): 1680 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.40 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.62 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 4.68 (septet, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂), 6.89-7.02 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.32-7.51 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.71 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 22.0 (q), 32.0 (q), 70.6 (d), 113.7 (d), 120.2 (d), 129.4 (s), 130.4 (d), 133.3 (d), 157.3 (s), 199.7 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{11}H_{14}O_2$: C, 74.13; H, 7.92. Found: C, 73.96; H, 8.19.

2'-Cyanomethoxyacetophenone 2h.

Compound **2h** (93%) was obtained in a manner similar to the synthesis of **1d**. It formed colorless crystals from benzene-hexane, mp 82-83°; ir (neat): 1660 cm^{-1} (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.60 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 4.89 (s, 2H, CH₂CN), 6.94-7.20 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.36-7.56 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.74 (dd, J = 1.5 and 7.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 31.5 (q), 54.2 (t), 113.4 (d), 114.8 (s), 123.3 (d), 129.7 (s), 130.8 (d), 133.6 (d), 155.3 (s), 198.6 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_9NO_2$: C, 68.56; H, 5.18; N, 8.00. Found: C, 68.44; H, 5.33; N, 7.83.

2-(2-Formylphenoxy)propanoic Acid 1j.

A mixture of 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (3.0 g, 22.0 mmoles), ethyl 2-bromopropanoate (8.9 g, 49.2 mmoles), tripotassium phosphate (7.8 g. 36.7 mmoles) and acetone (40 ml) was refluxed for 3 hours. After removal of insoluble materials by filtration the acetone was evaporated. The residue was chromatographed and eluted with benzene (95)-ether (5) to give an ester of 1j. It was dissolved in ethanol (50 ml) and hydrolyzed by adding a 2M aqueous potassium hydroxide solution (50 ml). The solution was acidified with 6M hydrochloric acid and the resulting precipitate was extracted with ether. The extract was washed, dried, and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from ether to give 1i (2.2) g, 46%) as colorless crystals, mp 61-63°; ir (potassium bromide): 1730 (CO₂H), 1660 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 1.70 $(d, J = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 3H, OCHCH_3), 5.09 (q, J = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 1H, OCHCH_3),$ 6.98-7.16 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.49-7.69 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.77 (dd, J =2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.03 (broad s, 1H, CO_2H), 10.55 (d, J =0.9 Hz, 1H, CHO); ¹³C nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 18.6 (q), 73.8 (d), 115.0 (d), 122.2 (d), 126.4 (s), 128.6 (d), 136.5 (d), 161.1 (s), 172.8 (s), 190.0 (d).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{10}O_4$: C, 61.85; H, 5.19. Found: C, 61.59; H, 5.42.

2-(2-Formylphenoxy)butanoic Acid 1k.

Compound **1k** (43%) was obtained as colorless crystals from ether in a manner similar to the synthesis of **1j**, mp 95-97°; ir (potassium bromide): 1735 (CO₂H), 1650 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 1.13 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.95-2.29 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 4.97 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H, OCH), 6.98-7.14 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.49-7.68 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.78 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 10.08 (broad s, 1H, CO₂H), 10.59 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H, CHO); ¹³C nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 9.6 (q), 26.4 (t), 78.3 (d), 114.8 (d), 122.2 (d), 126.5 (s), 128.7 (d), 136.5 (d), 161.2 (s), 172.1 (s), 189.8 (d).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₂O₄: C, 63.45; H, 5.81. Found: C, 63.23; H, 6.04.

2-(2-Formylphenoxy)-3-methylbutanoic Acid 11.

Compound II (47%) was obtained as colorless crystals from ether-hexane in a manner similar to the synthesis of 1j, mp 75-76°; ir (potassium bromide): 1750, 1710 (CO₂H), 1680 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 1.15 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.16-2.59 (m, 1H, OCHCH), 4.81 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H, OCHCH), 6.97-7.14 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.47-7.67 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.79 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.14 (broad s, 1H, CO₂H), 10.61 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H, CHO); ¹³C nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 17.5 (q), 19.0 (q), 32.0 (d), 81.8 (d). 114.5 (d), 122.0 (d), 126.4 (s), 128.6 (d), 136.5 (d), 161.3 (s), 171.8 (s), 190.0 (d).

Anal. Caled. for C₁₂H₁₄O₄: C, 64.85; H, 6.35. Found: C, 64.62; H, 6.21.

2-Acetylphenoxyacetic Acid 2i.

Compound **2i** (84%) was obtained as colorless crystals from ether in a manner similar to the synthesis of **1j**, mp 113-115° (lit [13] mp 114-114.5°); ir (potassium bromide): 1740, 1710 (CO₂H), 1660 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 2.66 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 4.88 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.94-7.13 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.40-7.59 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.69 (dd, J = 1.5 and 6.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 9.97 (broad s, 1H, CO₂H); ¹³C nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 31.8 (q), 65.8 (t), 113.8 (d), 122.0 (d), 129.4 (s), 130.8 (d), 134.3 (d), 158.0 (s), 169.8

(s), 199.6 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{10}O_4$: C, 61.85; H, 5.19. Found: C, 61.64; H, 5.38.

Ethyl 2-Acetylphenoxyacetate 2g.

A mixture of **2i** (3.0 g, 15.4 mmoles), concentrated sulfuric acid (0.3 ml) and ethanol (50 ml) was refluxed for 4 hours. The solution was extracted with ether. The extract was washed with a 0.5M aqueous potassium carbonate solution, then with water, dried and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed and eluted with benzene (95)-ether (5) to give **2g**. It formed colorless crystals (2.6 g, 76%) from benzene-hexane, mp 49-50° (lit [13] mp 40-50.5°); ir (neat): 1760 (CO₂CH₂CH₃), 1670 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.29 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₃), 4.71 (s, 2H, OCH₂CO), 6.78-7.09 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.28-7.46 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.74 (dd, J = 2.0 and 7.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 14.1 (q), 31.9 (q), 61.4 (t), 65.6 (t), 112.4 (d), 121.6 (d), 129.0 (s), 130.6 (d), 133.4 (d), 157.0 (s), 168.1 (s), 199.4 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{12}H_{14}O_4$: C, 64.85; H, 6.35. Found: C, 64.73; H, 6.54.

2-(2-Acetylphenoxy)propanoic Acid 2j.

Compound **2j** (65%) was obtained as colorless crystals from ether in a manner similar to the synthesis of **1j**, mp 86-88° (lit [14] mp 92°); ir (potassium bromide): 1740 (CO₂H), 1650 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 1.69 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H, CHCH₃), 2.65 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 5.09 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H, CHCH₃), 6.92-7.09 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.37-7.56 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.68 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 10.40 (broad s, 1H, CO₂H); ¹³C nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 18.6 (q), 31.6 (q), 73.3 (d), 114.0 (d), 121.9 (d), 129.5 (s), 130.8 (d), 134.2 (d), 157.6 (s), 172.8 (s), 199.8 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{11}H_{12}O_4$: C, 63.45; H, 5.81. Found: C, 63.71; H, 6.02.

2-(2-Acetylphenoxy)butanoic Acid 2k.

Compound **2k** (79%) was obtained as colorless crystals from ether in a manner similar to the synthesis of **1j**, mp 124-125°; ir (potassium bromide): 1740 (CO₂H), 1640 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 1.12 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.95-2.24 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 2.66 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 4.97 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H, OCHCO₂), 6.93-7.10 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.37-7.57 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.67 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 9.57 (broad s, 1H, CO₂H); ¹³C nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 9.9 (q), 26.5 (t), 31.8 (q), 78.1 (d), 114.0 (d), 121.8 (d), 129.8 (s), 130.9 (d), 134.2 (d), 157.9 (s), 172.1 (s), 199.5 (s).

Anal. Caled. for $C_{12}H_{14}O_4$: C, 64.85; H, 6.35. Found: C, 64.78; H, 6.16.

2-(2-Acetylphenoxy)-3-methylbutanoic Acid 21.

Compound **21** (28%) was obtained as colorless crystals from ether-hexane in a manner similar to the synthesis of **1j**, mp 86-87°; ir (potassium bromide): 1750 (CO₂H), 1660 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 1.14 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.25-2.54 (m, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂), 4.84 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, OCHCO₂), 6.92-7.09 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.37-7.57 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.66 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.56 (broad s, 1H, CO₂H); ¹³C nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 18.0 (q), 19.0 (q), 31.9 (d), 32.0 (q), 81.8 (d), 113.9 (d), 121.8 (d), 129.9 (s), 130.9 (d), 134.1 (d), 158.0 (s), 171.6 (s), 199.7 (s).

Anal. Caled. for $C_{13}H_{16}O_4$: C, 66.09; H, 6.83. Found: C, 66.25; H, 6.80.

(2-Acetylphenoxy)phenylacetic Acid 2m.

Compound **2m** (48%) was obtained as colorless crystals from ether in a manner similar to the synthesis of **1j**, mp 115-117°; ir (potassium bromide): 1735 (CO₂H), 1640 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): δ 2.71 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 6.13 (s, 1H, OCHCO₂), 6.92-7.18 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.34-7.70 (m, 7H, Ar-H₂ and Ph-H_s); ¹³C nmr (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): δ 31.6 (q), 77.8 (d), 113.7 (d), 121.1 (d), 127.4 (d), 128.7 (s), 128.7 (d), 129.7 (d), 133.3 (d), 135.7 (s), 155.9 (s), 170.4 (s), 199.0 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{14}O_4$: C, 71.10; H, 5.22. Found: C, 70.84; H, 5.24.

4-Acetylphenoxyacetic Acid 11.

Compound 11 (53%) was obtained as colorless crystals from ether in a manner similar to the synthesis of 1j, mp 171-172° (lit [15] mp 172.5-174.5°); ir (potassium bromide): 1760 (CO₂H), 1640 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 2.53 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 3.93 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.92-7.08 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.84-8.00 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂); ¹³C nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 26.4 (q), 65.5 (t), 115.2 (d), 131.2 (d), 131.9 (s), 162.9 (s), 169.9 (s), 196.7 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{10}O_4$: C, 61.85; H, 5.19. Found: C, 61.86; H, 5.36.

2-(2-Acetylphenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid 13.

Compound 13 (24%) was obtained as colorless crystals from ether-hexane in a manner similar to the synthesis of 1j, mp 116.5-117.5°; ir (potassium bromide): 1740 (CO₂H), 1660 cm⁻¹ (Ar-CO); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.70 (s, δ H, C(CH₃)₂), 2.65 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 6.91-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.28-7.46 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.75 (dd, J = 2.0 and 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.51 (broad s, 1H, CO₂H); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 25.1 (q), 30.7 (q), 118.7 (d), 122.3 (d), 130.2 (s), 131.3 (d), 133.6 (d), 154.4 (s), 176.8 (s), 201.1 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{12}H_{14}O_4$: C, 64.85; H, 6.35. Found: C, 64.60; H, 6.50.

General Procedure for Photocyclization Reactions of Ethers 1a-f, 2a-h and Acids 1i-l, 2i-m.

Freshly prepared compounds were used in photoreactions. Irradiation of compounds containing impurity afforded considerable decomposition products. An acetonitrile solution (500 ml) of a starting material (2.00 mmoles) was deoxygenated by bubbling nitrogen gas for 1 hour and irradiated under monitoring by high performance liquid chromatography (hplc). In the case of ethers 1a-f, 2a-h irradiation was stopped when the starting material almost disappeared. In contrast, using acids 1i-l, 2i-m irradiation was continued until ether compounds which were produced by decarboxylation almost disappeared. After the photoreaction the acetonitrile was evaporated under reduced pressure below 40°. The residue was chromatographed and eluted with benzene-ether to give a variety of products.

2,3-Dihydro-3-benzofuranol 3a.

Compound **3a** was obtained as a colorless oil (lit [16] bp 122° at 15 Torr); ir (neat): 3370 cm^{-1} (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.72 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.29 (dd, J = 3.3 and 10.7 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 4.45 (dd, J = 5.7 and 10.7 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 5.18 (broad s, 1H, C₃-H), 6.78-7.40 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 72.0 (d), 79.0 (t), 110.5 (d), 120.9 (d), 125.5 (d), 128.3 (s), 130.6 (d), 160.2 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_8H_8O_2$: C, 70.58; H, 5.92. Found: C, 70.60; H, 6.10.

trans-2-Methyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol trans-3b.

Compound trans-3b was obtained as a colorless oil; ir (neat): $3400 \, \mathrm{cm^{-1}}$ (OH); $^1\mathrm{H}$ nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.06 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 3.92 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.42 (dq, J = 3.6 and 6.4 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 4.52 (broad s, 1H, C₃-H), 6.62-7.30 (m, 4H, Ar-H); $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 19.0 (q), 78.5 (d), 87.3 (d), 110.7 (d), 120.9 (d), 126.1 (d), 128.7 (s), 130.6 (d), 160.1 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_9H_{10}O_2$: C, 71.98; H, 6.71. Found: C, 71.78; H, 6.87.

cis-2-Methyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol cis-3b.

Compound cis-3b was obtained as a mixture with trans-3b and difficult to isolate; 1H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.32 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 3.40 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.20-4.60 (m, 2H, C₂-H and C₃-H), 6.64-7.26 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); 13 C nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 13.6 (q), 72.9 (d), 83.4 (d), 110.6 (d), 120.8 (d), 126.1 (d), 128.9 (s), 130.0 (d), 160.3 (s).

trans-2-Ethyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol trans-3c.

Compound trans-3c was obtained as a colorless oil; ir (neat): 3400 cm^{-1} (OH); ^1H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 0.87 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.26-1.54 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 3.18 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.31 (dt, J = 3.7 and 6.6 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 4.62 (broad s, 1H, C₃-H), 6.64-7.33 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ^{13}C nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 9.5 (q), 26.8 (t), 77.0 (d), 92.4 (d), 110.6 (d), 120.8 (d), 126.0 (d), 129.1 (s), 130.6 (d), 160.5 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{12}O_2$: C, 73.15; H, 7.37. Found: C, 72.90; H, 7.40.

trans-2-Isopropyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol trans-3d.

Compound trans-3d was obtained as a colorless oil; ir (neat): 3380 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 0.87 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.90 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.42-1.86 (m, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.52 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.15 (dd, J = 4.2 and 6.6 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 4.82 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H, C₃-H), 6.64-7.30 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 17.8 (q), 17.9 (q), 31.7 (d), 75.3 (d), 95.9 (d), 110.3 (d), 120.7 (d), 125.8 (d), 129.3 (s), 130.5 (d), 160.6 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{11}H_{14}O_2$: C, 74.13; H, 7.92. Found: C, 73.90; H, 8.04.

cis-2-Phenyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol cis-3e.

Compound cis-3e was obtained as colorless crystals from benzene-hexane, mp 123-125° (lit [4a] mp 126-127°); ir (potassium bromide): 3410 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.54 (broad s, 1H, OH), 5.18 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H, C₃-H), 5.53 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 6.86-7.04 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.20-7.47 (m, 7H, Ar-H₂ and Ph-H₅).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{14}H_{12}O_2$: C, 79.23; H, 5.70. Found: C, 79.15; H, 5.77.

trans-2-Phenyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol trans-3e.

Compound trans-3e was obtained as a colorless oil [4a]; ir (neat): 3430 cm^{-1} (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.80 (broad s, 1H, OH), 5.08 (broad s, 1H, C₃-H), 5.41 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 6.78-6.96 (m, 2H, Ar-H₂), 7.14-7.32 (m, 7H, Ar-H₂ and Ph-H₃).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{14}H_{12}O_2$: C, 79.23; H, 5.70. Found: C, 79.36; H, 5.82.

3-Methyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol 5a.

Compound 5a was obtained as a colorless oil [17]; ir (neat):

3400 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.31 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.70 (broad s, 1H, OH), 3.91 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 4.21 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 6.67-7.19 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 25.3 (q), 77.6 (s), 83.9 (t), 110.6 (d), 121.0 (d), 123.4 (d), 130.1 (d), 132.7 (s), 160.2 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_9H_{10}O_2$: C, 71.98; H, 6.71. Found: C, 71.85; H, 6.91.

cis-2,3-Dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol cis-5b.

Compound cis-**5b** was obtained as colorless crystals from benzene-hexane, mp 84-85°; ir (potassium bromide): 3360 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.29 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, C₂-CH₃), 1.29 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 2.44 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.05 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 6.63-7.19 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 13.2 (q), 24.2 (q), 77.2 (s), 88.0 (d), 110.6 (d), 120.8 (d), 123.8 (d), 130.1 (d), 133.6 (s), 159.7 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{12}O_2$: C, 73.15; H, 7.37. Found: C, 73.02; H, 7.49.

trans-2,3-Dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol trans-5b.

Compound trans-5b was obtained as colorless crystals from benzene-hexane, mp 77-78°; ir (potassium bromide): 3300 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.06 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, C₂-CH₃), 1.21 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 2.42 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.40 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 6.66-7.18 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 15.6 (q), 22.1 (q), 79.8 (s), 89.7 (d), 110.7 (d), 120.9 (d), 123.6 (d), 130.1 (d), 133.7 (s), 159.2 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{12}O_2$: C, 73.15; H, 7.37. Found: C, 73.32; H, 7.14.

cis-2-Ethyl-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol cis-5c.

Compound cis-5c was obtained as a colorless oil; ir (neat): 3450 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.09 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.35 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 1.52-1.90 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 2.32 (broad s, 1H, OH), 3.87 (dd, J = 5.5 and 8.1 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 6.64-7.17 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 11.0 (q), 21.9 (t), 25.0 (q), 77.2 (s), 93.5 (d), 110.6 (d), 120.8 (d), 123.6 (d), 130.1 (d), 133.7 (s), 159.6 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{11}H_{14}O_2$: C, 74.13; H, 7.92. Found: C, 74.38; H, 7.73.

trans-2-Ethyl-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol trans-5c.

Compound trans-5c was obtained as a colorless oil; ir (neat): 3430 cm^{-1} (OH); ^1H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.03 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.26 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 1.26-1.50 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 2.76 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.19 (dd, J = 5.1 and 8.6 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 6.64-7.21 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ^{13}C nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 11.1 (q), 22.4 (q), 23.6 (t), 79.7 (s), 94.9 (d), 110.7 (d), 120.9 (d), 123.5 (d), 130.0 (d), 134.2 (s), 159.1 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{11}H_{14}O_2$: C, 74.13; H, 7.92. Found: C, 73.95; H, 7.97.

cis-2-Isopropyl-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol cis-5d.

Compound cis-5d was obtained as colorless crystals from hexane, mp 69-70.5°; ir (potassium bromide): 3350 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.00 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH(C H_3)₂), 1.20 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH(C H_3)₂), 1.42 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 1.68 (s, 1H, OH), 1.88-2.28 (m, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.61 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 6.62-7.11 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 19.2 (q), 20.5 (q), 26.5 (q), 28.8 (d), 77.5 (s), 96.6 (d), 110.5 (d), 120.7 (d), 123.4 (d), 130.2 (d), 134.0 (s), 159.3 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₆O₂: C, 74.97; H, 8.39. Found: C, 74.85; H, 8.27.

trans-2-Isopropyl-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol trans-5d.

Compound trans-5d was obtained as colorless crystals from benzene-hexane, mp 72-74°; ir (neat): 3420 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 0.97 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.05 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.30 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 1.64-2.12 (m, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, C₂-H), 6.64-7.18 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 19.6 (q), 22.8 (q), 29.0 (d), 79.9 (s), 97.7 (d), 110.4 (d), 121.1 (d), 122.9 (d), 129.8 (d), 135.5 (s), 159.0 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₆O₂: C, 74.97; H, 8.39. Found: C, 74.76; H. 8.47.

cis-3-Methyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol cis-5e.

Compound cis-5e was obtained as colorless crystals from benzene-hexane, mp 72-73.5° [4j]; ir (potassium bromide): 3520, 3430 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.33 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.42 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.98 (s, 1H, C₂-H), 6.70-7.25 (m, 9H, Ar-H₄ and Ph-H₅); ¹³C nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 25.1 (q), 78.1 (s), 93.1 (d), 110.7 (d), 121.3 (d), 124.1 (d), 127.5 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.5 (d), 130.2 (d), 132.8 (s), 135.7 (s), 159.8 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{15}H_{14}O_2$: C, 79.62; H, 6.24. Found: C, 79.48; H, 6.34.

trans-3-Methyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol trans-5e.

Compound trans-5e [4j] was obtained as a mixture with 3-methyl-2-phenylbenzofuran because of facile dehydration of trans-5e; ir (neat): 3430 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.02 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.36 (broad s, 1H, OH), 5.44 (s, 1H, C₂-H), 6.79-7.29 (m, 9H, Ar-H₄ and Ph-H₅).

3-Methyl-2-phenylbenzofuran was obtained as a colorless oil by complete dehydration of *trans-5e*, bp 122° at 0.7 Torr (lit [18] bp 117-118° at 0.3 Torr); 'H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.39 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 7.15-7.82 (m, 9H, Ar-H₄ and Ph-H₅); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 9.4 (q), 110.9 (d), 111.2 (s), 119.2 (d), 122.3 (d), 124.2 (d), 126.7 (d), 127.8 (d), 128.5 (d), 131.2 (s), 131.4 (s), 150.7 (s), 153.8 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{15}H_{12}O$: C, 86.51; H, 5.81. Found: C, 86.32; H, 6.08.

2,2,3-Trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol 5f.

Compound **5f** was obtained as a colorless oil; ir (neat): 3430 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.25 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 1.48 (s, 3H, C₂-CH₃), 1.52 (s, 3H, C₂-CH₃), 6.72-7.30 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₄O₂: C, 74.13; H, 7.92. Found: C, 74.29; H, 8.02.

Ethyl cis-3-Hydroxy-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-2-benzofurancarboxylate cis-5 \mathbf{g} .

Compound cis-5g was obtained as colorless crystals from benzene-hexane, mp 73-74°; ir (potassium bromide): 3450 (OH), 1745 cm⁻¹ (CO₂CH₂CH₃); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 0.98 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₃), 1.58 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 2.86 (broad s, 1H, OH), 3.98 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, OCH₂CH₃), 4.00 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, OCH₂CH₃), 4.63 (s, 1H, C₂-H), 6.64-7.14 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 14.1 (q), 25.7 (q), 61.2 (t), 79.4 (s), 89.5 (d), 111.0 (d), 121.6 (d), 123.7 (d), 130.6 (d), 131.4 (s), 159.4 (s), 167.8 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄O₄: C, 64.85; H, 6.35. Found: C, 64.56; H, 6.54.

Ethyl trans-3-Hydroxy-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-2-benzofurancarboxylate trans-5g.

Compound trans-5g was obtained as a colorless oil; ir (neat): 3500 (OH), 1740 cm⁻¹ (CO₂CH₂H₃); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₃), 1.53 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 3.52 (broad s, 1H, OH), 3.88 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₃), 5.07 (s, 1H, C₂-H), 6.66-7.18 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 14.0 (q), 23.6 (q), 61.1 (t), 80.9 (s), 91.0 (d), 110.9 (d), 121.7 (d), 123.7 (d), 130.5 (d), 131.8 (s), 159.4 (s), 169.0 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{12}H_{14}O_4$: C, 64.85; H, 6.35. Found: C, 64.73; H, 6.47.

2-Cyano-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-3-benzofuranol cis-5h or trans-5h.

Compound cis-5h or trans-5h was obtained as a colorless oil; ir (neat): 3420 (OH), 2250 cm⁻¹ (CN); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.52 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.12 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.73 (s, 1H, C₂-H), 6.63-7.02 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 24.1 (q), 80.6 (s), 80.7 (d), 111.3 (d), 115.9 (s), 122.9 (d), 123.5 (d), 130.1 (s), 131.1 (d), 157.8 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₀H₉NO₂: C, 68.56; H, 5.18; N, 8.00. Found: C, 68.41; H, 5.37; N, 7.83.

cis- and trans-3-Methyl-1,3-dihydro-1-isobenzofuranol cis-4b and trans-4b.

Compounds cis-4b and trans-4b were obtained as a mixture (colorless oil).

The major component had ir (neat): 3400 cm^{-1} (OH); ^{1}H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.27 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 5.06 (broad s, 1H, OH), 5.32 (dq, J = 1.8 and 6.4 Hz, 1H, C₃-H), 6.40 (broad s, 1H, C₁-H), 6.68-7.28 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄).

The minor component had ir (neat): 3400 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.41 (d, J=6.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 4.96 (q, J=6.5 Hz, 1H, C₃-H), 5.06 (broad s, 1H, OH), 6.40 (broad s, 1H, C₁-H), 6.68-7.28 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄).

cis- and trans-3-Ethyl-1,3-dihydro-1-isobenzofuranol cis-4c and trans-4c.

Compounds cis-4c and trans-4c were obtained as a mixture (colorless oil).

The major component had ir (neat): 3400 cm^{-1} (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 0.88 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.40-1.80 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 3.38 (broad s, 1H, OH), 5.22 (broad s, 1H, C₃-H), 6.40 (broad s, 1H, C₁-H), 6.72-7.26 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄).

The minor component had ir (neat): 3400 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 0.96 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.40-1.80 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 3.88 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.89 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, C₃-H), 6.40 (broad s, 1H, C₁-H), 6.72-7.26 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄).

3,3-Dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-1-isobenzofuranol 4f.

Compound 4f was obtained as colorless crystals from benzene-hexane, mp 103-105°; ir (potassium bromide): 3230 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 1.43 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.54 (s, 3H, CH₃), 5.49 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, OH), 6.35 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, C₁-H), 7.10-7.32 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 29.5 (q), 31.0 (q), 85.3 (s), 100.3 (d), 121.3 (d), 123.7 (d), 128.2 (d), 129.6 (d), 140.7 (s), 148.9 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{12}O_2$: C, 73.15; H, 7.37. Found: C, 73.12; H, 7.32.

cis- and trans-1,3-Dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-1-isobenzofuranol cis-6b and trans-6b.

Compounds cis-6b and trans-6b were obtained as a mixture (colorless oil).

The major component had ir (neat): 3400 cm^{-1} (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.27 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 1.78 (s, 3H, C₁-CH₃), 4.06 (broad s, 1H, OH), 5.27 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, C₃-H), 6.70-7.20 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄).

The minor component had ir (neat): 3400 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 1.39 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 1.70 (s, 3H, C₁-CH₃), 4.06 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.96 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, C₃-H), 6.70-7.20 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄).

cis- and trans-3-Ethyl-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-1-isobenzofuranol cis-6c and trans-6c.

Compounds cis-6c and trans-6c were obtained as a mixture (colorless oil).

The major component had ir (neat): 3400 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.40-2.08 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 1.78 (s, 3H, C₁-CH₃), 3.48 (broad s, 1H, OH), 5.14 (dd, J = 5.4 and 6.4 Hz, 1H, C₃-H), 6.74-7.18 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄).

The minor component had ir (neat): $3400~\rm cm^{-1}$ (OH); $^1\rm H$ nmr (deuteriobenzene): δ 0.97 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.40-2.08 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 1.72 (s, 3H, C₁-CH₃), 3.48 (broad s, 1H, OH), 4.88 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, C₃-H), 6.74-7.18 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄).

1,3,3-Trimethyl-1,3-dihydro-1-isobenzofuranol 6f.

Compound **6f** was obtained as colorless crystals from benzene-hexane, mp 96-98°; ir (potassium bromide): 3390 cm⁻¹ (OH); ¹H nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 1.42 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 1.52 (s, 3H, C₃-CH₃), 1.65 (s, 3H, C₁-CH₃), 4.94 (s, 1H, OH), 7.10-7.42 (m, 4H, Ar-H₄); ¹³C nmr (deuterioacetone): δ 29.0 (q), 29.7 (q), 30.7 (q), 84.1 (s), 106.2 (s), 121.3 (d), 122.8 (d), 128.2 (d), 129.3 (d), 143.5 (s), 148.2 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{11}H_{14}O_2$: C, 74.13; H, 7.92. Found: C, 74.25; H, 8.01.

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