protons were accounted for from the <sup>13</sup>C data. The remaining five protons were concluded to be exchangeable protons, but only four could be detected in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in benzene- $d_6$ .

Ten partial structures, units A-J (Figure 1), were generated mainly from 2D <sup>1</sup>H NMR, viz. COSY,<sup>9</sup> Relay (RCT1),<sup>10</sup> Double Relay (RCT2),<sup>10</sup> TOCSY,<sup>11</sup> phase-sensitive NOESY,<sup>12</sup> and ROESY<sup>13a,b</sup> experiments, and <sup>13</sup>C chemical shift data (Table I). Sequencing units A-J into a gross structure for 1 was then readily accomplished from proton-detected one-bond and long-range <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C NMR experiments, viz. HMQC<sup>14</sup> and HMBC.<sup>1</sup>

The homonuclear connectivities in the various units were deduced from the 2D data as illustrated in the following two examples. For unit F the H-20 signal showed COSY cross peaks to H-19 and H-21, relay cross peaks to H-22 and H<sub>3</sub>-38, and double relay cross peaks to H-23 (weak) and H<sub>3</sub>-37; no additional cross peaks were seen in the TOCSY spectrum. In unit B the H<sub>3</sub>-43 signal showed a COSY cross peak to H-5, a relay cross peak to H-6b (failure to see cross peaks to H-4a, H-4b, and H-6a indicated small couplings from H-5 to these protons), a double relay cross peak to H-6a and H-7 (weak), and TOCSY cross peaks to H-3a, H-3b, H-4a, H-4b, H-8, and H<sub>3</sub>-42. The only proton signal for unit B that was not observed as a cross peak in the TOCSY spectrum was the one for the exchangeable OH proton on C-7.

Four-bond <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H coupling was important in determining the structure of unit G, including the placement of a hydroxyl group on C-24 (COSY shows cross peaks from the OH on C-24 to H-25 and H<sub>2</sub>-36), and in connecting a methyl group to C-18 in unit F. Vicinal coupling constants indicated that (1) the geometries of the  $\Delta^{11}$  and  $\Delta^{20}$  double bonds were cis and trans, respectively, (2) hydroxyl groups were attached to C-15, C-16, and C-47, and (3) a methyl group was attached to the C-32 methine in an epoxide ring. NOEs established that (1) the geometries of the  $\Delta^{18}$  and  $\Delta^{25}$  double bonds were E and Z, respectively, (2) a second methyl group was attached to the epoxide ring at C-31 and oriented cis to the methyl group on C-32, and (3) the methoxyl group was on C-17.

The chemical shift of H-23 indicated that an ester oxygen was attached to C-23 as shown in unit F. The chemical shift of H-32 further supported its attachment to an epoxide ring as shown in unit H.

After assigning all the protonated carbons by the HMQC experiment, units A-J were easily connected from the HMBC<sup>16</sup> data (see Table II in Supplementary Material). The key twoand three-bond heteronuclear connectivities (<sup>1</sup>H to <sup>13</sup>C) that established the gross structure of 1 were as follows:  $H_3$ -44 to C-1; H-3a to C-1, C-2, and C-44; H<sub>3</sub>-42 to C-9; H<sub>3</sub>-41 to C-9; H-16 to C-15; H-17 to C-15, C-18, C-19, and C-39; H<sub>3</sub>-39 to C-17; H-23 to C-1, C-25, and C-36; H-25 to C-23 and C-36; H-27a to C-29; H-29 to C-27, C-28 and C-30; H-32 to C-30 and C-31; H<sub>3</sub>-34 to C-30; H-46 to C-45 and C-48; H<sub>3</sub>-49 to C-45 and C-47 (indicated by arrows in Figure 1). No direct NMR evidence was obtained to link A to I to J. The only alternative would be to link J to the oxygen on C-7. The chemical shift of H-7 ( $\delta$  3.86), however, strongly supported the placement of a hydroxyl on C-7. Unit J, therefore, had to be connected to I, and I in turn to the oxygen on C-2 by process of elimination. Even though vicinal coupling was not observed between H-15 and H-16, an NOE between these two protons as well as two- and three-bond heteronuclear correlations from H-16 and H-17 to C-15 firmly established the attachment of D and E as shown.

Patellazole B appears to be predominantly polyketide-derived, but the thiazole probably originates from an amino acid. Studies on the biosynthesis of patellazole B and the role of the algal symbiont in its production have been initiated.

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Supplementary Material Available: Table II listing the homonuclear and heteronuclear connectivities for patellazole B and <sup>1</sup>H NMR, PSCOSY, RCT1, RCT2, TOCSY, PSNOESY, ROESY, HMQC, and HMBC spectra of patellazole B in benzene- $d_6$  (0.018 M for all spectra except RCT1 and RCT2) (14 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

## Unprecedented Stereochemical Control in the Claisen Rearrangement of Allyl Vinyl Ethers Using **Organoaluminum Reagents**

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The Claisen rearrangement and its variants (Carroll, the ortho ester, Eschenmoser, and Ireland rearrangements)<sup>1</sup> offer many attractive synthetic advantages in view of the simplicity and versatility as exemplified by the broad applications to the stereoand regiochemically defined synthesis of a wide variety of natural products.<sup>2</sup> Among these, the basic Claisen rearrangement of vinyl ethers 1 of secondary allylic alcohols affords  $\gamma, \delta$ -unsaturated aldehydes in which the E-isomer, (E)-2, invariably predominates with the extent of  $E/Z = \sim 9:1.^3$  Apparently, such E-selectivity is a general attribute of the Claisen family.<sup>4</sup> The opposite Z-

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entry	substrate	reagent <sup>b</sup>	product <sup>c</sup>	yield <sup>d</sup> (%)	ratio $(E/Z)^{e,f}$
	I-Bu O	-+	I-Burnd X		
1		A B	X = CHO X = CHOH	64 85	7:93 97:3 (92:8)
3		Č	$X = CH_2OH$ $X = CH_2OH$	55	87:13
	Bu O		Bu X		
4		Α	X = CHO	72	16:84
5		A <sup>g</sup> B	X = CHO X = CHOH	70 94	12:88
Ŭ	Bu	_ <del>_</del>		24	···· ( / 2.0 )
7		Α	X = CHO	58	61:39
8	4	В	$X = CH_2OH$	94	95:5 (83:17)
	Ph		Рћ СНО	+	РПСНО
9 10		A B	31% 45%		49% 13%
11		A	$\bigcap$	12	40:60
12	Ph. o	B	PhCHO	95 70	92:8
13		В.		/8	99:1
14		Α		97	24:76
15	~~~o~	В	ОН	91	90:10
	Me <sub>3</sub> SI		Me <sub>3</sub> SI-		
16		A	X = CHO	94	3:97
17		D	$\Lambda = C \Pi_2 O \Pi$	82	09:31
18 19	n-C <sub>sH11</sub>	B B <sup>h</sup>	n-C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub> OH	88 79	95:5 98:2 (93:7)

<sup>a</sup> The rearrangement was effected by treatment of a substrate with the modified organoaluminum reagent A or C (2 equiv) at -78 °C for 15-30 nin or with the reagent B (2 equiv) at -20 °C for 15 min. For experimental details, see Supplementary Material. <sup>b</sup>Reagent C: diisobutylaluminum -bromo-2,6-di-tert-butylphenoxide. For structures of the reagents A and B, see text. "When the aluminum reagent B was utilized, olefinic aldehdes were generally reduced to the corresponding alcohols with NaBH<sub>4</sub>/MeOH in view of the easy product separation from 2,6-diphenylphenol. Isolated yield by column chromatography. In general, the E/Z ratios were determined by GLC after converting to the alcohol (NaBH<sub>4</sub>/MeOH) nd then to the trimethylsilyl ethers (Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl-NEt<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The E/Z ratios in parentheses refer to those in the thermal Claisen rearrangement 250 °C). <sup>g</sup>At -95 °C. <sup>h</sup>At -78 °C.

electivity, however, has never been achievable so far for lack of uitable methodologies. Here we wish to disclose the first stereccontrolled Claisen rearrangement of allyl vinyl ethers of type I with certain bulky organoaluminum reagents. This method erves as a stereoselective route to  $\gamma, \delta$ -unsaturated aldehydes with the E- or Z-configuration by appropriately modifying the organoaluminum ligands (Scheme I).5,6

When allyl vinyl ether 1 (R = i-Bu) was treated with methyaluminum bis(4-bromo-2,6-di-tert-butylphenoxide) (reagent A) n CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at -78 °C, the rearrangement proceeded smoothly to furnish 7-methyl-4-octenal (2) (R = i-Bu) in 64% yield. The E/Zratio of 2 was determined to be 7:93 by capillary GLC after conversion of the aldehyde to the corresponding alcohol and then to the trimethylsilyl ether. In marked contrast, however, the tearrangement of 1 (R = i-Bu) in toluene under the influence of methylaluminum bis(2,6-diphenylphenoxide) (reagent B) at -20 <sup>3</sup>C gave rise to the *E*-isomer, (*E*)-**2** ( $\mathbf{R} = i$ -Bu) almost exclusively (*E*/*Z* = 97:3) in 85% yield. The generality of the present sterScheme I



eocontrolled Claisen rearrangement is indicated in Table I. Several characteristic features have been noted. (1) In general, the reagent A can be utilized for obtaining the Z-isomer, while the E-isomer was produced with the reagent B. (2) Compared to the conventional thermal rearrangement that requires high temperature, the organoaluminum-promoted Claisen rearrangement transpires under very mild experimental conditions, particularly at strikingly low temperatures with eminent E- and Z-selectivities. The observed E-selectivity is mostly superior to that in the thermal rearrangement (Table I). (3) Both E- and Z-selectivities appear to increase by lowering the reaction temperature. Reaction of the substrate 1 (R = i-Bu) with the reagent A or B at 0 °C resulted in the E/Z ratio of 17:83 or 83:17, respectively. (4) The p-bromo substituent in the reagent A is indispensable for rate acceleration of the rearrangement. At-

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Examination of the stereochemical aspect in the rearrangement of the optically active substrate 5 is of special interest in order to elucidate the transition state in the organoaluminum-promoted Claisen rearrangement. Thus, individual treatment of 5 with the reagents A and B under the standard conditions as described above gave the (S)-(Z)-aldehyde 6 and the (R)-(E)-aldehyde 7, re-



spectively as major products with moderate transfer of the chirality of 5 (74-78% chiral transmission).<sup>10,11</sup> Consequently, the observed selectivities are best accounted for by the two possible chairlike transition-state conformations 8a and 8b coordinated to the Lewis acidic aluminum reagent.<sup>12</sup> The conformation 8a, with the R substituent axial, is thought to be highly unfavorable in the Claisen rearrangement and its variants.<sup>1</sup> However, the less likely 8a, when

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## **Evidence for Dipolar Cross-Correlation from Triple-Quantum-Filtered Two-Dimensional Exchange** NMR Spectroscopy

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Two-dimensional nuclear Overhauser effect spectroscopy (NOESY) is now extensively used for structural studies in a large variety of systems.<sup>1-3</sup> The interpretation of NOESY spectra is usually based on Solomon's equations,<sup>4</sup> although these are merely intended to describe the exchange of the two longitudinal Zeeman terms  $\langle I_{kz} \rangle$  and  $\langle I_{lz} \rangle$  due to cross-relaxation in systems containing only two spins. In a system with three nuclei, however, the relaxation behavior<sup>5-7</sup> can only be fully described by a set of four differential equations, which describe the coupling of the three terms  $\langle I_{kz} \rangle$ ,  $\langle I_{lz} \rangle$ ,  $\langle I_{mz} \rangle$ , and of longitudinal three-spin order  $\langle 4I_{kz}I_{lz}I_{mz} \rangle$ . While  $\langle I_{kz} \rangle$  and  $\langle I_{lz} \rangle$  are coupled through the usual cross-relaxation rate  $\sigma_{kl}$  (which depends only on auto-correlation spectral density functions),  $\langle I_{kz} \rangle$  and  $\langle 4I_{kz}I_{lz}I_{mz} \rangle$  are coupled by a rate  $\delta_{klkm}$  that depends on cross-correlation of the dipolar kl and km interactions. If the molecular motion is isotropic, the rate of the conversion from  $\langle I_{kz} \rangle$  into  $\langle 4I_{kz}I_{lz}I_{mz} \rangle$  is given by<sup>5-8</sup>

$$\delta_{klkm} = c \langle \mathbf{r}_{kl} \rangle^{-3} \langle \mathbf{r}_{km} \rangle^{-3} P_2(\cos \theta_{klkm}) \tau_c / (1 + \omega_k^2 \tau_c^2)$$
(1)

where  $c = (3/5) (\mu_0/4\pi)^2 \gamma^4 \hbar^2$  and  $P_2(\cos \theta_{klkm}) = 1/2(3 \cos^2 \theta_{klkm})$ - 1),  $\theta_{klkm}$  being the angle subtended by the internuclear vectors  $\mathbf{r}_{kl}$  and  $\mathbf{r}_{km}$ . Measuring the initial build-up rate of  $\langle 4I_{kz}I_{lz}I_{mz}\rangle$ allows one to determine  $\delta_{klkm}$ .

The purpose of this communication is to present experimental evidence that longitudinal three-spin order can be separated from the Zeeman terms and that two-dimensional spectroscopy provides a suitable tool for studying cross-correlation.

Three-spin order (or, analogously, octupolar order) has been observed in a selective manner in <sup>13</sup>CH<sub>2</sub> systems by Brondeau et al.,<sup>9</sup> in <sup>7</sup>Li ( $S = \frac{3}{2}$ ) by Jaccard et al.,<sup>10</sup> in methyl groups by

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