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DIASTEREOSELECTIVE [2,3] WITTIG REARRANGEMENT OF CARBOHYDRATE-DERIVED TERTIARY ALLYLIC ETHERS. 1.

SYNTHESIS OF THE C_{11}-C_{18} SUBUNIT OF HERBIMYCIN A FROM D-GLUCOSE.

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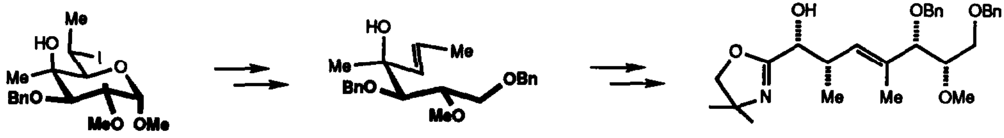
Intermediate 1, comprising the C_{11}-C_{18} subunit of herbimycin A , is prepared by reductive fragmentation of a D-glucose -derived iodopyranose and subsequent sigmatropic homologation of the resulting tertiary allylic alcohol.



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DIASTEREOSELECTIVE [2,3] WITTIG REARRANGEMENT OF CARBOHYDRATE-DERIVED TERTIARY ALLYLIC ETHERS. 2.

SYNTHESIS OF AN ADVANCED RAPAMYCIN INTERMEDIATE FROM D-GLUCOSE.

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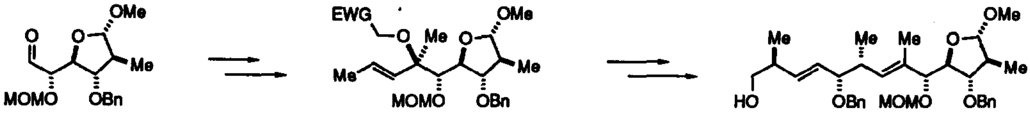
The 13-carbon rapamycin intermediate 1 has been prepared by an iterative sigmatropic sequence incorporating the diastereoselective [2,3] Wittig rearrangement of a D-glucofuranose-derived tertiary allylic ether.



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DIRECTABLE REGIOCHEMISTRY IN NAPHTHAZARINS *VIA* THE USE OF MASKED DERIVATIVES

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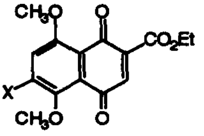
The synthesis of the masked naphthazarin I is reported and its conversion to the masked leuconapthazarin II, free naphthazarin III and nucleophilic addition product IV are described.



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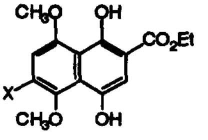

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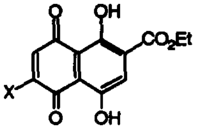

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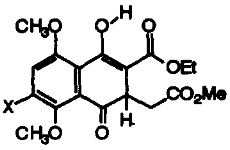

IV (X = Cl)

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NOSTOCLIDE I AND II, EXTRACELLULAR METABOLITES FROM A SYMBIOTIC CYANOBACTERIUM, *NOSTOC* SP. FROM THE LICHEN *PELTIGERA CANINA*.

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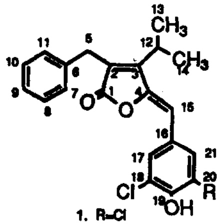
Two novel chlorine-containing metabolites were isolated from a lichen blue-green alga.



1. R=Cl
2. R=H

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REGIOSELECTIVITY IN GAS-PHASE ELIMINATION REACTIONS: 1,2 VS 1,4 AND ALLENIC ION VS DIENIDE FORMATION

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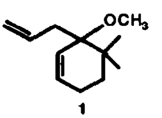
Competition between the different elimination pathways in deuterium labeled 1-allyl-1-methoxy-6,6-dimethyl-2-cyclohexene (1), 1-methoxy-4,4-dimethyl-1-vinyl-2-cyclohexene (2) and 3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-butene (3) have been investigated.



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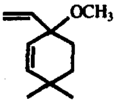

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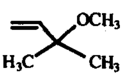

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Synthesis of Short Chain Phosphatidylinositols

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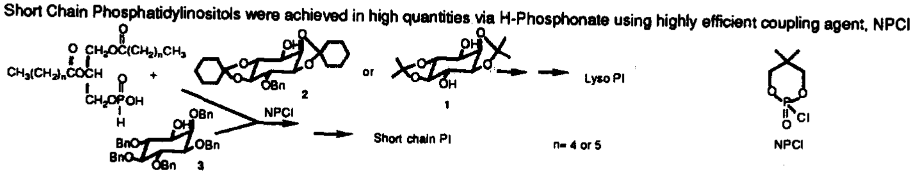
Short Chain Phosphatidylinositols were achieved in high quantities via H-Phosphonate using highly efficient coupling agent, NPCl



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REGIOSELECTIVE NUCLEOPHILIC RING OPENING OF OXABICYCLIC COMPOUNDS.

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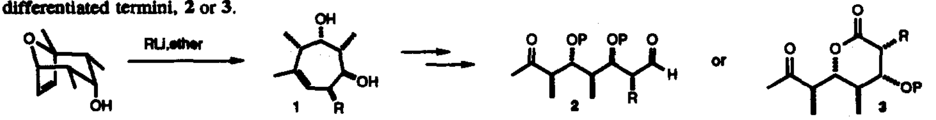
The effect of substituents on the regioselectivity of the ring opening reaction of oxabicyclo[3.2.1] compounds with organolithium reagents has been investigated. Attack of the nucleophile occurs distal to the bridgehead substituent, generating compounds with trisubstituted olefins, 1. Subsequent oxidative cleavage of the olefin provides acyclic fragments with differentiated termini, 2 or 3.



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THE MOST CONVENIENT METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF ALIPHATIC CRYPTANDS

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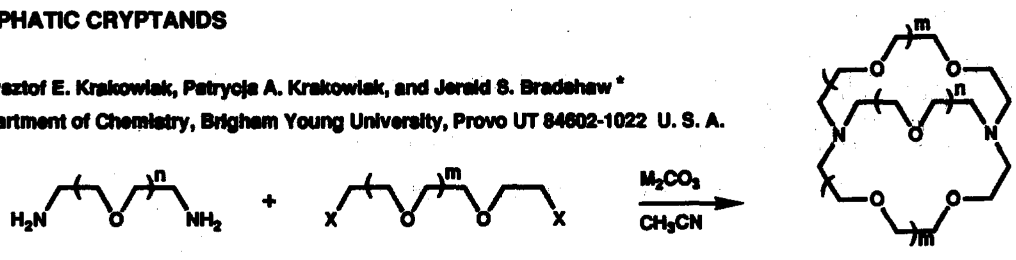

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REGIOSPECIFIC CONVERSION OF TERMINAL ALKYNES TO KETOL PHOSPHATES WITH AN IODINE(III)-PHOSPHATE REAGENT

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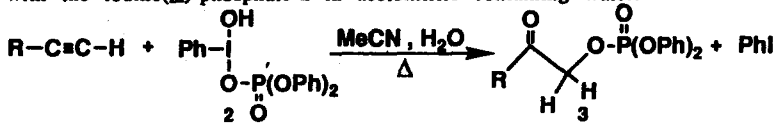
Various terminal alkynes were converted regiospecifically to ketol phosphates 3 with the iodine(III)-phosphate 2 in acetonitrile containing water.



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Allylboronic Ester Synthesis: A Mechanistic Study

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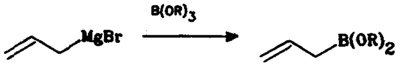
The selective formation of allylboronic esters via the allylation of trialkylborates using allylmagnesium bromide was found to be temperature dependent. At -78°C, allylmagnesium bromide reacts cleanly with triisopropylborate to provide allyldiisopropoxyborane.



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Enantioselective Oxazaborolidine Reduction of Ketones Containing Heteroatoms

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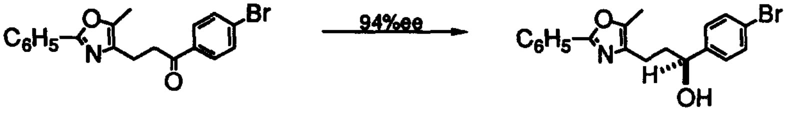
Ketones which contain heteroatoms, particularly nitrogen, can be enantioselectively and catalytically reduced with chiral oxazaborolidines in the presence of excess borane.



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AN INTRAMOLECULAR 4+3 CYCLOADDITION-VINYLOGOUS GROB FRAGMENTATION ROUTE TO A TRICYCLO[6.3.0.0^{2,4}] UNDECENE RING SYSTEM.

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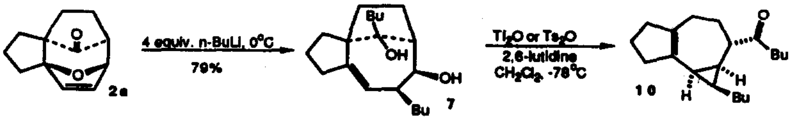
Treatment of 4+3 cycloadduct 2a with excess n-BuLi followed by triflic anhydride results in the formation of 10.



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INTERMEDIATES IN THE DYE-SENSITIZED PHOTO-OXYGENATION OF NITRONES AND HYDRAZONES

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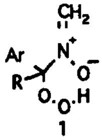
In the dye-sensitized photooxygenation of C-aryl nitrones and hydrazones short-lived intermediates of the type **1,2,3,4**, respectively, are observed. The structures of these intermediates clearly limit the mechanistic possibilities for the reactions of these compounds with $^1O_2$.



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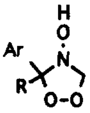

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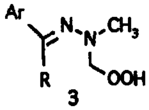

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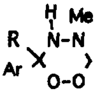

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FREE RADICAL CYCLIZATIONS LEADING TO NITROGEN HETEROCYCLES. II. 2-PHENYLPYRAZOLIDIN-3-ONES VIA TRIBUTYLTIN HYDRIDE REACTION WITH ALPHA-BROMOACYLATED PHENYLHYDRAZONES

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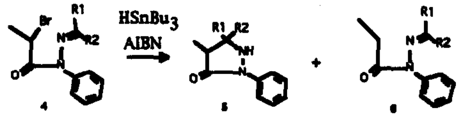

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AN EFFICIENT PREPARATION OF (+)-*TRANS*-2-(α-CUMYL)CYCLOHEXANOL ((+)-TCC): A PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO (+)-8-PHENYLMENTHOL.

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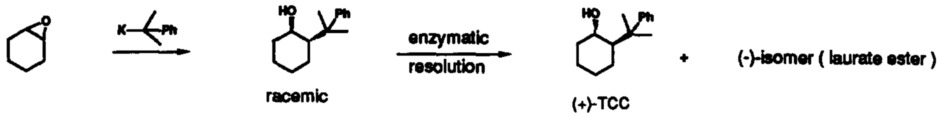
An efficient preparation and resolution of *trans*-2-(α-cumyl)cyclohexanol gives the (+)-enantiomer in three steps from cyclohexene oxide.



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A NEW SYNTHETIC APPROACH TO ENEDIYNES RELATED TO THE NEOCARZINOSTATIN CHROMOPHORE FROM α-TRIMETHYLSILYL α-ALLENYL CARBONYL COMPOUNDS

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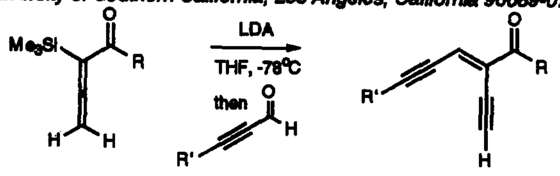

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Conversion of Benzal Chloride to Stilbene by Electrogenerated Cobalt(I)(Salen). A Doubly Electrocatalytic Process

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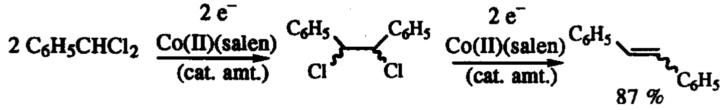
Benzal chloride is converted to a mixture consisting primarily of *cis*- and *trans*-stilbene by the action of electrochemically generated cobalt(I)(salen). The process involves a sequence involving electrocatalytic conversion of benzal chloride to a mixture of *meso*- and *dl*-1,2-dichloro-1,2-diphenylethane, followed by electrocatalyzed conversion of the latter to the stilbenes. Each of the diastereomeric dichlorides affords the same mixture of stilbenes under the reaction conditions.



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[4+1]-ANIONIC ANNULATION APPROACH TO PHENYLSULFONYL SUBSTITUTED CYCLOPENTENES

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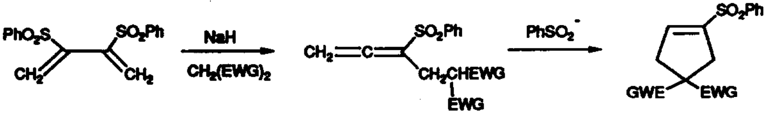
2,3-*Bis*(phenylsulfonyl)-1,3-butadiene undergoes a [4+1]-annulation reaction with a variety of soft carbanions to give phenylsulfonyl substituted cyclopentenes in good yield.



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PREPARATION OF 3α- AND 3β-(ω-AMINOALKOXY)-7α,12α-DIHYDROXY-CHOLANOIC ACID ESTERS: VERSATILE SHUTTLES FOR DRUG TARGETING

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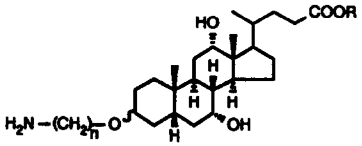
3α- and 3β-(ω-aminoalkoxy)-cholanoic acid esters 2 are prepared from cholic acid



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SYNTHESIS OF BILE ACID-DRUG CONJUGATES: POTENTIAL DRUG-SHUTTLES FOR LIVER SPECIFIC TARGETING

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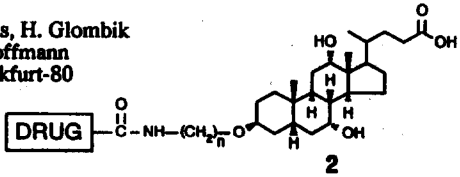
Bile acid-drug conjugates 2 are prepared with chlorambucil, HR 780 and an oxaproline peptide



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REACTION OF DIAZOMETHANE WITH CLEROCIDIN. Preparation of New Clerodane Diterpenoid Derivatives

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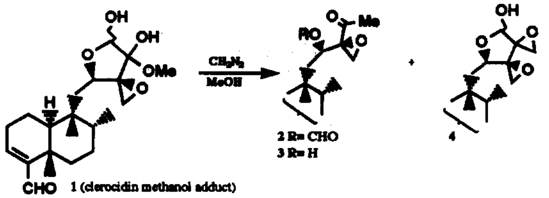
Reaction of diazomethane with 1 gave an open form 2 and the diepoxide 4.



1 (clerocidin methanol adduct)

2 R= CHO
3 R= H

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Dialkylation of β and γ-Diketone Monoethyleneketals by 1,8-Bis(trimethylsilyl)-2,6-octadiene.

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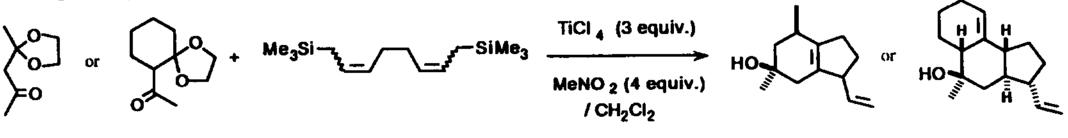
Dialkylation of β-diketone monoethyleneketals by 1,8-bis(trimethylsilyl)-2,6-octadiene leads to bi- or tricyclic alcohols (one stereoisomer) resulting from a participation reaction.



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SYNTHETIC STUDIES OF NOVEL 6-AZA- AND 6,7-DIAZA-AZULENO[1,2-a]AZULENES

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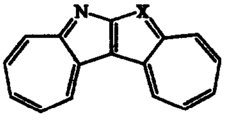
The title compounds were synthesized by thermal reaction of [(azulen-2-yl)imino]phosphorane and [(1-azaazulen-2-yl)imino]-phosphorane with 2-bromotropone or alternative methods.



X=CH ; X=N

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STRUCTURAL AND CHEMICALPROPERTIES OF 6-AZA- AND 6,7-DIAZA-AZULENO[1,2-a]AZULENES

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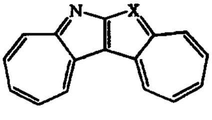

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The NMR and electronic spectral studies including PPP-type MO calculation of the title compounds revealed that there are little contribution of peripheral 18-π electron conjugation but those are rather composed of two azulene-type π-systems. The both compounds existing as cationic and dicationic species in acidic media are also studied.

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Preparation of Linear Phosphorus Compound Containing Two Hypervalent Centers. Acetylene-bis[triphenyl(phenylethynyl)-phosphorane]

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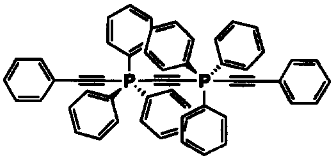
A new linear acetylide-connected bis-phosphorane, acetylene-bis[triphenyl(phenylethynyl)phosphorane] was synthesized.



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Preparation of Macrodiolides via a Common Chiral Building Block. Total Synthesis of (–)-Pyrenophorin and (–)-Pyrenophorol

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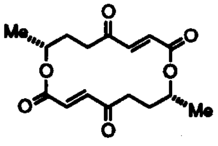
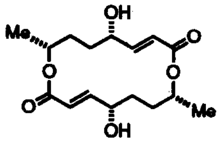
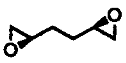
Macrodiolides (–)-pyrenophorin (**1**) and (–)-pyrenophorol (**2**) have been synthesized utilizing the C_2 symmetric (*R*,*R*)-diepoxide **3** as a common enantiopure chiral building block.



1 (–)-Pyrenophorin



2 (–)-Pyrenophorol



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A STEREOSELECTIVE ROUTE TO *E*-3-HYDROXYALKENYL PHENYL SULFIDES

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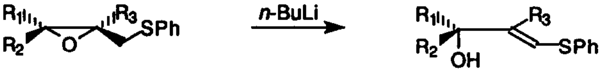

R_1; R_3=H, alkyl, aryl, $R_2 \neq$H

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The First Diazatetrathiafulvalenes

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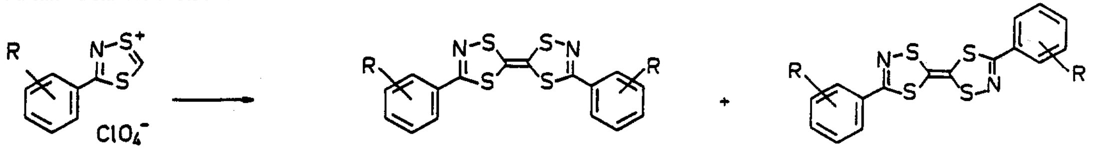
Preparation of the title compounds is described. X-Ray analysis of the *trans* isomer (R = H) reveals stacked, planar molecules with intra-stack distances of 3.56Å.



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Catalytic Asymmetric Nitroaldol Reactions. A New Practical Method for the Preparation of the Optically Active Lanthanum Complex

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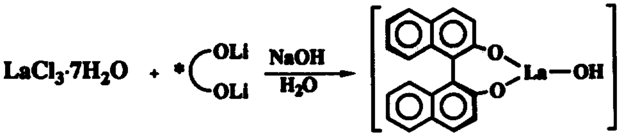
The optically active La complex, which catalyzes asymmetric nitroaldol reactions, was found to be readily prepared from $LaCl_3 \cdot 7H_2O$. The presence of water, LiCl or LiBr and an alkali metal hydroxide was essential for the formation of the effective lanthanum binaphthoxide complex.



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Catalytic Asymmetric Nitroaldol Reaction: An Efficient Synthesis of (*S*) Propranolol Using Lanthanum Binaphthol Complex

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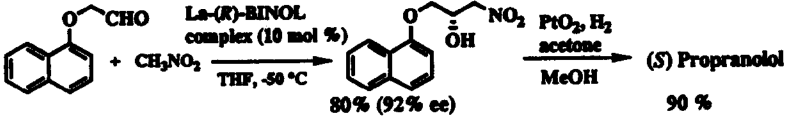
(*S*) Propranolol was conveniently synthesized in a highly enantioselective manner by the lanthanum-(*R*)-(+)-binaphthol complex catalyzed asymmetric nitroaldol reaction.



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Unexpected Product from the Dakin-West Reaction of N-Acylprolines using Trifluoroacetic Anhydride: A Novel Access to 5-Trifluoromethyloxazoles

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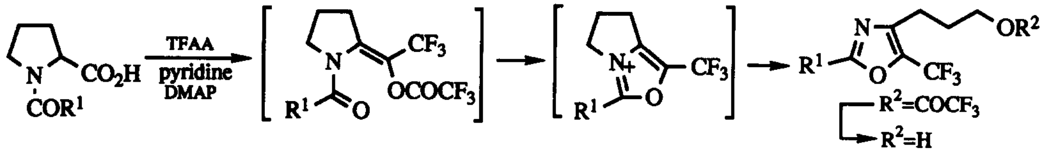

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AGGREGATION BEHAVIOR AND REACTIVITY OF HYDROPHOBIC VITAMIN B_{12} COVALENTLY BOUND TO LIPID IN AQUEOUS MEDIA

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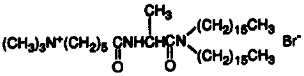
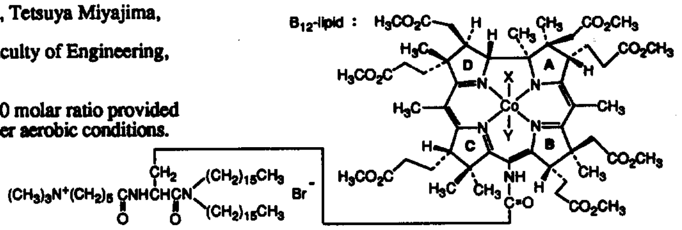
Co-vesicles of B_{12}-lipid and $N^+C_5Ala2C_{16}$ at a 1 : 50 molar ratio provided an anaerobic microenvironment in aqueous media under aerobic conditions.

$N^+C_5Ala2C_{16}$:



$(CH_3)_3N^+(CH_2)_5\underset{\|}{\overset{}{C}}NH\overset{CH_3}{\overset{|}{C}}H\underset{\|}{C}N\genfrac{}{}{0pt}{}{(CH_2)_{15}CH_3}{(CH_2)_{15}CH_3}\ Br^-$



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RADICAL-INDUCED CLEAVAGES IN RING-FUSED EPOXIDES.

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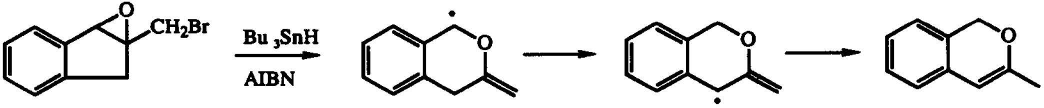
Carbon-carbon bond cleavage has been observed in ring-fused epoxides where stereoelctronic effects do not interfere.



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TIN(II) CHLORIDE DIHYDRATE REDUCTION OF β,γ-UNSATURATED NITROALKENES

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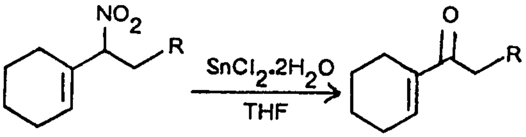

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BIS(TRIMETHYLSILYL)SULFIDE BASED THIONATION OF CARBONYL COMPOUNDS: SYNTHESIS OF THIOKETONES

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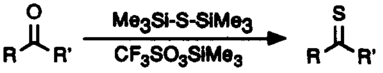

$$RC(=O)R' \xrightarrow[CF_3SO_3SiMe_3]{Me_3Si\text{-}S\text{-}SiMe_3} RC(=S)R'$$

R, R'= alkyl, cyclic, α,β-unsaturated

Thioketones may be conveniently obtained by silyl triflate promoted bis(trimethylsilyl)sulfide thionation of ketones.

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A PRACTICAL SYNTHESIS OF SUBSTITUTED BENZO[c]CINNOLINE-N,N'-DIOXIDES AND N-OXIDES.

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Depending on the equivalents of KOH used and on the reaction time N,N'-dioxides (2) or N-oxides (3) are formed in satisfatory yields.

1a-e 2a-e 3a-e

a: X = H; b: X = 5,5'-Cl_2; c: X = 4,4'-$(CH_3)_2$; d: X = 4,4'-$(CF_3)_2$; e: X =5,5'-$(2\text{-}PrO)_2$

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THE STEREOCHEMISTRY OF ENAMIDE INTERMEDIATES IN DUPHOS-RH(I) CATALYSED ASYMMETRIC HYDROGENATION

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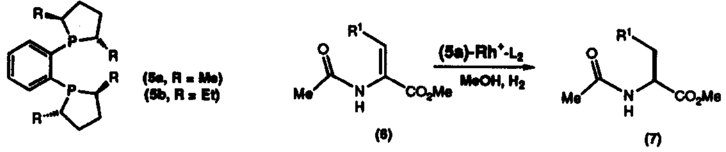
Stereochemical aspects of the title reaction (below) were investigated for the (S,S)-Me-DuPHOS ligand 5a, largely by NMR examination of Ir complexes. They were found to behave in an analogous fashion to that established for P-aryl diphosphine rhodium(I) complexes.



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KINETIC RESOLUTION OF 1-ARYL AND 1-HETEROARYL ETHANOLS BY OXIDATION WITH BAKER'S YEAST.

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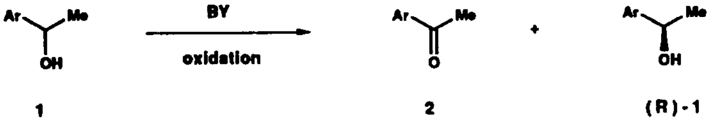
The kinetic resolution of racemic 1-aryl and 1-heteroaryl ethanols via oxidation by Baker's yeast to give the R-enantiomer is reported.



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COPOLYMERISATION OF 5,6-DIHYDROXYINDOLE AND 5,6-DIHYDROXYINDOLE-2-CARBOXYLIC ACID IN MELANOGENESIS: ISOLATION OF A CROSS-COUPLING PRODUCT

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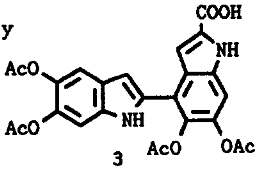
Co-oxidation of 5,6-dihydroxyindole and its 2-carboxy derivative under biomimetic conditions afforded, besides homopolymers of the two indoles, a mixed-type dimer which was isolated in the O-acetyl form and formulated as 3.



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