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#### **BAEYER** Pyridine Synthesis

Synthesis of pyridines from pyrones (see 1st edition).

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Dimroth, K.

# Balaban, A.T. Liebigs Ann. 1992 173

# BAER-FISCHER Amino Sugar Synthesis

Angew. Chem.

Synthesis of 3-nitro and derived 3-amino sugars by aldol condensation of sugar-derived dialdehydes with nitroalkanes (see 1st edition).

**Nitrosugar 4**.<sup>3</sup> Methyl-*L*-rhamnoside **3** (100 g; 0.55 mol) in 1000 mL water was treated with NaIO<sub>4</sub> (200 g; 0.83 mol) at 20°C. After 3 h NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added, the mixture poured into EtOH (4000 mL) and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and extracted with hot EtOH. The extract was cooled, filtered and treated with nitroethane (104.5 g; 1.4 mol) followed by a solution of Na (12 g; 0.52 at.g.) in EtOH (750 mL). After 4 h at 20°C the solution was treated with CO<sub>2</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The mixture was treated with pyridine (400 mL) and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (300 mL) at 20°C for 12 h. Work up left a residue which dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O:petroleum ether (1:1) (500 mL) and cooled afforded 36 g of **4** (19%), mp 137-138°C, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>= -130° (c 1).

#### BAEYER - VILLIGER Ketone Oxidation

Regioselective peroxide oxidation of ketones to esters or lactones with retention of configuration (see 1st edition).

1	Bayer, A.; Villiger, V.	Chem.Ber.	1899	32	3625
2	Hassner, A.	J.Org.Chem.	1978	43	1774
3	Sarapanami, C.R.	J.Org.Chem.	1986	51	2322
4	Johnson, C.R.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1990	112	6729
5	Morimoto, T.	Synth.Commun.	1995	25	3765
6	Yamashita, M.	J.Org.Chem.	1997	62	2633
7	Hassal, C.H.	Org.React.	1957	9	73
8	Krow, G.R.	Org.React.	1993	43	251

**Bicyclic lactone (2).**<sup>2</sup> To a solution of 1 (790 mg, 5 mmol) in 90% HOAc (5 mL) at 0°C, was added 30%  $H_2O_2$  (2.5 mL) in 90% HOAc (3 mL). The mixture was kept at 0°C for 24 h, poured into water and extracted with hexane. The organic layer after washing (NaHSO<sub>3</sub> and  $H_2O$ ) was evaporated to give 570 mg of 2 (65%).

 $\varepsilon$ -Caprolactone (4). Cyclohexanone 1 (196 mg, 2 mmol) and moist bentonite clay (2 g) in MeCN (10 mL) was heated to 80°C with stirring and magnesium monoperoxyphthalate (MMPP) (3 mmol) was added in six portions at ten minute intervals. After additional 1 h stirring, followed by cooling, filtering and washing the precipitate with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), evaporation of the solvent afforded 200 mg of 4 (88%).

#### **BAILEY** Crisscross Cycloaddition

A bis 3+2 cycloaddition between aromatic aldazines and olefins or acetylenes, called "crisscross" cycloaddition.

**Diazabicyclooctadiene 2.**<sup>4</sup> A mixture of acetylenic aldehyde **1** (1.56 g, 5 mmol) and hydrazine.2HCl (260 mg, 2.5 mmol) in EtOH (80 mL) was refluxed for 4 h under stirring. To the cooled mixture (20°C) was added triethylamine (0.5 g, 5 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at the same temperature. The crystals were filtered. Recrystalization afforded 1.042 g of **2** (69%), mp 276-278°C.

# BAKER-VENKATARAMAN Flavone Synthesis

Rearrangement of aromatic *o*-keto esters of phenols to *o*-hydroxy-1,3-diketones followed by cyclization to flavones (see 1st edition).

#### BALABAN-NENITZESCU-PRAILL Pyrylium Salt Synthesis

Synthesis of pyrylium salts by acylation of unsaturated ketones or by diacylation of alkenes.

1	Balaban, A.T.; Nenitzescu, C.D.	Liebigs Ann.	1959	625	66; 74
2	Balaban, A.T.; Nenitzescu, C.D.	J. Chem. Soc.	1961		3553; 3561
3	Balaban, A.T.; Nenitzescu, C.D.	J. Chem. Soc.	1961		3564; 3566
4	Praill, P.F.G.; Whitear, A.L.	J. Chem. Soc.	1961		3573
5	Balaban, A.T.; Nenitzescu, C.D.	Org.Synth.Coll.		5	1106
6	Balaban, A.T.; Boulton, A.J.	Org.Synth.Coll.		5	1112; 1114

**2,4,6-Trimethylpyrylium perchlorate 2**.  $^{2.5}$  Anh. t-BuOH **1** (148 g; 2 mol) and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) at -10°C were cautiously treated with 70% HClO<sub>4</sub> (1.75 mol) and the temperature was controlled at 90-100°C. The mixture was heated at 100°C for 2 h. After cooling **2** was filtered and washed (AcOH, Et<sub>2</sub>O) to give 205-215 g of **2** (53-57%), explosive when dry. The tetrafluoroborate or triflate<sup>5</sup> are not explosive.

## BAMBERGER Benzotriazine Synthesis

Synthesis of benzotriazines from pyruvic acid hydrazone 2 and aryldiazonium salts 1 (see 1st edition).

1	Bamberger, E.	Chem. Ber.	1892	25	3201
2	Abramovitch, R.A.	J. Chem. Soc.	1955		2326

## BAMBERGER Imidazole cleavage

Synthesis of 2-substituted imidazoles from imidazoles via cleavage with acid chlorides to enediamides (see 1st edition).

Imidazole 2.<sup>5</sup> Imidazole 1 (9.2 g; 54 mmol) in EtOAc (140 mL) was treated with benzoyl chloride (15.7 g; 112 mmol) in EtOAc (40 mL) and 1M NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (380 mL) added simultaneously in 1 h under ice-cooling. The mixture was stirred for 1 h, then a further portion of benzoyl chloride (15.7 g; 112 mmol) in EtOAc and 1M NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (280 mL) was added followed by more 1M NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (200 mL). After 24 h the organic layer was concentrated and the residue dissolved in THF (300 mL). The THF solution was stirred with 10% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (600 mL) for 24 h to decompose any N-formyl intermediate and to remove benzoic acid. Extraction with EtOAc, drying (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), solvent evaporation and recrystallization from EtOAc:hexane afforded 16.24 g of 2 (84%), mp 128-129°C.

# BAMFORD-STEVENS-CAGLIOTI-SHAPIRO Olefination

Conversion of ketones to olefins via tosylhydrazones with NaOR, LAH, LDA or BuLi. But 2-naphthaldehyde tosylhydrazone is reduced by LAH to 2-methylnaphthalene (see 1st edition).

 $\beta$ -Methylnaphthalene 5.<sup>7</sup> To a solution of 4 (2.0 g, 6.17 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (3.0 g, 78.9 mmol) and the mixture refluxed for 18 h. After careful decomposition of excess hydride with moist Et<sub>2</sub>O and water, the organic phase was washed with dil. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and water, dried and evaporated, to yield 620 mg of 5 (70.7 %).

**1,3-Diphenyl-4,5-di(2-pyridyl)cyclopentene 8.** A solution of **7** (30.2 g, 54 mmol) in THF (300 mL) was treated with LDA at 0°C. After 14 h stirring at 20°C, the mixture was quenched with brine at 0°C. Workup gave 16.2 g of **8** (80 %).

#### **BARBIER** Reaction

In situ Grignard generation in the presence of an electrophile (see 1st edition).

**2-Chloro-1-nonen-4-ol 5.** To **3** (500 mg; 5 mmol) and **4** (611 mg; 5.5 mmol) was added successively ScCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (1.7 g; 7.5 mmol) and NaI (1.1 g; 7.5 mmol). After 20 h stirring at 20°C, 30% NH<sub>4</sub>F (10 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) were added. Usual work up and chromatography followed by distillation gave 820 mg of **5** (93%).

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# BARBIER-WIELAND Degradation

A multi-step (Grignard reaction, elimination, oxidative cleavage) procedure for chain degradation of carboxylic acids (esters) (see 1st edition).

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$$H_3C-CH-(CH_2)_8-CO_2Me$$
 PhMgBr  $H_3C-CH-(CH_2)_8-CPh_2$  refl.  $20\%H_2SO_4$ 

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OH  $H_3C-CH-(CH_2)_7-CH=CPh_2$   $CrO_3$   $A_{COH}$   $H_3C-CH-(CH_2)_7-CO_2H$ 

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Barbier, P. C. R. 1913 156 1443

Wieland. E. Chem. Ber. 1912 45 484

Sarel, S. J. Org. Chem. 1959 24 2081

Fetisson, M. C. R. 1961 252 139

Djerassi, C. Chem. Rev. 1946 38 526

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**9-Oxodecanoic acid 4.** To PhMgBr (from PhBr; 29.8 g, and Mg 4.6 g in Et<sub>2</sub>O 100 mL) was added the hydroxy ester 1 (7 g; 32 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL) over 1 h and refluxed for 2.5 h. Aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added and the etheric extracts were concentrated to give diol **2** which was refluxed with 20% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (100 mL) for 1 h. Extraction (Et<sub>2</sub>O), washing and evaporation afforded 7.3 g of **3** (80%), distilled at 180°C (Bath) / 0.5 torr. CrO<sub>3</sub> (6 g; 60 mmol) in water (8 mL) was added to crude **3** (6.4 g) in AcOH (75 mL) over 1.5 h. After stirring at 35°C for 1 h, work up gave 2.2 g of **4** (60%), mp 48°C.

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# **BARLUENGA** lodination Reagent

Bis(pyridine)iodonium(I) tetrafluoroborate reagent for 1,2-iodofunctionalization of isolated or conjugated olefins, or cyclization of alkynyl sulfides.

**Thiaanthracene 4.**<sup>10</sup> To a solution of IPy<sub>2</sub>BF<sub>4</sub> 1 (3.72 g, 10 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) cooled to -80°C was added HBF₄ (1.36 mL, 54% in Et₂O, 10 mmol). After 10 min a solution of diyne 3 (3.08 g, 10 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added and the reaction mixture was stirred. Quenching with 10% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, washing, drying and filtration through Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (elution with EtOAc: hexane) afforded 3.99 g of 4 (92%), mp 102-103°C.

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#### BARTON Nitrite Photolysis

Long range functionalization of alcohols via nitrites leading to  $\gamma$ -hydroxy oximes (see 1st edition).

1	Barton, D.H.R.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1960	82	2640
2	Barton, D.H.R.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1961	83	4076
3	Barton, D.H.R.	Pure Appl.Chem.	1968	16	1
4	Baldwin, S.W.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1982	104	4990
5	Barton, D.H.R.	Aldrichimica Acta	1990	23	3

#### **BARTON** Deamination

Free radical deamination of primary amines via isocyanides (see 1st edition).

1	Barton, D.H.R.	J.Chem.Soc.Perkin I	1980		2657
2	Swindell, C.S.	J.Org.Chem.	1990	55	3
3	Barton, D.H.R.	Aldrichimica Acta	1990	23	3

Octadecane (4).<sup>1</sup> A solution of 3 (0.279 g, 1 mmol) and azoisobutyronitrile (AIBN) (0.1 g) in dry xylene (50 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of tri-n-butyl stannane (0.64 g, 2.2 mol equiv). A solution of AIBN (0.1 g) in xylene (50 mL) was slowly added at 80°C over 5 h. The solvent was removed in vacuum, the residue dissolved in pentane and iodine in pentane was added until the iodine color persisted. The solvent was evaporated and 4 was isolated by preparative TLC (silica gel, pentane). Sublimation in vacuum gave 0.205 g of 4 (81%), mp 29°C.

# **BARTON** Phenylation of Phenols, Enols

Phenylation of phenols, enols and other anions by a pentavalent organo-bismuth reagent under neutral, acidic or basic conditions.

1	Barton, D.H.R.	J.Chem.Soc.Chem.Commun.	1980		246, 827
2	Barton, D.H.R.	J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.	1981		503
3	Barton, D.H.R.	Tetrahedron Lett.	1982	23	3365
4	Barton, D.H.R.	J.Chem.Soc.Perkin Trans	1985		2657, 2667
5	Barton, D.H.R.	Tetrahedron	1988	44	3039
6	Barton, D.H.R.	Aldrichim Acta	1990	23	3

- **1-Phenyl-2-naphthol (2).** To a stirred solution of  $Ph_3BiCl_2$  (550 mg, 1.07 mmol) and 2-naphthol **1** (144 mg, 1 mmol) in THF (1mL) at 20°C under an Ar atmosphere was added tetramethyl-2-t-butylguanidine (TMBG) (500 mg, 0.11 mmol). After 5 h stirring, usual work up and chromatography (silica gel,  $Et_2O$ :hexane 1:4) afforded 198 mg of **2** (90%).
- 1,3,5-Trihydroxy-2,4,6-triphenylbenzene  $\underline{\mathbf{4}}$  and 2,2,4,5-tetraphenyl cyclopent-4-ene-1,3-dione (5).<sup>4</sup> A mixture of phloroglucinol 3 (300 mg, 3.9 mmol) and Ph<sub>3</sub>BiCO<sub>2</sub> (3.0 g, 6 mmol) in dioxane (10 mL) was heated to reflux under Ar for 11 h. After removing insoluble material by filtration, the solvent was evaporated and the residue chromatographed (hexane:EtOAc 7:3) to give 195 mg of 4 (24%) and 368 mg of 5 (40%). The same reaction but using a molar ratio of 3:Ph<sub>3</sub>BiCO<sub>3</sub>=1:5.7 and heating for 24 h at 80°C afforded 4 in 60% yield.

# BARTON Decarboxylation

Decarboxylation of a mixed anhydride (thiohydroxamic-carboxylic) and interception of radicals as a sulfide, selenide or bromo derivative (see 1st edition).

# BARTON-KELLOG Olefination

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Aldrichimica Acta

Olefin synthesis (especially tetrasubstituted) from hydrazones and thioketones via  $\Delta^3$ -1,3,4-thiazolidines (see 1st edition).

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Barton, D.H.R.

1	Barton, D.H.R.	J. Chem. Soc. Perkin I	1972		305
2	Barton, D.H.R.	Chem. Soc.	1970		1225
3	Kellog, R.M.	Tetrahedron Lett.	1970		1987
4	Kellog, R.M.	J. Org. Chem.	1972	37	4045
5	Barton, D.H.R.	J. Chem. Soc. Perkin I	1974		1794

(-)-2-Diphenylethylenecamphane 5. 2 (585 mg; 3 mmol) (from 1, lead tetraacetate and TEA in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at -20°C)<sup>5</sup> and 4 (505 mg; 3 mmol) in THF (5 mL) were heated to reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 3 h. After chromatography, the product was refluxed with Ph<sub>3</sub>P (870 mg) in THF (5 mL) for 16 h and evaporated. The residue in petroleum ether was treated with 1 mL of MeI (exothermic) and stirred 2 h. Chromatography (silica) afforded 545 mg of 6 (90%), mp 69.5-72.5°C (EtOH).

# BARTON-MC COMBIE Alcohol Deoxygenation

Deoxygenation of secondary alcohols to hydrocarbons via xantates (see 1st edition).

1	Barton, D.H.R.; McCombie, S.W.	J. Chem. Soc. Perkin I	1975		1574
2	Cristol, S.J.	J. Org. Chem.	1982	47	132
3	Barton, D.H.R.	Tetrahedron	1986	42	2329
4	McClure, C.K.	J. Org. Chem.	1991	56	2326
5	Chatgilialoglu, C.	Tetrahedron Lett.	1995	36	3897
6	Crich, D.	Aldrichimica Acta	1987	20	36

Cholestane 3.<sup>5</sup> To a stirred solution of 1 (100 mg; 0.19 mmol) and 5,10-dihydrosilanthrene 2 (67 mg; 0.32 mmol) in cyclohexane (20 mL) was added AIBN (5 mg) and the mixture was heated for 1 h at 80°C. Evaporation of the solvent and chromatography (hexane) gave 95 mg of 3 (85%).

# BENARY Conjugated Aldehyde Synthesis

Formation of polyunsaturated aldehydes from vinyl halides and enaminoaldehydes (see 1st edition).

**3 (via Grignard reagent). 1** (4.42 g; 25 mmol) and Mg (0.6 g; 25 mat) in THF followed by **2** (4.02 g; 25 mmol) and usual work up gave 1.32 g of **3** (33%), bp 95-103°C, as a mixture of 12% (E,Z) and 88% (E,E).

# BECKMANN Rearrangement or Fragmentation

Acid catalyzed rearrangement of oximes to amides or cleavage of oximes to nitriles.

 $\epsilon$ -Caprolactam 2.<sup>4</sup> To a solution of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (36 g) in MeSO<sub>3</sub>H (360 g) was added 1 (2 g; 20 mmol) under stirring. After 1 h at 100°C quenching with NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, extraction (CHCl<sub>3</sub>), evaporation of the solvent and recrystallization from hexane gave 1.92 g of 2 (96%), mp 65-68°C.

ω-Hexenenitrile 4. <sup>6</sup> To 3 (99 mg; 0.5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) was added P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (70 mg; 0.5 mmol). After 24 h at 20°C Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.12 mL) were added followed by chromatography to afford 43 g of 4 (73%).

N-Phenylbenzamide 8.<sup>7</sup> FeCl<sub>3</sub> (15 g) was dissolved in MeCN (60 mL) and Montmorillonit K-10 (10 g) was added. After 5 h stirring the clay was filtered, washed and dried (5 h at 280°C). Ketoxime 7 (400 mg; 2 mmol), clay catalyst (1 g) in PhMe was refluxed (TLC monitoring). Filtration and concentration in vacuum followed by chromatography (EtOAc:hexane) gave 400 mg of 8 (100%).

# **BERCHTOLD** Enamine Homologation

Addition of acetylenic esters to cyclic enamines leading by rearrangement ring expansion to cyclic ketones with two more carbon atoms.

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$$CO_{2}Me$$

1	Brannock, K.C.	J.Org.Chem.	1961	26	625
2	Berchtold, G.A.	J.Org.Chem.	1961	26	3043
3	Berchtold, G.A.	J.Org.Chem.	1963	28	1459

**1-(N-Morpholino)-2,3-dicarbomethoxy-1,3-cycloheptadiene (3).** Dimethyl acetylene dicarboxylate **1** (16.2 g, 77.4 mmol) was added to morpholinocyclopentene **2** (11 g, 77.4 mmol) in PhMe (40 mL) under  $N_2$  with ice cooling and stirring at such a rate that the temperature never rose above  $50^{\circ}$ C. After a short supplementary stirring, the mixture was heated to reflux for 12 h. The solution was treated with excess of Et<sub>2</sub>O under cooling and the precipitate was filtered off. Recrystallization from Me<sub>2</sub>CO afforded 11.4 g of **3** (48%), mp 167-168°C.

**2,3-Dicarbomethoxy-3-cycloheptenone (4).** A solution of **3** (1 g, 3.25 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) and 32% HCl (1 mL) was heated to reflux. Water (2 mL) was added and the mixture was heated for another 10 min to reflux. After cooling the precipitate was crystallized from MeOH: $H_2O$  2:1 to give 610.5 mg of **4** (90%), mp 63.5-64°C.

#### BERGMAN Cycloaromatization

Ring annulation by radical cyclization of ene-diynes and (Z)-allene-ene-ynes in a thermal reaction to give aromatics (electrocyclization).

**3,4-Dihydrobenz-[e]-indene 2**.<sup>5</sup> A mixture of ene-diyne **1** (39.9 mg; 0.17 mmol), PhCl (1.8 mL) and 1,4-cyclohexadiene **3** (0.4 mL; 4.2 mmol) under  $N_2$  was heated for 19 h at 210°C. Chromatography (silica gel, hexane:EtOAc 95:5) afforded 30.1 mg of **2** (72%). TLC (hexane:EtOAc 3:1),  $R_f$  = 0.48.

5-[tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,7,9,10-tetrahydro-5,9-metha nobenzocycloocten-8(5H)-one 5.<sup>4</sup> A solution of 4 (44 mg; 105  $\mu$ mol) in 3 (2 mL) was heated under reflux for 5 h. The solvent was evaporated in vacuum and the residue purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether:AcOMe 20:1) to afford 23.7 mg of 5 (51%) as a colorless oil. TLC (petroleum ether:AcOMe 4:1), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.54.

# BERNTHSEN Acridine Synthesis

Acridine synthesis from diphenylamine and carboxylic acids (see 1st edition).

# BIGINELLI Pyrimidone Synthesis

Pyrimidone synthesis from urea, an aldehyde and a  $\beta$ -keto ester. Ph

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EtO<sub>2</sub>C

**Pyrimidone 4.**<sup>5</sup> Ethyl acetoacetate 1 (1.3 g; 10 mmol), PhCHO 2 (1.06 g; 10 mmol) and urea 3 (0.6 g; 10 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL containing 1-2 drops of conc. HCl) was stirred 2 h at 20°C. A precipitate appeared and stirring was continued for 3 h to afford 1.98 g of 4 (76%), mp 106-107°C.

# BESTMANN Cumulene Ylides

Phosphocumulenes ylides and phosphallene ylides in nucleophilic additions to C=C; C=N and C=C or cycloaddictions (2+2; 4+2; 1,3-dipolar)

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$$Ph_{3}\overset{\overset{\leftarrow}{P}-\overset{\leftarrow}{C}H_{2}}{+}C=0$$

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$$TsN_{3} + 4$$

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$$R-N=C=S$$

$$Ph_{3}\overset{\overset{\leftarrow}{P}-\overset{\leftarrow}{C}H_{2}}{+}C=0$$

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$$R-N=C=S$$

1	Bestmann, H.J.	Angew.Chem.Int.Ed.	1974	13	875
2	Bestmann, H.J.	Liebigs Ann.	1977	16	349
3.	Bestmann, H.J.	Angew.Chem.Int.Ed.	1976	15	115
4	Bestmann, H.J.	Angew.Chem.Int.Ed.	1965	4	585, 645, 830
5	L'abbe, G.	J.Org.Chem.	1974	39	3770

Benzocoumarine (6).<sup>3</sup> 1-Formyl-2-naphthol 5 (1.72 g, 10 mmol) is added slowly to a stirred solution of ylid 4 (3.02 g, 10 mmol) in PhH (30 mL). After 2-3 days stirring at 20°C or 24 h reflux, the solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was crystallized from MeOH or i-PrOH. Recrystallization from i PrOH or PhH/MeOh afforded 1.43 g of 6 (73%), mp 117°C.

**Phosphorane (8).** A solution of 1-dimethylaminomethyl-2-naphthol **7** (2.01 g, 10 mmol) and ylid **4** (3.02 g, 10 mmol) in anh. PhH (50 mL) was heated to reflux under stirring and  $N_2$ . After complete evolution of  $Me_2NH$ , the mixture was refluxed for 5 hours, then the solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue, after recrystallization from EtOAc or PhH/EtOAc, afforded 3.15 g of **8** (69%), mp 217°C.

#### BIRCH-HÜCKEL-BENKESER Reduction

Reduction of aromatics, unsaturated ketones or conjugated dienes by alkali metals in liquid ammonia or amines.

	OH Na liq. NH <sub>3</sub>	OH	$\checkmark$	NH <sub>2</sub>	+ (	
	1 2	2 (85%)	3	4	80 : 20	5
1	Hückel, W.	Liebig	s Ann.	1939	540	156
2	Birch, A.I.	J. Che	m. Soc.	1944		430
3	Benkeser, R.A.	J. Am.	Chem. Soc.	1961	77	3230
4	Benkeser, R.A.	J. Org.	Chem.	1964	29	955
5	Moody, C.J.	Tetrah	edron Lett.	1986	27	5253
6	Silverstein. R.M.	Synthe	esis	1987		922
7	Robideau, P.W.	Org. R	eactions	1992	42	1
8	Birch, A.I.	Pure A	Appl. Chem.	1996	68	553

**5,8-Dihydro-1-naphtol 2.**<sup>2</sup> To 1-naphtol **1** (10.0 g; 69 mmol) was added powdered NaNH<sub>2</sub> (2.7 g; 69 mmol), liquid NH<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), t-BuOH (12.5 g) and then Na (3.2 g; 0.139 at) in small pieces. After evaporation of the NH<sub>3</sub>, the residue was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. Acidification gave an oil which solidified. Recrystallization gave 89.5 g of **2** (85%), mp 71-74°C.

# BISCHLER-NAPIERALSKI Isoquinoline Synthesis

Isoquinoline synthesis from amides or phenethylamines (see 1st edition).

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 & Z(31\%)
\end{array}$$

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2	Morrison, C.G	J. Org. Chem.	1964	29	2771
3	Ramesh, D.	Synth. Commun.	1986	16	1523
4	Thygarayan, B.S.	Chem. Rev.	1954	54	1033
5	Fodor, G.	Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.	1972	11	919
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7	Ishikawa. T.	Tetrahedron Lett.	1995	36	2795

# BLANC-QUELLET Chloroalkylation

Lewis acid catalyzed aromatic chloromethylation (Blanc), chloroalkylation (Quellet).

- **2,2'-Di(chloromethyl) -4,4'-di(tert-butyl)diphenylmethane (3).** To cooled (-5 °C) **1** (35 g, 125 mmol) and chloromethyl methyl ether **2** (80.5 g, 100 mmol) in  $CS_2$  (150 mL) was added  $TiCl_4$  (20 mL). The mixture was stirred for 1 h, poured into ice water (300 mL) and the organic layer extracted with PhH. Evaporation gave 36 g of **3** (76%), mp 90-91 °C(EtOH).
- **2,4-Bis (bromomethyl)-mesitylene (9).** Mesitylene **8** (120 g, 1 mol) was added to a mixture of 48% HBr (475 mL) and glacial acetic acid (125 mL), followed by 1,3,5-trioxane (60 g, 2 mol) and tetradecyltrimethylammomium bromide (5 g). The mixture was then well stirred such that only a single layer could by seen and then heated to a gentle reflux for 24 h. After cooling to 20 °C the white solid was filtered, washed (water) and extracted with hot hexane-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Finally there were obtained 290 g of **9** (94%), mp 133-4 °C

#### BLICKE-PACHTER Pteridines Synthesis

Condensation of aminopyrimidines with aldehydes and HCN followed by cyclization with NaOMe to pteridines.

**2,4,7-Triamino-6-phenylethynyl-pteridine 3**.<sup>2</sup> 2,4,5,6-Tetraaminopyrimidine **1** (2.5 g; 14 mmol) in MeOH (12 mL) and HOAc (12 mL) was treated with NaCN (1.5 g; 30 mmol) in water (6 mL) and phenylpropargylaldehyde **2** (2.5 g; 19 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL). After 10 min stirring and boiling, cooling deposited yellow crystals, washed (MeOH, water and MeOH), 1.9 g (28%) of **3** (acetate).

# BLOMQUIST Macrocycles Synthesis

Synthesis of large ring carbocycles by cyclization of bifunctional ketenes.

COOH 
$$(CH_2)_6$$
  $(CH_2)_6$   $(CH_2)_6$   $(CH_2)_4$   $(CH_2)_4$   $(CH_2)_6$   $(CH_$ 

1,8-Cyclotetradecanedione 2.<sup>2</sup> Suberic acid 1 (3 g; 1.7 mmol) and SOCl<sub>2</sub> (0.4 g; 3.4 mmol) were heated at 55°C for 2 h and on a water bath until gas evolution ceased. Excess SOCl<sub>2</sub> was removed in vacuum and the acid chloride was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (200-300 mL). This was added to Et<sub>3</sub>N (10-20 mL) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (500-600 mL) over 26 h under gentle reflux. The decanted solution was washed with dil. HCl and water, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and distilled. The yellow residue was treated with EtOH (5 mL) and KOH sol (1.8 g in 20 mL EtOH). After 10 h at 20°C and 2 h reflux, the mixture was diluted with water, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and the solvent evaporated to afford two crops of 2, total yield 10%, mp 147.5-148°C.

#### B L U M Aziridine Synthesis

Synthesis of aziridines from epoxides via amino alcohols or azido alcohols and reaction with phosphines or phosphites (see 1st edition).

1	Blum, J.	J.Org.Chem.	1978	43	397, 4273
2	Shudo, K	Chem.Pharm.Bull.	1976	24	1013
3	Hassner, A	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1970	92	3733
4	Hassner, A	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1969	91	5046
5	Blum, J.	J.Heterocycl.Chem.	1994	31	837
6	Chiappe, C.	Tetrahedron Asymm.	1998	121	4079

**Threo-2-Azido-1,2-diphenylethanol (2).** A mixture of cis-stilbene oxide 1 (3.92 g, 20 mmol) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (4.48 g, 70 mmol) in 50% aqueous acetone (60 mL) was refluxed for 3 h. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The organic solution was washed with water, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. Distillation of the residue afforded 3.70 g of 2 (77%) as a pale yellow oil, bp 122 °C/0.15 mm.

Cis-2,3-DiphenylazirIdine (3). A solution of 2 (0.84 g, 3.5 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (0.92 g, 3.5 mmol) in dry  $\rm Et_2O$  (25 mL) was refluxed for 1 h.  $\rm Et_2O$  (50 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to stand overnight at 5°C to allow complete precipitation of triphenyphosphine oxide. Column chromatography on silica gel yielded 0.53 g of 3 (77%).

# BODROUX-CHICHIBABIN Aldehyde Synthesis

Aldehyde synthesis from Grignard reagents and trialkyl orthoformate; see also Bouveault (see 1st edition).

# BOGER - CARBONI-LINDSEY Heterocycle Synthesis

Diels-Alder reactions of olefins, acetylenes, allenes with tetrazines or triazines to provide pyridazines or pyridines; reverse demand Diels-Alder reactions (see 1st edition).

**3-Ethyl-4-n-propylpyridine 7**.  $^2$  **5** (132 mg; 0.8 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL) was added to a stirred solution of 1,2,4-triazine **6** (85 mg; 1.2 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 25°C. The resulting dark orange solution was warmed at 45°C for 20 h. Chromatography (silica gel, 50% Et<sub>2</sub>O in hexane) afforded 92 mg of pure **7** (71%).

# **BOGER** Thermal Cycloadditions

Thermal cycloaddition of cyclopropenone ketal with olefinic acceptors to form cyclopentene derivatives.

1	Boger, D.L.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1984	106	805
2	Boger, D.L.	Tetrahedron Lett.	1984	25	5611
3	Boger, D.L.	J.Org.Chem.	1985	50	3425
4	Boger, D.L.	Tetrahedron	1986	42	2777
5	Boger, D.L.	Tetrahedron Lett.	1984	25	5615
6	Boger, D.L.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1986	108	6695, 6713
7	Boger, D.L.	J.Org.Chem.	1988	53	3408

cis-Benzyl methyl 2-phenyl-6,10-dioxaspiro[4,5]dec-3-ene 1,1-dicarboxylate(cis). A solution of (Z)-benzyl methyl (phenyl methylene) malonate 2 (Z) (120 mg, 0.405 mmol) in MeCN-d<sub>3</sub> (0.4 mL) was treated with cyclopropenone 1,3-propanediyl ketal 1 (132 mg, 1.18 mmol, 2.9 equiv) under N<sub>2</sub>. After 20 h heating at 80°C (shielded from light), the cooled mixture was concentrated in vacuum, and the residue filtered through a short column of SiO<sub>2</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). Evaporation of the solvent and chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) afforded: 8 mg of 2 (recovered), 1 (recovered) and a mixture of 3 (99 mg, 60%). Ratio cis:trans 90:10.

#### **BORCH** Reduction

Reductive amination of aldehydes or ketones by cyanoborohydride (or triacetoxyborohydride)<sup>6</sup> anion. Selective reduction of carbonyls to alcohols, oximes to N-alkylhydroxylamines, enamines to amines (see 1st edition).

Amine 6. Aldehyde 4 (1.36 g; 10 mmol) and aniline 5 (1.023 g; 11 mmol) in dichloroethane (40 mL) was treated with sodium triacetoxyborohydride (3.18 g; 15 mmol) under  $N_2$  at 20°C to afford 2.37 g of 6 hydrochloride (95%).

### BOUVEAULT Aldehyde Synthesis

Aldehyde synthesis from Grignard or Li derivatives with a formamide; see also Bodroux-Chichibabin (see 1st edition).

**5-Methoxy-2-thienaldehyde 6.**  $^3$  5-Methoxy-2-thienyllithium prepared from **4** (11.4 g; 0.1 mol) and Li in Et<sub>2</sub>O (125 mL) was added slowly to ice cooled DMF **5** (8.0 mL; 0.11 mol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (75 mL) with efficient stirring and let stand at 20° overnight. The mixture was poured into ice, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and distillation gave 9.27 g of **6** (65%), bp 79-81°C/0.9 mm; mp 24-26°C (petroleum ether).

# BORSCHE-BEECH Aromatic Aldehyde Synthesis

Synthesis of aromatic aldehydes and of alkyl aryl ketones from aldoximes or semicarbazones and aromatic diazonium salts (see 1st edition).

**Pyridine-3-aldehyde (3).**<sup>2</sup> 3-Aminopyridine **2** (23.5 g, 0.24 mol), 36% HCl (68 mL). NaNO<sub>2</sub> (17.5 g, 0.25 mol) and water (75 mL) was made neutral (NaOAc) and treated with formaldoxime **1**. The mixture was acidified (pH-3) and after FeCl<sub>3</sub> (150 g) was added, it was boiled for 1 h. Usual work up gave 3.6 g of **3** (14%), bp 95-100 °C/16 mm.

#### BREDERECK Imidazole Synthesis

Synthesis of imidazoles from formamide (acetamide) and  $\alpha$ -diketones,  $\alpha$ -ketols,  $\alpha$ -aminoketones,  $\alpha$ -oximinoketones (see 1st edition).

1 2 3 (50%)<sup>1</sup>

Ph-C-CH<sub>3</sub> 1) Br Ph-C-CH<sub>2</sub> HCO<sub>2</sub>H, 
$$\Delta$$
 (70%)

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2 Grimmett, V. Adv. Heteroc. Chem. 1970 12 113

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4 Schubert, H. Z. Chem. 1967 7 461

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# **BOUVEAULT-BLANC** Reduction

Reduction of esters to alcohols by means of sodium in alcohol (see 1st edition).

## BOUVEAULT-HANSLEY-PRELOG-STOLL Acyloin Condensation

Condensation of two esters to an  $\alpha$ -hydroxyketone by means of rapidly stirred (8000 rpm) Na suspension in boiling toluene or xylene (see 1st edition).

COOCH<sub>3</sub>

Na; 
$$\Delta$$

Na;  $\Delta$ 

No (3.5L)

OH

1 (0.2 mol)

2 (75%)

1	Bouveault, L.	C. R.	1905	140	1593
2	Hansley, V.L.	U.S. Pat. 2.228.268; cf.	Chem. Abstr.	, <b>1941</b> , <i>35</i> , 2	2354
3	Prelog, V.	Helv. Chim. Acta	1947	30	1741
4	Stoll, M.	Helv. Chim. Acta	1947	30	1815
5	Cramm, D.J.	J. Am. Chem. Soc.	1954	76	2743
6	Finley, K.T.	Chem. Rev.	1964	64	573
7	Ruhlmann, K.T.	Synthesis	1971		236

# BOYLAND-SIMS o-Hydroxylaniline Synthesis

Oxidation of dialkylanilines or their N-oxides with persulfates to o-aminophenols (see 1st edition).

#### BRUYLANTS Amination

Amination – alkylation of aldehydes via  $\alpha$ –cyanoamines (see 1st edition).

**N-(2-Hexene-4-yl)-pyrrolidine (4).** To **3** (10.57 g, 70 mmol) in THF (20 mL) under Ar, EtMgBr (1 molar, 22 mmol) in THF is added slowly at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at 20 °C, diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and worked up to give 8.35 g of **4** (78%), bp 83 °C (19 mm).

# BRANDI-GUARNA Rearrangement

Synthesis of pyridine derivatives by rearrangement of isoxazolidone-5-spirocyclopropanes resulting from dipolar addition to methylenecyclopropanes.

$$CH_3-C = N^+-O^- + 2 Ph$$
 $Me$ 
 $M$ 

1	Brandi, A., Guarna, A.	J.Chem.Soc.Chem.Commun.	1985		1518
2	Brandi, A., Guarna, A.	J.Org.Chem.	1988	53 2426;	2430
3	Brandi, A.	J.Org.Chem.	1992	57	5666
4	Brandi, A.	Tetrahedron Lett.	1995	36	1343
5	Brandi, A. deMeijere, A.	J.Org.Chem.	1996	61	1665
6	Brandi, A., Guarna, A.	Synlett	1993		1

Spiro 4,5-dihydro-3-methylisoxazole-5,1'-2'-phenylcyclopropane (3). Nitroethane (1.3 g, 22 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (262 mg, 2.6 mmol) in PhH (11 mL) was added over 1 h to a refluxing solution of 1-methylene 2-phenylcyclopropane 2 (1.88 g, 14.5 mmol) and methyl isocyanate 1 (1.24 g, 23 mmol) in PhH (10 mL) under stirring. After 18 h stirring at 20°C, the mixture was filtered and concentrated in vacuum. Unreacted 1 was recovered (45-65°C 0.5 torr) and the residue was chromatographed (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give 1 g of 3 (40%), mp 85°C.

**2-Methyl-6-phenyl-dihydropyrid-4-one (4).** Vapours of **3** (260 mg, 1.4 mmol) were passed at 0.04 Torr through a quartz tube heated at 400°C then led into a cold trap. Washing with petroleum ether afforded 216 mg of **4** (83%), mp 162°C (CHCl<sub>3</sub> -petroleum ether).

#### von BRAUN Amine Degradation

Degradation of tertiary amines with cyanogen bromide (BrCN), or ethyl, benzyl or phenyl chloroformate (see 1st edition).

1	V. Braun, J.	Chem.Ber	1907	40	3914
2	Elderfield, R.C.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1950	72	1334
3	Boekelheide, V.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1955	77	4079
4	Wright, W.B.	J.Org.Chem.	1961	26	4057
5	Calvert, B.J.	J.Chem.Soc.	1965		2723
6	Rapoport, H.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1967	89	1942
7	Knabe, J.	Arch. Pharm.	1964	259	135
8	McCluskey, J.G.	J.Chem.Soc. (C)	1967		2015
9	Hageman, H.A.	Org.React.	1953	7	198

**4-Pipecoline (3).** To a solution of BrCN (48 g, o.46 mol) in PhH (100 mL) was added 1-isopropyl-4-pipecoline **1** (58 g, 0.41 mol) in PhH (275 mL) over 1 h at 40°C. The mixture was heated for 45 min at 55-60°C and was maintained at 20°C for 36 h. The basic material was extracted with HCl (100 mL) and the solvent was distilled to give 44 g of residue. The neutral product **2** was refluxed with 48% HBr (300 mL) for 10 h. After distillation of HBr, the residue was leached in a mixture of EtOAc:EtOH (80:20). Filtration of insoluble NH<sub>4</sub>Br and concentration gave **3**, mp 171-173°C.

Phenyl 21-chlorodeoxydihydrochanoajmaline-N-carboxylate (5).<sup>8</sup> 21-Deoxy ajmaline 4 (1.55 g, 5.06 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (50 mL) was treated with phenyl chloroformate (0.86 g, 5.5 mmol) at 20°C for 18 h. Usual work-up, and chromatography afforded 2.24 g of 5 (96%).

# BROOK Silaketone Rearrangement

Rearrangement of silaketone to silyl ethers (with chirality transfer) (see 1st edition).

Benzhydryloxy ethoxy diphenyl silane 2.<sup>2</sup> To a solution of benzoyltriphenylsilane 1 (2.5 g, 6.9 mmol) in PhH (25 mL) was added a solution of sodium ethoxide in EtOH (2 mL, 0.8 mmol). The solution was washed with water and the solvent removed in vacuum. The oily residue was dissolved in hot EtOH (15 mL) and cooled to give 2.1 g of 2 (74%), mp 67-75°C. Recrystallization from EtOH gave 1.8 g of 2 (64%), mp 77-78°C.

Silyl amines 4 and 5.<sup>5</sup> To a solution of 3 in THF was added BuLi at -78°C and the solution was stirred for 30 min at the same temperature. Mel was add4ed at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for another 30 min at the same temperature. After usual work-up are obtained 40% from 4 and 20% from 5.

# **BROWN** Acetylene Zipper Reaction

Isomerization of internal acetylenes to the terminal position by means of potassium (or lithium) 3-aminopropylamide (KAPA).

HO-
$$CH_2$$
- $(CH_2)_{11}$ - $C\equiv C$ - $(CH_2)_2$ - $CH_3$ 

HO- $CH_2$ - $(CH_2)_{14}$ - $C\equiv CH$ 

2 (98%)

HO—
$$CH_2$$
— $(CH_2)_5$ — $C$ = $C$ — $(CH_2)_{15}$ — $CH_3$ — $CH_3$ — $CH_2$ — $CH_2$ — $CH_2$ — $CH_2$ — $C$ = $CH_2$ — $CH_2$ — $C$ = $C$ = $C$ 

1	Brown, C.A.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1975	97	891
2	Brown, C.A.	J.Chem.Soc.Chem.Commun.	1976		959
3	Macaulay, S.R.	J.Org.Chem.	1980	45	734
4	Becker, D.	J.Org.Chem.	1984	49	2494
5	Abrams, S.R.	Can.J.Chem.	1984	62	1333

**16-Heptadecyn-1-ol (2).**<sup>4</sup> A mixture of potassium (190 mg, 4.8 mmol) in 1,3-propanediamine **1** (5 mL) with ferric nitrate (1 mg) was heated to 90°C in a ultrasound cleaning bath. After 10-15 min potassium disappears and a green-brown solution of KAPA was formed. This mixture was cooled to 0°C and 12-heptadecyn-1-ol **1** (190 mg, 0.75 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added. After 30 min stirring at 0°C, the mixture was poured into water (125 mL) and extracted with hexane (3 x 100 mL). The extract was dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and after evaporation of the solvent, there was obtained 185 mg of 16-heptadecyn-1-ol **2** (98%), mp 41°C.

**23-Tetracosyn-1-ol (4).**<sup>5</sup> 1,3-Diaminopropane (10 mL) under  $N_2$  was treated with Li (140 mg, 20 m at g) under heating (70°C) and stirring. After 2 h the mixture was cooled to 20°C, KO-t-Bu (1.3 g, 12 mmol) was added and stirring was continued for another 15 min when 7-tetracosyn-1-ol 3 (1.05 g, 3 mmol) was added. After 2 h stirring the mixture was quenched with water and normal work up gave after chromatography (silica gel, hexane :  $Et_2O$  1:1) 860 mg of 4 (82%), mp 76-7°C.

# **BROWN** Hydroboration

Hydroboration-regioselective and stereoselective (syn) addition of BH<sub>3</sub> (RBH<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>BH) to olefins. Synthesis of alcohols or amines including optically active ones from olefins. Also useful in synthesis of ketones by "stitching" of olefins with CO (see 1st edition).

1	Brown, H.C.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1956	78	2583
2	Brown, H.C.	J.Org.Chem.	1978	43	4395
3	Masamune, S.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1986	108	7401
4	Hoffmann, R.W.	Angew.Chem.Int.Ed.	1982	21	555
5	Brown, H.C.	J.Am.Chem.Soc.	1986	108	2049
6	Srebnik, M.	Aldrichimica Acta	1987	20	9
7	Brown, H.C.	J.Org.Chem.	1989	54	4504
8	Brown, H.C.	J.Org.Chem.	1995	60	41

**Isopinocampheol 6.**<sup>2</sup> To a hot solution of borane-methyl sulfide **1** (2 mL, 20 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (11.3 mL) was added (+)- $\alpha$ -pinene **2** (7.36 mL, 46 mmol), which led to quantitative formation of **3**. After addition of TMEDA (1.51 mL, 10 mmol), reflux was continued for 30 min. The adduct was filtered and washed with pentane to give 3.32 g of **4** (80%), mp 140-141°C (Et<sub>2</sub>O). A solution of **4** (3.32 g, 8 mmol) in THF (16 mL) was treated with BF<sub>3</sub>.Et<sub>2</sub>O (1.97 mL, 16 mmol). After 1 h, the solid TMEDA.2BF<sub>3</sub> was removed and the solution of **5** was oxidized with alkaline H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> to give **6** (100%).

- 8.<sup>5</sup> 3-Hydroxytetrahydrofuran To а suspension lpc<sub>2</sub>BH (diisopinocamphenyl borane) 3 (7.1 g, 25 mmol) in THF, see above, at -25°C was added 2.3-dihydrofuran 7 (1.9 mL, 25 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at the same tempreature for 6 h. The solid 3 disappeared, and formation of trialkyl borane was complete. The mixture was brought to 0°C, acetaldehyde (5.6 mL, 100 mmol) was added dropwise and stirring was continued for another 6 h at 25°C. Excess acetaldehyde was removed in vacuum (25°C, 12 mm Hg), and 20 mL of THF was added. The boronate thus obtained was oxidized with 25 mL of 3N NaOH and 3.75 mL of 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and maintained for 5 h at 25°C. The aqueous layer was saturated with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, extracted with 3.25 mL Et<sub>2</sub>O and the organic layer dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). The solvent was evaporated, the residue filtered through silica; pentane eluent removed pinene, whereas the Et<sub>2</sub>O eluent afforded the alcohol 8 which on distillation yielded 1.87 g, bp 80°C/15 mm (92%), GC purity 99%,  $\alpha_D = -17.3$ °C (c 2.4 MeOH, 100% ee).
- **(S)-(-)-(Trifluoromethyl)oxirane 12.** B-chlorodiisopinocamphenylborane **10** (8.8 g, 27.5 mmol) in  $Et_2O$  (25 mL) under  $N_2$  was cooled to -25°C and **9** (4.7 g, 25 mmol) was added using a syringe. The reaction was followed by <sup>11</sup>B NMR (<sup>11</sup>B: 32 ppm) for 96 h, when the reaction was complete. At 0°C was added diethanolamine (5.3 mL, 55 mmol), then the mixture was heated to 20°C and stirred for 2 h, whereupon the borane precipitated as a complex which was filtered and washed with pentane. The solvent was removed, the residue added to 15 N NaOH (10 equiv.) and heated at 95-100°C to distill the epoxide. This afforded 1.536 g of **12** (64%, 96%ee).

#### BROWN Stereoselective Reduction

Stereoselective reduction of ketones to alcohols by means of borohydride reagents (Li s-Bu<sub>3</sub>BH) or t-BuClBR for formation of chiral alcohols.

Cis-4-tert-butylcyclohexanol 2.<sup>4</sup> To 1M lithium trimethoxyaluminium hydride (LTMA) (5.0 mL) in THF under  $N_2$ , was added sec-butylborane (from 2-butene and diborane), 1.25 mL, 5 mmol. After 30 min the mixture was cooled to -78°C and 1 (390 mg; 2.5 mmol) was added. After 3 h, hydrolysis and oxidation ( $H_2O_2$ ) gave 2 (96.5% cis and 3.5% trans).

(S)-Cyclohexylethanol 6.5 To 5.5 mmol of 4 in THF (from Li-tBuBH<sub>3</sub>, HCl followed by (-)-2-ethylapopinene 3,  $\alpha_D$ = -42.78°) was added 5 (0.64 g; 5 mmol) under N<sub>2</sub>. After 2 days the solvent was removed, the residue dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL), diethanolamine (2.2 equiv.) was added and stirred for 2 h. After filtration and washing with pentane, the filtrates were concentrated and chromatography gave 0.42 g of 6 (65%), 90% ee.

# BUCHNER-CURTIUS-SCHLOTTERBECK Homologation

Ring enlargement of benzene derivatives by carbenes generated from diazo compounds (better in the presence of a Rh catalyst). Conversion of aldehydes to ketones by diazo compounds (Schlotterbeck); see also Pfau-Platter (see 1st edition).

# BURTON Trifluoromethylation

Trifluoromethylation of aryl iodides or nitroarenes with Cd(Cu) reagents (see 1st edition).

1	Burton, D.J.	J. Am. Chem. Soc.	1985	107	5014
2	Burton, D.J.	J. Am. Chem. Soc.	1986	108	832
3	Clark, J.H.	J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.	1988		638
4	Clark, J.H.	Tetrahedron Lett.	1989	30	2133

**1-Trifluoromethyl-2,4-dinitrobenzene 2.** A mixture of m-dinitrobenzene **1** (840 mg; 5 mmol), metallic Cu (1.905 g; 30 mat), dibromodifluoromethane (2.43 g; 11 mmol), charcoal (1 g) (dried at 280°C) in dimethylacetamide (7.5 mL) was heated to 100°C under N<sub>2</sub>, to afford 1.026 g of **2** (87%).

# BUCHWALD Heterocyclization

Preparation of benzisothiazoles, butenolides or pyrroles using organo-zirconium reagents and acetylenes.

Chiral butenolide 3.<sup>2</sup> A mixture of 1 (995 mg; 2.79 mmol) and  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  2 (791 mg; 3.07 mmol) in PhH (30 mL) were stirred at 20°C under Ar for 16 h. After degassing, the mixture was stirred under a  $CO_2$  atm for 6 h. A solution of  $I_2$  (708 mg; 2.79 mmol) in PhH (20 mL) was added and stirring was continued for 1 h. Usual work up and chromatography (radial), pentane: $Et_2O$  (9:1 to 7:3) gave 1.93 g of 3 (55%), 90% ee.

**7-Methoxy-2,3-dimethylbenzo[b]thiophene 7.** To 2-bromoanisole **4** (385 mg; 2 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at -78°C was added BuLi (1.2 mL 1.68M; 2.2 mmol). After 15 min stirring, zirconocene(methyl)chloride **5** (570 mg; 2.1 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added followed by 2-butyne **6** (130 mg; 2.4 mmol) and heated for 18 h at 80°C. Usual work up and recrystallization from pentane gave 274 mg of **7** (71%), mp 110-110.5°C.

# BUCHWALD-HARTWIG Aryl Halide Amination

Amination of aryl halides in the presence of a base and Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> + BINAP (Buchwald) or (DPPF)PdCl<sub>2</sub> (DPPF= 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino-ferrocene) (Hartwig).

Amide 3. $^3$  1 (505 mg; 1.97 mmol), 2 (0.21 mL; 2.30 mmol), NaOtBu (266 mg; 2.77 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (5 mg; 0.006 mmol), BINAP (11 mg; 0.017 mmol) and PhMe (5 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> were heated for 21 h at 90-100 $^{\circ}$ C. Work up and chromatography afforded 426 mg of 3 (81%), mp 74-76 $^{\circ}$ C.

#### BURGESS Alcohol Dehydration

Thermolysis of tertiary and secondary alcohols with (carbomethoxysulfamoyl) triethylammonium inner salt **1** or polymer linked reagent<sup>6</sup> to give olefins; also conversion of amides to nitriles (see 1st edition).