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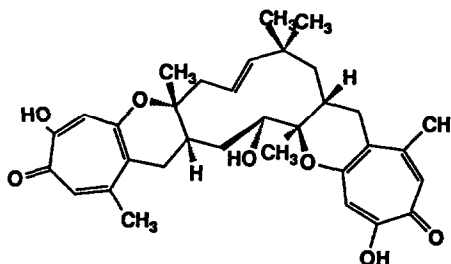
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ISOLATION and STRUCTURE DETERMINATION of PYCNIDIONE. A NOVEL BISTROPOLONE STROMELYSIN INHIBITOR from a *PHOMA* sp

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A novel bistropolone, pycnidione, was isolated as an inhibitor of the metalloendoproteinase stromelysin from fermentations of a *Phoma* sp. The structure was determined by X-ray diffraction and spectroscopic methods.

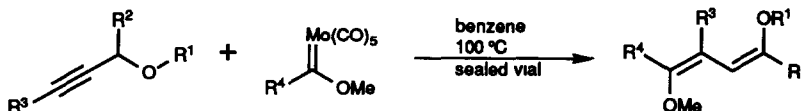


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Stereoselective Formation of 1,4-Dialkoxy-1,3-Dienes from Propargyl Ethers and Molybdenum Carbene Complexes

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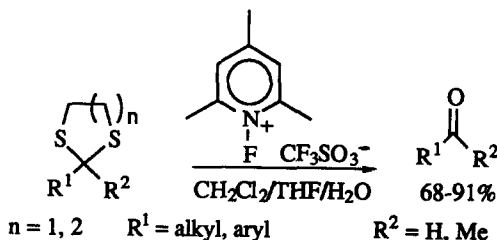
Abstract Under mild conditions, 1,4-dialkoxy-1,3-butadienes can be smoothly prepared with a high level of stereoselectivity by thermolysis of molybdenum carbene complexes in the presence of propargyl ethers



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Efficient Hydrolysis of Dithioacetals by the *N*-Fluoro-2,4,6-trimethylpyridinium Triflate-Water System

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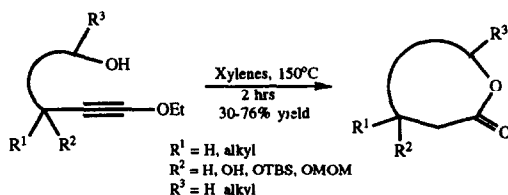


Dithioacetals including 1,3-dithianes and 1,3-dithiolanes are efficiently hydrolyzed by the title reagent system.

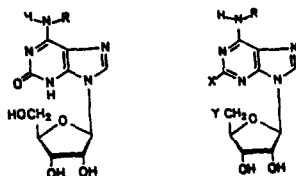
ETHYL ALKYNYL ETHERS: A CONVENIENT KETENE SOURCE FOR LACTONE FORMATION

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A convenient and general method for the preparation of lactones of varying size via the intramolecular trapping of a ketene has been developed.



C-2 FUNCTIONALIZED N⁶-CYCLOSUBSTITUTED ADENOSINES: HIGHLY SELECTIVE AGONISTS FOR THE ADENOSINE A₁ RECEPTOR



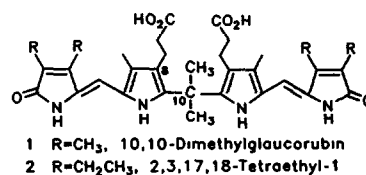
Vasu Nair* and Allen J. Fasbender, Dept. of Chem., Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242, U. S. A.

Synthesis of N⁶-cyclosubstituted isoguanosines and related compounds as agonists for adenosine receptors.

SYNTHESIS AND UNUSUAL PROPERTIES OF C(10)-*gem*-DIMETHYL BILIRUBIN ANALOGS

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Bilirubin analogs (1 and 2) with two methyl groups at C(10) were prepared by acid-catalyzed condensation of α -free dipyrnone acids with 2,2-dimethoxypropane. They are more polar than bilirubin and more soluble in organic solvents. They are thought to prefer a ridge-tilt conformation in which intramolecular buttressing effects between the *gem*-dimethyls and the CH₂ groups at 8¹ and 12¹ result in a more open structure.



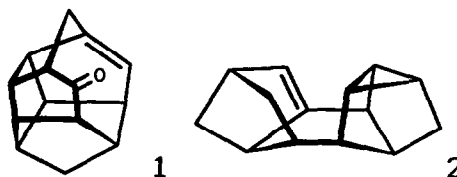
STRAINED DOUBLE BONDS IN TWO TYPES OF POLYCYCLIC HYDROCARBONS

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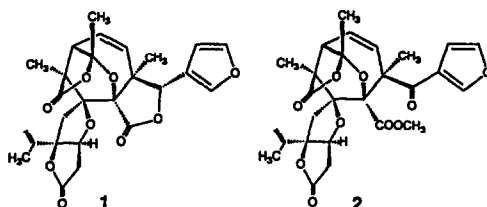
Two polycyclic compounds 1 and 2 with pyramidalized double bond are prepared from their corresponding halides. Their properties are examined including [4+2] cycloaddition with reactive dienes.



Brownins A and B: Novel Rearranged Limonoids from *Harrisonia brownii*

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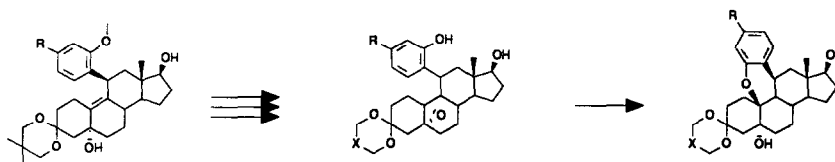
Two novel highly rearranged limonoids, brownins A (1) and B (2), have been isolated from *Harrisonia brownii*



Synthesis of Oxygen-Bridged Antigestagens

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10,11 β -(Oxy-1,2-phenylene)-steroids are synthesised by S_N2' type reaction of ortho substituted arenes with a steroidal vinyl epoxide, and ring closure by an acid catalysed intramolecular epoxide opening by a phenol

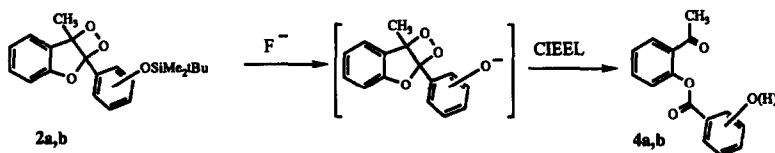


SYNTHESIS AND FLUORIDE ION - TRIGGERED CHEMILUMINESCENCE (CIEEL MECHANISM) OF SILOXY-SUBSTITUTED BENZOFURAN DIOXETANES

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Benzofuran dioxetanes **2** with *tert*-butyldimethylsiloxy-substituted aryl groups have been prepared from the corresponding benzofurans by photooxygenation and their fluoride ion-triggered CIEEL chemiluminescence was investigated



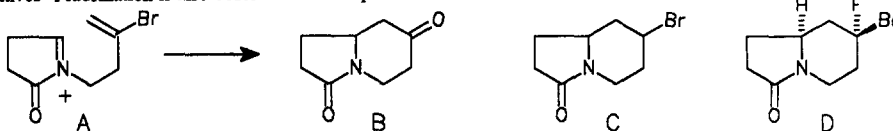
α -N-Acylmimium Ion - 2-Bromoalkene Cyclizations

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Cyclization of acylmimium ions **A**, **B** and **C** with CF_3COOH , CF_3SO_3H and HF affords respectively ketones, bromoalkenes and geminal bromofluoro derivatives. Fluorination is also observed with simple alkenes in HF .

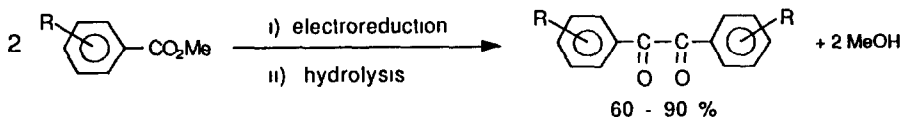


Electrosynthesis of 1,2 Diketones by Reduction of Aromatic Esters on Freshly Coated Metal Electrodes A Novel Coupling Reaction.

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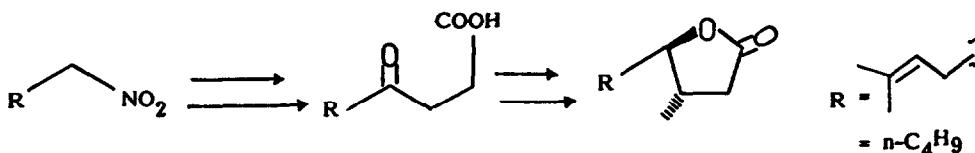


Electrolysis, in DMF, of aromatic esters, in an undivided cell fitted with a sacrificial magnesium anode and a freshly cadmium coated cathode yields the corresponding 1,2 diketones

Nitro Alkanes in Organic Synthesis : An Efficient Stereo-selective synthesis of (+)-Trans Whisky Lactone and (+)-Eldanolide from Nitro Alkane Synthons and Using Bakers' Yeast Reduction as the Key Step

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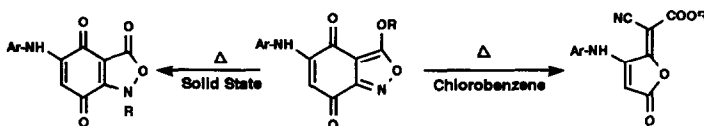


THERMAL REARRANGEMENT OF BENZISOXAZOLE- AND NAPHTH-ISOXAZOLEQUINONES IN SOLUTION AND IN THE SOLID STATE. STEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF γ -CYANOMETHYLIDENEBUTENOLIDES

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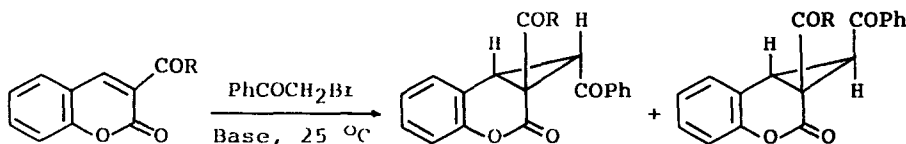
Benzisoxazolequinones undergo thermal induced rearrangements in solution and in the solid state to afford γ -cyanomethylidenebutenolides and N-alkylbenzisoxazolonequinones, respectively



CYCLOPROPANATION REACTION OF 3-ACYL-2H-1-BENZOPYRAN-2-ONES WITH PHENACYLBROMIDE IN PHASE TRANSFER SYSTEMS

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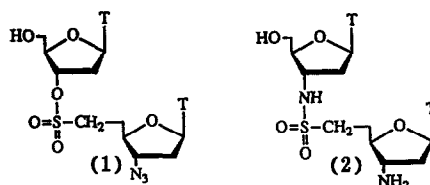
CONFORMATIONAL STUDIES OF THYMIDINE DIMERS CONTAINING SULFONATE AND SULFONAMIDE LINKAGES BY NMR SPECTROSCOPY

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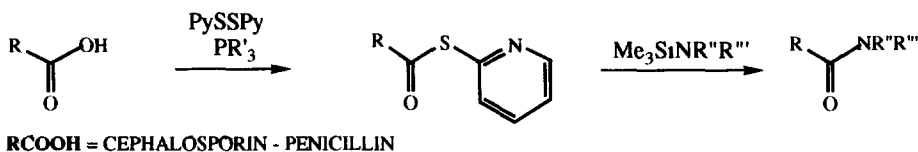
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500 MHz NMR spectroscopic study on the solution conformations of 1 and 2 is reported



SYNTHESIS OF AMIDES : AN EFFICIENT AND CHEMO-SELECTIVE METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF β - LACTAM DERIVATIVES RELATED TO HLE INHIBITORS.

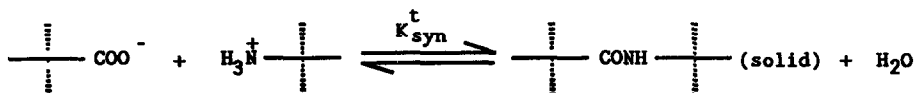
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THERMODYNAMICS OF ENZYMIC SYNTHESIS OF SOLID-PHASE PEPTIDES

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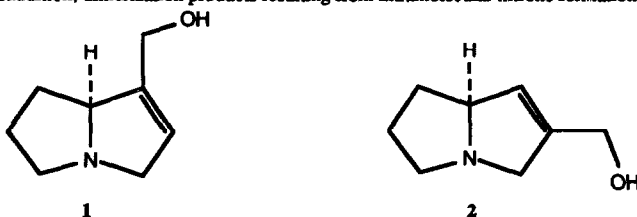
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A SYNTHESIS OF (-) SUPINIDINE AND ITS REGIOISOMER BY INTRAMOLECULAR OXIME OLEFIN CYCLOADDITION.

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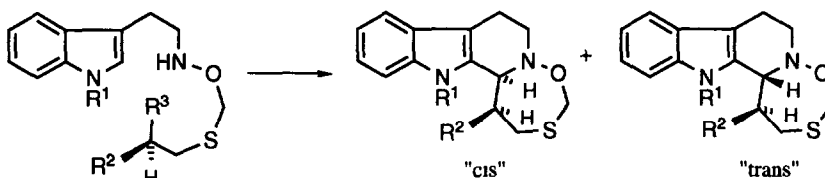
A synthesis of (-) supinidine **1** and its regioisomer **2** from L-proline is described. The key step is a thermal intramolecular oxime-olefin cycloaddition, dimerization products resulting from intramolecular nitron formation were also isolated.



Intramolecular Pictet-Spengler Reaction of N₁-Alkoxytryptamines. 4. A Study towards Diastereocontrol in the Synthesis of Tetracyclic Eudistomins.

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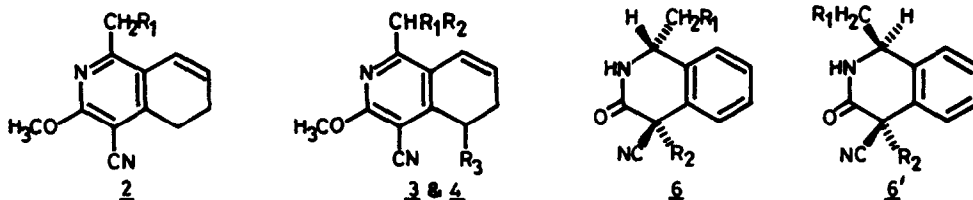
The influence of the substituents R¹ and R² on the diastereoselectivity of the intramolecular Pictet-Spengler condensation has been studied. The aldehydes were generated from R³=COOMe or R³=HC(OEt)₂.



POTASSAMIDE INDUCED *IN SITU* ALKYLATION OF 5,6-DIHYDROISOQUINOLINES: STRUCTURE OF PRODUCTS

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Interesting *in situ* alkylation products **3a-e**, **4a-d**, **6a-e** & **6'a-e** of 5,6-dihydroisoquinolines, **2a-b** were characterised by spectral data.