

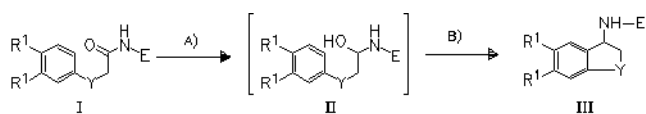
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The Preparation and Intra- and Intermolecular Addition Reactions of Acyclic N-Acyylimines: Application to the Synthesis of (\pm)-Sertraline.

— Careful reduction of imides of type (I) generates remarkably stable acyclic hemiacetals [cf. (II)] which undergo intramolecular nucleophilic addition to give various cyclized products. The methodology is applied to the synthesis of racemic sertraline (XVIII). The intermolecular variant affords products of type (XIV). — (DENINNO, MICHAEL; ELLER, CYNTHIA; ETIENNE, JOHN B.; *J. Org. Chem.* 66 (2001) 21, 6988-6993; Pfizer Global Res. Dev., Pfizer Inc., Groton, CT 06340, USA; EN)



a R¹: -H; Y: -CH₂-; E: -Moc
 b R¹: -H; Y: -(CH₂)₃-; E: -Cob
 c R¹: -O-Me; Y: -(CH₂)₂-; E: -Moc
 Moc: -CO-O-Me Cob: -CO-O-Bn

a 0%
 b 39%
 c 79%

A): iBu₂AlH, CH₂Cl₂, toluene, -78°C, [1.5 h] B): 1.5 equiv. TiCl₄, CH₂Cl₂, -78°C

