coated with films of both compounds 3 and 4. Anodic peak potentials (E_{pa}) for the oxidation were at 1.44 and 1.45 V, respectively.21

Additionally, we used the lithiated polymer to prepare functionalized derivatives. For example, 3 was lithiated as described above and quenched with dry ice to afford the carboxylated polymer 5 with one carboxylic acid moiety per three aryl units (eq 2).²² The FTIR (KBr) spectrum was free of the C-Br stretch



at 1074 cm⁻¹ with the major stretch at 1686 cm⁻¹ for the carbonyl moiety. The O-H stretch was weak presumably due to restricted hydrogen bonding in the solid. This procedure could have applications for the synthesis of functionalized polymers for selfdoped conducting systems with fast electrochromic switching times and the fabrication of polymer-based batteries with high charge storage capacities.23

We do not have a clear understanding of the mechanism of the aryl couplings. The surprising aspect is that 3 unquestionably exhibits a predominance of para linkages while much of the bromide content is retained. Migrations of lithium and bromide in bromo lithio heteroaromatics are known under the base catalyzed halogen dance (BCHD) conditions.²⁴ The Taylor approach to PPP involving 1,4-dichloro-2-butene as a promoter for the polymerization of (4-bromophenyl)magnesium bromide may involve similar electron-transfer phenomena.⁶ Additionally, the copolymerization of 2,5-dilithiothiophene with 2,5-dibromothiophene to afford poly(thiophene) has been reported.²⁵ However, as we described here, the addition of HMPA dramatically facilitates the aryl-aryl coupling process. A study of the scope and mechanism²⁶ of the polymerization as well as the detailed electrical and thermal analyses of the materials is in progress.

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Studies on DNA-Cleaving Agents: Synthesis of a Functional Dynemicin Analogue¹

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Neocarzinostatin, esperamicin, and calicheamicin are structurally unprecedented DNA-cleaving agents that operate putatively through the triggerable generation of diyl intermediates.² Recently, the groups of Konishi and Clardy^{3a} reported the structure of dynemicin (1) (Scheme I), the newest member of this emerging class of chemotherapeutic leads. Dynemicin exhibits potent inhibitory activity against various tumor cell lines and in vivo activity in P388 leukemia and B16 melanoma inoculated mice.^{3b} Dynemicin is proposed^{1a,3,4} to be activated for DNA lesion through reductive cleavage of its epoxide ring. Addition to the resultant anthraquinone methide would then provide the activated enediyne 2. In this overall process, carbons 2, 3, 8, and 7 initially fixed in an anti-like conformation by the epoxide ring in 1 are released to assume a gauche-like conformation in 2, thereby allowing for facile cycloaromatization⁵ to a diyl (3) capable of effecting lesions at proximate nucleotide sites.⁶ We describe herein the first synthesis of an analogue of dynemicin that fully emulates the acid-inducible activation and cycloaromatization behavior exhibited by dynemicin itself.^{3c}

Our approach to analogue design was based on the view that the divl-generating capability of dynemicin could be mimicked by various dihydroquinoline epoxides spanned by an enediyne bridge (bold face in 1). Activation of such systems was expected to arise through modification or cleavage of various aryl substituents or nitrogen protecting groups, which by increasing electron density in the surrogate C ring would result in epoxide cleavage. Importantly, this approach would allow for activation under a variety of chemical or physiological conditions.⁷

Synthesis of CDF-ring analogues of 1 started with reduction of commercially available aldehyde 4⁸ (Scheme II). Treatment of the resultant alcohol with the magnesium salt of (trimethylsilyl)acetylene and ClCO₂Me gave the 1,2-addition product 5 along with minor amounts of the 1,4-addition product.⁹ Attempts to

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Scheme I



Scheme II⁴



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introduce the entire enediyne subunit¹⁰ in this way were successful, but lower yields and less selective subsequent transformations eliminated the potential advantages of this more direct approach. The carbonate and silvl groups of 5 were removed in one operation with K_2CO_3 in MeOH. Treatment of the resultant product (6) with *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid at 0 °C provided exclusively epoxide 7 as expected on the basis of reagent approach control and confirmed by the coupling constant of 2.9 Hz between H-2 and H-3.^{11,12} Coupling of the alkyne 7 with cis-chloro enyne 8¹³ was accomplished with catalytic Pd(0) and Cu(I) to provide enediyne 9. Removal of the silyl group and oxidation of the carbinol with Dess-Martin periodinane¹⁴ gave aldehyde 10.

(12) The numbering scheme used for the analogues is the same as that used for dynemicin in Scheme I and ref 3



CH.

15a R1 - OH, R2 - H 15b R1 - H, R2 - OH

On the basis of independent studies reported by the Danishefsky, Kende, and Tius groups, 13,15 it was expected that ring closure in 10 could be initiated by deprotonation of the terminal alkyne. However, attempts to effect ring closure in this fashion resulted in extensive decomposition or recovery of starting material.¹⁶ A solution to this problem was devised from the studies of Nakamura and Kuwajima¹⁷ in which silvlated alkynes were found to undergo desilylative carbonyl addition when treated with *n*-Bu₄NF in THF. While the intramolecular variant of this process has not been reported, we were gratified to find that aldehyde 11 upon treatment with CsF in CH₃CN at 0 °C provided alcohols 12a and 12b (2:1, respectively).18

In direct analogy with dynemicin,³ when alcohol 12a was dissolved in THF and treated with 0.6 N HCl in the presence of 1,4-cyclohexadiene, facile conversion (2 h, 25 °C) to the cycloaromatized product 13a occurred in 71% yield. Similarly, alcohol 12b gave product 13b (ca. 70%). The stereochemical assignments for 13a/b are based on NOE difference spectroscopy in which irradiation of the C-3 hydrogen in 13a produces an enhancement (2.9%) of the C-7 hydrogen while no enhancement was observed in the corresponding experiment with 13b. Both isomers exhibited an NOE enhancement at C-2 when C-3 was irradiated. Importantly, when 13a was treated with n-Bu₃SnH, the reduction product 14 (53%) (Scheme III) was obtained, thereby confirming the position of chloride attachment and through decoupling experiments allowing assignment of the connectivity of carbons 2, 3, 8, and 7 in 13. The cycloaromatization of alcohols 12a and 12b can also be achieved with other reagents. For example, independent treatment of 12a and 12b with HBr provided the bromides corresponding to 13a and 13b, respectively, while exposure of 12a and 12b to HOAc led to the slow formation of acetates 15a (27%) and 15b (41%) derived presumably from the initially formed tertiary acetates through transesterification. In accord with the pH-dependent activation behavior exhibited by this analogue series, 12a reacts more rapidly in 0.6 N HCl/THF than in HOAc/THF and only very slowly in THF/H₂O at pH 7.5 (phosphate buffered). The intermediacy and trapping of a common o-quinone imine methide in these activation procedures is indicated by the slow formation of both 13a and 15a when 12a is treated with benzyltriethylammonium chloride in HOAc/THF.

In summary, a synthesis of functional analogues of dynemicin is described that requires only seven steps and allows access to preparative quantities of acid-activatable, diyl-generating devices. This approach to the CDF-ring analogues of dynemicin should be generally applicable to the synthesis of other polycyclic analogues and amenable to variations in the protecting group on nitrogen and the substituents on the aromatic ring as desired for control over transport, intercalation, activation, and diyl formation. These acid-activatable analogues embody just one of several activation strategies¹⁹ that could exploit chemistry peculiar to a cellular target site.

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Biogenetically Inspired Stereospecific Synthesis of the Dienylvinylcyclopropane Gamete Attractant Dictyopterene **B**

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Although cis, cis-undeca-1,5,8-trien-3-ol (the Z,Z isomer of 7) has been proposed as a biosynthetic precursor of the marine gamete attractants dictyopterene B (10), dictyopterene D (13), and the two $C_{11}H_{16}$ tetraenes 11 and 12,^{1,2} 7 has never been converted to these gamete attractants. We now disclose that such conversions can be executed in a highly efficient and stereospecific manner, especially with regard to the formation of 10.

7 (mainly the Z, Z isomer) is now readily available by a modification and refinement (Scheme I) of the synthesis reported recently from this laboratory.³ Commercially available 1-penten-3-ol (1) was efficiently converted⁴ to a mixture of sulfides 2 and 3, which was reductively lithiated⁵ with lithium p,p'-ditert-butylbiphenylide⁶ (LDBB) followed by transmetalation with CeCl₃ and quenching of the resulting allylcerium(III) η^3 complex in situ with acrolein to afford 68% of a mixture of 4 and its trans isomer in a ratio of 89:11. The desired cis isomer 4 was separated from the trans isomer by flash chromatography using silica gel impregnated with a low concentration of AgNO₃ to provide a 55% yield from 2 and 3. The alcohol 4 was subjected to the same reactions as 1 except that the intermediate allyllithium was warmed to -55 °C for 2 h in order to accomplish stereochemical equilibration, which was more sluggish than that of the allyl anion derived from 2 and 3. The product 7 was a mixture of Z, Z and Z,E isomers in a ratio of 87.5:12.5. It was assumed that separation of the isomers of 7, which was found to be very difficult at best, would be unnecessary since the internal double bond is destroyed during the ring closure to (\pm) -dictyopterene B (10) and that double bond that occurs in 7 in both cis and trans forms appears in the tetraenes 11 and 12 also as a mixture of cis and trans isomers. It should be noted that this route (four synthetic steps, 31% overall yield) to the putative biogenetic precursor 7 is the most efficient to date.2,7

Dictyopterene B, the most abundant and interesting of these gamete attractants, was prepared from 7 in two steps. Treatment of the alkoxide derivative of 7 with tetraethyl pyrophosphate produced the phosphate ester 8.8 Upon addition of potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide to 8 and subsequent warming of the

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