GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS

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ON THE SYNTHESIS OF UNSYMMETRICAL BIS(MACROCYCLIC) LIGANDS

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The stepwise syntheses of the three and four carbon-bridged bis(macrocycles) 14, 15, 24, and 25 are described.

Dipeptide Isosteres. 2. Synthesis of Hydroxyethylene Dipeptide Isostere Diastereomers From a Common γ-Lactone Intermediate.

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Preparation of Renin and HIV-1 Protease Inhibitor Transition State Mimics. William R Baker* and John K. Pratt Pharmaceutical Products Division, Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Illinois 60064.

A general strategy for the synthesis of the hydroxyethylene dipeptide isostere diastereomers C or D has been developed. The syntheses proceeded through a common γ -lactone intermediate A or B. The C(3 α) γ -lactone diastereomer A was prepared from the N-Cbz protected α -amino aldehyde and 2-(2-isopropylpropen-2-yl)trimethylsilane in five steps. The C(3 β) γ -lactone diastereomer B was obtained by kinetic protonation of the lactone enolate using malonate derivatives.

BLANCASTEROL, A CYTOTOXIC 9,11-SECOSTEROID ISOLATED FROM THE NORTHEASTERN PACIFIC MARINE SPONGE PLERAPLYSILLA SP.

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The structure of blancasterol (1), a cytotoxic 9,11-secosteroid isolated from a *Pleraplysilla* sp., has been solved by analysis of spectroscopic data.

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REGIOSPECIFIC SYNTHESIS OF

3,5-BIS(BROMOMETHYL)BENZOIC ACID, A CYSTEINE

CROSSLINKING AGENT. Marisa Engel, Clyde W. Burris, Cheryl A. Slate and Bruce W. Erickson, Department of Chemistry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, 27599-3290, U.S.A. 3,5-Bis(bromomethyl)benzoic acid was made in 38% yield by a 4-step route from 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylic acid. Reaction with cysteine methyl ester and then di(tert-butyl) dicarbonate gave the 2:1 adduct shown in 60% yield.

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THE CHEMISTRY OF ASCOMYCIN: STRUCTURE DETERMINATION AND SYNTHESIS OF PYRAZOLE ANALOGUES

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The fermentation and structural determination of ascomycin (1) as well as the synthesis and structure confirmation of pyrazole analogues (3 and 4) from 1 are described.

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Reactivity of Carbon Nucleophiles with Disubstituted Tricarbonyl (pentadienyl) iron (1+) Cations:

to the Synthesis of Lasiol and Epi-lasiol
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The reaction of cations 3a, 3b, 4a, and 4b with dimethylcuprate and with sodium dimethylmalonate were examined. A short synthesis of 14 used the cation 4a. dimethylmalonate were examined.

ELECTROPHILIC AMINATION OF IMIDAZOLE MOIETIES OF 9-ETHYLGUANINE AND 1-METHYLBENZIMIDAZOLE DERIVATIVES AND REACTIVITIES OF N-AMINATED PRODUCTS

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Electrophilic amination of four 9-ethylguanine derivatives and seven 1-methylbenzimidazole derivatives with 2,4-dinitrophenoxyamine was carried out. Reactivity of the imidazole molety to electrophilic amination and reaction pathways of *N*-aminated compounds with alkaline treatment are discussed.

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Ruthenium-Catalyzed Hydration of Nitriles and Transformation of 8-Ketonitriles to Ene-lactams: Total Synthesis of (-)-Pumiliotoxin C

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Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Engineering Science, Osaka University, Machikaneyama, Toyonaka, Osaka 560, Japan. Hydration of nitriles and transformation of δ -ketonitriles to ene-lactams in the presence of RuH₂(PPh₃)₄ catalyst can be performed efficiently. The effectiveness of the reaction is illustrated by the short-step synthesis of (-)-pumiliotoxin C (1).

R-CN
$$\frac{\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4 \text{ cat}}{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$$
 R-C-NH₂

R1 $\frac{\text{CN}}{\text{H}_2}$ $\frac{\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4 \text{ cat}}{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ $\frac{\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4 \text{ cat}}{\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4 \text{ cat}}$

Structure of Malolactomycins A and B, Novel 40-Membered

Macrolide Antibiotics

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Malolactomycins A and B are positional isomers of malonate and interconvertible each other. The structures have been determined by spectroscopic analyses, especially NMR.

Malolactomycin A R₁=COCH ₂COOH, R₂=H Malolactomycin B R₁=H, R₂=COCH ₂COOH

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1,1,3,3-Tetramethyl-2-methyleneindan Derivatives:

Syntheses with Imminent Rearrangement

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The common methods of olefin functionalization by electrophilic reagents are not applicable to A owing to facile methyl migration, as exemplified by the acid-catalyzed formation of B (R = H) from A. Therefore, nucleophilic bromination of the oxirane C is a key step for most preparations in the series D. Compounds D with R = Br, n-butyl, OAc, OLi, OSiMe₃, OCH₃, SPh and PhSMe⁺ are described as well as E with R = CHO, CH(OCH₂)₂ and CO₂H. Characterized examples B exist mainly as the Z isomers with R = Br, Li, n-butyl, CO₂H and acetyl.

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INVESTIGATION ON INTERMOLECULAR FORCES BETWEEN RILE PIGMENTS AND POLAR MODEL COMPOUNDS

MIMICKING THE CHROMOPHORE - PROTEIN INTERACTIONS IN BILIPROTEINS

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The hydrogen bonding sites of helical biliverdins and bilirubins available for heteroassociation are mapped.

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GENERAL SYNTHESES OF NOVEL ANTHRACENE-9,10-DIONE DERIVATIVES: THE 2-(1-ARYL-2-NITROETHYL)-1,4-DIHYDROXYANTHRACENE-9,10-DIONES, 2-(1-ARYLETHENYL)-1,4-DIHYDROXYANTHRACENE-9,10-DIONES AND 2-(1-ARYLETHYL)-1,4-DIHYDROXYANTHRACENE-9,10-DIONES

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The base-promoted reaction of various (2-chloro-2-nitroethenyl)benzenes with leucoquinizarin leads to the hitherto unknown title anthracene-9,10-diones a, b or c depending on the reaction conditions employed.

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REACTION OF ${\bf I}_2$ WITH α -BORAALKYLMAGNESIUM BROMIDE : A NEW SYNTHESIS OF MIXED ALKYL SECONDARY ALCOHOLS

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Mixed alkyl secondary alcohols are prepared through hydroboration of 1-alkynes with ${\rm H_3B:N(C_2H_5)_2Ph}$ followed by ${\rm R^1MgX/I_2}$ treatment and ${\rm CH/H_2O_2}$ oxidation.

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A NEW, STEREOSELECTIVE INTERCONVERSION OF PHOSPHINOTHIO--PHOSPHINOSELENO COMPOUNDS, REDUCTION OF PHOSPHINOSELENO DERIVATIVES AND RETRO PISHCHIMUKA REARRANGEMENT BASED ON METHYLTHIO- AND METHYLSELENOPHOSPHONIUM SALTS CHEMISTRY

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A highly stereoselective interconversion of phosphine sulfides \$ phosphine selenides via their methylthiophosphonium salts is described.

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1,3-DIPOLAR CYCLOADDITIONS TO 5-METHOXY-2(5H)-FURANONE

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The 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of several nitrile oxides, nitrones, ethyl diazoacetate and an azomethine ylide to 5-methoxy-2(5H)-furanone were examined.

SYNTHESIS OF 8a-HYDROXY- AND 8a-ALKOXY-2,2,8-ONE-POT STEREOSPECIFIC TRISUBSTITUTED-3-OXOINDOLIZIDINES. MECHANISTIC STUDIES ON THE ELABORATION OF THE 8a-SUBSTITUTED INDOLIZIDINE RING

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Reasons for the failure of Fischer indolisation reactions using phenylhydrazines bearing electron-rich substituents are discussed. New routes to aryl hydrazines are described and methods for the conversion of these compounds into dihydroindenoindoles are disclosed.