given reaction type as predicted by the principle of least motion.²⁰ Thus, β is large for reactions requiring relatively little molecular reorganization in changing from ground to transition state, such as proton transfers from cyano carbon acids and single-electron transfers, and decreases in size for reactions requiring more molecular reorganization, such as E2 reactions.

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Formal Total Synthesis of Streptonigrin¹

Summary: An efficient, formal total synthesis of streptonigrin (1) is detailed and is based on the implementation of two consecutive inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reactions: 1,2,4,5-tetrazine + S-methyl thioimidate (streptonigrin ABC ring construction) and 1,2,4-triazine + morpholino enamine (streptonigrin CD ring construction).

Sir: Streptonigrin (1) was first isolated from the broth of Streptomyces flocculus by Rao and Cullen,^{2a} and through the chemical degradative and spectral studies of Woodward, Biemann, and Rao,^{2b} the correct structure was proposed in 1963 and later confirmed in an X-ray crystal study.^{2c} Since that time streptonigrin has been the subject of extensive biological and chemical studies.³ It has been found to be active against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria as well as a number of tumors including herpes simplex I/III and mouse mammary tumors. Although the toxicity associated with the administration of streptonigrin has decreased the potential clinical use of this agent, reports of its use in combination therapy with vincristine, prednisone, and bleomycin have been described.³ Moreover, recent studies on the chemical mechanism by which streptonigrin exerts its biological effects, efforts to define the essential structural requirements for activity, and investigations on the biosynthesis of streptonigrin have renewed interest in this and related antitumor antibiotics.⁴

Scheme I



The complex structural features of streptonigrin (1), a substituted quinone quinoline possessing a pentasubstituted pyridine, the chemical and biological interest in streptonigrin, and the potential application of structurally related analogues have provided the incentive for much synthetic work⁵ which has resulted in two reported total syntheses.^{5a,b}

The synthetic utility of the inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reactions of heterocyclic azadienes has gone largely unrecognized due to the ambiguities concerning the mode of cycloaddition, the lack of useful, electron-rich dienophiles, and the lack of demonstrated or dependable synthetic procedures and applications. Herein, we disclose a short, convergent formal total synthesis of streptonigrin (1) based on the implementation of two consecutive inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reactions: the first for construction of the ABC ring system (1,2,4,5-tetrazine + S-

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methyl thioimidate)^{6a} and the latter for CD ring construction (1,2,4-triazine + morpholino enamine),^{6b} Scheme I. This approach represents a simple, two-step assemblage of the entire carbon framework of streptonigrin (1), illustrates the synthetic potential of such processes, and indicates that this approach may be additionally suited for the preparation of streptonigrin analogues and related antitumor antibiotics.⁴

The substrate for the first Diels-Alder reaction was prepared as shown in Scheme II. Treatment of 6-methoxyquinoline (2)⁷ with *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (1.6 equiv), potassium cyanide (3.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂-H₂O⁸ for a prolonged reaction period (120 h, 25 °C) afforded 2cyano-6-methoxyquinoline (3, 81%)⁹ directly without isolation of the Reissert intermediate. Nitration cleanly yielded 4⁹ (1.5 equiv of 70% HNO₃ in H₂SO₄, 82%) and conversion of the nitrile to the S-methyl thioimidate 6⁹ (H₂S, dioxane, 78%; 2.0-4.0 equiv of CH₃I, CH₃CN, 80 °C; NaHCO₃, H₂O-CHCl₃, 56%)¹⁰ completed the preparation of the required dienophile.

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3: mp 175–176 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.70 (2 H, t, J = 12 Hz, aromatic), 7.68 (1 H, s, aromatic), 7.67–7.07 (2 H, m, aromatic), 3.96 (3 H, s, Ar OCH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 160.0 (C-6), 144.6 (C-8a), 135.6 (C-4), 131.5 (C-8), 130.8 (C-4a/C-2), 130.3 (C-2/C-4a), 124.6 (C-5), 123.8 (C-3), 117.9 (-CN), 104.7 (C-7), 55.8 (Ar OCH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₈N₂O: C, 71.72; H, 4.38; N, 15.21. Found: C, 71.45; H, 4.21; N, 15.00.

71.72; H, 4.38; N, 15.21. Found: C, 71.45; H, 4.21; N, 15.00. 4: mp 140-142 °C dec; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (2 H, 5, J = 12 Hz, aromatic), 7.75 (1 H, d, J = 12 Hz, aromatic), 7.67 (1 H, d, J = 12 Hz, aromatic), 4.14 (3 H, s, Ar OCH₃); ¹³C NMR (Me₂SO-d₆) δ 151.2 (C-6), 141.2 (C-8a), 134.4 (C-4), 133.2 (C-5), 131.9 (C-2), 130.8 (C-8), 126.3 (C-3), 121.2 (C-4a), 119.7 (C-7), 114.1 (CN), 57.8 (Ar OCH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₇N₃O₃: C, 57.64; H, 3.08; N, 18.34. Found: C, 57.28; H, 3.00; N, 18.45.

5: mp 236-246 °C dec; ¹H NMR (Me₂SO-d₆) δ 10.20 (2 H, br s, NH₂), 8.43 (1 H, d, J = 9 Hz, aromatic), 8.31 (2 H, t, J = 11 Hz, aromatic) 8.03 (1 H, d, J = 9 Hz, aromatic), 4.12 (3 H, s, Ar OCH₃); ¹³C NMR (Me₂SO-d₆) δ 194.0 (Ar C=S), 150.4 (C-6), 150.1 (C-2), 139.2 (C-8a), 134.5 (C-4), 133.6 (C-5), 129.5 (C-8), 123.7 (C-3), 120.9 (C-4a), 118.6 (C-7), 57.7 (Ar OCH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₃N₃O₃S: C, 50.19; H, 3.44; N, 15.97. Found: C, 50.00; H, 3.42; N, 16.10. 6: mp 190-192 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (1 H, d, J = 12 Hz,

6: mp 190-192 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (1 H, d, J = 12 Hz, aromatic), 8.25 (1 H, d, J = 12 Hz, aromatic), 8.18 (1 H, s, NH), 8.07 (1 H, d, J = 12 Hz, aromatic), 2.45 (3 H, s, SCH₃); ¹³C NMR (Me₂SO-d₆) δ 169.4 (C= NH), 153.3 (C-6), 149.8 (C-2), 140.2 (C-8a), 134.2 (C-4), 133.5 (C-5), 130.0 (C-8), 121.1 (C-4a), 120.9 (C-3), 118.2 (C-7), 57.5 (Ar OCH₃), 11.4 (SCH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁N₃SO₂: C, 51.98; H, 3.98; N, 15.16. Found: C, 51.58; H, 4.04; N, 14.89. 8: mp 230-235 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (1 H, d, J = 11 Hz,

8: mp 230-235 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (1 H, d, J = 11 Hz, aromatic), 8.28 (1 H, d, J = 11 Hz, aromatic), 8.21 (1 H, d, J = 12 Hz, aromatic), 7.67 (1 H, d, J = 12 Hz, aromatic), 4.17 (3 H, s, CO₂CH₃), 4.10 (3 H, s, CO₂CH₃), 4.10 (3 H, s, CO₂CH₃), 4.10 (3 H, s, Ar OCH₃); ¹³C NMR (Me₂SO-d₄) 164.9 (C=O), 161.8 (C=O), 155.7 (C-2'), 151.6 (C-5'), 151.0 (C-6), 150.9 (C-6'/C-2), 149.0 (C-2/C-6'), 140.3 (C-8a), 134.4 (C-4), 133.5 (C-5), 131.1 (C-8), 122.2 (C-4a), 121.5 (C-3), 119.3 (C-7), 57.7 (Ar OCH₃), 53.5 (CO₂-CH₃), 53.3 (CO₂CH₃); high-resolution MS m/e for C₁₇H₁₃N₅O₇ requires 399.0814, found 399.0787.

Spectra of compound 10 were identical in all respects with spectra of authentic 10 provided by Professor A. S. Kende. 10: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.64 (1 H, d, J = 11 Hz, aromatic), 8.35–8.02 (2 H, m, aromatic), 7.48 (1 H, d, J = 11 Hz, aromatic), 7.20–6.95 (5 H, m, Ph), 6.86 (1 H, d, J =11 Hz, aromatic), 6.72 (1 H, d, J = 8 Hz, aromatic), 5.06 (1 H, d, J = 13Hz, CH₂), 4.81 (1 H, d, J = 13 Hz, CH₂), 4.06 (3 H, s, CO₂CH₃/Ar OCH₃), 4.02 (3 H, s, CO₂CH₃/Ar OCH₃), 3.93 (3 H, s, Ar OCH₃), 3.90 (3 H, s, Ar OCH₃), 3.62 (3 H, s, CO₂CH₃), 2.26 (3 H, s, Ar CH₂), igh-resolution MS m/e for C₃₅H₃₁O₁₀N₃ requires 653.2007, found 653.2019. (10) Boon, W. R. J. Chem. Soc. 1945, 601, Reyraud, P.; Moreau, R. C.; Thy, N + Delaping, M C, P. Heidt Scarges Acad Soi 1961, 253

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 Table I. Cycloaddition Reaction of 1,2,4-Triazine 8

 with Morpholino Enamine 9

conditions: equiv of 9,	% yield ^a
solvent, temp (time)	(10/11)
4.0, CH ₃ CN, 80 °C (12-24 h) 2.0, CH ₃ CN, 120 °C (16 h) ^c 2.0-6.0, CHCl ₃ , 45-80 °C (12-48 h) 2.0, CHCl ₄ , 120 °C (16 h) ^c 4.0, CHCl ₄ , 120 °C (42 h)	$ \begin{array}{r} 15-26 \ (4:1)^{b} \\ 30 \ (1:1) \\ d \\ 30 \ (1:1) \\ 68 \ (1:1) \\ \end{array} $

^a Yield of purified material isolated by column chromatography (SiO₂). ^b 35-45% 1,2,4-triazine 8 recovered. ^c Reaction run in a sealed reaction vessel. ^d Trace of 10 detected chromatographically.

Construction of the streptonigrin ABC ring system was accomplished by employing the inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reaction of dimethyl 1,2,4,5-tetrazine-3,6-dicarboxylate (7)¹¹ with S-methyl thioimidate 6^{6a} (80 °C, dioxane, 22-24 h) and gave the quinoline substituted 1,2,4-triazine 8^9 (72%). In contrast to the results of related studies, aryl S-methyl thioimidates, e.g., 6, behave as dependable heterodienophiles with 7 and no trace of competing reactions or cycloadditions could be detected.^{6a} Treatment of 8 with the morpholino enamine of 2-(benzyloxy)-3,4-dimethoxypropiophenone 9^{12} afforded 10 and finished the construction of the pentasubstituted pyridine and completed the assemblage of the tetracyclic carbon skeleton of streptonigrin (Scheme III). The conversion of 10 to 12, a key intermediate in the synthesis of streptonigrin (1) described by Kende and co-workers,^{5a} completed the formal synthesis.

Table I summarizes representative details of our investigation of the pyridyl biaryl CD ring construction of streptonigrin. In agreement with the results of our preliminary study probing the mode of cycloaddition of 3,5,6-tricarboethoxy-1,2,4-triazine with aryl pyrrolidine enamines,^{6b} the morpholino enamine 9^{12} cycloadds exclusively across C-3/C-6 of 1,2,4-triazine 8 and the nucleophilic carbon of the electron-rich dienophile prefers attack at C-3. However, the decreased reactivity of 8 towards cycloaddition and the relative instability of the morpholino enamine 9^{12} dictate a select set of reaction conditions for cycloaddition (Table I). Although the factors governing the regioselectivity are not completely understood, the

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 a (a) dioxane, 80 °C, 24 h, 2.0 equiv of 7 , 72%; (b) see Table I. (c) 12.0 equiv of PhSeNa, THF-HMPA, 70 °C, 36 h; CH₃OH, HCl cat., 25 °C, 18-22 h; (d) 5.0 equiv of (PhO)₂P(O)N₃, benzene, reflux, 2.5 h; H₂O, reflux, 2.5 h; (e) excess CH₃I, K₂CO₃, THF, 65 °C, 22 h, 16% from 10.

results in Table I indicate a clear trend, illustrating that the vigorous reaction conditions required for complete reaction eliminate the observed regioselectivity and as such the choice of reaction conditions¹³ can determine the relative amount of 11.



Thus, the successive implementation of two inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reactions of heterocyclic azadienes provided the basis for a simple, convergent formal total synthesis of streptonigrin (1). A continued study of the factors governing the mode and regioselectivity of the cycloaddition reactions of 1,2,4-triazines, efforts to improve this approach to streptonigrin (1), and extension of this methodology to the synthesis of related antitumor antibiotics will be reported in due course.

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N-Acyl-β-enamino Ketones: Versatile Heterocyclic Synthons¹

Summary: N-Acyl- β -enamino ketones are readily prepared from the potassium enolates of methyl ketones and diethyl N-(substituted)dithiocarbonimidates in tetrahydrofuran at room temperature; use of the corresponding isothiourea allows introduction of an NEt₂ substituent into the 3position of the enamino ketone. 1,3-Oxazinium and 1,3thiazinium salts are readily formed from these N-acyl- β enamino ketones on treatment with 70% HClO₄ in Ac₂O or CF₈SO₃H.

Sir: In recent papers² a versatile synthesis of functionalized 1,5-enediones and their application in pyridine syntheses were described. We now report an equally versatile route to their nitrogen-containing analogues, *N*-acyl- β -enamino ketones, and the application of these enamino ketones in the synthesis of functionalized sixmembered heterocyclic systems such as 1,3-oxazinium and 1,3-thiazinium salts. *N*-Acyl- β -enamino ketones have been

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