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Intramolecular [4 + 2] Cycloadditions of (*Z*)-*α*,*β*-Unsaturated Aldehydes with Vinyl Sulfides and Ketene Dithioacetals[1a]

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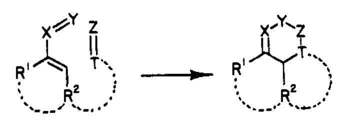
In the course of our investigations on intramolecular [4 + 2] cycloadditions of nitrosoalkenes[2] (eq 1, X=Y = N=O) we discovered that vinyl sulfides (T=Z = CH=CHSCH$_3$) were superior to enol ethers as electron-rich dienophiles. In contrast to the extensive use of enol ethers and enamines in inverse-electron-demand heterodiene cycloadditions,[3,4] vinyl sulfides have received little attention.[5] Indeed, these activated olefins have enjoyed only sparing application in any cycloaddition process[6] despite their synthetic potential.[7] We have now extended our study to include (*Z*)-*α*,*β*-unsaturated aldehydes as the 4π-component in these intramolecular cycloadditions.[8] Our rationale for investigating the labile *Z*-geometrical isomers was based on the anticipated higher stereoselectivity of cyclization amply demonstrated in analogous Diels–Alder reactions.[9] We report herein that these reactions operate under kinetic control with Lewis acid catalysis to give exclusively cis-ring-fused products.



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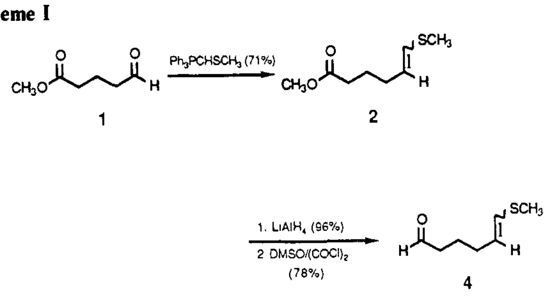

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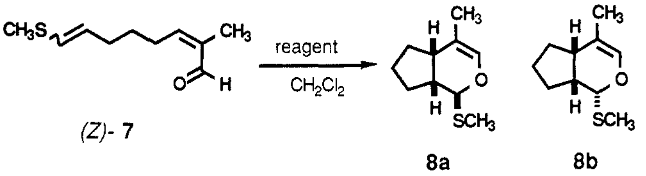
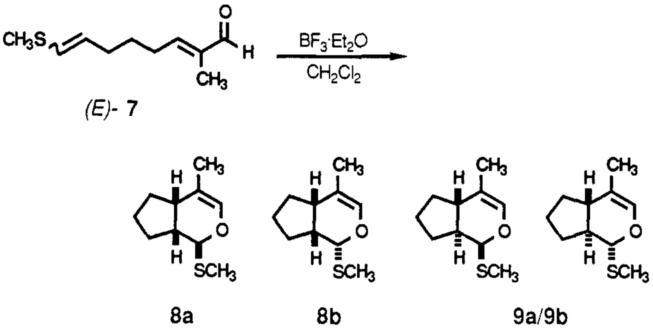


entry	reagent (equiv)	temp, °C	time	yield, %	**8a**:**8b**
1		50	19 h	35	96:4[b]
2	BF$_3$·OEt$_2$ (1.0)	−78	10 min	93	75:25[c]
3	BF$_3$·OEt$_2$ (1.0)	−70	15 min	91	71:29[c]

[a] The (*Z*)-**7** was a 60:40 *E*:*Z* mixture of vinyl sulfides. [b] Ratio determined by ^{1}H NMR. [c] Ratio determined by capillary GC.

Table II. Cyclization of (*E*)-**7**[a]



entry	equiv	temp, °C	time, min	yield, %	**8a**:**8b**:**9a**/**9b**[b]
1	1.0	−78	15	55	13:44:20/23
2	1.0	−78	15	38	41:35:24
3	1.0	−78	45	64	72:28:2
4	1.0	20	15	48	87:13:0
5	0.5	−78	30		20:40:22/18[c]
6	1.5	−78	30		36:39:14/11[c]

[a] The (*E*)-**7** was a 60:40 *E*:*Z* mixture of vinyl sulfides. [b] The assignment of anomers in **9** is tentative.[21] [c] GC experiments with an internal standard; see text.

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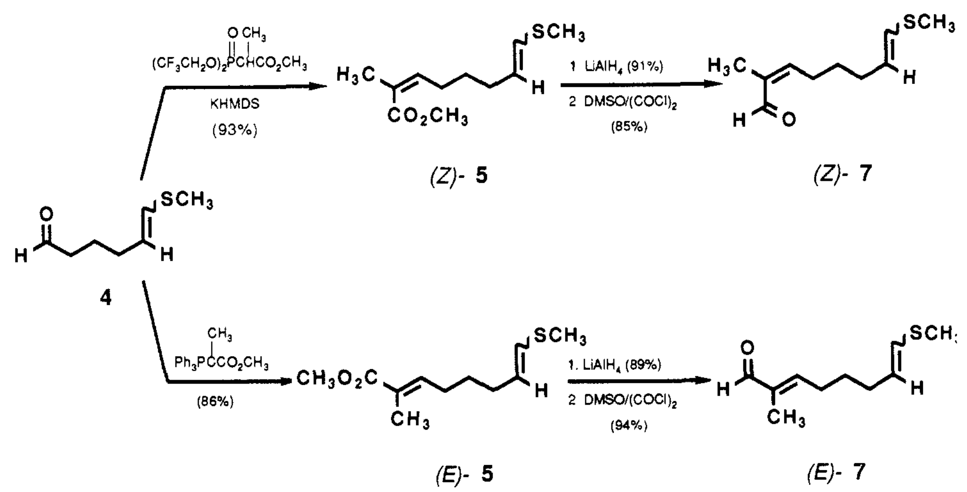
Scheme II



The substrates for this study were prepared in six steps from methyl 5-oxopentanoate[10] (**1**) via the common intermediate **4**,[11] Scheme I. Wittig thiomethylenation[12] of **1** afforded a 60:40 mixture of *E* and *Z* vinyl sulfides **2**,[11] which was easily transformed to aldehyde **4**, via alcohol **3**.[11] To access both *E* and *Z* enals, **4** was partitioned into (*Z*)-**5**[11] and (*E*)-**5**[11] by using stereoselective olefinations, Scheme II. Following the method of Still,[13] (*Z*)-**5**[11] was obtained in excellent yield with a 98:2 *Z*:*E* ratio at the 2,3-double bond, while reaction of **4** with the stabilized phosphorane[14] produced (*E*)-**5**[11] uncontaminated with the *Z* isomer. Rigorous assignment of stereochemistry was obtained from the ^{1}H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of **7** by comparison to analogous systems.[15]

The selection of reaction conditions for cyclization of (*Z*)-**7** was guided by the known thermal instability of (*Z*)-2-methyl-2-pentenal.[16] Indeed, prolonged heating of (*Z*)-**7** in CH_2Cl_2 (entry 1, Table I) produced only a 35% yield of cycloadducts along with recovered **7** which had isomerized to a 70:30 *Z*:*E* mixture. However, treatment of (*Z*)-**7** with 1.0 equiv of $BF_3{\cdot}OEt_2$ at -78 °C produced a 91% yield of the cycloadducts **8a**[11] and **8b**[11] as a 71:29 mixture.[17] We tentatively assigned a cis ring fusion to both **8a** and **8b** and assumed that they differed only in the anomeric configuration. These assumptions were verified by transformation of a mixture of **8a** and **8b** to the single lactone **11**[18] which displayed a 9.08-Hz ^3J coupling across the ring fusion indicative of cis stereochemistry.[19,20] The major anomer was assigned the β-configuration based on the larger $^3J_{1,7a}$ (6.40 vs. 2.22 Hz for the minor isomer) since only in this isomer can the protons achieve a large dihedral angle.[2b]

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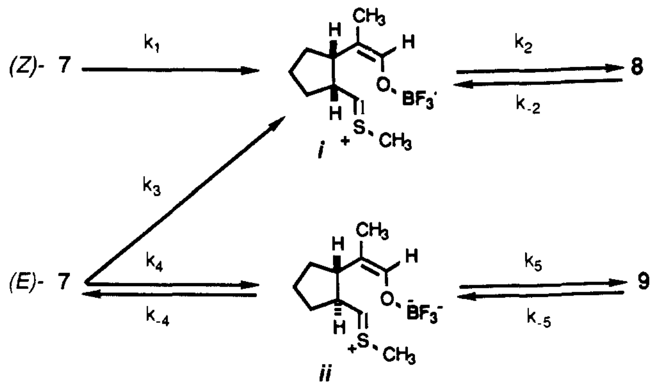

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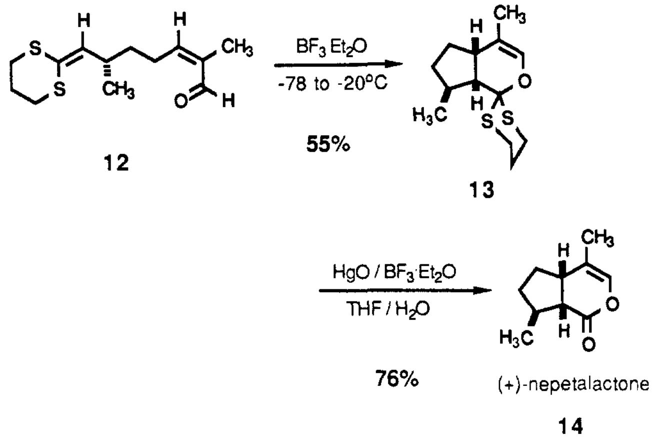

The possibility that the observed products were arising from either (1) prior isomerization of the enal followed by stereoselective cyclization or (2) post-facto isomerization of kinetically formed trans isomers was addressed by cyclization of (*E*)-**7**. These results are compiled in Table II. Under identical conditions with those employed for the *Z* enal we observed the formation of *all four isomeric cycloadducts* **8a**, **8b**, **9a**, and **9b** in 38–65% yield (entries

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[10] Huckstep, M.; Taylor, R. J. K. *Synthesis* **1982**, 881.

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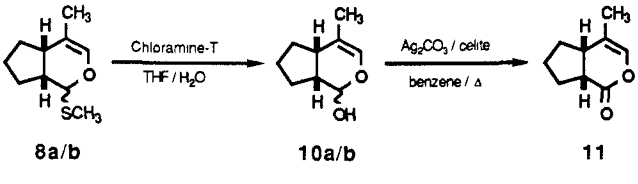

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1, 2).[17,21] As shown in Table II, the cis-ring fusion isomers **8** predominated under all conditions. Interestingly, experiments with longer reaction time (entry 3) or higher temperature (entry 4) led to nearly exclusive formation of cis-fused isomers. Furthermore, in experiments with an internal standard (entries 5 and 6) it was shown that the cis:trans ratio was also dependent on the amount of $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$. Taken together these results suggest that under more vigorous reaction conditions the cis isomers **8** are produced at the expense of trans isomers **9**. To establish whether this arises from equilibration or selective destruction of the trans isomers, three GC experiments using an internal standard were run. First, it was shown (in three separate runs) that the total amount of products from cyclization of (*E*)-**7** was unchanged by quenching at 5, 15, or 30 min. Second, a quaternary mixture of isomers **8** and **9** was treated with 1.0 equiv of $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$ at −78 °C for 30 min. The ratio of the sum of the cycloadducts to the internal standard was identical before and after reaction. Finally, a mixture of **8a**:**8b**:**9a**/**9b** (13:44:23/20), treated with $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$ as above, *changed to a 63:35:1/1 mixture with no loss of cyclization material. Thus, even at −78 °C, these reactions are readily reversible.* Based on these observations we conclude the following: (1) cyclization of (*Z*)-**7** does not proceed via prior isomerization and is operating under kinetic control to give cis products in high yield, (2) cyclization of (*E*)-**7** produces both cis and trans isomers in moderate yield under kinetic control, (3) trans-fused products are extremely labile and readily isomerize via cycloreversion to cis-fused products, and (4) the ratio of anomers in **8** and **9** does not reflect the vinyl sulfide ratio in **7** indicative of a nonconcerted reaction.

These conclusions can best be unified by invoking a two-step process with significant cycloaddition character proceeding through zwitterions i and ii, Scheme III. The lower yield in the cyclization of (*E*)-**7** compared to (*Z*)-**7** can be understood in terms of alternate nonproductive pathways available for collapse of ii since k_5 should be less than k_2.

Based on these experiments we have completed a stereospecific, total synthesis of (+)-nepetalactone[20,22] (**14**) using a ketene dithioacetal as the dienophile[23] in *Z* enal (+)-**12**,[24] Scheme IV. $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$-catalyzed cyclization produced dithioortholactone (+)-**13**[11] in 55% yield as a single diastereomer. Mercuric oxide assisted hydrolysis of **13** afforded (+)-nepetalactone (**14**)[11] in 76% yield with spectroscopic and optical properties in accord with those reported by Eisenbraun.[20]

Further investigation into the utility of *Z* enals in cycloaddition reactions to form other ring systems is planned and will be reported in due course.

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Organoboron Compounds in Organic Synthesis. 4. Asymmetric Aldol Reactions

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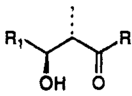
Both the *anti*- and *syn*-3-hydroxy-2-(methylcarbonyl) units (**1** and **2**) are frequently embedded in natural products of propionate origin such as macrolide antibiotics.[1] Since the advent of several chiral boron enolate reagents in 1981, e.g., **3a**[2a] and **4**,[2b] the double-asymmetric aldol methodology has been widely used for the efficient construction of the syn unit **2**,[1,3] but the same synthetic methodology still remains to be explored for the anti unit **1**.[4] For this purpose we record herein a new reagent **5a** which is anti selective and consistently achieves an enantioselection of more than 80:1 in reactions with typical aldehydes.[5] A mechanistic rationale for this enantioselectivity is also presented with a brief discussion on the results obtained from **3a**, **3b**, **5a**, and **5b**. The reagents **3b** and **5b** are nor analogues of **3a** and **5a**, respectively.[6]



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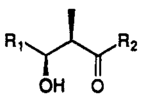

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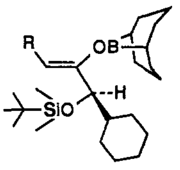

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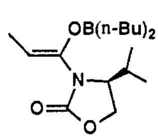

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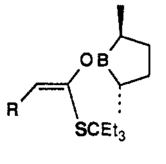

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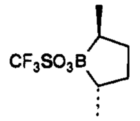

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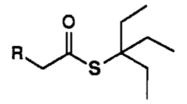

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An initial set of experiments was aimed at the preparation of a highly *E*(*O*)-enriched boron enolate,[7] since the anti/syn aldol product ratios are equated to the *E*(*O*)/*Z*(*O*) ratios of the boron

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