

Synthesis of (1,3-Adamantylene)bis-1,3-dicarbonyl Compounds

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Abstract—Reactions of 1,3-dihydroxyadamantane with 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds in the presence of 5 mol % of $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$ afforded a series of (1,3-adamantylene)bis-1,3-dicarbonyl compounds in yields of 25–83%.

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Highly reactive β -dicarbonyl compounds are suitable building blocks and are widely used in organic synthesis [1, 2]. Furthermore, an important property of these compounds is the capability to form stable chelates with the metal cations which have been used in various fields of technology [3–5]. The molecules containing several 1,3-dicarbonyl fragments connected by a spacer [6], like aryl [7–11], heteroaryl [7, 12], alkyl [7, 13], or oxyethylene fragments [14, 15] are of great interest. Such compounds are used as polydentate ligands in coordination chemistry, allowing the construction of metal-containing supramolecular structures.

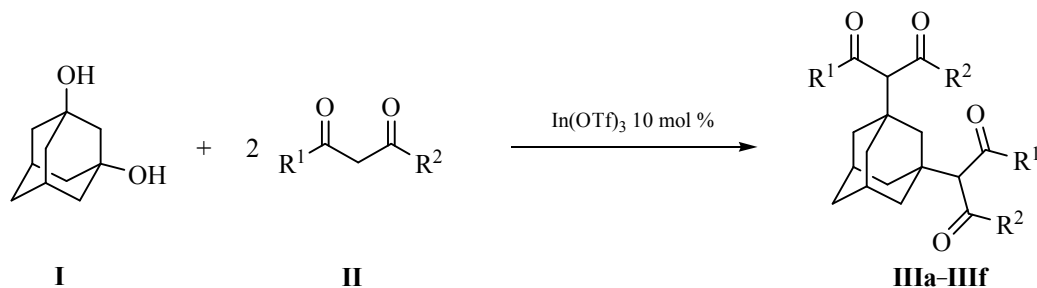
Recently we developed a method of preparation of adamantyl-containing 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds via adamantylation by the action of 1-adamantanol in the presence of Lewis acids [16]. In continuation of our research we applied the developed method for the synthesis of compounds where the adamantane moiety is linked with several 1,3-dicarbonyl fragments.

The reactions of 1,3-dihydroxyadamantane **I** with 1,3-diketones **IIa–IIf** were carried out under reflux in a 1,2-dichloroethane solution in the presence of 5 mol % of $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$. By TLC and GC-MS data, the maximum conversion was achieved after 3–10 h (Scheme 1).

The target (1,3-adamantylene)bis-1,3-dicarbonyl compounds **IIIa–IIIf** can be easily isolated in pure form by flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc and hexane or by recrystallization. Compounds **IIIa–IIIc**, **IIIe** were colorless crystals melting without decomposition; compound **IIId** was colorless oil.

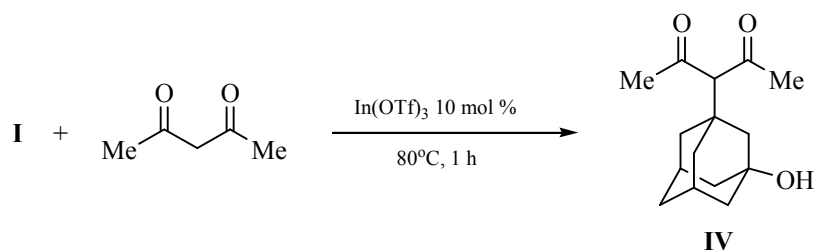
In the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of **IIIb**, **IIId** and **IIIe** there is doubling of the signals of the atoms of 1,3-dicarbonyl and adamantane moieties. This fact may be due to impeding the free rotation of the 1,3-dicarbonyl moiety around the methine carbon atom due to the steric hindrances. This leads to the symmetry disruption and to appearance of non-equivalence of the substituents in the positions 1 and 3 of the adamantane fragment.

Scheme 1.



$\text{R}^1 = \text{R}^2 = \text{Me}$ (**a**); $\text{R}^1 = \text{Me}$, $\text{R}^2 = \text{Ph}$ (**b**); $\text{R}^1 = \text{R}^2 = \text{Ph}$ (**c**); $\text{R}^1 = \text{CF}_3$, $\text{R}^2 = \text{Ph}$ (**d**); $\text{R}^1 = \text{Me}$, $\text{R}^2 = \text{OEt}$ (**e**); $\text{R}^1, \text{R}^2 = -\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{Me}_2)\text{CH}_2-$ (**f**).

Scheme 2.



Monitoring the reaction progress by means of gas chromatography-mass spectrometry showed that the reaction of acetylacetone with 1,3-dihydroxyadamantane might be stopped after 1 h, when one hydroxy group was replaced; the yield of pentane-2,4-dione **IV** was 60% (Scheme 2).

In the ^1H NMR spectrum of **IV** the signal of the OH-proton overlapped with the signals of the protons of the adamantane moiety. In order to confirm unambiguously the presence of the hydroxy group, we registered the ^1H NMR spectrum in the presence of lanthanide shift reagent, europium tris[3-(trifluoromethylhydroxymethylene)-(+)-camphorate] $\text{Eu}(\text{facam})_3$, which provides the downfield shift of the proton signal of the OH-groups. The signal appeared as a well-resolved broad singlet at 3.20 ppm.

EXPERIMENTAL

The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were taken on a JEOL ECA400 spectrometer, internal reference TMS, solvent CDCl_3 . The IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IR Prestige spectrometer. The reaction progress was monitored by chromatography-mass spectrometry using a Shimadzu GC-2010 instrument equipped with a Shimadzu QP-2010 Plus mass selective detector (Supelko SLB-5ms column, 30 m, programmable heating from 60 to 265°C , heating rate at $30^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$). Melting points were measured in open capillaries on a Stuart SMP30 instrument.

3,3'-(1,3-Adamantylene)bis(pentane-2,4-dione) (IIIa). To a mixture of 3 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane and 0.034 g (0.06 mmol) of $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$ was added a solution of 0.1 g (0.6 mmol) of 1,3-dihydroxyadamantane and 0.12 g (1.2 mmol) of acetylacetone in 2 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h and then transferred into a separatory funnel containing 10 mL of 2 M HCl. Next, the organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with chloroform (3×10 mL). The combined organic

layers were evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with hexane and EtOAc (10 : 2). Yield 0.12 g (60%), colorless crystals, mp 77°C (ethanol). IR spectrum (KBr), ν , cm^{-1} : 3003, 2974, 2937, 2904, 2893, 2846 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$), 1716, 1687 (C=O). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 1.55–1.72 m (12H, CH_2), 2.05 m (2H, CH), 2.18 s (12H, CH_3), 3.52 s (2H, CH). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ_{C} , ppm: 28.53 (CH), 33.06 (CH_3), 35.41 (CH_2), 38.76 (CH_2), 39.07 (CH_2), 42.99 (C), 77.06 (CH), 203.86 (C=O). Mass spectrum (EI, 70 eV), m/z (I_{rel} , %): 332 (4) $[M]^+$, 233 (100), 190 (80), 135 (35).

3,3'-(1,3-Adamantylene)bis(1-phenylbutane-1,3-dione) (IIIb) was obtained similarly from 0.034 g (0.06 mmol) of $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$, 0.1 g (0.6 mmol) of 1,3-dihydroxyadamantane, and 0.194 g (1.2 mmol) of benzoylacetone. Yield 0.23 g (83%), colorless crystals, mp $168.5\text{--}170^\circ\text{C}$ (ethanol). IR spectrum (KBr), ν , cm^{-1} : 3064, 3039 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}$), 2914, 2845 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$), 1724, 1656 (C=O), 1593, 1577, 1446 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-C}_{\text{sp}^2}$). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 1.58–2.08 m (14H), 2.11 s (3H, CH_3), 2.15 s (3H, CH_3), 4.39 s (2H, CH), 7.43–7.49 m (4H), 7.55–7.60 m (2H), 7.90–7.94 m (4H). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ_{C} , ppm: 28.80 (CH), 31.58 (CH_3), 31.61 (CH_3), 35.58 (C), 35.61 (C), 39.00 (CH_2), 39.34 (CH_2), 39.46 (CH_2), 39.49 (CH_2), 39.78 (CH_2), 44.04 (CH_2), 70.76 (CH), 128.30, 128.32, 128.85, 128.86, 133.46, 133.49, 138.53, 138.56, 194.54, 196.67, 202.91, 202.94 (C=O).

2,2'-(1,3-Adamantylene)bis(1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione) (IIIc) was obtained similarly from 0.034 g (0.06 mmol) of $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$, 0.1 g (0.6 mmol) of 1,3-dihydroxyadamantane, and 0.27 g (1.2 mmol) of dibenzoylmethane. Yield 0.27 g (65%), colorless crystals, mp 208°C (methanol). IR spectrum (KBr), ν , cm^{-1} : 3064 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}$), 2906, 2891, 2846 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$), 1699, 1651 (C=O), 1593, 1446 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-C}_{\text{sp}^2}$). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 1.54 br.s (2H, CH_2), 1.77–1.84 m (4H, CH_2), 1.88–1.95 m (6H, CH_2), 1.98–2.08

m (2H, CH), 5.43 s (2H, CH), 7.35–7.39 m (8H), 7.47–7.51 m (4H), 7.88–7.92 m (8H). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ_{C} , ppm: 29.00 (CH), 35.66 (CH_2), 39.73 (CH_2), 40.15 (CH_2), 45.38 (C), 63.49 (CH), 128.32, 128.69, 133.05, 138.25, 194.06 (C=O).

2,2'-(1,3-Adamantylene)bis(1-phenyl-4,4,4-trifluorobutane-1,3-dione) (III_d) was obtained similarly from 0.034 g (0.06 mmol) of $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$, 0.1 g (0.6 mmol) of 1,3-dihydroxyadamantane and 0.26 g (1.2 mmol) of 1-phenyl-4,4,4-trifluorobutane-1,3-dione. Yield 0.085 g (25%), colorless crystals, mp 143–144°C (hexane–ethyl acetate, 10 : 1). IR spectrum (KBr), ν , cm^{-1} : 3064 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{--H}$), 2924, 2910, 2856 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{--H}$), 1764, 1656 (C=O), 1597, 1450 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{--C}_{\text{sp}^2}$). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm (J , Hz): 1.50–1.79 m (12H, CH_2), 2.01–2.09 m (2H, CH), 4.91 s (2H, CH), 7.49–7.53 t (4H, 7.9), 7.61–7.65 t (2H, 7.7), 7.89–7.95 m (4H). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ_{C} , ppm: 28.52 (CH), 28.60 (CH), 35.09 (C), 38.73 (CH_2), 39.00 (CH_2), 39.30 (CH_2), 39.44 (CH_2), 40.20 (CH_2), 44.08 (CH_2), 44.28 (CH_2), 62.28 (CH), 115.02 q (CF_3 , J 293 Hz), 128.57, 128.63, 129.08, 134.12, 134.18, 137.38, 137.43, 184.44 (C=O, J 35 Hz), 190.85, 190.91 (C=O). Mass spectrum (EI, 70 eV), m/z (I_{rel} , %): 564 $[M]^+$ (0.25), 459 (1), 348 (12), 243 (4), 105 (100).

2,2'-(1,3-Adamantylene)bis(ethyl-3-oxobutanoate) (III_e) was obtained similarly from 0.034 g (0.06 mmol) of $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$, 0.1 g (0.6 mmol) of 1,3-dihydroxyadamantane, and 0.156 g (1.2 mmol) of ethyl acetoacetate. Yield 0.085 g (36%), colorless oil. IR spectrum (KBr), ν , cm^{-1} : 2978, 2914, 2850 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{--H}$), 1747, 1732, 1714, 1699 (C=O). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 1.16–1.22 m (6H, CH_3), 1.50–1.76 m (12H, CH_2), 1.98–2.03 m (2H, CH), 2.15 s (6H, CH_3), 3.14 s (2H, CH), 4.06–4.13 m (4H, CH_2). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ_{C} , ppm: 14.16 (CH_3), 28.64 (CH_3), 32.05 (CH_2), 35.66 (CH), 37.42 (CH_2), 38.87 (CH_2), 38.97 (CH_2), 42.58 (C), 60.87 (CH_2), 69.13 (CH), 168.34 (C=O), 168.39 (C=O), 202.76 (C=O). Mass spectrum (EI, 70 eV), m/z (I_{rel} , %): 392 $[M]^+$ (3), 303 (9), 263 (100), 221 (71), 189 (11), 175 (27), 147 (17), 128 (28), 105 (21), 91 (37), 43 (88).

2,2'-(1,3-Adamantylene)bis(5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione) (III_f) was obtained similarly from 0.034 g (0.06 mmol) of $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$, 0.1 g (0.6 mmol) of 1,3-dihydroxyadamantane, and 0.168 g (1.2 mmol) of dimedone in 7 mL of nitromethane. Yield 0.12 g (47%), colorless crystals, mp 164.5–165.5°C (hexane–ethyl acetate, 10 : 3). IR spectrum (KBr), ν , cm^{-1} :

2929, 2910, 2897, 2868 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{--H}$), 1712, 1693 (C=O). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 0.82 s (6H, CH_3), 1.12 s (6H, CH_3), 1.51–1.62 m (12H), 2.09 br.s (2H), 2.46 br.s (8H, CH_2), 2.71 s (2H, CH). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ_{C} , ppm: 27.05 (CH_3), 29.18 (CH_3), 30.33 (CH), 35.15 (CH_2), 38.62 (C), 40.38 (CH_2), 45.37 (CH_2), 56.03 (CH_2), 75.71 (CH), 207.19 (C=O). Mass spectrum (EI, 70 eV), m/z (I_{rel} , %): 412 $[M]^+$ (3), 273 (100), 217 (8), 133 (14), 91 (14), 83 (52), 55 (19).

3-(3-Hydroxy-1-adamantyl)pentane-2,4-dione (IV) was obtained similarly from 0.034 g (0.06 mmol) of $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$, 0.2 g (1.2 mmol) of 1,3-dihydroxyadamantane, and 0.12 g (1.2 mmol) of acetylacetone. Yield 0.18 g (60%), colorless crystals, mp 118°C (hexane–ethyl acetate, 10 : 2). IR spectrum (KBr), ν , cm^{-1} : 3444 (OH), 3007, 2966, 2951, 2904, 2850 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{--H}$), 1714, 1693 (C=O). ^1H NMR spectrum [CDCl_3 + $\text{Eu}(\text{facam})_3$], δ , ppm: 1.60–1.64 m (2H, CH_2), 1.79 d (4H, CH_2), 1.89–1.96 m (4H, CH_2), 2.05 s (2H, CH_2), 2.32 br.s (8H, CH_3 + CH), 3.20 br.s (1H, OH), 3.77 s (1H, CH). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ_{C} , ppm: 30.35 (CH_3), 33.03 (CH), 35.01 (CH_2), 38.86 (CH_2), 41.09 (C), 44.26 (CH_2), 47.92 (CH_2), 68.54 (CH), 203.95 (C=O). Mass spectrum (EI, 70 eV), m/z (I_{rel} , %): 250 $[M]^+$ (8), 208 (8), 190 (14), 151 (100), 133 (12), 100 (26).

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