

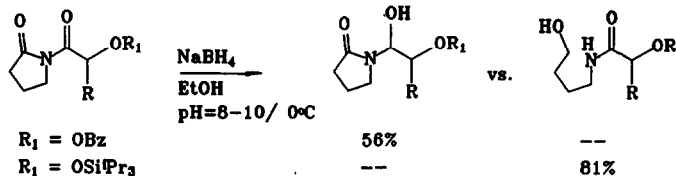
GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS

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REDUCTIVE ROUTES TO RIGID PEPTIDE BUILDING BLOCKS: THE DEPENDENCE OF A REGIOSELECTIVE

IMIDE REDUCTION ON THE NATURE OF AN  $\alpha$ -ALKOXY SUBSTITUENT. Kevin D. Moeller\* and Cathleen E. Hanau, Department of Chemistry, Washington University, St. Louis, MO 63130

The reduction of several *N*-acylpyrrolidinones has been studied. The regioselectivity of the reductions was found to depend on the nature of the *N*-acyl group.

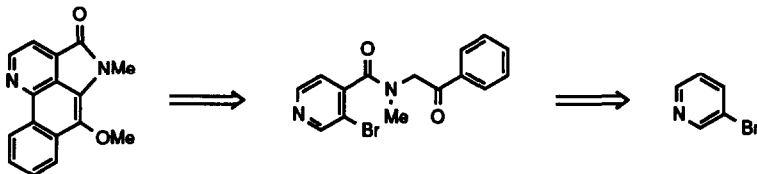


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AN EXCEPTIONALLY BRIEF SYNTHESIS OF EUPOLAURAMINE

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STEREOCHEMICAL STUDIES ON ESPERAMICINS: THE ABSOLUTE CONFIGURATION OF THEIR BICYCLIC AGLYCONE.

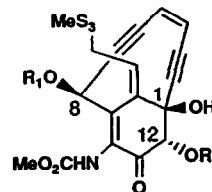
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Based on single crystal x-ray and CD data the absolute stereochemistry for [7,3,1] bicyclic aglycone of esperamicins has been assigned as C-1 (S), C-8 (S) and C-12 (S).



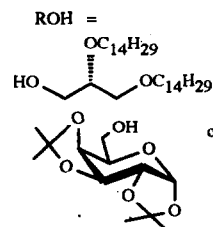
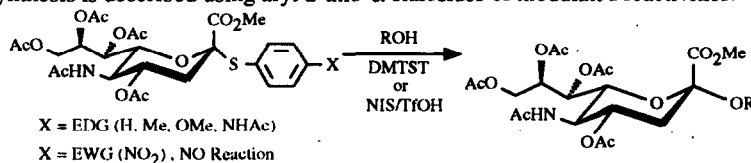
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"ACTIVE" and "LATENT" THIOLYCOSYL DONORS in OLIGOSACCHARIDE SYNTHESIS. APPLICATION

to the SYNTHESIS of  $\alpha$ -SIALOSIDES. René Roy\*, Fredrik O. Andersson, Marie Letellier

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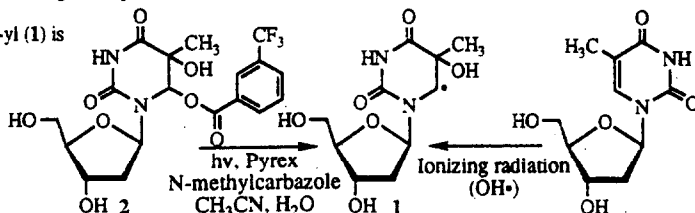
The use of a new "active" and "latent" thioglycosyl donor strategy in glycoside synthesis is described using aryl 2-thio- $\alpha$ -sialosides of modulated reactivities.



**Independent Generation of the Major Adduct of Hydroxyl Radical and Thymidine. Examination of Intramolecular Hydrogen Atom Transfer in Competition With Thiol Trapping.**

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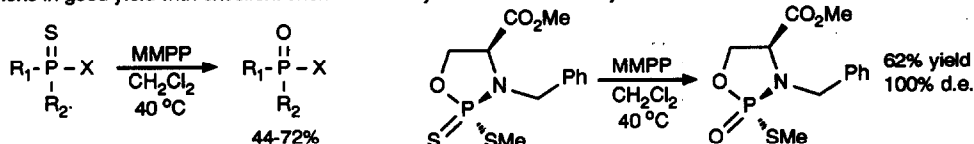
5,6-Dihydro-5-hydroxythymid-6-yl (1) is generated in solution from 2 via photoinduced electron transfer.



**STEREOSELECTIVE AND CHEMOSELECTIVE OXIDATION OF PHOSPHOROTHIONATES USING MMPP**

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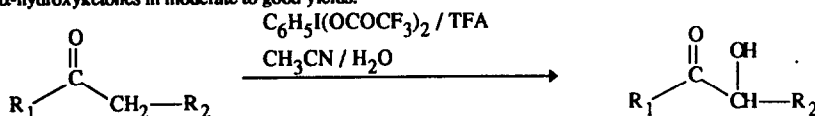
MMPP (monoperoxyphthalic acid, magnesium salt) converts phosphorothionates to the corresponding oxons in good yield with excellent chemoselectivity and stereoselectivity.



**DIRECT  $\alpha$ -HYDROXYLATION OF KETONES UNDER ACIDIC CONDITIONS USING [BIS(TRIFLUOROACETOXY)] IODOBENZENE**

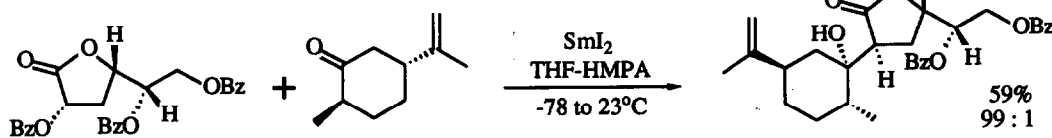
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[Bis(trifluoroacetoxy)] iodobenzene and trifluoroacetic acid in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  reacts with aromatic, heteroaromatic, and aliphatic ketones to afford  $\alpha$ -hydroxyketones in moderate to good yields.



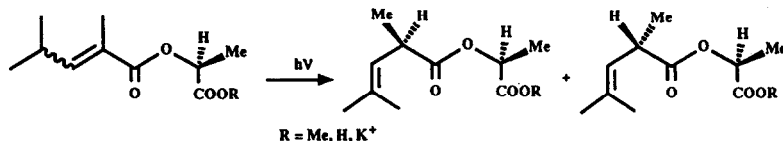
**HIGHLY STEREOSELECTIVE COUPLINGS OF CARBOHYDRATE LACTONES WITH TERPENE KETONES PROMOTED BY  $\text{SmI}_2$**

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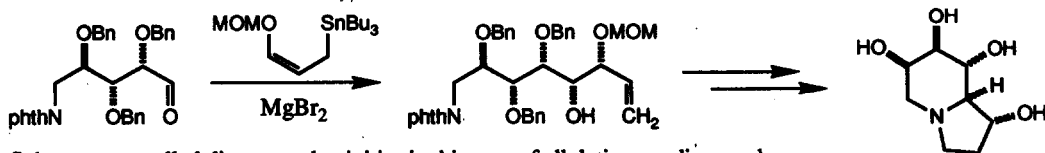
**LACTATE AS CHIRAL AUXILIARY IN ASYMMETRIC PHOTODECONJUGATION OF UNSATURATED ESTERS**  
 James L. Charlton and Vinh C. Pham, Department of Chemistry, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada R3T 2N2  
 Jean-Pierre Pete, Laboratoire des Réarrangements Thermiques et Photochimiques, Unité Associée au C. N. R. S.  
 U. F. R. Sciences, Université de Reims-Champagne-Ardenne, 51062 Reims, France.

Solvent dependent diastereoselective photodeconjugation of the following esters is described.



**An Asymmetric Synthesis of D-1,6-Diepicastanospermine**

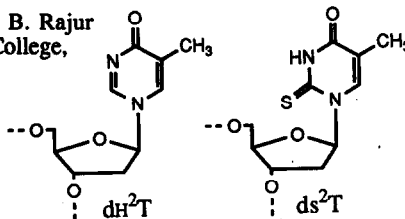
Kevin Burgess\* and David A. Chaplin, Chemistry, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX 77843, USA



Substrate-controlled diastereoselectivities in this type of allylation are discussed.

**THE SYNTHESIS OF OLIGODEOXYNUCLEOTIDES CONTAINING 2-THIOTHYMININE AND 5-METHYL-4-PYRIMIDINONE BASE ANALOGUES.** Sharanabasava B. Rajur and Larry W. McLaughlin\*, Department of Chemistry, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

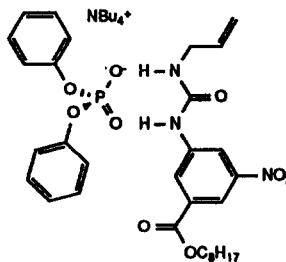
Synthesis of the 2'-deoxynucleosides, the phosphoramidite derivatives and oligodeoxynucleotides containing the base analogues dH<sup>2</sup>T and ds<sup>2</sup>T is described.



**ION PAIR BINDING BY A UREA IN CHLOROFORM SOLUTION.**

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A urea has been synthesized which binds very strongly to ion pairs containing sulfonates, phosphates and carboxylates in chloroform. Data suggest complexation is due to hydrogen bond formation between the urea and anion. Application to the design of molecular catalysts is planned.

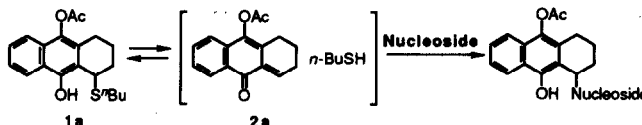


### pH-DEPENDENT STABILITY AND REACTIVITY OF A THIOL-QUINONE METHIDE ADDUCT

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10-Acetyl-1-(butanethio)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-9,10-anthracenediol **2a** has been prepared in 63% yield. The pH-dependent stability and reaction with 2'-deoxyadenosine showed that the nucleoside can be exchanged for the thiol at pH 7



### MECHANISTIC STUDIES ON AZOALKANE CATION RADICAL DECOMPOSITION

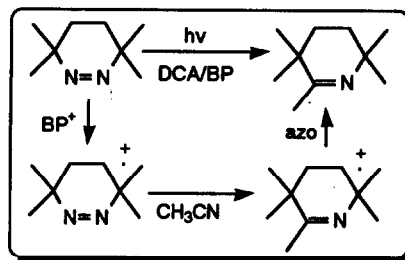
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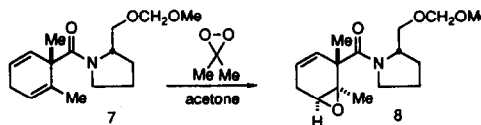
The cation radicals of two azoalkane, azo-*t*-butane and 3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1,2-diazacyclohex-2-ene decompose at rates  $\geq 10^{16}$  times faster than their neutral precursors. This can be attributed to a decrease in the C-N bond dissociation energy of  $\geq 24$  kcal/mol upon oxidation.



### REGIO- AND STEREOSELECTIVE EPOXIDATION OF CHIRAL 1,4-CYCLOHEXADIENES

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A rationale for high diastereoselectivities for monoepoxidations of diene amides **1b**, **7** and **9** is supported by an X-ray crystallographic structure determination for epoxide **8**.

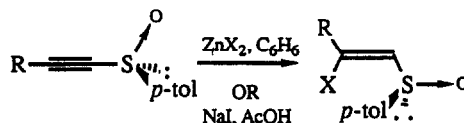


### SYNTHESIS OF ENANTIOMERICALLY PURE (Z)-2-HALOALKENYL SULFOXIDES

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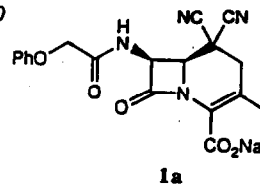
Efficient procedures to prepare enantiomerically pure (Z)-2-haloalkenyl sulfoxides from alkynyl sulfoxides are described.

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**Synthesis of a Highly Reactive  
1,1-Dicyanomethylene-1-dethiacephalosporin**

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The novel 1,1-dicyanomethylene-1-dethiacephalosporin **1a** was synthesized in optically pure form.

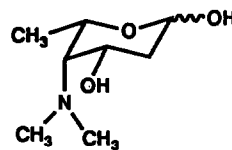


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**KEDARCIDIN CHROMOPHORE: STRUCTURE ELUCIDATION  
OF THE AMINO SUGAR KEDAROSAMINE**

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Department of Chemistry, Baker Laboratory, Ithaca, New York 14853-1301

The structure elucidation of kedarasamine, the amino sugar fragment of the new  
antitumor agent kedarcidin chromophore, is reported.



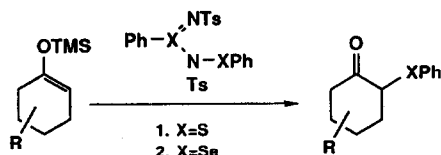
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**New Mild Methodology for the Synthesis of  
 $\alpha$ -Phenylthio and  $\alpha$ -Phenylseleno Ketones**

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University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas 78712.

Treatment of trimethylsilyl enol ethers with the adduct **1**,  
derived from chloramine-T and (PhS)<sub>2</sub>, gave good yields  
of  $\alpha$ -phenylthio ketones. The selenium version of this  
reagent **2** gave  $\alpha$ -phenylseleno ketones.

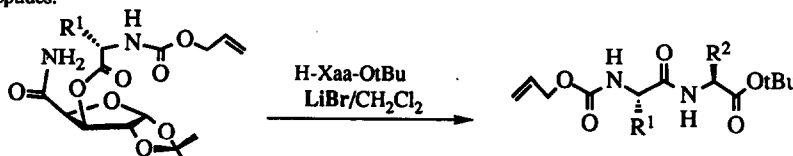


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**Metal Ion-Promoted Activation of Amino Acid Esters of  
Carbohydrates in a Biomimetic Synthesis of Peptides**

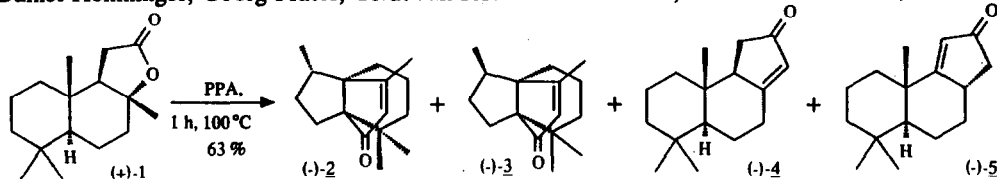
Horst Kunz\* and Richard Kullmann, Institut für Organische Chemie, Universität Mainz, Becherweg 18, D- 6500 Mainz, Germany

Carbohydrate esters of N-protected amino acids are activated by coordination of metal ions and subjected to aminolysis by amino acid  
esters to form peptides.



### Rearrangement of sclareolide to [4,3,3]-propellanes under strongly acidic conditions.

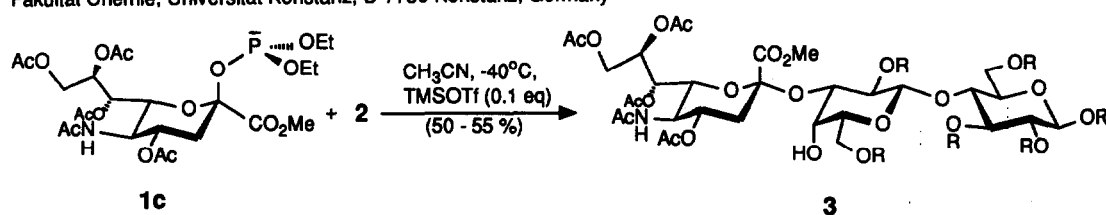
Daniel Helmlinger, Georg Fráter, Givaudan-Roure Research Ltd, CH-8600 Dübendorf/Switzerland



### EFFICIENT SIALYLATION WITH PHOSPHITE AS LEAVING GROUP

Thomas J. Martin and Richard R. Schmidt

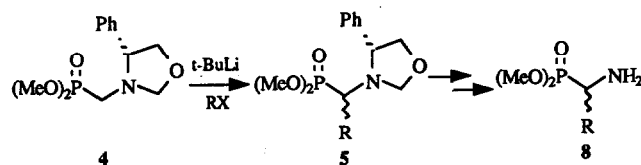
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### A Simple and General Method for the Asymmetric Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Aminophosphonic Acids

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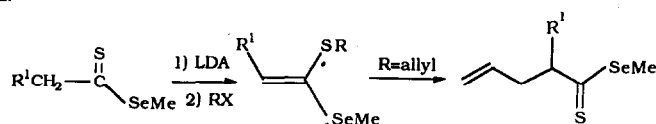
A simple and general method for the asymmetric synthesis of  $\alpha$ -aminophosphonic acids is described. A chiral phosphonate 4 prepared in one step from R-(-)-phenylglycine was alkylated with good diastereoselectivity using different electrophiles.



### Syntheses of Ketene Thio-selenoacetals and of $\gamma$ -Unsaturated Se-Alkyl Carboxylic Thio-selenoesters

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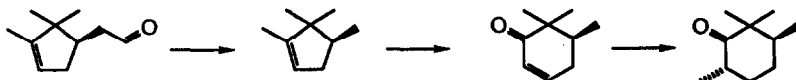
*E*-ketene thio-selenoacetals were obtained from Se-alkyl carboxylic thio-selenoesters. When the alkylation was conducted with an allylic halide a thio-Claisen rearrangement was observed.



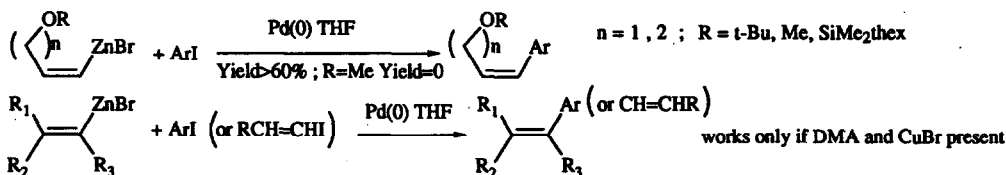
**RHODIUM CATALYSED DECARBONYLATION OF OPTICALLY ACTIVE CAMPHOLENAL ANALOGUES**

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Firmenich SA, Research Laboratories, P.O.B. 239, 1211 Geneva 8, Switzerland.

**Abstract:** Campholenal analogues (+)-1a-d were decarbonylated with a catalytic amount of Rh/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with only slight racemization. Experiments with other catalysts showed that racemization increases with the ability of the metal to form a  $\pi$ -allyl complex and to catalyse the hydrogenation of the  $\beta$ -elimination side product. (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>3</sub>RhCl gave the best results.

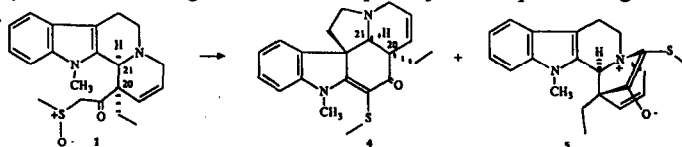

**COUPLING BETWEEN VINYL OR ARYL IODIDES AND VINYL ZINC BROMIDES (EITHER BEARING AN ALKOXY MOIETY OR TRISUBSTITUTED) UNDER Pd(0) CATALYSIS.**

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 **$\beta$ -Oxo-Sulfoxide Rearrangements under Sila-Pummerer Reactions Conditions**

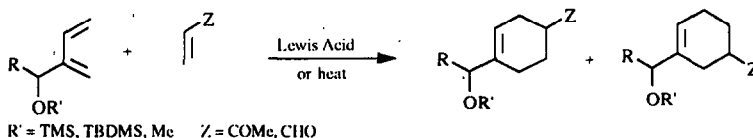
Martial Dardaine, Angèle Chiaroni, Claude Riche, Nicole Langlois\*  
Institut de Chimie des Substances Naturelles, C.N.R.S., F91198 Gif-sur-Yvette

Under Sila-Pummerer reaction conditions, the  $\beta$ -oxo-sulfoxide **1** gave rise to a new pentacyclic compound **5** together with the known aspidospermane derivative **4**.


**Diastereofacial Selectivity in Diels-Alder Reactions of Chiral 2-substituted-1,3-dienes.**

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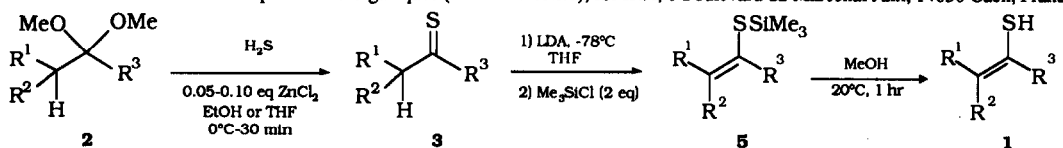


In the catalytic process, a total "para" regioselectivity as well as an excellent stereoselectivity are observed.

### Selective Synthesis of Enethiols

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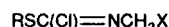
Tautomericly pure aliphatic thioketones 3 have been prepared by treatment of dimethyl acetals 2 with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of zinc chloride. Deprotonation with LDA leads to *Z* enethiolates 4 which were *S*-silylated with trimethylsilyl chloride to give silyl vinyl sulfides 5. Methanolysis of 5 quantitatively affords enethiols 1, devoid of the isomeric thioketones 3.

### BASE MEDIATED REACTIONS IN SOLID-LIQUID MEDIA.

#### A 1,3-DIPOLAR CYCLOADDITION ROUTE TO PYRROLINES AND PYRROLES FROM IMINO CHLOROSULFIDES

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Nitrile ylides, generated in basic conditions from imino chlorosulfides 1, undergo 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions with electron-deficient dipolarophiles to produce pyrrolines and pyrroles. The best conditions are found with  $\text{KF}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{KOH}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  mixtures as solid supports.



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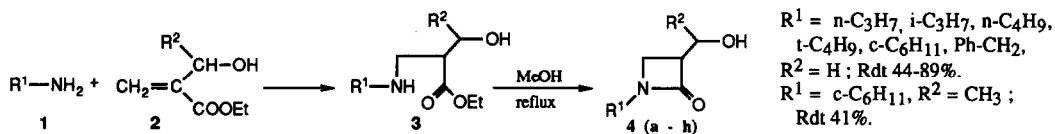
X = Tos,  $\text{PO}(\text{OEt})_2$ ,  $\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$

### Nouvelle synthèse d' $\alpha$ -(1-hydroxy)alkyl- $\beta$ -lactames.

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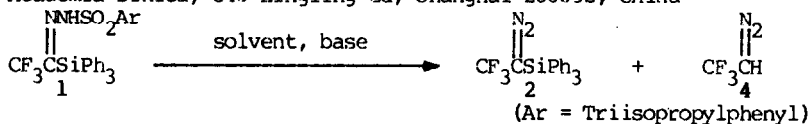
$\text{R}^1 = n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7, i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7, n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9, t\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9, c\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{11}, \text{Ph-CH}_2,$   
 $\text{R}^2 = \text{H}; \text{Rdt } 44\text{-}89\%.$   
 $\text{R}^1 = c\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{11}, \text{R}^2 = \text{CH}_3;$   
 Rdt 41%.

### Facile Conversion of Trifluoroacetyltriphenylsilane 2,4,6-Triisopropylbenzenesulfonylhydrazone to 2,2,2-Trifluorodiazaoethane.

#### An Unusual Example of the Bamford-Stevens Reaction

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(Ar = Triisopropylphenyl)

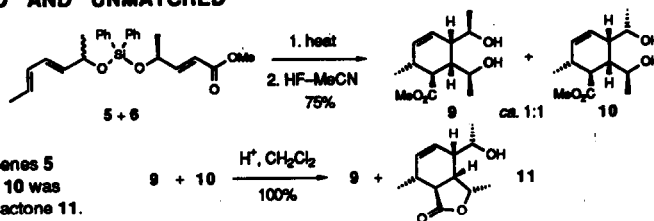
The ratio of 2 to 4 is dependent upon the solvent and the base used.



**INTRAMOLECULAR DIELS-ALDER REACTIONS OF SILYL ACETAL TRIENES. DIENOPHILE-CONTROLLED CYCLOADDITIONS OF 'MATCHED' AND 'UNMATCHED' DIMETHYLATED SUBSTRATES**

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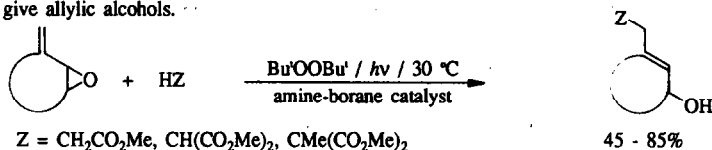
Thermal IMDA reaction of a 1:1 mixture of trienes 5 and 6 gave 9 and 10 upon desilylation. Diol 10 was selectively converted via acid catalysis into lactone 11.



**RADICAL CHAIN ADDITION TO VINYL EPOXIDES CATALYSED BY AMINE-BORANES: SYNTHESIS OF ALLYLIC ALCOHOLS**

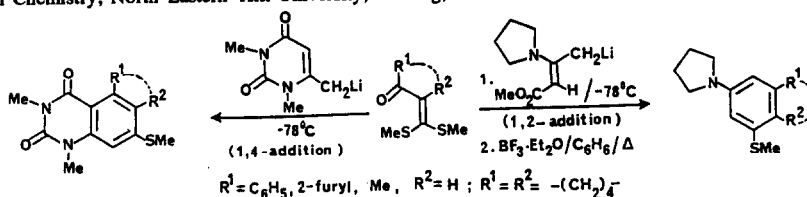
Hai-Shan Dang and Brian P. Roberts\*, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, Department of Chemistry, University College London, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ, U.K.

In the presence of an amine-borane polarity reversal catalyst, vinyl epoxides react by a radical chain mechanism at the  $\alpha$ -C-H group of an ester to give allylic alcohols.



**CYCLOAROMATIZATION OF  $\alpha$ -OXOKETENE DITHIO-ACETALS WITH ENAMINONE DERIVED CARBANIONS**

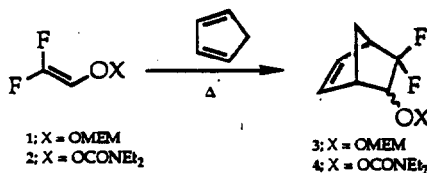
J. Satyanarayana, K.R. Reddy, H. Ila\* and H. Junjappa\*  
Deptt. of Chemistry, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, India



**DIELS-ALDER REACTIONS OF OXYGEN-SUBSTITUTED DIFLUOROALKENES**

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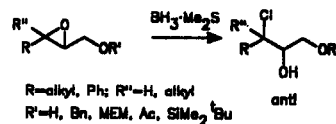
Difluoroalkenes 1 and 2 undergo thermal [4+2] cycloadditions with cyclopentadiene in good yield.



**Regio and diastereoselective oxygen assisted opening by monochloroborane-dimethylsulfide of epoxides to chlorohydrins *anti*.**

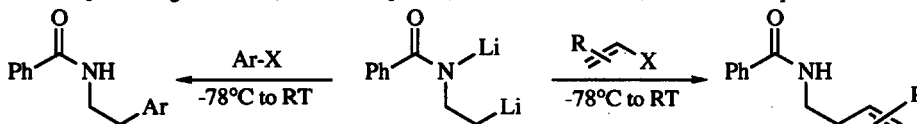
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The opening reaction of epoxides by monochloroborane-dimethylsulfide proceeds by oxygen anchimeric assistance in a regio- and diastereoselective manner to give the corresponding *anti* chlorohydrins.**DIRECT COUPLING BETWEEN  $\beta$ -FUNCTIONALIZED ORGANOLITHIUM COMPOUNDS AND ARYL AND VINYL HALIDES**

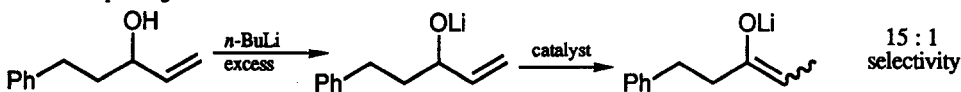
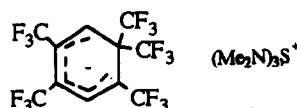
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**OBSERVATIONS ON A NICKEL-CATALYZED ISOMERIZATION OF ALLYLIC LITHIUM ALKOXIDES.**

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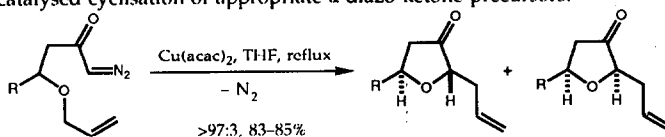
Use of the complex  $(\text{Cy}_3\text{P})_2\text{NiCl}_2$  as catalyst results in regioselective preparation of the first-formed enolate *via* isomerization of the corresponding lithium alkoxide.**TRIS(DIMETHYLAMINO)SULFONIUM 1,1,2,4,5-PENTAKIS(TRIFLUOROMETHYL)-2,5-CYCLOHEXADIENIDE - A NEW STABLE FLUORINATED CARBANION SALT PREPARED BY ANIONIC TRIFLUOROMETHYLATION OF 1,2,4,5-TETRAKIS(TRIFLUOROMETHYL)BENZENE**Alexander A. Kolomeitsev, Valerie N. Movchun, Yurii L. Yagupolskii\*  
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**DIASTEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF 2,5-DIALKYL  
TETRAHYDROFURAN-3-ONES BY A COPPER-CATALYSED TANDEM  
CARBENOID INSERTION AND YLIDE REARRANGEMENT REACTION**

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The diastereoselective synthesis of *trans*-2,5-dialkyl tetrahydrofuran-3-ones can be accomplished by the Cu(acac)<sub>2</sub>-catalysed cyclisation of appropriate  $\alpha$ -diazo ketone precursors.

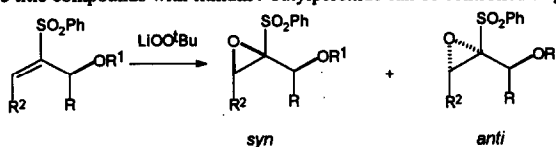


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**STEREOCONTROL IN THE NUCLEOPHILIC EPOXIDATION OF  
 $\alpha$ -(1-HYDROXYALKYL)- $\alpha,\beta$ -UNSATURATED SULFONES.**

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Epoxidation of the title compounds with lithium *t*-butylperoxide can be controlled to give good diastereoselectivity.

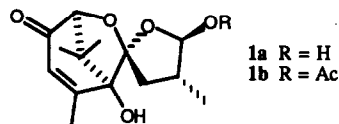


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**ISOLATION AND STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISATION OF KAMAHINE C:  
AN UNUSUAL SPIROKETAL FOUND IN A NATIVE NEW ZEALAND HONEY.**

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The structure of the title compound (1a) was determined by an NMR and X-ray crystallographic study of its acetate (1b).



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**STEREOSPECIFIC SYNTHESIS OF 9-DEMETHYLRETINOIDS  
VIA PALLADIUM-CATALYZED VINYLBORONIC ACID-  
VINYL IODIDE CROSS COUPLING.**

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9-Demethylretinoids with either *trans* or 11-*cis* geometries are stereospecifically prepared by the thallium-accelerated palladium-catalyzed cross coupling reactions of vinylboronic acid 10 and either (E)- or (Z)-vinyl iodides.

