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NEW SHORT STEP GENERAL SYNTHESIS OF ISOBENZOFURAN-1(3H)-ONES (PHTHALIDES) BASED ON A SINGLE OR DOUBLE β-SCISSION OF ALKOXYL RADICALS GENERATED FROM 1-ETHYLBENZOCYCLOBUTEN-1-OLS AND FROM 1,3-DIHYDROISOBENZOFURAN-1-OLS; SYNTHESIS OF SOME NATURAL PHTHALIDES

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amino acidyl-L-tryptophanol) by microbial conversion.

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Synthesis of 3-substituted phthalides including (±)-pierardine is described.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} R \\ \hline OH \\ n=1 \text{ or } 2 \\ R=H \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 1) \text{ } I_2O \\ \hline OX \\ R=H, \text{ alkyl, aryl} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R \\ \hline O \\ CH_2)_n \\ \hline OX \\ R=H, \text{ alkyl, aryl} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R \\ \hline O \\ OX \\ R=H, \text{ alkyl, aryl} \end{array}$$

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#### SYNTHESIS OF NEW INDOLACTAM ANALOGUES BY MICROBIAL CONVERSION

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Ten indolactam congeners in the optically active form were synthesized from their seco-compounds (N-methyl L-

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#### SELECTIVE ANODIC OXIDATION OF CAMPHOR

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Camphor 1 was anodically oxidized at lead dioxide in 1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 50 Vol. % MeCN. Current densities were 10-100 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>. The 1,2-campholide 4 was obtained with high selectivities up to 96% at high conversions of 1. Current efficiencies were low due to parallel oxygen evolution.

#### **GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS**

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SYNTHESIS OF β-HYDROXY-α-AMINO ACIDS BY ALDOL CONDENSATION USING A CHIRAL PHASE TRANSFER CATALYST. Catherine M. Gasparski and Marvin J. Miller. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Efficient, nearly racemic syntheses of β-hydroxy-α-amino acids by aldol condensations between t-butyl (diphenylmethylene)glycinate 2 and aldehydes under phase transfer catalytic conditions in the presence of N-benzylcinchoninium chloride are described.

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DIASTEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF BIS-BETA-LACTAMS

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Steric course of beta-lactam formation was determined by using chiral HPLC separation of enantiomers and by single crystal X-ray diffraction studies on racemic his - B - lactam.

(a) Z = Z' = OPh

(b)  $Z = OCH_2Ph$ , Z' = OPh

(c) Z = Phthalimido, Z' = OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph

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KINETICALLY-CONTROLLED DISPLACEMENT BY AZIDE ON AN ALLYLIC CHLORIDE: SYNTHESIS OF A HIGHLY POTENT SEROTONIN-3 RECEPTOR LIGAND PROTOTYPE

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Synthesis of the highly potent  $5-HT_3$  receptor ligand 4, proceeding through the thermodynamically disfavored allylic azide isomer 12, is described.

# ALKALOIDS FROM DENDROBATID POISON FROGS: FURTHER CIS-DECAHYDROQUINOLINES AND 8-METHYLINDOLIZIDINES.

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Two decahydroquinolines (DHQs) from a dendrobatid poison frog are characterized by NMR as cis-219A and cis-243A. A trans-DHQ epimeric at C(5) with the previously reported trans-243A is characterized. GC-FTIR readily distinguishes cis and trans DHQ ring fusions. The 5-substituted 8-methylindolizidines, 203A, 233D, 251B and 235B are characterized by NMR and GC-FTIR.

# ALKALOIDS FROM DENDROBATID POISON FROGS: FURTHER PUMILIOTOXINS AND ALLOPUMILIOTOXINS AND A REASSIGNMENT OF THE KETO FUNCTION IN PUMILIOTOXIN 307F.

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Six trace alkaloids of the pumiliotoxin-A class have been characterized from a dendrobatid poison frog. Three (209F, 225F and 225E) have four-carbon 6-alkylidene side chains, while three (309D, 325A' and 325A") have the more typical ten-carbon side chain and are of the allopumiliotoxin subclass. Spectral data in support of these structures and a revised structure for 307F are reported.

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## THE FREE RADICAL CYCLIZATION REACTION OF 1,6-DIENES WITH ALLYLSULFONES

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## SPECTRAL AND STRUCTURAL ASSIGNMENTS WITH VARIOUS N-SUBSTITUTED 1,2,4-TRIAZOLES: NOE DIFFERENCE SPECTROSCOPY AS A POWERFUL TOOL

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The unambiguous discrimination between signals due to H-3 and H-5 in various 1-substituted 1,2,4-triazoles of type A as well as the differentiation between triazole regionsomers B - D by means of NOE difference spectroscopy is described.

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SYNTHESIS AND DIELS-ALDER REACTIONS OF 5-ALCENYL

(3H)-2-FURANONES

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The synthesis and Diels-Alder reactions of (3H)-2-furanones are investigated. When maleic anhydride or ethyl  $\alpha$ -phenylsulfinyl acrylate are used as dienophile, cycloadditions proceed in good yield and with high stereoselectivity. PhSO CO2Et CO2Et

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### STEREOCONTROLLED SYNTHESES OF HYDROXYLATED TRICYCLIC SYSTEMS BY A NEW ANNULATION OF 2-CYCLOHEXEN-1-ONE

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A three-step annulation of 2-cyclohexen-1-one affords tricyclic keto-diols.

## STUDIES ON THE SYNTHESIS OF THE INDOLE ALKALOIDS NGOUNIENSINE AND EPINGOUNIENSINE

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NGOUNIENSINE: X=H,H; Y=CH<sub>2</sub>; R<sub>1</sub>=H; R<sub>2</sub>=Et EPINGOUNIENSINE: X=H,H; Y=CH<sub>2</sub>; R<sub>1</sub>=Et; R<sub>2</sub>=H

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(-)-(2R,3S)-8n

1) MeOH, TosOH

2) Zn, HOAc

ENZYMATIC RESOLUTION OF NORBOR(NE)NYLMETHA-NOLS IN ORGANIC MEDIA. AN APPLICATION TO THE SYN-

THESIS OF (+)- AND (-)-endo-NORBORNENE LACTONE

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The influence of structural variations on the efficiency of the PPL-catalyzed resolution of lactone methanols, such as 18, is evaluated.

## THIAZOLE C-NUCLEOSIDES III. SYNTHESIS OF PYRANOSE ANALOGUES OF TIAZOFURIN

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New tiazofurin analogues (1 - 5) have been synthesized starting from the corresponding thioamides

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$$R^1$$
 $R^2$ 
 $R^2$ 

### THIAZOLE C-NUCLEOSIDES IV. AN ENTRY TO PENT-1'-ENOPYRANOSYLTHIAZOLE DERIVATIVES

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The regio- and stereoselective synthesis of novel unsaturated analogues (1) of tiazofurin has been achieved

 $R^1$ ,  $R^2 = H$ ,  $N_3$ ,  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosylthio, uracil-1/3-yl etc.

 $R^3$ ,  $R^4 = H$ , OH

#### THE TITANIUM TETRACHLORIDE INDUCED SYNTHESIS OF

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N-PHOSPHINOYLIMINES AND N-SULPHONYLIMINES DIRECTLY FROM AROMATIC ALDEHYDES

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The reaction of phosphinic amides or sulphonamides with an aromatic aldehyde or camphor in the presence of titanium tetrachloride and triethylamine provides a simple, one-step preparation of N-phosphinoylimines (5a-e) and (10) and N-sulphonylimines (7a-g) and (9).

ArCH=NSO<sub>2</sub>R

(5a-e)

(7a-g)

(9):  $X = 4-MeC_6H_4SO_2$ 

(10):  $X = Ph_2P(O)$ -

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### CYERCENES, NOVEL POLYPROPIONATE PYRONES FROM THE AUTOTOMIZING MEDITERRANEAN MOLLUSC CYERCE CRISTALLINA

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Cyercene A (3), along with six related but demethylated  $\alpha$ - and  $\gamma$ -pyrones have been isolated and characterized from the ascoglossan *C. cristallina*. Cyercenes represent a novel class of polypropionate pyrones and their multiple biological role in the mollusc is hypothesized.

THE CONSERTED MECHANISM OF ACYLAMIDATION. SYN-STEREOSPECIFITY OF THE REACTION.

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# SYNTHETIC APPLICATIONS OF 2-ARYL-4-PIPERIDONES. VI.<sup>1</sup> SYNTHESIS OF THE FUNDAMENTAL TETRACYCLIC SKELETON OF ERVITSINE AND ITS 20-DEETHYLIDENE-6,16-DIHYDRO ANALOGUE

Mario Rubiralta,\* M. Pilar Marco, Jordi Bolós, and Jaume Trapé

Laboratory of Organic Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Barcelona, 08028 Barcelona, Spain The synthesis of the basic tetracyclic skeleton 2 of ervitsine and its 20-deethylidene-6,16-dihydro analogue 4 is reported.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 & \stackrel{\text{R}}{\longrightarrow} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{CHO}}{\longrightarrow} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{CHO}}{\longrightarrow}$$

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THE SYNTHESIS OF SUBSTITUTED ARYL DIAZIRINES. A BIFUNCTIONAL REAGENT SUITABLE FOR APPLICATION TO PHOTOAFFINITY LABELLING STUDIES.

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The synthesis of diazirine (1), and its elaboration to a reagent suitable for photoaffinity labelling, is described.

HOOC 
$$N = N$$

#### REACTIONS OF AZOALKENES DERIVED FROM HYDRAZONES OF ETHYL BROMOPYRIEVATE WITH ELECTRON RICH ALKENES AND HETEROCYCLES

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 $(X = C_0H_3 (NO_2)_2-2,4; SO_2C_0H_4Me-4; CO_2CMe_3)$ 

Three hydrazones of ethyl bromopyruyate have been reacted with sodium carbonate to produce transient azoalkenes. These have been intercepted by a range of electron rich alkenes and heterocycles to give either tetrahydropyridazines or open chain adducts.

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DIOXALANONES AS SYNTHETIC INTERMEDIATES. PART 6 SYNTHESIS OF 3-DEOXY-D-MANNO-2-OCTULOSONIC ACID PART 6 (KDO), 3-DEOXY-D-ARABINO-2-HEPTUOLOSONIC ACID (DAH)

AND 2-KETO-3-DEOXY-D-GLUCONIC ACID (KDG)
Robert Ramage, Angus M. MacLeod and Graeme W. Rose

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Application of the Wittig reagent (3) to the synthesis of monosaccharide-derived 3-deoxy-2-ketoacids afforded three biosynthetically significant examples KDO (7), DAH (') AND KDG (9)

Isolation of 7a-epialexaflorine from leaves of Alexa Grandiflora; a unique pyrrolizidine amino acid with a carboxylic acid substituent at C-3

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