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X=Y-ZH Systems as Potential 1,3-Dipoles. Part 48.¹ Enantiopure Cycloadducts from Oxime-Nitrone-Isoxazolidine Cascades

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Abstract: Enantiopure cycloadducts have been prepared in good yield via oxime-nitrone-isoxazolidine cascade reactions involving the nucleophilic opening of enantiopure epoxides with oximes followed by 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reactions with suitable dipolarophiles. © 1997 Elsevier Science Ltd.

In a recent paper¹ we described the use of epoxides as suitable electrophiles with which to effect the N-substitution of oximes, thereby generating nitrones, which subsequently underwent in situ 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reactions to afford a wide variety of isoxazolidine based heterocycles. We also provided examples of all four broad synthetic variants of these cascade processes (Classes 1-4) which depend on the inter- or intra-molecular nature of both the initial epoxide cleavage and the subsequent cycloaddition steps. Our interest in the synthesis of complex isoxazolidines in optically active forms² led us to investigate the use of enantiopure epoxides in these cascades and in this paper we report on these studies.

Epoxides 1-6 were prepared for use in these studies. Epoxide 1, containing the dipolarophile necessary for the cycloaddition step, allowed the investigation of intermolecular epoxide cleavage-intramolecular cycloaddition cascades (Class 2, Type 2), whereas epoxyoximes 2-6 were used to investigate intramolecular epoxide cleavage followed by intermolecular cycloaddition (Class 3 processes).

(2R,3S)-Epoxide 1³ was treated with the sodium salt of (Z)-benzaldoxime (1.00 mol equiv) at room temperature to afford a single (Z)-nitrone 7 (51%) which when heated in xylene (140°C, 18 h) underwent smooth intramolecular cycloaddition to afford a 2:1 mixture of the regioisomeric cycloadducts 8 and 9 (84%). The stereochemistry of 8 was determined from 2D-COSY and n.O.e data (see Experimental section) whilst the

stereochemistry of 9 was established by X-ray crystallography (Figure 1).⁴ Notably neither of the other two possible alternative diastereomers 10 and 11 were formed thus implying that cycloaddition occurs (in both regiochemical senses) in essentially a facially specific manner. The origin of the facial selectivity apparently resides in the destabilising steric effects that develop between an axial hydroxy group and the constituents of the putative two atom bridge (-CH₂O- in 10 and -CH₂CHPh- in 11) in the pre-transition state conformers. These dominant destabilising interactions are absent in the corresponding pre-transition state conformers leading to 8 and 9 and are responsible for the switch in facial selectivity between 8 and 9 (Figure 2).

Figure 1: X-ray crystallographic structure of 9

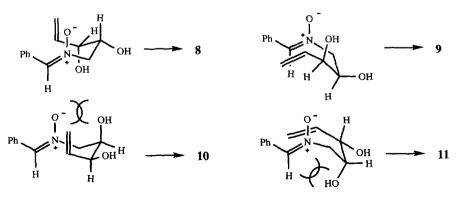


Figure 2: Pre-transition state conformers leading to 8, 9, 10 and 11

Epoxyoximes 2 and 3 were prepared *via* similar asymmetric epoxidation,⁵ acetylation, ozonolysis and oximation sequences. Thus asymmetric epoxidation followed by *in situ* acetylation of dienol 12⁶ afforded the epoxy ester 13 (83%). Ozonolysis of epoxyacetates 13 and 14⁵ afforded aldehydes 15 and 16 which were oximated to yield the required epoxyoximes 2 and 3 (56-64%).

i, L-(+)-diethyl tartrate, Ti(O^iPr)₄, tBuOOH , 4Å molecular sieves, CH₂Cl₂, -20°C; ii, Et₃N, Ac₂O, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, -20°C; iii, O₃, EtOAc, -78°C; iv, Et₃N, 20°C; v, NH₂OH·HCl, NaOAc, MeCN, H₂O, 20°C

Figure 3: X-ray crystallographic structure of 19

Heating epoxyoxime 2 in ethanol (80°C) in the presence of N-methylmaleimide (NMM) resulted in 5-exo-tet epoxide cleavage followed by in situ cycloaddition to afford a 1:1 mixture of exo- and

endo cycloadducts 17 and 18 (73%). Thus two products arise by facially selective cycloaddition anti to the bulky CH(OH)CH₂OAc substituent. When subjected to identical conditions, epoxyoxime 3 afforded a 2:1 mixture of exo-adducts 19 and 20. In this case the geminal C(Me)CH(OH)CH₂OAc substitution α to the nitrone precludes endo-cycloaddition from either face and hence two exo-cycloadducts result. The stereochemistries of 17, 18 and 20 were determined using the combined data from 2D-COSY and n.O.e. experiments (see Experimental section) whilst that of 19 was established by X-ray crystallography (Figure 3).4

i, C₄H₇Cl, NaH, DMF, 0°C; ii, L-(+)-diethyl tartrate, Ti(OⁱPr)₄, ¹BuOOH, 4Å molecular sieves, CH₂Cl₂, -20°C; iii, Et₃N, Ac₂O, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, -20°C; iv, O₃, EtOAc, -78°C; v, Et₃N, 20°C; vi, NH₂OH-HCl, NaOAc, MeCN, H₂O, 20°C

Figure 4: X-ray crystallographic structure of 25

Epoxyketoxime 4 was readily prepared from commercially available (Z)-2-butene-1,4-diol 21. Mono methallylation afforded the dienol 22 (81%) which was epoxidized and acetylated to yield the

enantiopure acetate 23 (50%). Ozonolysis gave ketone 24 which was readily oximated to yield 4. Reaction between oxime 4 and N-methylmaleimide occured in boiling ethanol to afford a 3:1 mixture of exo-and endo-cycloadducts 25 and 26. The stereochemistry of the former was determined by X-ray crystallography (Figure 4)⁴ and that of the latter from 2D COSY and n.O.e. data (see Experimental section).

i, MCPBA, CH2Cl2, 20°C; ii, NH2OH·HCl, NaOAc, MeCN, H2O, 20°C

Figure 5: X-ray crystallographic structure of 30

Epoxide 5 was prepared in two steps from the known aldehyde 27.7 Epoxidation of 27 occurred anti to the acetaldehyde sidechain to afford 28 which was readily oximated to yield 5. When oxime 5 was treated

with N-methylmaleimide in toluene at 110°C none of the desired 1:1 cycloadducts were obtained. Instead a 2:1 mixture of two isomeric adducts 30 and 31 resulting from the incorporation of two equivalents of NMM resulted. Repetition of the reaction in the presence of excess NMM afforded 30 (52%) and 31 (26%). Clearly in this case, steric effects slow the epoxide ring opening by the internal oxime nucleophile and the alternative 1,3-azaprotic cyclotransfer (APT)8-cycloaddition cascades occur with the resulting isoxazolidines 29 subsequently undergoing rearrangement with N-O bond cleavage to afford the products 30 and 31. The structure of 30 was established by X-ray crystallographic analysis (Figure 5)⁴ whilst 31 is tentatively assigned as its epimer.

Intramolecular epoxide cleavage of 5 was induced using sub-stoichiometric quantities of lithium salts.¹ Treatment of epoxide 5 with LiBF₄ (30 mol%) in acetonitrile (20°C, 24 h) resulted in formation of nitrone 32 which underwent cycloaddition with NMM at 20°C to afford a single 1:1 cycloadduct 33 albeit in moderate yield (34%). The stereochemistry of 33 was established by X-ray crystallography (*Figure* 6).⁴ This reaction sequence $(27\rightarrow28\rightarrow5\rightarrow32\rightarrow33)$ thus results in the amplification of chirality, with six stereocentres in the product 33 being generated from only one in the terpenoid starting material 27.

Figure 6: X-ray crystallographic structure of 33

Adverse steric interactions also proved to be problematic in cascades involving the β-pinene derived epoxyoxime 6. Treatment of the known ketone 349 with MCPBA resulted in stereospecific epoxidation anti to the CMe₂ bridge to afford epoxyketone 35 from which ketoxime 6 was prepared under standard conditions. Unfortunately, nitrone 36 could not be prepared from oxime 6 either under thermal (xylene, 140°C, 16 h) or Lewis acid catalysed conditions (LiCl, THF or xylene, 20°C, 66°C or 140°C). In this case the CMe₂ group effectively shields the epoxide moiety from cleavage by the internal oxime nucleophile in either the 6-exo-tet sense or in the alternative 7-endo-tet manner.

i, MCPBA, CH2Cl2, 20°C; ii, NH2OH:HCl, NaOAc, MeCN, H2O, 20°C

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined on a Kofler hot-stage apparatus and are uncorrected. Specific rotations were measured at ambient temperature with an Optical Activity Ltd., AA-1000 polarimeter. Microanalyses were obtained using a Carlo Erba MOD 1106 instrument. Mass spectra were recorded at 70 ev on a VG Autospec mass spectrometer. ¹H Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded using either a General Electric QE300 spectrometer (300 MHz) or a Bruker AM-400 spectrometer (400 MHz) in the solvents specified. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (Merck 9385). Petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C) and ethyl acetate were distilled prior to use. Acetonitrile was dried by distillation from calcium hydride, N,N-dimethylformamide was dried by distillation from barium oxide and ethanol was dried by distillation from magnesium and iodine prior to use.

(4S,5S)-6-Acetoxy-4,5-epoxyhexanaldoxime 2. A solution of (4S,5S)-6-acetoxy-4,5-epoxyhexanal 15 (344 mg, 2·00 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 ml) was added to a solution of hydroxylamine hydrochloride (154 mg, 2·20 mmol) and sodium acetate (198 mg, 2·40 mmol) in water (10 ml). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 8 h and then extracted with chloroform (2 x 20 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate, the solvent removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 2:1 v/v petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C)-diethyl ether afforded the *product* 2 (292 mg, 78%, 1:1 E/Z mixture), as a colourless oil. [α]_D +14·4 (c 0·5, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 50·75; H, 6·95; N, 7·7. C₈H₁₃NO₄ requires C, 51·3; H, 7·0; N, 7·5%); m/z (%) 188 (MH+, 100), 170 (34), 127 (61), 114 (52), 85 (78), 68 (72), 41(65); δ _H (CDCl₃) 8·75 and 8·68 (1H, 2 x broad s, OH), 7·46 and 6·78 (1H, 2 x t, J 5·5 Hz, CH=N), 4·36 (1H, d, J 12 Hz, CHHOAc), 3·95 (1H, dd, J 12 and 6 Hz, CHHOAc), 3·00 and 2·93 (2 x 1H, 2 x m, OCH), 2·62-2·21 (2H, m, CH₂CH=N), 2·10 (3H, s, OAc), 1·86-1·71 (2H, m, CH₂).

(4S,5S)-6-Acetoxy-4,5-epoxy-4-methylhexanaldoxime 3. A solution of (4S,5S)-6-acetoxy-4,5-epoxy-4-methylhexanal 16 (700 mg, 3.76 mmol) in acetonitrile (15 ml) was added to a solution of hydroxylamine hydrochloride (280 mg, 4.10 mmol) and sodium acetate (370 mg, 4.50 mmol) in water (5 ml). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and then extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 30 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate, the solvent removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 1:1 v/v petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C)-diethyl ether afforded the *product* 3 (660 mg, 70%, 1:1 *E/Z* mixture), as a colourless oil. (Found: C, 53.9; H, 7.7; N, 6.7. C₉H₁₅NO₄ requires C, 53.75; H, 7.45; N, 6.95%); m/z (%) 201 (M+, 1), 183 (1), 158 (1), 142 (5), 98(35), 82 (57), 43 (100); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 7.42 and 6.72 (1H, 2 x t, J 6 and 5.5 Hz, CH=N), 4.22 (1H, m, CHHOAc), 4.05 (1H, dd, J 12 and 6.5 Hz, CHHOAc),

3.00 (1H, m, OCH), 2.48 and 2.30 (2H, m, $CH_2CH=N$), 2.10 (3H, s, OAc), 1.75 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.35 and 1.33 (3H, 2 x s, Me).

(6R,7S)-8-Acetoxy-6,7-epoxy-4-oxa-2-octanone oxime 4. A solution of (6R,7S)-8-acetoxy-6,7-epoxy-4-oxa-2-octanone 24 (0.69 g, 3.40 mmol) in acetonitrile (15 ml) was treated with hydroxylamine hydrochloride (0.26 g, 3.80 mmol) and sodium acetate (0.34 g, 4.10 mmol) in water (5 ml). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and then extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 30 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate, the solvent removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 1:1 v/v petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C)-diethyl ether afforded the *product* 4 (0.65 g, 61% 2:1 *E/Z* mixture), as a colourless oil. (Found: C, 49-5, H, 7-05; N, 6-25. C₉H₁₅NO₅ requires C, 49-75; H, 6-9; N, 6-45 %); m/z (%) 217 (M+, 3), 200 (1), 175 (10), 144 (14), 98 (20), 43 (100); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 4-39 (1H, m, CHHOAc), 4-10 (3H, m, CHHOAc and OCH₂), 3-70 (1H, m, OCHH), 3-55 (1H, m, OCHH), 3.26 (2H, m, 2 x OCH), 2-10 (3H, s, OAc), 1-94 (3H, s, 3H, Me).

Epoxycampholenaldoxime 5. A stirred solution of epoxycampholenal **28** (1·00 g, 5·95 mmol) in acetonitrile (50ml) was treated with a solution of hydroxylamine hydrochloride (0·45 g, 6·55 mmol) and sodium acetate (0·59 g, 7·41 mmol) in water (50 ml). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and then extracted with chloroform (2 x 100 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate, the solvent removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 1:1 v/v petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C)-diethyl ether afforded the *product* 5 (0·99 g, 91%, 1:1 E/Z mixture), as a colourless oil. [α]_D -6·8 (c 1·0, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 65·5; H, 9·05; N, 7·3. C₁₀H₁₇NO₂ requires C, 65·5; H, 9·3; N, 7·6%); m/z (%) 183 (M⁺, 15), 166 (18), 124 (21), 109 (39), 72 (39), 55 (53), 43 (100), 41 (83); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 9·84 and 9·28 (1H, broad s, OH), 7·32 and 6.62 (1H, 2 x t, J 5·5 Hz, CH=N), 3·23 (1H, s, OCH), 2·31-1·34 (5H, m, CH and 2 x CH₂), 1·29, 0·98 and 0·87 (3 x 3H, 3 x s, 3 x Me).

Epoxyketoxime 6. A stirred solution of epoxyketone **35** (1.40 g, 6.30 mmol) in acetonitrile (75 ml) was treated with a solution of hydroxylamine hydrochloride (482 mg, 6.93 mmol) and sodium acetate (0.62 g, 7.56 mmol) in water (50 ml) and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 6 h and then extracted with chloroform (2 x 100 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate, the solvent removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 1:1 v/v petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C)-diethyl ether afforded the *product* **6** (1.33 g, 89%), as a colourless oil. [α]_D -129·2 (c 1·0, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 70·55; H, 9·65; N, 5·85. C₁₄H₂₃NO₂ requires: C, 70·85 H, 9·75; N, 5·9%); m/z (%) 237 (M⁺, 2), 220 (49), 122 (87), 107 (25), 67 (48), 55 (60), 43 (42), 41 (100); δ_H (CDCl₃) 9·58 (1H, broad s, OH), 3·12 (1H, broad s, OCH), 2·40-1·41 (12H, m, 2 x CH and 5 x CH₂), 1·87 (3H, s, C=NMe), 1·29 and 0·91 (2 x 3H, 2 x s, 2 x Me).

C-Phenyl, N-[(2R,3S)-2,3-dihydroxy-4-pentenyl]nitrone 7. A solution of (Z)-benzaldoxime (1.22 g, 10.00 mmol) in dry ethanol (40 ml) was added to a solution of sodium ethoxide [prepared by reaction of sodium (0.23 g, 10.00 mmol) with dry ethanol (10 ml)] and the solution was stirred at room temparature for 20 min whereupon (2R,3S)-1,2-epoxy-4-penten-3-ol 1^3 (1.00 g, 10.00 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for a further 24 h. After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, water (20 ml) was added, and the mixture extracted with dichloromethane (4 x 50 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over

anhydrous magnesium sulphate, the solvent removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 1:1 v/v diethyl ether-ethyl acetate afforded the *product* 7 (1·13 g, 51%), as a colourless solid, m.p. 137-139°C; [α]_D -35·6 (c 1·0, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 65·0; H, 6·7; N, 6·3. C₁₂H₁₅NO₃ requires C, 65·15; H, 6·85; N, 6·35%); m/z (%) 221 (M+, 6), 204 (12), 164 (29), 122 (37), 118 (77), 91 (100), 83 (35), 77 (30); δ _H (CDCl₃) 8·21 (2H, m, ArH), 7·43 (4H, m, PhCH=N and ArH), 5·95 (1H, m, CH=CH₂), 5·42 and 5·21(2H, 2 x d, CH=CH₂), 4·23 (1H, broad s, CHOH), 4·05 (3H, broad s, CHOH and NCH₂).

(1R,3R,4S,5S,8R)-3,4-Dihydroxy-8-phenyl-1-aza-7-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane 8 and (1S,3R,4R,5S,7S)-3,4-dihydroxy-7-phenyl-1-aza-8-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane 9. A solution of C-phenyl,N-[(2R,3S)-2,3-dihydroxy-4-pentenyl]nitrone 7 (100 mg, 0.45 mmol) in degassed xylene (3 ml) was held at reflux under a nitrogen atmosphere for 18 h. After cooling the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 2:1 v/v ethyl acetate-diethyl ether afforded the *products* 8 and 9 in the ratio of 2:1 (84 mg, 84%).

8: Colourless prisms. m.p. 145-147°C; $[\alpha]_D$ -3·2 (c 0·5, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 64·35; H, 6·5; N, 6·0. C₁₂H₁₅NO₃·¹/₈H₂O requires C, 64·5; H, 6·85; N, 6·25%); m/z (%) 221 (M+, 25), 204 (9), 176 (9), 162 (43), 118 (66), 105 (100), 91 (72), 77 (37); δ_H (CDCl₃) 7·45-7·21 (5H, m, ArH), 4·79 (1H, s, H-8), 4·20 (2H, m, 2H, H-3 and H-4), 3·77 (1H, d, J 7.5 Hz, H-6 α), 3·72 (1H, dd, J 13 and 6 Hz, H-2 β), 3·55 (1H, dd, J 7·5 and 5 Hz, H-6 β), 3·10 (1H, t, J 5 Hz, H-5), 2·86 (1H, dd, J 13 and 9·5 Hz, H-2 α), 2·50 (2H, broad s, OH).

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Enhancement (%)

	Η-2α	Η-2β	H-3,4	H-5	Η-6α	Η-6β	H-8
Η-2α		10-1					5.4
Η-2β	7.5						
H-3,4		1.4		1.1			
H-5			2.6			2.8	1.6
Η-6α			2.7			12.5	
Η-6β					11.2		
H-8	2.4						

9: Colourless prisms. m.p. $160-162^{\circ}$ C; $[\alpha]_D +62.0$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 64.85; H, 6.65; N, 6.05. C₁₂H₁₅NO₃ requires C, 65.15; H, 6.85; N, 6.35%); m/z (%) 221 (M⁺, 7), 204 (7), 162 (62), 133 (53), 105 (100), 91 (61), 77 (32); δ_H (CDCl₃) 7.29-7.16 (5H, m, ArH), 4.62 (1H, d, J 7.5 Hz, H-5), 4.28 (1H, dd, J 9 and 4.5 Hz, H-8), 3.82 (1H, m, H-3), 3.73 (1H, t, J 3.5 Hz, H-4), 3.20-3.10 (2H, m, H-2 α and H-2 α), 2.60 (2H, broad s, OH), 2.59 (1H, dd, J 13 and 9 Hz, H-6 α), 2.30 (1H, m, H-6 β).

(2S,3S)-1-Acetoxy-2,3-epoxy-6-heptene 13. A mixture of powdered activated 4Å molecular sieves (600 mg) and dichloromethane (100 ml) was cooled to 0°C. L-(+)-Diethyl tartrate (3.48 g, 16.90 mmol) and titanium tetraisopropoxide (4.15 ml, 14.00 mmol) were added sequentially. After the mixture was cooled to

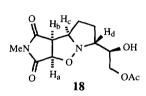
-20°C, tert-butyl hydroperoxide (7.0 ml, 21.00 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred for 20 min, whereupon (E)-2,6-heptadien-1-ol 12^6 (1.57 g, 14.00 mmol) was added and the mixture was kept in the freezer at -25°C for 6 d. Triethylamine (3.9 ml, 28.00 mmol), acetic anhydride (2.6 ml, 28.00 mmol) and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (0.10 g, 0.84 mmol) were then added at -20°C with stirring and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. After 1 h the mixture was filtered through celite, the solvent evaporated in vacuo, diethyl ether (50 ml) added and the solution washed with 5% sulphuric acid (3 x 15 ml) and 3M pH 7 sodium potassium phosphate buffer (15 ml) to afford a clear solution that was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate. After removal of solvent in vacuo the residue was subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 1:1 v/v petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C)-diethyl ether afforded the product 13 (1.40 g, 83%), as a colorless liquid. (Found: C, 63.4; H, 8.45. C₉H₁₄O₃ requires: C, 63.5; H, 8.3%); m/z (%) 171 (MH+, 1), 127 (12), 115 (90), 111 (12), 86 (30), 67 (100), 57 (84) and 53 (32); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 5.80 (1H, m, CH=CH₂), 5.00 (2H, m, CH=CH₂), 4.37 (1H, dd, J 12 and 2 Hz, CHHOAc), 3.92 (1H, dd, J 12 and 6 Hz, CHHOAc), 2.98 and 2.88 (2 x 1H, 2 x broad s, 2 x OCH), 2.30 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.09 (3H, s, OAc), 1.68 (2H, m, CH₂).

(48,58)-6-Acetoxy-4,5-epoxyhexanal 15. A solution of (2S,3S)-1-acetoxy-2,3-epoxy-6-heptene 13 (0.80 g, 4.70 mmol) in ethyl acetate (20 ml) at -78°C was treated with ozone until a blue colour persisted. Excess ozone was removed by flushing with nitrogen and the mixture was treated with triethylamine (1.30 ml, 9.43 mmol), stirred at -78°C for 1 h and allowed to warm to room temperature over 16 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to afford the crude *product* 15 (0.65 g, 80%), that was used without further purification. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 9.80 (1H, broad s, CHO), 4.40 and 3.90 (2 x 1H, 2 x m, CH₂OAc), 3.15 (2H, m, 2 x OCH), 2.62 (2H, t, J 7 Hz, CH₂CHO), 2.05 (4H, m, CHH and OAc), 1.80 (1H, m, CHH).

(45,5S)-6-Acetoxy-4,5-epoxy-4-methylhexanal 16. A solution of (2S,3S)-1-acetoxy-2,3-epoxy-3,7-dimethyl-7-octene 14⁵ (1·00 g, 4·70 mmol) in ethyl acetate (20 ml) at -78°C was treated with ozone until a blue colour persisted. Excess ozone was removed by flushing with nitrogen and the mixture was treated with triethylamine (1·30 ml, 9·43 mmol), stirred at -78°C for 1 h and allowed to warm to room temperature over 16 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to afford the crude *product* 16 (0·70 g, 79%), that was used without further purification. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 9·80 (1H, broad s, CHO), 4·30 (1H, dd, J 12 and 4·5 Hz, CHHOAc), 4·03 (1H, dd, J 12 and 7 Hz, CHHOAc), 3·00 (1H, dd, J 7 and 4·5 Hz, OCH), 2·42 (2H, t, J 8 Hz, CH₂CHO), 2·10 (3H, s, OAc), 1·90 (2H, t, J 8 Hz, CH₂), 1·35 (3H, s, Me).

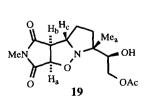
Cycloadducts 17 and 18. A solution of (4S,5S)-6-acetoxy-4,5-epoxyhexanaldoxime 2 (0·20 g, 1·07 mmol) and N-methylmaleimide (119 mg, 1·07 mmol) in dry ethanol (10 ml) was held at reflux for 15 h. After cooling the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 3:2 v/v ethyl acetate-diethyl ether afforded the *products* 17 and 18 (232 mg, 73%) in a 1:1 ratio. 17: Pale yellow prisms, m.p. 78-80°C; [α]_D + 88·6 (c 1·0, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 52·4; H, 5·8; N, 9·1. C₁₃H₁₈N₂O₆ requires C, 52·35; H, 6·0; N, 9·35 %); m/z (%) 298 (M+, 1), 238 (1), 225 (1), 195 (100), 111 (5), 82 (18), 68 (23), 43(41); δ _H (CDCl₃) 4·78 (1H, d, J 7·5 Hz, H_a), 4·10-3·98 (2H, m, CH₂OAc), 3·90 (1H, m, CHOH), 3·73 (1H, m, H_c), 3·52 (2H, m, H_b and H_d), 2·98 (3H, s, NMe), 2·76 (1H, broad s, OH), 2·04 (3H, s, OAc), 2·22-1·72 (4H, m, 2 x CH₂).

18: Pale yellow oil. $[\alpha]_D$ +136·4 (c 1·0, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 52·25; H, 6·05; N, 9·2. $C_{13}H_{18}N_2O_6$ requires C, 52·35; H, 6·0; N, 9·35 %); m/z (%) 299 (MH+, 3), 283 (13), 239 (7), 225 (10), 195 (100), 179 (72), 112 (12), 84 (46), 68 (27), 43 (97); δ_H (CDCl₃) 4·85 (1H, d, J 8 Hz, H_a), 4·20-4·00 (2H, m, CH_2OAC), 3·92 (1H, m, H_c), 3·81 (1H, m, CHOH), 3·69 (1H, t, J 8 Hz, H_b), 2·98 (1H, m, H_d), 2·96 (3H, s, NMe), 2·80 (1H, broad s, OH), 2·05 (3H, s, OAC), 2·14-1·78 (4H, m, 2 x CH₂).



Enhancement (%)

Cycloadducts 19 and 20. A solution of (4S,5S)-6-acetoxy-4,5-epoxy-4-methylhexanaldoxime 3 (0.50 g, 2.50 mmol) and *N*-methylmaleimide (0.27 g, 2.50 mmol) in dry ethanol (10 ml) was held at reflux for 24 h. After cooling the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 3:2 v/v ethyl acetate-diethyl ether afforded the *products* 19 and 20 (468 mg, 60%) in a 2:1 ratio. 19: Colourless prisms from petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C)-diethyl ether, m.p. 221-222°C; $[\alpha]_D$ -41° (c 0.4, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 53.7; H, 6.6, H, 9.0. $C_{14}H_{20}N_2O_6$ requires C, 53.85; H, 6.4; N, 8.95%); m/z (%) 312 (M⁺, 2), 239 (2), 209 (100), 43 (65); δ_H (CDCl₃) 4.80 (1H, d, *J* 7.5 Hz, H_a), 4.30 (1H, d, *J* 9.5 Hz, CHHOAc), 4.20 (2H, m, CHOH and CHHOAc), 4.00 (1H, t, *J* 7.5 Hz, H_c), 3.45 (1H, d, *J* 7.5 Hz, H_b), 3.00 (3H, s, NMe), 2.50 (1H, broad s, OH), 2.25 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.10 (3H, s, OAc), 1.78 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.00 (3H, s, Me_a).



Irradiated hydrogen

	Ha	Н _ь	H _c	Mea
Ha		7.1		
H _b	10.0			
H _c		3.8		5.6
Mea			4.2	

Enhancement (%)

20: Colourless wax, $[\alpha]_D + 61^{\circ}$ (c 0.48, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 54.0; H, 6.35, H, 8.8. $C_{14}H_{20}N_2O_6$ requires C, 53.85; H, 6.4; N, 8.95%); δ_H (CDCl₃) 4.24 (1H, dd, J 11.5 and 2.5 Hz, CHHOAc), 4.05 (1H, d, J 7.5 Hz, H_a), 3.94 (1H, dd, J 11.5 and 4 Hz, CHHOAc), 3.80 (1H, t, J 8 Hz, H_c), 3.30 (1H, dd, J 4 and 2.5 Hz, CHOH), 2.67 (1H, d, 1H, J 7.5 Hz, H_b), 2.60 (3H, s, OAc), 2.00 (1H, m, CHH), 1.67 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.60 (3H, s, Me_a), 1.54 (1H, m, CHH).

Irradiated hydrogen

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		Ha	Н _ь	H _c	
1	Ha		8.5		
	Н _ь	10.7		4.8	
	H _c		4.7		

Enhancement (%)

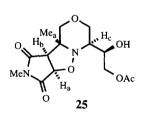
(Z)-7-Methyl-5-oxa-2,7-octadienol 22. A solution of (Z)-2-butene-1,4-diol 21 (1.76 g, 20.00 mmol) in dry N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was added dropwise over 30 min to a stirred suspension of sodium hydride (60 wt%, 1.00 g, 25.00 mmol) in dry N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) at -20°C. The resulting mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 min and methallyl chloride (2.26 g, 25.00 mmol) was added dropwise while keeping the temperature below 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1 h and at room temperature for 16 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue taken up into dichloromethane (100 ml), washed with water (2 x 100 ml), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford a residual oil which was distilled to afford the product 22 (2.30 g, 81%), as a colourless oil, b.p. 44°C/0·1 mm Hg; (Found: C, 67·6; H, 10·3. $C_8H_{14}O_2$ requires C, 67·6, H, 9·85%); m/z (%) 142 (M+, 1), 124 (3), 72 (33), 55 (100), 41 (83); δ_H (CDCl₃) 5·76 (2H, m, CH=CH), 4·96 and 4·91 (2 x 1H, 2 x s, C=CH₂), 4·20 (2H, d, J 5 Hz, CH₂OH), 4·00 (2H, d, J 6 Hz, OCH₂), 3·90 (2H, s, OCH₂), 2·70 (1H, broad s, OH), 1·70 (3H, s, Me).

(2S,3R)-1-Acetoxy-2,3-epoxy-7-methyl-5-oxa-7-octene 23. A mixture of powdered activated 4Å molecular sieves (600 mg) and dichloromethane (100 ml) was cooled to 0°C. L-(+)-Diethyl tartrate (3·48 g, 16·90 mmol) and titanium tetraisopropoxide (4·15 ml, 14·00 mmol) were added sequentially, the mixture cooled to -20°C, tert-butyl hydroperoxide (7·0 ml, 21·00 mmol) added and the resulting mixture stirred for 20 min. (Z)-7-Methyl-5-oxa-2,7-octadienol 22 (2·00 g, 14·00 mmol) was then added and the mixture was kept in the freezer at -25°C for 6 d. Triethylamine (3·9 ml, 28·00 mmol), acetic anhydride (2·6 ml, 28·00 mmol) and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (0·10 g, 0·84 mmol) were added at -20°C with stirring and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. After 1 h the mixture was filtered through celite, the solvent evaporated in vacuo, diethyl ether (50 ml) added and the solution washed with 5% sulphuric acid (3 x 15 ml) and 3M pH 7 buffer (sodium potassium phosphate, 15 ml) to afford a clear solution that was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate. After removal of solvent in vacuo the residue was subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 1:1 v/v petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C)-diethyl ether afforded the product 23 (1·40 g, 50%), as a colourless oil. (Found: C, 59·7; H, 8·3. C₁₀H₁₆O₄ requires C, 60·0, H, 8·0%); m/z (%) 200 (M+, 2), 157 (5), 129 (30), 129 (15), 115 (23), 43 (100); δ_H (CDCl₃) 4·98 and 4·92 (2 x 1H, 2 x s, C=CH₂), 4·35 (1H, dd, J 12 and 1·5 Hz, OCHH) 4·00 (3H, m, OCHH and OCH₂), 3·67 and

3.53 (2 x 1H, 2 x dd, J 11 and 4.5 Hz, CH_2OAc), 3.30 (2H, m, 2 x OCH), 2.10 (3H, s, OAc), 1.75 (3H, s, Me).

(6R,7S)-8-Acetoxy-6,7-epoxy-4-oxa-2-octanone 24. A solution of (2S,3R)-1-acetoxy-2,3-epoxy-7-methyl-5-oxa-7-octene 23 (1·00 g, 5·00 mmol) in ethyl acetate (20 ml) at -78°C was treated with ozone until a blue colour persisted. Excess ozone was removed by flushing with nitrogen and the mixture was treated with triethylamine (1·4 ml, 10·00 mmol), stirred at -78°C for 1 h and allowed to warm to room temperature over 16 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to afford the crude *product* 24 (0·68 g, 68%), that was used without further purification. δ_H (CDCl₃) 4·29 (1H, dd, J 12·5 and 4 Hz, CHHOAc), 4·11 (3H, m, CHHOAc and OCH₂), 3·80 (1H, dd, J 11·5 and 3·5 Hz, OCHH), 3·55 (1H, dd, J 11·5 and 7 Hz, OCHH), 3·20 (2H, m, 2 x OCH), 2·13 (3H, s, OAc), 2·08 (3H, s, COMe).

Cycloadducts 25 and 26. A solution of (6R,7S)-8-acetoxy-6,7-epoxy-4-oxa-2-octanone oxime 4 (0.50 g, 2.30 mmol) and *N*-methylmaleimide (0.26 g, 2.30 mmol) in dry ethanol (10 ml) was held at reflux for 24 h. After cooling the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 3:2 v/v ethyl acetate-diethyl ether afforded the *products* 25 and 26 (0.45 g, 60%) in a 3:1 ratio. 25: Colourless solid, m.p. 205-206°C; $[\alpha]_D$ -33° $(c \ 0.4, \text{CHCl}_3)$; m/z (%) 328 $(M^+, 1)$, 269 (1), 225 (100), 98 (15), 43 (51); δ_H (C_6D_6) 4·34 $(1H, d, J \ 8.5 \text{ Hz} \ H_a)$, 4·23 $(1H, dd, J \ 11.5 \text{ and } 4 \text{ Hz}, \text{CHHOAc})$, 4·15 $(1H, dd, J \ 11.5 \text{ and } 7.5 \text{ Hz}, \text{CHHOAc})$, 3·80 $(1H, dd, J \ 12.5 \text{ and } 1.5 \text{ Hz}, \text{OCHH})$, 3·70 $(2H, m, CHOH \ and OCHH)$, 3·38 $(1H, d, J \ 8.5 \text{ Hz}, H_b)$, 3·07 $(1H, t, J \ 11 \text{ Hz}, \text{OCHH})$, 2·90 $(1H, d, J \ 12.5 \text{ Hz}, \text{OCHH})$, 2·69 $(1H, m, H_c)$, 2·50 (4H, s, NMe and OH), 1·70 (3H, s, OAc), 0·76 $(3H, s, \text{Me}_a)$.

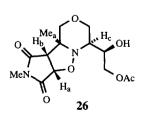


Irradiated hydrogen

		Ha	H _b	H_c	
1	H_a		8.7	8.0	
	Нb	6.5		5.2	
	H_c	12.4	12.3		

Enhancement (%)

26: Colourless solid, m.p. 185-187°C; $[\alpha]_D$ -51° (c 0·3, CHCl₃); m/z (%) 328 (M+, 1), 269 (3), 225 (100), 43 (37); δ_H (CDCl₃) 4·90 (1H, d, J 8 Hz, H_a), 4·57 (1H, dd, J 12·5 and 1·5 Hz, OCHH), 4·20 (2H, m, CH₂OAc), 3·80 (1H, m, OCHH), 3·60 (1H, m, CHOH), 3·50 (1H, d, J 12·5 Hz, OCHH), 3·35 (1H, t, J 11 Hz, OCHH), 3·30 (1H, d, J 8 Hz, H_b), 3·00 (3H, s, NMe), 2·86 (1H, d, J 9 Hz, OH), 2·82 (1H, m, H_c), 2·10 (3H, s, OAc), 1·30 (3H, s, Me_a).



Irradiated hydrogen

	Enhancement (%)			
	Ha	Н _ь	Mea	
Ha		10-0		
H _b	15-1		4.9	
Mea	0.9	6-1		

Epoxycampholenal 28. *m*-Chloroperbenzoic acid (60%, 946 mg, 3·29 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml) was added dropwise over 15 min to a stirred solution of (+)-campholenal 27^7 (0·50 g, 3·29 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 ml) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for a further 10 h. After dilution with dichloromethane (25 ml) the mixture was washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (30 ml), the organic layer dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate, the solvent removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 3:2 v/v petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C)-diethyl ether afforded the *product* **28** (340 mg, 62%), as a colourless oil. (Found: C, 70·95; H, 9·45. $C_{10}H_{16}O_2$ requires C, 71·3; H, 9·6 %); m/z (%) 168 (M⁺, 15), 150 (7), 139 (12), 123 (51), 108 (62), 98 (13), 943 (34), 90 (18), 41 (93); δ_H (CDCl₃) 9·71 (1H, t, J 2 Hz, CHO), 3·27 (1H, s, OCH), 2·42-1·97 (5H, m, CH and 2 x CH₂), 1·34, 1·02 and 0·77 (3 x 3H, 3 x s, 3 x Me).

Cycloadducts 30 and 31. A solution of epoxycampholenaldoxime 5 (0.50 g, 2.73 mmol) and N-methylmaleimide (0.72 g, 6.55 mmol) in toluene (100 ml) was stirred and held at reflux for 12 h. After cooling the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 4:1 v/v hexane-ethyl acetate afforded the *products* 30 (0.57 g, 52%) and 31 (0.29 g, 26%).

30: Pale yellow prisms from hexane-dichloromethane, m.p. $129-131^{\circ}$ C; $[\alpha]_D + 21\cdot8$ (c 1·1, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 59·0; H, 6·9; N, $10\cdot5$. $C_{20}H_{27}N_3O_6$ requires C, 59·2; H, 6·7; N, $10\cdot3\%$); m/z (%) 405 (M⁺, 3), 387 (4), 267 (83), 249 (100), 191 (44), 155 (39), 41 (82); δ_H (CDCl₃) 6·11 (1H, J 10·5 Hz, NH), 4·85 (1H, s, C=CH), 4·76 (1H, J 8 Hz, OCH), 3·90 (1H, m, CHNH), 3·17 (1H, dd, J 8 and 2·5 Hz, OCH), 2·94 and 2·89 (2 x 3H, 2 x s, 2 x NMe), 2·10-1·90 (4H, m, CHCO, CH₂ and OH), 1·29 and 0·94 (2 x 3H, 2 x s, 2 x Me), 1·30-1·10 (3H, m, CH and CH₂), 0·76 (3H, s, Me).

31: Pale yellow prisms from hexane-dichloromethane, m.p. 131-133°C; (Found: C, 59·5; H, 6·8; N, 10·1. $C_{20}H_{27}N_3O_6$ requires C, 59·2; H, 6·7; N, 10·3%); m/z (%) 405 (M+, 3), 362 (6), 267 (68), 249 (94), 191 (40), 139 (25), 41 (100); δ_H (CDCl₃) 5·89 (1H, J 9·5 Hz, NH), 4·83 (1H, s, C=CH), 4·78 (1H, J 8 Hz, OCH), 3·94 (1H, dm, J 10·5 Hz, CHNH), 3·26 (1H, s, OH), 3·12 (1H, dd, J 8 and 2·5 Hz, OCH), 2·94 and 2·89 (2 x 3H, 2 x s, 2 x NMe), 2·10-1·70 (6H, m, CHCO, CH and 2 x CH₂), 0·94, 0·72 and 0·28 (3 x 3H, 3 x s, 3 x Me).

Cycloadduct 33. A stirred solution of epoxycampholenaldoxime 5 (350 mg, 1.91 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (35 ml) was treated with a solution of LiBF₄ (54 mg, 0.57 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (15 ml). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, *N*-methylmaleimide (212 mg, 1.91 mmol) added and stirring continued for a further 24 h at room temperature. The acetonitrile was then removed *in vacuo*, water (20 ml) added and the mixture extracted with chloroform (2 x 40 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate, the solvent removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 2:3 v/v hexane-ethyl acetate afforded the *product* 33 (0.39 g, 34%) which crystallized from petroleum ether (b.p. 60-80°C)-dichloromethane as colourless prisms. m.p. 142-144°C; $[\alpha]_D$ -35·0 (*c* 0.4, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 55·1; H, 6·9; N, 8·2. $C_{15}H_{22}N_2O_4\cdot^1/_2CH_2Cl_2$ requires C, 55·2; H, 6·85; N, 8·3 %); m/z (%) 294 (M⁺, 3), 279 (20), 166 (23), 149 (100), 83 (32), 71 (40), 57 (66), 43 (78); δ_H (C₆H₆) 4·65 (1H, d, J 9 Hz, OCHCO), 3·70 (1H, m, CHOH), 3·21 (1H, t, J 9 Hz, NCH), 2·91 (1H, t, J 9 Hz, CHCO), 2·55 (3H, s, NMe), 2·02-1·50 (5H, m, CH and 2 x CH₂), 1·34, 1·02 and 0·87 (3 x 3H, 3 x s, 3 x Me).

Epoxyketone 35. *m*-Chloroperbenzoic acid (60%, 1.40 g, 4.85 mmol) in dichloromethane (15 ml) was added dropwise over 15 min to a solution of ketone 34^9 (0.50 g, 3.29 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h, diluted with dichloromethane (30 ml), washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (50 ml) and the organic layer dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate. The solvent was then removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to column chromatography. Elution with 2:1 v/v petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C)-diethyl ether afforded the *product* 35 (0.86 g, 80%), as a colourless oil. [α]_D -151·6 (*c* 1·0, CHCl₃); (Found: C, 75·4; H, 10·0. C₁₄H₂₂O₂ requires: C, 75·6; H, 10·0%); m/z (%) 222 (M+, 3), 207 (8), 95 (66), 85 (13), 79 (25), 67 (33), 55 (32), 43 (100); δH (CDCl₃) 3·10 (1H, broad s, OCH), 2·49-1·45 (12H, m, 2 x CH and 5 x CH₂), 2·13 (3H, s, COMe), 1·29 (3H, s, Me), 0·91(3H, s, Me).

Single crystal X-ray analysis of 9, 19, 25, 30 and 33.4 All crystallographic measurements were carried out on a Stoe STADI 4 diffractometer at 293(2) K (for 9), 293(2) K (for 19), 473(2) K (for 25), 200(2) K (for 30) and 200(2) K (for 33) using graphite monochromated copper K_{α} X-radiation (λ =1.54184 Å). Two equivalent sets of data were collected in the ranges $3.68 \le \theta \le 64.43^{\circ}$ (for 9), $4.34 \le \theta \le 64.56^{\circ}$ (for 19), $3.86 \le \theta \le 64.49^{\circ}$ (for 25), $4.33 \le \theta \le 64.48^{\circ}$ (for 30) and $3.35 \le \theta \le 64.49^{\circ}$ (for 33) using ω/θ scans. No significant variation was observed in the intensity of five standard reflections. Lorentz and polarization corrections were applied to the data sets together with a semi-empirical absorption correction based on azimuthal ψ -scans. The structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-86¹⁰ and were refined by full-matrix least squares (based on F^2) using SHELXS-93¹¹ which uses all data for refinement.

Crystal data for 9:4 $C_{12}H_{15}NO_3$, 0.45 x 0.33 x 0.20 mm, $M=221\cdot25$, triclinic, space group P1, a=5.55130(11) Å, b=8.2622(2) Å, c=12.2663(2) Å, $\alpha=84.2990(14)^\circ$, $\beta=79.005(2)^\circ$, $\gamma=82.088(2)^\circ$, U=545.47(2) Å³, Z=2, $D_X=1.347$ gcm⁻³, $\mu=0.797$ mm⁻¹, F(000)=236.

Crystal data for 19.4° C₁₄H₂₀N₂O₆, 0.58 x 0.51 x 0.44 mm, M = 312.32, orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, a = 6.23550(11) Å, b = 11.7893(2) Å, c = 20.2967(4) Å, $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$, $\beta = 90^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$, U = 1492.05(5) Å³, Z = 4, Dx = 1.390 gcm⁻³, $\mu = 0.923$ mm⁻¹, F(000) = 664.

Crystal data for 25.4° C₁₄H₂₀N₂O₇, 0.45 x 0.345 x 0.24 mm, M = 328.32, orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, a = 5.753(3) Å, b = 11.558(5) Å, c = 22.902(12) Å, $\alpha = 90.00(4)^{\circ}$, $\beta = 90.00(4)^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 90.00(4)^{\circ}$, U = 1522.9(13) Å³, Z = 4, $D_x = 1.432$ gcm⁻³, $\mu = 0.984$ mm⁻¹, F(000) = 696.

Crystal data for **30**:⁴ C₂₀H₂₇N₃O₆, 0.60 x 0.49 x 0.38 mm, M = 405.45, monoclinic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, a = 9.8680(4) Å, b = 12.9729(4) Å, c = 16.5207(5) Å, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, U = 2114.92(12) Å³, Z = 4, $D_X = 1.273$ gcm⁻³, $\mu = 0.787$ mm⁻¹, F(000) = 864.

Crystal data for 33:⁴ C₁₅H₂₂N₂O₄·¹/₂CH₂Cl₂, 0.45 x 0.28 x 0.10 mm, M = 336.81, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$, a = 7.5236(4) Å, b = 26.3590(14) Å, c = 9.0005(6) Å, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 102.047(6)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, U = 1745.6(2) Å³, Z = 4, Dx = 1.221 gcm⁻³, $\mu = 2.041$ mm⁻¹, F(000) = 684.

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