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About the cover: The stereoselective introduction of an allyl group into the angular position of 2-(TBS-oxymethyl)-2,3,4,6,7,8-hexahydro-1-benzopyran-5-one was accomplished using Birch reduction and an enolate trapping reaction. It was determined that the allyl group was introduced from α -face *via* an unexpected conformation-flipped from the initially formed enolate. Two diastereomeric Wieland-Miescher type compounds, having the allyl group at the angular position, were synthesized as optically pure forms. See the article by Hiroya *et al.* on page 207 of this issue.

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