

SYNTHESIS AND CONFORMATIONAL ANALYSIS OF *EXO*- AND *ENDO*-7-SUBSTITUTED-3-AZABICYCLO[3.3.1]NONANES

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Abstract—The synthesis of some 7-substituted-3-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes is described. Routes followed were the debenzoylation of the 7-benzoyl derivative **7** and the decarboxylation of the 7-carboxy compounds **21** and **27**. The so-obtained 7-oxo-N-tosyl-3-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes **8** and **11** show an extremely low reactivity towards a series of nucleophilic reagents. From analysis of the ¹H NMR spectral data of a series of derivatives, the twin-chain conformation for the 7-*exo* compounds and the chair-boat conformation for the 7-*endo* compounds is indicated.

Incorporation of an N atom in a carbocyclic cage compound frequently leads to pronounced alterations in chemical behaviour. In addition the investigation of physicochemical phenomena associated with the rigidity of the heterocyclic cage is of general interest.¹ The facile synthesis of 1-azaadamantanes¹ via ring closure of 3-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes² initiated the investigation of synthetic routes towards the corresponding 3-azanoradamantanes. The latter goal could be realized by chemical transformation of suitable azabicyclic starting materials of types A and B (Fig. 1).

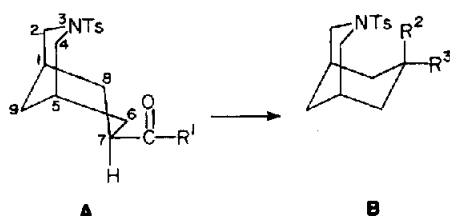


Fig. 1.

Two general routes were followed: conversion of carboxylic acids A ($R^1=OH$) via lead tetraacetate decarboxylation yielded chlorides or alcohols B ($R^2=, R^3=OH, Cl$), while ketones A ($R^1=C_6H_5$) were transformed oxidatively into ketones B ($R^2R^3=O$). In addition to the synthetic work some observations on the conformational behaviour of the latter azabicyclics and the steric influence of the toluenesulfonamide moiety on the reactivity are also discussed.

Synthesis

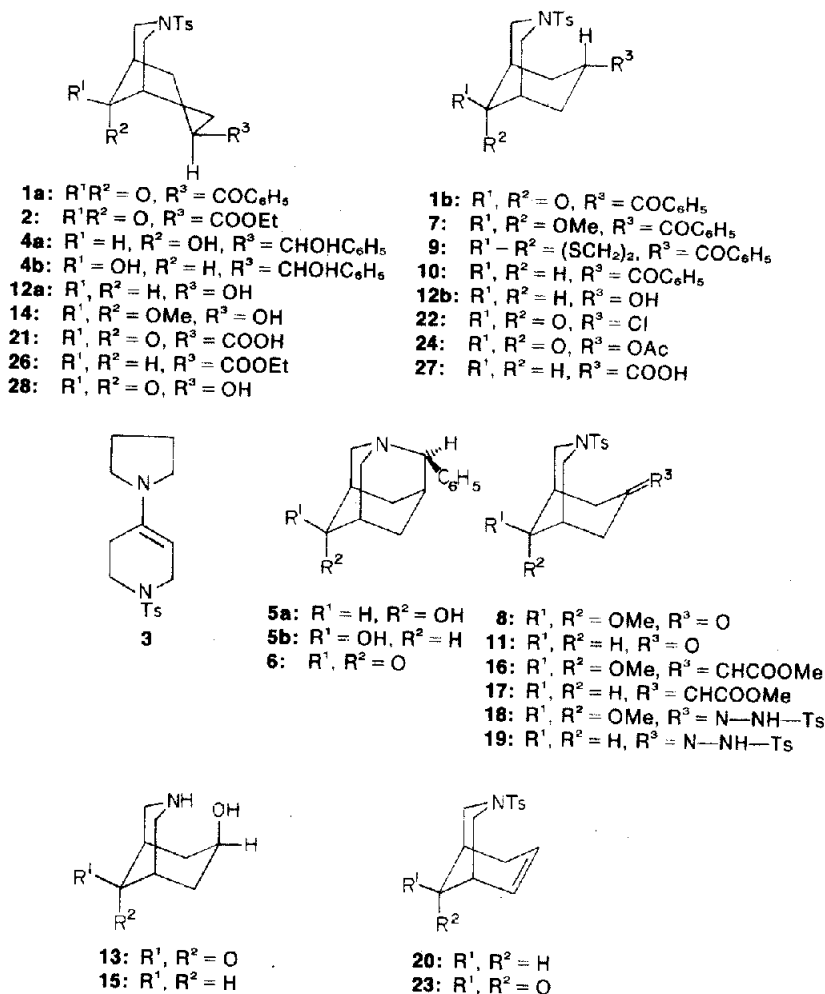
The benzoyl derivative **1a** was obtained via α,α' -annellation of enamine **3** with 2-benzoyl-1,3-dichloropropane.³ Its C₇-*endo* configuration was proven via LAH reduction of **1a** to a C₉-*anti/syn*[†] mixture of diols **4a** and **4b** (ratio 3:2), which was directly converted by refluxing in conc HCl/HOAc into the corresponding 1-azaadamantanes **5a** and **5b**. Ag₂CO₃/celite oxidation of the latter mixture provided 4-oxo-8-phenyl-1-azaadamantane **6**, synthesized before via an independent route.⁴

The degradation of the C₇-benzoyl substituent was best performed after protection of the C₉-oxo function as a ketal by oxidation of the C₇-anion. During acetalization of **1a** in MeOH an epimerization at C₇ took place, leading to the C₇-*exo*-benzoyl derivative **7**. The latter compound was shown to possess the twin-chain conformation contrary to **1a**, which existed in the chair-boat form (*vide infra*). Reaction of **7** with O₂ in presence of 1.1 equivalent of tBuOK/tBuOH (1:1) in HMPA afforded **8** in 58% yield. Surprisingly, a corresponding reaction of the C₉-unsubstituted **10** failed to give any of the C₇-oxo product **11**. The starting material **10** was obtained by thioketalization of **1a** at 0°, affording the *exo*-epimer **9** and subsequent Ra-Ni treatment of **9**. Oxidation of **10** gave a variety of products, presumably arising from over-oxidation. This observation indicates a marked difference in reactivity between **8** and **11**.

The steric inhibition of reactions at C₇ by the C₃-methylene group⁵ or the tosyl substituent⁶ has been established with certainty. For example, the steric influence of the sulfonamide group is evident from the monoacetalization in MeOH of **1a** yielding **7** as sole product. In contrast to the carbocyclic analogue³ no trace of a benzoyl ketal is found. The difference in reactivity between **8** and **11** may be attributed to the steric hindrance by an additional axial substituent at C₉. The presence of a C₉-*anti*-OMe substituent presumably lowers the accessibility of the C₇-oxo function, thus allowing the isolation of ketone **8**. As described in the sequel other findings also support this conclusion. For instance a NaBH₄ reduction of ketone **11**-prepared in a different manner—at r.t. for 16 hr affords the alcohol **12a** possessing an *endo* C₇-OH function, albeit in a slow reaction. On the contrary, **8** does not react under the latter conditions with NaBH₄, while upon treatment with LAH at r.t. both detosylation and reduction occurred to the amino alcohol **13**.⁷ Upon LAH reduction at -20° a quantitative yield of alcohol **14** was obtained. Similar reactions of **11** with LAH at -20° gave *endo*-product **12a** while at 40° the amino alcohol **15** was formed exclusively. The unusually facile detosylation reactions in presence of properly oriented OH groups have been observed before⁸ and are probably due to a favorable coordination process between the sulfon O-atoms and the central Al atom (Fig. 2).

Several other experiments with **8** and **11** gave negative results. Reaction with methylenephosphorane left the

[†]With respect to the piperidine ring.



Scheme 1.

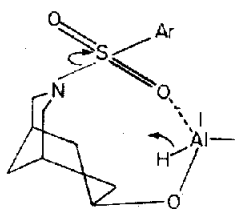


Fig. 2.

starting material unchanged, while upon treatment of **8** or **11** at -20° with Me- or Ph-Li non-identifiable products were formed. Reaction with MeMgI also failed to yield C₇-addition or reduction products. After a period of 5 days at 50° 3% of **16** and 15% of **17** were obtained in the reactions of **8** and **11** with the anion of trimethylphosphonacetate.

Hydrazones **18** and **19**, however, could be prepared via reactions with tosylhydrazide; decomposition of **19** in alkaline medium (n-BuLi in tetramethylethylene diamine) afforded the known olefine **20**, no trace of the desired unsaturated aldehyde being formed.⁹ In conclusion all of the aforementioned results indicate the unusually low reactivity of the C₇-oxo function. In view of the detosylation results found in the hydride reductions a

steric blocking by the neighbouring tosyl group seems the most plausible explanation.

A second possibility for the synthesis of C₇-substituted bicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes is the decarboxylation of the acid **21**, easily obtained by acid hydrolysis of the bicyclic ketoester 2.² Decarboxylation of **21** with Pb(OAc)₄ and 1 eq LiCl in benzene gives the C₇-exo chloride **22** (60%). Decarboxylation of **21** in absence of an external anion (Pb(OAc)₄/pyridine) gave rise to the formation of olefin **23** (14%) together with the C₇-exo acetate **24** (18%). The latter compound upon hydrolysis afforded a mixture of two epimeric alcohols **25a** and **25b** (*vide infra*).

The ester **2** also is a suitable precursor for the C₇-oxo compound **11**. Thioketalization and subsequent Ra-Ni treatment gives the ester **26**; combined base-catalyzed isomerization and hydrolysis of **26** yields the C₇-exo-substituted acid **27**.¹⁰ Decarboxylation with Pb(OAc)₄/pyridine in benzene and hydrolysis of the crude mixture gives in contrary to the decarboxylation of the acid **21** in reasonable yield the unsaturated compounds **20** (16%) and the C₇-exo alcohol **12b** (47%). In the Pb(OAc)₄ oxidation of acids **21** and **27** the approach of the nucleophile occurs from the sterically more favourable *exo*-side, yielding products with a C₇-exo substituent. Oxidation of **11a** with pyridinium chlorochromate affords the desired compound **11** (80%).

Table 1. ^1H NMR spectra of 7-substituted-N-tosyl-3-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes^a (chemical shifts in ppm)

compound	conf	$\text{H}_{2,4\text{eq}}$	$\text{H}_{2,4\text{ax}}$	$\text{H}_7 (\text{W}_{1/2})^b$
<u>1a</u>	cb	3.95	2.75	3.24 (23)
<u>1b</u>	cc	4.28	2.96	5.27 (23)
<u>2</u>	cb	3.96	$\pm 2.50^c$	$\pm 2.60^c$
<u>4a</u>	cb	3.65	$\pm 2.40^c$	$\pm 2.00^c$
<u>4b</u>	cb	3.40	$\pm 2.40^c$	$\pm 2.00^c$
<u>7</u>	cc	3.84	2.94	4.82 (20)
<u>9</u>	cc	3.95	3.12	4.78 (27)
<u>10</u>	cc	3.92	2.50	4.85 (24)
<u>12a</u>	cb	3.65	2.45	3.90 (20)
<u>12b</u>	cc	3.74	2.40	4.89 (20)
<u>14</u>	cb	3.50	2.75	3.83 (15)
<u>21</u>	cb	4.06	$\pm 2.70^c$	$\pm 2.70^c$
<u>22</u>	cc	4.08	$\pm 2.70^c$	5.43 (22)
<u>24</u>	cc	4.01	2.75	5.92 (19)
<u>25a</u>	cb	3.67	2.70	4.24 (10)
<u>25b</u>	cc	4.00	2.70	5.08 (20)
<u>26</u>	cb	3.68	2.26	$\pm 2.50^c$
<u>27</u>	cc	3.92	2.51	3.96 (20)
<u>28</u>	cb	4.00	2.63	3.80 (20)

^aIn CDCl_3 , except 21 and 28 ($\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$).^b $\text{W}_{1/2}$ in Hz.^cThe indicated protons are obscured by other absorptions. The probable region is given.

Spectral analysis

The ^1H NMR data of the N-CH_2 protons and H_7 and the preferred conformation (twin-chair or chair-boat) for the N-tosyl-3-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes are compiled in Table 1. The chemical shifts and the geminal coupling of the N-methylene protons indicate the chair conformation for the piperidine ring.¹⁰ Owing to the deshielding of the tosyl group the absorption of $\text{H}_{7\text{-endo}}$ in the chair form of the cyclohexane ring is shifted considerably downfield, compared with the absorption of $\text{H}_{7\text{-exo}}$ in the boat form and is an important indication for the conformation of the bicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes. Substitution of the $\text{C}_{7\text{-endo}}$ hydrogen increases the conformational energy of the twin-chair, thus favouring the chair-boat form.

The $\text{C}_{7\text{-endo}}$ configuration of **1a** is also proven by chemical methods. The ^1H NMR data indicate an axial H_7 ($\text{W}_{1/2} = 28$ Hz), compatible with the chair-boat conformation of **1a**. Epimerization of **1a** with EtONa/EtOH gives a new compound **1b**, possessing the more stable twin-chair conformation. The absorption of $\text{H}_{7\text{-ax}}$ ($\text{W}_{1/2} = 23$ Hz) is shifted two ppm downfield (5.27 ppm), as result of the deshielding of the tosyl group. Reaction with acid also leads to epimerization of **1a**; acetalization with MeOH gives **7** possessing a low-field absorption of $\text{H}_{7\text{-ax}}$ (4.82 ppm). Additional evidence for the twin-chair conformation of **7** is obtained by acetalization of **1b** yielding **7**

as the sole product. Compounds **9** and **10**, obtained by respective thioketalization and Ra-Ni treatment of **1a**, also possess the twin-chair conformation, as can be deduced from the absorption of $\text{H}_{7\text{-ax}}$ at 4.78 ppm and 4.85 ppm. Reduction of **8** and **11** with LAH gives the products **14** and **12a**. Both compounds show an ^1H NMR an absorption of an axial H_7 at 3.83 ppm and 3.90 ppm respectively, indicating the chair-boat conformation. Steric interaction with the tosyl group results in the approach of the aluminium-hydride-anion from the less hindered *exo*-side, yielding one isomer in the chair-boat form with $\text{C}_{7\text{-OH endo}}$. In reverse this result also supports the twin-chair form of **8** and **11**.

Decarboxylation of **21** and **27** gave rise to olefins together with $\text{C}_{7\text{-exo}}$ substituted bicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes **22** or **24** and **12b** respectively. The ^1H NMR spectra of these compounds show a marked shift to lower field of $\text{H}_{7\text{-ax}}$, indicating the twin-chair conformation.

Hydrolysis of **24** yields a mixture of **25a** and **25b** (Fig. 3) characterized by the following ^1H NMR data: $\text{H}_{7\text{-eq}}$ at 4.34 ppm and $\text{H}_{7\text{-ax}}$ at 5.08 ppm. These data differ markedly from the data of the $\text{C}_{7\text{-endo}}$ isomer **28** with $\text{H}_{7\text{-ax}}$ at 3.80 ppm, obtained by hydrolysis of **14**. The existence of a conformational equilibrium between the two isomers **25a** and **25b** was proved by ^{13}C NMR.¹¹ **25a** possesses the chair-boat conformation stabilized by a hemi-acetal formation, while in **25b** the twin-chair con-

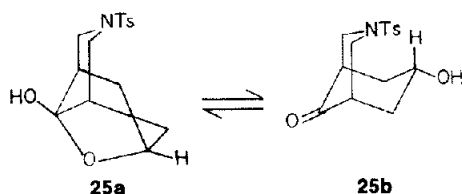


Fig. 3.

formation with the OH group *exo* is preferred.

The reductions of **8** and **11** with LAH and the decarboxylation reactions of **21** and **27** give rise to isomers with a different configuration at C₇ and allow the unambiguous determination of the conformation of the various stereo-isomers. These results are in good agreement with the ¹³C NMR data of the bicyclic compounds.¹²

EXPERIMENTAL

All m.p.s are uncorrected. Analyses were carried out by H. Pieters of the Micro-analytical Department of this laboratory. IR spectra were recorded on an Unicam SP-200. Absorptions are given in cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR spectra were measured on a Varian Associates HA-100 instrument. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to TMS.

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - benzoyl - 9 - oxo - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **1a**. 2 - Benzoyl - 1,3 - dichloropropane³ (1.085 g; 5 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (10 ml) was added dropwise with stirring at r.t. in N₂ to **3** (1.53 g; 5 mmol) and triethylamine (0.606 g; 6 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (20 ml). After 2 hr water (10 ml) was added and the soln was stirred for 1 hr. After evaporation of the solvent, water was added and the aqueous soln was extracted with CHCl₃. The extracts were washed with 2N HCl, sat NaHCO₃ aq and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of solvent yielded 1.47 g (74%) of **1a**, m.p. (EtOAc/cyclohexane) 183–185°. IR(CHCl₃): 1725 and 1685 (C=O); 1360 and 1170 (Ts). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 3.95 (d, N-CH₂eq); 3.24 (W_{1/2} = 28 Hz, H₇ax); 2.75 (d, N-CH₂ax). (Found: C, 66.3; H, 6.0; N, 3.6; S, 8.1. Calc. C₂₂H₂₃O₄N₁S₁ (M = 397.47): C, 66.49; S, 8.06%; N, 3.52; H, 6.06%).

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - benzoyl - 9 - oxo - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **1b**. **1a** (100 mg, 0.25 mmol) was stirred 1 hr at 0° with Na (0.1 g) in MeOH (25 ml). 2N HCl was added till pH = 7. MeOH was evaporated and the soln extracted with CHCl₃. The CHCl₃ soln was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated, yielding 73 mg (73%) of **1b**, m.p. (EtOAc/pentane) 204–206°. IR(CHCl₃): 1730 and 1680 (C=O); 1360 and 1160 (Ts). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 5.27 (W_{1/2} = 23 Hz, H₇ax); 4.28 (d, N-CH₂eq); 2.96 (d, N-CH₂ax). (Found: C, 66.4; H, 5.8; N, 3.5; S, 8.0. Calc. C₂₂H₂₃O₄N₁S₁ (M = 397.47): C, 66.49; H, 5.83; N, 3.52; S, 8.06%).

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - carboethoxy - 9 - oxo - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **2**¹⁰ was obtained as described.

N - Ts - 4 - Pyrrolidinyl - 1,2,3,6 - tetrahydropyridine **3**¹⁰ was obtained as described.

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - hydroxybenzyl - 9 - hydroxy - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes **4a** + **4b**. **1a** (795 mg, 2 mmol) in THF (20 ml) was added dropwise to LAH (152 mg, 4 mmol) in THF (20 ml). After 4 hr stirring at 50° EtOAc and Na₂SO₄ aq were added dropwise. After filtration and evaporation of the solvent, the residue was dissolved in CHCl₃ and the soln washed with 2N HCl, sat NaHCO₃ aq, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. Yield: 760 mg (95%) of **4a** + **4b** (mixture: 60/40). IR(CHCl₃): 3500 (OH); 1360 and 1160 (Ts). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 4.32 (0.6 H, J = 8 Hz, CHOHC₆H₅ **4a**); 4.20 (0.4 H, J = 7 Hz, CHOHC₆H₅ **4b**); 3.70 (0.4 H, H₉ **4b**); 3.65 (1.2 H, N-CH₂eq **4a**); 3.45 (0.6 H, H₉ **4a**); 3.40 (0.8 H, N-CH₂eq **4b**). (Found: C, 65.8; H, 6.8; N, 3.5; S, 8.0. Calc. C₂₃H₂₇O₄N₁S₁ (M = 401.50): C, 65.82; H, 6.85; N, 3.49; S, 7.97%).

4 - Oxo - 8 - phenyl - 1 - azatricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dekaan **6**. **4a** + **4b** (460 mg, 1.14 mmol) were heated at reflux for 5 hr in conc HCl (20 ml) and HOAc (20 ml). After evaporation of the solvent, 2N HCl was added and the soln washed with CHCl₃ (5x). After evaporation of the acid layer, water (5 ml) and some pellets of

KOH were added and the soln extracted with CHCl₃ and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the solvent yielded 160 mg (60%) of **5a** + **5b** as an oil. IR(CHCl₃): 3400 (OH); 1600 (phenyl). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 4.10 (s, 80%, **5a**); 4.00 (t, 80%, H₆ **5a**); 3.30 (AB, H₉); 3.00 (AB, H₈). Mass measurements 229.1472, confirming C₁₅H₁₉O₁N₁. Ag₂CO₃/celite (3 g, 5 mmol) was added to **5a** + **5b** (70 mg, 0.3 mmol) in xylene (50 ml) and heated at reflux. After 10 min the soln became black. After filtration the solvent was evaporated, yielding 68 mg (98%) of **6**, m.p. (cyclohexane) 114–115°. IR(CHCl₃): 1700 (C=O). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 7.45 (5 H, C₆H₅); 4.30 (s, H₂); 3.50 (3 H, H₈, H₉); 2.90 (d, H₈). (Found: C, 79.1; H, 7.6; N, 6.1. Calc. C₁₅H₁₉O₁N₁ (M = 227.29): C, 79.26; H, 7.54; N, 6.16%).

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - benzoyl - 9,9 - dimethoxy - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **7**. **1a** (5.59, 13.8 mmol) was heated at reflux in dry MeOH (200 ml) and 1 ml conc H₂SO₄ for 2 hr in a D.S. apparatus. The soln was cooled and 1N NaOH was added till pH = 10. MeOH was evaporated and the soln was extracted with CHCl₃. The organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated yielding 5.65 g (95%) of **7**, m.p. (EtOAc/pentane) 161–163°. IR(CHCl₃): 1680 (C=O); 1340 and 1160 (Ts). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 4.82 (W_{1/2} = 20 Hz, H₇); 3.84 (d, N-CH₂eq); 3.15 and 3.04 (s, OMe). (Found: C, 64.8; H, 6.4; N, 3.2; S, 7.2. Calc. C₂₄H₂₉O₅N₁S₁ (M = 443.54): C, 65.00; H, 6.59; N, 3.16; S, 7.22%).

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - oxo - 9,9 - dimethoxy - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **8**. **7** (26.5 g, 60 mmol) was added with stirring to tBuOK/tBuOH (1/1) (12.6 g, 67 mmol) in tBuOH (20 ml) and HMPA (100 ml) in an O₂ atmosphere. After 30 min the soln was poured in icewater and extracted with benzene/THF. The organic layers were washed with sat NaCl aq and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of solvent and column chromatography (silicagel) of the oil with EtOAc/cyclohexane (1/2) yielded 2 g (7.5%) of **7** and 12.3 g (58%) of **8**, m.p. (EtOAc) 207–209°. IR(CHCl₃): 1710 (C=O); 1360 and 1160 (Ts). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 3.48 (d, N-CH₂eq); 3.21 and 3.11 (s, OMe); 2.75 (d, N-CH₂ax). (Found: C, 57.6; H, 6.6; N, 3.9; S, 8.9. Calc. C₁₇H₂₃O₅N₁S₁ (M = 353.42): C, 57.78; H, 6.56; N, 3.96; S, 9.01%).

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - benzoyl - 9,9 - dithioethylene - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **9**. **1a** (1.19 g, 3 mmol), ethanedithiol (0.314 ml, 3.75 mmol) in dry CHCl₃ (15 ml) was added dropwise to BF₃O(Et)₂ (0.6 ml) at -5° and the soln was stirred for 16 hr at 0°. The organic layer was washed with cold 1N NaOH (3x), cold NaCl aq (3x), dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. Yield 1.2 g (85%) of **9**, m.p. (EtOAc/pentane) 162–164°. IR(CHCl₃): 1680 (C=O); 1360 and 1160 (Ts). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 4.78 (m, W_{1/2} = 27 Hz, H₇ax); 3.95 (d, N-CH₂eq); 3.15 (s, CH₂-S); 3.12 (d, N-CH₂ax). (Found: C, 60.7; H, 5.7; N, 3.1; S, 20.1. Calc. C₂₄H₂₇O₃N₁S₂ (M = 473.64): C, 60.88; H, 5.75; N, 2.96; S, 20.28%).

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - benzoyl - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **10**. **9** (100 mg, 0.21 mmol) was heated at reflux in EtOH (50 ml) with 2 g of deactivated RanNi for 18 hr. After filtration the soln was evaporated, yielding 80 mg (100%) of **10**, m.p. (EtOAc/pentane) 162–164°. IR(CHCl₃): 1680 (C=O). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 4.85 (m, W_{1/2} = 24 Hz, H₇ax); 3.92 (d, N-CH₂eq); 2.60 (d, N-CH₂ax). (Found: C, 69.0; H, 6.4; N, 3.5; S, 8.2. Calc. C₂₂H₂₃O₃N₁S₁ (M = 383.49): C, 68.91; H, 6.57; N, 3.65; S, 8.34%).

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - oxo - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **11**. To pyridinium chlorochromate (215 mg, 1 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (10 ml) was added **12b** (100 mg, 0.3 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (5 ml). After 2 hr the reaction was complete; CH₂Cl₂ and ether were added and the soln was passed through a column of Florisil, yield: 85 mg (85%) of **11**, m.p. (EtOAc/pentane) 154–155°. IR(CHCl₃): 1690 (C=O); 1360 and 1150 (Ts). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 3.64 (d, N-CH₂eq); 2.55 (d, N-CH₂ax). (Found: C, 61.3; H, 6.4; N, 4.6; S, 11.1. Calc. C₁₅H₁₉O₃N₁S₁ (M = 293.37): C, 61.43; H, 6.53; N, 4.78; S, 10.92%).

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - hydroxy - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **12a** and 7 - hydroxy - 3 - azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **15**. **11** (100 mg, 0.34 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added to LAH (38 mg, 1 mmol) in THF (5 ml) and the soln was stirred for 16 hr. EtOAc and Na₂SO₄ aq were added dropwise. After filtration the solvent was evaporated, 2N HCl was added and the soln extracted with

CHCl_3 (5x). The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated, yielding 52 mg (50%) of **12a**, m.p. (isopropanol/diisopropylether) 125–126°. IR(CHCl_3): 3500 (OH); 1360 and 1160 (Ts). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): 3.90 (m, $W_{1/2} = 20$ Hz, $\text{H}_{7\text{ax}}$); 3.65 (d, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{eq}$); 2.45 (d, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{ax}$). (Found: C, 60.8; H, 7.3; N, 4.9; S, 10.8. Calc. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{S}_1$ ($M = 295.39$): C, 61.00; H, 7.19; N, 4.74; S, 10.84%). The acid waterlayer was evaporated and the residue was purified via ion exchange (IRA 400), yielding: 20 mg (41%) of amine **15**. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (D_2O): 4.20 ($W_{1/2} = 10$ Hz, $\text{H}_{7\text{eq}}$); 3.25 (s, N-CH_2); 2.25–1.75 (8 H). Mass measurement 141.1150, confirming $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_1\text{N}_1$.

N-Ts-3-Aza-7-hydroxy-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane 12b and N-Ts-3-azabicyclo[3.3.1]non-6-ene 20. **27** (1.7 g, 5.26 mmol) and $\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$ (3 g, 6.8 mmol) were heated under reflux in C_6H_6 (76 ml) and pyridine (2.16 ml) for 7 hr. After filtration, the soln was washed with 10% $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3\text{aq}$, 2N HCl, sat NaHCO_3aq , dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated, yield: 1.23 g. The oil was treated for 16 hr with a 3% KOH soln in MeOH (50 ml) and water (10 ml). 2N HCl was added till pH = 7, MeOH was evaporated and the water layer was extracted with CHCl_3 . The organic soln was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. Column chromatography (silicagel) of the oil with EtOAc/cyclohexane (1/1) yielded 3 products: 229 mg (16%) of **20**, 100 mg (6%) of **27** and 730 mg (47%) of **12b**.

Compound 12b. M.p. (benzene) 145–147°. IR(CHCl_3): 3500 (OH); 1360 and 1160 (Ts). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): 4.89 ($W_{1/2} = 20$ Hz, $\text{H}_{7\text{ax}}$); 3.74 (d, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{eq}$); 2.40 ($\text{N-CH}_2\text{ax}$). (Found: C, 61.1; H, 7.1; N, 4.7; S, 10.7. Calc. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{S}_1$ ($M = 295.39$): C, 61.00; H, 7.17; N, 4.74; S, 10.84%).

Compound 20. M.p. (isopropanol) 95–97°. IR(CHCl_3): 1340 and 1160 (Ts). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): 5.78 (t, $\text{H-C}\equiv\text{C-H}$); 3.61 ($\text{N-CH}_2\text{eq}$); 2.48 ($\text{N-CH}_2\text{ax}$). (Found: C, 65.1; H, 6.8; N, 5.0; S, 11.7. Calc. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{N}_1\text{S}_1$ ($M = 277.37$): C, 64.96; H, 6.91; N, 5.05; S, 11.54%).

7-Hydroxy-9-oxo-3-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane 13. **8** (176 mg, 0.5 mmol) in THF (20 ml) was added dropwise to LAH (70 mg, 1.75 mmol) in THF (20 ml) and the soln was stirred for 16 hr at r.t. EtOAc and $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4\text{aq}$ were added dropwise. After filtration the solvent was evaporated, 2N HCl was added and the soln washed with CHCl_3 (5x). The acid waterlayer was evaporated and the residue was purified via ion exchange (IRA 400), yielding 43 mg (55%) of **13**. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (D_2O) (HCl salt): 4.20 (t, $W_{1/2} = 8$ Hz, $\text{H}_{7\text{eq}}$); 3.40 (AB, N-CH_2); 2.40 (A_2B_2 , $\text{H}_{8,9}$); 2.20 (s, $\text{H}_{1,5}$). Mass measurement 155.0931, confirming $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2\text{N}_1$.

N-Ts-3-Aza-7-hydroxy-9,9-dimethoxy-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane 14. **8** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol) in THF (15 ml) was added dropwise to LAH (38 mg, 1 mmol) in THF (10 ml) at -20° . After 40 hr at -20° EtOAc, sat $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4\text{aq}$ was added, the soln was filtered and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in CHCl_3 and the soln washed with 2N HCl, sat NaHCO_3aq , dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. Yield: 100 mg (99%) of **14**, m.p. (EtOAc/pentane) 177–179°. IR(CHCl_3): 3500 (OH); 1160 (Ts). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): 3.83 ($W_{1/2} = 15$ Hz, $\text{H}_{7\text{ax}}$); 3.50 (d, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{eq}$); 3.10 and 2.99 (s, OMe); 2.75 (d, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{ax}$). (Found: C, 57.3; H, 7.0; N, 3.8; S, 8.9. Calc. $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_5\text{N}_1\text{S}_1$ ($M = 355.44$): C, 57.45; H, 7.09; N, 3.94; S, 9.00%).

Methyl N-Ts-3-aza-9,9-dimethoxy-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-7-ylideneacetate 16. Trimethylphosphonoacetate (1.365 g, 7.5 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added dropwise with stirring to a slurry of 55% NaH (330 mg, 7.5 mmol) in THF (10 ml). After 1 hr **8** (530 mg, 1.5 mmol) in THF (30 ml) was added dropwise and the soln was stirred for 5 days at 50–60°. Water was added, THF evaporated and the soln extracted with CHCl_3 . The organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. Column chromatography (silicagel) with EtOAc/cyclohexane (1/1) yielded 20 mg (3%) of **16**, m.p. (EtOAc/cyclohexane) 184–187°. IR(CHCl_3): 1705 (C=O); 1640 (C=C); 1160 (Ts). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): 5.59 (C=CH); 3.72 (s, OMe); 3.50 ($\text{N-CH}_2\text{eq}$); 3.14 and 3.05 (s, OMe); 2.75 (d, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{ax}$). (Found: C, 58.7; H, 6.7; N, 3.2; S, 7.8. Calc. $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_6\text{N}_1\text{S}_1$ ($M = 409.48$): C, 58.67; H, 6.65; N, 3.42; S, 7.82%).

Methyl N-Ts-3-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-7-ylideneacetate 17. Trimethylphosphonoacetate (1.365 g, 7.5 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added dropwise with stirring to a slurry of 55% NaH (330 mg, 7.5 mmol) in THF (10 ml). After 1 hr **11** (440 mg,

1.5 mmol) in THF (20 ml) was added dropwise and the soln was stirred for 5 days at 50–60°. Water was added, THF evaporated and the soln extracted with CHCl_3 . The organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. Column chromatography (silicagel) with EtOAc/cyclohexane (1/1) yielded 78 mg (15%) of **17** and 310 mg (70%) of **11**.

Compound 17. M.p. (EtOAc/cyclohexane) 112–115°. IR(CHCl_3): 1710 (C=O); 1650 (C=C); 1150 (Ts). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): 5.60 (C=CH); 3.70 ($\text{N-CH}_2\text{eq}$); 3.66 (s, OMe); 2.50 ($\text{N-CH}_2\text{ax}$). (Found: C, 61.8; H, 6.8; N, 4.0; S, 9.3. Calc. $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1\text{S}_1$ ($M = 349.43$): C, 61.88; H, 6.64; N, 4.01; S, 9.16%).

N-Ts-3-Aza-7-tosylhydrazone-9,9-dimethoxy-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane 18. **8** (176 mg, 0.5 mmol) and tosylhydrazide (186 mg, 1 mmol) were stirred for 60 hr at 60° in MeOH (20 ml). After 24 hr tosylhydrazide (186 mg, 1 mmol) was added. The solvent was evaporated and the residue dissolved in CHCl_3 . The CHCl_3 soln was washed with 2N HCl (3x), sat NaHCO_3aq , dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. Column chromatography (silicagel) with EtOAc/cyclohexane (2/1) yielded 195 mg (75%) of **18**, m.p. (MeOH) 191–193°. IR(CHCl_3): 1360 and 1160 (Ts). $^1\text{H NMR}$ ($\text{CD}_3\text{OD/DMSO-}d_6$): 3.40 (d, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{eq}$); 3.13 and 3.05 (s, OMe); 2.70 ($\text{N-CH}_2\text{ax}$); 2.43 and 2.39 (s, $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$). (Found: C, 55.4; H, 6.0; N, 8.1; S, 12.1. Calc. $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_6\text{N}_3\text{S}_2$ ($M = 521.63$): C, 55.27; H, 5.99; N, 8.06; S, 12.27%).

N-Ts-3-Aza-7-tosylhydrazone-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane 19. **11** (146 mg, 0.5 mmol) and tosylhydrazide (186 mg, 1 mmol) were stirred for 60 hr at 60° in MeOH (20 ml). The solvent was evaporated and the residue dissolved in CHCl_3 . The organic soln was washed with 2N HCl (3x), sat NaHCO_3aq , dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated, yield: 165 mg (72%) of **19**, m.p. (MeOH) 228–230°. IR(CHCl_3): 1360 and 1160 (Ts). $^1\text{H NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): 3.40 (d, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{eq}$); 2.36 and 2.31 (s, $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$). (Found: C, 57.1; H, 5.7; N, 9.0; S, 13.9. Calc. $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_4\text{N}_3\text{S}_2$ ($M = 461.58$): C, 57.26; H, 5.90; N, 9.11; S, 13.87%).

N-Ts-3-Aza-7-carboxy-9-oxo-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane 21¹⁰ was prepared as described.

N-Ts-3-Aza-7-chloro-9-oxo-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane 22. $\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$ (8.85 g, 20 mmol) was added under N_2 to **21** (5.05 g, 15 mmol) in C_6H_6 (150 ml). The mixture was stirred at r.t. until homogeneous LiCl (635 mg, 15 mmol) was added and the mixture was immediately flushed with N_2 . The mixture was placed in an oil bath (81°). After 3 hr the soln was cooled, filtered and washed with 10% $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3\text{aq}$, sat NaHCO_3aq , dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated, yield: 2.94 g (60%) of **22**, m.p. (EtOAc/pentane) 170–172°. IR(CHCl_3): 1730 (C=O); 1360 and 1160 (Ts). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): 5.43 ($W_{1/2} = 22$ Hz, $\text{H}_{7\text{ax}}$); 4.08 (d, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{eq}$); 2.70 ($\text{N-CH}_2\text{ax}$). (Found: C, 55.1; H, 5.6; N, 4.2; S, 9.6; Cl, 10.7. Calc. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{S}_1\text{Cl}_1$ ($M = 327.82$): C, 54.95; H, 5.53; N, 4.27; S, 9.78; Cl, 10.82%).

N-Ts-3-Aza-9-oxo-bicyclo[3.3.1]non-6-ene-23 and N-Ts-3-aza-7-acetoxy-9-oxo-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane 24. A soln of **21** (2 g, 6 mmol), $\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$ (6 g, 13.6 mmol) and pyridine (2 ml) in C_6H_6 (76 ml) was heated at reflux for 7 hr. The soln was cooled, filtered and washed with 10% $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3\text{aq}$, 2N HCl, sat NaHCO_3aq , dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated.

Column chromatography (silicagel) of the oil (1 g) with EtOAc/cyclohexane (2/1) yielded 240 mg (14%) of **23**, m.p. (i-PrOH) 143–145° and 380 mg (18%) of **24**, m.p. (i-PrOH) 214–216°.

Compound 23. IR(CHCl_3): 1725 (C=O); 1650 (C=C); 1360 and 1160 (Ts). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): 5.98 and 5.64 (m, C=CH); 3.97 ($\text{N-CH}_2\text{eq}$); 2.80 ($\text{N-CH}_2\text{ax}$). (Found: C, 61.8; H, 6.0; N, 4.7; S, 11.1. Calc. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{S}_1$ ($M = 291.35$): C, 61.85; H, 5.88; N, 4.81; S, 10.98%).

Compound 24. IR(CHCl_3): 1720 (C=O); 1350 and 1160 (Ts). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): 5.92 ($W_{1/2} = 19$ Hz, $\text{H}_{7\text{ax}}$); 4.01 (d, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{eq}$); 2.75 (d, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{ax}$); 2.02 (s, MeCO_2). (Found: C, 58.0; H, 6.0; N, 3.9; S, 9.2. Calc. $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_5\text{N}_1\text{S}_1$ ($M = 351.41$): C, 58.11; H, 6.02; N, 3.99; S, 9.10%).

N-Ts-3-Aza-7-hydroxy-9-oxo-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes 25a + 25b. **24** (380 mg, 1.08 mmol) was treated with 3% KOH in MeOH (50 ml) and water (10 ml) for 16 hr. 2N HCl was added till pH = 7, MeOH evaporated and the soln was extracted with CHCl_3 . The CHCl_3 soln was dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated,

yield: 300 mg (90%) of **25a** + **25b**, m.p. (benzene) 170–173°. IR(CHCl₃): 3500 (OH); 1730 (C=O); 1340 and 1160 (Ts). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 5.06 (W_{1/2} = 20 Hz, H_{7ax} of **25b**); 4.24 (W_{1/2} = 10 Hz, H_{7eq} of **25a**); 4.00 (d, N-CH₂eq of **25b**); 3.67 (d, N-CH₂eq of **25a**); 2.70 (d, N-CH₂ax). (Found: C, 58.3; H, 6.3; N, 4.5; S, 10.5. Calc. C₁₅H₁₉O₄N₁S₁ (M = 309.37): C, 58.24; H, 6.19; N, 4.53; S, 10.35%).

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - carboethoxy - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **26**¹⁰ was obtained as described.

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - carboxy - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **27**¹⁰ was obtained as described.

N - Ts - 3 - Aza - 7 - hydroxy - 9 - oxo - bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane **28**. **14** (170 mg, 0.48 mmol) was heated at reflux 3 hr in 2N HCl (15 ml) and MeOH (15 ml). MeOH was evaporated and the waterlayer extracted with CHCl₃. The organic soln was washed with sat NaHCO₃aq, dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated, yield: 140 mg (94%) of **28**, m.p. (EtOAc) 220–223°. IR(CHCl₃): 3500 (OH); 1730 (C=O); 1160 (Ts). ¹H NMR (C₅D₅N): 4.00 (d, N-CH₂eq); 3.80 (W_{1/2} = 20 Hz, H_{7ax}); 2.63 (d, N-CH₂ax). (Found: C, 58.3; H, 6.3; N, 4.5; S, 10.4. Calc. C₁₅H₁₉O₄N₁S₁ (M = 309.37): C, 58.24; H, 6.19; N, 4.53; S, 10.35%).

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