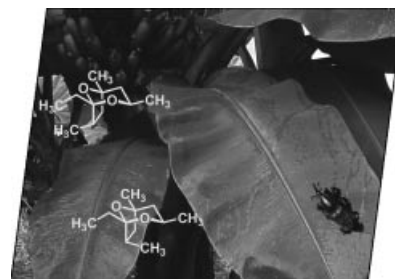


## COVER PICTURE

**The cover picture shows** the most important worldwide insect pest of banana plants, the banana weevil *Cosmopolites sordidus* (Germar). These long-lived weevils lay their eggs in the rhizome of the plant. The larvae hatch and then feed and tunnel in the rhizome of the plant, weakening it and leading to the snapping of the rhizome at the ground level before the bunch is ripe. The first evidence for the depicted volatile male-produced aggregation pheromones, sordidin and 7-*epi*-sordidin was supplied by Budenberg et al. in 1993. Details of the first asymmetric synthesis of the major pheromone compound, sordidin, and its C-7-epimer based on the SAMP/RAMP-hydrazone methodology are described in the article by D. Enders et al. on p. 2677 ff.



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