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Ozonolyses of Acetylenes: Trapping of α-Oxo Carbonyl Oxides by Carbonyl Compounds and Stabilization of α-Oxo Ozonides by Derivatizations

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Ozonolyses of 2-butyne (7) or of 3-hexyne (14) in the presence of carbonyl compounds (aldehydes, ketones, acid derivatives) afforded the corresponding mostly labile monocyclic α -oxo ozonides (9, 13a, 16), which could be stabilized and, hence, isolated by subsequent conversion into α -methoximino derivatives. Ozonolyses of 1,4-diacyloxy-substituted (19) and 1-acyloxy-substituted 2-butynes (27) gave bicyclic ozonides (22, 31) by intramolecular [3 + 2]-cycloadditions of the corresponding carbonyl oxide intermediates (20, 29). These ozonides could also be stabilized by reactions with *O*-meth-ylhydroxylamine to give *O*-methyloximes (23c, 32) or with diazomethane to give epoxy ozonides (25, 34).

Introduction

By analogy with the mechanism of ozone olefin reactions, ozonolyses of acetylenes (1) are postulated to proceed *via* intermediates of types **2** and **3**.^{1a} However, while carbonyl oxide intermediates generated by ozonolyses of olefins undergo facile cycloadditions with carbonyl compounds to give ozonides, we are not aware of any ozonides of type 5, derived from reactions of intermediates of type 3 with carbonyl compounds of type 4, although carbonyl compounds are produced as anomalous ozonolysis products of acetylenes² and are, thus, present during such ozonolysis reactions. The fact that no ozonides 5 have been found in ozonolyses of acetylenes (1) could be due either to special properties of α -oxo carbonyl oxides (3), such as isomerizations to give the corresponding α -oxo 1,2-dioxiranes (6)³ or premature decompositions by free radical pathways,⁴ or to the known instability of α -oxo ozonides of type **5**.^{1b,5}



In this investigation, we have tried to get answers to these questions by ozonizing acetylenes (1) in the presence of added carbonyl compounds (4) and by stabilization of the anticipated α -oxo ozonides 5 by converting their α -oxo groups into the less destabilizing⁶ methox-



Chart 1

^aDetermined in the product mixture by ¹HNMR analysis. ^bYield of isolated products. nd = not detected.

imino groups (methoxyimino, $CH_3ON=$). To this end, 1:1 mixtures of an acetylene and of a carbonyl compound in CH_2Cl_2 were treated with ozone at low temperatures, and the cold crude reaction products were immediately admixed with a precooled solution of *O*-methylhydroxyl-amine in methanol.

Results

Ozonolyses of 2-butyne (7) in the presence of the aldehydes 8a-c, of the ketones 8d-g, of the acyl cyanide 8h, and of the esters 8i and 8j followed by treatment with *O*-methylhydroxylamine gave the corresponding stable ozonides 10, which were isolated in the yields shown (Chart 1). On the basis of the similarity of the ¹H NMR

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shift values of respective groups of corresponding ozonides of types 9 and 10, ozonides 9c-i could be also detected by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude ozonolysis products prior to the derivatization reactions. However, of these ozonides only 9i and 9j could be isolated, whereas **9c**-**h** decomposed during the attempted isolation. In the crude products derived from the ozonolysis of 7 in the presence of formaldehyde (8a) or benzaldehyde (8b), the corresponding ozonides 9a and 9b could not be detected, despite the fact that the corresponding derivatives 10a and 10b were formed. This apparent discrepancy is ascribed to decompositions of 9a and 9b during the solvent evaporation prior to the ¹H NMR analysis. One of the decomposition products of 9a was its acyclic, nonperoxidic isomer 12 (7%), which had been also obtained previously as a product of the ozonolysis of the parent olefin of 9a, viz. 2-methyl-1-buten-3-one.3

All of the stable ozonides (**10a**–**j**) have been characterized by positive peroxide tests, satisfactory elemental analyses, and their ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁷O NMR spectra. Reductions of ozonides **10a**–**j** gave the corresponding compounds of types **8** and **11** in nearly equimolar amounts. Of the possible *cis,trans*-ozonides **10b**, **10c**, **10e**, **10f**, **10h**, **10i**, and **10j**, only one isomer has been obtained in each case, but unambiguous stereochemical assignments could not be made on the basis of the available data.

Ozonolysis of **7** in the presence of butanedione followed by derivatization with *O*-methylhydroxylamine provided ozonide **13b** of unknown stereochemical identity. It was isolated in 10% yield and characterized as described above; its reduction gave 2 molar equiv of **11**. Although the corresponding ozonide **13a** could not be detected, the formation of **13b** provides evidence for its transient existence.

Ozonolyses of 3-hexyne (14) in the presence of one of the carbonyl compounds 15a-f followed by treatment with *O*-methylhydroxylamine gave the corresponding stable ozonides 17 (Chart 2). They were isolated in the



Chart 2

^aDetermined in the product mixture. ^bYield of isolated product. nd = not detected. ^cTwo stereoisomers in yields of 11% and 5%.

yields shown and characterized by the methods described above, including reduction to give the corresponding products **15** and **18**. Ozonolysis of **14** in the presence of acetaldehyde (**15a**) gave two isomeric ozonides **17a** of unknown stereochemistry, whereas of the ozonides **17d**—**f** only one isomer, each of unknown stereochemistry, was obtained. ¹H NMR analyses of the crude product mixtures prior to the derivatization step showed the presence of ozonides **16b**—**f**, of which only **16e** and **16f** could be isolated. Ozonide **16a** was not detected.

Ozonolyses of the acyloxy-substituted 2-butynes 19a and 19b in the presence of acetone did not provide the corresponding cross ozonides. Instead, we obtained ozonides which had the same molecular weights as the expected intermediates 20. This, together with the fact that the same products were obtained by ozonolyses of 19a and 19b in the absence of acetone, was indicative of intramolecular [3 + 2]-cycloadditions between the carbonyl oxide moieties and the ester carbonyl groups in intermediates 20. A priori, such intramolecular cycloadditions could provide two types of bicyclic ozonides, viz. 21 and 22, depending on which of the two ester carbonyl groups in 20 reacts with the carbonyl oxide moiety. However, the chemical and structural evidence provided below shows that only the ozonides 22a and 22b with a [3.2.1] bicyclic ring structures have been selectively obtained. The formation of the isomeric ozonides 21a and **21b** is most likely to be precluded by the higher degree of ring strain in the transition state leading to the [2.2.1] bicyclic ring system.

Ozonides 22a and 22b could be isolated in yields of 70% and 58%, respectively, but they underwent gradual decomposition at room temperature. Treatment of the crude ozonolysis products of 19a and 19b with O-methylhydroxylamine gave the corresponding stable ozonides 23ac (11%) and 23bc (9%), which were characterized by the methods mentioned above, including reduction with triphenylphosphine to give 24a and 24b, respectively. Treatment of the crude ozonolysis products of 19a and 19b with hydroxylamine gave the oximes 23ad (4%) and 24bd (10%), respectively. In contrast to the monocyclic α -oxo ozonides of types **9** and **16**, the bicyclic ozonides 22 reacted also with diazomethane to give the stable epoxy ozonides 25a (42%) and 25b (38%), respectively. Reductions of these ozonides with triphenylphosphine gave the expected epoxides 26a and 26b, respectively.

The unambiguous structural assignment of ozonide **22a** is based on X-ray diffraction analysis of the related crystalline epoxy ozonide **25a** (Figure 1).⁷ The structural parameters obtained for **25a** suggest that the bicyclic ring system is rigid but relatively strain-free, with the 1,2,4-trioxolane ring being constrained to an envelope conformation. The configuration of the epoxy ring, which is clearly attached to the bicyclic ring system, is consistent with the required methylene group having been delivered to the carbonyl group in **22a** from the less hindered *exo*-face.

The X-ray crystallographic study of oxime derivative **23bd** (Figure 2) confirms the general structural features of the bicyclic ozonide. There is generally good agreement between corresponding structural parameters in **23bd** and **25a**.⁸ The hydroxyimino group at C(2) in **23b** has the *E*-configuration, thereby minimizing steric interactions with the adjacent bridgehead acetoxymethyl group.



Ozonolyses of the acyloxy-substituted 2-butynes 27a and 27b in the presence of acetone also did not provide the corresponding cross ozonides. Instead, we obtained the same bicyclic ozonides which were produced by ozonolyses of 27a and 27b in the absence of acetone, viz. 31a and 31b. They were obviously formed via intermediates 29. Although, as evidenced by trapping with methanol,9 intermediates 28 were also produced in roughly the same amounts as intermediates 29, there was no evidence for the formation of the isomeric ozonides 30. This supports our view that the lack of formation of ozonides 21 was due to inherent ring strain in the bicyclic [2.2.1] ring system.

Bicyclic ozonides 31a and 31b were formed in yields of 55% and 38%, respectively, as shown by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction products. They were less stable than ozonides 22a and 22b and, hence, were not isolated. However, treatment of the crude reaction products with O-methylhydroxylamine gave the stable ozonides 32a (7%) and 32b (13%), respectively, and treatment with diazomethane gave the stable ozonides 34a (14%) and 34b (13%), respectively.

The assignments of structures **31** as opposed to **30** are based on the fact that the signals for the CH₃ groups

(8) Crystal data for **23bd**: $C_8H_{11}NO_7$, M = 233.18, colorless needles, (b) (c) state data to bot. $C_{8111}(-6)$, M = 25376, $C_{8111}(-6)$, b = 8.0749(7), and c = 8.9885(8) Å, $\alpha = 109.534(6)$, $\beta = 95.022(9)$, and $\gamma = 111.235(5)^\circ$, U =493.66(8) Å³, Z = 2, $D_c = 1.569$ cm⁻³, F(000) = 244, μ (Mo K α) = 0.140 mm⁻¹, graphite-monochromated Mo K α λ = 0.71073 Å, T = 293 K. Data were collected on a Siemens P4 diffractometer, and the structure was solved by direct methods. Final discrepancy factors: R = 0.037and $R_w = 0.097$. The authors have deposited the atomic coordinates for the crystal structures of **25a** and **23bd** with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. The coordinates can be obtained, on request, from the Director, the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Contra 12 Union Road Combridge CP3 157 UK Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge, CB2 1EZ, U.K.
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Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of the molecular structure of 25a in the crystal. Only one of the two unique molecules is shown for clarity. All thermal ellipsoids for non-hydrogen atoms are represented at the 50% probability density level; hydrogen atoms are represented as open circles of arbitrary radius.

appeared in the range of δ 1.60–1.80 ppm and that there were no signals for CH_3CO groups in the range of δ 2.2– 2.3 ppm. Ozonides 32 and 34 were characterized by the methods mentioned above, including reductions with triphenylphosphine to give 33 from 32 and 35 from 34.



The results obtained in this study show that α -oxo carbonyl oxides 3 derived from ozonolysis of acetylenes 1 can be readily trapped by carbonyl compounds to give monocyclic α -oxo ozonides 5 and that this reaction competes favorably with the previously postulated formation of α -oxo dioxiranes **6**.³ It appears even that α -oxo carbonyl oxides are more reactive in [3 + 2]-cycloadditions with carbonyl compounds than simple alkyl- or arylsubstituted carbonyl oxides derived from the ozonolysis

⁽⁷⁾ Crystal data for **25a**: $C_{19}H_{16}O_7$, M = 356.32, colorless needles, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$ (No. 14), a = 14.5883(11), b = 23.755(2), and c = 9.7459(7) Å, $\beta = 91.130(6)^\circ$, U3376.7(4) Å³, Z = 8, $D_c = 1.402$ g cm⁻³, F(000) = 1488, μ (Mo K α) = 0.108 mm⁻¹, graphite-monochromated Mo K α λ = 0.71073 Å, T = 293 K. Data were collected on a Siemens P4 diffractometer, and the structure was solved by direct methods. Final discrepancy factors: R = 0.056 and $R_w = 0.124$. The crystal structure consists of two independent molecules per asymmetric unit which only differ significantly in the spatial orientation of the phenyl group at C(4).



Figure 2. ORTEP diagram of the molecular structure of **23bd** in the crystal. All thermal ellipsoids for non-hydrogen atoms are represented at 50% probability density level; hydrogen atoms are represented as open circles of arbitrary radius.

of olefins, since the former react readily with nonactivated ketones while the latter generally do not form ozonides with ketones.^{1c} From a preparative standpoint, ozonolyses of acetylenes in the presence of carbonyl compounds open a short-path, albeit low yield synthesis for α -oxo ozonides, since they obviate the synthesis of the parent α -oxo olefins. Furthermore, the in-situ stabilization of α -oxo ozonides by conversion of the α -oxo groups into *O*-methyl oximes or into epoxides allow the verification of the existence of elusive labile ozonides such as ozonides **9a**, **9b**, or **13a**, which could not be detected as such in the product mixtures.

Experimental Section

General. NMR spectra: Bruker AC-250. ¹H- and ¹³C(BB) NMR spectra were obtained in CDCl₃ with TMS as internal reference and the ¹⁷O NMR spectra in C₆D₆ by using H₂O as external reference. The conditions for recording the ¹⁷O NMR spectra and the ¹⁷O NMR data of **10c**–**f**, **10h**, and **10j** have been published elsewhere.¹⁰ Chromatographic separations: flash chromatography on silica gel. HPLC separations: Merck-Hitachi 655 A-11; column 3.2 × 25 cm, Li Chrosorb Si 60.

Ozonolysis Procedure. A solution of the respective acetylene and carbonyl compound in dichloromethane was treated with ozone at low temperatures until the acetylenic substrate had disappeared. A sample of ca. 1 mL was removed, the solvent was evaporated at reduced pressure, and the residue was analyzed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The major part of the cold ozonolysis product was admixed with a solution of O-methylhydroxylamine and pyridine in methanol, whichunless mentioned otherwise-was precooled to -20 °C, and the mixture was kept at low temperature for several days. Then, the solvent was evaporated at room temperature and reduced pressure, the residue was admixed with water, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was sequentially washed with 2 M aqueous hydrochloric acid and an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated by evaporation of the solvent at room temperature and reduced pressure. Unless mentioned otherwise, the ozonides were isolated by flash chromatography.

Caution! An attempt to ozonize 2-butyne in *pentane* and in the presence of acetone at -75 °C led to a violent explosion. Therefore, CH₂Cl₂ was used as solvent in all experiments. We assume that this prevents the precipitation of peroxidic byproducts.

2-Butyne (7) and Formaldehyde (8a). A solution of 1.17 g (21.7 mmol) of **7** and 2 mL of formaldehyde (freshly prepared

by pyrolysis of paraformaldehyde) in 40 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -100 °C to give 71% of acetic anhydride (δ 2.23), 17% of acetic acid (δ 2.10), 5% of butanedione (δ 2.34), and 7% of **12** (δ 2.12, 5.73).³ Derivatization at -75 °C for 5 d with 3.62 g (43.4 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 7 mL of pyridine in 30 mL of CH₃OH, precooled to -75 °C, gave 0.72 g of a residue, from which 0.30 g (9%) of **10a** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20:1).

3-(1-Methoximinoethyl)-3-methyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (10a): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.64 (s, 3 H), 1.87 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 5.19 (s, 1 H), 5.26 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 9.76, 20.38, 62.11, 94.60, 107.26, 154.30. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 103 (s, C–O–C), 157 (s, N–OCH₃), 283 (s) and 319 (s) (O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₆H₁₁NO₄ (161.2): C, 44.72; H, 6.88; N, 8.69. Found: C, 44.67; H, 6.65; N, 8.34.

2-Butyne (7) and Benzaldehyde (8b). A solution of 0.93 g (17.2 mmol) of **7** and 1.82 g (17.2 mmol) of **8b** in 50 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was ozonized at -100 °C to give 72% of acetic anhydride (δ 2.20), 19% of acetic acid (δ 2.08), and 9% of butanedione (δ 2.30). Derivatization at -75 °C for 5 d with 2.88 g (34.5 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 6 mL of pyridine in 30 mL of CH₃OH precooled to -75 °C gave 2.24 g of a residue, from which 0.49 g (12%) of **10b** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20:1).

3-(1-Methoximinoethyl)-3-methyl-5-phenyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (10b): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.75 (s, 3 H), 1.97 (s, 3 H), 3.94 (s, 3 H), 6.13 (s, 1 H), 7.40–7.60 (m, 5 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 10.04, 20.56, 62.06, 104.15, 108.65, 128.10, 128.61, 130.69, 130.92, 155.59. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 114 (s, C–O–C), 162 (s, N–OCH₃), 312 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅NO₄ (237.3): C, 60.75; H, 6.37; N, 5.90. Found: C, 60.42; H, 6.19; N, 6.15.

2-Butyne (7) and Acetaldehyde (8c). A solution of 1.20 g (22.2 mmol) of **7** and 0.98 g (22.3 mmol) of **8c** in 50 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was ozonized at -75 °C to give 17% of **9c** [δ 1.46 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 3 H), 1.54 (s, 3 H), 2.29 (s, 3 H), 5.36 (q, J = 4.9 Hz, 1 H)]. Derivatization with 3.71 g (44.4 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 7 mL of pyridine in 40 mL of CH₃OH at -20 °C for 4 d gave 0.78 g of a residue, from which 0.25 g (6%) of **10c** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20:1).

3-(1-Methoximinoethyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (10c): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.47 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 3 H), 1.63 (s, 3 H), 1.89 (s, 3 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 5.36 (q, J = 4.9 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 9.67, 15.35, 20.14, 61.96, 101.48, 107.78, 155.74. ¹⁷O NMR.¹⁰ Anal. Calcd for C₇H₁₃NO₄ (175.2): C, 47.99; H, 7.48; N, 8.00. Found: C, 48.27; H, 7.31; N, 8.16.

2-Butyne (7) and Acetone (8d). A solution of 0.56 g (10.4 mmol) of **7** and 0.61 g (10.5 mmol) of **8d** in 40 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -75 °C to give 17% of **9d** [δ 1.49 (s), 1.51 (s), 1.54 (s), 2.29 (s)].⁵ Derivatization with 1.73 g (20.7 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 4 mL of pyridine in 20 mL of CH₃OH at -20 °C for 4 d gave 0.35 g of a residue, from which 0.12 g (6%) of **10d** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20: 1).

3-(1-Methoximinoethyl)-3,5,5-trimethyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (10d): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.52 (s), 1.53 (s), 1.61 (s, 3 H), 1.89 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 10.05, 21.25, 23.30, 25.51, 61.99, 107.60, 109.87, 155.53. ¹⁷O NMR.¹⁰ Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₅NO₄ (189.2): C, 50.78; H, 7.99; N, 7.40. Found: C, 50.44; H, 8.01; N, 7.42.

2-Butyne (7) and Chloroacetone (8e). A solution of 1.12 g (20.7 mmol) of **7** and 1.88 g (20.3 mmol) of **8e** in 80 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was ozonized at -75 °C to give 12% of **9e** [δ 1.56 (s), 1.59 (s), 2.29 (s), 3.57, AB-system, δ_A 3.64, δ_B 3.50 (J = 11.9 Hz)]. Derivatization with 4.42 g (52.9 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 9 mL of pyridine in 50 mL of CH₃OH at -20 °C for 5 d gave 2.03 g of a residue, from which 0.68 g (15%) of **10e** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20:1).

5-(Chloromethyl)-3-(1-methoximinoethyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (10e): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.59 (s, 3 H), 1.66 (s, 3 H), 1.90 (s, 3 H), 3.58, AB-system, δ_A 3.66, δ_B 3.50 (J= 11.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 10.17, 18.34, 20.58, 46.42, 62.07, 108.21, 109.28, 155.47. ¹⁷O NMR.¹⁰ Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₄ClNO₄ (223.7): C, 42.96; H, 6.31; N, 6.26. Found: C, 43.28; H, 6.27; N, 6.42.

2-Butyne (7) and Trifluoroacetone (8f). A solution of 1.01 g (18.7 mmol) of **7** and 2.08 g (18.5 mmol) of **8f** in 70 mL

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of CH₂Cl₂ was ozonized at -75 °C to give 42% of **9f** [δ 1.61 (q), 1.63 (s), 2.31 (s)]. Derivatization with 3.12 g (37.4 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 7 mL of pyridine in 30 mL of methanol at -20 °C for 5 d gave 0.73 g of a residue, from which 0.40 g (9%) of **10f** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20:1).

3-(1-Methoximinoethyl)-3,5-dimethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,4-trioxolane (10f): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.66 (s, 3 H), 1.67 (q, J = 1.3 Hz, 3 H), 1.89 (s, 3 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 10.30, 15.73, 19.10, 62.13, 104.53 (q, J =34 Hz), 109.45, 121.75 (q, J = 289 Hz), 154.69. ¹⁷O NMR.¹⁰ Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₂F₃NO₄ (243.2): C, 39.51; H, 4.97; N, 5.76. Found: C, 39.79; H, 4.92; N, 5.90.

2-Butyne (7) and Cyclohexanone (8g). A solution of 0.90 g (16.7 mmol) of **7** and 1.64 g (16.8 mmol) of **8g** in 60 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was ozonized at -75 °C to give 8% of **9g** [δ 1.53 (s), 1.2–2.0 (m), 2.29 (s)]. Derivatization with 1.40 g (16.8 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 5 mL of pyridine in 20 mL of methanol at -20 °C for 5 d gave 1.0 g of a residue, from which 0.19 g (5%) of **10g** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20: 1).

3-(1-Methoximinoethyl)-3-methyl-1,2,4-trioxaspiro-[4.5]decane (10g): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.61 (s, 3 H), 1.30–1.90 (m, 10 H), 1.90 (s, 3 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 10.01, 21.53, 23.72, 23.88, 24.91, 33.40, 34.99, 61.96, 107.28, 110.57, 155.55. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 127 (s, C-O-C), 167 (s, N–OCH₃), 308 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₉NO₄ (229.3): C, 57.63; H, 8.35; N, 6.11. Found: C, 57.50; H, 8.27; N, 6.31.

2-Butyne (7) and Acetyl Cyanide (8h). A solution of 0.60 g (11.1 mmol) of **7** and 0.76 g (11.0 mmol) of **8h** in 80 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was ozonized at -75 °C to give 37% of **9h** [δ 1.72 (s), 1.88 (s), 2.28 (s)]. Derivatization with 1.85 g (22.2 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 5 mL of pyridine in 20 mL of methanol at -20 °C for 5 d gave 0.41 g of a residue, from which 0.31 g (14%) of **10h** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 10: 1).

5-Cyano-3-(1-methoximinoethyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (10h) : colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.80 (s, 3 H), 1.86 (s, 3 H), 1.89 (s, 3 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 9.77, 19.56, 20.38, 62.13, 98.63, 110.42, 116.45, 153.86. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 134 (s, C–O–C), 166 (s, N–OCH₃), 300 (s) and 322 (s) (O– O). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₂N₂O₄ (200.2): C, 48.00; H, 6.04; N, 13.99. Found: C, 48.30; H, 5.99; N, 13.83.

2-Butyne (7) and Methyl Formate (8i). (a) Isolation of 9i. A solution of 1.00 g (18.5 mmol) of **7** and 1.12 g (18.7 mmol) of **8i** in 60 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -75 °C to give 23% of **9i**. The solvent was distilled off at room temperature and reduced pressure, and from the residue (3 mL) 0.36 g (12%) of **9i** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 5:1).

3-Acetyl-5-methoxy-3-methyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (9i): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.65 (s, 3 H), 2.29 (s, 3 H), 3.45 (s, 3 H), 6.02 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 15.91, 24.99, 51.82, 107.60, 113.38, 203.57.

(b) Isolation of 10i. Ozonolysis of 1.24 g (23.0 mmol) of 7 and 1.38 g (23.0 mmol) of 8i in 60 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at -75 °C, followed by derivatization with 1.92 g (23.0 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 4 mL of pyridine in 20 mL of CH₃OH at 0 °C for 4 d, gave 0.48 g of a residue, from which 0.30 g (7%) of 10i was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 10:1).

3-(1-Methoximinoethyl)-5-methoxy-3-methyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (10i): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.71 (s, 3 H), 1.87 (s, 3 H), 3.45 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 6.06 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 10.18, 18.93, 51.50, 62.10, 108.08, 113.61, 154.62. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 37 (s, OCH₃), 126 (s, C–O–C), 160 (s, N–OCH₃), 303 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₇H₁₃NO₅ (191.2): C, 43.98; H, 6.85; N, 7.33. Found: C, 44.31; H, 6.65; N, 7.34.

2-Butyne (7) and Ethyl Formate (8j). (a) Isolation of 9j. A solution of 0.64 g (12.2 mmol) of 7 and 0.91 g (12.3 mmol) of **8j** in 40 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -75 °C and worked up as described for **9i** to give 0.30 g (14%) of **9j**.

3-Acetyl-5-ethoxy-3-methyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (9j): color-less liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.65 (s, 3 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 3.74 (m, 2 H), 6.05 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 14.79, 16.00, 24.32, 60.97, 107.45, 112.97, 203.67.

(b) Isolation of 10j. Ozonolysis of 1.08 g (20.0 mmol) of 7 and 1.48 g (20.0 mmol) of 8j in 60 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at -75 °C, followed by derivatization with 1.67 g (20.0 mmol) of *O*-

methylhydroxylamine and 4 mL of pyridine in 20 mL of CH₃OH at 0 °C for 4 d, gave 1.35 g of a residue, from which 0.37 g (9%) of **10j** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20:1).

5-Ethoxy-3-(1-methoximinoethyl)-3-methyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (10j): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.71 (s, 3 H), 1.87 (s, 3 H), 3.74 (m, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 6.08 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 10.13, 14.91, 19.09, 60.60, 62.05, 107.95, 113.26, 154.68. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 70 (s, OCH₂), 130 (s, C–O–C), 161 (s, N–OCH₃), 296 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₅NO₅ (205.2): C, 46.82; H, 7.37; N, 6.83. Found: C, 46.98; H, 7.28; N, 6.96.

Reductions of Ozonides 10a–**j.** A solution of ca. 20 mg of one of the ozonides in 1 mL of CDCl₃ was admixed with excess TPP at room temperature. ¹H NMR analysis after 12 h showed in each case the presence of **11** [δ 1.90 (s, 3 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 4.04 (s, 3 H)] and of the corresponding carbonyl compound **8** in a ratio of ca. 1:1.

2-Butyne (7) and Butanedione. A solution of 1.28 g (23.7 mmol) of **7** and 2.03 g (23.6 mmol) of butanedione in 40 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -100 °C to give a mixture of acetic anhydride and acetic acid. Derivatization at -75 °C for 5 d with 3.96 g (47.4 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 8 mL of pyridine in 30 mL of CH₃OH precooled to -75 °C gave 2.80 g of a residue, from which 0.60 g (10%) of **13b** has been isolated by flash chromatography (solvent: pentane/ether, 10:1), followed by HPLC separation (solvent: pentane/ether, 92:8).

3,5-Bis(1-methoximinoethyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (13b): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.65 (s, 3 H), 1.92 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 10.16, 20.07, 62.01, 108.39, 155.51. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 118 (s, C–O–C), 170 (s, N–OCH₃), 305 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₈N₂O₅ (246.3): C, 48.77; H, 7.37; N, 11.38. Found: C, 48.68; H, 7.27; N, 11.41.

Reduction of 13b. A solution of 20 mg of **13b** in 1 mL of $CDCl_3$ was admixed with excess TPP at room temperature. After 1 week, **11** was present as the only product of reduction.

3-Hexyne (14) and Acetaldehyde (15a). A solution of 1.07 g (13.1 mmol) of **14** and 0.57 g (13.0 mmol) of **15a** in 50 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -75 °C to give 35% of propionic anhydride [δ 1.19 (t, J = 7.4 Hz), 2.50 (q, J = 7.4 Hz)] and 65% of paraldehyde [δ 1.38 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 5.06 (q, J = 5.2 Hz)]. Derivatization with 2.17 g (26.0 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 5 mL of pyridine in 50 mL of CH₃OH at 0 °C for 5 d gave 1.21 g of a residue, from which 0.12 g (5%) of **17a** (isomer I) and 0.30 g (11%) of **17a** (isomer II) were isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 30:1).

3-Ethyl-3-(1-methoximinopropyl)-5-methyl-1,2,4-trioxolanes (17a). Isomer I: colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 0.98 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.45 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 3 H), 1.96 (m, 2 H), 2.31 (m, 2 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 5.45 (q, J = 5.0 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 7.81, 10.70, 17.51, 18.89, 28.26, 62.09, 102.20, 109.99, 157.82. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 115 (s, C–O–C), 156 (s, N–OCH₃), 301 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₇NO₄ (203.2): C, 53.19; H, 8.43; N, 6.89. Found: C, 53.47; H, 8.14; N, 6.83.

Isomer II: colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.00 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.48 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 3 H), 1.97 (m, 2 H), 2.34 (m, 2 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 5.35 (q, J = 4.9 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 7.40, 10.82, 15.52, 18.75, 27.09, 61.93, 102.16, 109.56, 160.02. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 112 (s, C–O–C), 157 (s, N–OCH₃), 302 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₇NO₄ (203.2): C, 53.19; H, 8.43; N, 6.89. Found: C, 52.79; H, 8.31; N, 6.94.

3-Hexyne (14) and Acetone (15b). A solution of 1.61 g (19.6 mmol) of **14** and 1.14 g (19.7 mmol) of **15b** in 80 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -75 °C to give 71% of **16b** [δ 0.98 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.47 (s, 3 H), 1.49 (s, 3 H), 1.86 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.67 (m, 2 H)] and propionic anhydride. Derivatization with 3.30 g (39.5 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 7 mL of pyridine in 30 mL of CH₃OH at 0 °C for 6 d gave 2.28 g of a residue, from which 1.01 g (24%) of **17b** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20: 1).

3-Ethyl-3-(1-methoximinopropyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1,2,4trioxolane (17b): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.05 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.49 (s, 3 H), 1.55 (s, 3 H), 1.90 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.32 (m, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 7.68, 10.73, 19.12, 23.19, 25.75, 27.44, 62.00, 109.63, 109.84, 159.85. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 122 (s, C–O–C), 163 (s, N–OCH₃), 304 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₉NO₄ (217.3): C, 55.28; H, 8.81; N, 6.45. Found: C, 55.27; H, 8.68; N, 6.53.

3-Hexyne (14) and Cyclohexanone (15c). A solution of 1.49 g (18.2 mmol) of **14** and 1.78 g (18.2 mmol) of **15c** in 70 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -75 °C to give 45% of **16c** [δ 0.98 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.30–1.90 (m), 1.86 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.68 (m, 2 H)] and propionic anhydride. Derivatization with 3.03 g (36.3 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 6 mL of pyridine in 30 mL of CH₃OH at 0 °C for 6 d gave 2.87 g of a residue, from which 1.18 g (25%) of **17c** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20: 1).

3-Ethyl-3-(1-methoximinopropyl)-1,2,4-trioxaspiro-[4.5]decane (17c): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 0.99 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.30–1.90 (m, 10 H), 1.91 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.32 (m, 2 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 7.74, 10.76, 19.05, 23.66, 23.95, 24.90, 27.68, 33.42, 35.08, 61.95, 109.25, 110.47, 159.65. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 120 (s, C–O–C), 160 (s, N–OCH₃), 319 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₂₃NO₄ (257.3): C, 60.68; H, 9.01; N, 5.44. Found: C, 60.95; H, 8.82; N 5.74.

3-Hexyne (14) and Acetyl Cyanide (15d). A solution of 1.43 g (17.4 mmol) of **14** and 1.25 g (17.4 mmol) of **15d** in 80 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -75 °C to give 52% of **16d** [δ 1.08 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 6 H), 1.86 (s, 3 H), 2.03 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.62 (m, 2 H)] and propionic anhydride. Derivatization with 2.91 g (34.9 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 5 mL of pyridine in 30 mL of CH₃OH at 0 °C for 6 d gave 0.56 g of a residue, from which 0.12 g (3%) of **17d** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20:1).

5-Cyano-3-ethyl-3-(1-methoximinopropyl)-5-methyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (17d): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.09 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 6 H), 1.91 (s, 3 H), 2.07 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.29 (m, 2 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 7.35, 10.65, 19.09, 20.87, 26.40, 62.23, 99.19, 112.31, 116.57, 158.26. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 111 (s, C-O-C), 152 (s, N-OCH₃), 316 (s, O-O). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₆N₂O₄ (228.3): C, 52.62; H, 7.07; N, 12.27. Found: C, 52.91; H, 7.02; N, 12.41.

3-Hexyne (14) and Methyl Formate (15e). (a) Isolation of 16e. A solution of 1.05 g (12.8 mmol) of **14** and 0.77 g (12.8 mmol) of **15e** in 60 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -75 °C to give 79% of **16e** and propionic anhydride. The solvent was distilled off at room temperature and reduced pressure, and from the residue (3 mL) 1.05 g (43%) of **16e** was isolated.

5-Methoxy-3-ethyl-3-propionyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (16e): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.98 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.65 (m, 2 H), 3.44 (s, 3 H), 5.98 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 6.91, 7.09, 23.42, 30.52, 52.02, 109.76, 113.31, 206.93.

(b) Isolation of 17e. The above-described ozonolysis of 14 and 15e was repeated. Derivatization with 1.02 g (12.2 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 2 mL of pyridine in 20 mL of CH₃OH at 0 °C for 6 d gave 1.23 g of a residue, from which 0.48 g (18%) of 17e was isolated.

3-Ethyl-3-(1-methoximinopropyl)-5-methoxy-1,2,4-trioxolane (17e): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.05 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 2.00 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.28 (m, 2 H), 3.44 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 6.03 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 7.49, 10.48, 19.17, 25.67, 51.68, 62.11, 110.12, 113.56, 158.62. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 61 (s, C–OCH₃), 131 (s, N–OCH₃), 159 (s, C–O–C), 316 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₇NO₅ (219.2): C, 49.31; H, 7.82; N, 6.39. Found: C, 49.38; H, 7.84; N, 6.51.

3-Hexyne (14) and Ethyl Formate (15f). (a) Isolation of 16f. A solution of 1.18 g (14.4 mmol) of 14 and 1.07 g (14.5 mmol) of 15f in 60 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -75 °C to give 70% of 16f and propionic anhydride. The solvent was distilled off at room temperature and reduced pressure, and from the residue (4 mL) 1.05 g (36%) of 16f was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 6:1).

5-Ethoxy-3-ethyl-3-propionyl-1,2,4-trioxolane (16f): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.02 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.98 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.64 (m, 2 H), 3.74 (m, 2 H), 6.02 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 6.98, 7.16, 14.83, 23.60, 30.59. 61.16, 109.72, 112.90, 207.13.

(b) Isolation of 17f. A solution of 1.69 g (20.6 mmol) of 14 and 1.53 g (20.7 mmol) of 15f in 70 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -75 °C. Derivatization with 2.58 g (30.9 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 5 mL of pyridine in 30 mL of CH₃OH at 0 °C for 6 d gave 1.40 g of a residue, from which 0.78 g (16%) of 17f was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 20: 1).

5-Ethoxy-3-ethyl-3-(1-methoximinopropyl)-1,2,4-trioxolane (17f): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.05 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.97 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.28 (m, 2 H), 3.73 (m, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 6.07 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 7.52, 10.51, 14.93, 19.18, 25.79, 60.71, 62.10, 110.01, 113.14, 158.73. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 69 (s, OCH₂), 134 (s, N–OCH₃), 173 (s, C–O–C), 304 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₉NO₅ (233.3): C, 51.49; H, 8.21; N, 6.00. Found: C, 51.26; H, 8.19; N, 6.07.

Reductions of Ozonides 17a–**f.** A solution of ca. 20 mg of one of the ozonides in 1 mL of CDCl₃ was admixed with excess TPP at room temperature. ¹H NMR analyses after 6–12 h showed in each case the presence of **18** [δ 0.98 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 2.47 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.80 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 4.02 (s, 3 H)] and of the corresponding carbonyl compound **15** in a ratio of ca. 1:1.

Ozonolyses of 1,4-Dibenzoxy-2-butyne (19a). (a) In the Presence of Acetone. A solution of 0.25 g (0.9 mmol) of **19a** and 0.10 g (1.7 mmol) of acetone in 10 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C to give 56% of **22a**.

(b) In the Absence of Acetone. A solution of 1.96 g (6.7 mmol) of **19a** in 60 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C to give 94% of **22a**. The solvent was distilled off at room temperature and reduced pressure, and from the residue (4 mL) 1.60 g (70%) of **22a** was isolated.

5-(Benzoxymethyl)-4-oxo-1-phenyl-2,6,7,8-tetraoxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (22a): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 4.70, AB-system, δ_A 4.82, δ_B 4.58 (J = 17.5 Hz, 2 H), 4.94, ABsystem, δ_A 4.99, δ_B 4.89 (J = 13.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.30–8.20 (m, 10 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 56.44, 67.89, 103.89, 119.20, 126.97, 128.45, 128.48, 129.04, 129.40, 129.92, 131.08, 133.51, 165.40, 193.33.

(c) In Dichloromethane Followed by Treatment with O-Methyl hydroxylamine. A solution of 3.26 g (11.1 mmol) of **19a** in 70 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C. Derivatization with 1.39 g (16.7 mmol) of O-methylhydroxylamine and 3 mL of pyridine in 20 mL of CH_3OH at 0 °C for 9 d gave 4.25 g of a residue, from which 0.47 g (11%) of **23ac** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 9:1).

5-(Benzoxymethyl)-4-methoximino-1-phenyl-2,6,7,8-tetraoxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (23ac): colorless solid; mp 96.5 °C. ¹H NMR: δ 3.92 (s, 3 H), 4.95, AB-system, δ_A 5.04, δ_B 4.86 (J= 16.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.05, AB-system, δ_A 5.09, δ_B 5.01 (J= 13.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.30-8.20 (m, 10 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 57.65, 58.72, 62.95, 104.56, 118.90, 126.81, 128.32, 128.45, 129.53, 129.96, 130.71, 130.77, 133.34, 146.91, 165.68. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₇NO₇ (371.4): C, 61.45; H, 4.61; N, 3.77. Found: C, 61.68; H, 4.89; N, 3.96.

Reduction of 23ac. A solution of 20 mg of **23ac** in 1 mL of CDCl₃ was admixed with excess TPP at room temperature. ¹H NMR analysis after 2 d showed the presence of **24a** as the sole product of reduction [δ 4.14 (s, 3 H), 5.16 (s, 2 H), 5.45 (s, 2 H), 7.30–8.20 (m, 10 H).

(d) In Dichloromethane Followed by Treatment with Hydroxylamine. A solution of 2.92 g (9.9 mmol) of **19a** in 60 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C. Derivatization with 1.04 g (15.0 mmol) of NH_2OH ·HCl and 3 mL of pyridine in 5 mL of H_2O and 30 mL of CH_3OH at 0 °C for 10 d gave 4.54 g of a residue, from which 0.15 g (4%) of **23ad** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 4:1).

5-(Benzoxymethyl)-4-hydroximino-1-phenyl-2,6,7,8-tetraoxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (23ad): colorless solid; mp 119 °C. ¹H NMR: δ 5.04, AB-system, δ_A 5.16, δ_B 4.92 (J = 16.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.06, AB-system, δ_A 5.09, δ_B 5.03 (J = 12.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.30–8.20 (m, 10 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 57.88, 58.51, 104.64, 119.01, 126.86, 128.37, 128.53, 129.31, 130.07, 130.66, 130.80, 133.58, 148.43, 166.19. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₅NO₇ (357.3): C, 60.51; H, 4.23; N, 3.92. Found: C, 60.76; H, 4.51; N, 4.26.

(e) In Dichloromethane Followed by Treatment with Diazomethane. A solution of 4.27 g (14.5 mmol) of 19a in

80 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C, and a solution of 2.8 g (66.7 mmol) of diazomethane in 200 mL of ether was dropwise added with stirring within 30 min. Stirring was continued for 2 h at room temperature. Then the solvent was evaporated at room temperature, and from the residue (6.8 g), 2.17 g (42%) of **25a** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 6:1).

4-(Benzoxymethyl)-4,7-epoxy-7-phenyl-1,5,6,8-tetraoxaspiro[2.6]nonane (25a): colorless solid; mp 78 °C. ¹H NMR: δ 2.97 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.27 (dd, J = 3.8 and 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.76 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.82 (dd, J = 11.2 and 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.64, AB-system, δ_A 4.66, δ_B 4.62 (J = 12.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.30–8.20 (m, 10 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 52.58, 54.54, 57.16, 64.29, 107.30, 118.92, 127.03, 128.34, 128.51, 129.15, 129.55, 129.89, 130.86, 133.48, 165.50. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₇ (356.3): C, 64.04; H, 4.53. Found: C, 64.09; H, 4.56.

Reduction of 25a. A solution of 30 mg of **25a** in 1 mL of CDCl₃ was admixed with excess DMS at room temperature. ¹H NMR analysis after 2 h showed the presence of **26a** as the sole product of reduction [δ 3.28, AB-system, δ_A 3.33, δ_B 3.23 (J = 4.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.76, AB-system, δ_A 5.09, δ_B 4.43 (J = 12.5 Hz, 2 H), 4.99, AB-system, δ_A 5.05, δ_B 4.93 (J = 17.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.30–8.20 (m, 10 H)].

Ozonolyses of 1,4-Diacetoxy-2-butyne (19b). (a) In the Presence of Acetone. A solution of 0.50 g (2.9 mmol) of 19b and 0.34 g (5.9 mmol) of acetone in 40 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C to give 70% of 22b.

(b) In the Absence of Acetone. A solution of 0.94 g (5.5 mmol) of **19b** in 50 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C to give 81% of **22b**, of which 0.70 g (58%) was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 3:7).

5-(Acetoxymethyl)-1-methyl-4-oxo-2,6,7,8-tetraoxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (22b): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.85 (s, 3 H), 2.14 (s, 3 H), 4.46, AB-system, δ_A 4.59, δ_B 4.33 (J =17.5 Hz, 2 H), 4.58, AB-system, δ_A 4.65, δ_B 4.51 (J = 13.1 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 18.84, 20.44, 56.03, 67.45, 102.98, 120.33, 169.73, 193.28.

(c) In Dichloromethane Followed by Treatment with O-Methylhydroxylamine. A solution of 2.05 g (12.1 mmol) of **19b** in 60 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C. Derivatization with 1.51 g (18.1 mmol) of O-methylhydroxylamine and 3 mL of pyridine in 20 mL of CH_3OH at 0 °C for 5 d gave 1.14 g of a residue, from which 0.27 g (9%) of **23b** was isolated.

5-[Acetoxymethyl]-4-methoximino-1-methyl-2,6,7,8tetraoxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (23bc): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.76 (s, 3 H), 2.14 (s, 3 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 4.68, ABsystem, δ_A 4.78, δ_B 4.58 (J = 16.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.70, AB-system, δ_A 4.75, δ_B 4.65 (J = 13.3 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 19.36, 20.53, 57.09, 58.13, 62.83, 103.59, 119.93, 146.84, 169.96. Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₃NO₇ (247.2): C, 43.73; H, 5.30; N, 5.67. Found: C, 43.95; H, 5.33; N, 5.86.

Reduction of 23bc. A solution of 20 mg of **23bc** in 1 mL of CDCl₃ was admixed with an excess of TPP at room temperature. ¹H NMR analysis after 4 h showed the presence of **24b** as the sole product of reduction [δ 2.05 (s, 3 H), 2.19 (s, 3 H), 4.13 (s, 3 H), 4.88 (s, 2 H), 5.16 (s, 2 H)].

(d) In Dichloromethane Followed by Treatment with Hydroxylamine. A solution of 5.56 g (32.7 mmol) of **19b** in 100 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C. Derivatization with 3.40 g (48.9 mmol) of $H_2NOH \cdot HCl$ and 10 mL of pyridine in 20 mL of H_2O and 50 mL of CH_3OH at 0 °C for 6 d gave 1.71 g of a residue, from which 0.76 g (10%) of **23bd** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 3:7).

5-(Acetoxymethyl)-4-hydroximino-1-methyl-2,6,7,8-tetraoxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (23bd): colorless solid; mp 86.5 °C. ¹H NMR: δ 1.78 (s, 3 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H), 4.69, AB-system, δ_A 4.75, δ_B 4.63 (J = 13.2 Hz, 2 H), 4.78, AB-system, δ_A 4.90, δ_B 4.66 (J = 16.4 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 19.33, 20.63, 57.39, 57.89, 103.61, 120.04, 148.25, 170.56. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₁NO₇ (233.2): C, 41.21; H, 4.75; N, 6.01. Found: C, 41.07; H, 4.81; N, 6.04.

(e) In Dichloromethane Followed by Treatment with Diazomethane. A solution of 3.21 g (18.9 mmol) of **19b** in 80 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C, and a solution of 2.8 g (66.7 mmol) of diazomethane in 200 mL of ether was dropwise added with stirring within 30 min. Stirring was

continued for 2 h at room temperature. Then the solvent was evaporated at room temperature, and from the residue (5.9 g), 1.67 g (38%) of **25b** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 6:1).

4-(Acetoxymethyl)-4,7-epoxy-7-methyl-1,5,6,8-tetraoxaspiro[2.6]nonane (25b): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.76 (s, 3 H), 2.13 (s, 3 H), 2.90 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.16 (dd, J = 3.9 and 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.50 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.56 (dd, J = 11.2 and 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.30, AB-system, δ_A 4.35, δ_B 4.25 (J= 12.8 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 18.24, 20.45, 52.45, 54.20, 56.59, 63.84, 106.36, 119.90, 169.75. Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₂O₇ (232.2): C, 46.56; H, 5.21. Found: C, 46.69; H, 5.24.

Reduction of 25b. A solution of 20 mg of **25b** in 1 mL of CDCl₃ was admixed with excess TPP at room temperature. ¹H NMR analysis after 6 h showed the presence of **26b** as the sole product of reduction [δ 2.07 (s, 3 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H), 3.15, AB-system, δ_A 3.19, δ_B 3.11 (J= 4.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.46, AB-system, δ_A 4.85, δ_B 4.07 (J= 12.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.70, AB-system, δ_A 4.77, δ_B 4.63 (J= 17.6 Hz, 2 H)].

Ozonolyses of 1-Benzoxy-2-butyne (27a). (a) In the Presence of Acetone. A solution of 0.15 g (0.9 mmol) of 27a and 0.10 g (1.7 mmol) of acetone in 10 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C to give 44% of **31a**.

(b) In the Absence of Acetone. A solution of 2.67 g (15.3 mmol) of **27a** in 80 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was ozonized at -30 °C to give 55% of **31a** as shown by ¹H NMR analysis [δ 1.74 (s, 3 H), 4.65, AB-system, δ_A 4.76, δ_B 3.54 (J= 17.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.30–7.80 (m, 5 H)].

(c) In Dichloromethane Followed by Treatment with *O*-Methylhydroxylamine. The above experiment was repeated. Derivatization with 1.92 g (23.0 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 4 mL of pyridine in 30 mL of CH₃OH at 0 °C for 6 d gave 1.57 g of a residue, from which 0.23 g (7%) of **32a** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 9:1).

4-Methoximino-5-methyl-1-phenyl-2,6,7,8-tetraoxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (32a): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.85 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 4.90, AB-system, δ_A 4.99, δ_B 3.81 (J = 16.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.30–7.80 (m, 5 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 14.98, 58.86, 62.66, 106.43, 111.85, 126.69, 128.32, 130.52, 131.52, 148.88. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NO₅ (251.2): C, 57.37; H, 5.22; N, 5.58. Found: C, 57.23; H, 5.45; N, 5.26.

Reduction of 32a. A solution of 20 mg of **32a** in 1 mL of CDCl₃ was admixed with excess TPP at room temperature. ¹H NMR analysis after 1 h showed the presence of **33a** as the sole product of reduction [δ 2.44 (s, 3 H), 4.11 (s, 3 H), 5.13 (s, 2 H), 7.30–8.10 (m, 5 H)].

(d) In Dichloromethane Followed by Treatment with Diazomethane. A solution of 3.91 g (22.5 mmol) of **27a** in 80 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C, and a solution of 2.8 g (66.7 mmol) of diazomethane in 200 mL of ether was added dropwise with stirring within 30 min. Stirring was continued for 2 h at room temperature. Then the solvent was evaporated at room temperature, and from the residue (5.20 g), 0.75 g (14%) of **34a** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 9:1).

4,7-Epoxy-4-methyl-7-phenyl-1,5,6,8-tetraoxaspiro-[2.6]nonane (34a): colorless solid; mp 62 °C. ¹H NMR: δ 1.51 (s, 3 H), 2.89 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.03 (dd, J = 4.2 and 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.71 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.77 (dd, J = 11.1 and 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.30–7.80 (m, 5 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 13.07, 52.79, 54.73, 64.00, 109.51, 118.65, 126.89, 128.34, 130.55, 130.67. ¹⁷O NMR: δ –11 (s, epoxy-O), 73 (s, C–O–CH₂), 162 (s, C–O–C), 302 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂O₅ (236.2): C, 61.01; H, 5.12. Found: C, 60.85; H, 4.83.

Reduction of 34a. A solution of 20 mg of **34a** in 1 mL of CDCl₃ was admixed with excess TPP at room temperature. ¹H NMR analysis after 12 h showed the presence of **35a** as the sole product of reduction [δ 2.14 (s, 3 H), 3.11, AB-system, δ_A 3.13, δ_B 3.09 (J = 4.9 Hz, 2 H), 4.74, AB-system, δ_A 5.01, δ_B 4.47 (J = 12.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.40–8.10 (m, 5 H)].

Ozonolyses of 1-Acetoxy-2-butyne (27b). (a) In the Presence of Acetone. A solution of 0.20 g (1.8 mmol) of 27b and 0.21 g (3.6 mmol) of acetone in 10 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C to give 20% of **31b**.

(b) In the Absence of Acetone. A solution of 1.98 g (17.7 mmol) of 27b in 60 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was ozonized at -30 °C to

give 38% of **31b**, as shown by ¹H NMR analysis [δ 1.62 (s, 3 H), 1.80 (s, 3 H), 4.42, AB-system, δ_A 4.55, δ_B 4.29, J = 17.4 Hz)].

(c) In Dichloromethane Followed by Treatment with *O*-Methylhydroxylamine. The above experiment was repeated. Derivatization with 2.21 g (26.5 mmol) of *O*-methylhydroxylamine and 5 mL of pyridine in 50 mL of CH₃OH at -20 °C for 5 d gave 1.36 g of a residue, from which 0.43 g (13%) of **32b** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 30:1). **4-Methoximino-1,5-dimethyl-2,6,7,8-tetraoxabicyclo-**

4-Methoximino-1,5-dimethyl-2,6,7,8-tetraoxabicyclo-[3.2.1]octane (32b): colorless liquid. ¹H NMR: δ 1.72 (s, 3 H), 1.74 (s, 3 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 4.66, AB-system, δ_A 4.76, δ_B 4.56 (J= 16.4 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 14.79, 19.62, 58.22, 62.47, 105.51, 119.75, 148.86. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 60 (s, C–O–CH₂), 156 (s, C–O–C and N–OCH₃), 296 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₇H₁₁NO₅ (189.2): C, 44.45; H, 5.86; N, 7.40. Found: C, 44.42; H, 5.79; N, 7.67.

Reduction of 32b. A solution of 20 mg of **32b** in 1 mL of CDCl₃ was admixed with an excess of TPP at room temperature. ¹H NMR analysis after 12 h showed the presence of **33b** as the sole product of reduction [δ 2.03 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 4.09 (s, 3 H), 4.89 (s, 2 H)].

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2.8 g (66.7 mmol) of diazomethane in 200 mL of ether was added dropwise with stirring within 30 min. Stirring was continued for 2 h at room temperature, and from the residue (4.3 g), 0.56 g (13%) of **34b** was isolated (solvent: pentane/ ether, 5:1).

4,7-Epoxy-4,7-dimethyl-1,5,6,8,-tetraoxaspiro[2.6]nonane (34b): colorless solid; mp 86.5 °C. ¹H NMR: δ 1.40 (s, 3 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H), 2.86 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.00 (dd, J = 4.2and 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.48 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.54 (dd, J = 11.1and 2.0 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: δ 12.85, 18.55, 52.58, 54.47, 63.47, 108.63, 119.50. ¹⁷O NMR: δ 2 (s, epoxy-O), 72 (s, C–O–CH₂), 159 (s, C–O–C), 312 (s, O–O). Anal. Calcd for C₇H₁₀O₅ (174.2): C, 48.28; H, 5.79. Found: C, 48.51; H, 5.68.

Reduction of 34b. A solution of 20 mg of **34b** in 1 mL of CDCl₃ was admixed with excess TPP at room temperature. ¹H NMR analysis after 1 h showed the presence of **35b** as the sole product of reduction [δ 2.07 (s, 3 H), 2.10 (s, 3 H), 3.07 (s, 2 H), 4.46, AB-system, δ_A 4.79, δ_B 4.13 (J = 12.4 Hz, 2 H)].

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