glycosidation reaction (β -glycoside bond as shown in 5) was anticipated from precedent in trichloroacetimidate chemistry¹¹ and was confirmed by a value of 7.4 Hz for coupling constant $J_{1,2}$ (anomeric proton, ring A) of compound 9 (Figure 3) obtained after reduction of the oxime bond (C=N). At this juncture the first sulfur atom of the trisulfide moiety was introduced as a thioacetate by a two-step procedure involving DIBAL-induced removal of the benzoate group to generate selectively the allylic alcohol 6 (88% yield) followed by Mitsunobu reaction using AcSH as the nucleophile^{5,6a,b} to give compound 7 in 96% yield. Attempts to reduce the C=N bond in ring A revealed the need for desilylation prior to this crucial operation. All five silyl groups were, therefore, removed using excess HF.pyr, leading to pentaol 8 (94%) yield) in preparation for the next step.

Reduction of the C=N bond in 8 with excess $NaCNBH_3$ in the presence of BF₃·Et₂O in THF proceeded smoothly^{9a,b} to afford a mixture of 9 (4 α -epimer, major) and its 4 β -epimer (9-epi, minor) in 80% total yield (ca. 2:1 ratio of isomers, ca. 75% conversion). Rapid flash chromatography separated the desired isomer 9 from its 4β -epimer (9-epi), but not from starting material 8, suggesting further purification at a subsequent step. At this point it was also recognized that reprotection of the free hydroxyl groups was desirable for the pending steps leading to the establishment of the trisulfide moiety. Thus, the mixture of 9 + 8 (ca. 2:1 ratio) was fully silvlated by exposure to Et₃SiOTf-Pr₂NEt followed by treatment of the crude product mixture with excess AcOH-H₂O in EtOAc furnishing pentasilyl ether 10 together with the oxime derivative 7 in 75% total yield. Reaction of this mixture (10 + 7, ca. 2:1) with 3.0 equiv of DIBAL in CH₂Cl₂ at -90 °C gave selectively the corresponding mixture of thiols (11, plus oxime thiol). Exposure of this mixture to excess N-(methyldithio)phthalimide^{12,13} followed by flash chromatography afforded trisulfide 12 in 75% yield (two steps, based on the content of 9 in the starting mixture 9 + 8).

Finally, deprotection of 12 by sequential exposure to (i) HF-pyr $(12 \rightarrow 13, 90\% \text{ yield});$ (ii) TsOH·H₂O $(13 \rightarrow 14, 70\% \text{ yield});$ and (iii) Et₂NH (14 \rightarrow 1, 90% yield) furnished calicheamicin γ_1^{I} (1). Synthetic calicheamicin $\gamma_1^{I}(1)$ exhibited identical physical and spectroscopic data (TLC, HPLC, $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$, ¹H and ¹³C NMR, mass, IR and UV spectra) with those of an authentic sample.¹⁴

The reported total synthesis is remarkably efficient considering the complexity of the target molecule, and in addition to opening a synthetic route to calicheamic $\gamma_1^{I}(1)$, it provides an entry into a new family of designed variations of the natural substance.¹⁵

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Novel Free Radical Ring-Forming Reaction of **Dichlorocyclobutanones and Sequential Ring Expansion**

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We have discovered an unusual reaction sequence that interpolates the elements of ketene into a 1,5-diene and forms a new seven-membered-ring ketone, as illustrated for 1,5-cyclooctadiene (eq 1). Since we are unaware of any comparable sequence in the literature, our findings are reported here.



The new reaction makes use of the regio- and chemoselective cycloaddition of dichloroketene to an olefin to form the dichlorocyclobutanone adduct (Scheme I).^{1,2} In the key step, tri-n-butyltin hydride reduction of the adduct leads to free radical addition to the second double bond of the diene,^{3,4} followed by reduction of the second chloride.⁵ When the cyclobutanone product is treated with trimethylsilyl iodide,⁶ ring opening occurs to yield the seven-membered keto iodide. The iodide can then either be reduced with tin hydride to yield the saturated ketone or the iodide can be eliminated with DBU to give the enone. This sequence is illustrated in Scheme I, where readily available endo-6-vinylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene is transformed to the interesting and unusual tricyclo[6.2.1.0^{6,10}]undec-2-en-4-one. The yields in each step are quite reasonable. Further examples of the new reaction are shown in Table I.

Alkyl chlorides are not ordinarily good substrates for radical addition and are generally avoided on that account.⁷ The dichlorocyclobutanone cycloaddition in the examples above is successful because the chlorides involved are α to the carbonyl and to a second chloro substituent, and they are more reactive than normal alkyl chlorides.⁸⁻¹⁰ Like the 5-hexenyl radical,¹¹

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Table I. Bicyclic and Medium Ring Systems from Dichlorocyclobutanone Free Radical Annulation



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radicals generated from dichlorocyclobutanones prefer 5-exo ring closure (Table I, entries 1-4), but substitution at the 5-position causes a preference for 6-endo closure (Table I, entry 5). Entry 6 also shows endo ring closure since a stabilized benzyl radical is formed. For 5,4-fused cyclobutanones, TMSI selectively opens the fused bond of cyclobutanones to give the seven-membered ring (Table I, entries 1-5a). However, for 6,4-fused cyclobutanones, ring opening to give the six-membered ring is the major process (Table I, entries 5b and 6).

In summary, we have discovered a new free radical annulation reaction that promises to become a powerful method for assembling fused and bridged ring systems of some complexity. The synthetic sequence employs 1,5-dienes; many are at hand, having been developed in the context of the Cope rearrangement.¹² The new method also takes advantage of the ready synthesis of dichlorocyclobutanones from alkenes.²

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Measurement of Electric Fields at Rough Metal Surfaces by Electrochromism of Fluorescent Probe Molecules Embedded in Self-Assembled Monolayers

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We describe here a new experimental strategy for measurement of electric field strengths at charged surfaces which employs a surface-immobilized, oriented fluorescent dye as probe. The method takes advantage of interactions of dipolar ground and excited states of the dye with the interfacial electric field which lead to shifts in the absorption and emission spectra, referred to as the electronic Stark effect or the electrochromic effect. This strategy has been used previously to measure electric fields in both model and biological membranes,^{1,2} but has not to our knowledge been applied to the measurement of electric fields at charged solid surfaces. The electric field at a charged interface has enormous impact on interfacial chemistry and physics. While interest in interfacial electric fields has a long history³ and several mathematical models of interfacial electric fields have been developed and applied in attempts to explain interfacial phenomena,³⁻⁵ there have been only a very few actual measurements of interfacial field strengths or potential differences.⁶⁻¹⁰

We have chosen an (aminostyryl)pyridinium derivative (also referred to as a hemicyanine or stilbazolium derivative) as the probe molecule because the extent of charge displacement during its optical transition is both large and well studied^{2a} and because its structure allows relatively simple synthetic elaboration^{2b} to

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