

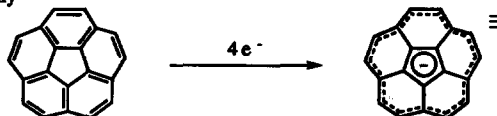
GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS

CONCERNING THE STRUCTURE OF THE CORANNULENE  
TETRAANION

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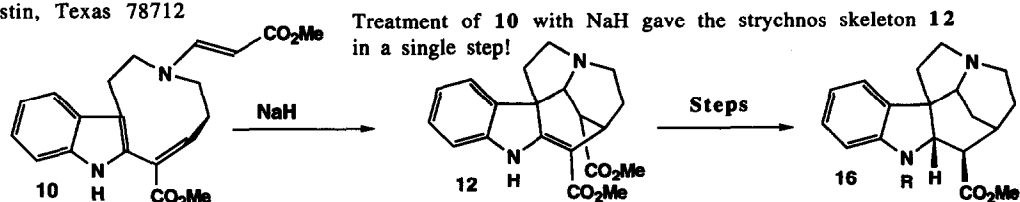
The structure of the corannulene tetraanion is explored theoretically by ab initio and semiempirical calculations, and experimentally by the reaction of corannulene with sodium in liquid ammonia. The latter reaction produces tetrahydro- and hexahydrocorannulenes when quenched with ammonium chloride, and monomethyl tetrahydro- and hexahydrocorannulenes when quenched with methyl iodide.



A New Approach to the Synthesis of the  
Strychnos Alkaloids Core Structure

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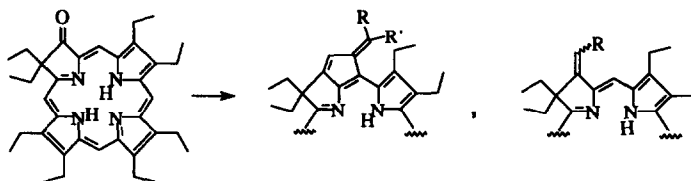


SYNTHESIS OF NEW LONG RED ABSORBING PORPHYRINS:  
REACTIONS OF ORGANOLITHIUMS ON OCTAETHYLPORPHYRINONE

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Reaction of organolithiums with octaethylporphyrinone, after further manipulations afforded porphyrin derivatives absorbing in the range of 690-860nm.



ETHOXYCARBONYL ACCELERATION OF CYCLOPROPYLCARBINYL  
RADICAL RING OPENING

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Department of Chemistry, Wayne State University, 5101 Cass Ave., Detroit, MI, 48202, USA

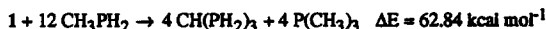
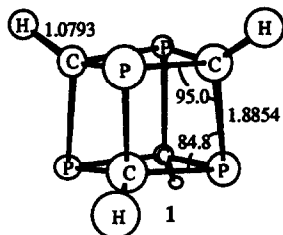
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Radical 2 ring opens to 3 at 25 °C  
with a rate constant of  $8 \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .



## RING STRAIN ENERGY OF TETRAPHOSPHACUBANE. AN AB INITIO STUDY.

Steven M. Bachrach\* and Laureta M. Perriott, Department of Chemistry, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, 60115.  
The ring strain energy of tetraphosphacubane 1 is calculated at the HF/6-31G\* level to be only 62.84 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

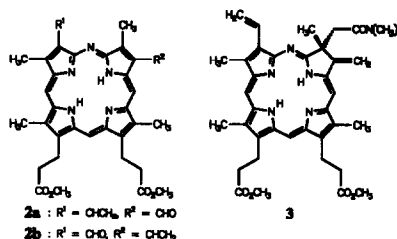


### Synthesis of Azaspirographis Porphyrin and its Transformation into an Azachlorin

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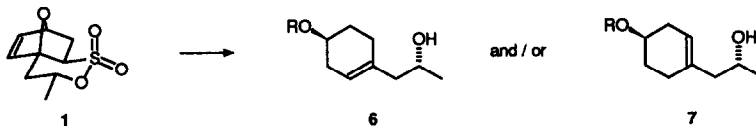
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The aza-substituted spirographis porphyrin analogues 2a,b were prepared from bilirubin. They are precursors for the synthesis of geminally dialkylated azachlorins, a new class of potential long wavelength absorbing photosensitizers for photodynamic therapy of cancer. The geminally dialkylated azachlorin 3 was obtained from 2a via amide acetal Claisen rearrangement.



### REDUCTIVE DESULFURIZATION OF SULTONES PREPARED VIA INTRAMOLECULAR DIELS-ALDER REACTION OF A FURAN-CONTAINING VINYL SULFONATE.

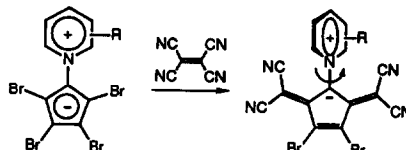
Peter Metz\* and Eva Cramer  
Organisch-Chemisches Institut der Universität Münster, Corrensstrasse 40, D-48149 Münster, Germany  
Efficient transformations of sultone 1 to cyclohexenes 6 and/or 7 are reported.



### 3,4-DIBROMO-2,5-BIS-DICYANOMETHYLENE-1-(1-PYRIDINIO)-3-CYCLOPENTENE-1-IDES: NOVEL PYRIDINIUM YLIDES OF THE CYCLOPENTADIENE SERIES

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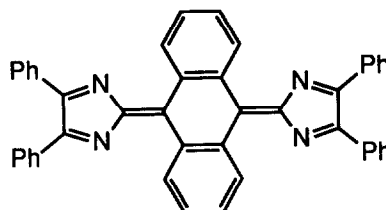
Pyridinotetrabromocyclopentadienides react with TCNE to form the title ylides in which the pyridinium ring and the cyclopentadienide moiety are orthogonally arranged.



**9,10-BIS(4,5-DIPHENYLIMIDAZOL-2-YLIDEN)-  
9,10-DIHYDROANTHRACENE -  
A FOLDED *p*-QUINODIMETHANE**

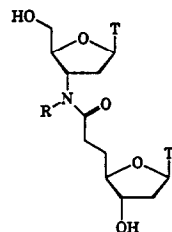
Rudolf Gompper\*, Mathias Mehrer, and Kurt Polborn  
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The title compound has a folded conformation. 1,4-Bis[4,5-(di-*p*-methoxyphenyl-imidazol-2-ylidene)]-benzene doesn't show any thermochromism.



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**Synthesis of Thymidine Dimer Derivatives Containing an Amide Linkage and their Incorporation into Oligodeoxyribonucleotides**



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**Abstract:** The syntheses of thymidine dimers in which the natural phosphodiester linkage has been replaced by an amide group (3'-NR-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-5'; R=H, Me, n-Pr) are described. These new dimers were incorporated into oligonucleotides. Measurement of melting temperatures (*T<sub>m</sub>*) of DNA/RNA duplexes and the nuclease resistance are presented. Preliminary results of molecular mechanics calculations are included.

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**Is a C≡C Quadruple Bond Possible?**

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*Ab initio* computations predict a minimum for a carbon-carbon quadruple bond in C<sub>2</sub>. While the computed C-C separation, 1.128 Å, fits Pauling's bond order-bond length relationship well, this result is an artifact of the restricted Hartree Fock theory.



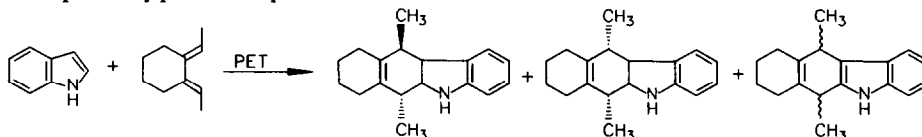
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**Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction of Indoles and Exocyclic Dienes**

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Radical cation Diels-Alder reaction induced by photoelectron transfer of indole and exocyclic dienes leads to [b]-annulated carbazoles with a previously predicted stepwise mechanism.

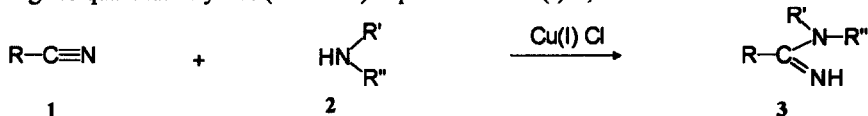


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**Copper(I)-Induced Addition of Amines to Unactivated Nitriles:  
The First General One-Step Synthesis of Alkyl Amidines.**

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Condensation of unactivated nitriles **1** (acetonitrile, benzonitrile) and aliphatic amines **2** into amidines **3** is easily achieved in high to quantitative yields (80-100%) in presence of Cu(I)Cl, in mild conditions.

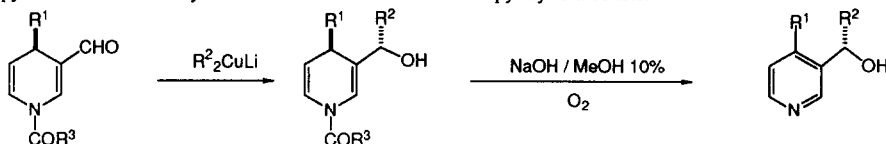


**DIASTEROSELECTIVE ADDITION OF ORGANOCUPRATES ON 1,4-DIHYDROPYRIDINE-3-CARBOXALDEHYDES. SYNTHESIS OF CHIRAL 1,4-DIHYDROPYRIDYL-3-ALCOHOLS AND PYRIDYL-3-ALCOHOLS**

P. Mangeney\*, R. Gosmini, S. Raussou and M. Commerçon

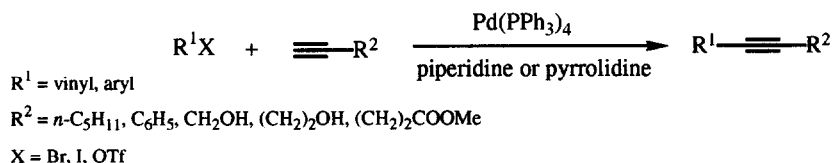
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Chiral 1,4-dihydropyridyl-3-alcohols are obtained via a diastereoselective 1,2 addition of organocuprates on chiral 1,4-dihydropyridine-3-carboxaldehydes and are transformed into chiral pyridyl-3-alcohols.



**An Efficient Palladium-Catalysed Reaction of Vinyl and Aryl Halides or Triflates with Terminal Alkynes**

Mouâd Alami\*, Fabiola Ferri and Gérard Linstrumelle\* Laboratoire de chimie, Ecole Normale Supérieure, 24 rue Lhomond, 75231 Paris Cedex 05, France

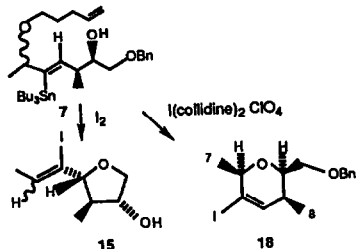


**Stereoselective Allylic Transposition by means of Allylic n-Pentenyl Ethers.**

Khadija Addi, Troels Skrydstrup, Michel Bénéchie and Françoise Khuong-Huu.\*

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According to the conditions used for reaction, I<sub>2</sub> or I-di-*sym*-collidine perchlorate, tetrahydrofuran **15** or dihydropyran **18** was obtained through intramolecular allylic substitution reaction using as leaving group an oxonium formed by subjection of *n*-pentenyl ether **7** to iodonium ions.

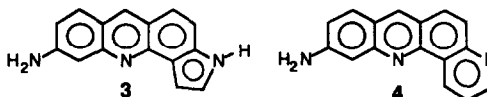


## PYRROLO- AND PYRIDOACRIDINES

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The synthesis of 9-amino-(3H)-pyrrolo[2,3-c]acridine **3** and 10-amino-benzo[b]-[1,7]phenanthroline **4** starting from proflavine **1** is described.

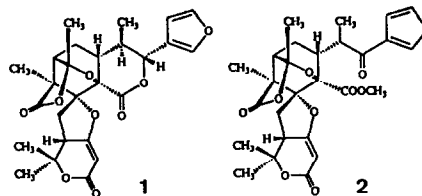
Brownins D and E: New Limonoids from *Harrisonia brownii*

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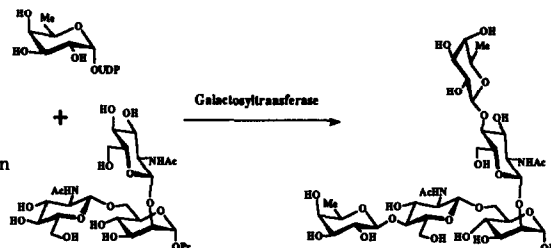


Two new limonoids, brownins D (**1**) and E (**2**), have been isolated from *Harrisonia brownii*.

Synthesis of UDP-6-Deoxy- and -6-Fluorogalactoses and their Enzymatic Glycosyl Transfer to Mono- and Biantennary Carbohydrate Chains

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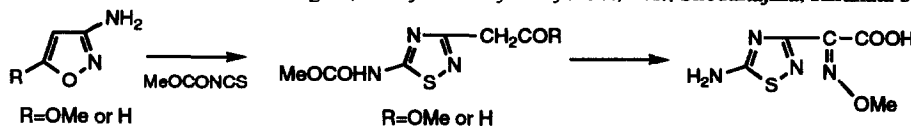
6'-Modified lactosaminyl moiety in mono- and biantennary sugar chains were synthesized by galactosyltransferase.



A PRACTICAL PREPARATION OF (Z)-2-(5-AMINO-1,2,4-THIADIAZOL-3-YL)-2-(METHOXYIMINO)ACETIC ACID.

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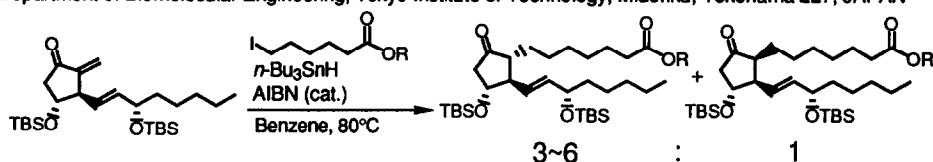
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**A Highly Efficient Approach to Prostaglandins via Radical****Addition of  $\alpha$  Side-Chains to Methylene-cyclopentanones.****Total Synthesis of Natural PGE<sub>1</sub>, Limaprost and New Prostaglandin Derivatives.**

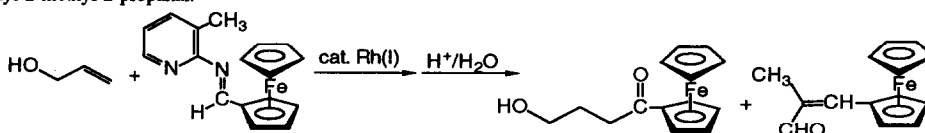
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**HYDROIMINOACYLATION OF ALLYL ALCOHOL WITH FERROCENECARBOXALDIMINE BY Rh(I) CATALYST.**

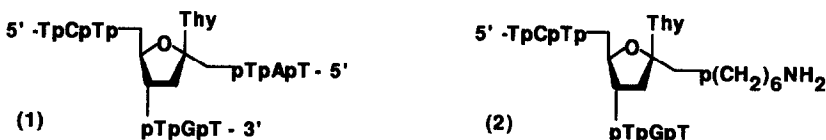
Chul-Ho Jun\*, Jung-Bu Kang and Jin-Yong Kim, Agency for Defense Development, Yuseong P.O.Box 35, Taejeon 305-600, Korea

Hydroiminoacylation of allyl alcohol with ferrocenecarboxaldimine and hydrolysis lead to 4-hydroxy-1-butanoylferrocene and 3-ferrocenyl-2-methyl-2-propanal.

**ANALOGUES OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES CONTAINING 3'-DEOXY- $\beta$ -D-PSICOTHYMIDINE**

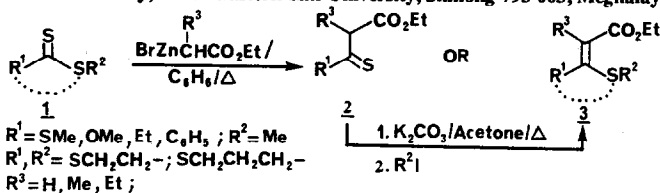
Alex Azhayeov,\* Andrei Gouzaev, Jari Hovinen, Elena Azhayeova and Harri Lönnberg

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3'-Deoxy- $\beta$ -D-psicothymidine [1-(3-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-erythro-2-hexulofuranosyl)thymidine] was used in the synthesis of modified oligonucleotides 1 and 2.**REFORMATSKY REACTION ON THIOCARBONYL COMPOUNDS : NEW C-C BOND FORMING REACTION**

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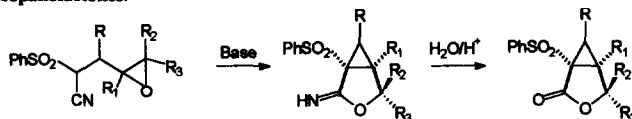


**CYCLIZATION OF  $\gamma,\delta$ -EPOXY- $\alpha$ -CYANOSULPHONES. A SIMPLE, DIASTEREOSELECTIVE ROUTE TO CYCLOPROPANE**

**CARBOXYLIC ACIDS.** Fabio Benedetti,\* Federico Berti, Amerigo Risaliti, Dipartimento di Scienze Chimiche, Università di Trieste, Via Giorgieri 1, I-34127, Trieste, ITALY.

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Base catalyzed treatment of 2-cyano-2-sulphonylethoxyiranes leads diastereoselectively, by a double cyclization sequence, to bicyclic imines and cyclopropanolactones.

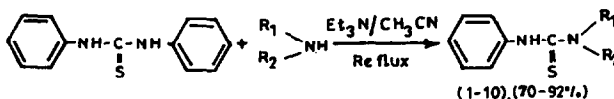


**A FACILE CONVERSION OF SYMMETRICAL TO UNSYMMETRICAL THIOUREAS.**

Krishnamurthy Ramadas\*, Natarajan Srinivasan and Narayanasamy Janarthanan,

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An interesting study describing the transformation of symmetrical to unsymmetrical thioureas using the appropriate amine in the presence of a tertiary amine is reported.

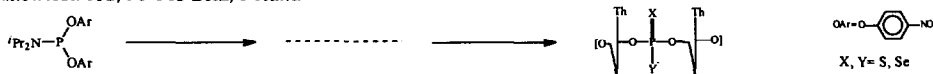


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**NEW PHOSPHITYLATING REAGENT IN THE NUCLEOTIDE CHEMISTRY CONTAINING TWO 4-NITROPHENOXY LEAVING GROUPS. REMARKABLY FAST AND CLEAN PHOSPHITYLATIONS ACTIVATED BY DBU LEADING TO THIO- AND SELENO-OLIGONUCLEOTIDES**

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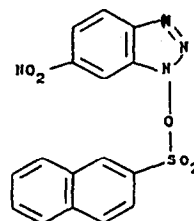
Phosphitylations steps proceed either via exchange of OAr or <sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>N groups

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**6-NITRO-1- $\beta$ -NAPHTHALENESULFONYLOXYBENZOTRIAZOLE : A NOVEL COUPLING REAGENT FOR PEPTIDE SYNTHESIS**

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Synthesis of 6-nitro-1- $\beta$ -naphthalenesulfonyloxy-benzotriazole (N-NSBT) and its application as a peptide coupling reagent is being reported.



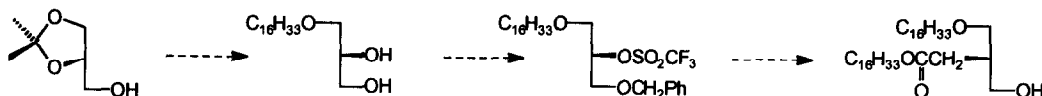
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**SYNTHESIS OF A 'REVERSE ESTER' ANALOGUE OF 1,2-*sn*-DIGLYCERIDES FROM (*S*)-1,2-DI-*O*-ISOPROPYLIDENEGLYCEROL; EFFICIENT, STEREOSPECIFIC NUCLEOPHILIC DISPLACEMENT VIA A TRIFLATE AT GLYCEROL C-2**

Bernard T Golding,<sup>a\*</sup> Alice L Griffin,<sup>a</sup> and David H Robinson<sup>b</sup>

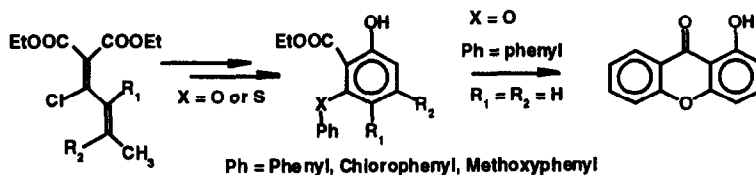
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**NEW SYNTHETIC APPROACHES TO 6-THIOPHENOXYNSALICYLATES 6-PHENOXYNSALICYLATES AND 1-HYDROXY-9-XANTHONES. OSMO**

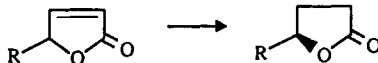
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**ON THE MODE OF BAKER'S YEAST REDUCTION OF C-7---C-10 2-ALKEN-4-OLIDES.**

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Dipartimento di Chimica and CNR, Politecnico di Milano, 20133 Milano, Italy and San Giorgio Flavors, 10147 Torino, Italy.

B. Y. reduction of 2-alken-4-olides proceeds with kinetic preference for the (*S*) enantiomer with *ee* values increasing with side chain length.



**A NOVEL APPROACH TO *Bz*-SUBSTITUTED TRYPTOPHANS VIA Pd-CATALYSED COUPLING / ANNULATION**

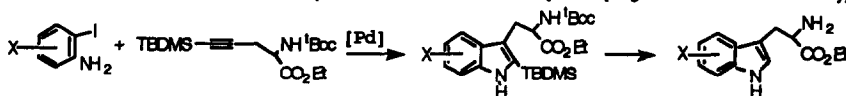
Torsten Jeschke, David Wensbo, Ulf Annby, Salo Gronowitz\*

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Substituted *o*-iodoanilines are reacted with acetylenic amino acid esters in Pd-catalysed coupling / annulation. *Bz*-substituted tryptophans are obtained after desilylation.



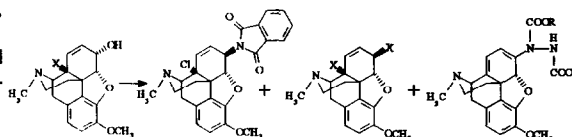


**APPLICATION OF THE MITSUNOBU REACTION IN THE MORPHINE SERIES.\* THE REACTION OF 14 $\beta$ -CHLORO AND 14 $\beta$ -BROMOMORPHINE WITH PHTHALIMIDE AND DIPHENYLPHOSPHORYL AZIDE**

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The reaction of 14-halogenocodine with phthalimide and diphenylphosphoryl azide has been investigated and the mechanism of consecutive reaction has been explained.



**A NEW, SIMPLE, EFFICIENT SYNTHESIS OF BENZO[b]CARBAZOLES AND INDENE[1,2-b]INDOLES.**

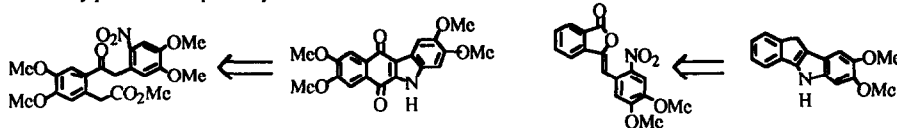
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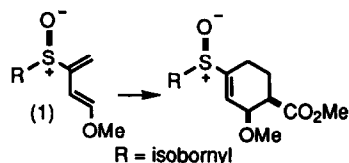
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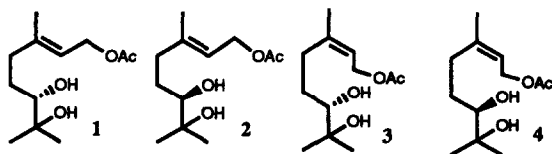


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