

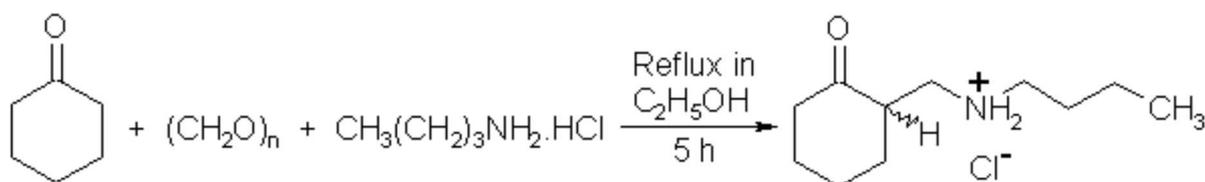
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(*R,S*)-*N*-[(2-Oxocyclohexyl)methyl]-1-butanaminium Chloride

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The Mannich bases of cyclohexanone with benzylamine and 3,4-methylenedioxybenzylamine hydrochlorides have been prepared in moderate yields using aqueous formaldehyde solution [1]. We report now the synthesis of an analogous product from *n*-butylamine. A mixture of cyclohexanone (2.00 g, 0.02 mol), paraformaldehyde (1.20 g, 0.04 mol) and *n*-butylamine hydrochloride (2.22 g, 0.02 mol) was refluxed under stirring in anhydrous ethanol (15 mL) for 5 h (TLC monitoring). The reaction mixture gradually turned into a solution. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the residue was triturated with ice-cooled acetone (20 mL). The separated crystals were filtered, washed with cold acetone, recrystallized from *n*-butanol and air-dried. Yield: 2.85 g (61 %) of the title compound as colorless crystals.

TLC homogeneous product (TLC: silica gel Merck GF₂₅₄ Al-sheets, eluted by chloroform-ethanol 3:1).

Mp. 139-140 °C (*n*-butanol).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, d₆-DMSO): 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, CH₃), 1.22-1.41 (m, 3H), 1.47-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.70-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.95-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.32 (m, 2H), 2.36-2.49 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.83 (dd, *J*₁ » *J*₂ » 6 Hz, 2H, COCHCH₂N), 2.97 [sextet, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H, COCH(CH₂)₂], 3.10-3.20 (m, 1H), 9.0 (br. s, N⁺H₂).

FT IR (fluorolube): 3050-3400, 2942, 2937, 2747, 2566, 2458, 1713 (C=O), 1622, 1588, 1478, 1460, 1445, 1390, 1345.

EI MS [70 eV; *m/z* (%): 184 (2; MH⁺), 183 (9; M⁺), 140 (53), 86 (100), 44 (64), 30 (45);
FAB MS [glycerol; *m/z* (%): 403 (17; M+2 glycerol+HCl), 367 (1; 2M+H⁺), 276 (4; 2M+H⁺), 184 (100; MH⁺ = C₁₁H₂₂NO⁺), 140 (2), 86 (27), 44 (3).

Anal. calcd. for C₁₁H₂₂NOCl (219.76): C 60.12, H 10.09, N 6.37, Cl 16.13; found C 60.04, H 9.99, N 6.33, Cl 16.43.

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