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The aim of the research described in this thesis was to develop a synthetic route to N-tosylmethylimino compounds of type  $\underline{1}$ , and to study their reactions, especially cycloadditions to electron deficient double bonds.

Tos-
$$CH_2$$
- $N=C$ 

$$\begin{array}{c}
L \\
\hline
1b, A = L = OMe \\
\underline{1c}, A = L = SMe \\
\underline{1d}, A = Me, L = OMe \\
\underline{1e}, A = Me, L = SMe \\
\underline{1f}, A = \emptyset, L = SMe
\end{array}$$

After an introductory chapter (Chapter I), the synthesis of six imino derivatives 1a-f is reported in Chapter II.

Chapter III deals with reactions of the imines  $\underline{1}$  with Michael acceptors, which lead to 2,3,4-trisubstituted pyrroles  $\underline{24}$ . The mechanism of the cycloaddition and some of the factors that effect the stereoselectivity are discussed.

The synthesis of 2,5-disubstituted oxazoles  $\underline{22}$  and 1,2,5-trisubstituted imidazoles  $\underline{23}$  are described in *Chapter IV*. The conversion of the  $\Delta^2$ -oxazolines ( $\underline{84a}$ ,  $\underline{b}$ ) to the corresponding oxazoles, is discussed in some detail. It has been demonstrated that  $\Delta^2$ -oxazolines are intermediates in cycloadditions of  $\underline{1a}$  and  $\underline{1f}$  with aldehydes.

$$p-Cl\emptyset$$
 $p-Cl\emptyset$ 
 $p-Cl$ 

In *Chapter V* reactions of <u>1b</u>, <u>1d</u>, TosMIC (<u>33</u>) and  $\alpha$ -tosyl-ethylisocyanide (<u>116</u>) with 3-formylindoles are applied in efforts to synthesize the mold metabolite pimprinine (<u>94</u>) and derivatives thereof. The alkaloid pimprinine has a number of biological prop-

erties, such as antiepileptical and MAO-inhibiting actions. The pimprinine derivatives  $\underline{115a-c}$  and  $\underline{122a-c}$  could be isolated.

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$$R^{1}$$
 $R^{2}$ 
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