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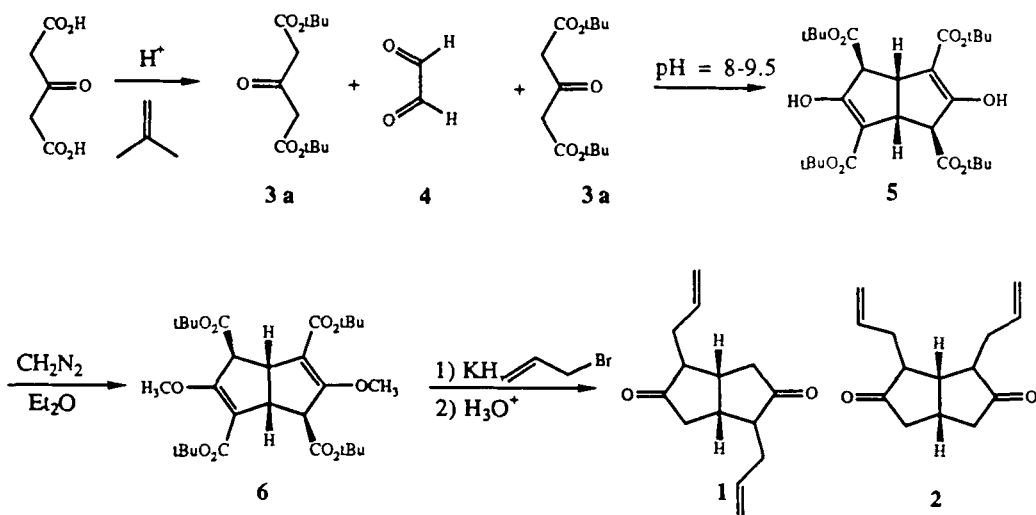
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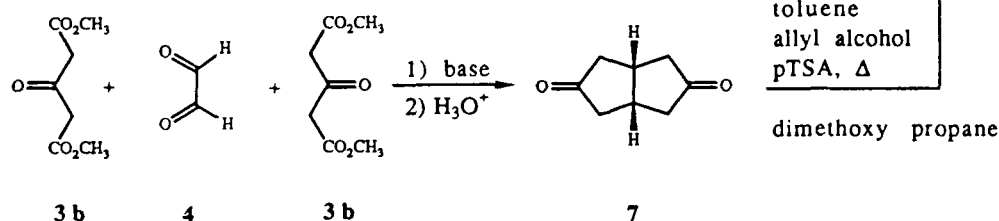
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In connection with our research toward the preparation of polyquinanes,¹ the synthesis of 2,6- and 2,8-diallyl-cis-bicyclo [3.3.0] octane-3,7-diones (**1** and **2**) was of interest. Although the two diones (**1** and **2**) could be prepared via the Weiss reaction from di-*t*-butyl 3-oxoglutarate² (**3a**) and glyoxal (**4**) [route 1] as illustrated in Scheme 1, the necessary synthesis of **3a** and the use of diazomethane (**5** → **6**) were disadvantages of the sequence on a large scale.

Route 1



Route 2



Since cis-bicyclo [3.0]octane-3,7-dione **7** is readily available in 500 g quantities from the inexpensive dimethyl 3-oxoglutarate,³ direct access to **1** and **2** from **7** would greatly facilitate entry into tetracyclic polyquinanes.^{1a}

In this regard, the report by Hund and Pollack⁴ attracted our attention. Although Lorette and Howard⁵ subsequently employed this simple method to allylate various acyclic and alicyclic ketones, the procedure has not found many applications in organic synthesis.⁶ However, when dione **7** was heated with 2,2-dimethoxypropane, allyl alcohol (excess) in refluxing toluene in presence of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid [route 2], an 80% yield of diones **1** and **2** was realized and isolated in a ratio of 3:2.⁷ The diones were accompanied by a small amount of monoalkylated material which was easily removed by chromatography and identified by comparison to an authentic sample.^{1a} The spectra of **1** and **2** were identical to those prepared by the longer route.^{1a} The two-step sequence has been repeated on a 5 g scale with ease to consistently provide **1** and **2**

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Bisallylation of *cis*-Bicyclo[3.3.0]octane-3,7-dione (7).- To a three-necked flask equipped with a Vigreux column, a Dean-Stark apparatus, and a reflux condenser was added *cis*-bicyclo[3.3.0]octane-3,7-dione (2.76 g, 20 mmoles), allyl alcohol (15 mL, excess), 2,2-dimethoxypropane (7.5 mL, excess) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (100 mg) in 100 mL of dry toluene. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110° (oil bath temperature) for 5 hrs. Afterwards, the Vigreux column was removed and the reaction mixture held at reflux for 36 hrs. During the first few hours of heating, it was necessary to remove the toluene, acetone and allyl alcohol which had been collected (30 mL) in the Dean-Stark apparatus, after which additional toluene (30 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. After completion of the reaction (TLC), the solution was allowed to cool and was washed (NaHCO₃, 2 x 100 mL; brine, 100 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure furnished an oily residue (3.7 g), which was charged onto a silica gel (100 g) column. Elution with EtOAc-hexane (1:3) furnished 2.5 g (50%) of dione **1**, bp. 150°/0.5 mm Hg. Further elution of the column with the same solvent gave 1.35 g (32%) of the dione **2** as a colorless liquid, 150°/0.5 mmHg. Continued elution with EtOAc-hexane (3:7) gave 0.3 g (8%) of 2-allyl *cis*-bicyclo[3.3.0]octane-3,7-dione as a colorless liquid, bp. 130°/0.5 mmHg. The spectra (¹H and ¹³C NMR) and R_f values of **1** and **2** and of the monoallyl derivative were identical to those previously reported [route 1].¹

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BIOMIMETIC MODELING OF ASYMMETRIC SYNTHESIS OF ARYLALKYL
SULFOXIDES USING β -CYCLODEXTRIN COMPLEXES[†]

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Chiral sulfoxides are becoming increasingly important as chiral auxiliaries in asymmetric synthesis for the transfer of chirality from sulfur to carbon.¹ So far chiral sulfoxides have been obtained mainly through menthyl sulfinates.² To date, no general and easily accessible method has been reported for the asymmetric oxidation of prochiral sulfides.³ A more sophisticated and practical approach for asymmetric induction would be through "host-guest" complexation involving water as the reaction medium as observed in physiological processes. In continuation of our studies on biomimetic asymmetric synthesis,⁴ we now report a simple method for the asymmetric oxidation of prochiral sulfides (**1**) in water employing β -cyclodextrin (β -CD) as a chiral template and sodium hypochlorite as an oxidizing agent.

The inclusion complexes were prepared by adding the pure sulfide in ethanol to an aqueous solution of β -cyclodextrin in equimolar ratio at 60° to yield crystalline complexes, as shown by the upfield shift of H-3 and H-5 protons of cyclodextrin.⁵ All the sulfides (**1**) formed inclusion compounds on an equimolar basis with cyclodextrin as determined from the amount of