

Reaction of Dianion β -Enamino Ketones with Electrophiles. Part. 4.[#] Synthesis of β' - and δ -Hydroxy- β -enamino Ketones.

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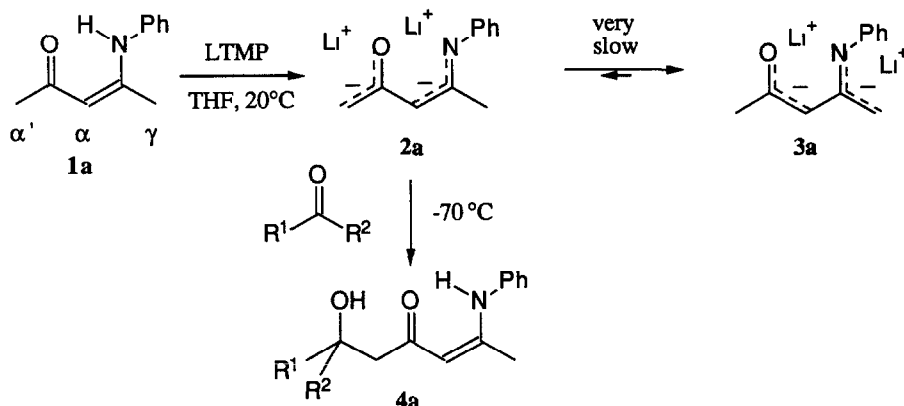
Abstract Selective generation techniques of α' and γ dianions of β -enamino ketones allow an almost complete regiocontrol in the reaction with aldehydes and ketones for the synthesis of β' - and δ -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones. An important role is also displayed by bulkiness of the substituent at the nitrogen atom. The reaction gives good to high yields even with enolizable carbonylic compounds. α,β -unsaturated aldehydes and ketones generally undergo 1,2-addition process except in the case of high sterically hindered compounds.

1,3-Diketones and their derivatives are important building blocks for the construction of a large variety of heterocyclic compounds¹ as well as useful intermediates for the synthesis of many biologically active molecules.² The introduction of an alkyl side chain containing an hydroxyl function at the α' - or γ -position of a 1,3-diketone represents an important synthetic goal since the added functionality would increase the synthetic scope of these intermediates. However the classical approach i.e. the reaction of 1,3-diketone dianion with aldehydes and ketones suffers of some drawbacks due to an intrinsic impossibility of regiocontrol in unsymmetrical systems and to very poor yields obtained with enolizable substrates.³ Analogous unsatisfactory results were found when using closely related systems such as dipotassium or disodium salts of the enammonone.⁴ We have recently shown that in the case of acyclic β -(monoalkylamino)- α,β -unsaturated ketones appropriate generation techniques of the dianion allow an actual regiodirected control of the attack to α' - or γ -position in the reaction with alkyl halides,⁵ oxiranes⁶ and nitriles.⁷ We wish to report now an application of this procedure to the reaction with aldehydes and ketones for an efficient and regiocontrolled synthesis of β' - and δ -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones.

Synthesis of β' -hydroxy- β -enammonketones. Treatment of a β -enammon ketone of type **1a** (see schemes of Tables 1 and 2) with 2.5 equivalent of a strong lithium base in THF produce both α' - (**2**) and/or γ -dianion (**3**). The former product is the kinetically favoured isomer being, in the initially formed monoanion, the γ protons shielded from attack of the base by the substituent at the nitrogen atom. Moreover, in the absence of a lithium complexing agent the α' -dianion is generated in a geometry which does not permit a rapid intramolecular isomerisation into the more stable γ -isomer.^{5b} Thus, the optimum conditions for generation of **2**

[#] for Part 3, see reference 7

Table 1 - Synthesis of β' -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones **4aa-am** from reaction of aldehydes or ketones with the α' -dianion (**2a**) generated from 4-anilino-pent-3-en-2-one (**1a**) by treatment with 2.5 eq of LTMP in THF



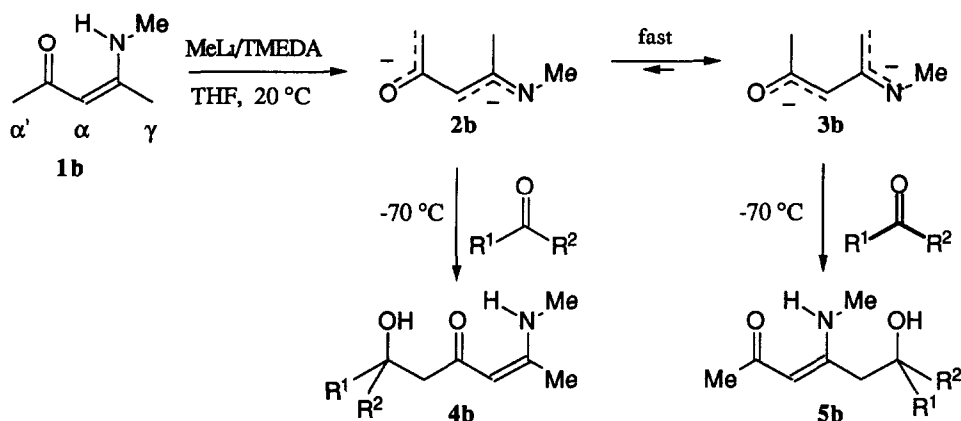
Entry	R ¹	R ²	4a	Yield(%) ^a
1	H	Pr	4aa	85
2	H	Bu ^t	4ab	82
3	H	n-C ₆ H ₁₃	4ac	58
4	H	Ph	4ad	79
5	H	CH=CH-Ph	4ae	86
6	Me	Me	4af	90
7	Me	Ph	4ag	97
8	Me	(CH ₂) ₂ -Ph	4ah	98
9	Ph	Ph	4ai	93
10	Me	CH=CH-Ph	4al	93
11	Ph	CH=CH-Ph	4am	41 ^b

^a Yields given for pure isolated products

^b together a 51% of yield of 1,4-addition product.

requires the use of a strongly hindered base such as lithium tetramethylpiperidide (LTMP) as well as the presence of a bulky substituent (*e g* phenyl group) at the nitrogen atom (see scheme of Table 1). When 4-anilino-pent-3-en-2-one (**1a**) was treated with LTMP (2.5 eq) at 0°C in THF for 2 hours, followed by addition of an excess of the appropriate carbonylic compound at -70°C, the usual work up gave the expected β' -hydroxy- β -enamino ketone (**4aa-am**) not contaminated by the presence of the corresponding δ -isomer. The reaction shows general applicability, good to high yields being obtained for a large variety of aldehydes and ketones. It is noteworthy that excellent yields were found even with high sterically hindered substrates (*e g*

Table 2 - Synthesis of δ -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones **5ba-bl** and β' -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones **4ba-bl** from reaction of aldehydes or ketones with the α' -(**2b**) and γ -dianions (**3b**) generated from 4-methylamino-pent-3-en-2-one (**1a**) by treatment with MeLi/TMEDA



Entry	R ¹	R ²	4b	Yield (%) ^a	5b	Yield (%) ^a
12	H	Pr	4ba	9	5ba	47
13	H	Bu ^t	4bb	15 ^b	5bb	80
14	H	n-C ₆ H ₁₃	4bc	16	5bc	67
15	H	Ph	4bd	6	5bd	73
16	H	CH=CH-Ph	4be	18	5be	53
17	Me	Me	4bf	7	5bf	75
18	Me	Ph	4bg	11 ^b	5bg	60
19	Me	(CH ₂) ₂ -Ph	4bh	20	5bh	60
20	Ph	Ph	4bi	39	5bi	55
21	Me	CH=CH-Ph	4bl	28	5bl	65

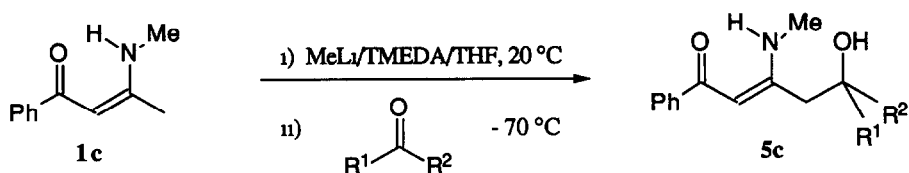
^a Yields given for pure isolated products except otherwise mentioned.

^b Yields obtained by GC-MS analysis

tetramethylacetaldehyde and benzophenone, entries 2 and 9) and easily enolizable ketones (*e.g.* acetophenone, entry 7) α,β -Unsaturated compounds gave the 1,2 addition product (entries 5 and 10) except in the case of highly sterically hindered ketones such as 1,3-diphenyl-2-propen-1-one where the 1,2 and 1,4 addition products account for the 41% and 51% yields of the reaction, respectively

Synthesis of δ -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones. When metallation of enamino ketones is carried out with MeLi in the presence of an equimolecular amount of TMEDA, the kinetically favoured α' -dianion **2** is generated in a geometry suitable for rapid intramolecular equilibration into the more stable γ -isomer **3** (see

Table 3 - Synthesis of δ -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones **5cd-co** from reaction of aldehydes or ketones with the γ -dianion (**3c**) generated from 1-phenyl-3-methylamino-but-3-en-1-one (**1c**) by treatment with MeLi/TMEDA



Entry	R ¹	R ²	5c	Yield (%) ^a
22	H	Ph	5cd	95
23	H	Et	5cm	61
24	H	c-C ₆ H ₁₁	5cn	85
25	Me	Me	5cf	96
26	Me	Ph	5cg	94
27	Et	Et	5co	96

^a Yields given for pure isolated products

scheme of Table 2) Under these conditions alkylation with primary halides exclusively occurs at the γ position independently from the size of the substituent at nitrogen atom.^{5b} Otherwise, preliminary experiments with aldehydes and ketones showed that bulky substituents at nitrogen (e.g. phenyl group as in **1a**) favour the formation of the α' product. Theoretical calculations allowed us to assert that in any possible conformation of the dianion **3b** the N-substituent is in a *syn* position with respect to the γ carbon atom and by consequence there is a difficult access to the reaction centre of hindered electrophiles such as carbonylic derivatives. So the more reactive α' dianion (**2**), although present in negligible concentration, can react competitively since its amount is quickly restored by fast equilibrium existing between **2** and **3**. Therefore it is necessary to carry out the reaction with enamines bearing N-substituent of moderate size for regiodirecting the attack to the γ position (see scheme of Table 2). The results from the reaction of 4-(N-methylamino)-pent-2-en-1-one (**1b**) with various aldehydes and ketones are summarized in table 2. In all cases good to high yields were obtained. The isolated amount of undesired α' -hydroxy derivative is generally low except in the case of the highly sterically hindered benzophenone (entry 20). Finally we wanted to re-examine the reactivity of 1-phenyl-3-(N-monoalkylamino)-but-2-en-1-one system. In a previous communication we reported that the dianion of the N-isopropyl derivative generated by treatment with 2.5 equivalent of LTMP in THF gave very unsatisfactory results.^{5a} For example, the reaction with acetone did not exceed 28% yields. In the light of the findings discussed above that failure must be ascribed both to an inappropriate choice of the substituent at the nitrogen atom as well as to the metallation conditions employed. In fact, the dianion generated from the N-methyl

derivative **1c**, under the same procedure adopted for **1b**, reacts with a large variety of carbonylic compounds to affords the expected addition products in very high yields (see table 3) For example, the reaction with highly enolizable ketones such as acetone and acetophenone is almost quantitative (96% and 94% yields respectively)

In conclusion the reaction of α' and γ -dianions of β -enamino ketones with aldehydes and ketones provides an efficient and regiodirected synthesis of β' - and δ -hydroxy derivatives respectively The high efficiency of the reaction with respect to previously known procedures must be ascribed to the choice of appropriate selective techniques to generate the dianion It is noteworthy that the reaction works well even with highly enolizable carbonylic compounds

EXPERIMENTAL

^1H and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian VXR 300 instrument Chemical shifts are given in ppm downfield from Me_4Si in CDCl_3 solution Coupling constants are given in Hertz IR spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer 257 spectrometer GC-MS analyses were performed with an HP 59970 workstation formed by an HP-5890 gas chromatograph equipped with a methyl silicone capillary column and by an HP-5970 mass detector THF were dried by refluxing over sodium wires until the blue colour of benzophenone ketyl persisted and then distilling into a dry receiver under nitrogen atmosphere Commercial methyllithium and butyllithium solutions (Aldrich) were employed under dry atmosphere Commercial TMEDA and TMP (Aldrich) were distilled and dried before use Lithium tetramethylpiperidide (LTMP) was prepared from equimolecular amounts of butyllithium and amine in THF at 0°C Starting β -enamino ketones (**1a-c**) were synthesized by the condensation of the appropriate 1,3-diketone and primary amine according to Singh and Tandon's procedure ⁸

Synthesis of β' -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones 4aa-am from reaction of aldehydes or ketones with the α' -dianion (2a) generated from 4-anilino-pent-3-en-2-one (1a) by treatment with LTMP/THF A solution of LTMP (5 mmol in THF, 6ml) was dropped into a stirred solution of **1a** (2 mmol in THF, 6ml) at 0°C under nitrogen The temperature was allowed to rise to 20°C and the mixture stirred at this temperature for 1 hour The mixture was cooled at -70°C then a solution of the appropriate carbonyl compound (6 mmol in THF, 3ml) was slowly added (30 min) The temperature was allowed to rise to 20°C and the mixture stirred at this temperature for 1 hour further Then the solution was poured into saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (5 ml) and extracted with diethyl ether, the organic layer was dried, evaporated under reduced pressure and submitted to a chromatographic separation on a silica gel column (hexane ethyl acetate from 5 to 1 as eluent) Yields of isolated pure β' -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones **4aa-am** are reported in Table 1 Physical data follows

6-Hydroxy-2-(N-Phenylamino)-non-2-en-4-one (4aa) Oil (Found C, 72.89, H, 8.51, N, 5.74 $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ requires C, 72.84, H, 8.56, N, 5.66 %), ^1H -NMR δ 0.92 (t, $J=7.0$, 3H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.57-1.32 (m, 4H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.98 (s, 3H, g-CH₃), 2.37 (dd, $J=15.4$, 8.8, 1H, α' -CH₂, Ha), 2.50 (dd, $J=15.4$, 2.9, 1H, α' -CH₂, Hb), 3.97-4.03 (m, 1H, CHOH), 4.09 (bs, 1H, OH), 5.14 (s, 1H, CH), 7.00-7.40 (m, 5H, Ph), 12.45 (bs, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 13.99 (q), 18.64 (t), 19.77 (q), 38.99 (t), 47.25 (t), 68.80 (d), 97.53 (d), 124.68 (d), 125.79 (d), 129.03 (d), 138.05 (s), 161.14 (s), 198.04 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3370(broad), 1575, 1545, 1305, 1135, 735, 685 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 247 (M^+ , 25), 176 (46), 160 (100), 132 (66), 118 (51), 77 (45)

7,7-Dimethyl-6-hydroxy-2-(*N*-Phenylamino)-oct-2-en-4-one (4ab) Mp 63-65 °C (dichloromethane /hexane), (Found C, 73.69, H, 8.73, N, 5.54 C₁₆H₂₃NO₂ requires C, 73.53, H, 8.87, N, 5.36 %), ¹H-NMR δ 0.92 (s, 9H, 3CH₃), 1.98 (s, 3H, γ-CH₃), 2.29 (dd, J=15.1, 10.4, 1H, α'-CH₂,Ha), 2.52 (dd, J=15.1, 2.0, 1H, α'-CH₂,Hb), 3.68 (dd, J=10.4, 2.0, 1H, CHOH), 4.03 (bs, 1H, OH), 5.18 (s, 1H, CH), 7.00-7.45 (m, 5H, Ph), 12.45 (bs, 1H, NH) ¹³C-NMR δ 19.47 (q), 25.33 (q), 34.00 (s), 41.96 (t), 76.30 (d), 97.28 (d), 124.36 (d), 125.48 (d), 128.72 (d), 137.92 (s), 161.04 (s), 198.39 (s) IR ¹³C-NMR ν_{max} (nujol) 3340 (broad), 1555, 1525, 1210, 1100, 710, 660 cm⁻¹ MS m/z (%) 261 (M⁺,8), 204 (17), 176 (27), 160 (100), 132 (15), 77 (13)

6-Hydroxy-2-(*N*-Phenylamino)-dodec-2-en-4-one (4ac) Oil (Found C, 74.83, H, 9.52, N, 4.75 C₁₈H₂₇NO₂ requires C, 74.70, H, 9.40, N, 4.84 %), ¹H-NMR δ 0.83-0.94 (m, 3H, (CH₂)₅CH₃), 1.20-1.89 (m, 10H, (CH₂)₅CH₃), 1.99 (s, 3H, γ-CH₃), 2.37 (dd, J=15.5, 8.9, 1H, α'-CH₂,Ha), 2.52 (dd, J=15.5, 2.7, 1H, α'-CH₂,Hb), 3.96-4.06 (m, 1H, CHOH), 4.08 (bs, 1H, OH), 5.14 (s, 1H, CH), 7.08-7.39 (m, 5H, Ph), 12.50 (bs, 1H, NH) ¹³C-NMR δ 14.08 (q), 19.88 (q), 22.60 (t), 25.51 (t), 29.30 (t), 31.83 (t), 36.99 (t), 47.29 (t), 69.32 (d), 97.63 (d), 124.79 (d), 125.91 (d), 129.13 (d), 138.30 (s), 161.52 (s), 198.11 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3330 (broad), 1575, 1545, 1475, 1415, 1315, 735, 680 cm⁻¹ MS m/z (%) 289 (M⁺,7), 204 (11), 186 (28), 160 (100), 133 (47), 77 (13)

6-Phenyl-6-hydroxy-2-(*N*-Phenylamino)-hex-2-en-4-one (4ad) Mp 95-97 °C (CH₂Cl₂/hexane), (Found C, 76.79, H, 6.73, N, 4.82 C₁₈H₁₉NO₂ requires C, 76.84, H, 6.81, N, 4.98 %), ¹H-NMR δ 1.99 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.73 (d, J=6.3, 2H, CH₂), 4.73 (bs, 1H, OH), 5.18 (s, 1H, CH), 5.19 (t, J=6.3, 1H, CHOH), 7.10-7.50 (m, 10H, 2Ph), 12.55 (bs, 1H, NH) ¹³C-NMR δ 19.51 (q), 49.17 (t), 71.00 (d), 97.20 (d), 124.31 (d), 125.37 (d), 125.60 (d), 126.85 (d), 127.93 (d), 128.80 (d), 137.70 (s), 143.47 (s), 161.27 (s), 196.73 (s) IR ν_{max} (nujol) 3280 (broad), 1580, 1550, 1520, 710, 665 cm⁻¹ MS m/z (%) 263 (M⁺-18,13), 186 (100), 77 (23), 51 (8)

8-Phenyl-6-Hydroxy-2-(*N*-Phenylamino)-octa-2,7-dien-4-one (4ae) Mp 92-94 °C (CH₂Cl₂/hexane), (Found C, 78.26, H, 6.77, N, 4.71 C₂₀H₂₁NO₂ requires C, 78.15, H, 6.89, N, 4.56 %), ¹H-NMR δ 1.98 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.61 (dd, J=15.4, 8.4, 1H, α'-CH₂,Ha), 2.69 (dd, J=15.3, 3.9, 1H, α'-CH₂, Hb), 4.60 (bs, 1H, OH), 4.76-4.85 (m, 1H, CHOH), 5.20 (s, 1H, CH), 6.29 (dd, J=15.9, 6.0, 1H, γ'-CH), 6.69 (d, J=15.9, 1H, δ'-CH), 7.08-7.43 (m, 10H, 2Ph), 12.50 (bs, 1H, NH) ¹³C-NMR δ 19.67 (q), 47.25 (t), 69.81 (d), 97.48 (d), 124.52 (d), 125.73 (d), 126.25 (d), 127.17 (d), 128.25 (d), 128.93 (d), 129.38 (d), 131.27 (d), 136.72 (s), 137.98 (s), 161.62 (s), 196.61 (s) IR ν_{max} (nujol) 3230 (broad), 1580, 1550, 1520, 715, 665 cm⁻¹ MS m/z (%) 289 (M⁺-18, 35), 261 (17), 170 (26), 144 (38), 77 (69)

6-Methyl-6-hydroxy-2-(*N*-Phenylamino)-hept-2-en-4-one (4af) Oil (Found C, 72.18, H, 8.09, N, 5.84 C₁₄H₁₉NO₂ requires C, 72.07, H, 8.21, N, 6.00 %), ¹H-NMR δ 1.18 (s, 6H, 2CH₃), 1.91 (s, 3H, γ-CH₃), 2.38 (s, 2H, CH₂), 5.06 (s, 1H, CH), 5.11 (bs, 1H, OH), 6.95-7.28 (m, 5H, Ph), 12.52 (bs, 1H, NH) ¹³C-NMR δ 19.41 (q), 29.13 (q), 51.39 (t), 69.79 (s), 98.14 (d), 124.17 (d), 125.50 (d), 128.70 (d), 137.70 (s), 161.34 (s), 193.72 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3405 (broad), 1570, 1335, 1250, 750, 695 cm⁻¹ MS m/z (%) 233 (M⁺,30), 200 (9); 175 (30), 160 (100), 132 (32), 77 (15)

6-Phenyl-6hydroxy-2-(*N*-Phenylamino)-hept-2-en-4-one (4ag) Mp 104-106 °C (CH₂Cl₂/hexane) (Found C, 77.39, H, 7.29, N, 4.57 C₁₉H₂₁NO₂ requires C, 77.26, H, 7.17, N, 4.74 %), ¹H-NMR δ 1.54 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.96 (s, 3H, γ-CH₃), 2.68 (d, J=15.4, 1H, CH₂,Ha), 2.94 (d, J=15.4, 1H, CH₂,Hb), 5.06 (s, 1H, CH), 5.96 (s, 1H, OH), 7.05-7.55 (m, 10H, 2Ph), 12.40 (bs, 1H, NH) ¹³C-NMR δ 19.89 (q), 30.90 (q),

51 56 (t), 73 90 (s); 98 26 (d), 124 67 (d), 124 83 (d), 126 07 (d), 126 29 (d), 128 02 (d); 129 12 (d); 136 24 (s), 148 31 (s), 161 74 (s), 197 42 (s) IR $\nu_{\max}$ (nujol) 3360 (broad); 1580, 1555, 735 cm^{-1} MS⁹.

8-Phenyl-6-methyl-6-hydroxy-2-(N-Phenylamino)-oct-2-en-4-one (4ah) Oil (Found C, 77 81; H, 7 91, N, 4 21 C₂₁H₂₅NO₂ requires C, 77 99, H, 7 79, N, 4 33 %), ¹H-NMR δ 1 40 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1 80-1 95 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2 00 (s, 3H, γ -CH₃), 2 51 (d, J=14 8, 1H, α' -CH₂,Ha), 2 61 (d, J=14 8, 1H, α' -CH₂,Hb), 2 70-2 90 (m, 2H, CH₂), 5 20 (s, 1H, CH), 5 40 (bs, 1H, OH), 7 10-7 40 (m, 10H, 2Ph), 12 70 (bs, 1H, NH) ¹³C-NMR δ 19 52 (q), 26 78 (t), 30 14 (q), 43 99 (t), 49 94 (t), 71 82 (s), 98 34 (d), 124 34 (d), 125 24 (d), 125 68 (d), 127 96 (d), 128 05 (d), 128 81 (d), 137 72 (s), 142 49 (s), 161 65 (s), 197 75 (s) IR $\nu_{\max}$ (film) 3400 (broad), 1580, 1340, 1250, 740, 690 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 305 (M⁺-18, 19), 304 (20), 200 (20), 160 (35), 131 (39), 91 (100); 77 (31)

6,6-Diphenyl-6-hydroxy-2-(N-Phenylamino)-hex-2-en-4-one (4ai) Mp 168-169 °C (CH₂Cl₂/hexane) (Found C, 80 77, H, 6 57, N, 4 07 C₂₄H₂₃NO₂ requires C, 80 64, H, 6 49, N, 3 92 %), ¹H-NMR δ 1 98 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3 29 (s, 2H, CH₂), 5 20 (s, 1H, CH), 6 70 (s, 1H, OH), 7 05-7 50 (m, 15H, 3Ph), 12 30 (bs, 1H, NH) ¹³C-NMR δ 19 96 (q), 50 28 (t), 77 71 (s); 98 15 (d), 124 85 (d), 125 94 (d), 126 58 (d), 128 05 (d), 128 29 (d), 129 12 (d), 136 24 (s), 147 32 (s), 161 90 (s), 197 04 (s) IR $\nu_{\max}$ (nujol) 3320 (broad), 1585, 1555, 685 cm^{-1} MS⁹

8-Phenyl-6-methyl-6-hydroxy-2-(N-Phenylamino)-octa-2,7-dien-4-one (4al) Oil (Found C, 78 32; H, 7 42, N, 4 44 C₂₁H₂₃NO₂ requires C, 78 47, H, 7.21, N, 4 36 %), ¹H-NMR δ 1 44 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1 95 (s, 3H, γ -CH₃), 2 62 (d, J=15 0, 1H), 2 68 (d, J=15 0, 1H), 5 18 (s, 1H, α' -CH), 5 75 (bs, 1H, OH), 6 36 (d, J=15 9, 1H, γ' -CH), 6 72 (d, J=15 9, 1H, δ' -CH), 7 00-7 50 (m, 10H, 2Ph); 12 55 (bs, 1H, NH) ¹³C-NMR δ 19 18 (q), 28 12 (q), 50 05 (t), 71 95 (s), 97 76 (d), 123 97 (d), 125 33 (d), 125 79 (d), 126 36 (d), 126,47 (d), 127 77 (d), 128 46 (d), 135 81 (d), 136 60 (s), 137 33 (s), 161 43 (s), 196 54 (s) IR $\nu_{\max}$ (film) 3340 (broad), 1575, 1545, 1325, 1240, 735, 680 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 321 (M⁺,57), 278 (43), 264 (43), 160 (93), 133 (100), 77 (64)

6,8-Diphenyl-6-hydroxy-2-(N-Phenylamino)-octa-2,7-dien-4-one (4am) Mp 116-118 °C (CH₂Cl₂/hexane) (Found C, 81 57, H, 6 69, N, 3 46 C₂₆H₂₅NO₂ requires C, 81 43, H, 6 57, N, 3 65 %), ¹H-NMR δ 1 96 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3 01 (d, J=15 4, 1H), 3 09 (d, J=15 4, 1H), 5 19 (s, 1H), 6 49 (d, J=15 9, 1H, γ' -CH), 6 51 (bs, 1H, OH), 6 71 (d, J=15 9, 1H, δ' -CH), 7 00-7 70 (m, 15H, 3Ph), 12 40 (bs, 1H, NH) ¹³C-NMR δ 19 92 (q), 50 04 (t), 76 27 (s), 98 23 (d), 124 89 (d), 125 41 (d), 126 17 (d), 126 62 (d), 126 72 (d), 127 30 (d), 127 74 (d), 128 21 (d), 128 43 (d), 129 13 (d), 135 50 (d), 137 14 (s), 137 87 (s), 145 99 (s), 162 08 (s), 196 70 (s) IR $\nu_{\max}$ (nujol) 3260 (broad), 1570, 1540, 730, 680 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 383 (M⁺,5), 264 (25), 160 (100), 133 (29), 105 (19), 77 (31)

Synthesis of δ -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones 5ba-bl and β' -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones 4ba-bl from reaction of aldehydes or ketones with the α' -dianion (2b) and γ -dianion (3b) generated from 4-methylamino-pent-3-en-2-one (1b) by treatment with MeLi/TMEDA. A solution of MeLi (5 mmol in THF, 6ml) was dropped into a stirred solution of 1b (2 mmol in THF, 6ml) and TMEDA (5 mmol) at 0 °C under nitrogen. The temperature was allowed to rise to 20 °C and the mixture stirred at this temperature for 1 hour. The mixture was cooled at -70 °C then a solution of the appropriate carbonyl compound (6 mmol in THF, 3ml) was slowly added (30 min). The temperature was allowed to rise to 20 °C and the mixture stirred at this temperature for 1 hour further. Then the solution was poured into saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (5 ml) and extracted with diethyl ether, the organic layer was dried, evaporated

under reduced pressure and submitted to a chromatographic separation on a silica gel column (hexane ethyl acetate from 5:1 to 1:1 as eluent). Yields of isolated pure δ -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones **5ba-bl** and β' -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones **4ba-bl** are reported in Table 2. Physical data follows:

6-Hydroxy-4-(N-methylamino)-non-3-en-2-one (5ba) Oil (Found: C, 64.68, H, 10.51, N, 7.74). $C_{10}H_{19}NO_2$ requires: C, 64.83, H, 10.34, N, 7.56 (%). 1H -NMR δ 0.72–0.93 (m, 3H, $(CH_2)_2CH_3$), 1.21–1.49 (m, 4H, $(CH_2)_2CH_3$), 1.85 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.20 (dd, $J=15.9, 4.8$, 1H, γ - CH_2 , Ha), 2.25 (dd, $J=15.9$, 2.7, 1H, γ - CH_2 , Hb); 2.85 (d, $J=5.3$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.67–3.77 (m, 1H, $CHOH$), 3.86 (bs, 1H, OH); 4.87 (s, 1H, CH), 10.72 (bs, 1H, NH). ^{13}C -NMR δ 13.75 (q), 18.40 (t), 28.28 (q), 29.47 (q), 39.27 (t), 39.35 (t), 69.44 (d), 94.99 (d), 165.62 (s), 194.12 (s). IR ν_{max} (film) 3325 (broad), 1685, 1635, 1580, 1245, 725 cm^{-1} . MS m/z (%) 185 (M^+ , 34), 170 (11), 142 (38), 124 (24), 113 (79), 98 (100), 71 (62), 56 (40).

6-Hydroxy-2-(N-methylamino)-non-2-en-4-one (4ba) Oil (Found: C, 64.73; H, 10.49, N, 7.49). $C_{10}H_{19}NO_2$ requires: C, 64.83, H, 10.34, N, 7.56 (%). 1H -NMR δ 0.86–0.97 (m, 3H, $(CH_2)_2CH_3$), 1.25–1.55 (m, 4H, $(CH_2)_2CH_3$), 1.89 (s, 3H, γ - CH_3), 2.21 (dd, $J=15.1, 9.0$, 1H, α' - CH_2 , Ha); 2.36 (dd, $J=15.1$, 2.9, 1H, α' - CH_2 , Hb), 2.90 (d, $J=5.5$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.86–3.97 (m, 1H, $CHOH$), 4.03 (bs, 1H, OH), 4.93 (s, 1H, CH), 10.74 (bs, 1H, NH). ^{13}C -NMR δ 14.02 (q), 18.69 (q), 29.54 (q), 39.07 (t), 39.13 (t), 45.74 (t), 69.31 (d), 95.32 (d), 165.44 (s), 196.56 (s). IR ν_{max} (film) 3325, 1690, 1640, 1590; 1550, 725 cm^{-1} . MS m/z (%) 185 (M^+ , 23), 142 (11), 114 (36), 98 (100), 71 (54), 56 (32).

7,7-Dimethyl-6-Hydroxy-4-(N-methylamino)-oct-3-en-2-one (5bb) Oil (Found: C, 66.41, H, 10.51, N, 7.14). $C_{11}H_{21}NO_2$ requires: C, 66.29, H, 10.62, N, 7.03 (%). 1H -NMR δ 0.80 (s, 9H, $C(CH_3)_3$), 1.80 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.05 (dd, $J=13.6, 10.5$, 1H, CH_2 , Ha), 2.23 (dd, $J=13.6, 2.0$, 1H, CH_3 , Hb), 2.81 (d, $J=5.2$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.30 (dd, $J=10.5, 2.0$, 1H, $CHOH$), 3.53 (bs, 1H, OH), 4.86 (s, 1H, CH), 10.69 (bs, 1H, NH). ^{13}C -NMR δ 25.11 (q), 27.98 (q), 29.05 (q), 33.53 (t), 34.79 (s), 77.23 (d), 94.64 (d), 166.85 (s), 193.54 (s). IR ν_{max} (film) 3280 (broad), 1590, 1550, 1345, 1300, 1060; 725 cm^{-1} . MS m/z (%) 199 (M^+ , 28), 184 (15), 142 (100), 114 (37), 98 (95).

6-Hydroxy-4-(N-methylamino)-dodec-3-en-2-one (5bc) Mp 150–152 °C (CH_2Cl_2 /Hexane) (Found: C, 68.51, H, 10.93, N, 6.32). $C_{13}H_{25}NO_2$ requires: C, 68.68, H, 11.08, N, 6.16 (%). 1H -NMR δ 0.76–0.90 (m, 3H, $(CH_2)_5CH_3$), 1.14–1.53 (m, 10H, $(CH_2)_5CH_3$), 1.92 (s, 3H, α' - CH_3), 2.25 (dd, $J=13.9, 7.6$, 1H, γ - CH_2 , Ha), 2.30 (dd, $J=13.9, 5.1$, 1H, α' - CH_2 , Hb), 2.91 (d, $J=5.1$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.14 (bs, 1H, OH), 3.68–3.82 (m, 1H, $CHOH$), 4.92 (s, 1H, CH), 10.76 (bs, 1H, NH). ^{13}C -NMR δ 14.01 (q), 22.54 (t), 25.55 (t), 28.83 (q), 29.17 (t), 29.58 (q), 31.74 (t), 37.34 (t), 39.46 (t), 70.02 (d); 95.17 (d), 164.78 (s), 194.91 (s). IR ν_{max} (nujol) 3240, 1595, 1540, 1300, 1280, 790, 740, 710 cm^{-1} . MS m/z (%) 227 (M^+ , 11), 142 (60), 124 (31), 114 (27), 113 (100), 98 (68), 71 (49), 56 (31).

6-Hydroxy-2-(N-methylamino)-dodec-2-en-4-one (4bc) Oil (Found: C, 68.61, H, 11.12, N, 6.23). $C_{13}H_{25}NO_2$ requires: C, 68.68, H, 11.08, N, 6.16 (%). 1H -NMR δ 0.60–0.80 (m, 3H, $(CH_2)_5CH_3$), 1.07–1.51 (m, 10H, $(CH_2)_5CH_3$), 1.82 (s, 3H, γ - CH_3), 2.10 (dd, $J=14.6, 9.2$, 1H, α' - CH_2 , Ha), 2.25 (dd, $J=14.6, 3.0$, 1H, α' - CH_2 , Hb), 2.77 (d, $J=5.2$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.71–3.82 (m, 1H, $CHOH$), 4.00 (bs, 1H, OH), 4.79 (s, 1H, CH), 10.53 (bs, 1H, NH). ^{13}C -NMR δ 13.62 (q), 18.25 (q), 22.17 (t), 25.09 (t), 28.12 (t), 28.95 (t), 29.10 (q), 36.67 (t), 46.36 (t), 69.13 (d), 94.65 (d), 13.82 (s), 194.03 (s). IR ν_{max} (film) 3240 (broad), 1595, 1540, 1300, 1280, 790, 740, 710 cm^{-1} . MS m/z (%) 227 (M^+ , 17), 142 (24), 114 (55), 113 (44), 98 (100), 71 (73), 56 (30).

6-Phenyl-6-hydroxy-4-(N-methylamino)-hex-3-en-2-one (5bd) Oil (Found C, 71.38, H, 7.93, N, 6.34 $C_{13}H_{17}NO_2$ requires C, 71.21, H, 7.81, N, 6.39 %), 1H -NMR δ 2.04 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.49 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.59 (dd, $J=13.7$, 5.4, 1H, CH_2 , Ha), 2.64 (dd, $J=13.7$, 7.8, 1H, CH_2 , Hb), 2.89 (d, $J=5.4$, 3H, N- CH_3), 4.93 (dd, $J=7.8$, 5.4, 1H, $CH(OH)$), 5.19 (s, 1H, CH), 7.25–7.40 (m, 5H, Ph), 10.85 (bs, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 28.93 (q), 29.53 (q), 41.41 (t), 72.76 (d), 95.35 (d), 125.54 (d), 128.09 (d); 128.67 (d); 143.13 (s), 163.83 (s), 195.00 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3200(broad), 1580, 1530, 730, 680 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 201 (M^+-18 , 67), 200 (34), 184 (19), 124 (100), 110 (22), 98 (30), 56 (28)

6-Phenyl-6-hydroxy-2-(N-methylamino)-hex-2-en-4-one (4bd) Oil (Found C, 71.36, H, 7.85, N, 6.45 $C_{13}H_{17}NO_2$ requires C, 71.21, H, 7.81, N, 6.39 %), 1H -NMR δ 1.29 (bs, 1H, OH), 1.94 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.58 (dd, $J=15.0$, 7.9, 1H, CH_2 , Ha), 2.64 (dd, $J=15.0$, 4.3, 1H, CH_2 , Hb), 2.96 (d, $J=5.2$, 3H, N- CH_3), 4.96 (s, 1H, CH), 5.07 (dd, $J=7.9$, 4.3, 1H, $CH(OH)$), 7.25–7.40 (m, 5H, Ph), 10.85 (bs, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 18.79 (q), 29.69 (q), 48.74 (t), 71.90 (d), 95.28 (d), 125.75 (d), 127.16 (d), 128.28 (d), 144.00 (s), 165.84 (s), 197.70 (s), IR ν_{max} (film) 3360 (broad), 1720, 1600, 1550, 1425, 695 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 201 (M^+-18 , 64), 200 (30), 184 (32), 170 (23), 141 (24), 124 (100), 110 (25), 103 (41), 94 (32), 56 (52)

8-Phenyl-6-hydroxy-4-(N-methylamino)-octa-3,7-dien-2-one (5be) Oil (Found C, 73.56, H, 7.96, N, 5.74 $C_{15}H_{19}NO_2$ requires C, 73.44, H, 7.81, N, 5.71 %), 1H -NMR δ 2.03 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.31 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.53 (d, $J=6.7$, 2H, CH_2), 2.99 (d, $J=5.5$, 3H, N- CH_3), 4.51–4.59 (m, 1H, $CH(OH)$), 5.08 (s, 1H, α -CH), 6.25 (dd, $J=15.9$, 6.4, 1H, γ -CH), 6.65 (dd, $J=15.9$, 1.1, 1H, δ -CH), 7.25–7.49 (m, 5H, Ph), 10.85 (bs, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 28.90 (q), 29.71 (q), 39.46 (t), 71.06 (d), 95.49 (d), 126.51 (d), 127.93 (d), 128.70 (d), 130.52 (d), 130.82 (d), 136.23 (s), 163.74 (s), 195.05 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3290 (broad), 1685, 1635, 1595, 1345, 1235, 735, 680 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 227 (M^+-18 , 20), 184 (100), 169 (29), 150 (16), 94 (20), 77 (19)

8-Phenyl-6-hydroxy-2-(N-methylamino)-octa-2,7-dien-4-one (4be) Oil (Found C, 73.49, H, 7.75, N, 5.83 $C_{15}H_{19}NO_2$ requires C, 73.44, H, 7.81, N, 5.71 %), 1H -NMR δ 1.96 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.42 (dd, $J=13.7$, 5.5, 1H, CH_2 , Ha), 2.53 (dd, $J=13.7$, 8.1, 1H, CH_2 , Hb), 2.89 (d, $J=5.2$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.80 (bs, 1H, OH), 4.47–4.55 (m, 1H, $CH(OH)$), 5.03 (s, 1H, α -CH), 6.22 (dd, $J=15.9$, 6.7, 1H, γ -CH), 6.60 (d, $J=15.9$, 1H, δ -CH), 7.14–7.44 (m, 5H, Ph), 10.80 (bs, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 18.73 (q), 29.61 (q), 46.54 (t), 70.38 (d), 95.34 (d), 126.42 (d), 127.30 (d), 128.41 (d), 129.48 (d), 131.54 (d), 137.01 (s), 165.68 (s), 195.59 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3320 (broad), 1590, 1340, 1270, 980, 730, 675 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 227 (M^+-18 , 16), 212 (62), 184 (100), 169 (30), 123 (24), 91 (27), 77 (23)

6-Methyl-6-hydroxy-4-(N-methylamino)-hept-3-en-2-one (5bf) Oil (Found C, 63.06, H, 9.83, N, 7.99 $C_9H_{17}NO_2$ requires C, 63.13, H, 10.01, N, 8.18 %), 1H -NMR δ 1.18 (s, 6H, 2 CH_3), 1.83 (s, 3H, α' - CH_3), 2.25 (s, 2H, CH_2), 2.84 (d, $J=5.3$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.34 (bs, 1H, OH), 4.80 (s, 1H, CH), 10.80 (bs, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 28.30 (q), 29.70 (q), 29.87 (q), 43.52 (t), 70.15 (s), 96.37 (d), 164.63 (s), 193.39 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3240 (broad), 1605, 1520, 740 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 171 (M^+ , 27), 138 (20), 113 (33), 98 (100)

6-Methyl-6-hydroxy-2-(N-methylamino)-hept-2-en-4-one (4bf) Oil (Found C, 63.19, H, 9.92, N, 8.24 $C_9H_{17}NO_2$ requires C, 63.13, H, 10.01, N, 8.18 %), 1H -NMR δ 1.10 (s, 6H, 2 CH_3), 1.83 (s, 3H, γ - CH_3), 2.65 (d, $J=5.3$, 3H, N- CH_3), 2.81 (s, 2H, CH_2), 3.30 (bs, 1H, OH), 4.98 (s, 1H, α -CH), 10.85 (broad s, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 29.52 (q), 29.70 (q), 30.41 (q), 44.02 (t), 70.83 (s), 94.07 (d), 162.56 (s), 193.39 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3300 (broad), 1605, 1520, 1350, 945 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 171 (M^+ , 30), 156 (7), 138 (19), 113 (31), 98 (100)

6-Phenyl-6-hydroxy-4-(N-methylamino)-hept-3-en-2-one (5bg) Oil (Found C, 72.19, H, 8.34, N, 5.89 $C_{14}H_{19}NO_2$ requires C, 72.07 H, 8.21, N, 6.00 %), 1H -NMR δ 1.48 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.85 (s, 3H, α' - CH_3), 2.65 (d, $J=15.1$, 1H, CH_2 , Ha), 2.80 (d, $J=15.1$, 1H, CH_2 , Hb), 2.84 (d, $J=5.2$, 3H, N- CH_3), 4.90 (s, 1H, CH), 6.15 (bs, 1H, OH), 7.10-7.50 (m, 5H, Ph), 10.70 (bs, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 18.60 (q), 29.45 (q), 30.79 (q), 50.83 (t), 73.80 (s), 96.02 (d), 124.51 (d), 125.98 (d), 127.78 (d), 148.41 (s), 165.71 (s), 195.55 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3360 (broad), 1620, 1550, 730 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 233 (M^+ , 18), 147 (8), 113 (26), 98 (100)

8-Phenyl-6-Methyl-6-hydroxy-4-(N-methylamino)-oct-3-en-2-one (5bh) Oil (Found C, 73.42, H, 8.81, N, 5.44 $C_{16}H_{23}NO_2$ requires C, 73.53 H, 8.87, N, 5.36 %), 1H -NMR δ 1.31 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.74-1.92 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.96 (s, 3H, α' - CH_3), 2.30 (d, $J=13.3$, 1H, γ - CH_2 , Ha), 2.45 (d, $J=13.3$, 1H, γ - CH_2 , Hb), 2.66-2.75 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.90 (d, $J=5.3$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.20 (bs, 1H, OH), 5.00 (s, 1H, CH), 7.10-7.30 (m, 5H, Ph), 11.00 (broad s, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 26.48 (q), 28.42 (q), 29.61 (q), 29.91 (t), 42.31 (t), 44.45 (t), 71.94 (s), 96.56 (d), 125.46 (d), 128.01 (d), 128.07 (d), 141.84 (s), 164.40 (s), 193.46 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3250 (broad), 1585, 1550, 730, 685 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 243 (M^+ -18, 7), 228 (15), 186 (18), 152 (30), 138 (100), 91 (30)

8-Phenyl-6-Methyl-6-hydroxy-2-(N-methylamino)-oct-2-en-4-one (4bh) Oil (Found C, 73.49, H, 8.99, N, 5.47 $C_{16}H_{23}NO_2$ requires C, 73.53 H, 8.87, N, 5.36 %), 1H -NMR δ 1.22 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.74-1.92 (m, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H, γ - CH_3), 2.69 (d, $J=13.3$, 1H, α' - CH_2 , Ha), 2.72 (d, $J=4.9$, 3H, N- CH_3), 2.68-2.76 (m, 2H), 3.26 (d, $J=13.3$, 1H, α' - CH_2 , Hb), 3.30 (bs, 1H, OH), 5.10 (s, 1H, α -CH), 7.08-7.28 (m, 5H, Ph), 11.05 (broad s, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 26.45 (q), 28.43 (q), 29.94 (q), 30.53 (t), 42.74 (t), 45.44 (t), 72.67 (s), 94.42 (d), 125.20 (d), 127.95 (d), 128.03 (d), 142.43 (s), 162.32 (s), 193.46 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3270 (broad), 1590, 1505, 1270, 730, 685 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 243 (M^+ -18, 7), 228 (11), 186 (18), 152 (33), 138 (100), 91 (26)

6,6-Diphenyl-6-hydroxy-4-(N-methylamino)-hex-3-en-2-one (5bi) Mp 170-172 (CH_2Cl_2 /Hexane) (Found C, 77.38, H, 7.02, N, 4.95 $C_{19}H_{21}NO_2$ requires C, 77.26 H, 7.17, N, 4.74 %), 1H -NMR δ 2.15 (s, 3H, α' - CH_3), 2.49 (d, $J=5.3$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.20 (s, 2H, CH_2), 3.90 (bs, 1H, OH), 4.72 (s, 1H, CH), 7.20-7.80 (m, 10H, 2Ph), 10.85 (bs, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 18.83 (q), 29.65 (q), 42.61 (t), 77.75 (s), 96.97 (d), 125.92 (d), 127.95 (d), 136.23 (d), 146.17 (s), 162.43 (s), 195.44 (s) IR ν_{max} (nujol) 3220 (broad), 1575, 1525, 1300, 680 cm^{-1} MS⁹

6,6-Diphenyl-6-hydroxy-2-(N-methylamino)-hex-2-en-4-one (4bi) Mp 158-160 (CH_2Cl_2 /Hexane) (Found C, 77.32, H, 7.08, N, 4.91 $C_{19}H_{21}NO_2$ requires C, 77.26 H, 7.17, N, 4.74 %), 1H -NMR δ 1.87 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.42 (d, $J=5.1$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.70 (s, 2H, CH_2), 5.15 (s, 1H, CH), 6.60 (bs, 1H, OH), 7.20-7.80 (m, 10H, 2Ph), 10.70 (bs, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 28.90 (q), 30.77 (q), 44.80 (t), 77.48 (s), 96.13 (d), 126.90 (d), 127.37 (d), 128.24 (d), 147.53 (s), 161.35 (s), 197.20 (s) IR ν_{max} (nujol) 3230 (broad), 1560, 1530, 1320, 720 cm^{-1} MS⁹

8-Phenyl-6-Methyl-6-hydroxy-4-(N-methylamino)-octa-3,7-dien-2-one (5bl) Oil (Found C, 74.26, H, 8.24, N, 5.34 $C_{16}H_{21}NO_2$ requires C, 74.10 H, 8.16, N, 5.40 %), 1H -NMR δ 1.45 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.96 (s, 3H, α' - CH_3), 2.47 (d, $J=13.4$, 1H, CH_2 , Ha), 2.52 (d, $J=13.4$, 1H, CH_2 , Hb), 2.86 (d, $J=5.5$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.36 (bs, 1H, OH), 5.00 (s, 1H, CH), 6.26 (d, $J=16.2$, 1H, γ' -CH), 6.59 (d, $J=16.2$, 1H, δ' -CH), 7.10-7.35 (m, 5H, Ph), 10.94 (bs, 1H, NH) ^{13}C -NMR δ 28.20 (q), 28.71 (q), 29.93 (q), 43.50 (t), 72.34 (s), 96.79 (d), 126.18 (d), 127.23 (d), 127.34 (d), 128.36 (d), 135.31 (d), 136.47 (s), 163.53 (s), 193.93 (s) IR ν_{max}

(film) 3235 (broad), 1590; 1505, 1405; 1340, 735, 680 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 259 (M^+ , 17), 241 (22), 216 (67), 202 (56), 113 (100), 98 (63), 71 (39), 56 (31)

8-Phenyl-6-Methyl-6-Hydroxy-2-(N-methylamino)-octa-2,7-dien-4-one (4bl) Oil (Found C, 74.18, H, 8.29, N, 5.46 $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ requires C, 74.10, H, 8.16, N, 5.40 %), $^1\text{H-NMR}$ δ 1.35 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.91 (s, 3H, $\gamma\text{-CH}_3$), 2.49 (d, $J=15.0$, 1H), 2.51 (d, $J=15.0$, 1H), 2.91 (d, $J=5.5$, 3H, N- CH_3), 4.93 (s, 1H, $\alpha\text{-CH}$), 5.96 (bs, 1H, OH), 6.27 (d, $J=16.2$, 1H, $\gamma'\text{-CH}$), 6.63 (d, $J=16.2$, 1H, $\delta'\text{-CH}$), 7.08-7.40 (m, 5H, Ph), 10.83 (bs, 1H, NH) $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ δ 18.49 (q), 28.45 (q), 29.37 (q), 49.78 (t), 72.31 (s), 95.85 (d), 126.17 (d), 126.73 (d), 126.77 (d), 128.10 (d), 136.31 (d), 137.17 (s), 165.61 (s), 195.46 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3300 (broad), 1685, 1585, 1530, 1415, 1325, 730, 680 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 241 (M^+ -18, 8), 226 (7), 146 (65), 131 (100), 113 (52), 103 (88)

Synthesis of δ -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones 5cd-co from reaction of aldehydes or ketones with the γ -dianion (3c) generated from 1-phenyl-3-methylamino-but-2-en-1-one (1c) by treatment with MeLi/TMEDA. The reaction was carried out as above reported for 5ba-bl and 4ba-bl. Yields of isolated pure δ -hydroxy- β -enamino ketones 5cd-co are reported in Table 3. Physical data follows

1,5-Diphenyl-5-hydroxy-3-(N-methylamino)-pent-2-en-1-one (5cd) Mp 112-114 ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Hexane}$) (Found C, 76.77, H, 6.74, N, 5.15 $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ requires C, 76.84, H, 6.81, N, 4.98 %), $^1\text{H-NMR}$ δ 1.70 (bs, 1H), 2.71 (dd, $J=13.8, 4.9$, 1H), 2.79 (dd, $J=13.8, 8.3$, 1H), 2.94 (d, $J=5.4$, 3H, N- CH_3), 4.96-5.01 (m, 1H, CHOH), 5.72 (s, 1H, CH), 7.25-7.85 (m, 10H, 2Ph), 11.45 (broad s, 1H, NH) $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ δ 29.74 (q), 41.81 (t), 72.97 (d), 92.33 (d), 125.61 (d), 126.93 (d), 128.11 (d), 128.18 (d), 128.71 (d), 130.55 (d), 139.70 (s), 143.10 (s), 165.60 (s), 187.40 (s) IR ν_{max} (nujol) 3300 (broad), 1600, 1560, 1350, 770 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 263 (M^+ -18, 8), 186 (17), 158 (100), 143 (33), 128 (13), 105 (16), 77 (22)

1-Phenyl-5-hydroxy-3-(N-methylamino)-hept-2-en-1-one (5cm) Oil (Found C, 72.21, H, 8.33, N, 5.84 $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ requires C, 72.07, H, 8.21, N, 6.00 %), $^1\text{H-NMR}$ δ 0.92 (t, $J=7.4$, 3H, CH_2CH_3), 1.40-1.60 (m, 2H, CH_2CH_3), 2.32 (dd, $J=13.2, 4.9$, 1H), 2.37 (dd, $J=13.2, 7.6$, 1H), 2.86 (d, $J=5.5$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.60-3.70 (m, 1H, CHOH), 3.90 (bs, 1H, OH), 5.60 (s, 1H, CH), 7.20-7.80 (m, 5H, Ph), 11.35 (bs, 1H, NH) $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ δ 10.10 (q), 29.76 (q), 30.36 (t), 39.74 (t), 71.47 (d), 92.32 (d), 126.87 (d), 128.12 (d), 130.41 (d), 140.40 (s), 167.83 (s), 187.26 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3370 (broad), 1600, 1545, 1340, 750 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 233 (M^+ , 12), 186 (38), 175 (42), 174 (34), 105 (100), 77 (43)

1-Phenyl-5-hydroxy-3-(N-methylamino)-5-cyclohexyl-pent-2-en-1-one (5cn) Oil (Found C, 75.35, H, 8.89, N, 4.74 $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2$ requires C, 75.22, H, 8.77, N, 4.87 %), $^1\text{H-NMR}$ δ 0.87-1.33 (m, 6H), 1.52-1.81 (m, 5H), 2.22 (dd, $J=13.6, 9.1$, 1H), 2.29 (dd, $J=13.6, 3.6$, 1H), 2.76 (d, $J=5.2$, 3H, N- CH_3), 3.45-3.37 (m, 1H, CHOH), 3.87 (bs, 1H, OH), 5.55 (s, 1H, CH), 7.20-7.80 (m, 5H, Ph), 11.30 (broad q, 1H, NH) $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ δ 26.08 (t), 26.19 (t), 26.41 (t), 27.91 (t), 29.06 (t), 29.58 (d), 36.94 (q), 44.09 (t), 74.14 (d), 92.19 (d), 126.83 (d), 127.97 (d), 130.20 (d), 140.38 (s), 168.78 (s), 186.74 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3370 (broad), 1740, 1600, 1550, 1330 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 269 (M^+ -18, 19), 186 (100), 105 (55), 77 (36)

1-Phenyl-5-hydroxy-3-(N-methylamino)-5-methyl-hex-2-en-1-one (5cf) Mp 100-102 ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Hexane}$) (Found C, 72.19, H, 8.28, N, 5.88 $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ requires C, 72.07, H, 8.21, N, 6.00 %), $^1\text{H-NMR}$ δ 1.37 (s, 6H, CH_3), 1.71 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.56 (s, 2H, CH_2), 3.09 (d, $J=5.4$, 3H, N- CH_3), 5.70 (s, 1H, CH), 7.35-7.90 (m, 5H, Ph), 11.65 (broad s, 1H, NH) $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ δ 30.00 (q), 30.47 (q), 44.24 (t), 70.86 (s), 93.55 (d), 126.88 (d), 128.19 (d), 130.49 (d), 140.44 (s), 166.09 (s), 187.20 (s) IR ν_{max} (nujol) 3300 (broad), 1610,

1545, 740 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 233 (M^+ , 25), 218 (7); 200 (32), 175 (46), 174 (100); 158 (41), 105 (79), 77 (54)

1,5-Diphenyl-5-hydroxy-3-(N-methylamino)-hex-2-en-1-one (5cg) Mp 134-135 ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Hexane}$) (Found C, 77.13, H, 7.09, N, 4.83 $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ requires C, 77.26, H, 7.17, N, 4.74 %), $^1\text{H-NMR}$ δ 1.74 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.51 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.75-2.85 (m, 5H), 5.52 (s, 1H, CH), 7.20-7.75 (m, 10H, 2Ph), 11.50 (broad s, 1H, NH) $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ δ 29.90 (q), 30.03 (q), 45.42 (t), 74.26 (s), 93.70 (d), 124.75 (d), 126.88 (d), 127.21 (d), 128.13 (d), 128.43 (d), 130.47 (d), 140.36 (s), 147.00 (s), 164.78 (s), 187.25 (s) IR ν_{max} (nujol) 3275 (broad), 1615, 1550, 710 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 9

1-Phenyl-5-hydroxy-3-(N-methylamino)-5-ethyl-hept-2-en-1-one (5co) Oil (Found C, 73.42, H, 8.79, N, 5.41 $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2$ requires C, 73.53, H, 8.87, N, 5.36 %), $^1\text{H-NMR}$ δ 0.84 (t, $J=7.5$, 6H, CH_2CH_3); 1.51 (q, $J=7.5$, 4H, CH_2CH_3), 2.37 (s, 2H, $\gamma\text{-CH}_2$), 2.50 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.94 (d, $J=5.2$, 3H, N- CH_3), 5.60 (s, 1H, CH), 7.25-7.82 (m, 5H, Ph), 11.65 (broad s, 1H, NH) $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ δ 8.02 (q), 30.39 (q); 31.06 (t), 40.18 (t), 75.08 (s), 93.61 (d), 126.83 (d), 128.08 (d), 130.28 (d), 140.60 (s), 166.82 (s); 186.47 (s) IR ν_{max} (film) 3360 (broad), 1600, 1525, 1330, 1220 cm^{-1} MS m/z (%) 243 (M^+ , 18, 11), 228 (8); 214 (100), 105 (71), 77 (29)

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