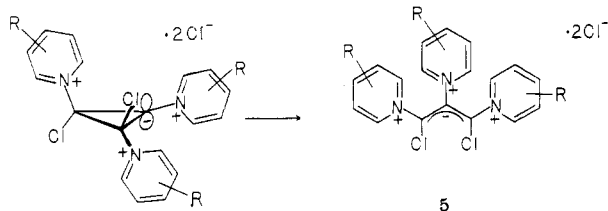


Table I. NMR Comparisons of 1 and 2 with Indolizine

	chemical shift, ppm				coupling constants, Hz					
	H ₅	H ₆	H ₄	H ₈	5,6	5,7	5,8	6,7	6,8	7,8
indolizine ^a	7.76	6.31	6.50	7.25	6.8	1.0	1.2	6.4	1.0	8.9
2	8.21	7.05	7.18	7.63	7.0	0.9		6.5	1.1	9.2
1	8.33	7.15	7.32	7.51	7.1	0.9		6.9	0.9	9.1

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Scheme I



H₈ (δ 7.22, br s); H₅ (δ 8.20, d of d); $J_{5,6} = 7.7$, $J_{6,8} = 1.1$, $J_{5,8} = 1.0$].

The pattern of substitution about the pyrrole part of the indolizine nucleus was ascertained indirectly by comparing the relative chemical shifts of indolizine protons as one proceeds from the parent unsubstituted indolizine to the monopyridinium system, 2, and the bis(pyridinium) structure, 1 (Table I). The relatively symmetric Δ shifts of proton pairs, H₅, H₈, and H₆, H₇, in 2 suggest that the pyridinium is at the most nearly symmetric or 2-position. The anomalous (somewhat upfield) Δ shift of H₈ in 1 argues for the second pyridinium to be in the 1-position and interacting so as to deshield the peri proton. Single-crystal X-ray analysis of 2 confirms the assigned structure.⁴

In addition to producing indolizines possessing substituents that are either unknown (pyridinium) or rare (Cl on the pyrrole ring),⁵ the reaction is interesting mechanistically. The limiting reagent is pyridine, and the combined yield of 1 and 2 based on TCC is essentially quantitative. The major product under all conditions is 1; the ratio, 1/2, varies only slightly, 3.5–5.0,⁶ over a wide range of reactant ratios. Pyridines having electron-donating substituents produce indolizines unless both positions 2 and 6 of the pyridine are blocked, as in 2,6-lutidine and 2,4,6-collidine. A reaction occurs between these substrates and TCC but it is qualitatively much slower and indolizines are not isolated. The dark solids that are produced are insoluble in organic solvents and appear to react with water. We propose that these products are the corresponding allylic systems, 5, and that 5 is an intermediate (R = H) in the reaction with pyridine itself. These suggestions are now being investigated as part of a general study of reaction mechanism including reaction kinetics.⁷ Compound 5 is a novel allylic nitrogen ylid that is assumed to arise from the sequential addition of pyridine to TCC followed by electrocyclic ring-opening of the tris(pyridinium) cyclopropyl anion (Scheme I). Such substitution reactions of TCC are well-known with nucleophilic species.⁸ The electrocyclic ring closure of pyridinium *N*-allylides to the indolizine ring structure has been documented.⁹

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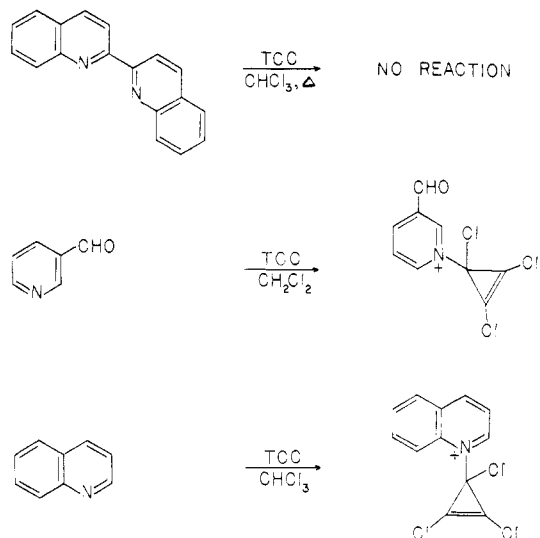
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Pyridines with electron-withdrawing groups or heterocycles with electron-deficient nitrogens either do not react or yield the corresponding monosubstituted products, (trichlorocyclopropenyl)pyridinium chlorides. These salts apparently do not rearrange to trichloroindolizine derivatives. Typical examples are shown in the following reactions.



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Registry No. 1·2Cl⁻, 86289-23-8; 2·BPh₄⁻, 86289-25-0; 3, 86289-26-1; 4, 86289-27-2; 5·2Cl⁻ (R = H), 86289-28-3; TCC, 6262-42-6; pyridine, 110-86-1; 3-pyridinecarboxaldehyde, 500-22-1; quinoline, 91-22-5; 1-(3-trichlorocyclopropenyl)pyridinium-3-carboxaldehyde chloride, 86289-29-4; 1-(3-trichlorocyclopropenyl)quinolinium chloride, 86289-30-7.

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An Efficient Synthetic Route to (±)-Nanaomycin A

Summary: An efficient synthetic route to (±)-nanaomycin A (1) involving a new type of Claisen rearrangement is described.

Sir: Nanaomycin A (1), a member of the family of pyranonaphthoquinone antibiotics, exhibits significant antimicrobial activity¹ and also bears potential antineoplastic activity.² The total synthesis of 1 has recently been a

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BF₃-Et₂O/1 h), and treatment with α -bromo- γ -butyrolactone (DMF/CsF/120 °C/1 h¹⁰ or KF-Celite/CH₃CN/60 °C/14 h). The lactone 4 was then reacted with PhSeNa by the same procedure as described for the model experiment to afford the phenylselenide 9 (X = Se) in 81% yield after distillation (bp 210–220 °C at 0.1 torr) (Scheme III). Oxidative elimination of the phenylseleno group from 9 (X = Se) occurred readily again to give the rather unstable naphthylbutenoate 10⁶ in 72% yield, which on treatment with methanolic Na₂CO₃ was cyclized to yield the key dihydrofuran intermediate 11,⁵ bp 160–165 °C at 1.0 torr, in 91% yield (an overall yield of 54% from 4). Similarly, transformation of 4 to 11 was carried out via the phenyl sulfide 9 (X = S)⁵ in comparable yield.

Now, oxidative removal of the acetonide group of 11 with silver(II) oxide generated a 2-hydroxybutyrate side chain, giving the nanaomycin A precursor 12, mp 87–88 °C, in 80–90% yield. Formation of the dihydropyran ring was then achieved according to the method of Li,^{3h,i} i.e., reaction of 12 with zinc and hydrochloric acid in THF for 5 min, addition of excess acetaldehyde to the reaction mixture and heating at 60 °C for 4 h, and oxidation of the resulting product with silver(I) oxide. The pyranojuglone 13 (cis isomer of nanaomycin A methyl ester) obtained in 51% yield was identified by comparison of the spectral data with those of the authentic sample synthesized by an alternative route by us.^{3e} Isomerization of 13 to the trans isomer with sulfuric acid followed by saponification^{3c,h} afforded (\pm)-nanaomycin A in 66% yield.

The synthetic route to 1 has several advantages over the reported ones beginning with naphthalenediols.^{3c,f,h} The highest overall yield has been achieved even though each step has not been optimized. Multigram quantities of the antibiotic can be prepared from commercially available reagents and in an operationally simple manner.

Registry No. (\pm)-1, 73804-47-4; (\pm)-4, 86309-79-7; 5, 481-39-0; (\pm)-6, 86309-80-0; (\pm)-7 (X = Se), 86309-81-1; (\pm)-7 (X = S), 86309-82-2; 8, 86309-83-3; (\pm)-9 (X = Se), 86309-84-4; (\pm)-9 (X = S), 86309-85-5; 10, 86309-86-6; (\pm)-11, 86309-87-7; (\pm)-12, 86309-88-8; (\pm)-cis-13, 78340-70-2; (\pm)-trans-13, 73804-46-3; 1-naphthol, 90-15-3; (\pm)- α -bromo- γ -butyrolactone, 86362-17-6; 1,4,5-naphthalenetriol, 481-40-3; 1,4,5-naphthalenetriol 4,5-acetonide, 86309-89-9; acetaldehyde, 75-07-0.

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Facile Bridged Bicycloalkane Synthesis via Intramolecular Nitron-Olefin Cycloaddition

Summary: Exocyclic nitrones smoothly participate in intramolecular cycloaddition reactions to provide bridged bicycloalkanes. The application of this methodology in the first total synthesis of the antifertility agent (\pm)-7,12-secoishwaran-12-ol is also discussed.

Sir: The development of effective approaches to bridged bicycloalkanes is an important topic in organic synthesis.¹

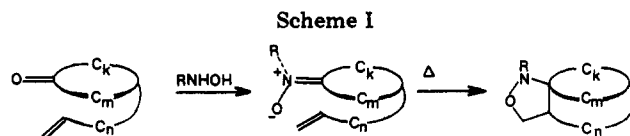


Table I. Cyclizations of Alkenylcycloalkanones Mediated by Alkylhydroxylamines

cycloalkanone	bridged bicycloalkane	temp, °C/ time, h	yield, ^a % (R)
		80/3	84 (Me) 100 (Bz) 74 (Ph)
		80/3	84 (Me) 82 (Bz)
		80/2	94 (Bz)
		80/3	66 (Me) 70 (Bz)
		80/5	75 (Me) 90 (Bz)
		111/36	48 (Bz)
		111/24	50 (Bz)
		111/48	46 (Me)

^a Isolated yield after column chromatography.

^b Prepared by adding allyltrimethylsilane to the corresponding cycloalkenone in the presence of TiCl₄ as described by: Sakurai, H.; Hosomi, A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1977, 99, 1673. ^c Prepared by addition of excess allylmagnesium bromide to the sodium enolate of cyclohexane-1,3-dione (20%). ^d Stork, G.; Danheiser, R. *J. Org. Chem.* 1973, 38, 1775. ^e Conia, J. M.; Moinet, G. *Bull. Soc. Chim. Fr.* 1969, 500. ^f Conia, J. M.; Beslin, P. *Ibid.* 1969, 483.

This structural type is manifest in a wide variety of natural products. In addition, the fragmentation or rearrangement of bridged bicycloalkanes is an established protocol for the synthesis of other ring systems.² We now describe a new approach to bridged bicycloalkanes and document the potential of this methodology in the first total synthesis of the antifertility agent (12S)-7,12-secoishwaran-12-ol.³

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