

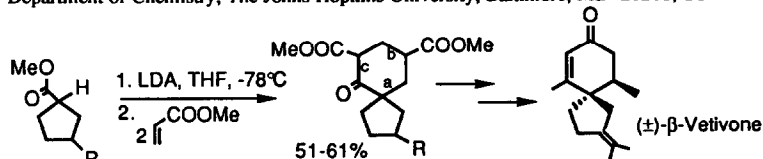
## GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS

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### A ONE-FLASK MULTICOMPONENT ANNULATION REACTION AS THE KEY STEP IN A TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF SPIROBICYCLIC (±)-β-VETIVONE

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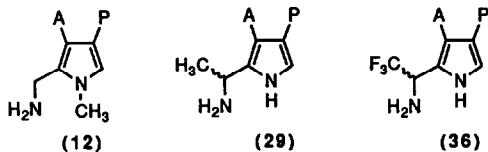
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**On the Mechanism of Porphobilinogen Deaminase. Design, Synthesis, and Enzymatic Reactions of Novel Porphobilinogen Analogs.** Clotilde Pichon, Karen R. Clemens, Alan R. Jacobson\*, and A. Ian Scott\*. Center for Biological NMR, Department of Chemistry, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-3255.

Three new derivatives of PBG 12, 29 and 36 were synthesized. Their reactivities with PBG deaminase were examined and mechanistic hypotheses were suggested to explain the biological results.



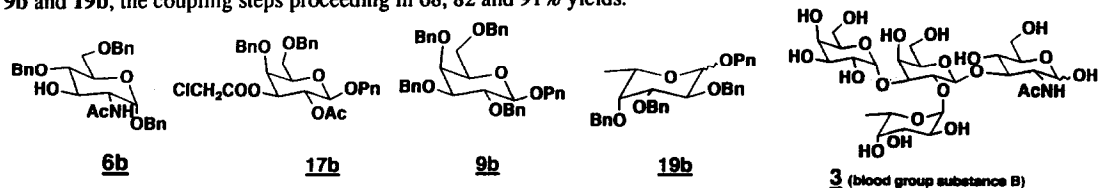
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### N-PENTENYL GLYCOSIDES IN THE EFFICIENT ASSEMBLY OF THE BLOOD GROUP SUBSTANCE B TETRASACCHARIDE

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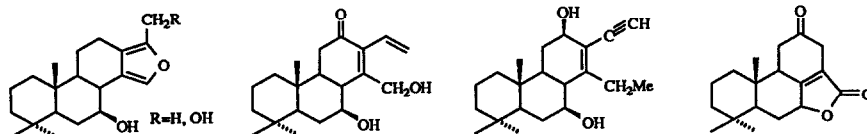
Blood group substance **3** has been assembled in six chemical operations from **6b** and the n-pentenyl glycosides **17b**, **9b** and **19b**, the coupling steps proceeding in 68, 82 and 91% yields.



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### UNUSUAL CASSANES FROM A *CHAMAECRISTA* SPECIES

B. Barba, J. G. Díaz, V. L. Goedken, W. Herz, Dept. of Chemistry, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306, USA; X. A. Domínguez, Dpto. de Química ITESM, Suc. Correos "J", Monterrey, N. L. 64689, México Isolation of the four cassanes and one bis-norcassane shown below from *Chamaecrista foliosa* var. *texana* is reported.

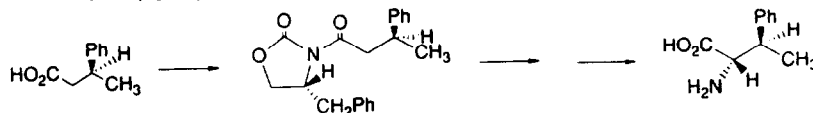


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### ASYMMETRIC SYNTHESIS OF UNUSUAL AMINO ACIDS: AN EFFICIENT SYNTHESIS OF OPTICALLY PURE ISOMERS OF $\beta$ -METHYLPHENYLALANINE

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The asymmetric synthesis of (2*S*,3*R*)-(2*R*,3*S*)-, (2*S*,3*S*)-, and (2*R*,3*R*)- $\beta$ -methylphenylalanines are reported. The isomer obtained is determined by the  $\beta$ -phenylbutyric acid and chiral auxiliary chosen.

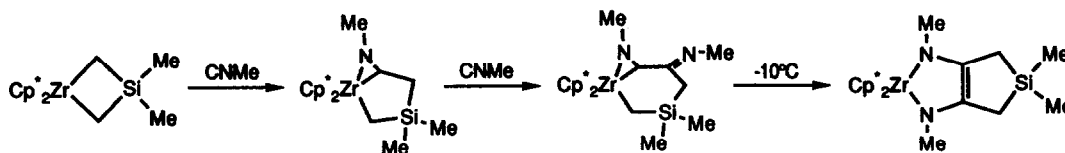


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### LOW-TEMPERATURE NMR STUDY OF THE REDUCTIVE C,C-COUPLING OF CNMe BY $(C_5Me_5)_2Zr(CH_2SiMe_2CH_2)$ AND STRUCTURAL CHARACTERIZATION OF $(C_5Me_5)_2Zr(N(Me)C(CH_2SiMe_2CH_2)=CN(Me))$

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Low-temperature NMR measurements indicate that the reductive coupling of CNMe by  $Cp^*_2Zr(CH_2SiMe_2CH_2)$  involves the participation of two  $\eta^2$ -iminoacyl intermediates and leads to the formation of  $(C_5Me_5)_2Zr(N(Me)C(CH_2SiMe_2CH_2)=CN(Me))$ .

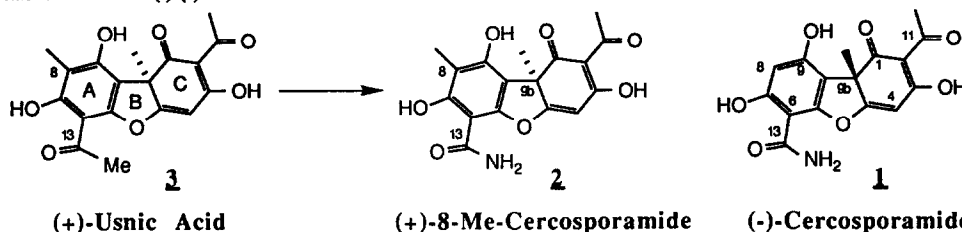


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**Synthesis of (+)-8-Methyl Cercosporamide: Stereochemical Correlation of Natural (-)-Cercosporamide with (+)-Usnic Acid**

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Synthesis of (+)-8-methyl cercosporamide from (+)-usnic acid is described and the absolute configuration of cercosporamide established as C-9b-(-)-s).

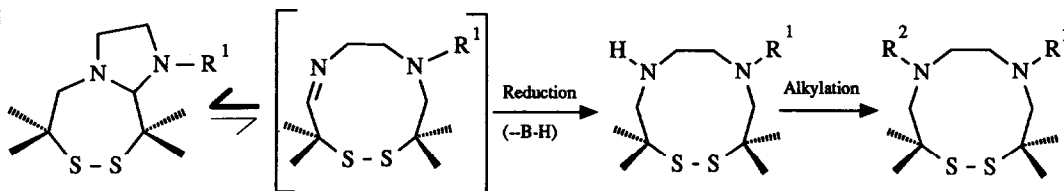


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**BOROHYDRIDE REDUCTION OF IMIDAZOLIDINO[1,2-D]DITHIAZEPINES**

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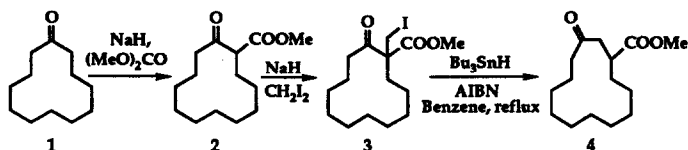
The title compounds are reduced with sodium borohydride in acidic media, or with borane. Alkylation is observed as a side reaction.



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**HOMOLOGATION OF LARGE RINGS**

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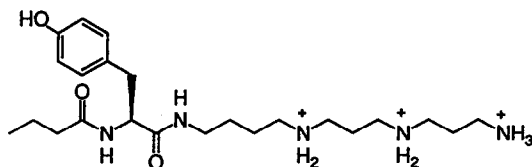
Free radical promoted one-carbon ring expansion of twelve-, fourteen- and fifteen-membered cyclic  $\beta$ -keto esters is described. The method is then extended to include a three-carbon ring expansion of cyclododecanone, the targets being ( $\pm$ )-muscone and naturally occurring (R)-(-)-muscone.

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### Synthesis Of Novel And Photolabile Philanthotoxin Analogs: Glutamate Receptor Antagonists

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The syntheses of 27 philanthotoxins including photoaffinity labeled analogs are described.



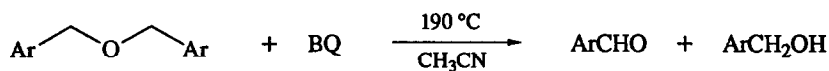
Philanthotoxin-433

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### $\pi$ -Acceptor Induced Reactions: Radicals vs. Ions in Thermally Induced Ether Cleavage Reactions

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The reaction products and reaction rates of aryl ethers with a variety of quinones have been determined. A hydride transfer mechanism is used when the quinone is highly electron deficient. A radical mechanism is used when the quinone is less electron deficient.



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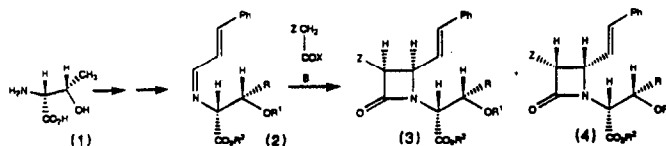
### STEREOREGULATED SYNTHESIS OF $\beta$ -LACTAMS FROM SCHIFF BASES DERIVED FROM THREONINE ESTERS <sup>1</sup>

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A variety of optically active 3-substituted-2-azetidiones has been prepared by the annelation of Schiff bases (2) derived from cinnamaldehyde and D-threonine esters (1).

When R<sup>1</sup> = H, (3) : (4) = about 50:50; when R<sup>1</sup> = SiPh<sub>3</sub>, (3) : (4) = about 95:5.

Z = N<sub>3</sub>  
= NHC(Me) = CHCOOMe



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### HIGH $\pi$ -ROUTE REACTIVITY IN THE TROPENE SYSTEM. ABSENCE OF A NITROGEN ACCELERATION EFFECT.

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Compounds 4-6 have been prepared and their solvolyses studied. Both unsaturated tosylates gave only tricyclic products from alkene bond participation. The ratios are:  $k_4/k_5 = 2.1 \times 10^5$ ;  $k_6/k_5 = 16.6 \times 10^5$ ;  $k_4/k_6 = 1/8$ . This last ratio reveals that nitrogen does not enhance the  $\pi$  participation but diminishes it, probably inductively.



4 X = NCH<sub>3</sub>  
6 X = CH<sub>2</sub>



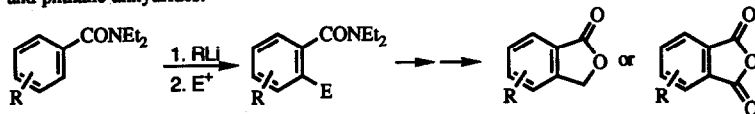
5 X = NCH<sub>3</sub>  
7 X = CH<sub>2</sub>

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### DIRECTED *ortho* METALATION OF N,N-DIETHYL BENZAMIDES. METHODOLOGY AND REGIOSPECIFIC SYNTHESIS OF USEFUL CONTIGUOUSLY TRI- AND TETRA-SUBSTITUTED OXYGENATED AROMATICS, PHTHALIDES AND PHTHALIC ANHYDRIDES

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Simple *ortho*-substituted and contiguously 1,2,3- and 1,2,3,4-substituted N,N-diethyl benzamides are prepared by directed *ortho* metalation. Some of these benzamides are subsequently converted into phthalides and phthalic anhydrides.

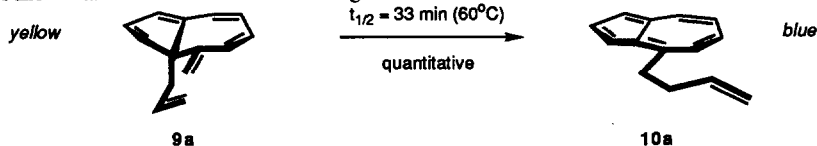


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### Isomerization of Dihydroazulenes to Substituted Azulenes - Naked Eye Observation of a Novel Cope-Type Rearrangement.

Klaus Hafner\*, Jens Hartung and Claudia Syren

Yellow bridgehead substituted dihydroazulenes **9** rearrange in a low activation enthalpy process to substituted azulenes. Activation parameters and limitations of this novel reaction are given.



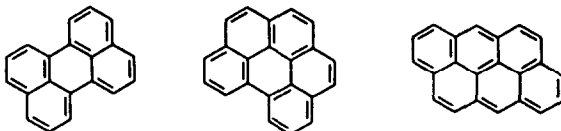


**FORMATION OF POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC COMPOUNDS UPON ELECTRIC DISCHARGES IN LIQUID TOLUENE**

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The formation of a great number of polycyclic aromatic compounds occurs when electric discharges are made in liquid toluene.

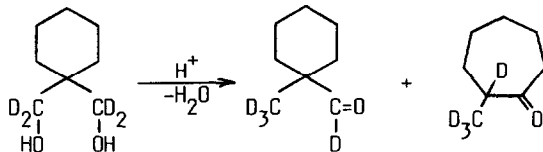
For example:



**STUDIES ON THE CHEMISTRY OF DIOLS AND CYCLIC ETHERS-53.  
 DEHYDRATION OF 1,1-BISHYDROXYMETHYLCYCLOALKANES:  
 A QUEST FOR A 1,3-HYDRIDE SHIFT**

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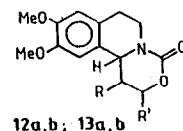
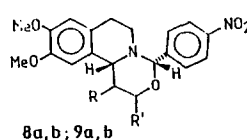
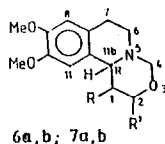
Mechanistic studies of the sulphuric acid-catalysed dehydration of 1,1-bishydroxymethyl-cycloalkanes and 1,1-bis[dideuteriohydroxymethyl] cyclohexane to carbonyl compounds furnished evidence of a 1,3-hydrate shift.



**SYNTHESIS AND CONFORMATIONAL ANALYSIS OF  
 STEREOISOMERIC 1- AND 2-METHYL-2H,4H-1,6,7,11b-  
 TETRAHYDRO-1,3-OXAZINO[4,3-a]ISOQUINOLINES<sup>1</sup>**

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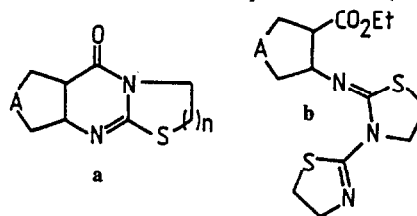
From 1-(β-hydroxyethyl)-6,7-dimethoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines, 1- or 2-methyl-9,10-dimethoxy-2H,4H-1,6,7,11b-tetrahydro-1,3-oxazino[4,3-a]isoquinoline diastereomers (a and b) (6-9, 12 and 13) were prepared, and the predominant conformations were determined.



**SYNTHESIS AND STRUCTURE DETERMINATION OF  
ALICYCLE-FUSED THIAZOLO- AND THIAZINO[2,3-*b*]-  
QUINAZOLONES AND CYCLOALKYLIMINO-3(*N*)-THIAZOLINYLTHIAZOLIDINES**

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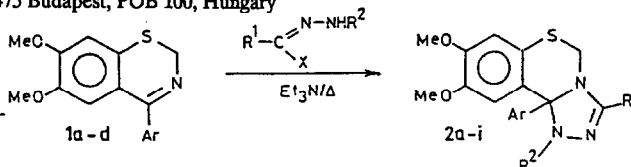
In the reactions of chloroalkyl isothiocyanates and stereoisomeric alicyclic ethyl 2-aminocarboxylates, sixteen new derivatives of products **a** and **b** were prepared, and their structure were proved by means of IR, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy, use also being made of DR, DNOE, DEPT and 2D-HSC measurements.



**CONFORMATIONAL ANALYSIS OF *s*-TRIAZOLOBENZOTHIAZINE DERIVATIVES PREPARED BY INTERMOLECULAR 1,3-DIPOLAR CYCLOADDITION OF NITRILIMINES TO 4-ARYL-2*H*-1,3-BENZOTHIAZINES<sup>1</sup>**

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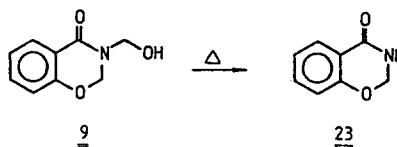
A series of new 1,3,10*b*-trisubstituted-8,9-dimethoxy-1,10*b*-dihydro-5*H*-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-*c*][1,3]benzothiazines (**2a-i**) have been synthesized by cycloaddition of nitrilimines to 4-aryl-6,7-di-methoxy-2*H*-1,3-benzothiazines (**1a-d**). Conformational analysis of the *s*-triazolo-benzothiazine derivatives **2a-i** was performed.



**Synthesis, Reactions and Stereochemistry of 3-Hydroxy-methyl-2,3-dihydro-4*H*-1,3-benzoxazin-4-one and some Perhydrogenated Derivatives<sup>1</sup>**

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3-Hydroxymethyl-2,3-dihydro-4*H*-1,3-benzoxazin-4-one (**9**) and a number of its perhydrogenated derivatives were prepared. Thermal decomposition of the 3-hydroxymethyl derivatives led to the previously unknown parent compounds. According to the NMR and X-ray structure investigations in the cyclopentane and cyclohexane-fused derivatives the oxazinone ring predominantly attains a single half-chair conformation.





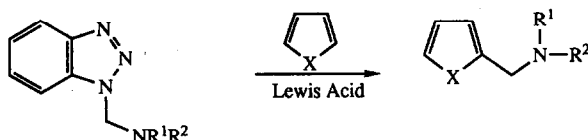
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**AMINOALKYLBENZOTRIAZOLE: A REAGENT FOR THE AMINOALKYLATION OF ELECTRON RICH HETEROCYCLES**

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Secondary and tertiary aminoalkylbenzotriazoles react with indoles, pyrroles and 2-methylfuran under mild conditions in the presence of a Lewis acid to afford selectively the corresponding C-aminoalkylated secondary and tertiary amines.



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**A Solid-State NMR Study of Ring-Chain Tautomerism in 1,3-O,N-Heterocycles**

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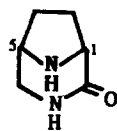
An investigation of the tautomeric equilibrium in tetrahydrooxazines and oxazolidines in the solid state is reported.

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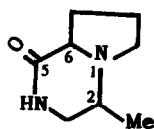
**LACTAM & AMIDE ACETALS XXI. USE OF PYROGLUTAMIC ACID AND PROLINE IN CHIRAL SYNTHESIS OF CONFORMATIONALLY CONSTRAINED PIPERAZINONES.**

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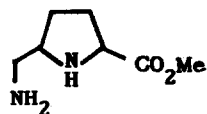
Synthesis of (1S,5R)- and (1R,5S)-diazabicyclo-octanones of 5-aminomethylprolines 1 and 2, 12a & 15 therefrom, and of (2R,6S)-, (2S,6S)-, (2S,6R)- and (2R,6R)-bicyclononanones 3 and 4 has been carried out from (S)- and (R)-pyroglutamates and (S)- and (R)-prolines respectively via nitroenamine intermediates.



1: 1S,5R  
2: 1R,5S



3a: 2R,6S  
3b: 2S,6S  
4a: 2S,6R  
4b: 2R,6R



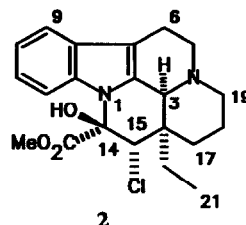
12a: 2S,5R  
15: 2R,5S

## Synthesis of Vinca Alkaloids and Related Compounds LX.

## A Simple Transformation of Apovincamine into Vincamine

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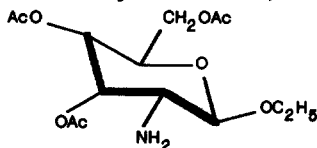
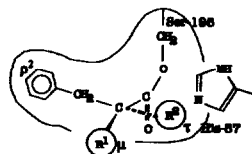
The 15 $\alpha$ -chloro-vincamine derivative **2** was prepared and proved to be key intermediate of a two-step transformation of apovincamine into vincamine. The structure of **2** was established via detailed NMR and X-ray investigations. Full NMR assignments for related compounds are also given.



### Nitrogen Participation in the Deacylation of D-Glucosamine and $\alpha$ -Chymotrypsin Derivatives.

Explanation of the Stereospecificity of Acyl- $\alpha$ -Chymotrypsin Hydrolysis

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ethyl 3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-2-amino- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosideactive site of  $\alpha$ -chymotrypsin acylated with substituted  $\beta$ -phenylpropionic acid.

## Synthesis of Vinca Alkaloids and Related Compounds, LXII

## SYNTHESIS OF DESMETHOXY "DECARBOMETHOXY APOCUANZINE"

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Starting from the intermediate product of the desmethoxy cuanzine synthesis ( $\pm$ )-desmethoxy "decarbomethoxy apocuanzine" was synthesized.

