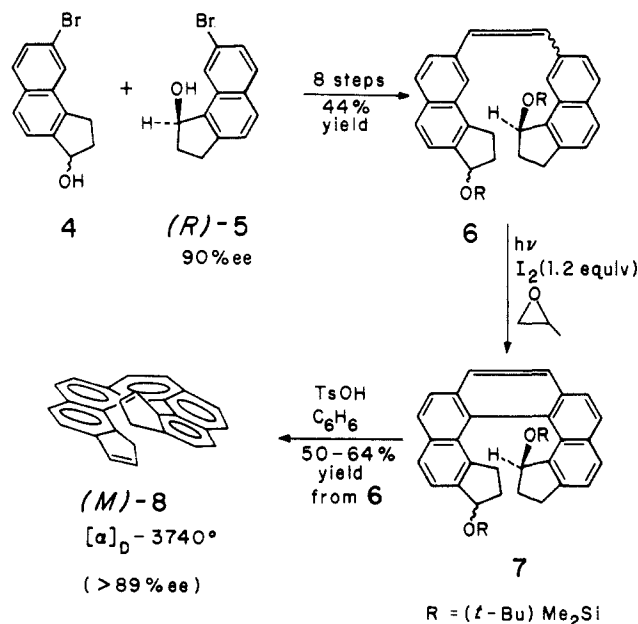


Scheme I



oxidation, and with the precursor **6**, derived from *racemic* **4** and (*R*)-**5**, the synthesis summarized in Scheme I could be carried out easily.^{9,10} The product is the helical hydrocarbon **8**, in which one of the double bonds in **2** (or in the double-bond isomer described above) is shifted one position.¹² It is obtained in excellent enantiomeric purity.¹³

Two other experiments confirm that in stereoisomers of **6** it is the chiral center derived from **5** that dominates the direction in which the helix winds.¹⁵ The configuration of **4** plays essentially no role.¹⁷ Thus, if the configuration of **4** is fixed, while that of **5** is inverted, the configuration of the helicene is inverted.¹⁸ Moreover, if optically active (*S*)-**4** [46% enantiomeric excess (ee)] and *racemic* **5** are carried through the steps in Scheme I, the resulting helicene **8** (in 51% yield from the stilbene) is largely *racemic*.¹⁹

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(9) All new compounds exhibited satisfactory NMR, IR, and (except for the salts) mass spectra (including, for key compounds, high-resolution mass spectra).

(10) Optically active **1** (a mixture of *S,S* and *S,R*) gives, after elimination, **2**, whose enantiomeric purity is less than that of **8**.⁶ That isomer of **1** both halves of which are derived from **5** (the material was *racemic*) gives a non-helical product (¹H NMR δ 8.7–9.0, 8.2–8.4).¹¹

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(12) The ¹H NMR spectrum is a hybrid of the spectra of **2** and of the isomer in which both double bonds are shifted one position. See the supplementary material.

(13) Measured by analyzing the ¹H NMR resonances of one of its CH₂'s when a solution (2 mg) in CDCl₃ (1 mL) contained Ag(fod) (6 mg) and Eu(hfc)₃ (18 mg).¹⁴ The rotation of a sample having an ee of 95% (see note 18) implies that $[\alpha]_D^{\text{max}} = 4210^\circ$ and $[\alpha]_{578}^{\text{max}} = 4470^\circ$.

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(17) This is fortunate for three reasons: (1) **5** is easier than **4** to obtain in high optical purity; (2) the *racemic* material is carried through more steps, for the favored path involves converting the Br of **4** to CH₂P⁺(C₆H₅)₃Br⁻ and the Br of **5** to CHO (the silyloxy appears to be lost more easily when the Br of **5** is converted to the phosphonium salt); (3) only one precursor need be obtained optically active.

(18) Subjecting (*S*)-**5** of 53% ee and (*S*)-**4** of 48% ee to Scheme I gave helicene **8** (in 58% yield from the stilbene) $[\alpha]_D +2770^\circ$ (*c* 0.02 g/dL, CH₂Cl₂, ee 66%), whereas (*R*)-**5** of 51% ee gave **8** $[\alpha]_D -2550^\circ$ (*c* 0.09, CH₂Cl₂). When the ee of the (*R*)-(-)-**5** in this last experiment was raised to 90% and that of the (*S*)-(-)-**4** was 40%, the ee of helix **8** (64% yield from the stilbene) was 95% $[\alpha]_D -4000^\circ$ and $[\alpha]_{578} -4250^\circ$ (*c* 0.022, CH₂Cl₂).

When **8** in tetrahydrofuran (THF) is combined with *tert*-butyllithium at -78 °C and then with FeCl₂·2THF, the helical ferrocene **3** is obtained optically active (ca. 60% yield).²⁰ If CoBr₂-dimethoxyethane is substituted for the iron salt, the analogous cobaltocenium hexafluorophosphate **9**^{21,23} can be obtained also [in 58% yield after acidification, oxidation (aqueous FeCl₃), and precipitation (aqueous NH₄PF₆)].²⁴

To prepare **5**, the corresponding ketone was made from 2-bromonaphthalene and 3-chloropropionyl chloride (AlCl₃, at high concentration in CH₂Cl₂, 20 °C, >3 h,²⁵ then H₂SO₄-AlCl₃, 90 °C, 1 h; 55–80% yield).²⁶ To prepare the ketone corresponding to **4**,²⁷ the same procedure was applied to 2-bromo-7-(trimethylsilyl)naphthalene (-78 °C; this time the concentration was not high; yield 75%).²⁸ This last material was made in ca. 100% yield from 2,7-dibromonaphthalene [*n*-C₄H₉Li, then (CH₃)₃SiCl].^{1,29}

The best procedure for reducing the ketones asymmetrically uses LiAlH₄, *N*-methylephedrine, and 3,5-dimethylphenol in ether (0–20 °C).³⁰ One crystallization gives (*R*)-(-)-**5**^{30b} of 90% ee in 42% yield, and crystallization of the mother liquor gives an additional 21% of 81.5% ee.³¹ Similarly, one crystallization gives

(19) Its $[\alpha]_{578}$ is +330° (*c* 0.017, CH₂Cl₂), implying an ee of ca. 8%.^{6,13}

(20) Obtained from (-)-**8** of 62% ee, $[\alpha]_D -3700^\circ$ (*c* 0.022, THF), implying $[\alpha]_D^{\text{max}} = -5970^\circ$ (assuming no racemization occurred).

(21) The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, in the supplementary material, show under sharp peaks, broad resonances possibly due to polymeric cobaltocenium salts. The ¹³C spectrum shows five intense (CH) and four weak (quaternary) aromatic resonances and three intense and two weak cyclopentadienyl resonances. The latter (δ 104–78) are at lower fields than in diindenylcobalt(III) hexafluorophosphate (δ 80–74).²²

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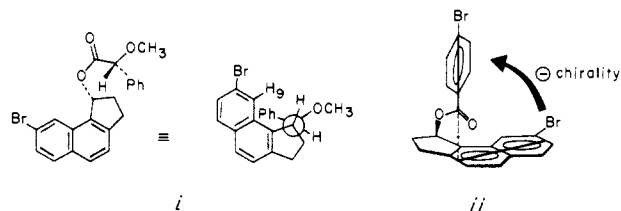
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(31) The ee's for **4** and **5** were measured by the ¹H NMR spectra of their (*R*)-(+)- α -methoxyphenyl acetates.³² Their absolute configurations [(*S*)-**4** and (*R*)-**5** levorotatory] were deduced in a number of ways.³² For **5** these include (1) analogy with reductions of indan-1-one,³⁶ (2) the expectation that H-9 in (*R*)-**5**'s (*R*)- α -methoxyphenyl acetate resonates at higher field than in (*S*)-**5**'s ester (see the extended Newman projection i),^{32,35} and (3) the



observation that the first Cotton effect of (*R*)-**5**'s *p*-bromobenzoate (see ii) is negative.^{34,35} For **4** the assignment was based on analogy with reduction of indanones³⁶ and the observations that when comparing (*R*)- α -methoxyphenyl acetates of the (-) and (+) enantiomers in the former the proton adjacent to the methoxyl resonates at higher and that on the cyclopentane adjacent to the ester at lower field.³⁶

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(*S*)-(-)-**4**^{30b} in 57% yield and 48% ee.³¹

The absolute configurations^{31,37} in Scheme I show that the helix **7** winds so as to place the silyloxy derived from **5** on the outer face.

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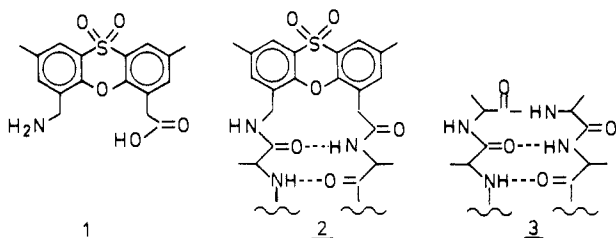
2,8-Dimethyl-4-(carboxymethyl)-6-(aminomethyl)phenoxathiin *S*-Dioxide: An Organic Substitute for the β -Turn in Peptides?

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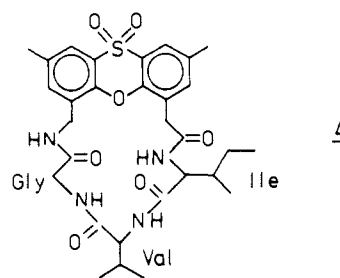
Cyclic peptides are known to adopt several conformations in solution; single rigid conformations are found only for small rings with a specific combination of amino acids. Attempts to stabilize specific peptide conformations incorporating nonpeptide residues are rare.¹ We propose the use of the spacer **1** to force hydrogen



bridging between antiparallel peptide strands (**2**) in a similar manner as a β -turn (**3**).

Here we report the synthesis and conformational investigation of compound **4**, a cyclic peptide consisting of **1** and the amino acid sequence Ile-Val-Gly. Two low-energy conformations of **4** were found with the MM2 force field. One- and two-dimensional ¹H NMR experiments support **4A** as the prominent conformation in Me₂SO. **4A** contains a β -type hydrogen bridge and possibly a γ -loop, a situation that is found in several cyclic pentapeptides. Therefore, **1** may be used as an organic substitute simulating a pair of amino acids preferring the *i* + 1 and *i* + 2 positions of the β -reverse turn in peptides.

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2,8-Dimethylphenoxathiin,² lithiated α to the oxygen, reacts with bromoacetic acid to form 2,8-dimethyl-4-(carboxymethyl)phenoxathiin.³ This was converted by H₂O₂ in acetic acid to the *S*-dioxide. Subsequent treatment with (hydroxymethyl)phthalimid in concentrated H₂SO₄ gave 2,8-dimethyl-4-(carboxymethyl)-6-(phthalimidomethyl)phenoxathiin *S*-dioxide (**5**), the *N*-protected derivative of **1**. The tripeptide Ile-Val-Gly-OMe was coupled with **5** by propanephosphonic anhydride in CH₂Cl₂⁴ (33%). Deprotection with hydrazine and cyclization by the Medzihradszky method yields **4** in 35% yield.⁵

The ¹H NMR spectrum of **4** in Me₂SO-*d*₆ was completely assigned with the aid of two-dimensional scalar correlated spectroscopy. The weak temperature coefficient of the chemical shift of the Ile-NH proton (Ile-NH, 0.5 $\times 10^{-3}$; Val-NH, 3.3 $\times 10^{-3}$; Gly-NH, 3.9 $\times 10^{-3}$; 1-NH, 4.7 $\times 10^{-3}$ ppm/deg) indicates that the proton is shielded from the solvent. This can be attributed to various types of intramolecular interactions—the most probably one is a hydrogen bridge to the Gly-CO (see below). Force-field calculations⁶ revealed two basic low-energy conformations **4A** and **4B**, both possessing trans peptide bonds (Figure 1). Whereas **4A** has the expected " β -loop" with a hydrogen bridge from the Ile-NH to the Gly-CO (and in addition a γ -loop), conformation **4B** contains two γ -loops. It is possible to "invert" the phenoxathiin part in **4A** without significant change in the energy or distortion of the peptide moiety (see Figure 1). The NH- α -CH dihedral angles, derived from NMR coupling constants, support both conformations **4A,B** if fast inversion of the phenoxathiin part is assumed.⁸ More definitive conclusions, however, can be drawn from the intramolecular distances measured by the nuclear Overhauser experiments.

We observed cross peaks due to chemical exchange in the 2D NOE spectra at 78 °C. Inspection of the 1D spectrum proves the presence of small amounts (4%) of a second conformation in slow exchange with the dominant form. To slow the exchange rate, in order to determine the NOE connectivity pattern of the main component, the experiments were run in a Me₂SO/CCl₄ solvent mixture at -3 °C. Here, the NOEs are negative and of medium size (2-18% in 1D experiments with 2.8-s presaturation).

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(5) Azide cyclization in DMF at 6 $\times 10^{-2}$ mol/L; 4 °C; 6 days; after workup, 2 times recrystallization from MeOH; purity 98% by HPLC; Anal. (C₃₀H₃₈N₄O₇S) C, H, N. The monomeric structure of **4** is proved by its mass spectrum: EI 598 (M⁺), most intense peak above mass 90; no peaks were detected at masses higher than 598.

(6) An undated version of the MM2 program of Allinger^{7a}—obtained by courtesy of Molecular Design Ltd., Hayward, CA—was parametrized for amide functions giving reasonable energies and geometries for small *N*-alkyl amides as peptide models. H bonds are formed by the attraction of the NH and CO dipoles; the van der Waals repulsion of the NH proton was reduced in an interaction with a carbonyl oxygen.^{7b} Six preconceived backbone conformations of **4** were used as starting points in the energy minimization; no attempts were made to explore the total conformational energy surface.

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