## Uncommon Transformations of Methyl (1*S*,2*S*,3*R*,4*R*)-2,3-isopropylidenedioxy-5-iodomethyl-2tetrahydrofurylacetate Initiated by Bases

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Abstract—Methyl (1S, 2S, 3R, 4R)-2,3-isopropylidenedioxy-5-iodomethyl-2-tetrahydrofurylacetate prepared in two stages from *D*-ribose acetonide underwent a series of uncommon transformations under the treatment with bases providing the following different products depending on the base applied: methyl 3-(5-acetyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)propionate (DBU), methyl 2,3-isopropylidenedioxy-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-6-carboxylate (*t*-BuOK), methyl {(5R)-2,2-dimethyl-5-[(2R)-oxiranyl]-1,3-dioxolan-4-ylidene}propionate and methyl-(*E*)-3-{(4S,5R)-2,2-dimethyl-5-[(1R)-(2-oxiranyl])-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]-2-propenoate (*t*-BuOK and LDA).

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Application of sugars as chiral matrices in a directional synthesis of biologically active compounds is covered in a number of surveys and monographs [1–5]. In this study in order to synthesize optically active polyfunctional cyclopentanoids we investigated some reactions of iodoester **III** prepared from D-ribose acetonide (**I**) [6] via ester **II** [7, 8] occurring with assistance of basic reagents. We planned to perform a new way of

carbocyclization of compounds **III** or **IV** into structures **V** and **VI** hoping that under the action of strong deprotonating reagents a retro-Michael decomposition of compound **III** would be initiated providing enolate **VII** capable of repeated intramolecular Michael ring closure involving the more nucleophilic carboanion center and giving as a result cyclopentane derivative **VI**.



Reagents and conditions: *a*. Ph<sub>3</sub>P=CHCO<sub>2</sub>Me, PhH, 80°C, 2 h (90%); *b*. I<sub>2</sub>, Ph<sub>3</sub>P, Im, PhMe, 90°C, 1 h (80%); *c*. TsCl, Py, 20°C, 20 h (89%).



Reagents and conditions: (a) 2.5 equiv. of DBU, PhH, 80°C, 2 h; (b) 1.5 equiv. of t-BuOK, THF,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 1 h (80%); (c) 2 equiv. of LDA, THF, -50°C, 2 h; 0°C, 0.5 h; 20°C, 1 h.

However this attempt failed. The stage of dehydroiodination of iodide **III** with DBU was found to take an abnormal direction. It turned out that the arising *exo*enol ether **V** under the conditions of reaction rearranged into a more stable derivative of 1,3-dioxol **VIII**. Analogs of this rearrangement were not reported.

On treating iodide **III** with *t*-BuOK in THF we obtained compounds **IX**–**XI**. As seen, *t*-BuOK converted iodoester **III** not into enol ester **V** but into a number of compounds resulting exclusively from the primary enolyzation of the methoxycarbonyl function. The formation of enol ester **X** is unexpected for it is less thermodynamically preferable than ester **XI**. The fraction of compound **X** was somewhat increased at replacing LDA for *t*-BuOK although the overall yield of compounds **IX** and **X** in this case was also rather moderate. Compound **X** is interesting for attempting intramolecular carbocyclization by Mukaiyma protocol [9]. The yield of this compound at treating with *t*-BuOK tosylate **IV** prepared under standard conditions attained ~ 40%.

Thus we found that methyl (1S,2S,3R,4R)-2,3-isopropylidenedioxy-5-iodomethyl-2-tetrahydrofurylacetate easily obtained from D-ribose when treated with DBU, *t*-BuOK, and LDA was converted into different in structure products of rearrangement, intramolecular cyclization and recyclization. Therefore studying the reaction with basic reagents of methyl (1S,2S,3R,4R)-2,3-isopropylidenedioxy-5-iodomethyl-2-tetrahydrofurylacetate obtained from *D*-ribose acetonide we discovered a previously unknown rearrangement and a number of uncommon transformations leading to compounds promising as multipurpose chiral blocks.

## EXPERIMENTAL

IR spectra were recorded on spectrophotometers UR-20 and Specord M-80 from films. NMR spectra were registered on a spectrometer Bruker AM-300 at operating frequencies 300.13 (<sup>1</sup>H) and 75.47 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C) from solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub> ot CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, as internal reference served the signals of solvents CDCl<sub>3</sub> (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.27 (5.31),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  77.00 (53.86) ppm]. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC on Silufol plates, spots were visualized by 10% ethanol solution of anisaldehyde containing a little of sulfuric acid [10]. GLC analysis was carried out on a Shimadzu instrument equipped with a glass column 25 m long (sorbent OV-101).

**Reaction of acetonide I with methoxycarbonylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane**. To a solution of 0.1 g (0.53 mmol) of acetonide I in 5 ml of anhydrous benzene was added by portions 0.26 g (0.79 mmol) of methoxycarbonylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane, and the mixture was stirred at boiling till complete conversion of the initial acetonide (TLC monitoring, 2 h). On evaporating the solvent in a vacuum the residue was subjected to column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> to obtain 0.016 g (12.3%) of ester **IIa** and 0.10 g (76.7%) of ester **IIb** (1:6, GLC) as oily fluids.

Methyl (2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-5-hydroxymethyl-3,4isopropylidenedioxy-2-tetrahydrofurylacetate (IIa).  $R_f 0.33$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH, 97:3, average of 3 measurements), [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>+3.3° (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1730 (C=O), 3470 (OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.35 s (3H, Me), 1.50 s (3H, Me), 2.2 br.s (1H, OH), 2.67 d.d (1H, H<sup>2A</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2A,2'</sub> 9.5, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>2A,2B</sub> 13.5), 2.73 d.d (1H, H<sup>2B</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2B,2'</sub> 3.5, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>2B,2A</sub> 13.5), 3.61 d (2H, H<sup>1"</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>1",5'</sub> 6.9), 3.70 s (3H, OMe), 4.05 t (1H, H<sup>5'</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>5',1"</sub> 6.9), 4.35 d.d.d (1H, H<sup>2'</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2',2</sub> 3.5, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2',3'</sub> 4.1, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2',2A</sub> 9.5), 4.60 d (1H, H<sup>4'</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>4',3'</sub> 6.1), 4.75 d.d (1H, H<sup>3'</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>3',2'</sub> 4.1, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>3',4'</sub> 6.1). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 25.06 (Me), 26.33 (Me), 34.67 (C<sup>2</sup>) 51.95 (OMe), 62.12 (C<sup>1"</sup>), 77.28 (C<sup>2</sup>), 81.76 (C<sup>5'</sup>), 82.94 (C<sup>3'</sup>), 84.62 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 112.89 (C<sup>i-Pr</sup>), 171.95 (C<sup>1</sup>).

Methyl (2S, 3S, 4R, 5R)-5-hydroxymethyl-2,3isopropylidenedioxy-2-tetrahydrofurylacetate (IIb).  $R_f$  0.49 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH, 97:3, average of 3 measurements),  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} - 5.2^{\circ} (c \ 1.0, \text{CHCl}_3)$ . IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1745 (C=O), 3420 (OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ, ppm (J, Hz): 1.34 s (3H, Me), 1.53 s (3H, Me), 2.62 d.d (1H, H<sup>2A</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{2A,2'}$  6.7,  ${}^{2}J_{2A,2B}$  16.0), 2.86 d.d (1H,  $H^{2B}$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{2A,2'}$  4.9,  ${}^{2}J_{2A,2B}$  16.0), 3.62 d.d (2H,  $H^{I''A}$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{I''A,5'}$ 3.9, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>1"A,1"B</sub> 11.7), 3.71 s (3H, OMe), 3.82 d.d (2H, H<sup>1"B</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{1''B,5'}$  3.9,  ${}^{2}J_{1''A,1''B}$  11.7), 4.08 q (1H, H<sup>5'</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{5',1''}$  6.9), 4.42 d.d.d (1H, H<sup>2'</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{2',2B} = {}^{3}J_{2',3'} = 4.9, {}^{3}J_{2',2A}$  6.7), 4.53 d.d (1H, H<sup>3</sup>', <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>3',2'</sub> 4.9, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>3',4'</sub> 6.7), 4.74 d.d (1H, H<sup>4</sup>',  ${}^{3}J_{4'5'}$  3.9,  ${}^{3}J_{4'3'}$  6.7).  ${}^{13}C$  NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 25.48 (Me), 26.43 (Me), 37.60 (C<sup>2</sup>), 51.95 (OMe), 62.67 (C<sup>1"</sup>), 80.71 (C<sup>2'</sup>), 81.60 (C<sup>5'</sup>), 83.96 (C<sup>3'</sup>), 84.77 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 114.40 (C<sup>*i*-Pr</sup>), 171.30 (C<sup>*l*</sup>). Found,%: C 53.88; H 7.52. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub>. Calculated, %: C 53.65; H 7.37.

Methyl (2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-3,4-isopropylidenedioxy-5-iodomethyl-2-tetrahydrofurylacetate (III). To a solution of 1.70 g (6.90 mmol) of alcohol IIb, 3.90 g (15.18 mmol) of Ph<sub>3</sub>P, and 1.40 g (20.70 mmol) of imidazole in 30 ml of anhydrous toluene was added by portions at 95°C 3.50 g (13.80 mmol) of fine crystals of iodine. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h, diluted with an equal volume of ethyl acetate, washed with a saturated water solution of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and with H<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in a vacuum, the residue was subjected to column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (eluent petroleum ether). Yield 1.95 g (79.6%), colorless oily substance,  $R_f 0.36$ (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate, 7:3),  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –11.9° (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1050 (C–Õ), 1745 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.35 s (3H, Me), 1.55 s (3H, Me), 2.62 d.d (1H, H<sup>2A</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{2A,2'}$  6.9,  ${}^{2}J_{2A,2B}$ 15.9), 2.72 d.d (1H, H<sup>2B</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{2A,2'}$  5.6,  ${}^{2}J_{2A,2B}$  15.9), 3.25 d.d  $(2H, H^{I''B}, {}^{3}J_{I''B,5'}, 5.3, {}^{2}J_{I''A,I''B}, 10.4), 3.28 \text{ d.d} (2H, H^{I''A},$ <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>1"A.5'</sub> 4.4, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>1"A.1"B</sub> 10.4), 3.71 s (3H, OMe), 3.91d.d (1H,  $H^{5'}$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{5'4'} = {}^{3}J_{5',1''A} = 4.4$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{5',1''B} 5.3$ ), 4.30 d.d.d (1H, H<sup>2'</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{2',3'}$  4.0.  ${}^{3}J_{2',2B}$  5.6,  ${}^{3}J_{2',2A}$  6.8), 4.5 d.d (1H, H<sup>3'</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{3',2'}$ 4.0,  ${}^{3}J_{3',4'}$  6.7), 4.71 d.d (1H, H<sup>4'</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{4',5'}$  4.4,  ${}^{3}J_{4',3'}$  6.7). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 7.11 (C<sup>1"</sup>), 25.52 (Me), 27.34 (Me), 38.12 (C<sup>2</sup>) 51.84 (OMe), 80.91 (C<sup>2</sup>), 81.60 (C<sup>5'</sup>), 82.84 (C<sup>3'</sup>), 84.14 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 114.40 (C<sup>i-Pr</sup>), 171.30 (C<sup>1</sup>). Found, %: C 37.28; H 4.62; I 35.40. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>IO<sub>5</sub>. Calculated, %: C 37.10; H 4.81; I 35.63.

Methyl (2R,3S,4R,5R)-3,4-isopropylidenedioxy-5-p-toluenesulfonylmethyl-2-tetrahydrofurylacetate (IV). To a stirred at 0°C solution of 1 g (4.06 mmol) of alcohol **IIb** in 15 ml of anhydrous pyridine was added by portions 1.55 g (8.10 mmol) of TsCl. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h (TLC monitoring), then it was poured into cold water, and reaction products were extracted into chloroform. The extract was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in a vacuum, the residue was subjected to column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> to give 1.44 g (89%) of tosylate IV,  $R_f 0.22$  (petroleum ether–ethylacetate, 7:3),  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  $+4.2^{\circ}$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1100 (C–O), 1190, 1370 (S=O), 1720, 1740 (C=O), 1600 (Ar). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.25 s (3H, Me), 1.48 s (3H, Me), 2.40 s (3H, Me<sup>Ar</sup>) 2.52 t (1H, H<sup>2A</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2A 2'</sub> 7.0,  ${}^{2}J_{2A,2B}$  15.9), 2.58 t (1H, H<sup>2B</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{2B,2'}$  5.6,  ${}^{2}J_{2B,2A}$  15.9), 3.62 s (3H, OMe), 4.05-4.07 m (3H, H<sup>5'</sup>, 2H<sup>1"</sup>), 4.23 d.d.d  $(1H, H^{2'}, {}^{3}J_{2',3'} 4.2, {}^{3}J_{2',2B} 5.6, {}^{3}J_{2',2A} 7.0), 4.45 \text{ d.d} (1H,$  $H^{3'}$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{3',2'}$  4.2,  ${}^{3}J_{3',4'}$  6.7), 4.51 d.d (1H,  $H^{4'}$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{4',1''}$  3.5, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>4,'3'</sub> 6.7), 7.36 m (3H, 2H<sup>*m*</sup>, H<sup>*i*</sup>), 7.76 d (2H, H<sup>*O*</sup>, *J* 8.5). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 21.69 (Me<sup>Ar</sup>), 25.47 (Me), 27.39 (Me), 36.28 (C<sup>2</sup>), 51.91 (OMe), 69.91  $(C^{1''})$ , 81.42  $(C^{2'})$ , 81.73  $(C^{3'})$ , 82.02  $(C^{5'})$ , 84.45  $(C^{4'})$ , 114.87 (C<sup>*i*-Pr</sup>), 128.25 (C<sup>*o*</sup>), 130.29 (C<sup>*m*</sup>), 132.79 (C<sup>*i*</sup>), 145.65 (C<sup>θ</sup>), 170.87 (C<sup>1</sup>). Found, %: C 52.08; H 5.77; S 7.91. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S. Calculated, %: C 51.91; H 5.81; S 7.70.

**Reaction of iodide III with DBU.** *a*. To a solution of 0.2 g (0.56 mmol) of iodide **III** in 5 ml of anhydrous benzene was added 0.11 g (0.70 mmol) of DBU, and the mixture was stirred at  $80^{\circ}$ C for 2 h. The solution was

concentrated in a vacuum, the residue was subjected to column chromatography on  $SiO_2$  (eluent  $CH_2Cl_2$ ). We obtained 0.15 g of a mixture of iodide **III** and enol **V** in a ratio 2:1 (<sup>1</sup>H NMR data).

*b*. Under similar conditions from 0.2 g (0.56 mmol) of iodide **III** and 0.21 g (1.40 mmol) of DBU in 5 ml of anhydrous benzene 0.09 g (70%) of compound **VIII** was obtained.

Methyl (2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-3,4-isopropylidenedioxy-5methylene-2-tetrahydrofurylacetate (V). Colorless oily substance,  $R_f$  0.36 (petroleum ether–ethylacetate, 7:3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.37 s (3H, Me), 1.47 s (3H, Me), 2.59 d.d (1H, H<sup>2A</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2A,2'</sub> 6.0, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>2A,2B</sub> 11.8), 2.62 d.d (1H, H<sup>2B</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2B,2'</sub> 6.2, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>2B,2A</sub> 11.8), 3.70 s (3H, OMe), 4.26 br.s (1H, H<sup>1"A</sup>), 4.47 m (1H, H<sup>3</sup>), 4.48 br.s (1H, H<sup>1"B</sup>), 4.62 d.d.d (1H, H<sup>2'</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2',3'</sub> 2.0, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2',2A</sub> 6.0, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2',2B</sub> 6.2), 5.08 d (1H, H<sup>4'</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>4',3'</sub> 6.0). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ, ppm: 25.63 (Me), 27.07 (Me), 37.90 (C<sup>1"</sup>), 51.99 (OMe), 79.90 (C<sup>5</sup>), 82.47 (C<sup>3</sup>), 82.98 (C<sup>4</sup>), 86.46 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 161.47 (C<sup>2</sup>), 113.54 (C<sup>i-Pr</sup>), 170.33 (C<sup>2"</sup>).

Methyl 3-(5-acetyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxol-4yl)propanoate (VIII). Colorless oily substance,  $R_f$  0.33 (benzene–ethyl acetate, 95:5, average of 3 measurements). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1050 (C–O), 1710, 1745 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.55 s (6H, Me), 2.23 s (3H, Me), 2.58 t (2H, H<sup>2</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2,3</sub> 7.5), 2.95 t (2H, H<sup>3</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>3,2</sub> 7.5), 3.70 s (3H, OMe). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 21.49 (C<sup>3</sup>), 25.45 (Me<sup>*i*-Pr</sup> and C<sup>2</sup>), 27.46 (Me<sup>*i*-Pr</sup>), 30.88 (C<sup>2</sup>), 51.60 (OMe), 115.22 (C<sup>*i*-Pr</sup>), 134.90 (C<sup>5</sup>), 148.08 (C<sup>4</sup>), 173.50 (C<sup>1</sup>), 189.92 (C<sup>1</sup>). Found, %: C 57.65; H 7.28. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Calculated, %: C 57.88; H 7.07.

**Reaction of iodide III with** *t***-BuOK.** To a solution of 0.2 g (0.56 mmol) of iodide **III** in 6 ml of anhydrous THF at 0°C under an argon atmosphere was added by portions 0.1 g (0.88 mmol) of *t*-BuOK. After stirring for 1 h at room temperature (TLC monitoring) the mixture was filtered and concentrated in a vacuum, the residue was subjected to column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (eluent benzene–ethyl acetate, 98:2 > 95:5). We obtained 0.07 g (54 %) of compound **IX**, 0.01 g (8%) of enol **X**, and 0.01 g (8%) ester **XI**.

Methyl-2,3-isopropylidenedioxy-7-oxabicyclo-[2.2.1]heptane-6-carboxylate (IX).  $R_f$  0.19 (benzeneethyl acetate, 95:5, average of 3 measurements),  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -29.9° (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1045, 1090 (C–O–C), 1730 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.28 s (3H, Me), 1.47 s (3H, Me), 1.52 d.d (1H, H<sup>5</sup>*endo*, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>5</sub>*endo*,5*exo* 13.0, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>5</sub>*endo*,6*endo* 9.1), 2.12 d.d.d (1H, H<sup>5</sup>*exo*, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>5</sub>*exo*,4 5.80, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>5</sub>*exo*,6 9.1, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>5</sub>*exo*,5*endo* 13.0), 2.41 d.d (1H, H<sup>6</sup>*endo*, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>6</sub>*endo*,5*exo* 4.8, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>6</sub>*endo*,5*endo* 9.1), 3.72 s (3H, OMe), 4.23 d (1H, H<sup>2</sup>*endo*, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>2</sub>*endo*,3*endo* 9.5), 4.24 d (1H, H<sup>3</sup>*endo*, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>3</sub>*endo*,2*endo* 9.5), 4.67 s (1H, H<sup>1</sup>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 25.15 (Me), 25.90 (Me), 27.86 (C<sup>5</sup>), 41.96 (C<sup>6</sup>), 52.41 (OMe), 78.70 (C<sup>4</sup>), 81.29 (C<sup>1</sup>), 81.95 (C<sup>2</sup>), 82.24 (C<sup>3</sup>), 111.85 (C<sup>i-Pr</sup>), 173.03 [C(=O)]. Found, %: C 58.48; H 6.62. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Calculated, %: C 57.88; H 7.07.

Methyl- $\{(5R)$ -2,2-dimethyl-5-[(2R)-oxiranyl]-1,3dioxolan-4-ylidene}propionate (X). R<sub>f</sub> 0.39 (benzeneethyl acetate, 95:5, average of 3 measurements),  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ +17° (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 985 (trans-C=C), 1060, 1080 (C-O), 1740 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), δ, ppm (J, Hz): 1.38 s (3H, Me), 1.50 s (3H, Me), 2.73 d.d (1H, H<sup>2</sup>"A,  ${}^{2}J_{2"A,2"B}$  15.1,  ${}^{3}J_{2"A",1}$  2.5), 2.78 d.d (1H, H<sup>2"B</sup>, <sup>2</sup> $J_{2"B,2"A}$  15.1, <sup>3</sup> $J_{2"B,I"}$  3.8), 3.0 d.d.d (1H, H<sup>*I*</sup><sup>"</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{I^{"},5'}$  6.3,  ${}^{3}J_{I^{"},2"B}$  3.8,  ${}^{3}J_{I^{"},2"A}$  2.5), 3.09 d.d.d (1H, H<sup>2A</sup>,  ${}^{2}J_{2A,2B}$  15.8,  ${}^{3}J_{2A,3}$  7.0,  ${}^{5}J_{2A,5'}$  1.5), 3.15 d.d.d (1H, H<sup>2B</sup>,  ${}^{2}J_{2B,2A}$  15.8,  ${}^{3}J_{2B,3}$  7.0,  ${}^{5}J_{2B,5'}$  1.5), 3.66 s (3H, OMe), 4.31 d.q (1H, H<sup>5'</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{5',I''}$  6.3,  ${}^{5}J_{5',2A} = {}^{5}J_{5',2B} =$  ${}^{4}J_{5',3} = 1.5$ ), 4.50 d.d (1H, H<sup>3</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{3,2A} = {}^{3}J_{3,2B}$  7.0,  ${}^{4}J_{3,5'}$ 1.5). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), δ, ppm: 25.63 (Me), 26.67 (Me), 30.96 (C<sup>2</sup>), 45.11 (C<sup>2</sup>"), 51.96 (OMe), 52.84 (C1"), 76.56 (C5), 88.94 (C3), 113.32 (Ci-Pr), 152.06 (C<sup>4</sup>), 171.61 (C<sup>1</sup>). Found, %: C 58.20; H 7.25. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Calculated, %: C 57.88; H 7.07.

Methyl-(*E*)-3-{(4*S*,5*R*)-2,2-dimethyl-5-[(1*R*)-(2oxiranyl)]-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl}-2-propenoate (XI).  $R_f 0.30$  (benzene–ethylacetate, 95:5, average of 3 measurements),  $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 1.2^\circ$  (c 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR spectrum, v, cm-1: 1035, 1070 (C-O), 1745 (C=O). 1H NMR spectrum (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), δ, ppm (J, Hz): 1.20 s (3H, Me), 1.35 s (3H, Me), 2.47 d.d (1H, H<sup>2"A</sup>,  ${}^{3}J_{2"A,I"}$  2.5,  ${}^{2}J_{2"A,2"B}$  5.0), 2.63 d.d (1H, H<sup>2"B</sup>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2"B.1"</sub> 4.0, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>2"B.2"A</sub> 5.0), 2.68 d.d.d  $(1H, H^{I"}, {}^{3}J_{I",2"A}, 2.5, {}^{3}J_{I",2"B}, 4.0, {}^{3}J_{I",5'}, 7.4), 3.55 \text{ s} (3H,$ OMe), 3.64 d.d (1H,  $H^{5'}$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{5',4'}$  6.8,  ${}^{3}J_{5',1''}$  7.4), 4.72 d.d  $(1H, H^{4'}, {}^{4}J_{4',2} 1.7, {}^{3}J_{4',3} 5.0, {}^{3}J_{4',5'} 6.8)$ .  ${}^{13}C$  NMR spectrum (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), δ, ppm: 25.08 (Me), 27.49 (Me), 46.09 (C<sup>2</sup>"), 49.69 (C1"), 51.69 (OMe), 76.71 (C5), 79.08 (C4), 110.10 (C<sup>*i*-Pr</sup>), 122.78 (C<sup>2</sup>), 141.92 (C<sup>3</sup>), 166.17 (C<sup>1</sup>). Found, %: C 57.71; H 6.93. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Calculated, %: C 57.88; H 7.07.

**Reaction of iodide III with LDA.** To a solution of 0.113 g (1.12 mmol) of i-Pr<sub>2</sub>NH in 3 ml of anhydrous THF was added 0.66 ml (1.12 mmol) of 1.7 N solution of

BuLi at -10°C under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at  $-10^{\circ}$ C, then it was cooled to  $-50^{\circ}$ C, and a solution of 0.2 g (0.56 mmol) of iodide III in 3 ml of anhydrous THF was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at -50°C for 2 h, at 0°C for 0.5 h, and 1 h at room temperature (TLC monitoring). On cooling the reaction mixture to -25°C 1 ml of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution was added, and the solution was concentrated in a vacuum. The product was extracted into ethyl acetate, the combined organic extracts were washed with a saturated NaCl solution, and dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . On evaporating the solvent in a vacuum the residue was subjected to column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (eluent petroleum ether-ethyl acetate, 97:3 > 8:2) to isolate 0.016 g (12.5%) of compound **IX** and 0.02 g (15.6%) of enol X.

**Reaction of tosylate IV with** *t***-BuOK.** To a solution of 0.3 g (0.75 mmol) of tosylate IV in 7 ml of anhydrous THF was added by portions 0.11 g (0.97 mmol) of *t*-BuOK at 0°C in an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at room temperature (TLC monitoring), filtered, the filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (eluent petroleum ether–ethyl acetate, 95:5) to isolate 0.07 (40%) of enol **X** and 0.02 g (11%) of ester **XI**.

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