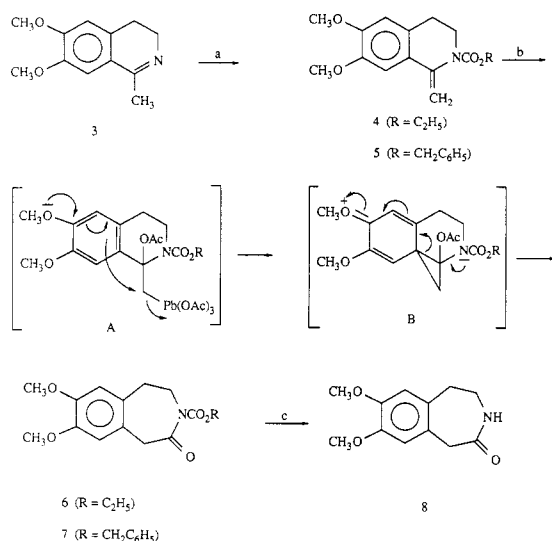
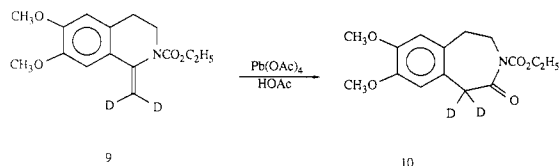


Scheme II<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reagents: (a) diethyl pyrocarbonate (for 4); ref 7 for 5; (b) lead tetraacetate/acetic acid; (c) Pd/H<sub>2</sub> (for 7).

Scheme III



intermediate B that can then ring open to the observed benzazepinone. This mechanism predicts migration of the aromatic ring from C-1 of the isoquinoline ring to the exocyclic methylene group in 4, which after LTA oxidation becomes the methylene group in 6. This was proved by deuterium labeling (Scheme III). Oxidation of the enamide 9, deuterated on the exocyclic methylene group, yielded the benzazepinone 10, where the deuterium is now found on the methylene group between the aromatic ring and azepinone carbonyl group.<sup>17</sup> Equivalent results were also obtained when the exocyclic methylene group in 4 was <sup>13</sup>C-labeled. The olefinic methylene signal in 4 ( $\delta$  102.2) shifted to  $\delta$  45.1, the signal for the methylene group in 6. This type of rearrangement has precedence in the LTA oxidative rearrangement of certain styrenes;<sup>5,18</sup> however the LTA oxidation of acetophenone enol ethers does not induce a rearrangement.<sup>19</sup>

A representative selection of the isoquinoline enamides studied is collected in Table I. A variety of electron-releasing substituents in various positions on the aromatic ring can be accommodated; even the unsubstituted enamide 19 forms the corresponding benzazepinone 20 in reasonable yield. The nature of the carbonyl substituent, alkoxy-carbonyl, acyl, or aroyl, does not have an effect (cf ref. 11), and the ethylidene enamide 21 forms the corre-

sponding methyl-substituted benzazepinone 22. In summary, LTA oxidation of 1-methylene- and 1-ethylidene-isoquinoline enamides in acetic acid forms benzazepinones rapidly and in high yield by a novel rearrangement, making these compounds easily accessible from readily available precursors.

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### A Divergent de Novo Synthesis of Carbohydrates Based on an Accelerated Inverse Electron Demand Diels-Alder Reaction of 1-Oxa-1,3-butadienes

**Summary:** A divergent, de novo synthesis of selectively protected carbohydrates based on the accelerated and productive LUMO<sub>diene</sub>-controlled [4 + 2] cycloaddition reaction of  $\beta,\gamma$ -unsaturated  $\alpha$ -keto esters [e.g., methyl *trans*-4-methoxy-2-oxo-3-butenoate (1)] with electron-rich dienophiles (e.g., 2a,b) is detailed.

**Sir:** The  $4\pi$  participation of simple  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes and ketones, electron-deficient heterodienes bearing a terminal oxygen atom, in LUMO<sub>diene</sub>-controlled Diels-Alder reactions typically suffers from low conversions, competitive polymerization, and harsh reaction conditions.<sup>1-3</sup> A limited number of 1-oxa-1,3-butadiene structural variations and modified reaction conditions have been successfully introduced that have permitted the productive  $4\pi$  participation of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds in [4 + 2] cycloaddition reactions<sup>3-6</sup> and in-

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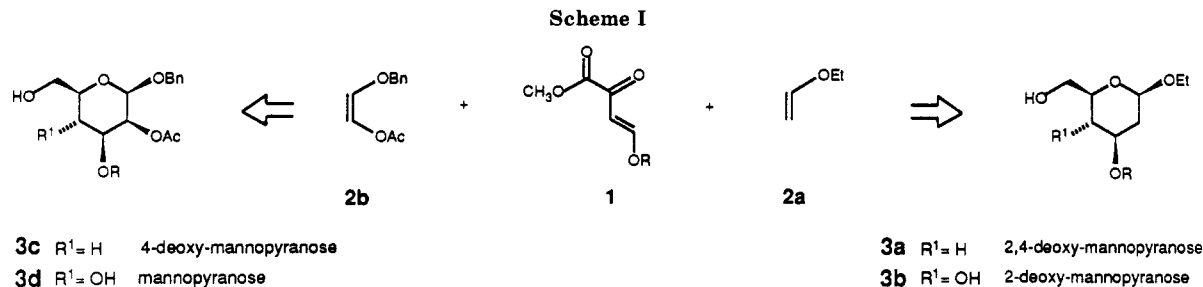
(17) Prepared by deuterium exchange of the methyl protons in 3 using D<sub>2</sub>O. Deuteriated 9 possessed 90% D<sub>2</sub>, 9% D<sub>1</sub>. Benzazepinone 10 retained 56% D<sub>2</sub>, 31% D<sub>1</sub> by MS and NMR spectroscopy.

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**Table I. Diels-Alder Reactions of Methyl *trans*-4-Methoxy-2-oxo-3-butenate (1)**

entry	diene	dienophile	reaction conditions:		product (endo:exo)	% yield <sup>a</sup>
			equiv of 2, solvent, temp (°C)	(time, h)		
1	1	2a <sup>b</sup>	2.5, neat, 13 kbar, 24 (65)		4 (5.7:1.0)	82
2			2.5, CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 6.2 kbar, 24 (108)		4 (5.7:1.0)	75
3			5.0, toluene, 110 (29)		4 (1.8:1.0)	48
4			5.0, toluene, 25 (36)		4 (-:-)	0
5			2.5, CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , -78 (5 min)		4 (0.8:1.0)	75
6			EtAlCl <sub>2</sub> (0.1 equiv)			
			2.5, CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , -78 (5 min)		4 (1.0:3.0)	61
			TiCl <sub>4</sub> (0.1 equiv)			
7	1	2b <sup>b</sup>	4.2, CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 13 kbar, 24 (80)		7 (>45:1) <sup>c</sup>	49
8			1.5, toluene, 110 (37)		7 (-:-)	0
9			1.0, CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 0 (30 min)		7 (2:1:1 <sup>d</sup> :-)	59
			( <i>p</i> -BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> N <sup>+</sup> SbCl <sub>5</sub> (0.2 equiv)			
10	1	2c <sup>b</sup>	1.5, CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 13 kbar, 24 (74)		(-:-)	0
11	1	2d <sup>b</sup>	2.5, CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 13 kbar, 24 (101)		10 (6.5:1.0)	69

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield of purified product isolated by chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>). Entries 1–3, 5, and 6 taken from ref 7. <sup>b</sup> 2a = ethyl vinyl ether, 2b = (*Z*)-1-acetoxy-2-(benzyloxy)ethylene, 2c = (*Z*)-1-(benzyloxy)-2-(benzyloxy)ethylene, 2d = benzyl vinyl ether. <sup>c</sup> The endo cycloadduct 7 was the only diastereomer detected. <sup>d</sup> C-1 epimer of 7 endo.

clude our recent demonstration of the accelerated, productive 4 $\pi$  participation of  $\beta,\gamma$ -unsaturated  $\alpha$ -keto esters in endo-selective LUMO<sub>diene</sub>-controlled Diels-Alder reactions.<sup>7,8</sup> Herein, we detail the extension of these observations to the divergent, de novo synthesis of carbohydrates<sup>9</sup> applicable to ongoing efforts on the total synthesis of bleomycin A<sub>2</sub>, Scheme I. Central to the development of this approach was the recognition that the selection of the desired 1-oxa-1,3-butadiene (selection of R) and selection of one of two accessible dienophiles (2a, 2-deoxy- and 2,4-dideoxypyranoside; 2b, pyranoside and 4-deoxypyranoside) as appropriately matched diene-dienophile partners for participation in a LUMO<sub>diene</sub>-controlled [4 +

2] cycloaddition reaction would permit the divergent preparation of carbohydrates bearing a full range of selectively protected oxygen substituents.

The comparative results of a study of the thermal, pressure-promoted, Lewis acid catalyzed, and radical-cation-catalyzed [4 + 2] cycloaddition reactions of methyl *trans*-4-methoxy-2-oxo-3-butenate (1)<sup>10</sup> with ethyl vinyl ether (2a)<sup>7</sup> and (*Z*)-1-acetoxy-2-(benzyloxy)ethylene (2b)<sup>11</sup> are summarized in Table I.<sup>12</sup>

Heterodiene 1, as previously detailed,<sup>7</sup> exhibited excellent thermal reactivity with ethyl vinyl ether (80–110 °C), cleanly providing the [4 + 2] cycloadduct.<sup>13</sup> The

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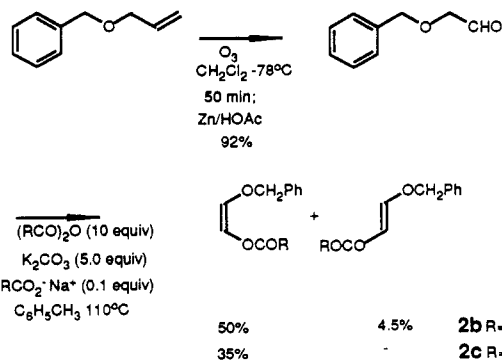
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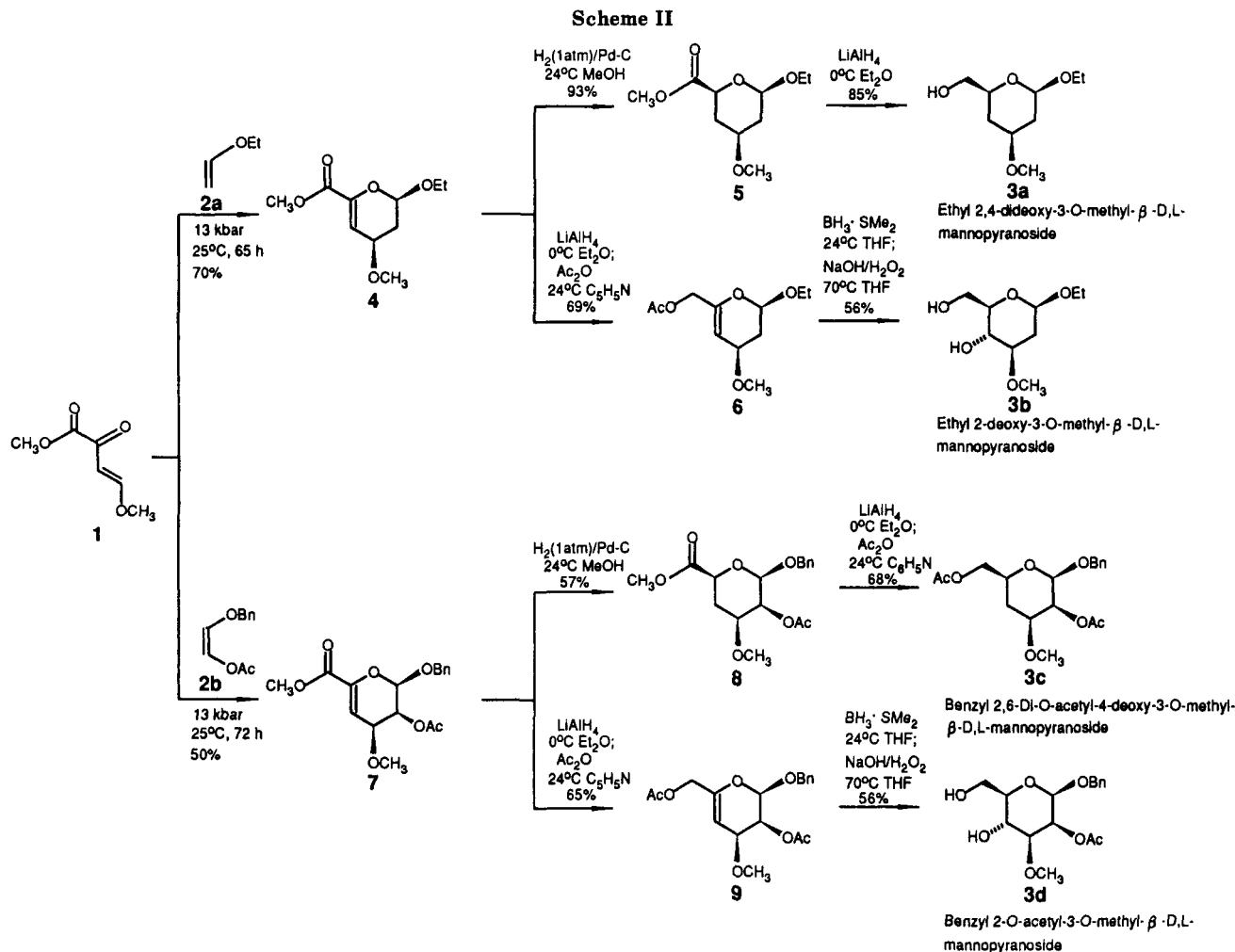
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thermal, pressure-promoted, and Lewis acid catalyzed [4 + 2] cycloaddition reaction of **1** and **2a** as well as the pressure-promoted reaction of **1** and **2b** proved to proceed predominantly through an endo transition state, and the endo selectivity was found to increase as the temperature of the reaction was decreased and the pressure increased (25 °C, 6–13 kbar > 110 °C, 1 atm).<sup>14</sup> In comparison with the reaction of **1** with ethyl vinyl ether or benzyl vinyl ether, the pressure-promoted [4 + 2] cycloaddition of **1** and **2b** provided a single cycloadduct **7**<sup>15</sup> (>45:1) which proved to be derived from the predictably regioselective participation of **2b** in an endo-specific [4 + 2] cycloaddition reaction.

Attempts to promote the thermal [4 + 2] cycloaddition of **1** with (*Z*)-1-acetoxy-2-(benzyloxy)ethylene (**2b**) failed

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(15) The decreased reactivity of dienophile **2b** resulted in the observation of a competitive dimerization ([4 + 2] cycloaddition) of **1**. This competitive dimerization reaction could be suppressed by increasing the relative concentration of dienophile and thereby increasing the rate of the productive [4 + 2] cycloaddition of **1** and **2b**. The use of 4 equiv of **2b** proved optimal for the formation of the desired [4 + 2] cycloadduct **7**.

to provide **7**, and although the presence of the  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyl in **1** had been shown to facilitate the implementation of a Lewis acid catalyzed [4 + 2] cycloaddition of the diene with **2a**,<sup>16,17</sup> dienophile **2b** required stoichiometric ethylaluminum chloride to effect [4 + 2] cycloaddition and resulted in the formation of a complex mixture of products from which the desired endo cycloadduct **7** was isolated in low yield. In addition, the comparative pressure-promoted (13 kbar, 25 °C, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) [4 + 2] cycloaddition of **1** with (*Z*)-1-(benzyloxy)-2-(benzyloxy)ethylene (**2c**)<sup>11</sup> failed to provide the desired cycloadduct and afforded diene dimer<sup>7,15</sup> as the major reaction product. Presumably, the rate deceleration of the endo [4 + 2] cycloaddition (**1** + **2c**/1 + **2b** versus **1** + **2a**) due to the destabilizing diene–dienophile (COPh > COCH<sub>3</sub> >> H) steric interaction coupled with the further electronic deactivation of the dienophile (reactivity: H > COCH<sub>3</sub> > COPh) permits diene dimerization to effectively compete with the desired [4 + 2] cycloaddition of **1** with **2c**. Thus, the substantial increased diastereoselectivity observed in the pressure-promoted [4 + 2] cycloaddition reaction of **2b** versus ethyl or benzyl vinyl ether (**2a** and **2d**, Table I) is observed in the presence of the additional destabilizing steric inter-

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actions that must accompany the endo cycloaddition. This substantial increase in the observed pressure-induced diastereoselectivity must then be attributed to the additional difference in the volume of activation between the reaction paths leading to the endo and exo diastereomers due to the additional dienophile C-2 cis substituent.

The cycloadducts **4** and **7** were converted into the complementary series of carbohydrates through implementation of one of two established<sup>18,19</sup> two-step reaction sequences. Catalytic hydrogenation of **4** and **7** followed by lithium aluminum hydride reduction provided 2,4-dideoxymannopyranoside **3a** and 4-dideoxymannopyranoside **3c**, respectively, as the exclusive reaction products, Scheme II. Hydrogen delivery in the catalytic hydrogenation of **4** and **7** occurs from the  $\alpha$ -face, anti to the proximal C-4 methoxy substituent and distal C-2/C-3 substituents, and provides **5** and **8** in which the C-6 methoxycarbonyl groups occupy a stable equatorial position. Alternatively, lithium aluminum hydride reaction of **4** and **7** and acetylation of the resulting alcohols followed by stereoselective hydroboration-oxidation provided 4-dideoxymannopyranoside **3b** and mannopyranoside **3d**,<sup>20</sup> respectively. The predictably regiospecific hydroboration proceeds from the  $\alpha$ -face, anti to the proximal C-4 methoxy substituent, in agreement with prior observations.<sup>13,26,27</sup>

The readily accessible dienophile **2b**,<sup>12</sup> which has proven convenient to secure on a preparative scale, and its demonstrated capabilities for productive participation in regiospecific, endo-selective inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reactions should prove to be of general synthetic utility in the diastereoselective preparation of selectively protected cyclic *cis*-1,2-diols. The pressure-promoted [4 + 2] cycloaddition reactions of  $\beta,\gamma$ -unsaturated  $\alpha$ -keto ester **1** with dienophiles **2a** and **2b** provided productive, regiospecific endo-selective LUMO<sub>diene</sub>-controlled [4 + 2] cycloadditions suitable for the divergent, de novo synthesis of fully functionalized and selectively protected carbohydrates. The continued exploration of the [4 + 2] cycloaddition reactions of  $\beta,\gamma$ -unsaturated  $\alpha$ -keto esters and their applications are in progress and will be reported in due course.

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## Diels-Alder Reactions of $\alpha$ -Oxy-*o*-xylylenes<sup>†</sup>

**Summary:** Treatment of benzocyclobutenols or their acetates with *n*-butyllithium at 0 °C or less can generate the corresponding  $\alpha$ -oxy-*o*-xylylenes, which can then undergo Diels-Alder reactions.

**Sir:** The formation of the reactive but elusive *o*-xylylenes (5,6-bis(methylene)-1,3-cyclohexadienes) followed by their Diels-Alder reactions constitutes a powerful synthetic sequence for the construction of many cyclic natural products.<sup>1</sup> However, the typical temperatures (>25 °C) employed for this sequence have frequently been dictated by the rates at which the initial *o*-xylylene can be formed from its various stable precursors.<sup>2</sup> Since electron-donating groups at sp<sup>3</sup> carbons of a benzocyclobutenyl ring lower the energy barriers toward xylylene formation,<sup>3</sup> we surmise that  $\alpha$ -anionic centers at those sp<sup>3</sup> carbons could further lower the temperature (<0 °C) for the thermal electrocyclic ring opening<sup>4</sup> and that the associated cation M of the resulting *o*-xylylene could then behave as a Lewis acid center for a succeeding Diels-Alder reaction at the same temperature. This hypothetical sequence has been realized with dimethyl maleate (**7**), dimethyl fumarate (**8**), and  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (**9**) as dienophiles (see Scheme I).

**Typical Experimental Procedure** (Method A, M = Li). To a cooled (-78 °C), dry 0.05 M THF solution of substrate **1<sup>5a</sup>** or **2<sup>5b</sup>** was added dropwise *n*-BuLi in hexane (1.1 equiv for alcohols or 2.2 equiv for acetates). After stirring at -78 °C for 30 min, dienophile (**2** equiv) was added (neat for **7** and **9** or concentrated THF solution for **8**) dropwise and the resulting mix was allowed to stir at the temperature and time shown in Table I. The following observations were noted: First the solutions of these presumed oxy-*o*-xylylenes (M = Li) are colored. While the deep magenta color of **6** instantly appears after the addition of *n*-BuLi at -78 °C, the burgundy red color of **5** slowly appears after warming to -25 °C in the absence of dienophiles.<sup>6a</sup> Second, without added dienophiles, the color of **6** appears to persist for hours at -78 °C, while that of **5** slowly fades at 0 °C, thus indicating the instability of **5** toward other modes of decomposition near the temperature of its formation. Lastly, addition of relatively unreactive **9<sup>6b</sup>** would discharge both of these colors within seconds even in the case where the colored solution of **5** was cooled to -78 °C. The resulting mix was quenched at -78 °C with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The adducts shown in Table I<sup>7</sup> were separated from the

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