These data delineate part structure a.

$$\frac{1}{1} = R = H$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = R = H_{2}^{+} C1^{-}$$

Only 12 <sup>13</sup>C NMR signals are observed: ten (δ 136.02-30.79) represent two carbons each; a triplet at δ 27.04 integrates for one, a triplet at δ 24.60 for four carbons.<sup>5</sup> Papuamine (1) therefore is a pentacyclic diamine symmetrical about a line through the central methylene ( $\delta$  27.04) and bisecting the C-16,17 bond ( $C_2$ symmetry axis). COSY, RCT8 (Tables I and II, Supplementary Material), and 2D INADEQUATE (Table III, Supplementary Material) experiments allowed expansion to part structure b, which is compatible with 1 or a cage structure, where C-10 is bonded to C-23 or C-22 and C-11 to C-22 or C-23. Observed coupling between C-10,11 (or C-22,23) methylenes eliminates the cage structure. A 2D NOE experiment (Table IV, Supplementary Material) allowed stereochemical assignments, and heteronuclear correlation data (Table V, Supplementary Material) confirmed the structure. Figure 1 summarizes the essential data from Tables I-V (Supplementary Material).

Evidence that the natural compound is a dihydrochloride derives from treatment of 2 with triethylamine in methanol, yielding crystalline triethylammonium chloride, and by quantitative high performance ion chromatography.9

A Dreiding model of papuamine (2) reveals a flexible 13membered ring, which allows many spatial arrangements of the two trans hydrindanes. This unique alkaloid bears no biogenetic resemblance to other known Haliclona metabolites, polymeric alkylpyridines,10 irregular sesquiterpenes,11 or a complex polycyclic

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## Stereospecific Replacement of Sulfur from Chiral $\gamma$ -Arylsulfanylbutyrolactones. Synthesis of Optically Pure Ring-Fused $\gamma$ -Butyrolactones

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The transfer of chirality from sulfur to carbon has become a useful tool in asymmetric synthesis. Particularly notable in this area is the use of a chiral sulfinyl group to induce asymmetry in adjacent carbon centers.1 Within this context, we have reported that  $\gamma$ -arylsulfanyl- $\gamma$ -butyrolactones can be prepared in optically pure form and in useful yields by an enantiospecific [3,3] sig-matropic rearrangement of chiral vinyl sulfoxides with ketenes.<sup>2,3</sup> A distinctive feature of this new lactonization reaction is the transfer of chirality from sulfur to as many as three contiguous carbon centers.2b

In order to extend the synthetic utility of the sulfoxide-directed lactonization, we investigated the stereospecific replacement of the sulfur auxiliary from the newly created chiral γ-arylsulfanylbutyrolactones. Our first expectation was that an intramolecular substitution of the arylsulfanyl moiety by a carbon-based group would result in the formation of a ring-fused butyrolactone in optically active form. Such a strategy would be very valuable in the synthesis of naturally occurring sesquiterpene lactones. In this paper, we report that a variety of chiral ring-fused butyrolactones 4 can be prepared in a stereocontrolled fashion as outlined in Scheme I. Method A proceeds by homolytic cleavage of the  $\gamma$ -carbon-sulfur bond and subsequent intramolecular trapping of the resulting  $\alpha$ -acyloxy radical.<sup>4,5</sup> Method B, on the other hand, formally involves an oxygen-assisted ionization of the arylsulfanyl group and a nucleophilic attack at the newly generated  $\alpha$ -acyloxy carbocation. Method A is best suited for the synthesis of cis fused cyclopentabutyrolactones, whereas method B is the preferred route

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## Scheme I

## Scheme IIa

<sup>a</sup> Reagents: (i) (EtO<sub>2</sub>C)<sub>2</sub>CHR, NaH, THF, 25 °C; (ii) Cl<sub>3</sub>CCOCl, Zn(Cu), THF, 0 °C; (iii) Al(Hg), THF-MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O or Zn(Cu), THF-H<sub>2</sub>O.

9: X = C1 (3S, 4S)

10: X = C1 (3R. 4R)

11: X = H (35, 45)

12: X = H (3R, 4R)

to cis fused cyclohexabutyrolactones or trans fused cycloheptabutyrolactones.

The starting  $\gamma$ -arylsulfanylbutyrolactones were prepared in optically pure form as illustrated in Scheme II. The (E)- $\beta$ malonylvinyl sulfoxides 7 and 8, obtained by addition-elimination of a diethyl malonate derivative onto the chiral sulfoxides 5 and 6, respectively, were treated with dichloroketene to afford the corresponding  $\gamma$ -p-tolylsulfanyl- $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ -dichlorobutyrolactones 9 and 10. Selective removal of the chlorine atoms with zinc-copper couple or aluminum amalgam then provided the desired (3S,4S)or  $(3R,4R)-\gamma-p$ -tolylsulfanyl- $\gamma$ -butyrolactones 11 and 12, respectively, in good overall yield. The R group in these compounds was chosen so as to bear an aromatic ring or double or triple bond that would act as the radical trap or the nucleophile in the subsequent cyclization reaction (Scheme II).

Treatment of  $\gamma$ -p-tolylsulfanylbutyrolactones 11a-c with trin-butyltin hydride and a catalytic amount of AIBN in toluene (Table I, entries 1-3) resulted in the isolation of the five- and six-membered ring-fused butyrolactones 13-15 in good to excellent yields.7

Several aspects of the results presented in Table I are noteworthy. In particular, lactone 11a possessing a bromovinyl appendage provided a 1:2 ratio of epimeric 2-oxabicyclo[3.3.0]octan-3-ones 13 and 14, respectively, in an 87% combined yield. It should be noted that two different radicals could have been generated from a system like 11a: a vinyl radical or an  $\alpha$ -acyloxy radical. The products obtained, however, suggest that the reaction proceeded exclusively via the oxygen-stabilized radical to give a tertiary bromide, from which the bromine atom was finally displaced by excess tin hydride.

The cyclization of  $\gamma$ -arylsulfanylbutyrolactone 11b, bearing a trimethylsilyl-substituted triple bond, gave an 85% yield of vinylsilanes 15 and 16.5 The structures of these regioisomers were confirmed by protodesilylation with iodine in refluxing aqueous

Table I. Cyclication of ~- Arylsulfanylbutyrolactones

Arylsulfanyllactone	Method <sup>a</sup>	Product(s)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (Ratio) <sup>c</sup>
EIO <sub>2</sub> C CO <sub>2</sub> Et  11a  TMS STOI  EIO <sub>2</sub> C CO <sub>2</sub> Et  11b  Stoop  EIO <sub>2</sub> C CO <sub>2</sub> Et  11c  CO <sub>2</sub> Et  12a	<b>A</b>	O <sub>2</sub> c $\overset{H}{\underset{\mathbb{F}}{\bigvee}}$ $\overset{\circ}{\circ}$	87% (α/β=1:2)
	A	13-14 MS H FIO2C CO2E1	85% (E / Z = 1.3 : 1
	<b>A</b>	15-16 H 0 EKO <sub>2</sub> C CO <sub>2</sub> E1	55% (α/β = 4.5 : 1
	ме <b>С</b>	17-18 OMe H EtO <sub>2</sub> C CO <sub>2</sub> E1	o 85%
eO S Tol	=○ B	EKO <sub>2</sub> C CO <sub>2</sub> E1	O 94% (trans / cis = 10

<sup>a</sup> Method A: freshly distilled n-Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (1.1-1.5 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of arylsulfanyllactone and AIBN (0.1 equiv. in toluene (5 mL/mmol), and the mixture was refluxed for 12-24 h. Method B: to a solution of arylsulfanyllactone in toluene (20 mL/ mmol) was added dropwise a 0.05 M solution of n-Bu<sub>3</sub>SnOTf (1.2-1.5 equiv), and the mixture stirred at 40-50 °C for 15-30 min. bYields refer to isolated products after chromatographic purification. 'Ratios refer to isomeric products and are based on 360-MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the reaction mixtures.

benzene,8 followed by ozonolysis of the resulting single alkene to give the corresponding keto lactone.9

In an attempt to delineate the effect of ring size on the outcome of this radical cyclization, lactone 11c was treated with tributyltin hydride. The epimeric 2-oxabicyclo[3.4.0]nonan-3-ones 17 and 18 were isolated from this reaction in a 4.5:1 ratio, respectively, and in a 55% combined yield. The lower yield of cyclized products has been attributed to the less favored cyclization of the 6-heptenyl radical generated from 11c. The thermodynamically more stable cis ring juncture in compounds 17 and 18 is supported by the spectroscopic data.

To carry forward the ionic mechanism of the cyclization, we treated  $\gamma$ -arylsulfanylbutyrolactones 12a,b (Table I) with various Lewis acids; whereas the initial attempts with BF3. Et2O or AlCl3 were unsuccessful,  $^{10}$  the reaction of  $\gamma$ -arylsulfanylbutyrolactone 12a with tri-n-butyltin triflate in toluene provided a single isomer of the tricyclic product 19 in an 85% isolated yield. 11,12 The cis

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The stereospecific intramolecular replacement of the sulfur atom from  $\gamma$ -arylsulfanylbutyrolactones via  $\alpha$ -acyloxy radicals or  $\alpha$ acyloxy carbocations, then, broadens the range of application of the chiral sulfoxide-directed lactonization reaction. In addition, the present methodology provides a nontraditional entry into ring-fused lactones, for it allows the stereospecific construction of a carbocyclic ring onto a preformed lactone.

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## Regiocontrol in the Intermolecular Cobalt-Catalyzed Olefin-Acetylene Cycloaddition

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In 1973 Pauson showed that alkyne dicobalt octacarbonyl complexes react with olefins to give rise to cyclopentenones. 1.2 However, there are two major problems associated with the intermolecular cycloaddition. First, mixtures of regioisomeric cyclopentenones, i.e., 1 and 2, are formed from unsymmetrically substituted olefins, although unsymmetrically substituted acetylenes prefer (due to steric interactions) an orientation which places the larger substituent in the  $\alpha$  position of the cyclopentenone (eq 1). Second, the yields are consistently low when simple olefins

are used. We now report the first examples of the use of ligands to provide regiocontrol in the intermolecular olefin-acetylene cycloaddition and to contribute to a significant improvement in the overall yield.3

Scheme I

Scheme II

Since its introduction, the reaction (referred to as the Pauson<sup>4</sup> cyclization) has attracted much attention due to its synthetic utility;5.6 however, use has been limited to the intramolecular modification due to the aforementioned problems. Recent studies employing the intramolecular version include the use of ultrasound<sup>7</sup> and silica gel as a medium for the cycloaddition.8,9

A mechanism has been proposed, 4.5 although experimental evidence is lacking. A potential solution to the regioisomer problem may, however, be envisioned by considering the proposed mechanism (Scheme I). Initially, the olefin must coordinate to

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