PREPARATION AND STEREOCHEMISTRY OF 1, 4, 8, 11-TETRAAZAPERHYDROPYRENE DERIVATIVES FROM N,N'-BIS(3-AMINOPROPYL)ETHYLENEDIAMINE

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Abstract - The reaction of N,N'-bis(3-aminopropyl)ethylenediamine (1) with glyoxal (2) in the presence of benzotriazole (3) afforded dibenzotriazoyltetraazaperhydropyrene (4), which was converted to polyazapolycycles (6), (13), (15), (16), and (19). The stereochemistry is discussed.

The reaction of linear and cyclic polyamines with glyoxal afforded a variety of bicycles, tricycles, tetracycles, and cage compounds in one-pot reactions.¹⁻¹⁰ Their stereochemistries were fully examined by ¹H- and ¹³C-nmr spectroscopy.

In a continuation of our work on the reaction of polyfunctionalized compounds with dialdehydes, 11-13 we tried to apply Katritzky's method¹⁴⁻¹⁶ using benzotriazole (3) to the reaction of N, N'-bis(3-aminopropyl)ethylenediamine (1) with glyoxal (2) (Scheme 1). The reaction of 1 with two equivalent of 2 and 3 was carried out in EtOH at room temperature to give dibenzotriazoyltetraazaperhydropyrene (4) in 80% yield. The mass spectrum of 4 showed a molecular ion peak at m/z 456 which represented the loss of two molecules of H₂O from the sum of 1, and two equivalents of 2 and 3. The ^{13}C -nmr spectrum exhibited one half of the total number of carbons (24 carbons) indicating a C_2 symmetry axis. In the ¹H-nmr spectrum, two methine hydrogens appeared at δ 3.05 and 5.80 ppm. Another plausible structure (5) was eliminated, since this would exhibit 13 carbons in 13 C-nmr spectrum. Compound (4) was hydrogenolyzed with NaBH₄ in THF for removal of two molecules of 3 to give trans and cis tetraazaperhydropyrene (6a) and (6b) in 50 and 3 % yields, respectively. In the ^{13}C -nmr spectra the









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Scheme 1

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trans fused 6aa

AM1 △Hf 44.17 Kcal/mol



cis-trans fused 6ab

39.17 Kcal/mol



cis fused **6b** 35.82 Kcal/mol





trans fused 7aa

AM1 ΔHf -77.81 Kcal/mol MM2 ΔHs 19.56 Kcal/mol



cis-trans fused 7ab -71.83 Kcal/mol

27.04 Kcal/mol



cis fused 7b

-73.62 Kcał/mol 24.19 Kcał/mol



Figure 1 Heats of Formations for Tetraazaperhydropyrene (6) and Perhydropyrene (7)

trans compound (**6a**) showed four carbon signals at δ 24.3, 52.8, 54.2, and 83.7 ppm having two C₂ symmetry axes, while the cis compound (**6b**) indicated six carbons with a single C₂ symmetry axis. The ¹H-nmr spectra of **6a** and **6b** indicated methine hydrogens at δ 2.14 and 3.00 ppm, respectively. This shift difference (0.86 ppm) could be attributed to the fact that the hydrogens which are proximal to the lone pair on nitrogen are shifted to lower fields as compared with hydrogens in the opposite direction.¹⁷

Caulkett⁹ reported that the reaction of cyclam (8) with 2 afforded 6b exclusively, the structure of which was determined by X-ray crystallography. Moreover, the trans isomer (6a) has two possible stereoisomers, all trans fused form (6aa) and cis-trans fused form (6ab) as shown in Figure 1. Therefore, in order to study which the most stable form is among three steroisomers (6aa, 6ab and 6b), the heats of formation (AHf) were calculated by MOPAC (AM1). Additionally for the three stereoisomers of pyrene (7aa, 7ab, and 7b) which have no nitrogen atom, Δ Hf and the steric energy (Δ Hs) were obtained by AM1 and molecular mechanics (MM2), respectively. The results are summarized in Figure 1. The cis isomer (6b) was more stable than either trans isomer (6aa) or (6ab) by 8.35 and 3.35 Kcal/mol, respectively. Between the two trans isomers, cis-trans fused (6ab) was more stable than all trans fused (6aa). AM1 calculation for pyrene showed that cis 7aa was more stable than either trans **7ab** or cis **7b** by 5.98 and 4.19 Kcal/mol, respectively. The ΔHs of pyrene as indicated by MM2 showed that trans fused (7aa) is more stable either alternate trans fused (7ab) and cis fused 7b by 7.48 and 4.63 Kcal/mol, respectively. Comparison of Δ Hf values for all three stereoisomers suggested that the reaction of cyclam (8) with glyoxal proceeded exclusively to avoid repulsive lone-pair lone-pair interactions affording cis 6b. However, the reaction using 3 proceeded kinetically to give trans isomer (4), which was presumed to be preferentially hydrogenolyzed yielding the trans isomer (6ab). This simultaneously underwent partial cleavage of the C-N bond to afford the thermodynamically more stable cis isomer (6b).

2,2-Bis(hexahydropyrimidine) $(9)^{18}$ was similarly treated with 2 and 3 to give tetrabenzotriazolyltetraazaperhydropyrene (10) which underwent hydrogenolysis yielding compounds (6a) and (6b) in the ratio of 3:2.

Compound (**6a**) was quarternarized with CH_3I in $CHCl_3$ to produce the dimethylammonium diiodide (**11**) whose structure was determined

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spectrally.

Next, the reaction of 4 with ethylenediamine (12) was carried out in refluxing EtOH to afford hexaazapentacycle (13) in 11% yield (Scheme 2). The ir spectrum showed NH absorption at 3220 cm^{-1} and the mass spectrum indicated a molecular ion peak at m/z 279. The ¹³C-nmr spectrum showed seven carbon signals at δ 24.0, 46.8, 48.2, 53.1, 54.6, 78.6, and 82.6 ppm which indicated a C_2 axis of symmetry. The methylene hydrogens at the 1-position appeared at 1.7 and 3.7 ppm, respectively. This large shift difference (2.0 ppm) is attributed to the direct influence of the nitrogen lone-pair at the 3-position on an axial hydrogen by assuming a stereochemistry having the cis-trans fused form (14) similar to the results of 4 and 6. Compound (4) was heated with ammonia in a sealed cylinder to give decaazanonacycle (15) and tetraazapyren-5-one (16) in 34 and 28% yields, respectively. The Fab-Mass spectrum of 15 indicated a molecular ion at $469 (M^+-2)$. The ir spectrum showed NH absorptions at 3350 and 3320 cm⁻¹. The 13 C-nmr spectrum showed eight methine carbon signals at δ 70.5, 71.6, 74.2, 77.0, 78.8, 82.7, 82.8, and 83.3 ppm indicating the absence of an axis of symmetry. This suggested that the cis-trans fused intermediate (17) coupled with 4 to yield 15 which had a slightly twisted central piperazine ring. Compound (16) showed carbonyl absorption at 1660 cm^{-1} in ir spectrum and twelve carbons in the ¹³C-nmr spectrum. It was assumed to form via the enamine intermediate (18) which was hydrolyzed on work-up to give 16. Heating of 4 in a methanolic KOH solution easily led to 16 in 65 % yield. Compound (4) was treated with KCN in MeOH at 50-60°C to give dicyano compound (19) or alternatively refluxed in MeOH to produce monocyano compound (20). Compound (19) was converted into 20 by refluxing in MeOH. The stereochemistry of 19 was assigned as the cis-trans fused form based on the one half number of carbon atoms in the 13 C-nmr spectrum.

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EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined with a Yanagimoto micro melting point apparatus and are corrected. Ir spectra were recorded with a JASCO IRA-1 grating spectrometer. Nmr spectra were measured with a JEOL spectrometer at 400 MHz for ¹H and at 100 MHz for ¹³C using a JEOL JNM-GX400 spectrometer. Mass spectra were obtained with a JEOL JMS DX303 mass spectrometer. Calculations of AM1 from MOPAC and MM2 were

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performed on the FACOM M-780 computer in Kumamoto University.

5,6-Dibenzotriazov1-4,7,11,14-tetraazaperhydropyrene (4)----To a solution of N.N'-bis(3-aminopropyl)ethylenediamine (1) (100 mmol, 18.3) ml) and benzotriazole (3) (200 mmol, 23.8 g) in EtOH (100 ml) was added slowly glyoxal (2) (40% w/v in water, 200 mmol, 29 ml) under cooling with ice and water. After the addition was over, the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The separated crystals were collected by filtration and washed with ethanol. mp 178-179°C (from EtOH); Yield 36.5 g(80%); ir (KBr) v 1615 (C=C) cm⁻¹; ¹H-nmr (CDCl₃) TMS) δ 1.48-1.51 (2H, m, CHHx2), 1.80-1.90 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.07-2.13 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.24-2.28 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.29-2.32 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.70 (2H, d, CHHx2, J=8.1 Hz), 2.91 (2H, d, CHHx2, J=8.1 Hz), 3.00-3.03 (2H, m, CHHx2), 3.05 (2H, s, CHx2), 5.80 (2H, s, CHx2), 7.34-8.00 (8H, m, Phx2); ${}^{13}C$ -nmr (CDCl_{3'} TMS) δ 23.6 (CCC), 49.5 (CCN), 52.9 (CCN), 54.0 (NCC), 77.8 (NCBt), 81.8 (NCN), 111.3, 120.4, 124.5, 128.0, 131.3, 146.5 (Ph); ms (EI) m/z 456 (M^{+,} 10), 337 (47), 309 (100), 219 (80), 199 (75), 119 (60); Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₈N₁₀: C,63.13; H,6.18; N,30.67. Found: C, 63.27; H,6.40; N, 30.34.

4,7,11,14-Tetraazaperhydropyrene (6)----To a suspended solution of 4 (5 mmol, 2.28 g) in THF (60 ml) was added sodium borohydride (15 ml, 0.60 g) under cooling with ice and water. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 h. Water (20 ml) was added and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. To the resulting residue was added 1 N NaOH (15 ml) and extracted with CH2Cl2 (15 mlx5). The combined extract was dried over MgSO4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (CHCl₃:MeOH=8:1). **6a**: mp 130-131°C; Yield 0.56 q (50%); ¹H-nmr (CDC1₃, TMS) δ 1.51-1.56 (2H, m, CHHx2), 1.90-2.01 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.03-2.10 (4H, m, CHHx4), 2.14 (2H, s, CHx2), 2.39-2.47 (4H, m, CHHx4), 2.63-2.72 (4H, m, CHHx4), 2.85-2.89 (4H, m, CHHx4); ¹³C-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 24.3 (CCC), 52.8 (CCN), 54.2 (NCC), 83.7 (NCN); ms (CI): m/z 223 (M⁺+1, 100); Anal. Calcd for C12H22N4 : C, 64.83; H, 9.97; N, 25.20. Found: C, 64.87; H, 9.95; N, 24.86. **6b**: oil; Yield 0.03 g (3%); ¹H-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 0.91-1.50 (2H, m), 1.73-3.87 (18H, m), 3.00 (2H, s); 13 C-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 19.6 (CCC), 44.8 (CCN), 52.6 (NCC), 54.4 (NCC), 56.1 (CCN), 77.1 (NCN). (lit.¹⁹ δ 19.7 (CCC), 44.9 (CCN), 52.6 (NCC), 54.5 (NCC), 56.1 (CCN), 77.1 (NCN); HRms (EI) m/z Found 222.183. Calcd for $C_{12}H_{22}N_4$ 222.184. 5,6,12,13-Tetrabenzotriazoly1-4,7,11,14-tetraazaperhydropyrene (10)----To a stirred solution of 2, 2'-bis(hexahydropyrimidine) (8) (21.2 mmol,

3.6 g) in EtOH (60 ml) was added benzotriazole (3) (84.7 mmol, 10.2 g) followed by gradual addition of glyoxal (2) (40% w/v in water, 42.4 mmol, 6.14 ml) under cooling with ice and water. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The separated solid was collected by filtration, washed with EtOH, and recrystallized from EtOH. mp 196°C (decomp.); Yield 7.72 g (53%); ir (KBr) v 1620(C=C) cm⁻¹; ms (CI) m/z 689 (M⁺-2, 18), 361 (27), 334 (100), 315 (28). Anal. Calcd for C_{36H34N16}: C;62.60; H,4.96; N;32.44. Found: C,62.93; H,5.08; N, 32.10.

4,11-Dimethyl-4,7,11,14-tetraazaperhydropyrenium diiodide (11)----A solution of **6a** (3 mmol, 0.66 g) and $CH_{3}I$ (30 mmol, 3.6 ml) in $CHCl_{3}$ (30 ml) was stirred for 12 h at 60°C in a sealed cylinder. The separated solid was collected by filtration and recrystallized from EtOH-water. mp 225°C (decomp.); Yield 1.02 g (67%); ¹H-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 2.37-2.40 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.76-2.89 (2H, m, CHHx2), 3.18-3.25 (2H, dt, CHHx2, J=4.0 Hz, 8.4 Hz), 3.54-3.67 (4H, m, CHHx2 and CHHx2), 3.73 (6H, s, CH₃x2), 3.77-3.80 (2H, m, CHHx2), 3.94-4.02 (2H, dt, CHHx2, J=3.7 Hz, 13.2 Hz), 4.11-4.21 (6H, m, CHHx2 and CH₂ x2), 4.63 (2H, s, CHx2); ¹³C-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 20.9 (CCC), 41.3 (NCH₃), 47.8 (CCN), 54.1 (NCC), 61.6(NCC), 67.8 (CCN), 81.9 (NCN); ms (FAB) m/z 251 (M⁺+1, 17), 169 (27), 85 (100); Anal. Calcd for C14H28N4I2: C,33.22; H,5.58; N,11.07. Found: C,32.40; H,5.55; N,10.86.

Piperidino [2,3-e]-4,7,11,14-tetraazaperhydropyrene (13)----To a suspended solution of 4 (5 mmol, 2.28 g) in $CHCl_3$ (60 ml) was gradually added ethylenediamine (12) (5 mmol, 0.33 ml) with stirring at room temperature, then the reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 h. After removal of the CHCl₃, the resulting residue was solidified by treatment with a small amount of $EtOH-i-Pr_2O$. The solid was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (20 ml) and removed unreacted benzotriazole (3) with 1 N NaOH (10 ml). The NaOH solution was saturated with NaCl and was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mlx5). The combined CH₂Cl₂ solution was dried over MgSO₄. Removal of CH_2Cl_2 gave a solid which was recrystallized from $CH_2Cl_2-i-Pr_2O$. mp 245°C; Yield 0.15 g (11%); ir (KBr) V 3220 (NH) cm⁻¹; ¹H-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.57-1.62 (2H, m, CHHx2), 1.67-1.79 (2H, m, CHHx2), 1.80-1.92 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.04-2.14 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.18 (2H, s, NHx2), 2.41 (2H, s, CHx2), 2.44 (2H, d, CHHx2, J=7.6 Hz), 2.62 (2H, s, CHx2), 2.63 (2H, d, CHHx2, J=9.9 Hz), 2.70 (2H, d, CHHx2, J=7.6 Hz), 2.87~2.91 (2H, m, CHHx2), 3.01 (2H, d, CHHx2, J=9.9 Hz), 3.73-3.77 (2H, m, CHHx2); ¹³C-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 24.0 (CCC), 46.8 (NCC), 48.2 (CCN), 53.1 (CCN),

54.6 (NCC), 78.6 (NCN), 82.6 (NCN); ms (CI) m/z 279 (M⁺+1, 100), 195 (20); Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₆N₆: C,60.40; H,9.41; N,30.19. Found: C, 60.17; H,9.41; N,29.91.

Tetrabenzo[de, jk, op, uv]-1,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14-decaazaperhydropentacene (15) and 4,7,11,14-tetraazaperhydropyren-5-one (16)-----A solution of 4 (2 mmol, 0.91 g) in saturated methanolic ammonia (40 ml) was stirred for 12 h at 70°C in a sealed cylinder. After removal of the solvent, the residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (15 ml) and benzotriazole (3) was removed by washing with 1 N NaOH (15 ml). The NaOH solution was back-extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (15 mlx4). The combined extract was dried over MgSO₄. After removal of the CH_2Cl_2 , the residue was purified by a silica-gel column chromatography ($CHCl_3:MeOH=10:1$). The fractions containing 15 was evaporated and the residue was recrystallized from $CH_2Cl_2-i-Pr_2O$.

15: mp 190°C (decomp.); Yield 0.15 g (34%); ir (KBr) v 3320, 3250 (NH) cm^{-1} ; ¹H-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.55-1.61 (4H, m, CHHx4), 1.66-1.75 (4H, m, CHHx2 and NHx2), 1.88 (4H, t, CHHx4, J=12.2 Hz), 1.99-2.07 (4H, m, CHHx4), 2.28-2.35 (3H, m, CHx3), 2.38-2.49 (4H, m, CHx4), 2.60 (2H, d, CHx2, J=6.9 Hz), 2.69-2.71 (6H, m, CHx2 and CHHx4), 2.86-3.08 (6H, m, CHHx5 and CH), 3.18 (1H, d, CH, J=2.3 Hz), 3.59-3.62 (2H, m, CHH and CH), 3.72 (1H, d, CHH, J=10.9 Hz), 3.85 (1H, d, CHH, J=12.2 Hz); 13 C-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 23.9, 24.0, 24.4 (CCC), 47.8, 48.1, 48.5, 48.6, 52.9, 53.6, 53.2, 53.9, 54.3, 54.6 (CCN), 70.5, 71.6, 74.2, 77.0, 78.8, 82.7, 82.8, 83.3 (NCN); ms (FAB) m/z 469 (M⁺+1, 65), 275 (25), 234 (78), 220 (100), 195 (55), 152 (42); Anal. Calcd for $C_{24}H_{42}N_{10}$ H2O: C,58.99; H,9.08; N,28.66. Found: C,59.35; H,8.96; N,28.69. 16: oil; Yield 0.13g (28%); ir (KBr) v 1660 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.64–1.69 (2H, m, CHHx2), 1.75–1.79 (1H, m, CHH), 1.93–1.96 (2H, m, CHH and CHH), 2.08-2.24 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.41-2.52 (3H, m, CHHx3), 2.45 (1H, d, CH, J=6.6 Hz), 2.77-2.95 (5H, m, CHHx5), 2.89 (1H, d, CHH, J=16.5H z), 3.36 (1H, d, CH, J=6.6 Hz), 3.47 (1H, d, CHH, J=16.5 Hz), 4.61-4.66 (1H, m, CHH); 13 C-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 23.3, 23.9 (CCC), 3.96, 52.8, 53.0, 53.1, 53.4 (CCN), 57.5 (NCC=0), 77.8, 81.6 (NCN), 165.6 (C=O); HRms (CI) (M+1): m/z Found 237.1715. Calcd for $C_{12}H_{21}N_4O$ 237.1694; Anal. Calcd for C12H20N4O: C,60.99; H,8.53; N,23.71. Found: C,60.75; H,8.34; N; 23.99.

Compound (16) by treatment of 4 with methanolic NaOH solution----A suspended solution of **4** (2 mmol, 0.91 g) in saturated methanolic NaOH solution (50 ml) was refluxed for 10 h. After removal of MeOH, water

(20 ml) was added to the residue and the resulting product was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 ml x 3). The combined extract was dried over MgSO₄, evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by the same work up mentioned above to give **16** in 65 % yield. The product was identified with the spectral data of **16**.

5,6-Dicyano-4,7,11,14-tetraazaperhydropyrene (19)----A suspended solution of 4 (5 mmol, 2.28 g) and KCN (10 mmol, 0.65 g) in EtOH (60 ml) was refluxed for 12 h. After addition of 1 N NaOH (15 ml) to the reaction mixture, EtOH was evaporated, and the remaining solution was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (15 mlx5). The combined CH_2Cl_2 solution was dried over MgSO4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (CHCl3:MeOH=15:1). mp 116-119°C; Yield 0.76 g (56%); ir (KBr) v 2220, 2180 (CN) cm⁻¹; ¹H-nmr $(CDCl_3, TMS) \delta 1.54-1.59 (2H, m, CHHx2), 1.85-1.98 (2H, m, CHHx2),$ 2.01-2.09 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.40 (2H, d, CHHx2, J=7.9 Hz), 2.43-2.49 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.54 (2H, s, CHx2), 2.64 (2H, d, CHHx2, J=7.9 Hz), 2.76-2.81 (4H, m, CHHx4), 3.92 (2H, s, CHx2); ¹³C-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 23.6 (CCC), 51.4 (CCN), 52.7 (CCN), 53.0 (NCC), 54.9 (NCCN), 79.0 (NCN), 113.6 (CN); ms (EI) m/z 272 (M⁺,68), 195 (42), 112 (38), 97 (100); Anal. Calcd for C14H20N6 H2O: C,57.91; H,7.64; N,28.94. Found: C,57.95; H, 7.43; N.28.97.

5-Cyano-4,7,11,14-tetraaza-1,2,3,4,4a,7,7a,8,9,10,11,12,13,14-tetradecahydropyrene (20)-----The reaction was carried out under reflux for 12 h by the method described above. The residue was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂-*i*-Pr₂O. mp 143-144°C; Yield 0.77 g (63%); ir (KBr) V 2200 (CN), 1640 (C=C) cm⁻¹; ¹H-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.59-1.70 (2H, m, CHHx2), 1.85-1.96 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.11-2.22 (2H, m, CHHx2), 2.43-2.57 (3H, m, CHHx3), 2.72 (1H, d, CH, J=5.9 Hz), 2.74-2.97 (5H, m, CHHx1 and CHHx4), 3.01 (1H, d, CH, J=5.9 Hz), 3.22-3.26 (1H, m, CHH), 3.53-3.58 (1H, m, CHH), 6.00 (1H, s, CH); ¹³C-nmr (CDCl₃, TMS) δ 24.0, 24.1 (CCC), 49.2, 50.0 (CCN), 51.9, 52.3 (CCN), 53.2, 53.7 (NCC), 75.6, 77.7 (NCN), 98.1 (NCCN), 117.4 (CN), 130.1 (NC=); ms (CI) m/z 245 (M⁺+1, 100), 217 (11); Anal. Calcd for Cl₃H19N5: C, 63.65; H,7.81; N,28.55. Found: C, 63.77; H, 7.89; N,28.43.

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