

Table II. Reaction of 2b' with Some Electrophiles

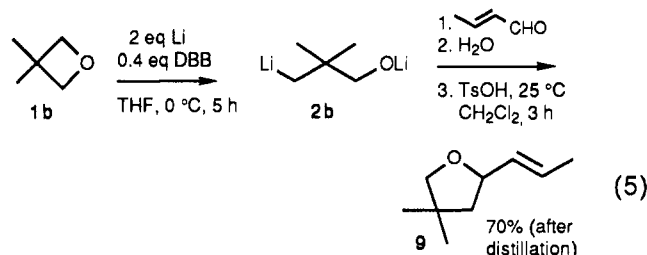
electrophile	product	yield, %
		78
		67
		60
		75

of Li) of DBB.¹⁵ Equation 5 illustrates a one-pot synthesis of the vinyltetrahydrofuran **9** on a 6-g scale using this concept. However, when the unsubstituted **1a** was used instead, **2a** formed much less efficiently and a significant amount of 1-propanol was detected by GLC. It seems likely that in the latter case destruction of the dianion **2a** proceeded via abstraction of an α -proton from the sterically unhindered oxetane **1a**, a precedented type of deprotonation.¹⁶

This method of production of γ -lithioalkoxides nicely complements the other two methods that have been reported, reductive lithiation of a γ -chloroalkoxide^{7a,12,17,18} and tin-lithium exchange of a γ -(tributylstannyl)alkoxide.¹⁹ In the former method, the availability of sub-

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strates is severely limited and the yields are often poor, and only one example of the latter method has been reported. The major attraction of the present method is the ready availability of oxetanes and the ability to prepare them from epoxides;^{5a} because the latter can frequently be obtained in optically active form,²⁰ optically active oxetanes and γ -lithioalkoxides should also become available.²¹

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(21) Seebach has prepared optically active γ -lithioalkoxides from chloro alcohols.¹²

Stereoselective Addition Reactions of Chiral α -Sulfinyl Ketimine Anions with Ene Esters. Facile Asymmetric Syntheses of Indolo[2,3-*a*]quinolizidine and Yohimbanoid Alkaloids[†]

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Summary: A convenient route for the construction of chiral indolizidines and yohimbanoid alkaloids from the 1,4-addition/ring-closure reactions of chiral α -sulfinyl ketimine anions with ene esters is presented.

Sir: In the course of studies involving the enantioselective synthesis of functionalized indolizidines, such as (+)-castanospermine² via chiral sulfoxides,³ the addition reactions of chiral α -sulfinyl ketimines with ene esters were investigated. Although the analogues silyl aldimines,^{4a} tin aldimines,^{4b} β -aminoalkenephosphonates,^{4c} α -sulfinyl oxazolines,^{5a,b} α -sulfinyl hydrazones,^{5c-e} β -aminoalkenenitriles, and β -aminoalkene esters⁶ have been reported, α -sulfinyl ketimines like **1** and **2** have not. Herein, we describe the preparation and stereoselective in situ addition/ring-closure reactions of α -sulfinyl ketimines and the utilization

of **2** in the asymmetric syntheses of (-)-1,2,3,4,6,7,12,12b-octahydroindolo[2,3-*a*]quinolizidine [(-)-**3**],⁷ (-)-allo-

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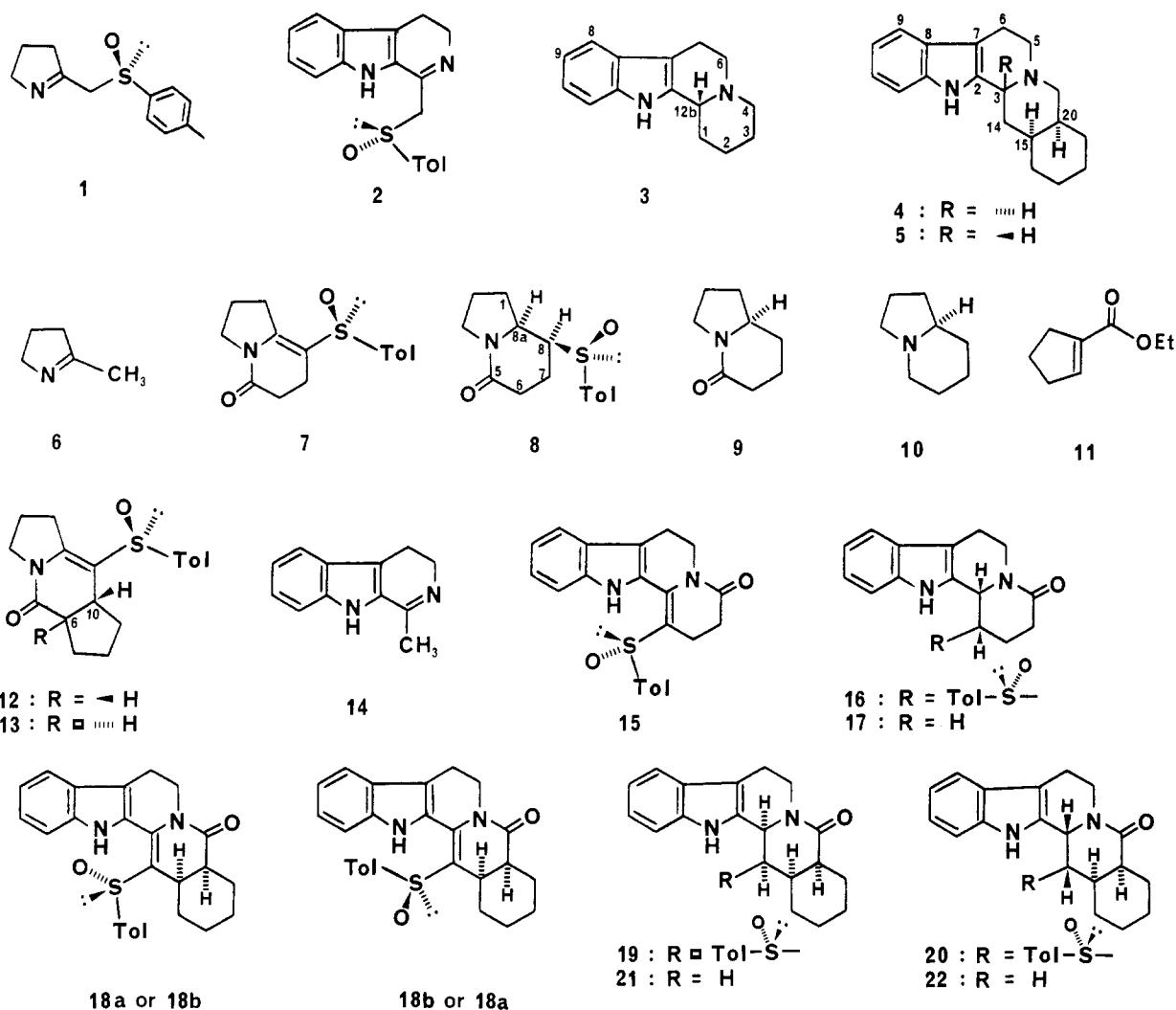
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Chart I



yohimban [(-)-4],⁸ and (+)-3-*epi-allo*-yohimban [(+)-5]⁸ (Chart I).

We initially prepared (*R*)-sulfinyl ketimine 1 from the reaction of the α -anion⁹ of (*R*)-*p*-tolyl methyl sulfoxide with

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(9) (*R*)-*p*-Tolyl methyl sulfoxide was treated with (diisopropylamino)magnesium bromide in THF at -30 °C for 15 min and 0 °C for 30 min.

4-bromobutanenitrile in THF at 0 °C for 1 h. Only an 18% yield (of theoretical) of (+)-1 [$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +146^\circ$ (*c* 0.645 in CH_2Cl_2)] was realized and 54% of the starting sulfoxide was recovered (by column chromatography).¹⁰ A better preparative method was sought. Treatment of 3 equiv of α -lithiated 3,4-dihydro-5-methyl-2*H*-pyrrole (6)¹¹ with *l*-(-)-*S*-menthyl *p*-toluenesulfinate¹² in THF at -50 °C for 1 h provided 92% yield (isolated) of (+)-1 having an identical optical rotation as that obtained from the first method.

Treatment of sulfoxide (+)-1 with 1 equiv of *n*-BuLi in THF (-78 °C, 30 min; -30 °C, 15 min) followed by 1.2 equiv of methyl acrylate (-30 °C, 15 min; 25 °C, 2 h) afforded 60% yield (isolated) of indolizidinone 7.¹³ Apparently 7 is formed from the 1,4-addition of the sulfinyl ketimine allylic anion of 1 with methyl acrylate, the attack occurring from the α -carbon of the sulfoxide to give the

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(13) All enantiomers are depicted with the indicated absolute stereochemistry. All new compounds displayed satisfactory ¹H NMR (400 MHz), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz), UV, IR, and low-resolution mass spectra (both EI and CI) and satisfactory elemental analyses.

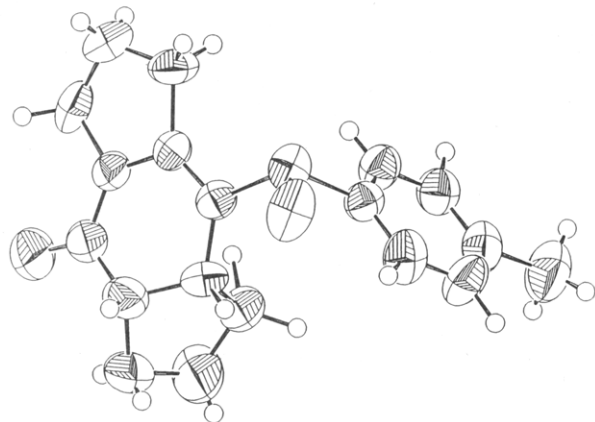


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of X-ray crystallographically determined structure of **12**. Carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur atoms are drawn as 50% ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are drawn as 0.1-Å diameter spheres.

enolate anion; the latter then undergoes proton abstraction from α -CH of the sulfoxide moiety, followed by ring closure. Importantly, the reduction of **7** with 3 equiv of NaCNBH₃ in AcOH with a catalytic amount of CF₃COOH at 25 °C for 2 h and 50 °C for 4 h proceeds completely stereoselectively to give 73% yield of **8** [[α]²⁰_D +181° (*c* 0.48 in CH₂Cl₂)] as a single enantiomer.^{14a} The stereochemistry of C-8a of **8** was proven by degradation of **8** to (*R*)-(-)-indolizidine (**10**).^{14b} Treatment of **8** with W-2 Raney nickel¹⁵ in refluxing ethanol for 1.5 h gave 98% yield of amide **9**; [α]²⁰_D -2.5° (*c* 0.7 in CH₂Cl₂). Reduction of **9** with 2 equiv of lithium aluminum hydride in ether at 25 °C for 2 h provided 85% yield of (*R*)-**10**; [α]²⁰_D -11.3° (*c* 1.76, EtOH)¹⁶ [lit.¹⁴ [α]²³_D -10.2 ± 0.6° (*c* 1.76, EtOH) for *R* configuration]. The stereochemistry at C-8 of **8** was assumed on the basis of the coupling constant ($J_{8,8a} = 5.2$ Hz)¹⁷ obtained from ¹H NMR irradiation experiments. Although asymmetric addition to chiral α -sulfinyl- α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds is known,¹⁸ chiral β -sulfinyl enamides like **7** have not been reported previously.¹⁹

The anion derived from (+)-**1** (vide supra) also underwent reaction with ethyl 1-cyclopentenecarboxylate (**11**)²⁰

(14) (a) Lithium *n*-butylcopper hydride was also used to reduce **7**, a mixture of byproducts was produced, and **8** and its diastereomers were not detected. (b) Ringdahl, B.; Pinder, A. R.; Pereira, W. E.; Oppenheimer, N. J. Jr.; Craig, J. C. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. I* 1984, 1.

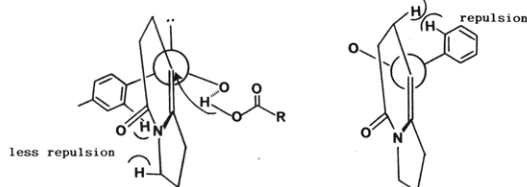
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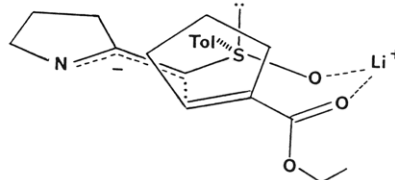
(17) The bulky sulfinyl group should be in the equatorial position, consequently the C₈-H is in the axial position. The observed *J* value of 5.2 Hz suggests an axial-equatorial coupling, and hence, C_{8a}-H must be in the equatorial position. This is in line with the NMR results reported by Speckamp: Wijnberg, B. P.; Speckamp, W. N.; Oostreen, A. R. *C. Tetrahedron* 1982, 38, 209.

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(19) In the reduction of **7** to **8**, presumably the acid stereoselectively protonates the double bond at C-8 as depicted below. The resulting α -amido carbocation is then attacked by the hydride from the opposite side of the bulky sulfinyl group.



Scheme I



(-78 °C, 15 min; 25 °C, 4) to provide tricyclic sulfoxide **12**,²¹ which was isolated by column chromatography in 70% yield, along with 2% of its diastereomer **13**. None of the other possible stereoisomers was detected. A single-crystal X-ray structure determination of **12** (Figure 1) firmly established the stereochemistry at S, C-6, and C-10. The crystals are monoclinic, space group *P*2₁. The absolute configuration of the molecule was confirmed by the technique using S atom's anomalous dispersion.²² The presumed stereochemistry of the minor product (**13**) is based on the coupling constant, $J_{6,10} = 14$ Hz (axial-axial coupling). The "trans-fused eight-membered" cyclic transition state (Scheme I) in the 1,4-addition reaction of **11** is suggested from the X-ray molecular structure.

This 1,4-addition reaction was utilized in the asymmetric syntheses of quinolizine (-)-**3**, *allo*-yohimban [(-)-**4**], and 3-*epi-allo*-yohimban [(+)-**5**] to demonstrate the generality of this result. The same procedure used in the preparation of **1** was employed to prepare sulfoxide (+)-**2** [[α]²⁰_D +411° (*c* 0.66, CH₂Cl₂)] from harmalane (**14**).²³ Treatment of **1** equiv of **14** with 2 equiv of LDA in THF at 0 °C for 15 min, followed by the addition of 1 equiv of *l*-(-)-(*S*)-menthyl *p*-toluenesulfinate at -50 °C for 1 h, gave 83% yield of (+)-**2**. Addition of the N, α -dianion of (+)-**2** (2 equiv of LDA in THF at -78 °C for 1 h) with 1 equiv of methyl acrylate at 25 °C for 4 h provided 90% yield of **15**. Reduction of **15** with 2 equiv of NaCNBH₃ in AcOH at 50 °C for 3 h stereoselectively gave an 85% yield of **16**. The stereochemistry at C-12b was predicted from the conversion of **7** to **8** as noted, while the syn disposition at C-1 and -12b is supported by ¹H NMR 2D NOESY and 2D COSY experiments. Desulfurization of **16** with Raney nickel in EtOH-THF at 65 °C for 12 h followed by reduction with LiAlH₄ in ether gave a 75% yield of (-)-**3**; [α]²⁰_D -14° (*c* 1, MeOH) [lit.⁷ [α]_D -12.5° (*c* 1, MeOH)].

The addition reaction of the N, α -dianion of **2** with methyl 1-cyclohexenecarboxylate at 25 °C for 1 h, then 60 °C for 14 h,²⁴ gave 78% of **18a** [[α]²²_D -52.4° (*c* 1.95, CH₂Cl₂)] and 10% of **18b** [[α]²²_D -229° (*c* 0.91, CH₂Cl₂)], which we believe are rotamers (restricted rotation around the C₁₄-S bond).²⁵ When the reaction was conducted at

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(24) At 25 °C for 4 h, only a 5% yield of **18a** was formed and there was an 80% recovery of **2**. Sulfoxides **18a** and **18b** are separable by silica gel column chromatography; 1% THF in CH₂Cl₂ as eluent. Isomers **19** and **20** are also separable by column chromatography.

(25) Heating of **18a** (100 °C) and **18b** (120 °C) independently in DMSO-*d*₆ gave the same unidentified dehydrosulfinylation product, although **18a** and **18b** were not interconverted at either temperature. Optical rotations, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, IR and UV spectra, and TLC *R*_f values of **19** and **20** obtained from **18a** are identical, respectively, with those obtained from **18b**. Spectral data of 3-*allo*-yohimban-21-one (**21**) are identical with those reported.^{8a}

70 °C for 20 h, equimolar amounts of **18a** and **18b** were obtained (70% yield). The stereochemistry at C-15 and -20 was shown by transforming **18a** and **18b** separately into (-)-**4** and (+)-**5** via the three-step sequence described above (NaCNBH₃, Raney Ni, and LiAlH₄), in 57% and 55% overall yields, respectively. (-)-**4**: [α]²⁰_D -81° (c 0.35, EtOH) [lit.^{8c} [α]²¹_D -79.2° (c 0.35, EtOH)]. (+)-**5**: [α]²⁰_D +190° (c 0.4, pyridine) [lit.^{8c} [α]²³_D +190.4° (c 0.4, pyridine)]. Reduction of **18a** with 1.2 equiv of NaCNBH₃ in AcOH at 50 °C gave an 82% yield of **19** [[α]²²_D +241° (c 0.85, CH₂Cl₂)] and **20** [[α]²²_D +129° (c 0.15, CH₂Cl₂)] in a 2:1 ratio, while rotamer **18b** provided an 80% yield of **19** and **20** in a 1:2.²⁵ The stereochemistry shown for C-14 of **19** and **20** is presumed on the basis of the coupling constant $J_{3,14}$ = 1 Hz for **19** and 7 Hz for **20** (equatorial-axial coupling).

In summary, highly efficient constructions of functionalized chiral indolizidines have been explored. The stereoselective reduction of β -sulfinyl enamides offers a new arena for further investigation. The synthetic methodology used to prepare the indolizidines and yohimbanoid alkaloids is facile and should be applicable to the construction of (+)-castanospermine,² (+)-swansonine,²⁶ and other bi-

ologically active alkaloids.²⁷ Related asymmetric induction in the reactions of **1** with β -substituted- α,β -unsaturated esters, aldehydes, and other electrophiles will be reported shortly.

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Supplementary Material Available: Optical rotations and ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data for compounds **1-22**, fractional coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters (Table 1), anisotropic thermal parameters (Table 2), bond distances and bond angles (Tables 3 and 4), and torsion angles (Table 5) for sulfoxide **12** (14 pages); F_o and F_c lists (Table 6) (7 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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Articles

Total Synthesis of Furanether B

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The first total syntheses of furanether B, a member of the lactarane class of sesquiterpenes, have been completed starting from 1-methyl-8-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-6-en-3-one (**3**). After ketone reduction, Pauson-Khand cycloaddition (propyne-CO₂(CO)₆, benzene, heat) gives rise to a 75% yield of stereoisomeric tricyclic enones **5** and **6**. Reduction and methylation of enone **5**, removal of the ketone (Barton), and oxidation of the remaining alcohol function give **13**. The natural product is obtained upon regiospecific formylation, conversion to the S-butyl derivative, and generation of the furan via a modification of Garst's procedure using a thiomethylene ylide under phase-transfer conditions. A similar sequence beginning with **6** also provides access to **13**, but most of the steps proceed in somewhat lower yields.

Introduction

In a previous publication we reported an efficient synthetic entry into the highly functionalized 11-oxatricyclo[5.3.1.0^{2,6}]undecane ring system that would be potentially useful in the synthesis of natural products of the lactarane type, which are found in mushrooms of the genera *Lactarius* and *Russula*.¹ Synthetic work in this area has been very limited, with only a small number of total syntheses involving one subclass of compounds,² together with a few demonstrations of interconversion of

naturally occurring compounds.^{3,4} Herein we report the first total synthesis of furanether B (**1**), a fungal metabolite isolated by Vita-Finzi in 1980, utilizing our earlier methodology.⁵

Results and Discussion

Our general entry to the ring system involved octacarbonyldicobalt-catalyzed cycloaddition of 8-oxabicyclo-

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