$(CO)_8(\mu\text{-}(\mu^2\text{-}C{\equiv}CPh))$, as the major product.[13]

A very interesting and novel photochemical reaction pathway for III is seen in the photochemical reaction of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$ with ethylene. Although the major product of this photolysis is IIIe, we observe the formation of IIIb and IIIf[14] in 10–15% yield each. These 1-butenyl compounds are isomers that differ only in the mode of coordination of the 1-butenyl ligand. They apparently result from subsequent photochemical reaction of IIIe. Photolysis of a solution of IIIe under 1 atm of C_2H_4 produces approximately equal amounts of IIIb and IIIf. This reaction, which represents a dimerization of ethylene, is not observed in the thermal reactions of III with C_2H_4. The initial reaction process is probably photodissociation of CO from III, inasmuch as photolysis of IIIb in the presence of 1 equiv of pyridine yields a substituted compound, $(\mu\text{-H})Re_2(CO)_7(\mu\text{-}(\eta^2\text{-}CH{=}CHC_2H_5))py$,[15] as the major product. Photodissociation of CO from IIIe would create a vacant site for coordination of an ethylene molecule, which could then undergo an insertion into the Re–H or Re–CH:CH_2 bond, followed by rearrangement to yield the butenyl products. It is noteworthy that IIIf is not produced to any appreciable extent (<1%) in the photolysis of $Re_2(CO)_{10}$ under a 1-butene atmosphere. Studies of the photochemical reactions of other derivatives of III with ethylene and other small molecules are in progress.

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Registry No. IIIa, 82638-69-5; IIIb, 82621-39-4; IIIc, 82621-40-7; IIId, 82621-41-8; IIIe, 82621-42-9; IIIf, 82621-43-0; $(\mu\text{-H})Re_2(CO)_8(\pm\text{-}(\eta^2\text{-CPh}))$, 82621-44-1; $Re_2(CO)_{10}$, 14285-68-8; *dieg*-1,2-$Re_2(CO)_8(py)_2$, 67605-95-2; Re, 7440-15-5; propylene, 115-07-1; 1-butene, 106-98-9; 1-hexene, 592-41-6; *cis*-2-butene, 590-18-1; *trans*-2-butene, 624-64-6; phenyl acetylene, 536-74-3; ethylene, 74-85-1.

(13) $(\mu\text{-H})Re_2(CO)_8(\mu\text{-}(\eta^2\text{-C}{\equiv}CPh))$: IR 2119 (vw), 2094 (w), 2023 (s), 2002 (m), 1982 (ms) cm^{-1} (heptane solution); ^1H NMR (360 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ −13.01 (s, 1 H, μ-H), 7.57 (m, 2 H, α-H), 7.44 (m, 3 H, β- and γ-H); *m/e* (M^+) 698 (70 eV EIMS, Re_2 372).

(14) IIIf: ^1H NMR (90 MHz, $CDCl_3$) β −14.42 (s, 1 H, μ-H), 5.76 (d, 1 H, H_1 or H_3), 4.06 (d, 1 H, H_1 or H_3), 2.88 (q, 2 H, CH_2), 1.31 (t, 3 H, CH_3), $^3J_{H_1\text{-}H_3}$ = 2.2 Hz, $^3J_{CH_2\text{-}CH_3}$ = 7.4 Hz.

(15) Two isomers of this product are obtained.

Stereocontrolled Total Synthesis of (±)-Saframycin B

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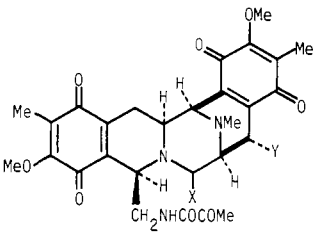
Saframycin B (**2**) was isolated as a satellite antibiotic from



1 X = CN, Y = H

2 X = Y = H

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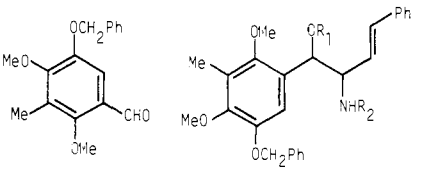
cultures of *Streptomyces lavendulae*, which is known to produce streptothricins.[1] Saframycin B and its congeners A (**1**), C(**3**), D, and E have been shown to be active against Gram-positive bacteria. Saframycins also exhibit antitumor activities, with saframycin A being particularly active.[1,2] The structure of saframycin B was elucidated by comparison of spectroscopic data with saframycin C, whose structure had been determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis.[3] Saframycin B represents a hitherto unknown class of compounds with bisquinone attached to a piperazine ring.[4] In this communication we report the first total synthesis of (±)-saframycin B.

The highly substituted benzaldehyde **4** was prepared from



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5 R_1 = COPh, R_2 = CHO

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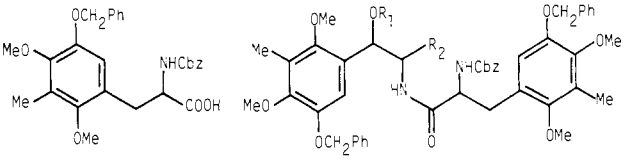

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8 R_1 = H, R_2 = CH=CHPh

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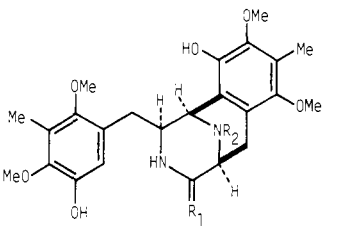

16 R_1 = O, R_2 = H

17 R_1 = O, R_2 = Me

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readily available 2,4-dimethoxy-3-methylbenzaldehyde[5] in seven steps [(1) 37% HCHO–H_2O, HCl, reflux; (2) NaOAc, AcOH, reflux; (3) *m*-CPBA, $CHCl_3$, reflux;[5] (4) Et_3N, MeOH, room temperature; (5) $PhCH_2Br$, K_2CO_3, DMF, 80 °C; (6) 3 N NaOH, MeOH, room temperature; (7) PCC, CH_2Cl_2, room temperature] in 76% overall yield. Addition of the carbanion of cinnamyl isocyanide, generated by 1.1 equiv of *n*-butyllithium at −78 °C, to the aldehyde **4** followed by esterification (PhCOCl, THF, −78 °C to room temperature) and hydration of the isocyanide (3 N HCl, THF, room temperature) gave a diastereomeric mixture (1:1) of the formamide **5** in 92% overall yield.[6] Upon basic hydrolysis

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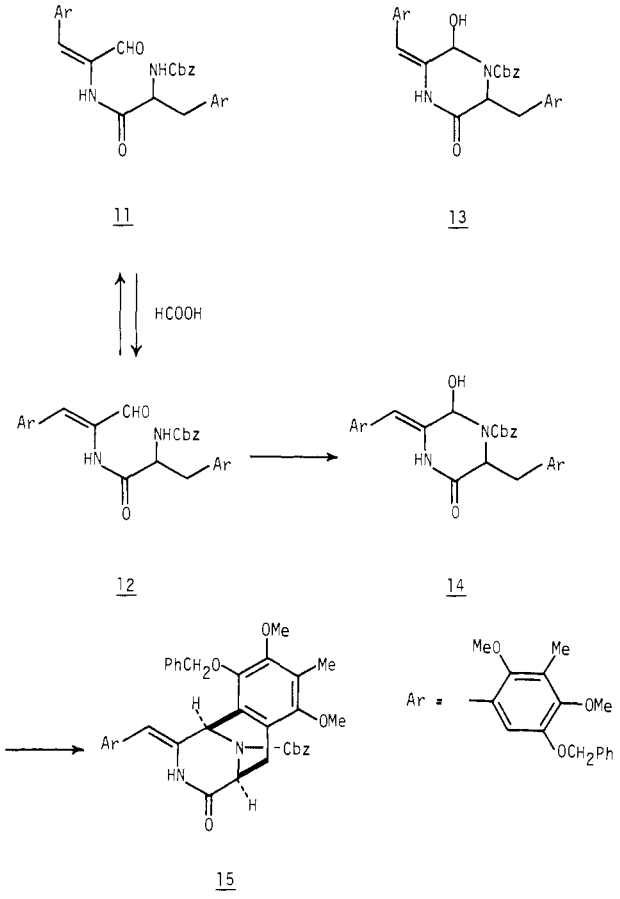
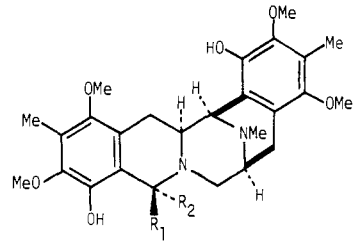
Scheme I



(3 N NaOH, MeOH, room temperature) **5** yielded the amino alcohol **6** (83%). The *N*-carbobenzoxy amino acid **7** was prepared from the aldehyde **4** in six steps [(1) $CNCH_2CO_2Et$, KH, THF, 0 °C;[6] (2) H_2, Raney Ni-W2, EtOH, 80 °C, 1200 psi; (3) $PhCH_2Br$, K_2CO_3, DMF, 80 °C; (4) HCl, EtOH, 60 °C; (5) $PhCH_2OCOCl$, $PhNMe_2$, CH_2Cl_2, room temperature; (6) 3 N NaOH, MeOH, room temperature, acidic workup] in 84% overall yield.

Condensation of the amine **6** and the acid **7** was carried out by means of DCC (CH_2Cl_2, room temperature) to give the amide **8** (83%), which was then converted to the acetate **9** (Ac_2O, Py, 60 °C, 98%). The crucial double cyclization to form a benzobicyclo[3.3.1] system was performed in a three-step sequence. Careful ozonolysis of **9** (50% MeOH–CH_2Cl_2, −78 °C) followed by treatment with dimethyl sulfide produced a diastereomeric mixture of the unstable aldehydes **10**. Upon treatment with 1.5 equiv of DBU (CH_2Cl_2, 0 °C) **10** yielded a mixture of cis- and trans-α,β-unsaturated aldehydes, **11** and **12** (1:1). When heated in formic acid (60 °C, 20 min), the mixture, **11** and **12**, was exclusively converted to the desired bicyclic compound **15**[7] in 74% overall yield from **9**.[8,9] This highly selective cyclization can be explained in terms of the rapid isomerization of **11** to **12** through protonation–deprotonation of the enamide and the unfavorable cyclization of **11** to **13** presumably due to steric compression of the bulky aromatic ring[10] (Scheme I).

Catalytic hydrogenation of **15** (H_2, Raney Ni-W2, EtOH, 100 °C, 1000 psi) occurred from the less hindered side to give **16** as the sole product which, upon reductive alkylation (H_2, 37% HCHO–H_2O, Raney Ni-W2, EtOH, room temperature, 1000 psi), yielded the *N*-methylamine **17** (75% from **15**). Reduction of the lactam **17** to the amine **18** (AlH_3, THF, room temperature) followed by phenolic cyclization[11] ($CbzNHCH_2CHO$, CH_3CN, 70 °C, 45 min) gave the desired cyclized compound **19** and the



19 $R_1 = CH_2NHCbz$, $R_2 = H$

20 $R_1 = H$, $R_2 = CH_2NHCbz$

21 $R_1 = CH_2NHCOCOMe$, $R_2 = H$

epimer **20**, 6:1, respectively,[12] in 75% yield. Deprotection of the carbobenzoxy group of **19** (H_2, 10% Pd–C, AcOH, room temperature, 1 atm) and subsequent acylation with pyruvyl chloride ($PhNMe_2$, CH_2Cl_2, room temperature) provided the pyruvamide **21** in 72% yield. Finally, oxidation of the phenol **21** using ceric ammonium nitrate[13] (THF–H_2O (3:1), 0 °C) gave (±)-saframycin B (**2**) in 37% yield. The synthetic saframycin B (mp 175–180 °C dec) was identical with natural saframycin B in TLC behavior and spectral (^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, MS, and UV) properties.

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Registry No. 2, 82660-65-9; **4**, 82622-02-4; (R*,R*)-**5**, 82622-03-5; (R*,S*)-**5**, 82622-04-6; R*,R*)-**6**, 82622-05-7; R*,S*)-**6**, 82622-06-8; **7**, 82622-07-9; **8**, 82638-77-5; **9**, 82638-78-6; **10**, 82622-08-0; **11**, 82622-09-1; **12**, 82622-11-5; **16**, 82622-12-6; **17**, 82622-13-7; **18**, 82622-14-8; **19**, 82638-79-7; **20**, 82660-66-0; **21**, 82638-80-0; 2,4-dimethoxy-3-methylbenzaldehyde, 7149-92-0; cinnamyl isocyanide, 74530-92-0; pyruvyl chloride, 5704-66-5.

Supplementary Material Available: Listing of spectral data for key intermediates in this work (1 page). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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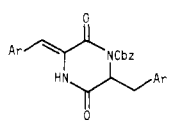

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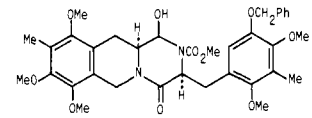
(8) Atempted cyclization of ii under the same conditions was unsuccessful. On the other hand, the corresponding trans compound cyclized immediately.



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(10) Purification of **12** by silica gel TLC caused partial cyclization to form **14**, whereas **11** was isolated without being contaminated by **13**.

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(12) The ratio varied from 11:1 (CH_3CN, room temperature, 3 days) to 4:3 (*t*-AmOH, 100 °C, 30 min).

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