

## GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS

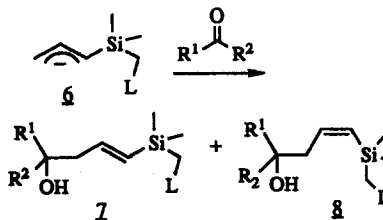
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### STERESELECTIVE REACTIONS OF $\alpha$ -SILYLALLYL ANIONS WITH CARBONYL COMPOUNDS.

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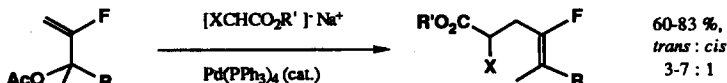
$\alpha$ -Silylallyl anions of the type **6** react with carbonyl compounds regioselectively at the  $\gamma$ -position, and stereoselectively to give the E- or the Z-isomer depending on the reaction conditions. Solvent and reaction temperature play a critical role in the control of stereoselectivity.



### An Application of the Trost Reaction to the Stereoselective Synthesis of *trans*-Tetrasubstituted Fluoroalkenes.

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The coupling of  $\beta$ -fluoroallylic acetates with ester-enolates gave tetrasubstituted fluoroalkenes in good yield and with generally satisfactory *trans*-stereoselectivity.

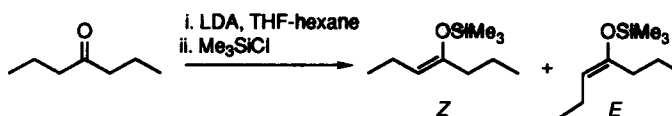
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### The Stereochemistry of Enolate Formation in THF-Hexane Mixtures

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The *Z/E* ratio ranges from 1.5:1 in pure THF to 0.7:1 in 90% hexane.

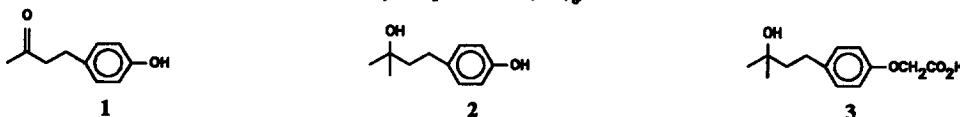


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### AN IMPROVED PREPARATION OF A TERTIARY ALCOHOL PROLINE LINKER AND ITS USE IN A SYNTHESIS OF

**MOSQUITO OOSTATIC HORMONE.** Jan Kochansky\* and R. M. Wagner, Insect Neurobiology and Hormone Laboratory and Livestock Insects Laboratory, USDA, ARS, Beltsville, MD 20705 USA

The reaction of MeMgBr with **1** to give **2** proceeds to completion only in THF. **2** was converted to linker **3** and used for a solid phase synthesis of Mosquito Oostatic Hormone (Tyr-Asp-Pro-Ala-(Pro)<sub>2</sub>).

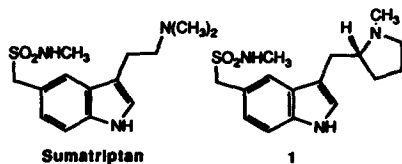


**THE SYNTHESIS OF A CONFORMATIONALLY RESTRICTED ANALOG OF THE ANTI-MIGRAINE DRUG SUMATRIPTAN**

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The synthesis of 5-N-Methylaminosulfonylmethyl-3-(N-methylpyrrolidin-2-ylmethyl)indole (1), a conformationally restricted analog of the anti-migraine drug, sumatriptan, is described. To incorporate our novel C3 stereogenic replacement for the aminoethyl sidechain in sumatriptan, a convergent synthesis of the 3,5-disubstituted indole (1) was employed which utilized an intramolecular Heck reaction as the cornerstone reaction.

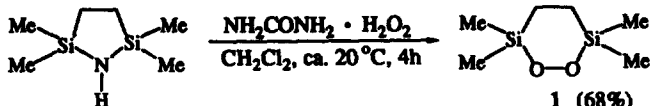


**SYNTHESIS AND REACTIONS OF THE CYCLIC SILYL PEROXIDE 1,1,4,4-TETRAMETHYL-2,3-DIOXA-1,4-DISILACYCLOHEXANE**

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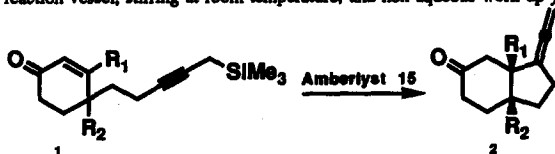
The first simple cyclic silyl peroxide 1 was prepared by classical synthetic methodology from its cyclic disilazane and the  $\text{NH}_2\text{CONH}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  complex.



**Amberlyst 15-Catalyzed Cyclizations of Propargylic Silanes**

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A very efficient and simple route to bicyclic ketones using propargylic silanes is described. Amberlyst 15 is added to a reaction vessel, stirring at room temperature, and non-aqueous work-up yielded several bicyclic ketones.

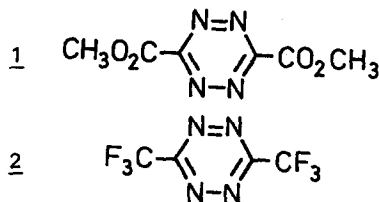


**"Silylenolether als 2π-Komponenten in (4 + 2)-Cycloadditionen: Präparative und kinetische Ergebnisse"**

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The reactivity of 16 open chain and cyclic silylenolethers was studied with 1 and 2 as electron poor dienes in inverse type DIELS-ALDER reactions.

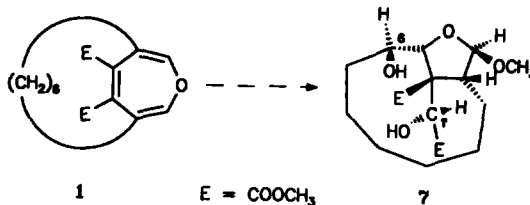


**BRIDGED BRANCHED DEOXY METHYL FURANOSIDES  
FROM 3,6-HEXANOOXEPINES**

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The synthesis of the title compounds is described.

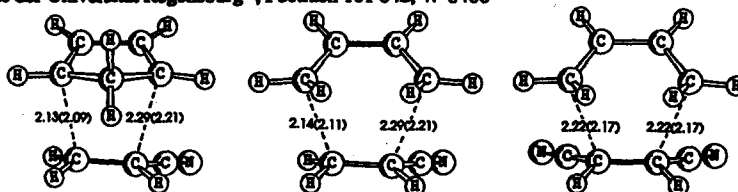


**SOLVENT EFFECTS ON ENDO/EXO SELECTIVITIES IN (4 + 2)  
CYCLOADDITIONS OF CYANOETHYLENES.**

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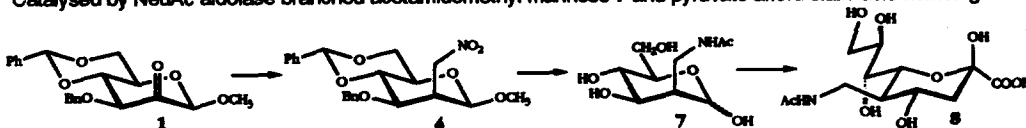


**Synthesis of the C-5 Homologue of N-Acetylneuraminic Acid by  
Enzymatic Chain Elongation of 2-C-Acetamidomethyl-2-deoxy-D-mannose**

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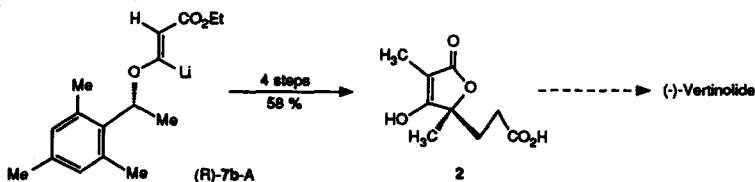
Addition of nitromethane to hexopyranosid-2-ulose 1 produces via intermediate nitroolefin stereoselectively 4.  
Catalysed by NeuAc aldolase branched acetamidomethyl mannose 7 and pyruvate afford sialic acid homologue 8.



**A Convenient Stereoselective Synthesis of a (-)-Vertinolide Precursor**

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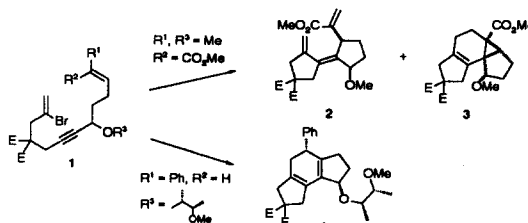
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**PALLADIUM-CATALYZED POLYCYCLIZATIONS OF SUBSTITUTED DIENYNES: STEREOSELECTIVE ROUTES TO HIGHLY COMPLEX POLYCYCLES**

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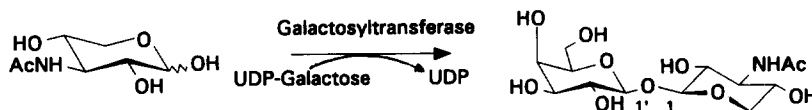
Dienynes of type **1** cyclize under palladium-catalysis to bicycle **2** and its *trans*-isomer. Under appropriate conditions, the latter gives **3** by intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction. With a different set of substituents, enantiopure **1** yields enantiopure tricycle **4**.



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**Transfer of Galactose to the Anomeric Position of N-Acetyl Gentosamine by Galactosyltransferase from Bovine Milk**

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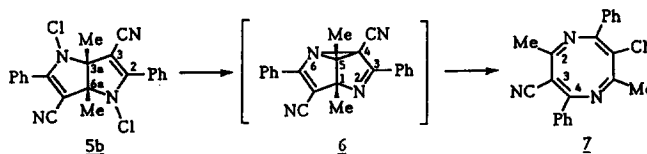
The disaccharide  $\beta$ Gal(1,1') $\beta$ Xyl(3)NAc with a  $\beta,\beta$ -trehalose type was obtained in 25% employing UDP-Gal in a galactosyltransferase reaction.

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**2,6-Diaza-4,8-dicyanosemibullvalene. A short lived intermediate?**

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Dehalogenation of **5b** produces the unstable semibullvalene **6** which rapidly transforms into diazocine **7**.

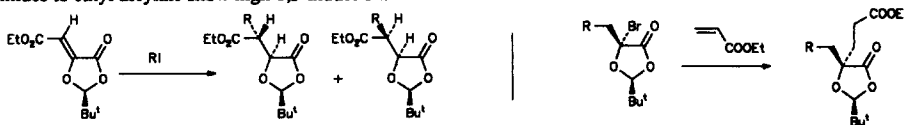


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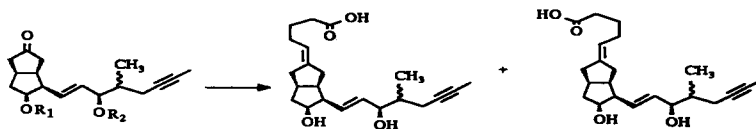
**Asymmetric Radical Additions Using Chiral 1,3-Dioxolane-4-ones**

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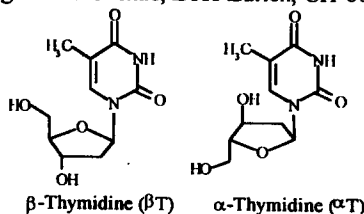
The addition of alkyl radicals to the chiral (c,d) olefin (2*S*)-2-*tert*-butyl-5-ethoxycarbonylmethylene-1,3-dioxolane-4-one with following hydrogen abstraction gave two diastereoisomers with high stereoselectivity. Additions of chiral radicals obtained from their bromides to ethyl acrylate show high 1,3-induction.



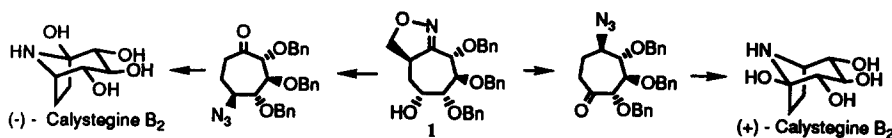
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**E- OR Z-SELECTIVE WITTIG REACTIONS IN THE SYNTHESIS OF THE CARBACYCLIN ILOPROST**Jürgen Westermann\*, Michael Harre and Klaus Nickisch  
Schering AG, Berlin and Bergkamen, D 1000 Berlin 65, GermanyWittig reaction of ketones **3** generates the exocyclic 5,6 double bond of Iloprost in E/Z ratios between 35:65 and 90:10 depending on substituents and reaction conditions.**ANTIPARALLEL THYMINE-THYMINE DUPLEXES IN OLIGONUCLEOTIDES CONTAINING  $\alpha$ - AND  $\beta$ -THYMIDINE.**

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Oligonucleotide-sequences (14 to 21 nucleotides in length) consisting only of  $\alpha$ -thymidine, as well as alternating ( $\alpha$ T- $\beta$ T)-sequences form antiparallel duplex-structures.**POLYHYDROXYLATED NORTROPANES STARTING FROM D-GLUCOSE: SYNTHESIS OF HOMOCHIRAL (+) AND (-)-CALYSTEGINES B<sub>2</sub>**

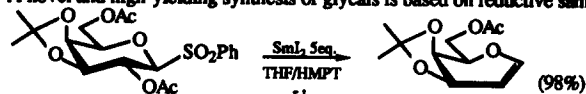
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The cycloheptano-isoxazoline **1** is suitable for the synthesis of both (+) and (-)-calystegines B<sub>2</sub>.**Reductive Elimination of Glycosyl Phenyl Sulfones by SmI<sub>2</sub>-HMPA:****A Convenient Synthesis of Substituted Pyranoid Glycals**

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A novel and high-yielding synthesis of glycals is based on reductive samarium at the anomeric center.

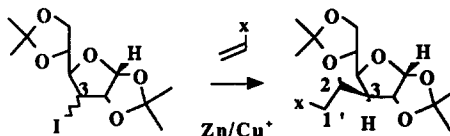


### Zinc-Copper Couple Promoted C-Branching in the Carbohydrate Series

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Efficient C-branching at C-3 of glucose was accomplished by zinc/copper couple conjugate addition of its appropriate 3-iodo derivative to

various activated olefins, presumably via a radical pathway.



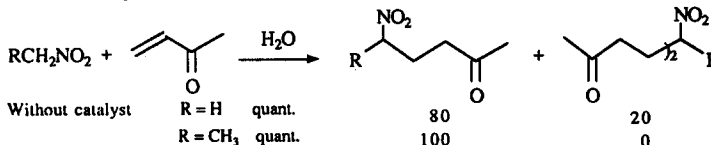
### Water-promoted organic reactions.

#### Michael Addition of Nitroalkanes to Methylvinylketone under Neutral Conditions

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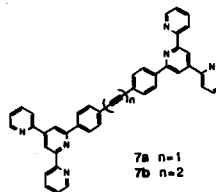
Water as solvent promotes the uncatalyzed Michael reaction of nitroalkanes with methylvinylketone; the rate is enhanced in sugar solutions.



### SYNTHESIS AND PROPERTIES OF NOVEL DITOPIC POLYPYRIDINE LIGANDS BRIDGED BY ONE AND TWO ACETYLENIC BONDS

Vincent Grosshenny and Raymond Ziessel\*

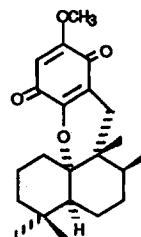
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### SMENOQUALONE, A NOVEL SESQUITERPENOID FROM THE MARINE SPONGE *SMENOSPONGIA SP.*

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 Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Laboratoire de Chimie Appliquée aux  
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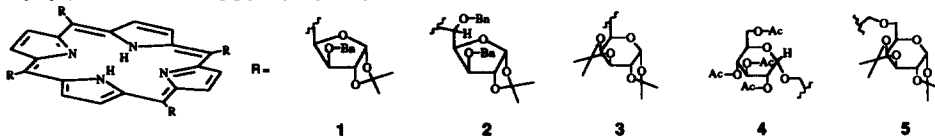
Smenoqualone, a novel quinonic terpenoid with a rearranged drimane skeleton was isolated from a marine sponge *Smenospongia sp.* The stereostructure was determined by detailed analyses of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY, <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C correlations via HMQC, HMBC and NOE difference NMR experiments.



### Synthesis of New *Meso*-Tetrakis (Glycosylated) Porphyrins.

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The synthesis of a new family of *meso*-tetrakis (glycosylated) porphyrins is reported. Unfortunately, the porphyrins 4 and 5 bearing glycosyloxymethylene substituents are unstable.

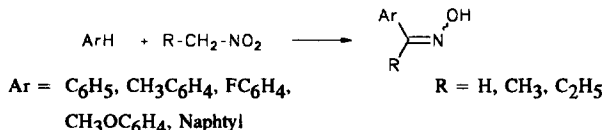


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### DIRECT CARBOHYDROXIMOYLATION OF AROMATICS WITH PRIMARY NITROALKANES IN TRIFLIC ACID (TFSA).

Jean-Marie Coustard, Jean-Claude Jacquesy\*, Bruno Violeau.  
 Laboratoire de Chimie XII, Faculté des Sciences, Poitiers (France)

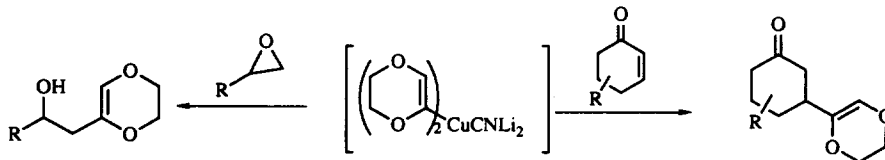
Primary nitroalkanes react with aromatics in TFSA at 70-80°C to yield arylated oximes in fair to excellent yields.



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### Preparation and Reactivity of Lithium 1,4-Dioxenyl Cuprates.

Valérie Blanchot-Courtois and Issam Hanna.\*  
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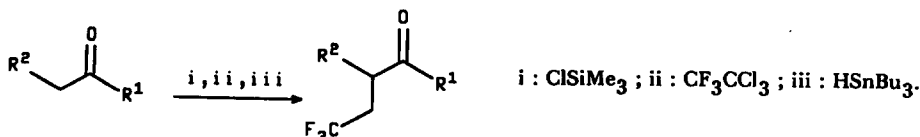


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### Synthesis of $\gamma\gamma\gamma$ -trifluorocarbonyl compounds

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**TRACING BIOGENIC LINKS OF NATURAL ORGANIC SUBSTANCES AT THE MOLECULAR LEVEL WITH STABLE CARBON ISOTOPES : *n*-ALKANES AND *n*-ALKANOIC ACIDS FROM SEDIMENTS**

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The  $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$  compositions of *n*-alkanes and *n*-alkanoic acids from Eocene sediments are correlated.



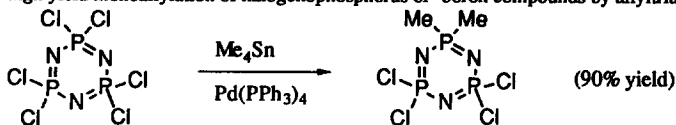
**USE OF TIN DERIVATIVES FOR SELECTIVE ALLYLATION AND METHYLATION OF HALOGENOPHOSPHORUS COMPOUNDS**

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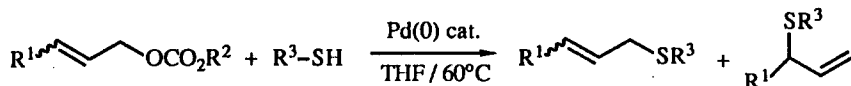
Palladium(0) catalyzed gem-dimethylation of hexachlorocyclotriphosphazene with tetramethylstannane is described as well as the high yield monoallylation of halogenophosphorus or -boron compounds by allyltrialkylstannanes under photolytic conditions.



**SYNTHESIS OF ALLYL ARYL SULPHIDES BY PALLADIUM(0)-MEDIATED ALKYLATION OF THIOLS.**

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Various allylic aryl sulphides are readily prepared in high yields by the palladium(0)-catalyzed *S*-alkylation of allylic carbonates by various aromatic thiols.



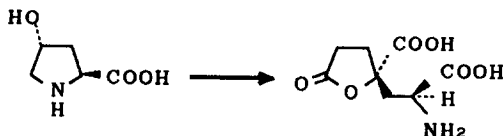
**FIRST SYNTHESIS OF LYCOPERDIC ACID**

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Lycoperdic acid, (2*S*,2'*S*)-2-amino-3-(2'-carboxy-5'-oxo-2'-tetrahydrofuran-yl)propanoic acid, was synthesized from *trans*-4-hydroxy-L-proline.





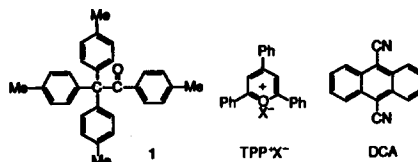
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**SN1-Type Mechanism for the Carbon-Carbon Bond Cleavage of Tetrakis(4-methylphenyl)ethanone Cation Radical. A Laser Flash Photolysis Study**

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Mechanism of carbon-carbon bond cleavage of tetrakis(4-methylphenyl)ethanone cation radicals generated by photoinduced electron transfer with TPP+X<sup>-</sup> and DCA as sensitizers is described.

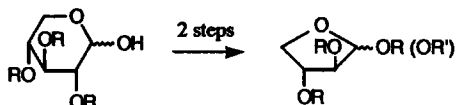


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**ONE-CARBON EXTRUSION FROM CARBOHYDRATES VIA C1-ALKOXY RADICAL FRAGMENTATION. AN EASY ACCESS TO ERYTHROSE AND THREOSE**

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A mild and convenient method for the conversion of pyranose derivatives to the corresponding one-carbon reduced furanosides.

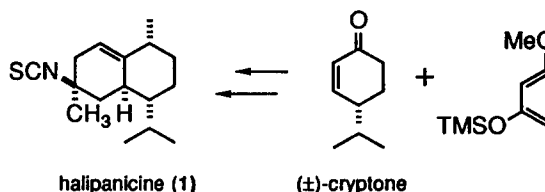


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**SYNTHESIS OF (±)-HALIPANICINE, A MARINE SESQUITERPENE ISOTHIOCYANATE ISOLATED FROM AN OKINAWAN MARINE SPONGE HALICHONDRIA PANICEA**

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Halipanicine (1) was synthesized as a racemic form in 21 steps from cryptone and Danishefsky diene in 7.7% total yield, establishing the relative stereostructure of 1.

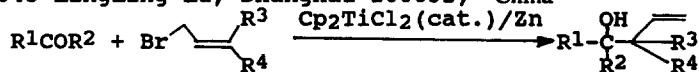


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**A Highly Efficient Addition of Allylic Bromide to Carbonyl Compounds Using Cp<sub>2</sub>TiCl<sub>2</sub>(cat.)/Zn System**

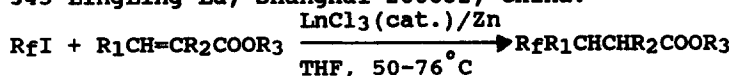
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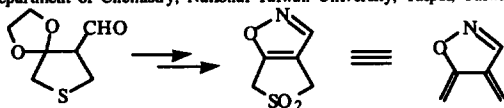
**LnCl<sub>3</sub>(cat)/Zn Promoted Hydroperfluoro-alkylation of  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Esters With Perfluoroalkyl Iodides**

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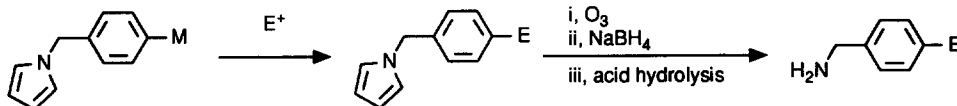
**Synthesis of  $\alpha$ -Dimethylene Isoxazole via Isoxazole-fused 3-Sulfolene**

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**PROTECTION OF PRIMARY AMINO AS PYRROLE IN ORGANOMETALLIC REAGENTS**

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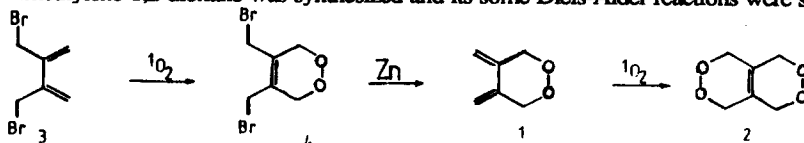
This form of protection suppresses both the acidity and basicity of R-NH<sub>2</sub>, is compatible with strongly basic conditions, and can be removed with relative ease.

**4,5-DIMETHYLENE-1,2-DIOXANE AND DERIVED DIELS-ALDER ADDUCTS.**

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4,5 Dimethylene-1,2-dioxane was synthesized and its some Diels-Alder reactions were studied.

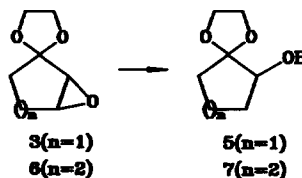


**REGIOSELECTIVE REDUCTIONS OF 2,3-EPOXY ACETALS WITH LITHIUM ALUMINUM HYDRIDE: A REINVESTIGATION.**

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Treatment of 2,3-epoxy acetals **3** and **6** with lithium aluminum hydride gave the corresponding 2-hydroxy acetals **5** and **7**. The alcohol **5** was transformed in two steps into the 1,2-cyclopentanedione **7**.

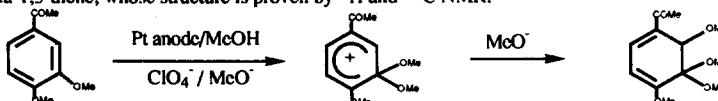
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**An Unusual Anodic Methoxylation: 3,4-dimethoxyacetophenone**

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The electrolysis of 3,4-dimethoxyacetophenone in methanol at a platinum anode gives a high yield of 1-acetyl-4,5,5,6-tetramethoxycyclohexa-1,3-diene, whose structure is proven by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR.

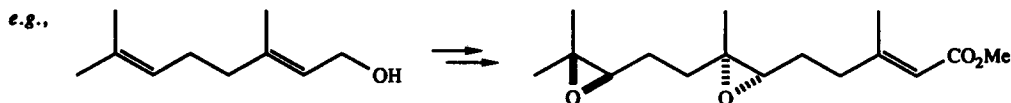


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**SYNTHESIS OF FOUR STEREOISOMERS OF THE HIGHER DIPTERAN JUVENILE HORMONE III BISEPOXIDE**

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Four stereoisomers of JHB<sub>3</sub> are prepared from geraniol via Sharpless epoxidation

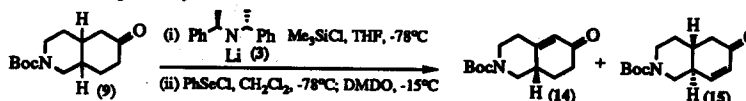


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**A NOVEL REGIODIVERGENT RESOLUTION REACTION MEDIATED BY A HOMOCHELAL LITHIUM AMIDE BASE**

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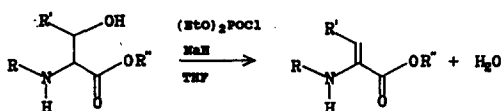
Treatment of racemic *trans*-perhydroisoquinolone **9** with homochiral lithium amide base **3** allows access to unsaturated products **14** and **15** in 83% and 60% ee respectively.



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ONE-STEP STEREOSPECIFIC SYNTHESIS OF  $\alpha,\beta$ -DEHYDROAMINOACIDS AND DEHYDROPEPTIDESFederico Berli<sup>a</sup>, Cynthia Ebert<sup>b</sup>, Lucia Gardossi<sup>b</sup><sup>a</sup>Dipartimento di Scienze Chimiche, <sup>b</sup>Dipartimento di Scienze Farmaceutiche. - Università di Trieste, piazzale Europa 1, 34127 Trieste, Italy.

Dehydroaminoacids and dehydropeptides were prepared by one-pot reaction. The reaction is stereospecific and proceeds without racemization.

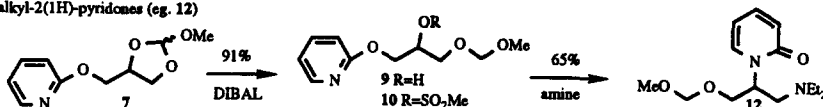
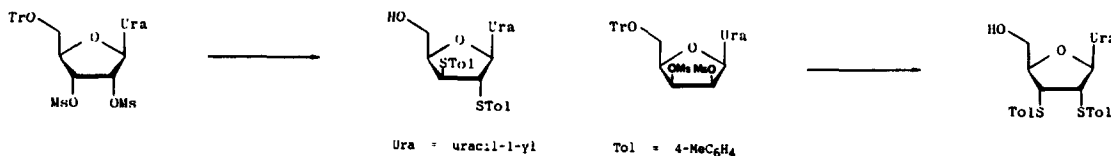


Substrates	Products	R	R'	R''
1	5	CBZ	H	CH <sub>2</sub> Ph
2	6	CBZ	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
3	7	CBZ-Ala	H	CH <sub>3</sub>
4	8	CBZ-Phe	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>

## THE PREPARATION OF N-ALKYL-2(1H)-PYRIDONES BY THE REACTION OF AMINES WITH A DERIVATIVE OF 3-(2-PYRIDYL)PROPANE-1,2-DIOL

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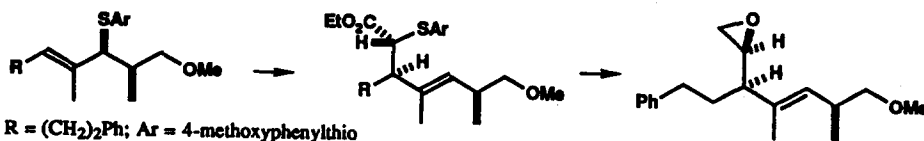
Reduction of the 2-pyridyl orthoester 7 with DIBAL gives exclusively 9 in excellent yield. Mesylation of 9 and reaction with amines gives N-alkyl-2(1H)-pyridones (eg. 12)

DERIVATIVES OF 2',3'-DITHIOURIDINE AND [1- $\beta$ -D-(2,3-DITHIOXYLO-FURANOSYL)]URACILRichard Johnson<sup>a</sup>, Bhalchandra V. Joshi<sup>a</sup>, Stephen Neidle<sup>b</sup>, Colin B. Reese<sup>a\*</sup>, and Chris F. Snook<sup>b</sup><sup>a</sup>Department of Chemistry, King's College London, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS, England<sup>b</sup>Institute of Cancer Research, Clifton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 5PX, England

## STEREOSPECIFICITY AND STEREOSELECTIVITY IN THE [2,3] SIGMATROPIC REARRANGEMENT OF OPEN CHAIN SULPHONIUM YLIDES

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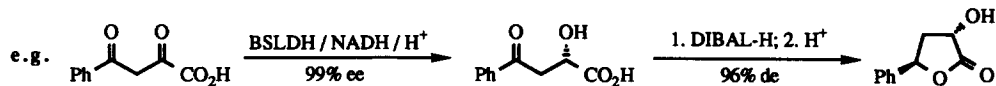
and Ian C. Richards, Schering Agrochemicals Ltd, Chesterford Park Research Station, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1XL.



**STEREOSELECTIVE ROUTES TO CHIRAL 2-HYDROXY-4-OXO ACIDS AND SUBSTITUTED 2-HYDROXYBUTYROLACTONES USING LACTATE DEHYDROGENASES**

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Sequential enzymatic and chemical reduction of 2,4-dioxo acids gives chiral 2-hydroxybutyrolactones.



**DEPROTECTION OF THIOACETALS AND 1,3-DITHIANES WITH DIMETHYLSULPHOXIDE**

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A facile method for dethioacetalization of thioacetals and 1,3-dithianes on heating in DMSO under neutral conditions to afford the corresponding carbonyl compounds in good yields.

