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Mn(III)-Based Oxidative Cyclization of *N*-Aryl-2-oxocycloalkane-1-carboxamides: Synthesis of Spiroindolinones

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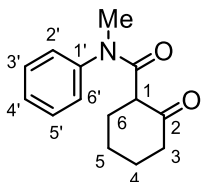
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Preparation of *N*-aryl-2-oxocycloalkane-1-carboxamides **1a-y**, spectroscopic data of **1a-y**, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of the 2-oxocycloalkane-1-carboxamides **1a-y**, the product spiroindolinones **2a-y**, the alcohols **3** and **4**, the Baeyer-Villiger product **5**, and the hydrazones **6a-c**.

Preparation of Materials

A mixture of *N*-methylaniline (0.650 mL) and ethyl 2-oxocyclohexane-1-carboxylate (0.170 g) was heated under reflux for 24 h, then the crude products were separated by silica gel column chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane/acetone (2:7:1 v/v), giving *N*-methyl-2-oxo-*N*-phenylcyclohexane-1-carboxamide (**1a**) (0.126 g; 54% yield). The other *N*-alkyl-2-oxocycloalkane-1-carboxamides **1b-y** were prepared according to a procedure similar to that already described.

N-Methyl-2-oxo-*N*-phenylcyclohexanecarboxamide (**1a**)



Yield (54%); $R_f = 0.25$ (2:7:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 59-61 °C.

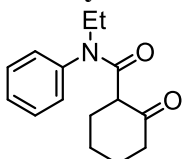
IR (neat): $\nu = 1709$ (-C=O), 1690 (-N-C=O).

^1H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 7.40-7.33 (3H, m, arom H), 7.17 (2H, dd, $J = 8.5, 1.4$ Hz, arom H), 3.31 (3H, s, =N-Me), 3.23 (1H, dd, $J = 11.6, 5.8$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.41 (1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.19 (1H, dq, $J = 12.4, 3.8$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.04-1.98 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.95-1.88 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.77-1.68 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 1.51-1.41 (1H, m, *H*-CH).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 207.2 (C=O), 169.4 (-N-C=O), 143.4 (C-1'), 129.6 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 127.9 (C-4'), 126.9 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 54.9 (C-1), 41.3 (CH_2), 37.1 (=N-Me), 30.2, 26.6, 23.4 (CH_2).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ 232.1338 (M+H); found 232.1332.

N-Ethyl-2-oxo-*N*-phenylcyclohexanecarboxamide (**1b**)



Yield (45%); $R_f = 0.24$ (2:7:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 63-65 °C.

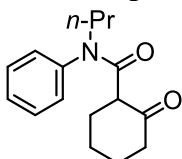
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^1H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 7.41-7.34 (3H, m, arom H), 7.16 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, arom H), 3.88-3.81 (1H, m, *H*-CH- CH_3), 3.75-3.68 (1H, m, *H*-CH- CH_3), 3.16 (1H, dd, $J = 11.5, 6.5$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.39 (1H, d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.17 (1H, q, $J = 14.0$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.03-1.96 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.94-1.87 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.74-1.67 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 1.50-1.42 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 1.14 (3H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, - CH_2 - CH_3).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 207.1 (C=O), 168.8 (-N-C=O), 141.8 (C-1'), 129.4 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 128.1 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 128.0 (C-4'), 55.2 (C-1), 43.9 (- CH_2 - CH_3), 41.4, 30.1, 26.6, 23.4 (CH_2), 12.8 (- CH_2 - CH_3).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ 246.1494 (M+H); found 246.1488.

2-Oxo-*N*-phenyl-*N*-*n*-propylcyclohexanecarboxamide (**1c**)



Yield (55%); $R_f = 0.30$ (2:7:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone);

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 90-92 °C.

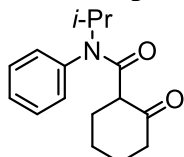
IR (neat): $\nu = 1713$ (-C=O), 1655 (-N-C=O).

^1H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 7.40-7.33 (3H, m, arom H), 7.15 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, arom H), 3.83-3.78 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 3.61-3.55 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 3.14 (1H, dd, $J = 11.5, 6.0$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.39 (1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.17 (1H, q, $J = 12.6$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.01-1.95 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.93-1.86 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.75-1.67 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 1.59-1.51 (2H, m, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 1.48-1.41 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 0.92 (3H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 207.4 (C=O), 169.2 (-N-C=O), 142.3 (C-1'), 129.6 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 128.2 (C-4'), 128.1 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 55.5 (C-1), 50.8 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 41.6, 30.4, 26.8, 23.7 (CH_2), 21.0 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 11.2 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$).

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$: C, 74.10; H, 8.16; N, 5.40. Found: C, 74.07; H, 8.41; N, 5.36.

2-Oxo-*N*-phenyl-*N*-*i*-propylcyclohexanecarboxamide (1d)



Yield (84%); $R_f = 0.27$ (2:7:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 114-116 °C.

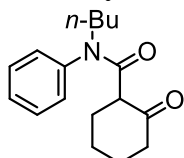
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^1H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 7.44-7.34 (3H, m, arom H), 7.12 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, arom H), 7.07 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, arom H), 5.07 (1H, m, $J = 6.5$ Hz, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 3.06 (1H, dd, $J = 12.0, 5.5$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.36 (1H, d, $J = 12.5$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.16 (1H, q, $J = 12.3$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.02-1.98 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 1.93-1.85 (3H, m, $H\text{-CH-CH}_2$), 1.73-1.66 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 1.47-1.39 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 1.10 (3H, d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.04 (3H, d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 207.3 (C=O), 168.7 (-N-C=O), 138.1 (C-1'), 130.3, 129.8, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3 (arom C), 55.9 (C-1), 45.9 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 41.5, 30.2, 26.8, 23.6 (CH_2), 20.9 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 20.8 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$).

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$: C, 74.10; H, 8.16; N, 5.40. Found: C, 74.01; H, 8.43; N, 5.42.

N-Butyl-2-oxo-*N*-phenylcyclohexanecarboxamide (1e)



Yield (83%); $R_f = 0.30$ (2:7:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Orange oil.

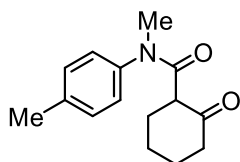
IR (CHCl_3): $\nu = 1713$ (C=O), 1655 (-N-C=O).

^1H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 7.41-7.34 (3H, m, arom H), 7.15 (2H, d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, arom H), 3.88-3.82 (1H, m, $J = 6.5$ Hz, $H\text{-CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 3.64-3.58 (1H, m, $J = 6.5$ Hz, $H\text{-CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 3.15 (1H, dd, $J = 11.5, 5.0$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.39 (1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.18 (1H, q, $J = 12.8$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.03-1.96 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.94-1.87 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.74-1.67 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 1.56-1.44 (3H, m, $H\text{-CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 1.39-1.32 (2H, m, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 0.90 (3H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 207.3 (C=O), 169.1 (-N-C=O), 142.1 (C-1'), 129.5 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 128.1 (C-4'), 128.0 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 55.3 (C-1), 45.9 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 41.5, 30.2 (CH_2), 29.7 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 26.7, 23.5 (CH_2), 19.8 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 13.7 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2$ 274.1807 (M+H); found 274.1805.

N-(4-Methylphenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxamide (1f)



Yield (73%); R_f = 0.31 (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Orange oil.

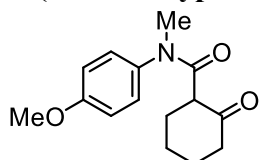
IR (CHCl₃): ν = 1709 (-C=O), 1651 (-N-C=O).

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.17 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, arom H), 7.04 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, arom H), 3.28 (3H, s, =N-Me), 3.25 (1H, dd, J = 11.5, 6.0 Hz, *H*-CH), 2.41 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz, *H*-CH), 2.37 (3H, s, Me), 2.17 (1H, q, J = 12.0 Hz, *H*-CH), 2.03-1.97 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.94-1.86 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.77-1.68 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 1.51-1.42 (1H, m, *H*-CH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.4 (C=O), 169.7 (-N-C=O), 141.1 (C-1'), 138.0 (C-4'), 130.4 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 126.9 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 55.1 (C-1), 41.6 (CH₂), 37.4 (=N-Me), 30.4, 26.8, 23.7 (CH₂), 21.1 (Me).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NO₂ 246.1494 (M+H); found 246.1494.

***N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxamide (1g)**



Yield (71%); R_f = 0.26 (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Yellow oil.

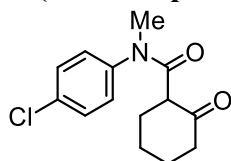
IR (CHCl₃): ν = 1709 (-C=O), 1651 (-N-C=O).

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.09 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, arom H), 6.88 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, arom H), 3.82 (3H, s, MeO), 3.27 (3H, s, =N-Me), 3.24 (1H, dd, J = 12.0, 6.5 Hz, *H*-CH), 2.41 (1H, d, J = 13.5 Hz, *H*-CH), 2.17 (1H, q, J = 12.7 Hz, *H*-CH), 2.04-1.97 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.95-1.87 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.77-1.68 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 1.50-1.43 (1H, m, *H*-CH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.2 (C=O), 169.6 (-N-C=O), 158.8 (C-4'), 136.1 (C-1'), 128.0 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 114.5 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 55.2 (MeO), 54.8 (C-1), 41.4 (CH₂), 37.2 (=N-Me), 30.1, 26.5, 23.4 (CH₂).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NO₃ 262.1443 (M+H); found 262.1494.

***N*-(4-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxamide (1h)**



Yield (38%); R_f = 0.30 (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Yellow oil.

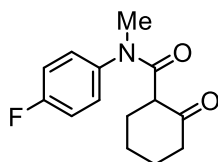
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¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, arom H), 7.13 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, arom H), 3.28 (3H, s, =N-Me), 3.20 (1H, dd, J = 12.5, 6.0 Hz, *H*-CH), 2.42 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz, *H*-CH), 2.19 (1H, q, J = 12.7 Hz, *H*-CH), 2.05-1.99 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.97-1.89 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.77-1.69 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 1.51-1.44 (1H, m, *H*-CH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.1 (C=O), 169.2 (-N-C=O), 141.8 (C-1'), 133.6 (C-4'), 129.7 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 128.4 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 54.9 (C-1), 41.3 (CH₂), 37.1 (=N-Me), 30.1, 26.4, 23.3 (CH₂).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₄H₁₇ClNO₂ 266.0948 (M+H); found 266.0941.

***N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxamide (1i)**



Yield (54%); $R_f = 0.28$ (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Yellow oil.

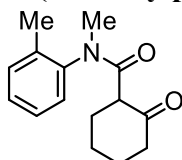
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¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃) (1:1 rotamer mixture): δ 7.21 and 7.19 (2H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, arom H), 7.11 and 7.09 (2H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, arom H), 3.29 (3H, s, =N-Me), 3.24 (1H, dd, $J = 11.9, 5.9$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.41 (1H, dt, $J = 13.7, 3.6$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.18 (1H, dd, $J = 13.5, 3.7$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.09-2.02 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.00-1.89 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.77-1.68 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 1.56-1.47 (1H, m, *H*-CH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.0 (C=O), 169.2 (-N-C=O), 161.4 (d, $J = 247$ Hz, C-4'), 139.3 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, C-1'), 128.7 (2C) (d, $J = 9$ Hz, C-2' and 6'), 116.3 (2C) (d, $J = 9$ Hz, C-3'5'), 54.8 (C-1), 41.3 (CH₂), 37.1 (=N-Me), 30.0, 26.4, 23.3 (CH₂).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₄H₁₇FNO₂ 250.1243 (M+H); found 250.1238.

***N*-(2-Methylphenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxamide (1j)**



Yield (62%); $R_f = 0.26$ (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 73-75 °C.

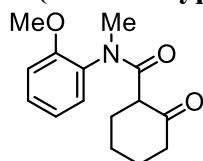
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¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃) (1:2 rotamer mixture): δ 7.29-7.03 (5H, m, arom H), 3.23 and 3.21 (3H, s, =N-Me), 3.16 and 2.99 (1H, dd, $J = 12.0, 5.7$ Hz, H-1), 2.54 and 2.37 (1H, dt, $J = 14.5, 5.3$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.33-2.05 (2H, m, *H*-CH), 2.26 and 2.20 (3H, s, Me), 2.03-1.66 (3H, m), 1.51-1.41 (1H, m).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) (1:2 rotamer mixture): δ 206.9 and 206.8 (C=O), 170.0, 169.5 (-N-C=O), 141.9 (C-1'), 136.2 and 134.8 (C-2'), 131.7 and 131.0, 128.4 and 128.3, 127.9 and 127.5, 127.3 and 127.1 (arom C), 55.1 and 54.0 (C-1), 41.4 and 41.2 (CH₂), 35.7 and 35.6 (=N-Me), 30.3 and 30.2, 26.6 and 26.1, 23.6 and 22.8 (CH₂), 17.2 and 17.1 (Me).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NO₂ 246.1494 (M+H); found 246.1503.

***N*-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxamide (1k)**



Yield (30%); $R_f = 0.30$ (2:7:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 98-100 °C.

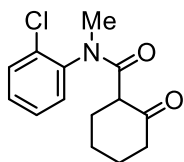
IR (neat): $\nu = 1709$ (-C=O), 1651 (-N-C=O).

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33-7.30 (1H, m, arom H), 7.17 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, arom H), 6.97-6.90 (2H, m, arom H), 3.84 (3H, s, MeO), 3.21 (3H, s, =N-Me), 3.09 (1H, dd, $J = 11.5, 5.5$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.40 (1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.21-2.14 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 2.02-1.93 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.89-1.87 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.76-1.71 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 1.50-1.44 (1H, m, *H*-CH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.5 (C=O), 170.1 (-N-C=O), 154.8 (C-2'), 131.9 (C-1'), 129.5, 129.3, 121.1, 111.6 (arom C), 55.5 (C-1), 55.1 (MeO), 41.6 (CH₂), 36.0 (=N-Me), 30.3, 26.8, 23.7 (CH₂).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NO₃ 262.1443 (M+H); found 262.1424.

***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxamide (1l)**



Yield (82%); $R_f = 0.38$ (2:7:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 104-106 °C.

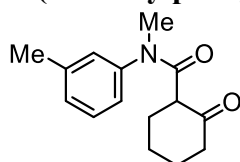
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$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 7.50 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, arom H), 7.35-7.28 (3H, m, arom H), 3.24 (3H, s, =N-Me), 2.98 (1H, dd, $J = 11.5, 5.5$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.39-2.35 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.26-2.17 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.11-2.07 (1H, m, CH_2), 1.98-1.91 (3H, m, CH_2), 1.75-1.70 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 1.53-1.45 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 207.1 (C=O), 169.5 (-N-C=O), 140.6 (C-1'), 132.7 (C-2'), 130.3, 130.1, 129.7, 128.3 (arom C), 55.4 (C-1), 41.6 (CH_2), 35.8 (=N-Me), 30.3, 26.7, 23.7 (CH_2).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNO}_2$ 266.0948 (M+H); found 266.0945.

***N*-(3-Methylphenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxamide (1m)**



Yield (52%); $R_f = 0.25$ (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Yellow oil.

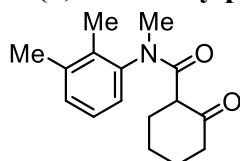
IR (CHCl_3): $\nu = 1709$ (-C=O), 1653 (-N-C=O).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 7.27-7.24 (1H, m, arom H), 7.14 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, arom H), 6.96 (2H, d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, arom H), 3.29 (3H, s, =N-Me), 3.24 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 5.5$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.43 (1H, d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.35 (3H, s, Me), 2.18 (1H, q, $J = 12.7$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.03-1.97 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.94-1.87 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.78-1.69 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 1.51-1.43 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 207.4 (C=O), 169.5 (-N-C=O), 143.5 (C-1'), 139.8 (C-4'), 129.4, 128.7, 127.5, 123.9 (arom C), 55.0 (C-1), 41.5 (CH_2), 37.2 (=N-Me), 30.3, 26.7, 23.5 (CH_2), 21.1 (Me).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ 246.1494 (M+H); found 246.1484.

***N*-(2,3-Dimethylphenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxamide (1n)**



Yield (39%); $R_f = 0.34$ (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

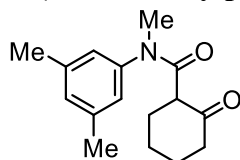
Yellow oil.

IR (CHCl_3): $\nu = 1709$ (-C=O), 1651 (-N-C=O).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 Hz, CDCl_3) (2:3 rotamer mixture): δ 7.17 and 7.16 (1H, d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, arom H), 7.13 and 7.07 (1H, t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, arom H), 6.99 and 6.91 (1H, d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, arom H), 3.21 and 3.19 (3H, s, =N-Me), 3.19 and 3.04 (1H, dd, $J = 12.0, 5.7$ Hz, H-1), 2.52 and 2.37 (1H, dt, $J = 14.2, 5.7$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.29-2.15 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.34 and 2.31 (3H, s, Me), 2.12 and 2.11 (3H, s, Me), 2.03-1.66 (4H, m, CH_2), 1.53-1.46 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) (2:3 rotamer mixture): δ 206.8 (C=O), 170.0 and 169.6 (-N-C=O), 141.9 (C-1'), 139.0 and 138.3 (C-3'), 134.7 and 133.3 (C-2'), 129.7 and 129.6, 126.5 and 126.3, 125.3 and 124.9 (arom C), 54.9 and 54.0 (C-1), 41.3 and 41.2 (CH_2), 36.0 and 35.9 (=N-Me), 30.2 and 30.1, 26.5 and 26.1, 23.5 and 22.8 (CH_2), 20.2 (Me-C-2'), 13.7 and 13.5 (Me-C-3').

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$ 260.1651 (M+H); found 260.1640.

***N*-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxamide (1o)**

Yield (82%); $R_f = 0.31$ (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

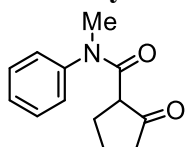
Orange oil.

IR (CHCl₃): $\nu = 1713$ (-C=O), 1651 (-N-C=O).

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 6.96 (1H, s, arom H), 6.77 (2H, s, arom H), 3.28-3.25 (4H, m, =N-Me and *H*-CH), 2.44 (1H, d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.30 (6H, s, Me), 2.18 (1H, q, $J = 12.5$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.06-1.99 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.95-1.87 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.78-1.70 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 1.52-1.44 (1H, m, *H*-CH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.5 (C=O), 169.6 (-N-C=O), 143.6 (C-1'), 139.5 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 129.7 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 124.5 (C-4'), 55.1 (C-1), 41.5 (CH₂), 37.3 (=N-Me), 30.4, 26.8, 23.6 (CH₂), 21.1 (2C, Me).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂ 260.1651 (M+H); found 260.1646.

***N*-Methyl-2-oxo-*N*-phenylcyclopentanecarboxamide (1p)**

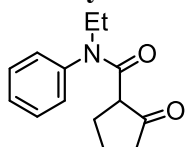
Yield (87%); $R_f = 0.25$ (2:7:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 59-61 °C.

IR (neat): $\nu = 1744$ (-C=O), 1643 (-N-C=O).

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 (2H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, arom H), 7.37-7.33 (3H, m, arom H), 3.31 (3H, s, =N-Me), 3.11 (1H, t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.43-2.35 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 2.32-2.18 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.14-2.07 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.71-1.61 (1H, m, *H*-CH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 214.8 (C=O), 169.9 (-N-C=O), 143.7 (C-1'), 129.8 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 128.0 (C-4'), 127.5 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 52.6 (C-1), 38.4 (CH₂), 37.5 (=N-Me), 28.3, 21.0 (CH₂).

***N*-Ethyl-2-oxo-*N*-phenylcyclopentanecarboxamide (1q)**

Yield (78%); $R_f = 0.24$ (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 60-62 °C.

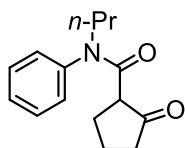
IR (neat): $\nu = 1740$ (-C=O), 1643 (-N-C=O).

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 (2H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, arom H), 7.38-7.28 (3H, m, arom H), 3.89-3.82 (1H, m, *H*-CH-CH₃), 3.75-3.68 (1H, m, *H*-CH-CH₃), 3.01 (1H, t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.42-2.34 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 2.30-2.14 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.11-2.06 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.69-1.61 (1H, m, *H*-CH), 1.13 (3H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, -CH₂-CH₃).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 214.5 (C=O), 169.1 (-N-C=O), 141.8 (C-1'), 129.5 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 128.4 (C-4'), 127.9 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 52.7 (C-1), 44.1 (-CH₂-CH₃), 38.2, 28.1, 20.8 (CH₂), 12.8 (-CH₂-CH₃).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₄H₁₈NO₂ 232.1338 (M+H); found 232.1338.

2-Oxo-*N*-phenyl-*N*-*n*-propylcyclopentanecarboxamide (1r)



Yield (83%); $R_f = 0.32$ (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 81-83 °C.

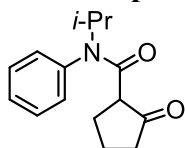
IR (neat): $\nu = 1736$ (-C=O), 1636 (-N-C=O).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 7.42 (2H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, arom H), 7.37-7.28 (3H, m, arom H), 3.85-3.79 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 3.59-3.54 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 3.02 (1H, t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.42-2.34 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.30-2.16 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.14-2.05 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.69-1.61 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 1.57-1.50 (2H, m, $J = 7.2$ Hz, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 0.90 (3H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 214.8 (C=O), 169.6 (-N-C=O), 142.3 (C-1'), 129.6 (2C-) (C2' and 6'), 128.6 (C-4'), 128.0 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 52.8 (C-1), 50.9 ($\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 38.4, 28.2, 21.0 (CH_2), 20.8 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 11.1 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$).

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$: C, 73.44; H, 7.81; N, 5.71. Found: C, 73.25; H, 8.02; N, 5.68.

2-Oxo-N-phenyl-N-*i*-propylcyclopentanecarboxamide (1s)



Yield (44%); $R_f = 0.28$ (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 109-111 °C.

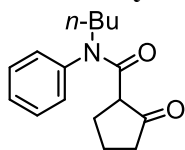
IR (neat): $\nu = 1738$ (-C=O), 1638 (-N-C=O).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 7.42-7.39 (4H, m, arom H), 7.05 (1H, d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, arom H), 5.01 (1H, m, $J = 6.8$ Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.83 (1H, t, $J = 9.3$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.40-2.32 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.28-2.12 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.08-2.01 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.66-1.58 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 1.09 (3H, t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.05 (3H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 214.8 (C=O), 169.3 (-N-C=O), 138.3 (C-1'), 131.3, 129.9, 128.9, 128.4 (arom C), 53.5 (C-1), 46.4 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 38.4, 28.2 (CH_2), 21.1 (2C, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 20.9 (CH_2).

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$: C, 73.44; H, 7.81; N, 5.71. Found: C, 73.27; H, 8.05; N, 5.70.

N-*n*-Butyl-2-oxo-N-phenylcyclopentanecarboxamide (1t)



Yield (55%); $R_f = 0.33$ (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Colorless microcrystals (from EtOH-hexane): mp 89-91 °C.

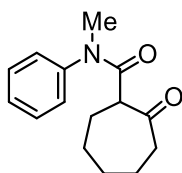
IR (neat): $\nu = 1742$ (-C=O), 1638 (-N-C=O).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 7.42 (2H, t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, arom H), 7.37-7.27 (3H, m, arom H), 3.87-3.82 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 3.62-3.57 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 3.01 (1H, t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.42-2.34 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 2.30-2.15 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.14-2.04 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.69-1.59 (1H, m, $H\text{-CH}$), 1.54-1.45 (2H, m, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 1.38-1.28 (2H, m, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 0.89 (3H, t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 214.8 (C=O), 169.5 (-N-C=O), 142.3 (C-1'), 129.6 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 128.5 (C-4'), 128.0 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 52.8 (C-1), 49.2 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 38.5 (CH_2), 29.7 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 28.3, 21.0 (CH_2), 19.9 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 13.8 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$).

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$: C, 74.10; H, 8.16; N, 5.40. Found: C, 74.04; H, 8.45; N, 5.40.

N-Methyl-2-oxo-N-phenylcycloheptanecarboxamide (1u)



Yield (82%); R_f = 0.28 (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Yellow oil.

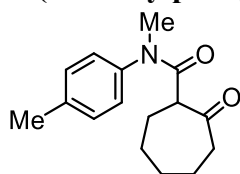
IR (CHCl₃): ν = 1703 (-C=O), 1645 (-N-C=O).

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 (2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.36 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.21 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, arom H), 3.47 (1H, dd, J = 10.5, 3.5 Hz, H -C-1), 3.27 (3H, s, =N-Me), 2.57 (1H, t, J = 13.3 Hz, H -CH), 2.13-2.08 (1H, m, H -CH), 2.01-1.95 (1H, m, H -CH), 1.92-1.84 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.82-1.76 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.35-1.12 (3H, m, CH₂-CH₂).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.7 (C=O), 170.4 (-N-C=O), 143.4 (C-1'), 129.8 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 128.1 (C-4'), 127.9 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 56.5 (C-1), 43.2 (CH₂), 37.4 (=N-Me), 29.5, 28.5, 28.3, 24.5 (CH₂).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂ 246.1494 (M+H); found 246.1488.

***N*-(4-Methylphenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxamide (1v)**



Yield (39%); R_f = 0.35 (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Yellow oil.

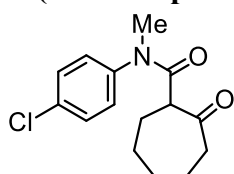
IR (CHCl₃): ν = 1703 (-C=O), 1645 (-N-C=O).

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.22 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, arom H), 7.09 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, arom H), 3.49 (1H, q, J = 11.0, 4.0 Hz, H -C-1), 3.24 (3H, s, =N-Me), 2.57 (1H, t, J = 13.0 Hz, H -CH), 2.39 (3H, s, Me), 2.16-2.11 (1H, m, H -CH), 2.00-1.95 (1H, m, H -CH), 1.93-1.84 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.82-1.77 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.33-1.14 (3H, m, CH₂-CH₂).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.6 (C=O), 170.4 (-N-C=O), 140.6 (C-1'), 137.8 (C-4'), 130.1 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 127.3 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 56.2 (C-1), 43.0 (CH₂), 37.2 (=N-Me), 29.3, 28.3, 28.1, 24.3 (CH₂), 20.9 (Me).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂ 260.1651 (M+H); found 260.1651.

***N*-(4-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxamide (1w)**



Yield (31%); R_f = 0.30 (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Yellow oil.

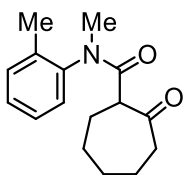
IR (neat): ν = 1703 (-C=O), 1651 (-N-C=O).

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, arom H), 7.19 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, arom H), 3.44 (1H, dd, J = 10.5, 4.0 Hz, H -C-1), 3.25 (3H, s, =N-Me), 2.62 (1H, t, J = 13.0 Hz, H -CH), 2.22-2.18 (1H, m, H -CH), 1.96-1.88 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.82-1.78 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.37-1.15 (4H, m, CH₂-CH₂).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.3 (C=O), 170.0 (-N-C=O), 141.7 (C-1'), 133.6 (C-4'), 129.7 (2C) (C-2' and 6'), 129.1 (2C) (C-3' and 5'), 56.3 (C-1), 43.0 (CH₂), 37.2 (=N-Me), 29.4, 28.2, 28.0, 24.4 (CH₂).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₅H₁₉ClNO₂ 280.1104 (M+H); found 280.1101.

***N*-(2-Methylphenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxamide (1x)**



Yield (45%); $R_f = 0.34$ (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Yellow oil.

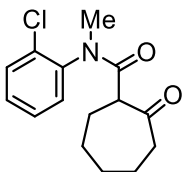
IR (CHCl₃): $\nu = 1705$ (-C=O), 1645 (-N-C=O).

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃) (1:1 rotamer mixture): δ 7.24-7.14 (6H, m, arom H), 7.07 (1H, d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, arom H), 7.01 (3H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, arom H), 3.19-3.16 (2H, m), 3.12 (3H, s, =N-Me), 3.09 (3H, s, =N-Me), 2.63 (1H, m, $J = 12.5, 3.5$ Hz), 2.42 (1H, m, $J = 15.0, 12.0, 3.0$ Hz), 2.21 (3H, s, Me), 2.15 (3H, s, Me), 2.08-2.04 (1H, m), 2.02-1.97 (1H, m), 1.94-1.62 (10H, m), 1.31-1.08 (5H, m), 0.98 (1H, q, $J = 12.5$ Hz).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) (1:1 rotamer mixture): δ 210.3, 210.1 (C=O), 170.8, 170.4 (-N-C=O), 141.7 (C-1'), 136.6, 135.1 (C-2'), 131.8, 131.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 127.0 (arom C), 56.7, 56.3 (C-1), 43.0 (CH₂), 35.9, 35.7 (=N-Me), 35.9, 35.7, 29.6, 29.3, 28.6, 28.4, 28.3, 27.9, 25.0, 24.2 (CH₂), 17.4, 17.3 (Me).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂ 260.1651 (M+H); found 260.1649.

***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxamide (1y)**



Yield (42%); $R_f = 0.35$ (1:8:1 AcOEt-hexane-acetone).

Yellow oil.

IR (CHCl₃): $\nu = 1705$ (-C=O), 1651 (-N-C=O).

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, arom H), 7.38-7.34 (3H, m, arom H), 3.25 (1H, q, $J = 10.0, 4.0$ Hz, *H*-C-1), 3.21 (3H, s, =N-Me), 2.55 (1H, t, $J = 12.8$ Hz, *H*-CH), 2.13-2.03 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.95-1.86 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.80-1.74 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.37-1.18 (3H, m, CH₂-CH₂).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.2 (C=O), 170.0 (-N-C=O), 140.2 (C-1'), 132.6, 130.9, 130.2, 129.7, 128.1 (arom C), 56.6 (C-1), 42.9 (CH₂), 35.7 (=N-Me), 29.3, 28.1, 28.1, 24.3 (CH₂).

FAB HRMS (acetone-NBA): calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂ 280.1104 (M+H); found 280.1105.

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