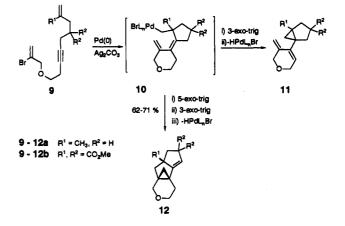
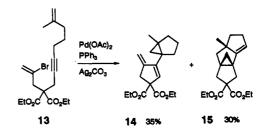


tricyclic intermediate 3, which has no other choice but to cyclize again with formation of a three-membered ring. The secondary alkylpalladium bromide 6 thus formed can eventually eliminate β -hydride and give the byproduct 8. The β -hydride elimination in 2 can be prevented with a suitable substituent in the 12-position of the starting dienyne 1. Thus, dienyne 9a,⁹ when treated with 3–5 mol % Pd(PPh₃)₄ and 2 equiv of silver carbonate in refluxing acetonitrile for 3 days, formed the tetracyclic compound 12a as the sole product, isolated in 62% yield. Moreover, when dienyne 9b was subjected to similar cyclization conditions (3–5 mol % Pd(OAc)₂, 12–20 mol % PPh₃, and 2 equiv of silver carbonate, acetonitrile, 3 h, 130 °C), tetracycle 12b was obtained in 71% isolated yield.¹⁰



Under these circumstances, the alkylpalladium species 10 apparently prefers to undergo a 5-exo-trig ring closure to an intermediate of type 3 over a 3-exo-trig process eventually leading to $11.^{2a}$ With potassium carbonate instead of silver carbonate, however, small amounts (4%) of the isomeric product 11 could be detected by ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

These observations tempted us to try the assembly of a linear triquinane skeleton containing no heteroatoms. For example, dienyne 13 was cyclized by using 3 mol % $Pd(OAc)_2$, 12 mol % PPh₃, and 2 equiv of silver carbonate in DME/acetonitrile (1:1) at 60 °C for 2 days. After workup, compounds 14, 15, and an as yet unidentified product were isolated in 35, 30, and 10% yield, respectively.



Further studies to use this tetrakiscyclization process for the single-step construction of triquinane systems and applications toward natural product synthesis are in progress.

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Palladium-Catalyzed Coupling of 2-Bromonaphthoquinones with Stannanes: A Concise Synthesis of Antibiotics WS 5995 A and C and Related Compounds[†]

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Summary: The syntheses of antibiotics WS 5995 A and C and a hypothetical intermediate in the biosynthesis of the kinamycin antibiotics have been completed by using

as the key step the palladium-catalyzed coupling of 2bromo-1,4-naphthoquinones with stannanes.

The kinamycin antibiotics (e.g. 1, Kinamycin D), isolated from Streptomyces murayamaensis, are biosynthesized from benz[a]anthraquinones, such as dehydrorabelomycin

⁽⁹⁾ Dienyne 9a can be prepared from 8-methylnon-8-en-3-yn-1-ol and 2,3-dibromopropene under phase-transfer conditions in 60% yield.

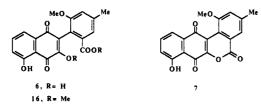
⁽¹⁰⁾ Typical experimental procedure for the preparation of trimethyl 10-oxatetracyclo[6.4.1.0^{1,8}.0^{2.6}]tridec-2-ene-4,4,6-tricarboxylate (12b): A mixture of 0.5 g (1.16 mmol) of 9b, Pd(OAc)₂ (0.015 g; 0.058 mmol), PPh₃ (0.065 g, 0.232 mmol), and Ag₂CO₃ (0.638 g; 2.318 mmol) in 10 mL of MeCN was heated in a sealed tube at 130 °C for 3 h. Extractive workup and flash column chromatography (silica gel; 1:12 ether-petroleum ether) provided 0.288 g (71%) of 12b. IR (neat): 3090, 3020, 1960, 1860, 1725, 1670, 1440, 1390, 1250, 1095, 1055, 975, 920, 840 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.70 (1 H, s, H-12), 4.03 (1 H, d, J = 11.2 Hz, H-6), 3.76 (3 H, s, CO₂Me-11), 3.74 (3 H, s, CO₂Me-11), 3.64 (3 H, s, CO₂Me-9), 3.60 (2 H, m, H-4,6), 3.08 (1 H, m, H-4), 3.00 (1 H, d, J = 13.5 Hz, H-10), 2.02 (2 H, m, H-3), 1.58 (1 H, d, J = 12.76 Hz, H-8), 1.03 (1 H, d, J = 6.01 Hz, H-13), 0.90 (1 H, d, J = 6.01 Hz, H-13). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.3, 171.1, 170.3, 158.4, 118.4, 70.2, 70.0, 63.6, 60.6, 52.8, 52.6, 52.1, 47.0, 39.5, 31.2, 25.8, 25.1, 21.3. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁O₇: C, 61.71; H, 6.33. Found: C, 61.78; H, 6.53.

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(2), via the intermediate prekinamycin (3) (Scheme I).^{1,2} The cyanamide carbon has been proposed to be derived from C-5 of 2 via oxidation and nitrogen insertion to give the hypothetical intermediate benzo[b]phenanthridinone 4, which rearranges to give the ring-contracted benzo[b]carbazole 3.1 Very recently, a natural compound related to 4, the aglycon of phenanthroviridin, has been described.³

In the retrosynthetic analysis for both prekinamycin^{4,5} and benzo[b]phenanthridinones 4 and 5 the key carboncarbon bond between the naphthoquinone nucleus and the 2-aryl can be derived by a palladium-catalyzed Stille reaction⁶ from an electrophilic 2-bromo-5-hydroxy-1,4naphthoquinone (2-bromojuglone) synthon and a 2,4,6trisubstituted arylstannane. The use of the unprotected quinone nucleus in the coupling reaction should minimize the protection, deprotection, and oxidation steps usually required for the synthesis of this type of compounds.⁷ The desired heterocyclization was expected to take place on a C-3 substituted derivative with a suitable leaving group.

In this paper, we report the successful use of 2-bromonaphthoquinones as electrophiles in the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction with stannanes as well as the application of this method to the synthesis of antibiotics WS 5995 C (6) and A (7)⁸⁹ and benzo[b] phenanthridinones 4 and 5.



Selected results from the coupling of 2-bromonaphthoquinone (8),¹⁰ α -bromojuglone (9),^{10,11} and 2-bromo-8hydroxy-6-methoxynaphthoquinone $(10)^{12}$ are shown in

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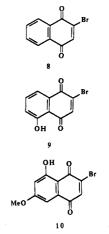
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Coupled product 15 was transformed into antibiotic WS 5995 C (6) in two steps by epoxidation (12 equiv of t-BuOOH, 40% aqueous [PhCH₂NMe₃]OH in THF, 23 °C, 1 h) to give a mixture of unstable epoxides, which, without

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entry	quinone	stannane	reaction condns ^b	reaction time (h)	product	yield (%)
1	8	PhSnBu ₃	Α	12	Ph Ph	66 ¹³
2°	9	Me ₄ Sn	A	15	0 Me	10014
3 4	9 9	Bu₄Sn Bu₄Sn	A B	30 8.5		98 82
5	9	Bu ₃ Sn O	С	1	PH B	82
6	9	PhSnBu ₃	А	5	OH O OH O Ph	100
7	9	Мез Su ИНВОС	С	20		70
8	9	MeO Me Me3Sa	с	3		46 ^d
9	9	О́ме 11 МОМО Мез Sa	A	3		100
10	9	NHBOC 12 MeO Me3Sa	A	3		82
11	10	CONH- t-Bu 13 Bu ₄ Sn	В	18		Bu 74
12	10	PhSnBu ₃	A	15	MeQ OH OH Ph	100

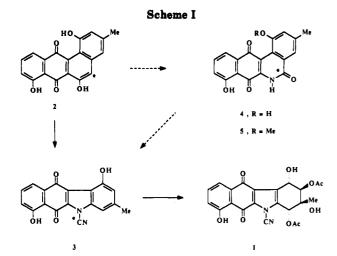
^a Unless otherwise stated the reactions were carried out in 1,4-dioxane under reflux. ^bA = 5% each of Pd(PPh₃)₄ and CuBr; B = PdCl₂-(dppf) in DMF at 100 °C; C = 5% Pd(PPh₃)₄. ^cReaction carried out in a sealed tube at 100 °C. ^dAdditionally, a 6% of 2-methyljuglone was obtained.

isolation, was hydrolyzed (aqueous $HClO_4$, dioxane, 100 °C, 8 h) to 6 in 98% yield (two steps).²³ Hydrolysis of the *tert*-butyl amide is probably facilitated by the presence of the C-3 hydroxyl^{9c} since 15, lacking the C-3 substitution,

was recovered unchanged after treatment under a variety of acidic conditions.²⁴ Treatment of 6 with excess of

⁽²³⁾ The synthetic compound showed identical mp, TLC mobility, and spectroscopic data (UV-vis, IR, and ¹H NMR) to those previously reported for the natural product^{8b,9} (see supplementary material).

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 $(CF_3CO)_2O$ at 23 °C gave antibiotic WS 5995 A (7)²³ in quantitative yield,⁹ while reaction with $[Me_3O]BF_4^{25}$ in THF at 23 °C gave known ester 16^{9b} in 76% yield.

Finally, with a concise synthesis of 16 in hand, the conversion into 4 was readily accomplished by reaction

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with aqueous NH₄OH in MeOH under reflux for 48 h to give 5 in 55% yield,²⁶ followed by demethylation with BBr₃ in CH₂Cl₂ at -78 °C (47%).²⁶ This described method should be also useful for the preparation of related natural products such as the gilvocarcins, which contain the reduced 2-arylnaphthalene nucleus.²⁷ Further work directed toward the synthesis of prekinamycin and related targets is in progress.

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An Unusual γ -Silyl Effect in TiCl₄-Catalyzed Arylation of 1,4-Benzoquinones

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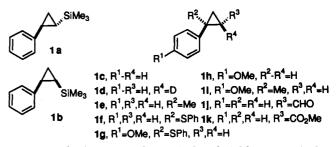
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Summary: Cyclopropylbenzene (1c) reacts with 2-methoxy-1,4-benzoquinone in the presence of $TiCl_4$ to give 2-(4'-cyclopropylphenyl)-5-methoxy-1,4-benzoquinone in moderate yield (46%). Considerable improvement in yield (69%) is observed in reactions of *trans*-2-phenyl-1-(trimethylsilyl)cyclopropane (1a) with the $TiCl_4$ -quinone complex.

The effects of α - and β -silicon substitution on the control and rates of formation of carbocation centers has been well-documented; α -trimethylsilyl (TMS) groups retard, relative to C, and β -TMS groups dramatically accelerate solvolytic generation of carbocations.¹ There have been fewer demonstrations of the effects of silicon substituents γ to carbocation centers; however, the effects in terms of solvolysis rates are impressive in some cases (>10⁴).^{1.2} To date, reports of the γ -Si effect have been limited largely to studies of the rates of solvolysis of structurally welldefined esters and sulfonates. Herein, we report one of only a few examples of the utilization of the γ -Si effect as a control element in synthesis; in this case involving a Ti(IV)-mediated arylation of 1,4-benzoquinones.³

We prepared a number of substituted cyclopropanes 1 and studied their Lewis acid catalyzed reactions with 2methoxy-1,4-benzoquinone, 2. The $TiCl_4$ -promoted reaction of cyclopropanes 1a and 1c with quinone 2 at -78 °C



gave 7a and 8 in 69% and 46% isolated yields, respectively (Table I and Scheme I). The products 7a/8 apparently result from electrophilic aromatic substitution on the phenyl ring of 1a/c by the Ti(IV)-bound quinone complex 3 to give 5 which then undergoes oxidation by additional Ti(IV)-quinone complex 3⁴ to yield 7a/8 and 2-methoxy-

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