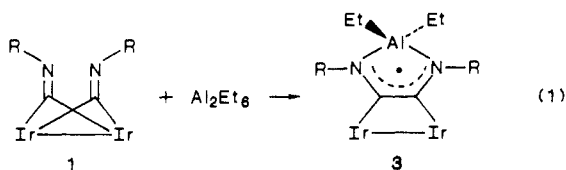


geometry and a metal-metal bond,  $d(\text{Ir}-\text{Ir}) = 2.7861(6) \text{ \AA}$ .

Complex **3** has one unpaired electron, which is introduced by the addition of a neutral  $\text{AlEt}_2$  radical to the diamagnetic complex **1**. At  $-150^\circ\text{C}$  the EPR powder spectrum of **3** exhibits a completely isotropic signal with  $g = 2.005$ . The isotropic nature of the low-temperature powder spectrum suggests that the unpaired electron **3** resides in a molecular orbital with essentially no contribution from the iridium atoms. This result is in accord with FTIR  $\nu(\text{CN})$  data which suggest no change in the formal oxidation state of **3** compared to **1** and indicates the unpaired electron likely is delocalized exclusively within the  $\text{C}_2\text{N}_2\text{Al}$  ring of **3**.

The formation of **3** by annulation of two  $\mu$ -isocyanides with an  $\text{AlEt}_2$  radical is unprecedented, eq 1. The  $\text{AlEt}_2$  radical is



presumably formed by  $\text{AlEt}_3$  abstraction of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5^-$  from an N-complexed  $\text{AlEt}_3$  followed by electron transfer. The complexation of 1 equiv of  $\text{AlEt}_3$  to **1** is observed in the early stages of reaction (vide supra). Upon abstraction of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5^-$  from the initial adduct, one would expect formation of the species  $[\text{Ir}_2\{\text{C}_2(\text{NR})_2\text{AlEt}_2\}(\text{CNR})_2(\text{dmpm})_2]^+[\text{AlEt}_4]^-$ ,  $[\text{3}^+][\text{AlEt}_4]^-$ . We note Schmidbaur has reported an apparently similar disproportionation of  $\text{Al}_2\text{Me}_6$  to  $[\text{AlMe}_2^+]/[\text{AlMe}_4^-]$  and annulation of  $[\text{AlMe}_2^+]$  in the case of bis(trialkylphosphoranylimino)silanes.<sup>31</sup> We find the molecular cation  $\text{3}^+$  can be prepared by one-electron oxidation of **3**. Cyclic voltammetric studies of **3** in THF reveal one reversible oxidation,  $E_{1/2}(\text{3}^+/\text{3}) = -0.22 \text{ V}$  versus SCE. Chemical oxidation of **3** with  $[\text{FeCp}_2][\text{PF}_6]$  affords  $[\text{3}^+][\text{PF}_6]^-$ . The cationic species  $\text{3}^+$  does not show any  $\nu(\text{CN})$  band in the  $1700\text{--}1450\text{-cm}^{-1}$  region, suggesting that the carbon-carbon bond in the  $\text{C}_2\text{N}_2\text{Al}$  ring of **3** is not cleaved by one-electron oxidation. The diamagnetic cation  $\text{3}^+$  is however reducible by  $\text{AlEt}_4^-$  to yield the isolated radical product **3**. Our results thus imply that it is the condensation of an  $\text{AlEt}_2^+$  fragment with two bridging isocyanide ligands which induces carbon-carbon bond formation, not the injection of an electron from  $\text{AlEt}_4^-$ , formed during the coupling reaction. Our studies of the relative importance of the Lewis acid employed in ligand coupling versus electron transfer are continuing.

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**Supplementary Material Available:** Tables consisting of crystal data and data collection parameters for **1** and **3** (Table I), positional parameters for **1** and **3** (Tables II and VII, respectively), temperature factor expressions for **1** and **3** (Tables III and VIII, respectively), bond distances and angles for **1** and **3** (Tables IV and IX, respectively), least-squares planes and dihedral angles for **1** and **3** (Tables V and X, respectively) (30 pages); tables consisting of observed and calculated structure factors for **1** and **3** (Tables VI and XI, respectively) (51 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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## Total Synthesis of (+)-CC-1065 and ent-(-)-CC-1065

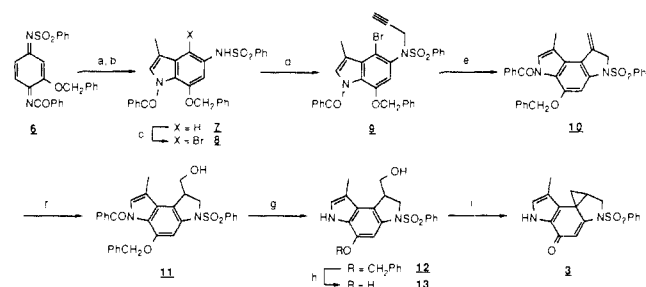
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CC-1065 (**1**, NSC-298223), an antitumor-antibiotic isolated from *Streptomyces zelensis*<sup>2</sup> initially identified by spectroscopic techniques<sup>3a</sup> and confirmed in a single-crystal X-ray structure determination,<sup>3b</sup> has been shown to possess exceptional, potent in vitro cytotoxic activity, antimicrobial activity, and confirmed, potent in vivo antitumor activity.<sup>4</sup> In sharp contrast to the early observations made with simplified analogues of CC-1065 bearing modified central and right-hand subunits, e.g., U-71,184,<sup>5</sup> in which the antitumor activity and DNA binding properties have been found to be restricted primarily to the agent enantiomer bearing the natural 3*R*,4*S*-CPI left-hand segment,<sup>6</sup> recent efforts have

### Scheme 1<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> (a) 1.10 equiv of 1-piperidino-1-propene,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $0\text{--}23^\circ\text{C}$ , 12 h; (b) 10% aqueous HCl-THF (1:5),  $23^\circ\text{C}$ , 12 h; (c) 1.0 equiv of *N*-bromosuccinimide, THF,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (catalyst),  $-23^\circ\text{C}$ , 1 h, 97%; (d) 1.1 equiv of NaH, DMF,  $23^\circ\text{C}$ , 15 min; 3 equiv of 3-bromopropene, DMF,  $23^\circ\text{C}$ , 3 h, 67% from **7**; (e) 2.1 equiv of *n*- $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$ , AIBN (catalyst), benzene,  $80^\circ\text{C}$ , 4–5 h; (f) 2–3 equiv of  $\text{BH}_3\cdot\text{SMe}_2$ , THF,  $0\text{--}23^\circ\text{C}$ , 1–3 h; 1 equiv of 2 *N* aqueous NaOH, 3 equiv of 30%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ,  $45^\circ\text{C}$ , 30 min, 40% from **9**; (g) 5% anhydrous HCl- $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ,  $50^\circ\text{C}$ , 2 h, 83%; (h) 1 atm of  $\text{H}_2$ , 10% Pd/C, EtOAc,  $23^\circ\text{C}$ , 20 h, 85%; (i) 1.5 equiv of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$ , 1.95 equiv of diethyl azodicarboxylate, THF,  $23^\circ\text{C}$ , 3 h, 50%.

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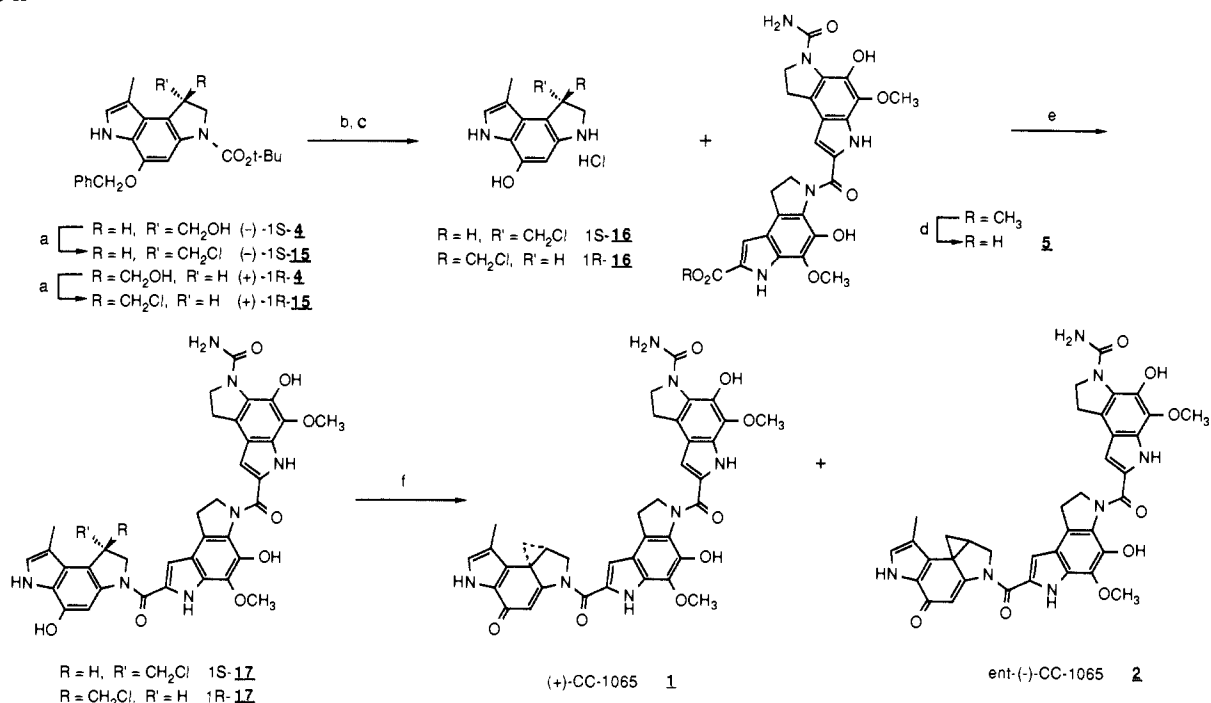
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Scheme II<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> (a) 1.5 equiv of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$ , 1.5 equiv of  $\text{CCl}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 23 °C, 12 h, 87%; (b) 25% aqueous  $\text{HCO}_2\text{NH}_4/\text{THF}$  1:4, 10% Pd/C, 23 °C, 30–45 min, 100%; (c) 3 N anhydrous  $\text{HCl-EtOAc}$ , 23 °C, 30–45 min; (d) 10 equiv of  $\text{LiOH}$ , 3 equiv of  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{THF}/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3:2:1), 45 °C, 10 h, 84%; (e) 0.9 equiv of **5**, 3 equiv of 1-(3-(dimethylamino)propyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI),  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , DMF, 23 °C, 24 h; (f) 1:1:1  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}/\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , 23 °C, 30 min, 34% from **5**.

revealed that the enantiomeric pairs (+)-CC-1065/*ent*(-)-CC-1065<sup>7</sup> and (+)-CPI-CDPI<sub>2</sub>/*(-)*-CPI-CDPI<sub>2</sub><sup>8</sup> possess indistinguishable *in vitro* cytotoxic activity. Herein we detail the preparation of **3**, the spirobicyclo[5.2.0]octa-2,5-dien-4-one bearing left-hand segment of CC-1065 (CPI),<sup>9</sup> the coupling of its resolved, immediate precursors (-)-1S-15 and (+)-1R-15 to synthetic PDE-I dimer (**5**),<sup>10</sup> and incorporation into the total syntheses of natural (+)-CC-1065 (**1**) and unnatural *ent*(-)-CC-1065 (**2**), respectively.

Treatment of the selectively activated 2-benzyloxy-*p*-quinonediimide **6**<sup>11</sup> with 1-piperidino-1-propene ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 0–23 °C, 2–12 h) followed by acid-catalyzed elimination of piperidine (10% aqueous  $\text{HCl}/\text{THF}$  1:5, 23 °C, 12 h)<sup>12</sup> afforded 3-methylindole **7**. Selective C-4 bromination of **7** (1.0 equiv NBS, THF, catalytic  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , -23 °C, 1 h) afforded **8** (97%), and subsequent benzenesulfonamide alkylation ( $\text{NaH}$ , DMF; 3-bromopropyne, 23 °C, 3 h) provided **9** (67% overall from **7**). 5-*Exo-Dig* aryl radical-alkyne cyclization<sup>13</sup> (2.1 equiv *n*-Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH, catalytic AIBN, benzene, 80 °C, 4–5 h) afforded 3-methylideneindoline **10**, which proved unstable to chromatographic

purification and was subjected directly to the conditions of hydroboration (2–3 equiv of  $\text{BH}_3\text{-SMe}_2$ , THF, 0–23 °C, 1–3 h) and subsequent oxidation (2 N  $\text{NaOH}$ , 30% aqueous  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , 45 °C, 30 min) to provide 3-hydroxymethylindoline **11** (40% overall from **9**). Indole deprotection (5% anhydrous  $\text{HCl-CH}_3\text{OH}$ , 50 °C, 2 h) afforded **12**, and hydrogenolysis of the benzyl ether (1 atm of  $\text{H}_2$ , 10% Pd/C, EtOAc, 23 °C, 20 h) provided **13**. Final closure of **13** directly to the spirocyclopropylquinone was achieved by employing the Mitsunobu activation and intramolecular alkylation conditions detailed by Magnus and co-workers ( $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$ , diethyl azodicarboxylate, THF, 23 °C, 3 h),<sup>9b</sup> affording *N*<sup>2</sup>-benzenesulfonyl CPI (**3**),<sup>9c</sup> and completing the preparation of the protected left-hand segment of CC-1065.<sup>9</sup>

The resolution of **4**<sup>8</sup> and its subsequent incorporation into the total synthesis of (+)- and (-)-CC-1065 is detailed in Scheme II. Reductive removal of the indoline *N*-benzenesulfonamide group of **12** (6 equiv of sodium bis(2-methoxyethoxy)aluminum hydride, toluene, 100 °C, 3 h)<sup>7,14</sup> followed by acylation of the unstable free indoline (2 equiv of di-*tert*-butyldicarbonate, THF, 23 °C, 3 h) afforded **4** (60% from **12**). Resolution of alcohol **4** was achieved by chromatographic separation of the corresponding diastereomeric (*R*)-(-)-*O*-acetylmandelate esters (**14**),<sup>8</sup> providing 1*R*,2'*R*-**14** and 1*S*,2'*R*-**14**, which were independently subjected to base-promoted hydrolysis (3 equiv of  $\text{LiOH}$ , THF/ $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  3:2:1, 20 °C, 3 h) to provide the enantiomeric alcohols (+)-1*R*-**4** ( $[\alpha]_{578}^{23} = +8.1^\circ$  (*c* 0.63,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )) and (-)-1*S*-**4** ( $[\alpha]_{578}^{23} = -8.3^\circ$  (*c* 0.74,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )).<sup>15</sup> Independent conversion of (-)-1*S*-**4** and (+)-1*R*-**4** to the corresponding *primary* chlorides (1.5 equiv of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$ , 1.5 equiv of  $\text{CCl}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 23 °C, 12 h)<sup>16</sup> afforded (-)-1*S*-**15** ( $[\alpha]_{578}^{23} = -12.8^\circ$  (*c* 0.51,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )) and (+)-1*R*-**15** ( $[\alpha]_{578}^{23} = +13.1^\circ$  (*c* 0.66,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )),<sup>15</sup> respectively, constituting the resolved substrates for incorporation into the total synthesis of (+)- and (-)-CC-1065.<sup>7</sup> Following the conditions described by Kelly and co-workers,<sup>7</sup> sequential removal of the

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## Additions and Corrections

**Remarkable Effects of Lone Pair-Lone Pair Interactions on the Extremely Stereoselective [2 + 2] Cycloaddition of Azidoketene to Chiral 3-Imino-β-lactams** [*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 1798]. IWAO OJIMA,\* KAZUAKI NAKAHASHI, STEPHAN M. BRANDSTADTER, and NAOTO HATANAKA

Page 1801: In Scheme V, the compound designations for IIA and IIB should be reversed.

## Book Reviews\*

**Advances in Heterocyclic Chemistry. Volume 41.** Edited by A. R. Kartzitzky. Academic Press: Orlando. 1987. vii + 376 pp. \$85.00. ISBN 0-12-020641-2

The six chapters in this volume treat subjects new to the series. Synthesis of Heterocycles from Hydrogen Cyanide Derivatives, by D. S. Donald and O. W. Webster, deals with the elaborate chemistry built upon the dimers and oligomers of HCN, important industrially and in the search for insight into the paleological origin of organic compounds. T. S. Gilchrist reviews the anions of 5-membered heteroaromatic rings with attention to ring-opening reactions. F. Taddei and colleagues present a critical discussion of the barriers to free rotation in the *C*-acyl and *N*-acyl heterocycles. The Basicity and Acidity of Azoles is the subject of a chapter by J. Catalan, J. L. M. Abbond, and J. Elguero. Oxidative Transformations of Heteroaromatic Iminium Salts, exemplified by pyridinium salts, have been the subject of much recent attention and are reviewed by H. Weber. A ring system not reviewed before, the pyrazolopyrimidines, is the subject of the final chapter, by M. H. El Nagadi, M. R. H. El Moghayar, and G. E. H. El Gemeie. The high quality of content and production that characterizes this series is maintained.

**High-Energy Processes in Organometallic Chemistry. ACS Symposium Series. No. 333.** Edited by Kenneth S. Suslick (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign). American Chemical Society: Washington, DC. 1987. vii + 336 pp. \$69.95. ISBN 0-8412-1018-7

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**Formulas, Facts and Constants, For Students and Professionals In Engineering, Chemistry and Physics. Second Edition.** By Harold J. Fischbeck (University of Oklahoma) and Kurt H. Fischbeck (University of Heidelberg). Springer-Verlag: Berlin, Heidelberg, and New York. 1987. xv + 260 pp. \$23.00. ISBN 3-540-17610-1

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