h and, after cooling, concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane $=20 / 80$ ) gave $227 \mathrm{mg}(74 \%)$ as a $2: 1$ mixture of $\mathbf{3 0 a}$ and $\mathbf{3 0 b}$ as determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR from the $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ signal: IR (KBr) 2950, 1730, 1440, 1305, 1150, 1090, 725, 690 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\delta 7.89-7.48(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.06(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, vinylic H$)$, $3.66\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 2.54(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.28(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.08(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.70$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ). The isomer 30b is distinguishable in a mixture by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\delta 3.62\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$

Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 59.98 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.75$. Found: $\mathrm{C}, 60.03$; H, 5.82 .

1-(Phenylsulfonyl)-4-ethoxycyclohexene (31). A 12 mM solution (100 mL ) of 2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,3-butadiene ( 1.2 mmol ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was concentrated on a rotary evaporator to a volume of ca. 10 mL , and ethyl vinyl ether ( 30 mL ) was added. The reaction mixture was heated at reflux temperature for 45 h , and then concentrated at reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluents: EtOAc/ hexane $=10 / 90$ and $20 / 80$ ) afforded $173 \mathrm{mg}(54 \%)$ of 31 as a colorless oil: IR (neat) $2985,2930,2878,1450,1310,1290,1155,1090,725,690$, $630 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\delta 7.90-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArH}), 6.94(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{HC}=\mathrm{C})$, $\sim 3.55(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{HCOEt}), 3.48$ (two $\mathrm{q}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ ), 2.67-2.49 (m, 1 H), 2.40-2.15 (m, 3 H), 1.95-1.80 (m, 1 H), 1.78-1.62 $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.15\left(\mathrm{t}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\delta 139.45,139.28$ $136.00,133.19,129.10,127.93,71.65,63.52,31.81,26.83,21.10,15.48$

Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 63.13 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.81$. Found: $\mathrm{C}, 62.90$ H, 6.70.
cis-1-Cyano-5-carbomethoxy-6-methylcyclohexene (32). 25 ( 310 mg , 1.06 mmol ) in $\mathrm{MeOH}(4 \mathrm{~mL})$, acetic acid ( $58 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and KCN in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.4 \mathrm{~mL})$ were mixed together and heated at $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 31 h Ether ( 10 mL ) and brine ( 5 mL ) were added and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with ether ( 10 mL ). The combined organic phases were washed with aqueous $2 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaOH}(2 \times$ $3 \mathrm{~mL}), \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(3 \mathrm{~mL})$, and finally with brine ( 3 mL ). After drying ( $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ ) and removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane $=25 / 75$ ), affording 97 mg ( $53 \%$ ) of 32 as an oil: IR (neat) $2960,2225,1740,1440,1235$, $1210,1170 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\delta 6.59$ (m, unresolved, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{HC}=\mathrm{CCN}$ ), 3.72 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), 2.82 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{HCMe}$ ), 2.69 (ddd, $J=12.2,5.3,3.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{HCCO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ ), 2.35-2.17 (m, 2 H , allylic H ), 2.02-1.88 (m, 1 H , homoallylic H), $1.84-1.68(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, homoallylic H), $1.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\delta 173.27,144.07,118.74,117.28,51.76,42.45$, 32.45, 25.55, 17.82, 15.48 .

Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~N}: \mathrm{C}, 67.02 ; \mathrm{H}, 7.31$. Found: $\mathrm{C}, 67.02$; H, 7.44 .

1-Carbomethoxy-2-methyl-1,3-cyclohexadiene (33). To a solution of 25 ( $330 \mathrm{mg}, 1.12 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{MeOH}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added a solution of NaOMe in MeOH (prepared from 85 mg of $\mathrm{Na}(3.7 \mathrm{mmol})$ and 2.5 mL of MeOH ). After the solution was refluxed for $6 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(300 \mathrm{mg}$, 3.6 mmol ) was added, and the resulting mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight, followed by silica gel filtration (elution with ether). The solvent was removed by distillation at ambient pressure. The product was bulb-to-bulb distilled, yielding 123 mg ( $72 \%$ ) of pure $33^{42}$ as a colorless oil: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\delta 6.10(\mathrm{~m}, J=9.0,4.5,4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-4)$, $5.90(\mathrm{~m}, J=9.0,1.5,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3), 3.75\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, 2.49-2.37 (m, 2 H ), 2.22-2.07 (m, 2 H ), $2.14\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.

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# A Novel Synthesis of Ikarugamycin: The Carbocyclic Portion 

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#### Abstract

The tetracyclic glycol 2, a potential intermediate for the synthesis of ikarugamycin (1), was synthesized. Key transformations involved were the following: the preparation with resolution of the enantiomeric esters $\mathbf{3}$; their separate elaboration and ultimate recombination to form the trienes 17 ; photocyclization of $\mathbf{1 7}$ with ground-state conformational bias to form diene 18; and dissolving metal reduction of 20 with internal proton delivery to form predominantly monoene 22.


In 1972 two Japanese groups described the isolation ${ }^{1}$ and detailed, degradative structure elucidation ${ }^{2}$ for the novel antimicrobial and amoebicide ikarugamycin (1). The interest of several synthetic groups, including this one, was attracted by the unusual carbocyclic portion of this unique natural product ${ }^{3}$ and the obvious facility with which the three, linearly fused carbocyclic rings might

[^0]be constructed by an intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction. ${ }^{4}$ An alternate route could be devised that would take advantage of certain symmetry elements present in the carbocyclic moiety. In particular, we have depicted in Scheme I a retrosynthetic analysis which first disconnects the tetramic acid moiety at the two obvious junctions of the carbon-carbon $\pi$ systems and then proceeds (with inversion of one stereochemical center) to the tetracyclic intermediate 2.

Progression on to the natural product would involve the following: (1) cleavage of the glycol moiety with differentiation of the two resulting aldehyde functions; (2) inversion at the only

[^1]Scheme I




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stereochemical center ( $\mathrm{C}-16$ ) rendered acidic by an adjacent carbonyl group to the more stable, trans relationship of the side chains; (3) attachment of the macrocyclic tetramic acid moiety. The rationale for the inversion of stereochemistry as well as formation of the superfluous, additional ring present in 2 will become clear shortly.

Within intermediate $\mathbf{2}$ there are two pseudosymmetry elements that relate stereochemical centers. A correspondenee in a mirror image sense can be made between the following centers in pairs: 5 and $10 ; 6$ and $9 ; 11$ and 16 . On the other hand, the spatial orientations of groups about centers 13 and 14 are the same, and thus the centers form a small package of $C_{2}$ symmetry within the molecule. Each of these local pseudosymmetry elements presents opportunities for unique approaches to the synthesis of the carbocyclic portion of ikarugamycin. Thus, a substantial portion of the mirror symmetric relationship would naturally evolve by deriving centers 5 and 6 from a material whose mirror image was used for elaboration to centers 9 and 10. In particular, the diene ester 3 whose preparation ${ }^{5}$ and resolution ${ }^{6}$ have previously been described, could serve admirably in this regard. On the other hand, the local $C_{2}$ symmetry relating the environment about centers 13 and 14 is reminiscent of the products of photochemically induced cyclization of substituted hexatrienes. ${ }^{7}$

Thus, elaboration of each of the resolved enantiomers of 3 proceeded along the routes illustrated in Schemes II and III to afford phosphonium salt 13 and aldehyde 16. Certain aspects of each of the separate routes are worthy of note. In particular, the Woodward oxidation of the diene esters proceeded to give a slight preference (1.2:1) for the exo glycol as opposed to the endo. Lack of "normal" selectivity for attack at the more hindered face of the alkene in this oxidation is rare ${ }^{8}$ and appears to be related to the catercornered positioning of the double bond with an $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$ center in the bicyclo[3.3.0]octane system. Thus, Woodward oxidation of alkenes $29,31,33,34$, and 35 (Table I) each of which lacks such an arrangement proceeded as expected to generate a preponderance of the endo glycol. Further, formation of the exo glycol was highly favored in the oxidation of two of these alkenes with
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Table 1. Cis Hydroxylation of Bicyclo[3.3.0]octenes

${ }^{a}$ Reference.
$\mathrm{OsO}_{4}$. On the other hand, significantly less selectivity was exhibited in the oxidation of alkenes $\mathbf{3 , 3 0}$, and $\mathbf{3 2}$ by both the Woodward procedure and with $\mathrm{OsO}_{4}$. Modifications to the Woodward procedure led to improved ratios of endo to exo glycols but had a detrimental effect on chemical yield. Also anomalous was the behavior of $\mathbf{3}$ toward ozone. When treated with 1 equiv of ozone followed by reductive workup with sodium borohydride only unchanged ester was recovered. With 2 equiv of ozone no recognizable products were obtained. By comparison the model olefin 35 gave the expected ring-opened diol in $87 \%$ yield with 1 equiv of ozone.
Both glycols in the $R$ series (Scheme II) were used for cleavage to the dialdehyde. The desired endo glycol for the $S$ series was separated from the exo, and the latter was recycled to the olefin by formation of the dimesylate and subsequent reduction with zinc and sodium iodide ( $73 \%$ overall). Indeed, this zinc reduction of the primary mesylates to methyl groups in the conversion of 9 to 10 was found to be far superior to other techniques, especially hydride reagents, and while the sequence employed has literature precedent, ${ }^{9}$ it is a much under-utilized and generally superior method, especially for primary sulfonates. In the present case, reduction of the ditosylate of $\mathbf{8}$ with lithium aluminum hydride or Red-Al afforded mostly the bicyclic product 36 , the result of addition of hydride to the $\beta$ carbon of the unsaturated ester and concomitant internal alkylation.
$8 \xrightarrow[\text { 2) } \mathrm{LAAH} \text { or Red-Al }]{\text { 1) } \mathrm{TsCl} \text { pyridine, } 0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}}$


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[^2]Scheme II


Scheme III


The choice of the diisopropyl ketal was mandated by a desire to induce steric bias in the ground state for one of the two possible diastereomeric coils (A and B, Scheme IV) that would lead to photocyclization. ${ }^{10}$ This ketal formed with surprising facility by the straightforward process illustrated. Formation of the phosphorane from 13 with butyllithium and coupling with 16 led to a $2: 1$ mixture of cis and trans trienes 17 in a combined yield of 75\%.

Photocyclization of the mixture of trienes $\mathbf{1 7}$ led in $65 \%$ yield to a $4: 1$ mixture of the two possible conrotatory closure products, 18 and 19 (the trans triene is rapidly interconverted with the cis under the reaction conditions). The major product 18 had the desired sterochemistry at carbons 13 and $14,{ }^{11}$ presumably the result of conformational bias in the ground state of the cis triene that is preserved for the full lifetime of the singlet state. It is important to note that this is the first application of the NEER, or Non-Equilibration of Excited Rotamers, principle ${ }^{12}$ to stereochemical control in synthesis. ${ }^{13}$
(10) Ongoing studies dealing with the conformational properties of trienes implicate totally different, steric interactions as being responsible for the selectivity observed. For example, a model system having having only a simple cyclopentenyl ring for the right hand portion resulted resulted in the same sense and level of cyclization bias. Molecular mechanics calculations on this model system are consistent with an approximately $1 \mathrm{Kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ energy difference between the diastereomeric coils that would lead directly to cyclization, with bias in the same direction as experimentally observed. These results will be communicated separately, along with additional observations on this photochemical transformation.
(11) Carbon-13 NMR spectroscopic analysis was used initially to assign stereochemistry in all intermediates. Confirmation of the stereochemical bias for all critical transformations was ultimately obtained by a single-crystal, X-ray structure determination carried out on ketone 26. We are grateful to Dr. V. M. Lynch for this analysis, the full details of which will be detailed separately.
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Formation of the monoene 2 from the diene resulting from photocyclization required a process that, overall, would introduce hydrogen atoms at C-6 and C-9 in a cis fashion from what would appear to be the more hindered face of the molecule. Thus, we proceeded along a path that would take advantage of the oxygen functionalities on carbons 3 and 17. Hydrolytic cleavage of the ketal gave the diene glycol 20 that underwent dissolving metal reduction with both regio- and stereochemical direction ${ }^{11}$ by internal proton delivery from the hydroxyl groups. Once a proton is delivered internally to $\mathrm{C}-6$, subsequent protonation of the simple allylic radical anion cannot proceed in an internal fashion. Presumably, the regiochemistry of the ultimate product is dictated by the facility with which an external proton source can deliver a hydrogen to the secondary rather than the tertiary center. ${ }^{14}$ Protection of the glycol unit and hydroboration of the monoene proceeded as expected with delivery of oxygen and hydrogen to the more sterically accessible, back face 24, and chromium oxidation afforded ketone $\mathbf{2 5}$. Treatment of $\mathbf{2 5}$ with base proceeded with essentially complete conversion to the epimer 26 with the required stereochemistry at C-9. ${ }^{11,15}$ Conversion of the ketone to the olefin was achieved through reduction of the intermediate enol phosphorodiamidate 27. Cleavage of the ketal of 28 afforded the desired intermediate 2.
This novel synthetic approach to ikarugamycin has succeeded in preparing a suitable precursor to the carbocyclic portion that

[^3]Scheme IV


## Scheme V


incorporates all of the stereochemical and functional features necessary for completion of the synthesis. Several novel approaches to the control of stereochemistry have been employed, in particular the following: the use of each of the enantiomers of the diene acid to form the appropriate portions of 2 ; the use of the hexa-triene-cyclohexadiene photoconversion to introduce the requisite stereochemical features at carbons 13 and 14 as mandated by the ground-state, conformational bias; and the internal delivery of a proton during a dissolving metal reduction to fix the stereochemistry at C-6. At this stage our efforts converge with those of Boeckman ${ }^{16}$ who has now successfully addressed the challenge of constructing the macrocyclic tetramic acid moiety of ikarugamycin.

## Experimental Section

${ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}$ assignments were confirmed by off-resonance decoupling where appropriate. For convenience spectral assignments for all com-

[^4]pounds in Schemes IV and V follow the numbering used for the final product 2. Only mass spectral peaks of $m / z>100$ and $>10 \%$ relative intensity are reported.

Methyl (1R)-(-)-cis,endo - and -exo-6,7-Dihydroxy-cis -bicyclo-[3.3.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylate ( $6 \boldsymbol{R}$ and $7 \boldsymbol{R}$ ). ${ }^{17}$ Iodine ( $26.4 \mathrm{~g}, 0.105 \mathrm{~mol}$, 1 equiv) was added in small portions over 1.25 h to a vigorously stirred suspension of $17.2 \mathrm{~g}(0.105 \mathrm{~mol})$ of $3 R^{23}$ and $36.7 \mathrm{~g}(0.22 \mathrm{~mol}, 2$ equiv)

[^5]of dry silver acetate in 1 L of acetic acid. Most of the previous portion of iodine had dissolved before the next was added. Thirty min after addition was complete $18.9 \mathrm{~mL}(1.05 \mathrm{~mol}, 10$ equiv) of water was added, and the mixture was stirred in the dark overnight. After 15 h at room temperature the mixture was heated at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 h . The mixture was cooled and vacuum filtered before acetic acid was removed on a rotary evaporator connected to a vacuum pump. The residual oil was taken up in ether, filtered again, neutralized with aqueous sodium bicarbonate, washed with brine, and concentrated leaving 24.0 g ( $100 \%$ ) of viscous yellow oil consisting of a mixture of monoacetates $\mathbf{4 R}$ and $\mathbf{5 R}$.

A solution of 21.8 g ( 90.7 mmol ) of the monoacetate mixture and 1.7 g ( $9.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.1$ equiv) of $p$-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate in 190 mL of methanol was refluxed overnight. The solution was cooled and stirred for 1 h with $0.80 \mathrm{~g}(9.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ of sodium bicarbonate. Methanol was removed, and the residue was taken up in ethyl acetate and filtered through silica gel to remove salts. The mixture of (-)-diols (1.2:1 exo:endo) was purified but not separated by preparative HPLC by using ethyl acetate to yield 17.2 g ( $95 \%$ ) of a hygroscopic, crystalline mixture of $6 \boldsymbol{R}$ and $7 \boldsymbol{R}$. (For spectral data see the $S$ series, below.)

Methyl (1S)-(+)-cis, endo-6,7-Dihydroxy-cis-bicyclo[3.3.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylate ( $7 S$ ). Woodward oxidation ${ }^{17}$ of $3 S$ was carried out extactly as described above for $3 \boldsymbol{R}$, except that the $(+)$-diols obtained were separated during HPLC purification by using recycling techniques. From 15.7 g ( 95.5 mmol ) of $3 S^{23}$ there were obtained 7.6 g of endo diol $7 S$ and 9.6 g of exo diol $6 S$. Analytical samples were obtained as pale yellow hygroscopic waxy solids by molecular distillation at $120-125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, $0.04-0.05 \mathrm{mmHg}$.

Endo diol 7S: $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{23}+37.5^{\circ}$ (c 1.0, absolute EtOH); IR 3580, 3040, $2940,1710,1625,1415,1355,1240,1090,1015,680 ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{HMR}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$ $6.72(\mathrm{q}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2, \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H}), 4.10(\mathrm{ddd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=4,6.5,8, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}), 4.02$ $(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=4,6, \mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{H}), 3.72\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 3.32(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{H})$, $2.88\left(\mathrm{dq}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=3,20, \mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H}_{\text {endo }}\right), 2.85$ (dddd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=3.5,6.5,10$, $10, \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H}), 2.50\left(\mathrm{ddm}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2.5,10.5,20, \mathrm{C}_{4}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{exo}}\right), 2.35(\mathrm{br}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, OH ), 2.28 (ddd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=6.5,9,13.5, \mathrm{C}_{8}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ex} 0}$ ), 1.65 (ddd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=7$, $8,13.5, \mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}_{\text {endo }}$ ) (assignments of endo and exo resonances were confirmed by 2D-NOE); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}(20 \mathrm{MHz}) 165.7$ (CO), 144.0 (C3), 138.7 $(\mathrm{C} 2), 75.3(\mathrm{C} 6), 74.4(\mathrm{C} 7), 51.3\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 46.2(\mathrm{C} 1), 43.0(\mathrm{C} 5), 36.1$ (C8), 32.6 (C4).

Exo diol 6S: $\mathrm{mp} 68-70^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]^{21}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+46.7^{\circ}$ (c 1.07 , absolute EtOH); IR 3585, 3035, 2940, 1715, 1630, 1420, 1360, 1240, 1090, 1035, 1010, 890,$680 ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{HMR}(360 \mathrm{MHz}) 6.64(\mathrm{q}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2, \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H}), 4.02(\mathrm{td}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $J=4,5.5, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}), 3.73\left(\mathrm{~s}+\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}+\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{H}\right), 3.52(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{H}), 3.41(\mathrm{br}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}), 2.80\left(\mathrm{ddt}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2.5,10,19, \mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{exo}}\right)$, $2.76(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H}), 2.33\left(\mathrm{dm}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=19, \mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{endo}}\right), 2.13$ (ddd, 1 H , $\left.J=6,9.5,13.5, \mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{exo}}\right), 1.77\left(\mathrm{dt}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=5,13.5, \mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{endo}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}$ $(20 \mathrm{MHz}) 165.4(\mathrm{CO}), 142.3(\mathrm{C} 3), 139.2(\mathrm{C} 2), 80.8(\mathrm{C} 6), 73.9(\mathrm{C} 7)$, $51.4\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 46.0(\mathrm{C} 5$ or C 1$), 45.8(\mathrm{Cl}$ or C 5$), 37.3(\mathrm{C} 4), 36.1(\mathrm{C} 8)$.

The unwanted exo isomer was recycled to the starting olefin $3 S$ by conversion to the dimesylate and reductive elimination. Thus, 8.3 mL ( $107 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.2$ equiv) of methanesulfonyl chloride was added dropwise over 30 min to a stirred, ice-cold solution of $9.6 \mathrm{~g}(48.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ of diol $6 S$ and 20.2 mL ( $145 \mathrm{mmol}, 3$ equiv) of triethylamine in 285 mL of dichloromethane. After stirring at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 h , the mixture was poured into ice water. The organic layer was washed with cold 2 N HCl , water, and 1 N sodium bicarbonate. Concentration provided $17.7 \mathrm{~g}(100 \%)$ of dimesylate as a viscous orange oil which very slowly crystallized.
$[\alpha]^{24}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+33.4^{\circ}\left(c 1.02, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{HMR}(360 \mathrm{MHz}) 6.77(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H}), 4.99(\mathrm{q}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=5, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}), 4.74(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=4,5, \mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{H}), 3.75$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ ), $3.65(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{H}), 3.12\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{SO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, ca. 3.11 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H}), 3.10\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{SO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.86(\mathrm{ddt}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=1.5,9.5$, $\left.19.5, \mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H}_{\text {exo }}\right), 2.48\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{4}-\mathrm{H}_{\text {endo }} \& \mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}_{\text {ex }}\right), 2.02(\mathrm{dt}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=$ $\left.5,14.5, \mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}_{\text {endo }}\right){ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}(20 \mathrm{MHz}) 164.5(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CO}), 142.0(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 3), 138.0$ $(\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C} 2), 85.0(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 6), 80.8(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 7), 51.6\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 44.6(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{Cl}$ or C 5$)$, $44.1(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C}$ : or Cl$), 38.5\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{SO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 38.4\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{SO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 36.2(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 4)$, 34.6 ( $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 8$ ).

A mixture of 17.7 g ( 50 mmol ) of the above crude dimesylate, 44.9 g ( $0.30 \mathrm{~mol}, 6$ equiv) of sodium iodide and 19.6 g ( $0.30 \mathrm{~mol}, 6$ equiv) of zinc dust in 460 mL of DME was refluxed with stirring overnight. After cooling, the mixture was vacuum filtered through Celite. The filter cake was washed well with pentane and water, and then the combined filtrates were poured into 3 L of water and extracted thrice with pentane. The combined pentane layers were washed with 3 L of water followed by a back extraction of the aqueous phase with pentane. This treatment was repeated once more to remove the last traces of DME. Concentration of the pentane layers yielded $6 \mathrm{~g}(73 \%)$ of the ester $3 S$ as a fluid yellow
(23) We have made a significant improvement in the preparation of cis-bicyclo[3.3.0]oct-6-en-2-one, an intermediate in the synthesis ${ }^{\text {s,6 }}$ of 3. See Supplementary Material for Whitesell, J. K.; Minton, M. A. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1986, 108, 6802.
oil, suitable for resubmission to the Woodward oxidation
Methyl (4R)-(-)-cis-5-Ethyl-4-methyl-1-cyclopentene-1-carboxylate (10). A mixture of 20.2 g ( 56 mmol ) of the crude dimesylate $9,50.8 \mathrm{~g}$ ( $0.34 \mathrm{~mol}, 6$ equiv) of sodium iodide, and 73.9 g ( $1.13 \mathrm{~mol}, 20$ equiv) of zinc dust in 510 mL of DME was refluxed with stirring for 3 h . After cooling, the mixture was vacuum filtered through Celite and worked up as above. Concentration of the pentane layers yielded $7.1 \mathrm{~g}(75 \%)$ of the volatile ester 10 as a fluid yellow oil, free of the corresponding lactone impurity according to ${ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}$ analysis. A colorless analytical sample was molecularly distilled at $80-85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 40-42 \mathrm{mmHg}$.
$[\alpha]^{22}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}-18.2^{\circ}$ (c 1.05, absolute EtOH); IR 2935, 1710, 1620, 1425, 1095; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{HMR}$ ( 360 MHz ) 6.78 (narrow m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H}$ ), 3.72 (s, 3 H , $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ ), 2.77 (brq, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=\mathrm{ca} .6, \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H}$ ), $2.50(6$ or 7 line m, $1 \mathrm{H}, J$ $=7.5, \mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H}$ ), ca. 2.45 (dddd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=0.5,3,8,17, \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H}$ ), 2.10 (ddt, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=2.5,8.5,17, \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H})$, ca. $1.54(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}), 1.06(\mathrm{~d}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J$ $=7, \mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{H}), 0.86(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5, \mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}(20 \mathrm{MHz}) 165.9(\mathrm{~s}$, $\mathrm{CO}), 143.4(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 2), 140.6(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{Cl}), 51.1\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 47.6(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 5), 40.1$ ( $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 3$ ), 37.5 (d, C4), 21.3 ( $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 7$ ), 15.1 ( $\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{C} 6$ ), 12.1 ( $\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{C} 8$ ).

Methyl (1S)-(+)-cis, endo-6,7-Dihydroxy-cis-bicyclo[3.3.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylate Diisopropylketal (14). A solution of 12.6 g ( 63.5 mmol ) of endo diol $75,27.1 \mathrm{~mL}$ ( $191 \mathrm{mmol}, 3$ equiv) of diisopropylketone, and 1.21 ( $6.4 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.1$ equiv) of $p$-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate in 225 mL of benzene was refluxed for 28 h under a Soxhlet extractor filled with $4 \AA$ molecular sieves. After having been cooled to room temperature, the solution was stirred 1.75 h with $0.61 \mathrm{~g}(7 \mathrm{mmol})$ of sodium bicarbonate. After concentration, the residue was filtered through Florisil and purified by preparative HPLC by using 9:1 Skelly B/ethyl acetate. There were obtained 14.1 g ( $73 \%$ ) of the ketal ester 14 as a pale yellow oil as well as a small amount of recovered diol $7 \boldsymbol{S}$ from an ethyl acetate flush of the column. A colorless analytical sample of 14 was obtained by molecular distillation at $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmHg}$.
$[\alpha]^{22} \mathrm{D}+18.5^{\circ}$ (c 1.0, absolute EtOH); IR 2940, 1710, 1625, 1415, $1360,1245,1200,1110,1065,1020,680 ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{HMR}(360 \mathrm{MHz}) 6.66(\mathrm{q}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=2, \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H}), 4.76(\mathrm{dt}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=4.5,7, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}), 4.63(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=$ 7, C6-H), $3.72\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 3.40(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{J}), 2.96(\mathrm{dq}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J$ $\left.=3,18.5, \mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H}_{\text {endo }}\right), 2.86(\mathrm{qd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=3.5,8.5, \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H}), 2.47(\mathrm{ddt}, 1$ $\mathrm{H}, J=2,9.5,18.5, \mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ex} 0}$ ), 2.23 (ddd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=7,8,14.5, \mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ex} 0}$ ), 2.09 (septet, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=7$, endo- $i$ - $\operatorname{Pr} \mathrm{CH}$ ), 2.02 (ddd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=4.5$, ca. 5 , 14.5, C8-H endo ), 1.96 (septet, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=7$, exo-i- $\operatorname{Pr} \mathrm{CH}$ ), $0.95(\mathrm{~d}, 6 \mathrm{H}$, $J=7$, endo- $i-\operatorname{PrCH} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), $0.91\left(\mathrm{~d}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7\right.$, exo-i- $\left.\operatorname{Pr} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.89(\mathrm{~d}, 3$ $\mathrm{H}, J=7$, exo- $i-\operatorname{Pr} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}(20 \mathrm{MHz}) 165.3$ (s, CO$), 143.4(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 3)$, 138.2 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C} 2$ ), $118.2\left(\mathrm{~s},(i-\mathrm{Pr})_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right), 84.3$ (d, C6 or C7), 83.1 (d, C7 or $\mathrm{C} 6), 51.2\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 50.8(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{Cl}), 45.1(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 5), 36.6(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 8), 34.3$ (d, $i-\operatorname{Pr} C H), 33.5(\mathrm{~d}, i-\operatorname{PrCH}), 32.3(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 4), 18.5\left(\mathrm{q}, i-\operatorname{Pr} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 18.3(\mathrm{q}$, $i-\operatorname{Pr} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ).

Trienes 17. $n$-Butyllithium ( 4.8 mL of 2.9 M solution in hexane, 14 mmol, 1.05 equiv) was added dropwise over 7 min to a stirred, ice-cold suspension of $6.25 \mathrm{~g}(13.4 \mathrm{mmol})$ of phosphonium salt 13 in 100 mL of ether. The resulting deep red solution was stirred 30 min more with ice cooling, and then a solution of $3.73 \mathrm{~g}(14.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.05$ equiv) of aldehyde 16 in 30 mL of ether was added dropwise over 1.5 h . The reaction was stirred another 20 min at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 30 \mathrm{~min}$ at room temperature, and finally 30 min at reflux. Water ( $13 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.7 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added, and then ether was distilled under a stream of argon ( $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ bath, dry ice-cooled receiver). The residue was diluted with specially purified Skelly B and filtered through Florisil under argon. Concentration (vacuum replaced with argon) provided $3.9 \mathrm{~g}(79 \%)$ of an approximately $2: 1$ mixture of cis and trans trienes 17: UV 287, 274, 264, 256 (sh) (These absorptions are mostly due to the trans triene. Samples richer in cis show only a broad, featureless maximum at 267.).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{HMR}(90 \mathrm{MHz}) 6.15(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=4.5$, trans $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}), 5.85$ (br s, 2 H , cis $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}$ ), $5.67(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, trans C13-H or C14-H), $5.53(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, trans $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{H}$ or $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{H}$ and cis $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{H})$, 4.9-4.5 ( $\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{H}$ ), 3.0-0.8 (m, remaining protons); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}(20 \mathrm{MHz})$ cis $144.3(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C} 9), 143.4$ (s, C6), 131.8 (d, C7 or C8), 129.7 (d, C8 or C7), 125.3 (d, C13 or C14), 125.1 ( $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{Cl4}$ or Cl 3 ), 118.2 ( $\left.\mathrm{s},(i-\mathrm{Pr})_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right), 84.5(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 17$ or C 3$), 84.0(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 3$ or Cl 7$), 52.1(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 10)$, 50.8 (d, C5), 45.3 (d, C16), $40.0(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 12$ ), 36.3 (d or t. C11 or C4), 36.2 ( t or $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{C} 4$ or $\mathrm{Cl1}$ ), $34.4(\mathrm{~d}, i-\operatorname{PrCH}), 33.5(\mathrm{~d}, i-\operatorname{PrCH}), 31.4(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 15)$, $20.5\left(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right.$ of Et$)$, several peaks ca. $18.4\left(\mathrm{q}, i-\mathrm{Pr} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 15.3\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ at C11), 12.4 (q, CH ${ }_{3}$ of Et); trans $147.3 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C} 9$ ), 145.1 (s, C6), 130.0 (d, C7 or C8), 129.5 (d, C8 or C7), 126.0 (d, C13), 124.8 (d, C14), 118.9 ( $\left.\mathrm{s},(i-\mathrm{Pr})_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right), 85.2(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 17), 83.1(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 3), 50.4(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 5), 47.0(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 10)$, 45.2 (d, C16), 39.9 ( $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{Cl} 2$ ), 38.2 (d, C11), 37.8 (t, C4), 34.9 (d, ,-Pr $\mathrm{CH}), 33.5(\mathrm{~d}, i-\operatorname{Pr} \mathrm{CH}), 31.8(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 15), 21.0\left(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right.$ of Et$)$, several peaks ca. $18.4\left(\mathrm{q}, i-\mathrm{Pr} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 15.3\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ at $\left.\mathrm{Cl1}\right), 12.3\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of Et$)$.
(2R)-cis , anti,cis - $2,3,5 \mathrm{~b}, 6,7,8,8 \mathrm{a}, 9,9 \mathrm{a}, 9 \mathrm{~b}$-Decahydro-3-ethyl-2-methyl-1 $H$-cyclopent $[b]$-as-indacene-cis, endo-7,8-diol Diisopropylketal (18). A solution of $0.6 \mathrm{~g}(1.6 \mathrm{mmol})$ of cis and trans trienes 17 in 120 mL of specially purified Skelly B contained in an ordinary 4-oz glass
bottle was deoxygenated by bubbling argon through it for 1 h . A septum was wired onto the bottle, which was then immersed in a large unsilvered Pyrex Dewar containing isopropyl alcohol cooled to $-75^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ by a refrigeration coil. The Dewar was placed in a Rayonet type RS preparative photochemical reactor and irradiated at 3500 A for 24 h . (The exact time depended on the individual lamps employed and was determined by irradiating a sample for a shorter time, determining the ratio of triene to diene by ${ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}$ and extrapolating to $90 \%$ conversion.) Over irradiation had to be avoided as the ratio of diastereomeric dienes decreased to nearly $1: 1$ after 110 h , even though some triene was still present (equilibrium being established?). Low temperature was also necessary, as a room temperature run gave a nearly $1: 1$ ratio of 18 and 19. After having been warmed to room temperature, concentration (vacuum replaced with argon) gave 0.6 g ( $100 \%$ ) of product as a pale yellow oil. At conversions up to $90 \%$ the ratio of inseparable diastereomeric dienes $\mathbf{1 8}$ and 19 was $4: 1$ in favor of the configuration corresponding to ikarugamycin. ${ }^{11}$ Several samples could be irradiated simultaneously.
(2R )-cis , anti ,cis -2,3,5b,6,7,8,8a,9,9a,9b-Decahydro-3-ethyl-2-methyl-1H-cyclopent[b]-as-indacene-cis,endo-7,8-diol (20). A solution of 2.2 g ( 5.9 mmol ) of crude dienes 18 and 19 (including some batches with ratios of diastereomers less than $4: 1$ ) in 60 mL of methanol, 15 mL of THF, and 2.5 mL of water was acidified with 0.5 mL of 2 N HCl and stirred overnight at room temperature. After 15 h the solution was concentrated (vacuum replaced with argon) and again treated as above. After another 24 h solid sodium bicarbonate was added, and the mixture was concentrated (vacuum replaced with argon) and filtered under argon through silica gel with ethyl acetate. The crude product ( 1.7 g ) was purified by preparative HPLC by using $2: 1$ Skelly $B /$ ethyl acetate. There were obtained $0.86 \mathrm{~g}(50 \%)$ of 20 as a yellow oil which soon crystallized as well as small quantities of the slower moving diastereomeric diene 21, the corresponding aromatized material, and another unidentified trienediol as oils.

Major diastereomer 20: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{HMR}(360 \mathrm{MHz}) 5.68(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}$ or C8-H), $5.64(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2.5, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}$ or $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}), 4.01$ (ddd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=4$, $6.5,9.5, \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H}$ ), 3.95 (dd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=4,6, \mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{H}$ ), 2.98 (br q $, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=$ $8.5, \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H}), 2.66(\mathrm{qd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=6,9.5, \mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{H}), 2.59(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{H})$, 2.35-2.18 (m, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{H}$, and $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{H}$ ), 2.12 (septet, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=$ $7, \mathrm{Cl} 2-\mathrm{H}), 2.00$ (ddd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=6.5,8.5,12.5, \mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{exo}}$ ), 1.52 (ddd, 1 H , $\left.J=7.5,9.5,12.5, \mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H}_{\text {endo }}\right), 1.46-1.27\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cl} 5-\mathrm{H}\right.$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ of Et$)$, $1.12(\mathrm{dt}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5,12.5, \mathrm{Cl} 5-\mathrm{H}), 0.95\left(\mathrm{~d}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ at C 11$)$, $0.94\left(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of Et), ca. $0.9(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}(20$ MHz ) 151.2 (s, C9), 148.8 (s, C6), 116.0 (d, C7 or C8), 116.0 (d, C8 or C7), 75.6 ( $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{C} 17$ or C 3 ), 75.3 ( $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{C} 3$ or C 17 ), 47.9 ( $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{C} 14$ or C 13 ), 47.3 (d, C13 or C14), 47.1 (d, Cl0), 45.6 (d, C16), 43.4 (d, C5), 39.3 ( $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 4$ ), $37.8(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{Cl} 2), 37.3$ (d, Cl1), $32.4(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{Cl} 5), 21.8\left(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right.$ of Et$)$, $15.5\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ at $\left.\mathrm{Cl1}\right), 12.4\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of Et$)$.

Minor diastereomer 21: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{HMR}(360 \mathrm{MHz}) 5.70(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H})$, са. $4.1(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H}), 3.96(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=4,6, \mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{H})$, $3.0-0.85$ ( m , remaining protons except Me ), $0.94\left(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of Et ), $0.79\left(\mathrm{~d}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ at C 11$) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}(90 \mathrm{MHz}) 150.5(\mathrm{~s}$, C9), 148.3 (s, C6), 116.2 (d, C7 or C8), 115.5 (d, C8 or C7), 75.5 (d, C 17 or C3), 74.1 (d, C3 or C17), 48.7 (d, C13 or C14), 48.1 (d, C14 or C13), 46.6 (d, C16), $45.0(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 10), 42.8(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 5), 38.5(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 12), 37.7(\mathrm{t}$, C4), $34.9(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{C} 11), 31.6(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 15), 21.2\left(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right.$ of Et$), 14.6\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ at C 11 ), 12.7 ( $\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ of Et ).

Spectral data for other byproducts will be found in the Supplementary Material.
(2R )-cis ,anti, cis ,cis -2,3,5,5a,5b,6,7,8,8a,9,9a,9b-Dodecahydro-3-ethyl-2-methyl-1 $\boldsymbol{H}$-cyclopent $[b]$-as-indacene-cis, endo-7,8-diol (22). Ammonia ( 120 mL ) was redistilled from a blue solution with lithium wire into a flask at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ containing $0.7 \mathrm{~g}(0.1 \mathrm{~mol}, 40$ equiv) of pentanewashed lithium wire and 55 mL of ether under argon. A solution of 0.55 mL of tert-butyl alcohol ( $5.8 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.4$ equiv) in 3.5 mL of ether was
added with stirring, followed by dropwise addition of a solution of 0.65 $\mathrm{g}(2.4 \mathrm{mmol})$ of dienediol 20 in 10 mL of ether over 10 min . The dark blue mixture was stirred 4 h at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and then allowed slowly to warm over several hours to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and finally to room temperature overnight. The mixture was then cooled in ice and quenched by careful dropwise addition of methanol and then water. After acidification with concentrated HCl the layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was washed twice more with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with water, 1 N sodium bicarbonate, and brine. Concentration and filtration through silica gel with ethyl acetate gave $0.52 \mathrm{~g}(80 \%)$ of yellow, semicrystalline product which was purified by semipreparative HPLC by using 3:1 Skelly B/ethyl acetate. There were obtained $0.3 \mathrm{~g}(45 \%)$ of 22 as well as earlier fractions containing small amounts of the cis-1,2reduced species with opposite regiochemistry and the 1,4 -reduced diol corresponding to 2 but with opposite stereochemistry at C9, all as white crystalline solids.

Major 1,2-reduced diol 22: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{HMR}(360 \mathrm{MHz}) 5.27$ (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}$ ), 4.09 (br m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H}$ ), 3.93 (br m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cl} 7-\mathrm{H}$ ), 2.53 (qd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=$ $6,9, \mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{dm}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=3, ?, 18, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}), 2.23-1.85(\mathrm{~m}, 11 \mathrm{H})$, 1.68 (dd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=5.5,10.5$ ), 1.62 (dd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=9,12.5$ ), 1.49 (m, 2 H ), $1.28\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5, ?, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right.$ of Et$), 0.96(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{H}), 0.93(\mathrm{t}, 3$ $\mathrm{H}, J=7.5, \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ of Et$), 0.70\left(\mathrm{~d}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ at $\left.\mathrm{Cl1}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}(22.5$ $\mathrm{MHz}) 146.1$ (s, C9), 114.5 (d, C8), 77.2 (d, C17), 74.1 (d, C3), 48.4 (d, C10), 47.3 (d, C5), 45.9 (2C, d, C13 and C16), 43.5 (d, C14), 38.4 (d, C6), 37.7 ( $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 12$ ), 36.2 ( $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 4$ ), 34.1 ( $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{C} 11$ ), 29.4 ( $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 15$ ), 27.1 ( t , C7), 20.7 (t, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ of Et ), 160.0 (q, $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ at $\mathrm{Cl1}$ ), 12.6 (q, $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ of Et ).
(2R )-(+)-cis, trans , anti ,cis ,cis -2,3,3a,5a,5b,6,7,8,8a,9,9a,9b-Dodecahydro-3-ethyl-2-methyl-1H-cyclopent [b]-as-indacene-cis,endo-7,8-diol (2). A milky "solution" of $55 \mathrm{mg}(0.17 \mathrm{mmol})$ of crude 28 in 2 mL of methanol, 1 mL of THF, and 0.4 mL of water was acidified with 1 drop of concentrated HCl and heated under reflux for 1.5 h . The now homogeneous solution was cooled, neutralized with 1 N sodium bicarbonate, and extracted twice with ether. The combined extracts were washed with brine and concentrated leaving 39 mg ( $83 \%$ ) of crude diol 2 as a white crystalline solid. An analytical sample was recrystallized from benzene and Skelly B as very fine needles: mp $132-4^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]^{22} \mathrm{D}$ $+20.8^{\circ}$ (c 0.77, absolute EtOH); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{HMR}(360 \mathrm{MHz}) 5.76$ (narrow m, 2 $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H}), 4.08(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H}), 3.93(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=4,6$, $\mathrm{Cl} 7-\mathrm{H}$ ), 2.55 (br 5 line $\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=\mathrm{ca} .9 .5, \mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{H}$ ), 2.33 (m, 1 H ), 2.24 (br pentet, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5$ ), 2.17-2.04 (m, 6 H , includes OH ), 2.02 (dd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5,8.5), 1.64(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=9,12.5), 1.61-1.42(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.39-1.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.19(\mathrm{qd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7,11), 0.93\left(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of Et), $0.88\left(\mathrm{~d}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ at C 11$), 0.69(\mathrm{td}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=6.5,12$, C12-H), ${ }^{13} \mathrm{CMR}(90 \mathrm{MHz}) 131.1$ (d, C8), 128.4 (d, C7), 76.9 (d, C17), 74.2 (d, C3), 51.6 (d, C5), 48.2, 47.9 (2C), 47.7, 44.6 (all d, C6, C9, C10, C13, C14), $44.6(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{Cl} 6), 38.2$ ( $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 12$ or C4), 37.2 ( $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{C} 4$ or C 12 ), 33.1 (d, $\mathrm{Cl1}$ ), $28.6(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{Cl} 5), 21.6\left(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right.$ of Et$), 17.7\left(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ at Cl 1$), 13.3$ (q, $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ of Et ).

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