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Generations come and go but it makes no difference. The sun rises and sets and hurries around to rise again. The wind blows south and north, here and there, twisting back and forth, getting nowhere. The rivers run into the sea but the sea is never full, and the water returns again to the rivers, and flows again to the sea...

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Abstract

The design, synthesis and study of molecules which produce 1,4-biradical intermediates upon thermal or chemical activation is described. The preparation and cyclization behavior of (Z)-1,2,4-heptatrien-6-yne and compounds that contain the (Z)-allene-ene-yne functional group or that form it in a serial reaction sequence are discussed. Evidence is presented that supports the thermal transformation of the (Z)-allene-ene-yne functional group to an α ,3-dehydrotoluene intermediate that is best described as a singlet σ , π -biradical with substantial polar character. The partitioning between polar and free radical reaction pathways in these systems is shown to be influenced by biradical substitution and by the reaction medium in which the intermediate is generated. These results are discussed with reference to electrocyclization reactions occurring within the enediyne family of natural antitumor agents.

The design, synthesis and reactivity of a system that produces a strained (Z)enediyne moiety via the reductive activation of an anthraquinone-diacetylene conjugate in water with a flavin-based enzymatic system is described. The (Z)-enediyne thus produced is shown to undergo thermal rearrangement to form a naphthofuran product via a 1,4-dehydrobenzene biradical intermediate.

The preparation of a molecule which forms a substituted 1,6-didehydro[10]annulene intermediate by nucleophilic addition of thiol is described. This intermediate is not observed, but rearranges to form two isomeric 1,5-dehydronaphthalene biradicals as evidenced by the isolation of the corresponding aromatized products.

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List of Abbreviations

Å	angstrom
Ac	acetyl
Bu	butyl
°C	degree Celsius
cal	calorie
CAN	ceric ammonium nitrate
CSA	camphorsulfonic acid
Су	cyclopropyl
DBU	1,8-diazobicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene
DCC	1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide
DEAD	diethyl azodicarboxylate
dec	decomposition
DIBAL	diisobutylaluminum hydride
DMAP	4-dimethylaminopyridine
DME	dimethoxyethane
DMF	N,N-dimethylformamide
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
E	entgegen
ee	enantiomeric excess
equiv	equivalent
Et	ethyl
eu	entropy unit

FT	Fourier transform
g	gram
G	free energy (Gibbs)
GLC	gas-liquid chromatography
h	hour
Н	enthalpy
hv	light
HRMS	high resolution mass spectroscopy
Hz	Hertz
i	iso
IR	infrared
J	coupling constant
k	rate constant
kcal	kilocalorie
L	liter
LDA	lithium diisopropylamide
m	meta
М	molar
<i>m</i> -CPBA	meta-chloroperbenzoic acid
Me	methyl
mg	milligram
MHz	megahertz
min	minute
mL	milliliter
mM	millimolar
mmol	millimole

mol	mole
mp	melting point
Ms	methanesulfonyl
μL	microliter
n	normal
Ν	normal (concentration)
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
nOe	nuclear Overhauser effect
р	para
PCC	pyridinium chlorochromate
pH	hydrogen ion concentration
Ph	phenyl
Piv	pivaloyl
Pr	propyl
R	rectus
R_f	retention factor
S	entropy
S	sinister
t	tertiary
TBAF	tetrabutylammonium fluoride
TBS	tert-butyldimethylsilyl
TDS	tert-butyldiphenylsilyl
Tf	trifluoromethanesulfonyl
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
THF	tetrahydrofuran
THP	tetrahydropyranyl

TMEDA	N, N, N', N'-tetramethylethylenediamine
TMS	trimethysilyl
tol	tolyl
w/v	weight-to-volume ratio
Ζ	zusammen

Introduction

The Enediyne Antibiotics

Several lines of evidence now support the intermediacy of 1,4-biradicals as a common feature in the mechanism of action of the extremely potent natural antitumor antibiotics neocarzinostatin chromophore (1), calichemicin γ_1^{I} (2), esperamicin A₁ (3), and dynemicin A (4) (collectively known as the enediyne antibiotics).¹⁻⁶ These biradical intermediates are proposed to arise by electrocyclization of highly unsaturated precursors formed from the native antibiotics as the result of a prior chemical "activation" step, and have been shown to abstract hydrogen atoms from the deoxyribose backbone of double stranded DNA.⁷⁻⁹ In the presence of oxygen, this abstraction process results in DNA cleavage, and is believed to underlie the remarkable antitumor properties exhibited by this class of antibiotics.¹⁰

In vitro experiments conducted with the above natural products reveal that several unique chemical activation mechanisms serve to initiate biradical formation. For example, addition of an external thiol nucleophile to neocarzinostatin chromophore (1) produces the (Z)-cumulene-ene-yne intermediate **5** which subsequently cyclizes to biradical **6** (Scheme I).¹¹ The trapping of **6** with hydrogen atom sources, including DNA, produces the aromatic product **7**. Since the reactive (Z)-cumulene-ene-yne moiety is not present in the native antibiotic, thiol addition (chemical activation) necessarily precedes biradical formation in the above scheme.

An alternative method of chemical activation is observed with calichemicin (2) and (presumably) esperamicin (3). In this case, attack of an external thiol nucleophile on the trisulfide moiety of the antibiotic produces either a thiolate anion, which forms saturated ketone 8 via rapid conjugate addition to the adjacent α , β -unsaturated carbonyl, or the corresponding mixed disulfide which is transformed to 8 more slowly (Scheme II).^{3a,3b,4a,4b,12} The strained (Z)-enediyne moiety present in 8 then rapidly cyclizes to 1,4-biradical 9 in a reaction recognized as a cyclic version of a hydrocarbon thermal





rearrangement studied extensively by Bergman and co-workers (11 \rightarrow 12, the Bergman reaction).¹³ As with neocarzinostatin above, trapping of the intermediate biradical (9) with hydrogen atom sources produces an aromatic product (10). Importantly, biradical formation does not readily occur in the native antibiotic (2) due to strain imparted by the α , β -unsaturated carbonyl group. Chemical activation and subsequent intramolecular thiol addition are therefore required to remove this inhibiting functionality.

Dynemicin (4) is proposed to undergo yet another form of chemical activation prior to biradical formation.¹⁴ In analogy to the calichemicin activation event described above, reduction of the anthraquinone nucleus and subsequent formation of quinone methide 14 remove a structural feature that impedes the cyclization of the strained (Z)-enediyne to biradical 16 (e.g., the epoxide moiety, Scheme III, asterisks are used to accommodate either semiquinone or hydroquinone intermediates). The addition of two hydrogen atoms, possibly from DNA, to 16 then produces compound 17.

The above examples illustrate how each of the enediyne antibiotics undergoes a

Scheme II



























unique chemical activation event prior to biradical formation. In the case of calichemicin/esperamicin and dynemicin, the activation step removes a structural feature that impedes cyclization, while in the case of neocarzinostatin chromophore chemical activation creates the functionality necessary for cyclization.

Thesis Research

Because of their novel structures, unique mechanism of action, and favorable antitumor properties, much effort has been exerted by organic chemists to synthesize each member of enediyne antibiotic class.¹⁵⁻¹⁹ However, the structural complexity of these molecules complicates their large-scale preparation by multi-step synthetic methods. The purpose of the following research is the utilization of synthetic organic chemistry to construct relatively simple molecules which mimic the mode of action of the enediyne antibiotics.²⁰⁻²² Thus, this work details the design, preparation and study of several synthetic compounds which produce 1,4-biradical intermediates upon thermal or chemical activation. The research is divided into three parts. Chapter 1 describes the preparation and cyclization behavior of (Z)-1,2,4-heptatrien-6-yne and several other compounds that contain the (Z)-allene-ene-yne functional group, or that form it in a serial reaction sequence. Chapter 2 details the design, preparation and reactivity of a system that produces a strained (Z)-enediyne moiety via anthraquinone reductive activation. Finally, chapter 3 describes the design and synthesis of a molecule which undergoes a chemical activation event to produce substituted 1,5-dehydronaphthalene biradicals via an electrocyclization that is not (as yet) precedented by the action of a natural product.

Chapter 1

Studies on the Thermal Generation and Reactivity of a Class of (σ,π) -1,4-Biradicals

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Background

The cyclization of the (Z)-cumulene-ene-yne **5** to form the biradical **6** is proposed as a key step in the mechanism of action of the antitumor agent neocarzinostatin.¹¹ The fact that this reaction lacked precedent in known hydrocarbon thermal rearrangements led to the evaluation of the related rearrangement of the acyclic hydrocarbon **18** to the biradical **19**.²³ Though inspired by the transformation of **5** to **6**, the latter proposal differs significantly in that the ground state structure of the product (**19**) is almost certain to be that of a σ , π -biradical, whereas **6** is constrained by geometry to be a σ , σ -biradical. As discussed below, this distinction has important consequences in terms of thermochemistry and reactivity.



Synthesis of (Z)-1,2,4-Heptatrien-6-yne (18)

The principal challenge in the development of a synthetic route to the hydrocarbon 18 was to construct the vinylallene with proper stereochemistry in a target molecule that is both thermally and chemically sensitive. Towards this end, a method for the synthesis of allenes from propargylic alcohols was devised which transforms, in the

retrosynthetic sense, the target **18** into a more tractable precursor, (*Z*)-enediyne **22**.^{23,24} The stereospecific synthesis of this enediyne in protected form (**21**, TMS = Si(CH₃)₃)



was readily achieved from (Z)-1,2-dichloroethylene, following the precedent of Kende and Smith,²⁵ by sequential coupling reactions with propargyl alcohol and (trimethylsilyl)acetylene, respectively (Scheme IV).²⁶ Although the two coupling reactions could be run in sequence in a single flask, 21 was formed in greater yield and was more readily purified when the intermediate (Z)-vinyl chloride (20) was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel. The indicated order of acetylene coupling was preferred for the greater ease of purification of the vinyl chloride 20. Thus, reaction of propargyl alcohol (1 equiv) with (Z)-1,2-dichloroethylene (5 equiv), bis-(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride (0.05 equiv), and cuprous iodide (0.15 equiv) in ethyl ether containing n-propylamine (5 equiv) at 23 °C for 6 h afforded, after extractive isolation and flash column chromatography, the (Z)-vinyl chloride 20 in 78%vield.^{25,26} Subsequent coupling of 20 with (trimethylsilyl)acetylene (1.4 equiv) under similar conditions, albeit employing tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.05 equiv) as the palladium catalyst, provided the (Z)-enediyne 21 (83%).²⁶ Desilylation of 21 with potassium fluoride in methanol at 0 °C afforded 22 in 96% yield. Although this deprotection could be deferred to a later stage of the synthesis, the sequence described here minimized the number of volatile intermediates and ultimately facilitated the purification of 18.





Reagents and conditions (TMS = Si(CH₃)₃): (a) 0.20 equiv HC=CCH₂OH, 1.0 equiv CH₃(CH₂)₂NH₂, 0.030 equiv CuI, 0.010 equiv Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂, Et₂O, $0 \rightarrow 23$ °C, 6 h, 78%; (b) 1.4 equiv HC=CSi(CH₃)₃, 4.0 equiv CH₃(CH₂)₂NH₂, 0.20 equiv CuI, 0.05 equiv Pd(PPh₃)₄, Et₂O, 0 °C, 1 h, 83%; (c) 2.0 equiv KF•2H₂O, CH₃OH, 0 °C, 2.5 h, 96%; (d) 3.0 equiv CH₃SO₂Cl, 5.0 equiv Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 20 min; (e) 14.3 equiv H₂NNH₂, CH₃OH, 0 °C, 2 h; (f) 1.3 equiv MTAD, benzene-*d*₆, 23 °C, 20 min, 30% from **22**.

The transformation of the propargyl alcohol **22** to the allene **18** was initiated by hydroxyl activation with methanesulfonyl chloride (3.0 equiv) and triethylamine (5.0 equiv) in dichloromethane at 0 °C.²⁷ Following extractive isolation, the crude methanesulfonate ester (~0.3 M in CH₂Cl₂) was treated with a large excess of anhydrous hydrazine in methanol (14.3 equiv, 15 M) at 0 °C for 2 h to form the monoalkyl hydrazine **23**. Use of lesser quantities of hydrazine led to competitive dialkylation, as



anticipated given the greater nucleophilicity of alkyl hydrazines versus hydrazine itself.²⁸ A simple aqueous extraction procedure served to separate **23** from excess hydrazine. Treatment of crude **23** with a slight excess of diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD) or 4-methyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione (MTAD) under anaerobic conditions at 23 °C then



afforded the allene 18.^{23,24} Mechanistic studies suggest that the latter reaction produces a mixture of (E)- and (Z)-diazenes; sigmatropic elimination of dinitrogen from the (Z)-diazene forms 18 directly while the (E)-isomer must first undergo rate-limiting $E \rightarrow Z$ isomerization.²⁹ Though several procedures were found effective for the purification of 18, including preparative gas chromatography, the most straightforward entailed the use of benzene- d_6 as solvent in the hydrazine oxidation step, the washing of the crude

product solution with several portions of water, and separation and purification of the hydrocarbon layer by passage through a short column of silica gel. In this manner, solutions of the allene 18 in benzene- d_6 were obtained in >90% purity and ~30% yield (determined by addition of *m*-xylene as an internal standard and ¹H NMR analysis). Allene 18 is exceedingly volatile and must be stored anaerobically to avoid decomposition. Although the yield of 18 by this isolation method was modest, the simplicity of the procedure and purity of the product obtained recommend it above other methods of purification proceeding in higher yield.

A Surprisingly Facile Cyclization Reaction Forming α ,3-Dehydrotoluene

Thermolysis of 18 in various solvents afforded products consistent with the intermediacy of the biradical 19, " α ,3-dehydrotoluene." For example, heating solutions of 18 in deoxygenated 1,4-cyclohexadiene formed toluene and the 1,4-cyclohexadiene



adducts 24 and 25 as the only detectable volatile products (Table I, entry 1).²³ Preferential carbon-carbon bond formation at the benzylic position (as opposed to the *m*-aryl position) in 24 and 25 is consistent with a scheme in which the more reactive σ -radical of 8 reacts initially by hydrogen atom abstraction from 1,4-cyclohexadiene, followed by recombination of the resulting pair of π -radicals (Scheme V). Products 24 and 25 can also be envisioned to arise by a sequence involving addition of cyclohexadienyl to the allenic terminus of 18, cycloaromatization, and hydrogen atom

			Products ^a				
Entry	Solvent	[18]	Toluene	24 + 25	Bibenzyl	Methyl benzyl	2-Phenyl
		$(\mathbf{m}\mathbf{M})$				ether	ethanol
1	CHD^{b}	3.0	60	40	-	-	-
2	CH ₃ OH	3.0	-	-	2	38	10
3	CH ₃ OH ^c	3.0	-	-	2	35	10
4	CH_3OH^d	3.0	-	-	2	34	9
5	CD ₃ OH	3.0	-	-		70	-
6	CH ₃ OD	3.0	-	-	3	18	21
7	CHD (0.2 M)CH3OH	3.0	19	9	1	25	1
8	CHD (1.0 M)-CH ₃ OH	3.0	32	19	-	12	-
9	H ₂ O (5.6 M)-CH ₃ OH	3.0	-	-	1	47^e	7
10	CF3CH2OH (1.4 M)-CH3OH	3.0	-	-	1	51 ^f	7

Table I. Product Distributions Obtained Upon Pyrolysis of 18 in Various Media at 100 °C.

^{*a*} Yields determined by GLC using *m*-xylene as an internal standard. ^{*b*} CHD=1,4-Cyclohexadiene. ^{*c*} Reaction glassware rinsed twice with 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazane prior to pyrolysis. ^{*d*} Reaction glassware rinsed twice with glacial acetic acid prior to pyrolysis. ^{*e*} Benzyl alcohol also obtained in 6% yield. ^{*f*} 1,1,1-Trifluoroethyl benzyl ether also obtained in 3% yield.





abstraction (eq 1). Although precedent for such a radical chain aromatization exists (e.g., eq 2),^{11b} the invariance of the ratio (24 + 25)/toluene with the concentration of 18 suggests that, in the present case, this pathway is at best a minor competitor with the simple recombination mechanism.²³



Further support for this contention was obtained from thermolysis experiments of 18 conducted in a mixture of 3,3,6,6-tetradeuterio-1,4-cyclohexadiene and unlabeled 1,4cyclohexadiene (2:1, respectively, weighted to offset the isotope effect, 0.003 M 18, 100 °C, 30 min, Scheme V). Under these conditions, the 1,4-cyclohexadiene addition products 24 and 25 were obtained as a 1:1 mixture in 55% yield.³⁰ The increased yield of radical recombination products 24 and 25 versus toluene reflects the primary isotope effect in hydrogen atom transfer to the benzyl radical. Mass spectroscopic analysis of 24 and 25 showed that these products contained primarily four (d_4) or zero (d_0) deuterium atoms (36 and 55%, respectively, 91 ± 9% total) with \leq 7% of crossover products (d_1 , d_3 , average of two runs).³¹ This result demonstrates that 24 and 25 arise primarily by radical





cage recombination and not to any significant extent by a mechanism such as shown in eq 1. In contrast, toluene produced in the above experiment was shown by mass spectroscopy to arise primarily by external hydrogen atom transfer ($d_1:d_2 \sim 6:1$, average of two runs, Scheme V).³⁰

Dichotomous Reactivity – Polar Chemistry of α,3-Dehydrotoluene

Pyrolysis experiments conducted in protic media revealed an unanticipated complexity in the reactivity of the hypothesized intermediate **19**. For example, heating **18** (0.003 M, 100 °C) in deoxygenated methanol formed in addition to 2-phenylethanol (10%) and bibenzyl (2%), products anticipated from a biradical description of **19**, methyl benzyl ether (38%)–a product more consistent with the zwitterionic structure **26**.²³ This



product distribution was reproducible and was shown in control experiments to be insensitive to acidic or basic pretreatment of the glass reaction surface (Table I, entries 2-4), discounting the formation of methyl benzyl ether by adventitious acid or base. Mechanistic studies presented below support the notion that products from both polar and free radical reaction pathways arise from a single reactive intermediate or, indistinguishable by our experiments, a pair of rapidly equilibrating species, rather than from discreet pathways involving slowly- or non-equilibrating intermediates, e.g., ground state and electronically-excited forms of **19**. The latter cascade-type mechanisms are rendered less likely by the following observations. Heating **18** in CD₃OH (0.003 M, 100 °C) formed methyl- d_3 benzyl ether as the only detectable product, in 70% yield (Table I, entry 5).²³ A pathway involving formation of a short-lived "polar" species that decays irreversibly to an intermediate with radical reactivity is clearly inconsistent with the observed near-doubling of the yield of methyl benzyl ether. Conversely, pyrolysis of **18** in CH₃OD afforded methyl benzyl- d_1 ether (18%) and 2-phenylethanol (21%) (Table I, entry 6), a distribution inconsistent with a cascade involving the inverse order of reactive intermediates, i.e., a short-lived biradical and ground state polar species. Importantly, the kinetics of decomposition of 18 in CD₃OH, where methyl- d_3 benzyl ether is formed essentially exclusively, are first-order and are indistinguishable, within experimental error, from those observed in pure 1,4-cyclohexadiene, where products anticipated from standard free radical reactions are formed ($k = 4.0 \pm 0.2 \text{ x } 10^{-4} \text{ and } 3.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ x } 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$, respectively, at 75 °C).²³ This result strongly suggests that the two pathways, producing polar and free-radical products, respectively, share a common rate-limiting step, proposed here to be the cyclization of 18 to 19. It is further proposed that 19 partitions irreversibly in the next step, bond formation at the *m*-aryl position, in a manner predictable given the relevant homolytic bond strengths and acidity constants of the pyrolysis medium. In support of this proposal, it was found that addition of 1,4-cyclohexadiene to pyrolysis solutions of 18 in methanol led to the formation of toluene, bibenzyl, and 24 and 25, with a corresponding diminution in the production of methyl benzyl ether (Table I, entries 7 and 8).²³ Similarly, increasing the acidity of the medium, by addition of water or trifluoroethanol, shifted the product distribution in favor of polar addition products (Table I, entries 9 and 10).

Simple Substitution and Further Reactivity Studies

Substrate 27 (TDS = t-Bu(Ph)₂Si) probes the effect of simple substitution upon the "parent" cyclization reaction of 18 to 19 and provides important background



information for studies of more elaborate substrates described later in this work.^{23c} "Meta"-substitution of the (Z)-1,2,4-heptatrien-6-yne framework, as exemplified by substrate 27, was anticipated to have little impact upon the rate of cyclization to biradical 28, barring an influence on the population of rotamers 27 and 29. The latter is reminiscent of the effect of butadiene 2-substitution in the Diels-Alder reaction.



The *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxymethyl group (TDSOCH₂) was chosen for the dual purpose of examining its effect as a substituent and for its potential as a site for the attachment of auxiliary groups, e.g., DNA-binding moieties (vide infra).

In order to employ the synthetic strategy used to prepare allene 18 in the synthesis of 27, the trisubstituted enediyne 34 was required.^{23,24} The preparation of this substrate on multigram scale was based on the development of a high-yield, β -selective coupling reaction of (Z)-ethyl 2,3-dibromopropenoate³² with (trimethylsilyl)acetylene to form (Z)-bromoenyne 30 (Scheme VI).³³ Ester reduction with diisobutylaluminum hydride in toluene at -78 °C and protection of the resulting alcohol 31 with *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl chloride, triethylamine, and a catalytic quantity of 4-dimethyl-







Reagents and conditions (TMS = Si(CH₃)₃, TDS = SiPh₂t-Bu): (a) 1.7 equiv HC=CSi(CH₃)₃, 1.7 equiv EtN(*i*-Pr)₂, 0.20 equiv CuI, 0.05 equiv Pd(PPh₃)₄, DMF, 0 °C, 10 h, 86%; (b) 2.3 equiv DIBAL, toluene, $-78 \rightarrow 0$ °C, 30 min, 94%; (c) 1.2 equiv *t*-BuPh₂SiCl, 5.0 equiv Et₃N, 0.27 equiv DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, $0 \rightarrow 23$ °C, 3.5 h, 95%; (d) 2.0 equiv HC=CCH₂OH, 4.0 equiv CH₃(CH₂)₂NH₂, 0.15 equiv CuI, 0.05 Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂, THF, $0 \rightarrow 23$ °C, 14 h, 86%; (e) 0.1 M NaOH, CH₃OH, 0 °C, 45 min, 95%; (f) 3.0 equiv CH₃SO₂Cl, 5.0 equiv Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 15 min; 30 equiv H₂NNH₂, CH₃OH, 0 °C, 12 h; (g) 1.2 equiv MTAD, Et₂O, 0 °C, 15 min, 41% from **34**. aminopyridine furnished (Z)-bromoenyne **32** in 89% yield. Coupling of **32** and propargyl alcohol (2 equiv) in the presence of *n*-propylamine (4 equiv), cuprous iodide (0.15 equiv), and bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride (0.05 equiv) produced the enediyne **33** (86%), which was subsequently deprotected under basic conditions to provide **34** in 95% yield.²⁶ Enediyne **34** was submitted to a sequence of steps similar to those outlined for the synthesis of allene **18** to provide the target allene **27**.^{23,24} Thus, treatment of **34** with methanesulfonyl chloride (3.0 equiv) and triethylamine (5.0 equiv) in dichloromethane at 0 °C provided the crude methanesulfonate ester,²⁷ which was subsequently exposed to a large excess of anhydrous hydrazine in methanol (30 equiv, 15 M) at 0 °C for 12 h to



form the monoalkyl hydrazine **35**. After separation of the crude product from excess hydrazine by an aqueous extraction, **35** was oxidized with a slight excess (1.2 equiv) of 4-methyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione (MTAD) under anaerobic conditions at 0 °C to afford, after purification by flash column chromatography, **27** in 41% yield from **34**.²⁴ Allene **27** exists as a non-volatile oil which can be stored anaerobically (concentrated or in solution) for several days without noticeable decomposition.

Heating 27 (0.01 M, 60 °C) in deoxygenated dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)

containing 1,4-cyclohexadiene (4.0 M) afforded 3-tolyl *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl ether **36** (50%), 1,4-cyclohexadiene addition products **37** and **38** (40%), and the bibenzyl derivative **39** (1%) (Table II, entry 1). The kinetics of cyclization of **27** (0.01 M in dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 , 4.0 M 1,4-cyclohexadiene, determined by ¹H NMR analysis at 60 °C) are first order (see experimental section) and are indistinguishable from those of **18** in 1,4-cyclohexadiene at the same temperature ($k = 1.09 \pm 0.01 \times 10^{-4}$ and 1.08 ± 0.24



x 10^{-4} s⁻¹, respectively). Thermolysis of 27 at 60 °C in oxygen-free methanol (CH₃OH, CH₃OD, and CD₃OH) essentially replicated the distribution of polar (40) and free radical (39 and 41) addition products observed with 18 in the same solvents (Table II, entries 2-4), whereas heating 27 in 4.0 M methanol in dimethyl sulfoxide formed only products of free radical addition, 39 and 41 (Table II, entry 5). The low yield of products in the latter experiment is consistent with the poorer ability of methanol to function as an effective radical trap versus, e.g., 1,4-cyclohexadiene. The decreased polar reactivity of 28 in methanol-dimethyl sulfoxide mixtures versus neat methanol is presumably due to strong hydrogen-bonding and decreased acidity of the methanolic hydroxyl group in the former medium. Heating solutions of 27 in deoxygenated 20% aqueous tetrahydrofuran


Entry	Medium	Products ^b						
	-	36	37 + 38	39	40	41	42	
1	1,4-Cyclohexadiene (4.0 M)–DMSO	50	40	1	-	-	-	
2	CH ₃ OH	-	-	1	39	7	-	
3	CH ₃ OD	-	-	1	19	12	-	
4	CD ₃ OH	-	-	-	52	-	1	
5	CH ₃ OH (4.0 M)–DMSO	-	-	1	-	10	-	
6	H ₂ O (11.0 M)–THF	6	-	1	-	-	23	

Table II. Thermal Cyclization of 27 in Various Media.^a

 a 0.01 M, 60 °C. b Yields determined by $^1{\rm H}$ NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures using (Z)-1,2-dichloroethylene as an internal standard.



at 60 °C (Table II, entry 6) afforded the tetrahydrofuran adduct **42** as the major product (23%), as well as lesser amounts of free-radical products **36** and **39** (6 and 1%, respectively), with <1% of benzyl alcohol **43**, the product of polar addition of water. The latter observation is significant in that it demonstrates the ability of biradicals such as **28** to undergo hydrogen atom transfer reactions, in lieu of polar trapping, in the presence of water.



Chemical Activation in Biradical Formation-Design, Dynamics, and Reactivity

From activation parameters derived above, the half-life for the formation of α ,3dehydrotoluene (19) from (Z)-1,2,4-heptatrien-6-yne (18) can be calculated to be ~24 h at 37 °C. Thus, it is clear that the (Z)-allene-ene-yne functional group offers the potential for biradical formation under exceedingly mild conditions. Since model studies described elsewhere suggest that proper substitution of 18, particularly at the "benzylic" carbon, can accelerate biradical formation,^{23c} and given that biradical formation at or



below physiological temperatures is a defining feature of the enediyne antitumor antibiotics, it is logical to ask whether the cyclization of substrates such as **18** could form the basis for the design of nonnatural antibiotics.

As described in the introduction to this work, a further defining feature of the enediyne antibiotics is the requirement for chemical "activation" prior to biradical formation (cf. Schemes I, II, and III). In the case of calichemicin and dynemicin the activation step removes a structural feature that impedes cyclization, while in the case of neocarzinostatin chromophore chemical activation creates the functionality necessary for cyclization. In our initial efforts to design a chemically activated substrate for α , 3-dehydrotoluene formation, we have chosen to adopt the latter strategy.^{23c,34}

Scheme VII depicts such a substrate (44, TDS = t-Bu(Ph)₂Si) and the sequence of chemical steps proposed to form the (Z)-1,2,4-heptatrien-6-yne subunit (44 \rightarrow 45 \rightarrow 46) and, subsequently, the biradical 47.^{23c,34} The allene is generated by disulfide bond





cleavage and intramolecular S_N' cyclization, a sequence inspired by chemical activation steps occurring in the natural enediyne antibiotics described above, though differing somewhat in detail. Preliminary studies established a requirement for the presence of the *gem*-dimethyl group; substrates bearing a proton at this position apparently undergo preferential 1,4-elimination to form a cumulene intermediate (eq 3). The *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxymethyl substituent (TDSOCH₂), as modeled in allene **27**, provides a potential site for further structural elaboration (e.g., attachment of a DNA-binding



group) while the sulfur and alkyl substituents on the allene terminus (of 46) were anticipated to accelerate biradical formation.^{23c}

The target substrate **44** was synthesized by the convergent route shown in Scheme VIII.³⁴ Slow addition of (*Z*)-bromoenyne **32** to a solution of *tert*-butyllithium (2.5 equiv, 0.14 M) in tetrahydrofuran-ethyl ether-pentane³⁵ (4:1:1) at -120 °C led to its smooth transformation to the corresponding vinyllithium reagent, which was trapped at -120 °C with *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (2.5 equiv) to produce the aldehyde **48** in 71% yield after aqueous workup and flash column chromatography. The use of very low temperatures in the halogen-metal exchange reaction was necessary to avoid elimination of the silyloxy group from the vinyllithium intermediate. Addition of methanesulfonyl chloride (1.2 equiv) to a solution of the known alcohol 3,3-dimethyl-4-pentyn-1-ol³⁶ (0.28 M) and triethylamine (1.3 equiv) in dichloromethane at 0 °C formed the corresponding methanesulfonate ester²⁷ which, after extractive isolation, was subjected to nucleophilic displacement with thiopivalic acid (6 equiv)-triethylamine (10 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran



Reagents and conditions (TMS = Si(CH₃)₃, TDS = SiPh₂t-Bu): (a) 2.5 equiv t-BuLi, 2.5 equiv DMF, 4:1:1 THF:Et₂O:pentane, $-120 \rightarrow -40$ °C, 3 h, 71%; (b) 1.2 equiv CH₃SO₂Cl, 1.3 equiv Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 5 min; 10.0 equiv Et₃N, 6.0 equiv HSCOt-Bu, THF, $0 \rightarrow 60$ °C, 6 h, 85%; (c) 1.5 equiv LDA, 1.5 equiv **49**, 1.6 equiv CeCl₃, then 1 equiv **48**, THF, -78 °C, 1 h, 90%; (d) 0.1 M NaOH, 4:1:1 THF:CH₃OH:propyl disulfide, 0 °C, 4 h, 70%; (e) 10.0 equiv 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid, 10.0 equiv CH₃CH₂N=C=N(CH₂)₃N(CH₃)₂•HCl, 5.0 equiv DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 30 min, 90%. at 60 °C for 6 h to provide the thiol ester 49 in 85% yield. The pivaloyl thiol-protecting group is notable for its stability to the conditions of alkyne metalation, as demonstrated in the convergent step. Lithiation of 49 (1.2 equiv, 1.5 equiv lithium diisopropylamide (LDA), tetrahydrofuran, -78 °C, 10 min) and subsequent addition of anhydrous cerium(III) chloride (1.6 equiv, -78 °C, 30 min incubation)³⁷ and the aldehyde 48 (1 equiv) afforded the coupling product 50 in 90% yield. Although there are no enolizable protons in 48 or lithiated 49, the acetylide addition proceeded in moderately higher yield (90 vs. 75%) when cerium(III) chloride was present in the reaction mixture. Treatment of coupling product 50 with sodium hydroxide (0.1 M) in tetrahydrofuran-methanol-propyl disulfide (4:1:1) at 0 °C led to rapid removal of the trimethylsilyl group (<20 min) and, more slowly, cleavage of the thiol ester (~4 h for completion) to form, after trapping the liberated thiol with propyl disulfide, the mixed disulfide 51 in 70% yield. The hydroxyl group of 51 was activated toward displacement by treatment with 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (10 equiv), 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (10 equiv), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (5 equiv) in dichloromethane at 0 °C for 30 min, affording the dinitrobenzoate 44 in 90% yield after purification by flash column chromatography. The 3,5-dinitrobenzoate ester represents a near optimum balance between chemical stability and reactivity toward displacement in this system. Accordingly, the corresponding methanesulfonate ester and chloride were too reactive to manipulate conveniently, while the acetate or benzoate esters proved to be too stable for subsequent facile displacement.

Disulfide cleavage occurred under neutral conditions when 44 was treated with tributylphosphine (10 equiv) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane-water (4:1) at 0 °C, affording the thiol 45 in 82% yield.³⁸ Thiol 45 is stable to neutral or slightly acidic conditions and can be purified by chromatography on silica gel, but undergoes rapid cyclization in the



presence of base. Thus, addition of triethylamine (5.0 equiv) to a deoxygenated solution of thiol **45** (0.01 M) in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) containing 1,4-cyclohexadiene (1.0 M) at 23 °C formed the tetrahydrothiophene derivative **52**, the product of addition of two hydrogen atoms to the putative biradical **47**, in 75% yield (Table III, entry 1). Omission of 1,4-cyclohexadiene from the reaction medium led to an intractable product mixture suggesting that **46**, like **18**, was unstable to the free radical products of its cyclization, but apparently not to cyclohexadienyl. The trapping sites were labeled by using 1,4cyclohexadiene-*d*₈ (96% deuterium content at the allylic positions) in the cyclization



reaction (Table III, entry 2). It was necessary to remove the *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl group in **52** (tetrabutylammonium fluoride, tetrahydrofuran, 23 °C) in order to resolve the newly-formed aromatic signals in the ¹H NMR spectrum; analysis of the resulting alcohol **53** showed the incorporation of deuterium at C5 (60%) and C1' (90%). The source of residual protium at C5, the more reactive site in the biradical, is not known with certainty. As experiments described below rule out the thiol S-H bond as the source of protium

Entry	Substrate	Medium		Products ^b			
			52	54	55	58	
1	45	1,4-Cyclohexadiene (4.0 M)–DMSO	75	-	-	-	
2	45	1,4-Cyclohexadiene (d_8) (4.0 M)–	45	-	-	-	
		DMSO					
3	44	p-Methoxythiophenol (0.02 M)–DMSO	22	75		-	
4	45	CH ₃ OH (4.0 M)–DMSO	33	-	33	-	
5	45	H ₂ O (11.0 M)–THF	-	-	-	40	

Table III. Reaction of Thiol 45 and Disulfide 44 in Various Media.^a

 a 0.01 M, 23 °C. b Yields determined by $^1{\rm H}$ NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures using (Z)-1,2-dichloroethylene as an internal standard.















(cyclization of 45 to 46 is more rapid than 46 to 47), the only possible sources appear to be 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid, triethylamine, or dimethyl sulfoxide.³⁹ Though less than quantitative, the incorporation of deuterium at the indicated sites in 52 support the intermediacy of the biradical 47 in the transformation $45 \rightarrow 52$.

Due to a favorable ordering of rate constants, it was possible to observe the intermediate allene 46 by ¹H NMR spectroscopy and to follow its transformation to 52. Addition of triethylamine (2.2 equiv) to a solution of 45 (0.02 M) and 1,4-cyclohexadiene (0.26 M) in deoxygenated DMSO- d_6 :CD₂Cl₂ (2.3:1; CD₂Cl₂ was required to prevent freezing of the sample) at 0 °C caused rapid reaction of 45 (<30 min at 10 °C) to form an intermediate displaying signals consistent with structure 46. This intermediate was



observed to undergo first-order transformation to 52 in a slower step ($k = 3.6 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-4}$ s⁻¹ at 10 °C, two determinations; see experimental section). The entire cascade ($44 \rightarrow 45 \rightarrow 46 \rightarrow 47 \rightarrow 52$) could be brought about by treating the disulfide 44 (0.01 M) with triethylamine (5 equiv) and 4-methoxythiophenol (3 equiv) in oxygen-free dimethyl sulfoxide, producing tetrahydrothiophene derivative 52 and the thiophenol adduct 54 in excellent combined yield (Table III, entry 3). This reaction was considerably slower than



the cyclization of the free thiol (45), requiring 30 min at 23 °C for completion, and exhibited a rather large solvent dependence, slowing markedly in less polar media ($t_{1/2} = 6$ h in 1.5:1 dimethyl sulfoxide-tetrahydrofuran). Control experiments with the non-activated disulfide **51** showed that the rate of simple disulfide cleavage in this substrate followed closely the rate of formation of **52** from **44** in a given solvent, demonstrating that the rate-determining step in the latter reaction was likely disulfide cleavage.

Further trapping studies showed that the biradical **47** displays enhanced polar reactivity as compared with the biradicals **19** and **28**. Attempts to cyclize the thiol **45** in neat methanol using triethylamine (5 equiv) led to transesterification of the 3,5dinitrobenzoate ester. This complication was avoided by treatment of **45** (0.01 M) with triethylamine (5 equiv) in deoxygenated dimethyl sulfoxide containing methanol (4.0 M) at 23 °C; cyclization produced equal amounts of tetrahydrothiophene derivative **52** and the methyl ether **55** in good yield (Table III, entry 4, Scheme IX). Cursory consideration of these products suggests that both polar and free radical reaction pathways operate in this system. However, further experiments showed that this was not the case, and implicated instead the exclusive operation of a polar reaction pathway (see resonance form **56**). Cyclization of thiol **45** (0.01 M) with triethylamine (5 equiv) in dimethyl sulfoxide containing CD₃OD (4.0 M) demonstrated that both of the newly added hydrogen atoms in **52** were derived from methanol (>95% incorporation of





deuterium at the C5 and C1' positions, as determined by ¹H NMR analysis of alcohol **53**) (Scheme IX). Methyl ether **55** formed in the latter experiment also showed >95% incorporation of deuterium at C5, as determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the corresponding alcohol **57**. Use of CH₃OD led to exclusive incorporation of deuterium at the C5 positions (>95%) of **52** and **55** with <5% incorporation at the C1' position of **52** (Scheme IX). These experiments support a scheme whereby **52** and **55** are formed by



initial proton transfer from the hydroxyl group of methanol to C5 of biradical 47, with partitioning of the resultant ion pair by a (net) hydride transfer to form 52 (and presumably formaldehyde), or by simple recombination to form 55. When compared with data from substrate 18 and 27, these results show that the biradical 47 exhibits a greater propensity to react as a polar species than intermediates 19 or 28. In further support of this conclusion, it was found that treatment of thiol 45 with triethylamine (5 equiv) in deoxygenated 20% aqueous tetrahydrofuran provided hemithioketal 58 as the only isolable product (Table III, entry 5, cf. Table II, entry 6).



A More Reactive Biradical-Another Step in the Cascade

The trapping studies described above confirm the expectation that the benzylic radical is less reactive than the phenyl radical within α ,3-dehydroalkylbenzene biradicals. This difference in reactivity presents a concern with regard to the use of such a species to mimic biradicals generated from the enediyne antibiotics in the damage of double-stranded DNA. The latter biradicals have been shown to induce double stranded lesions, as a subset of total DNA damage products, via the direct abstraction of hydrogen atoms

from the ribose backbone of DNA by both radical sites.⁷⁻⁹ It is questionable whether a benzylic radical is sufficiently reactive to abstract a ribose-bound hydrogen atom at a rate rapid with respect to alternative trapping pathways (e.g., reaction with molecular oxygen). To address this issue, and to further probe the radical reactivity of α ,3-dehydrotoluene intermediates, the cyclopropane-containing thiol **59** was prepared. As outlined in Scheme X, thioallene formation and cyclization of the resultant (Z)-allene-ene-yne **60** were anticipated to form the biradical **61**. This cyclopropylcarbinyl radical was expected to enter into dynamic equilibrium with the corresponding homoallylic





radical, either directly or, more likely, subsequent to hydrogen atom transfer to the phenyl radical (61 62 and 63 64, respectively).⁴⁰ Through this ring-opening process, a second highly reactive radical site is generated.

The synthesis of cyclopropane thiol 59 parallels that of thiol 45 (Scheme VIII), employing instead the alkyne 73 for coupling with the aldehyde 48. Alkyne 73 was synthesized in 8 steps (Scheme XI) from 3-bromo-3-butene-1-ol tert-butyldiphenylsilyl ether 65, obtained by treatment of the known bromo alcohol⁴¹ with tertbutyldiphenylsilyl chloride (1.2 equiv), triethylamine (5.0 equiv), and 4dimethylaminopyridine (0.62 equiv) in dichloromethane at 23 °C (95%). Addition of a solution of 65 in tetrahydrofuran-ethyl ether-pentane³⁵ (4:1:1) to a solution of tertbutyllithium in the same solvent mixture at -120 °C, followed by the addition of a solution of N,N-dimethylformamide (2.5 equiv, 0.15 M) in tetrahydrofuran afforded the aldehyde 66 in 91% yield following aqueous workup and flash column chromatography. Reduction of 66 with sodium borohydride (1.0 equiv) in ethanol proceeded cleanly at 0 °C to provide the allylic alcohol 67 (88%). Cyclopropanation of this product with diethyl zinc (5.0 equiv) and diiodomethane (10.0 equiv) in diethyl ether at 23 °C afforded the alcohol 68 in 68% yield after purification by flash column chromatography.⁴² Swern oxidation of 68 (oxalyl chloride (1.1 equiv), dimethyl sulfoxide (2.2 equiv), triethylamine (5.0 equiv), dichloromethane, $-78 \rightarrow 0$ °C) provided cyclopropane carboxaldehyde 69 in 87% yield.⁴³ Transformation of this aldehyde to the alkyne 71 was accomplished by the two-step homologation procedure of Corey and Fuchs.⁴⁴ Thus, addition of 69 to a suspension of triphenylphosphine (2.0 equiv), carbon tetrabromide (2.0 equiv), and zinc dust (2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane at 23 °C provided the corresponding 1,1-dibromo olefin 70 following workup and flash column chromatography. Subsequent treatment of a solution of 70 in tetrahydrofuran at -78 °C with *n*-butyllithium (2.2 equiv) afforded the alkyne 71 in 91% yield after an aqueous quench and flash column chromatography.



Reagents and conditions (TMS = Si(CH₃)₃, TDS = SiPh₂t-Bu): (a) 1.2 equiv t-BuPh₂SiCl, 5.0 equiv Et₃N, 0.62 equiv DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, $0\rightarrow$ 23 °C, 2 h, 93%; (b) 2.5 equiv t-BuLi, 2.5 equiv DMF, 4:1:1 THF:Et₂O:pentane, -120 °C, 3 h, 91%; (c) 1.0 equiv NaBH₄, EtOH, 0 °C, 1 h, 88%; (d) 5.0 equiv Et₂Zn, 10.0 equiv CH₂I₂, Et₂O, $0\rightarrow$ 23 °C, 4 h, 68%; (e) 1.1 equiv (COCl)₂, 2.2 equiv DMSO, 5.0 Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂, -78 \rightarrow 0 °C, 87%; (f) 2.0 equiv Zn dust, 2.0 equiv PPh₃, 2.0 equiv CBr₄ (precomplexed for 24 h at 23 °C), CH₂Cl₂, then introduced **69**, 23 °C, 5 h; (g) 2.2 equiv *n*-BuLi, THF, -78 °C, 3 h, 91% from **69**; (h) 3.0 equiv *n*-Bu₄NF, THF, 0 °C, 24 h, 86%; (i) 1.2 equiv CH₃SO₂Cl, 1.3 equiv Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 15 min; 10.0 equiv Et₃N, 5.0 equiv HSCOt-Bu, THF, 0 \rightarrow 50 °C, 6 h, 85% from **72**. Exposure of **71** to a solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (3.0 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran at 23 °C cleanly removed the silyl protecting group to give the alcohol **72** in 86% yield. Addition of methanesulfonyl chloride (1.2 equiv) and triethylamine (1.3 equiv) to a solution of **72** in dichloromethane at 0 °C provided the corresponding methanesulfonate ester²⁷ which, without purification, was treated with thiopivalic acid (5.0 equiv) and triethylamine (10.0 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran at 50 °C, affording the thiol ester **73** in 90% yield from **72** after flash column chromatography. The remaining steps of the synthesis of **59** were virtually identical to those described for the preparation of the thiol **45**.

Accordingly, lithiation of **73** (1.2 equiv, 1.5 equiv LDA, THF, -78 °C, 10 min) and subsequent addition of anhydrous cerium(III) chloride (1.6 equiv, -78 °C, 30 min incubation)³⁷ and the aldehyde **48** (1 equiv) afforded the coupled product **74** in 63% yield (Scheme XII). Treatment of **74** with sodium hydroxide (0.1 M) in tetrahydrofuranmethanol-propyl disulfide (4:1:1) at 0 °C led to rapid removal of the trimethylsilyl group (<20 min) and, more slowly, cleavage of the thiol ester (~4 h for completion) to form, after trapping the liberated thiol with propyl disulfide, the mixed disulfide **75** in 64% yield. As with disulfide **51**, the hydroxyl group of **75** was activated toward displacement by treatment with 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (10 equiv), 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (10 equiv), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (5 equiv) in dichloromethane at 0 °C for 30 min, affording the cyclopropane dinitrobenzoate **76** in 82% yield after purification by flash column chromatography. Treatment of **76** with tributylphosphine (10 equiv) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane-water (4:1) at 0 °C afforded the target cyclopropane thiol **59** in 68% yield.³⁸ As observed with thiol **45**, **59** is stable to neutral or acidic conditions and can be purified by flash column chromatography.

Cyclopropane thiol **59** (0.01 M) cyclized rapidly at 23 °C upon treatment with triethylamine (5 equiv) in deoxygenated dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) containing 1,4-



(a) 1.3 equiv LDA, 1.4 equiv CeCl₃, THF, -78 °C, 30 min, then 0.91 equiv 48,
-78 °C, 40 min, 63%; (b) 0.1 M NaOH, 4:1:1 THF:CH₃OH:propyl disulfide, 0 °C, 4 h,
64%; (c) 10.0 equiv 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid, 10.0 equiv CH₃CH₂N=C=N(CH₂)₃N(CH₃)₂•HCl, 5.0 equiv DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 30 min, 82%; (d) 10.0 equiv PBu₃, 4:1
DME:H₂O, 0 °C, 30 min, 68%.

Scheme XII

cyclohexadiene (4.0 M) to form products consistent with the intermediacy of the biradical **61**, i.e., the spirocyclopropyltetrahydrothiophene derivative **77** (28%) and the cyclopropane ring-opened product **78** (21%) (Table IV, entry 1). The ratio of these products was highly dependent upon the concentration of 1,4-cyclohexadiene in the medium. For example, use of four-fold less 1,4-cyclohexadiene (1.0 M) resulted in a sharp reduction in the yield of ring-opened product **78** (5%) with a corresponding

Table IV. Cyclization of Cyclopropane Thiol 59 (0.01 M) in Various Media.

Entry	Solvent		roducts	77:78	
		77	78	81	
1	DMSO-1,4-Cyclohexadiene (4.0 M)	28	21	-	1.33:1
2	DMSO-1,4-Cyclohexadiene (1.0 M)	50	5	-	10.0:1
3	DMSOCH3OH (4.0 M)	13	-	67	na

^{*a*} Yields determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures using (Z)-1,2-dichloroethylene as standard.











increase in the yield of spiro product 77 (50%) (Table IV, entry 2). These results closely parallel the observations of Roberts et al. in their study of the trapping of the stabilized cyclopropylcarbinyl radical 79 with 1,4-cyclohexadiene.⁴⁵ These authors present data to support the reasonable hypothesis that the benzyl radical 79 and its ring-opened isomer 80 enter into a dynamic equilibrium; only the latter is capable of direct hydrogen atom abstraction from 1,4-cyclohexadiene, while the former is quenched exclusively with cyclohexadienyl (Scheme XIII).⁴⁵

Under conditions where the dimethyl-substituted thiol **45** reacts solely to form products described by a polar reaction mechanism (4.0 M methanol in dimethyl sulfoxide, 0.05 M triethylamine, 23 °C), cyclopropane-substituted analog **59** was found to react analogously, producing the spirotetrahydrothiophene derivatives **81** (67%) and **77**



Scheme XIV

(13%) (Scheme XIV; Table IV, entry 3). As with thiol **45**, trapping studies of **59** with CH₃OD established that a polar mechanism operates in this case as well. Thus, cyclization of thiol **59** (0.01 M) with triethylamine (5 equiv) in dimethyl sulfoxide containing CH₃OD (4.0 M) led to exclusive incorporation of deuterium at the C5 positions (>95%) of **77** and **81** with <5% incorporation at the C1' position of **77** (determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the corresponding alcohols **82** and **83**) (Scheme XIV). In contrast to the radical reaction pathway, polar trapping of **61** did not lead to cyclopropane ring-opened products.



Discussion of α ,3-Dehydrotoluene Thermochemistry^{23c}

(Z)-1,2,4-Hepatrien-6-yne (18) undergoes a mild thermal cyclization to form the biradical α ,3-dehydrotoluene (19). It is instructive to compare the energetics of this process with the more familiar Bergman reaction $(11\rightarrow 12)$ (Figures 1 and 2).¹³ Through the innovative contributions of Squires and co-workers, the enthalpics of both reactions are now known;⁴⁶ kinetic measurements of Jones and Bergman,^{13a} and Myers and Kuo,^{23a} complete the energy diagrams of Figures 1 and 2. It can be seen that while the Bergman reaction is modestly endothermic, formation of α ,3-dehydrotoluene from 18 is strongly exothermic ($\Delta H_r \sim -15 \pm 3$ kcal/mol). As reported in the work of Squires et al., the interaction of the two radical centers is stabilizing in each 1,4-biradical, worth 6 ± 3 kcal/mol in the case of 19 and 11 ± 3 kcal/mol for 12.46 The greater exothermicity of the α ,3-dehydrotoluene-forming reaction is easily traced to the greater stability of a benzyl radical versus a phenyl radical. Given these thermodynamic data, it is perhaps not surprising that the barrier to cyclization of 18 is considerably lower than that of 11. As demonstrated in this work, this barrier can be further reduced by appropriate substitution of the allenic terminus of 18 (and thus the benzylic site of 19). In a calculated reaction pathway from 18 to 19, Koga and Morokuma find an early transition state, as expected given the exothermicity of the reaction, with no evidence of twisting of the incipient benzyl radical toward conjugation with the phenyl ring.⁴⁷ This radical nevertheless occupies an orbital of greater p-character than the corresponding radical in cyclizations of 11, a fact which may lead to a lower barrier to cyclizations of (Z)-allene-ene-yne systems. It is also true that the cyclizations of 18 lack the repulsive interactions between the two in-plane p-orbitals not involved in bonding, a feature which likely contributes to the enthalpy of activation of (Z)-enediyne cyclizations.⁴⁷ Regardless of the origin of the effect, it is clear that the (Z)-allene-ene-yne functional group cyclizes rapidly in the



Figure 1. Enthalpy diagram for cyclization of (Z)-hex-3-ene-1,5-diyne (11). ΔH_f° (11): Calculated using revised group additivities (Benson, S. W.; Garland, L. J. J. Phys. Chem. **1991**, 95, 4915). See also: Lias, S. G.; Bartmess, J. E.; Liebman, J. F.; Holmes J. L.; Levin, R. D.; Mallard, W. G. J. Phys Chem. Ref. Data **1988**, 17, Suppl. 1. ΔH_f° (**12**): ref 46a.



Figure 2. Enthalpy diagram for cyclization of (Z)-1,2,4-heptatrien-6-yne (18). ΔH_f° (18): ref 23a. Revision of this number downward by 1-2 kcal/mol may be warranted: Benson, S. W.; Garland, L. J. J. *Phys. Chem.* 1991, 95, 4915. ΔH^{\ddagger} : ref 23a. ΔH_f° (19): ref 46b.

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absence of additional ground-state destabilization, as required for the cyclization of (Z)enediynes at comparable rates (e.g., eq 4).^{21e}



Conclusions

Dichotomous (polar and free radical) reactivity is observed when **18** is pyrolyzed in the presence of polar reactants. Mechanistic studies suggest that both radical and polar products arise from a common intermediate or, if arising by a dynamic process, that this process must be rapid on the timescale of the trapping reactions. In the former case, the data support a description of the common intermediate as a polar biradical, that is, some linear combination of limiting structures **19** and **26**.⁴⁸ Little et al. have recently proposed and discussed in detail a similar description for a trimethylenemethane biradical intermediate.⁴⁹ Implicit in the "polar biradical" description is the fact that singlet species



are involved, consistent with the work of Squires et al. supporting a singlet ground state for **19**.^{46b} In light of the latter results and in consideration of the experimental evidence presented in this work, the involvement of a single reactive intermediate **19**, best described as a polar, singlet biradical, is favored to account for all products observed. A mechanism involving rapid equilibration between species (e.g., a singlet state and a lowlying triplet state) cannot, however, be ruled out. A third possibility involving the intermediacy of a chiral closed-shell allene structure (methylene-2,3,5-cyclohexatriene, 84) is considered to be unlikely given the calculated energy of this species versus the planar, singlet biradical isomer^{46b} and given the difficulty in reconciling the observed free radical and polar (orientation of methanol addition) products in terms of a species of this description.⁵⁰ The polar reactivity of **19** represents a departure from the known chemistry of the σ , σ -biradicals derived from (Z)-enediyne **11** and the enediyne antibiotics (introduction) which react exclusively by standard radical reaction paths.⁵¹ Here again, the discriminating feature may well be the differential stabilities of the electron deficient benzyl and phenyl carbons, in this instance with reference to the corresponding cations.

In light of this discussion of thermochemistry and reactivity, it is worthwhile to briefly consider the possibility that an α ,3-dehydroalkylbenzene biradical might function as a DNA-damaging agent, perhaps forming the basis for the design of a nonnatural antitumor agent, in analogy to the enediyne antitumor antibiotics (cf., introduction). In this regard, several factors must be considered. First, will the cyclization reaction that forms a biradical such as 19 be sufficiently rapid? To answer this question, it must be known what are optimum, or even adequate, rates of cyclization in a physiological system. Beyond certain obvious limitations defined by the biological system in question (e.g., the half-life for cell division), an optimum cyclization rate has yet to be determined. Given the high reactivity of the (Z)-allene-ene-yne functional group, one critical requirement is that the cyclization be rapid with respect to competing, nonproductive reactions. Even by these minimal criteria, the rate of the parent cyclization $(18 \rightarrow 19)$ would appear to be slow ($t_{1/2}$ at 37 °C ~ 1 day). As demonstrated in this work, appropriate substitution of the allenic terminus dramatically accelerates the cyclization reaction. For example, the (Z)-allene-ene-yne 46 is found to cyclize with a half-life of ~ 1 h at 10 °C. Unfortunately, this example illustrates a further consideration with these systems in that the product biradical (47) favors a polar trapping mechanism in polar media. It remains to be established whether it is possible to accelerate cyclization by



substitution of the allenic terminus without enhancing polar reactivity. As suggested above, an alternative strategy for rate acceleration in (Z)-allene-ene-yne cyclizations might exploit entropic factors. For example, by constraining the allene group in the proper orientation for cyclization (as in compound **85**), rate enhancements of perhaps more than one order of magnitude might be obtained.^{52,53}

As illustrated with biradical 47, and discussed in detail above, a second major issue in this system concerns the dichotomous (polar vs. free-radical) reactivity of these σ,π -biradicals. This feature necessarily introduces a mechanistic ambiguity into any DNA cleavage chemistry induced by biradicals such as 47. However, in simple systems such as 28, there is little doubt that radical reactions will predominate, even in the presence of water. For example, the major product from trapping of 28 in 20% aqueous tetrahydrofuran is the adduct 42.



Finally, a third consideration is the stability of the benzylic site within α ,3dehydroalkylbenzene biradicals, given a radical reaction pathway. The enediyne antibiotics have been shown to produce double stranded lesions in B-form DNA wherein both radical sites within the biradical intermediate directly abstract hydrogen atoms from

the ribose backbone.⁷⁻⁹ It has been suggested that these lesions are the most lethal products of DNA damage in the case of neocarzinostatin chromophore.^{7g} The stability of the benzylic site raises a concern as to whether the σ,π -biradicals described herein could participate directly in such a reaction. An indirect pathway with a similar outcome might involve a peroxyl intermediate, as illustrated in eq 5. The notion of using a secondary rearrangement to transform the benzyl radical into a more reactive species has been demonstrated above with cyclopropane thiol **59** and represents one strategy to mimic the more reactive biradicals of the enediyne antibiotics.



The preceding considerations follow rationally from the background studies described above. Clearly, however, the nature of the detailed interaction of double stranded DNA with α ,3-dehydroalkylbenzene biradicals must await experimental determination.⁵⁴

Experimental Section

General Procedures. All reactions were performed in flame-dried round bottom or modified Schlenk (Kjeldahl shape) flasks fitted with rubber septa under a positive pressure of argon, unless otherwise noted. Air- and moisture-sensitive liquids and solutions were transferred via syringe or stainless steel cannula. Where necessary (so noted), solutions were deoxygenated by alternate evacuation/argon-flush cycles (\geq five iterations). Organic solutions were concentrated by rotary evaporation at ~25 Torr (water aspirator). Flash column chromatography was performed as described by Still et al.⁵⁵ employing 230-400 mesh silica gel. Analytical and preparative thin-layer chromatography were performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Electrochemical experiments were performed using a Princeton Applied Research (PAR) model 173 potentiostat/galvinostat equipped with a PAR model 179 digital coulometer.

Materials. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received with the following exceptions. Ethyl ether and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl. Pentane, dichloromethane, tributylphosphine, *N*,*N*-diisopropyl-ethylamine, diisopropylamine, *n*-propylamine and triethylamine were distilled from calcium hydride at 760 Torr. Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) was distilled from calcium sulfate at 40 Torr and stored over 4Å molecular sieves. *N*,*N*-Dimethylformamide (DMF) was either distilled from calcium sulfate at 40 Torr or was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company (HPLC grade, < 0.03% water content) and was stored over 4Å molecular sieves. Anhydrous cerium(III) chloride was prepared from the heptahydrate by heating at 100 °C and 1 Torr for 12 h. 3,5-Dinitrobenzoic acid was recrystallized from water. Methanesulfonyl chloride was distilled from phosphorous pentoxide at 760 Torr. Oxalyl chloride was distilled at 760 Torr immediately prior to use. Cuprous iodide was purified by continuous extraction (12 h) with tetrahydrofuran in a Soxhlet apparatus.⁵⁶

Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0)⁵⁷ and trifluoroethyl benzyl ether⁵⁸ were prepared according to literature procedures. Cyclohexadiene adducts **24** and **25** were prepared as an inseparable mixture by reaction of cyclohexadienyl anion⁵⁹ with benzyl bromide. 3,3,6,6-Tetradeuterio-1,4-cyclohexadiene was purchased from MSD Isotopes Inc.⁶⁰ The molarity of *n*-butyllithium solutions was determined by titration using diphenylacetic acid as an indicator (average of three determinations).⁶¹ Solutions of lithium diisopropylamide in tetrahydrofuran (0.2-0.4 M) were prepared immediately prior to use by the addition of *n*-butyllithium (1.6 M in hexanes, 1 equiv) to a solution of diisopropylamine (1.1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran at -78 °C with brief warming of the resultant mixture (5-min immersion of the reaction flask in an ice bath) and then cooling to -78 °C.

Instrumentation. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained using a Perkin-Elmer 1600 FT-IR spectrophotometer referenced to a polystyrene standard. Data are presented as follows: frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹), intensity of absorption (s = strong, m = medium, w = weak, br = broad) and assignment (when appropriate). Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded with a JEOL JX-400 (400 MHz) or a Bruker AM-500 (500 MHz) NMR spectrometer; chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (δ scale) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃: δ 7.26, C₆HD₅: δ 7.15, CHDCl₂: δ 5.29). Data are represented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), integration, coupling constant in Hertz (Hz), and assignment. High resolution mass spectra were obtained at the University of California, Riverside Mass Spectrometry Facility.



(Z)-Vinyl Chloride 20.

Cuprous iodide (0.62 g, 3.26 mmol, 0.15 equiv) and bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride (0.76 g, 1.08 mmol, 0.05 equiv) were added sequentially to an icecooled, deoxygenated solution of (*Z*)-1,2-dichloroethylene (8.41 mL, 107 mmol, 5.0 equiv), propargyl alcohol (1.21 g, 21.7 mmol, 1 equiv), and *n*-propylamine (8.90 mL, 108 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in ethyl ether (25 mL) and the resulting brown suspension was thoroughly degassed. After stirring at 23 °C for 6 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between an aqueous solution comprised of equal parts of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and saturated aqueous potassium carbonate solutions (100 mL) and ethyl ether (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded (*Z*)-vinyl chloride **20** (1.91 g, 78%) as a brown oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ:

6.40 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, C≡CCH=CH), 5.91 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 7.3, 2.0 Hz, C≡CCH=CH), 4.46 (d, 2 H, *J* = 2.0 Hz, CH₂OH).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3346 (br, OH), 3087 (m), 2917 (m), 2865 (m), 2209 (w, C=C), 1592 (s), 1331 (s), 1126 (s), 1015 (s), 849 (s), 725 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

116 (53), 99 (10), 87 (9), 81 (100), 73 (19), 63 (19).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₅H₅ClO(M⁺): 116.0029 Found: 116.0029

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : (Z)-Vinyl Chloride 20: 0.30 (UV)



(Z)-Enediyne 21.

A deoxygenated suspension of tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (1.13 g, 0.98 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and (Z)-vinyl chloride **20** (2.26 g, 19.0 mmol, 1 equiv) in ethyl ether (45 mL) at 23 °C was transferred via wide-bore cannula to an ice-cooled, deoxygenated solution of cuprous iodide (0.74 g, 3.9 mmol, 0.20 equiv), (trimethylsilyl)acetylene (3.85 mL, 27.2 mmol, 1.4 equiv), and *n*-propylamine (6.4 mL, 76.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv) in ethyl ether (40 mL). The resulting brown suspension was thoroughly deoxygenated and was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into an aqueous solution comprised of equal parts of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and saturated aqueous potassium carbonate solutions (100 mL) and the resulting biphasic solution was stirred under air at 23 °C for 45 min. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl ether (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give (Z)-enediyne **21** (2.87 g, 83%) as a brown oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 5.86 (s, 2 H, both C=CH), 4.47 (d, 2 H, J = 5.4 Hz, CH₂OH), 1.66 (t, 1 H, J = 5.4 Hz, CH₂OH), 0.22 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3353 (br, OH), 3048 (m), 2960 (s), 2144 (s, C \equiv C), 1574 (w), 1251(s), 1134 (s), 1027 (s), 843 (s), 759 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

178 (65), 163 (100), 145 (48), 137 (48), 75 (58).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₁₀H₁₄OSi (M⁺): 178.0814 Found: 178.0809

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : (Z)-Vinyl Chloride **20**: 0.29 (UV) (Z)-Enediyne **21**: 0.40 (UV)



Propargyl Alcohol 22.

Potassium fluoride dihydrate (0.26 g, 2.76 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added to an icecooled solution of (Z)-enediyne **21** (0.248 g, 1.39 mmol, 1 equiv) in methanol (5.0 mL). After stirring at 0 °C for 2.5 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between brine (100 mL) and ethyl acetate (4 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give propargyl alcohol **22** (0.142 g, 96%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ:

5.95 (dm, 1 H, J = 11.1 Hz, HC=CHC=CCH₂OH), 5.83 (dd, 1 H, J = 11.1, 2.3 Hz, HC=CHC=CCH₂OH), 4.48 (d, 2 H, J = 2.0 Hz, CH₂OH), 3.36 (d, 1 H, J = 2.3 Hz, C=CH), 1.76 (s, 1 H, CH₂OH).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3327 (br, OH), 3287 (s, C=CH), 2922 (m), 2209 (w, C=C), 2097 (w), 1574 (w), 1391 (m), 1130 (s), 1015 (s), 751 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 106 (80

106 (80), 89 (11), 78 (100), 74 (26), 63 (49), 51 (92).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₇H₆O (M⁺): 106.0419 Found: 106.0419

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : (Z)-Enediyne **21**: 0.59 (UV)

Propargyl Alcohol 22: 0.39 (UV)



(Z)-1,2,4-Heptatrien-6-yne (18).

Methanesulfonyl chloride (0.26 mL, 3.31 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added dropwise over 15 min to an ice-cooled solution of propargyl alcohol 22 (0.12 g, 1.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and triethylamine (0.78 mL, 5.56 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (5.0 mL). The resulting yellow suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min, then was partitioned between brine (100 mL) and ethyl acetate (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The brown residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (4 mL) and was treated with a solution of anhydrous hydrazine (0.50 mL, 15.6 mmol, 14.3 equiv) in methanol (0.50 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 9:1 mixture of dichloromethane and methanol (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated to provide the crude hydrazine 23 which was diluted with deoxygenated benzene- d_6 (2.0 mL). The resulting suspension was treated with a deoxygenated solution of 4-methyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione (0.162 g, 1.43 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in benzene- d_6 (5.0 mL, dropwise addition via cannula over 10 min). After stirring at 23 °C for 10 min, the reaction mixture was washed with water (5 x 10 mL) and was dried over sodium sulfate. The crude solution of (Z)-1,2,4-heptatrien-6-yne in benzene- d_6 was purified by passage through a short column of flash-grade silica gel (2 cm x 1 cm, eluting with 5 mL benzene- d_6). The yield of **18** was determined to be 30% by addition of 0.25 mmol *m*-xylene to the chromatographed solution and ¹H NMR analysis.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆),
$$\delta$$
:
6.65 (dtd, 1 H, J = 11.0, 5.6, 1.0 Hz,
CH=C=CH₂), 6.16 (td, 1 H, J = 11.0, 1.0 Hz,
H C = C C H = C H), 5.14-5.19 (m, 1 H,
HC=CCH=CH), 4.64-4.67 (dm, 2 H, J = 5.6 Hz,
CH=C=CH₂), 2.89 (dd, 1 H, J = 1.7, 0.7 Hz,
HC=CCH=CH).

FTIR (C₆D₆ solution), cm⁻¹: 3291 (s, C=CH), 2146 (w, C=C), 1933 (s, C=C=C), 1604 (w), 787 (s).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₇H₇ (MH⁺): 91.0548 Found: 91.0552

TLC (Hexanes), R_f :

(Z)-1,2,4-heptatrien-6-yne 18: 0.38 (UV)
General Pyrolysis Procedure (Allene 18).

Pyrolyses of (Z)-1,2,4-heptatrien-6-yne (18) were conducted in medium-walled NMR tubes (Wilmad 503 PS, 9 in, used as received), sealed at reduced pressure (ca. 0.015 Torr). Oxygen was removed prior to pyrolysis by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles. Pyrolysis samples containing allene 18 (3.0 mM) and *m*-xylene (1/2 concentration of 18. internal reference) in an appropriate solvent were heated in boiling water (100 °C) for 30 min. In each case, samples were placed in a beaker fully submerged in the bath, and were not allowed to contact the sides of the heating apparatus. After completion of each reaction, sample tubes were cooled to 0 °C, scored, opened, and their contents analyzed by GLC; GC Parameters #1: Initial Temperature: 45 °C, Initial Time: 14.0 min, Rate: 50 °C/min, Final Temperature: 70 °C, Injector Temperature: 90 °C, Detector Temperature: 110 °C, Head Pressure: 65 kPa; Retention Times: toluene: 9.6 min, allene 18: 12.3 min, *m*-xylene: 16.9 min; GC Parameters #2: Initial Temperature: 40 °C, Initial Time: 1.00 min, Rate: 10 °C/min, Final Temperature: 175 °C, Injector Temperature: 225 °C, Detector Temperature: 250 °C, Head Pressure: 65 kPa; Retention Times: m-xylene: 7.7 min, methyl benzyl ether: 10.0 min, 1,1,1-trifluoroethyl benzyl ether: 10.3 min, benzyl alcohol: 10.8 min, 2-phenylethanol: 12.3 min, bibenzyl: 21.3 min; GC Parameters #3: Initial Temperature: 70 °C, Initial Time: 10.0 min, Rate: 20 °C/min, Final Temperature: 200 °C, Injector Temperature: 119 °C, Detector Temperature: 154 °C, Head Pressure: 65 kPa; Retention Times: m-xylene: 8.8 min, 24 and 25: 19.0 and 19.3 min. Product yields were determined by integration of the corresponding GLC signals and comparison to mxylene with appropriate response factor corrections.

Crossover Experiments (Allene 18).

Pyrolyses of **18** were conducted as described in the general procedure above in a mixture of 3,3,6,6-tetradeuterio-1,4-cyclohexadiene and unlabeled 1,4-cyclohexadiene (2:1 respectively). The crude reaction mixtures were analyzed by gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy (GCMS), and the amount of deuterium present in the pyrolysis products was calculated as follows.

A. Cyclohexadiene Adducts 24 and 25. The raw data were corrected for natural abundance ¹³C interference, and the ratio of products was calculated from the corrected data. An example of this correction is given in Table V below (note that ¹³C correction is $1.1\% \cdot C$, where C = # of carbon atoms in the molecule in question, and is thus $1.1\% \cdot 13 = 14.3\%$ of the n-1 peak for this analysis).

Assignment	m/z	Raw Data	¹³ C Corrected Data	% of Product
n-1 for d_0	170	-	-	-
d_0	171	100	100	57
d_1	172	18	3.7	2
d2	173	3	_	-
d_3	174	8	7.6	4
d_4	175	65	64	37

Table V. Example of ¹³C Correction Applied to Mass Spectrometry Data.

Thus, the bulk of this product mixture contains d_0 and d_4 (non-crossover) products. The deuterium incorporation determined for both 24 and 25 in two separate experiments were averaged to compute the final values.

B. Toluene. Since the commercial 3,3,6,6-tetradeuterio-1,4-cyclohexadiene was found to contain a toluene (d_0) impurity, the isotopic analysis of the toluene pyrolysis products proved to be more difficult than that applied to the cyclohexadiene adducts. The true abundances of d_1 and d_2 species (m/z = 94 and 95 respectively) were calculated

using a 13 C correction similar to that described above (although now using 7.7% of the n-1 peak) and the ratio of crossover to non-crossover products was calculated using these values alone (i.e., not using the d_0 peak). As before, the data obtained from two separate experiments were averaged to produce the final value.



(Z)-Bromoenyne 30.

Cuprous iodide (1.48 g, 7.76 mmol, 0.20 equiv) and tetrakis-(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (2.24 g, 1.94 mmol, 0.05 equiv) were added sequentially to a deoxygenated, ice-cooled solution of (*Z*)-ethyl 2,3-dibromopropenoate³² (10.0 g, 38.8 mmol, 1 equiv), (trimethylsilyl)acetylene (9.32 mL, 66.0 mmol, 1.7 equiv), and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (11.5 mL, 66.0 mmol, 1.7 equiv) in *N*,*N*dimethylformamide (60 mL). The resulting brown solution was thoroughly degassed and was stirred at 0 °C for 10 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between an aqueous solution comprised of equal parts of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and saturated aqueous potassium carbonate solutions (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The brown residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give (*Z*)-bromoenyne **30** (9.19 g, 86%) as a brown oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

7.29 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 4.30 (q, 2 H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH₃CH₂O), 1.34 (t, 3 H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH₃CH₂O), 0.25 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2962 (m), 2901 (w), 2131 (w, C \equiv C), 1732 (s, C=O), 1717 (s), 1584 (m), 1446 (w), 1367 (m), 1253 (s), 1083 (s), 1044 (m), 846 (s), 760 (m).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 274 (12), 259 (100), 233 (13), 195 (22), 179 (24), 167 (26), 139 (33), 107 (51).

HRMS (EI): Calcd for C₁₀H₁₅BrO₂Si (M⁺): 274.0025 Found: 274.0024

Elemental Analysis: Calcd for $C_{10}H_{15}BrO_2Si$: C, 43.64, H, 5.49 Found: C, 43.74, H, 5.26

TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : (Z)-Ethyl 2,3-Dibromopropenoate: 0.32 (UV) (Z)-Bromoenyne **30**: 0.42 (UV)



Alcohol 31.

Diisobutylaluminumhydride (75.0 mL, 1.0 M solution in hexanes, 75.0 mmol, 2.27 equiv) was transferred via cannula over 15 min to a solution of (Z)-bromoenyne **30** (9.10 g, 33.1 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (100 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, then was maintained at 0 °C for 30 min. After quenching with water (75 mL) at 0 °C, the cloudy mixture was stirred with tartaric acid (2 g) at 23 °C for 20 min and the resulting biphasic solution was extracted with a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, 5–30%) to give alcohol **31** (7.23 g, 94%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 6.31 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 4.31 (d, 2 H, J = 5.4 Hz, HOCH₂), 2.57 (t, 1 H, J = 6.5 Hz, HOCH₂), 0.23 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

3333 (br, OH), 2960 (m), 2900 (m), 2140 (m, C≡C), 1409 (w), 1250 (s), 1082 (m), 1011 (m), 843 (s), 760 (m). MS (EI), m/z (%base): 232 (25), 217 (100), 153 (79), 139 (67), 75 (19).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₈H₁₃BrOSi (M⁺): 231.9919 Found: 231.9923

Elemental Analysis:

Calcd for C₈H₁₃BrOSi: C, 41.21, H, 5.62 Found: C, 41.03, H, 5.58

TLC (10% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : (Z)-Bromoenyne **30**: 0.50 (UV) Alcohol **31**: 0.12 (UV)



(Z)-Bromoenyne 32.

tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl chloride (4.68 mL, 18.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to a solution of alcohol **31** (3.50 g, 15.0 mmol, 1 equiv) and triethylamine (10.5 mL, 75.3 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (100 mL) at 0 °C. After warming to 23 °C, 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.5 g, 4.09 mmol, 0.27 equiv) was added, and the solution stirred at 23 °C for 3.5 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give (Z)-bromoenyne **32** (6.73 g, 95%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.64-7.67 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.38-7.48 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 6.57 (t, 1 H, J = 2.0 Hz, C=CH), 4.33 (d, 2 H, J = 2.0 Hz, SiOCH₂), 1.08 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.25 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3072 (m), 2959 (s), 2858 (m), 2144 (m, C=C), 1472 (m), 1428 (m), 1250 (s), 1114 (s), 1091 (s), 1034 (m), 843 (s), 760 (m).

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MS (EI), m/z (%base):

471 (89), 415 (34), 313 (53), 268 (61), 196 (55).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₂₄H₃₂BrOSi₂ (MH⁺): 471.1175 Found: 471.1180

Elemental Analysis:

Calcd for C₂₄H₃₁BrOSi₂: C, 61.13, H, 6.63 Found: C, 61.47, H, 6.73

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Alcohol **31**: 0.24 (UV)

(Z)-Bromoenyne 32: 0.62 (UV)



Enediyne 33.

Cuprous iodide (0.082)g, 0.43 mmol, 0.15 equiv) and bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride (0.10 g, 0.14 mmol, 0.05 equiv) were added sequentially to an ice-cooled solution of (Z)-bromoenyne 32 (1.35 g, 2.86 mmol, 1 equiv), propargyl alcohol (0.33 mL, 5.72 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and n-propylamine (0.94 mL, 11.4 mmol, 4.0 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (40 mL), and the resulting brown suspension was thoroughly degassed. After stirring at 23 °C for 14 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between an aqueous solution comprised of equal parts of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and saturated aqueous potassium carbonate solutions (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford enediyne 33 (1.10 g, 86%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

7.63-7.65 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.37-7.46 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 6.28 (t, 1 H, J = 2.2 Hz, C=CH), 4.41 (s, 2 H, SiOCH₂), 4.22 (d, 2 H, J = 2.2 Hz, C=CCH₂OH), 1.06 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.23 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3348 (br, OH), 3071 (w), 2958 (m), 2138 (m, C=C), 1590 (w), 1428 (m), 1250 (m), 1112 (s), 846 (s), 703 (s).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 447 (16), 429 (16), 389 (41), 371 (26), 251 (96), 191 (53).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₂₇H₃₅O₂Si₂ (MH⁺): 447.2176 Found: 447.2182

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : (Z)-Bromoenyne 32: 0.64 (UV) Enediyne 33: 0.23 (UV)



Propargyl Alcohol 34.

Sodium hydroxide (50% aqueous, 0.5 mL) was added via pipette to an ice-cooled solution of enediyne **33** (1.10 g, 2.46 mmol) in methanol (30 mL). The colorless solution was stirred at 0 °C for 45 min, then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (20% hexanes in toluene) to give propargyl alcohol **34** (0.89 g, 95%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.64-7.66 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.37-7.47 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 6.24 (dd, 1 H, J = 4.4, 2.2 Hz, C=CH), 4.41 (s, 2 H, SiOCH₂), 4.24 (d, 2 H, J = 4.4 Hz, C=CCH₂OH), 3.32 (d, 1 H, J = 2.2 Hz, C=CH), 1.07 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3369 (br, OH), 3287 (m, C≡CH), 3071 (w), 2931 (m), 2857 (m), 1428 (m), 1112 (s), 824 (m), 704 (s).

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MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base):

392 (71), 302 (13), 275 (23), 274 (100), 216 (53).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₂₄H₃₀NO₂Si (MNH₄+): 392.2046 Found: 392.2059

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Enediyne **33**: 0.23 (UV)

Propargyl Alcohol 34: 0.13 (UV)



Allene 27.

Methanesulfonyl chloride (0.10 mL, 1.33 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added dropwise over 15 min to an ice-cooled solution of propargyl alcohol 34 (0.17 g, 0.44 mmol, 1 equiv) and triethylamine (0.31 mL, 2.22 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (10 mL). The resulting yellow suspension was stirred for 20 min at 0 °C, then anhydrous hydrazine (0.42 mL, 13.3 mmol, 30 equiv) in methanol (2 mL) was added dropwise via syringe over 2 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 12 h, then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and ethyl acetate (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated to provide the crude hydrazine (35). The crude hydrazine was diluted with deoxygenated ethyl ether (10 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting suspension was treated with a deoxygenated solution of 4-methyl-1,2,4triazoline-3,5-dione (0.060 g, 0.531 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in ethyl ether (20 mL, dropwise addition over 20 min). After stirring at 0 °C for 5 min, the reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and pentane (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated at 23 °C. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes) to give allene 27 (0.065 g, 41%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.66-7.68 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.38-7.46 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 6.51 (t, 1 H, J = 6.8 Hz, HC=C=CH₂), 5.93 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 4.88 (d, 2 H, J = 6.8 Hz, HC=C=CH₂), 4.32 (s, 2 H, SiOCH₂), 3.31 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 1.07 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3297 (m, C=CH), 3070 (w), 2931 (m), 2857 (m), 1934 (m, C=C=C), 1427 (m), 1112 (s), 828 (m), 703 (s).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 359 (98), 318 (15), 301 (12), 274 (43), 216 (100).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₂₄H₂₇OSi (MH⁺): 359.1831 Found: 359.1848

TLC (10% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Propargyl Alcohol **34**: 0.04 (UV) Allene **27**: 0.53 (UV)

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Kinetic Experiments (Allene 27).

A solution of **27** (0.002 M) in deoxygenated dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 containing 1,4cyclohexadiene (0.26 M) and *m*-xylene (0.0074 M, internal standard) was placed in an NMR tube which was then sealed with a Teflon vacuum adapter. The sample was deoxygenated (three freeze-pump-thaw cycles) and placed in the probe of an NMR spectrometer (400 MHz). The probe was heated to 60 °C, and the disappearance of **27** was monitored by ¹H NMR over 4 h by integration of its olefinic signals (corrected by integration of the *m*-xylene peak). The collected data (Table VI) were in agreement with first order reaction kinetics (Figure 3) with $k = 1.09 \pm 0.01 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The combined yield of cyclized products at the end of the experiment (16 h) was determined to be 69% by integration of the corresponding benzylic signals and comparison to the *m*-xylene standard.

Data Point	Time (h)	-ln [27]	Data Point	Time (h)	-ln [27]
1	0	4.73	6	2.0	5.42
2	0.25	4.84	7	2.5	5.56
3	0.58	4.95	8	3.0	5.95
4	1.0	5.03	9	3.5	6.11
5	1.5	5.31	10	4.0	6.28

Table VI. Kinetic Data Obtained for Cyclization of **27** in 1,4-Cyclohexadiene (4.0 M)-DMSO- d_6 at 60 °C.



Figure 3. Plot of Kinetic Data Obtained for Cyclization of 27 in 1,4-Cyclohexadiene (4.0 M)–DMSO- d_6 at 60 °C.

General Pyrolysis Procedure (Allene 27).

Solutions of 27 (3.0-5.0 mg, 0.01 M) in a deoxygenated solvent (methanol, 4.0 M methanol in dimethyl sulfoxide, 4.0 M 1,4-cyclohexadiene in dimethyl sulfoxide or a 4:1 mixture of tetrahydrofuran and water) were stirred at 60 °C for 18 h, then each reaction mixture was partitioned between water (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography (3-5% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Product yields were determined prior to chromatography by addition of (Z)-1,2-dichloroethylene as an internal standard and ¹H NMR analysis.



3-Tolyl tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl Ether 36.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.69-7.71 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.36-7.44 (m, 7 H, PhSi and Ar-2), 7.06-7.24 (m, 3 H, Ar-4, Ar-5, and Ar-6), 4.74 (s, 2 H, SiOCH₂), 2.34 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.09 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3070 (w), 2932 (m), 2858 (m), 1590 (w), 1428 (m), 1157 (m), 1111 (s), 1079 (s), 824 (m), 703 (s). MS (EI), m/z (%base): 359 (12), 303 (49), 273 (13), 225 (21), 199 (24), 179 (22), 135 (38), 105 (100). Calcd for C24H27OSi (M-H+): 359.1831 HRMS (EI): Found: 359.1838 3-Tolyl tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl Ether 36: 0.70 TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : (UV)

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1,4-Cyclohexadiene Addition Products 37 and 38.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.69-7.70 (m, PhSi in both), 7.36-7.44 (m, PhSi, Ar-2, Ar-4, Ar-5, and/or Ar-6 in both), 7.04-7.25 (m, PhSi, Ar-2, Ar-4, Ar-5, and/or Ar-6 in both), 5.89-5.91 (m, C=CH), 5.69-5.76 (m, C=CH), 5.60-5.63 (m, C=CH), 4.76 (s, SiOCH₂ in both), 2.69-2.71 (m, CH₂ in either), 2.67 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH in 37), 2.55-2.64 (m, CH₂CH in 37), 1.97-2.04 (m, CH₂ in either), 1.09 (s, SiC(CH₃)₃ in both). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3026 (w), 2930 (m), 2857 (m), 1590 (w), 1428 (m), 1156 (m), 1110 (s), 1081 (s), 702 (s). 437 (12), 381 (16), 359 (10), 303 (53), 225 (26), MS (EI), m/z (%base): 199 (60), 181 (59), 135 (100).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₃₀H₃₃OSi (MH⁺): 437.2301 Found: 437.2323

TLC (Hexanes), R_f :

1,4-Cyclohexadiene Addition Products **37** and **38**: 0.33 (UV)



Bibenzyl Derivative 39.

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃), δ:	7.68-7.71 (m, 8 H, PhSi), 7.35-7.44 (m, 14 H,
	PhSi and Ar-2), 7.17-7.23 (m, 6 H, Ar-4, Ar-5,
	and $Ar-6$), 4.76 (s, 4 H, SiOCH ₂), 2.89 (s, 4 H,
	CH ₂), 1.09 (s, 18 H, SiC(CH ₃) ₃).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	2927 (m), 2857 (m), 1468 (w), 1429 (m), 1109 (s),

2927 (m), 2857 (m), 1468 (w), 1429 (m), 1109 (s), 822 (m), 701 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 718 (7), 307 (21), 285 (53), 199 (43), 179 (19), 154 (92), 135 (100).

HRMS (EI): Calcd for C₄₈H₅₄O₂Si₂ (M⁺): 718.3662 Found: 718.3654

TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Bibenzyl Derivative **39**: 0.40 (UV)



Methyl Ether 40.

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃), δ:	7.69-7.71 (m, 4 H, PhS i), 7.38-7.43 (m, 7 H, PhS i
	and Ar-2), 7.24-7.36 (m, 3 H, Ar-4, Ar-5, and
	Ar-6), 4.78 (s, 2 H, SiOCH ₂), 4.45 (s, 2 H,
	CH ₂ OCH ₃), 3.38 (s, 3 H, CH ₂ OCH ₃), 1.10 (s, 9
	H, SiC(CH ₃) ₃).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	2931 (m), 2857 (m), 1428 (m), 1156 (m), 1109 (s),
	823 (m), 702 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 389 (28), 359 (20), 333 (13), 303 (33), 255 (13), 197 (40), 181 (92), 135 (100).

HRMS (EI): Calcd for C₂₅H₂₉O₂Si (M–H⁺): 389.1937 Found: 389.1931

TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Methyl Ether 40: 0.33 (UV)



Alcohol 41.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.68-7.70 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.35-7.42 (m, 7 H, PhSi and Ar-2), 7.11-7.29 (m, 3 H, Ar-4, Ar-5, and Ar-6), 4.76 (s, 2 H, SiOCH₂), 3.85 (t, 2 H, J = 6.6Hz, CH₂CH₂OH), 2.86 (t, 2 H, J = 6.6 Hz, CH₂CH₂OH), 1.09 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3349 (br, OH), 3072 (w), 2933 (m), 2854 (m), 1428 (m), 1110 (s), 701 (s).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base):

408 (100), 350 (13), 212 (48), 196 (16), 195 (47).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₂₅H₃₄NO₂Si (MNH₄+): 408.2359 Found: 408.2342

TLC (10% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Alcohol 41: 0.07 (UV)



Tetrahydrofuran Adduct 42.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.68-7.70 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.36-7.44 (m, 7 H, PhSi and Ar-2), 7.11-7.27 (m, 3 H, Ar-4, Ar-5, and Ar-6), 4.76 (s, 2 H, SiOCH₂), 4.03-4.08 (m, 1 H, one of CHOCH₂), 3.87-3.91 (m, 1 H, one of CHOCH₂), 3.71-3.76 (m, 1 H, one of CHOCH₂), 2.93 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.5, 6.8 Hz, CH_AH_BCH), 2.72 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.5, 6.8 Hz, CH_AH_BCH), 1.82-1.92 (m, 4 H, CHCH₂CH₂), 1.09 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2931 (m), 2857 (m), 1428 (m), 1156 (w), 1110 (s), 823 (m), 741 (m), 702 (s). MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 448 (100), 373 (14), 353 (15), 295 (12), 235 (61),

216 (16), 196 (29), 175 (36), 157 (48).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₂₈H₃₈NO₂Si (MNH₄+): 448.2672 Found: 448.2661

TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Tetrahydrofuran Adduct 42: 0.18 (UV)



Benzyl Alcohol 43.

tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl chloride (0.48 mL, 1.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to a solution of 1,3-benzenedimethanol (0.26 g, 1.9 mmol, 1 equiv), triethylamine (0.78 mL, 5.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.02 g, 0.16 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in dichloromethane (12 mL) at 23 °C. After stirring at 23 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give benzyl alcohol **43** (0.41 g, 58%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.68-7.70 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.26-7.43 (m, 10 H, PhSi, Ar-2, Ar-4, Ar-5, and Ar-6), 4.78 (s, 2 H, SiOCH₂), 4.68 (s, 2 H, CH₂OH), 1.10 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃).

3333 (br, OH), 3071 (m), 2931 (m), 2857 (m), 1472 (m), 1428 (s), 1112 (s), 824 (s), 740 (s).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

375 (17), 359 (22), 319 (14), 307 (15), 301 (16), 289 (29), 241 (16), 181 (27), 121 (100).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₂₄H₂₇O₂Si (M–H⁺): 375.1780 Found: 375.1764

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f: 1,3-Benzenedimethanol: 0.15 (UV)

Benzyl Alcohol 43: 0.42 (UV)



Aldehyde 48.

A solution of (Z)-bromoenyne **32** (2.50 g, 5.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in a mixture of tetrahydrofuran, ethyl ether, and pentane (4:1:1, respectively, 10.3 mL) was added dropwise via cannula over 20 min to a solution of *tert*-butyllithium (7.80 mL, 1.70 M solution in pentane, 13.3 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in a mixture of tetrahydrofuran, ethyl ether, and pentane (4:1:1, respectively, 37.5 mL) at -120 °C. Upon completion of the addition, a solution of *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (1.03 mL, 13.3 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (3.0 mL) was added via cannula to the orange reaction mixture, and the resulting yellow solution was allowed to warm to -40 °C over 3 h. After quenching with water (5 mL) at -40 °C, the product was partitioned between brine (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: toluene in hexanes, $10\rightarrow$ 50%) to give aldehyde **48** (1.58 g, 71%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ:

10.20 (s, 1 H, CHO), 7.61-7.63 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.35-7.44 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 6.99 (t, 1 H, *J* = 2.4 Hz, C=CH), 4.45 (d, 2 H, *J* = 2.4 Hz, SiOCH₂), 1.08 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.25 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃).

 FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:
 2959 (m), 2858 (m), 2130 (w), 1684 (s, C=O),

 1472 (m), 1430 (m), 1303 (m), 1251 (m), 1192

 (m), 1113 (s), 845 (s), 761 (m), 740 (m).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base):

421 (6), 363 (40), 343 (100), 216 (11), 196 (12).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₂₅H₃₃O₂Si₂ (MH⁺): 421.2019 Found: 421.2011

TLC (10% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : (Z)-Bromoenyne 32: 0.61 (UV) Aldehyde 48: 0.55 (UV)



Thiol Ester 49.

Methanesulfonyl chloride (0.39 mL, 5.1 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise over 15 min to an ice-cooled solution of 3,3-dimethyl-4-pentyn-1-ol³⁶ (0.47 g, 4.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and triethylamine (0.77 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in dichloromethane (15 mL). The resulting yellow suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 5 min, then was partitioned between brine (40 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The remaining yellow oil was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (6 mL) and the resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C. Triethylamine (5.9 mL, 42.2 mmol, 10.0 equiv) and thiopivalic acid (3.2 mL, 25.4 mmol, 6.0 equiv) were added sequentially at 0 °C; the mixture was heated at 60 °C for 6 h. After cooling to 23 °C, the reaction mixture was partitioned between water (30 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give thiol ester **49** (0.72 g, 85%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ:

2.94-2.98 (m, 2 H, SCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 2.15 (s, 1 H, $C \equiv C H$), 1.61-1.66 (m, 2 H, S C H ₂C H ₂C (C H ₃)₂), 1.26 (s, 6 H, SCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.23 (s, 9 H, C(CH₃)₃). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3299 (m, C=CH), 2972 (s), 2948 (m), 2870 (m), 2109 (w), 1680 (s, C=O), 1479 (m), 1365 (m), 1246 (w), 1037 (m), 953 (s), 810 (m).

MS (CI/CH₄), m/z (%base): 213 (20), 155 (65), 129 (10), 113 (6), 95 (11), 85 (28), 57 (100).

HRMS (CI/CH₄): Calcd for C₁₂H₂₁OS (MH⁺): 213.1313 Found: 213.1301

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : 3,3-Dimethyl-4-pentyn-1-ol: 0.12 Thiol Ester **49**: 0.62



Alcohol 50.

A solution of lithium diisopropylamide in tetrahydrofuran (0.50 M, 10 mL, 1.5 equiv) was added via cannula to a solution of thiol ester **49** (0.86 g, 4.04 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (40 mL) at -78 °C. After stirring at -78 °C for 10 min, anhydrous cerium(III) chloride (1.33 g, 5.40 mmol, 1.6 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture, and the resulting orange suspension stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. A solution of aldehyde **48** (1.41 g, 3.36 mmol, 1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) was then added via cannula over 2 min, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. After quenching with water (3 mL) at -78 °C, sodium tartrate (0.5 g) was added and the crude mixture was partitioned between water (400 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, 5 \rightarrow 10%) provided alcohol **50** (1.92 g, 90%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.64-7.68 (m, 4 H, **Ph**Si), 7.39-7.41 (m, 6 H, **Ph**Si), 5.85 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 5.56 (d, 1 H, J = 5.9 Hz, CHOH), 4.59 (dd, 1 H, J = 15.4, 2.0 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 4.36 (dd, 1 H, J = 15.4, 2.0 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 2.99 (d, 1 H, J = 6.4 Hz, CHOH), 2.80-2.84 (m, 2 H, SCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.52-1.57 (m, 2 H, SCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.20 (s, 9 H, C (CH₃)₃), 1.14 (s, 3 H, one of SCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.13 (s, 3 H, one of SCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.06 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.22 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3506 (br, OH), 2965 (s), 2934 (m), 2859 (m), 2132 (w), 1679 (s, C=O), 1472 (m), 1364 (w), 1250 (m), 1110 (s), 952 (m), 846 (s), 704 (m).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base):

633 (9), 615 (100), 559 (27), 531 (12), 473 (6), 377 (8), 343 (12), 268 (23), 196 (23).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₃₇H₅₃O₃SSi₂ (MH⁺): 633.3254 Found: 633.3236

TLC (10% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Aldehyde **48**: 0.56 (UV) Alcohol **50**: 0.24 (UV)



Disulfide 51.

Sodium hydroxide (50% aqueous, 0.5 mL) was added via pipette to an ice-cooled solution of alcohol **50** (0.60 g, 0.97 mmol) in a mixture of tetrahydrofuran, methanol, and propyl disulfide (4:1:1, respectively, 18 mL). The yellow reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h, then was partitioned between water (30 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 70 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (20% hexanes in toluene) to give disulfide **51** (0.37 g, 70%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

7.65-7.69 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.40-7.42 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 5.78 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 5.57 (s, 1 H, CHOH), 4.59 (d, 1 H, J = 15.1 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 4.36 (d, 1 H, J = 15.1 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 3.22 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 2.66-2.70 (m, 2 H, SSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 2.62 (t, 2 H, J = 7.21 Hz, SSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.65-1.74 (m, 4 H, SSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂ and S S C H ₂ C H ₂ C H ₃), 1.13 (s, 6 H, SSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.08 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.97 (t, 3 H, J = 7.33 Hz, SSCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3428 (br, OH), 3289 (m, C≡CH), 3070 (w), 2961 (s), 2930 (s), 2857 (m), 2235 (w), 1427 (s), 1363 (m), 1249 (w), 1158 (m), 1112 (s), 1060 (m), 822 (m), 740 (s).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base):

551 (14), 533 (54), 476 (22), 458 (43), 418 (30), 397 (14), 295 (24), 216 (55), 199 (79).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₃₂H₄₃O₂S₂Si (MH⁺): 551.2474 Found: 551.2457

Elemental Analysis:

TLC (Toluene), R_f :

Calcd for C₃₂H₄₂O₂S₂Si: C, 69.77, H, 7.68 Found: C, 69.85, H, 7.52

Alcohol **50**: 0.35 (UV) Disulfide **51**: 0.30 (UV)



Dinitrobenzoate 44.

3,5-Dinitrobenzoic acid (2.86 g, 13.5 mmol, 10.0 equiv), 1-(3dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (2.58 g, 13.5 mmol, 10.0 equiv), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.822 g, 6.73 mmol, 5.0 equiv) were added sequentially to a solution of disulfide **51** (0.742 g, 1.35 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (100 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting yellow suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, then was partitioned between water (200 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded dinitrobenzoate **44** (0.903 g, 90%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

9.20 (t, 1 H, J = 2.1 Hz, Ph(NO₂)₂H_p), 9.02 (d, 2 H, J = 2.1 Hz, Ph(NO₂)₂H_o), 7.64-7.70 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.35-7.43 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 6.79 (s, 1 H, C=CCH(OR)C=C), 6.19 (d, 1 H, J = 2.2 Hz, C=CH), 4.63 (d, 1 H, J = 16.7 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 4.51 (d, 1 H, J = 16.7 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 3.35 (d, 1 H, J = 2.4 Hz, C=CH), 2.59-2.65 (m, 4 H, SSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂ and SSCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.62-1.72 (m, 4 H, SSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂ and SSCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.10 (s, 3 H, one of SSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.09 (s, 12 H, SiC(CH₃)₃ and one of SSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 0.96 (t, 3 H, J =7.3 Hz, SSCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:3286 (w, C=CH), 3101 (w), 2961 (m), 2930 (m),2857 (m), 1738 (m, C=O), 1547 (s, NO2), 1428(w), 1344 (s, NO2), 1264 (m), 1156 (m), 1113 (s),922 (m).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

HRMS (EI):

745 (6), 305 (31), 211 (100), 168 (25), 153 (56), 151 (29).

Calcd for C₃₉H₄₄N₂O₇S₂Si (M⁺): 744.2359 Found: 744.2377

TLC (10% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Disulfide 51: 0.15 (UV)

Dinitrobenzoate 44: 0.31 (UV)


Thiol 45.

Tributylphosphine (0.119 mL, 0.478 mmol, 10 equiv) was added to an ice-cooled solution of disulfide **44** (0.360 g, 0.48 mmol, 1 equiv) in a 4:1 mixture of 1,2-dimethoxyethane and water (5 mL). The resulting purple solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, then was partitioned between water (75 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give thiol **45** (0.262 g, 82%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ:

9.21 (t, 1 H, J = 2.2 Hz, Ph(NO₂)₂H_p), 9.02 (d, 2 H, J = 2.2 Hz, Ph(NO₂)₂H_o), 7.65-7.70 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.36-7.42 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 6.79 (s, 1 H, C=CCH(OR)C=C), 6.19 (d, 1 H, J = 2.3 Hz, C=CH), 4.61 (d, 1 H, J = 16.6 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 4.50 (d, 1 H, J = 16.6 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 3.35 (d, 1 H, J = 2.3 Hz, C=CH), 2.43-2.49 (m, 2 H, HSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.60-1.64 (m, 2 H, HSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.29 (t, 1 H, J = 7.7 Hz, HSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.09 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 1.08 (s, 3 H, one of HSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂), 1.07 (s, 3 H, one of HSCH₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

3286 (w, C≡CH), 2964 (w), 2851 (w), 1737 (m, C=O), 1547 (s, NO₂), 1344 (s, NO₂), 1265 (m), 1156 (m), 1113 (m), 702 (m).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₃₆H₃₇N₂O₇SSi (M–H⁺): 669.2098 Found: 669.2115

459 (4), 199 (25), 197 (46), 135 (100).

TLC (Toluene), R_f :

Dinitrobenzoate **44**: 0.68 (UV) Thiol **45**: 0.60 (UV)



1.4-Cyclohexadiene-d8.

The apparatus depicted in Figure 4 was assembled and was filled with a solution of deuterium oxide (99.8 % deuterated, 4.4 M) and tetrabutylammonium tetrafluoroborate (0.05 M) in 2-methoxyethyl ether (diglyme, 150 mL). The apparatus was separated into two compartments (anode: Pt electrode, cathode: mercury pool) via a crucible (alundum, Fisher AN889, medium) suspended with string in the reaction solution. Benzene- d_6 (99.6% deuterated, 8.7 mL, 98.0 mmol) was added to the cathode compartment and was subjected to electrochemical reduction (0.90 A constant current, -1.56 V versus Ag wire reference) with magnetic stirring at 23 °C.62 During the reduction, the reaction apparatus was isolated from the atmosphere (rubber stopper) and was continuously purged with a slow stream of argon. Additional portions of deuterium oxide (2.0 mL) were added to the anode (Pt electrode) compartment at 4 h intervals. Upon completion of the reduction (as indicated by GCMS analysis of a reaction mixture aliquot, 36,180 total coulombs passed, 12 h), the reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and pentane (3 x 50 mL). The organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated at 0 °C to ~ 10 mL volume. The remaining liquid was distilled twice at 760 Torr to provide 1,4cyclohexadiene-d₈ (bp = 81-85 °C, 1.94 g, 25%, 96% deuterium incorporation at the allylic positions as determined by ¹H NMR analysis). Drs. James Toth and David Blauch are gratefully acknowledged for their assistance with this procedure.



Figure 4. Diagram of electrochemical cell used in preparation of 1,4-cyclohexadiene- d_8 .

Allene 46 and Kinetic Experiments.

Triethylamine (0.005 mL, 0.036 mmol, 2.2 equiv) was added to a deoxygenated solution of thiol **45** (0.011 g, 0.017 mmol, 1 equiv), 1,4-cyclohexadiene (0.016 mL, 0.17 mmol), and (*Z*)-1,2-dichloroethylene (0.072 mmol, internal standard) in a mixture of

dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 and dichloromethane- d_2 (2.3:1, respectively, 0.66 mL) contained in a septum-capped NMR tube at 0 °C. After rapid mixing, the tube was transferred without temperature increase to the probe of a high-field NMR spectrometer (400 MHz) that was maintained at 0 °C. The probe was warmed to 10 °C, and within 30 min, spectroscopic examination revealed the conversion (>95%) of thiol **45** to allene **46**. Selected ¹H NMR spectral data for **45** and **46**: C=CH (**45**) 6.12 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), (**46**) 5.90 (d, J = 1.5 Hz); CH₂OTDS (**45**) 4.60 (AB, J = 21.9 Hz), (**46**) 4.21 (AB, J = 19.8 Hz); ArCO₂CH \rightarrow C=C=CH (**45**) 6.72 (s), (**46**) 6.62 (s).

After the conversion of **45** to **46** was essentially complete, the disappearance of **46** was monitored over 1.5 h by integration of its olefinic signals (corrected by integration of the (*Z*)-1,2-dichloroethylene peak). The collected data (Table VII) were in agreement with first order reaction kinetics (Figure 5) with $k = 3.6 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 10 °C. The yield of cyclized products at the conclusion of the experiment (3 h) was determined to be 67% by integration of the appropriate benzylic signals and comparison to the internal standard.

Data Point	Time (min)	-ln [46]	Data Point	Time (min)	-ln [46]
1	0	4.30	8	45	5.24
2	5	4.37	9	50	5.35
3	11	4.52	10	55	5.43
4	20	4.75	11	60	5.53
5	25	4.81	12	68	5.72
6	30	4.93	13	74	5.90
7	40	5.10	14	86	6.19

Table VII. Kinetic Data for Cyclization of 46 in DMSO-d₆:CD₂Cl₂ (2.3:1) at 10 °C.



Figure 5. Plot of Kinetic Data Obtained for Cyclization of **46** in DMSO- d_6 :CD₂Cl₂ (2.3:1) at 10 °C.

General Cyclization Procedure (Dinitrobenzoate 44 and Thiol 45).

Triethylamine (5 equiv) was added to a deoxygenated solution of dinitrobenzoate 44 or thiol 45 (each 0.01 M) and trapping agent (1,4-cyclohexadiene, 1,4-cyclohexadiened₈ or methanol, each 4.0 M) in dimethyl sulfoxide at 23 °C. 4-Methoxythiophenol (3 equiv) was included in the reaction mixture when dinitrobenzoate 44 was used as a substrate. After stirring at 23 °C for 10 h, each reaction mixture was partitioned between water (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography (3-5% ethyl acetate in hexanes, 2 elutions). Product yields were determined prior to chromatography by addition of (Z)-1,2-dichloroethylene to the crude reaction mixtures as an internal standard and ¹H NMR analysis.



Tetrahydrothiophene Derivative 52.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂), δ : 7.69-7.71 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.36-7.45 (m, 7 H, PhSi and Ar-2), 7.22-7.30 (m, 3 H, Ar-4, Ar-5, and Ar-6), 4.78 (s, 2 H, SiOCH₂), 4.17 (s, 1 H, SCHC(CH₃)₂), 3.02-3.07 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.81-2.92 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.99-2.04 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.87-1.93 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.09 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 1.08 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂), 0.74 (s, 3 H, one of $C(CH_3)_2$). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3070 (w), 2959 (m), 2856 (m), 1472 (w), 1427 (m), 1364 (w), 1155 (w), 1113 (s), 1079 (m), 998 (w), 740 (m), 701 (s). MS (EI), m/z (%base): 433 (4), 403 (16), 357 (6), 325 (100), 307 (17), 291 (12), 247 (27).

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Calcd for C₂₉H₃₆OSSi (MH+): 460.2256 Found: 460.2243

TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Tetrahydrothiophene Derivative **52**: 0.57 (UV)



Thiophenol Adduct 54.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

7.69-7.71 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.40-7.42 (m, 1 H, Ar-2), 7.34-7.38 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 7.17-7.21 (m, 3 H, Ar-4, Ar-5, and Ar-6), 7.06-7.08 (m, 2 H, *p*-CH₃OPhH_o), 6.63-6.64 (m, 2 H, *p*-CH₃OPhH_m), 4.76 (d, 2 H, J = 1.7 Hz, SiOCH₂), 3.70 (s, 3 H, *p*-CH₃OPh), 2.99-3.04 (m, 2 H, SCH₂CH₂), 2.70-2.77 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.00-2.06 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.45 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂), 1.09 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.79 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

3057 (w), 2959 (m), 2927 (m), 1591 (m), 1492 (s), 1288 (m), 1246 (s), 1109 (s), 824 (m), 702 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

597 (2), 541 (2), 459 (100), 373 (3), 323 (2), 204 (9).

Calcd for $C_{36}H_{41}O_2S_2Si$ (M–H⁺): 597.2317 Found: 597.2343

TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Thiophenol Adduct 54: 0.57 (UV)



Methyl Ether 55.

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃), δ :	7.69-7.71 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.22-7.44 (m, 10 H,
	Ph Si, Ar -2, Ar -4, Ar -5, and Ar -6), 4.79 (s, 2 H,
	SiOCH ₂), 3.16 (s, 3 H, CH ₃ O), 2.95-3.05 (m, 1 H,
	one of SCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.82-2.90 (m, 1 H, one of
	SCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.42-2.50 (m, 1 H, one of SCH ₂ CH ₂),
	1.84-1.96 (m, 1 H, one of SCH ₂ CH ₂), 1.10 (s, 9
	H, SiC(CH ₃) ₃), 1.04 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH ₃) ₂),
	0.71 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH ₃) ₂).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3071 (w), 2959 (s), 2856 (s), 1472 (m), 1428 (s),
	1112 (s), 1078 (s), 825 (m), 701 (s).
MS (EI), m/z (%base):	489 (13), 459 (100), 433 (20), 285 (10).
HRMS (EI):	Calcd for C ₃₀ H ₃₇ O ₂ SSi (M-H ⁺): 489.2284
	Found: 489.2278
TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f :	Methyl Ether 55: 0.42 (UV)
	Found: 489.2278
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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2), δ :

7.69-7.75 (m, 5 H, PhSi and Ar-2), 7.60-7.66 (m,
1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6), 7.36-7.46 (m, 6 H, PhSi),
7.27-7.29 (m, 2 H, Ar-5 and one of Ar-4 or Ar-6),
4.80 (s, 2 H, SiOCH₂), 3.09-3.14 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂),
3.00-3.04 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂),
2.47-2.54 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.42 (s, 1 H, OH), 1.99-2.03 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂),
1.09 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 1.02 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂),
0.78 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

3484 (br, OH), 3065 (w), 2925 (m), 2855 (m), 1474 (m), 1427 (m), 1113 (s), 1078 (m), 822 (m), 700 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

459 (100), 443 (23), 419 (31), 399 (5), 373 (4), 281 (13), 199 (24). HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₂₉H₃₅O₂SSi (M–H⁺): 475.2127 Found: 475.2130

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Hemithioketal **58**: 0.49 (UV)

General Desilylation Procedure.

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (2.0 mL, 1.0 M in tetrahydrofuran) was added to a solution of silyl ether (0.5-1.0 mg) in tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) at 23 °C. After stirring at 23 °C for 30 min, each reaction mixture was partitioned between water (25 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Using the above procedure, alcohols 53 and 57 were prepared from tetrahydrothiophene derivative 52 and methyl ether 55 respectively.



Alcohol 53.

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2), δ :	7.40 (s, 1 H, $Ar-2$), 7.33 (d, 1 H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, $Ar-4$
	or Ar -6), 7.28 (t, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 7.4 Hz, Ar -5), 7.24 (d, 1
	H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, Ar -4 or Ar -6), 4.69 (d, 2 H, $J = 5.6$
	Hz, HOCH ₂), 4.19 (s, 1 H, SCHC(CH ₃) ₂), 3.04-
	3.10 (m, 1 H, one of SCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.89-2.94 (m, 1
	H, one of SCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.00-2.05 (m, 1 H, one of
	SCH ₂ CH ₂), 1.88-1.96 (m, 1 H, one of SCH ₂ CH ₂),
	1.60 (t, 1 H, $J = 5.6$ Hz, OH), 1.09 (s, 3 H, one of
	C(CH ₃) ₂), 0.76 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH ₃) ₂).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3326 (br, OH), 2954 (s), 2921 (s), 2862 (m), 1452
	(m), 1359 (m), 1021 (m), 790 (m).
MS (EI), m/z (%base):	222 (100), 207 (37), 191 (43), 166 (45), 148 (34),
	135 (87), 121 (17).
HRMS (EI):	Calcd for C ₁₃ H ₁₈ OS (M ⁺): 222.1078
	Found: 222.1072

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TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Tetrahydrothiophene Derivative **52**: 0.61 (UV)

Alcohol 53: 0.18 (UV)



Alcohol 53 (d1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂), δ:

7.39 (s, 1 H, Ar-2), 7.32 (s, 1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6),
7.24 (s, 1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6), 4.65 (d, 2 H, J = 5.8 Hz, HOCH₂), 4.18 (s, 1 H, SCHC(CH₃)₂), 3.033.09 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.88-2.92 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.00-2.04 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.88-1.94 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂),
1.73 (t, 1 H, J = 5.8 Hz, OH), 1.08 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂), 0.74 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂).



Alcohol 53 (d2).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2), δ :

7.40 (s, 1 H, Ar-2), 7.32 (s, 1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6), 7.24 (s, 1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6), 4.65 (d, 2 H, J = 5.8Hz, HOCH₂), 3.03-3.09 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.87-2.92 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.00-2.04 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.88-1.94 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.74 (t, 1 H, J = 5.8Hz, OH), 1.08 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂), 0.74 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂).



<u>Alcohol 57 (d1).</u>

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2), δ :

7.58 (s, 1 H, Ar-2), 7.51 (s, 1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6), 7.29 (s, 1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6), 4.67 (d, 2 H, J = 5.8Hz, HOCH₂), 3.14 (s, 3 H, CH₃O), 2.99-3.05 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.81-2.85 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.40-2.46 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.90-2.04 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.75 (t, 1 H, J = 5.8 Hz, OH), 1.04 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂), 0.69 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

3374 (br, OH), 2933 (m), 1426 (m), 1149 (w), 1077 (s), 822 (m), 790 (m), 708 (m).

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Methyl Ether 55: 0.59 (UV) Alcohol 57 (d_1): 0.16 (UV)



Alcohol 57 (d4).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂), δ:

7.58 (s, 1 H, Ar-2), 7.51 (s, 1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6), 7.29 (s, 1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6), 4.67 (d, 2 H, J = 5.8Hz, HOCH₂), 2.99-3.05 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.81-2.85 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.40-2.46 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.90-1.94 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.76 (t, 1 H, J = 5.8Hz, OH), 1.04 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂), 0.69 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base):

256 (11), 199 (4), 186 (10), 169 (15), 152 (10), 136 (4).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆D₄O₂S (M⁺): 256.1435 Found: 256.1426



3-Bromo-3-butene-1-ol tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl Ether 65.

tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl chloride (2.07 mL, 7.96 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to a solution of 3-bromo-3-butene-1-ol⁴¹ (1.00 g, 6.62 mmol, 1 equiv) and triethylamine (4.61 mL, 33.1 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (75 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to attain 23 °C whereupon 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.5 g, 4.09 mmol, 0.62 equiv) was added. After stirring at 23 °C for 2 h, the product solution was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford 3-bromo-3-butene-1-ol *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl ether **65** (2.50 g, 93%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.70-7.72 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.40-7.46 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 5.68 (s, 1 H, one of C=CH₂), 5.51 (s, 1 H, one of C=CH₂), 3.87 (t, 2 H, J = 6.1 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂), 2.67 (t, 2 H, J = 6.1 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂), 1.09 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3070 (w), 2931 (m), 2857 (m), 1630 (m), 1428 (m), 1112 (s), 888 (w), 701 (s), 622 (m).

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MS (CI/CH₄), m/z (%base):

389 (2), 331 (61), 313 (28), 293 (32), 273 (44), 269 (98), 251 (72), 239 (45), 199 (100).

HRMS (CI/CH₄):

Calcd for C₂₀H₂₄BrOSi (M–H⁺): 387.0780 Found: 387.0757

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f: 3-Bromo-3-butene-1-ol: 0.19 (UV)

3-Bromo-3-butene-1-ol *tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl Ether **65**: 0.67 (UV)



Aldehyde 66.

A solution of *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl ether **65** (2.67 g, 6.86 mmol, 1 equiv) in a mixture of tetrahydrofuran, ethyl ether, and pentane (4:1:1, respectively, 9.0 mL) was added dropwise via cannula over 5 min to a solution of *tert*-butyllithium (9.74 mL, 1.76 M solution in pentane, 17.1 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in a mixture of tetrahydrofuran, ethyl ether, and pentane (4:1:1, respectively, 60 mL) at -120 °C. After stirring at -120 °C for 5 min, a solution of *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (1.33 mL, 17.1 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (4.0 mL) was added dropwise via cannula over 7 min to the orange reaction mixture. The resulting yellow solution was warmed to 0 °C over 3 h, then was quenched with water (5 mL). The product was partitioned between water (150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, 3→20%) afforded aldehyde **66** (2.11 g, 91%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

9.49 (s, 1 H, CHO), 7.63-7.66 (m, 4 H, PhSi),
7.37-7.43 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 6.36 (s, 1 H, one of C=CH₂), 6.05 (s, 1 H, one of C=CH₂), 3.78 (t, 2 H, J = 6.5 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂), 2.52 (t, 2 H, J = 6.5 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂), 1.04 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3070 (w), 2958 (m), 2857 (m), 1961 (s, C=O), 1472 (m), 1112 (s), 823 (m), 738 (m), 702 (s), 613 (m).

MS (CI/CH₄), m/z (%base):

339 (5), 281 (75), 261 (41), 219 (21), 199 (22), 83 (100).

HRMS (CI/CH₄):

Calcd for C₂₁H₂₇O₂Si (MH⁺): 339.1780 Found: 339.1765

TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f :

f: 3-Bromo-3-butene-1-ol *tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl
Ether 65: 0.55 (UV)
Aldehyde 66: 0.20 (UV)



Allylic Alcohol 67.

Sodium borohydride (powder, 0.235 g, 6.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added in small portions over 10 min to an ice-cooled solution of aldehyde **66** (2.11 g, 6.22 mmol, 1 equiv) in absolute ethanol (50 mL). After stirring at 0 °C for 1 h, saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (20 mL) was added, and the crude reaction mixture was partitioned between water (150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, 10 \rightarrow 40%) to give allylic alcohol **67** (1.87 g, 88%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃),
$$\delta$$
:
7.67-7.68 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.38-7.44 (m, 6 H,
PhSi), 5.07 (s, 1 H, one of C=CH₂), 4.89 (s, 1 H,
one of C=CH₂), 4.08 (d, 2 H, J = 5.9 Hz,
CH₂OH), 3.77 (t, 2 H, J = 6.2 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂),
2.35 (t, 2 H, J = 6.2 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂), 2.30 (t, 1
H, J = 6.1 Hz, CH₂OH), 1.06 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3348 (br, OH), 3070 (w), 2930 (m), 2857 (m), 1427 (m), 1111 (s), 823 (m), 738 (m), 702 (s).

MS (CI/CH₄), m/z (%base): 341 (10), 323 (44), 283 (65), 269 (38), 253 (45), 239 (53), 205 (64), 199 (100), 165 (44), 139 (48).

HRMS (CI/CH₄):

Calcd for C₂₁H₂₉O₂Si (MH⁺): 341.1937 Found: 341.1917

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Aldehyde **66**: 0.48 (UV)

Allylic Alcohol 67: 0.25 (UV)



Alcohol 68.

Diethylzinc (26.5 mL, 1.0 M solution in hexanes, 26.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added via cannula over 5 min to a solution of allylic alcohol **67** (1.80 g, 5.29 mmol, 1 equiv) in ethyl ether (40.0 mL) at 0 °C. Diiodomethane (4.26 mL, 52.9 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was added via syringe over 2 min, and the pale orange reaction solution was stirred at 23 °C for 4 h, during which time a white precipitate formed. After quenching with water (5 mL), the reaction mixture was partitioned between brine (150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, $5\rightarrow40\%$) afforded alcohol **68** (1.29 g, 68%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.67-7.71 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.39-7.45 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 3.78 (t, 2 H, J = 5.37 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂), 3.44 (s, 2 H, CH₂OH), 1.60 (t, 2 H, J = 5.37 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂), 1.07 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.49 (t, 2 H, J = 5.0 Hz, two of Cy), 0.34 (t, 2 H, J = 5.0 Hz, two of Cy).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

3383 (br, OH), 3071 (w), 2999 (w), 2931 (m), 1472 (m), 1112 (s), 823 (m), 701 (s), 688 (m).

355 (3), 337 (30), 297 (21), 269 (64), 229 (65), 199 (97), 167 (44), 139 (32), 81 (100), 57 (37).

HRMS (CI/CH₄):

Calcd for C22H31O2Si (MH+): 355.2093 Found: 355.2086

TLC (10% EtOAc in Toluene), R_f: Allylic Alcohol 67: 0.46 (UV)

Alcohol 68: 0.46 (identical) (UV)



Cyclopropane Carboxaldehyde 69.

Dimethyl sulfoxide (0.541 mL, 7.62 mmol, 2.2 equiv) was added over 2 min to a solution of oxalyl chloride (0.330 mL, 3.81 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in dichloromethane (15 mL) at -78 °C. The resulting clear solution was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 5 min before addition of a solution of alcohol **68** (1.23 g, 3.46 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (15 mL, via cannula over 3 min). After 15 min, triethylamine (2.41 mL, 17.3 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and the resulting solution was warmed to 0 °C and was stirred at that temperature for 30 min. The reaction was quenched at 0 °C with water (5 mL), and the product was partitioned between water (150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, $5 \rightarrow 20\%$) to give cyclopropane carboxaldehyde **69** (1.06 g, 87%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ:

8.85 (s, 1 H, CHO), 7.64-7.66 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.36-7.43 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 3.76 (t, 2 H, J = 6.5 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂), 1.89 (t, 2 H, J = 6.5 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂), 1.13 (dd, 2 H, J = 7.2, 4.5 Hz, two of Cy), 1.04 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.96 (dd, 2 H, J = 7.2, 4.5 Hz, two of Cy). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3068 (w), 2997 (w), 2930 (m), 1710 (s, C=O), 1427 (m), 1110 (s), 903 (m), 739 (m), 702 (s).

MS (CI/CH₄), m/z (%base): 351 (6), 295 (56), 275 (24), 247 (13), 199 (23), 97 (100).

HRMS (CI/CH₄): Calcd for C₂₂H₂₇O₂Si (M–H⁺): 351.1780 Found: 351.1783

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Alcohol **68**: 0.20 (UV)

Cyclopropane Carboxaldehyde 69: 0.40 (UV)



Alkyne 71.

Zinc dust (1.09 g, 16.7 mmol, 2.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (4.38 g, 16.7 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and carbon tetrabromide (5.53 g, 16.7 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were combined at 23 °C in dichloromethane (80 mL) and the resulting olive suspension was stirred at 23 °C for 24 h. A solution of cyclopropane carboxaldehyde **69** (2.94 g, 8.34 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added via cannula to the then-purple suspension, and the mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 5 h. Pentane (150 mL) was added, producing a white precipitate, and the reaction mixture was filtered through a coarse frit. The cloudy filtrate was solubilized with dichloromethane (~10 mL), was reprecipitated with pentane (~50 mL) and was filtered a second time. After a third iteration of the above cycle, the filtrate was dried over sodium sulfate and was concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (10% dichloromethane in hexanes) to give 1,1-dibromo olefin **70** as a colorless oil (5.62 g).

n-Butyllithium (13.8 mL, 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 22.0 mmol, 2.2 equiv) was added over 5 min to a solution of **70** (5.62 g, 8.34 mmol, 1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (100 mL) at -78 °C. After stirring at -78 °C for 3 h, the reaction mixture was quenched at -78 °C with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (10 mL) and was partitioned

between water (150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (gradient elution: toluene in hexane, $5\rightarrow10\%$) provided alkyne **71** (2.65 g, 91%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.68-7.71 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.36-7.42 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 3.90 (t, 2 H, J = 6.8 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂), 1.78 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 1.63 (t, 2 H, J = 6.8 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₂), 1.05 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.87 (dd, 2 H, J = 6.7, 4.3 Hz, two of Cy), 0.62 (dd, 2 H, J = 6.7, 4.3 Hz, two of Cy).

FTIR (neat), cm^{-1} :3310 (w, C=CH), 3071 (w), 3015 (w), 2930 (m),2112 (w), 1473 (m), 1427 (m), 1112 (s), 701 (s).

MS (CI/CH₄), m/z (%base): 349 (5), 291 (93), 263 (100), 239 (36), 213 (56), 183 (36), 135 (33).

HRMS (CI/CH₄): Calcd for C₂₃H₂₉OSi (MH⁺): 349.1988 Found: 349.1986

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Cyclopropane Carboxaldehyde **69**: 0.40 (UV) Alkyne **71**: 0.51 (UV)



Alcohol 72.

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (22.8 mL, 1.0 M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 22.8 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added via syringe to an ice-cooled solution of alkyne **71** (2.65 g, 7.60 mmol, 1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (125 mL). After stirring at 0 °C for 24 h, saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (10 mL) was added and the mixture was partitioned between water (200 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, $20 \rightarrow 30\%$) to give alcohol **72** (0.72 g, 86%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 3.88-3.91 (m, 2 H, HOCH₂CH₂), 1.91 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 1.72-1.73 (m, 1 H, OH), 1.63 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.2 Hz, HOCH₂CH₂), 0.95 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 6.5, 4.3 Hz, two of **Cy**), 0.67 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 6.5, 4.3 Hz, two of **Cy**).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3352 (br, OH), 3297 (s, C≡CH), 3090 (w), 3009 (w), 2942 (m), 2882 (m), 2111 (m), 1426 (m), 1057 (s), 1026 (s). MS (EI), m/z (%base):

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₇H₁₀O (M⁺): 110.0732 Found: 110.0733

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Alkyne **71**: 0.77 (UV)

Alcohol 72: 0.38



Thiol Ester 73.

Methanesulfonyl chloride (0.61 mL, 7.85 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise via syringe over 15 min to an ice-cooled solution of alcohol **72** (0.72 g, 6.54 mmol, 1 equiv) and triethylamine (1.19 mL, 8.50 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in dichloromethane (100 mL). The resulting yellow suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 5 min, then was partitioned between brine (150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The remaining yellow oil was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (15 mL) and the resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C. Triethylamine (9.12 mL, 65.4 mmol, 10.0 equiv) and thiopivalic acid (4.16 mL, 32.7 mmol, 5.0 equiv) were added sequentially at 0 °C; the mixture was heated at 50 °C for 3 h. After cooling to 23 °C, the reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (3% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give thiol ester **73** (1.27 g, 90%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ:

3.03-3.07 (m, 2 H, SCH₂CH₂), 1.89 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 1.55-1.60 (m, 2 H, SCH₂CH₂), 1.22 (s, 9 H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.93 (dd, 2 H, J = 6.6, 4.4 Hz, two of **Cy**), 0.67 (dd, 2 H, J = 6.6, 4.4 Hz, two of **Cy**).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3293 (m, C=CH), 2969 (s), 2933 (m), 2112 (w, C=C), 1679 (s, C=O), 1477 (m), 1036 (m), 953 (s), 807 (m).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 211(4), 153 (100), 1

211(4), 153 (100), 125 (14), 91 (13), 85 (34), 57 (96).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₁₂H₁₉OS (MH⁺): 211.1157 Found: 211.1161

TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f :

Thiol Ester 73: 0.47

Alcohol 72: 0.10


Cyclopropane Alcohol 74.

A solution of lithium diisopropylamide in tetrahydrofuran (1.0 M, 3.0 mL, 1.4 equiv) was added via cannula to a solution of thiol ester **73** (0.43 g, 2.18 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) at -78 °C. After stirring at -78 °C for 10 min, anhydrous cerium(III) chloride (0.82 g, 3.31 mmol, 1.6 equiv) was added, and the resulting orange suspension was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. A solution of aldehyde **48** (0.87 g, 2.07 mmol, 1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (8 mL) was then added via cannula over 2 min, and the reaction mixture was maintained at -78 °C for 40 min. The reaction was quenched with water (3 mL) at -78 °C, and sodium tartrate (0.5 g) was added. The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (200 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, $3\rightarrow 10\%$) to give cyclopropane alcohol **74** (0.82 g, 63%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.64-7.69 (m, 4 H, **Ph**Si), 7.37-7.44 (m, 6 H, **Ph**Si), 5.81 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 5.53 (d, 1 H, J = 6.6 Hz, CHOH), 4.58 (dd, 1 H, J = 15.1, 2.0 Hz,

SiOCH_AH_B), 4.32 (dd, 1 H, J = 15.1, 1.7 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 2.90-2.94 (m, 2 H, SCH₂CH₂Cy), 1.47-1.51 (m, 2 H, SCH₂CH₂Cy), 1.20 (s, 9 H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.06 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.81 (m, 2 H, two of **Cy**), 0.63 (m, 2 H, two of **Cy**), 0.22 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3497 (br, OH), 3078 (w), 2964 (m), 2133 (w), 1677 (s, C=O), 1428 (m), 1250 (m), 1111 (s), 955 (m), 853 (s), 703 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₃₇H₄₉O₃SSi₂ (M–H⁺): 629.2941 Found: 629.2906

629 (3), 613 (6), 273 (12), 199 (54).

TLC (10% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Aldehyde 48: 0.59

Cyclopropane Alcohol 74: 0.23



Cyclopropane Disulfide 75.

Sodium hydroxide (50% aqueous, 0.5 mL) was added via pipette to an ice-cooled solution of cyclopropane alcohol **74** (1.20 g, 1.90 mmol) in a mixture of tetrahydrofuran, methanol and propyl disulfide (4:1:1, respectively, 18 mL). The yellow reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h, then was partitioned between water (100 mL), and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: toluene in hexanes, $60 \rightarrow 90\%$) provided cyclopropane disulfide **75** (0.66 g, 64%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

7.66-7.74 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.38-7.46 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 5.77 (d, 1 H, J = 2.0 Hz, C=CH), 5.57 (d, 1 H, J = 6.1 Hz, CHOH), 4.60 (d, 1 H, J = 15.1 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 4.34 (d, 1 H, J = 15.1 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 3.23 (d, 1 H, J = 2.4 Hz, C=CH), 2.77-2.82 (m, 2 H, SSCH₂CH₂Cy), 2.63 (t, 2 H, J = 7.3 Hz, SSCH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.65-1.72 (m, 4 H, SSCH₂CH₂Cy and SSCH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.09 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.98 (t, 3 H, J = 7.3 Hz, SSCH₂CH₂CH₃), 0.82-0.84 (m, 2 H, two of Cy), 0.62-0.63 (m, 2 H, two of Cy).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

3444 (br, OH), 3287 (m, C≡CH), 3071 (w), 2960 (s), 2237 (m), 1472 (m), 1428 (s), 1113 (s), 823 (s), 702 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

548 (17), 473 (47), 416 (56), 395 (65), 291 (31), 217 (35), 199 (100).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₃₂H₄₀O₂S₂Si (M⁺): 548.2239 Found: 548.2228

TLC (10% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Cyclopropane Alcohol 74: 0.27 Cyclopropane Disulfide 75: 0.16



Cyclopropane Dinitrobenzoate 76.

3,5-Dinitrobenzoic acid (0.19 g, 0.89 mmol, 10.0 equiv), 1-(3dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (0.171 g, 0.89 mmol, 10.0 equiv), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.054 g, 0.44 mmol, 5.0 equiv) were added sequentially to a solution of cyclopropane disulfide **75** (0.049 g, 0.089 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (5 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting yellow suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, then was partitioned between water (20 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (3% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give cyclopropane dinitrobenzoate **76** (0.054 g, 82%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

9.20 (t, 1 H, J = 2.2 Hz, Ph(NO₂)₂H_p), 9.01 (d, 2 H, J = 2.2 Hz, Ph(NO₂)₂H_o), 7.64-7.70 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.35-7.45 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 6.78 (s, 1 H, C=CCH(OR)Cy), 6.18 (d, 1 H, J = 2.2 Hz, C=CH), 4.60 (d, 1 H, J = 17.6 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 4.48 (d, 1 H, J = 17.6 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 3.36 (d, 1 H, J = 1.7 Hz, C=CH), 2.72 (t, 2 H, J = 7.8 Hz, SSCH₂CH₂Cy), 2.60 (t, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz, SSCH₂CH₂CH₂Cy), 2.60 (t, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz, SSCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.62-1.69 (m, 4 H, SSCH₂CH₂Cy and SSCH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.08 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.96 (t, 3 H, J = 7.3 Hz, SSCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 0.79-0.81 (m, 2 H, two of Cy), 0.62-0.63 (m, 2 H, two of Cy).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3289 (m), 3072 (w), 2959 (m), 2241 (m), 1738 (s, C=O), 1629 (m), 1547 (s, NO₂), 1428 (m), 1344 (s, NO₂), 1266 (s), 1113 (m), 703 (m).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 456 (1), 393 (16), 212 (12), 199 (100), 69 (22).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₃₉H₄₂N₂O₇S₂Si (M⁺): 742.2203 Found: 742.2246

Elemental Analysis:

Calcd for C₃₉H₄₂N₂O₇S₂Si: C, 63.05, H, 5.70, N, 3.77 Found: C, 63.20, H, 5.91, N, 3.63

TLC (10% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Cyclopropane Disulfide **75**: 0.13 Cyclopropane Dinitrobenzoate **76**: 0.25



Cyclopropane Thiol 59.

Tributylphosphine (0.167 mL, 0.67 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was added via syringe to a deoxygenated, ice-cooled solution of cyclopropane dinitrobenzoate **76** (0.050 g, 0.67 mmol, 1 equiv) in a 4:1 mixture of 1,2-dimethoxyethane and water (5 mL). The resulting purple solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, then was partitioned between water (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give cyclopropane thiol **59** (0.031 g, 68%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

9.20 (t, 1 H, J = 2.2 Hz, Ph(NO₂)₂H_p), 9.02 (d, 2 H, J = 2.2 Hz, Ph(NO₂)₂H_o), 7.64-7.70 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.34-7.45 (m, 6 H, PhSi), 6.78 (s, 1 H, C=CCH(OR)Cy), 6.18 (d, 1 H, J = 2.2 Hz, C=CH), 4.59 (d, 1 H, J = 16.7 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 4.48 (d, 1 H, J = 16.7 Hz, SiOCH_AH_B), 3.36 (d, 1 H, J = 2.2 Hz, C=CH), 2.54-2.60 (m, 2 H, H S C H ₂C H ₂Cy), 1.52-1.57 (m, 2 H, HSCH₂CH₂Cy), 1.33 (t, 1 H, J = 7.9 Hz, SH), 1.08 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.79-0.81 (m, 2 H, two of Cy), 0.62-0.63 (m, 2 H, two of Cy).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

3289 (w, C≡CH), 3097 (w), 2931 (m), 2236 (w), 1739 (m), 1547 (s, NO₂), 1428 (m), 1344 (s, NO₂), 1265 (m), 1157 (m), 1113 (m), 703 (m).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₃₆H₃₇N₂O₇SSi (MH⁻): 669.2091 Found: 669.2073

669 (2), 255 (34), 211 (100), 195 (33), 167 (90).

TLC (Toluene), R_f :

Cyclopropane Dinitrobenzoate **76**: 0.61 Cyclopropane Thiol **59**: 0.56

General Cyclization Procedure (Cyclopropane Thiol 59).

Triethylamine (5 equiv) was added to a deoxygenated solution of cyclopropane thiol **59** (0.010 M) and trapping agent (1,4-cyclohexadiene or methanol, each 4.0 M) in dimethyl sulfoxide at 23 °C. After stirring at 23 °C for 10 h, each reaction mixture was partitioned between water (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography (3-5% ethyl acetate in hexanes, 2 elutions). Product yields were determined prior to chromatography by addition of (*Z*)-1,2-dichloroethylene as an internal standard and ¹H NMR analysis.



Spirocyclopropyltetrahydrothiophene Derivative 77.

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃), δ :	7.69-7.70 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.35-7.68 (m, 10 H,				
	PhSi, Ar-2, Ar-4, Ar-5, and Ar-6), 4.77 (s, 2 H,				
	SiOCH ₂), 4.15 (s, 1 H, SCHCy), 3.02-3.15 (m, 2				
	H, SCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.15-2.21 (m, 1 H, one of				
	SCH ₂ CH ₂), 1.86-1.93 (m, 1 H, one of SCH ₂ CH ₂),				
	1.09 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH ₃) ₃), 0.58-0.64 (m, 1 H, one				
	of Cy), 0.41-0.52 (m, 3 H, three of Cy).				
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3070 (w), 3000 (w), 2928 (m), 1427 (m), 1110 (s),				
	1073 (m), 859 (m), 740 (m), 701 (s).				
MS (EI), m/z (%base):	458 (4), 433 (100), 401 (18), 325 (15), 285 (28),				
	203 (18).				
HRMS (EI):	Calcd for C ₂₉ H ₃₄ OSSi (M ⁺): 458.2100				
	Found: 458.2106				
TLC (3% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f :	Spirocyclopropyltetrahydrothiophene Derivative				
	77 : 0.70 (UV)				

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Ring-Opened Sulfide 78.

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃), δ :	7.68-7.71 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.24-7.43 (m, 10 H,				
	PhSi, Ar-2, Ar-4, Ar-5, and Ar-6), 4.76 (s, 2 H,				
	SiOCH ₂), 3.23 (t, 2 H, $J = 8.6$ Hz, SCH ₂ CH ₂),				
	2.96 (t, 2 H, $J = 8.6$ Hz, SCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.22 (q, 2 H,				
	J = 7.6 Hz, CH ₂ CH ₃), 1.09 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH ₃) ₃),				
	1.03 (t, 3 H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₃).				
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3067 (w), 2964 (m), 2933 (m), 1426 (m), 1108 (s),				
	1077 (m), 821 (m), 703 (s).				
MS (EI), m/z (%base):	458 (52), 401 (53), 371 (14), 323 (100), 279 (6),				
	199 (22).				
HRMS (EI):	Calcd for C ₂₉ H ₃₄ OSSi (M+): 458.2100				
	Found: 458.2101				
TLC (3% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f :	Ring-Opened Sulfide 78: 0.77 (UV)				

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Spirocyclopropyltetrahydrothiophene Derivative 81.

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃), δ:	7.68-7.70 (m, 4 H, PhSi), 7.57 (s, 1 H, Ar-2),
	7.35-7.43 (m, 9 H, PhSi, Ar-4, Ar-5, and Ar-6),
	4.77 (s, 2 H, SiOCH ₂), 3.26 (s, 3 H, CH ₃ O), 3.16-
	3.23 (m, 1 H, one of SCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.97-3.01 (m, 1
	H, one of SCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.76-2.84 (m, 1 H, one of
	SCH ₂ CH ₂), 1.67-1.71 (m, 1 H, one of SCH ₂ CH ₂),
	1.10 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH ₃) ₃), 0.60-0.69 (m, 2 H, two
	of Cy), 0.19-0.24 (m, 1 H, one of Cy), -0.12 to
	-0.17 (m, 1 H, one of Cy).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3071 (w), 2999 (m), 2930 (m), 2857 (m), 1428
	(m), 1112 (s), 1076 (s), 824 (m), 701 (s).
MS (EI), m/z (%base):	488 (10), 457 (22), 401 (18), 323 (100), 289 (6),
	199 (27).

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HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₃₀H₃₆O₂SSi (M⁺): 488.2210 Found: 488.2235

TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Spirocyclopropyltetrahydrothiophene Derivative 81: 0.41 (UV)

General Desilylation Procedure.

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (2.0 mL, 1.0 M in tetrahydrofuran) was added to a solution of silyl ether (0.5-1.0 mg) in tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) at 23 °C. After stirring at 23 °C for 30 min, each reaction mixture was partitioned between water (25 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Using the above procedure, alcohols **82** and **83** were prepared from spirotetrahydrothiophene derivatives **77** and **81**, respectively.



Cyclopropane Alcohol 82 (d1).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2), δ :	7.55 (s, 1 H, Ar-2), 7.45 (s, 1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6),
	7.27 (s, 1 H, Ar -4 or Ar -6), 4.67 (d, 2 H, $J = 5.8$
	Hz, HOCH ₂), 4.15 (s, 1 H, SCHCy, 3.17-3.23 (m,
	1 H, one of SCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.96-3.00 (m, 1 H, one of
	SCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.72-2.78 (m, 1 H, one of SCH ₂ CH ₂),
	1.75 (t, 1 H, $J = 5.8$ Hz, OH), 1.67-1.72 (m, 1 H,
	one of SCH_2CH_2), 0.56-0.64 (m, 2 H, two of
	Cy), 0.21-0.25 (m, 1 H, one of Cy), -0.17 to -0.21
	(m, 1 H, one of Cy).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3360 (br, OH), 3079 (w), 2931 (m), 1428 (m),
	1153 (w), 1020 (m), 860 (s), 677 (m).
MS (EI), m/z (%base):	220 (10), 189 (32), 167 (16), 135 (25).
HRMS (EI):	Calcd for C ₁₃ H ₁₅ DOS (M ⁺): 220.1032
	Found: 220.1055

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Cyclopropane Alcohol 82 (d_1): 0.17 (UV)



Cyclopropane Alcohol 83 (d_1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2), δ :

7.55 (s, 1 H, Ar-2), 7.45 (s, 1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6), 7.27 (s, 1 H, Ar-4 or Ar-6), 4.66 (d, 2 H, J = 5.7Hz, HOCH₂), 3.17-3.23 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 3.22 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.96-3.00 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 2.72-2.78 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 1.75 (t, 1 H, J = 5.8 Hz, OH), 1.67-1.72 (m, 1 H, one of SCH₂CH₂), 0.56-0.64 (m, 2 H, two of **Cy**), 0.21-0.25 (m, 1 H, one of **Cy**), -0.17 to -0.21 (m, 1 H, one of **Cy**).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

3369 (br, OH), 3079 (w), 2931 (m), 1426 (m), 1151 (w), 1075 (s), 1020 (m), 888 (s), 677 (m).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

253 (10), 222 (100), 219 (91), 203 (8), 189 (9), 173 (8), 143 (11). HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇DO₂S (M⁺): 253.1327 Found: 253.1320

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Cyclopropane Alcohol 83 (d_1): 0.20 (UV)

Chapter 2

Design and Synthesis of a System for Enediyne Formation by Anthraquinone Reductive Activation

Background

In vitro experiments conducted with the natural antitumor agents calichemicin, esperamicin and dynemicin support, as a common mechanistic feature, the cyclization of a carbocyclic (Z)-enediyne to form a highly reactive 1,4-dehydrobenzene intermediate (Bergman cyclization) (cf. introduction).¹²⁻¹⁴ In each case, a chemical activation step leads to a structural change within the antibiotic that accelerates Bergman cyclization. In an alternative strategy for formation of a 1,4-dehydrobenzene intermediate by reductive activation, the anthraquinone-cyclic diacetylene conjugate **86** was conceived as a masked (Z)-enediyne. This compound was envisioned to enter the reaction cascade outlined in Scheme XV upon reduction of the anthraquinone ring (asterisks are used to accommodate the possible involvement of either semiquinone or hydroquinone intermediates). Central to this plan is the notion that spontaneous aromatization of **86** would be slow due to strain





considerations. Reductive elimination (87 \rightarrow 88) and tautomerization (88 \rightarrow 89), steps related to the proposed initial events in the activation of dynemicin,¹⁴ adriamicin,⁶³ and mitomycin C,⁶⁴ then provide a pathway for generation of the strained (Z)-enediyne 89.

Initial Studies-Derivitization of Anthraquinones via Palladium-Mediated Couplings

The primary challenge in the synthesis of diyne **86** was to devise a scheme for the construction of the strained cyclodecadiyne ring that was compatible with the highly reactive anthraquinone functional group. Toward this end, the strained ring was envisioned to be formed intramolecularly by metalation of acetylene-aldehyde **99**. This substrate would, in turn, be derived from the vinylstannane **95** and the bromo-anthraquinone **90** via a palladium-mediated coupling reaction.⁶⁵ The feasibility of such a coupling reaction was therefore examined.

Treatment of 2-bromo-1,4-dihydroxyanthraquinone⁶⁶ with sodium hydroxide (4 equiv) and a large excess of iodomethane (80 equiv) under phase transfer conditions (4.0



equiv *n*-Bu₄NBr, 2:1 dichloromethane-water, 23 °C, 2 days) provided 2-bromo-1,4dimethoxyanthraquinone (90) in 71% yield after purification by flash column



chromatography.⁶⁷ This compound was shown to undergo a variety of palladiummediated transformations to provide the corresponding coupled products in good yields. For example, reaction of **90** with vinyltributyltin (1.1 equiv) and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.05 equiv) in deoxygenated 1,4-dioxane at 80 °C for 12 h



afforded the vinyl anthraquinone **91** in 98% yield following silica gel chromatography. In another application, anaerobic treatment of **90** with (trimethylsilyl)acetylene (2.0 equiv), *n*-propylamine (5.0 equiv), cuprous iodide (0.15 equiv) and tetrakis(triphenyl-phosphine)palladium(0) (0.05 equiv) in benzene at 23 °C for 2 h provided the coupled acetylene product (**92**) in 89% yield. The above examples demonstrated the use of



palladium-catalyzed transformations to functionalize the anthraquinone ring, and supported the coupling of **90** and **95** as a viable synthetic step in the preparation of **99**.

The synthesis of the aldehyde **99** is illustrated in Scheme XVI. Conversion of 1-(trimethylsilyl)-1,7-octadiyne⁶⁸ to the triyne **94** was accomplished by a modification of the method originally developed by Kende and Smith.^{25a,69} Thus, reaction of 1-(trimethylsilyl)-1,7-octadiyne⁶⁸ with (Z)-1,2-dichloroethylene (2.0 equiv), *n*-propylamine (5.0 equiv), cuprous iodide (0.15 equiv) and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.05 equiv) in deoxygenated benzene at 23 °C provided the (Z)-vinyl chloride **93** in 82% yield.^{25a} Treatment of a solution of **93** in tetrahydrofuran with *n*-butyllithium (1.95 equiv) at -78 °C and subsequent warming to -20 °C afforded triyne **94** in 73% yield following purification by flash column chromatography.^{25a} Slightly less than a stoichiometric amount of *n*-butyllithium was utilized in the transformation of **93** to **94** due to the apparent sensitivity of the product acetylene toward excess organolithium reagent. Triyne **94** was treated with tributyltin hydride (1.2 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran in the presence of a catalytic amount of bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride (0.02 equiv) at 23 °C to produce, after silica gel chromatography, the vinylstannane **95** in 55% yield.⁷⁰

Heating 2-bromo-1,4-dimethoxyanthraquinone (90, 1 equiv), vinylstannane 95 (1.2 equiv), and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.05 equiv) in deoxygenated 1,4-dioxane at 90 °C for 18 h afforded the coupled product (anthraquinone 96) in 51% yield. The olefin present in 96 was transformed to the corresponding epoxide by treatment with dimethyldioxirane⁷¹ (1.2 equiv) in dichloromethane at 0 °C. Interestingly, a similar (but lower yielding) epoxidation reaction occurred when solutions of 96 were exposed to the air for several days. The intermediate epoxide produced by oxidation of 96 was not isolated, but was instead subjected to methanolysis under mildly acidic conditions (3:1 methanol-dichloromethane, 0.20 M HCl, 0 °C) to provide the alcohol 97





Reagents and conditions (TMS = Si(CH₃)₃): (a) 2.0 equiv (Z)-1,2dichloroethylene, 5.0 equiv *n*-PrNH₂, 0.15 equiv CuI, 0.05 equiv Pd(PPh₃)₄, Benzene, 23 °C, 5 h, 82%; (b) 1.95 equiv *n*-BuLi, THF, -78 \rightarrow -20 °C, 2 h, 73%; (c) 1.2 equiv *n*-Bu₃SnH, 0.02 equiv PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂, THF, 23 °C, 10 min, 55%; (d) 1.0 equiv **90**, 1.2 equiv **95**, 0.05 equiv Pd(PPh₃)₄, 1,4-Dioxane, 90 °C, 18 h, 51%; (e) 1.2 equiv dimethyldioxirane, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 20 min; 0.20 M. HCl, 3:1 CH₃OH:CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 2 h, 53% from **96**; (f) 2.0 equiv KF•2H₂O, CH₃CN, 23 °C, 4 days, 60%; (g) 2.2 equiv (COCl)₂, 4.4 equiv DMSO, 10.0 equiv Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂, -78 \rightarrow 0 °C, 81%. in 53% overall yield from 96 following purification by flash column chromatography. Removal of the trimethylsilyl protecting group present in 97 proceeded slowly (KF•2H₂O, CH₃CN, 23 °C, 4 days), but eventually provided the acetylene 98 in 60% yield. Acetylene 97 proved to be sensitive toward other fluoride sources and toward strongly basic conditions, preventing the application of potentially more rapid deprotection methods (e.g., KF•2H₂O in CH₃OH, *n*-Bu₄NF, NaOH, Et₃N•3HF, HF•pyridine). Swern oxidation of 98 (oxalyl chloride (2.2 equiv), dimethyl sulfoxide (4.4 equiv), triethylamine (10.0 equiv), dichloromethane, -78→0 °C) proceeded cleanly to provide the desired cyclodecadiyne precursor (aldehyde 99) in 81% yield following purification on silica gel.⁴³

All attempts to convert **99** to the cyclized compound **100** met with failure. Aldehyde **99** was treated with a variety of bases: lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide, both in the presence and absence of cerium(III) chloride,³⁷ potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide, lithium tetramethylpiperidide,⁷² and *tert*-butyllithium, in several solvents



Table VIII. Attempts to Cyclize 99.

Entry	Base ^a	Solvent ^b	T (°C)	Entry	Base ^a	Solvent ^b	T (°C)
1	LiN(TMS) ₂	THF	-78	4	LTMP	THF	-78
2	$LiN(TMS)_2 + CeCl_3$	THF	-78	5	t-BuLi	THF	-78
3	KN(TMS) ₂	Toluene	-78				

^{*a*} TMS = Si(CH₃)₃, LTMP = lithium tetramethylpiperadide, ^{*b*} THF = tetrahydrofuran.

(tetrahydrofuran and toluene) at low temperature (Table VIII). These experiments afforded no isolable quantities of the desired product (100), but instead produced compounds which apparently arose from either nucleophilic addition to the anthraquinone ring (101, site of addition unknown) or reductive dimerization of the aldehyde moiety (102).

Clearly, alternate methods, in addition to those described above, could be applied to potentially produce the cyclized product.⁷³ However, the number of linear synthetic steps that follow the palladium-catalyzed coupling (Scheme XVI) complicate the preparation of large quantities of the cyclization precursor **99**. This fact, along with the apparent high reactivity of the anthraquinone ring, led to the abandonment of the above synthetic route as a means to prepare diyne **86** in favor of a more convergent approach in which the preformed cyclodecadiynone **110** was coupled with the anthraquinone precursor **103** to form **112**.⁷⁴ The feasibility of this approach was demonstrated by the following model studies.



Development of a Nucleophilic Anthraquinone Synthon

Anthracene derivative 103 was prepared by treatment of 2-bromo-1,4-dimethoxy anthraquinone (90) with zinc dust (2.2 equiv) and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (2.2 equiv) in deoxygenated pyridine at 60 °C (95% yield). This compound is a yellow solid and can be readily purified by flash column chromatography. Subjection of 103 to



conditions of metal-halogen exchange (1.0 equiv *n*-butyllithium, tetrahydrofuran, -78 °C, 20 min) and addition of benzaldehyde (1.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding addition product which was subsequently oxidized with ceric ammonium nitrate (~ 2.0 equiv) in 20% aqueous tetrahydrofuran at 23 °C to provide, after flash column chromatography, the anthraquinone **104** in 85% overall yield from **103**. Similar trapping of the metalated



intermediate derived from 103 with cyclohexanone provided, after cerium-mediated oxidation, the anthraquinone 105 in 71% yield. The success of the above coupling reactions demonstrated that 103 could function as a nucleophilic anthraquinone synthon and suggested its use in the preparation of 86.

Synthesis and Reactivity of Cyclodecadiyne-Anthraquinone Conjugates

The synthesis of cyclodecadiyne-anthraquinone conjugate **86** is depicted in Scheme XVII.⁷⁵ Metalation of 1,7-octadiyne with *n*-butyllithium (2.0 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran at 0 °C followed by the addition of *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF, 5.0 equiv), also at 0 °C and warming to 23 °C for 15 h afforded the dialdehyde **106** in 70% yield after flash column chromatography. In an unusual application of the Pedersen pinacolic coupling procedure, dialdehyde **106** (2.0 M in dichloromethane) was added by syringe pump over 3 h to a solution of $[V_2Cl_3(THF)_6]_2[Zn_2Cl_6]$ (1.2 equiv, 0.2 M) and DMF (6.0 equiv) in dichloromethane at 23 °C to provide the diol **107** as a 4:1 mixture of cis and trans isomers in 36% yield.⁷⁶⁻⁷⁸ The major diol isomer produced in the above experiment was assigned as cis by its conversion to the corresponding acetonide **108** (2,2-dimethoxypropane, catalytic camphorsulfonic acid, 23 °C, 90%). Treatment of a diastereomeric mixture of diols **107** (4:1 cis:trans) with methoxytrityl chloride (2.5 equiv) in dichloromethane containing triethylamine (3.0 equiv) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.08 equiv) afforded monomethoxytrityl (MMT) ether **109** as a 9:1 mixture of cis and trans isomers in 78% yield after flash column chromatography. The alteration of the diastereomer ratio observed





Reagents and conditions (MMT = p-CH₃OPhC(Ph)₂, TBS = t-Bu(CH₃)₂Si): (a) 2.0 equiv *n*-BuLi, 5.0 equiv DMF, THF, $0 \rightarrow 23$ °C, 15 h, 70%; (b) 1.2 equiv [V₂Cl₃(THF)₆]₂[Zn₂Cl₆], 6.0 equiv DMF, CH₂Cl₂, 23 °C, 4 h, 36%; (c) 2.5 equiv MMTCl, 3.0 equiv Et₃N, 0.08 equiv DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 23 °C, 8 h, 78%; (d) 2.5 equiv Dess-Martin periodinane, CH₂Cl₂, 23 °C, 12 h; (e) 1.0 equiv **103**, 1.0 equiv *n*-BuLi, then 1.0 equiv crude **110**, THF, -78 °C; (f) 2.0 equiv (NH₄)₂Ce(NO₃)₆, 4:1 THF:H₂O, 23 °C, 20 min, 36% from **109**; (g) 0.10 M. HCl, 9:1 CH₃CN:H₂O, 0 °C, 1 h, 71%; (h) 3.0 equiv O(COCF₃)₂, 5.0 equiv 2,6-lutidine, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C, 45 min, 82%; (i) 5.0 equiv O(COCH₃)₂, 5.0 equiv Et₃N, 0.82 equiv DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 23 °C, 91%. in the above experiment is presumably due to the more facile conversion of the trans **109** isomer to the corresponding bis-monomethoxytrityl ether. Subsequent oxidation of diastereomers **109** with the Dess-Martin periodinane (2.5 equiv, dichloromethane, 23 °C) formed the acetylenic ketone **110** in >90% yield and >90% purity.⁷⁹ Due to the sensitivity of this product toward silica gel, the following coupling reaction was performed using crude material.

Metalation of anthracene **103** (1.0 equiv, 1.0 equiv *n*-butyllithium, tetrahydrofuran, -78 °C, 20 min) and addition of crude acetylenic ketone **110** (1.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding 1,2-addition product **111**. This alcohol was isolated by extraction and was oxidized without purification employing ceric ammonium nitrate (2.0 equiv) in 20% aqueous tetrahydrofuran at 23 °C providing, after flash column chromatography, the anthraquinone **112** in 36% overall yield from **109**. The stereochemistry of this product was tentatively assigned as shown, on the basis of the presumption that aryllithium attack on **110** occurs opposite the bulky MMT group. The lower yield observed in this coupling reaction, as compared to the preparation of anthraquinones **104** and **105** above, is presumably due to competitive enolization of acetylenic ketone **110**. Attempts to circumvent this problem by forming the corresponding organocerium reagent³⁷ led to destruction of the anthracene moiety.

The methoxytrityl protecting group of **112** was removed by treatment with 0.1 M hydrochloric acid in aqueous acetonitrile (9:1 CH₃CN-H₂O) at 0 °C to produce the diol **113** in 71% yield. The MMT group is utilized in the synthesis since previous experiments had demonstrated that the use of related silyl ether protecting groups led to opening of the cyclodecadiyne ring during deprotection (e.g., eq. 6, TIPS = $(i-Pr)_3$ Si). The dimethoxy-trityl (DMT) ether was unsuitable as it proved to be unstable toward the Dess-Martin oxidation conditions.⁸⁰ Treatment of **113** with trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (3.0 equiv) and 2,6-lutidine (5.0 equiv) in dichloromethane at -78 °C formed the cyclic



ether **114** in 82% yield after purification on silica gel. This product is believed to arise by intramolecular displacement of the secondary trifluoromethanesulfonic acid ester by methoxyl, followed by nucleophilic demethylation of the resulting oxonium ion by 2,6lutidine or the trifluoromethanesulfonate anion.⁸¹ Conversion of **114** to diyne **86** was accomplished by treatment with acetic anhydride (5.0 equiv), triethylamine (5.0 equiv) and catalytic 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.82 equiv) in dichloromethane at 23 °C (91% yield). Diyne **86** is a yellow powder and is stable to routine handling and purification procedures (e.g., silica gel chromatography). The succinate half-ester **115** was prepared by the treatment of **114** with succinic anhydride (10.0 equiv), triethylamine (10.0 equiv) and 4dimethylaminopyridine (0.25 equiv) in dichloromethane at 23 °C (83% yield). Diyne **115** is also stable to routine handling and purification protocols as well as to basic (pH = 8.0) aqueous buffer solutions, in which the molecule is soluble.

Divides 86 and 115 were readily converted to (Z)-enedivide 116 when subjected to reductive reaction conditions. Thus, anaerobic treatment of 86 with sodium dithionite



(sodium hydrosulfite, 3.0 equiv) in 25% aqueous acetonitrile at 23 °C rapidly provided the (Z)-enediyne **116** (presumably via air-oxidation during workup of a semiquinone or hydroquinone intermediate, cf. Scheme XV) along with several other unidentifiable products. The yields of **116** obtained under these conditions were low and varied



considerably from experiment to experiment (15-30%), suggesting that the product **116** might be unstable to the reaction conditions.⁸² In contrast, treatment of **86** with samarium diiodide (3.0 equiv) in a deoxygenated mixture of acetonitrile and methanol (6:1, respectively) at 23 °C formed **116** in greater yield (65%). Control experiments established that enediyne formation did not occur to any appreciable extent in the absence of a reducing agent; a solution of diyne **86** in either aqueous acetonitrile or acetonitrile-methanol was stable for at least several days under anaerobic conditions.

Diyne 115 was also shown to undergo reductive activation, albeit in aqueous media. Anaerobic treatment of 115 with ferredoxin reductase and NADPH, (0.1 M aqueous HEPES buffer, pH = 8.0, 23 °C, 45 min) provided 116 as the only isolable product in 75% yield following workup and flash column chromatography.⁸³ Control experiments showed that ferredoxin reductase was the primary reductant; enediyne formation was slow in its absence and did not occur when both ferredoxin reductase and NADPH were omitted. NADPH alone induced clean formation of 116 from 115, albeit more slowly than the enzyme-mediated reaction.



As anticipated in light of ample precedent, (*Z*)-enediyne **116** cyclized slowly in tetrahydrofuran at 37 °C ($t_{1/2} \sim 2$ days) to form, in the presence of 1,4-cyclohexadiene, the aromatized product **118** in moderate yields (35%, Scheme XVIII).⁸⁴ Conducting the rearrangement at higher temperatures (tetrahydrofuran, 2.0 M 1,4-cyclohexadiene, 70 °C, 24 h) increased the yield of **118** to 75%. Monitoring of this rearrangement by ¹H NMR

Scheme XVIII





spectroscopy at elevated temperature (dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 , 0.20 M 1,4-cyclohexadiene, 1,4-di-*tert*-butyl benzene internal standard, 80 °C) established that **116** underwent first order transformation to **118** with a half life of ~ 25 min ($k = 2.66 \pm 0.08 \times 10^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$, 80 °C, see experimental section). Deuterium was incorporated quantitatively at the newly formed aromatic positions of **118** when the cyclization was conducted in tetrahydrofuran- d_8 (60 °C, 36 h, 50% yield), consistent with the intermediacy of 1,4-dehydrobenzene derivative **117** in the transformation of **116** to **118** (Scheme XVIII).

Conclusions

The potential of producing a reactive (Z)-enediyne by reductive activation of a stable diyne precursor has been demonstrated by preparing and studying the cyclodecadiyneanthraquinone conjugates **86** and **115**. These compounds undergo reductive activation in organic and aqueous media respectively to produce (Z)-enediyne **116** which subsequently rearranges to 1,4-dehydrobenzene intermediate **117** at physiological temperature. The efficacy of the enzyme-mediated activation of **115** is significant in that flavin-based enzymatic reductants have been implicated as potential in vivo activation factors for the clinically important quinone-containing antitumor agents adriamycin, mitomycin, and daunomycin.^{63,64,83} Efforts to increase the rate of enediyne cyclization by introducing additional strain in these systems are currently in progress.⁸⁵

Experimental Section

General Procedures. All reactions were performed in flame-dried round bottom or modified Schlenk (Kjeldahl shape) flasks fitted with rubber septa under a positive pressure of argon, unless otherwise noted. Air- and moisture-sensitive liquids and solutions were transferred via syringe or stainless steel cannula. Where necessary (so noted), organic solutions were deoxygenated by alternate evacuation/argon-flush cycles (\geq five iterations). Aqueous solutions were deoxygenated by bubbling argon through them for a minimum of 15 min. Organic solutions were concentrated by rotary evaporation at ~25 Torr (water aspirator). Flash column chromatography was performed as described by Still et al.³² employing 230-400 mesh silica gel. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm).

Materials. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received with the following exceptions. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl. Dichloromethane, benzene, *n*-propylamine, and triethylamine were distilled from calcium hydride at 760 Torr. Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) was distilled from calcium sulfate at 40 Torr and stored over 4Å molecular sieves. *N*,*N*-Dimethylformamide (DMF) was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company (HPLC grade, < 0.03% water content) and stored over 4Å molecular sieves. Pyridine was dried over potassium hydroxide prior to use. Oxalyl chloride was distilled at 760 Torr prior to use. Cuprous iodide was purified by continuous extraction (12 h) with tetrahydrofuran in a Soxhlet apparatus.⁵⁶ Dimethyldioxirane was prepared as a dilute (~ 0.05 M) solution in acetone according to the literature procedure.⁷¹ The Dess-Martin periodinane (~ 8 g lots) was prepared according to the literature procedure.⁷⁹ Trichlorotris(tetrahydrofuran)vanadium(III)⁸⁶ (VCl₃(THF)₃), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0)⁵⁷ and trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride⁸⁷ were prepared according to the literature procedure. The molarity of *n*-butyllithium solutions

was determined by titration using diphenylacetic acid as an indicator (average of three determinations).⁶¹

Instrumentation. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained using a Perkin-Elmer 1600 FT-IR spectrophotometer referenced to a polystyrene standard. Data are presented as follows: frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹), intensity of absorption (s = strong, m = medium, w = weak, br = broad) and assignment (when appropriate). Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded with a JEOL JX-400 (400 MHz) or a Bruker AM-500 (500 MHz) NMR spectrometer; chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (δ scale) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃: δ 7.26, C₆HD₅: δ 7.15, CHDCl₂: δ 5.29). Data are represented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), integration, coupling constant in Hertz (Hz), and assignment. High resolution mass spectra were obtained at the University of California, Riverside Mass Spectrometry Facility.





Tetrabutylammonium bromide (8.20 g, 25.4 mmol, 4.0 equiv), sodium hydroxide (1.02 g, 25.5 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and iodomethane (31.7 mL, 509 mmol, 80 equiv) were added sequentially to a vigorously stirred suspension of 2-bromo-1,4-dihydroxyanthraquinone⁶⁶ (2.03 g, 6.36 mmol, 1 equiv) in a 2:1 mixture of dichloromethane and water (150 mL) at 23 °C. The resulting purple reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 2 days, then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and dichloromethane (2 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give 2-bromo-1,4-dimethoxyanthraquinone (90) (1.60 g, 71%) as yellow solid (mp 157-158 °C).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆), δ:

8.09-8.15 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.04-7.09 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.02 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 3.95 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.15 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃).
FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2941 (w), 1673 (s, C=O), 1542 (m), 1312 (s), 1252 (s), 1041 (m), 981 (m), 723 (m).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 346 (94), 317 (43), 196 (24), 181 (34), 168 (30).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁BrO₄ (M⁺): 345.9841 Found: 345.9858

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : 2-Bromo-1,4-Dihydroxyanthraquinone: 0.51 (UV) 2-Bromo-1,4-Dimethoxyanthraquinone (**90**): 0.20 (UV)



Vinyl Anthraguinone 91.

A deoxygenated solution of 2-bromo-1,4-dimethoxyanthraquinone (**90**, 0.361 g, 1.04 mmol, 1 equiv), vinyltributyltin (0.334 g, 1.05 mmol, 1.1 equiv), tetrakis-(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.060 g, 0.052 mmol, 0.05 equiv), and a few crystals 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methyl-phenol in 1,4-dioxane was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. After cooling to 23 °C, the reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 100 mL). The organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded vinyl anthraquinone **91** (0.30 g, 98%) as a yellow solid (mp = 134-135 °C).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

8.15-8.18 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.69-7.74 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.45 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 7.17 (dd, 1 H, J = 17.7, 11.2 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.94 (d, 1 H, J = 17.7 Hz, one of CH=CH₂), 5.56 (d, 1 H, J = 11.2 Hz, one of CH=CH₂), 4.05 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.89 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

2957 (w), 2925 (w), 1664 (s, C=O), 1585 (m), 1458 (m), 1395 (m), 1332 (s), 1252 (s), 1037 (s), 979 (m), 724 (m).

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : 2-Bromo-1,4-Dimethoxyanthraquinone (90): 0.30 (UV)

Vinyl Anthraquinone 91: 0.42 (UV)

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Acetylene 92.

Cuprous iodide (0.057 g, 0.30 mmol, 0.15 equiv) and tetrakis-(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.12 g, 0.10 mmol, 0.05 equiv) were added sequentially to a deoxygenated, ice-cooled solution of 2-bromo-1,4-dimethoxyanthraquinone (**90**) (0.697 g, 2.01 mmol, 1 equiv), (trimethylsilyl)acetylene (0.567 mL, 4.01 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and *n*-propylamine (0.825 mL, 10.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in benzene (60 mL). The resulting yellow solution was thoroughly degassed and was stirred at 23 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The brown residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, $10\rightarrow30\%$) to give acetylene **92** (0.65 g, 89%) as a yellow solid (mp 159-160 °C).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

8.13-8.16 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.69-7.74 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.34 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 4.04 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 4.01 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 0.30 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2959 (m), 2157 (w, C=C), 1672 (s, C=O), 1578 (m), 1461 (m), 1325 (s), 1249 (s), 1043 (m), 983 (m), 851 (s).

MS (FAB), m/z (%base): 365 (100), 364 (40).

HRMS (FAB):

Calcd for C₂₁H₂₁O₄Si (MH⁺): 365.1209 Found: 365.1200

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : 2-Bromo-1,4-Dimethoxyanthraquinone (90): 0.30 (UV) Acetylene 92: 0.42 (UV)



(Z)-Vinyl Chloride 93.

Cuprous iodide (0.30 g, 1.56 mmol, 0.15 equiv) and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.60 g, 0.52 mmol, 0.05 equiv) were added sequentially to a deoxygenated solution of (Z)-1,2-dichloroethylene (1.57 mL, 20.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-(trimethylsilyl)-1,7-octadiyne⁶⁸ (1.86 g, 10.4 mmol, 1 equiv), and *n*-propylamine (4.29 mL, 52.2 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in benzene (40 mL) at 23 °C and the resulting yellow suspension was thoroughly degassed. After stirring at 23 °C for 5 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between a solution comprised of equal parts of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and saturated aqueous potassium carbonate solutions (100 mL) and hexanes (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (hexanes) afforded (Z)-vinyl chloride **93** (2.04 g, 82%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

6.29 (d, 1 H, J = 7.3 Hz, CH=C(Cl)H), 5.84 (dt, 1 H, J = 7.3, 2.0 Hz, CH=C(Cl)H), 2.39-2.45 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH₂C≡CC=C), 2.23-2.26 (m, 2 H, C H ₂C H ₂C ≡ CSi), 1.57-1.68 (m, 4 H, CH₂CH₂C≡CC=C and CH₂CH₂C≡CSi), 0.14 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3084 (w), 2952 (s), 2268 (w, C \equiv C), 2216 (m, C \equiv C), 2174 (s), 1250 (s), 843 (s).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 239 (100), 223 (14), 203 (7), 145 (17), 90 (80).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₁₃H₂₀ClSi (MH⁺): 239.1023 Found: 239.1031

TLC (Hexanes), R_f :

1-(Trimethylsilyl)-1,7-Octadiyne: 0.23 (UV) (*Z*)-Vinyl Chloride **93**: 0.27 (UV)



Triyne 94.

n-Butyllithium (8.11 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 13.0 mmol, 1.95 equiv) was added over 3 min to a solution of (Z)-vinyl chloride **93** (1.59 g, 6.66 mmol, 1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (60 mL) at -78 °C. The resulting yellow solution was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h, then was maintained at -20 °C for an additional 2 h. The reaction mixture was quenched at -20 °C with water (20 mL) and was partitioned between water (100 mL) and ether (2 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes) to give trivne **94** (0.99 g, 73%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 2.30 (t, 2 H, J = 5.8 Hz, CH₂CH₂C=CC=C), 2.25 (t, 2 H, J = 6.6 Hz, CH₂CH₂C=CSi), 1.97 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 1.61-1.66 (m, 4 H, CH₂CH₂C=CC=C and CH₂CH₂C=CSi), 0.14 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

3305 (m, C≡CH), 2953 (m), 2226 (w, C≡C), 2174 (m, C≡C), 1427 (w), 1328 (w), 1250 (m), 843 (s), 760 (m).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base):

203 (91), 187 (14), 159 (4), 90 (100), 73 (24).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₁₃H₁₉Si (MH⁺): 203.1256 Found: 203.1268

TLC (Hexanes), R_f :

(*Z*)-Vinyl Chloride **93**: 0.17 (UV) Triyne **94**: 0.31 (UV)



Vinylstannane 95.

Tributyltin hydride (1.57 mL, 5.84 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added over 2 min to a deoxygenated solution of triyne **94** (0.985 g, 4.87 mmol, 1 equiv) and bis-(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride (0.068 g, 0.097 mmol, 0.02 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (100 mL) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 10 min, then was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting brown residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes) to give vinylstannane **95** (1.33 g, 55% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ:

6.14 (d, 1 H, J = 3.4 Hz, one of C=CH₂), 5.46 (d, 1 H, J = 3.4 Hz, one of C=CH₂), 2.38 (t, 2 H, J =6.1 Hz, CH₂CH₂C=CC=C), 2.25 (t, 2 H, J = 6.3Hz, CH₂CH₂C=CSi), 1.61-1.66 (m, 4 H, CH₂CH₂C=CC=C and CH₂CH₂C=CSi), 1.47-1.59 (m, 6 H, SnCH₂CH₂), 1.29-1.36 (m, 6 H, SnCH₂CH₂), 0.93-1.05 (m, 6 H, CH₂CH₃), 0.90 (t, 9 H, J = 7.3 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 0.14 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

2956 (s), 2927 (s), 2175 (m, C≡C), 1461 (m), 1249 (m), 843 (s).

TLC (Hexanes), R_f :

Triyne **94**: 0.35 (UV) Vinylstannane **95**: 0.46 (UV)



Anthraquinone 96.

Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.041 g, 0.0354 mmol, 0.05 equiv) was added to a solution of 2-bromo-1,4-dimethoxyanthraquinone (**90**) (0.207 g, 0.596 mmol, 1 equiv), vinylstannane **95** (0.353 g, 0.715 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and a few crystals of 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenol in 1,4-dioxane (5.0 mL) at 23 °C. The resulting orange/brown solution was thoroughly deoxygenated and was maintained at 90 °C for 18 h. After cooling to 23 °C, the reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give anthraquinone **96** (0.143 g, 51%) as an orange oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

8.14-8.18 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.69-7.74 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.48 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 6.07 (d, 1 H, J = 1.5 Hz, one of C=CH₂), 5.92 (d, 1 H, J = 1.5 Hz, one of C=CH₂), 4.03 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3 H, one of

OCH₃), 2.42 (t, 2 H, J = 6.5 Hz, CH₂CH₂C=C-C=C), 2.27 (t, 2 H, J = 6.7 Hz, CH₂CH₂C=CSi), 1.65-1.71 (m, 4 H, CH₂CH₂C=CC=C and CH₂-CH₂C=CSi), 0.14 (s, 9 H, Si(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2938 (m), 2218 (w, C=C), 2173 (m, C=C), 1673 (s, C=O), 1580 (m), 1315 (m), 1244 (s), 1044 (m), 843 (s).

MS (FAB), m/z (%base): 471 (90), 455 (31), 383 (19), 303 (19).

HRMS (FAB):

Calcd for C₂₉H₃₁O₄Si (MH⁺): 471.1992 Found: 471.1990

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : 2-Bromo-1,4-Dimethoxyanthraquinone (90): 0.29 (UV)

Anthraquinone 96: 0.56 (UV)



Alcohol 97.

Dimethyldioxirane⁷¹ (7.30 mL of a 0.05 M solution in acetone, 0.365 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added via pipette to an ice-cooled solution of anthraquinone **96** (0.143 g, 0.304 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (5.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min, then was partitioned between water (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was exposed to hydrochloric acid (0.20 M) in a 3:1 mixture of methanol and dichloromethane (12 mL) at 0 °C for 2 h, then was partitioned between water (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of 2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried and hexanes (2 x 75 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded alcohol **97** (0.084 g, 53% yield) as a yellow/orange oil.

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, C ₆ D ₆), δ :	8.13-8.18 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.65 (s, 1
	H, CHCOCH ₃), 7.05-7.10 (m, 2 H, both
	CHCHCC=O), 4.30 (dd, 1 H, J = 11.2, 7.1 Hz,
	CH_AH_BOH), 4.22 (dd, 1 H, $J = 11.2$, 6.6 Hz,
	CH_AH_BOH), 3.90 (s, 3 H, one of OCH ₃), 3.55 (s,
	3 H, one of OCH ₃), 3.34 (s, 3 H, one of OCH ₃),
	2.11 (t, 1 H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, OH), 2.01-2.03 (m, 2 H,
	CC≡CCH ₂ CH ₂), 1.95-1.97 (m, 2 H, CH ₂ CH ₂ -
	C=CSi), 1.39-1.44 (m, 4 H, CC=CCH ₂ CH ₂ and
	CH ₂ CH ₂ C≡CSi), 0.19 (s, 9 H, Si(CH ₃) ₃).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3476 (br, OH), 2945 (m), 2237 (w, C≡C), 2173
	(m, C=C), 1670 (s, C=O), 1461 (m), 1327 (m),
	1244 (s), 1043 (m), 843 (m).
MS (FAB), m/z (%base):	519 (69), 487 (66), 469 (18), 425 (11).
HRMS (FAB):	Calcd for C ₃₀ H ₃₅ O ₆ Si (MH ⁺): 519.2203
	Found: 519.2183
TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f :	Anthraquinone 96: 0.35 (UV)
	Alcohol 97: 0.12 (UV)



Acetylene 98.

Potassium fluoride dihydrate was added to a solution of alcohol **97** (0.035 g, 0.0674 mmol) in acetonitrile at 23 °C until saturation occurred. The resulting suspension was stirred at 23 °C for 4 days, then was partitioned between water (120 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (40% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to provide acetylene **98** (0.018 g, 60% yield) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

8.16-8.19 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.71-7.76 (m, 3 H, both CHCHCC=O and CHCOCH₃), 4.14 (dd, 1 H, J = 11.4, 7.4 Hz, CH_AH_BOH), 4.04 (dd, 1 H, J = 11.4, 6.5 Hz, CH_AH_BOH), 4.04 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.92 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.48 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 2.42 (t, 2 H, J = 6.8 Hz, CC=CCH₂CH₂), 2.24 (td, 2 H, J = 6.7, 2.7 Hz, CH₂CH₂C=CH), 2.13 (t, 1 H, J = 7.0 Hz, OH), 1.95 (t, 1 H, J = 2.7 Hz, C=CH), 1.65-1.77 (m, 4 H, CC=CCH₂CH₂ and CH₂CH₂C=CH).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3473 (b, OH), 3289 (b, C=CH), 2941 (m), 2244 (w, C=C), 1669 (s, C=O), 1461 (m), 1327 (s), 1240 (s), 1043 (s), 729 (m).

MS (FAB), m/z (%base): 447 (45), 415 (24), 383 (13).

HRMS (FAB):

Calcd for C₂₇H₂₇O₆ (MH⁺): 447.1808 Found: 447.1805

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Alcohol **97**: 0.38 (UV) Acetylene **98**: 0.29 (UV)



Aldehyde 99.

Dimethyl sulfoxide (0.020 mL, 0.260 mmol, 4.4 equiv) was added over 2 min to a solution of oxalyl chloride (0.012 mL, 0.133 mmol, 2.2 equiv) in dichloromethane (3 mL) at -78 °C. The resulting clear solution was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min, then a solution of acetylene **98** (0.027 g, 0.061 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was added over 1 min. After 15 min, triethylamine (0.84 mL, 0.602 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and the resulting solution was warmed to 0 °C and was stirred at that temperature for 30 min. The reaction was quenched at 0 °C with water (5 mL), and the product was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give aldehyde **99** (0.022 g, 81%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆), δ : 9.68 (s, 1 H, CHO), 8.10-8.17 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.75 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 7.03-7.08 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 3.88 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.54 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.29 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 1.88-1.90 (m, 2 H, CC=CCH₂CH₂), 1.81-1.84 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH₂-C=CH), 1.70 (t, 1 H, J = 2.7 Hz, C=CH), 1.30-1.34 (m, 4 H, CC=CCH₂CH₂ and CH₂CH₂-C=CH).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3282 (w, C=CH), 2943 (m), 2235 (w, C=C), 1741 (m, HC=O), 1672 (s, C=O), 1592 (m), 1462 (m), 1390 (m), 1326 (s), 1261 (s), 1040 (m).

MS (FAB), m/z (%base): 445 (9), 416 (12), 220 (10).

HRMS (FAB):

Calcd for C₂₇H₂₅O₆ (MH⁺): 445.1651 Found: 445.1662

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Acetylene **98**: 0.08 (UV) Aldehyde **99**: 0.30 (UV)



Anthracene 103.

Zinc powder (0.261 g, 3.52 mmol, 2.2 equiv) and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (0.530 g, 3.52 mmol, 2.2 equiv) were added sequentially to a solution of 2-bromo-1,4-dimethoxyanthraquinone (**90**) (0.555 g, 1.60 mmol, 1 equiv) in pyridine (10 mL) at 23 °C. The resulting orange suspension was deoxygenated and was stirred at 60 °C for 2 h. After cooling to 23 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (150 mL) and was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid (0.1 M, 3 x 150 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and was concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to provide anthracene **103** (0.893 g, 97% yield) as a yellow powder (mp 129-130 °C).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6), δ :

8.51-8.58 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCCOSi), 7.32-7.39 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCCOSi), 6.66 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 3.65 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.31 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 1.19 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), 1.16 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.10 (s, 6 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), -0.01 (s, 6 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2931 (m), 1593 (m), 1382 (s), 1257 (m), 1039 (s), 902 (m), 841 (m), 779 (m).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 576 (32), 504 (34), 432 (92).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₂₈H₄₁BrO₄Si₂ (M⁺): 576.1727 Found: 576.1747

TLC (5% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : 2-Bromo-1,4-dimethoxyanthraquinone (90): 0.04 (UV) Anthracene 103: 0.74 (UV)



Anthraquinone 104.

n-Butyllithium (0.221 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 0.354 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added over 1 min to a solution of anthracene **103** (0.204 g, 0.353 mmol, 1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran at -78 °C. The resulting orange solution was stirred at -78 °C for 20 min, then benzaldehyde (0.036 mL, 0.354 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added and the yellow reaction mixture was maintained at -78 °C for 20 min, then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was dissolved in a 4:1 mixture of tetrahydrofuran and water (20 mL) at 23 °C and ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN) was added to the resulting solution in small portions until tlc analysis indicated completion of the reaction (~0.50 g CAN, 20 min). The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and user dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (40% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to provide anthraquinone **104** (0.112 g, 85% yield) as a yellow powder (mp 79-80 °C).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.12-8.17 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.70-7.74 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.66 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 7.26-7.41 (m, 5 H, C₆H₅), 6.21 (s, 1 H, CHOH), 4.03 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.56 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3456 (br, OH), 2940 (w), 1667 (s, C=O), 1591 (m), 1462 (m), 1243 (s), 1041 (s), 728 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 374 (74), 359 (58), 281 (49), 225 (14), 117 (30), 105 (100).

HRMS (EI): Calcd for C₂₃H₁₈O₅ (M⁺): 374.1154 Found: 374.1142

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f: Anthraquinone 104: 0.32 (UV)



Anthraquinone 105.

n-Butyllithium (0.162 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 0.260 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added over 1 min to a solution of anthracene **103** (0.150 g, 0.260 mmol, 1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran at -78 °C. The resulting orange solution was stirred at -78 °C for 20 min, then cyclohexanone (0.027 mL, 0.261 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added and the yellow reaction mixture was maintained at -78 °C for 15 min, then was partitioned between water (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was dissolved in a 4:1 mixture of tetrahydrofuran and water (10 mL) at 23 °C and ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN) was added to the resulting solution in small portions until tlc analysis indicated completion of the reaction (~0.50 g CAN, 20 min). The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium solution in small portions until tlc analysis indicated completion of the reaction (~0.50 g CAN, 20 min). The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, 30→40%) to provide anthraquinone **105** (0.068 g, 71% yield) as a yellow powder (mp 162-163 °C).

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃), δ:	8.17-8.20 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.72-7.76
	(m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.55 (s, 1 H,
	CHCOCH ₃), 4.03 (s, 3 H, one of OCH ₃), 3.93 (s,
	3 H, one of OCH ₃), 3.44 (s, 1 H, OH), 1.99-2.06
	(m, 3 H, three of (CH ₂) ₅), 1.77-1.92 (m, 5 H, five
	of (CH ₂) ₅), 1.66-1.69 (m, 1 H, one of (CH ₂) ₅),
	1.24-1.36 (m, 1 H, one of (CH ₂) ₅).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3480 (br, OH), 2932 (m), 2151 (w), 1668 (s,
	C=O), 1462 (m), 1328 (s), 1237 (s), 1041 (m), 729
	(s).
MS (EI), m/z (%base):	366 (82), 351 (39), 335 (33), 232 (100), 281 (29).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₂₂H₂₂O₅ (M⁺): 366.1467 Found: 366.1457

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Anthraquinone 105: 0.38 (UV)



Dialdehyde 106.

n-Butyllithium (38.1 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 61.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added over 10 min to an ice-cooled solution of 1,7-octadiyne (3.24 g, 30.5 mmol, 1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (300 mL), producing a white precipitate. The mixture was stirred for 5 min at 0 °C, then *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (11.8 mL, 152 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added and the milky suspension was maintained at 23 °C for 15 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with aqueous citric acid (1.0 M, 10 mL) at 23 °C, then was partitioned between aqueous citric acid (1.0 M, 150 mL) and dichloromethane (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded dialdehyde **106** (3.45 g, 70% yield) as a yellow oil.

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃), δ :	9.17 (s, 2 H, CHO), 2.45-2.48 (m, 4 H,
	C≡CCH ₂ CH ₂), 1.72-1.78 (m, 4 H, C≡CCH ₂ CH ₂).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3305 (w), 2946 (m), 2277 (m, C≡C), 2201 (s,
	C≡C), 1677 (s, C=O), 1390 (m), 1135 (s), 824
	(m).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₁₀H₉O₂ (M-H)+: 161.0603

Found: 161.0608

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Dialdehyde 106: 0.71 (UV)



Diol 107.

Degassed dichloromethane (200 mL) was added via cannula over 15 min to a mixture of trichlorotris(tetrahydrofuran)vanadium(III) $[VCl_3(THF)_3]^{86}$ (11.2 g, 30.0 mmol, 2.3 equiv) and zinc powder (1.20 g, 18.4 mmol, 1.4 equiv) at 23 °C. The resulting brown suspension was stirred for 30 min at 23 °C to provide a green solution to which *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (6.07 mL, 78.4 mmol, 6.0 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min at 23 °C, then a solution of dialdehyde **106** (2.12 g, 13.1 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (3 mL) was added via syringe pump over 3 h. The brown mixture was stirred for an additional 2 h at 23 °C, 10% aqueous potassium/sodium tartrate (200 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred vigorously in the atmosphere until a blue aqueous phase and brown organic phase were produced (~2 h at 23 °C). The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (40% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give diol **107** (4:1 mixture of cis and trans isomers, respectively, 0.771 g, 36% yield) as an off-white solid (mp of mixture 103-104 °C).

Diol 107 (cis isomer).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 4.44 (s, 2 H, CHOH), 2.53 (s, br, 2 H, OH), 2.20 (s, br, 4 H, C=CCH₂CH₂), 1.75-1.76 (m, 4 H, C=CCH₂CH₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3555 (br, OH), 2940 (m), 2276 (w, C≡C), 2220 (m, C≡C), 1387 (m), 1268 (m), 1134 (m), 1052 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 164 (18), 136 (100), 121 (14), 108 (20), 93 (21), 79 (27).

HRMS (EI): Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂O₂ (M⁺): 164.0837 Found: 164.0840

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), *R_f*: Dialdehyde **106**: 0.71 (UV) Diol **107**: 0.49

Diol 107 (trans isomer).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

4.40 (s, 2 H, CHOH), 2.53 (s, br, 2 H, OH), 2.20 (s, br, 4 H, C≡CCH₂CH₂), 1.75-1.76 (m, 4 H, C≡CCH₂CH₂).



Acetonide 108.

(±)-Camphorsulfonic acid (0.015 g, 0.065 mmol, 0.32 equiv), was added to a solution of diol **107** (cis isomer, 0.033 g, 0.201 mmol, 1 equiv) in 2,2-dimethoxypropane (4 mL) at 23 °C. The mixture was stirred for 45 min at 23 °C, then partitioned between a saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give cis-acetonide **108** (0.037 g, 90% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ:

4.87 (s, 2 H, CHOC(CH₃)₂), 2.16-2.28 (m, 4 H, C≡CCH₂CH₂), 1.66-1.81 (m, 4 H, C≡CCH₂CH₂), 1.57 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂), 1.32 (s, 3 H, one of C(CH₃)₂).

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FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2988 (m), 2935 (s), 2235 (w, C \equiv C), 1449 (m), 1378 (m), 1233 (s), 1163 (s), 1034 (s), 865 (m).

MS (EI), m/z (%base):

204 (23), 189 (37), 161 (24), 147 (27), 117 (100), 91 (71).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₁₃H₁₆O₂ (M⁺): 204.1150 Found: 204.1157

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Diol 107: 0.45

Acetonide 108: 0.84



Monomethoxytrityl Ether 109.

4-Methoxytriphenylmethyl chloride (1.64 g, 5.31 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added to a solution of diol **107** (4:1 mixture of cis and trans isomers, respectively, 0.348 g, 2.12 mmol, 1 equiv) and triethylamine (0.886 mL, 0.164 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (8.0 mL) at 23 °C. 4-Dimethylaminopyridine (0.020 g, 4.09 mmol, 0.077 equiv) was added, and the solution stirred at 23 °C for 8 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give monomethoxytrityl ether **109** (9:1 mixture of cis and trans isomers, respectively, 0.723 g, 78%) as a white foam.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆), δ:

7.74-7.76 (m, 2 H, two of ArH), 7.67-7.69 (m, 2 H, two of ArH), 7.49-7.52 (m, 2 H, two of ArH),
7.09-7.16 (m, 4 H, four of ArH), 7.00-7.05 (m, 2 H, two of ArH), 6.68-6.71 (m, 2 H, two of ArH),
4.59-4.61 (m, 1 H, CHOH), 3.56-3.59 (m, 1 H,

CHOC(Ar)₃), 3.26 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.80 (d, 1 H, J = 5.0 Hz, OH), 1.98-2.03 (m, 1 H, one of C=CCH₂CH₂), 1.77-1.91 (m, 3 H, three of C=CCH₂CH₂), 1.29-1.47 (m, 4 H, C=CCH₂CH₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3546 (br, OH), 2934 (m), 2272 (w, C \equiv C), 2224 (w, C \equiv C), 1607 (m), 1510 (s), 1447 (m), 1252 (s), 1036 (s), 787 (s).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 437 (2), 273 (100), 254 (5).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₃₀H₂₉O₃ (MH⁺): 437.2117 Found: 437.2115

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f: Diol 107: 0.12

Monomethoxytrityl Ether 109: 0.44 (UV)



Ketone 110.

A solution of monomethoxytrityl ether **109** (9:1 mixture of cis and trans isomers, respectively, 0.800 g, 1.84 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (8.0 mL) was added over 5 min to a solution of the Dess-Martin periodinane⁷⁹ (1.74 g, 4.59 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in dichloromethane (15 mL) at 23 °C. The pale yellow solution was stirred at 23 °C for 12 h, then was concentrated to ~4 mL volume and was diluted with hexanes (50 mL). The resulting beige precipitate was removed by vacuum filtration through a fine frit and was washed with a 9:1 mixture of hexanes and toluene (3 x 15 mL). The combined filtrate and washings were concentrated to afford crude ketone **110** (~90% yield) as a yellow oil which ¹H NMR analysis showed to be >90% pure. Since ketone **110** decomposed when concentrated on silica gel (both untreated and triethylamine-washed), subsequent coupling reactions were carried out using the above crude material.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆), δ : 7.93-7.97 (m, 4 H, four of ArH), 7.75-7.78 (m, 2 H, two of ArH), 7.29-7.33 (m, 4 H, four of ArH), 7.18-7.23 (m, 2 H, two of ArH), 6.86-6.89 (m, 2 H, two of ArH), 4.94 (dd, 1 H, J = 3.4, 1.9 Hz, CHOC(Ar)₃), 3.46 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 1.71-1.88 (m, 4 H, C=CCH₂CH₂), 1.19-1.37 (m, 4 H, C=CCH₂CH₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2934 (m), 2204 (w, C=C), 1694 (s, C=O), 1668 (m), 1510 (s), 1447 (m), 1252 (s), 1181 (s), 1035 (m), 704 (s).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 435 (70), 407 (28), 273 (100), 253 (16), 197 (19).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₃₀H₂₇O₃ (MH⁺): 435.1960 Found: 435.1957

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Monomethoxytrityl Ether 109: 0.43 (UV)

Ketone 110: 0.50 (UV)



Anthraquinone 112.

n-Butyllithium (1.15 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 1.84 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added over 1 min to a solution of anthracene **103** (1.06 g, 1.83 mmol, 1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran at -78 °C. The resulting orange solution was stirred at -78 °C for 20 min, then a solution of crude ketone **110** (1.84 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (4.0 mL) was added. The yellow reaction mixture was maintained for 1 h at -78 °C, then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, 5 \rightarrow 10%) provided the coupled anthracene product (**111**) as a yellow oil.

The purified anthracene product was dissolved in a 4:1 mixture of tetrahydrofuran and water (25 mL) at 23 °C and ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN) was added in small portions until tlc analysis indicated completion of the reaction (~0.50 g CAN, 20 min). The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (50% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to provide anthraquinone **112** (0.469 g,
36% yield from 109) as a yellow foam. Due to the instability of the methoxytrityl ether moiety present in anthraquinone 112, the above material was immediately deprotected.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

8.17-8.21 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.72-7.74 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.71 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 7.40-7.42 (m, 2 H, two of ArH), 7.28-7.29 (m, 2 H, two of ArH), 7.06-7.18 (m, 8 H, eight of ArH), 6.56-6.58 (m, 2 H, two of ArH), 4.92 (s, 1 H, CHOC(Ar)₃), 4.29 (s, 1 H, OH), 4.00 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.72 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.59 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 2.20-2.21 (m, 4 H, C=CCH₂CH₂), 2.03-2.09 (m, 1 H, one of C=CCH₂CH₂), 1.65-1.86 (m, 3 H, three of C=CCH₂CH₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:

3466 (w, OH), 2937 (m), 2279 (w, C≡C), 2226 (w, C≡C), 1669 (s, C=O), 1593 (m), 1461 (m), 1328 (s), 1257 (s), 1179 (m), 1040 (s).



Diol 113.

Hydrochloric acid (12 M, 1.0 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled solution of anthraquinone **112** (0.469 g, 0.667 mmol) in a 9:1 mixture of acetonitrile and water (15 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and ethyl acetate (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in dichloromethane) afforded diol **113** (0.203 g, 71% yield) as a yellow solid (mp 135-136 °C).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ:

8.15-8.17 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.81 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 7.70-7.75 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 5.15 (s, 1 H, CHOH), 4.03 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 3.98 (s, 3 H, one of OCH₃), 2.19-2.36 (m, 4 H, C=CCH₂CH₂), 1.86-1.96 (m, 2 H, two of C=CCH₂CH₂), 1.72-1.80 (m, 2 H, two of C=CCH₂CH₂). FTIR (CH₂Cl₂ solution), cm⁻¹:

3686 (m, OH), 3597 (m, OH), 2943 (m), 2222 (w, C≡C), 1671 (s, C=O), 1596 (m), 1324 (m), 1241 (s), 1041 (s), 768 (s).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base):

431 (100), 415 (14), 401 (14), 253 (48).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₆ (MH⁺): 431.1495 Found: 431.1473

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f: Diol 113: 0.20 (UV)



Alcohol 114.

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (0.035 mL, 0.208 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added to a solution of diol **113** (0.030 g, 0.070 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2,6-lutidine (0.041 mL, 0.352 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (9 mL) at - 78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 45 min at -78 °C, then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and ethyl acetate (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in dichloromethane) to give alcohol **114** (0.023 g, 82% yield) as a yellow solid (mp 124 °C dec).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 8.09-8.18 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.68-7.74 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.44 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 5.52 (t, 1 H, J = 2.2 Hz, CHC=C), 3.96 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.20-2.34 (m, 4 H, C=CCH₂CH₂), 1.65-1.80 (m, 4 H, C=CCH₂CH₂).

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FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:3402 (br, OH), 2938 (m), 2242 (m, C=C), 1667 (s,
C=O), 1579 (s), 1411 (s), 1257 (s), 937 (m), 730 (s).MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base):399 (58), 385 (59), 255 (71), 241 (49), 227 (11).HRMS (CI/NH₃):Calcd for C₂₅H₁₉O₅ (MH⁺): 399.1232
Found: 399.1248TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f :Diol **113**: 0.10 (UV)

Alcohol 114: 0.22 (UV)



Diyne 86.

Acetic anhydride (0.024 mL, 0.254 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added to a solution of alcohol **114** (0.020 g, 0.0501 mmol, 1 equiv) and triethylamine (0.035 mL, 0.251 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (2 mL) at 23 °C. 4-Dimethylaminopyridine (0.005 g, 0.041 mmol, 0.82 equiv) was then added, and the solution was stirred at 23 °C for 15 min. The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (75 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (40% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give diyne **86** (0.020 g, 91%) as a yellow powder (mp 124 °C dec).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.20-8.23 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.81 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 7.71-7.76 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 5.76 (t, 1 H, J = 2.4 Hz, CHC=C), 4.07 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.37-2.42 (m, 1 H, one of $C \equiv CCH_2CH_2$), 2.23-2.30 (m, 3 H, three of $C \equiv CCH_2CH_2$), 2.06 (s, 3 H, C(O)CH₃), 1.81-1.86 (m, 2 H, two of $C \equiv CCH_2CH_2$), 1.59-1.73 (m, 2 H, two of $C \equiv CCH_2CH_2$).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2936 (m), 2247 (m, C≡C), 1748 (s, C(O)CH₃), 1670 (s, C=O), 1581 (m), 1412 (m), 1257 (s), 1222 (s), 1017 (m), 730 (s).

MS (FAB), m/z (%base): 441 (16), 398 (7), 381 (10).

HRMS (FAB):

Calcd for C₂₇H₂₁O₆ (MH⁺): 441.1338 Found: 441.1346

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), *R_f*: Alcohol **114**: 0.35 (UV) Diyne **86**: 0.43 (UV)



Diyne 115.

Succinic anhydride (0.145 g, 1.45 mmol, 20 equiv) was added to a solution of alcohol **114** (0.029 g, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv) and triethylamine (0.202 mL, 1.45 mmol, 20 equiv) in dichloromethane (4 mL) at 23 °C. 4-Dimethylaminopyridine (0.010 g, 0.082 mmol, 1.12 equiv) was then added, and the solution stirred at 23 °C for 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between dilute hydrochloric acid (1.0 M, 75 mL) and ethyl acetate (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (50% ethyl acetate in dichloromethane) afforded diyne **115** (0.030 g, 83%) as a yellow/orange powder (mp 115 °C dec).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂), δ : 8.15-8.17 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.72-7.77 (m, 3 H, both CHCHCC=O and CHCOCH₃), 5.73 (t, 1 H, J = 2.3 Hz, CHC=C), 4.00 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.54-2.65 (m, 4 H, C(O)CH₂CH₂C(O)), 2.35-2.40 (m, 1 H, one of C=CCH₂CH₂), 2.24-2.30 (m, 3 H, three of C=CCH₂CH₂), 1.79-1.86 (m, 2 H, two of C=CCH₂CH₂), 1.59-1.73 (m, 2 H, two of C=CCH₂CH₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:3265 (br, COOH), 2938 (m), 2240 (w, C=C), 1745(s, C(O)CH2), 1669 (s, C=O), 1580 (m), 1412 (s),1257 (s), 1221 (s), 1151 (S), 957 (m), 710 (m).

MS (FAB), m/z (%base): 499 (4), 447 (7), 419 (4).

HRMS (FAB): Calcd for C₂₉H₂₃O₈ (MH⁺): 449.1393 Found: 449.1396

TLC (50% EtOAc in CH₂Cl₂), R_f : Alcohol 114: 0.55 (UV) Diyne 115: 0.24 (UV)

General Reductive Activation Procedures for Diynes 86 and 115.

A. A solution of sodium dithionite (0.055 mL of a 0.29 M solution in deoxygenated water, 0.16 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in a deoxygenated mixture of acetonitrile and water (6:1 respectively, 4.0 mL) was added to a deoxygenated solution of diyne **86** (0.0023 g, 0.0052 mmol, 1 equiv) in the same solvent at 23 °C. The resulting orange solution was stirred for 5 min at 23 °C, then it was partitioned between water (75 mL) and ethyl acetate (2 x 75 mL). The organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to provide (*Z*)-enediyne **116** (15% yield determined by addition of (*Z*)-1,2-dichloroethylene and ¹H NMR analysis) as an orange solid (mp = 120 °C dec).

B. Samarium diiodide (0.30 mL of a 0.10 M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 0.030 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added over 10 sec to a deoxygenated solution of diyne **86** (0.0042 g, 0.0095 mmol, 1 equiv) in a mixture of acetonitrile and methanol (6:1, respectively, 7.0 mL) at 23 °C. The resulting orange solution was stirred for exactly 1.5 min at 23 °C, then it was purged with a stream of air for 30 sec. The red solution was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), and the mixture was partitioned between water (75 mL) and ethyl acetate (2 x 75 mL). The organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded (*Z*)-enediyne **116** (0.0023 g, 64%) as an orange solid.

C. Ferredoxin Reductase (E.C. 1.18.1.2, 0.50 mL of a solution of 0.575 units in 10 mL HEPES buffer, 0.029 units) was added to a solution of diyne **115** (0.0042 g, 0.0084 mmol, 0.28 mM) in deoxygenated HEPES buffer (0.10 M, pH = 8.0, Na counterion, 30 mL) containing glucose (0.129 g, 24 mM), manganese(II) sulfate (0.0022 g, 0.61 mM), NADPH (0.012 g, 0.53 mM), isocitrate (0.077 g, 10 mM), glucose oxidase (E.C. 1.1.3.4, 200 units), isocitrate dehydrogenase (E.C. 1.1.1.42, 6.5 units) and catalase

(E.C. 1.11.1.6, 300,000 units) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 45 min, then it was partitioned between water (75 mL) and ethyl acetate (3 x 75 mL). The organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to provide (*Z*)-enediyne **116** (0.0023 g, 74%) as an orange solid.

Note: the large number of enzymes and reagents utilized in this reaction accomplish three functions. (1) Reduction of **115** (ferredoxin reductase, NADPH), (2) regeneration of NADPH (isocitrate dehydrogenase, isocitrate, eq 7), and (3) deoxygenation of the reaction medium (glucose oxidase, catalase, glucose, eqs 8 and 9). For other reductions which utilize this enzymatic system, see reference 83.







(Z)-Enediyne 116.

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CD ₂ Cl ₂), δ :	8.19-8.21 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.73-7.80			
	(m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.39 (s, 1 H,			
	CHCOCH ₃), 4.04 (s, 3 H, OCH ₃), 2.62-2.64 (m, 2			
	H, two of C≡CCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.52-2.54 (m, 2 H, two			
	of $C \equiv C C H_2 C H_2$, 2.03-2.12 (m, 4 H,			
	$C \equiv CCH_2CH_2$).			
FTIR (CH ₂ Cl ₂ solution), cm ⁻¹ :	2933 (w), 2194 (w, C=C), 1671 (s, C=O), 1606			
	(s), 1393 (m), 1270 (s), 1253 (s), 1120 (m), 840			
	(w).			
MS (FAB), m/z (%base):	381 (10).			
HRMS (FAB):	Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₁₇ O ₄ (MH ⁺): 381.1127			
	Found: 381.1106			

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : (Z)-Enediyne 116: 0.53 (UV)

Kinetic Experiments ((Z)-Enediyne 116).

A deoxygenated solution of (Z)-enediyne **116** (0.001 g, 0.0026 mmol), 1,4cyclohexadiene (0.01 mL, 0.106 mmol, 0.20 M), and 1,4-di-*tert*-butylbenzene (0.0005 g, 0.0026 mmol, internal standard) in dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 (0.50 mL) was heated to 80 °C in the probe of an NMR spectrometer (400 MHz). The disappearance of **116** was monitored by ¹H NMR spectroscopy by integration of an aromatic signal (corrected by comparison to the internal standard). The data thus obtained (Table IX) were in agreement with first order reaction kinetics (Figure 6) with $k = 2.66 \pm 0.08 \times 10^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$.

Data Point	Time (min)	-ln [116]
1	30	4.92
2	45	5.28
3	60	5.72

Table IX. Kinetic Data for Cyclization of (Z)-Enediyne 116 (0.005 M) in DMSO- d_6 at 80 °C.



Figure 6. Plot of Kinetic Data for Cyclization of (Z)-Enediyne 116 (0.005 M) in DMSO- d_6 at 80 °C.

Pyrolysis of (Z)-Enediyne 116.

A deoxygenated solution of **116** (0.0083 g, 0.0218 mmol, 0.0022 M) in tetrahydrofuran containing 1,4-cyclohexadiene (2.0 M) was stirred at 70 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then partitioned between water (50 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford the cyclized product **118** (0.0061 g, 75%) as a yellow film.



Cyclized Product 118.

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CD ₂ Cl ₂), δ:	8.21-8.24 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.82 (s, 1		
	H, CHCOCH3), 7.74-7.81 (m, 2 H, both		
	CHCHCC=O), 7.71 (s, 1 H, one of ArH), 7.43 (s,		
	1 H, one of ArH), 4.11 (s, 3 H, OCH ₃), 2.95-2.99		
	(m, 4 H, ArCH ₂ CH ₂), 1.86-1.89 (m, 4 H,		
	$ArCH_2CH_2$).		
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	2934 (m), 1669 (s, C=O), 1639 (m), 1454 (m),		
	1418 (m), 1357 (w), 1261 (s), 1107 (w), 1013 (w).		
MS (FAB), m/z (%base):	383 (7).		
HRMS (FAB):	Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₁₉ O ₄ (MH ⁺): 383.1283		
	Found: 383.1280		
TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f :	(Z)-Enediyne 116: 0.53 (UV)		
	Cyclized Product 118: 0.54 (UV)		



Cyclized Product 118 (d2).

HRMS (FAB):

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂), δ : 8.21-8.24 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 7.82 (s, 1 H, CHCOCH₃), 7.74-7.81 (m, 2 H, both CHCHCC=O), 4.11 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.95-2.99 (m, 4 H, ArCH₂CH₂), 1.86-1.89 (m, 4 H, ArCH₂CH₂). MS (FAB), m/z (%base): 385 (5).

> Calcd for C₂₄¹³CH₁₆D₂O₄ (MH⁺): 385.1364 Found: 385.1345

Chapter 3

Design, Synthesis and Reactivity of a 1,6-Didehydro[10]annulene Precursor

Background

The preceding chapters of this work describe the design, synthesis and study of several molecules which form biradical intermediates upon thermal or chemical activation (chapters 1 and 2). In each case, the inspiration for design of these biradical precursors has been electrocyclization reactions utilized by members of the enediyne family of antibiotics (e.g., $5\rightarrow 6$ and $11\rightarrow 12$, cf. introduction). Recently, a fundamentally



new electrocyclization reaction not, as yet, precedented by the action of a natural product has been discovered and studied. Thus, the aromatic hydrocarbon 1,6-didehydro[10]annulene (117) was observed to undergo first-order transformation to the biradical 1,5dehydronaphthalene (118) at low temperature ($k = 4.6 \pm 0.9 \text{ x} 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at -51 °C).^{88,89} The half-life for cyclization of 117 at -51 °C is ~25 min, making this the most rapid biradical-forming reaction reported to date.⁹⁰ The facility of the above transformation



suggests that 1,6-didehydro[10]annulenes possessing DNA binding properties may function as novel antitumor agents analogous to the enediyne antibiotics (cf. introduction). Since the thermal instability of the 1,6-didehydro[10]annulene functional group precludes the routine isolation and handling of molecules which contain it, the design and preparation of a suitable precursor to this reactive moiety was undertaken.

Synthesis and Reactivity of a 1,6-Didehydro[10]annulene Precursor

Epoxide **119** was conceived as a stable precursor to the 1,6-didehydro-[10]annulene nucleus and, in analogy to neocarzinostatin chromophore, was envisioned



to enter the reaction cascade outlined in Scheme XIX upon treatment with an appropriate thiol nucleophile (cf. Scheme I). Unlike the rearrangement of **117** to **118**, which produces a single biradical intermediate, cyclization of the 1,6-didehydro[10]annulene **120** may produce two distinct 1,5-dehydronaphthalene biradicals (**121** and **122**, pathways a and b, respectively, Scheme XIX).

Initial retrosynthetic analysis suggested silyl ether **123** as a potential precursor of epoxide **119**. This compound, in turn, was envisioned to be prepared by dimerization of



acetylene-aldehyde 124 followed by elimination of the resulting diol 125. In the event, however, attempted base-induced cyclization of 124 produced the uncyclized dimer 126 along with several other acyclic oligomers (trimers, tetramers, eq 10). The reluctance of 126 to undergo base-induced ring closure is presumably due to the inability of the intermediate acetylide to achieve proper trajectory for attack on the conjugated aldehyde



lying in the plane of cyclopentene ring.91

In light of the above failure, the initial approach to silyl ether **123** was abandoned in favor of a route in which the ten-membered ring was formed by the palladium-



mediated dimerization of a suitable monomer (127 \rightarrow 128). The feasibility of such an approach was demonstrated by the following model studies. Treatment of allenylmagnesium bromide⁹² (3.0 equiv) with 2-iodo-2-cyclopenten-1-one⁹³ (1 equiv) in ethyl ether at 23 °C produced alcohol 129 in 88% yield. Previous experiments had revealed that attempted dimerization of a related molecule (127, X = Br) using copper/palladiumcatalyzed coupling conditions²⁶ (5.0 equiv (*i*-Pr)₂NH, 0.30 equiv CuI, 0.10 equiv Pd(PPh₃)₄, tetrahydrofuran, 23 °C) led only to the formation of acetylene dimers, in accordance with literature precedent.⁹⁴ Alcohol 129 was therefore converted to trimethylstannane 130 by treatment with an excess of (diethylamino)trimethylstannane⁹⁵ (3.0 equiv, neat) followed by an aqueous workup. Heating 130 at 70 °C for 13 h in deoxygenated tetrahydrofuran in the presence of tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.20 equiv) produced the diastereomeric alcohols 131 and 132 (stereochemistry undetermined) in moderate combined yield (1:1, respectively, 33%).



Further examination of the above reaction revealed that neither the trimethylsilyl ether nor the vinyl bromide corresponding to **130** produced dimerized products when subjected to similar reaction conditions. The success of the above palladium-mediated dimerization demonstrated the ability of such couplings to produce the desired ten-membered ring products and suggested a similar approach for the construction of silvl ether **123**.

The preparation of an immediate precursor to silyl ether **123** (diol **142**) and to epoxide **119** (mesylate **146**) is depicted in Scheme XX. Oxidation of optically pure 3(R)acetoxy-5(S)-hydroxycyclopent-1-ene⁹⁶ (96.5% ee as determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the corresponding Mosher ester)⁹⁷ with pyridinium chlorochromate (1.7 equiv) in dichloromethane at 23 °C produced ketone **134** in 88% yield. This compound racemized easily under basic conditions and was therefore converted to alcohol **135** by enzymatic hydrolysis (wheat germ lipase, 0.06 M HOAc/NaOAc buffer, pH = 5.0, 32 °C, 2.5 days) at mildly acidic pH. Treatment of crude alcohol **135** with triethylamine (2.0 equiv), *tert*butyldimethylsilyl chloride (1.5 equiv), and a catalytic amount of 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.16 equiv) in dichloromethane at 23 °C afforded, after silica gel chromatography, silyl ether **136** in 72% overall yield from **134**. Conversion of **136** to iodide **137** was accomplished by a modification of the method originally developed by

Scheme XX



Reagents and conditions (TBS = t-Bu(CH₃)₂Si, Ac = COCH₃, Ms = SO₂CH₃). (a) 1.7 equiv PCC, CH₂Cl₂, 23 °C, 3 h, 88%; (b) wheat germ lipase, 0.06 M HOAc/NaOAc buffer, pH = 5.00, 32 °C, 2.5 days; (c) 2.0 equiv Et₃N, 1.5 equiv TBSCl, 0.16 equiv DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 23 °C, 6 h, 72% from **134**; (d) 1.7 equiv I₂, 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-pyridine, $0 \rightarrow 23$ °C, 2 h, 93%; (e) 4.0 equiv BrMgCH=C=CH₂, Et₂O, 23 °C, 15 min, 36%; (f) 3.0 equiv Et₂N•Sn(CH₃)₃, neat, 23 °C, 3.5 h; H₂O, 95% crude; (g) 0.20 equiv Pd(PPh₃)₄, benzene, 70 °C, 12 h, 34%; (h) 1.0 equiv dimethyldioxirane, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 30 min, 41%; (i) 20 equiv DMAP, 10 equiv Ms₂O, CH₂Cl₂, 23 °C, 7 h, 70%. Johnson and co-workers.⁹⁸ Thus, slow addition of a solution of iodine (1.7 equiv) in a mixture of dichloromethane and pyridine (1:1, respectively) to an ice-cooled solution of **136** in the same solvent, followed by stirring at 23 °C for 2 h, provided iodide **137** in 93% yield after workup and flash column chromatography.

Addition of a solution of **137** in ethyl ether to an excess of allenylmagnesium bromide⁹² (4.0 equiv) in the same solvent at 23 °C afforded the diastereomeric alcohols **138** and **139** in excellent combined yield following separation by silica gel chromatography (36% and 62%, respectively). The stereochemistry of the major isomer



produced in this reaction (139) was established by X-ray crystallography (see Appendix 1). Treatment of the minor product (138) with (diethylamino)trimethylstannane⁹⁵ (3.0 equiv, neat) provided, after an aqueous workup, trimethylstannane 140 (95% crude yield) which was dimerized by heating in deoxygenated benzene at 70 °C for 12 h in the presence of tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.20 equiv) to provide diol 142 in 34% yield. The trimethylstannyl-acetylene derived from the major iodo-alcohol isomer (139 \rightarrow 141) also dimerized when subjected to similar reaction conditions to afford diol



143, albeit in only 20% yield. Attempted conversion of diol **142** to silyl ether **123** by treatment with 4-dimethylaminopyridine (10.0 equiv) and methanesulfonyl chloride (5.0 equiv) in dichloromethane at 0 °C produced only alcohol **144** in 22% yield.⁹⁹ This result



suggested that silyl ether **123** was unstable to either the above reaction conditions or to the isolation techniques employed in the experiment (aerobic, aqueous workup and silica gel chromatography). The validity of the latter supposition was verified by the following experiment. Addition of methanesulfonyl chloride (2.5 equiv) to a deoxygenated solution of 4-dimethylaminopyridine (5.0 equiv) and diol **142** in dichloromethane- d_2 at 23 °C produced, as determined by ¹H NMR monitoring over 30 min at 23 °C, alcohol **144** and a compound which exhibited signals consistent with **123** (2:1, respectively, Figure 7). Addition of air (0.25 mL volume, syringe injection) to the above mixture resulted in the disappearance of the signals corresponding to **123** (Figure 7), demonstrating that this molecule undergoes rapid decomposition under aerobic conditions and discouraging its use in the preparation of epoxide **119**.

Accordingly, treatment of a solution of diol 142 in dichloromethane at 0 °C with dimethyldioxirane⁷¹ (~1.0 equiv) afforded epoxide 145 in 41% yield following purification by flash column chromatography. Epoxidation of 142 with *m*-CPBA (1.0

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Figure 7. ¹H NMR (500 MHz) monitoring of conversion of diol 142 to silvl ether 123 and alcohol 144. (a) Spectrum of diol 142 in deoxygenated CD_2Cl_2 at 23 °C. (b) Spectrum 30 min after sequential addition of 4-dimethylaminopyridine (5.0 equiv) and methanesulfonyl chloride (2.5 equiv) showing conversion of diol 142 to silvl ether 123 and alcohol 144 (1:2, respectively). (c) Spectrum taken immediately following addition of 0.25 mL air to NMR sample showing decomposition of silvl ether 123.

equiv) in dichloromethane at 0 °C produced the identical epoxide, albeit in lower yield (~20%). The epoxide stereochemistry was assigned as shown based on the assumption that *m*-CPBA-mediated epoxidation proceeded with direction from the hydroxyl group. Interestingly, subjection of the diastereomeric diol (143) to identical reaction conditions



produced very little (if any) of the corresponding epoxide. Treatment of epoxide **145** with 4-dimethylaminopyridine (20 equiv) and methanesulfonic anhydride (10 equiv) in dichloromethane at 23 °C for 7 h afforded mesylate **146** (Ms = SO_2CH_3) in 70% yield. This compound could be purified by silica gel chromatography, but decomposed slowly under aerobic conditions in the absence of a radical inhibitor.



All attempts to convert mesylate **146** to epoxide **119** were unsuccessful. A variety of elimination conditions were applied (Table X) employing both thin layer chromatography and ¹H NMR monitoring of reaction progress. In each case, either no reaction after several hours of monitoring or consumption of mesylate **146** without formation of identifiable products was observed. These results suggested that **119** could be formed from **146**, but was unstable toward the reaction conditions used to create it. The possibility of utilizing mesylate **146** as a precursor to the 1,6-didehydro[10]annulene



Table X. Conditions for Attempted Transformation of Mesylate 146 to Epoxide 119.

Entry	Base ^a	Solvent ^b	Temp (°C)	Result ^c
1	Et ₃ N	CH ₂ Cl ₂	23	NR
2	DBU	Benzene	23	dec.
3	Et ₃ N	CF3CH2OH	23	NR
4	Proton Sponge	Benzene	23	NR
5	Dabco	Benzene	23	NR
6	LiN[Si(CH ₃) ₃] ₂	THF	-78	NR
7	1,1,2,3,3-Pentaisopropyl-	Benzene	23	NR
	guanidine ^d			

^{*a*} Et₃N = triethylamine, DBU = 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene, Dabco = 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane. ^{*b*} CH₂Cl₂ = dichloromethane, THF = tetrahydrofuran. ^{*c*} NR = no reaction, dec. = decomposition of **146** without product formation. ^{*d*} See: Barton, D. H. R.; Elliott, J. D.; Géro, S. D. J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun. **1981** 1136 and Barton, D. H. R.; Elliott, J. D.; Géro, S. D. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. I **1982**, 2085.

functional group was therefore assessed.

Ideally, 146 could, upon treatment with a thiol nucleophile, enter into the reaction cascade depicted in Scheme XXI in which formation of 1,6-didehydro[10]annulene 120 by loss of methanesulfonic acid from intermediate 147 was envisioned to be more rapid than electrocyclization of the (Z)-cumulene-ene-yne moiety (forming biradical 148, cf. introduction). In the event, exposure of mesylate 146 (0.0017 M) to methyl thioglycolate





(10.0 equiv) and triethylamine (10.0 equiv) in a deoxygenated mixture of acetonitrile and tetrahydrofuran (1:1, respectively) containing 1,4-cyclohexadiene (1.0 M) for 12 h at 23 °C produced the isomeric naphthalenes **149** and **150** along with the disulfide **151** in good combined yield (Table XI, entry 1). The relative stereochemistry of these naphthalene products was assigned based on coupling constant analysis and the presumption that thiol addition occurred opposite the bulky *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl group. Conducting the reaction in a mixture of dimethyl sulfoxide and tetrahydrofuran (4:1, respectively)

Entry Solvent ^b		[HSCH ₂ CO ₂ CH ₃] (M)	[Et ₃ N] (M)	Products ^c		
				149	150	151
1	1:1 CH ₃ CN-THF	0.017	0.017	27	8	36
2	4:1 DMSO-THF	0.017	0.017	65	20	<5
3	4:1 DMSO-THFd	0.017	0.017	25	10	<1
4	1:1 CH ₃ CN-THF	-	0.017	-	-	-
5	4:1 DMSO-THF	-	0.017	-	-	-
6	1:1 CH ₃ CN-THF	0.017	-	-	-	-
7	4:1 DMSO-THF	0.017	-	<5	<5	<5
8	THF	0.017	0.017	-	-	

Table XI. Reaction of Mesylate 146 in Various Media.^a

^{*a*} 0.0017 M, 23 °C. ^{*b*} Also included 1.0 M 1,4-cyclohexadiene. ^{*c*} Yields determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures using benzene as an internal standard. ^{*d*} Included 0.90 M 1,4-cyclohexadiene- d_8 .









afforded naphthalenes **149** and **150** in good yield (Table XI, entry 2) and only a trace of **151** (<5%). The mechanism for formation of **151** is not known with certainty, but may involve internal hydrogen atom abstraction from the methyl thioglycolate sidechain of **121** ($R = CH_2CO_2CH_3$) by the adjacent naphthalene radical (see below). The formation of unequal amounts of isomeric naphthalenes in the above experiments (**149** + **151** versus **150**) was attributed to structural changes induced in the 1,6-didehydro[10]annulene system by the appended five-membered rings. Accordingly, a shorter distance between the atoms involved in the biradical-forming reaction leading to the major naphthalene isomer was observed in the computer-minimized structure of model compound **152** (pathway a, d = 3.038 versus pathway b, d = 3.103 Å).¹⁰⁰



Treatment of 146 with methyl thioglycolate (10.0 equiv) and triethylamine (10.0 equiv) in the presence of 1,4-cyclohexadiene- d_8 (0.90 M) in deoxygenated 4:1 dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 :tetrahydrofuran- d_8 at 23 °C afforded naphthalenes 149 and 150 in moderate combined yield (Table XI entry 3).^{101,102} Under these conditions, deuterium was incorporated at the C1 and C5 positions of 149 (identified by nOe experiments conducted with non-deuterated 149, 39% and 10%, respectively) and the C4 and C8 positions of 150 (27% and 36%, respectively). In addition, substantial deuterium incorporation was observed in the methyl thioglycolate sidechain of 149 (60%), suggesting that internal hydrogen atom abstraction occurred during trapping of the intermediate naphthalene biradical. The incorporation of deuterium in the above experiments supported the intermediacy of biradicals 121 and 122 in the formation of naphthalenes 149 and 150,



respectively.

Control experiments conducted in several solvent mixtures established the presence of a thiol as a requirement for the production of naphthalene products. Thus, solutions of mesylate **146** (0.0017 M) in either deoxygenated acetonitrile-tetrahydrofuran (1:1) or deoxygenated dimethyl sulfoxide-tetrahydrofuran (4:1) containing 1,4-cyclohexadiene (1.0 M) and triethylamine (10 equiv) were stable in the absence of methyl thioglycolate for at least 12 h at 23 °C (Table XI, entries 4 and 5). The presence of the amine base was also determined to be critical for rapid naphthalene formation. No reaction of **146** (0.0017 M) was observed in deoxygenated acetonitrile-tetrahydrofuran (1:1) containing 1,4-cyclohexadiene (1.0 M) and methyl thioglycolate (10 equiv) after 12 h at 23 °C. Similarly, only traces of aromatized products were isolated when **146** (0.0017 M) was treated with methyl thioglycolate (10 equiv) in deoxygenated dimethyl sulfoxide-

tetrahydrofuran (4:1) containing 1,4-cyclohexadiene (1.0 M) for 12 h at 23 °C (Table XI, entries 6 and 7). Attempted cyclization of **146** in deoxygenated tetrahydrofuran at 23 °C led only to recovery of the starting material after 18 h, establishing the requirement for a polar reaction solvent (Table XI, entry 8).

Isomerization of Alcohol 139

The conversion of alcohol **139** to alcohol **156** is illustrated in Scheme XXII. This isomerization enables **139** to be utilized in the preparation of a 1,6-didehydro[10]-annulene precursor, i.e., the enantiomer of mesylate **146**. Removal of the silyl protecting group present in alcohol **139** was accomplished by treatment with tetrabutylammonium

Scheme XXII



Reagents and conditions (TBS = t-Bu(CH₃)₂Si): (a) 2.0 equiv n-Bu₄NF, THF, 23 °C, 45 min, 98%; (b) 1.5 equiv PCC, CH₂Cl₂, 23 °C, 1 h, 88%; (c) 1.1 equiv NaBH₄, CH₃OH, 0 °C, 15 min, 91%; (d) 1.1 equiv Et₃N, 1.1 equiv TBSCl, 0.13 equiv DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 23 °C, 30 h, 85%.

fluoride (2.0 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran at 23 °C to afford diol **153** in 98% yield. Oxidation of **153** with pyridinium chlorochromate (1.5 equiv) in dichloromethane at 23 °C produced ketone **154** (88%) which was subsequently treated with a variety of reducing agents in an attempt to produce diol **155** (Table XII). The optimal conditions discovered involved reduction of **154** with sodium borohydride (1.1 equiv) in methanol at 0 °C and provided alcohols **155** and **153** as an inseparable mixture (5:1, respectively, 91% yield). Treatment of the above mixture of alcohols **155** and **153** with triethylamine (1.1 equiv), *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (1.1 equiv) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.13 equiv) in dichloromethane at 23 °C for 30 h provided, after purification by flash column chromatography, pure alcohol **156** in 85% yield. Thus, **139** was efficiently converted to the isomeric alcohol **156** in four steps in 67% overall yield.

Entry	Conditions	155:153 ^a
1	CeCl ₃ •7H ₂ O-NaBH ₄ , CH ₃ OH, -78 °C	1:15
2	CeCl ₃ •7H ₂ O-NaBH ₄ , CH ₃ OH, 23 °C	1:10
3	NaBH(OAc) ₃ , EtOAc, 0→23 °C	b
4	NaBH(OAc) ₃ , HOAc, 23 °C	b
5	Zn(BH ₄) ₂	b
6	1.1 equiv DIBAL, THF, 0 °C	3:1
7	2.2 equiv DIBAL, THF, 0 °C	2:1
8	NaBH ₄ , CH ₃ OH, 0 °C	5:1

Table XII. Reduction of Ketone 154 under Various Conditions.

^{*a*} Determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude reduction products. ^{*b*} Multiple products other than 153 and 155 were produced under these conditions.

Conclusions

The potential for a synthetic molecule to function as a 1,6-didehydro[10]annulene precursor has been demonstrated by the preparation and study of mesylate **146**. When treated with methyl thioglycolate and triethylamine in deoxygenated polar solvents at ambient temperature, this compound enters into a reaction cascade which culminates with the formation of two distinct 1,5-naphthalene biradicals via a novel electrocyclization reaction. The interaction of molecules such as **146** with nucleic acids must await their combination with appropriate DNA binding moieties.

Experimental Section

General Procedures. All reactions were performed in flame-dried round bottom or modified Schlenk (Kjeldahl shape) flasks fitted with rubber septa under a positive pressure of argon, unless otherwise noted. Air- and moisture-sensitive liquids and solutions were transferred via syringe or stainless steel cannula. Where necessary (so noted), solutions were deoxygenated by alternate evacuation/argon-flush cycles (\geq five iterations). Organic solutions were concentrated by rotary evaporation at ~25 Torr (water aspirator). Flash column chromatography was performed as described by Still et al.⁵⁵ employing 230-400 mesh silica gel. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm).

Materials. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received with the following exceptions. Ethyl ether and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl. Dichloromethane, benzene, and triethylamine were distilled from calcium hydride at 760 Torr. Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) was distilled from calcium sulfate at 40 Torr and stored over 4Å molecular sieves. Methanesulfonyl chloride was distilled from phosphorous pentoxide at 760 Torr. Cuprous iodide was purified by continuous extraction (12 h) with tetrahydrofuran in a Soxhlet apparatus.⁵⁶ Tetrakis-(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0),⁵⁷ dimethyldioxirane,⁷¹ and (diethylamino)trimethyl-stannane⁹⁵ were prepared according to literature procedures.

Instrumentation. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained using a Perkin-Elmer 1600 FT-IR spectrophotometer referenced to a polystyrene standard. Data are presented as follows: frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹), intensity of absorption (s = strong, m = medium, w = weak, br = broad) and assignment (when appropriate). Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded with a JEOL JX-400 (400 MHz) or a Bruker AM-500 (500 MHz) NMR spectrometer; chemical shifts are expressed in parts per
million (δ scale) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃: δ 7.26, C₆HD₅: δ 7.15, CHDCl₂: δ 5.29). Data are represented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), integration, coupling constant in Hertz (Hz), and assignment. High resolution mass spectra were obtained at the University of California, Riverside Mass Spectrometry Facility and at the Midwest Center for Mass Spectrometry, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (partially supported by the National Science Foundation, Biology Division; Grant No. DIR9017262).



Alcohol 129.

A solution of allenylmagnesium bromide⁹² (16.4 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was prepared by sequential addition of propargyl bromide (1.83 mL of an 80 wt. % solution in toluene, 16.4 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and mercury(II) chloride (0.20 g, 0.74 mmol, 0.14 equiv) to a suspension of magnesium turnings (0.40 g, 16.4 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in ethyl ether (50 mL) at 23 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to reflux gently for a brief time (5-15 min), then was stirred at 23 °C for 1 h. An additional portion of ethyl ether (20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture followed by a solution of 2-iodo-2-cyclopenten-1-one⁹³ (1.14 g, 5.48 mmol, 1 equiv) in ethyl ether (20 mL, dropwise addition over 5 min). The resulting suspension was maintained at 23 °C for 15 min, then was quenched (CAUTIOUSLY) with hydrochloric acid (1.0 M, 10 mL) and was partitioned between hydrochloric acid (1.0 M, 150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 200 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, 5 \rightarrow 10%) to provide alcohol **129** (1.20 g, 88%) as a white solid (mp = 37-39 °C).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 6.31 (t, 1 H, J = 2.6 Hz, CH=C), 2.59 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.6, 2.7 Hz, one of CH₂C=C), 2.35-2.53 (m, 4 H,

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both CH₂CH=C, one of CH₂COH, and one of CH₂C=C), 2.09 (s, 1 H, OH), 2.01-2.07 (m, 1 H, one of CH₂COH), 2.00 (t, 1 H, J = 2.6 Hz, C=CH).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3397 (br, OH), 3293 (s, C≡CH), 2936 (m), 2846 (m), 2117 (w, C≡C), 1605 (w), 1422 (m), 1061 (s), 947 (m), 635 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 209 (100), 82 (63), 63 (10), 53 (7).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for C₈H₉IO (M⁺): 247.9698 Found: 247.9704

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : 2-Iodo-2-cyclopentenone: 0.65 (UV) Alcohol **129**: 0.76 (faint UV)



Trimethylstannane 130.

(Diethylamino)trimethylstannane⁹⁵ (1.09 mL, 4.62 mmol assuming d = 1.0, 3.0 equiv) was added to alcohol **129** (neat, 0.383 g, 1.54 mmol, 1 equiv) at 23 °C over 1 min. The resulting yellow solution was stirred for 2 h at 23 °C, then the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure (2 Torr). The remaining orange oil was partitioned between a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (150 mL) and water (3 x 75 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and was concentrated to provide crude trimethylstannane **130** (0.611 g, 97% crude yield) as an off-white solid (mp not determined).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆),
$$\delta$$
:
5.85 (t, 1 H, $J = 2.5$ Hz, CH=C), 2.59 (d, 1 H, $J = 16.6$, Hz, one of CH₂C=C), 2.47 (d, 1 H, $J = 16.6$, Hz, one of CH₂C=C), 2.27-2.32 (m, 1 H, one of CH₂CH=C), 1.92-1.96 (m, 2 H, one of CH₂CH=C and one of CH₂COH), 1.73-1.78 (m, 1 H, one of CH₂COH), 1.71 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 0.11 (s, 9 H, Sn(CH₃)₃).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3418 (br, OH), 2981 (m), 2917 (m), 2847 (w), 2154 (m, C≡C), 1607 (w), 1422 (m), 1163 (m), 1063 (s), 1005 (m), 961 (m), 778 (s).



Diols 131 and 132.

Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.344 g, 0.298 mmol, 0.20 equiv) was added to a solution of crude trimethylstannane **130** (0.611 g, 1.49 mmol, 1 equiv) in deoxygenated tetrahydrofuran (100 mL) at 70 °C. The resulting orange solution was stirred at 70 °C for 13 h, then was cooled to 23 °C and was partitioned between water (150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in toluene, $0\rightarrow 30\%$) afforded diols **131** and **132** (stereochemistry undetermined, high R_f , 0.030 g, 17%, mp = 175 °C; low R_f , 0.029 g, 16%, mp = 150 °C, dec) as white solids.

Diol 131 or 132 (High Rf).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 6.00 (t, 2 H, J = 2.7 Hz, CH=C), 2.97 (s, 2 H, OH), 2.78 (d, 2 H, J = 17.0 Hz, two of CH₂C=C),

2.73 (d, 2 H, *J* = 17.0 Hz, two of CH₂C≡C), 2.46-2.53 (m, 2 H, two of CH₂CH=C), 2.31-2.39 (m, 2 H, two of CH₂CH=C), 2.08-2.14 (m, 2 H, two of CH₂COH), 1.90-1.95 (m, 2 H, two of CH₂COH).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3460 (br, OH), 2937 (w), 2850 (m), 2211 (w, C≡C), 1654 (w), 1412 (m), 1354 (m), 1264 (m), 1071 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 222 (50), 207 (7), 179 (41), 165 (44), 153 (10), 141 (3).

HRMS (EI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O (M-H₂O⁺): 222.1045 Found: 222.1042

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Alcohol **129**: 0.79 (faint UV) Diol **131** or **132** (High R_f): 0.50 (UV)

Diol 131 or 132 (Low Rf).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃),
$$\delta$$
: 5.93 (t, 2 H, $J = 2.7$ Hz, CH=C), 3.22 (s, 2 H, OH), 2.80 (d, 2 H, $J = 17.3$ Hz, two of CH₂C=C), 2.69 (d, 2 H, $J = 17.3$ Hz, two of CH₂C=C), 2.46-2.53 (m, 2 H, two of CH₂CH=C), 2.30-2.37 (m, 2 H, two of CH₂CH=C), 2.06-2.12 (m, 2 H, two of CH₂COH), 1.90-1.95 (m, 2 H, two of CH₂COH).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3154 (br, OH), 2926 (m), 2896 (m), 2215 (w, C≡C), 1620 (w), 1410 (m), 1322 (m), 1170 (m), 1072 (s), 843 (s).

 TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Alcohol 129: 0.79 (faint UV)

 Diol 131 of 132 (Low R_f): 0.34 (UV)



Ketone 134.

Pyridinium chlorochromate (12.6 g, 58.5 mmol, 1.7 equiv) was added in six portions to a solution of 3(R)-acetoxy-5(S)-hydroxycyclopent-1-ene⁹⁶ (133, 96.5% ee, 4.91 g, 34.5 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (200 mL) at 23 °C. The brown reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at 23 °C, then was concentrated to ~ 30 mL volume. The resulting brown tar was passed through a short column of silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate. The fractions containing the product were concentrated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to provide ketone 134 (4.25 g, 88%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.56 (ddd, 1 H, J = 5.7, 2.4, 0.7 Hz, CH=CHC=O), 6.33 (dd, 1 H, J = 5.7, 1.1 Hz, CH=CHC=O), 5.84-5.86 (m, 1 H, AcOCH), 2.82 (dd, 1 H, J = 19.0, 6.4 Hz, one of CH₂C=O), 2.32 (dd, 1 H, J = 19.0, 2.2 Hz, one of CH₂C=O), 2.09 (s, 3 H, CH₃). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3081 (w), 2941 (w), 1728 (s, both C=O), 1373 (m), 1240 (s), 1184 (m), 1102 (m), 1033 (s), 795 (m).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 140 (17), 112 (25), 98 (81), 80 (33), 70 (30).

HRMS (EI): Calcd for C₇H₈O₃ (M⁺): 140.0473 Found: 140.0472

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : 3(R)-acetoxy-5(S)-hydroxycyclopent-1-ene: 0.30 Ketone **134**: 0.52 (faint UV)

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Alcohol 135.

Ketone 134 (7.04 g, 50.2 mmol) was added to a suspension of wheat germ lipase (E.C. 3.1.1.3, Type I, 2.90 g lyophilized powder) in an acetate buffer (NaOAc/HOAc, 0.06 M, pH = 5.00, 250 mL) at 32 °C. The brown reaction mixture was stirred at 32 °C for 2.5 days, then was vacuum-filtered through coarse filter paper. The filtrate was saturated with ammonium sulfate and was exhaustively extracted with ethyl acetate (6 x 200 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated to provide crude alcohol 135 (brown oil) which was used without further purification.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.57 (dd, 1 H, J = 5.7, 2.2 Hz, CH=CHC=O), 6.23 (dd, 1 H, J = 5.7, 1.1 Hz, CH=CHC=O), 5.05-5.06 (m, 1 H, HOCH), 2.78 (dd, 1 H, J = 18.5, 6.1 Hz, one of CH₂C=O), 2.28 (dd, 1 H, J = 18.5, 2.1 Hz, one of CH₂C=O).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3392 (br, OH), 2925 (w), 1713 (s, C=O), 1587 (w), 1405 (w), 1343 (m), 1192 (m), 1105 (s), 1046 (s), 948 (w), 798 (m).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 98 (52), 81 (9), 70 (100), 55 (83).

HRMS (EI): Calcd for C₅H₆O₂ (M⁺): 98.0368 Found: 98.0369

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Ketone **134**: 0.56 (faint UV) Alcohol **135**: 0.12 (faint UV)



Silyl Ether 136.

Triethylamine (14.0 mL, 100 mmol, 2.0 equiv), *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (11.3 g, 75.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (1.0 g, 8.0 mmol, 0.16 equiv) were added sequentially to an ice-cooled solution of crude alcohol **135** (~ 50 mmol, prepared in preceding experimental) in dichloromethane (110 mL). The resulting pale yellow solution was warmed to 23 °C and stirred for 6 h, then was partitioned between water (150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 200 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The resulting oil was placed in a flask fitted with a short-path distillation apparatus and was heated under reduced pressure (2 Torr) until the distillation of a clear liquid (bp 35-40 °C, silyl impurity) was complete. The liquid remaining in the distillation pot was chromatographed on silica gel (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford silyl ether **136** (7.66 g, 72% from ketone **134**) as a colorless oil which solidified when stored at -20 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃),
$$\delta$$
: 7.45 (dd, 1 H, $J = 5.6$, 2.3 Hz, CH=CHC=O), 6.18 (dd, 1 H, $J = 5.6$, 1.2 Hz, CH=CHC=O), 4.97-5.00 (m, 1 H, SiOCH), 2.70 (dd, 1 H, $J = 18.2$, 6.0 Hz, one of CH₂C=O), 2.24 (dd, 1 H, $J = 18.2$, 2.3 Hz

one of CH₂C=O), 0.91 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.13 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.12 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2955 (s), 2932 (s), 2858 (s), 1722 (s, C=O), 1471 (m), 1357 (m), 1256 (m), 1110 (s), 1072 (s), 901 (s), 836 (s), 779 (s).

MS (EI), m/z (%base): 212 (0.1), 197 (2), 155 (100), 125 (4), 111 (9), 81 (53).

HRMS (EI): Calcd for C₁₁H₂₀O₂Si (M⁺): 212.1233 Found: 212.1228

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Alcohol **135**: 0.15 (faint UV) Silyl Ether **136**: 0.86 (UV)



Iodide 137.

A solution of iodine (3.92 g, 15.4 mmol, 1.7 equiv) in a 1:1 mixture of pyridine and dichloromethane (50 mL) was added dropwise via addition funnel over 45 min to an ice-cooled solution of silyl ether **136** (1.93 g, 9.09 mmol 1 equiv) in the same solvent mixture (50 mL). Upon completion of the addition, the reaction mixture was warmed to 23 °C and was maintained at that temperature for 2 h. Ethyl ether (150 mL) was added and the combined mixture was washed sequentially with a saturated solution of sodium thiosulfate (1 x 150 mL), dilute hydrochloric acid (1.0 M, 3 x 150 mL) and water (1 x 150 mL), then was dried over sodium sulfate and was concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford iodide **137** (2.86, 93%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 7.79 (d, 1 H, J = 2.7 Hz, CH=CI), 4.95 (dt, 1 H, J = 6.1, 2.3 Hz, SiOCH), 2.86 (dd, 1 H, J = 18.2, 6.1 Hz, one of CH₂C=O), 2.34 (dd, 1 H, J = 18.2, 2.1 Hz, one of CH₂C=O), 0.90 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.13 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.12 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2953 (m), 2930 (m), 2857 (m), 1727 (s, C=O), 1579 (m), 1470 (m), 1257 (m), 1088 (s), 905 (s), 834 (s), 780 (m).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 356 (100), 339 (4), 281 (27), 230 (3), 91 (4), 75 (5).

HRMS (CI/NH₃): Calcd for C₁₁H₂₃INO₂Si (MNH₄+): 356.0543 Found: 356.0528

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Silyl Ether **136**: 0.55 (UV) Iodide **137**: 0.70 (UV)



Alcohols 138 and 139.

A solution of allenylmagnesium bromide⁹² (15.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was prepared by sequential addition of propargyl bromide (1.69 mL of an 80 wt. % solution in toluene, 15.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv) and mercury(II) chloride (0.20 g, 0.74 mmol, 0.20 equiv) to a suspension of magnesium turnings (0.37 g, 15.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv) in ethyl ether (30 mL) at 23 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to reflux gently for a brief time (5-15 min), then was stirred at 23 °C for 1 h. An additional portion of ethyl ether (20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture followed by a solution of iodide **137** (1.28 g, 3.78 mmol, 1 equiv) in ethyl ether (10 mL, dropwise addition over 5 min). The resulting suspension was maintained at 23 °C for 15 min, then was quenched (CAUTIOUSLY) with hydrochloric acid (1.0 M, 10 mL) and was partitioned between hydrochloric acid (1.0 M, 150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by careful flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, $5\rightarrow10\%$) to provide the diastereomeric alcohols **138** (low R_f , clear oil, 0.51 g, 36%) and **139** (high R_f , white solid, mp = 57-61 °C, 0.89 g, 62%) in 98% combined yield. The stereochemistry of alcohol **139** was determined by X-ray analysis of a crystal obtained by maintaining a saturated solution of **139** in hexanes in a sealed vial at -20 °C for 5 days (see Appendix 1).

Alcohol 138 (Low Rf).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃), δ :	6.29 (d, 1 H, $J = 2.4$ Hz, CH=CI), 4.86-4.88 (m, 1
	H, SiOCH), 2.69 (dd, 1 H, $J = 16.6$, 2.6 Hz,
	$CH_AH_BC\equiv C$), 2.50 (dd, 1 H, $J = 16.6$, 2.6 Hz,
	$CH_AH_BC \equiv C$), 2.36 (dd, 1 H, $J = 11.9$, 6.8 Hz, one
	of CH ₂ C(OH)), 2.18 (s, 1 H, OH), 2.16 (dd, 1 H, J
	= 11.9, 3.5 Hz, one of $CH_2C(OH)$), 2.08 (t, 1 H, J
	= 2.6 Hz, C=CH), 0.88 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH ₃) ₃), 0.08
	(s, 3 H, one of Si(CH ₃) ₂), 0.07 (s, 3 H, one of
	Si(CH ₃) ₂).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3381 (br, OH), 3311 (m, C≡CH), 2931 (s), 2857
	(s), 2119 (w, C≡C), 1604 (m), 1470 (m), 1360
	(m), 1255 (s), 1082 (s), 907 (s), 835 (s), 777 (s).
MS (CI/NH ₃), m/z (%base):	396 (13), 361 (16), 321 (20), 264 (100), 247 (16),
	235 (16), 194 (10).
HRMS (CI/NH ₃):	Calcd for C14H27INO2Si (MNH4+): 396.0856
	Found: 396.0851

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f :	Silyl Ether 137 : 0.67 (UV)
	Alcohol 138 (Low R _f): 0.44
<u>Alcohol 139 (High R_f).</u>	
¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃), δ:	6.30 (d, 1 H, $J = 2.2$ Hz, CH=CI), 4.68-4.71 (m, 1 H, SiOCH), 2.81 (dd, 1 H, $J = 13.6$, 7.0 Hz, one of CH ₂ C(OH)), 2.53 (dd, 1 H, $J = 16.6$, 2.7 Hz, CH _A H _B C=C), 2.40 (dd, 1 H, $J = 16.6$, 2.7 Hz, CH _A H _B C=C), 2.25 (s, 1 H, OH), 1.99 (t, 1 H, $J =$ 2.7 Hz, C=CH), 1.89 (dd, 1 H, $J = 13.6$, 4.2 Hz, one of CH ₂ C(OH)), 0.89 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH ₃) ₃), 0.09 (s, 6 H, both Si(CH ₃) ₂).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3440 (br, OH), 3310 (m, C≡CH), 2953 (m), 2931 (m), 2857 (m), 2122 (w, C≡C), 1604 (m), 1468 (m), 1358 (m), 1255 (s), 1081 (s), 908 (s), 836 (s), 777 (s).
MS (CI/NH ₃), m/z (%base):	396 (13), 361 (16), 321 (20), 264 (100), 247 (16), 235 (16), 194 (10).
HRMS (CI/NH ₃):	Calcd for C ₁₄ H ₂₇ INO ₂ Si (MNH ₄ +): 396.0856 Found: 396.0851

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Iodide 137: 0.67 (UV)

Alcohol 139 (High R_f): 0.54



Trimethylstannane 140.

(Diethylamino)trimethylstannane⁹⁵ (0.797 mL, 3.38 mmol assuming d = 1.0, 3.0 equiv) was added to alcohol **138** (neat, 0.43 g, 1.13 mmol, 1 equiv) at 23 °C over 1 min. The resulting yellow solution was stirred for 3.5 h at 23 °C, then the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure (2 Torr). The remaining orange oil was partitioned between a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (150 mL) and water (3 x 100 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and was concentrated to provide crude trimethylstannane **140** as an off-white solid (0.58 g, 95% crude yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆), δ :

6.08 (d, 1 H, J = 2.3 Hz, CH=CI), 4.56-4.58 (m, 1 H, SiOCH), 2.74 (d, 1 H, J = 16.7 Hz, CH_AH_BC≡C), 2.61 (d, 1 H, J = 16.7 Hz, CH_AH_BC≡C), 2.34 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.3, 3.7 Hz, one of CH₂C(OH)), 2.27 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.3, 6.7 Hz, one of CH₂C(OH)), 0.88 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.18 (s, 9 H, Sn(CH₃)₃), -0.06 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), -0.08 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3330 (w, OH), 2929 (s), 2857 (s), 2155 (m, C≡C), 1605 (m), 1470 (m), 1359 (m), 1256 (s), 1081 (s), 909 (s), 835 (s), 776 (s).



Diol 142.

Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.400 g, 0.346 mmol, 0.20 equiv) was added to a solution of crude trimethylstannane **140** (0.936 g, 1.73 mmol, 1 equiv) in deoxygenated benzene (350 mL) at 70 °C. The resulting orange solution was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h, then was cooled to 23 °C and was partitioned between water (150 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (gradient elution $0 \rightarrow 10\%$ ethyl acetate in toluene) afforded diol **142** (0.150 g, 34%) as a brown oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 5.83 (d, 2 H, J = 2.5 Hz, CH=C), 4.86-4.88 (m, 2 H, SiOCH), 2.93 (d, 2 H, J = 17.5 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.84 (d, 2 H, J = 17.5 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.32 (dd, 2 H, J = 13.8, 6.7 Hz, two of CH₂C(OH)), 1.76 (dd, 2 H, J = 13.8, 2.4 Hz, two of CH₂C(OH)), 0.87 (s, 18 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.05 (s, 6 H, two of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.05 (s, 6 H, two of Si(CH₃)₂). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:3330 (br, OH), 2932 (s), 2858 (s), 2223 (w, C=C),
1624 (w), 1469 (m), 1359 (s), 1255 (s), 1093 (s),
910 (s), 837 (s), 777 (s).MS (CI/NH3), m/z (%base):518 (17), 402 (7), 311 (6), 279 (10), 254 (14), 237 (10).

HRMS (CI/NH₃): Calcd for C₂₈H₄₈NO₄Si₂ (MNH₄+): 518.3122 Found: 518.3114

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Alcohol **138** (Low R_f): 0.44 Diol **142**: 0.20 (UV)



Trimethylstannane 141.

(Diethylamino)trimethylstannane⁹⁵ (0.56 mL, 2.39 mmol assuming d = 1.0, 3.0 equiv) was added to alcohol **139** (neat, 0.30 g, 0.80 mmol, 1 equiv) at 23 °C over 1 min. The resulting yellow solution was stirred for 2 h at 23 °C, then the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure (2 Torr). The remaining orange oil was partitioned between a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (150 mL) and water (3 x 75 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and was concentrated to provide crude trimethylstannane **141** as an off-white solid (yield not determined).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6), δ :

6.20 (d, 1 H, J = 2.1 Hz, CH=CI), 4.68-4.71 (m, 1 H, SiOCH), 2.82 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.2, 7.2 Hz, one of C H ₂C(OH)), 2.54 (d, 1 H, J = 16.4 Hz, C H _A H _BC =C), 2.50 (d, 1 H, J = 16.4 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.25 (s, 1 H, OH), 1.87 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.2, 4.9 Hz, one of CH₂C(OH)), 0.91 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.12 (s, 9 H, Sn(CH₃)₃), 0.02 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.02 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3423 (br, OH), 2930 (s), 2857 (m), 2156 (m, C≡C), 1608 (w), 1347 (m), 1256 (s), 1068 (s), 1035 (s), 921 (m), 832 (s), 777 (s).



Diol 143.

Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.035 g, 0.030 mmol, 0.20 equiv) was added to a solution of crude trimethylstannane **141** (0.083 g, 0.153 mmol, 1 equiv) in deoxygenated benzene (40 mL) at 70 °C. The resulting orange solution was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h, then was cooled to 23 °C and was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded diol **143** (0.010 g, 20%) as a brown oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 5.79 (d, 2 H, J = 1.9 Hz, CH=C), 4.70-4.72 (m, 2 H, SiOCH), 2.85 (d, 2 H, J = 17.3 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.49 (d, 2 H, J = 17.3 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.35 (dd, 2 H, J = 13.6, 6.9 Hz, two of CH₂C(OH)), 1.97 (dd, 2 H, J = 13.6, 5.5 Hz, two of CH₂C(OH)), 0.88 (s, 18 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.07 (s, 6 H, two of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.06 (s, 6 H, two of Si(CH₃)₂). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3391 (br, OH), 2930 (s), 2857 (s), 2223 (w, C≡C), 1628 (w), 1469 (m), 1359 (m), 1254 (m), 1115 (s), 1082 (s), 919 (m), 835 (s), 777 (m).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base):

518 (17), 402 (7), 311 (6), 279 (10), 254 (14), 237 (10).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₂₈H₄₈NO₄Si₂ (MNH₄+): 518.3122 Found: 518.3114

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Alcohol **139** (High R_f): 0.54 Diol **143**: 0.34 (UV)



Alcohol 144.

4-Dimethylaminopyridine (0.044 g, 0.360 mmol, 10.0 equiv) and methanesulfonyl chloride (0.014 mL, 0.181 mmol, 5.0 equiv) were added sequentially to an ice-cooled solution of diol **142** (0.018 g, 0.036 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (7.0 mL). The resulting suspension was stirred for 20 min at 0 °C, then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to provide alcohol **144** (0.0038 g 22%) as a clear film.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂), δ : 6.26 (s, 1 H, SiOCHCH=CC=CH), 5.83 (d, 1 H, J = 2.5 Hz, CH=CCOH), 5.49 (d, 1 H, J = 1.5 Hz, SiOCHCH=CC=CH), 4.92-4.95 (m, 2 H, both SiOCH), 2.98 (ddd, 1 H, J = 17.4, 6.6, 1.7 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 2.93 (d, 1 H, J = 17.3 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.83 (d, 1 H, J = 17.3 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.46 (dt, 1 H, J = 17.4, 2.5 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 2.39 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 13.9, 6.9 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 1.70 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 13.9, 3.3 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 0.88 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.08 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.07 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3433 (br, OH), 2931 (s), 2857 (s), 2221 (w, C=C), 2180 (w, C=C), 1471 (m), 1359 (m), 1255 (s), 1087 (s), 911 (m), 836 (s), 777 (s).

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), *R_f*: Diol **142**: 0.17 (UV) Alcohol **144**: 0.62 (UV)



Silvl Ether 123 and Alcohol 144 (NMR Experiment).

Methanesulfonyl chloride (0.0019 mL, 0.025 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added to a deoxygenated solution of diol **142** (0.005 g, 0.010 mmol, 1 equiv) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.006 g, 0.049 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in dichloromethane- d_2 (1.0 mL) at 23 °C in an NMR tube. The mixture was shaken vigorously and examined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy (500 MHz) which showed, within 30 min at 23 °C, conversion of diol **142** to silyl ether **123** and alcohol **144** (1:2, respectively, see Figure 7). Selected ¹H NMR spectral data for **123** and **144**: SiOCHCH=CC=CH (**123**) 6.19 (s), SiOCHCH=CC=CH (**123**) 5.56 (s), SiOCHCH=CC=CH (**144**) 6.23 (s), CH=CC(OH) (**144**) 5.82 (s), SiOCHCH=CC=CH (**144**) 5.48 (s). Addition of 0.25 mL air (syringe injection) to the above reaction mixture resulted in the disappearance of the ¹H NMR signals corresponding to **123** within 5 min.



Epoxide 145.

Dimethydioxirane⁷¹ (~ 0.05 M solution in acetone) was added via pipette in small portions (~ 0.5 mL) to an ice-cooled solution of diol **142** (0.027 g, 0.055 mmol) in dichloromethane (5.0 mL) until analysis by thin layer chromatography indicated the starting material was half consumed. The yellow solution was then concentrated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford epoxide **145** (0.0115 g, 41%) as a yellow film.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆), δ:

5.83 (d, 1 H, J = 2.3 Hz, CH=C), 4.79-4.82 (m, 1 H, SiOCHCH=C), 3.95 (dd, 1 H, J = 5.3, 0.8 Hz, SiOCHCH), 3.53 (s, 1 H, SiOCHCH), 3.28 (d, 1 H, J = 17.9 Hz, one of CH_AH_BC=C), 2.70 (d, 1 H, J = 17.9 Hz, one of CH_AH_BC=C), 2.63 (d, 1 H, J =17.1 Hz, one of CH_AH_BC=C), 2.57 (d, 1 H, J =17.1 Hz, one of CH_AH_BC=C), 2.43 (dd, 1 H, J =13.7, 6.8 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 1.85 (dd, 1 H, J =13.9, 5.5 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 1.57 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.7, 3.5 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 1.30 (d, 1 H, J = 13.9 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 0.88 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.77 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), -0.05 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), -0.05 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), -0.18 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), -0.20 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3387 (br, OH), 2931 (s), 2857 (s), 2282 (w, C=C), 2242 (w, C=C), 2221 (w, C=C), 1468 (m), 1359 (m), 1256 (s), 1122 (s), 1093 (s), 1008 (m), 910 (s), 836 (s), 777 (s).

MS (FAB), m/z (%base):

515 (37), 499 (100), 386 (28), 309 (26), 253 (25), 231 (21).

HRMS (FAB):

Calcd for C₂₈H₄₃O₅Si₂ (M-H⁺): 515.2649 Found: 515.2651

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Diol 142: 0.36 (UV) Epoxide 145: 0.22 (UV)



Mesylate 146.

4-Dimethylaminopyridine (0.057 g, 0.465 mmol 20 equiv) and methanesulfonic anhydride (0.40 g, 0.230 mmol, 10 equiv) were added sequentially to a solution of epoxide 145 (0.012 g, 0.023 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (6.0 mL) at 23 °C. The resulting yellow suspension was stirred at 23 °C for 7 h, then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography afforded mesylate 146 (0.0090 g, 70%) as a colorless film.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆), δ:

6.11 (s, 1 H, SiOCHCH=CC=CH), 5.10 (s, 1 H, SiOCHCH=CC=CH), 4.51-4.52 (m, 1 H, SiOCHCH=C), 3.92 (d, 1 H, J = 5.8 Hz, SiOCHCH), 3.78 (d, 1 H, J = 18.4 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 3.52 (s, 1 H, SiOCHCH), 3.42 (d, 1 H, J = 18.4 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.75 (dd, 1 H, J =14.2, 5.5 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 2.46 (s, 3 H, SO₂CH₃), 2.42 (ddd, 1 H, J = 17.2, 6.6, 1.6 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 2.21 (dt, 1 H, J = 17.2, 2.6 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 2.01 (d, 1 H, J = 14.2 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 0.88 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.73 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), -0.05 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), -0.06 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), -0.23 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), -0.24 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 2931 (s), 2857 (s), 2217 (w, C=C), 1466 (m), 1353 (s), 1256 (m), 1176 (s), 1083 (m), 905 (s), 836 (s), 779 (m).

MS (FAB), m/z (%base): 575 (26), 481 (84), 386 (35), 371 (22), 219 (29).

HRMS (FAB):

Calcd for C₂₉H₄₃O₆SSi₂ (M-H⁺): 575.2319 Found: 575.2318

TLC (30% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Epoxide 145: 0.26 (UV)

Mesylate 146: 0.65 (UV)



1.4-Cyclohexadiene-d8.

Freshly cut sodium metal (6.23 g, 0.271 mol, 2.5 equiv) was added in small pieces to a solution of benzene- d_6 (99.6% D, 9.6 mL, 0.108 mol, 1 equiv) in hexamethylphosphoric triamide (HMPA, 100 mL) at 23 °C and the resulting suspension was stirred at 23 °C until a deep blue color appeared (~ 30 min). A mixture of 2-(2-ethoxyethoxy)ethan(ol-d) (36.4 mL, 0.271 mol, 2.5 equiv) and acetic acid-d (18.7 mL, 0.324 mol, 3.0 equiv) was then added very slowly via addition funnel (typically over 4-8 h) until the blue color no longer persisted in the reaction mixture (see reference 102). Excess sodium metal was then removed from the reaction flask and the remainder of the 2-(2ethoxyethoxy)-ethan(ol-d) and acetic acid mixture was added over 30 min. The resulting suspension was clarified by addition of deuterium oxide (25 mL) and the contents of the reaction flask were distilled at 760 Torr. The fraction boiling between 75-80 °C was dried over sodium sulfate and was filtered to provide a mixture of 1,4-cyclohexadiene- d_8 and 1,3-cyclohexadiene- d_8 (1:5, respectively, ~ 4.0 mL) slightly contaminated with benzene- d_6 and several unidentifiable hydrocarbons.

General Cyclization Procedure (Mesylate 146).

Methyl thioglycolate (10.0 equiv) and triethylamine (10.0 equiv) were added sequentially to a deoxygenated (three cycles freeze-pump-thaw) solution of mesylate **146** (0.0017 M) in a mixture of either acetonitrile-tetrahydrofuran (1:1, respectively) or dimethyl sulfoxide-tetrahydrofuran (4:1, respectively) containing 1,4-cyclohexadiene (1.0 M) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight (12-18 h) at 23 °C then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes, 2 elutions) to provide naphthalenes **149**, **150** and **151**. Product yields were determined prior to chromatography by addition of benzene as an internal standard and ¹H NMR analysis.



Naphthalene 149.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2), δ :

8.20 (d, 1 H, J = 8.4 Hz, Ar-1), 8.05 (d, 1 H, J =8.4 Hz, Ar-5), 7.44 (d, 1 H, J = 8.4 Hz, Ar-2), 7.42 (d, 1 H, J = 8.4 Hz, Ar-6), 5.41-5.42 (m, 1 H, SiOCHCHOH), 4.76 (d, 1 H, J = 4.9 Hz, SiOCHCHS), 4.71 (s, 1 H, SiOCHCHS), 4.52-4.55 (m, 1 H, SiOCHCHOH), 3.73 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.57 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.8, 5.0 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 3.45 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.8, 6.6 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 3.37 (d, 1 H, J = 15.3 Hz, $SCH_AH_BC=O$, 3.22 (d, 1 H, J = 15.3 Hz, SCH_AH_BC=O), 2.94 (d, 1 H, J = 16.7 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 2.88 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.1, 4.6 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 0.93 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.85 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.18 (s, 3 H, one of $Si(CH_3)_2$, 0.17 (s, 3 H, one of $Si(CH_3)_2$), 0.13 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.13 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3422 (br, OH), 2930 (s), 2856 (s), 1739 (s, C=O), 1465 (m), 1362 (m), 1255 (s), 1072 (s), 835 (s).

MS (FAB), m/z (%base): 587 (10), 571 (23), 531 (13), 483 (34).

HRMS (FAB):

Calcd for C₃₁H₄₇O₅SSi₂ (M-H⁺): 587.2683 Found: 587.2706

TLC (5% EtOAc in Toluene), R_f :

Naphthalene 149: 0.35 (UV)

Mesylate 146: 0.53 (UV)



Naphthalene 150.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂), δ :

7.74 (s, 1 H, Ar-1), 7.71 (s, 1 H, Ar-4), 7.64 (s, 1 H, Ar-5 or Ar-8), 7.58 (s, 1 H, Ar-5 or Ar-8), 5.00-5.05 (m, 1 H, SiOCHCHOH), 4.55-4.59 (m, 1 H, SiOCHCHS), 4.36 (d, 1 H, J = 4.3 Hz, SiOCHCHS), 4.30-4.34 (m, 1 H, SiOCHCHOH), 3.70 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.42 (d, 1 H, J = 15.3 Hz, SCH_AH_BC=O), 3.38-3.42 (m, 1 H, one of SiOCHCH₂), 3.32 (d, 1 H, J = 15.3 Hz, SCH_AH_BC=O), 3.27 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.2, 7.0 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 2.85-2.97 (m, 2 H, two of SiOCHCH₂), 0.95 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.90 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.17 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.16 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.16 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.15 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂).
FTIR (neat), cm ⁻¹ :	3394 (br, OH), 2930 (s), 2853 (m), 1739 (s, C=O),
	1464 (m), 1359 (m), 1255 (s), 1071 (s), 835 (s).
MS (FAB), m/z (%base):	587 (7), 571 (21), 531 (15), 483 (100).
HRMS (FAB):	Calcd for C ₃₁ H ₄₇ O ₅ SSi ₂ (M-H ⁺): 587.2683
	Found: 587.2655
TLC (5% EtOAc in Toluene), R_f :	Mesylate 146: 0.53 (UV)
	Naphthalene 150: 0.42 (UV)



Disulfide 151.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂), δ :

8.22 (d, 1 H, J = 8.5 Hz, Ar-1), 8.03 (d, 1 H, J =8.5 Hz, Ar-5), 7.46 (d, 1 H, J = 8.5 Hz, Ar-2), 7.44 (d, 1 H, J = 8.5 Hz, Ar-6), 5.41-5.43 (m, 1 H, SiOCHCHOH), 4.84 (d, 1 H, J = 4.9 Hz, SiOCHCHS), 4.83 (s, 1 H, SiOCHCHS), 4.52-4.55 (m, 1 H, SiOCHCHOH), 3.74 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.60 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.7, 5.0 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 3.45 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.1, 6.7 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 3.40 (d, 1 H, J = 14.4 Hz, $SCH_AH_BC=O$, 3.36 (d, 1 H, J = 14.4 Hz, $SCH_AH_BC=O$, 2.94 (d, 1 H, J = 16.8 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 2.88 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.1, 4.5 Hz, one of SiOCHCH₂), 2.06 (d 1 H, J = 7.1 Hz, OH), 0.93 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.87 (s, 9 H, one of SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.18 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.18 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.17 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.17 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂).

FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3395 (br, OH), 2930 (s), 2850 (s), 1737 (s, C=O), 1464 (m), 1255 (s), 1072 (s), 835 (s).

MS (FAB), m/z (%base): 619 (4), 603 (5), 571 (7), 483 (100).

HRMS (FAB):

Calcd for C31H47O5S2Si2 (M-H+): 619.2404

Found: 619.2409

TLC (5% EtOAc in Toluene), R_f :	Mesylate 146: 0.53 (UV)
	Disulfide 151: 0.42 (UV)



Diol 153.

A solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (9.51 mL of a 1.0 M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 9.51 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added to a solution of alcohol **139** (1.80 g, 4.76 mmol, 1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) at 23 °C. The resulting orange solution was stirred at 23 °C for 45 min, then was partitioned between water (150 mL) and ethyl acetate (4 x 150 mL, emulsions were dispersed by addition of a small amount of hexanes). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (50% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded diol **153** (1.25 g, 98%) as a white solid (mp = 120 °C).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 6.42 (d, 1 H, J = 2.3 Hz, CH=CI), 4.69-4.73 (m, 1 H, SiOCH), 2.88 (dd, 1 H, J = 14.0, 7.2 Hz, one of CH₂C(OH)), 2.57 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.6, 2.7 Hz, CH_AH_BC≡C), 2.41 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.6, 2.6 Hz, CH_AH_BC≡C), 2.36 (s, 1 H, OH), 2.01 (td, 1 H, J= 2.7, 0.5 Hz, C≡CH), 1.89-1.93 (m, 1 H, one of CH₂C(OH)). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3274 (br, s, OH and C≡CH), 2896 (w), 1602 (w), 1438 (w), 1323 (m), 1077 (m), 1014 (m), 907 (w).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 264 (100), 247 (20), 225 (64), 197 (14).

HRMS (CI/NH₃):

Calcd for C₈H₁₁INO (MNH₄+): 263.9885 Found: 263.9875

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Alcohol **139** (High R_f): 0.77 Diol **153**: 0.23



Ketone 154.

Pyridinium chlorochromate (0.96 g, 0.446 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added in three portions to a solution of alcohol **153** (0.78 g, 0.295 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (10.0 mL) at 23 °C. The brown reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at 23 °C, then was loaded onto a column of silica gel and was purified by flash column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to provide ketone **154** (0.68 g, 88%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃),
$$\delta$$
:
6.72 (s, 1 H, CH=CI), 2.99 (d, 1 H, $J = 18.2$ Hz,
CH_AH_BC=C), 2.71 (dd, 1 H, $J = 16.6$, 2.7 Hz, one
of CH₂C(OH)), 2.65 (d, 1 H, $J = 18.2$ Hz,
CH_AH_BC=C), 2.55-2.58 (m, 1 H, one of
CH₂C(OH)), 2.07 (t, 1 H, $J = 2.6$ Hz, C=CH).
FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:
3385 (br, OH), 3293 (s, C=CH), 2121 (w, C=C),
1714 (s, C=O), 1686 (s), 1568 (s), 1401 (m), 1243
(s), 1180 (m), 1051 (m).
MS (EI), m/z (%base):
262 (6), 223 (100), 195 (17).

HRMS (EI):

Calcd for $C_8H_7IO_2$ (M⁺): 261.9491

Found: 261.9493

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f: Diol 153: 0.30

Ketone 154: 0.54 (UV)



Diol 155 + Diol 153.

Sodium borohydride (0.116 g, 3.07 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added in small portions to an ice-cooled solution of ketone **154** (0.73 g, 2.79 mmol, 1 equiv) in methanol (10.0 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min, then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and ethyl acetate (4 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (50% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded an inseparable mixture of diols **153** and **155** (0.669 g, 91%, 1:5, respectively).

Diol 155.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ:

6.42 (d, 1 H, J = 2.7 Hz, CH=CI), 4.77-4.81 (m, 1 H, SiOCH), 2.62 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.6, 2.6 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.57 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.6, 2.7 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.46 (dd, 1 H, J = 14.7, 7.5 Hz, one of CH₂C(OH)), 2.21 (dd, 1 H, J = 14.7, 2.0 Hz, one of CH₂C(OH)), 2.18 (s, 1 H, one of OH), 2.14-2.16 (m, 2 H, one of OH and C=CH). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹: 3344 (br, OH), 3291 (s, C≡CH), 2937 (w), 2125 (w, C≡C), 1605 (m), 1420 (m), 1317 (m), 1077 (s), 1045 (s), 858 (m).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 264 (100), 247 (20), 225 (64), 197 (14).

HRMS (CI/NH₃): Calcd for C₈H₁₁INO (MNH₄+): 263.9885 Found: 263.9875

TLC (50% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Ketone 154: 0.54 (UV)

Diol 155: 0.30



Alcohol 156.

Triethylamine (0.383 mL, 2.75 mmol, 1.1 equiv), *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (0.414 g, 2.75 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.040 g, 0.33 mmol, 0.13 equiv) were added sequentially to a solution of crude alcohols **153** and **155** (1:5, respectively, 0.659 g, 2.50 mmol, 1 equiv) in dichloromethane (10.0 mL) at 23 °C. The resulting pale yellow solution was stirred for 30 h at 23 °C, then was partitioned between water (100 mL) and a 1:1 mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by careful flash column chromatography (gradient elution: ethyl acetate in hexanes, 5 \rightarrow 10%) to afford pure alcohol **156** (0.804 g, 85%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ :

6.29 (d, 1 H, J = 2.4 Hz, CH=CI), 4.86-4.88 (m, 1 H, SiOCH), 2.69 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.6, 2.6 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.50 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.6, 2.6 Hz, CH_AH_BC=C), 2.36 (dd, 1 H, J = 11.9, 6.8 Hz, one of CH₂C(OH)), 2.18 (s, 1 H, OH), 2.16 (dd, 1 H, J= 11.9, 3.5 Hz, one of CH₂C(OH)), 2.08 (t, 1 H, J= 2.6 Hz, C=CH), 0.88 (s, 9 H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.08 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂), 0.07 (s, 3 H, one of Si(CH₃)₂). FTIR (neat), cm⁻¹:3381 (br, OH), 3311 (m, C=CH), 2931 (s), 2857(s), 2119 (w, C=C), 1604 (m), 1470 (m), 1360(m), 1255 (s), 1082 (s), 907 (s), 835 (s), 777 (s).

MS (CI/NH₃), m/z (%base): 396 (13), 361 (16), 321 (20), 264 (100), 247 (16), 235 (16), 194 (10).

HRMS (CI/NH₃): Calcd for C₁₄H₂₇INO₂Si (MNH₄+): 396.0856 Found: 396.0851

TLC (20% EtOAc in Hexanes), R_f : Diols **153** and **155**: 0.10 Alcohol **156**: 0.44

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Appendix 1

X-ray Data Collection, Refinement, and Structure Determination for Alcohol 139

This analysis was performed by Dr. Joseph Ziller at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). A colorless crystal of approximate dimensions 0.30 x 0.40 x 0.46 mm was oil-mounted on a glass fiber and transferred to the Siemens P3 diffractometer (equipped with a locally modified LT-2 low temperature system). The determination of Laue symmetry, crystal class, unit cell parameters and the crystal's orientation matrix were carried out by previously described methods similar to those of Churchill.¹ Intensity data were collected at 163 K using a θ - 2θ scan technique with Mo K α radiation under the conditions listed in Table A-1. All 2282 data were corrected for absorption and for Lorentz and polarization effects and were placed on approximately absolute scale. The diffraction symmetry was *mmm* with systematic absences h00 for h = 2n+1; 0k0 for k =2n+1 and 00l for l = 2n+1. The space group is therefore uniquely defined as the noncentrosymmetric orthorhombic P2₁2₁2₁ (D⁴₂; No. 19).

All crystallographic calculations were carried out using either the UCI modified version of the UCLA Crystallographic Computing Package² or the SHELXTL PLUS Program set.³ The analytical scattering factors for neutral atoms were used throughout the analysis;^{4a} both the real ($\Delta f'$) and imaginary ($i\Delta f''$) components of anomalous dispersion^{4b} were included. The quantity minimized during least-squares analysis was $\sum w(|F_0| - |F_c|)^2$ where $w^1 = \sigma^2(|F_0|) + 0.0001(|F_0|)^2$.

The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXTL PLUS) and refined by full-matrix least squares techniques. Hydrogen atoms were included using a riding model with d(C-H) = 0.96Å, d(O-H) = 0.85Å and U(iso) = 0.05Å². Refinement of positional and thermal parameters led to convergence with $R_F = 1.8\%$; $R_{wF} = 2.1\%$ and GOF = 1.39 for 165 variables refined against those 2196 data with $|F_0| > 3.0\sigma(|F_0|)$. The absolute structure was determined by refinement of the Rogers' η -parameter⁵ ($\eta = 1.07(4)$). A final difference-Fourier synthesis yielded $\rho(max) = 0.34$ eÅ⁻³.



 Table A-1. Experimental Data for the X-ray Diffraction Study of Alcohol 139.

Formula: C ₁₆ H ₂₃ O ₂ SiI	Fw: 378.3
Temperature (K): 163	Crystal System: Orthorhombic
Space Group: P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ (D ⁴ ₂ ; No. 19)	Z = 4
a = 7.5227(10) Å	$V = 1713.6(4) Å^3$
b = 15.046(2) Å	D_{calcd} , g/cm ³ = 1.466
c = 15.139(2) Å	Diffractometer: Siemens P3 (R3m/V System)
Radiation: Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.710730$ Å)	Monochrometer: Highly oriented graphite
Data Collected: $+h$, $+k$, $+l$	Scan Type: θ-2θ
Scan Width: 1.2° plus K\alpha-separation	Scan Speed: 3.0 deg min ⁻¹ (in ω)
2θ Range: 4.0 to 55.0°	μ (Mo K α), mm ⁻¹ = 1.91
Absorbtion Correction:	Reflections Collected: 2282
Semi-empirical (q-scan method)	Reflections with $(F_0 > 3.0\sigma(F_0))$: 2196
No. of Variables: 165	$R_{\rm F} = 1.8\%$
Goodness of Fit: 1.39	$R_{wF} = 2.1\%$



Figure 8. ORTEP plot of alcohol 139. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

	х	У	Z	U(eq)
C(1)	7058(3)	2583(2)	3531(2)	206(7)
C(2)	5302(3)	2320(2)	3929(2)	199(7)
C(3)	5067(3)	3050(2)	4633(2)	222(7)
C(4)	6297(3)	3821(2)	4373(2)	208(7)
C(5)	7608(3)	3385(2)	3759(2)	213(7)
C(6)	3787(4)	2310(2)	3242(2)	267(8)
C(7)	3388(4)	3183(2)	2864(2)	331(8)
C(8)	3070(5)	3895(2)	2582(2)	484(11)
C(9)	4240(4)	5391(2)	5457(2)	334(9)
C(10)	7455(5)	5182(2)	6682(2)	329(9)
C(11)	7923(4)	6073(2)	4860(2)	229(7)
C(12)	9862(4)	5787(2)	4762(3)	417(11)
C(13)	7110(5)	6212(3)	3946(2)	443(11)
C(14)	7858(5)	6965(2)	5359(3)	422(10)
O(1)	5498(3)	1457(1)	4293(1)	249(5)
O(2)	7166(2)	4199(1)	5132(1)	218(5)
Si(1)	6679(1)	5212(1)	5518(1)	187(2)
I(1)	8360(1)	1749(1)	2643(1)	312(1)

Table A-2. Atomic Coordinates $(x10^4)$ and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Coefficients $(Å^2 x 10^4).^a$

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 a Equivalent isotropic U defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

C(1)-C(2)	1.505(4)	C(1)-C(5)	1.322(4)	
C(1)-I(1)	2.084(3)	C(2)-C(3)	1.541(4)	
C(2)-C(6)	1.543(4)	C(2)-O(1)	1.418(3)	
C(3)-C(4)	1.535(4)	C(4)-C(5)	1.505(4)	
C(4)-O(2)	1.439(3)	C(6)-C(7)	1.464(4)	
C(7)-C(8)	1.177(5)	C(9)-Si(1)	1.857(3)	
C(10)-Si(1)	1.856(3)	C(11)-C(12)	1.529(4)	
C(11)-C(13)	1.527(4)	C(11)-C(14)	1.541(4)	
C(11)-Si(1)	1.884(3)	O(2)-Si(1)	1.672(2)	

Table A-3. Interatomic Distances (Å) with Esd's.

Table A-4. Interatomic Angles (Deg.) with Esd's.

C(2)-C(1)-C(5)	114.2(2)	C(2)-C(1)-I(1)	120.9(2
C(5)-C(1)-I(1)	124.8(2)	C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	101.0(2)
C(1)-C(2)-C(6)	112.4(2)	C(3)-C(2)-C(6)	112.9(2)
C(1)-C(2)-O(1)	108.0(2)	C(3)-C(2)-O(1)	113.3(2)
C(6)-C(2)-O(1)	109.1(2)	C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	107.0(2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	103.0(2)	C(3)-C(4)-O(2)	111.6(2)
C(5)-C(4)-O(2)	111.6(2)	C(1)-C(5)-C(4)	110.7(2)
C(2)-C(6)-C(7)	114.0(2)	C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	178.2(3)
C(12)-C(11)-C(13)	109.4(3)	C(12)-C(11)-C(14)	108.8(2)
C(13)-C(11)-C(14)	108.2(3)	C(12)-C(11)-Si(1)	109.4(2)
C(13)-C(11)-Si(1)	112.0(2)	C(14)-C(11)-Si(1)	109.0(2)
C(4)-O(2)-Si(1)	122.7(2)	C(9)-Si(1)-C(10)	111.2(2)
C(9)-Si(1)-C(11)	111.3(1)	C(10)-Si(1)-C(11)	111.2(1)
C(9)-Si(1)-O(2)	109.3(1)	C(10)-Si(1)-O(2)	104.0(1)
C(11)-Si(1)-O(2)	109.5(1)		

	U11	U22	U33	U ₁₂	U ₁₃	U ₂₃
C(1)	237(14)	224(12)	155(11)	7(10)	5(10)	4(10)
C(2)	213(12)	178(11)	205(11)	-11(10)	-5(11)	19(10)
C(3)	210(12)	253(13)	203(12)	-27(11)	13(11)	-17(9)
C(4)	222(14)	194(11)	207(12)	-27(10)	-38(10)	-5(10)
C(5)	218(12)	245(13)	177(11)	-55(11)	-9(10)	40(10)
C(6)	252(14)	285(14)	263(13)	-36(11)	-76(11)	-18(11)
C(7)	292(13)	417(16)	283(13)	-31(16)	-111(12)	22(12)
C(8)	507(21)	447(18)	499(20)	49(16)	-169(19)	111(16)
C(9)	235(14)	353(16)	414(17)	55(13)	48(13)	44(14)
C(10)	485(18)	293(15)	211(13)	-10(15)	-35(13)	-25(12)
C(11)	237(13)	182(12)	268(13)	-2(10)	8(11)	20(10)
C(12)	266(15)	348(16)	637(22)	12(15)	124(17)	102(16)
C(13)	473(21)	545(21)	310(16)	-133(17)	-58(15)	168(15)
C(14)	477(19)	214(14)	574(21)	-50(13)	82(17)	-35(13)
O(1)	253(10)	202(9)	292(10)	-36(8)	27(9)	37(8)
O(2)	236(9)	186(8)	233(9)	8(8)	-60(8)	-25(7)
Si(1)	202(3)	175(3)	185(3)	13(3)	5(3)	-3(2)
I(1)	354(1)	321(1)	261(1)	46(1)	64(1)	-48(1)

Table A-5. Anisotropic Displacement Coefficients ($Å^2 \times 10^4$).

The anisotropic displacement exponent takes the form:

 $-2\pi^2(h^2a^{*2}U_{11} + ... + 2hka^{*b*}U_{12})$

	х	у	Z	U
H(3A)	3869	3266	4697	500
H(3B)	5704	2825	5202	500
H(4A)	5651	4252	4034	500
H(5A)	8643	3703	3566	500
H(6A)	2662	2114	3467	500
H(6B)	4156	1974	2734	500
H(8A)	2731	4466	2362	500
H(9A)	3687	4939	5806	500
H(9B)	3925	5918	5779	500
H(9C)	3693	5487	4893	500
H(1O)	4438	1350	4464	500
H(10A)	6877	4698	6985	500
H(10B)	8678	5018	6753	500
H(10C)	7339	5743	6975	500
H(12A)	10283	5649	5345	500
H(12B)	10596	6235	4492	500
H(12C)	10020	5258	4416	500
H(13A)	7143	5690	3581	500
H(13B)	7766	6664	3638	500
H(13C)	5853	6309	3931	500
H(14A)	8452	7442	5054	500
H(14B)	6705	7123	5561	500
H(14C)	8630	6933	5870	500

Table A-6. H-Atom Coordinates (x10⁴) and Isotropic Displacement Coefficients ($Å^2 x 10^4$).

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Appendix 2

Catalog of Spectra (Chapter 1)
























































































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Appendix 3

Catalog of Spectra (Chapter 2)



































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Appendix 4

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Catalog of Spectra (Chapter 3)

























































Index of Products

Product	Experimental	<u>Spectra</u>	Product	Experimental	Spectra
18	57	315	57 (d_1)	113	341
20	51	312	57 (<i>d</i> ₄)	114	341
21	53	313	58	106	338
22	55	314	59	137	353
27	72	321	65	115	342
30	62	316	66	117	343
31	64	317	67	119	344
32	66	318	68	121	345
33	68	319	69	123	346
34	70	320	71	125	347
36	76	322	72	127	348
37	77	323	73	129	349
38	77	323	74	131	350
39	79	324	75	133	351
40	80	325	76	135	352
41	81	326	77	140	354
42	82	327	78	141	355
43	83	328	81	142	356
44	93	333	83 (<i>d</i> ₁)	146	357
45	95	334	86	208	379
48	85	329	90	166	359
49	87	330	91	168	360
50	89	331	92	170	361
51	91	332	93	172	362
52	101	335	94	174	363
53	109	339	95	176	364
$53(d_1)$	111	340	96	178	365
$53(d_2)$	112	340	97	180	366
54	103	336	98	182	367
55	105	337	99	184	368

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Product	Experimental	Spectra	Product	Experimental	Spectra
103	186	369	144	263	399
104	188	370	145	266	400
105	190	371	146	268	401
106	192	372	149	272	402
107	194	373	150	274	406
108	196	374	151	276	406
109	198	375	153	278	408
110	200	376	154	280	409
112	202	-	155	282	410
113	204	377	156	284	396
114	206	378			
115	210	380			
116	214	381			
118	217	382			
118 (<i>d</i> ₂)	218	383			
123	265	228			
129	240	385			
130	242	386			
131	243	387-388			
132	243	387-388			
134	246	389			
135	248	390			
136	250	391			
137	252	392			
138	254	396			
139	254	393			
140	257	397			
141	260	394			
142	258	398			
143	261	395			