

## GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS

*Tetrahedron*, 1993, 49, 6533

**Conformation of Taxotere<sup>®</sup> and Analogues Determined by NMR Spectroscopy and Molecular Modeling Studies**  
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The structures of taxotere, taxol and twelve analogues bearing different substituents at carbon 2' and 3' and showing different *in vitro* biological activity on tubulin, have been investigated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy and molecular modeling studies and compared to that of taxotere 2 obtained from X-ray analysis. We thus propose in this paper a set of active conformations for taxol-like compounds and the most optimal parameters for the drug receptor binding process.

*Tetrahedron*, 1993, 49, 6545

**NMR AND MOLECULAR MODELING STUDY OF THE CONFORMATIONS OF TAXOL AND OF ITS SIDE CHAIN METHYLESTER IN AQUEOUS AND NON-AQUEOUS SOLUTION.**

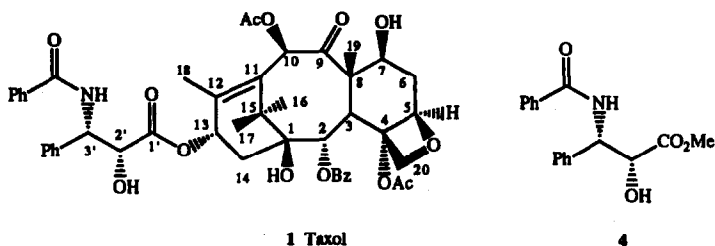
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Conformations of taxol 1 and its side chain methyl ester 4 in chloroform and water/d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO have been determined by NMR spectroscopy and Molecular Modeling calculations.



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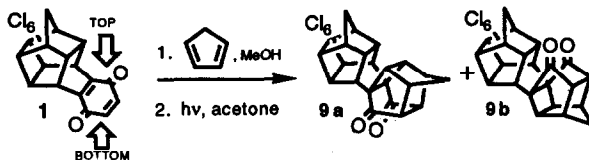
**SYNTHESIS AND CHEMISTRY OF A FACIALLY DISSYMMETRIC CAGE-CONDENSED p-BENZOQUINONE: A SYNTHETIC ENTRY INTO NOVEL DOUBLY-CAGED SYSTEMS**

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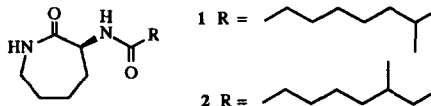
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The syntheses of a novel caged quinone, 1, is reported. Diels-Alder cycloaddition of cyclopentadiene to 1 affords 7a and 7b, each of which can be photocyclized to the corresponding "doubly caged" diketone (9a and 9b, respectively)

**ISOLATION AND SYNTHESIS OF CAPROLACTINS A AND B,  
NEW CAPROLACTAMS FROM A MARINE BACTERIUM**

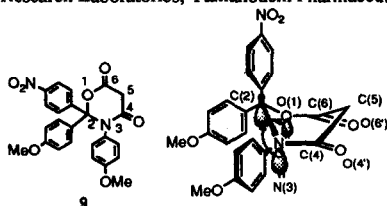
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Two new caprolactams have been isolated from an unidentified Gram-positive bacterium obtained from a deep-ocean sediment sample. Caprolactins A (1) and B (2) are composed of cyclic-L-lysine linked to 7-methyloctanoic acid or 6-methyloctanoic acid, respectively. The structures were proposed using spectroscopic methods and confirmed by synthesis.

**THE EFFECT OF *para*-SUBSTITUENTS ON THE  
CONFORMATIONAL BEHAVIOR OF 2,2-DIARYL-1,3-OXAZINE-  
4,6-DIONES: EVIDENCE FROM A CRYSTAL STRUCTURE  
DETERMINATION**

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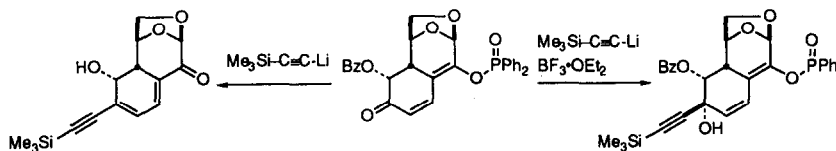


The crystal structure of 9 has revealed that the molecule is in a boat conformation with C(2) and C(5) pointing upward and the 4-nitrophenyl group takes a quasi-axial conformation. The reason for this conformation is presented.

**Chemoselective Introduction of Acetylene into Hindered Carbonyl Group  
using Alkynyltrifluoroborate, A Solution as one Step to (-)-Tetrodotoxin**

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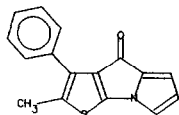
Several examples for addition of lithium alkynyltrifluoroborates, prepared from lithium acetylides and boron trifluoride etherate, are demonstrated to react chemoselectively with carbonyl groups without addition to phosphorous atom in the vinyl phosphinate.



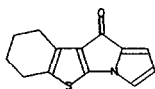
**ON THE SYNTHESSES AND PHOTOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF NOVEL PYRROLIZINONE DERIVATIVES AS PHOTSENSITIZERS**

By Rupert Bauer<sup>a</sup>, Günter Heisler<sup>b</sup>, and Christian Königstein<sup>a</sup>, <sup>a</sup>Department of Physical Chemistry and <sup>b</sup>Department of Organic Chemistry, Technical University of Vienna, Getreidemarkt 9, A - 1060 Wien, Austria)

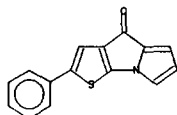
**Abstract:** The syntheses as well as the photochemical behavior of compounds 1 - 4 is described.



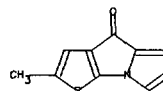
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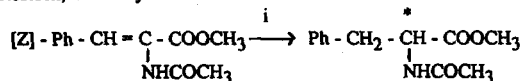
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**INFLUENCE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF AMPHIPHILES ON THE RHODIUM(I) COMPLEX-CATALYZED ASYMMETRIC HYDROGENATION OF (Z)-METHYL- $\alpha$ -ACETAMIDOCINNAMATE IN AQUEOUS MEDIUM**

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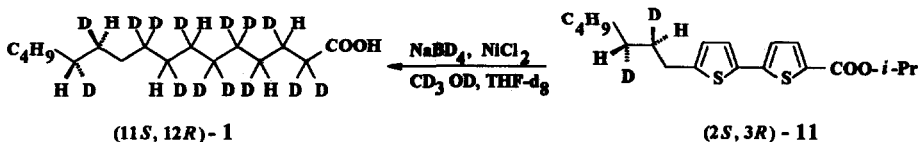
i. cat.: [Rh(COD)<sub>2</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> + 1.1 BPPM, surfactant, water, H<sub>2</sub> (0.1 MPa)

Different types of surfactants (neutral, zwitterionic, ionic) promote reaction rate and enantioselectivity significantly.

**SYNTHESIS OF DEUTERIUM LABELLED (11S,12R)- AND (11R,12S)-[<sup>2</sup>H<sub>14</sub>]-PALMITIC ACIDS; A FACILE ROUTE TO HIGHLY LABELLED FATTY ACIDS**

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Highly deuterated (11S,12R)- and (11R,12S)-[<sup>2</sup>H<sub>14</sub>]-palmitic acids are available from bithienyl by two successive alkylations and desulfurisation.

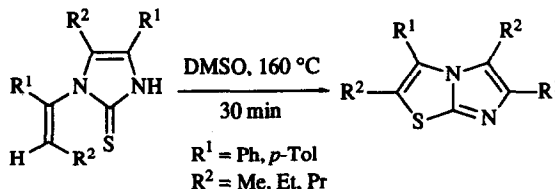


### SYNTHESIS AND NMR CONFIGURATIONAL STUDY OF IMIDAZO[2,1-b]THIAZOLES FROM 1H-1,4-DIAZEPINE-7(6H)THIONES

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A thermal intramolecular cyclization of 1-vinyl-2,3-dihydro-3H-imidazole-2-thiones to imidazo[2,1-b]thiazoles is reported. A heteronuclear correlation study established the configuration of the products.

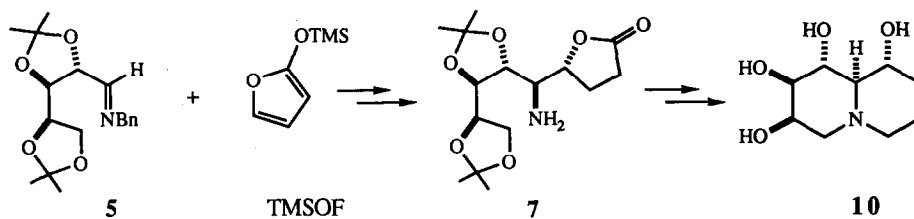


### EFFICIENT TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF (1R, 2R, 3R, 9R, 9aR)-1,2,3,9-TETRAHYDROQUINOLIZIDINE AND ITS ENANTIOMER

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The quinolizidine **10** and its enantiomer *ent*-**10** have been synthesized in five steps (>35% overall yields) by starting with arabinose imine derivative (*e.g.* **5**) and 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (TMSOF).



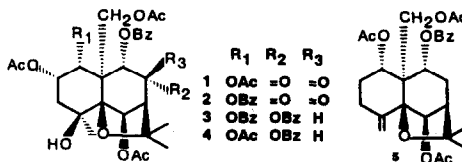
### MINOR SESQUITERPENES FROM MAYTENUS CANARIENSIS WITH INSECTICIDAL AND ANTIFEEDANT ACTIVITY

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One known and four new sesquiterpenes with dihydro- $\beta$ -agarofuran skeletons were isolated from *Maytenus canariensis* (Celastraceae). Their structures and absolute configurations were determined by spectroscopic and CD studies. Two of the compounds which

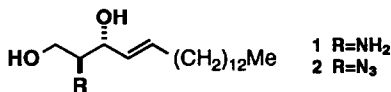
had a new basic polyhydroxylated 3,13-dideoxy-evoninol skeleton exhibited powerful insecticidal activity against *Spodoptera littoralis* and the others proved antifeedant against the same insect in an election test.



### An Enantiospecific Synthesis of D-erythro-Sphingosine from D-Tartaric Acid

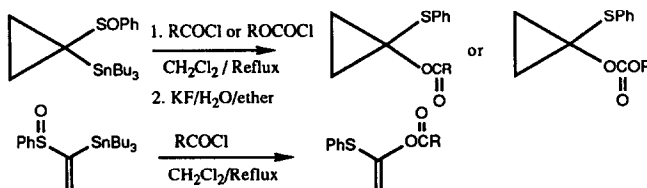
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An efficient enantiospecific synthesis of D-erythro-sphingosine (1) via azidosphingosine (2) is described, the absolute stereochemistry being derived from D-tartaric acid.

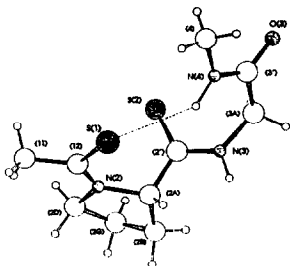


### DESTANNYLATIVE PUMMERER-TYPE REARRANGEMENT OF 1-(TRIBUTYLSTANNYL)-1-(PHENYLSULFINYL)-CYCLOPROPANE AND -ETHENE.

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### REVERSE TURN CONFORMATION OF N-THIOACETYL THIOPROPYL GLYCINE N'-METHYLAMIDE IN THE CRYSTAL AND IN SOLUTION.



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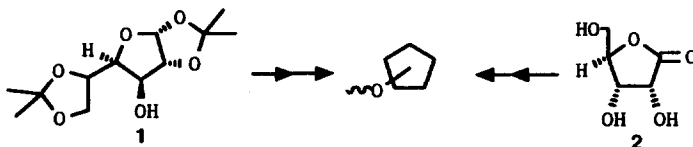
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Turn conformation of N-thioacetyl thiopropyl glycine N'-methylamide in the crystal. The torsion angles ( $\Phi_2 = -73.2^\circ$ ,  $\Psi_2 = 151.9^\circ$ ,  $\Phi_3 = 83.5^\circ$ ,  $\Psi_3 = 5.5^\circ$ ) are close to those of a type II (oxo)amide turn.

**STRATEGIES AND TACTICS FOR FREE RADICAL CARBOCYCLIZATION: SYNTHESIS OF POLYFUNCTIONALIZED CYCLOPENTANOID MOLECULES FROM CARBOHYDRATES**

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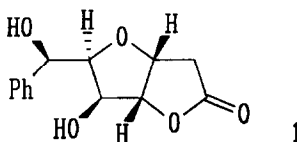
From diacetone glucose 1 or D-ribonolactone 2 synthetic strategies are described for the preparation of polyfunctionalized cyclopentanes.

**THE TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF GONIOFUFURONE**

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The total synthesis of natural (+)-Goniofufurone 1 and related compounds from D-glucose is reported utilising as the key step a non-classical Wittig reaction.

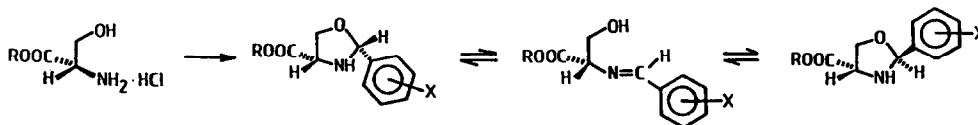


**RING-CHAIN TAUTOMERISM OF OXAZOLIDINES DERIVED FROM SERINE ESTERS**

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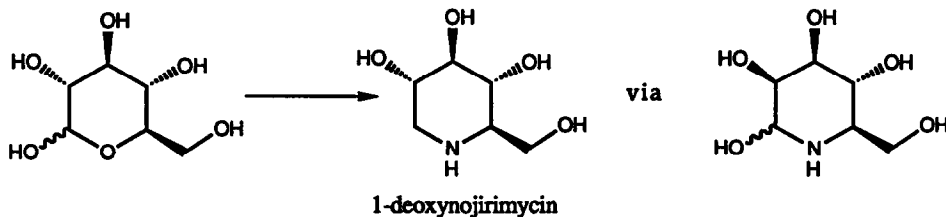


Ring-chain tautomeric mixtures were obtained from serine methyl or ethyl ester with aromatic aldehydes.

**THE BIOSYNTHESIS OF 1-DEOXYNOSIRIMYCIN IN *BACILLUS SUBTILIS* VAR *NIGER***

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Glucose is the precursor to the anti-HIV alkaloid, 1-deoxynosirimycin, in *Bacillus subtilis* var *niger*.**SYNTHETIC APPROACHES TO EITHER HOMOCHIRAL OR ACHIRAL DERIVATIVES OF 3-HYDROXY-2(5*H*)-FURANONE (ISOTETRONIC ACID)**

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Several title compounds were synthesized from D-ribonolactone as a chiral precursor or from 2,4-dioxopentanoic acid as a suitable achiral precursor. Base-induced elimination and subsequent acid promoted ring-size contraction has proved to be an efficient protocol to prepare isotetronic acids from 2-*O*-alkyl-3,4-*O*-benzylidene-*D*-ribo-1,5-lactone derivatives.

**PERI-, REGIO- AND STEREOSELECTIVITIES IN THERMAL ADDITION OF TROPONE TO ALLENIC ESTERS**

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Tropone reacts with allenic esters,  $RR_1C=C=CHCO_2Et$ , to furnish major cycloadducts 2-6 and minor products 7,8.