Registry No. 1, 23560-25-0; 3, 89486-33-9; 7, 76069-04-0; 8, 61057-05-4; 9, 52890-26-3; 10, 89486-34-0; 11, 76069-03-9; 13, 89486-35-1; 14, 89486-36-2; **15**, 89486-37-3; **16**, 61057-08-7; **17**, 61057-09-8; 3- $ClC_6H_4NPh^-$, 78525-46-9; (4-Br C_6H_4) $_2N^-$, 79990-95-7; PhCON(Ph)-CH₂Ph, 19672-91-4; m-CF₃C₆H₄CH₂Cl, 705-29-3; PhCH₂Cl, 100-44-7; Ph₂NCH₂Ph, 606-87-1; 3-chlorocarbazole anion, 80010-03-3; 3,6-dibromocarbazole anion, 79990-92-4; 2-chlorophenothiazine anion, 79990-93-5; 3,7-dibromophenothiazine anion, 79990-94-6; N-benzylphenoxazine, 89486-38-4; N-(m-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)carbazole, 89486-39-5; N-benzylphenothiazine, 58478-75-4.

Total Synthesis of Anhydrocannabisativene

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Abstract: A stereoselective total synthesis of the macrocyclic spermidine alkaloid anhydrocannabisativene (2) has been executed in approximately 17 steps starting from pentadienylsilane 6. The pivotal step in construction of the tetrahydropyridine ring and for establishing the relative stereochemistry of the alkaloid involved an intramolecular imino Diels-Alder cycloaddition. An intramolecular sulfonamide alkylation was subsequently used to generate the 13-membered macrocyclic lactam ring of

The common marijuana plant Cannabis sativa is the source of several non-cannabinoid nitrogeneous compounds including the interesting spermidine alkaloids cannabisativene (1) and anhydrocannabisativene (2).1,2 In recent years there has been con-

siderable interest in developing synthetic routes to such macrocyclic spermine- and spermidine-derived alkaloids.^{3,4} We have previously described some model studies involving intramolecular Diels-Alder reactions of imino dienophiles which allow ready construction of trans-2,6-disubstituted tetrahydropyridines related to 1 and 2.5.6 We now describe the application of this methodology to an efficient stereospecific total synthesis of racemic anhydrocannabisativene.

The required starting material for our imino Diels-Alder approach to 2 was diene alcohol 4. Initially this compound was prepared by addition of pentadienyllithium $(3)^{7.8}$ to *n*-hexanal,

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Scheme I

Scheme II

4 —
$$H_2N_1$$
 G_2N_2 G_2N_3 G_2N_4 G_2N_4

but this procedure was unattractive in that it afforded a 1:1 mixture of the desired diene alcohol 4 and the unwanted isomer 5 (Scheme I). Attempts to convert 5 to 4 via an anion-accelerated [1,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement using the conditions described by Wilson et al.9 were unsuccessful. A much better route to 4 was eventually developed using the pentadienylsilane 6 recently described by Seyferth 10a and Sakurai. 10b This compound, which is readily prepared from 3 by treatment with trimethylsilyl chloride, reacted with 1-hexanal in the presence of titanium tetrachloride to produce only the desired conjugated diene alcohol 4 (69%).10

This alcohol was next transformed to the corresponding carbamate 7 by using the cyanate procedure of Loev and Kormendy¹¹ (Scheme II) in 95% yield. The carbamate reacted with anhydrous

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Scheme III

methyl glyoxylate12 in refluxing acetone to give an intermediate methylol, which without purification was acetylated to afford methylol acetate 8 as a mixture of stereoisomers (97%). This material, upon heating in toluene containing an equivalent of Hunig's base in a sealed tube at 215 °C for 3 h, afforded a single bicyclic adduct 9 (83%).14,15 The structure and relative stereochemistry of 9 were unambiguously established by a single-crystal X-ray analysis of acid 10, produced by mild basic hydrolysis of the methyl ester (96%).13

The formation of 9 can be rationalized if one assumes that 8 thermally loses acetic acid to produce an intermediate N-acylimine, which subsequently undergoes an intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction.6 On the basis of previous model studies, we anticipated that a trans relationship of the hydrogens flanking nitrogen would be produced in the cycloadduct.⁵ This relative stereochemistry is probably generated from an E acyl imine in a Diels-Alder transition state having the nitrogen carbonyl group endo to the diene moiety (Scheme III).

More surprising was the high stereoselectivity with which the remote chiral center of 9 was established. Thus, the cycloaddition must be occurring via the conformation shown in 11 in which the bridging atoms assume a quasi-boat and the large pentyl group is quasi-equatorial. The related quasi-chair conformation 12 would afford the stereoisomeric adduct 13, which was not detected in the cycloaddition. The primary difference between these two conformations readily detectable from inspection of molecular models is a nonbonded "flagpole" hydrogen interaction present in 12 but absent in 11. We recently described a related intramolecular imino Diels-Alder cycloaddition that produced a 6/ 6-ring system like 9. This reaction also showed total stereoselectivity with respect to the substituent on the bridging chain.14 In addition, an analogous intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction that formed a carboyclic 6/6 system has been found to also proceed largely through a reacting quasi-boat conformer like 11. i6 It is quite likely that the preference for a boat conformation 11 rather than a chair 12 may be a general phenomenon in intramolecular Diels-Alder reactions that generate 6/6-fused-ring systems. We are currently investigating this point in other heterocyclic systems.

Scheme IV

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1.
$$(COCI)_2/PhMe$$

2. CH_2N_2/EI_2O

3. $Ag_2O/MeOH$

1. $Bo(OH)_2$

2. $SOCI_2/MeOH$, Δ

7- BMe_2 S. Tf

2. $G-Iunidine$

CH₂CI₂

14

15, $R = H$

16, $R = t-BuMe_2$ S. G

The tetrahydropyridine nucleus of 2 was further elaborated as shown in Scheme IV. Acid 10 was efficiently homologated by an Arndt-Eistert sequence to give ester 14 (78%). Hydrolysis of the carbamate functionality of 14 afforded an amino acid that was re-esterified to provide 15 (87%). In order to prove that epimerization had not occurred on hydrolysis of 14,4b amino alcohol 15 was treated with carbonyldiimidazole, regenerating cyclic carbamate 14. Protection of the alcohol group of 15 as the tert-butyldimethylsilyl ether gave amine 16 (91%).

Annulation of a 13-membered macrocyclic lactam ring onto 16 proved considerably more difficult than originally anticipated. Initially, it was our plan to generate the lactam bond of the alkaloid in the penultimate step of the synthesis. Toward this end, 3aminopropanol was monotosylated (TsCl, Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂; 79%) to give alcohol 17, which was protected as its tetrahydropyran (THP) ether 18 (DHP, p-TsOH, Et₂O; 95%). N-Alkylation of

sulfonamide 18 with N-(4-bromobutyl)phthalimide (KH, DMF) followed by treatment of the crude product with methanolic HCl afforded alcohol 19 (71%).

Several attempts were made to alkylate amine 16 with the iodide and mesylate derived from alcohol 19, but in all cases the starting materials were recovered unchanged. However, triflate 20 did react cleanly with 16 (i-Pr₂NEt, CH₂Cl₂) to afford tertiary amine 21 (70%). Despite a considerable amount of effort it was not possible to remove the phthalimide protecting group of 21 to produce the requisite primary amine 22. A variety of standard deprotection procedures were attempted, 17,18 but at best 22 could be isolated in only very low (<30%) yield. We were also com-

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pletely unsuccessful in preparing compounds like 21 having other more easily removable nitrogen protecting groups. ¹⁸ It thus became necessary to develop an alternative strategy for construction of the macrocyclic ring of the alkloid.

Alkylation of tetrahydropyridine 16 with the triflate prepared from alcohol 17 gave amino ester 23 in 99% yield, which was hydrolyzed (LiOH, MeOH/H₂O) to the corresponding acid 24

H CO₂R NHTs NHTs NHTs NHTs NHTs
$$rac{1}{2}$$
 $rac{1}{2}$ $rac{1}$

(100%). This acid was activated as the 2,4,5-trichlorophenyl ester,¹⁹ which upon treatment with 4-aminobutanol in DMF gave amide alcohol **25** (82%). Standard chemistry was used to convert **25** to mesylate **26** (80%).

Cyclization of this compound could be effected by refluxing a dilute solution of 26 in acetonitrile containing excess suspended potassium carbonate, affording the desired lactam 27 (58%). The N-tosyl protecting group of 27 was cleanly removed with sodium in liquid ammonia to give the secondary amine 28 (90%). The tert-butyldimethylsilyl group of 28 proved resistant to cleavage with fluoride ion. However, treatment of 28 with boron trifluoride etherate gave the amino alcohol 29. Finally, oxidation of 29 with Jones reagent afforded racemic anhydrocannabisativene (2) (54% from 28). This material was identical in TLC, MS, ¹H NMR, and IR with an authentic sample of the alkaloid. Thus, we have developed a stereoselective total synthesis of 2 in approximately 17 steps starting from silylpentadiene 6.

Experimental Section

(E)-1,3-Undecadien-6-ol (4). A solution of 2.5 g (25 mmol) of 1-hexanal in 30 mL of dry methylene chloride at -41 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere was treated with 1 mL (10 mmol) of TiCl₄. Silyl diene 6 (3.1 g, 22 mmol) was added dropwise to this mixture and the resulting solution was allowed to warm to room temperature over 5 min. The mixture was poured into saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (30 mL) and was extracted with ether. The organic phase was concentrated in vacuo, and the crude reaction mixture was chromatographed on 100 g of silica gel eluting with 19:1 hexane/ethyl acetate affording 2.6 g (69%) of diene alcohol 4 as a colorless liquid: IR (film) 3400, 2940, 1460, 1000, 970, 895, 840 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.89 (t, 3 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 1.20–1.60 (m, 8 H), 2.03–2.42 (m, 3 H), 3.62–3.67 (m, 1 H), 5.01 (d, 1 H, J = 10.0 Hz), 5.13 (d, 1 H, J = 16.8 Hz), 5.71 (dt, 1 H, J = 15.0, 7.3 Hz), 6.13 (dd, 1 H, J = 15.1, 10.5 Hz), 6.32 (dt, 1 H, J = 16.8, 10.3 Hz); mass spectrum, m/z 168 [M⁺], 150, 149, 68, 55, 41.

(E)-1-Pentyl-3,5-hexadienyl Carbamate (7). A solution of 0.66 g (3.9 mmol) of diene alcohol 4, 0.55 g (8.0 mmol) of NaOCN, and 0.8 mL (8.0 mmol) of trifluoroacetic acid in 5 mL of dry ether was sealed in a 250-mL glass pressure bottle (Fisher Scientific) and the solution was stirred vigorously for 24 h. The crude reaction mixture was poured into 25 mL of water, and the solution was extracted with ether. The extract was

washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (25 mL), and the etheral phase was dried. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the crude product was chromatographed on 20 g of silica gel eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate, affording 0.79 g (95%) of carbamate 7 as an oil. Distillation of this material (80 °C (0.1 torr)) gave a white solid: mp 56–58 °C; IR (film) 3300, 2940, 2860, 1710, 1600, 1390, 1325, 1040, 1005, 900, 780 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.6–1.0 (m, 3 H), 1.1–1.6 (m, 9 H), 2.3 (t, 2 H, J = 6 Hz), 4.5–6.5 (m, 7 H); mass spectrum, m/z (relative intensity) 211 [M⁺] (2.5), 151 (12.1), 150 (92.2), 101 (23.3), 94 (20.4), 93 (26.3), 83 (48.2), 80 (100), 79 (96.5), 78 (30.4), 68 (40.7), 67 (35.3), 55 (66.1), 41 (47.6).

Methyl (Acetyloxy)[[[(1-pentyl-3,5-hexadienyl)oxy]carbonyl]aminojacetate (8). To a solution of 0.75 g (3.5 mmol) of carbamate 7 in 50 mL of reagent grade acetone was added 1.10 g (12.6 mmol) of methyl glyoxylate 12 freshly distilled from P_2O_3 . The mixture was refluxed under nitrogen for 3 days and was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 and was washed with water (2 × 50 mL), and the organic phase was dried. After concentration of the solution under vacuum, the crude product was chromatographed on 20 g of silica gel eluting with 2:1 hexane/ethyl acetate, yielding 0.87 g (82%) of the intermediate methylol as a colorless oil: IR (film) 3350, 2960, 2930, 1755, 1710, 1510, 1440, 1220, 1040, 1000, 900, 795, 775 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.8–1.8 (m, 12 H), 2.3 (t, 2 H, J = 6 Hz), 3.8 (s, 3 H), 4.1 (br s, 1 H), 4.5–6.6 (m, 7 H).

To a solution of 0.87 g (2.9 mmol) of the crude methylol in 50 mL of acetic anhydride was added 2 drops of pyridine, and the mixture was stirred under nitrogen for 12 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the crude product was chromatographed on 16 g of silica gel eluting with 1:1 hexane/ethyl acetate, affording 0.94 g (97%) of acetate 8 as a light yellow oil: IR (film) 3350, 2960, 2930, 2860, 1735, 1510, 1435, 1220, 1000, 900, 775, 725 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.9–1.7 (m, 12 H), 2.1 (s, 3 H), 2.3 (t, 2 H, J = 6 Hz), 3.8 (s, 3 H), 4.6–6.5 (m, 7 H); mass spectrum, m/z (relative intensity) 341 [M⁺] (0.7), 282 (3.0), 281 (6.2), 222 (3.2), 178 (12.5), 166 (7.6), 151 (14.0), 150 (66.6), 144 (17.6), 109 (4.3), 95 (6.6), 94 (6.4), 93 (7.7), 81 (9.6), 80 (32.3), 79 (22.8), 67 (27.5), 55 (12.9), 45 (12.3), 44 (10.9), 43 (52.3), 42 (11.2), 41 (17.6), 32 (21.5).

Methyl $(3\alpha, 4\alpha\beta, 8\beta)$ -4,4a,7,8-Tetrahydro-1-oxo-3-pentyl-1H,3Hpyrido[1,2-c][1,3]oxazine-9-carboxylate (9). A solution of 0.91 g (2.7 mmol) of methylol acetate 8 and 0.35 g (2.7 mmol) of diisopropylethylamine in 20 mL of toluene sealed in a thick-walled glass tube was heated at 215 °C for 3 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The solution was washed with 40 mL of water, dried, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was chromatographed on 19 g of silica gel eluting with 2:1 hexane/ethyl acetate to yield 0.62 g (83%) of oily ester 9 as a colorless oil: IR (film) 3040, 2950, 2860, 1745, 1690, 1420, 1305, 1270, 1210, 1130, 1070, 1020, 970, 925, 905, 850, 765, 730, 695, 655 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (t, 3 H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.23-1.79 (m, 8 H), 2.04-2.17 (m, 2 H), 2.46-2.73 (m, 2 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 4.31-4.40 (m, 2 H), 5.42 (d, 1 H, J = 6.3 Hz), 5.54 (d, 1 H, J = 6.3 Hz) 10.3 Hz), 5.79–5.85 (m, 1 H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 13.08, 21.61, 23.41, 25.33, 30.71, 33.33, 34.35, 49.15, 50.58, 51.44, 75.62, 122.63, 125.96, 152.60, 170.29; mass spectrum, m/z (relative intensity) 281 [M⁺] (2.0), 222 (8.6), 208 (6.8), 194 (7.8), 178 (48.0), 176 (13.1), 166 (10.8), 120 (10.6), 106 (12.9), 94 (23.5), 93 (14.5), 86 (19.6), 84 (32.2), 81 (16.2), 80 (100), 79 (17.4), 67 (16.8), 57 (11.2), 55 (31.0), 53 (26.9), 47 (11.4), 43 (36.2), 42 (10.7), 41 (59.5), 39 (23.8).

 $(3\alpha,4\alpha\beta,8\beta)$ -4,4a,7,8-Tetrahydro-1-oxo-3-pentyl-1H,3H-pyrido[1,2c [1,3]oxazine-8-carboxylic Acid (10). To a solution of 0.19 g (0.68 mmol) of methyl ester 9 in 10 mL of methanol was added 1 mL of 5% NaOH solution. After 2 h at room temperature, the mixture was acidified with 5% aqueous HCl. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was extracted with ethyl acetate. The extract was washed twice with 30 mL of water, and the organic phase was dried and concentrated. The resulting yellow oil was crystallized from ether/hexane, affording 0.18 g (96%) of acid 10 as white plates: mp 107-109 °C; IR (KBr) 3600-2700, 2940, 2860, 1735, 1650, 1430, 1200, 1130, 865, 760, 730, 690, 660 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (t, 3 H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.18–1.78 (m, 8 H), 2.06–2.14 (m, 2 H), 2.57–2.73 (m, 2 H), 4.31-4.42 (m, 2 H), 5.47 (d, 1 H, J = 5.1 Hz), 5.56 (d, 1 H, J = 10.3Hz), 5.80-6.13 (m, 2 H); 13 C NMR (CDC1₃) δ 13.88, 22.42, 24.19, 26.05, 31.50, 34.12, 35.08, 49.92, 51.42, 76.59, 123.78, 126.46, 154.06, 175.10; mass spectrum, m/z (relative intensity) 268 [M⁺ + 1] (1.3), 267 $[M^+]$ (9.2), 224 (1.1), 223 (5.9), 222 (9.6), 221 (2.0), 196 (6.8), 194 (6.9), 183 (5.1), 182 (1.1), 1.81 (3.6), 180 (20.3), 178 (50.0), 176 (16.8), 166 (14.4), 152 (41.8), 124 (30.4), 106 (17.0), 94 (39.3), 80 (100), 79 (16.3), 67 (15.9), 55 (21.3), 53 (19.7), 43 (14.0), 41 (30.8). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₁NO₄: C, 62.90; H, 7.92. Found: C, 62.75; H, 8.06.

Methyl $(3\alpha,4\alpha\beta,8\beta)$ -4,4a,7,8-Tetrahydro-1-oxo-3-pentyl-1H,3H-pyrido[1,2-c [1,3]oxazine-8-acetate (14). To a solution of 0.080 g (0.099

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mmol) of carboxylic acid 10 in 2 mL of toluene was added 0.08 mL (0.224 mmol) of oxalyl chloride. The mixture was stirred under nitrogen at room temperature for 3 h, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The resulting acid chloride was dissolved in 3 mL of dry ether, and an excess of ethanol-free diazomethane in ether was added. The mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature for 1 h, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The diazo ketone was dissolved in 10 mL of dry methanol to which a catalytic amount of freshly prepared Ag₂O was added. The mixture was stirred for 12 h and was filtered through a Celite pad, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. Flash chromatography of the crude product (1:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded 0.068 g (78%) of ester 14 as a pale yellow oil: IR (film) 3040, 2960, 2940, 2860, 1740, 1690, 1420, 1280, 1125, 1065, 1040, 760, 715 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.89 (t, 3 H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.23–1.68 (m, 10 H), 1.93–2.15 (m, 2 H), 2.52 (dd, 1 H, J = 7.0, 14.3 Hz), 2.63 (dd, J = 8.5, 14.3 Hz), 3.68(s, 3 H), 4.05-4.26 (m, 2 H), 5.17 (dd, 1 H, J = 7.0, 14.3 Hz), 5.54-5.60(m, 1 H); mass spectrum, m/z (relative intensity) 295 [M⁺] (3.2), 281 (2.0), 222 (8.6), 208 (6.8), 194 (7.8), 180 (18.2), 178 (48.0), 176 (13.1), 174 (7.0), 166 (10.8), 120 (10.6), 117 (6.3), 106 (12.9), 94 (23.5), 93 (14.5), 86 (19.6), 84 (32.2), 81 (16.2), 80 (100), 79 (17.4), 78 (8.4), 77 (9.9), 67 (16.8), 57 (11.2), 55 (31.0), 53 (26.9), 47 (11.4), 43 (36.2), 42 (10.7), 41 (59.5), 39 (23.8), 32 (13.1), 29 (61.5); high-resolution mass spectrum calcd for $C_{16}H_{25}NO_4$ 295.1783, found 295.1786.

Methyl $(2\alpha,6\beta)$ -1,2,3,6-Tetrahydro-6-(2-hydroxyheptyl)-2-pyridineacetate (15). To a solution of 39 mg (0.13 mmol) of ester 14 in 2 mL of glyme and 1.5 mL of water was added 165 mg (0.52 mmol) of barium hydroxide octahydrate. After refluxing under nitrogen for 48 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, and CO2 gas was bubbled through the solution to precipitate the barium salts. Filtration of the mixture and concentration in vacuo afforded a colorless amino acid, which was dissolved in 15 mL of reagent grade methanol and 13 drops of thionyl chloride were carefully added. The mixture was refluxed under nitrogen for 12 h, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in methylene chloride, and the solution was washed with dilute sodium bicarbonate. After drying of the solution, the organic phase was concentrated to afford 31 mg (87%) of amino alcohol 15 as an unstable brown oil of sufficient purity for use in the next step: IR (film) 3300, 3030, 2940, 2860, 1735, 1590, 1440, 820, 800, 760, 710 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.7–1.1 (m, 3 H), 1.2–1.7 (m, 10 H), 1.8–2.2 (m, 2 H), 2.3-2.7 (m, 2 H), 3.7 (s, 3 H), 3.8-4.0 (m, 2 H), 5.6-5.8 (m, 2 H).

Methyl $(2\alpha,6\beta)$ -1,2,3,6-Tetrahydro-6(S^*)-[2-(tert-butyldimethylsiloxy)heptyl]-2-pyridineacetate (16). To a solution of 0.200 g (0.743 mmol) of amino alcohol 15 in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ were added 0.17 mL (1.49 mmol) of 2,6-lutidine and 0.26 mL (1.11 mmol) of tert-butyldimethylsilyl triflate²² at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h. The mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and was washed with cold 5% HCl and brine. The organic extract was dried and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (5% MeOH/CHCl₃) to give 0.260 g (91%) of silyl ether 16 as an unstable brown oil. IR (film) 3030, 2960, 2940, 2860, 1740, 1460, 1435, 1360, 1255, 1200, 1005, 835, 810, 775, 700 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.08 (s, 6 H), 0.86–0.90 (m, 12 H), 1.10–1.60 (m, 10 H), 1.81–1.90 (m, 2 H), 2.04–2.18 (m, 2 H), 2.40–2.51 (m, 2 H), 3.48–3.58 (m, 1 H), 3.81–3.90 (m, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 5.70–5.73 (m, 2 H); high-resolution mass spectrum calcd for $C_{21}H_{41}NO_3Si$ 383.2856, found 383.2866.

4-Methyl-N-(3-hydroxypropyl)benzenesulfonamide (17). A solution of 1.26 g (6.6 mmol) of tosyl chloride in 20 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added dropwise to a solution of 0.50 g (6.6 mmol) of 3-aminopropanol and 1.00 g (13.3 mmol) of Et_3N in 25 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min after addition was complete. The reaction mixture was washed twice with 50 mL of water, and the organic layer was dried. Chromatography of the crude oil on 25 g of silica gel eluting with 2:3 hexane/ethyl acetate afforded 1.21 g (79%) of alcohol 17 as a clear, viscous oil: IR (film) 3500, 3260, 2950, 2880, 1600, 1430 (br), 1320, 1160, 1095, 820, 665 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.4–1.9 (m, 2 H), 2.4 (s, 3 H), 2.7–3.3 (m, 3 H), 3.5–3.9 (m, 2 H), 5.5–5.9 (m, 1 H), 7.3 (d, J=8 Hz, 2 H), 7.8 (d, J=8 Hz, 2 H).

4-Methyl-N-[3-[(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy]propyl]benzenesulfonamide (18). A solution of 1.21 g (5.29 mmol) of the alcohol 17, 0.67 g (7.94 mmol) of dihydropyran, and 0.050 g of p-TsOH·H₂O in 75 mL of dry ether was stirred under nitrogen for 3 h. The reaction mixture was washed twice with 50 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, and the organic layer was dried. Chromatography of the resulting crude oil on 15 g of silica gel eluting with 1:1 hexane/ethyl acetate afforded 1.58 g (95%) of THP ether 18 as a colorless oil: IR (film) 3300, 2950, 2875, 1600, 1330, 1260, 1095, 1085, 1035, 1020, 990, 905, 870, 815, 665 cm⁻¹; lH NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.2–2.0 (m, 8 H), 2.4 (s, 3 H), 2.8–4.0 (m, 6 H),

4.4-4.6 (m, 1 H), 5.2-5.4 (br s, 1 H), 7.2 (d, J=8 Hz, 2 H), 7.8 (d. J=8 Hz, 2 H).

N-[4-(1,3-D)]+V-(3-h)dioxo-2H-isoindol-2-yl)butyl]-N-(3-h)droxypropyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (19). To a solution of 0.420 g (1.3 mmol) of sulfonamide 18 in 25 mL of dry DMF was added 0.040 g (2.4 mmol) of 25% KH in mineral oil. After cessation of gas evolution, the mixture was heated to 50 °C, and 380 mg (1.3 mmol) of N-(4-bromobutyl)phthalimide was added to the stirred solution under nitrogen. After heating the mixture for 2.5 h 50 °C, the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, and the solution was washed with 20 mL of water. The organic layer was dried and concentrated, and the residue was dissolved in a saturated methanolic HCl solution. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was chromatographed on 9 g of silica gel eluting with 1:1 hexane/ethyl acetate yielding 411 mg (71%) of alcohol 19 as a clear oil, which crystallized upon standing: mp 79-82 °C; IR (film) 3500 (br), 2940, 2875, 1770, 1710, 1465, 1435, 1395, 1330, 1155, 1085, 1040, 910, 815, 720, 655 cm⁻¹; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.4–1.9 (m, 6 H), 2.3 (s, 3 H), 2.8-3.4 (m, 5 H), 3.4-3.8 (m, 4 H), 7.2 (d, 2 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.4–7.8 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 27.23, 27.31, 27.47, 33.12, 37.58, 38.71, 46.75, 50.01, 60.39, 124.67, 128.54, 130.89, 131.12, 133.50, 135.42, 144.73, 169.79; mass spectrum, m/z (relative intensity) $431 [M^+ + 1] (0.2), 430 [M^+] (0.1), 386 (5.9), 385 (24.8), 276 (30.8),$ 275 (91.4), 257 (28.0), 245 (13.2), 242 (15.5), 231 (38.7), 224 (37.2), 218 (11.6), 217 (73.9), 202 (37.2), 200 (45.2), 199 (76.3), 198 (86.2), 184 (12.8), 172 (41.5), 161 (32.0), 160 (89.5), 155 (90.2), 133 (20.3), 130 (35.1), 128 (23.1), 124 (34.5), 109 (15.0), 105 (19.7), 104 (20.2), 92 (44.2), 91 (100), 90 (10.1), 84 (28.4), 83 (22.3), 82 (25.7), 77 (30.3), 71 (20.1), 70 (89.8), 68 (26.0), 65 (33.5), 57 (41.5), 56 (39.1), 55 (25.3).

 $N\text{-}[4\text{-}(1,3\text{-}Dihydro-1,3\text{-}dioxo-2}H\text{-}isoindol-2\text{-}yl)butyl]-}N\text{-}[3\text{-}[(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)oxy]propyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (20). A solution of 0.135 g (0.31 mmol) of alcohol 19 in 5 mL of dry <math display="inline">CH_2Cl_2$ was added dropwise to a solution of 0.05 mL (0.31 mmol) of trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride and 2 drops of pyridine in 10 mL of dry CH_2Cl_2 at 0 °C. After addition was complete, the reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 15 min and was poured into 20 mL of water. The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), washed twice with 20 mL of water and once with 20 mL of saturated brine, and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Concentration of the solution in vacuo yielded 0.68 g (95%) of triflate 20 as unstable yellow oil of sufficient purity for subsequent reactions: IR (film) 3075 (br), 2950, 2860, 1775, 1715, 1600, 1440, 1400, 1340, 1225, 1160, 1030, 925, 820, 725, 655, 640 cm⁻¹; 1H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.4–1.8 (m, 6 H), 2.4 (s, 3 H), 3.0–3.9 (m, 6 H), 4.6 (t, 2 H, J=6 Hz), 7.2 (d, 2 H, J=8 Hz), 7.4–7.9 (m, 6 H).

Methyl $[2\alpha,6\beta(S^*)]$ -1-[3-[[4-(1,3-Dihydro-1,3-dioxo-2H-isoindol-2yl)butyl][(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino]propyl]-6-[2-[[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyl]oxy]heptyl]-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-2-pyridineacetate (21). To a stirred solution of 2 mL of dry CH₂Cl₂, 2 drops of diisopropylethylamine, and 0.019 g (0.049 mmol) of amino ester 16 was added 0.052 g (0.095 mmol) of triflate 20 at room temperature. The solution was stirred under nitrogen for 13 h, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC eluting with 1:1 hexane/ethyl acetate to afford 0.028 g (70%) of 21 as a yellow oil: 1R (film) 3025, 2960, 2940, 2860, 1775, 1740, 1715, 1600, 1465, 1435, 1395, 1370, 1340, 1255, 1210, 1155, 1090, 1040, 840, 775, 720, 650 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.04 (s, 6 H), 0.86 (s, 12 H), 1.25–1.91 (m, 16 H), 2.28-2.48 (m, 10 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 3.03-3.17 (m, 3 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 3.66-3.73 (m, 2 H), 5.63-5.70 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.66–7.87 (m, 6 H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 14.05, 18.11, 21.45, 22.68, 24.82, 25.86, 26.00, 26.68, 27.95, 29.71, 32.13, 36.93, 37.38, 41.79, 44.44, 46.67, 47.47, 49.75, 51.49, 54.86, 69.92, 75.89, 76.29, 77.80, 123.18, 124.29, 127.20, 129.28, 129.57, 132.22, 133.85, 137.22, 142.89, 168.21, 168.21, 172.67; mass spectrum, m/z (relative intensity) 797 [M⁺ + 2] (0.1), 796 $[M^+ + 1]$ (0.3), 795 $[M^+]$ (0.4), 794 (0.2), 781 (0.6), 780 (1.0), 739 (1.6), 738 (3.0), 725 (2.7), 724 (6.0), 723 (4.4), 722 (8.5), 665 (2.2), 664 (5.0), 663 (3.3), 620 (3.4), 606 (3.7), 590 (4.4), 568 (11.6), 567 (33.5), 566 (80.7), 552 (7.7), 544 (3.1), 509 (3.7), 508 (10.6), 494 (13.3), 493 (21.2), 492 (59.0), 482 (3.9), 426 (7.0), 413 (4.0), 412 (4.9), 395 (13.5), 383 (11.0), 382 (37.2), 365 (10.4), 338 (5.1), 291 (12.8), 278 (40.3), 264 (32.3), 259 (10.3), 257 (16.5), 245 (18.6), 231 (20.8), 216 (12.1), 215 (55.4), 202 (19.5), 200 (10.5), 192 (10.0), 169 (10.3), 168 (61.4), 161 (5.9), 160 (45.8), 159 (13.5), 155 (52.3), 154 (14.9), 149 (12.9), 120 (9.7), 119 (4.2), 118 (7.2), 115 (16.4), 96 (14.1), 95 (10.7), 94 (28.3), 93 (17.1), 92 (10.8), 91 (71.8), 89 (11.1), 84 (12.3), 77 (13.1), 76 (13.2), 75 (100), 74 (13.9), 73 (85.6), 70 (39.2), 57 (13.4), 56 (16.1), 55 (11.2), 44 (11.5), 43 (19.5), 41 (16.4); high-resolution mass spectrum calcd for C₄₃H₆₇N₃O₇SSi 795.4312, found 795.4328.

Methyl $[2\alpha,6\beta(S^*)]$ -1-[3-[[(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino]propyl]-6-[2-[[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyl]oxy]heptyl]-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-2-pyridineacetate (23). Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (0.130 mL,

0.782 mmol) was added to a solution of 3-(tosylamino)-1-propanol (17, 0.120 g, 0.521 mmol) and pyridine (0.078 mL, 0.913 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) at -30 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C over 20 min, diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , and washed with water. The organic phase was dried and concentrated to yield the triflate, which was used immediately in the next step.

To a solution of amine 16 (0.100 g, 0.261 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) were added diisopropylethylamine (0.159 mL, 0.913 mmol) and a solution of the above triflate in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h and was diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The solution was washed with saturated NaHCO3 solution and brine. The organic phase was dried and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (4% MeOH/CHCl₃) of the crude product afforded 23 (0.155 g, 99%) as a colorless oil. IR (film) 3300, 3040, 2960, 2940, 2850, 1740, 1600, 1470, 1440, 1330, 1260, 1210, 1170, 1100, 1070, 1040, 1010, 840, 820, 780, 710, 670, 610 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.01 (s, 3 H), 0.03 (s, 3 H), 0.84 (s, 9 H), 0.86 (br t, 3 H), 1.22-1.91 (m, 14 H), 2.33-2.50 (m, 4 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H), 2.96-3.06 (m, 3 H), 3.04 (m, 1 H), 3.06 (s, 3 H), 3.67 (m, 1 H), 5.63-5.70 (m, 2 H), 6.30 (m, 1 H), 7.27 (d, J=8.4Hz, 2 H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H); mass spectrum, m/z (relative intensity) 595 [M⁺ + 1] (0.7), 594 [M⁺] (1.3), 537 (12.1), 521 (5.0), 462 (6.4), 391 (2.2), 389 (2.0), 382 (30.4), 379 (4.2), 369 (2.1), 366 (25.1), 365 (100), 291 (57.8), 278 (15.8), 215 (28.9), 184 (9.4), 168 (16.3), 155 (31.0), 91 (40.1); high-resolution mass spectrum calcd for C₃₁H₅₄N₂O₅SSi 594.3522, found 594.3523.

[2a,6 $\bar{\rho}$ (S*)]-1-[3-[[(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino]propyl]-6-[2-[[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyl]oxy]heptyl]-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-2-pyridineacetic Acid (24). To a solution of ester 23 (0.047 g, 0.079 mmol) in methanol (1.5 mL) was added an aqueous solution of 1 N lithium hydroxide (0.35 mL) at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 h. The reaction mixture was carefully neutralized to pH 7 with 5% HCl at 0 °C and was extracted with chloroform. The organic extract was dried and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (10% MeOH/CHCl₃) to afford acid 24 (0.045 g, 100%). IR (CHCl₃) 3500–2400 (br), 2970, 2940, 2870, 1600 (br), 1460, 1440, 1330, 1260, 1180, 1100, 1010, 980, 920, 840 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 0.04 (s, 3 H), 0.07 (s, 3 H), 0.86 (brs. 12 H), 1.20–1.49 (m, 10 H), 1.87–2.13 (m, 6 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H), 2.58 (m, 3 H), 2.80–3.25 (m, 3 H), 3.56–3.82 (m, 3 H), 5.73 (m, 1 H), 5.86 (m, 1 H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H). 7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H).

 $[2\alpha,6\beta(S^*)]$ -N-(4-Hydroxybutyl)-1-[3-[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino]propyl]-6-[2-[[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyl]oxy]heptyl]-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-2-pyridineacetamide (25). To a solution of carboxylic acid 24 (0.100 g, 0.172 mmol) in anhydrous methylene chloride (8 mL) was added 2,4,5-trichlorophenol (0.068 g, 0.345 mmol) and 1-cyclohexyl-3-(2-morpholinoethyl)carbodiimide metho-p-toluenesulfonate (0.145 g, 0.345 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 45 h, diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with water, and dried. Concentration of the solution in vacuo gave the trichlorophenyl ester, which was used immediately without purification.

To a solution of the trichlorophenyl ester in anhydrous DMF (3.5 mL) was added 4-aminobutanol (0.16 mL, 1.723 mmol) at -20 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 18 h at -20 °C. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the crude product was purified by preparative TLC (10% MeOH in CHCl₃) to yield the amide alcohol 25 (0.092 g, 82%): IR (film) 3380, 3300, 3040, 2960, 2940, 2860, 1650, 1600, 1550, 1460, 1440, 1360, 1330, 1310, 1260, 1190, 1160, 1100, 1070, 980, 840, 820, 780, 710, 660 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 0.06 (s, 3 H), 0.07 (s, 3 H), 0.85–0.88 (br s, 12 H), 1.25 (s, 9 H), 1.34–2.30 (m, 20 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 2.54–2.59 (m, 1 H), 2.88–3.01 (m, 1 H), 3.22–3.40 (m, 2 H), 3.67 (m, 1 H), 5.75 (q, 2 H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 Hz, 2 Hz, 3 H2 H), 7.92 (NH, 1 H); mass spectrum, m/z (relative intensity) 652 [M⁺ +1] (0.41), 651 [M⁺] (0.77), 636 (0.35), 594 (2.61), 581 (2.73), 580 (7.00), 521 (1.55), 463 (1.63), 439 (4.36), 437 (1.40), 423 (0.79), 422 (0.73), 389 (1.59), 369 (1.73), 366 (1.18), 365 (1.21), 355 (1.10), 343 (1.56), 323 (1.20), 321 (1.68), 313 (1.10), 309 (2.44), 308 (7.60), 307 (3.88), 306 (1.22), 305 (2.94), 294 (1.50), 292 (8.57), 291 (44.01), 282 (20.39), 267 (2.68), 253 (2.35), 250 (2.40), 240 (6.85), 239 (10.76), 215 (14.53), 204 (2.01), 185 (4.78), 184 (27.24), 178 (13.07), 172 (4.67), 159 (5.84), 155 (69.75), 149 (5.79), 139 (4.95), 131 (6.03), 94 (11.66), 92 3.41), 86 (33.14), 84 (53.36); high-resolution mass spectrum calcd for C₃₄H₆₁N₃O₅SSi 651.4101, found 651.4092.

[2 α ,6 β (S*)]-N-[4-[(Methylsulfonyl)oxy]butyl]-1-[3-[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino]propyl]-6-[2-[[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyl]oxy]heptyl]-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-2-pyridineacetamide (26). To a solution of alcohol 25 (0.022 g, 0.034 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) were added triethylamine (15 μ L, 0.101 mmol) and methanesulfonyl chloride (8 μ L, 0.101 mmol) at -15 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h with gradual warming to 5 °C. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and was washed with water. The organic phase was dried and concen-

trated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by preparative TLC (10% MeOH in CHCl₃) afforded the mesylate **26** as a light yellow oil (0.0198 g, 80%): IR (film) 3400, 3300, 3040, 2960, 2940, 2870, 1650, 1600, 1550, 1460, 1380, 1330, 1260, 1180, 1160, 1090, 980, 960, 840, 810, 780, 710, 660 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 0.04 (s, 3 H), 0.07 (s, 3 H), 0.87 (s, 12 H), 1.18–2.25 (m, 13 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 3.03 (s, 3 H), 2.92–3.02 (m, 1 H), 3.19–3.40 (m, 4 H), 3.69–3.75 (m, 1 H), 4.26 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 3 H), 5.70 (q, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.66 (NH, 1 H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H).

Synthesis of Lactam 27. To a solution of mesylate 26 (0.018 g, 0.025 mmol) in anhydrous acetonitrile (150 mL) was added anhydrous potassium carbonate (2 g), and the mixture was refluxed for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled, and the inorganic salts were removed by filtration. Removal of the solvent in vacuo and purification of the crude product by preparative TLC (10% MeOH in CHCl₃) yielded lactam 27 as a colorless oil (0.009 g, 58%): IR (film) 3400, 3310, 3040, 2960, 2940, 2875, 1680, 1600, 1550, 1460, 1440, 1340, 1290, 1250, 1180, 1090, 1070, 990, 920, 840, 820, 780, 760, 730, 710, 680 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.01 (s, 3 H), 0.03 (s, 3 H), 0.78 (s, 9 H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.90-2.00 (m, 18 H), 2.25-2.35 (m, 3 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 2.63 (m, 1 H), 2.90 (m, 1 H), 3.06 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 3.12-3.71 (m, 6 H), 5.74-5.76 (m, 2 H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 8.02 (NH, 1 H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.84, 13.80, 17.81, 21.26, 22.46, 24.35, 24.61, 25.22, 25.72, 25.79, 25.97, 31.90, 37.90, 38.79, 43.52, 45.97, 48.70, 49.45, 56.35, 69.59, 125.60, 127.15, 128.26, 129.51, 142.96, 171.30; mass spectrum, m/z (relative intensity) 634 [M⁺ + 1] (1.31), 633 [M⁺] (2.81), 618 (2.21), 576 (14.02), 562 (18.58), 501 (8.02), 478 (9.72), 446 (12.03), 405 (27.96), 404 (96.74), 362 (11.35), 350 (9.85), 346 (18.12), 265 (18.77), 264 (100), 250 (10.62), 218 (16.10), 215 (13.97), 204 (12.23), 191 (6.17), 190 (7.80), 178 (10.04), 176 (37.86), 155 (19.51), 149 (16.11), 133 (13.12), 112 (24.59), 97 (97.69), 94 (36.49), 88 (43.85); high-resolution mass spectrum calcd for $C_{34}H_{59}$ -N₃O₄SSi 633.3995, found 633.3980.

Reductive Cleavage of Sulfonamide 27. Lactam 27 (0.040 g, 0.063 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (2 mL) and the solution was cooled to -60 °C. Ammonia (~8 mL) was condensed into the solution, and small pieces of sodium were added until a blue color persisted. The reaction mixture was refulxed for 20 min, and the ammonia was evaporated. The residue was carefully dissolved in water (4 mL) and was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 6 mL). The organic phase was dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH/NH₄OH, 90:9:1) yielded the amine 28 (0.027 g, 90%): IR (film) 3300, 3025, 2960, 2940, 2850, 1650, 1550, 1470, 1440, 1370, 1250, 1050, 840, 810, 780, 630 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR $(CDC1_3, 200 \text{ MHz}) \delta 0.06 \text{ (s, 6 H)}, 0.88 \text{ (s, 12 H)}, 1.1-2.1 \text{ (m, 21 H)},$ 2.27-2.47 (m, 2 H), 2.60-2.80 (m, 3 H), 2.90-3.01 (m, 2 H), 3.23-3.50 (m, 3 H), 3.72 (m, 1 H), 5.72 (m, 2 H), 9.51 (NH, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.85, 13.95, 18.06, 22.66, 24.75, 25.94, 26.61, 26.85, 27.43, 27.63, 32.16, 37.70, 39.19, 40.10, 41.29, 42.54, 47.49, 50.32, 50.71, 53.12, 70.09, 125.47, 128.56, 172.01; mass spectrum, m/z (relative intensity) $480 [M^+ + 1] (6.30), 479 (15.91), 465 (2.03), 464 (5.90), 423 (9.99),$ 422 (30.79), 408 (24.59), 308 (11.31), 265 (28.60), 264 (22.67), 250 (59.10), 222 (12.62), 215, (20.85), 208 (100.0), 171 (27.83), 112 (24.28); high-resolution mass spectrum calcd for C₂₇H₅₃N₃O₂Si 479.3907, found 479.3911.

(±)-Anhydrocannabisativene (2). To a solution of lactam 28 (0.010 g, 0.021 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL) was added boron trifloride etherate (40 μ L, 0.31 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 . The solution was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ and brine, dried, and concentrated in vacuo to yield alcohol 29.

To a solution of this alcohol in acetone (1 mL) was added 6 drops of Jones reagent, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated NaHCO₃ solution and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried, and concentrated in vacuo to yield essentially pure racemic anhydrocannabisativene (2) 2 (0.004 g, 54%), which was identical with an authentic sample 2 0 H NMR, IR, mass spectrum, TLC). Attempted further purification of the alkaloid by chromatography resulted in extensive decomposition.

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65-4; (\pm)-10 (acid chloride), 89578-67-6; (\pm)-10 (diazo ketone), 89578-81-4; (±)-14, 89578-66-5; (±)-15, 89578-68-7; (±)-15 (acid), 89578-69-8; (±)-16, 89578-70-1; 17, 13379-98-1; 17 (triflate), 89578-82-5; 18, 89578-71-2; 19, 89578-72-3; 20, 89578-73-4; 21, 89596-61-2; (\pm) -23, 89578-74-5; (\pm) -24, 89578-75-6; (\pm) -24 (2,4,5-trichlorophenol), 89578-83-6; (\pm) -25, 89578-76-7; (\pm) -26, 89578-77-8; (\pm) -27, 89578-78-9; (\pm)-28, 89578-79-0; (\pm)-29, 89578-80-3; methyl glyoxylate, 92268-9; 3-aminopropanol, 156-87-6; N-(4-bromobutyl)phthalimide, 5394-18-3; trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride, 358-23-6; 4-aminobutanol, 13325-10-5.

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A General Procedure for Preparing α -Lithiosilanes. Generalization of the Peterson Olefination¹

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Abstract: A particularly convenient method for the preparation of α -lithiosilanes consists of the reductive lithiation of diphenyl thioacetals or thioketals with lithium 1-(dimethylamino)naphthalenide, treatment of the resulting anion with trimethylsilyl chloride, and reductive lithiation, with the same reducing agent, of the resulting α -(phenylthio)silane. The generality of the procedure is demonstrated by the preparation of α -lithiosilanes in which the negatively charged carbon atom is secondary, tertiary, vinylic, or part of a cyclopropyl ring. These species react with aldehydes and ketones to produce alcohols which, in all cases except the allylic alcohol produced from the vinylic α -lithiosilane, could be induced to form an olefin by loss of the elements of trimethylsilanol upon treatment with potassium hydride or acid.

The Peterson olefination, 2,3a involving the reaction of an α lithiosilane^{3b} with an aldehyde or ketone followed by elimination of the hydroxide and silicon functions, is a potentially powerful alternative to the Wittig olefination, particularly because of the fact that the elimination step can usually be directed in either a syn or an anti manner.4 However, the method has had the serious limitation that except in special cases α -lithiosilanes have not been readily available. Since early 1980, we have been studying the feasibility of preparing these organometallics by reductive lithiation, using lithium 1-(dimethylamino)naphthalenide6 (LDMAN), of α -(phenylthio)silanes, a class of compounds two members of which we have reported to be available by reductive lithiation with lithium naphthalenide⁷ or LDMAN⁶ of diphenyl thioacetals followed by silylation; in addition to conventional procedures⁸ for preparing such thioacetals, simple and versatile methods for preparing a variety of cyclopropanone thioketals9 and ketene thioacetals¹⁰ have recently been developed in our laboratory.

Results and Discussion

Preparation of \alpha-Lithiosilanes. We now report that this method is completely general for the production of α -lithiosilanes (eq 1) and Table I).

We have found LDMAN to be far superior to lithium naphthalenide in the reductive lithiation steps for it obviates the

necessity to separate the naphthalene byproduct from the neutral products; the 1-(dimethylamino)naphthalene is simply washed out with dilute acid. 11-13 We have found that even very acid sensitive groups can withstand this treatment.14

The reductive lithiation method is the only general one for the prepation of α -lithiosilanes containing no additional functionality. 15 An alternative procedure for the production of secondary α lithiosilanes 3 ($R^1 \neq H$; $R^2 = H$) involves lithium-selenium exchange, but the yields are not entirely satisfactory and the method is not applicable to tertiary α -lithiosilanes (3, R¹ and R² \neq H)¹⁶ except for the special case of 1-(lithiocyclopropyl)trimethylsilane.^{17,18} The required α -(phenylthio)silane can be

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