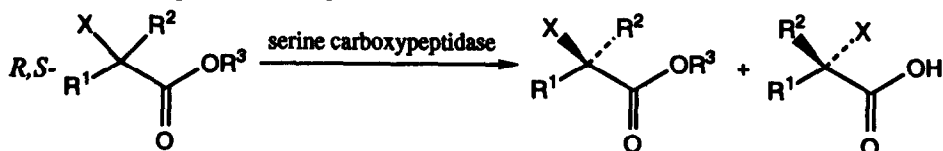


## GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS

### Enzymes for the Resolution of $\alpha$ -Tertiary-Substituted Carboxylic Acid Esters

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Genzyme Corporation, One Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02139-1562



$E > 450$  for  $R^1 = 3\text{-methoxy-4-hydroxybenzyl}$ ,  $R^2 = \text{Me}$ ,  $X = \text{-NHNH}_2$ ,  $R^3 = \text{Et, nBu}$

Serine carboxypeptidases are identified as efficient catalysts for kinetic resolutions of sterically hindered carboxylic acid esters. Preparative examples include  $\alpha$ -alkyl- $\alpha$ -hydroxy,  $\alpha$ -alkyl- $\alpha$ -amino and  $\alpha$ -alkyl- $\alpha$ -hydrazino acids.

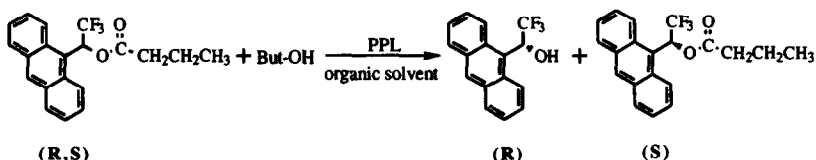
RESOLUTION OF RACEMIC STERICALLY HINDERED SECONDARY ALCOHOLS VIA ENZYMATIC ALCOHOLYSIS OF THEIR ESTERS. THE FIRST ENZYMATIC PREPARATION OF OPTICALLY PURE 2,2,2-TRIFLUORO-1-(9 ANTHRYL)ETHANOLS.

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Both enantiomers of the title compound were conveniently obtained on a large scale via enzymatic alcoholysis of appropriate ester.

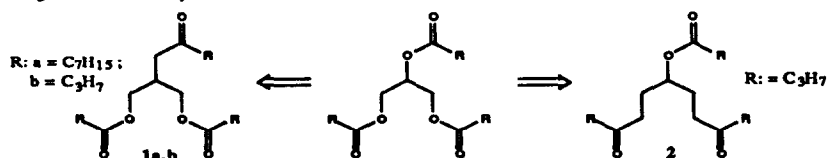


CARBA ANALOGUES OF TRIGLYCERIDES - ISOSTERIC MIMICS FOR NATURAL LIPIDS. NOVEL SUBSTRATES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF REGIO- AND ENANTIOSELECTIVITIES DISPLAYED BY LIPASES, M. Berger, B. Jakob and M.

*BioMed. Chem. 1994, 2, 573*

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**Abstract:** The synthesis of triglyceride carba analogues 1a,b and 2 is reported and their identical behaviour towards lipases is demonstrated both by binding studies and enzymatic transformations.

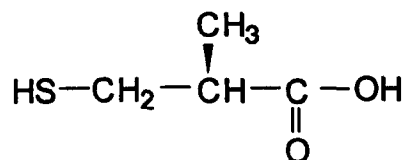


THE UTILIZATION OF 3-MERCAPTO-2-METHYLPROPIONATE AS SULPHUR SOURCE BY A PHOTOTROPHIC BACTERIUM

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**Abstract:** The utilization of 3-mercapto-2-methylpropionate by a photosynthetic bacterium is reported.

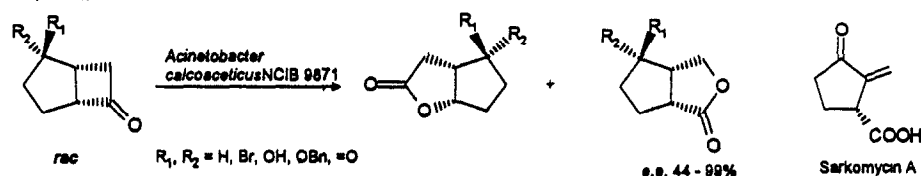


**Microbial Baeyer-Villiger Reaction of Bicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-6-ones  
A Novel Approach to Sarkomycin A**

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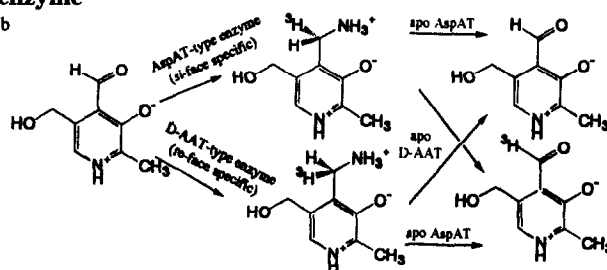
**A Simple Method for Determination of Stereospecificity of Aminotransferases for C-4' Hydrogen Transfer of the Coenzyme**

BioMed. Chem. 1994, 2, 605

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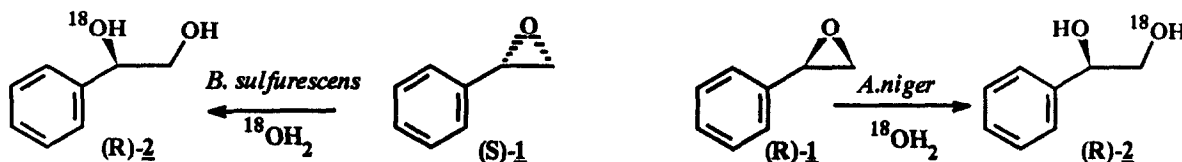
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**Microbiological transformations. 29. Enantioselective hydrolysis of epoxides using microorganisms : a mechanistic study.**

BioMed. Chem. 1994, 2, 609

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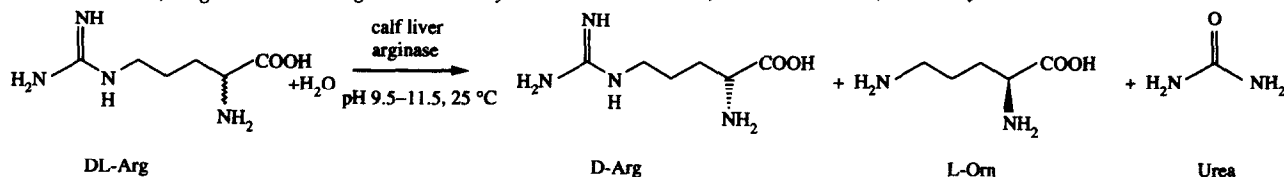


**An Enzymatic Route to L-Ornithine from Arginine—Activation, Selectivity and Stabilization of L-Arginase**

BioMed. Chem. 1994, 2, 617

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The complete enantioselectivity of calf liver arginase allows the splitting of D,L-Arg into the valuable pharmaceutical amino acids D-arginine and L-ornithine.

### Selective Inhibition of Metabolic Enzymes by Enzymatically Synthesized D-Glucal-6-Phosphate

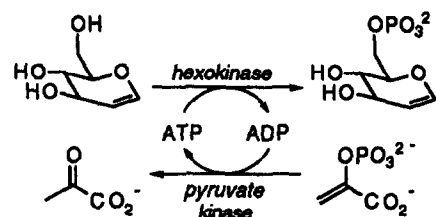
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Yeast hexokinase (EC 2.7.1.1) catalyzes the phosphorylation of D-glucal and methyl  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosides at 1-5% of the rates of phosphorylation of D-glucose and 2-deoxy-D-glucose. Maltose, cellobiose, D-galactal, and tetrahydropyran-2-methanol are not substrates of hexokinase.

Enzymatically synthesized D-glucal-6-phosphate inhibits rabbit muscle phosphoglucose isomerase competitively ( $K_I = 1.94$  mM) and phosphoglucomutase noncompetitively ( $K_I = 0.122$  mM).

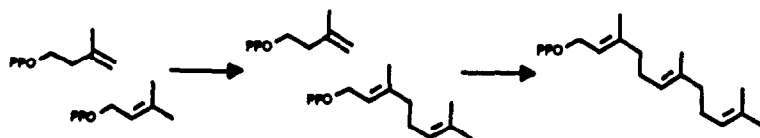


### ENZYMATIC SYNTHESIS OF ISOTOPICALLY LABELED ISOPRENOID DIPHOSPHATES

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Recombinant isopentenyl diphosphate (IPP) isomerase and farnesyl diphosphate (FPP) synthase were used to synthesize FPP from  $^{13}\text{C}$ -labeled IPP and dimethylallyl diphosphate (DMAPP). By judicious combination of substrates and enzymes, it was possible to selectively label the first and last isoprene residues in FPP.

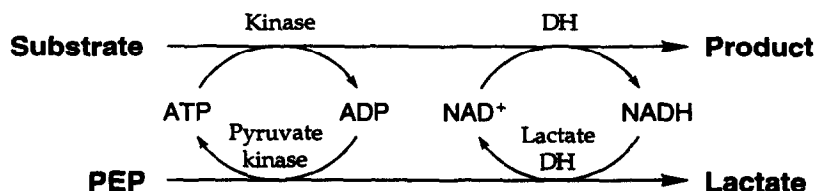


### PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE AS A DUAL PURPOSE REAGENT FOR INTEGRATED NUCLEOTIDE/NICOTINAMIDE COFACTOR RECYCLING.

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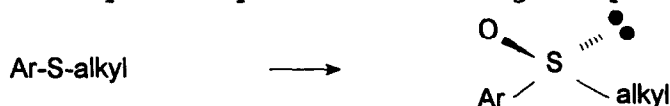


### BIOTRANSFORMATION OF ORGANIC SULFIDES. PART 4 FORMATION OF CHIRAL BENZYL ALKYL AND PHENYL ALKYL SULFOXIDES BY HELMINTHOSPORIUM SPECIES

BioMed. Chem. 1994, 2, 647

NRRL 4671, H.L. Holland, F.M. Brown, and B.G. Larsen, Department  
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**Abstract:** biotransformation of phenyl alkyl and benzyl alkyl sulfides by *Helminthosporium* species NRRL 4671 gives predominantly (*S*) sulfoxides.

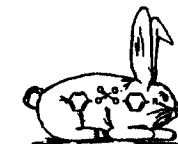


## POLYCLONAL ANTIBODIES AND CATALYSIS

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Some recent results involving catalytic poly-clonal antibodies are described. Polyclonal antibodies isolated directly from serum can be used to characterize the overall catalytic activity produced in an animal in response to immunization.



Polyclonal Antibodies

Analyze Overall Catalytic Immune Response

## THERMOSTABILITY AND THERMOACTIVITY OF ENZYMES FROM HYPERTHERMOPHILIC ARCHAEA

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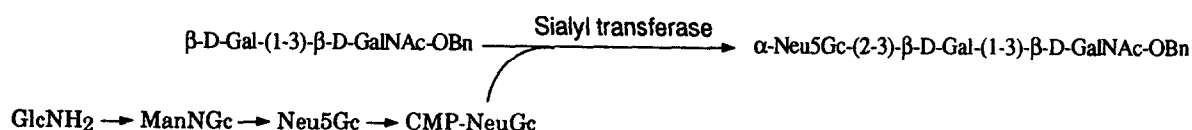
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**Abstract:** Enzymes from hyperthermophilic microorganisms are characteristically thermostable and thermoactive at extremely high temperatures. Information about the basis for the structure and function of these novel proteins is beginning to emerge. However, there are very few generalizations that can be drawn at this point that can be derived from the limited number of studies that have focused on biocatalysis and thermostability at extremely high temperatures.

## COMBINED CHEMICAL AND ENZYMATIC SYNTHESIS OF THE SIALYLATED NON REDUCING TERMINAL SEQUENCE OF GM<sub>1b</sub> GLYCOLYLATED GANGLIOSIDE, A POTENTIAL HUMAN TUMOR MARKER

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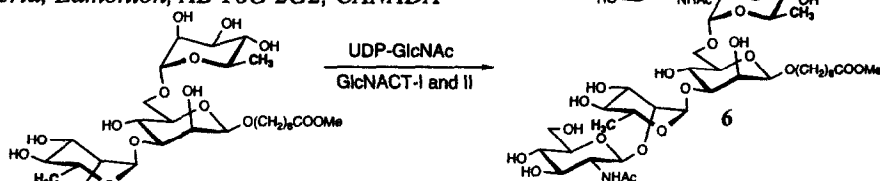


## USE OF N-ACETYLGLUCOSAMINYLTRANSFERASES I AND II IN THE SYNTHESIS OF A DIDEOXYPENTASACCHARIDE

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**Abstract:** A combined chemical-enzymatic synthesis of **6** is reported.

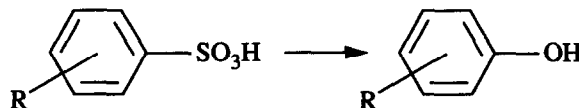


**BIOCATALYTIC DESULFURIZATION OF ARYL-**

**SULFONATES**, Matthew W. Dudley and John W. Frost,  
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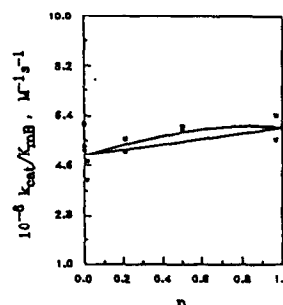
**Abstract:** Conversion of arylsulfonates into phenols under mild conditions in a reaction catalyzed by *Klebsiella oxytoca* KS3D is discussed.

**SOLVENT ISOTOPE EFFECTS AND THE NATURE OF ELECTROPHILIC CATALYSIS IN THE ACTION OF THE LACTATE DEHYDROGENASE OF *Bacillus stearothermophilus*,**

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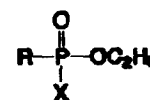
**Abstract:** The solvent isotope effect is near unity on a kinetic term that displays the transition state for hydride transfer. Electrophilic catalysis of hydride transfer, producing 7-8 orders of magnitude in catalytic acceleration, is unlikely to involve protonic bridging.

**INHIBITION OF LIPASES BY PHOSPHONATES**

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Ethyl hexylchlorophosphonate and analogues irreversibly inhibited both microbial and mammalian lipases. Enantioselective inhibition was found for the lipases derived from *Candida antarctica* and *Rhizomucor miehei* using pure enantiomers of ethyl p-nitrophenyl hexylphosphonate as inhibitors. Using the same inhibitor, reversed enantioselectivity was found for the protease  $\alpha$ -chymotrypsin as compared to the two lipases.



R = hexyl; X =  
Cl, p-nitrophenyl

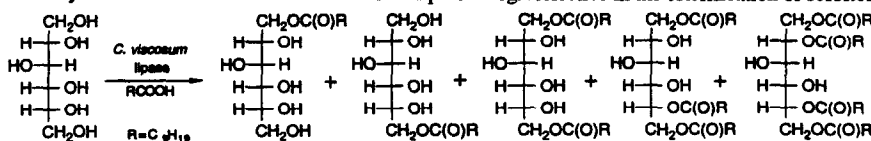
**Regioselectivity and fatty acid specificity of *Chromobacterium viscosum* lipase.**

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The fatty acid specificity of the lipase from *Chromobacterium viscosum* was determined by monitoring the pseudo-first-order rate constant of the transesterification of fatty acid methyl ester with 1-propanol. The highest reaction rate was obtained with long-chain fatty acids; the enzyme prefers saturated fatty acids to unsaturated ones. *C. viscosum* lipase is regioselective in the esterification of sorbitol:

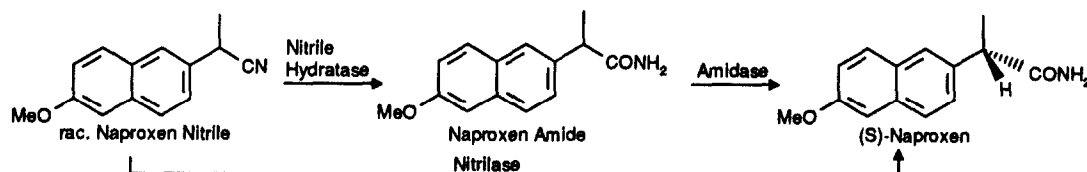


# **ENZYME-CATALYSED ENANTIOSELECTIVE HYDROLYSIS**

**OF RACEMIC NAPROXEN NITRILE**, F. Effenberger\*, J. Böhme,  
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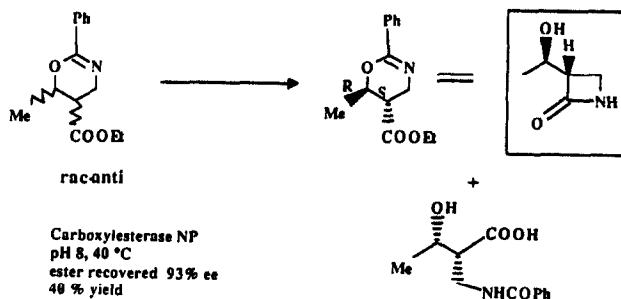
**Abstract:** Rac. naproxen nitrile was selectively hydrolysed to (*S*)-naproxen catalysed by *Rhodococcus butanica* or by *Rhodococcus* sp. C3II.



# **Kinetic Resolution of Substituted 1,3-4H-5,6-Dihydrooxazines with Carboxylesterase NP: Synthesis of (3*S*,1'*R*)-3-(1'-Hydroxyethyl)-Azetidin-2-one**

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# **THE BIOMIMETIC OXIDATION OF $\beta$ -1, $\beta$ -O-4, $\beta$ -5, AND BIPHENYL LIGNIN MODEL COMPOUNDS BY SYNTHETIC IRON PORPHYRINS,**

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**Abstract:** The iron porphyrin (2) mimics lignin peroxidase in degrading a number of lignin model compounds.  $\beta$ -O-4 (3) and  $\beta$ -1 (6) lignin model compounds were cleaved at their  $C_{\alpha}$ - $C_{\beta}$  bonds.

