

**Table I. Second-Order Rate Constants for Nucleophilic Substitutions of Methanesulfonate by Anions Y<sup>-</sup> Associated with [H<sup>+</sup>C(1.1.1,C<sub>14</sub>)], [K<sup>+</sup>C(2.2.2,C<sub>14</sub>)], (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>)<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>, or C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>33</sub>P<sup>+</sup>Bu<sub>3</sub>, in Anhydrous Chlorobenzene at 60 °C**

Y <sup>-</sup>	10 <sup>2</sup> k, M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>			
	[H <sup>+</sup> C(1.1.1,C <sub>14</sub> )] Y <sup>-b</sup>	[K <sup>+</sup> C(2.2.2,C <sub>14</sub> )] Y <sup>-c</sup>	(C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>17</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> N <sup>+</sup> Y <sup>-b</sup>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>33</sub> P <sup>+</sup> Bu <sub>3</sub> Y <sup>-d</sup>
Cl <sup>-</sup>	1.9	5.1	3.7	2.0
Br <sup>-</sup>	1.1	3.7	2.0	0.81
I <sup>-</sup>	0.60	0.87	0.68	0.30
N <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	7.0	15.0	15.6	7.0

<sup>a</sup>The rate constants are computer generated by using a least-square analysis and are the average of at least two runs. <sup>b</sup>[substrate] = 2–6 × 10<sup>-2</sup> M; [nucleophile] = 0.8–2.4 × 10<sup>-2</sup> M. <sup>c</sup>Data from ref 3. <sup>d</sup>Data from ref 7.

allow a stronger cation-anion interaction within the ion pair, hence a lower reactivity of 1 compared with those of 3 and 4. In any case, anion activation by cryptates 1 is roughly comparable with that of the largely used quaternary phosphonium salts 5.

As a conclusion, attachment of an aliphatic chain to [H<sup>+</sup>C(1.1.1)] cryptate results in a "unique example" of protonated tertiary amine, which behaves, in all of the essential aspects, like a tetralkylammonium or -phosphonium cation, and it is capable to impart to the anions a high nucleophilic reactivity.

### Experimental Section

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on a Varian EM-390 90-MHz spectrometer with tetramethylsilane as internal standard. Potentiometric titrations were carried out with a Metrohm Titroprocessor E636 using silver and calomel electrodes, the latter isolated with a potassium sulfate bridge.

**Materials and Solvents.** *n*-Octyl methanesulfonate, bp 112–114 °C (2 mm), *n*<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> 1.4398, was prepared according to the literature [lit.<sup>12</sup> bp 110–114 °C (2 mm), *n*<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> 1.4392]. Quaternary ammonium salts 4a–d were obtained from the commercially available tetraoctylammonium perchlorate (4e) by exchange with the appropriate anion, according to a previously described procedure.<sup>13</sup> Many of these salts are hygroscopic and must be stored in a desiccator. The [H<sup>+</sup>C(1.1.1,C<sub>14</sub>)]I<sup>-</sup> cryptate (1c), mp 65–67 °C, was synthesized as previously reported.<sup>11a</sup> Cryptates 1a, b, d were prepared from the corresponding perchlorate 1e by exchange with the appropriate anion as follows: to a solution of 1e (1 mmol) in methanol (15 mL) a solution of potassium salt (1.1 mmol) in methanol (100 mL) was added and stirred for 15 min. The precipitated KClO<sub>4</sub> was filtered and the solvent evaporated. The residue was taken up in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and filtered again to remove traces of inorganic salts, and the solvent was evaporated. The overall sequence was repeated (at least 2 times), until a ≥95% exchange value was reached (potentiometric titration with 0.01 N silver nitrate of the nucleophile). The cryptates 1a, b, d were carefully dried under vacuum at 1 mm at 50 °C and used for kinetic measurements without further purification. The [H<sup>+</sup>C(1.1.1,C<sub>14</sub>)]ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> cryptate (1e) was obtained by stirring a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (100 mL) of the corresponding iodide 1c (5 mmol) with an aqueous solution (50 mL) of NaClO<sub>4</sub> (20 mmol) for 30 min. The aqueous phase was substituted by a fresh solution of NaClO<sub>4</sub> and the procedure was repeated (at least 3 times) until the I<sup>-</sup>/ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> exchange was complete (potentiometric titration of iodide). The organic phase was evaporated to give 1e, mp 66–68 °C (hexane). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>33</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: C, 57.70; H, 9.87; N, 5.17. Found: C, 57.55; H, 10.00; N, 5.03. Chlorobenzene was carefully purified and dried by standard methods<sup>14</sup> and stored over molecular sieves.

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Karl Fischer titration showed a water content ≤40 ppm.

**Kinetic Measurements.** At zero time a standardized solution (10 mL) of substrate [(10–30) × 10<sup>-2</sup> M] was added to a standardized solution (40 mL) of cryptate [H<sup>+</sup>C(1.1.1,C<sub>14</sub>)]Y<sup>-</sup> or quaternary salt [(1–3) × 10<sup>-2</sup> M] in a 100-mL flask thermostated at 60 ± 0.1 °C. Samples (2–5 mL) withdrawn periodically were quenched in ice-cold MeOH (50 mL), and the unreacted nucleophile was determined by potentiometric titration with 0.01 N silver nitrate. From the equation 1/([B]<sub>0</sub> - [A]<sub>0</sub>) ln ([BA]<sub>0</sub>/[AB]<sub>0</sub>) = *kt*, where [A] = [substrate] and [B] = [nucleophile] or vice versa, the second-order rate constants were calculated by using a least-squares computer program. All rates involved at least nine samplings and gave correlation coefficients ≥0.996.

**Attempt at Deprotonation of [H<sup>+</sup>C(1.1.1,C<sub>14</sub>)]I<sup>-</sup> (1c).** A heterogeneous mixture of a deuteriotoluene solution (3 mL) of 1c (300 mg) and 50% aqueous NaOH (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 5 days. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>7</sub>D<sub>8</sub>) analysis of the organic phase showed that 1c was unchanged: δ 8.8 (br s, 1H, >N<sup>+</sup>-H).

**Registry No.** 1a, 92958-32-2; 1b, 92958-33-3; 1c, 92958-34-4; 1d, 92958-35-5; 1e, 92958-36-6; (*n*-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>)<sub>4</sub>OSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, 16156-52-8; (*n*-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>)<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup>, 3125-07-3; (*n*-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>)<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>Br<sup>-</sup>, 14866-33-2; (*n*-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>)<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>I<sup>-</sup>, 16829-91-7; (*n*-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>)<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>N<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, 81389-83-5.

### Synthesis and Photolysis of *S*-Methyl *S*-Alkenyl Dithiocarbonates in the Monoterpene Series

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The use of xanthate derivatives in organic synthesis continues to provoke interest particularly in carbohydrate chemistry as reflected in the recent reports on reductive,<sup>1,2</sup> thermal,<sup>3-6</sup> and photolytic reactions.<sup>5,7-9</sup> Surprisingly, the literature provides few examples of transformations of dithiocarbonates and particularly of unsaturated ones.<sup>10</sup> In connection with our preceding investigations into the allylic rearrangements of terpenic substrates,<sup>11</sup> we herein report the synthesis and photolysis of dithiocarbonates derived from myrtenol (1), *trans*-Pinocarveol (2) and perillyl alcohol (3).

Xanthation of 1, 2, and 3 in Me<sub>2</sub>SO gave the crude xanthates 4, 5, and 6, respectively. Xanthate 5 was spontaneously transformed into dithiocarbonate 8, whereas xanthates 4 and 6 required silica gel chromatography or thermolysis at 85 °C in Me<sub>2</sub>SO for their [3.3] sigmatropic rearrangement into dithiocarbonates 7 and 9.<sup>12-15</sup> Pho-

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Table I. Synthesis and Spectral Data of Compounds 7-9

no.	yield, %	$[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (ethanol)	selective $^1\text{H}$ NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), $\delta^a$	selective $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), $\delta^a$
7	80	+33°	0.75 (s, 3 H, $\text{CH}_3$ -9), 5.08 and 4.88 (2 s, 2 H, $\text{CH}_2$ -10), 4.73 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H, CH-3), 2.45 (s, 3 H, $\text{CH}_3$ -12)	150.15 (s, C-2), 51.57 (d, C-3), 112.74 (t, C-10), 189.26 (s, C-11), 12.86 (q, C-2)
8	80	-33.5°	0.80 (s, 3 H, $\text{CH}_3$ -9), 3.65 (s, 2 H, $\text{CH}_2$ -10), 5.55 (m, 1 H, CH-3), 2.45 (s, 3 H, $\text{CH}_3$ -12)	141.86 (s, C-2), 121.20 (d, C-3), 36.53 (t, C-10), 189.12 (s, C-11), 12.96 (q, C-12)
9	65	+9.2°	5.00 (m, 1 H, CH-2), 4.82 (s large, 1 H, $\text{CH}_2$ -7), 2.43 and 2.45 (2 s, 3 H, $\text{CH}_3$ -12)	146.05 (s, C-1), 49.31 (d, C-2), 110.92 (t, C-7), 188.54 (s, C-11), 13.02 (q, C-12)

<sup>a</sup> Only the most significant values are given.

Table II. Synthesis and Spectral Data of Compounds 10-13

no.	$\lambda$ 254 nm		$\lambda \geq 313$ nm		$[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (ethanol)	selective $^1\text{H}$ NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), $\delta^c$	selective $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), $\delta^c$
	irradn time, h	yield, %	irradn time, h	yield, %			
10	3.30, <sup>a</sup> 6 <sup>b</sup>	67, <sup>a</sup> 10 <sup>b</sup>	8 <sup>a</sup>	70 <sup>a</sup>	-16.5°	3.00 (s, 2 H, $\text{CH}_2$ -10), 5.40 (m, 1 H, CH-3), 1.83 (s, 3 H, $\text{CH}_3$ -11)	143.18 (s, C-2), 119.40 (d, C-3), 40.33 (t, C-10), 14.59 (q, C-11)
11	3.30, <sup>a</sup> 6 <sup>b</sup>	28, <sup>a</sup> 80 <sup>b</sup>			-28°	3.35 (s large, $\text{CH}_2$ -10), 5.52 (m, 1 H, CH-3), 2.45 (s, 3 H, $\text{CH}_3$ -11)	142.62 (s, C-2), 121.22 (d, C-3), 44.97 (t, C-10), 21.23 (q, C-11)
12	4	85	10	85	-71.2°	5.60 (m, 1 H, CH-2), 3.08 (s large, 2 H, $\text{CH}_2$ -7), 2.00 (s, 3 H, $\text{CH}_3$ -11)	132.86 (s, C-1), 124.11 (d, C-2), 41.13 (t, C-7), 14.16 (q, C-11)
13	4	10	10	5	-88.4°	5.78 (m, 1 H, CH-2), 3.28 (s large, 2 H, $\text{CH}_2$ -7), 2.40 (s, 3 H, $\text{CH}_3$ -11)	132.57 (s, C-1), 125.70 (d, C-2), 46.16 (t, C-7), 23.20 (q, C-11)

<sup>a</sup> Obtained from 7. <sup>b</sup> Obtained from 8. <sup>c</sup> Only significant values are given.

Table III

no.	IR (film, $\nu$ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	mol form	mol wt	MS, $m/e$ (rel int)	Anal.			
					C	H	S	
7	1640 (SC=O + C=C) (s), 860 (CS) (s)	$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{OS}_2$	242.39	242 (2), 182 (4), 167 (10), 134 (100), 119 (43), 91 (85)	calcd found	59.49 59.21	7.49 7.49	26.42 26.69
8	1640 (SC=O + C=C) (s), 860 (CS) (s)	$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{OS}_2$	242.39	242 (4), 182 (4), 167 (3), 134 (27), 91 (100)	calcd found	59.49 59.21	7.49 7.60	26.42 26.39
9	1650 (SC=O + C=C) (s), 860 (CS) (s)	$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{OS}_2$	242.39	242 (18), 182 (14), 167 (16), 134 (60), 105 (100), 93 (59)	calcd found	59.49 59.16	7.49 7.75	26.42 26.00
10	1640 (C=C) (w), 730 (CS) (w)	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{18}\text{S}$	182.32	182 (54), 134 (52), 119 (70), 91 (100), 79 (24)	calcd found	72.49 72.10	9.96 9.97	17.56 17.76
11	1640 (C=C) (w), 880 (CS) (w)	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{18}\text{S}_2$	214.38	214 (33), 167 (11), 135 (70), 119 (13), 93 (100), 79 (87)	calcd found	61.66 63.25 <sup>a</sup>	8.47 8.58	29.87 27.68
12	1640 (C=C) (w), 720 (CS) (w)	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{18}\text{S}$	182.32	182 (100), 167 (8), 134 (60), 119 (60), 93 (80), 79 (64)	calcd found	72.49 72.71	9.96 10.13	17.56 17.48
13	1640 (C=C) (w), 860 (CS) (w)	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{18}\text{S}_2$	214.38	214 (34), 167 (30), 135 (80), 107 (62), 93 (100), 79 (66)	calcd found	61.66 61.66	8.47 8.47	29.87 29.69

<sup>a</sup> With traces of impurities.

tolysis of 7 and 8 in methanol at 254 nm gave a mixture of sulfide 10 and disulfide 11. The primary dithiocarbonate 8 mainly gives disulfide 11 (80%), whereas the secondary dithiocarbonate 7 is primarily converted to sulfide 10 (67%). Photolysis of 9 at 254 nm affords a mixture of sulfide 12 and disulfide 13. Like its bicyclic analogue 7, the major product from the photolysis of 9 is sulfide 12 (85%).

Dithiocarbonate 9 yields the same mixture of 12 and 13 on photolysis at 313 nm, while 7 affords sulfide 10 (70%), as the exclusive product. Dithiocarbonate 8 is recovered unchanged even after irradiation for 40 h. A change in solvent does not appear to have an effect on the course of these photolyses (Scheme I), Tables I-III).

In summary, photolysis of terpenic allylic dithiocarbonates gives in good yields regioselective thioethers and disulfides according to competitive cleavages de-

pending on the primary or secondary position of initial xanthates.

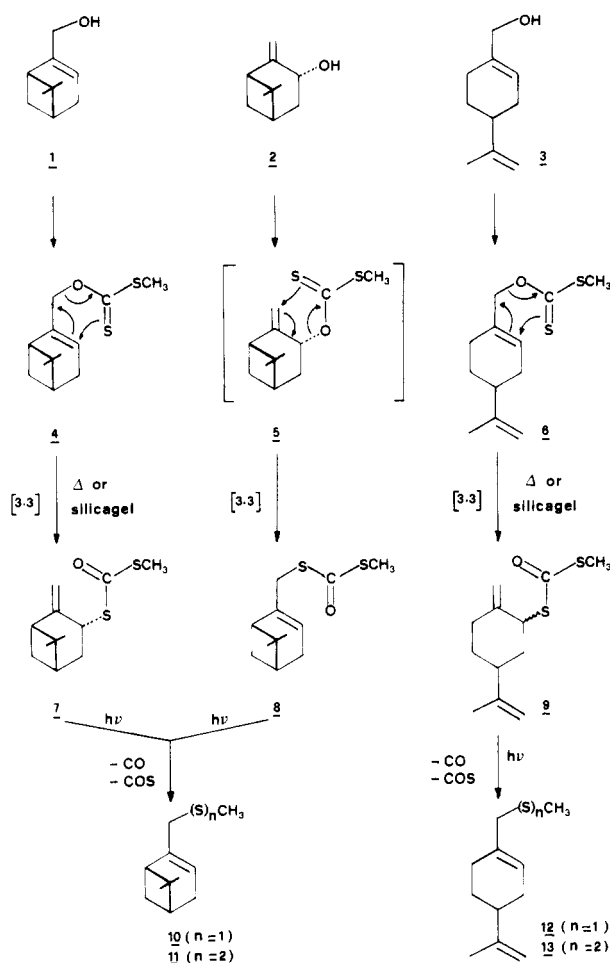
### Experimental Section

**General Methods.** Optical rotations were obtained with a Perkin-Elmer 141 polarimeter. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 683 spectrometer, ultraviolet spectra on a Varian 634 UV-vis spectrophotometer, and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra on a Bruker WP 80 spectrometer in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) on a Varian XL 100 A instrument. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million downfield from internal  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$  and coupling constants ( $J$  values) are given in hertz. Mass spectra (EI) were recorded on a Varian Mat CH 7 spectrometer. Gas chromatographic analyses were performed on an IGC 112 M Intersmat chromatograph, column packed with 10% SE-30 on Chromosorb PAW/80, heated at 140 °C. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel Kieselgel 60 (230-400 mesh). Elemental microanalyses were performed by Service Central de Microanalyse du CNRS, F.69390 Vernaison, France.

Solutions were irradiated with a Hanovia 688 A 45-W low pressure mercury lamp (for  $\lambda$  254 nm) and a Hanovia 450-W medium pressure mercury lamp in a water-cooled Pyrex jacket

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Scheme I



(for  $\lambda > 313$  nm). The  $\text{Me}_2\text{SO}$  was freshly distilled from sodium hydride.

**Xanthation of Alcohols 1, 2, and 3.** Myrtenol (1) is a Fluka commercial product (purity 99%). *trans*-Pinocarveol (2) was prepared following a described method<sup>16</sup> from commercial pinene epoxide (Aldrich; purity 95%). Perillyl alcohol (3) was an EGA-CHEMIE commercial product (purity 90%).

Ethylene alcohol (1.7 g, 11 mmol) was stirred for 30 min between 10 and 15 °C with a suspension of 1.65 g of powdered KOH in 30 mL of dry  $\text{Me}_2\text{SO}$ . Then 1.98 g (or 1.56 mL) of dry  $\text{CS}_2$  were added dropwise such that the temperature never rised above 10 °C. After 30 min of stirring, 3.3 g (1.45 mL) of  $\text{ICH}_3$  were added to the orange solution. The mixture was stirred at about 5 °C for 4.5 h for 1 and 2 and 1 h for 3 to limit aromatization reaction.<sup>17</sup> The solution was poured onto a small amount of ice water to avoid emulsion. The organic phase was extracted with ether. The etheric layer was washed with a saturated NaCl solution until pH 7 was obtained and then dried. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The yellow liquid residue (2.3 g, yield 85%) was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel with gradual eluting: (1) Hexane, afforded 100 mg of  $(\text{CH}_3\text{S})_2\text{C}=\text{S}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CCl}_4$ ) 2.70 ppm; (2) 90 hexane/10 methylene chloride afforded 1.8 g of dithiocarbonate 7 or 8 (yield 80%), and 1.2 g of dithiocarbonate 9 (yield 65%) (IR, NMR, MS, molecular centesimal formulae; analyses of 7, 8, and 9, see Tables I and III).

**S-Methyl S- $\alpha$ -pinenyl dithiocarbonate (4) (crude):** IR (film)  $\nu$  1120 and 1250  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (COC + C=S), 1650 (C=C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.00 (s, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ -10), 5.70 (m, 1 H, H-3), 2.45 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ -12).

**S-Methyl O-dithiocarbonate (6) (crude):** IR (film)  $\nu$  1200 and 1060  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (COC + C=S), 1640 (C=C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

$\delta$  5.90 (m, 1 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ -2), 4.90 (s large, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ -7), 4.70 (s large, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ -9), 1.70 (s large, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ -10), 2.40 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ -11).

**Thermolysis of Xanthates 4 and 6.** The crude product (2.3 g) obtained by xanthation of 1 and 3 was heated in 40 mL of dry  $\text{Me}_2\text{SO}$  at 85 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere for 2.5 h.  $\text{Me}_2\text{SO}$  was removed by etheric extraction. After drying and solvent removal under reduced pressure, 2 g of dithiocarbonate 7 or 9 were obtained and subjected to column chromatography of silica gel with gradual eluting (hexane, 90 hexane/10 methylene chloride): 1.8 g of 7 (yield 80%) and 1.2 g of 9 (yield 50% after two necessary consecutive elutions on silica gel) were isolated.

**Photolysis of Dithiocarbonates 7-9.** A sample of 40 mL of  $5 \times 10^{-2}$  M 7, 8, or 9 (484 mg) in methanol was poured into a quartz tube under a nitrogen stream. The whole solution was irradiated  $\lambda = 254$  nm or  $\lambda > 313$  nm. The reaction was followed by gas chromatography and stopped when the percentage of starting product did not vary.

**S-Methyl S- $\beta$ -pinenyl dithiocarbonate (7):**  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , 251 nm ( $\epsilon_1$  7200) and  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , 203 nm ( $\epsilon_2$  12400) (ethanol). (1)  $\lambda$  254 nm; time of irradiation 3.5 h in methanol. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, 350 mg of crude product was obtained and subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (eluent 95 hexane/5 methylene chloride), 80 mg of disulfide 11 (28%), 200 mg of thioether 10 (67%), and 15 mg of dithiocarbonate 7 (5%) were separated in this order. (2) For  $\lambda > 313$  nm; time of irradiation 8 h in methanol. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure: 356 mg of crude product were obtained and subjected to column chromatography as described previously; 220 mg of thioether 10 (70%) and dithiocarbonate 7 (30%) were separated.

**S-Methyl S- $\alpha$ -pinenyl dithiocarbonate (8):**  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , 249 nm,  $\epsilon_1$  6000;  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , 206 nm,  $\epsilon_2$  10400 (ethanol). For  $\lambda$  254 nm; time of irradiation 6 h in methanol. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure: 320 mg of crude product was obtained and subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (eluent 95 hexane/5 methylene chloride); 200 mg of disulfide 11 (80%), 46 mg of thioether 10 (10%), and 50 mg of dithiocarbonate 8 (10%) were separated. For  $\lambda > 313$  nm; no reaction after 40 h of irradiation.

**S-Methyl S-isocarveyl dithiocarbonate (9):**  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , 250 nm,  $\epsilon_1$  2600;  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , 203 nm,  $\epsilon_2$  6000 (ethanol). (1)  $\lambda$  254 nm (solvent methanol, time of irradiation 4 h). 425 mg of irradiated compound 9 afforded 330 mg of crude product. The mixture was subjected to successive column chromatographies on silica gel (eluent, 95 hexane/5 methylene chloride). Finally, 160 mg of thioether 12 (85%), 20 mg of disulfide 13 (10%), and 20 mg of dithiocarbonate 9 (5%) were separated without further purification. (2)  $\lambda > 313$  nm. The results were analogous to those obtained with  $\lambda$  254 nm, and with cyclohexane as solvent, longer irradiation times were necessary.

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(2*R*,5*R*)-(-)-2,5-Dimethylcyclopentanone and  
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