in hexane) followed by warming the reaction to 0 °C for 1 h. The resulting anomeric mixture of lactols (1.0 equiv) dissolved in benzene (0.1 M) was then converted into the lactolide **11** (90% yield from **10**, greater than 95% anomerically pure, axial) by treatment at 22 °C with a mixture of isopropyl alcohol (10.0 equiv) and PPTSA (0.2 equiv).[12] Hydrogenation of **11** (1.0 equiv) in THF solution (0.3 M) using 15% by weight of Rh·Al_2O_3 at 1900 psi for 22 h afforded the saturated lactolide greater than 95% stereochemically pure.[13] The conversion of this material into the target lactonic acid **1** was accomplished by sequential treatment of it (1.0 equiv) with 75% acetic acid (0.1 M, stirring for 18 h at 22 °C), sodium metaperiodate (6.5 equiv, stirring for 1 h at 0 °C), and then chromium trioxide (0.2 equiv, stirring for 3 h at 0 °C). Standard workup followed by chromatography and crystallization gave pure Prelog Djerassi lactonic acid, mp 115–115.5 °C, in 65% yield from **11**. This material proved identical with a sample of racemic **1**.[14]

In addition to employing the enolate **2** as a four-carbon unit, we were interested in its utility as a two-carbon synthon: to this end, we examined degradation reactions of the adduct **3**. Treatment of **3** (1.0 equiv) in a 5:1 mixture of THF and water (0.1 M) containing H_5IO_6 (5.5 equiv) for 48 h at 22 °C gave an excellent yield of the hydroxy acid **12**, thereby suggesting new avenues of use for this type of enolate system. The possibility of realizing enantioselective aldol reactions using chiral amine derivatives of **2** is currently under investigation.

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Lewis Acid Catalyzed Cyclocondensations of Functionalized Dienes with Aldehydes

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The reactions of highly "nucleophilic" derivatives of 1,3-butadiene with "electrophilic" olefins and acetylenes have been helpful in the total synthesis of a wide variety of natural products.[1] We now report on the cyclocondensations of such dienes with aldehydes. It is already clear that the potentialities of this reaction are substantial and far-reaching.

Our orienting goal in this investigation was a projected total synthesis of the important hypocholestemic natural product compactin (**1**).[2] The viability of the retrosynthetic dissection implied in Figure 1 remains to be demonstrated. However, the analysis has already had heuristic value in stimulating new synthetic strategies directed toward the potential subunits **2**[3] and **3**. Herein thought focus on the latter system. The though was that **3** might be derived from **4**. Compound **4** was envisioned as arising
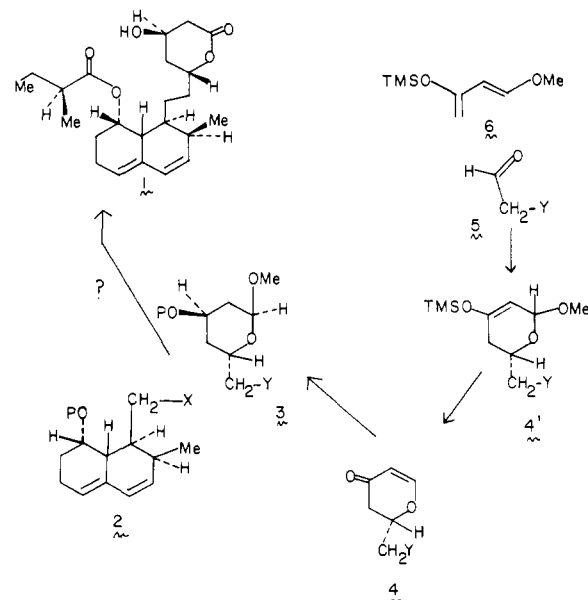
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Figure 1.

Table I

entry[17]	R	yield of 4, %
a	CH_2OCH_2Ph	87
b	CH_2SPh	70
c	CHNHCbz	80
d	Ph[18]	65
e	p-NO_2Ph	58
f	o-OCH_3Ph	58
g	CH_3[19]	17
h	CH_2CH_3[18]	48
i	$CH(CH_3)_2$	43
j	$CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$	37

from precursor **4'** which was seen to be the formal cycloadduct of **5** and **6**.

In this communication we describe (i) the "cycloaddition"[4] of siloxy dienes with aldehydes via Lewis acid catalysis, (ii) the use of this process in the stereoslective synthesis of the pyranone portion of compactin, and (iii) the development of a fully synthetic general route to hexose systems and modified hexose systems. The latter are important components in a variety of antibiotics[5] and antitumor agents.[6]

The ability of a carbonyl group, in principle, to function as a "heterodienophile" in an apparent[4] Diels–Alder reaction with conjugated dienes has been previously recognized. The bulk of these reports have involved particularly reactive carbonyl groups such as glyoxalate[7,8] or mesoxalate.[9] More recently, there have

(4) We emphasize that at this juncture the term cycloaddition has structural rather than mechanistic implications. The issue of mechanism will be dealt with separately. For the moment we note that in the cases involving zinc chloride catalysis, no intermediates on the way to type **4** products have been detected. In the boron trifluoride cases, possible intermediates have been detected.

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been described two instances involving the use of nonconjugated aldehydes with dienes with recourse to very high pressures.[10] *It is the substance of our finding that Lewis acids such as zinc chloride*[11] *or boron trifluoride promote the cyclocondensations*[4] *of highly functionalized dienes with a broad spectrum of aldehydes under very mild conditions.* There are thus obtained 2-substituted 2,3-dihydro-γ-pyrones.[12,13] These systems lend themselves to a variety of useful elaborations, some of which we enumerate below.

The reactions shown in Table I were conducted with 1.1:1.0 ratio of aldehyde/diene in benzene containing 0.5 equiv of anhydrous zinc chloride[14] at room temperature for 1-2 days. Yields refer to homogeneous material after chromatography. It must be emphasized that these yields have not been optimized. Our early efforts have been largely devoted to applications of the type 4 products to various synthetic problem (vide infra). However, even at this early stage, several trends appear to be emerging. The reaction seems to be more effective with aldehydes bearing α heterosubstitution (see entries a–c). In the simple case of acetaldehyde (entry g), the yield using zinc chloride catalysis is very poor (17%). However, improvement (37%) can be realized by carrying out the reaction thermally (3 equiv of aldehyde in benzene in a sealed tube) in the absence of catalyst. The scope of this strictly thermal cycloaddition remains to be determined.

Fortunately, it appears that the catalyzed reaction will tolerate branching at the α and β carbons reasonably well (see entries h–j). The stereochemical consequence of carrying out this cyclocondensation with aldehydes containing a chiral center α to the carbonyl group will be the subject of the communication which follows this one.[15]

The conversion of compound 4a to the differentiated pyran derivative 8a was accomplished in three steps. In the first step, 4a reacts with methanolic HCl to afford a 69% yield of 7a.[20] The latter undergoes deketalization with acetone containing a trace of HCl. The conformation of the resultant 7b is apparently controlled by the anomeric effect.[21] Not surprisingly then, 7b reacts with L-Selectride with clean equatorial delivery of "hydride" to afford an 88% yield of an alcohol, 8a. The stereochemistry of this product was defined by NMR analysis of its derived acetate, 8b.[16,22]

7a X = dimethylketal   8a R = H

7b X = O   8b R = Ac
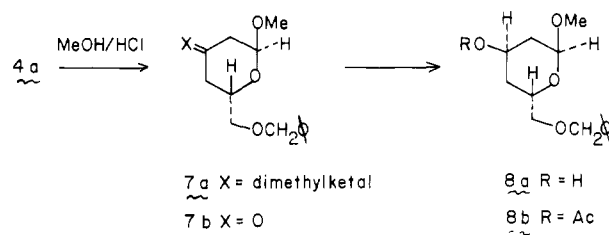
We now describe the utilization of the dihydropyrones (type 4 system) in the synthesis of the 4-deoxyhexoses, which are difficultly accessible. Treatment of dihydropyranone 4a with diisobutylaluminum hydride in benzene afforded, in 86% yield, the glycal 9a.[16,23] Hydroxylation of the glycal double bond was achieved through reaction of 9a with molybdinium oxide–hydrogen peroxide by using well-established precedents.[24] The resultant triol 10a was best characterized as its triacetate, 10b,[16,25] which is seen to be a *dl*-4-deoxymannose[26] derivative.

Prior acetylation of 9a afforded the glycal acetate 9b which upon hydroxylation with osmium tetroxide provided the diol 11. Acetylation of 11 with pyridine in acetic anhydride afforded the anomeric acetate mixture 12 in which both anomers are in the 4-deoxyglucose series.[27] Also, Ferrier rearrangement[28] of glycal 9a with methanolic hydrogen chloride affords the Δ²,³-4-deoxy derivative 13.

At this writing, we have only carried forward the 6-benzyloxy system 4a. It seems not unlikely that through similarly simple manipulations, the other adducts in Table I could be elaborated into hexose, branched hexose, and deoxyhexose targets.

The full scope of functional group and steric hindrance tolerance of this cyclocondensation[4] reaction has not been defined. However, the total synthesis of the racemate of the rare hexose, talose, as its 1β,-2,3,4,6-pentaacetate derivative, 20, is illustrative of some promising possibilities in this connection. For this purpose, the trioxygenated diene, 15,[29] was employed. Compound 15 was

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(16) Satisfactory IR, NMR, and mass spectra were obtained for all new compounds, representative NMR data follow. 4a: [1H] NMR (90 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (br s, 6 H), 5.23 (d, J = 6 Hz, 1 H), 4.51 (m, 3 H), 3.52 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.75 (dd, J = 12.5, 16 Hz, 1 H), 2.4 (dd, J = 4.5, 16 Hz, 1 H). 4b: [1H] NMR (90 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.3 (m, 6 H), 5.32 (d, J = 6 Hz, 1 H), 4.45 (m, 1 H), 3.2 (2 dd, J = 5, 15 Hz, 2 H), 2.52 (m, 2 H). 4d: [1H] NMR (90 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.2 (br s, 6 H), 5.4 (dd, J = 1, 6 Hz, 1 H), 5.3 (dd, J = 4.5, 12 Hz, 1 H). 2.3–3.0 (m, 2 H). 4i: [1H] NMR (90 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.4 (d, J = 6 Hz, 1 H), 5.35 (d, J = 6 Hz, 1 H), 4.35 (m, 1 H), 2.45 (m, 2 H), 2.0 (m, 1 H,) 1.0 (2 d, J = 7 Hz, 6 H). 8b: [1H] NMR (90 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (s, 5 H), 5.1 (m, 1 H), 4.85 (m, 1 H), 4.6 (s, 2 H), 4.25 (m, 1 H), 3.53 (m, 2 H), 3.35 (s, 3 H) 2.05 (s, 3 H), 1.6–1.95 (m, 4 H). 9a: [1H] NMR (90 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.4 (s, 5 H) 6.38 (d. J = 6 Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (ddd, J = 1.5, 6 Hz, 1 H), 4.55 (s, 2 H), 4.0–4.5 (br m, 2 H), 3.55 (m, 2H), 2.5 (br s, 1 H), 2.15 (dddd, J = 1.5, 6, 14 Hz, 1 H), 1.7 (ddd, J = 8, 10, 14 Hz, 1 H). 10b: [1H] NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (s, 5 H), 5.76 (d, J = 1 Hz, 1 H), 5.38 (dd, J = 1, 3 Hz, 1 H), 5.08 (ddd, J = 5.5, 7 Hz, 1 H), 4.57 (s, 2 H), 3.85 (m, 1 H), 3.65 (dd, J = 5.0, 10 Hz, 1 H), 3.55 (dd, J = 4.8, 10 Hz, 1 H), 2.18 (s, 3 H), 2.0–2.15 (m, 7 H including singlets at 2.08 and 2.01), 1.87 (apparent dt, J = 3 Hz, 7 Hz, 1 H). 16: [1H] NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26–7.38 (m, 6 H), 5.42 (d, J = 6 Hz, 1 H), 4.84 (ddd, J = 3.0, 6.0, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.54 (s, 2 H), 4.50 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.87 (dd, J = 6.6, 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 (dd, J = 3.0, 11.4 Hz, 1 H). 17: [1H] NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29–7.37 (m, 5 H), 6.39 (dd, J = 6.25, 1.47, 1 H₁), 4.70 (ddd, J = 6.25, 2.2, 1.2 Hz, 1 H₂), 4.59 (s, 2 H), 4.33 (m, 1 H), 4.00–4.04 (m, 2 H) 3.79 (d, J = 4.78 Hz, 2 H). 18: [1H] NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25–7.37 (m, 5 H), 5.82 (d, J = 1.47, 1 H), 5.39 (br d, J = 3.68 Hz, 2 H), 5.13 (t, J = 3.68 Hz, 1 H), 4.57, (d. J = 11.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.40 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (ddd, J = 1, 5.88, 6.99, 1 H), 3.54–3.67 (2 dd, J = 5.88, 6.99, 9.56 Hz, 2 H), 2.17, 2.10, 2.04, 2.00 (4OAc, 4s, 12 H).

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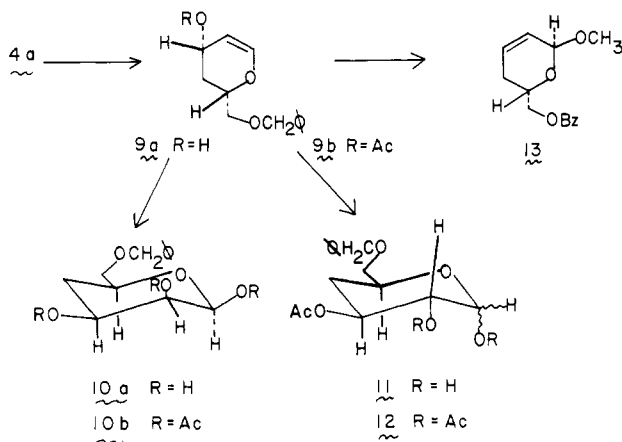
prepared by the enol silylation of **14** under our standard conditions (Me₃SiCl–Et₃N–ZnCl₂). Compound **14** was, in turn, obtained from a Rubottom reaction[30] on diene **6**. At this stage, the stereochemistry of the diene is not known.

Reaction of **15** with benzyloxyacetaldehyde[17a] was carried out in methylene chloride in the presence of boron trifluoride etherate at −78 °C. The resultant product[31] was treated with trifluoroacetic acid[4] in tetrahydrofuran at room temperature to afford a 42% yield of the hydroxy enone **16**.[16] Reduction of **16** with DIBAL afforded the glycal **17**[16] which upon hydroxylation and peracetylation by known methods[24] afforded the racemic β-talose derivative **18**.[32]

The structure and stereochemistry of **18** was proven by its conversion, upon hydrogenolysis to **19** which, upon acetylation afforded **20**. An authentic sample of **20** was obtained by separation of a 1:3 mixture of β-:α-talose pentaacetates, in turn available by acetylation of talose.[33]
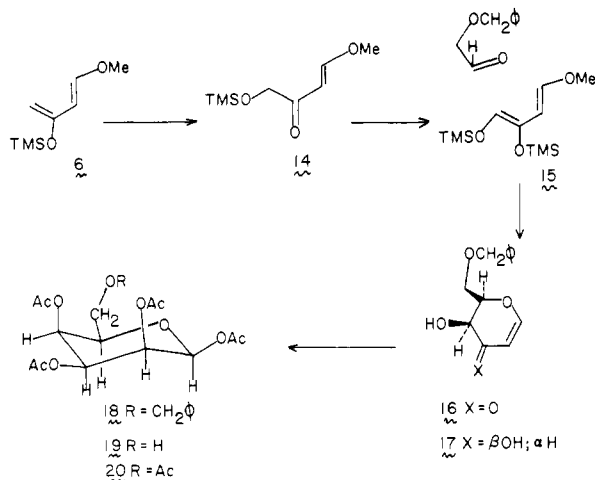
Given the chemical versatility of the dihydro-γ-pyrones and the stereochemical control, which can be exercised over their transformation products by exploiting well-known principles of carbohydrate chemistry, this cyclocondensation reaction of nucleophilic dienes and aldehydes, under extremely mild conditions, will find broad usage in the synthesis of a variety of natural products. Such studies are in progress in our laboratory, and early results are most encouraging.

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Stereochemical Consequences of the Lewis Acid Catalyzed Cyclocondensation of Oxygenated Dienes with Aldehydes. A Rapid and Stereoselective Entry to Various Natural Products Derived from Propionate

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In the preceding communication, we described the Lewis acid catalyzed cyclocondensation of 1,3-dioxygenated dienes with representative aldehydes. This process gives rise to 2,3-dihydro-γ-pyrones.[1a] Applications of such dihydropyrones to the synthesis of hexose related targets were described.

The cyclocondensation of **1** with aldehyde **2**, bearing a chiral center α to the formyl group, would give rise to **3**. The relative stereochemistry at C_2 and C_3[1b] in product **3** can be related to the Cram rules[2,3] which deal with the diastereofacial[4] sense of addition of nucleophiles to carbonyl groups.[5] The relationship between C_3 and C_4[1b] might be similarly related to the erythro–threo dichotomy in aldol condensations.[6,7] Alternatively, from the perspective of a cycloaddition process,[8] the C_3–C_4 relationship in product **3** might be perceived in terms of the issue of endo vs. exo alignments. It is noted that insofar as a cis silyl ether such as **1** is viewed as a cis enolate equivalent,[9] the "aldol" product of

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