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1 Editorial Policy

1.1 SYNTHESIS is an international journal devoted to the advancement of the science of synthetic chemistry. The journal publishes reviews and papers concerning synthesis in the broadest context of organic chemistry, including organometallic and organoheteroatom chemistry, photochemistry, medicinal and biological chemistry, natural products, organic polymers, and materials. Advances in mechanism, spectroscopy, and separation science that have a significant impact on synthetic chemistry are also part of the purview of SYNTHESIS.

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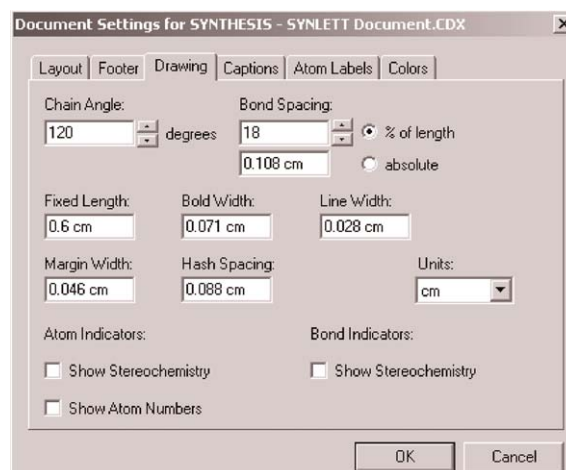
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Mp 241–234 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +25.4$ (c 1.00, CHCl_3); $R_f = 0.3$ (hexanes–EtOAc, 5:1).

IR (KBr): 3245, 3120, 1720, 1690, 1535, 1460 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.44$ (s, 3 H, CH_3), 2.79 (s, 3 H, COCH_3), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1 H, H-7), 7.51 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1 H, H-8), 7.85 (s, 1 H, H-5), 17.75 (s, 1 H, OH).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): $\delta = 8.9, 30.3, 51.9, 66.2, 169.6, 178.8$.

^{31}P NMR and other NMR nuclei.

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HRMS–FAB: m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{S}$: 475.529; found: 475.256.

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