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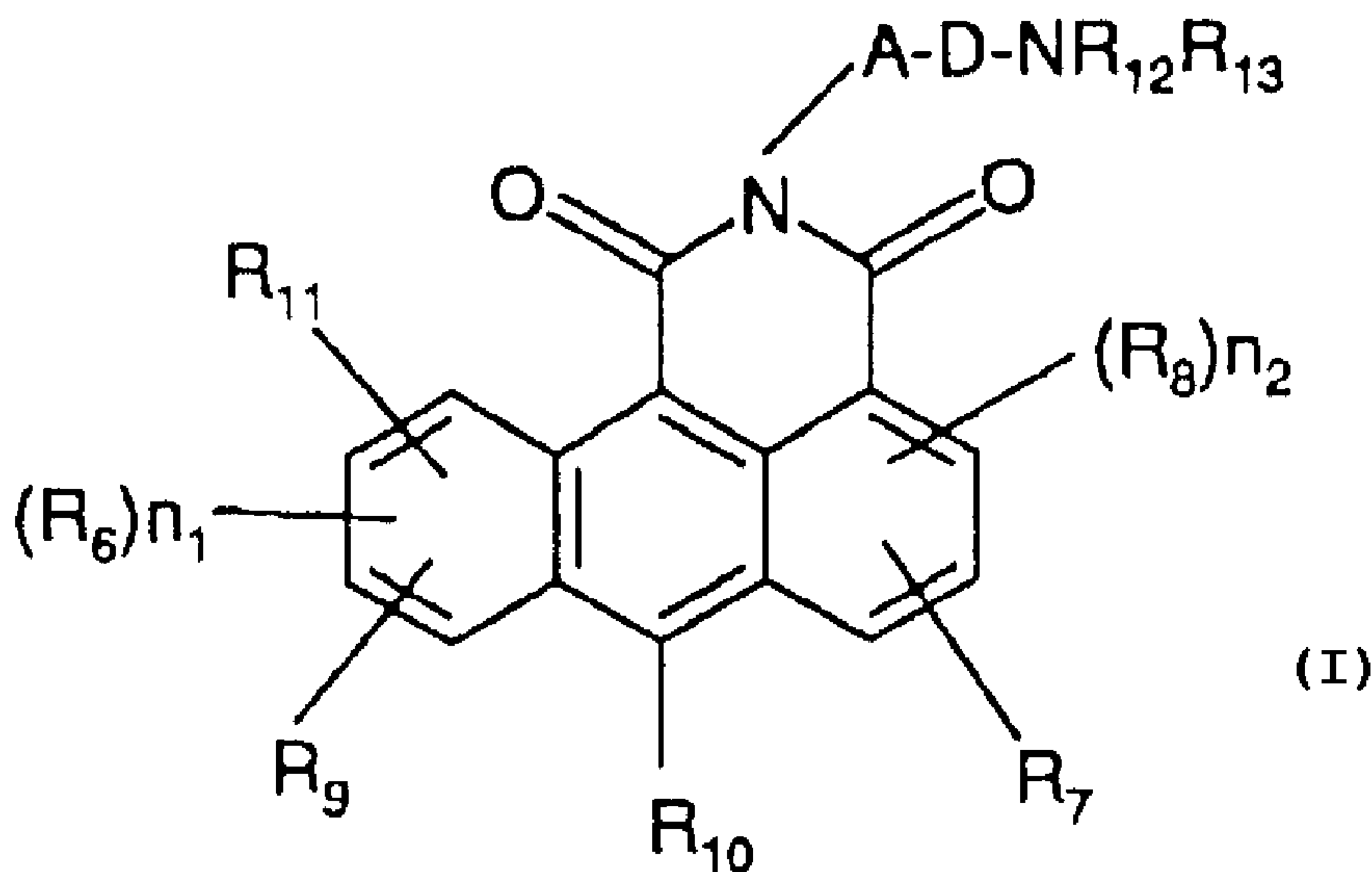
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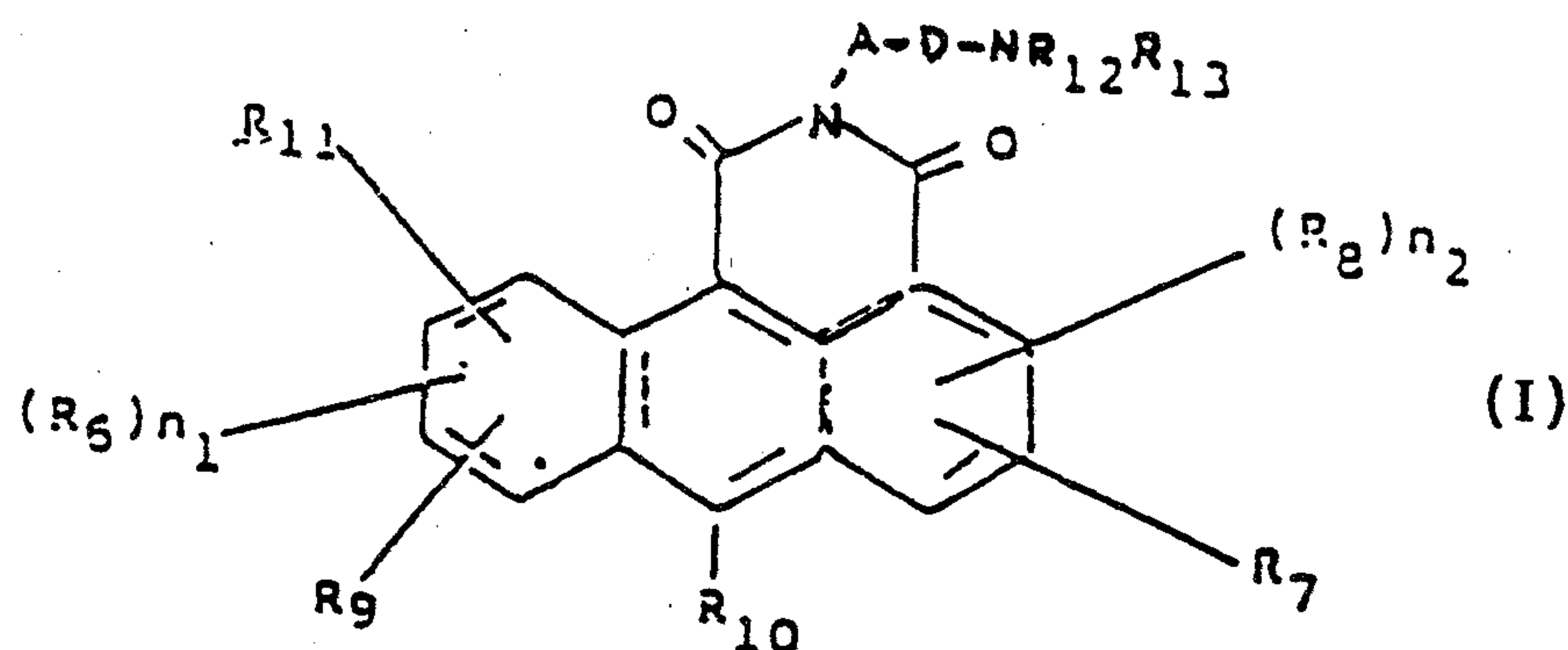
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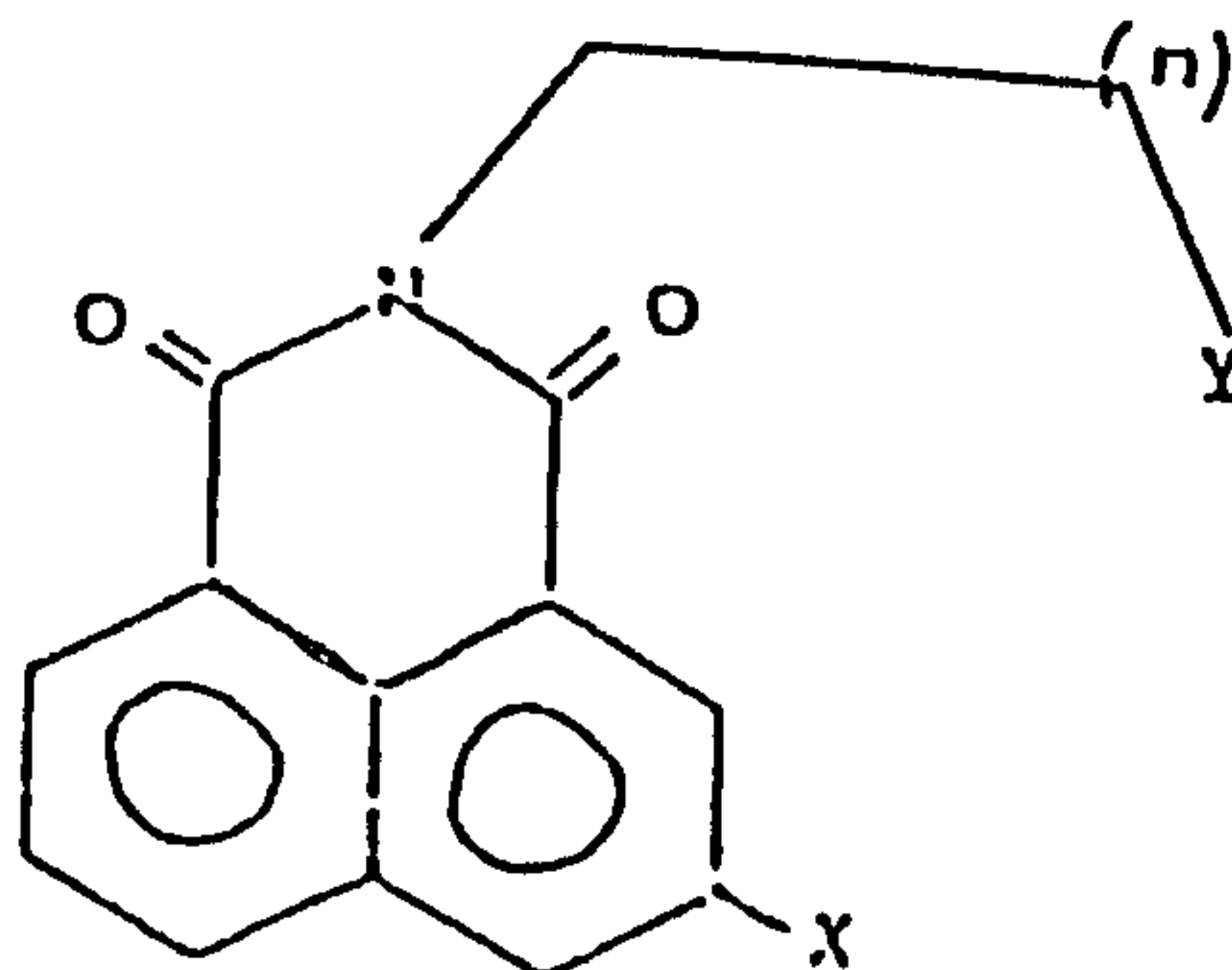
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The search for compounds showing anti-tumor activity has, in recent years, included fused ring structures such as derivatives of anthracene, and heterocyclics such as isoquinoline and acridine. The first anthracene derivative to show promise was 2,2'-(9,10 anthracene-dimethylene)bis-
15 (2-thiopseudourea)dihydrochloride, which unfortunately suffered from phototoxicity (U. S. Patent No. 3,190,795 and Carter, Cancer Chemother. Rep., 1, 153-163, 1968). See also, Frei, E. III, et al., Cancer Chemother Rep., 55, 91-97 (1971).

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Furthermore, Brana, et al. in Cancer Chemother Pharmacol, 4, 61-66 (1980) and in Eur. J. Med., 16, 207-212 (1981) disclose 2- and 5- substituted benz[de]isoquinoline-1,3-diones having the formula:

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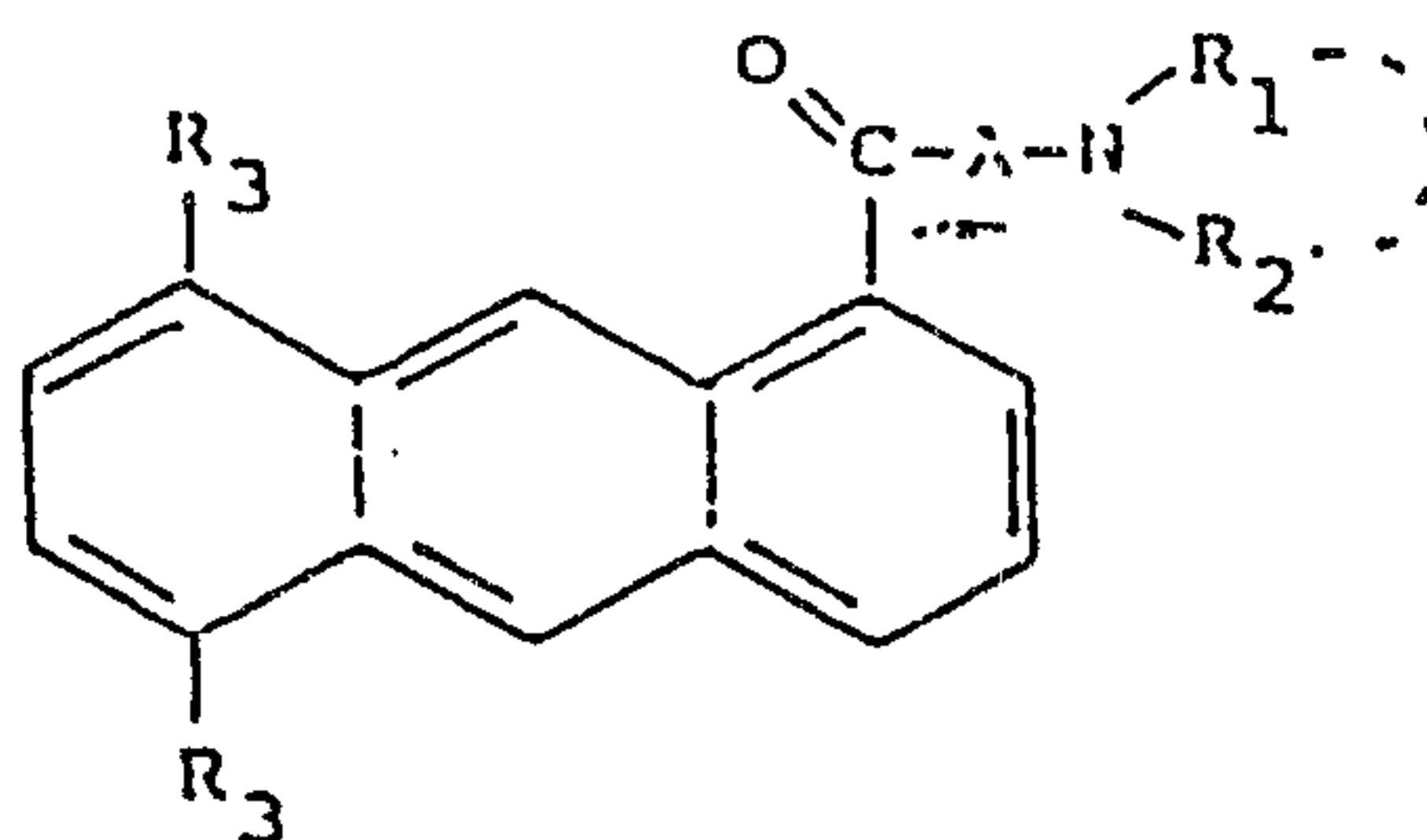


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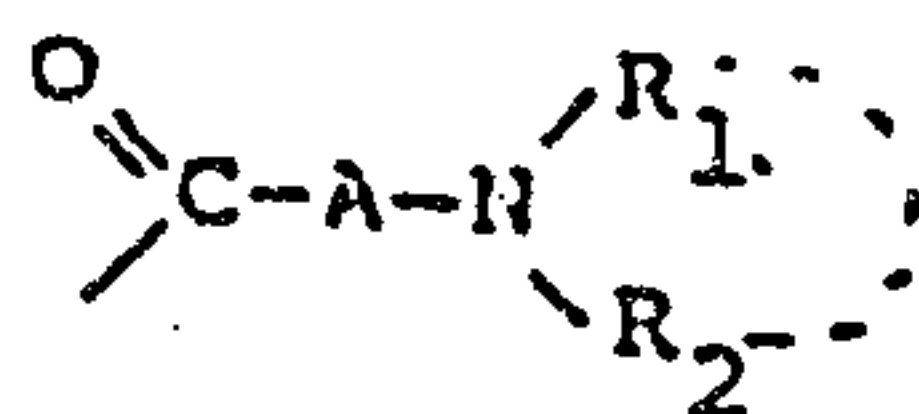
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wherein X is H, NO₂, NH₂, Cl, OH, NHCO₂Et, OCH₃, NHCOCH₃ or t-Bu and Y is a disubstituted amine, OH, OCH₃, CH(CH₃)₂, SH or NHCOCH₃ and n is an integer ranging from zero to three. It is alleged that the compounds therein inhibit Hela Cells.

Miller, et al. in U. S. Patent No. 4,108,896 discloses
compounds having the formula:



wherein A is a straight or branched alkylene chain having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; R_1 and R_2 are each selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms, alkenyl having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms in which the unsaturation is in a position other than in the 1-position of the alkenyl group, or R_1 and R_2 taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, represent the pyrrolidinyl, piperidino or morpholino radical; R_3 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and the radical,



with the proviso that one and only one such R group is hydrogen.

The compounds are disclosed as having use as antiviral agents.

However, the teachings of the references discussed hereinabove are limited to the anthracene and isoquinoline derivatives discussed therein. None of these references suggest that the dibenzisoquinoline 1,3-diones of the present invention would be useful and effective as anti-tumor agents.

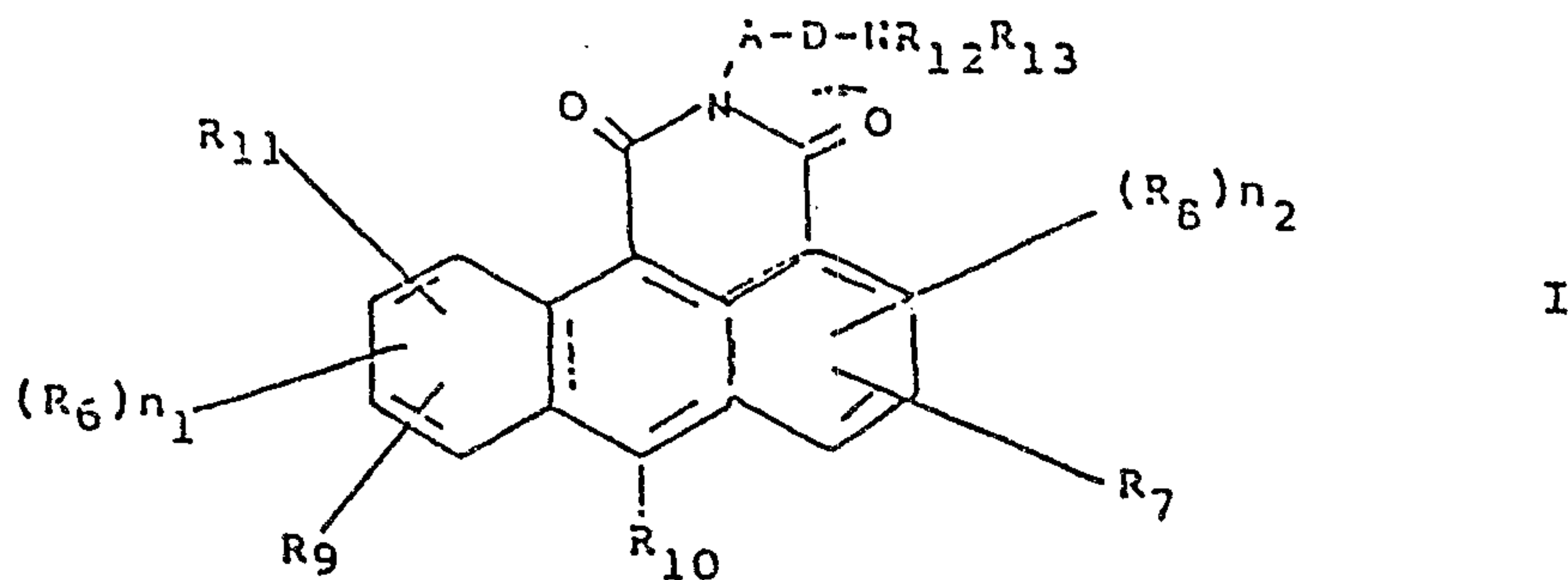
1 Amonafide (NSC 308847) is an isoquinoline dione
derivative having anti-tumor activity. More specifically,
2 amonafide, amino-N-dimethylaminoethylbenz[de]isoquinoline,
has undergone extensive tests for its anti-tumor activity.
3 The National Cancer Institute prepared and distributed a
brochure summarizing the anti-tumor activity of amonafide in
4 1984. Although the level of activity found for amonafide
was and continues to be of high interest, this material does
5 have significant deficiencies which indicate the continuing
need for agents with improved properties. In the first
6 place, amonafide has produced substantial myelotoxicity
leading to some deaths in patients receiving five daily
7 doses of the drug. In addition, this report showed that
8 amonafide had only moderate activity in leukemia models in
mice. Also, it showed that amonafide has no activity in
9 human tumor xenographs in mice with colon, lung and mammary
10 cancers. Thus, while amonafide showed significant activity,
it does not have a substantially broad spectrum of activity
11 in murine tumor models.

12 Another group has shown that amonafide or nafidimide
13 have poor activity when tested in primary human solid tumors
14 in vitro. See, Ajani, J. A. et al., Invest New Drugs, 6,
15 79-83 (1988).

16 In contrast, we have found that compounds based on
anthracene instead of naphthalene show surprising anti-tumor
17 activity.

18 The present invention is directed to 1,2-dihydro-3H-
19 dibenzisoquinoline-1,3-dione derivatives which exhibit
anti-tumor activity and are useful as anti-cancer agents.
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More particularly, the present invention is directed to compounds of the formula:



wherein

R_8 , R_{10} and R_6 are independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl, lower alkanoyl, formyl, halogen, nitro, NR_2R_3 , OR_1 , cyano, CO_2H , $CONR_1R_2$, $SO_2NR_1R_2$ or SR_1 ;

R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl lower alkyl, aryl, formyl or lower alkanoyl;

R_9 , R_{11} , and R_7 are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl or

R_9 and R_{11} taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a phenyl ring, or

R_9 and R_{10} taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a phenyl ring or

R_7 and R_{10} taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a phenyl ring;

A is $(CR_4R_5)n_3$, lower cycloalkyl, aryl, or a chemical bond,

each R_4 and R_5 are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl;

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R_{12} and R_{13} are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with hydroxy, mercapto, lower alkoxy, lower alkylcarbonyloxy, carboxy or carbloweralkoxy, or R_{12} and R_{13} taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 3 to 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

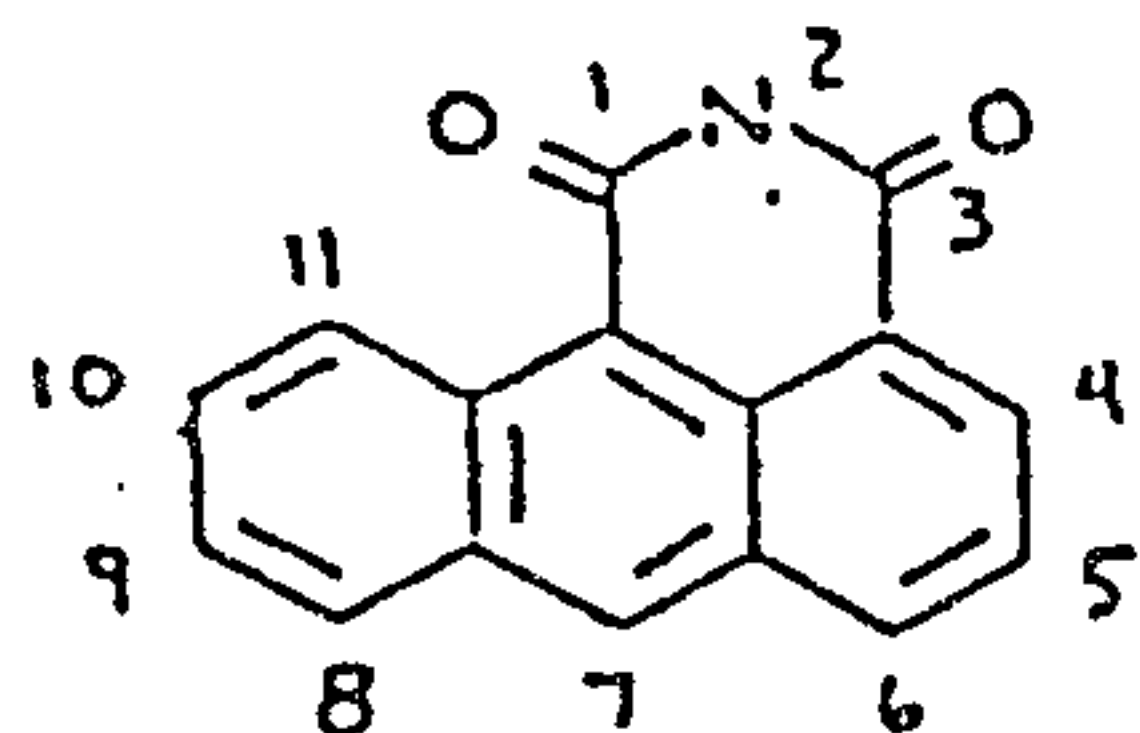
D is a chemical bond, or taken together with NR_{12} form a 5 or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

n_1 and n_2 are independently 0, 1, or 2 and

n_3 is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

These compounds are useful in treating cancer in animals, including mammals by administering to said animals, an effective anti-tumor dose of said compounds.

As indicated hereinabove, the present invention is directed to 1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione derivatives. Since the ring structure may have substituents at various positions, to aid in the understanding of the various derivatives, the nomenclature with respect to the dibenzisoquinoline structure is as indicated hereinbelow:



As used herein, the term "alkyl", when used alone or in combination, consists of a carbon chain containing from one to six carbon atoms. The alkyl groups may be a straight chain or a branched chain. It includes such groups as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, iso-butyl, t-butyl, n-pentyl, amyl, n-hexyl, and the like. The preferred alkyl group is methyl.

1 The term "aryl", when used alone or in combination,
consists of an aromatic monocyclic or bicyclic structure
having 6 to 10 ring carbon atoms and up to a total of 15
total carbon atoms. It includes such structures as phenyl,
-naphthyl or β -naphthyl. The preferred aryl group is
phenyl.

5 The term "aryl lower alkyl", is an aryl group attached
to the dibenzisoquinoline ring through an alkylene group,
such as methylene, ethylene, propylene and the like.
Examples include benzyl, phenethyl and the like. The
preferred aryl lower alkyl group is benzyl.

10 "Alkylene", as used herein, whether alone or in
combination, is an alkyl group attached to the principal
chain of the compound of the present invention through two
carbon linkages. This group may be straight chained or
branched. It includes such groups as methylene ($-\text{CH}_2-$),
15 ethylene ($-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$), propylene ($-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$),
isopropylene ($-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-$), isobutylene, butylene,
 $\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\ | \end{array} \right)$
sec-butylene, and the like.

20 As used herein, the term "alkanoyl" is an alkyl group
substituted by an oxo group. The oxo group can be
substituted at any carbon atom, but is preferred at the
1-position, i.e., the carbon atoms directly attached to the
dibenzisoquinoline ring structure. This group includes
25 acetyl, propanoyl, butanoyl, and the like. The preferred
group is acetyl.

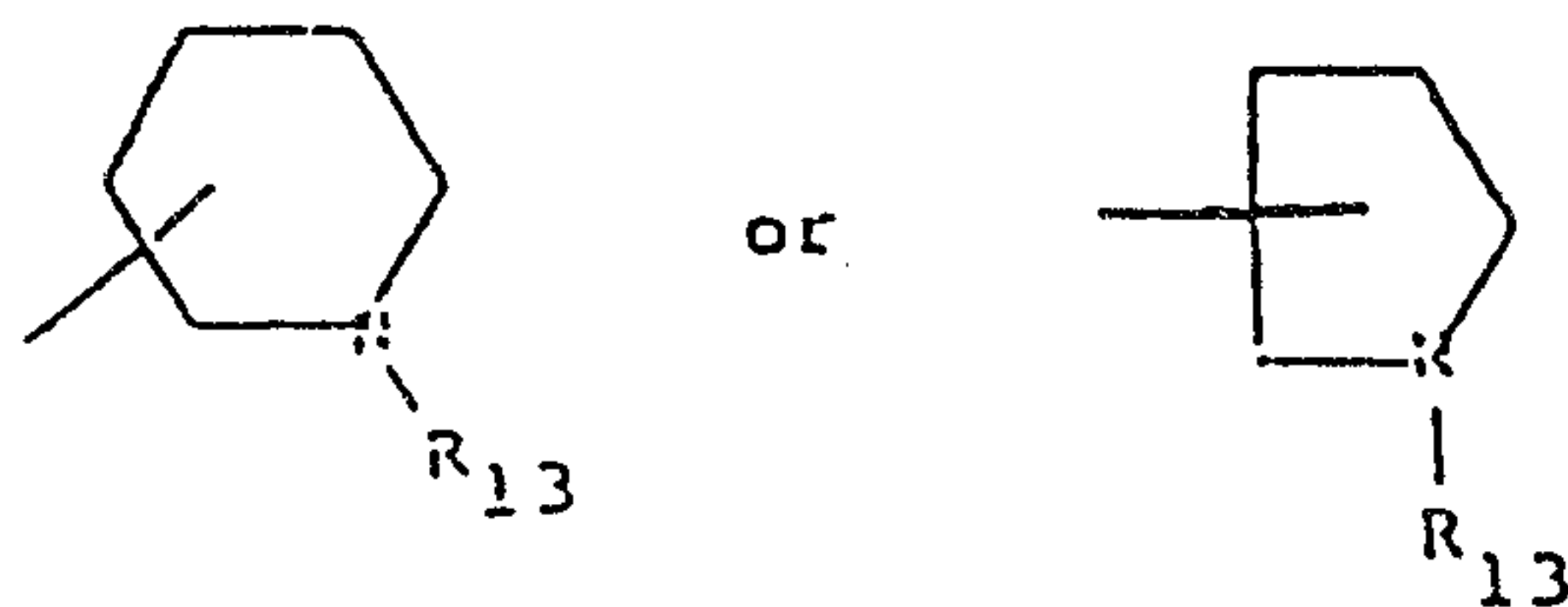
Halogen, as used herein, refers to fluorine, chlorine,
bromine or iodine.

30 The term "lower cycloalkyl" refers to a monocyclic alkyl
group containing from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms and up to a
total of 10 carbon atoms. This group includes cyclopropyl,
cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and the like. The
preferred cycloalkyl groups are cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl.

The heterocyclic rings as defined herein are 3-6 membered rings containing at least one oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen ring atom and up to a total of 4 ring heteroatoms. It is preferred, however, that there may be one or two ring heteroatoms. Especially preferred is one ring heteroatom. The preferred heteroatom is nitrogen. The heterocyclic ring may be completely saturated or partially unsaturated or may be heteroaromatic. It is preferred that the heterocyclic ring contain 5 or 6 ring atoms. Examples include thiophene, furan, pyran, pyrrole, imidazole, pyrazole, pyridine, pyrazine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, isothiazole, furazan, isoxazole, imidazolidine, imidazoline, pyrazolidine, piperidine, morpholine, pyrrolidine, tetrahydrofuran, tetrazole, and the like. The preferred heterocyclic groups are piperidine, pyrrolidine, piperazine, or imidazole, pyridyl, or aziridinyl. The especially preferred heterocyclic groups are piperidine and pyrrolidine.

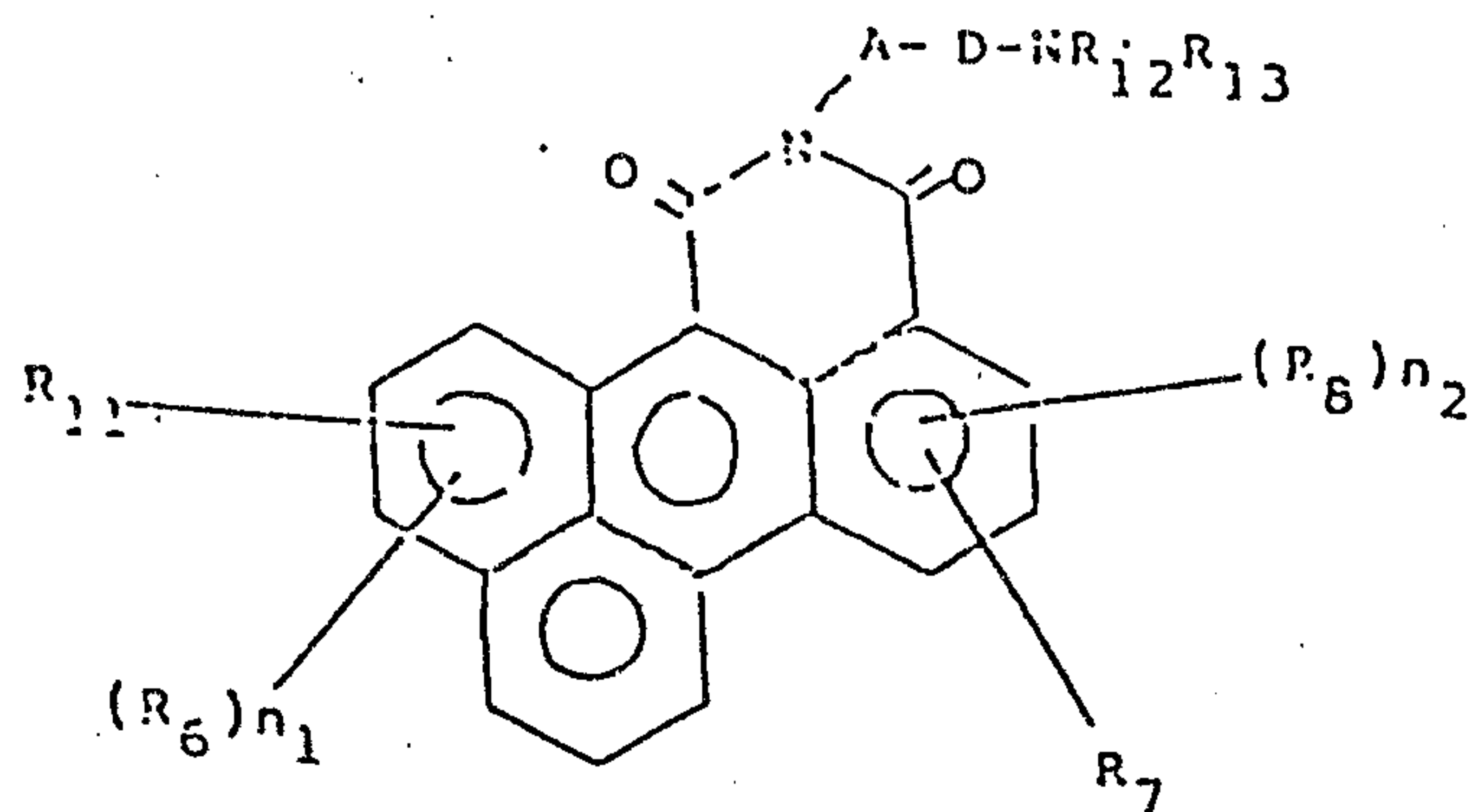
As indicated in the above formula, the side chain "A-D-NR₁₂R₁₃" is attached to the nitrogen at the 2-position of the dibenzisoquinoline-1,3-diones. This group can be a straight chain, such as (CH₂)_nNR₁₂R₁₃, wherein n₃ is 1-5 and R₁₂ and R₁₃ are each lower alkyl or hydrogen. Alternatively, R₁₂ and R₁₃ may with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 3 to 6 membered ring, such as pyrrolidine or piperidine.

In addition, the NR₁₂ group together with D may form a 5 or 6 membered nitrogen heterocyclic ring, such as a piperidine or pyrrolidine, e.g.,

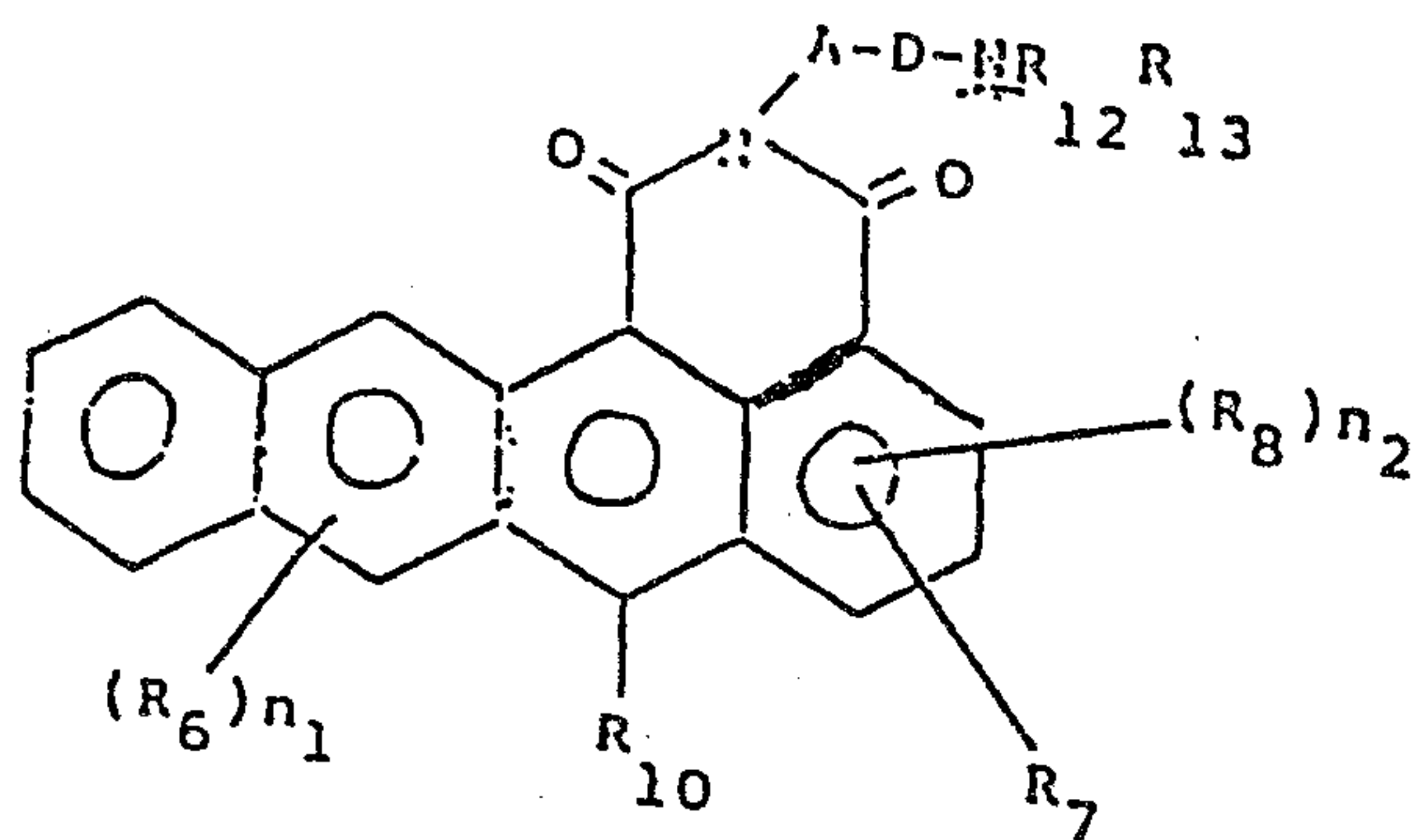


wherein R₁₃ is as defined hereinabove.

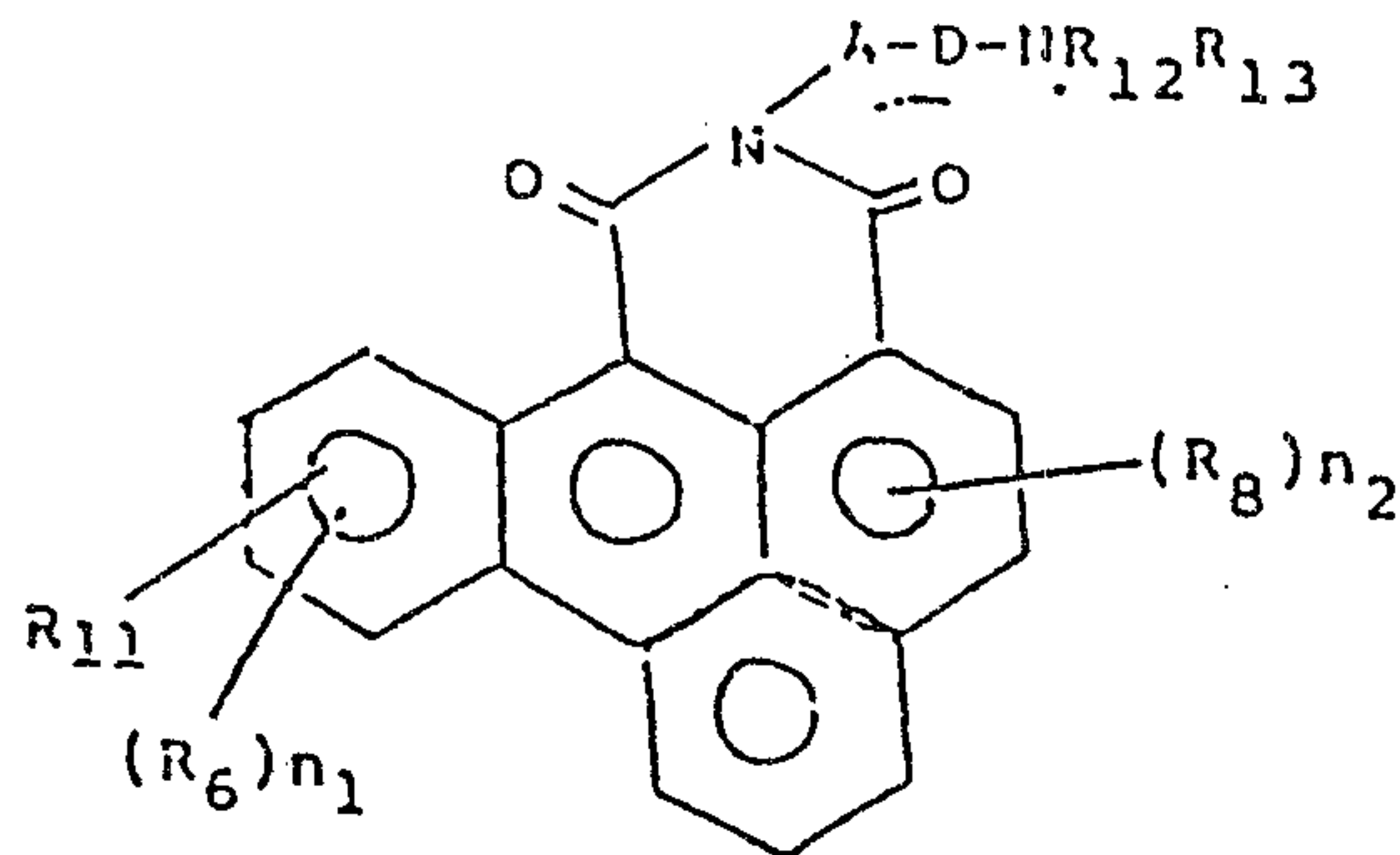
The groups R_9 and R_{11} may together form an aryl ring.
For example, if R_9 and R_{11} form a phenyl ring, the compound
of Formula I becomes:



Alternatively, R_{10} and R_9 may together form an aryl
ring, e.g., phenyl ring. Then the compound of Formula I
will become:

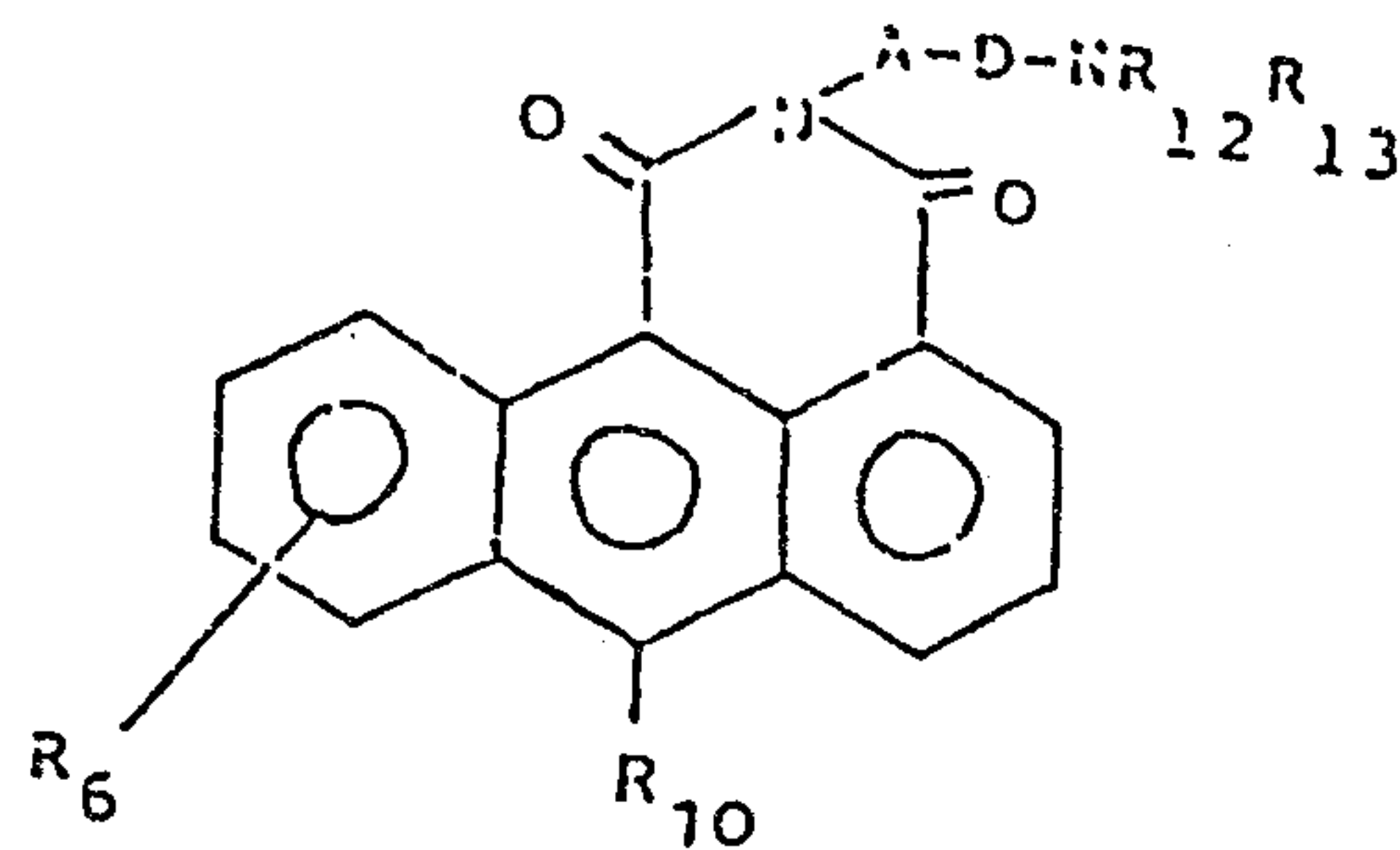


Furthermore, when R_7 and R_{10} taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form an aryl group, such as phenyl, the compound of Formula I becomes:



In all of these structures hereinabove, R_{11} , R_6 , R_9 , R_{10} , R_7 , R_8 , A , D , R_{12} , R_{13} , n_1 and n_2 are as defined hereinabove.

A preferred embodiment of the present invention has the formula:



wherein R_6 , A , D , R_{12} and R_{13} are as defined hereinabove. It is preferred that R_6 is hydrogen, amino, chloro or nitro. Moreover, it is preferred that R_6 is substituted on the 8-, 9, 10- or 11-position of the dibenzisoquinoline-1,3-dione of the present invention.

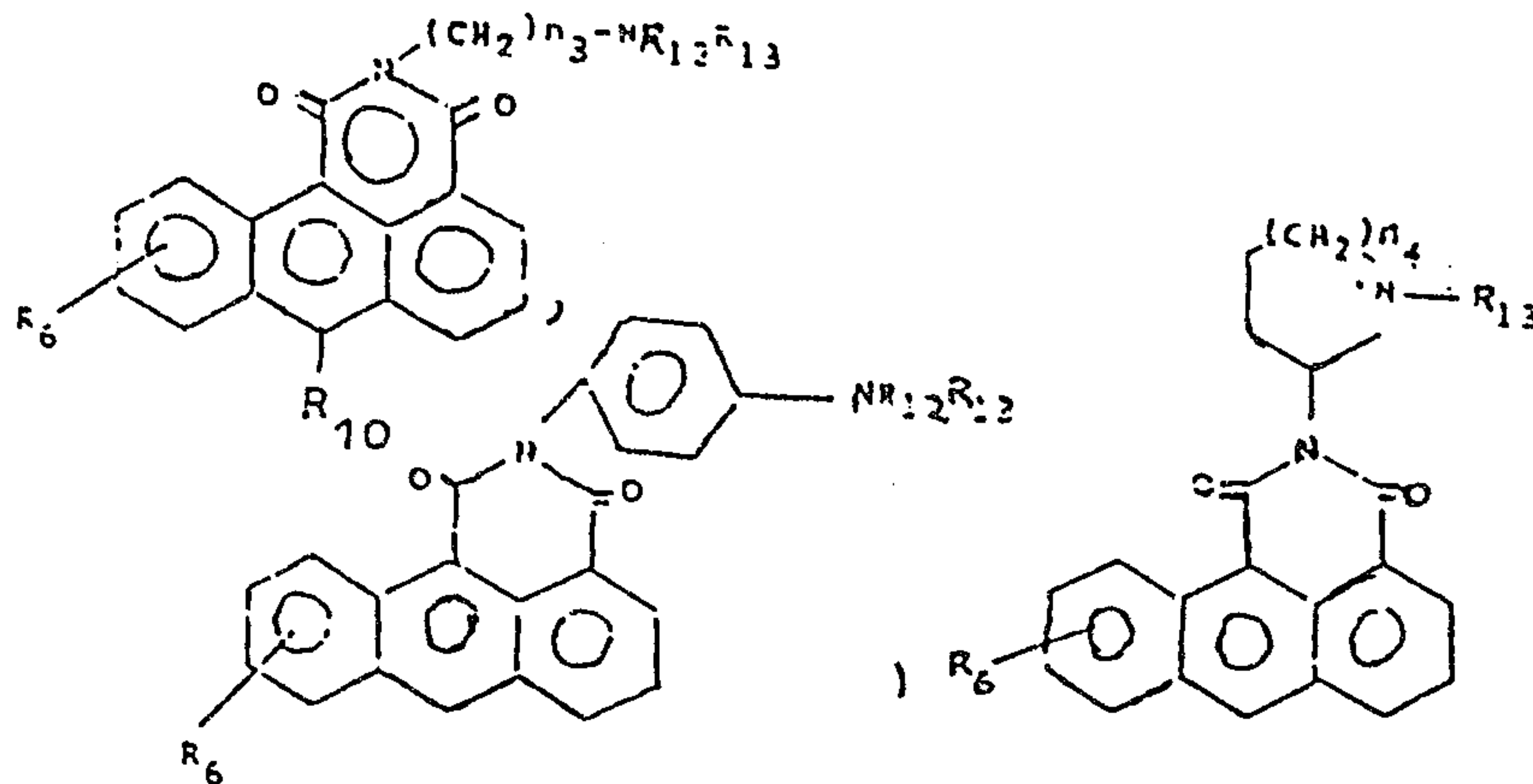
The preferred R_1 , R_2 and R_3 groups are hydrogen or methyl. Therefore, it is preferred that NR_2R_3 , OR_1 , and SR_1 groups are amino, hydroxy or mercapto.

It is preferred that Λ is alkylene containing from 1-4 carbon atoms, aryl or a chemical bond. It is especially preferred that the alkylene group is of the formula $(CH_2)_{n_3}$, wherein n_3 is 2-3. The preferred aryl group is phenyl.

The most preferred R_{12} and R_{13} groups are lower alkyl or lower alkyl substituted with hydroxy. When NR_{12} does not form a ring with D, it is preferred that the R_{12} and R_{13} groups be the same. The most preferred R_{12} and R_{13} groups are methyl or CH_2CH_2OH .

It is preferred that R_{10} is hydrogen, methyl, methoxy, chloro or hydroxy.

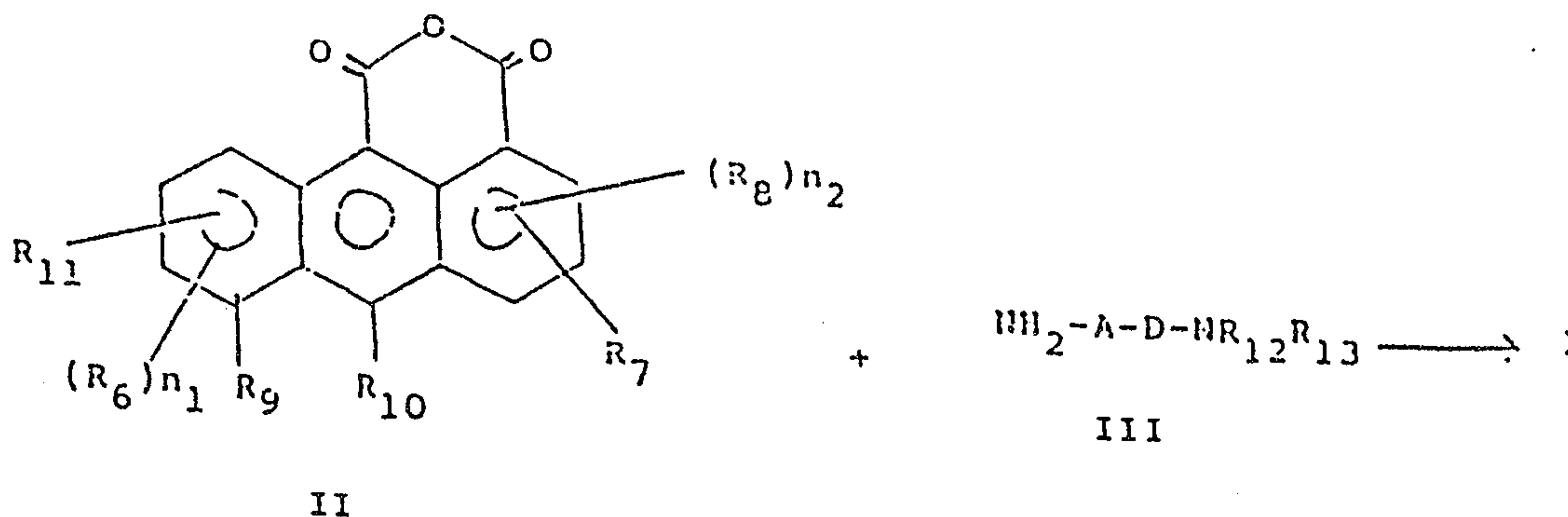
An especially preferred embodiment of the present invention has the formula:



wherein R_{12} , R_{13} , n_3 , R_6 and R_{10} are as defined hereinabove, and n_4 is 0 or 1.

The compounds of the present invention can be prepared by art recognized techniques. More specifically, the compounds of this invention can be prepared by the

condensation of anthracene-1,9-dicarboxylic anhydride of
formula II with an amine of formula $\text{NH}_2\text{-A-D-NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ (III) as
indicated hereinbelow:



In the above equation, $\text{R}_1, \text{R}_2, \text{R}_3, \text{R}_4, \text{R}_5, \text{R}_6, \text{R}_7, \text{R}_8, \text{R}_9, \text{R}_{10}, \text{R}_{11}, \text{R}_{12}, \text{R}_{13}, \text{A}, \text{D}, n_1, n_2$ and n_3 are as defined hereinabove.

The reaction is carried out in inert solvents which are inert to both reactants and products and will dissolve both reactants, e.g., toluene, benzene, petroleum ether, hexanes, methylene chloride, chloroform, carbon tetrachloride alcohol, e.g., methanol, ethanol, and the like. The reaction can be effected at room temperature up to the reflux temperature of the solvent. The preferred solvent is toluene, and it is preferred that the reaction be run at reflux temperatures at a time sufficient for the condensation to occur, e.g., 2-24 hours.

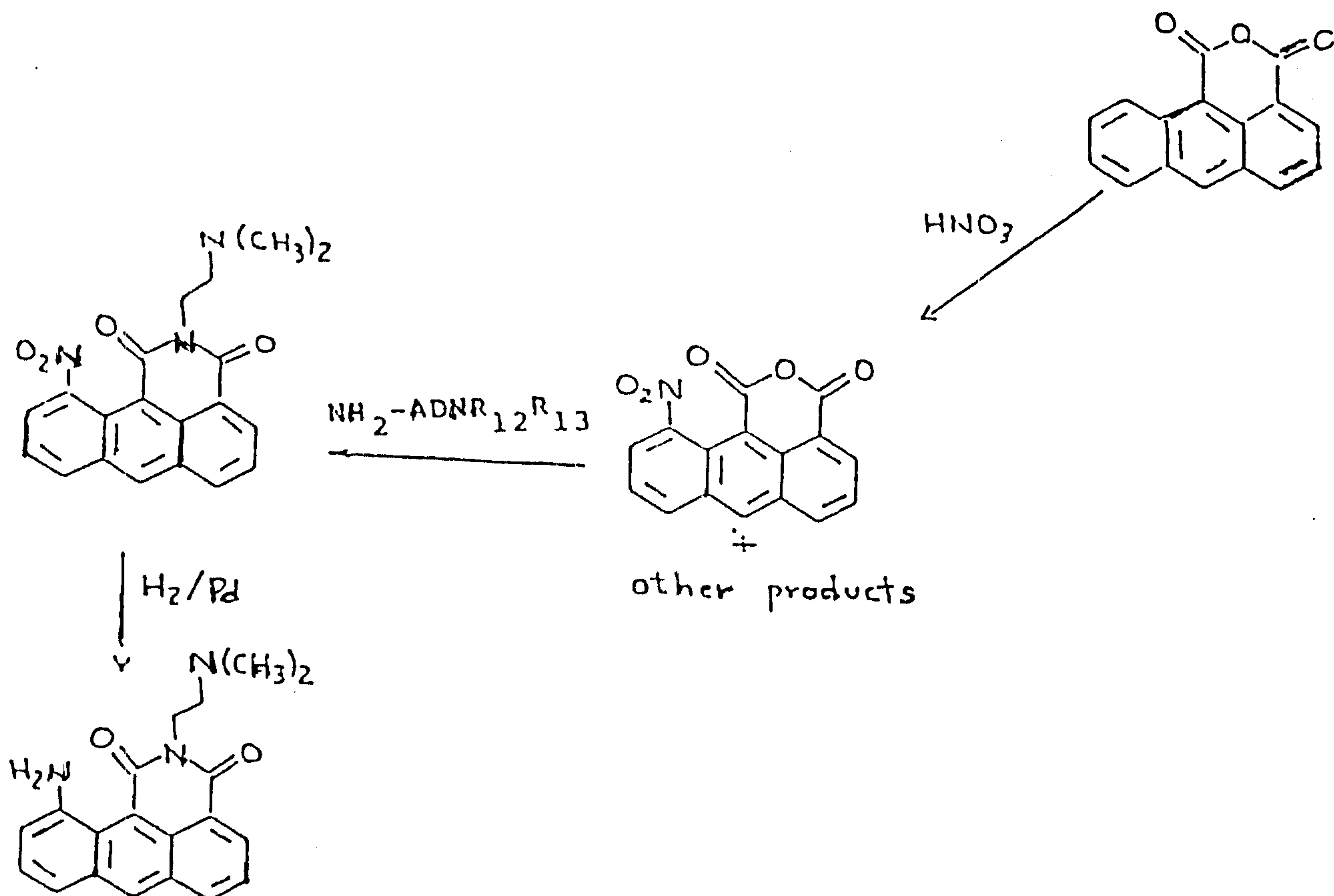
When R_{10} is halogen, the other groups representative of R_{10} can be prepared by nucleophilic displacement of said halogen at R_{10} by strong nucleophiles such as hydroxide and methoxide.

If there are reactive groups on R_8 or R_6 , such as NH_2 , OH , or SR_1 , they can be protected by blocking groups known in the art. Many of these blocking groups are described in

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"Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis" by T.W. Greene, John Wiley and Sons, New York, New York, 1981. For example, when R_8 or R_6 is NH_2 , it can be protected by such groups as N-formyl, and N-acetyl, and the like.

Alternatively, these reactive groups can be placed on the rings after the condensation takes place. The following scheme is exemplary:



In this scheme, A, D, R₁₂ and R₁₃ are as defined hereinabove.

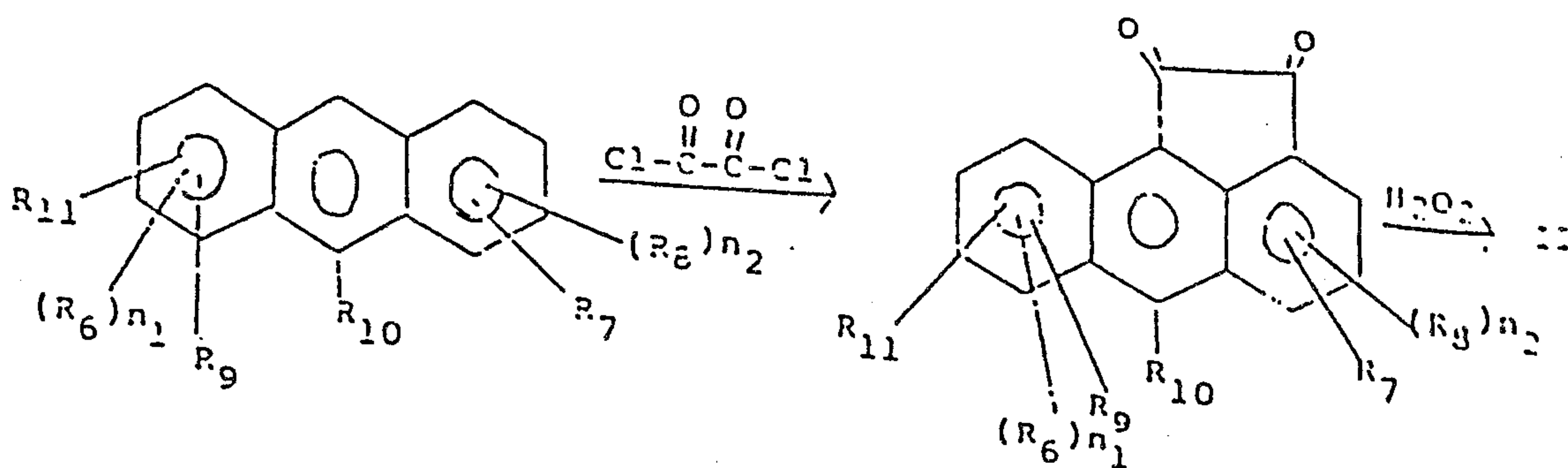
The anthracene-1,9-dicarboxylic anhydride (II A) is nitrated with nitric acid, which is then condensed with the amine to form the nitrated dibenz-isoquinoline-1,3-dione derivative. The nitrated compound is then reduced by a reducing agent, such as H₂/Pd, or H₂/Pt and the like, to form the corresponding amine.

As another example, a compound of Formula I, wherein A, D, R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₇, R₈, R₉, R₁₀, R₁₁, n₁, n₂ and n₃ are as defined hereinabove and R₆ is SO₂NH₂ can be formed as follows:

A compound of Formula I, wherein A, D, R₈, R₁₀, R₁, R₂, R₃, R₉, R₁₁, R₇, R₄, R₅, R₁₂ and R₁₃ are as defined hereinabove and R₆ is hydrogen, is reacted with chlorosulfonic acid (ClSO₃H) followed by simple addition by NR₁₂R₁₃ to form the above said compound.

The anthracene 1,9-dicarboxylic anhydride (II) can also be prepared by art recognized techniques.

An exemplary procedure is indicated hereinbelow:



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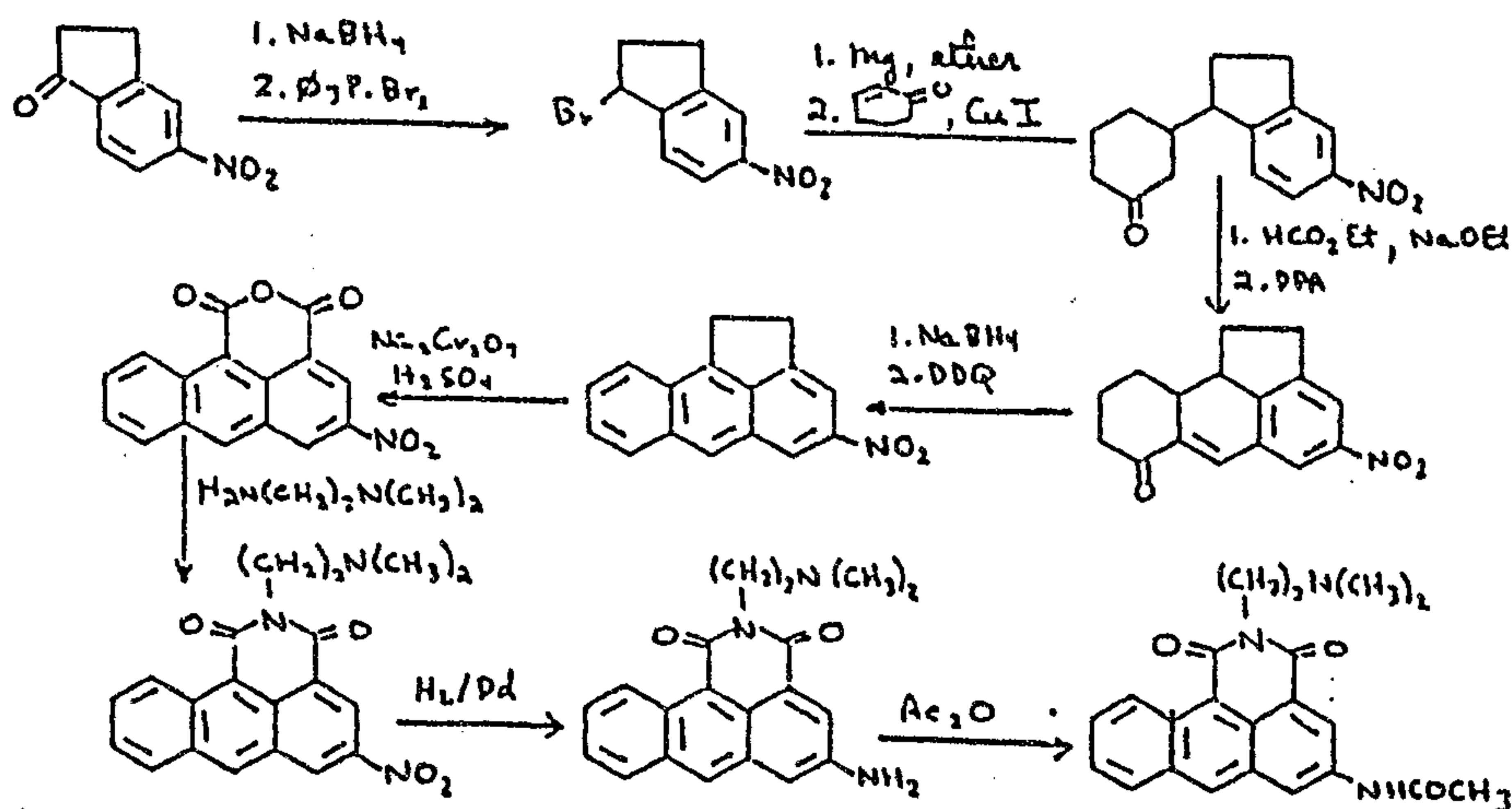
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In the above procedure, R_{11} , R_6 , R_9 , R_{10} , R_9 , R_8 , n_1 and n_2 are as defined hereinabove.

The anthracene derivative II is prepared by treating an anthracene with oxalyl chloride, followed by oxidation with hydrogen peroxide in accordance with the procedure described by E.D. Bergmann and R. Ikan, J. Org. Chem., 23, 907 (1958).

5-substituted compounds of formula I can also be prepared by synthesis from the corresponding 5-substituted indanones. For example, 5-nitroindanone, treated with sodium borohydride followed by triphenylphosphine dibromide, furnishes 1-bromo-5-nitroindan, which is converted into a Grignard reagent by magnesium in ether. Addition of 2-cyclohexenone and cuprous iodide gives 1-(cyclohexanon-3-yl)-5-nitroindan. Conversion of this product into its hydroxymethylene derivative by ethyl formate and sodium ethoxide, followed by cyclization in the presence of polyphosphoric acid affords 7-nitro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4,8b,11a-hexahydrocyclopentanoanthracene, which gives 3-nitro-1,9-cyclopentanoanthracene on reduction with sodium borohydride followed by treatment with dichlorodicyanobenzquinone. Oxidation of this product with sodium dichromate, followed by acidification furnishes 5-nitro-1,9-dicarboxylic acid anhydride, which gives the desired 5-nitro compound of formula I on treatment with an amine such as dimethylethylenediamine. The nitro group of this compound can be reduced catalytically to an amine using techniques known to one skilled in the art, such as H_2/Pd or H_2/Pt .

This amine can be acetylated using an acetyling reagent, such as acetic anhydride. These transformations are exemplified hereinbelow:



1 The compounds of the invention containing basic
nitrogen form salts with acids, both organic and inorganic
acids. Of particular value are salts with pharmaceutically-
acceptable acids especially in dosage forms predicated on
aqueous systems where the enhanced water solubility of the
5 salts is most advantageous. Salts formed with
pharmaceutically unacceptable acids are also useful in the
isolation and purification of the basic nitrogen-containing
present new compounds. Salts include those formed with
hydrochloric, sulfuric, nitric, perchloric, benzenesulfonic,
10 toluenesulfonic, phosphoric, acetic, malic, malonic,
tartaric and similar such acids.

The compounds of the present invention can be
administered to the host in a variety of forms adapted to
the chosen route of administration, i.e., orally,
15 intravenously, intramuscularly or subcutaneously.

The active compound may be orally administered, for
example, with an inert diluent or with an assimilable edible
carrier, or it may be enclosed in hard or soft shell gelatin
capsules, or it may be compressed into tablets, or it may be
20 incorporated directly with the food of the diet. For oral
therapeutic administration, the active compound may be
incorporated with excipient and used in the form of
ingestible tablets, buccal tablets, troches, capsules,
elixirs, suspensions, syrups, wafers, and the like. Such
25 compositions and preparations should contain at least 0.1%
of active compound. The percentage of the compositions and
preparations may, of course, be varied and may conveniently

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be between about 2 to about 60% of the weight of the unit.
1 The amount of active compound in such therapeutically useful
compositions is such that a suitable dosage will be
obtained. Preferred compositions or preparations according
to the present invention are prepared so that an oral dosage
5 unit form contains between about 50 and 300 mg of active
compound.

The tablets, troches, pills, capsules and the like may
also contain the following: A binder such as gum
tragacanth, acacia, corn starch or gelatin; excipients such
10 as dicalcium phosphate; a disintegrating agent such as corn
starch, potato starch, alginic acid and the like; a
lubricant such as magnesium stearate; and a sweetening agent
such as sucrose, lactose or saccharin may be added or a
flavoring agent such as peppermint, oil of wintergreen, or
15 cherry flavoring. When the dosage unit form is a capsule,
it may contain, in addition to materials of the above type,
a liquid carrier. Various other materials may be present as
coatings or to otherwise modify the physical form of the
dosage unit. For instance, tablets, pills, or capsules may
20 be coated with shellac, sugar or both. A syrup or elixir
may contain the active compound, sucrose as a sweetening
agent, methyl and propylparabens as preservatives, a dye and
flavoring such as cherry or orange flavor. Of course, any
material used in preparing any dosage unit form should be
25 pharmaceutically pure and substantially non-toxic in the
amounts employed. In addition, the active compound may be
incorporated into sustained-release preparations and
formulations.

The active compound may also be administered
30 parenterally or intraperitoneally. Solutions of the active
compound as a free base or pharmacologically acceptable salt
can be prepared in water suitably mixed with a surfactant
such as hydroxypropylcellulose. Dispersions can also be
prepared in glycerol, liquid polyethylene glycols, and
35 mixtures thereof and in oils. Under ordinary conditions of
storage and use, these preparations contain a preservative
to prevent the growth of microorganisms.

1 The pharmaceutical forms suitable for injectable use
include sterile aqueous solutions or dispersions and sterile
powders for the extemporaneous preparation of sterile
injectable solutions or dispersions. In all cases the form
must be sterile and must be fluid to the extent that easy
5 syringability exists. It may be stable under the conditions
of manufacture and storage and must be preserved against the
contaminating action of microorganisms such as bacteria and
fungi. The carrier can be a solvent or dispersion medium
containing, for example, water, ethanol, polyol (for
10 example, glycerol, propylene glycol, and liquid polyethylene
glycol, and the like), suitable mixtures thereof, and
vegetable oils. The proper fluidity can be maintained, for
example, by the use of a coating such as lecithin, by the
maintenance of the required particle size in the case of
15 dispersion and by the use of surfactants. The prevention of
the action of microorganisms can be brought about by various
antibacterial and antifungal agents, for example, parabens,
chlorobutanol, phenol, sorbic acid, thimerosal, and the
like. In many cases, it will be preferable to include
20 isotonic agents, for example, sugars or sodium chloride.
Prolonged absorption of the injectable compositions can be
brought about by the use in the compositions of agents
delaying absorption, for example, aluminum monostearate and
gelatin.

25 Sterile injectable solutions are prepared by
incorporating the active compound in the required amount in
the appropriate solvent with various of the other
ingredients enumerated above, as required, followed by
filtered sterilization. Generally, dispersions are prepared
30 by incorporating the various sterilized active ingredient
into a sterile vehicle which contains the basic dispersion

medium and the required other ingredients from those
enumerated above. In the case of sterile powders for the
preparation of sterile injectable solutions, the preferred
methods of preparation are vacuum drying and the
freeze-drying technique which yield a powder of the active
ingredient plus any additional desired ingredient from
previously sterile-filtered solution thereof.

The following examples further illustrate the
invention. These examples are provided solely for
illustrative purposes; thus, the present invention should
not be limited thereto.

EXAMPLE 1

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Preparation of Anthracene-1,9-Dicarboxylic Acid Anhydride

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A suspension of 6.5 g of anthracene-1,9-dicarboxylic acid (E.D. Bergmann and R. Ikan, J. Org. Chem., 23, 907 (1958)) in 100 ml of acetic anhydride was heated at reflux for 3 hours. The mixture was cooled and the orange precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with ether and dried in air to give 5.1 g (68%) of the title compound.

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Recrystallization from dimethylsulfoxide or toluene gave orange plates with melting point 289-290°C.

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EXAMPLE 2

1 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
isoquinoline-1,3-dione (1)

5 A suspension of 248 mg (1 mmol) of
anthracene-1,9-dicarboxylic acid anhydride in 25 ml of
toluene was treated with 106 mg (1.2 mmol) of
N,N-dimethylethylenediamine. The mixture was refluxed for 4
10 hours. The clear yellow reaction solution was concentrated
under reduced pressure to an oily residue which was isolated
on a silica gel column using a mixture of chloroform-methanol
(9.5-0.5 or 9:1) as a solvent to give 245 mg (77%) of the
title compound, crystallized from toluene, m.p 126-128°C and
providing the following analysis.

15 ¹H NMR (d₆DMSO, TS), δ values in ppm.
2.3 (s, 6, N-CH₃), 2.4-2.65 (t, 2, N-CH₂), 4.0-4.25
(t, 2, CON-CH₂), 7.55-7.9 (m, 3, protons 5 + 9 + 10), 8.05-8.20
(d, 1, H-8), 8.3-8.5 (t<<d over d>>, 2, H-4 + H-6), 8.9
20 (s, 1, H-7), 9.6-9.8 (d, 1, H-11).

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EXAMPLE 3

1 2-[2'-(N-pyrrolidino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)iso-
quinoline-1,3-dione (8)

5 A suspension of 500 mg (2.02 mmol) of anthracene-1,9-
dicarboxylic anhydride in 10 ml toluene was treated with 250
mg (2.20 mmol) of 1-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine. The mixture
was refluxed overnight. The clear reaction solution was
separated from resins by decantation. It was then allowed
10 to cool to room temperature. The crystalline yellow
material deposited (640 mg. 92%) was collected and
recrystallized from hexane-toluene 1:1 to give yellow
crystals of the title compound having a m.p. of 162-164°C
and providing the following analysis:

15 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm.
1.65-1.95 (m, 4, -CH₂-), 2.5-3.0 (m, 6, N-CH₂), 4.35-4.55
(t, 2, CON-CH₂), 7.53-7.9 (m, 3, H-5 + H-9 + H-10), 8.0-8.1
(d, 1, H-8), 8.23-8.33 (d, 1, H-4), 8.65-8.75 (s over d, 2, H-6 +
20 H-7), 9.9-10.0 (d, 1, H-11).

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EXAMPLE 4

2-[2'-(N-piperidino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)iso-
quinoline-1,3-dione (7)

A suspension of 500 mg (2.02 mmol) of anthracene-1,9-dicarboxylic anhydride in 10 ml toluene was treated with 283 mg (2.21 mmol) of 1-(2-aminoethyl)piperidine. The mixture was refluxed overnight under nitrogen. The clear reaction solution was separated from tarry material by decantation. It was then allowed to cool to room temperature. The dark yellow solid that precipitated (715 mg, 99%) was collected and crystallized from a mixture of hexane-toluene 1:1, affording yellow crystals of m.p. 171-173°C and providing the following analysis:

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm.
1.1-1.8 (m, 6, -CH₂-), 2.5-2.9 (m, 6, N-CH₂), 4.35-4.55 (t, 2, CON-CH₂), 7.55-7.90 (m, 3, H-5 + H-9 + H-10), 8.05-8.15 (d, 1, H-8), 8.25-8.35 (d, 1, H-4), 8.65-8.75 (s over d, 2, H-6 + H-7), 9.9-10.0 (d, 2, H-11).

EXAMPLE 5

1 2-(1'-ethyl-3'piperidinyl)-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
isoquinoline-1,3-dione (9)

5 A suspension of 600 mg (2.42 mmol) of
anthracene-1,9-dicarboxylic acid anhydride in 10 ml toluene
was treated with 343 mg (2.68 mmol) of 3-amino-1-ethyl
piperidine. The mixture was refluxed under nitrogen
overnight. The clear reaction solution was separated from
10 tarry material by decantation. The toluene was evaporated
to give 800 mg (92%) of light brown solid, which was
crystallized from a mixture of hexane-toluene (2:1) as buff
crystals of the title compound, having melting point
163-165°C and providing the following analysis:

15 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm
1.05-1.20 (t, 3, CH₃), 1.3-2.2 (m, 4, -CH₂-), 2.25-2.75
(m, 4, N-CH₂ endocyclic), 2.9-3.1 (m, 2, N-CH₂ exocyclic),
5.2-5.62 (m, 1, CON-CH), 7.5-7.9 (m, 3, H-5 + H-9 + H-10),
20 8.0-8.10 (d, 1, H-8), 8.25-8.35 (d, 1, H-4), 8.65-8.75 (s over
d, 2, H-6 + H-7), 9.85-9.95 (d, 1, H-11).

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EXAMPLE 6

1 2-[3'-(Diethanolamino)aminopropyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz
2 (deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione (12)

5 A suspension of 248 mg (1 mmol) of
anthracene-1,9-dicarboxylic anhydride in 45 ml of dry
toluene was treated with 194 mg (1.2 mmole) of
N-(3-aminopropyl)diethanolamine in 1 ml of absolute ethanol.
10 The mixture was refluxed under nitrogen for 7 hours. The
solvent was evaporated and the residue was isolated on a
silica gel column using a mixture of chloroform-methanol
(8:2) as a solvent to give 311 mg (79%) of the title
compound which was crystallized from toluene into yellow
needles of melting point 139-141°C and providing the
15 following analysis:

20 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm
1.8-2.1 (quintuplet, 2, -CH₂-), 2.65-2.8 (m, 6, N-CH₂),
3.68-3.78 (t, 4, CH₂-OH), 3.0-3.3 (br, 2, OH), 4.2-4.4
(t, 2, CON-CH₂), 7.5-7.85 (m, 3, H-5 + H-9 + H-10), 7.95-8.05
(d, 1, H-8), 8.15-8.25 (d, 1, H-4), 8.6-8.7 (s over d, 2, H-6 +
H-7), 9.75-9.85 (d, 1, H-11).

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EXAMPLE 7

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2-[3'-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
isoquinoline-1,3-dione (11)

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A suspension of 600 mg (2.42 mmol) of anthracene-1,9-dicarboxylic anhydride in 15 ml toluene was treated with 280 mg (2.75 mmol) of 3-dimethylaminopropylamine. The mixture was refluxed under nitrogen overnight. The clear solution was separated from tarry material by decantation.

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Evaporation of the solvent gave 715 mg (89%) of the title compound which crystallized from a mixture of hexane-toluene (2:1) as yellow needles of melting point 111-113°C and providing the following analysis:

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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm
1.9-2.15 (quintuplet, 2, -CH₂-), 2.3 (s, 6, N-CH₃), 2.4-2.6 (t, 2, N-CH₂), 4.2-4.4 (t, 2, CON-CH₂), 7.48-7.85 (m, 3, H-5 + H-9 + H-10), 7.95-8.05 (d, 1, H-8), 8.2-8.3 (d, 1, H-4), 8.60-8.70 (s over d, 2, H-6 + H-7), 9.85-9.995 (d, 1, H-11).

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EXAMPLE 8

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2-(4'-dimethylaminophenyl)-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
isoquinoline-1,3-dione (10)

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A suspension of 300 mg (1.21 mmole) of anthracene-1,9-dicarboxylic anhydride in 40 ml of absolute ethanol was treated with a solution of 494 mg (3.63 mmole) of N,N-dimethyl-p-phenylenediamine in 10 ml of absolute ethanol. After refluxing the mixture under nitrogen for 24 hours, 20 ml of dry toluene was added and the mixture was refluxed for another 72 hours. The insoluble yellow solid (340 mg) was filtered off and dried in air. It was boiled with 100 ml of dioxane and the insoluble material (110 mg) which represents unreacted anhydride was filtered off. The filtrate, upon evaporation, gave 230 mg (82% based on reacted amount) of the title compound which was crystallized from dioxane into yellow needles having a melting point of 332-334°C and providing the following analysis:

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¹H NMR (d₆DMSO, TS), δ values in ppm.

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3.18 (s, 6, N-CH₃), 7.37-7.43 (t, 1, H-9), 7.47-7.61 (m, 4, H-5 + H-10 + H-3' + H-5'), 7.69-7.72 (d, 2, H-2' + H-6'), 7.89-7.92 (d, 1, H-8), 8.18-8.22 (d, 1, H-4), 8.41-8.44 (d, 1, H-6), 8.65 (s, 1, H-7), 9.50-9.56 (d, 1, H-11).

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EXAMPLE 9

1 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-8-nitro-3H-dibenz-
2 (deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione (13) and 2-[2-(dimethylamino)-
3 ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-11-nitro-2H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-
4 dione (2)
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6 A stirred solution of 416 mg (1.68 mmol) of
7 anthracene-1,9-dicarboxylic acid anhydride in 25 ml of
8 concentrated sulfuric acid was treated at -10 to -12°C with
9 a solution of 155 mg of 70% nitric acid (1.7 mmol) in 1 ml
10 of concentrated sulfuric acid. Stirring was continued for
11 15 minutes after the addition was complete and then the
12 mixture was poured over ice water. The resulting yellow
13 precipitate, a mixture of isomeric mononitro derivatives,
14 was washed well with water and dried in air. It was used
15 directly in the next step.

16 A suspension of 570 mg (1.95 mmol) of a mixture of
17 mononitro derivatives in 50 ml of dry toluene was treated
18 with a solution of 206 mg (2.35 mmol) of
19 N,N-dimethylethylenediamine in 15 ml of dry ethanol. The
20 mixture was heated at reflux for 4 hours, during which time
21 a clear brownish yellow solution formed. After evaporation
22 of the solvent, the solid residue was separated into its
23 components by chromatography on a silica gel column using
24 chloroform-acetone (1:1) as solvent. Concentration of the
25 first yellow fraction gave 247 mg (35%) of 2-[2'-(dimethyl-
26 amino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-11-nitro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-
27 1,3-dione, which was crystallized from toluene to give
28 yellow flakes with melting point 238-240°C and providing the
29 following analysis:
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¹H NMR (d₆DMSO, TS), δ values in ppm.

1 2.99 (s, 6, NCH₃), 3.52-3.57 (t, 2, NCH₂), 4.49-4.53
(t, 2, CONCH₂), 7.79-7.86 (t, 1, H-5), 7.92-7.98 (t, 1, H-9),
5 8.47-8.50 (d, 1, H-4), 8.59-8.67 [doublet over doublet
(appears as triplet), 2, H-6 + H-8], 8.75-8.77 (d, 1, H-10),
9.32 (s, 1, H-7).

10 Concentration of the second yellow fraction gave 181 mg
(26%) of 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-8-nitro-3H-
dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione, which was crystallized
from hexane-toluene (1:1) into brownish-yellow cubes with
melting point 210-212°C and providing the following
analysis:

15 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm.

2.40 (s, 6, NCH₃), 2.70-2.77 (t, 2, NCH₂), 4.39-4.45
(t, 2, CON-CH₂), 7.77-7.86 (m, 2, H-5 + H-10), 8.27-8.30
(d, 1, H-4), 8.35-8.39 (d, 1, H-6), 8.75-8.80 (d, 1, H-9), 9.42
20 (s, 1, H-7), 10.34-10.38 (d, 1, H-11).

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EXAMPLE 10

1 8-Amino-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione (14)

5 A solution of 84 mg of 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-8-
nitro-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione in
100 ml of absolute ethanol was treated with 10 mg of
palladium-on-carbon catalyst and shaken with hydrogen at 42
p.s.i. for 5 hours. The mixture was filtered and the
10 filtrate was evaporated to give 77 mg (99.9%) of the title
compound as a brown solid that melted partially at 165-168°C
and completely at 200-202°C (melting point of the
dihydrochloride salt was above 300°C).

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EXAMPLE 11

1 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]1,2-dihydro-6-ethyl-3H-dibenz-
2 (deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione (15)

5 A solution of 500 mg of 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-
dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione in 30 ml of dry
tetrahydrofuran was treated with 4 ml of a 2M solution of
ethyl magnesium bromide in tetrahydrofuran. The mixture was
10 stirred overnight and then poured into saturated ammonium
chloride solution. The two layers were separated and the
aqueous layer was extracted with chloroform. The combined
organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and then
15 evaporated to give an oily residue that was separated into
its components by preparative thin-layer chromatography on
silica gel with acetone-toluene (2:8) as solvent to give
starting material (94 mg), a polar brown oil containing 3
components (268 mg), and the title compound (least polar)
(118 mg, 27% based on converted starting material) as a
yellow solid. The title compound gave upon
20 recrystallization from hexane-toluene (3:1) yellow needles
having a melting point of 148-150°C and providing the
following analysis:

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm

25 1.37-1.43 (t, 3, CH₃), 2.42 (s, 6, N-CH₃), 2.69-2.75
(t, 2, N-CH₂), 3.44-3.53 (q, 2, CH₂), 4.39-4.44 (t, 2, CON-CH₂),
7.46-7.49 (d, 1, H-5), 7.53-7.59 (t, 1, H-9), 7.72-7.79
(t, 1, H-10), 7.98-8.02 (d, 1, H-8), 8.10-8.13 (d, 1, H-4), 8.61
30 (s, 1, H-7), 9.93-9.97 (d, 1, H-11).

EXAMPLE 12

1 11-Amino-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione (3)

5 A solution of 100 mg of 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-11-
nitro-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione in
100 ml of absolute ethanol was treated with 12 mg of
palladium-on-carbon and shaken with hydrogen at 42 p.s.i.
for 5 hours. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was
10 concentrated to give 91 mg (99%) of the title compound as a
brown solid having a melting point of 150-152°C (melting
point of dihydrochloride salt was above 300°C) and providing
the following analysis:

15 ¹H NMR (d₆DMSO, TS), 8 values in ppm.
2.94 (s, 6, N-CH₃), 3.30-3.60 (broad, 2, NH₂), 3.63-3.70
(t, 2, N-CH₂), 4.50-4.54 (t, 2, CON-CH₂), 7.81-7.87 (t, 1, H-9),
7.93-8.02 (q<<d over t>>, 2, H-5 + H-10), 8.37-8.41 (d, 1, H-8),
8.68-8.75 (t<<d over d>>, 2, H-4 + H-6), 9.41 (s, 1, H-7).

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Example 13

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Preparation of 7-Chloroanthracene-1,9-Dicarboxylic Acid Anhydride

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A suspension of 2.0 g of 7-chloro-1,9-oxalyanthracene [Liebermann and Butescu, Chem. Ber., 45, 1213 (1912)] in 40 ml of p-dioxan was treated with 15 ml of 2N NaOH solution and 12 ml of 30% hydrogen peroxide. The ensuing exothermic reaction was controlled by cooling in an ice-water bath.

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After 40 minutes standing at room temperature, the resulting solution was acidified with dilute H_2SO_4 and the yellow precipitate that formed was collected by filtration, washed with water, and dried in air to give 2.14 g (95%) of the dicarboxylic acid. After recrystallization from p-dioxan and dimethylsulfoxide (4:1), it melted at 325-327°C (anhydride formed on heating).

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A suspension of 2.0 g of the dicarboxylic acid in 50 ml of acetic anhydride was heated under reflux for 48 hours and then cooled to room temperature. The resulting orange solid, after being washed with ethanol and dried, afforded 1.84 g (97%) of the title compound. Recrystallization from p-dioxan and dimethylsulfoxide (4:1) gave orange crystals with melting point 325-327°C.

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Example 14

1 10-Chloro-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione (16)

5 A mixture of 1 g (3.6 mmol) of 7-chloroanthracene-1,9-
dicarboxylic acid anhydride and 0.36 g (4 mmol) of
N,N-dimethylethylenediamine in 70 ml of dry toluene was
heated under reflux for 8 hours. The resulting solution was
evaporated under reduced pressure and the orange residue was
10 purified by column chromatography on silica gel with
toluene-methanol (9:1) as solvent. This procedure gave 1.23
g (99%) of the title compound, crystallized from toluene,
m.p. 165-167°C and providing the following analysis.

15 ¹H NMR (d₆DMSO, TS), δ values in ppm.

2.4(s, 6, N-CH₃), 2.56-2.80 (t, 2, N-CH₂),
4.3-4.46(t, 2, CON-CH₂), 7.45-7.60 (t, 1, H-5),
7.68-7.78 (d, 1, H-9), 7.87-7.97 (d, 1, H-8), 8.19-8.29
20 (d, 1, H-4), 8.62 (s over d, 1, H-7),
8.62-8.72 (d over s, 1, H-6), 9.93 (s, 1, H-11).

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Example 15

1 Preparation of 10-Chloroanthracene-1,9-Dicarboxylic Acid
2 Anhydride

5 To a cold (0°C) stirred mixture of 5.0 g (23.5 mmol) of
9-Chloroanthracene and 6.5 ml of oxalyl chloride in 35 ml of
carbon disulfide was added 4 g of anhydrous aluminum
chloride. After two hours additional carbon disulfide (15
10 ml) and aluminum chloride (4 g) were added. The mixture was
stirred 2 more hours at 0°C and then overnight at room
temperature. Dilute HCl was added and the orange
precipitate that formed was collected by filtration, washed
with water, and then digested well with 100 ml of 5% NaOH
solution. The insoluble solids were collected, washed with
15 water and dried in air to give 4.16 g (66%) of 10-chloro-1,
9-oxalyl-anthracene, m.p. 255-258°C, after crystallation
from methanol containing a little p-dioxan. Acidification
of the filtrate gave 1.83 g of 10-chloro-9-anthroic acid.

A suspension of 2 g (7.5 mmol) of 10-chloro-1,9-
20 oxalylanthracene in 14 ml of 2N NaOH and 120 ml of p-dioxan
at 15°C was treated portionwise with 14 ml of 30% hydrogen
peroxide solution with shaking. After this addition was
complete, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1
hour, and then diluted with 100 ml of water. Acidification
25 with dilute H₂SO₄ resulted in the precipitation of 1.95 g
(86%), after drying in air, of 10-chloroanthracene-1,9-
dicarboxylic acid. It had a melting point 269-271°C
(anhydride formed on heating) after crystallization from
p-dioxan.

30 A suspension of 1.45 g (4.8 mmol) of 10-chloranthracene-
1,9-dicarboxylic acid in 50 ml of acetic anhydride was
heated under reflux for 4 hours and then cooled to room
temperature. The yellow precipitate that formed was
collected by filtration, washed with cold methanol and dried
35 to give 0.83 g (61%) of the title compound, m.p. 269-271°C.

Example 16

1 7-Chloro-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
(deh)-isoquinoline-1,3-dione (17)

5 A mixture of 0.823 g (2.9 mmol) of 10-chloroanthracene-
1,9-dicarboxylic acid anhydride and 0.256 g (3.0 mmol) of
N,N-dimethylethylenediamine in 50 ml of dry toluene was
heated under reflux for 48 hours. The resulting solution
was evaporated to dryness and the residue was purified by
10 column chromatography on silica gel with toluene-methanol
(8:2) as solvent, affording a yellow solid that was purified
further by preparative thin-layer chromatography on silica
gel with toluene-methanol (9:1) as solvent. This procedure
gave 0.71 g (69%) of the title compound, which had m.p.
15 169-171°C (decomposition) after recrystallization from
hexane and toluene (4:1) and providing the following
analysis.

1 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm.
20 2.4(s, 6, N-CH₃), 2.65-2.78(t, 2, N-CH₂), 4.3-4.46(t, 2, CON-CH₂),
7.5-7.82 (m, 3, H-5 + H-9 + H-10), 8.44-8.54 (d, 1, H-8),
8.65-8.7 (d, 2, H-4 + H-6), 9.88-9.98(d, 1, H-11).

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Example 17

1 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-7-hydroxy-3H-dibenz-
(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione (21)

5 A solution of 50 mg (0.14 mmol) of 7-chloro-2-[2'-
(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-isoquinoline-
1,3-dione in 50 ml of methanol was treated with a solution
of 12 mg (0.3 mmol) of NaOH in 1.5 ml of water. The mixture
was stirred for 6 hours, treated with a few drops of glacial
10 acetic acid, and evaporated to dryness. The residue was
purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography on silica
gel with toluene-methanol (9:1) as solvent to give 30 mg
(63%) of the title compound, crystallized from
hexane-toluene (1:1) containing a little methanol, as orange
15 crystals with melting point 163-165°C and providing the
following analysis.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm.
2.4(s, 6, N-CH₃), 2.70-2.73(t, 2, N-CH₂), 4.23(s, 1,
20 OH), 4.40-4.43(t, 2, CON-CH₂), 7.62-7.65 (t, 1, H-5),
7.71-7.74(t, 1, H-9), 7.80-7.83(t, 1, H-10), 8.40-8.44(d, 1, H-8),
8.64-8.65 (d, 1, H-4), 8.74-8.76 (d, 1, H-6), 10.03-10.05
(d, 1, H-10).

IR (KBr disk) 3440 cm⁻¹ (OH).

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Example 18

1 2-[2'-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-7-methoxy-3H-dibenz-
(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione (20)

5 A solution of 50 mg (0.14 mmol) of 7-chloro-2-[2'-
(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-isoquinoline-
1,3-dione in 25 ml of dry methanol was treated with a
solution of 16.2 mg (0.30 mmol) of sodium methoxide in 2 ml
of dry methanol. The mixture was stirred for 24 hours,
10 treated with a few drops of glacial acetic acid, and
concentrated under reduced pressure. The concentrate was
purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography on silica
gel with toluene-methanol (9:1) as solvent to give 43 mg
(87%) of the title compound, crystallized from
15 hexane-toluene (5:1) as red needles with melting point
147-149°C and providing the following analysis.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm.
2.4(s, 6, N-CH₃), 2.65-2.8(t, 2, N-CH₂), 4.23(s, 3,
20 OCH₃), 4.33-4.48(t, 2, CON-CH₂), 7.52-7.88 (m, 3, H-5 + H-9 +
H-10), 8.37-8.47(d, 1, H-8), 8.58-8.78 (t<<d over d>>, 2, H-4
+ H-6), 9.95-10.06 (d, 1, H-11).

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Example 19Preparation of 10-methylanthracene-1,9-Dicarboxylic Acid Anhydride

To a cold (0°C) stirred mixture of 5 g (26 mmol) of 9-methylanthracene and 6.5 ml of oxalyl chloride in 35 ml of carbon disulfide was added 4 g of anhydrous aluminum chloride. After two hours another 4 g of anhydrous aluminum chloride and 35 ml of carbon disulfide were added and stirring at 0°C was continued for two hours. The mixture was kept at room temperature overnight, treated with dilute HCl, and the orange precipitate that formed was collected by filtration, washed with water and then digested well with 100 ml of 5% NaOH solution. The insoluble solids were collected by filtration, washed with water and dried to give 3.17 g (50%) of 10-methyl-1,9-oxalyanthracene, m.p. 266-268°C, after crystallation from p-dioxan. Acidification of the filtrate with concentrated HCl gave 2.06 g of 10-methyl-9-anthroic acid.

A cold (10°C) suspension of 2.0 g (8.12 mmol) of 10-methyl-1,9-oxalyanthracene in 80 ml of p-dioxan and 15 ml of 2N NaOH was treated portionwise with 13 ml of 30% hydrogen peroxide with shaking. An exothermic reaction ensued and the solids dissolved gradually. After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred for 40 minutes, and then acidified with dilute H₂SO₄. The resulting orange precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried to give 1.97 g (87%) of 10-methyl-1,9-anthracene dicarboxylic acid, which formed yellow crystals, m.p. 275-280°C (anhydride formed on heating) after recrystallization from chloroform-p-dioxan (2:1).

A suspension of 1.82 g (6.5 mmol) of the dicarboxylic acid in 25 ml of acetic anhydride was heated under reflux for 4 hours and then cooled to room temperature. The yellow solid was washed with ether and dried to afford 1.04

1 g of the title compound, m.p. 275-280°C. A further 0.27 g (total yield 77%) of this compound was obtained by evaporating the filtrate and digesting the residue twice with n-hexane.

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Example 20

1 2-[2'-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-7-methyl-3H-dibenz-
2 (dch)isoquinoline-1,3-dione (19)

5 A mixture of 500 mg (1.91 mmol) of 10-methylanthracene-
6 1,9-dicarboxylic acid anhydride and 2.0 mmol N,N-dimethyl-
7 ethylenediamine in 50 ml of dry toluene was heated under
8 reflux for 5 hours. The solvent was evaporated and the
9 residual solid was purified by column chromatography on
10 silica gel with chloroform-methanol (9:1) as solvent. This
11 procedure gave 605 mg (95%) of the title compound,
12 crystallized from hexane-toluene (3:1), golden needles with
13 m.p. 155-157°C and providing the following analysis.

15 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm
16 2.4(s, 6, N-CH₃), 2.63-2.80(t, 2, NCH₂), 3.08(s, 3,
17 CH₃), 4.29-4.46(t, 2, CON-CH₂), 7.47-7.82 (m, 3, H-5 + H-9 +
18 H-10), 8.20-8.30(d, 1, H-8), 8.48-8.58 (d, 1, H-4),
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Example 21

1 1,2-Dihydro-2-[2'-(methylamino)ethyl]-3H-dibenz(deh)-
isoquinoline-1,3-dione (22)

5 A mixture of 477 mg (1.5 mmol) of 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)
ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione, 240
mg (1.5 mmol) of bromine, and 25 ml of glacial acetic acid
was heated under reflux for 24 hours, cooled to room
temperature, and diluted with ether. The solid that
10 separated was dissolved in methanol and this solution was
treated with methanolic KOH until it became slightly
alkaline. It was then concentrated and the residue was
separated into its components by column chromatography on
silica gel with chloroform-methanol (19:1, then 9:1) as
15 solvent. The first fraction (orange) gave 400 mg of
unreacted starting material. The second fraction (green)
gave a solid that was purified by preparative TLC on silica
gel with chloroform-methanol (9:1) as solvent. This
procedure gave 39 mg of the title compound, which formed a
20 hydrochloride salt of m.p. 230-235°C (decomposition). The
title compound provided the following analysis.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm.

1.22(s,1,HN), 2.55(s,3,NCH₃), 3.06-3.11(t,2,NCH₂,
25 4.39-4.44(t,2,CON-CH₂), 7.52-7.66 (m,2,H-5 + H-9),
7.72-7.79(t,1,H-10), 7.98-8.01(d,1,H-8), 8.21-8.24(d,1,H-4),
8.62-8.65(d,1,H-6), 8.66(s,1,H-7), 9.84-9.88(d,1,H-11).

Example 22

1 1,2-dihydro-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
5 (deh)-isoquinoline-1,3-dione-8-sulfonamide

5 The product of Example 1 is reacted with chlorosulfonic
acid, followed by ammonia, and then dimethylethylenediamine
in accordance with the procedure described in Example 2, to
form the above-identified product.

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Example 23

1 Preparation of a Mixture of 2-, 6-, and 7-Acetamidoanthracene-
1,9-dicarboxylic Acids

5 2-Acetamidoanthracene was prepared in 97% yield by
stirring a solution of 1 equivalent of 2-aminoanthracene and
1.5 equivalents of acetic anhydride in dry tetrahydrofuran
for 3 hours at room temperature. This product (2.9 g) was
dissolved in 35 ml of carbon disulfide and 4 ml of oxalyl
10 chloride was added. The stirred mixture was cooled to 0°C
and treated with 2.5 g of anhydrous aluminum chloride.
Another 35 ml of carbon disulfide and 2.5 g of aluminum
chloride were added after 2 hours. The mixture was stirred
2 hours at 0°C and overnight at room temperature and then
15 treated with dilute HCl. The brown precipitate that formed
was washed with water and then digested well with 5% NaOH
solution. After collection, the insoluble solids were
washed with water and dried in air to give 1.25 g (35%) of a
mixture of 2-, 6-, and 7-acetamido-1,9-oxalyanthracenes.

20 A suspension of the acetamidooxalyanthracenes (1.24 g,
4.27 mmol) in 25 ml of p-dioxane and 8 ml of 5% NaOH was
treated at 15°C with 8 ml of 30% hydrogen peroxide. The
mixture was stirred 45 minutes at room temperature, diluted
with 50 ml of water, and filtered. The clear brown filtrate
25 was acidified with dilute H₂SO₄ and the brick-red solid that
formed was collected, washed well with water and dried in
air to give 1.1 g (80%) of a mixture of the title compounds.
This mixture was used directly in Example 24.

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Example 24

1 4-, 9-, and 10-Acetamido-2-[2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-
dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-diones

5 A suspension of a mixture of 2-, 3-, 6-, and 7-acetamido-
1,9-dicarboxylic acids (1 g, 3.09 mmol) in 50 ml of dry
toluene was heated under reflux with 310 mg (3.52 mmol) of
N,N-dimethylethylenediamine for 15 hours. Anhydrous ethanol
(10 ml) was added and reflux was continued another 5 hours.
10 The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the
oily residue was chromatographed on silica gel with
toluene-methanol as solvent. (8:2). Three fractions were
obtained. The first fraction was purified further by
preparative TLC on silica gel to give 27 mg (2%) of
15 4-acetamido-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-
dibenz(deh)-isoquinoline-1,3-dione as yellow solid. The
second fraction gave 244 mg. of another isomeric acetamido
derivative, melting point 249-252°C. An orange solid (714
mg) obtained from the third fraction was extracted with
20 chloroform. The insoluble solid was washed with chloroform
and dried in air to give 79 mg (7%) of 10-acetamido-2-[2'-
(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
isoquinoline-1,3-dione, which did not melt below 360°C.
Concentration of the chloroform extract gave 632 mg (55%) of
25 9-acetamido-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibe-
nz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione, melting point 197-199°C after
crystallization from toluene.

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Example 25

1 9-Amino-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)
2 isoquinoline-1,3-dione

5 A mixture of 210.3 mg of 9-acetamido-2-[2'-(di-
methylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,
3-dione, 50 ml of ethanol, and 5 ml of 37% HCl was heated
under reflux for 2 hours and then concentrated to dryness.
The residue was dissolved in methanol and this solution was
10 made alkaline with methanolic KOH. It was then concentrated
to a residue that was purified by preparative TLC on silica
gel with toluene-methanol (9:1) as solvent. This procedure
gave 162 mg (76%) of the title compound as a brick-red solid
that had melting point 193-145°C after crystallization from
15 toluene.

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Example 26

1 10-Amino-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione

5 The title compound was prepared by the procedure of
Example 25. From 54 mg of 10-Acetamidomino-2-[2'-(di-
methylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,
3-dione was obtained 5 mg (10%) of the title compound.

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Example 27

1 4-Amino-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione

5 The title compound was prepared by the procedure of
Example 25. From 15 mg of 4-acetamido-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)
ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione was
obtained 7 mg (53%) of the title compound.

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Example 28

1 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-7-methylthio-3H-di-
2 benz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione

5 A solution of 50 mg (0.142 mmol) of 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)
ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-7-chloro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,
3-dione in 30 ml of warm anhydrous methanol was treated with
12 mg (0.17 mmol) of sodium thiomethoxide. The mixture was
10 stirred overnight at room temperature and concentrated to
dryness. The residue was purified by preparative TLC on
silica gel with toluene-methanol (9:1) as solvent to give 34
mg (66%) of the title compound, having a melting point of
137-139°C and providing the following analysis:

15 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, TS), δ values in ppm.

2.35(s,6,N-CH₃), 2.40(s,3,S-CH₃), 2.58-2.75(t,2,N-CH₂),
4.27-4.42(t,2,CONH₂), 7.53-7.83(m,3,H-5 + H-9 +H-10),
8.65-8.73(d,1,H-8), 8.96-9.06(d,1,H-4), 9.18-9.28(d,1,H-6),
20 9.90-10.00(d,1,H-11).

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Example 29

1 2-[2'-Imidazolinyl)methyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(dch)iso-
5 quinolin-1,3-dione

By treating the compound prepared in Example 1 with
amino acetonitrile followed by ethylene diamine dihydro-
chloride in accordance with the procedure described in
Example 2, the above-identified compound can be prepared.

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Example 30

1 Using Anthracene-1,9-Dicarboxylic Acid anhydride
prepared in Example 1 and the appropriate amine, the
following compounds can be prepared in accordance with the
5 procedure described in Example 2:

2-[2'-(1-piperazinyl)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquin-
oline-1, 3-dione;

2-[2'-(N-morpholinyl)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
10 isoquinoline-1, 3-dione;

2-[(1'-ethyl-2-pyrrolidinyl)methyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
(deh)isoquinoline-1, 3-dione;

2-[2'-(1-methyl)-2-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
(deh)isoquinoline-1, 3-dione;

15 2-[(3'-piperidinyl)methyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
isoquinoline-1, 3-dione;

2-(3'-pyridyl)-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-
1,3-dione;

2-[2'-(2-pyridyl)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
20 isoquinoline-1, 3-dione;

2-[(1'-aziridinyl)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
isoquinoline-1, 3-dione.

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Example 31

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Similarly, using the procedure described herein, the following derivatives of 2-(2'-(dimethylaminoethyl)-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione can be prepared:

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4-OH, OCH₃, NO₂, Cl, Br or CF₃;

5-OH, or OCH₃, Cl, or Br;

6-NHCOCH₃, NH₂, OH, OCH₃, Cl, Br, CF₃, NO₂, or CH₃;

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7-NHCOCH₃, NH₂, Cl, Br or CF₃;

8-NHCOCH₃, OH, OCH₃, Cl, Br or CF₃;

9-OH, OCH₃, Cl, Br, CF₃ or NO₂;

10-OH, OCH₃, CF₃, Cl, Br or NO₂;

11-NHCOCH₃, Cl, OH, or OCH₃.

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The CF₃ derivative is prepared from its corresponding bromo or chloro substituent by treatment with CF₃CO₂Na and CuI, according to established techniques known in the art.

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Example 32

1 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-5-nitro-3H-dibenz-
(deh) isoquinoline-1,3-dione

5 A solution of 5-nitroindanone (Murray and Cromwell, J.
Org. Chem. 41,3540 (1976)) in ethanol is treated with sodium
borohydride followed by triphenylphosphine dibromide to
furnish 1-bromo-5-nitroindan, which is converted into a
Grignard reagent by magnesium in ether. Addition of
10 2-cyclohexenone and cuprous iodide gives 1-(cyclohexanon-3-
yl)-5-nitroindan. Conversion of this product into its
hydroxymethylene derivative by ethyl formate and sodium
ethoxide, followed by cyclization in the presence of
polyphosphoric acid affords 7-nitro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4,8b, 11a-
15 hexahydrocyclopentanoanthracene, which gives
3-nitro-1,9-cyclopentanoanthracene on reduction with sodium
borohydride followed by treatment with dichloro-
dicyanobenzquinone. Oxidation of this product with sodium
dichromate, followed by acidification, furnishes 5-
20 nitroanthracene-1,9-dicarboxylic acid anhydride. Reaction
of said anhydride with N,N-dimethylethylene diamine in
accordance with the procedure described in Example 2 affords
the above-identified product.

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Example 33

1 5-Amino-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
5 (deh) isoquinoline-1,3-dione

The title compound is prepared by reducing the product
prepared in Example 32 with hydrogen on palladium in
accordance with the procedure described in Example 12.

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Example 34

1 5-Acetamido-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-
dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione

5 The title compound is prepared by treating the
corresponding 5-amino derivative prepared in Example 33 with
acetic anhydride in pyridine.

Using the methods described herein, the following examples may be synthesized:

- 10 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-8-nitro-3H-dibenz-(deh)isoquinoline-
1,3-dione;
- 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-6-ethyl-3H-dibenz-(deh)isoquinoline-
1,3-dione;
- 15 10-chloro-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-
1,3-dione;
- 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-7-hydroxy-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-
1,3-dione;
- 20 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-7-methoxy-3H-
dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
- 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-7-methyl-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-
1,3-dione;
- 1,2-dihydro-2[2'-methylaminoethyl]-3H-dibenz(deh)-isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
- 25 4-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-
1,3-dione;
- 4-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-
dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
- 30 4-chloro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H- dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-
1,3-dione;
- 4-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-
dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
- 35 5-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-
dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
- 5-nitro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-
dione;

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6-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

6-amino-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

6-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

6-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

6-chloro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

6-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

6-nitro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

6-methyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

7-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

7-amino-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

7-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

7-methylthio-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

8-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

8-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

8-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

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8-chloro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

8-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

9-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

9-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

9-chloro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

9-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

9-nitro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

10-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

10-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

10-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

10-nitro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

11-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

11-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

11-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-5-nitro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline;

5-amino-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione; and

5-acetamido-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione.

1 The compounds of the present invention were tested for
anti-tumor activity in various model systems.

These models included the following:

5 1) In vitro tumor colony forming assays in soft
agar with murine and human tumor cell lines and with fresh
human tumors.

2) In vitro tumor cell viability assays using MTT
dye reaction endpoints.

10 3) In vitro survival studies in mice bearing
solid flank tumors or hematologic malignancies in the
peritoneum.

For example, the compounds of the present invention
were evaluated for cytotoxic activities in cloned human
colon carcinomas. The clonogenic assays were conducted in
15 accordance with the procedure described hereinbelow:

20 1) Colony Forming Assays in Soft Agar: Fresh
human or murine tumors are disaggregated into single cell
suspensions using mechanical, hypoosmotic and/or enzymatic
(trypsin) methods. The single cells (about 5×10^4 - 10^5) are
plated in 35 mm plastic petri dishes onto a 1 ml "feeder
layer" of 0.3% agar dissolved in growth medium containing
5-10% vol/vol of heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum, molten
0.3% agar and the antibiotics penicillin (100 u/mL) and
25 streptomycin (100 ug/mL). Drug exposures can be performed
for one hour or continuously (drugs added to final plating
medium). Tumor cell colonies > 60 uM in size are counted by
automated image analysis after 10-20 days of incubation in a
humidified, 5-10% CO₂-gassed environment maintained at 37°C.
30 Inhibition of colony formation is calculated based on
comparisons to control (untreated) plates wherein the growth
of hundreds of colonies/plate is typical. (Salmon SE, et
al., N Engl J Med 298(24):1321-1327, 1978).

The results are indicated in the following tables.

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Table 1. Activity of Compounds Against Tumor Cells

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Concentration (u molar) for 50% inhibition of colony
formation for human colon tumors

<u>compd</u>	<u>LOVOp32</u>	<u>205p14</u>	<u>SW80p105</u>	<u>HT29p30</u>
1	0.3	0.4	0.15	0.34
10 2	3.0	3.0	2.5	1.75
3	4.0	2.6	3.1	3.6
7	0.75	10.0	1.0	4.4
8	1.0	11.7	0.9	2.6
9	5.6	17.5	3.0	11.25
15 10	NA	NA	0.75	0.25
11	1.6	13.5	1.3	8.3
12	0.8	11.5	1.3	8.3
Amonafide (control)	0.6	0.16	0.57	0.96

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MTT assay with cells plated 24 hr. prior to drug addition. 3 day
drug exposure.

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NA = not active at concentration tested

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Table 1a. Activities of Compounds Against Sensitive and Multidrug Resistant L1210 Leukemia Cells

Concentration (pg/ml) for 50% inhibition of tumor cells

Compound	Sensitive L1210	Resistant L1210
1	0.0025	0.0025
13	0.0027	0.003
14	5.0	----
15	0.0031	0.0031
16	0.0025	0.002
17	0.028	0.03
19	0.003	0.003
20	0.0032	0.0028
21	0.0032	0.0032
22	0.0032	0.0027

Six day MTT assay, continuous drug exposure

Compounds of the present invention were tested for their
1 in vitro activity in tumor cells sensitive and resistant to
standard anti-cancer agents. The tumor cell lines used in
this protocol are 8226 Human Myeloma¹; 8226/Dox-40²,
L-1210/Murine Leukemia, multidrug resistant L-210/³, 2780
5 Human Ovarian Cancer and 2780/AD⁴.

Each of these resistant cell lines is known as a
multidrug resistant or "MDR" cell line. These cell lines
produce a 170,000 molecular weight membrane protein termed
the P-glycoprotein which acts as an active drug efflux pump.
10 Thus, once a cell produces the P-glycoprotein, it has the
capability of pumping out of the cell a large variety of
unrelated natural products. These include some of our most
active standard agents such as doxorubicin (adriamycin),
vinca alkaloids (such as vincristine and vinblastine) and
15 other DNA binders such as actinomycin D and daunomycin. The
protocol for measuring the effectiveness of compounds of the
present invention is as follows:

2) In Vitro Tumor Cell Viability Assays Using
MTT-Dye: Tumors are processed into a single cell suspension
20 as described above. The cells are plated at a concentration
of $3-5 \times 10^4$ /1 mL well into plastic 96-well plates. Growth
medium containing 5-10% (vol/vol) heat-inactivated fetal
bovine serum and penicillin/streptomycin (as above) is added
prior to incubation at 37°C for six days. Afterwards the
25 medium containing the drug is removed, the cells are
"washed" by centrifugation in fresh medium or phosphate-
buffered saline (pH 7.4). A tetrazolium dye is then added
(3,4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide
(MTT). This dye forms a colored formazan product upon
30 activation by mitochondrial reductases in viable cells.

1. Matsuoka, Y, et al. Proc Soc Exptl. Biol. Med., 125,
1246-1250 (1967).

2. Dalton, W.S., et al. Cancer Research, 46, 5125-5130
(1986).

3. Dorr, et al., Biochem. Pharmacol., 36, 3115-3120
35 (1980).

4. Rogan, A.M., et al., Science, 224, 994-996 (1984).

1 Typically, the formazan product is solubilized in
acid-propanol or DMSO. The intensity of the color is
proportional to viable cell numbers and this is quantitated
by spectrophotometric absorbance (570 nm) on a micro ELISA
plate reader. Test results are calibrated in % control
5 absorbance from untreated tumor cells (Mossman T: J Immunol
Meth 65:55-63, 1983).

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Using the above procedure, Compound 1 was tested for its cytotoxic activity with respect to various tumor cell lines. The results are indicated hereinbelow in Table 2.

TABLE 2

In Vitro Cytotoxic Activity Insensitive and Multidrug Resistant Tumors*

Tumor Cell Line	Resistance Spectrum	CMPD 1 Activity (IC ₅₀ In ug/mL)	CMPD 1 Cross Resistance
8226 Human Myeloma	Multidrug resistant, P-glycoprotein positive	.011	3-fold
8226/DOX-40	40-fold resistant to Doxorubicin	.036	
L-1210/Murine Leukemia		.003	
L-1210/	MDR, P-glycoprotein (+) 10-fold resistance to Mitomycin C	.003	None
2780 Human Ovarian Cancer		4.0	None
2780/AD	MDR, P-glycoprotein (+) 10-fold resistance to Doxorubicin	2.7	

*4-day drug exposure in multiwell plastic plates; cell viability measured MTT dye reduction (N.C.I. method).

Table 2 shows that Compound 1 maintained anti-tumor activity against these multidrug resistant tumors in vitro. The only instance in which Compound 1 did not appear to completely maintain its activity was with the DOX 40 cell line where a possible three-fold cross resistance was evident. However, this is a highly artificial level of resistance (i.e., 40-fold resistance is not seen commonly in the clinic). Thus, in the lower level resistant cell lines, such as the ten-fold mitomycin C resistant L1210 and the tenfold adriamycin resistant 2780 ovarian cancer, Compound 1 maintained its complete activity as shown in Table II.

The anti-tumor activity of compounds of the present invention in in vivo mouse murine models were studied.

3) Survival Studies In Tumor-Bearing Mice:

3.1 P-388 Leukemia Modles: One million P-388 leukemia cells originally obtained from American Type Culture Collection (Rockville, MD) are implanted into the peritoneum of adult DBA-2J male mice (Jackson Laboratories, Bar Harbor, ME). Twenty four hours later, drugs diluted in physiological saline are injected intraperitoneally at a volume of 0.1 mL/10 g body weight. The mice (10/group) are then followed for survival daily and compared to untreated tumor bearing mice. Survival results are converted to a percent increased lifespan over untreated controls (Geran RI, et al., Cancer Chemo Rep., 3, 1-10, 1972).

P-388/Adriamycin Resistant Cells: The same protocol as above was used for these studies with a multidrug resistant P-388 cell line developed in vivo by and supplied by Dr. Randall Johnson (John RK, et al., Cancer Treat Rep 62, 1535-1547, 1978).

Colon-38: Freshly-harvested 20-30 mg pieces of viable colon-38 adenocarcinoma are injected into the right front flank of C57/B1 adult mice. These tumors are allowed to grow for three days. Drugs are injected intraperitoneally on days three and six after inoculation at a volume of 0.1 mL/10 g body weight. The perpendicular widths of the tumors are measured by caliper thrice weekly and converted to an estimated tumor mass according to the formula: $\frac{1}{2} \times W^2 =$

grams of tumor.

1 wherein

W = width of tumor

5 l = length of tumor

Tumor growth delay is calculated as the difference in days for tumors in treated mice to reach an estimated mass 750 mg or 1.5 g compared to that in untreated controls:

10 Days to reach 750 mg (Treated - Control) = Days of Tumor
Growth Delay

Corbett, T.H., et al., Cancer Chemo Rep., 5 (1975).
Mammary 16-C Adenocarcinoma and M5-76 Sarcoma:

15 Chunks of tumor (20-50 mg) are subcutaneously implanted into
the flank of B6C3F1 female mice. Drugs (10-45 mg/kg) are
dissolved in saline and injected intraperitoneally every
four days for three times starting one day after tumor
20 implantation. Tumors are measured bidimensionally as
described above and tumor growth delay is calculated at
times to reach 1.5 and 3.0 g of tumor mass.

Using the various in vivo mouse models and the
procedures described hereinabove, the anti-tumor activity of
25 compound 1 was tested. The results are shown in Table 3
hereinbelow.

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TABLE 3
ANTI-TUMOR ACTIVITY OF COMPOUND 1 in in vivo MOUSE MODELS

Tumor Cell Line	Model	Drug Regimen (mg/kg X days)	Experimental Activity	Comparative Activity From The Literature		
				Amonafide	Doxorubicin	T-AMSA
P-388 lymphocytic leukemia	10 ⁶ cells in DBA mice	16; dl,5,9	00:ILS*	99 ILS	164 ILS	124 ILS
P-388/ADR (adriamycin-Resistant)	10 ⁶ cells in DBA mice	15; dl,5,9	33 ILS	35 ILS	18 ILS	unk.**
Colon-38 Adenocarcinoma	20mg implants in C ₅₇ B/mice	15; d3,6	6 days TT	<7 days	10 days	2 days
16-C Mammary Adenocarcinoma	(Southern Research Institute)	----	7 days TT	7 days	unk.	unk.
776 Sarcoma	(Southern Research Institute)	----	7 days	7 days	unk.	unk.

*ILS = Percentage Increased Lifespan
TT Days of Tumor Growth Delay
** Unknown

1 Drug deaths: a treated, tumored animal was presumed to die
of drug toxicity if its day of death was significantly
earlier than the corresponding day of death in the untreated
control group and its tumor was less than 550 mg, or if it
dies with a tumor of 550 mg or less prior to 45 days after
the last day of treatment, or if the treated animal was
5 uniquely specified as a drug death on data input. T-C
excludes drug deaths, tumor free survivors and any other
animal whose tumor failed to obtain the evaluation size and
is the unweighted average of the differences of the median
times post implant for the treated and control groups to
10 attain each of the two evaluation sizes.

Evaluation of Tumor Growth

15 The appearance of tumors of a threshold size, and the
growth in these tumors in groups of 10 mice (B6C3F0, 18-22 g)
implanted with 5×10^6 M5076 carcinoma cells compared to the
tumor appearance and growth in samples treated with NSC308847
and Compound 1 are shown in Table 3. The values are median
20 values for the samples, and show the weight of the tumor
with time.

These studies confirm that the compound of this
invention delays the appearance of tumors at the threshold
level significantly over the control and similarly to the
comparative drug (amonafile) at the same dose level, and
25 significantly reduces the tumor growth at lower dose rates.

The cytotoxic activity of compounds of the present
invention in fresh human tumors was also tested. The
protocol is as follows:

30 Fresh human tumor specimens disaggregated to single
cell suspensions and exposed to .001 ug/mL of drug

1 continuously. Percent survival represents the fraction of
tumor colonies ($> 60 \mu\text{M}$ size) obtained after drug treatment
compared to untreated cells of the same tumor. Overall
sensitivity indicates tumor cell survival of less than 50%
of control colony-forming cells. Each tumor sample is
5 analyzed in three different petri dishes (i.e., $n = 3$ for
each sample).

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The results are indicated in Table 4

Table 4

CYTOTOXIC ACTIVITY FOR COMPOUND 1 IN FRESH HUMAN TUMORS¹

Human Tumor Type	Compound 1 Sensitive ² <30-50%			Doxorubicin Sensitive ² <30-50%			
	No. of Samples	<30% Control	of Control	Overall Response	No. of Samples	<30% Control	of Control
Breast	11	3	4	64%	58	6	5
Colon/Rectum	7	8	1	14%	17	3	2
Lung	6	2	1	50%	12	1	1
Melanoma	11	4	3	64%	10	0	0
Ovary	8	3	1	50%	36	2	7
Total	43	12	10	51%	133	12	15

¹Fresh human tumor specimens disaggregated to single cell suspensions and exposed to .001 ug/mL of drug continuously. Percent survival represents the fraction of tumor colonies (> 60 uM size) obtained after drug treatment compared to untreated cells of the same tumor. Overall sensitivity indicates tumor cell survival of less than 50% of control colony-forming cells. Each tumor sample is analyzed in three different petri dishes (i.e., n = 3 for each sample).

²Doxorubicin tumors were from different patients.

1 The data in Table 4 results from testing on a group of
human tumors, totalling 43 separate human cancers. The
overall response rate in these 43 samples was 51% using a
continuous drug concentration of (.001 ug/mL). These data
represent a very high level of in vitro activity; some of
5 the highest levels of activity were seen in typically
adriamycin-responsive tumors such as breast cancer and
ovarian cancer. Unexpected was the level of activity of
compound 1 against melanomas (64%). Melanoma is widely
known to be an extremely chemoresistant disease with most
10 standard agents.⁵ The data shows that compared to
doxorubicin (overall response rate of 20%), compound 1 was
significantly superior.

Other compounds were tested and the in vitro cytotoxic
activity in accordance with the procedure described
15 hereinabove with respect to Table 2. The results are
indicated hereinbelow in Table 5.

TABLE 5

IN VITRO CYTOTOXIC ACTIVITY

IC₅₀ VALUES (ng/ML CONTINUEOUS EXPOSURE)*

Compound #	8226 Myeloma Cells		L1210 Leukemia Cells	
	Sensitive	Resistant	Sensitive	Resistant
1	10	30	2.8	2.5
13	5	10	2.5	2.9
14	>100	>100	5,000	>5,000

*Measured by MTT dye assay (N.C.I. Method).

⁵ Luce, J.K., Seminar Oncol, 2, 179-185 (1975).

1 The above preferred embodiments and examples are given
to illustrate the scope and spirit of the present invention.
These embodiments and examples will make apparent, to those
skilled in the art, other embodiments and examples. These
other embodiments and examples are within the contemplation
5 of the present invention. Therefore, the present invention
should be limited only by the appended claims.

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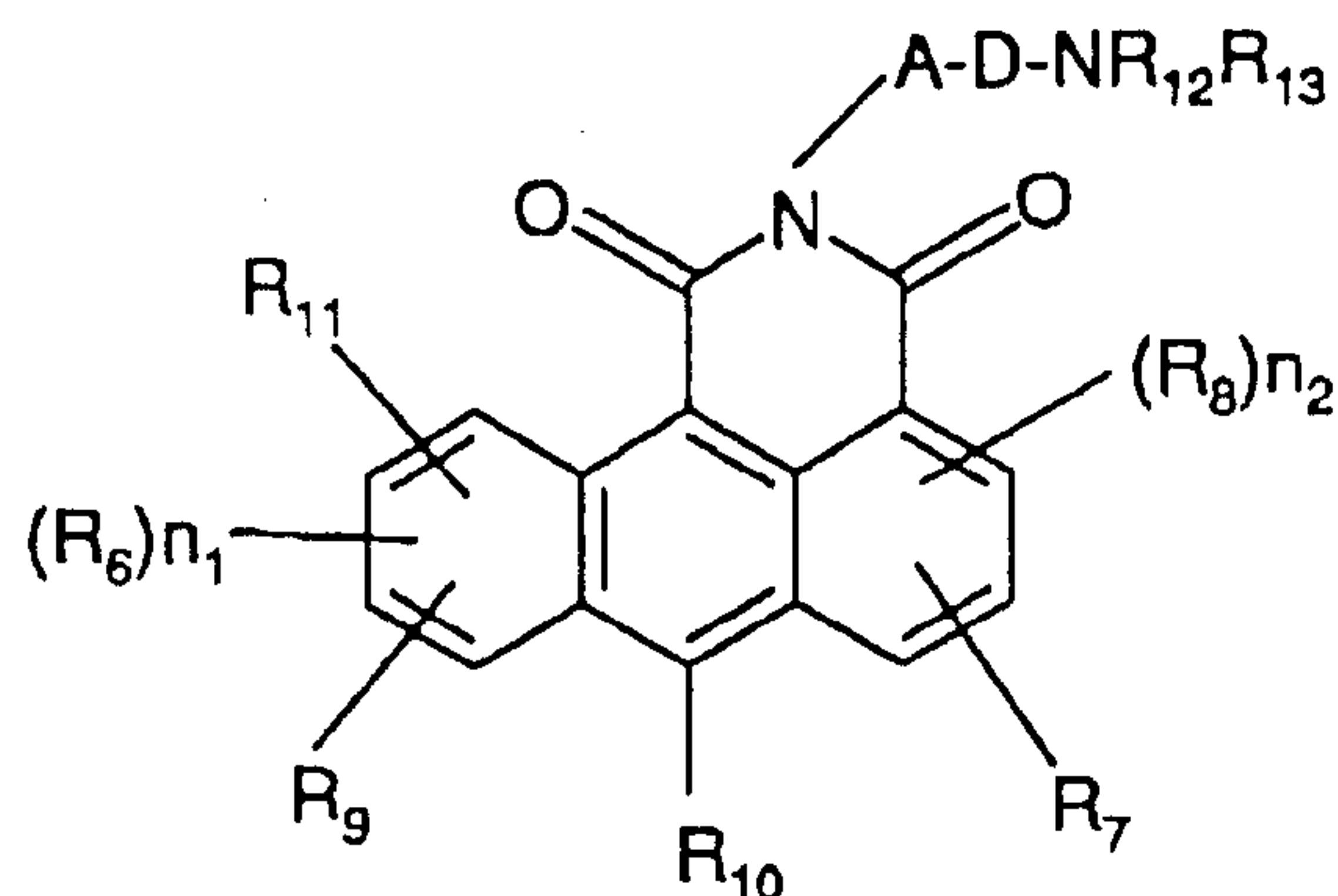
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THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A compound of the formula:



wherein

R_8 , R_6 and R_{10} are independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl, lower alkanoyl, formyl, halogen, nitro, NR_2R_3 , OR_1 , SR_1 , hydroxy, methoxy, cyano, CO_2H , $SO_2NR_1R_2$, or $CONR_1R_2$;

R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl lower alkyl, aryl, formyl or lower alkanoyl;

R_9 , R_{11} , R_{10} and R_7 are independently hydrogen, or lower alkyl; or

R_9 and R_{11} taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a phenyl group or

R_9 and R_{10} taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a phenyl group or

R_7 and R_{10} taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a phenyl group;

A is $(CR_4R_5)_{n_3}$, lower cycloalkyl or aryl or a chemical bond;

each R_4 and R_5 are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl;

R_{12} and R_{13} are independently hydrogen, or lower alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with hydroxy, mercapto, lower alkoxy, lower alkylcarbonyloxy, carboxy, or carbloweralkoxy or R_{12} and R_{13} taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 3-6 membered heterocyclic ring;

D is a chemical bond, or taken together with NR_{12} form a 5 or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

n_1 and n_2 are independently 0, 1 or 2; and

n_3 is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5,

wherein lower alkyl is an alkyl chain containing 1-6 carbon atoms; aryl is an aromatic ring which is monocyclic or bicyclic and which contains 6-10 ring carbon atoms and up to a total of 15 carbon atoms; aryl lower alkyl is an aryl group attached through a lower alkylene chain to the dibenzisoquinoline ring; lower cycloalkyl is a cycloalkyl ring containing 3-6 ring carbon atoms and up to a total of 10 carbon atoms; lower alkanoyl is a lower alkyl group substituted by an oxo; and heterocyclic ring is a 3-6 membered ring containing at least one oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen ring atom and up to a total 4 ring heteroatoms, with the remaining ring atoms being carbon ring atoms.

2. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R_9 , R_{11} , R_{10} , R_7 and R_8 are hydrogen.

3. The compound according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein R_6 is hydrogen, amino, nitro, hydroxy or halo and n is 1.

4. The compound according to Claim 3, wherein R_6 is 8-nitro, 8-amino, 11-nitro or 11-amino.

5. The compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein A is aryl or $(CR_4R_5)_n$ and D is a chemical bond.

6. The compound according to Claim 5, wherein n_3 is 2-4.

7. The compound according to Claim 6, wherein R_4 and R_5 are independently hydrogen.

8. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R_{10} is hydrogen, methyl, chloro, methoxy or hydroxy.

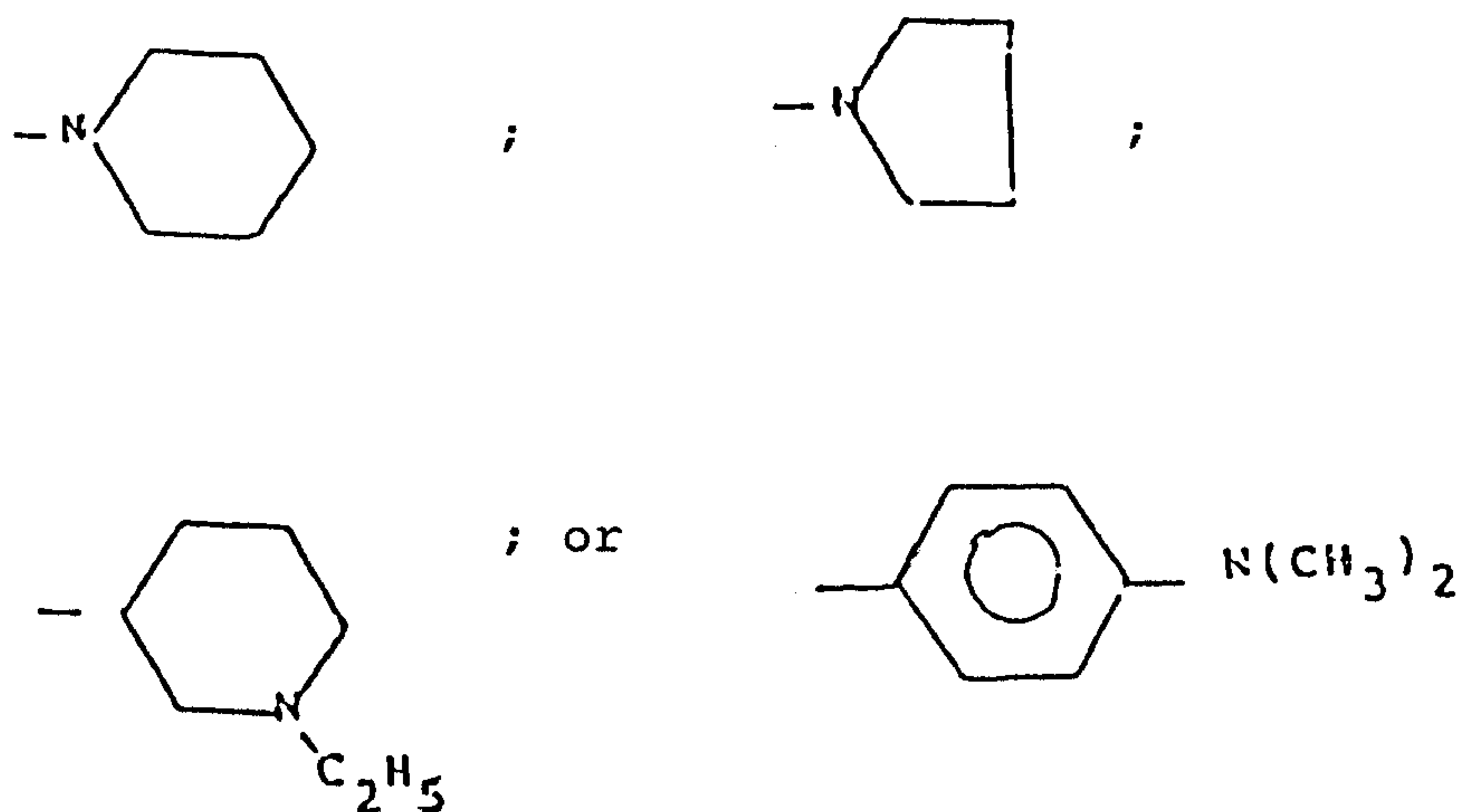
9. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R_{12} and R_{13} are hydrogen or lower alkyl unsubstituted or substituted with

hydroxy.

10. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R_{12} and R_{13} are the same.

11. The compound according to claim 1, wherein D taken together with NR_{12} form a 5 or 6-membered nitrogen containing ring.

12. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein $ADNR_{12}R_{13}$ is



13. The compound according to Claim 11, wherein R_{12} and R_{13} taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a pyrrolidine or a piperidine ring.

14. The compound according to Claim 1 which is
 1 2-[2'-(N-pyrrolidino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
 isoquinoline-1,3-dione, 2-[2'-(N-piperidino)ethyl]-1,2-
 dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione,
 2-[1'-ethyl-3'-piperidinyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
 5 isoquinoline-1,3-dione, 2-[3'-(Bis-β-hydroxyethyl)amino-
 propyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione,
 2-[3'-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
 isoquinoline-1,3-dione, 2-(4'-dimethylaminophenyl)-1,2-
 10 dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione,
 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-11-nitro-3H-dibenz-
 (deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione, 8-amino-2-[2'-dimethylamino-
 ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione,
 11-amino-2-[2'-(dimethylaminoethyl)-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
 (deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione, 2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-
 15 6-ethyl-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione,
 7-chloro-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
 (deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione,
 2-[2'-(1-piperazinyl)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquin-
 oline-1, 3-dione;
 20 2-[2'-(N-morpholinyl)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
 isoquinoline-1, 3-dione;
 2-[(1'-ethyl-2-pyrrolidinyl)methyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
 (deh)isoquinoline-1, 3-dione;
 2-[2'-(1-methyl)-2-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-
 25 (deh)isoquinoline-1, 3-dione;
 2-[(3'-piperidinyl)methyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
 isoquinoline-1, 3-dione;
 2-(3'-pyridyl)-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-
 1,3-dione;
 30 2-[2'-(2-pyridyl)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
 isoquinoline-1, 3-dione and;
 2-[(1'-aziridinyl)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)-
 isoquinoline-1, 3-dione.

15. The compound according to Claim 1 which is

2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz-(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione ;

2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-8-nitro-3H-dibenz-(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione ;

2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-6-ethyl-3H-dibenz-(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione ;

10-chloro-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione ;

2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-7-hydroxy-3H-dibenz-(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione ;

2-[2'-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-7-methoxy-3H-dibenz-(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione ;

2-[2'-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-7-methyl-3H-dibenz-(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione ;

1,2-Dihydro-2-[2'-methylaminoethyl]-3H-dibenz(deh)-isoquinoline-1,3-dione ;

4-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
4-amino-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
4-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
4-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
4-chloro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
4-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
5-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
5-amino-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
5-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
5-nitro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
6-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
6-amino-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
6-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
6-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
6-chloro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
6-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
6-nitro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

6-methyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
7-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
7-amino-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
7-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
7-methylthio-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
8-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
8-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
8-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
8-chloro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
8-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
9-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
9-amino-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
9-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
9-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
9-chloro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
9-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
9-nitro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;

10-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
10-amino-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
10-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
10-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
10-trifluoromethyl-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
10-nitro-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
11-acetamido-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
11-hydroxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione; or
11-methoxy-2-[(2'-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione;
2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-5-nitro-3H-debenz(deh)isoquinoline,
5-amino-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione; or
5-acetamido-2-[2'-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-dibenz(deh)isoquinoline-1,3-dione.

16. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of tumors comprising an anti-tumor effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 15 and a pharmaceutical carrier therefor.

17. A compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 15 for preparing a composition useful for treating tumors.

