(B) The reaction (A) was repeated with nitrogen absent during the reflux with acetic anhydride. Workup gave an oil which was triturated with hexane. The resulting solid was crystallized from aqueous methanol to give *5α-androstane-3β,4α,17β-triol 17β-acetate* (8) as plates (1·15 g, 33%), m.p. 227–227·5° (Found: C, 72·1; H, 9·5. $C_{21}H_{34}O_4$ requires C, 72·0; H, 9·8%). ν_{max} 3010 (OH), 1695 cm^{-1} (OAc). ^1H n.m.r. δ 0·78, s, $(H\,19)_3$; 0·85, s, $(H\,18)_3$; 2·03, s, OAc; 3·80, m, $W_{h/2}$ 16 Hz, H 3 and H 4; 4·58, m, H 17. The triacetate (11) had m.p. 146–148·5° (lit.[7] 142–147°). ν_{max} 1728 cm^{-1} (OAc). ^1H n.m.r. δ 0·74, s, $(H\,18)_3$; 0·90, s, $(H\,19)_3$; 1·98, s, OAc; 4·68, m, $W_{h/2}$ 19 Hz, H 3, H 4 and H 17.

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Page 218: *The inscription in the box under the diagram should read* compounds (2), (3), (5) and (6) are racemates.