# GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS

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## ACTINOFLAVOSIDE, A NOVEL FLAVONOID-LIKE GLYCOSIDE PRODUCED BY A MARINE BACTERIUM OF THE GENUS *STREPTOMYCES*.

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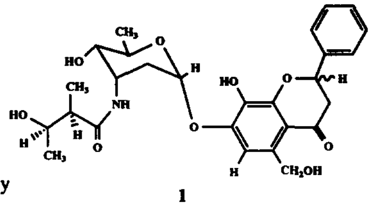
The isolation and structure determination of actinoflavoside (1), a flavonoid-like glycoside produced by a marine bacterium, is reported. Actinoflavoside is composed of an unprecedented 5-hydroxymethyl-7,8-dihydroxyflavonone coupled to the rare aminosugar ristosamine. The ristosamine component is further acylated with *erythro*-2-methyl-3-hydroxy butyric acid to form the corresponding amide.



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## A FACILE SYNTHESIS OF 3-SUBSTITUTED PIPECOLIC ACIDS, CHIMERIC AMINO ACIDS.

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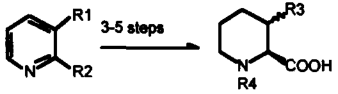
A concise synthetic route to pipecolic acids substituted at the 3-position with polar groups and suitably protected for solid phase peptide synthesis has been developed. These chimeric amino acids combine the conformational constraints of the cyclic backbone with sidechain functionality required for molecular recognition of reverse turns in biological systems.



R3= $SCH_2Ar$, OtBu, COOBz

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## ORGANOZIRCONOCENE-MEDIATED POLYENE SYNTHESIS: PREPARATION OF ASUKAMYCIN AND MANUMYCIN A SIDE CHAINS

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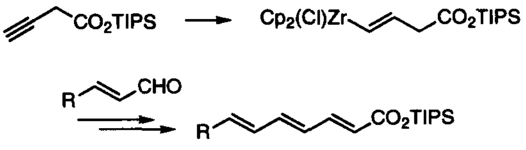

Hydrozirconation of a functionalized alkyne followed by transmetalation and 1,2-addition to α,β-unsaturated aldehydes was used for trienoate synthesis.

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## Enantiopure α-Hydroxy-β-Lactams *via* Stereospecific Glycosylation

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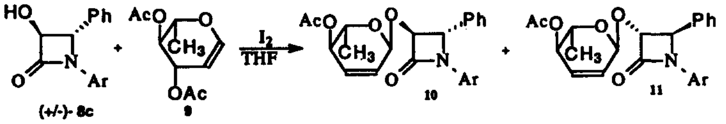
Both enantiomers of a trans 4-aryl-3-hydroxy-2-azetidinone have been obtained *via* stereospecific glycosylation with rhamnal diacetate in presence of iodine (catalyst).



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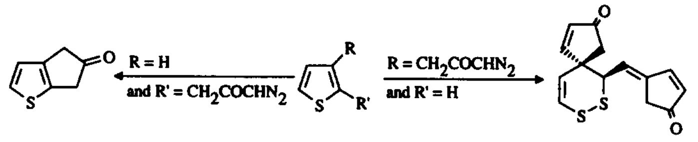
**Intramolecular Carbenoid Insertions Into Thiophene: Reactions of 1-Diazo-3-(2-Thienyl)-2-Propanone and 1-Diazo-3-(3-Thienyl)-2-Propanone.** Christopher S. Frampton, Roche Products Ltd., 40 Broadwater Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL7 3AY, U.K. David L. Pole, Department of Chemistry, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, L8S 4M1. Kelvin Yong and Alfredo Capretta*, Department of Chemistry, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada L2S 3A1.

Treatment of 1-diazo-3-(2-thienyl)-2-propanone with catalytic rhodium (II) acetate yields 5,6-dihydro-4*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]thiophen-5-one while, under the same conditions, the isomeric 1-diazo-3-(3-thienyl)-2-propanone gives a spiro-disulphide.



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### General Method for the Synthesis of N-Methyl Amino Acids and N-Alkyl Amino Esters from O'Donnell's Schiff Bases.

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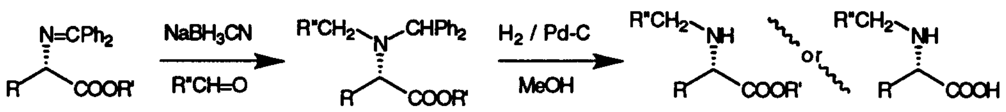

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### INTRAMOLECULAR O-H INSERTION REACTION OF AZIDO SUBSTITUTED DIAZOESTERS AND ITS RELEVANCE TO THE MECHANISM OF THE ALLYLIC AZIDE REARRANGMENT

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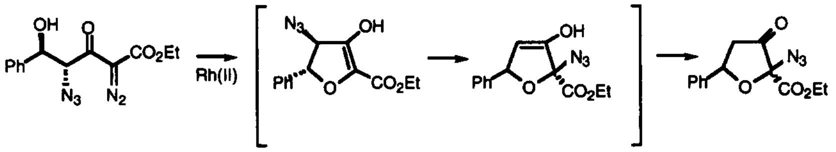
The rhodium(II)-catalyzed decomposition of γ-azido-δ-hydroxy diazoesters affords 3(2H)-furanones derived by a sequential O-H insertion followed by a concerted 3,3-sigmatropic shift of the azido group.



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### A Practical One-Pot Synthesis of *trans*-4,5-Disubstituted 2-Pyrrolidinones and The Related Pyrrolidines

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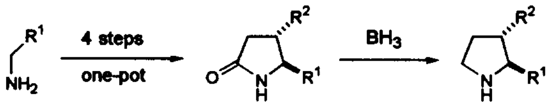

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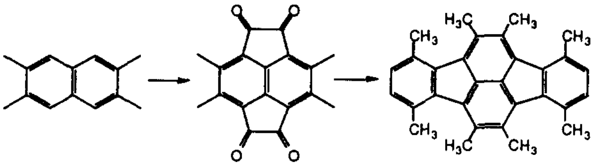
## "FULLERENE FRAGMENTS:" SYNTHESIS AND CRYSTAL STRUCTURE DETERMINATION OF 1,4,5,6,7,10,11,12-OCTAMETHYLINDENO[1,2,3-*CD*]FLUORANTHENE.

Andrzej Sygula , Frank R. Fronczek and Peter W. Rabideau,* Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University,
Baton Rouge, LA 70803, USA

Synthesis of the title compound is accomplished in 8 steps. X-ray crystal structure and AM1 calculations included.



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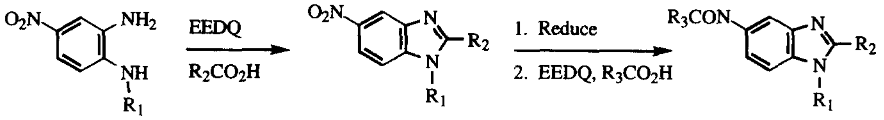
## RAPID IN-PLATE GENERATION OF BENZIMIDAZOLE LIBRARIES AND AMIDE FORMATION USING EEDQ,

James B. Thomas, Michael J. Fall, Julie B. Cooper, Jason P. Burgess and F. Ivy Carroll,* Research Triangle Institute, Post Office Box 12194, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

A general method for the expedient production of a benzimidazole library in 96-well plates has been demonstrated utilizing solution-phase techniques.



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## A New and Efficient Procedure for Preparing 1,2,3-Triazoles

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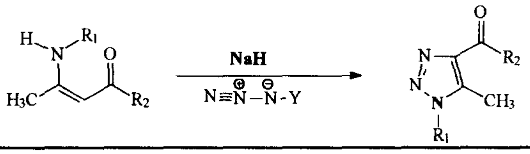
1,2,3-Triazoles are readily accessible in moderate to good yields by a diazo transfer reaction with β-amino-α,β-unsaturated ketones or esters and tosyl or mesyl azide reagent.



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## USE OF N,N-DIMETHYLFORMAMIDE AS SOLVENT IN THE SYNTHESIS OF N-PHENYLANTHRANILIC ACIDS

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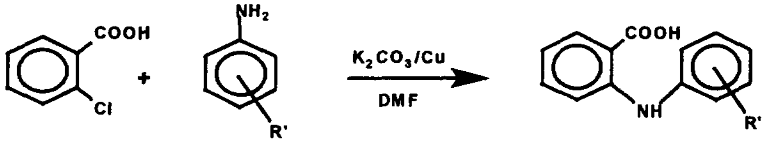
Synthesis of N-phenylanthranilic acids in DMF as solvent, without excess of $K_2CO_3$, and in shorter reaction times.



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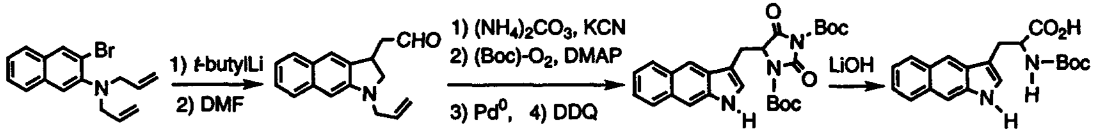
### BENZ[*f*]TRYPTOPHAN, A BATHOCHROMIC ANALOG OF TRYPTOPHAN, SYNTHESIS OF ITS N-α-*t*-BOC DERIVATIVE.

T. Scott Yokum, Parithosh K. Tungaturthi, and Mark L. McLaughlin,* Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803-1804 USA

The title molecule is synthesized via novel anionic cyclization, hydantoin formation, and mild hydrolysis steps.



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### A MODULAR APPROACH TO MARINE MACROLIDE CONSTRUCTION. 1. AN ENANTIOCONTROLLED ROUTE TO THE C1-C12 (AB) SPIROACETAL SECTOR

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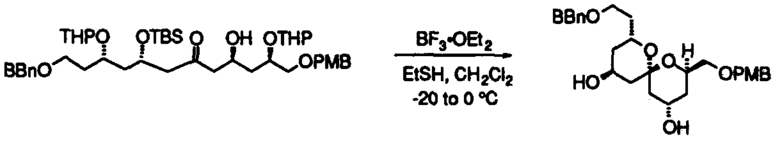
The convergent step in construction of the title spiroacetal is illustrated.



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### A MODULAR APPROACH TO MARINE MACROLIDE CONSTRUCTION. 2. CONCISE STEREOCONTROLLED SYNTHESIS OF THE C17-C28 (CD) SPIROACETAL COMPONENT

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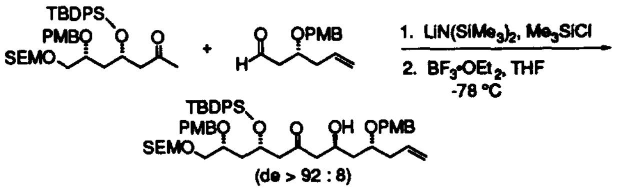
The key 1,3-asymmetric step involved in the enantioselective construction of the title spiroacetal is shown.



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### Manipulation of the Reduction Potentials of Wurster's Blue Derivatives via Steric and Conformational Effects

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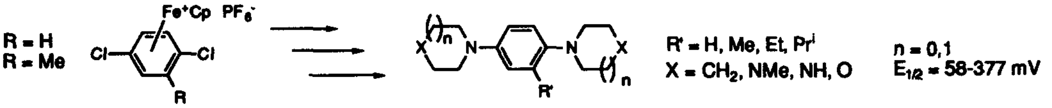
[h$^5$-cyclopentadienyliron]$^+$-mediated S$_N$Ar reactions and benzylic alkylations produce a series of tetra-alkyl-p-phenylenediamine derivatives where the first redox couple may be varied over a range of 320 mV.



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## Double Stereodifferentiating Crotylation Reactions with α–Amino Aldehydes: Asymmetric Synthesis of Vicinal Amino Alcohol Synthons

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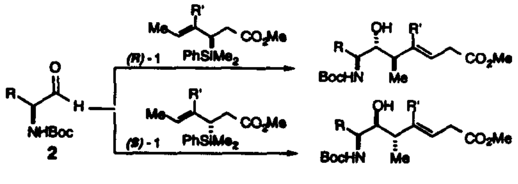
*Boston University, Boston, MA 02215*

The sense and level of 1,2-asymmetric induction have been evaluated in the $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$ promoted addition of *(E)* - crotylsilanes *(R)*-**1** and *(S)*-**1** to α-amino aldehydes **2a** though **2d**.



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## MICROWAVE-ASSISTED HENRY REACTION: SOLVENTLESS SYNTHESIS OF CONJUGATED NITROALKENES

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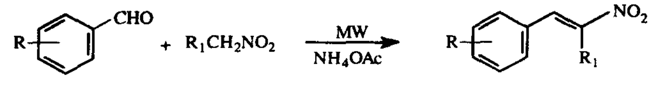
In a solventless system and under microwave irradiation, nitroalkanes react with arylaldehydes in the presence of a catalytic amount of ammonium acetate to afford conjugated nitroalkenes without the isolation of intermediary β-nitro alcohols.



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## TOTAL ASYMMETRIC SYNTHESES OF HIGHLY CONSTRAINED AMINO ACIDS β-ISOPROPYL-2′,6′-DIMETHYL TYROSINES

Yinglin Han, Subo Liao, Wei Qiu, Chaozhong Cai and Victor J. Hruby *
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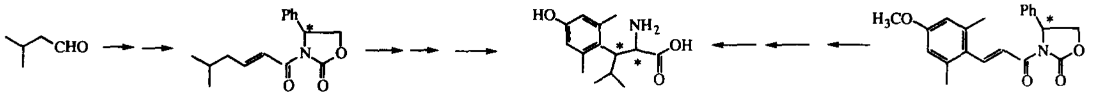
All four stereoisomers of the highly constrained aromatic α-amino acid β-isopropyl-2′,6′-dimethyltyrosine have been asymmetrically synthesized on a large scale. The reactions generally proceeded in good stereoselectivitities (75-95% ee/de) and yields (70-90%).



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## Aziridine 2-Carboxylate Ester Mediated Asymmetric Synthesis of α-Alkyl β-Amino Acids

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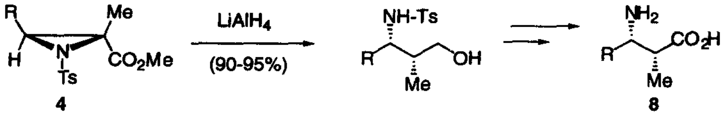
The highly efficient asymmetric synthesis of α-methyl β-amino acids **8** via the stereoselective reductive ring opening of N-tosylaziridine 2-carboxylate esters **4** is described.



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## Zeolite Supported Permanganate : An Efficent Catalyst for Selective Oxidation of Enamines, Alkylarenes and Unsaturated Alcohols.

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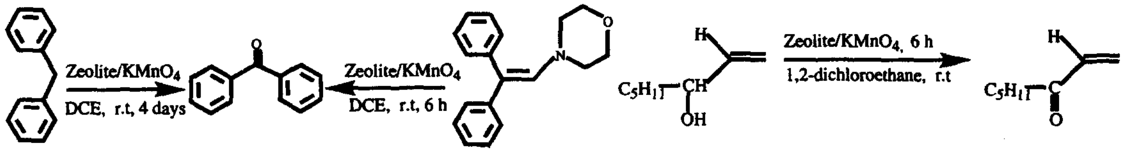
Selective oxidation of enamines, arenes and unsaturated alcohols using zeolite supported permanganate.



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## REACTIVITY OF FLUORENYLIDENEKETENE TOWARDS AMINES. A LASER PHOTOLYSIS STUDY WITH UV AND IR DETECTION.

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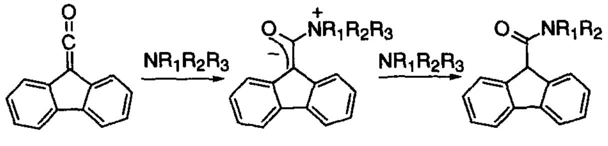

Ketenes derived from diazoquinones can be readily observed by laser photolysis techniques with IR or UV-Vis detection. They react with amines (e.g. k ~7 x $10^7$ $M^{-1}$ $s^{-1}$ for diethylamine) to give ylides.

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## SELECTIVE N-DEMETHYLATION OF GALANTHAMINE TO NORGALANTHAMINE VIA A NON CLASSICAL POLONOVSKI REACTION

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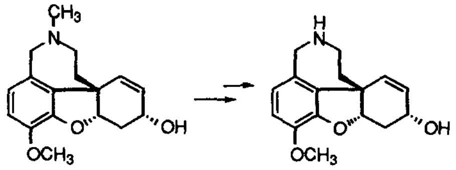

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## SYNTHESIS OF FUNCTIONALIZED γ-AND δ-LACTONES *via* POLYMER-BOUND EPOXIDES

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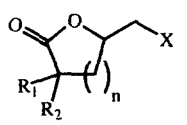
Synthesis of epoxides from alkenoic acids that are bound to a merrifield resin followed by ring-opening reactions with sodium azide or thiols gave lactones in good yields and high purity.



$R_1$= H, $CH_3$ $R_2$= H, $CH_3$
X= OH, $N_3$, SPh, $SPhCH_3$
n= 1, 2

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## PHENYL MIGRATION TO THIOPHENE RING IN PHOTOLYSIS OF 1-PHENYLBENZO[b]THIOPHENIUM SALTS.

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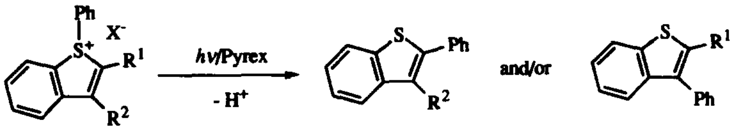

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## STEREOSPECIFIC CONVERSION OF IODOHYDRIN DERIVATIVES INTO ALKENES BY MEANS OF AN ALLYLSILANE-TITANIUM TETRACHLORIDE SYSTEM AND ITS APPLICATION TO STEREORETENTIVE DEOXYGENATION OF EPOXIDES

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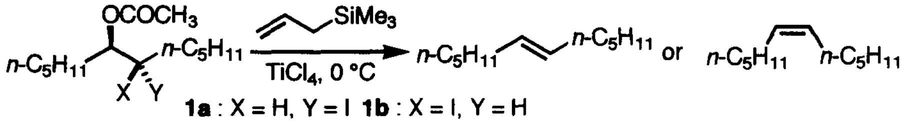

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## SYNTHETIC STUDY OF TAUTOMYCIN. I SYNTHESIS AND REGIOSELECTIVE ENZYMATIC ACETYLATION OF A SPIROKETAL DIOL RELATED TO THE C5-C16 FRAGMENT

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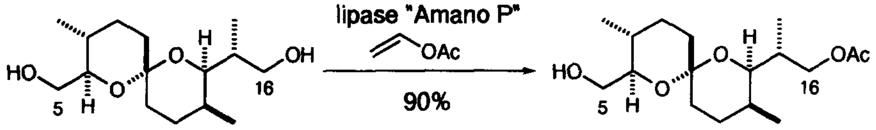

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## BRIDGEHEAD OLEFINS FROM TRIPLEX INTRAMOLECULAR DIELS-ALDER REACTION OF PHENYL-SUBSTITUTED DIENOPHILES WITH CYCLOPENTADIENES.

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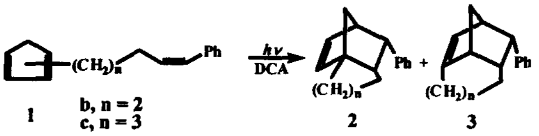
DCA-sensitized irradiation of **1** produced **2** and bridgehead olefins **3** via triplex formation.



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## STEREOSELECTIVE FORMATION OF α-FLUORO-α-(TRIFLUORO-METHYL)-γ-LACTONES STARTING FROM γ-HYDROXY-α,β-UNSATURATED SULFONES AND HEXAFLUOROPROPENE-DIETHYLAMINE ADDUCT (PPDA)

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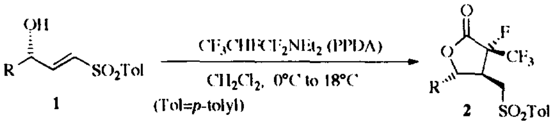
(*E*)-3-Hydroxy-1-alkenyl *p*-tolyl sulfones (**1**) reacted with hexafluoropropene-diethylamine adduct (PPDA) to afford α-fluoro-α-(trifluoromethyl)-β-[(*p*-tolylsulfonyl)methyl]-γ-lactones (**2**).



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## ON THE CATALYTIC CYCLE OF THE PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CROSS-COUPLING REACTION OF ALKYNYLSTANNANE WITH ARYL IODIDE

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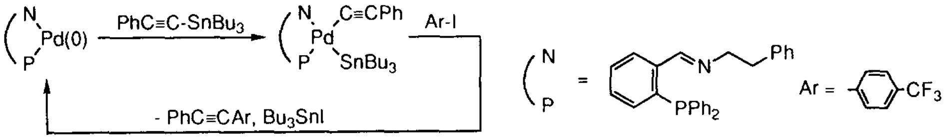

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## OLIGOSACCHARIDE SYNTHESIS BASED ON GLYCOSYL DONORS AND ACCEPTORS CARRYING PHOSPHORUS-CONTAINING LEAVING GROUPS

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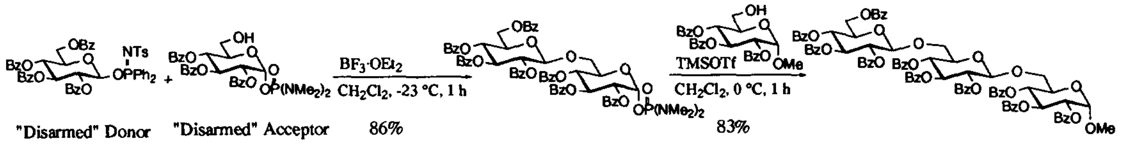

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## MACROCYCLIZATION ON SOLID SUPPORT USING HECK REACTION.

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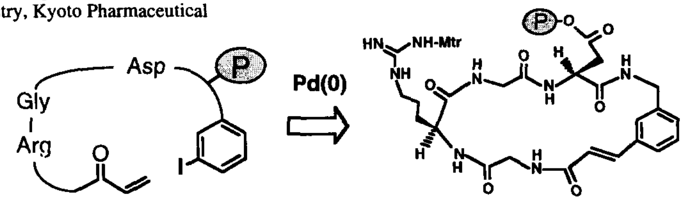
A novel intramolecular macrocyclization reaction on solid support using Heck reaction was achieved.



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## γ-REGIOSELECTIVE REACTION OF METALOXYSILYL-SUBSTITUTED ALLYLLITHIUM DERIVED FROM ALLYLDIPHENYLSILANOL

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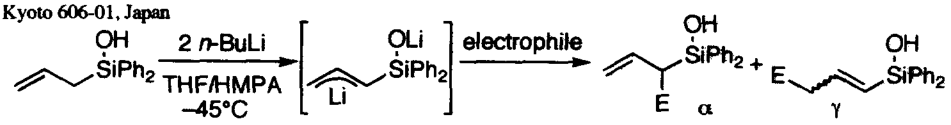

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## STEREODIVERGENT APPROACH TO *syn*- AND *anti*-2-AMINO-1,2-DIARYLETHANOLS USING OXAZABOROLIDINE-MEDIATED ASYMMETRIC REDUCTION

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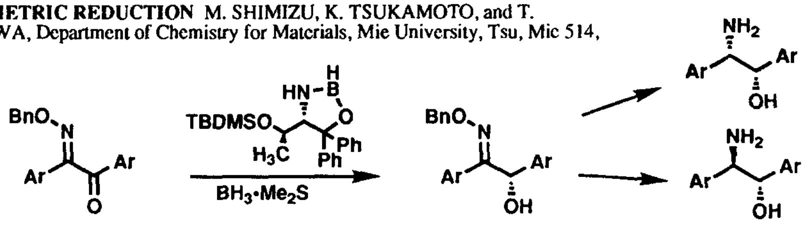

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## STEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF (±)-CEDRANEDIOL *VIA* INTRAMOLECULAR DOUBLE MICHAEL REACTION

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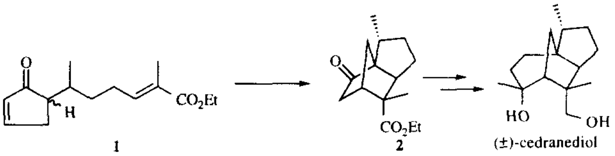
Heating the enone **1** together with $ZnCl_2$, $Et_3N$, and TMSCl gave the tricyclo[5.2.1.$0^{1,5}$]decane **2** as a single diastereomer, which was converted into (±)-cedranediol.



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## A NOVEL APPROACH TO PHOSPHONYL-SUBSTITUTED HETEROCYCLIC SYSTEMS(I)

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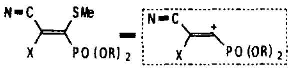
Utilization of α,α-dicyano(α-cyano-α-ethoxy-carbonyl) phosphonyl/S-methyl ketene acetals to synthesize various phosphonyl-substituted heterocycles is reported.



X= CN, C(O)OEt; R=EtO, i-PrO, etc

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## THE STRUCTURES OF THREE NOVEL SESQUITERPENOIDS FROM VALERIANA JATAMANSI JONES

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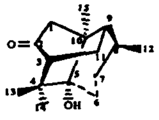
Valerananoids A(1), B(2) and C(3) have been isolated from the roots and rhizomes of Valeriana jatamansi Jones. The structures were elucidated by spectroscopic means and X- ray crystallographic analysis.



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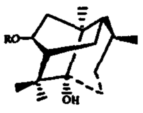

2 R=H
3 R=OAc

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## SYNTHESIS OF BICYCLIC α-METHYLENE BUTYROLACTONES VIA ALKOXYCARBONYLATION OF MOLYBDENUM-PROPARGYL COMPOUNDS

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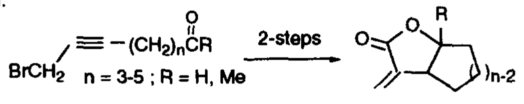
An efficient molybdenum-mediated synthesis of bicyclic α-methylenebutyrolactones from bromopropargyl carbonyl compounds is described.



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## PALLADIUM-CATALYZED INTRAMOLECULAR ALKYNE-α,β-UNSATURATED CARBONYL COUPLING. A FORMAL SYNTHESIS OF (+)-PILOCARPINE.

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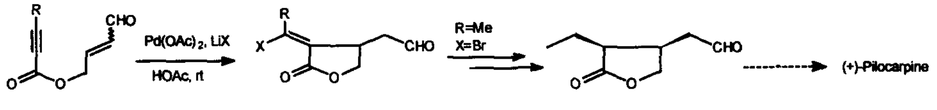
An efficient stereoselective cyclization method by palladium-catalyzed intramolecular enyne coupling of 4'-oxo-2'-alkenyl 2-alkynoates was developed, which features in a short-step synthesis of homopilopic aldehyde.



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## A Simple One Pot Procedure For The Generation of Homoallylic Alcohols From Acetals And Amino Acetals

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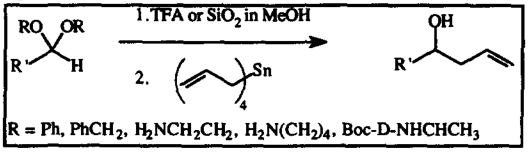
A simple one pot allylation procedure for the allylation of acetals and amino acetals is reported. Yields of the corresponding homoallylic alcohols vary from 68 - 100%.



R = Ph, PhCH$_2$, H$_2$NCH$_2$CH$_2$, H$_2$N(CH$_2$)$_4$, Boc-D-NHCHCH$_3$

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## The Influence of Aryl Substitution on the Photophysics of 1-Aryl-Fluorenones.

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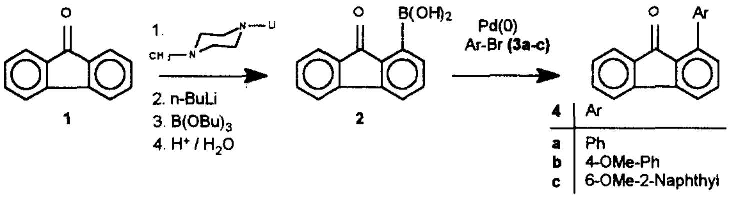
1-aryl-fluorenone derivatives were prepared from fluorenone via 9-fluorenone-1-boronic acid by coupling with the corresponding aryl-halides. The photophysical properties of these derivatives were found to be strongly influenced by a new CT transition, resulting in some cases dual luminescence.



| 4 | Ar |
|---|---|
| a | Ph |
| b | 4-OMe-Ph |
| c | 6-OMe-2-Naphthyl |

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## STEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF(-)-N-BOC-STATINE AND (-)-N-BOC-NORSTATINE

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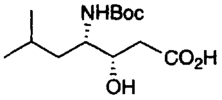
An efficient genaral approach for the synthesis of biologically important hydroxy amino acids, (-)-statine (I) and (-)-norstatine (II) is reported.



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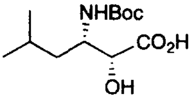

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## NEW AND EFFICIENT ENANTIOSPECIFIC SYNTHESIS OF (-)- METHYL 5-*epi*-SHIKIMATE AND METHYL 5-*epi*-QUINATE FROM (-)-QUINIC ACID.

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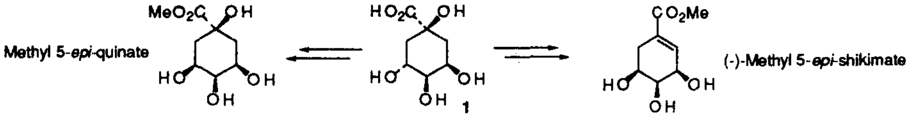
(-)-Methyl 5-*epi*-shikimate and methyl 5-*epi*-quinate were synthesized efficiently from readily available and inexpensive (-)-quinic acid 1 as a common starting material on a new, short and simple sequence of reactions.



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## Synthesis of Cell-wall Analogues of Vancomycin-resistant Enterococci using Solid Phase Peptide Synthesis

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Coupling of lithium D-lactate to 2-chlorotrityl chloride resin allows subsequent solid phase peptide synthesis of depsipetides