Scheme I

 a (a) ClCH₂OCH₃ (1.5 equiv)/PhNMe₂ (2.0 equiv)/CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 M)/22 °C, 48 h; (b) KOH/H₂O/50 °C; Me₆Si₂/toluene/110 °C; (d) LDA (1.0 equiv), 1 M in THF/methyl crotonate (1.1 equiv)/-78 °C, 10 min/-20 °C for 8 h; (e) LDA, 1 M in THF/ rapid addition of Br₂ (10 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 M) at -78 °C/ stirring 1 min/inverse quench into aqueous NaHCO3 and Na2SO3; (f) NaBH₄/EtOH/22 °C, 2 h; (g) Zn⁰/EtOH/75 °C, 10 h/H⁺; (h) t-BuOK (0.1 equiv) 0.25 M in t-BuOH/1 min; (i) (t-BuO)₃ AlLiH (1.1 equiv)/THF (1 M)/22 °C, 8 h; (j) TBSCl/DMF/imidazole/22 °C, 2 h; (k) NBS (1.1 equiv)/acetone-H₂O (0.5 M)/0 °C 1 h; MeOH/K₂CO₃/22 °C, 10 h; (1) DiBAl-H, 1 M in hexane diluted to 0.5 M with THF/-78 °C, 10 min/0 °C, 10 min; (m) MsCl (1.3 equiv)/THF (1 M)/Et₃N (2.0 equiv)/0 °C, 1 h; (n) NaI (5.0 equiv)/acetone (0.3 M)/40 °C, 2 h; (o) (CH₂=CH)₂ CuLi, 0.5 M in THF/-78 °C, 30 min/-20 °C, 10 min/0 °C, 10 min; (p) Et₃NHF $(2.1 \text{ equiv}) \text{ in CH}_3\text{CN } (0.4 \text{ M})/\text{Et}_3\text{N } (1.0 \text{ equiv})/60 ^{\circ}\text{C}, 10 \text{ h}; (q)$ LiCH, CO, Li (7 equiv)/THF (0.5 M)/HMPA (7 equiv)/50 °C, 6 h/ p-TSA (0.01 equiv)/benzene (0.25 M)/80 °C, 4 h; (r) O₃/CH₃OH (0.1 M)/-78 °C, 5 min/NaBH₄/-20 °C, 20 min; (s) Ac₂O (3 equiv)/ pyridine (0.4 M)/DMAP (0.2 equiv)/22 °C, 8 h; (t) (CH₂SH)₂ (2.0 equiv)/BF $_3$ Et $_2$ O (2.0 equiv)/CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ (0.5 M)/0 °C, 1 h; (u) PCC (1.1 equiv)/CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ (0.5 M)/22 °C, 10 h; (v) PhSeCl (4.4 equiv)/EtOAc (0.25 M)/60 °C, 8 h/workup with H₂O and CH₂Cl₂/ NaBH₄/EtOH/0 °C, 5 min; (w) K₂CO₃ (2.2 equiv)/CH₃OH (0.1 M)/0 °C, 30 h; (x) TBSCl (3.2 equiv)/pyridine (0.4 M)/imidazole (2.0 equiv)/0 °C, 2 h/TMe₃SiCl (3.4 equiv)/0 °C, 40 min; (y) LDA (1.1 equiv)/THF (1 M)/CO₂/40% CH₂O/Et₂NH/HOAc; (z) methacrylic anhydride (1.05 equiv)/pyridine (0.5 M)/DMAP (2.0 equiv)/ 22 °C, 8 h.

Ozonolysis of the olefinic side chain of 12 followed by reductive workup gave the corresponding side-chain alcohol, and it along with the secondary ring alcohol were acylated with acetic anhydride in pyridine containing (dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP). Removal of the methoxymethyl moiety was readily accomplished by employing ethanedithiol and BF₃·Et₂O: the product, 13 (oil), was obtained in 70% yield from 12. We now commenced introduction of the ring olefin by pyridinium chlorochromate oxidation of 13. The unstable aldehyde formed in this reaction was immediately combined with phenylselenyl chloride in ethyl acetate at 65 °C. Contrary to the usual course of this reaction, selenylation under these conditions was accompanied by loss of the elements of PhSeH under nonoxidizing conditions, and a mixture of unsaturated aldehydes became the ultimate products of this reaction.¹³ Without purification, these substances were reduced with sodium borohydride in ethanol and the desired alcohol 14 (mp 124-125.5 °C) was isolated after chromatography in 40% yield from 13.

The terminating steps of the synthesis (α -methylenation of the lactone residue and esterification of the secondary ring alcohol) were addressed starting with removal of the acetate residues of 14 by using K₂CO₃ in methanol at 0 °C for 30 h. The resulting crude triol was then selectively protected in a single-flask operation by initial treatment with TBSCl in a mixture of pyridine and imidazole (primary alcohols react) followed by addition of Me₃SiCl (secondary alcohol reacts). The lithium enolate of this substance (LDA, THF, -78 °C) was carbonated with CO₂ and the resulting acid lactone treated with a mixture of 40% formalin and diethylamine to afford the corresponding α -methylene lactone. 14 Treatment of this substance with acetic acid hydrolyzed the Me₄Si protecting group of the secondary alcohol, giving rise to 15 (mp 121-122.5 °C) in 51% yield from 14. Esterification of 15 with methacrylic anhydride in pyridine containing DMAP followed by removal of the TBS groups with 10% HCl in ethanol gave synthetic eriolanin (1) in 90% yield (mp 113-114 °C; lit. 15 mp 113-114.5 °C). The physical properties of this substance were identical with those of a sample of synthetic eriolanin kindly provided us by Professor Paul Grieco.¹⁶

Additional examples of tandem conjugate addition reactions potentially useful in the construction of natural products will be reported in the future.

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Concerted Mechanism of Intramolecular 1,1-Cycloaddition Reaction of Allyldiazomethane¹

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In our previous report, we demonstrated a novel intramolecular reactivity of the terminal nitrogen of diazomethane, that is, various

⁽¹³⁾ This type of reaction, under similar conditions, has been observed by Professor Dennis Liotta, Department of Chemistry, Emory University. We thank Professor Liotta for sharing his results with us.

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⁽¹⁾ Organic Thermal Reaction, part 50. For part 49, see ref 2.

Scheme I

Scheme II

allyldiazomethanes thermally undergo a formal nitrene-type 1,1-cycloaddition to give 1,2-diazabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-enes instead of the usual 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition to give 2,3-diazabicyclo-[3.1.0]hex-2-enes.

One possible mechanism to account for this cyclization is a concerted one where the 4π system of diazomethane makes the aziridine σ and N=C π bonds, and the π orbital orthogonal to the 4π system of diazomethane enters the lone pair at the nitrogen next to the pyramidal aziridine nitrogen, while the lone pair of the terminal nitrogen of diazomethane remains that of the pyramidal aziridine nitrogen. Thus, (E)-1 and (Z)-1 undergo the stereoselective 1,1-cycloaddition to give exo-2 and endo-2, respectively. An alternative stepwise pathway from (E)-1 and (Z)-1involves a six-membered dipole 3 which, in turn, collapses, randomizing the stereochemistry at the C₆ position to afford a mixture of exo-2 and endo-2 (Scheme I).

In order to gain insight into the mechanism which directly concerns the latent nature of the terminal nitrogen of diazomethane as a 1,3-dipole,3 the thermal decomposition of the sodium salts of tosylhydrazones 4a-4d was investigated. Herein we report strong evidence to support a concerted mechanism.

Heating the sodium salt of 4a (mp 141 °C)⁴ in refluxing carbon tetrachloride immediately produced a red coloration due to the generation of diazomethane 5a,5 which slowly faded upon standing at room temperature under argon atmosphere (Scheme II). The crude reaction mixture obtained after 1 h of heating followed by immediate workup was found to include a 1.9:1 mixture of 5a and exo-3-phenyl-6-methyl-1,2-diazabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene (6a) (mp 138 °C dec). After 10 days the ratio 5a/6a was observed to

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be 0.4 by ¹H NMR analysis.⁷ When diazomethane **5a** almost completely disappeared, 6a was isolated in 45% yield. The endo isomer, however, could not be detected in the crude reaction mixture by ¹H NMR analysis. The structure of 6a was unequivocally determined by its spectral properties [6a: UV (max in EtOH) 255 nm (log ϵ 4.11); m/e (rel intensity) 234 (M⁺, 5%), 206 (100%), 205 (20%), 191 (52%), 128 (36%), 91 (68%); ¹H NMR (90 MHz in CDCl₃) δ 3.58 (d, C₄-H, 2 H, J_{gem} = 18 Hz), 3.07 (ddd, C₅-H, J = 3.0, 4.5, and 6.0 Hz), 2.43 (d, endo-C₆-H, J = 4.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR⁸ (CDCl₃) 168.30 (C₃), 168.30 (C₃), 39.07 (C_4) , 49.30 (C_5) , 54.06 (C_6) ppm].

On the other hand, diazomethane 5b generated from the sodium salt of 4b (mp 121 °C) was found to cyclize rapidly and upon standing for 1 day at room temperature afforded exo-3-phenyl-6-methyl-1,2-diazabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene (6b) (mp 52 °C) in 72% yield¹¹ [6b: UV (max in EtOH) 253 nm (log ϵ 4.07); m/e(rel intensity) 172 (M⁺, 3%), 144 (30%), 129 (100%), 128 (49%), 103 (4.2%); ¹H NMR (200 MHz in CDCl₃) δ 3.40 (d, C₄-H, 2 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 20 \text{ Hz}$), 2.70 (ddd, C₅-H, J = 3.0, 4.2, and 6.0 Hz), 1.54 (dq, endo- C_6 -H, J = 4.2 and 5.8 Hz), 1.34 (d, exo- C_6 -CH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) 168.27 (C₃), 37.90 (C₄), 46.71 (C₅), 48.82

 (C_6) , 16 .89 (C_6-CH_3) ppm].

Judging from these experimental results, the 1,1-cycloaddition reaction of (E)-1 appears to occur stereoselectively, but a concerted mechanism need not be necessarily supported by these results because of supposed stereochemical inconveniences of their endo isomers. Thus, the direct stereochemical comparison of the stereochemical course was examined by using the Z-isomer 4c (mp 130 °C)¹² which was prepared from 5-phenylpent-2-yn-5-one¹³ by catalytic reduction over Pd-BaSO₄. The reaction sequence could be cleanly monitored by ¹H NMR analysis. Thus, heating the sodium salt of 4c in refluxing carbon tetrachloride for 1 h followed by immediate workup under argon atmosphere affored a wine-red colored pyrolysate which is exclusively composed of diazomethane 5c14 and endo-3-phenyl-6-methyl-1,2-diazabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene (6c) in the ratio 1.5:1. ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture after 4 days revealed the formation of 6c in 51% yield. 15 Although 1H NMR analysis could not detect the exo isomer 6b, liquid chromatographic analysis¹⁶ detected a trace of 6b. The ratio 6b/6c was 1/84.4, which indicates the occurrence of 98.8% high stereoselective 1,1-cycloaddition. Aziridine 6c17 separated by liquid chromatography shows the following spectral properties: UV (max in EtOH) 252 nm; m/e(rel intensity) 172 (M⁺, 3%), 144 (12%), 129 (100%), 128 (45%), 103 (7.6%); ¹H NMR (200 MHz in CDCl₃) δ 3.08 (dd, endo- C_4 -H, J = 2.6 and 18.4 Hz), 3.32 (dd, exo- C_4 -H, J = 8.4 and 18.4 Hz), 2.86 (ddd, C_5 -H, J = 2.6, 6.4, and 8.4 Hz), 1.00 (d, $endo-C_6-CH_3$, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.66 (dq, $exo-C_6-H$, J = 6.4 and 6.4

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(11) The yield was determined by liquid chromatography using Waters DATA MODULE 730. Neither liquid chromatographic nor ¹H NMR analyses

of the crude reaction mixture could detect the endo-isomer 6c. (12) 4c: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.73 (dd, CH₃, J = 1.5 and 6.0 Hz and small couplings with CH₂), 3.36 (br d, CH₂, J = 1.8 and 6.0 Hz), 5.60 (dqt, =CHCH₃, J = 1.8, 6.0, and 10.5 Hz), 5.20 (dqt, CH=CHCH₃, J = 1.5, 6.0, and 10.5 Hz).

(13) This ketone was prepared from propyne and styrene oxide in lithium-liquid ammonia.

(14) 5c: ¹H NMR (CCl₄) δ 1.7 (CH₃), 3.20 (CH₂), 5.3 and 5.8 (CH=

CH, $J_{vic} = 10.5$ Hz).

(15) NMR analysis was done by using diphenyldimethylsilane as an internal standard.

(16) The liquid chromatographic analysis was done by using Waters DATA MODULE 730 (retention time 6b, 3.93 min; 6c, 8.70 min; column Radial Pak B; solvent ether/THF 4:1, 2 mL/min).

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were obtained for all new compounds except diazo compounds and 6c.

(5) 5a: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.4 (2 H, CH₂), 6.5 (2 H, CH=CH).

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⁽⁹⁾ The corresponding ketone was prepared according to the procedure of Steglich. ¹⁰ 4b: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.53 (m, CH₃), 5.13 (dq, =CHCH₃, J = 4.5 and 15 Hz), 5.33 (dt, CH=CHCH₃, J = 4.5 and 15 Hz), 3.23 (m, CH₂).

Hz); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) 171.13 (C₃), 34.28 (C₄), 41.68 (C₅), 42.24 (C₆), 5.71 (C₆-CH₃) ppm. The further structural confirmation of both 6b and 6c was based on comparisons of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra with those of 3-phenyl-6,6'-dimethyl-1,2-diazabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene (6d) (mp 52.5 °C) obtained from the decomposition of 4d (mp 120 °C)¹⁰ in 59% yield¹⁸ [6d: UV (max in EtOH) 254 nm (log ϵ 4.14); m/e (rel intensity) 186 (M⁺, 4%), 158 (23%), 143 (100%), 128 (62%), 115 (33%); ¹H NMR (60 MHz in CCl₄) δ 2.90 (dd, endo-C₄-H, J = 4.0 and 18.0 Hz), 3.10 $(exo-C_4-H, J = 8.0 \text{ and } 18.0 \text{ Hz}), 2.45 \text{ (dd, } C_5-H, J = 4.0 \text{ and } 18.0 \text{ Hz})$ 8.0 Hz), 0.92 (s, endo-C₆-CH₃), 1.33 (s, exo-C₆-CH₃); ¹³C NMR $(CDCl_3)$ 171.03 (C_3) , 35.30 (C_4) , 50.07 (C_5) , 47.07 (C_6) , 11.87 $(endo-C_6-CH_3)$, 25.87 $(exo-C_6-CH_3)$ ppm].

From the above experiments, it was also found that the rates of formation of 6 and disappearance of 5 were in the order b >d > c > a. This order coincides with that of relative thermal stability of aziridines 6. Among four aziridines, 6b was found to be most stable and gave a 1:4.8 mixture of 5b19 and 6b upon heating in refluxing carbon tetrachloride for 1 h. Similarly, 6d afforded a 1:2 mixture of 5d²⁰ and 6d. On the other hand, the more labile aziridines 6c and 6a afforded a 1.9:1 mixture of 5c and 6c and a 2.3:1 mixture of 5a and 6a, respectively. These results provide the same thermal reversibility between aziridine and allyldiazomethane as that reported previously by us.²

The experimental results shown here, thus, provide the high stereoselective 1,1-cycloaddition reaction of (E)-1 and (Z)-1 and retro-1,1-cycloaddition reaction of endo-2 and exo-2, supporting a concerted mechanism of an intramolecular 1,1-cycloaddition of diazomethane to the C=C double bond.

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Enhancement of ²⁹Si or ¹¹⁹Sn NMR Signals in the Compounds $M(CH_3)_n Cl_{4-n}$ (M = Si or Sn, n = 4, 3, 2) Using Proton Polarization Transfer. Dependence of the Enhancement On the Number of Scalar Coupled **Protons**

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Recently, Freeman and Morris¹ and Morris² proposed the use of the nonselective polarization-transfer (PT) pulse train

$$(90_x\text{H})$$
- τ - $(180_x\text{H})(180_x\text{I})$ - τ - $(90_y\text{H}) \times (90_x\text{I})$ - Δ -(acquire data, decouple)

as a general technique for enhancing the NMR signals from a nucleus I with a low gyromagnetic ratio. The sequence is particularly useful³ when the relaxation mechanism of nucleus I arises from nonproton dipolar interactions, a consequence of which is negligible nuclear Overhauser enhancement (NOE) after proton

decoupling. Fundamental to NMR is the general rule that, provided the relaxation pathway of a nucleus I is dominated by ¹H-I dipolar couplings, the NOE is independent of the number of relaxing protons, being $1 + \gamma_H/2\gamma_I$ provided the extreme narrowing limit applies.4

Recently,5 we derived an expression for the decoupled enhancement, $E_{\rm d}$, following a PT pulse train as a function of τ and Δ for any nucleus of spin l scalar coupled to n spin 1/2 particles (protons). For l = 1/2, with τ at its optimum value of $0.25J^{-1}$,

$$E_{\rm d} = 2^{(1-n)} (\gamma_{\rm H}/\gamma_{\rm I}) \sum_{M_{\rm H}=-1/2^n}^{1/2n} {}^{n}C_{y}M_{\rm H} \sin{(2\pi J M_{\rm H}\Delta)}$$
 (1)

where $y = M_{\rm H} + {}^{1}/{}_{2}n$, $M_{\rm H}$ being the proton spin quantum numbers n/2, (n/2) - 1, ..., -n/2. This series expression has the simple analytic form

$$E_{\rm d} = n(\gamma_{\rm H}/\gamma_{\rm I}) \sin (\pi J \Delta) \cos^{n-1} (\pi J \Delta)$$
 (2)

The equivalence of (1) and (2) can be shown by differentiating with respect to Δ the identity

$$\cos^n(\pi J\Delta) = 2^{-n} \sum_{y=0}^n C_y \cos \left[(2y - n)\pi J\Delta \right]$$

The first maximum of (2) occurs at $\Delta = \Delta_{opt}$, where

$$\Delta_{\text{opt}} = (\pi J)^{-1} \arcsin n^{-1/2} \tag{3}$$

giving the optimum decoupled enhancement factor

$$E_{\text{dopt}} = (\gamma_{\text{H}}/\gamma_{\text{I}})n^{1/2}(1 - 1/n)^{(1/2)(n-1)} \tag{4}$$

This shows that E_{dopt} increases as n increases while Δ_{opt} decreases (see Table I). In fact for large n, $E_{\text{dopt}} \sim (\gamma_{\text{H}}/\gamma_{\text{I}})(n/e)^{1/2}$ and $\Delta_{\text{opt}} = 1/(\pi J \sqrt{n})$ where e is the exponential number. Thus while $E_{\text{dopt}} = \gamma_{\text{H}}/\gamma_{\text{I}}$ for n = 1, 2, it can exceed $2\gamma_{\text{H}}/\gamma_{\text{I}}$ for $n \ge 11$. Such behavior is significantly different from that of the NOE, and large enhancements are possible for a variety of interesting systems having large n. While signal enhancements exceeding $\gamma_{\rm H}/\gamma_{\rm I}$ are known,6 in this paper we show experimentally that it is possible to obtain larger enhancements and that the PT sequence is likely to be useful to boost the signal to noise ratio (S/N) of NMR of heavy atoms such as Si and Sn for which there appears to be little NOE on proton decoupling.

A coupled PT ¹¹⁹Sn spectrum ($\Delta = 0$) of (CH₃)₄Sn is shown in Figure 1.7 Note the spectacular improvement in S/N and the change in relative intensities between the PT and FT spectra. The relative intensities should change from (FT) 1:12:66:220:495:792:924:792:495:220:66:12:1 (some of the outer too weak to be observed) 3:30:132:330:495:396:0:-396:-495:-330:-132:-30:-3 (PT). When a proton decoupling field is applied, the experimentally found Δ_{opt} $\sim 0.095 J^{-1}$ and the S/N boost by a factor of 5.3 for the ¹¹⁹Sn resonance compare favorably with the theoretical values of $0.093J^{-1}$ and 5.76 found from 2.147 ($\gamma_{\rm H}/\gamma_{\rm Sn}$) (see Table I). For $(CH_3)_3$ SnCl and $(CH_3)_2$ SnCl₂ we find that the theoretical Δ_{opt} timings do give the maximum enhancements, but these are about 20% less than predicted, being 3.8 (expt) and 5.0 (theory) and

⁽¹⁸⁾ The yield was determined by liquid chromatography using Waters

⁽¹⁹⁾ **5b**: ¹H NMR (CCl₄) δ 1.6 (CH₃), 3.0 (CH₂), 5.5 (CH=CH). (20) 5d: ¹H NMR (CCl₄) δ 1.7 (CH₃), 3.2 (CH₂), 5.3 (CH=CH).

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