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 α -Pinene is among the most wide spread natural monoterpenes. Our study was planned to outwork synthetic approaches towards heterocyclic derivatives of α -pinene which are of interest from the viewpoint of biological activity. Pinane-type β -enaminoaldehyde 3 derived from the readily accessible isoxazole 2^1 was found to be a source for series of chiral heterocycles containing pyridine and pyrimidine moieties.

Because of steric hindrance arises from bicyclic structure with *gem*-dimethylcyclobutane moiety, β-enaminoaldehyde 3 is quite stable compound towards addition reaction, and heteroannelations of 3 needs generally more rigid conditions than it has been reported for *o*-aminobenzaldehyde.² Acid-catalyzed reaction of 3 with cyclic ketones results in formation of pyridine-annelated products 4 in very good yields. Acylation of 3 and subsequent treatment with hydroxylamine affords the annelated pyrimidine-N-oxides 5 in excellent yields. 2-Amino- and 2-H-substituted pyrimidines 6 were also obtained in the reaction of 3 with cyanamide and formamide correspondingly.

New fused heterocyclic compounds **4-6** are prospective as potential biologically active molecules as well as chiral auxiliary.

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