for C₁₂H₂₆O₃Si₂: C, 52.51; H, 9.55. Found: C, 52.28; H, 9.63. **1,3,5,6-Tetramethoxy-8-methylanthraquinone (Erythro-**

laccin Tetramethyl Ether, 35). A suspension of 3-chloro-5,7 **dimethoxy-1,4-naphthoquinone30 (34; 379** mg, 1.50 mmol) and pentadienes **(33a,b; 549** mg, **2.00** mmol) in dry benzene **(12** mL) was refluxed for **21** days (an extra portion of diene **(1.00** mmol) was added after **6** days). The residue was heated at **110** "C for **4** h, hydrolyzed, and methylated in the usual way. Purification of the crude product by chromatography (chloroform) and crystallization from methanol gave the tetramethyl ether **35 243** mg **(47%);** mp **155-156** "C (lit." mp **159** "C); mass spectrum, *m/e* **342** (M'). This substance had physical and spectroscopic characteristics very close to the published data.

2-Chloro-6-hydroxy-5-methoxy-8-methyl-1,4-naphtho**quinone (36).** Pentadienes **33a,b (686** mg, **2.50** mol) were added to a suspension of **2,6-dichlorobenzoquinone (6; 354** mg, **2.00** mmol) in ether **(30** mL) at **-120** "C. After being stirred for **15** min, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature **(2** h). The solvent was evaporated and the residue refluxed in methanol **(20** mL) for **30** min. Naphthoquinone **36 was** isolated by chromatography (benzene) and crystallization from CC14: **217**

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mg (43%); mp 154.0-155.5 °C; λ_{max} 218 nm (log *ε* 4.27), 275 (3.82), **298** (sh, **3.65),420 (3.16);** *v,* (KBr) **3300** (OH), **1650** (C==O), **1618** and 1587 (C=C) cm⁻¹; NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.69 (3 H, s, 8-CH₃), 3.91 **(3** H, **s,** 5-OCH3), **6.60 (1** H, br s,6-OH), **6.81 (1** H, s,7-H), **7.07 (1** H, s, **3-H);** mass spectrum, *m/e* **254/252 (M').** This substance is somewhat unstable and correct analyses could not be obtained.

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Oxidation of 1,5-Naphthalenediol and Its Methyl Ether: Preparation of Juglone Methyl Ether Monoacetall

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Thallium trinitrate (TTN) oxidizes 1,5-naphthalenediol **(la)** and its monomethyl ether **(lb)** in good yield to juglone **(2a)** and its methyl ether **(2b),** respectively. Oxidation of **lb** with TTN in a mixture of ethylene glycol and trimethyl orthoformate gave **2c** (the 4-monoacetal of **2b),** which is a promising intermediate in the synthesis of daunomycinone **(3a)** and some of its analogues. This is the first direct oxidation of a para-unsubstituted phenol to a monoacetal of a quinone.

For some years the synthesis of daunomycinone (3a; see Chart I), which is convertible into the important anticancer (and cardiotoxic) antibiotic adriamycin (3b), has been studied by many research groups.2 We have been interested in devising a DCAB regioselective route to 3a and some of its analogues, e.g., 3c and the tricyclic compound **4.3 A logical starting point is the readily available diol la. Two approaches are being examined: in the first the** methyl ether 1b^{4,5} is acylated at C₂ via a photo-Fries rearrangement, and then the oxygen at C_4 is introduced;⁶ in **the second, which is described in this paper, the oxygen at C4 is introduced in 1 to give a compound in which** further substituents on the quinone ring can be introduced regioselectively.

As 2b, the methyl ether of juglone, does not undergo **addition at the double bond regioseledively? we originally planned to reduce P-dihydrojuglone** *(5)* **regioselectively at C4* and later acylate at C2. However, in our hands the reduction of 5 was not selective and the route was aban-**

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doned. During this work we investigated the preparation of **2a** and **2b** in detail.

Preparation of 2a and 2b. Juglone, which has been known for about 100 years, is an important compound (cf. ref 9) and has until recently only been available in poor yield. Despite a claim¹⁰ that the diol 1a was oxidized in 30-40% yield to **2a** by dichromate, later workers have consistently obtained $15-20\%$.¹¹ Both juglone and its methyl ether have been made indirectly from **la,** through the 4-amino compound which is then oxidized to the quinone^{12,13a,b} and also through a Diels-Alder addition of benzoquinone and 3-methoxy- α -pyrone.^{13c} Teubner¹⁴ claimed that the oxidation of **la** with Fremy's salt gave a 49% yield of **2a** and 50% of the o-quinone.

Since our work began there have been several reports of the preparation of **2a** and **2b.** Griffiths and his co-

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singlet oxygen gave **2a** (70%) and **2b** (43%), respectively. Oxidation of **la** with peracetic acid gave **2a** (45-50%).16 Jackson and Swenton¹⁷ reported that **1c** can be converted into **2b** in 65% yield by two anodic oxidations each of which was followed by treatment with acid. Rapoport and co-workersle described a three-step conversion of **lb** into **2b** in good yield. Finally Heinzman and Grunwell report the oxidation of **1,5-diacetoxynaphthalene** to 2-bromo-5 acetoxy-1,4-naphthoquinone.¹⁹

workers15 found that the oxidation of **la** and **lb** with

We tried a series of different conditions for the oxidation of **la** and **lb** using chromate and other reagents.20 Only marginal improvements (yields up to 30%) resulted from our work with chromate. Most of the other reagents gave juglone, but again the yields were, with the exception of thallium trinitrate (TTN) ,²² poor. Starting with the conditions developed for the oxidation of phenols to quinones,22 we studied in detail the oxidation of **la** and **lb** with TTN and obtained good results, with yields usually about 60%. Solid supports²³ (Celite, Florisil, and molecular sieves) were also tried; of these, Celite was the most satisfactory, leading to a 72% yield of **lb.** In summary, oxidation with TTN gives a satisfactory one-step preparation of **2a** and **2b** from **la** and **lb.**

Monoacetal of Juglone Methyl Ether. Monoacetals of quinones, which are useful reagents in synthetic work, 24 are made by selective hydrolysis of the diacetals produced electrolytically from hydroquinone ethers,²⁵ by electrolysis of p -diacetoxybenzene,²⁶ and by oxidation of p -alkoxyphenols.^{22,27} McKillop and Taylor²² suggested that the monoacetals are the last intermediates on the route by which TTN oxidizes a phenol to a quinone but were only able to isolate these acetals when they treated a parasubstituted phenol with TTN in a mixture of methanol and trimethyl orthoformate.

We tried these conditions for the oxidation of **lb.** The NMR (with signals for the two acetal methoxyls at **6** 3.1

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and an AB quartet for the vinyl hydrogens centered at δ 6.5), **IR,** and mass spectra of the crude product showed it was impure acetal 2d. The material reacted with cyanoacetic ester²⁸ but not with isoprene.³⁰ Unfortunately, the oxidation of lb in methanol/methyl orthoformate never worked cleanly again, giving mainly 2b with some 2d. The oxidation was repeated by using ethylene and propylene glycols in place of methanol; the reaction with *dry* ethylene glycol was studied in detail. The crude material from the reaction always consisted of a mixture of 2b and 2c, which could be separated by medium-pressure liquid chromatography on silica gel. However, a more convenient method of purification was to mix the crude reaction mixture with a solution of sodium bisulfite. 31 This led to the isolation of pure 2c in yields of about 33%. The structure of 2c follows from its composition and spectra. The methylene protons in the acetal appear as a **AA'BB'** pattern centered at δ 4.3. Hydrolysis of 2c gives the quinone 2b.

The isolation of 2c supports the ideas put forward by McKillop and Taylor²² for the mechanism of the conversion of a phenol to a quinone by oxidation with TTN. Presumably the naphthalene monoacetal is easier to isolate than one in the benzene series because the increase in resonance energy in going from the acetal to the quinone is less in the naphthalene than in the benzene series.

The monoacetal 2c should be a useful intermediate for the synthesis of compounds related to **3** and **4** (cf. ref 244. Methyl malonate adds smoothly to 2c to give **7,28** thus providing a way of introducing carbon at C_3 . Isoprene failed to add. 30 Catalytic hydrogenation of 2c with rhodium (to avoid hydrogenolysis 32) gave, in good yield, the dihydro compound **6,** which is a suitable substrate for acylation at *Cz.*

In attempts to extend the oxidation to make other quinone monoacetals, we found that oxidation of 2,6-dimethylphenol and 1-naphthol with TTN in a mixture of ethylene glycol and trimethyl orthoformate gave **only** small yields of the corresponding monoacetals. With the diol la the reaction took a different course, and 2e was not a product. The oxidation of lb to 2c appears to be a special case; possibly the methoxyl group at C_5 provides sufficient steric hindrance to the developing carbonyl at C_4 to slow down the cleavage of the acetal. By contrast, the phenolic group in the monoacetal2e could serve **as** an intramolec**ular** catalyst for cleavage of the acetal (cf. ref 3), hence the difficulty in making this material.

Experimental Section

General Methods. Melting points (uncorrected) were obtained
in capillary tubes by using a Mel-Temp apparatus. NMR spectra were recorded on either a Varian Associates A-60D or T-60. All chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ) downfield from Me4Si as the internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on either a Perkin-Elmer 137 or a Beckman Acculab 4 grating spectrophotometer. UV spectra were determined on a *Cary* 14 recording spectrophotometer or a Hewlett-Packard *8450.* Mass spectra were determined on a AEI MS-50 mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses were performed by Micro-Tech Laboratories, Inc.

Preparative TLC utilized Analtech 2013 silica gel of 1-mm thickness. Analytical TLC was done on Eastman 13181 silica gel. Column chromatography used Merck No. 9385 silica gel (400–230) mesh) or basic alumina.

5-**Hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone (2a).** A solution of 1,5-
naphthalenediol (1a; 0.215 g, 1.34 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min to a solution of thallium(III) nitrate trihydrate (1.097 g, 2.47 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 10 min more and then filtered.
The filtrate was passed through Celite, and the solvent was removed to give dark brown crystals (0.360 g) . Chloroform was added to this solid, and the solution was filtered. Evaporation of the chloroform gave juglone (2a) as an orange solid [mp 150-151 °C (lit.³³ mp 153-154 °C); 0.137 g (64%)] identified by NMR and IR spectral comparison with an authentic sample.

5-Methoxy-1,4-naphthoquinone (2b). **A** solution of *5* methoxy-1-naphthol(2a; 0.137 g, 0.79 mmol) in methanol (10 **mL)** was added dropwise over 10 min to thallium trinitrate trihydrate $(0.676 \text{ g}, 1.5 \text{ mmol})$ in methanol $(10 \text{ mL}, 0 \text{ °C})$. The solution was stirred for 20 min and filtered. The filtrate was partitioned between CH_2Cl_2 and saturated brine. The organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4) and then passed through a short alumina column. The yellow eluent was evaporated to give the naphthoquinone 2b as orange crystals: mp $183-185$ °C (lit.^{13b} mp 189 °C); 77 mg (54%); IR (CHCl₃) ν_{max} 1655, 1585 cm⁻¹; NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.0 (s, 3 H), 6.8 (s, 2 H), 7.2-7.7 (m, 3 H); UV (CH3CN) X 390 nm **(c** 2800), 244 (13600).

Oxidations with TTN/Celite Reagent. (a) Preparation of **Reagent.** A solution of TTN $(9.18 \text{ g}, \text{dried over } P_2O_5 \text{ and KOH})$ in vacuo for 3 h) in methanol/trimethyl orthoformate (l:l, *50* mL) was stirred vigorously with acid-washed Celite (24.8 g) for 30 min. The solvent **was** removed in vacuo at 60-70 "C for 1.5 h. The resulting powder **was** used soon (within 2-3 days) for best results.

(b) Oxidation **of** lb. The TTN/Celite reagent (1.69 g, 1.06 mmol of T13+) was added in one portion to a solution of **5** methoxy-1-naphthol (1b; 0.092 g, 0.53 mmol) in methylene chloride (40 mL) at 0° C. The mixture was stirred vigorously for 45 min and then filtered. The filtrate was passed through a short alumina column and evaporated to give yellow crystals of 5-methoxy-1,4-naphthoquinone [2b; mp 188-189 "C; 0.071 g (72%)] which was identified by comparison of its spectra and melting point with those of an authentic sample.

(e) Oxidation **of** 1-Naphthol. 1-Naphthol (0.4 g, 270 mmol) was oxidized by a similar procedure to 1,4-naphthoquinone [mp 12G121 "C (lit. mp 121 "C); 0.195 g (44%)], identified by comparison of its IR and NMR spectra with those of an authentic sample.

(d) Oxidation **of** la. **Silica** gel (approximately 2.5 g) was added to the filtrate obtained after oxidizing 1,5-naphthalenediol (la) for 30 min by the procedure described in b. The solvent was evaporated and the silica gel placed on a silica gel column. *5-* **Hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone** (2a; 0.057 g, 12%), identified by spectral comparison, was eluted in petroleum ether/ethyl acetate $(85:15)$

1,4-Dihydro-4,4-(ethylenedioxy)-5-methoxy-1-oxo-naphthalene (2c).³⁴ Solutions of 5-methoxy-1-naphthol (2a; 1.11 g, 6.4 mmol) in trimethyl orthoformate-ethylene glycol (30 mL, 1:l) and thallium(II1) nitrate trihydrate (5.69 g, 12.8 mmol) in TMOF/glycol (30 mL) were added simultaneously to stirred TMOF/glycol (40 mL) at -40 °C. The stirring was continued at -40 "C for *5* h. The solution was warmed to room temperature and filtered. Cold saturated sodium bisulfite was added to the filtrate, and this mixture was extracted with ether $(4 \times 50 \text{ mL})$.³¹ The combined extracts were washed thoroughly with saturated sodium chloride and dried $(Na₂SO₄)$. The solution was then reduced under vacuum to approximately 10 mL, and the prepassed through a short alumina column, and the solvent was removed to give the acetal $2c$ as yellow crystals (500 mg, 33%), which on crystallization from petroleum ether/ethyl acetate gave light yellow crystals: mp 152-154 °C; UV (CH₃CN) λ 322 nm (ϵ 2100), 281 (2700), 215 (16000); UV (cyclohexane) X 327 nm **(t**

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2300), 276 (3000), 223 (14 100); IR (CHCl₃) λ_{max} 1680, 1644, 1590, 1315, 1110 cm⁻¹; NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.92 (s, 3 H), 4.17-4.47 (m, 4 3 H); **mass** spectrum, *m/e* (relative intensity) 232.07355 (M', loo), 204 (20), 187 **(50),** 76 (80), calcd for C13H1204 232.07339. Anal. Calcd for $C_{13}H_{12}O_4$: C, 67.24; H, 5.17. Found: C, 67.26; H, 5.30. H), 6.19, 6.36, 6.65, 6.82 (AB q, *J* = 10 Hz, 2 H), 7.07-7.85 (m,

The monoacetal failed to react with isoprene even in the presence of boron trifluoride etherate.

Hydrolysis of Monoacetal (2c). A solution of the monoacetal $(2c; 0.043 \text{ g}, 0.18 \text{ mmol})$ in tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) and 1 N hydrochloric acid (10 mL) was stirred at 60 "C for 12 h. The mixture was poured into saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate which was then extracted with ether several times. The combined ethereal extracts were dried and evaporated to give red crystals (0.047 g) which were dissolved in methylene chloride. This solution was passed through a short column of alumina by **using** methylene chloride as the eluent. Evaporation of the yellow eluate gave yellow crystals of 5-methoxy-1,4-naphthoquinone [2b; mp 188-189 $^{\circ}$ C; 0.030 g (86%)], identified by spectral comparison with an authentic sample.

4-(Ethylenedioxy)-5-methoxy-l-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (6). A mixture of the quinone acetal 2c (1.21 g, 5.2 mmol) in ethyl acetate (50 mL) with 5% Rh/C (62 mg)³² was shaken with H_2 (1 atm) for 1 h and was then filtered. The filtrate was evaporated to give yellow-brown crystals (1.26 g) that yielded from cyclohexane yellow crystals of 6: mp 96-96.5 "C; 942 mg (77%); IR (CHCl₃) $\nu_{\tt max}$ 1700, 1590 cm⁻¹; NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.1–2.9 (m, 4 H), 3.8 **(s,** 3 T4.0-4.3 (m, 4 H), 7.0-7.8 (m, 3 H); UV (cyclohexane) λ 306 nm (ε 1640), 247 (3430), 238 (3510), 218 (12 270); mass spectrum, *m/e* (relative intensity) 234.08890 **(M',** 60), 206 (25), 189 (10), 178 (100), calcd for $C_{13}H_{14}O_4$ 234.089 20.

Oxidation of lb with TTN in Methanol/Trimethyl Orthoformate. A solution of 5-methoxy-1-naphthol (lb; 0.5 g, 2.9 mmol) in methanol/trimethyl orthoformate (l:l, 30 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of TTN **(2.5** g, 5.78 mmol) in methanol/trimethyl orthoformate (20 mL) at -78 °C. The stirred mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature. Petroleum ether was added, and the solution was filtered. The filtrate was passed through a short alumina column which was eluted with petroleum ether. Evaporation of the petroleum ether solutions gave greenish brown crystals [mp $172-175$ °C; 0.68 g (63%)] believed to be compound 2d on the basis of the spectroscopic properties: IR (CHCl₃) ν_{max} 1670, 1630, 1570 cm⁻¹; *NMR* (CDCl,) **6** 3.1 (s, 6 H), 3.9 *(8,* 3 H), 6.5 (AB q, 2 H), 6.8-7.8 (m, 3 H); mass spectrum, *m/e* (relative intensity) 234 (M', 1.45), 203 (loo), 188 (43).

Compound 2d reacts with ethyl cyanoacetate but not isoprene. Attempts to repeat the preparation of 2d were not successful.

Reaction of 2c with Methyl Malonate. The quinone monoacetal (2c; 0.136 g, 0.59 mmol) in dry methanol (10 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of methyl malonate (0.085 g, 0.64 mmol) and a catalytic amount of sodium methoxide in methanol (10 **mL).** The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and was then partitioned between ether (25 mL) and saturated ammonium chloride (50 **mL).** The aqueous layer was extracted twice more with ether. The combined ethereal extracts were dried and evaporated in vacuo to give oily white crystals (0.233 g). These crystallized from petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to give the 1,4 adduct **7 as** colorless crystals: mp 131-133 "C; 0.173 g (80%); NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.7-4.3 (overlapping m with s at 3.63 and 3.80, 17 H), 6.9-7.6 (m, 3 H); IR (CHCl₃) ν_{max} 1755, 1735, 1690 cm⁻¹; mass spectrum, *m/e* (relative intensity) 364.1157 (57), 305 (32), 233 (40), 178 (100), calcd for $C_{18}H_{20}O_8$ 364.1158.

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Registry **No.** la, 83-56-7; lb, 3588-80-5; 2a, 481-39-0; 2b, 4923- 61-9; 2c, 74555-12-7; 2d, 74555-13-8; 6, 76741-85-0; **7,** 76741-86-1; TTN, 13746-980; 1-naphthol, **90-15-3;** 1,4-naphthcquinone, 130-15-4; methyl malonate, 108-59-8.

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Aromatization of Arene 1,2-Oxides. 1-(Trimethylsily1)benzene 1,2-Oxide

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Aromatization of **1-(trimethylsily1)benzene** 1,2-oxide (1) affords a mixture of o-(trimethylsiiy1)phenol and phenol, the ratio of which is pH dependent. Aromatization of [5-²H]-1-(trimethylsilyl)benzene 1,2-oxide gave the following results. (1) At pH 1.1 or 7 all the deuterium label in **o-(trimethylsily1)phenol** was para to the hydroxyl group. (2) At pH 1.1 the phenol formed was exclusively $[4\text{-}^{2}H]$ phenol, but at pH 7 it was 70-75% $[4\text{-}^{2}H]$ phenol and 25-30% [3-2H]phenol. The pathway of the aromatization reaction is discussed.

Our interest in the pathway of aromatization of arene 1,Zoxides derives from their possible role **as** intermediates in the ortho hydroxylation of aromatic substrates in biological systems.2 Many arene 1,2-oxides, although not involved in normal metabolism, are nonetheless of interest for further understanding of the effect of the 1-substituent in determining the course of the aromatization reaction. Interest in the influence of the 1-trimethylsilyl substituent

in determining the regiospecificity of oxirane ring-opening of arene 1,2-oxides follows from the observations that, although cations β to silicon are stabilized by $\sigma-\pi$ hyperconjugation and cations α to silicon are destabilized, acid-catalyzed reactions **of (trimethylsily1)oxiranes** normally proceed by cleavage of the C-O bond adjacent to the trimethylsilyl substituent.³ In a preliminary report⁴ we described the preparation of **1-(trimethylsily1)benzene** oxide-oxepin **(1)** and the 2-methyl **(2)** and 4-methyl **(3)**

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