

Regio- and Stereoselectivity in the *Lewis* Acid- and NaH-Induced Reactions of Thiocamphor with (*R*)-2-Vinyloxirane

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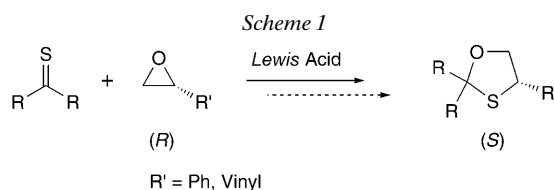
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The reaction of the enolizable thioketone (1*R*,4*R*)-thiocamphor (= (1*R*,4*R*)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-thione; **1**) with (*R*)-2-vinyloxirane (**2**) in the presence of a *Lewis* acid such as SnCl₄ or SiO₂ in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ gave the spirocyclic 1,3-oxathiolane **3** with the vinyl group at C(4'), as well as the isomeric enesulfanyl alcohol **4**. In the case of SnCl₄, an allylic alcohol **5** was obtained in low yield in addition to **3** and **4** (*Scheme 2*). Repetition of the reaction in the presence of ZnCl₂ yielded two diastereoisomeric 4-vinyl-1,3-oxathiolanes **3** and **7** together with an alcohol **4**, and a '1:2 adduct' **8** (*Scheme 3*). The reaction of **1** and **2** in the presence of NaH afforded regioselectively two enesulfanyl alcohols **4** and **9**, which, in CDCl₃, cyclized smoothly to give the corresponding spirocyclic 1,3-oxathiolanes **3**, **10**, and **11**, respectively (*Scheme 4*). In the presence of HCl, epimerization of **3** and **10** occurred to yield the corresponding epimers **7** and **11**, respectively (*Scheme 5*). The thio-*Claisen* rearrangement of **4** in boiling mesitylene led to the allylic alcohol **12**, and the analogous [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement of the intermediate xanthate **13**, which was formed by treatment of the allylic alcohol **9** with CS₂ and MeI under basic conditions, occurred already at room temperature to give the dithiocarbonate **14** (*Schemes 6* and *7*). The presented results show that the *Lewis* acid-catalyzed as well as the NaH-induced addition of (*R*)-vinyloxirane (**2**) to the enolizable thiocamphor (**1**) proceeds stereoselectively *via* an S_N2-type mechanism, but with different regioselectivity.

1. Introduction. – 1,3-Oxathiolanes can be prepared by the *Lewis* acid-catalyzed reaction of oxiranes not only with non-enolizable and enolizable thioketones, but with enolized thioketones as well [1–8]. The latter reaction occurs in two steps *via* an intermediate enesulfanyl alcohol [6]. In the cases of (*R*)-2-phenyl- and (*R*)-2-vinyloxirane, the reactions proceed with high regio- and stereoselectivity *via* an S_N2-type mechanism (*Scheme 1*): the nucleophilic thiocarbonyl S-atom attacks preferentially at C(2) of the *Lewis* acid-activated oxiranes, leading to the 'direct' or 'indirect' formation of 4-substituted 1,3-oxathiolanes with inversion of the configuration.

Enolizable thioketones exist predominantly in the enethiol form [9][10], which can be deprotonated with a strong base such as NaH. The thio anion formed can cleave the three-membered ring of oxiranes *via* an analogous S_N2-type mechanism as under *Lewis* acid catalysis, but the regioselectivity is different. The reactions afford enesulfanyl alcohols, which cyclize smoothly to give the corresponding ring-enlarged 1,3-oxathiolanes as well [5][6].

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In the present paper, the results of the reaction of (1*R*,4*R*)-thiocamphor (= (1*R*,4*R*)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-thione; **1**) with (*R*)-2-vinyloxirane (**2**) in the presence of *Lewis* acids and of NaH, respectively, are described.

2. Results. – 2.1. *Reaction of (1*R*,4*R*)-Thiocamphor (1) with (*R*)-2-Vinyloxirane (2).* On dropping two equiv. of **2** into a solution of **1** and 0.5 equiv. of SnCl₄ in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ at –78° during 20 min under an N₂ atmosphere, the color of the yellow solution turned slowly to light yellow. After stirring the mixture for an additional 5 min, the reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. Chromatographic separation of the mixture gave the spirocyclic 1,3-oxathiolane **3**, the enesulfanyl alcohol **4**, and camphor (**6**) in 49, 23, and 2% yield, respectively, as well as an unexpected alcohol **5** in 3% yield. Repetition of the reaction with silica gel as catalyst at 0° for 2 d led to **3**, **4**, and **6** in 39, 6, and 1% yield, respectively, but no alcohol **5** was observed. In both cases, the reaction was almost complete, and the starting material **1** was recovered only in a small amount (*Scheme 2* and *Table*).

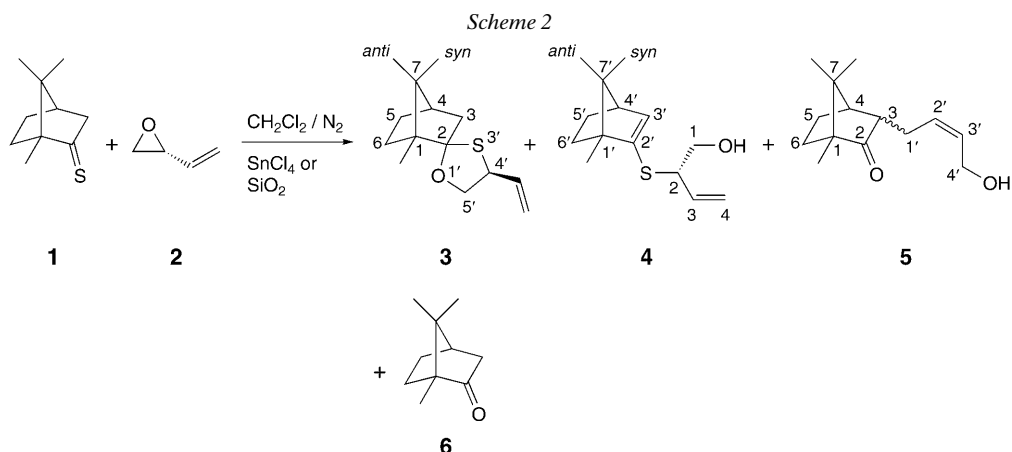
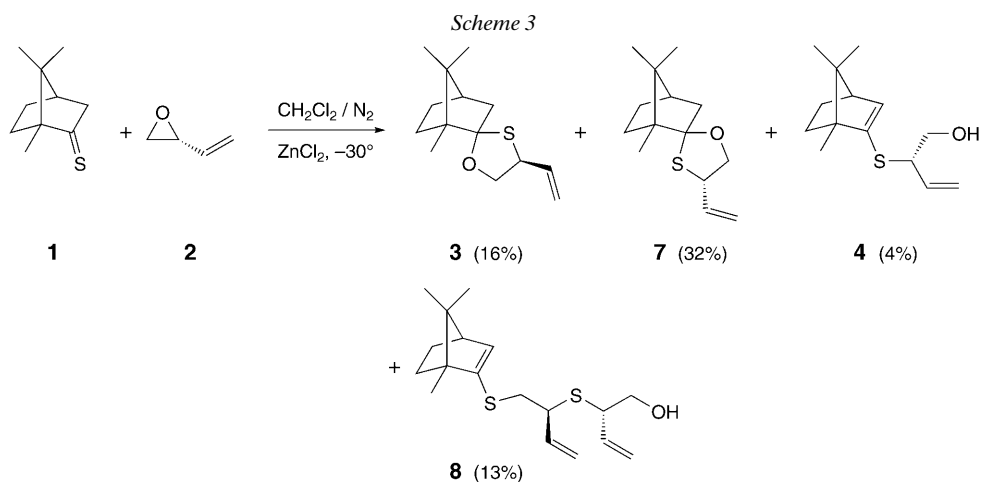


Table. SnCl₄- and SiO₂-Catalyzed Reactions of **1** with **2** in CH₂Cl₂

<i>Lewis</i> acid	Temp. [°]	Reaction time	Yield of products [%]				
			3	4	5	6	1
SnCl ₄	–78	25 min	49	23	3	2	1
SiO ₂	0	2 d	39	6	–	1	1

The reaction of **1** and **2** in a ratio of 1:2 was also repeated in the presence of 0.5 equiv. of ZnCl_2 under an N_2 atmosphere at -30° for 5 h, and the mixture was kept at -20° for 18 h. Chromatographic separation of the mixture afforded two diastereoisomeric spirocyclic 1,3-oxathiolanes **3** and **7**, and the alcohol **4** in 16, 32, and 4% yield, respectively, as well as another unexpected product **8** in 13% yield (Scheme 3). The latter contains two vinyl groups, indicating that two molecules of **2** have reacted, but there are also two S-atoms in **8**.

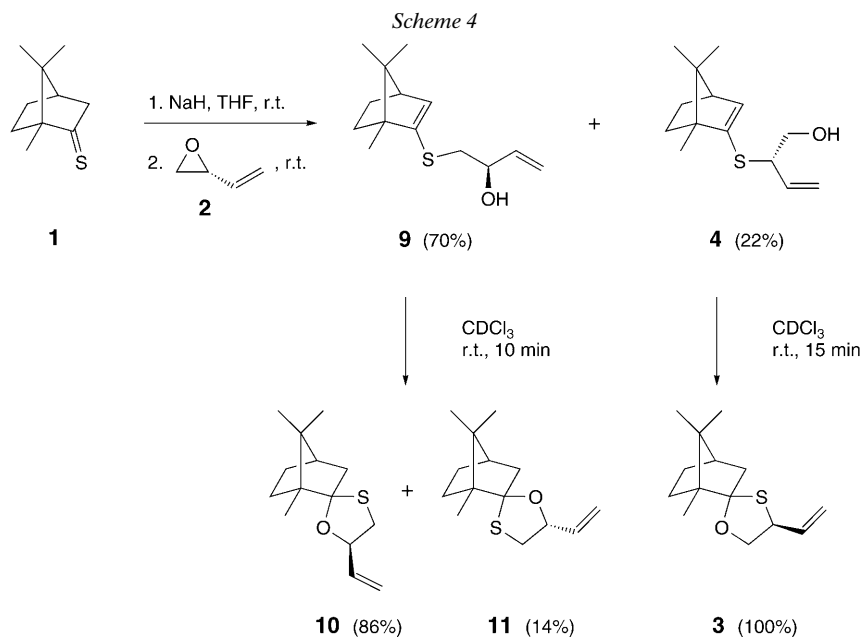


The structures of **3**, **4**, **7**, and **8** were assigned on the basis of their elemental analyses, and ^1H -, ^{13}C -, and 2D-NMR, and mass spectra, and by comparison with those of similar compounds described previously [3–7]. The configurations at C(2) and C(4') of **3** and **7** were determined by means of NOESY spectra relative to the known absolute configuration of the bicyclic skeleton of thiocamphor (**1**). The examination of a *Dreiding* model of **3** shows that the spatial distance between the methine H-atom of the vinyl group and the Me–C(1) group is small, in good agreement with the NOESY spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3**, which shows one relevant cross-signal between $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ at 5.82 ppm and Me–C(1) at 0.99 ppm. It is worth mentioning that the difference between the chemical shifts of $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}\text{-C}(6)$ at 2.15–2.10 ppm and $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}\text{-C}(6)$ at 1.51–1.45 ppm is $\Delta\delta \approx 0.65$ ppm due to the proximity of the electronegative O-atom, which means that the O-atom is close to $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}\text{-C}(6)$, *i.e.*, in the *endo*-position (*cf.* [6]). These analyses indicate that the absolute configuration of **3** is (1*R*,2*R*,4*R*,4'*S*). Similarly, the NOESY spectrum of **7** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) shows one relevant cross-signal between H–C(4') at 3.95–3.90 ppm and Me–C(1) at 0.91 ppm, but the signals of $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}\text{-C}(6)$ and $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}\text{-C}(6)$ overlap at 1.57–1.54 ppm, which implies that the O-atom is *exo*-oriented. Therefore, it can be deduced that **7** possesses the (1*R*,2*S*,4*R*,4'*S*)-configuration, *i.e.*, it is the C(2)-epimer of **3**.

The absolute configuration at C(2) in **4** has been assigned based on the knowledge that ring opening of (*R*)-2-vinyloxirane (**2**) takes place *via* nucleophilic attack at C(2), and the cleavage of the O–C(2) bond occurs under inversion of the configuration at C(2) [7]. The structure of compound **5**, *i.e.*, the product of a thio-*Claisen* rearrange-

ment, followed by dethiation (*cf.* [11][12]), was proposed on the basis of its CI-MS, $^1\text{H-NMR}$, and IR data. The IR spectrum shows an intensive $\text{C}=\text{O}$ absorption at 1739 cm^{-1} and a broad absorption for OH at 3425 cm^{-1} . In the $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum, *multiplets* for two olefinic H-atoms (5.8–5.2 ppm) and a CH_2O group (4.15–4.05 ppm) are characteristic. Furthermore, a set of six Me signals indicates a mixture of two isomers. The formation of **8** and its configuration will be discussed in *Sect. 3*.

2.2. Reaction of 1 and 2 in the Presence of NaH. To a solution of **1** in anhydrous THF, 1.2 equiv. of NaH were poured at room temperature. After stirring the mixture for 30 min, 1.3 equiv. of **2** were added dropwise. The reaction was followed by TLC and was completed after 6 h. Chromatographic separation of the mixture gave the secondary alcohol **9** and the primary alcohol **4** in 70 and 22% yield, respectively (*Scheme 4*).



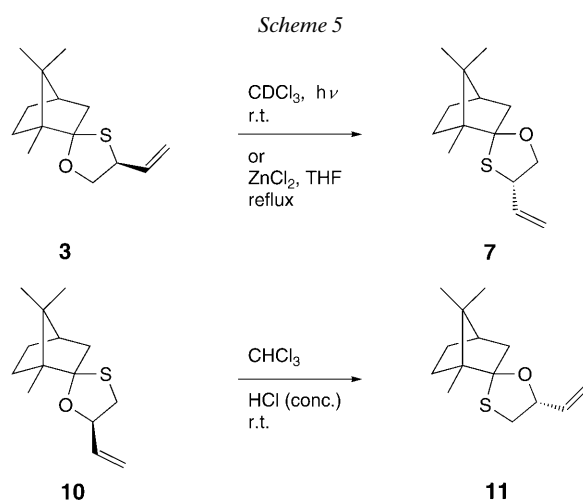
The formation of **4** and **9** proceeded *via* nucleophilic attack of the enethiolate, which is formed by deprotonation of the starting material **1**, at C(2) and C(3) of (*R*)-2-vinylloxirane (**2**), leading to **4** and **9** with inversion and retention of the configuration at C(2), respectively. This proposal was confirmed by the structures of the cyclization products **3**, **10**, and **11**.

In CDCl_3 at room temperature, the primary alcohol **4** cyclized quantitatively to give the 4-vinyl-substituted 1,3-oxathiolane **3**. The cyclization of the secondary alcohol **9** occurred also smoothly under the same conditions, leading to a mixture of the 5-vinyl-substituted 1,3-oxathiolanes **10** and **11** in 86 and 14% yield, respectively (ratio 6.1:1; *Scheme 4*). Treatment of **9** with 1 equiv. of ZnCl_2 in boiling THF under an N_2 atmosphere for 2 h gave 47% of **10** and 36% of **11** (ratio of 1.3:1).

Again, the structures of **9**, **10**, and **11** were assigned on the basis of their elemental analyses and spectroscopic data, and by comparison with compounds described previ-

ously (see [3–7] and *Sect. 2.1*). The configurations of the spirocyclic 1,3-oxathiolanes **10** and **11** were determined by means of NOESY spectra, relative to the known absolute configuration of the bicyclic skeleton of the starting material **1**: the examination of a *Dreiding* model of **10** shows that the spatial distance between the methine H-atom of the vinyl group and the Me–C(1) group is small and in agreement with the NOESY spectrum (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of **10**, which shows one cross-signal between CH=CH₂ at 5.92 ppm and Me–C(1) at 0.94 ppm, as well as two relevant cross-signals between H–C(5') at 4.32–4.28 ppm, and H_{exo}–C(3) at 2.37 ppm and H_{endo}–C(3) at 1.75–1.73 ppm. In addition, $\Delta\delta$ of H_{endo}–C(6) at 2.17 ppm and H_{exo}–C(6) at 1.44 ppm is 0.73 ppm, which demonstrates that the O-atom is close to H_{endo}–C(6), *i.e.*, the O-atom is in the *endo*-position. Therefore, **10** has the (1*R*,2*R*,4*R*,5'*R*)-configuration. The NOESY spectrum of **11** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) shows one relevant cross-signal between H–C(5') at 4.52–4.49 ppm and Me–C(1) at 0.92 ppm, and the signals of H_{endo}–C(6) and H_{exo}–C(6) overlap at 1.57–1.46 ppm, indicating an *exo*-oriented O-atom. Therefore, **11** is the C(2)-epimer of **10** with the absolute configuration (1*R*,2*S*,4*R*,5'*R*).

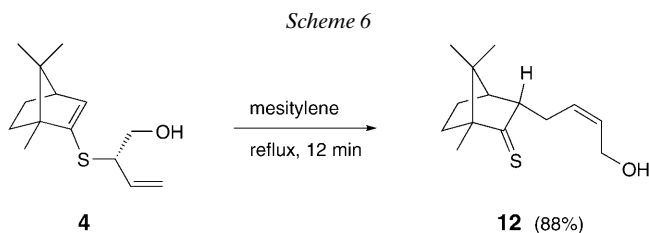
2.3. Epimerization of 3 and 10. Irradiation of a CDCl₃ solution of **3** in an NMR tube with sunlight at room temperature for 16 h afforded a mixture of **3** and **7** in a ratio of 1:15. Treatment of **3** with 1 equiv. of ZnCl₂ in boiling THF under an N₂ atmosphere for 45 min led to a 1:1 mixture of **3** and **7** according to an ¹H-NMR analysis (*Scheme 5*). However, no epimerization of **3** took place when it was treated with 0.5 equiv. of ZnCl₂ in CH₂Cl₂ at –20° for 26 h.



Treatment of a solution of **10** in CHCl₃ at room temperature with 10 drops of conc. HCl for 14 h yielded 42% of **11**, and 40% of the starting material **10** was recovered (*Scheme 5*).

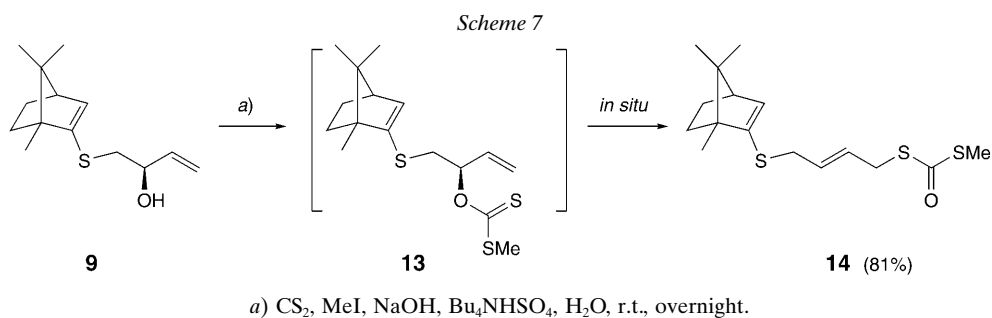
2.4. Thio-Claisen Rearrangement of 4. As it was proposed that the minor product **5** (*Scheme 2*) is the product of a [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement (thio-*Claisen* rearrangement [11][12]) of **4** and subsequent dethionation, we examined the thermolysis of **4**.

Heating of a solution of **4** in mesitylene to reflux under an N₂ atmosphere for 12 min yielded stereospecifically **12** as a pink orange oil in 88% yield (*Scheme 6*). Treatment of **4** in the presence of ZnCl₂ in CH₂Cl₂ under an N₂ atmosphere at –30° for 3 h gave **5** in 30% yield²⁾.



The structure of **12** was assigned as described in the previous cases. The NOESY spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl₃) shows one relevant cross-peak between H–C(3) at 2.67–2.63 ppm and Me_{syn}–C(7) at 0.82 ppm. Furthermore, there are two relevant cross-signals between 2 H–C(4') of the side chain at 4.13–4.07 ppm, and 2 H–C(1') at 2.04–1.98 ppm and the H-atom of the OH group at 1.56–1.49 ppm, confirming the (*Z*)-configuration. In addition, H_{exo}–C(3) appeared as a *multiplet* instead of a *ddd* signal due to the *W*-coupling with H_{exo}–C(5). These analyses indicate an *endo*-oriented side chain at C(3) and an absolute configuration of (1*R*,2*S*,4*R*,2'*Z*).

2.5. [3,3]-Sigmatropic Rearrangement of Intermediate Xanthate **13**. A mixture of **9** and 5 equiv. of MeI in a two-phase system of 50% aq. NaOH containing 0.1 equiv. of Bu₄NHSO₄ and 2.2 ml of CS₂ was vigorously stirred overnight at room temperature. After separation of the CS₂ layer and workup, dithiocarbonate **14** was obtained as a yellow oil in 81% yield (*Scheme 7*). We propose that **14** was formed *via* a [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement of the intermediate xanthate **13**.



The structure of **14** was assigned on the basis of its NMR and mass spectra. The configuration of the side-chain double bond of **14** was determined by means of 1D-NOESY and IR spectrum. The 1D-NOESY spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃), on irradiation of 2 H–C(1) at 3.62 ppm, showed no NOE signal for 2 H–C(4) at 3.27 ppm, and *vice versa*. In

²⁾ Unfortunately, this reaction was non-reproducible.

the IR spectrum of **14**, a strong absorption band at 963 cm^{-1} indicates the (*2E*)-configuration³).

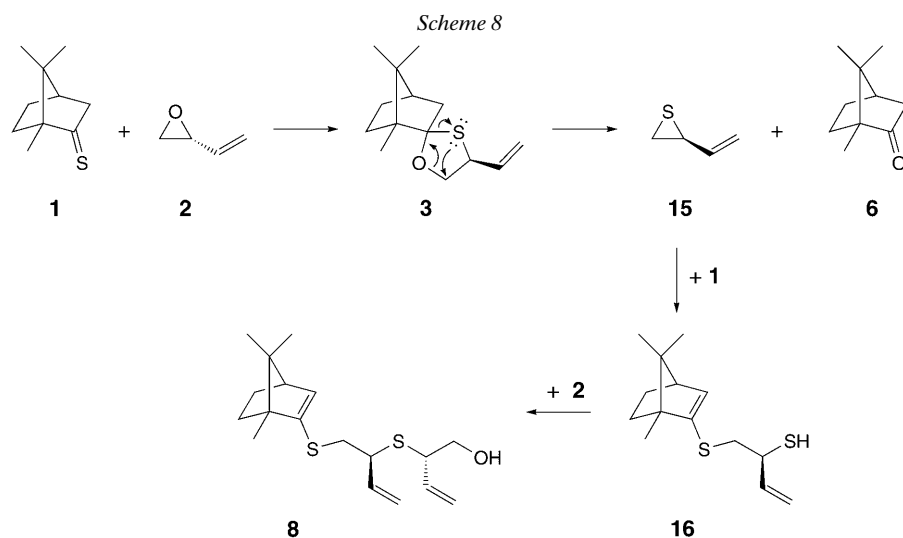
3. Discussion and Conclusions. – The results presented show that 1,3-oxathiolanes can be prepared not only by the *Lewis* acid-catalyzed reaction of an enolizable thioke-tone with 2-vinyloxirane, but also under basic conditions. Thiocamphor (**1**) reacts with (*R*)-vinyloxirane (**2**) in the presence of a *Lewis* acid to yield spirocyclic 1,3-oxathiolanes **3** and **7**, as well as the enesulfanyl alcohol **4**, with high regio- and stereoselectivity (*Schemes* 2 and 3). The reaction proceeds *via* an S_N2 -type mechanism, whereby the nucleophilic thiocarbonyl S-atom preferentially attacks the more hindered C(2)-atom of the activated **2** (O–C(2) cleavage), leading to products with inversion of the configuration, in analogy to the reaction of **1** with (*R*)-2-phenyloxirane [5].

In contrast, the reaction of thiocamphor (**1**) with **2** under basic conditions, *i.e.*, the reaction of the enethiolate anion with **2**, afforded two enesulfanyl alcohols **4** and **9** with low regioselectivity (*Scheme* 4). We propose that this reaction proceeds also *via* an S_N2 -type mechanism, in which the preferred nucleophilic attack of the enethiolate anion occurs at C(3) (O–C(3) cleavage) to give **9** with retention of the configuration, whereas the formation of the minor product **4** takes place *via* O–C(2) cleavage with inversion of the configuration at C(2) of the oxirane **2**.

The enesulfanyl alcohols **4** and **9** isomerize smoothly *via* the mechanism reported in [5] to give the corresponding spirocyclic 1,3-oxathiolanes in the presence of traces of DCl that is formed during the storage of CDCl_3 (*Scheme* 4). The observed epimerizations at the spiro-centre in the cases of **3/7** and **10/11** (*Scheme* 5) can be explained by the mechanism described earlier [5], *i.e.*, an acid-catalyzed ring-opening/ring-closure reaction of the S/O acetal.

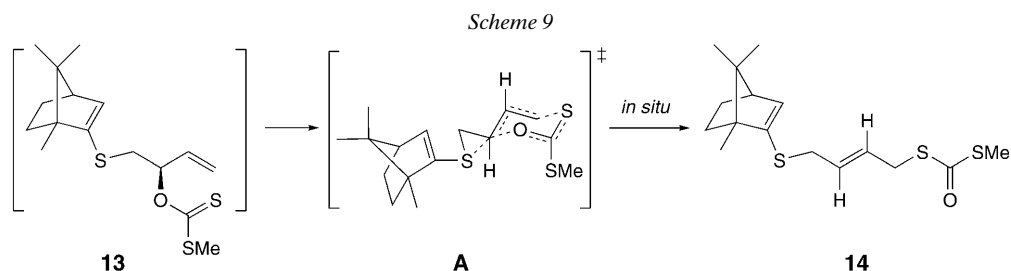
A likely mechanism of the formation of adduct **8** is proposed in *Scheme* 8. The ZnCl_2 -catalyzed reaction of **1** and **2** leads to two spirocyclic diastereoisomers **3** and **7**, which then decompose to give camphor **6** and (*S*)-2-vinylthiirane (**15**) *via* the ring-opening of the 1,3-oxathiolanes and the subsequent nucleophilic attack of the S-atom at C(5'). The analogous decomposition reaction of 1,3-oxathiolanes in the presence of *Lewis* acids was described in the previous work [1][14]. Then, the thiirane ring is cleaved by nucleophilic attack of the S-atom of **1** at the less hindered C(3)-atom (S–C(3) cleavage) of **15** with retention of the configuration at C(2) of **15**, which leads to the intermediate enesulfanyl thiol **16**. Finally, O–C(2) cleavage of oxirane **2** by nucleophilic attack of the SH group of **16** with inversion of configuration affords the unexpected adduct **8**. As a result of this reaction mechanism, we propose that the configuration of **8** is (*S,S*). This cascade reaction demonstrates the influence of the heteroatom upon the regioselectivity of the ring opening of three-membered rings. In contrast to oxiranes, the ring opening of thiirane **15** proceeds *via* nucleophilic attack of the thiocarbonyl S-atom at the less hindered C(3)-atom (S–C(3) cleavage). Because the difference of the electronegativities of S- and C-atom is small, the partial positive charges at C(2) and C(3) of thiiranes are much lower than those of oxiranes, so that the steric

³) In addition, the (*2E*)-configuration was supported by a computer simulation of the $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum [13].



hindrance dominates the ring opening of thiiranes in favour of the S–C(3) cleavage (Scheme 8).

The rearrangement of allylic xanthates is known to proceed thermally (*ca.* 100°) via a concerted reaction mechanism ([3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement) [15]. It can be accelerated by catalysis with β -cyclodextrin, in which case the reaction occurs in an inclusion complex at 2–5° [16]. The formation of the dithiocarbonate **14** via the intermediate **13** occurs stereospecifically and smoothly *in situ* at room temperature. A concerted mechanism, *i.e.*, a [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement is postulated via the transition state **A**, in which a neighboring group participation is responsible for the acceleration of the reaction (Scheme 9).



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Experimental Part

1. *General*. See [7][17]. Optical rotations were recorded on a *Perkin-Elmer-241* polarimeter ($c = 1$, in THF). IR Spectra: film, cm^{-1} . NMR Spectra: at 500 or 600 (^1H) and 125.8 or 150.9 MHz (^{13}C) in CDCl_3 or C_6D_6 if not otherwise stated. Assignment of signals based on 2D-NMR spectra.

2. *General Procedures for the Reactions of (1R,4R)-Thiocamphor (= (1R,4R)-1,7,7-Trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-thione; 1) with (R)-2-Vinyloxirane (= 2-Ethenyloxirane; 2)*. *General Procedure 1 (GP 1)*. To a soln. of **1** (ca. 1 mmol) in anh. CH_2Cl_2 (10–15 ml) under N_2 , SnCl_4 (0.5 equiv.) was added at -78° . This led to little change in the color of the soln. After stirring the mixture for 15 min at -78° , ca. 2 equiv. of **2** were added dropwise within 20 min, whereby the color of the soln. changed to pale yellow. After stirring the mixture for an additional 5 min, the reaction was quenched by addition of H_2O , and the mixture was washed with sat. aq. NaCl soln. (3 \times). The combined org. layers were dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated *in vacuo*. The products were separated by chromatography (SiO_2 ; hexane/ Et_2O ; CC or prep. TLC (PLC)).

General Procedure 2 (GP 2). To a soln. of **1** (ca. 1 mmol) and **2** (ca. 2 mmol) in anh. CH_2Cl_2 (10–15 ml) under N_2 , 4.5 g of silica gel were added at r.t. After stirring the suspension for 2 d at 0° , the mixture was filtered, and the residue was washed with Et_2O (4 \times). Then, the combined filtrate was evaporated *in vacuo*. The products were separated as described in *GP 1*.

General Procedure 3 (GP 3). To a soln. of **1** (ca. 2 mmol) in anh. CH_2Cl_2 (15 ml) under N_2 , 0.5 equiv. of ZnCl_2 was added at -30° . After stirring the mixture for 15 min at -30° , ca. 2 equiv. of **2** were added dropwise. Then, the mixture was stirred for 5 h at -30° , kept for 18 h at -20° , and the reaction was quenched by addition of H_2O . The mixture was washed with sat. aq. NaCl soln. (3 \times). The combined org. layers were dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated *in vacuo*. The products were separated by CC (SiO_2 ; hexane/ Et_2O).

General Procedure 4 (GP 4). To the soln. of **1** (ca. 5 mmol) in anh. THF (25 ml), 1.2 equiv. of NaH (95% purity) were added at 25° . After stirring the mixture for 30 min, 1.3 equiv. of **2** were added dropwise to the almost colorless soln. The reaction was controlled by TLC and was completed after 6 h. After aq. workup, the products were separated by CC (SiO_2 ; hexane/ Et_2O).

3. *Reactions of 1 with 2*. 3.1. *Lewis Acid-Catalyzed Reaction of 1 and 2*. Reaction of **1** (168 mg, 1 mmol) with **2** (140 mg, 2 mmol) and 0.5 equiv. of SnCl_4 (or 4.5 g of SiO_2) at -78° or 0° (CC, prep. TLC (PLC) hexane/ Et_2O) according to *GP 1* yielded 117 mg (49%) (or 93 mg, 39%) of (1R,2R,4R,4'S)-4'-ethenyl-1,7,7-trimethylspiro[bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2,2'-[1,3]oxathiolane] (**3**), 55 mg (23%) (or 15 mg, 6%) of (2S)-2-[(1R,4'R)-(1',7',7'-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2'-en-2'-yl)sulfanyl]but-3-en-1-ol (**4**), 7 mg (3%) of (1R,3S,4R)-3-[(2'Z)-4'-hydroxybut-2'-en-1'-yl]-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-one (**5**) and 2 mg (1%) of camphor (**6**) (Table).

Data of 3. Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -146.8$. IR: 3081w, 2954s, 2869m, 1636m, 1476m, 1453m, 1418w, 1389m, 1372m, 1305w, 1272w, 1250w, 1194w, 1113m, 1083s, 1044m, 1017m, 987m, 958w, 914m, 882m, 819m, 809m, 701w. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 5.82 (ddd, $J = 16.9, 9.9, 7.9$, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 5.10 (ddd, $J = 17.0, 1.4, 0.9$, 1 H of $=\text{CH}_2$); 4.97 (ddd, $J = 9.8, 1.4, 0.5$, 1 H of $=\text{CH}_2$); 4.02–3.98 (m, H-C(4')); 3.96 (dd, $J = 9.2, 2.5$, 1 H-C(5')); 3.87 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.2$, 1 H-C(5')); 2.37 (ddd, $J = 13.9, 4.7, 3.2$, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}-\text{C}(3)$); 2.15–2.10 (m, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}-\text{C}(6)$); 1.74–1.67 (m, H-C(4), $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}-\text{C}(5)$); 1.70 (d, $J = 13.8$, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}-\text{C}(3)$); 1.51–1.45 (m, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}-\text{C}(6)$); 1.26–1.20 (m, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}-\text{C}(5)$); 0.99 (s, Me-C(1)); 0.93 (s, Me_{syn}); 0.88 (s, Me_{anti}). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125.8 MHz, CDCl_3): 138.8 (d, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 114.5 (t, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 105.1 (s, C(2)); 73.6 (t, C(5')); 53.9 (s, C(1)); 52.6 (d, C(4')); 50.1 (t, C(3)); 48.5 (s, C(7)); 46.2 (d, C(4)); 30.2 (t, C(6)); 27.4 (t, C(5)); 21.0 (q, Me_{syn}), 20.2 (q, Me_{anti}); 14.1 (q, Me-C(1)). ESI-MS (MeOH + NaI): 277 (28, $[M + K]^+$), 263 (14), 262 (18), 261 (100, $[M + Na]^+$), 245 (24), 229 (7), 207 (11). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{OS}$ (238.39): C 70.54, H 9.30; found: C 70.24, H 9.16.

Data of 4. Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +0.27$. IR: 3375m (br., OH), 3083w, 2984m, 2953s, 2871m, 1637w, 1561w, 1472w, 1456w, 1440w, 1416w, 1385m, 1375w, 1365w, 1297w, 1184w, 1134w, 1106m, 1062m, 1043m, 1025m, 983m, 921m, 875w, 819w, 783w, 715w. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): 5.88–5.77 (m, H-C(3)); 5.73 (d, $J = 3.3$, H-C(3')); 5.33 (d, $J = 17.1$, 1 H-C(4)); 5.25 (d, $J = 10.9$, 1 H-C(4)); 3.71–3.65 (m, 2 H-C(1), H-C(2)); 2.36 (t, $J = 3.5$, H-C(4')); 1.93–1.83 (m, OH, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}-\text{C}(5')$); 1.55–1.45 (m, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}-\text{C}(6')$); 1.10–0.96 (m, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}-\text{C}(5')$, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}-\text{C}(6')$); 1.01 (s, Me-C(1)); 0.81 (s, Me_{syn}); 0.78 (s, Me_{anti}).

^{13}C -NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl_3): 141.2 (s, C(2')); 135.2 (d, C(3)); 128.8 (d, C(3')); 118.2 (t, C(4)); 63.8 (t, C(1)); 56.8 (s, C(1')); 56.0 (s, C(7')); 52.3 (d, C(4')); 50.5 (d, C(2)); 31.5 (t, C(6')); 26.3 (t, C(5')); 19.6 (q, Me_{anti}); 19.4 (q, Me_{syn}); 11.4 (q, $\text{Me}-\text{C}(1)$). CI-MS (NH_3): 241 (6), 240 (16), 239 (100, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), 221 (7), 169 (5).

Data of 5. Colorless oil. IR (film): 3425m (br.), 2960s, 2873m, 1739s, 1447m, 1392m, 1372m, 1324w, 1093m, 1016m, 971m. ^1H -NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): 5.80–5.60 (m, 2 H); 4.15–4.05 (m, CH_2O); 2.65–2.40 (m, ca. 1 H); 2.10–1.85 (m, ca. 3 H); 1.80–1.25 (m, ca. 4 H); 0.93, 0.87, 0.84, 0.83, 0.80, 0.78 (6s, 3 Me). CI-MS (NH_3): 240 (28, $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$), 206 (16), 205 (100, $[\text{M}-\text{H}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$).

Repetition of the reaction of **1** (336 mg, 2 mmol), **2** (280 mg, 4 mmol), and 0.5 equiv. of ZnCl_2 according to *GP 3* afforded 52 mg (11%) of **3**, 176 mg (37%) of (*1R,2S,4R,4'S*)-4'-ethenyl-1,7,7-trimethylspiro[bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2,2'-[1,3]oxathiolane] (**7**), 9.5 mg (4%) of **4**, and 84.2 mg (13%) of (2*S*)-2-[1'-(1'*S*)-(((1'*R*,4'*R*)-1'',7'',7''-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2'-en-2''-yl)sulfanyl)methyl]prop-2'-en-1'-yl)sulfanylbut-3-en-1-ol (**8**).

Data of 7. Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -131.1$. IR: 3083w, 2956s, 2884m, 1636w, 1480m, 1453m, 1417w, 1389m, 1370m, 1306w, 1248w, 1201w, 1161w, 1138w, 1110m, 1086s, 1052m, 1016w, 986m, 943w, 917m, 873w, 837m, 804w, 736w. ^1H -NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 5.74 (ddd, $J=16.9, 9.9, 7.9$, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 5.19 (dd, $J=16.9, 1.3$, 1 H of $=\text{CH}_2$); 5.05 (dd, $J=9.8, 1.2$, 1 H of $=\text{CH}_2$); 4.19 (dd, $J=9.3, 5.9$, 1 H-C(5')); 3.95–3.90 (m, H-C(4')); 3.66 (dd, $J=9.2, 8.2$, 1 H-C(5')); 2.37 (ddd, $J=13.5, 4.5, 3.2$, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}-\text{C}(3)$); 2.00 (d, $J=13.5$, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}-\text{C}(3)$); 1.77 (t, $J=4.5$, H-C(4)); 1.75–1.67 (m, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}-\text{C}(5)$); 1.57–1.54 (m, 2 H-C(6)); 1.23–1.18 (m, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}-\text{C}(5)$); 1.01 (s, Me_{syn}); 0.91 (s, $\text{Me}-\text{C}(1)$); 0.87 (s, Me_{anti}). ^{13}C -NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl_3): 136.5 (d, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 116.8 (t, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 106.9 (s, C(2)); 74.7 (t, C(5')); 53.8 (s, C(1)); 51.7 (d, C(4')); 51.6 (t, C(3)); 48.3 (s, C(7)); 45.9 (d, C(4)); 34.7 (t, C(6)); 27.1 (t, C(5)); 21.1 (q, Me_{anti}); 20.7 (q, Me_{syn}); 10.0 (q, $\text{Me}-\text{C}(1)$). ESI-MS ($\text{MeOH}+\text{NaI}$): 278 (18), 277 (83, $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$), 261 (25, $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$), 229 (7), 207 (7), 173 (14). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{OS}$ (238.39): C 70.54, H 9.30, S 13.45; found: C 70.40, H 9.18, S 13.57.

Data of 8. Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +30$. IR: 3406m (br., OH), 3081w, 2953s, 2870m, 1635w, 1561w, 1456m, 1416m, 1386m, 1296m, 1068m, 1042m, 985m, 918m, 794w, 715w. ^1H -NMR (600 MHz, C_6D_6): 5.64 (ddd, $J=17.0, 10.1, 8.5$, H-C(2')); 5.60 (d, $J=3.3$, H-C(3'')); 5.54 (ddd, $J=17.2, 10.2, 8.5$, H-C(3)); 5.04 (*dt*-like, $J\approx 17.0, 2.1$, 1 H-C(3'')); 4.96–4.90 (m, 2 H-C(4), 1 H-C(3'')); 3.64 (ddd, $J=8.9, 8.6, 5.2$, H-C(1'')); 3.46 (br. m, 2 H-C(1)); 3.21–3.17 (m, H-C(2)); 2.84 (dd, $J=13.1, 5.1$, 1 H of CH_2S); 2.63 (dd, $J=13.1, 9.1$, 1 H of CH_2S); 2.26 (t, $J=3.4$, H-C(4'')); 1.81–1.76 (m, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}-\text{C}(5'')$); 1.53 (br. m, OH); 1.43 (ddd, $J=12.0, 5.2, 3.5$, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}-\text{C}(6'')$); 1.16 (ddd, $J=11.9, 5.5, 3.8$, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}-\text{C}(6'')$); 1.08 (s, $\text{Me}-\text{C}(1'')$); 0.99 (ddd, $J=11.6, 5.9, 3.5$, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}-\text{C}(5'')$); 0.92 (s, Me_{syn}); 0.69 (s, Me_{anti}). ^{13}C -NMR (150.9 MHz, C_6D_6): 142.8 (s, C(2'')); 137.6 (d, C(3)); 136.8 (d, C(2'')); 128.4 (d, C(3'')); assigned by means of HSQC and HSQC-TOCSY spectra; 117.5 (t, C(4)); 117.2 (t, C(3'')); 64.4 (t, C(1)); 57.4 (s, C(1'')); 56.3 (s, C(7'')); 53.1 (d, C(4'')); 52.8 (d, C(2)); 49.0 (d, C(1'')); 34.9 (t, CH_2S); 31.9 (t, C(6'')); 27.4 (t, C(5'')); 20.1 (q, Me_{anti} , Me_{syn}); 12.0 (q, $\text{Me}-\text{C}(1'')$). CI-MS (NH_3): 327 (10), 326 (19), 325 (87, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), 221 (15), 169 (11), 159 (10), 157 (100).

3.2. NaH-Activated Reaction of 1 and 2. Reaction of **1** (840 mg, 5 mmol), NaH (151 mg, 6.3 mmol) and **2** (455 mg, 6.5 mmol) in anh. THF at r.t. (6 h, CC, hexane/ Et_2O) according to *GP 4* gave 830 mg (70%) of (2*R*)-1-[1'(*R*,4'*R*)-1',7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2'-en-2'-yl)sulfanyl]but-3-en-2-ol (**9**) and 260 mg (22%) of **4**.

Data of 9. Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +2.76$. IR: 3382m (br., OH), 3081w, 3059w, 2984m, 2953s, 2871m, 1644w, 1561m, 1471m, 1452m, 1440m, 1420m, 1385m, 1375m, 1365m, 1297m, 1290m, 1279m, 1254w, 1185w, 1106m, 1045m, 985m, 925m, 875w, 820w, 781w, 714w. ^1H -NMR (600 MHz, C_6D_6): 5.73 (ddd, $J=17.1, 10.5, 5.5$, H-C(3)); 5.43 (d, $J=3.4$, H-C(3'')); 5.23 (*dt*-like, $J\approx 17.2, 1.5$, 1 H-C(4)); 4.98 (*dt*-like, $J\approx 10.5, 1.5$, 1 H-C(4)); 4.12–4.09 (m, H-C(2)); 2.68 (dd, $J=13.3, 4.5$, 1 H-C(1)); 2.57 (dd, $J=13.3, 8.0$, 1 H-C(1)); 2.23 (t, $J=3.5$, H-C(4'')); 1.92 (d, $J=3.8$, OH); 1.81–1.76 (m, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}-\text{C}(5'')$); 1.43 (ddd, $J=12.1, 5.2, 3.5$, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}-\text{C}(6'')$); 1.15 (ddd, $J=12.1, 5.4, 3.8$, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}-\text{C}(6'')$); 1.06 (s, $\text{Me}-\text{C}(1)$); 0.98 (ddd, $J=12.3, 5.7, 3.6$, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}-\text{C}(5'')$); 0.88 (s, Me_{syn}); 0.68 (s, Me_{anti}). ^{13}C -NMR (150.9 MHz, C_6D_6): 144.3 (s, C(2)); 139.9 (d, C(3)); 125.7 (d, C(3'')); 115.5 (t, C(4)); 70.8 (d, C(2)); 57.2 (s, C(1'')); 56.6 (s,

C(7''); 52.8 (*d*, C(4'')); 39.1 (*t*, C(1)); 32.2 (*t*, C(6'')); 27.3 (*t*, C(5'')); 20.08, 20.05 (2*q*, Me_{anti}-Me_{syn}); 11.9 (*q*, Me-C(1)). CI-MS (NH₃): 241(6), 240 (16), 239 (100, [M+H]⁺). Anal. calc. for C₁₄H₂₂OS (238.39): C 70.54, H 9.30, S 13.45; found: C 70.20, H 9.14, S 13.41.

4. *Isomerization of 4 to 3, and of 9 to 10 and 11.* The cyclization of **4** (ca. 15 mg) to **3** proceeded quantitatively in CDCl₃ (0.5 ml, NMR tube) in 15 min at r.t. The cyclization of **9** (50 mg) under the same conditions (10 min) led to 86% of (*1R,2R,4R,5'R*)-5'-ethenyl-1,7,7-trimethylspiro[bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2,2'-[1,3]oxathiolane] (**10**) and 14% of (*1R,2S,4R,5'R*)-5'-ethenyl-1,7,7-trimethylspiro[bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2,2'-[1,3]oxathiolane] (**11**).

Data of 10. Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -27.1$. IR: 3083w, 2985s, 2952s, 2873s, 1647w, 1477m, 1453m, 1389m, 1371w, 1318w, 1272w, 1195w, 1159w, 1113m, 1071s, 1027m, 1003w, 986m, 960w, 925m, 887w, 834w, 808w. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.92 (*ddd*, *J* = 17.3, 10.5, 6.4, CH=CH₂); 5.38 (*dd*, *J* = 17.3, 1.3, 1 H of =CH₂); 5.21 (*dd*, *J* = 10.5, 1.3, 1 H of =CH₂); 4.32–4.28 (*m*, H-C(5'')); 2.94 (*dd*, *J* = 10.0, 4.5, 1 H-C(4'')); 2.50 (*t*-like, *J* ≈ 10.2, 1 H-C(4'')); 2.37 (*ddd*, *J* = 13.9, 4.8, 3.1, H_{exo}-C(3)); 2.17 (*ddd*, *J* = 13.1, 5.5, 3.7, H_{endo}-C(6)); 1.75–1.73 (*m*, H_{endo}-C(3), H-C(4)); 1.72–1.66 (*m*, H_{exo}-C(5)); 1.44 (*ddd*, *J* = 12.3, 7.9, 4.9, H_{exo}-C(6)); 1.28–1.23 (*m*, H_{endo}-C(5)); 0.94 (*s*, Me-C(1), Me_{syn}); 0.88 (*s*, Me_{anti}). ¹³C-NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 136.1 (*d*, CH=CH₂); 117.0 (*t*, CH=CH₂); 103.1 (*s*, C(2)); 81.4 (*d*, C(5'')); 54.0 (*s*, C(1)); 50.7 (*t*, C(3)); 48.1 (*s*, C(7)); 46.4 (*d*, C(4)); 39.3 (*t*, C(4'')); 30.2 (*t*, C(6)); 27.0 (*t*, C(5)); 21.0 (*q*, Me_{syn}); 20.2 (*q*, Me_{anti}); 12.4 (*q*, Me-C(1)). CI-MS (isobutane): 240 (14), 239 (67, [M+H]⁺), 238 (24, M⁺), 237 (12), 184 (11), 154 (17), 153 (100), 143 (18), 129 (19), 127 (8), 125 (11), 108 (7). CI-MS (NH₃): 240 (7), 239 (36, [M+H]⁺), 238 (24), 171 (11), 170 (100), 108 (6).

Data of 11. Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -33.0$. IR: 3083w, 3016w, 2955s, 2885m, 1646w, 1481m, 1454m, 1389m, 1369w, 1306w, 1165w, 1110m, 1071s, 1050m, 1004m, 986m, 925m, 875w, 843w, 801w. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.89 (*ddd*, *J* = 17.1, 10.6, 6.4, CH=CH₂); 5.31 (*dd*, *J* = 17.2, 1.3, 1 H of =CH₂); 5.14 (*dd*, *J* = 10.4, 1.4, 1 H of =CH₂); 4.52–4.49 (*m*, H-C(5'')); 2.94 (*dd*, *J* = 10.6, 4.5, 1 H-C(4'')); 2.71 (*t*-like, *J* ≈ 10.2, 1 H-C(4'')); 2.45 (*dt*-like, *J* ≈ 13.7, 4.1, H_{exo}-C(3)); 1.97 (*d*, *J* = 13.7, H_{endo}-C(3)); 1.73 (*t*, *J* = 4.5, H-C(4)); 1.69–1.66 (*m*, H_{exo}-C(5)); 1.57–1.46 (*m*, 2 H-C(6)); 1.20–1.15 (*m*, H_{endo}-C(5)); 1.05 (*s*, Me_{syn}); 0.92 (*s*, Me-C(1)); 0.86 (*s*, Me_{anti}). ¹³C-NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 137.1 (*d*, CH=CH₂); 116.3 (*t*, CH=CH₂); 105.4 (*s*, C(2)); 85.4 (*d*, C(5'')); 54.8 (*s*, C(1)); 52.0 (*t*, C(3)); 48.6 (*s*, C(7)); 45.4 (*d*, C(4)); 37.6 (*t*, C(4'')); 33.3 (*t*, C(6)); 26.8 (*t*, C(5)); 21.2 (*q*, Me_{anti}); 20.7 (*q*, Me_{syn}); 10.4 (*q*, Me-C(1)). CI-MS (isobutane): 305 (16), 241 (9), 240 (25), 239 (93, [M+H]⁺), 238 (52, M⁺), 237 (22), 184 (13), 169 (11), 154 (15), 153 (100), 143 (23), 129 (29), 127 (12), 125 (16), 109 (10), 108 (13), 95 (7).

Treatment of **9** (100 mg, 0.42 mmol) with 1 equiv. of ZnCl₂ in THF (5 ml) under N₂ (2 h, reflux, PLC (hexane)) gave 47 mg (47%) of **10** and 36 mg (36%) of **11**, respectively.

5. *Epimerization of 3 to 7, and of 10 to 11.* Irradiation of **3** in CDCl₃ (NMR tube) at r.t. with sunlight (16-h irradiation, workup after 56 h) afforded a mixture of **3** and **7** in a ratio of 1:15. Treatment of **3** (100 mg, 0.42 mmol) with 1 equiv. of ZnCl₂ in THF (5 ml) under N₂ (45 min, reflux) and aq. workup gave **3** and **7** in a ratio of 1:1 according to ¹H-NMR. However, no epimerization of **3** to **7** took place, when **3** was treated with 0.5 equiv. of ZnCl₂ in CH₂Cl₂ (5 ml) at –20° for 26 h.

Treatment of **10** (100 mg, 0.42 mmol) in CHCl₃ (15 ml) at r.t. with 10 drops of conc. HCl (14 h, PLC (hexane)) yielded 42 mg (42%) of **11**, and 40 mg (40%) of the starting material **10** was recovered.

5. *Thio-Claisen Rearrangement of 4.* Heating of a soln. of **4** (150 mg, 0.63 mmol) in mesitylene (15 ml) under N₂ to reflux (12 min, PLC (hexane/Et₂O 1:1)) led to 132 mg (88%) of (*1R,3S,4R*)-3-/(2'*Z*)-4'-hydroxybut-2'-en-1'-yl]-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-thione (**12**). Pink orange oil. $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +254.3$. IR: 3345m (br., OH), 2960s, 2870m, 1669w, 1485w, 1444m, 1390m, 1375m, 1294m, 1267m, 1254m, 1231w, 1125m, 1099m, 999m, 970m, 832w. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.73–5.71 (*m*, H-C(2'), H-C(3'')); 4.13–4.07 (*m*, 2 H-C(4'')); 2.98–2.93 (*m*, 1 H-C(1'')); 2.67–2.63 (*m*, H_{exo}-C(3)); 2.12 (*t*-like, *J* ≈ 4.1, H-C(4)); 2.04–1.98 (*m*, 1 H-C(1'')); 1.83–1.71 (*m*, H_{exo}-C(5), 1 H-C(6)); 1.56–1.49 (*m*, H_{endo}-C(5), OH); 1.16–1.09 (*m*, 1 H-C(6)); 1.08 (*s*, Me-C(1)); 1.07 (*s*, Me_{anti}); 0.82 (*s*, Me_{syn}). ¹³C-NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl₃): 274.8 (*s*, C=S); 130.5 (*d*, C(2'), C(3'')); 70.4 (*s*, C(1)); 63.6 (*t*, C(4'')); 60.0 (*d*, C(3)); 48.1 (*s*, C(7)); 47.6 (*d*, C(4)); 34.9 (*t*, C(6)); 34.1 (*t*, C(1'')); 20.3 (*t*, C(5)); 19.9 (*q*, Me_{anti}); 19.3 (*q*, Me_{syn}); 13.7 (*q*, Me-C(1)). CI-MS (isobutane): 238 (8, M⁺), 223 (6), 222 (15), 221 (100, [M–H₂O+H]⁺).

6. [3,3]-Sigmatropic Rearrangement of Intermediate Xanthate **13**. To a two-phase system of 50% aq. NaOH (2.2 ml) containing 61.2 mg (0.189 mmol) of Bu₄NHSO₄ and 2.2 ml of CS₂, **9** (450 mg, 1.89 mmol) and MeI (1.342 g, 9.45 mmol) were added. The mixture was vigorously stirred overnight at r.t. The CS₂ layer was separated, and the aq. layer was extracted 3 × with CS₂. The combined org. layers were washed with H₂O, dried (MgSO₄), and filtered. Removing the solvent *in vacuo* and drying the residue in high vacuum (48 h) gave 500 mg (81%) of pure *S*-methyl *S*-(2*E*)-4-[(1*R*,4*R*)-(1',7',7'-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2'-en-2'-yl)sulfanyl]but-2-en-1-yl dithiocarbonate (**14**). Yellow oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -28.5$. IR: 2952vs, 2870s, 1647vs, 1560m, 1471m, 1452m, 1439m, 1385m, 1374m, 1364m, 1298m, 1253w, 1219m, 1186w, 1134w, 1105w, 1044m, 963s, 874vs, 820w, 780m, 714m. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.76–5.69 (m, H–C(3)); 5.67–5.62 (m, H–C(2)); 5.51 (d, *J*=2.3, H–C(3')); 3.62 (d, *J*=6.2, 2 H–C(1)); 3.27 (d, *J*=6.3, 2 H–C(4)); 2.43 (s, MeS); 2.42 (br. s, H–C(4')); 1.90–1.81 (m, 1 H); 1.52–1.45 (m, 1 H); 1.09–0.91 (m, 2 H); 0.98 (s, Me); 0.82 (s, Me); 0.78 (s, Me). ¹³C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 189.3 (s, C=O); 143.1 (s, C(2')); 129.5, 127.4 (2d, CH=CH); 125.5 (d, C(3')); 56.5, 56.1 (2s, C(1'), C(7')); 52.2 (d, C(4')); 32.8, 32.3, 31.5, 26.5 (4t, 4 CH₂); 19.5, 19.4, 12.9, 11.1 (4q, 4 Me). CI-MS (NH₃): 331 (16), 330 (20), 329 (100, [M+H]⁺), 169 (41).

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