# Syntheses of Substituted 1,4-Naphthoquinones by Diels-Alder Addition of Methoxycyclohexadienes to Substituted 1,4-Benzoquinones 

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Additions of 1-methoxycyclohexa-1.3-diene to 2-methoxy-3-methyl-1.4-benzoquinone and to chloro-1.4benzoquinone give Diels-Alder adducts which are coverted in high yield into substituted juglone methyl ethers. Reactions between 1 -methoxy-3-methylcyclohexa-1.3-diene and methoxy-1.4-benzoquinone follow a similar course. Addition of 1.3-dimethoxycyclohexa-1.3-diene to chloro- or methoxy-benzoquinone affords a dihydrodibenzofuran rather than a Diels-Alder adduct.

We have recently shown ${ }^{1}$ that 1 -methoxycyclohexa-1,3-diene ( 1 ) adds regiospecifically to 2 -methoxy-1,4benzoquinone (2); the Diels-Alder adduct (3) so formed can be converted in high yield into 3,5 -dimethoxy-1,4naphthoquinone (4). We report here some investigations aimed at determining the feasibility of using this type of reaction sequence to afford other appropriately substituted naphthoquinones.
Addition of the diene (1) to 2-methoxy-3-methyl-1,4-benzoquinone (5) would be of interest, as competition between the methoxy and methyl substituents of the latter would determine which plays the dominant role in the favoured transition state leading to the Diels-Alder adduct. One might anticipate that the methoxy should be more effective, giving the adduct (6) in preference to its isomer (7). The adduct (6) should then be convertible into the natural product droserone (15).

Addition of the diene (1) to the quinone (5) afforded a mixture of adducts (6) and (7) which proved difficult to separate; they were converted by enolisation with potassium t-butoxide and oxidation with silver oxide into the bridged quinones (8) and (9) [from which mixture small quantities of the major component (8) could be obtained pure by column chromatography] and thence into the naphthoquinones (10) and (11) by

[^0]pyrolysis. The aromatic $O$-methyl groups were removed by treatment with boron tribromide in methylene chloride to afford the juglones (12) and (13).

The mixture of (12) and (13) was the most readily separated, and the components were shown to be present in the proportions $c a .4: 1$. This indicates that the adduct (6) is by far the major component in the initially formed mixture of adducts (6) and (7); i.e. the reaction shows considerable regioselectivity.

One might expect that the minor component (13) of the juglone mixture would possess the more effective intramolecular hydrogen bond between the peri-hydroxy and carbonyl groups through a resonance contribution from the canonical form (14). In fact compound (13) has a slightly higher $R_{\mathrm{F}}$ value, more strongly deshielded phenolic hydroxy ( $\tau-2.20$ ) and $O$-methyl groups ( $\tau 5.85$ ) [for (12), $\tau-1.74$ and 5.90 , respectively], and higher frequency non-bonded carbonyl ( $1671 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ), and lower frequency bonded carbonyl ( $1632 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ) absorptions [cf. 1660 and $1640 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for (12)].

Juglone (12) was converted into droserone (15) on stirring with dilute aqueous sodium hydroxide [m.p. $179-180^{\circ}$ (lit., $\left.\left.{ }^{2} 181^{\circ}\right)\right]$. The m.p. of its diacetate (16) ( $118.5-119^{\circ}$ ) (lit., ${ }^{2} 119^{\circ}$ ) was not depressed on addition of the diacetate of the natural product. These m.p.s distinguish droserone from its isomer (17) [m.p. 190-

[^1]$191^{\circ}$ (decomp.); lit., ${ }^{2} 189-190^{\circ}$; diacetate (18), m.p. 157-159 ${ }^{\circ}$; lit., $\left.{ }^{2} 158-160^{\circ}\right]$.


$\begin{array}{ll}\text { (1) } R=H & \text { (2) } R^{1}=O M e, R^{2}=H \\ \text { (24) } R=M e & \text { (5) } R^{1}=O M e, R^{2}=M e \\ \text { (29) } R=O M e & \text { (19) } R^{1}=C l, R^{2}=H\end{array}$


(3) $R^{1}=O M e, R^{2}=R^{3}=H$
(6) $R^{1}=O M e, R^{2}=M e, R^{3}=H$
(7) $R^{1}=M e, R^{2}=O M e \cdot R^{3}=H$
(20) $R^{1}=C l . R^{2}=R^{3}=H$
(25) $R^{1}=O M e \cdot R^{2}=H \cdot R^{3}=M e$
(31) $R^{1}=R^{3}=O M e, R^{2}=H$

(4) $R^{1}=\mathrm{OMe}, \mathrm{R}^{2}=\mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{R}^{4}=\mathrm{Me}$
(10) $R^{1}=O M e, R^{2}=R^{4}=M e \cdot R^{3}=H$
(11) $R^{1}=R^{4}=M e, R^{2}=O M e, R^{3}=H$
(12) $R^{1}=O M e, R^{2}=M e, R^{3}=R^{4}=H$
(13) $R^{1}=\mathrm{Me}, R^{2}=\mathrm{OMe}, R^{3}=R^{4}=H$
(15) $R^{1}=O H, R^{2}=M e, R^{3}=R^{4}=H$
(16) $R^{1}=O A C, R^{2}=M e, R^{3}=H, R^{4}=A C$
(17) $R^{1}=M e \cdot R^{2}=O H \cdot R^{3}=R^{4}=H$
(18) $R^{1}=\mathrm{Me}, R^{2}=O A C, R^{3}=H \cdot R^{4}=A C$
(22) $R^{1}=C I, R^{2}=R^{3}=H \cdot R^{4}=M e$
(23) $R^{1}=C L . R^{2}=R^{3}=R^{4}=H$
(27) $R^{1}=O M e, R^{2}=H, R^{3}=R^{4}=M e$
(28) $R^{1}=O M e, R^{2}=R^{4}=H, R^{3}=M e$

Addition of methoxycyclohexadiene (1) to 2-chloro-1,4-benzoquinone (19) afforded an adduct (20) which was not isolated, but was converted into the quinone

(8) $R^{1}=O M e, R^{2}=M e, R^{3}=H$
(9) $R^{1}=\mathrm{Me} \cdot R^{2}=O M e \cdot R^{3}=H$
(21) $R^{1}=C l, R^{2}=R^{3}=H$
(26) $R^{1}=O M e, R^{2}=H \cdot R^{3}=M e$
(21) as the sole product. This on heating gave 3-chloro-5-methoxy-1,4-naphthoquinone (22), which was identi-

[^2]fied by demethylation with boron trichloride to the known 3-chlorojuglone (23), m.p. $166-167^{\circ}$ (lit., ${ }^{3} 166^{\circ}$ ). 2-Chlorojuglone has m.p. $112^{\circ}$. ${ }^{4}$

The reaction of 1-methoxy-3-methylcyclohexa-1,3diene (24) with 2 -methoxybenzoquinone (2) afforded the adduct (25) as the sole product, which was converted into the naphthoquinone (27) via the bridged species (26) as before. Demethylation with boron trichloride afforded 3-methoxy-7-methyljuglone (28), identical with an authentic sample. ${ }^{5,6}$

1,3-Dimethoxycyclohexa-1,3-diene (29) added to 2 methoxybenzoquinone to afford a white crystalline product, whose ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ n.m.r. spectrum enabled the assignment of the dihydrodibenzofuran structure (30). This included two three-proton methoxy signals at $\tau 6.11$ and 6.32 and two aromatic singlets at $\tau 3.07$ and 3.18 , the latter indicating a para-orientation of these protons. Two routes to the furan can be envisaged. One involves the initially formed adduct (31), which could rearrange to compound (30) by a mechanism put forward by Birch ${ }^{7}$ for related Diels-Alder adducts. If this were so, formation of the adduct would have proceeded regiospecifically, as none of the alternative isomer (32) was observed. A second route to the furan (30) via nucleophilic attack by the diene on $\mathrm{C}-5$ of the quinone could not be excluded since our attempts to isolate the postulated adduct (31) failed.

(30) $\mathrm{R}^{1}=\mathrm{OMe}, \mathrm{R}^{2}=\mathrm{H}$
(32) $R^{1}=H, R^{2}=O M e$
(33) $\mathrm{R}^{1}=\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{R}^{2}=\mathrm{H}$
(34) $R^{1}=H \cdot R^{2}=C l$

Finally, the reaction between the dimethoxy-diene (29) and chlorobenzoquinone (19) gave rise to the chlorodihydrodibenzofuran (33). Once again, two aromatic singlets in its ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ n.m.r. spectrum excluded the isomeric structure (34).

## EXPERIMENTAL

Unless otherwise stated i.r. spectra were measured for solutions in carbon tetrachloride and n.m.r. spectra for solutions in $\left[{ }^{2} \mathrm{H}\right]$ chloroform with tetramethylsilane as internal reference. Column chromatography was carried out on dry columns with Merck Kieselgel 60 ( $70-230$ mesh) or on Merck aluminium oxide (active; neutral). Light petroleum refers to the fraction, b.p. $60-80^{\circ}$.

2-Methoxy-3-methyl-1,4-benzoquinone.- 2,6-Dimethoxytoluene ( 5.45 g ) in dry dimethylformamide ( 20 ml ) was added at room temperature to a stirred solution of ethanethiol ( 7.1 g ) in the same solvent ( 100 ml ) containing sodium hydride ( 4.2 g of a $60 \%$ dispersion in oil). The solution was

[^3]heated under reflux for 2 h , and then worked up according to the procedure of Mirrington ${ }^{8}$ for the demethylation of anisoles, to give 3-methoxy-2-methylphenol ( $4.8 \mathrm{~g}, 99 \%$ ). This was oxidised to 2 -methoxy-3-methyl-1,4-benzoquinone with Fremy's salt. ${ }^{9}$

## 1,4-Dihydro-1,7-dimethoxy-6-methyl-1,4-ethano-5,8-naph-

 thoquinone (8) and 1,4-Dihydro-1,6-dimethoxy-7-methyl-1,4-ethano-5,8-naphthoquinone (9).-The quinone (5) ( 1.85 g ) in benzene ( 150 ml ) was treated with the diene (1) $(4.2 \mathrm{~g})$ containing about $30 \%$ of the isomeric 1,4 -diene. ${ }^{10}$ The solution was heated under reflux for 1.5 h , after which t.l.c. indicated consumption of all the quinone (5). The solvent was evaporated off and the pale orange residue chromatographed over a neutral alumina column. This was eluted with benzene to remove the excess of diene, then with $20 \%$ ethyl acetate in benzene to afford the adduct mixture as an oil. This was dissolved in dry tetrahydrofuran ( 40 ml ) and an excess of potassium t-butoxide ( 2.5 g ) was added. The mixture was stirred for 1 h , and then diluted with water $(40 \mathrm{ml})$ and made just acidic with dilute hydrochloric acid. It was then extracted with ether and the extract was washed exhaustively with water to remove the excess of tetrahydrofuran, dried, and treated with an excess of silver( I ) oxide ( 5 g ). The resulting mixture was stirred for 3 h , filtered, dried, and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed over a short silica column (5\% ethyl acetate-benzene). This yielded the quinone mixture [ $2.8 \mathrm{~g}, 86 \%$ based on quinone (5)], as a partially crystalline orange oil. T.l.c. indicated two overlapping constituents (Found: C, 69.2; H, 6.4. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ : $\mathrm{C}, 69.2 ; \mathrm{H}$, $6.15 \%$ ), $\nu_{\text {max. }}$ (neat) $1665,1645,1615$, and $1589 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, $\tau 3.44(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 8$ and $1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2-\mathrm{H}), 3.67(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 8$ and $6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3-\mathrm{H}), 5.7(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, bridgehead H$), 6.01\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$, $6.16\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 8.08\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CCH}_{3}\right), 8.1-8.8(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ). Chromatography of a separate sample over a silica column with $5 \%$ ethyl acetate-light petroleum afforded later fractions which contained pure bridged quinone (8), with analytical and n.m.r. spectral data as above.3,5-Dimethoxy-2-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (10) and 2,5-methoxy-3-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (11).-The foregoing mixture ( 2.7 g ) was heated at $115{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (bath) and 8 mmHg , under which conditions bubbling occurred as ethylene was eliminated. When bubbling ceased, by which time the oil had crystallised, sublimation at $140{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and 0.5 mmHg afforded the light yellow naphthoquinone mixture ( 2.23 g , $94 \%$ ). Preparative t.l.c. (eluant $50 \%$ chloroform-light petroleum) gave a sample (Found: C, 67.4; H, 5.1. $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires C, $\left.67.2 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.2 \%\right), \tau 2.22-2.52(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, 7 - and $8-\mathrm{H}$ ), 2.78br ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6-\mathrm{H}$ ), 5.90 and 6.01 (major component) and 5.95 and 6.01 (minor component) ( 6 H , all singlets, $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ ), and 7.94 (minor) and 7.97 (major) $\left(3 \mathrm{H}\right.$, singlets, $\left.\mathrm{CCH}_{3}\right)$.

3,5-Dimethoxy-2-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (10).-The quinone (10) was prepared as above from the pure bridged quinone (8); m.p. 111-112 ${ }^{\circ}$ (Found: C, 67.4; H, 5.2. $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires C, $67.2 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.2 \%$ ), $\tau 2.28(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 8$ and $2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8-\mathrm{H}), 2.41(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7-\mathrm{H}), 2.78(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}$, $J 8$ and $2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6-\mathrm{H}), 5.90\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 6.01(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\left.\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$, and $7.97\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CCH}_{3}\right)$.

5-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-2-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone and 5-Hydroxy-2-methoxy-3-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (13). -The mixture of quinones (10) and (11) ( 100 mg ) was
${ }^{8}$ G. I. Feutrill and R. N. Mirrington, Austral. J. Chem., 1972, 25, 1719.
stirred at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in methylene chloride ( 10 ml ), and boron tribromide ( $140 \mathrm{mg}, 1.2 \mathrm{~mol}$. equiv.) was added in methylene chloride ( 10 ml ). After 10 min , the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, thrown into water, and extracted with methylene chloride. The organic layer was dried and evaporated. The solid residue was chromatographed (preparative t.l.c.; eluant $5 \%$ ethyl acetate-light petroleum) to give, in the band of highest $R_{\mathrm{F}}$, the quinone (13) as orange needles ( $15 \mathrm{mg}, 16 \%$ ), m.p. $127.5-128^{\circ}$ (light petroleum) (Found: $\mathrm{C}, 66.1 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.7 . \mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 66.05 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.6 \%), \nu_{\max } 1671$ and $1632 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, - $2.20(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OH}), 2.16-2.90(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, 6-, 7-$, and $8-\mathrm{H})$, $5.85\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$, and $7.93\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CCH}_{3}\right)$. A second band afforded the quinone (12) as yellow needles ( 60 mg , $64 \%$ ), m.p. $107.5-109^{\circ}$ (light petroleum) (Found: C, $65.75 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.7 \%), \nu_{\max } 1660$ and $1640 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, \tau-1.74(1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OH}), 2.15-2.97(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, 6-, 7$-, and $8-\mathrm{H}), 5.90(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\left.\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$, and $7.92\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CCH}_{3}\right)$.

Droserone [3,5-Dihydroxy-2-inethyl-1,4-naphthoquinone] (15).-The quinone (12) ( 80 mg ) was stirred with sodium hydroxide ( $5 \% ; 10 \mathrm{ml}$ ) until all starting material had dissolved. The solution was washed with ether, acidified, and extracted with chloroform. The organic layer was dried and evaporated and the residue chromatographed (preparative t.l.c.; $10 \%$ ethyl acetate-light petroleum) to give droserone ( 75 mg ), m.p. $179-180^{\circ}$ (from methylene chloridelight petroleum) (Found: C, 65.0; H, 4.3. $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 64.7 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.9 \%$ ), $v_{\text {max. }}\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) 3445,1650$, and $1628 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, \tau-1.08(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, bonded OH$), 2.06-2.90(3 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{m}, 6-, 7-$, and $8-\mathrm{H}), 2.36(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, quinonoid OH$)$, and 7.90 $\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$; the dicaetate (16) (made with pyridineacetic anhydride) had m.p. $118.5-119^{\circ}, \tau 1.94(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}$, $J 8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8-\mathrm{H}), 2.30(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7-\mathrm{H}), 2.65(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}$, $J 8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6-\mathrm{H}), 7.56(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Ac}), 7.60(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Ac})$, and 7.92 $\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}\right.$, quinonoid $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.
2,5-Dihydroxy-3-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (17).-The quinone (13) ( 75 mg ) was treated as for its isomer (12). Work-up as before gave the quinone (17) ( $55 \mathrm{mg}, 77 \%$ ), m.p. $190-191^{\circ}$ (decomp.), $\tau-2.39(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, bonded OH$)$, $2.30-2.84(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, 6-, 7-$ and $8-\mathrm{H}$, and quinonoid OH$)$, and $7.91\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$; the diacetate (18) had m.p. $157-159^{\circ}$, $\tau 1.96(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8-\mathrm{H}), 2.32(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7-\mathrm{H})$, $2.66(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6-\mathrm{H}), 7.55(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Ac}), 7.61(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, Ac ), and $7.95\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}\right.$, quinonoid $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.

7-Chloro-1,4-dihydro-1-methoxy-1,4-ethano-5,8-naphthoquinone (21).-Chlorobenzoquinone ( 5 g ) and an excess of the diene ( 1 ) ( 7.5 g ) (containing about $30 \%$ of the isomeric. diene) were stirred in benzene ( 100 ml ) at room temperature until all the quinone had been consumed (as indicated by t.l.c.) (ca. 2 h ). The solvent was evaporated off and the residue dissolved in dry tetrahydrofuran ( 100 ml ) to which an excess of potassium t-butoxide ( 8 g ) was added. The solution was stirred for 1 h , and then acidified, and the product was oxidised with silver(I) oxide as before. The crude product was chromatographed over silica ( $10 \%$ ethyl acetate-light petroleum) to give the orange quinone as an oil ( $2.58 \mathrm{~g}, 30 \%$ ) (Found: C, 62.1 ; $\mathrm{H}, 4.7 . \mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{ClO}_{3}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 62.3 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.4 \%$ ), $\nu_{\text {max. }}$ (neat) 1678 and $1650 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, $\tau 3.14(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, quinonoid H$), 3.41(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 8$ and 1 Hz , $2-\mathrm{H}), 3.69(1 \mathrm{H}$, dd, $J 8$ and $6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3-\mathrm{H}), 5.7(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, bridgehead H), $6.37\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$, and $8.0-8.9(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ).

3-Chloro-5-methoxy-1,4-naphthoquinone (22).-Prepared as

[^4]described earlier for the quinones (10) and (11), the product (22) sublimed at $130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and 1.5 mmHg in quantitative yield; m.p. 159-160.5 (Found: C, 59.5; H, 3.5. $\mathrm{C}_{1 \mathrm{r}} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{ClO}_{3}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 59.35 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.2 \%)$, $\nu_{\text {max. }}\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) 1680,1668$, and $1610 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, \tau 2.3-2.9(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, 6-, 7-$, and $8-\mathrm{H}), 2.90(1 \mathrm{H}$, s , quinonoid H$)$, and $6.00\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$.

3-Chloro-5-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone (23).-The quinone (22) $(100 \mathrm{mg})$ in dry methylene chloride ( 10 ml ) was treated at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with boron trichloride ( $48 \mathrm{mg}, 1 \mathrm{~mol}$ equiv.) in methylene chloride ( 10 ml ). After work-up, the residue was chromatographed over a short silica column to afford the product ( $55 \mathrm{mg}, 83 \%$ based on starting material consumed), which was sublimed [ $100-105{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (bath) and 0.6 mmHg ; m.p. $166-167^{\circ}$, $\tau-1.77$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OH}$ ), 2.1-2.9 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, 6-$ - $7-$, and $8-\mathrm{H}$ ), and $2.83(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, quinonoid H ). Further elution provided starting material ( 35 mg ).

1,4,4a,8a-Tetrahydro-1,7-dimethoxy-3-methyl-1,4-ethano-5,8-naphthoquinone (25).-The diene (24) (2.9 g), prepared by Birch's dichloromaleic anhydride isomerisation of its 1,4 isomer, ${ }^{10}$ was added to a solution of methoxybenzoquinone (2) ( 1.7 g ) in benzene ( 50 ml ). The mixture was heated under reflux for 4 h . The solvent was evaporated off, and the residue chromatographed over a silica column (eluant $30 \%$ ethyl acetate-light petroleum) to yield the adduct (2.6 $\mathrm{g}, 81 \%$ ), m.p. lll.5-112.5 (from benzene-light petroleum) (Found: C, 68.7; $\mathrm{H}, 6.8 . \quad \mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 68.7 ; \mathrm{H}$, $6.9 \%$ ), $\nu_{\text {max. }}$ (Nujol) 1690,1647 , and $1610 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, $\tau 4.12$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, 6-\mathrm{H}), 4.26 \mathrm{br}(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, 2-\mathrm{H}), 6.27\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 6.58$ $\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 6.70(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{H}), 6.95(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}$, $J 8$ and $3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{H}$ ), $7.09 \mathrm{br}(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, 4-\mathrm{H}), 7.9-8.8(4 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 8.26\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CCH}_{3}\right)$.

1,4-Dihydro-1,7-dimethoxy-3-methyl-1,4-ethano-5,8-naphthoquinone (26).-The foregoing adduct ( 220 mg ) was enolised as before with potassium t-butoxide ( 400 mg ). Work-up and oxidation in the usual way with silver( x$)$ oxide ( 1 g ) afforded the product, which was chromatographed over a short silica column (eluant chloroform) to give the quinone ( $205 \mathrm{mg}, 92 \%$ ), m.p. 124- $126^{\circ}$ (Found: $\mathrm{C}, 69.3 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.3$. $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 69.2 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.1 \%$ ), $\nu_{\text {max }}$ (Nujol) 1675,1630 , and $1584 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, \tau 3.93$ br ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\left.{ }_{2}-\mathrm{H}\right), 4.23(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, 6-\mathrm{H}), 5.96 \mathrm{br}(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, 4-\mathrm{H}), 6.18(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$ $\left.\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 6.42\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 7.95-8.8\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $8.10\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CCH}_{3}\right)$.

3,5-Dimethoxy-7-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (27).-The foregoing quinone was aromatised as described earlier; the product ( $92 \%$ ) had m.p. 174- $176^{\circ}$ (Found: C, 66.9; $\mathrm{H}, 5.3$. $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 67.2 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.2 \%$ ), $\nu_{\max .}$ (Nujol)

1678,1655 , and $1621 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, \tau 2.47(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, 8-\mathrm{H}), 2.96$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, 6-\mathrm{H}), 3.96(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, 2-\mathrm{H}), 6.01\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 6.13$ $\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$, and $7.53\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CCH}_{3}\right)$.

5-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-7-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (28).The quinone (27) ( 100 mg ) in methylene chloride ( 6 ml ) was treated with boron trichloride ( 100 mg ) in the same solvent at $-10{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The solution was stirred at that temperature for 30 min and then allowed to warm to room temperature. Work-up in the usual way gave the product in an almost pure state. A sample prepared by chromatography over a short column (eluant $10 \%$ ethyl acetatelight petroleum) (yield $87 \mathrm{mg}, 92 \%$ ) had m.p. and mixed m.p. 209-210 $0^{\circ}$ (lit., ${ }^{5}$ 209-210 ${ }^{\circ}$ ) (Found: C, 66.2; H, 4.7. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ : C, $66.1 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.6 \%$ ).

8,9-Dihydro-3,7-dimethoxydibenzofuran-2-ol (30).-2Methoxybenzoquinone (2 g) and the diene (29) (4 g of a mixture containing about $33 \%$ of the 1,4 -isomer) were heated under reflux for 3 h . The solvent was evaporated off and the product chromatographed over either an alumina or a silica column with benzene to give the white product ( $2.4 \mathrm{~g}, 67 \%$ ), m.p. $179-180^{\circ}$ (from methylene chloride-light petroleum) (Found: $\mathrm{C}, 68.5 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.8$. $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 68.3$; $\mathrm{H}, 5.7 \%$ ), $\nu_{\text {max. }}$ ( Nujol ) 3440 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}, \tau 3.07$ and 3.18 ( 1 H , each, $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{l}$ - and $4-\mathrm{H}$ ), 4.51 br $\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, 6-\mathrm{H}\right.$ and OH ; the latter exchanges with $\left.\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 6.11$ $\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 6.31\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$, and $7.0-7.6(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ). The same reaction occurred at room temperature and at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

3-Chloro-8,9-dihydro-7-methoxydibenzofuran-2-ol (33).Chlorobenzoquinone (19) ( 1 g ) and the diene (29) ( 2 g ) were stirred together in benzene ( 50 ml ) at room temperature for 20 min . The solvent was removed and the product chromatographed over a short column ( $10 \%$ ethyl acetatelight petroleum) to afford the white product ( $0.6 \mathrm{~g}, 34 \%$ ), m.p. 115-116 (from methylene chloride-light petroleum) (Found: $\mathrm{C}, 62.5 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.7 . \mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{ClO}_{3}$ requires C , 62.3; $\mathrm{H}, 4.4 \%), \tau 2.72(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, 4-\mathrm{H}), 3.14(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{l}-\mathrm{H}), 4.54(1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OH}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$-exchangeable), $4.64(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, 6-\mathrm{H}), 6.32(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\left.\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$, and $7.0-7.6\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$.

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