crystallized; pmr: δ 0.70, 0.80, 1.22, and 1.53 (4s, 3H each, quat. Me), 5.48 (m, 1H, C.7-H), 7.40 and 7.95 (2m, 5H, arom.), *m/z* 244 ($M^{\cdot+}$-BzOH, 100%), 229, 159, 120, 109, 108, 105. Dihydroeperuyl benzoate was prepared in the usual manner using Pd/C as catalyst; pmr: δ 0.70, 0.76, 0.95, and 1.53 (4s, 3H each, quat. Me), *m/z* 246 ($M^{\cdot+}$-BzOH, 100%), 245, 244, 231, 229, 123, 108, 105.

PODOCARP-8 (14)-EN-13-ONE (**10**).—Racemic **9** (10.8 g) was ozonized, cyclized, and dehydrated, following the procedures of reference (9), to yield the racemic enone **10** (5.8 g), mp 86-7° [Lit. (9) 89-90°], ν max (KBr) 1660, 1640, 880, cm^{-1}.

(±) DIHYDROEPERUOL (**8**).—To racemic **10** (1.75 g) dissolved in methanol (50 ml) was added 5% Pd/C (150 mg); the mixture shaken (4 h) under 40 psi H_2. The reaction mixture was filtered and the solvent removed to give a crystalline mass (1.72 g).

Part of the crude (500 mg) was dissolved in dry ether (6 ml), cooled in dry ice-acetone, and treated with 1.1 M MeLi solution (2 ml) for 1.5 h. The reaction complex was then hydrolyzed with aqueous NH_4Cl and extracted with ether three times. The pooled extracts were dried over Na_2SO_4, and the solvent was evaporated to give a white solid (400 mg). Chromatography over silica-gel, using hexane with increasing amounts of ether as eluent, allowed us to separate the racemic epimers. (±) Dihydroeperuol (112 mg) was further purified by fractional sublimation to give white crystals, mp 91-4°. *Anal.* calcd for $C_{18}H_{32}O$: C, 81.75; H, 12.20; O, 6.05. Found: C, 81.90; H, 12.0; O, 6.05; *m/z* 264 ($M^{\cdot+}$), 249 ($M^{\cdot+}$-15); 246 ($M^{\cdot+}$-18), 123, 108 (100%).

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