# Reactions of 2-Amino-1,4-Naphthoquinone with Aldehydes.

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**Abstract**: reactions between 2-amino-1,4-naphthoquinone with aldehyeds give 2-( N-alkenyl) amino-1,4-naphthoquinone (7) under neutral conditions while they give substituted 1H-2,4-dihydronaphtho[2,3-d]1,3-oxazine-5,10-diones (8) using catalytic amount of triflouroacetic acid.

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#### Introduction:

The reactions of 2-amino-1,4-naphthoquinone as nucleophiles have received little attention due to the poor nucleophilicity of the amino group which is considered to have an "amide like" character.<sup>1,2</sup> For instance, intramolecular **N**-acylation of some aminoquinones has required their prior reduction to the more basic amino-naphthohydroquinone derivatives.<sup>3,4</sup> Lately, 2-amino-1,4-naphthoquinone has been shown to have some reactivity with some electrophiles such as  $\beta$ -dielectophiles,<sup>2</sup> methyleniminium salts.<sup>5</sup> In these reactions, the N-alkylation was found to be the principal product. We wish to report here, the reactions of 2-amino-1,4-naphthoquinone with aldehydes and the conditions that lead to **N** versus **C** alkylations.

#### **Results and Discussion**

Scheme 1 shows that 2-amino-1,4-naphthoquinone, **1**, is in resonance with structure **2**. Therefore, there are two nucleophilic sites present in the molecule, **N** of the amino group and C-3. Both **1** and **2** can direct an incoming electrophile to their nucleophilic sites and thus, can lead to the corresponding alkylated products **3** and **4**, respectively.

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The following examples illustrate the above reaction scheme. Formaldehyde reacts with aminoquinone **1** in  $CHCl_3$  at room temperature and gives exclusively **N**-(hydroxymethyl) aminoquinone **5** in 64% yield(Scheme 2). There is no observed product corresponding to nucleophilic substitution at C-3 (compound **6**). This means that **1** did not act as enamine compound and the reaction followed path "a" in scheme 1.





Möhrle and Herbrüggen<sup>5</sup> have shown that aminoquinone 1, reacts with methyliminium salts to give Naminomethyl compound, 3, under kinetic control. Compound 3 subsequently generates the thermodynamically stable C- Mannich product 4. We have not observed such equilibration. Product 5 is found to be stable under neutral conditions even after refluxing it in CHCl<sub>3</sub> for 2 days and product 6 was not observed.

In a similar fashion, aminoquinone 1, reacts with other aldehydes under neutral conditions to give N-( alkenyl) aminoquinones 7a-d in 47-56 % yield ( scheme 3). The reaction followed path "a" mechanism (scheme 1) to produce N alkylated products which on subsequent elimination of water afforded 7. Dean Stark apparatus was used in these experiments in order to remove water and drive the reaction to completion. It is expected that product 7 (a-c) can exist as an E or a Z isomer. This expectation is confirmed by proton NMR, which showed that product 7(a-c) is a mixture of these isomers. The ratio of the E : Z isomers is determined by the olefinic protons coupling constant ;14 Hz for the E isomer and 7 Hz for the Z isomer. Scheme 2 shows that the E isomer predominates.



On the other hand, using catalytic amount of triflouroacetic acid, aminoquinone1 reacts with aldehydes at room temperature to produce substituted 1H-2,4-dihydronaphtho[2,3-d]1,3-oxazine-5,10-diones 8 and 9 in 54-70 % yield (scheme 4). Except for diastereomers 8e and 9e, which were separated by flash chromatography, all other 8 and 9 diastereomers were inseparable. The ratio of the cis (8) to trans (9) isomers in each of the mixture was determined by integration of the non-overlapping peaks in the proton NMR spectra. The reaction is stereospecific ; the cis stereoisomer is the predominant isomer in each case.



<u>compound</u>	<u>R</u>		<u>% Yield</u>	<u>8:9</u>	
a		Н	66		
b		CH <sub>3</sub>	67		90:10
c		$C_2H_5$	70		96:4
d		$n-C_3H_7$	64		94:6
e		$i-C_3H_7$	54		74:26
f		$C_4H_9$	57		89 :11

Scheme 4

The stereochemical assignment of **8b** was determined by NOE experiment and corroborated the finding of Marcos et al<sup>6</sup>. Thus, irradiation of **8b** at H-2 signal (5.10 ppm) in a NOE difference Experiment produced significant enhancement at H-4(5.03 ppm) and NH(5.88 ppm) protons resonances. Marcos et al<sup>6</sup> obtained compound **8**b at a lower yield (36 %) using 1,1-diethoxyethane instead of acetaldehyde. Under our experimental conditions that the reaction is general for aldehydes and produces the heterocyclic product in good yield.

A plausible reaction mechanism for the formation of compound **8** involves **C**-3 alkylation (path "b" scheme 1) followed by water elimination to produce the azadiene intermediate **10**(scheme 5). This intermediate is reactive enough to produce the cyclized product **8** by trapping another aldehyde molecule most likely by Diels-Alder reaction. A precedence for this type of cycloaddition is found in reaction of 2-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone with citronelal <sup>7</sup>. Evidence in support of the formation of the intermediate **10** is the isolation of compound **11** in 24 % yield when benzaldehyde is allowed to react with aminoquinone **1**. Compound **11** must have been formed through the attack of intermediate **10** by another molecule of aminoquinone.





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Scheme 5

In conclusion, the reaction of aminonaphthoquinone **1**, with aldehydes produces the N-alkylated product under neutral conditions and the C-3 alkylated product under acidic conditions. The reaction, under acidic conditions , may first proceed by N-alkylation (kinetically controlled product) then equilibrate to the thermodynamically stable product . This work broaden the application of 2-amino-1,4-naphthoquinone in organic synthesis. The method provides a new synthetic route to heterocyclic quinones in one pot reaction in good yield. The scope of reactions of aminoquinone with other electrophiles is under current investigation.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL:**

All melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on Nicolet 5 DBX FT IR and are reported in wave numbers(cm<sup>-1</sup>). The NMR spectra were recorded on Joel Lambda 500 MHz NMR spectrometer, using deuterchloroform as a solvent unless otherwise noted. Mass spectra at 70 ev E.I. were recorded on the JEOL HX100 triple sector (EBE) high resolution mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses were performed on a Fisons 1108 Elemental analyzer. Chromatographic separations were performed using flash column and silica gel-60. All solvents were reagent grade.

### 2-(N-hydroxymethyl) amino-1,4-naphthoquinone 5.

In 125 ml Erlenmeyer flask , 200 mg (1.15 mmol)of aminoquinone **1** and 5ml of 38% formaldehyde solution with 50 ml chloroform were added. The flask was stoppered and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 days. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was recrystallized from CH<sub>3</sub>OH to produce 150 mg (64% yield) of light red solid **5** . mp. 228-230. IR (KBr) 4470(s),3362(s),1683(m),1608(s),1568(s),and1022(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 4.80(s,2H), 6.00(s,1H), 7.79(m,1H), 7.88(m,1H),8.85(m,2H).Anal. Calcd.for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> : C,65.02; H,4.46; N,6.89; Found: C, 64.93; H, 4.39; N, 6.62.

#### General procedure for preparing 2-( N-alkenyl) amino-1,4-naphthoquinone 7:

In 100ml round bottom flask fitted with Dean Stark apparatus and a reflux condenser, 50 ml of benzene along with 250mg (1.45 mmol) of aminoquinone, **1** ,and 2 ml (excess) of the aldehyde were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 5 days. The solvent was removed and the residue was chromatographed on silica-gel using dichloromethane as eluant. The product was recrestallized from ether-hexane mixture to yield a dark red needle crystals.

### 2-(N-1-propenyl)amino-1,4-naphthoquinone 7a (E and Z isomers):

Yield (145mg, 47%), m.p. 149-151. IR(KBr): 3250(m),1678(s),1602(s),1566(s),1502(s),1344(m),and1276(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{H}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)for the E isomer:1.70(dd,J<sub>1</sub>=7.0Hz,J<sub>2</sub>=1.45Hz,3H), 5.37(two overlapped quartets, J<sub>1</sub>=7Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=14Hz ,1H), 5.88(s,1H), 6.20(m,1H), 7.35(br,NH), 7.52(m,1H),7.63(m,1H),7.95(m,1H); Non-overlapping peaks for the minor Z isomer were present at 5.02(pentet,1H). The ratio of the E and Z isomers was

determined to be 88: 12 respectively, by integration. Anal. Calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C,69.83; H,5.86; N,7.40. Found: C,69.64; H,5.72; N,7.32.

#### 2-(N-1-butenyl)amino-1,4-naphthoquinone 7b(E and Z isomers):

Yield(160mg, 49 %), mp. 155-157. IR(KBr): 3210(m),3157(m),2963(m),1680(m),1603(s),1571(s),1509(s),and 1275(m)cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{H}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)for the E isomer: 1.04(t,J=7.4Hz,3H),2.13( pentet of doublet, J<sub>1</sub>=7Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.5Hz,2H),5.48( td,J<sub>1</sub>=14 Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=7Hz,1H),5.95(s,1H),6.26(m,1H),7.37(br,NH),7.61(td,J<sub>1</sub>= 7.5Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.3Hz,1H),7.72(td,J<sub>1</sub>= 7.5Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.3Hz,1H),8.03(dd,J<sub>1</sub>= 7.5Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.1Hz,1H),8.08(dd,J<sub>1</sub>= 7.5Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.1Hz,1H). Non-overlapping peaks for the minor Z isomer were present at 1.08(t,J=7.5Hz,3H),2.19(pentet of doublet,J<sub>1</sub>= 7.5Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.5Hz,1H), 5.01(q, J=7.5Hz, 1H),6.18(m,1H),7.34(br,NH). The ratio of the E and Z isomers was determined to be 90: 10 respectively, by integration. C-13NMR  $\delta$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 13.83,23.28,102.01,119.91, 121.82,126.21,126.38, 130.29,132.22, 133.40, 134.85,143.15,181.73,182.98. m/z: 227(M<sup>+</sup>,100%). Anal. Calcd. For C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C,73.99;H,5.77; N,6.16. Found; C,73.87; H,5.49; N,5.98.

## 2-(N-1-pentenyl)amino-1,4-naphthoquinone 7c (E and Z isomers):

Yield (175 mg, 50.3%).mp.152-154. IR(KBr): 32.12(m),1602(s),1568(s),1506(m),1348(m),and 1276(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)for the E isomer: 0.92(t,J=7.4Hz,3H),1.43(sixtet,J=7.4Hz, 2H), 2.07(dq,J\_1=7Hz, 2H)  $J_2=1.3Hz,2H$ , 5.44(dt, $J_1=14$  Hz,  $J_2=7Hz$ , 1H), 5.95(s,1H), 6.26(m,1H), 7.37(br,1H), 7.60( dt.  $J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71(dt, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.04(dd, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08(dd, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 2Hz, 2Hz, 2Hz, 2Hz, 2Hz, 2Hz$  $J_1=7.5Hz, J_2=1.2Hz, 1H$ ). Non-overlapping peaks for the minor Z isomer were present at 0.96(t,J=7.4Hz,3H),1.49(sixtet,J=7.4Hz,2H),  $2.15(dq, J_1 =$ 7.5Hz. J<sub>2</sub>=1.7Hz,2H), 5.02(q, J=7.5Hz, 1H),5.95(s,1H),6.17(m,1H),7.35(br,NH). The ratio of the E and Z isomers was determined to be 95: 5 respectively, by integration. C-13 NMR δ(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 13.56,22.86,32.12,102.02, 118.15, 122.57, 126.22, 126.40, 130.29, 132.11,133.49,134.85,143.10,181.69,182.84. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> : C,74.67; H,6.27; N,5.80. Found: C,74.52; H,6.14; N,5.67.

## 2-(N-2-methyl-1-propenyl)amino-1,4-naphthoquinone 7d :

Yield (185 mg, 56%); mp.156-157. IR(KBr): 3280(m),2932(m),1674(m),1608(s),1566(m), and1490(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{H}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.79(d,J=0.9Hz,3H), 1.82(s,3H), 5.92(s,1H), 6.06(m,1H), 7.30(br, NH), 7.63( dt, J<sub>1</sub>=7.5Hz,J<sub>2</sub>=1.3Hz,1H),7.74(dt, J<sub>1</sub>=7.5Hz,J<sub>2</sub>=1.3Hz,1H), 8.07(m,1H),8.10(m,1H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C,74.32; H,5.35; N,6.19. Found: C, 74.31; H, 5.40; N, 5.97.

#### General procedure for preparing 2,4-dialkyl-1H-2,4-dihydronaphtho[2,3-d]1,3-oxazine-5,10-diones (8)

**and 9:** To a solution of aminoquinone **1** (250mg, 1.45 mmol) and 1 ml (excess) of the appropriate aldehyde in 50 ml of chloroform, triflouroacetic acid(3 drops) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for few days. Then , the solvent was removed and the residue was recrystallized from CH<sub>3</sub>OH.

### 1H-2,4-dihydronaphtho[2,3-d]1,3-oxazine-5,10-diones (8a):

The reaction time was 7 days when formaldehyde was used and **8a** was obtained as red needles (210mg, 66%).m.p 188-190. IR (KBr): 3354(s), 1672(m),1618(s), 1504(s)cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{H}$ (acetone-d6): 4.62(s,2H), 4.90(s,2H), 7.30(br,NH),7.69( dt, J<sub>1</sub>=7.5Hz,J<sub>2</sub>=1.3Hz,1H), 7.78 (dt, , J<sub>1</sub>=7.5Hz,J<sub>2</sub>=1.3Hz,1H), 8.97(m,2H) . C-13 NMR  $\delta$ : 63.01, 73.56, 112.54, 125.99, 126.06, 130.38, 132.18, 133.00, 134.61,142.61,179.93,180.07. m/z 215(M<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C,66.97;H,4.22; N,6.51. Found: C, 66.71; H, 4.12; N, 6.36.

### 1H-2,4-dihydro-2,4-dimethylnaphtho[2,3-d]1,3-oxazine-5,10-diones (8b) and (9b):

The reaction time was 2 days when acetaldehyde was used and **8b and 9b** were obtained as red crystals (237mg, 67%). m.p.213-215. IR(KBr): 3258(m), 1681(s), 1610(s), 1571(s), 1496(s), and 1382(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{H}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):1.51(m,6H), 5.03(dq,J<sub>1</sub>=6Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.7Hz, 1H), 5.10(q,J=7Hz,1H), 5.88(br,NH), 7.59(m,1H), 7.69(m,1H), 7.99(m,1H), 8.05(1H) . Non-overlapping peaks for the minor isomer **9b** were present at 1.62(d, J=7Hz,3H), 4.77(dq,J<sub>1</sub>=7Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.7Hz, 1H), 4.93(q,J=7Hz,1H). ). The ratio of the **8b** and **9b** isomers was determined to be 89.3: 10.7 respectively, by integration. C-13 NMR  $\delta$ : 20.65,20.97,67.65, 72.60, 116.02, 125.82, 126.17, 130.34, 132.05, 133.27, 134.68, 141.81, 180.00, 180.39. m/z : 243(M<sup>+</sup>, 61%). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C,69.13; H,5.39; N, 5.76. Found: C, 68.92; H, 5.30; N, 5.61.

#### 1H-2,4-dihydro-2,4-diethylnaphtho[2,3-d]1,3-oxazine-5,10-diones (8c) and (9c):

The reaction time was 3 days when propanaldehyde was used and **8c and 9c** were obtained as red crystals (277mg, 70.4%). m.p.173-175. IR (KBr): 3270(m),1674(m),1608(s),1564(s),and 1498(s). <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{H}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.05(t,J=7.5Hz,3H), 1.08 (t, J=7.3 Hz),3H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.80 (two quartets, J=7Hz, 2H),2.00(m,1H), 4.74 (dt,J<sub>1</sub>=6Hz,J<sub>2</sub>=1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.83(dd, J<sub>1</sub>=11Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=3Hz, 1H), 5.87(br,NH), 7.58 (dt, J<sub>1</sub>=7.5Hz,J<sub>2</sub>=1.3Hz,1H), 7.68(dt,J<sub>1</sub>=7.5Hz,J<sub>2</sub>=1.3Hz,1H), 7.99(dd,J<sub>1</sub>=7.5Hz,J<sub>2</sub>=1.1Hz,1H), 8.05 (J<sub>1</sub>=7.5Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.1Hz, 1H). Nonoverlapping peaks for the minor isomer **9c** were present at 0.95(t, J=7Hz,3H), 4.58(m, 1H), 4.93(q,J=7Hz,1H). ). The ratio of the **8c** and **9c** isomers was determined to be 96: 4 respectively, by integration. m/z: 271(M<sup>+</sup>,100 %). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C,70.83; H,6.32; N,5.16. Found: C, 70.64; H, 6.12; N, 4.97.

#### 1H-2,4-dihydro-2,4-dipropylnaphtho[2,3-d]1,3-oxazine-5,10-diones (8d) and (9d):

The reaction time was 5 days when propanaldehyde was used and **8d and 9d** were obtained as red crystals (275mg, 64%). m.p.142-143. IR (KBr): 3286(m),2956(m), 1674(m), 1606(s),1566(s), and  $1492(s)cm^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{H}(CDCl_3)$ : 0.98(t,J=7.3Hz,3H), 0.99 (t, J=7.3 Hz),3H), 1.65 (m, 7H), 1.86(m, 1H),4.81(m,1H), 4.93(m, 1H), 5.85(br,NH), 5.87(br,NH), 7.57(dt, J\_1=7.5Hz,J\_2=1.3Hz,1H), 7.68(dt, , J\_1=7.5 Hz, J\_2=1.3Hz,1H), 7.98(dd, J\_1=7.5Hz,J\_2=1.1Hz, 1H), 8.04(J\_1=7.5Hz,J\_2=1.1Hz,1H). Non-overlapping peaks for the minor isomer **9d** were present at 0.91(t, J=7Hz,3H), 1.07(t, J=7Hz, 3H), 4.55(m, 1H), . The ratio of the **8d** and **9d** isomers was determined to be 94: 6respectively, by integration. C-13 NMR  $\delta$ :13.75,13.85,17.51,18.27,36.08,36.62, 71.11,75.62,115.54,125.87, 126.62,130.35,131.94,133.35,134.60,141.87,179.89,180.37. m/z: 299(M<sup>+</sup>,100 %). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C,72.22; H,7.07; N,4.68. Found: C, 72.35; H, 7.21; N, 4.53.

### 1H-2,4-dihydro-2,4-diisopropylnaphtho[2,3-d]1,3-oxazine-5,10-diones (8e) and (9e):

The reaction time was 5 days when isopropanaldehyde was used and **8d and 9d** were obtained as red crystals (230mg, 54%). The mixture was further chromatographed on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>as eluant to isolate the two isomers **8e** and **9e**. **8e**: Yield (170mg, 39%),m.p.117-119 IR (KBr): 3370(m),2960(m), 1674(m), 1606(s),1596(s),1564(s),1490(s), and 1364(m). <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{H}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.75(d,J=7Hz,3H), 1.06 (d, J=7Hz,3H), 1.07 (d, J=7Hz,3H),1.17(d,J=7Hz, 3H), 1.98(septet of doublet, J<sub>1</sub>=7Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=2.4 Hz,1H), 2.79 (septet of doublet, J<sub>1</sub>=7Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=2.4 Hz,1H), 4.39(dd,J<sub>1</sub>=4.5Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.7 Hz,1H), 4.78(d,J=2.4Hz, 1H), 5.85(br,NH), 7.59(m,1H), 7.70(m,1H), 8.00(m, 1H),8.06(m,1H). C-13 NMR  $\delta$ :14.75,16.37,17.19,20.01,30.18,32.05,77.41, 84.39, 115.91,125.73, 126.23, 130.38,131.93,133.63, 134.59,145.27,180.16,180.27. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C,72.22; H,7.07; N,4.68. Found: C, 72.12; H, 7.11; N, 4.54.

**9e**: Yield(60 mg, 14%).m.p. 126-128. IR (KBr): 3350(m), 1672(m), 1600(s),1570(s),1502(s), and 1372(m). <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{H}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.98(d,J=7Hz,3H), 1.05 (d, J=7Hz,6H), 1.08 (d, J=7Hz,3H), 1.97(septet of doublet, J<sub>1</sub>=7Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.8 Hz,1H), 2.07 (septet of doublet, J<sub>1</sub>=7Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.6 Hz,1H), 4.65(d,J=8.6Hz,1H), 4.71(dd,J<sub>1</sub>=2.4Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=1.2Hz,1H),6.02(br,NH),7.60(m,1H),7.71(m,1H),8.05(m,2H). C-13NMR  $\delta$ : 16.32,17.30, 18.76,18.96,32.37 ,32.55,75.17,80.71,113.56,125.81,126.36,130.34,131.80,133.56,134.65,141.93,179.85,180.40. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C,72.22; H,7.07; N,4.68. Found: C, 72.08; H, 7.02; N, 4.51.

# 1H-2,4-dihydro-2,4-dibutylnaphtho[2,3-d]1,3-oxazine-5,10-diones (8f) and (9f):

The reaction time was 3 days when pentaldehyde was used and **8f and 9f** were obtained as red crystals (270mg, 57%). m.p.133-134. IR (KBr): 3280(m),2932(m),1674(m),1608(s),1566(s),

1490(s),1378(s),and1330(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{H}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.92(t,J=7.5Hz,3H), 0.94 (t, J=7.3 Hz),3H), 1.48 (m, 8H), 1.65(m, 1H),1.76(m,2H), 1.93(m,1H),4.80(m, 1H), 4.91(dd, J<sub>1</sub>=11Hz, J<sub>2</sub>=3Hz, 1H), 5.80(br,NH), 7.57(m,1H),7.67(m,1H), 8.02(m,1H). Non-overlapping peaks for the minor isomer **9f** were present at 0.87(t, J=7Hz,3H), 1.07(t,J=7Hz, 3H), 5.10(m,1H). ). The ratio of the **8f** and **9f** isomers was determined to be 89: 11 respectively, by integration. C-13NMR  $\delta$ : 13.88,22.29,26.19, 27.12, 33.58,34.25,71.25,75.72,115.55,125.84, 126.12,130.35,131.87,133.53,134.56,141.84,179.86,180.37. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C,73.37; H,7.70; N,4.28. Found: C, 73.19; H, 7.62; N, 4.13.

## 2-Amino-3-(α-N-phenylmethyl-2`-amino-1`,4`-naphthoquinonyl)-1,4-naphthoquinone(11):

To a solution of 250mg (1.45 mmol) aminoquinone **1** and 1ml of bezalaldehyde (excess) in 50 ml of chloroform, triflouroacetic acid(3 drops) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50° C for 3days. Then , the solvent was removed and the residue was recrystallized from CH<sub>3</sub>OH to produce 150mg (24%) of **11**. m.p.238-239. IR (KBr): 3406(s), 1608(s), 1586(s),1494(m),1350(m), and 1298(m)cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>HNMR  $\delta_{H}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):

5.82(br,2H), 5.86(s,1H),6.15(d,J=6Hz,1H), 6.90(d,J=6Hz,1H),7.40(m,2H), 7.71(m,2H),8.01(m,3H), 8.12 (m,1H). C-13 NMRδ:52.78,102.93,112.78,126.03,126.20,126.40,126.76,128.11,129.17,130.11,130.53, 132.16, 132.48,132.87,133.41,134.72,134.96,138.04,145.68,147.49,181.27,181.73,182.04,183.40. m/z: 434(M<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C,74.64; H,4.17; N,6.44. Found: C, 74.57; H, 4.12; N, 6.36.

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