

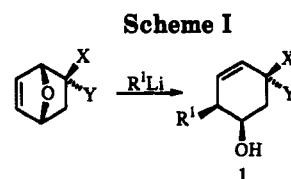
## Stereocontrolled Transformations of Cyclohexenediols Obtained from Nucleophilic Ring Opening of 7-Oxanorbornene Derivatives

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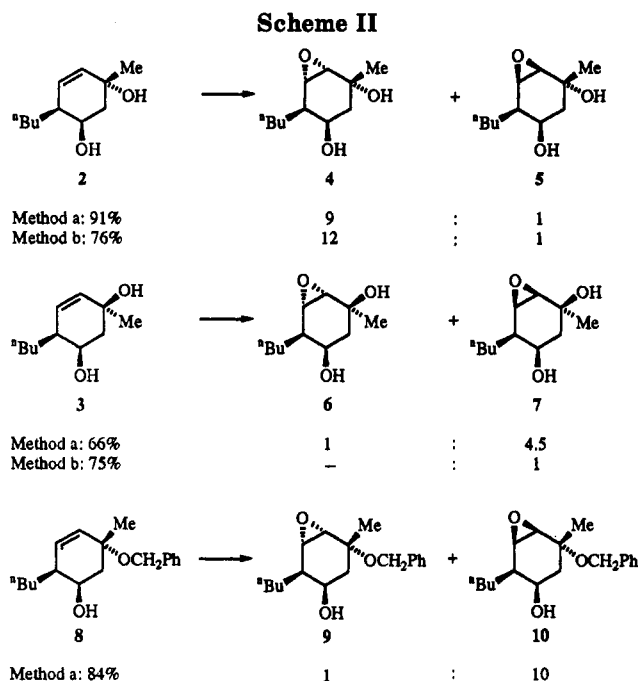
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7-Oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptene derivatives are versatile building block for the synthesis of many compounds of current interest,<sup>1</sup> such as sugars,<sup>2</sup> pseudosugars,<sup>3</sup> cyclitols,<sup>4</sup> nucleosides,<sup>5</sup> and other.<sup>6</sup> For this reason, the ring opening of the oxygen bridge constitutes a key procedure.<sup>7</sup> The regio- and stereoselective ring opening of nonsymmetrical 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptenols by organolithium reagents to give cyclohexenediol derivatives **1** was reported by our group in 1989<sup>8</sup> (Scheme I), and the procedure constitutes an interesting methodology since **1** can be obtained optically pure.<sup>9</sup> Transformations of compounds of type **1** could be a source of interesting molecules if strict regio- and stereochemical control of the transformations could be achieved. For instance, epoxidation of compounds **1** could give compounds related to cyclitol epoxides, naturally occurring compounds that are probably shikimate metabolites; some of these epoxides have interesting biological properties.<sup>10</sup> Ring opening of the epoxides may constitute a tool for the synthesis of branched pseudosugars. Pseudosugars have sparked a great deal of synthetic activity in recent years<sup>11</sup> because of their activity as enzyme inhibitors,<sup>12</sup> artificial sweeteners,<sup>13</sup> and their presence in aminocyclitol antibiotics.<sup>14</sup> In addition to epoxidation, ozonolysis of compounds like **1** could also be an important transformation if both ends of the double bond could be differentiated in the process. The compounds obtained



X = R, Y = OH  
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R = alkyl, vinyl, aryl  
R<sup>1</sup> = H, alkyl, vinyl, aryl



in this way can be considered as functionalized building blocks for the synthesis of polypropionate fragments and related systems.<sup>15</sup> In this paper, we wish to report our results in these areas which make our previously reported ring opening of 7-oxanorbornene derivatives a powerful and simple synthetic tool.

Our first objective was the study of the epoxidation of compounds **1**. The stereochemistry of the epoxidation of compounds **1** can be controlled by the substituents attached to the quaternary center.<sup>16</sup> Thus, reactions of model compounds **2** and **3** with *m*-CPBA (method a) afforded the epoxides **4-7** (Scheme II). The relatively low stereoselectivity obtained for compound **7** was improved by the use of *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide under the conditions described by Sharpless *et al.*<sup>16</sup> (method b). Epoxide **10**, which is related to **5**, could be obtained with good stereoselectivity from benzyl derivative **8** by epoxidation with *m*-CPBA (Scheme II).

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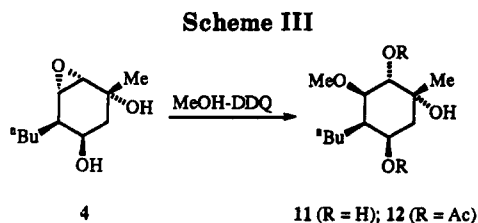
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The enantioselective version of the epoxidation process was achieved with enantiomerically pure (+)-2<sup>9</sup> to give, by means of method b, enantiomerically pure (+)-4 (81%, ee ≥ 99%). The stereochemical assignments of these epoxides were derived from their spectral features, particularly the <sup>1</sup>H NMR coupling constants between H-5 and H-6 ( $J_{cis} > J_{trans}$ ) and DNOE measurements (for instance, in 4, the methyl group showed a 3.3% enhancement upon irradiation of H-4).

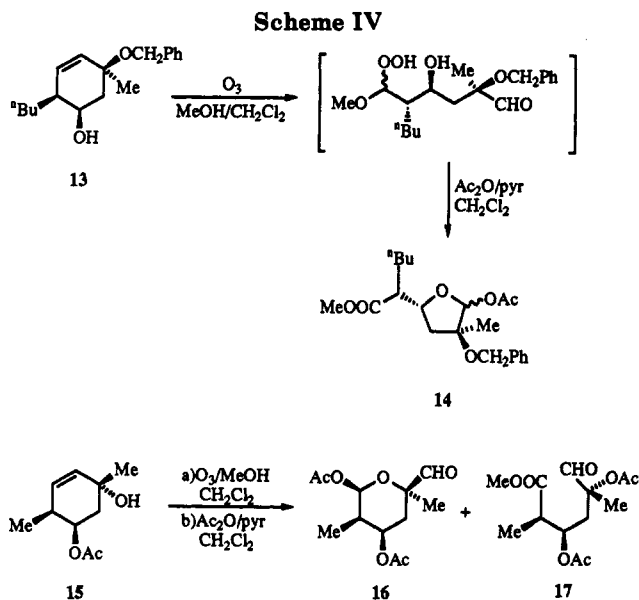
Our second goal was the use of the ring openings of such epoxides to achieve the totally regio- and stereoselective synthesis of deoxycyclitols. Thus, ring opening of 4 with MeOH-DDQ<sup>17</sup> gave 11 (85%), which was fully characterized as diacetate 12 (Ac<sub>2</sub>O/pyr, 95%). In the same way, enantiomerically pure (+)-4 gave (+)-11 (85%, ee ≥ 99%) (Scheme III). The regio- and stereoselectivity of the oxirane opening were confirmed from irradiation experiments for the assignments of all the <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals and from the values of the H-6/H-1 and H-6/H-5 coupling constants ( $J_{6,1} = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,5} = 3.9$  Hz for 11 and  $J_{6,1} = 10.0$  Hz,  $J_{6,5} = 4.9$  Hz for 12).

The third objective was the study of the ozonolysis reactions of these cyclohexene derivatives. We observed that the ozonolysis is also dependent on the stereochemistry and nature of the substituents on the quaternary center. Thus, unsymmetrical ozonolysis of 13,<sup>9</sup> according to the method described by Schreiber and co-workers,<sup>18</sup> gave acetal ester 14 (65% yield). However, the same unsymmetrical ozonolysis of acetate 15<sup>9</sup> afforded a 2.4:1 mixture (85% yield) of acetal aldehyde 16, product of normal ozonolysis, and open-chain derivative 17, analogous to 14 (Scheme IV).

In summary, in this report we describe some synthetically useful transformations of model cyclohexenediols obtained from 7-oxanorbornene derivatives. Application of this methodology to the preparations of valuable compounds will be the subject of further research.

### Experimental Section

**General Methods.** All reactions were carried out under a positive pressure of dry argon with freshly distilled solvents under anhydrous conditions unless otherwise stated. Reagents and solvents were handled by means of standard syringe techniques. Benzene was distilled from calcium hydride; methylene chloride, hexane, and ethyl acetate were distilled from phosphorus pentoxide. Analytical TLC was carried out on 0.20-mm E. Merck precoated silica gel plates (60F-254) with detection by UV light or acidic vanillin solution. Column chromatography was performed with SDS or E. Merck 230–400-mesh silica gel. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 681 spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-200 or a Varian VXR-300 instrument with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker AM-200, with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent, and were completely decoupled. In both <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR,



chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  units downfield from tetramethylsilane. The following abbreviations are used to describe peak patterns when appropriate: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. Optical rotations were measured in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 20 °C with the sodium lamp of a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. Ozonolysis reactions were performed in a Fisher Ozone 500 apparatus.

**Starting materials.** Compounds 2, 3, 8, 13, and 15 were prepared by previously described methods. See ref 9.

**General Procedures for Epoxidation of Cyclohexene Derivatives.** **Method a:** To a solution of the cyclohexenediol derivative in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C was added a solution of 1.3 equiv of *m*-CPBA (Merck) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was then diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with 10% Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solutions. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the drying agent and evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure led to the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (AcOEt/hexane or AcOEt/Et<sub>2</sub>O as eluents). **Method b:** To a solution of the cyclohexenediol derivative in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> at rt were added VO(acac)<sub>2</sub> (Aldrich) and a solution of 1.3 equiv of *t*-BuOOH (30% in H<sub>2</sub>O, Merck) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>. The reaction mixture was then diluted with ethyl acetate and 10% Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution; the organic layer was washed with brine and dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). Removal of the drying agent and evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure led to the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (AcOEt/hexane or AcOEt/Et<sub>2</sub>O as eluents).

**Synthesis of (1*S*\*,3*S*\*,4*R*\*,5*R*\*,6*S*\*)-6-*n*-Butyl-4,5-epoxy-3-methylcyclohexane-1,3-diol (4) and (1*S*\*,3*S*\*,4*S*\*,5*S*\*,6*S*\*)-6-*n*-Butyl-4,5-epoxy-3-methylcyclohexane-1,3-diol (5). **Method a:** From 150 mg of 2 (0.82 mmol) and 216 mg of *m*-CPBA (1.07 mmol) in anhyd CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was obtained a 9:1 mixture of epoxides 4 and 5. After column chromatography (AcOEt/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 1:1), 133 mg of 4 (81%) and 5 (10%) were obtained both as pale yellow oil. **Method b:** From 92 mg of 2 (0.50 mmol), 0.09 mL of *t*-BuOOH (0.65 mmol, 30% H<sub>2</sub>O), and a catalytic amount of VO(acac)<sub>2</sub> in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> was obtained a 12:1 mixture of epoxides 4 and 5. After column chromatography (AcOEt/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 1:1), 70 mg of 4 (70%) and 6 mg of 5 (6%) were isolated. The same procedure was used for optically pure (+)-2. Data for 4:  $R_f$  0.31 (AcOEt/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 1:1).  $[\alpha]_D^{+120}$  (c, 6.00 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film)  $\nu_{max}$  3400, 2950, 2920, 1370, 1140, 1100, 1040, 850 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.93 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 1.20–1.75 (m, 7H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.56 (dd, 1H,  $J = 13.8, 3.5$  Hz), 1.68 (dd, 1H,  $J = 13.8, 8.5$  Hz), 2.06 (m, 1H), 2.47 (br, 1H), 3.04 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 3.29 (dd, 1H,  $J = 3.8, 1.6$  Hz), 3.97 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.9, 22.9, 26.2, 27.6, 39.1, 41.4, 58.9, 60.1, 65.4, 68.6 ppm. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 71.69; H, 10.94. Found: C, 71.60; H, 11.00. Data for 5:  $R_f$  0.23 (AcOEt/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 1:1); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{max}$  3400, 2950, 2920, 1370, 1100,**

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1040, 940  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.93 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.18–1.60 (m, 6H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.52 (dd, 1H,  $J = 13.8, 2.8$  Hz), 1.60–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.95–2.05 (m, 1H), 2.04 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 13.8, 6.8, 0.8$  Hz), 3.08 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 3.33 (tap, 1H), 3.88 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.9, 22.8, 27.0, 29.0, 29.1, 37.5, 42.6, 57.8, 60.1, 66.3, 68.9 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$ : C, 71.69; H, 10.94. Found: C, 71.75; H, 10.80.

**Synthesis of (1*S*\*,3*R*\*,4*S*\*,5*S*\*,6*S*\*)-6-*n*-Butyl-4,5-epoxy-3-methylcyclohexane-1,3-diol (7) and (1*S*\*,3*R*\*,4*R*\*,5*R*\*,6*S*\*)-6-*n*-Butyl-4,5-epoxy-3-methylcyclohexane-1,3-diol (6). Method a: From 150 mg of 3 (0.82 mmol) and 216 mg of *m*-CPBA (1.07 mmol) in anhyd  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was obtained a mixture of epoxides 7 and 6. After column chromatography (hexane/AcOEt, 1:3), 90 mg of 7 (55%) and 18 mg of 6 (11%) were obtained, both as pale yellow oil. Method b: From 100 mg of 3 (0.55 mmol), 0.10 mL of *t*-BuOOH (0.70 mmol, 30%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), and a catalytic amount of  $\text{VO}(\text{acac})_2$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  was obtained only epoxide 7 (122 mg, 75%). The reaction time was 5 days. Data for 6:  $R_f$  0.44 (hexane/AcOEt, 1:3); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3360, 2960, 2925, 1375, 1140, 1035, 990, 920  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.94 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.29–1.78 (m, 8H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.45 (dd, 1H,  $J = 14.6, 1.6$  Hz), 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.84 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 14.6, 4.6, 1.6$  Hz), 2.90 (dd, 1H,  $J = 3.8, 1.6$  Hz), 3.06 (dd, 1H,  $J = 3.8, 1.3$  Hz), 3.95 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.0, 22.7, 26.9, 29.3, 29.4, 37.4, 40.0, 55.3, 58.5, 67.8, 68.9 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$ : C, 71.69; H, 10.94. Found: C, 71.50; H, 10.85. Data for 7:  $R_f$  0.17 (hexane/AcOEt, 1:3); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3400, 2980, 2925, 1380, 1160, 1105, 1060, 930  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.90 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.30–1.50 (m, 4H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.42 (dd, 1H,  $J = 14.5, 2.3$  Hz), 1.60–1.80 (m, 3H), 2.09 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 14.5, 4.9, 1.3$  Hz), 2.62 (br, 1H), 2.82 (br, 1H), 3.22 (dd, 1H,  $J = 4.0, 1.4$  Hz), 3.37 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 3.9, 1.3, 1.2$  Hz), 3.89 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.8, 22.6, 28.1, 28.4, 28.9, 38.2, 42.8, 58.3, 59.9, 67.7, 67.8 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$ : C, 71.69; H, 10.94. Found: C, 71.78; H, 10.80.**

**Synthesis of (1*S*\*,2*R*\*,3*S*\*,4*S*\*,5*S*\*)-5-Benzoyloxy-2-*n*-butyl-3,4-epoxy-5-methylcyclohexane-1-ol (10). By means of method a, from 50 mg of 8 (0.18 mmol) and 48 mg of *m*-CPBA (0.23 mmol) in anhyd  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was obtained a 10:1 mixture of epoxides 10 and 9 (overall yield, 84%). From the crude reaction mixture was isolated compound 10 by column chromatography (hexane/AcOEt, 6:1). Data for 10:  $R_f$  0.31 (hexane/AcOEt, 6:1); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3440, 2960, 2925, 1375, 1160, 1105, 1060, 930  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.94 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.20–2.06 (m, 7H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.78 (dd, 1H,  $J = 13.9, 3.3$  Hz), 2.00 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 13.9, 6.3, 0.8$  Hz), 2.28 (br, 1H), 3.23 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 3.30 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 3.8, 2.3, 0.8$  Hz), 3.92 (m, 1H), 4.54 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.36 (m, 5H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.3, 22.9, 24.8, 27.3, 29.3, 37.7, 39.0, 58.1, 59.4, 64.2, 66.4, 73.8, 127.4, 127.5, 128.4, 137.8 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_5$ : C, 75.76; H, 7.42. Found: C, 75.80; H, 7.35.**

**Synthesis of (1*R*\*,2*S*\*,4*S*\*,5*S*\*,6*S*\*)-5-*n*-Butyl-6-methoxy-2-methylcyclohexane-1,2,4-triol (11). To a solution of 80 mg of 4 (0.40 mmol) in anhyd methanol (1.5 mL) was added 20 mg (16 mmol % epoxide) of DDQ. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. Then the mixture was washed with ether and filtered, and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (AcOEt/ $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , 1:1). The pure product (59 mg, 85%) was obtained as a pale yellow oil. Data for 11:  $R_f$  0.17 ( $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{AcOEt}$ , 1:1); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3400, 2910, 2860, 1650, 1350, 1310, 1120, 1070, 1000, 960, 850, 810  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.90 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.34–1.40 (m, 6H), 1.64 (dd, 1H,  $J = 13.5, 10.8$  Hz), 1.85 (dd, 1H,  $J = 13.5, 4.2$  Hz), 2.26 (br, 1H), 3.36 (dd, 1H,  $J = 8.5, 3.9$  Hz), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 4.09 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.0, 23.3, 27.7, 40.7, 57.1, 67.7, 70.8, 73.2, 82.3 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$ : C, 62.03; H, 10.41. Found: C, 62.13; H, 10.30. In the same way, enantiomerically pure (+)-11 was prepared from (+)-4;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +98^\circ$**

(c, 6.00,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). The diacetate of 11 (12) was prepared as follows: To a solution of 60 mg of 11 (0.26 mmol) in 3 mL of  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (freshly distilled from  $\text{CaCl}_2$ ) was added 0.12 mL (1.56 mmol) of anhyd pyridine. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at rt. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (AcOEt/ $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , 1:1). Irradiation experiments led to the assignments of all the  $^1\text{H NMR}$  signals of 12. Data for 12:  $R_f$  0.45 (AcOEt/ $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.84 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.3$  Hz), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.24–1.33 (m, 7H), 1.68 (dd, 1H,  $J = 14.1, 10.5$  Hz), 1.85 (dd, 1H,  $J = 14.1, 4.2$  Hz), 1.99 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.45 (br, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 3.51 (dd, 1H,  $J = 10.0, 4.9$  Hz), 4.82 (d, 1H,  $J = 10.0$  Hz), 5.13 (m, 1H) ppm.

**General Procedure for the Ozonolysis Reactions.** Ozone was bubbled into a stirred  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  solution of the cyclohexene derivative (13 or 15) in MeOH and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  containing  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ . When the solution acquired a pale blue coloration, the addition of ozone was stopped, and the excess ozone was removed by passing argon through the solution until it became colorless. The mixture was allowed to reach rt, diluted with  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ , filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure to a volume of ca. 1 mL. Then  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added, and, with stirring under argon, the solution was cooled to  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and treated with pyridine and acetic anhydride. After 2 h at rt, the reaction mixture was diluted with ether; washed successively with 0.1 M HCl, water,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , and water, dried, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography over Florisil (AcOEt/hexane, 1:3).

**Ozonolysis of 13.** From 160 mg of 13 (0.6 mmol) in MeOH/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1:4, 4 mL) containing  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (277 mg, 3.3 mmol) were added  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL), pyridine (197 mg, 2.49 mmol), and acetic anhydride (118 mg, 3 mmol). Yield of 14: 132 mg (65%). Data for 14:  $R_f$  0.25 (hexane/AcOEt, 3:1); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2960, 2920, 1700, 1450, 1380, 1240, 1220, 1180, 1100, 1010  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.88 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.23–1.39 (m, 5H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.52–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.70 (dd, 1H,  $J = 13.1, 9.5$  Hz), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.30 (dd, 1H,  $J = 13.1, 6.1$  Hz), 2.47 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 10.8, 9.0, 3.9$  Hz), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.52 (s, 2H; m, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 7.32 (m, 5H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.8, 17.1, 21.4, 22.6, 28.2, 29.4, 39.7, 51.6, 52.8, 65.2, 81.2, 85.4, 99.1, 127.2, 27.5, 128.3, 138.3, 169.8, 174.2 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_5$ : C, 69.78; H, 8.09. Found: C, 69.65; H, 8.00.

**Ozonolysis of 15.** From 100 mg of 15 (0.34 mmol) in MeOH/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1:4, 4 mL) containing  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (150 mg, 1.78 mmol) were added  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL) pyridine (91 mg, 1.16 mmol), and acetic anhydride (55 mg, 0.6 mmol). In this way, 120 mg of a mixture of 16 and 17 was obtained. Compound 16 was separated by column chromatography on Florisil, giving 70 mg (60%) as a pale yellow oil. Spectroscopic data of 17 were read from the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  spectra of the reaction crude. Data for 16:  $R_f$  0.35 (hexane/AcOEt, 2:1); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2920, 1780, 1740, 1460, 1430, 1380, 1270, 1130, 1110, 1090, 1060, 1040, 990  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.04 (d, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.94 (dd, 1H,  $J = 15.5, 6.6$  Hz), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.19 (d, 1H,  $J = 15.5$  Hz), 2.37 (m, 1H), 5.06 (d, 1H,  $J = 4.5$  Hz), 5.12 (dt, 1H,  $J = 6.6, 1.5$  Hz), 9.53 (d, 1H,  $J = 1.5$  Hz) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.9, 20.5, 21.2, 23.4, 33.9, 34.8, 66.3, 95.7, 100.2, 167.9, 171.1, 205.1 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_4$ : C, 63.98; H, 7.61. Found: C, 63.75; H, 7.52. Data for 17:  $R_f$  0.22 (hexane/AcOEt, 2:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.17 (d, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.60 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.08 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.76 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 4.8$  Hz), 2.91 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 5.48 (m, 1H), 9.50 (s, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.2, 14.2, 30.3, 42.1, 44.5, 51.9, 60.4, 68.9, 70.3, 170.0, 171.1, 173.4, 205.0 ppm.

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