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Face Selectivity of the *Diels-Alder* Additions and Cheletropic Additions of Sulfur Dioxide to 2-Vinyl-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene Derivatives

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Racemic 6-ethenyl-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-one (23), 5-ethenyl-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-one (25) and their ethylene acetals 24 and 26, respectively, were derived from the *Diels-Alder* adduct of furan to 1-cyanovinyl acetate (27). The *Diels-Alder* additions of 26 to dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate, to methyl propynoate, to N-phenylmaleimide, and to methyl acrylate were highly *exo*-face selective, as were the cycloadditions of methyl propynoate to dienones 23 and 25 and of dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate to ethylenedioxy-diene 24. The cheletropic additions of SO₂ to 23-26 gave exclusively the corresponding sulfolenes 57-60 resulting from the *exo*-face attack of the semicyclic dienes under conditions of kinetic and thermodynamic control.

Introduction. – The face selectivity of the *Diels-Alder* additions of conformationally rigid s-cis-butadiene systems attached to bicyclic skeletons (e.g. 1–13) were studied extensively [1–15]. The face selectivity depends on the nature of the bridges that constitute the bicyclic system, on the nature of the dienophile, and in some cases on the solvent [13]. The results were interpreted in terms of stereoelectronic factors [1e,f,g,h], of torsional effects [4] [14], and of steric hindrance [8] [11] [15]. In the case of semicyclic 1,3-dienes grafted onto monocyclic skeletons (e.g. 14–22), the face 'anti' to the substituent the closest to the diene moiety is generally preferred for the *Diels-Alder* addition, suggesting that repulsive steric factors govern the stereoselectivity of these cycloadditions [16–21].

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We report here on the synthesis of new semicyclic dienes 23–26 grafted onto 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane skeletons. We shall show that their *Diels-Alder* additions strongly prefer the *exo*-face of the bicyclic systems. Under conditions of kinetic and thermodynamic control, the cheletropic additions of SO₂ to these 1,3-dienes also lead to adducts resulting from the addition onto their *exo*-face.

Results and Discussion. – The racemic dienes **23** and **24** were prepared from bromoenone **29** [22] derived from (\pm) -7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-one (**28**) [23] (*Scheme 1*). Stille's coupling [24] of **29** with CH_2 = $CHSnBu_3$ and a catalytic amount of $[Pd(Ph_3P)_4]$ in

degassed DMF (55°, 3 h) afforded 23 in 63% yield. Acetalization of 29 with 1,2-bis[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]ethane and CF₃SO₃SiMe₃ in CH₂Cl₂ (0°) [25] gave 30 (74%) which was converted as above into diene 24 (58%). Addition of benzeneselenenyl bromide to the *Diels-Alder* adduct 27 of furan to 1-cyanovinyl acetate [22], followed by oxidative elimination of the selenium moiety with H₂O₂ afforded the bromoenyl acetate 31. Saponification of 31, followed by treatment with formaline (40% CH₂O in H₂O) gave the bromoenone 32 [26] which was converted into the corresponding ethylene acetal 33 (93%) with 1,2-bis[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]ethane and CF₃SO₃SiMe₃. *Stille*'s coupling as above of 32 and 33 with CH₂=CHSnBu₃ provided dienes 25 (60%) and 26 (94%), respectively.

The semicyclic dienes were unstable compounds that polymerized quickly in the presence of light or/and air. Concentrating degassed solutions of 23–26 led to their Diels-Alder cyclodimerization¹). Dienone 23 was dimerized quickly already at 0° . The ethylenedioxy-diene 26 was the slowest to dimerize and thus chosen to study the facial selectivity of its Diels-Alder additions to various strong dienophiles such as dimethyl acctylenedicarboxylate (MeOOC \equiv CCOOMe), methyl propynoate (CH \equiv CCOOMe), N-phenylmaleimide, and methyl acrylate (CH₂=CHCOOMe).

When 0.5M 26 in neat MeOOCC ≡ CCOOMe was allowed to stand at 25° for 24 h, a 65% yield of the corresponding adduct 34 was obtained after chromatographic purification and recrystallization (Scheme 2). The 360-MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of the crude

product showed ca. 5-15% of a dimer of 26, but no trace of an isomer of adduct 34 could be detected, thus demonstrating the high facial selectivity of the *Diels-Alder* cycloaddition. The absence of a vicinal coupling constant between the bridgehead proton H-C(1) and H_{endo} -C(2) proved that the dienophile had attacked diene 26 on its exo-face [27]. In neat CH \equiv CCOOMe, 26 (0.5M) gave a 75% yield of the two regioisomeric adducts 35 and 36 after 8 days at 25°. The product ratio 35/36 was 78:22. It was 80:20 when the reaction was run at 55° for 24 h (yield 64%). No trace of any isomeric adducts could be detected in the 360-MHz 'H-NMR spectra of the crude reaction mixture. In this case, the proportion

The structures of these dimers will be reported elsewhere.

of dimers of 26 varied between 10 and 25%. Again, the exo-face of diene 26 was preferred for the *Diels-Alder* addition to CH \equiv CCOOMe. The structures of adducts 35 and 36 were deduced from their spectral data, including NOE measurements in their ¹H-NMR spectra (see *Exper. Part*). Adducts 35 and 36 were rapidly oxidized into the methyl naphthoate 37 and 38, respectively, in the presence of air.

In benzene solution (0.25M), diene 26 added to N-phenylmaleimide at 25° yielding a 85:15 mixture of adducts 39 and 40 (90%; Scheme 3). These adducts could be separated by column chromatography and were characterized by their spectral data. In this case also, the Diels-Alder addition preferred the exo-face of diene 26 for both the 'endo-Alder' [28] mode (giving 39) and the 'anti-Alder' mode (giving 40) of reaction. The cycloaddition of CH₂=CHCOOMe to 26 was highly exo-face selective giving a 40.5:8.5:41:9 mixture 41/42/43/44 (67% yield) after 24 h at 55° in neat CH₂=CHCOOMe (89% yield after 6 days at 25°; Scheme 3). In this case, the 'endo-Alder' rule was not followed since both modes of cycloadditions occurred with the same rate. Interestingly though, the facial selectivity and the regioselectivity was the same for both modes of addition.

E = COOMe

When the ethylenedioxy-diene 24 was allowed to react in neat CH_2 =CHCOOMe (25°, 6 days), a 95% yield of a 34:13:43:10 mixture 45/46/47/48 was formed (Scheme 3). When run at 55° (24 h), the reaction led to a 45:10:35:10 mixture (90%) 45/46/47/48. These results suggested that the position of the remote ethylene acetal moiety has a minor role to play on the regioselectivity of the cycloaddition. To test whether it could control the exo-facial selectivity of the Diels-Alder additions, dienones 23 and 25 were allowed to react with neat $CH \equiv CCOOMe$ (55°, 17–24 h). They furnished a 69:31 mixture 49/50 and

air (tast)

air (very fast)

Scheme 4

E = COOMe

a 72:28 mixture 51/50 (85%), respectively, together with the corresponding cyclodimers (Scheme 4). No trace of adducts resulting from the addition onto the endo-face of dienones 23 and 25 could be detected by 360-MHz ¹H-NMR, thus suggesting that the exo-facial selectivity of the Diels-Alder additions of dienes 23-26 is due the steric factors specific of the 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane skeleton. Adducts 49-52 were rapidly transformed by air (faster than 35 and 36) into the corresponding methyl naphthoates 53-56. The structures of compounds 39-56 were all deduced from their spectral data, including double-irradiation experiments and NOE measurements in their ¹H-NMR spectra.

Like the *Diels-Alder* additions of most dienophiles, the cheletropic addition of SO_2 to the deuterated 2,3-dimethylidenebicyclo[2.2.1]heptane 8 [8] was *endo*-face-selective under conditions of kinetic control. Under equilibrium conditions, a 1:1 mixture of the two possible sulfolenes (= 2,5-dihydrothiophene 1,1-dioxides) was obtained. When $0.02 \cdot 0.1$ M solutions of dienes 23-26 in CD_2Cl_2 were mixed with a large excess of SO_2 , slow formation of the corresponding sulfolenes 57-60 was observed at -20° . Equilibria were reached after 2-3 days at 20° . Using CD_2Cl_2/SO_2 2:3 (5-mm NMR tubes sealed under

vacuum) and a 0.1M solution of the dienes, the following proportions of dienes vs. sulfolenes (1% toluene as internal reference) were obtained at 20° : $23 + SO_2/57$ 12:88, $24 + SO_2/58$ 5:95, $25 + SO_2/59$ 50:50, and $26 + SO_2/60 < 5:95$. When heated above 40° (opened tubes), the sulfolenes 57-60 were quickly decomposed into the corresponding dienes 23-26 and SO_2 . The reactions were accompanied by partial dimerizations and/or decomposition of the dienes. The nature of the sulfolene was the same at the beginning of the cheletropic additions at -20° (kinetic control) than under equilibrium conditions at $20-40^{\circ}$. The same results were obtained with solutions containing 5% CF₃COOH. The structures of sulfolenes 57-60 were given by their spectral data (see Exper. Part).

The endo relative configuration of the proton at C(2) of 57-60 was established by the absence of a vicinal coupling constant between this proton and the neighbouring bridgehead proton [27]. It was confirmed by the observation of a NOE between H-C(2) and H_{endo} -C(9) in the ¹H-NMR spectra. Distinction between the pseudoaxial and pseudocquatorial protons H_a -C(4) and H_{eq} -C(4), respectively, was based on the observation of ⁴J coupling constant between H_{ax} -C(4) and H-C(2) of 1.5 Hz in the four sulfolenes 57-60, the corresponding coupling between H_{eq} -C(4) and H-C(2) being inexistant. These coupling constants are in fact of the homoallylic type. This, together with the vicinal coupling constants between H-C(5) and CH₂(4) suggested the conformation shown in A for these compounds [29].

As for other bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane derivatives, sulfolenes 57-60 were expected to be more stable than their endo-isomers for steric reasons [30]. It appears, therefore, that the Diels-Alder and the cheletropic additions of the semicyclic dienes 23-26 obey the Dimroth principle [31], i.e., the more exothermic the reaction, the faster it is. It is not excluded yet that the factors that make these cycloadditions exo-face-selective under conditions of kinetic control are the same as those rendering the resulting exo-adducts more stable than their endo-isomers.

Conclusion. – As for the semicyclic dienes 14–20 and the oxadienes 21–22, the new dienes 23–26 grafted onto 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane skeletons add to strong dienophiles and to SO₂ onto their less hindered *exo*-face.

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Experimental Part

General. See [32]. None of the procedures was optimized. 400-MHz ¹H-NMR and 100.61-MHz ¹³C-NMR Spectra: Bruker-ARX-400 spectrometer, Aspect-X32/3 computer, 1.5 MBYTE max. acquisition memory. 150.9-MHz ¹³C-NMR Spectra: Bruker-AMX2-600 spectrometer, RISC-CPU-R-3000 computer, 3 MBYTE max. aquisition memory. FC = Flash chromatography, CC = column chromatography.

 (\pm) -2-Bromo-6,6-(ethylenedioxy)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene (30). At 0°, 1,2-bis[(trimethylsifyl)oxy]-ethane (3.08 ml, 12.5 mmol) and then CF₃SO₃SiMe₃ (45 μl) were added under Ar to a stirred soln. of **29** [22b] (2 g, 10.5 mmol) in anh. CH₂Cl₂ (22.5 ml). After stirring at 0° for 48 h, sat. aq. NaHCO₃ soln. (15 ml) was added and the mixture extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 ml, 3 times). The combined org. extract was washed with H₂O (10 ml) and brine (10 ml), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated and the residue recrystallized from Et₂O/light petroleum ether Ltl: 1.8 g (74%). Colourless crystals. M.p. 84–85°. UV (MeCN): 213 (2500). IR (KBr): 2990, 2955, 2880, 1575, 1010, 895, 860. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 6.58 (d, $^3J = 2.0$, H-C(3)); 5.02 (ddd, $^3J = 4.5$, 2.0, $^4J \approx 1.0$, H-C(4)); 4.10–4.00 (m, OCH₂CH₂O); 2.20 (dd, $^2J = 12.0$, $^3J = 4.5$, 11_{exo} -C(5)); 1.84 (d, $^2J = 12.0$, H_{endo}-C(5)). ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 136.5 (d, 4J (C,H) = 181, C(3)); 124.8 (br. s, C(2)); 114 (s, C(6)); 84.8 (dt, 4J (C,H) = 168, C(1)); 80.5 (d, 4J (C,H) = 163, C(4)); 64.4, 65.4 (2t, 4J (C,H) = 150, OCH₂CH₂O); 37.8 (t.

 ${}^{1}J(C,H) = 137$, C(5)). MS (70 eV): 232 (1), 204 (3), 154 (1), 153 (4), 131 (2), 117 (1.5), 107 (37), 86 (100). Anal. calc. for $C_{8}H_{9}BrO_{3}$ (233.1); C 41.23, H 3.89; found: C 41.25, H 3.90,

 (\pm) -2-Bromo-5,5-(ethylenedioxy)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene (33). As described above, from bromocnone (\pm)-32 [26]. Yield 93%. Colourless crystals. M.p. 112–113°. UV (MeCN): 205 (3700). IR (KBr): 3095, 3000, 2970, 2890, 1575, 1320, 1240, 1130, 1040, 1015, 830, 625. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 6.44 (d, 3J = 2.0, H–C(3)); 4.80 (dd, 3J = 4.5, 4J = 1.0, H–C(1)); 4.42 (br. s, H–C(4)); 3.94–4.10 (m, OCH₂CH₂O); 2.16 (dd, 2J = 12.0, 3J = 4.5, H_{exo}-C(6)); 1.75 (d, 2J = 12.0, H_{endo}-C(6)). ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 131.6 (br. d, 1J (C,H) = 183, C(3)); 129.3 (s, C(2)); 118.2 (s, C(5)); 83.6 (br. d, 1J (C,H) = 169, C(1)); 83.0 (br. d, 1J (C,H) = 166, C(4)); 64.7, 65.4 (2t, 1J (C,H) = 149, OCH₂CH₂O); 38.0 (t, 1J (C,H) = 137, C(6)). MS (70 eV): 232 (0.2), 153 (1.0), 172 (1.4), 159 (5), 146 (7), 131 (5), 117 (7), 86 (100). Anal. calc. for C₈H₉BrO₃ (233.1): C 41.23, H 3.89; found: C 41.16, H 3.94.

 (\pm) -6-Ethenyl-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-one (23). A mixture of 29 [22b] (189 mg, 1 mmol), [Pd(Ph₃P)₄] (58 mg, 0.05 mmol), and CH₂=CHSnBu₃ (321 μl, 1.1 mmol) in anh. DMF (8 ml) in a *Pyrex* tube was thoroughly degassed by several freeze-thaw cycles on the vacuum line ($<10^{-2}$ Torr). The tube (containing a magnetic stirring bar) was sealed under vacuum, the mixture stirred at 55° for 3 h, the tube cooled in liq. N₂ and opened, and the yellow soln. taken in AcOEt (20 ml). After the addition of KF (1 g), the mixture was stirred at 25° for 2 h, and then filtered through *Celite*. The solvent was evaporated and the yellow residue purified by FC (silica gel (50 g, 230–400 mesh), CH₂Cl₂): 86 mg (63%) of colourless oil that cyclodimerized and polymerized quickly at 0°. UV (CHCl₃): 243 (ca. 10000). IR (film): 3005, 2920, 1760, 1570, 1410, 1280, 1210. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 6.50 (m, H–C(5)); 6.50 (dd, ³J(trans) = 17.5, ³J(cis) = 11.0); 5.42 (d, ³J = 17.5); 5.38 (m, H–C(4)); 5.33 (d, ³J = 11.0); 4.83 (s, H–C(1)); 2.38 (dd, ²J = 16.0, ³J = 4.0, H_{exo}–C(3)); 2.02 (d, ²J = 16.0, H_{endo}–C(3)). ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 207.8 (C(2)); 139.4 (C(6)); 136.6 (C(5)); 127.6, 118.6 (CH₂=CH); 82.1 (C(4)); 79.8 (C(1)); 35.1 (C(3)). MS (70 eV): 136 (1.2, M⁴⁺), 107 (15), 94 (57), 77 (29), 67 (22), 65 (36), 57 (100).

 (\pm) -2-Ethenyl-6,6-(ethylenedioxy)-7-oxabicyclo{2,2.1}hept-2-ene (24). As described above, from 30 (233 mg, 1 mmol; 55°, 48 h): 105 mg (58%). Colourless oil. UV (MeOH): 234 (8000), 205 (5500). UV (CH₂Cl₂): 243 (12000). IR (film): 2990, 2940, 2910, 2880, 1675, 1630, 1570. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 6.59 (dd, $^3J = 18.0$, 11.0); 6.36 (d, $^3J = 1.8$, H-C(3)); 5.23 (d, $^3J = 11.0$); 5.23 (d, $^3J = 18.0$); 5.04 (ddd, $^3J = 5.0$, 1.8, $^4J = 1.0$, H-C(4)); 4.68 (br. s, H-C(1)); 4.12, 3.95 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 2.22 (dd, $^2J = 12.0$, $^3J = 5.0$, H_{exo}-C(5)); 1.72 (d, $^2J = 12.0$, H_{endo}-C(5)). ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 146.0 (br. s, C(2)); 134.4, 130.1 (2d); 116.1 (dd); 114.2 (s, C(6)); 80.9 (dt, C(1)); 79.4 (dm, C(4)); 65.7, 64.5 (2t, OCH₂CH₂O); 39.2 (t, C(5)). MS (70 eV): 180 (0.1, M +), 152 (2), 118 (2), 107 (4), 94 (9), 86 (100).

(±)-5-Ethenyl-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-one (25). As described above, from 32 [26] (189 mg, 1 mmol; 55°, 15 h): 82 mg (60%). Colourless oil. UV (MeCN): 241 (5700), 196 (8600). IR (film): 2990, 2910, 2830, 1705, 1575, 1515, 1360, 1155, 1035, 940, 870, 790. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 6.57 (dd, $^3J = 17.5$, 11.0); 6.17 (m, H-C(6)); 5.40 (d, $^3J = 4.0$, H-C(4)); 5.37 (d, $^3J = 11.0$); 5.27 (d, $^3J = 17.5$); 4.66 (d, $^3J = 2.0$, H-C(1)); 2.35 (dd, $^2J = 16.0$, $^3J = 4.0$, H_{exo}-C(3)); 1.83 (d, $^2J = 16.0$, H_{endo}-C(3)). ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 206.0 (s, C(2)); 153.4 (s, C(5)); 128.7, 124.6 (2d); 118.7 (t, CH₂=CH); 83.3 (d, C(1)); 78.3 (d, C(4)); 34.5 (t, C(3)). MS (70 eV); 136 (0.5, M^+), 107 (8), 94 (100).

 (\pm) -2-Ethenyl-5,5-(ethylenedioxy)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene (26). As described above, from 33 (233 mg, 1 mnol; 55°, 20 h): 170 mg (94%). Colourless oil. UV (MeCN): 237 (15300). IR (film): 2980, 2940, 2880, 1665, 1640, 1625, 1570, 1315, 1240, 1130, 1040, 1020, 840. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 6.50 (dd, 3J = 17.0, 11.0); 6.17 (d, 3J = 1.5, H-C(3)); 5.20 (br. d, 3J = 11.0); 5.17 (br. d, 3J = 17.0); 5.12 (br. d, 3J = 5.0, H-C(1)); 4.46 (dd, 3J = 1.5, 4J = 1.0, H-C(4)); 4.06, 3.87 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 2.18 (dd, 2J = 12.0, 3J = 5.0, H_{exo}-C(6)); 1.55 (d, 2J = 12.0, H_{endo}-C(6)). ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 150.4 (br. s, C(2)); 128.8 (d, 4J (C,H) = 178); 128.7 (d, 4J (C,H) = 158); 114.8 (s, C(5)); 82.2, 78.2 (2d, 4J (C,H) = 165, C(1), C(4)); 65.2, 64.5 (2t, 4J (C,H) = 153, OCH₂CH₂O); 38.8 (t, 4J (C,H) = 137, C(6)). MS (70 eV): 180 (23, M +), 152 (17), 118 (8.0), 107 (16), 94 (42), 86 (100).

Dimethyl (1RS,2SR,8RS)-10,10-(Ethylenedioxy)-11-oxatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{2.7}]undeca-3,6-diene-3,4-dicarboxy-late (34). A mixture of MeOOCC \equiv CCOOMe (500 µl) and 26 (45 mg, 0.25 mmol) was stirred at 25° for 23 h. Evaporation of the excess of MeOOCC \equiv CCOOMe in vacuo and CC (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂, then CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt 9:1) of the residue gave an oil that crystallized from Et₂O/light petroleum ether 1:1: 52.4 mg (65%). Colourless crystalls. M.p. 130.5-131.5°. IR (KBr): 3000, 2940, 2900, 2880, 1710, 1630, 1260, 945, 840, 750, 640. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.85 (br. dd, ${}^{3}J = 6.5$, ${}^{4}J = 3.0$, H-C(6)); 4.82 (d, ${}^{3}J = 6.0$, H-C(8)); 4.28 (s, H-C(1)); 4.07, 3.97 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.83, 3.77 (2s, 2 MeO); 3.40 (ddd, ${}^{3}J(H-C(2), H-C(1)) = 0$, ${}^{4}J(H-C(2), H-C(6)) = 3.0$, ${}^{5}J(H_{ax}-C(2), H_{ax}-C(5)) = 12.0$, ${}^{2}J(H_{ax}-C(2), H_{eq}-C(5)) = 4.0$, H-C(2)); 3.22 (ddd, ${}^{2}J = 21.0$, ${}^{3}J = 6.5$, ${}^{5}J = 4.0$, H_{eq}-C(5)); 2.79 (ddd, ${}^{2}J = 21.0$, ${}^{3}J(H-C(5), H-C(6)) \approx 1$, ${}^{5}J = 12.0$, H_{ex}-C(5)); 2.32 (dd, ${}^{2}J = 13.5$, ${}^{3}J = 6.0$ H_{exo}-C(9)); 2.00 (d, ${}^{2}J = 13.5$, H_{endo}-C(9)). ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 167.5, 167.1 (2s, 2 CO); 141.9 (s,

C(7)); 137.5, 135.2 (2s, C(3), C(4)); 115.1 (d, C(6)); 114.5 (s, C(10)); 80.7, 78.6 (2d, C(1), C(8)); 65.2, 64.5 (2t, OCH₂CH₂O); 52.3, 52.2 (2g, 2 MeO); 40.9 (t, C(5)); 39.9 (d, C(2)); 28.4 (t, C(9)). MS (70 eV): 322 (0.5, M^+), 307 (0.8), 293 (23), 263 (8), 235 (2), 219 (10), 189 (12), 86 (73), 73 (100). Anal. calc. for $C_{16}H_{18}O_7$ (322.3): C 59.62, H 5.63; found: C 59.74, H 5.74.

Methyl (1RS,2RS,8RS)-10,10-(Ethylenedioxy)-11-oxatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{2.7}]undeca-3,6-diene-4-carboxylate (35) and Methyl (1RS,2SR,8RS)-10,10-(Ethylenedioxy)-11-oxatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{2.7}]undeca-3,6-diene-3-carboxylate (36). A mixture of methyl propynoate (0.5 ml) and 26 (45 mg, 0.25 mmol) was stirred at 25° for 8 days or at 55° for 24 h. The excess of dienophile was recovered by distillation in vacuo and the residue purified by CC (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂, CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt 9:1): 50 mg (75%; reaction at 25°) or 42 mg (64%; reaction at 55°) of 35/36 78:22 to 80:20. Further CC (Lobar (type A), CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt 95:5) gave the aromatized 37 and 38 (10 mg; see below), 35 (30 mg, after recrystallization from Et₂O/light petroleum ether), and 36 (8 mg).

Data of 35: Colourless crystals. M.p. 90°. IR (KBr): 2990, 2940, 2860, 1705, 1620, 1430, 1260, 1130, 1070, 1010. 1 H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.19 (dd, $^{3}J = 2.5$, $^{4}J = 3.5$, H-C(3)); 5.87 (dm, $^{3}J = 6.5$, H-C(6)); 4.80 (d, $^{3}J = 6.0$, H-C(8)); 4.19 (br. s, ^{3}J (H-C(1),H-C(2)) = 0, H-C(1)); 4.12, 3.95 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.79 (s, MeO); 3.22 (ddd, $^{2}J = 21.0$, $^{3}J = 6.5$, $^{4}J = 3.5$, H_{eq}-C(5)); 3.17 (m, H-C(2)); 2.64 (m, H_{ax}-C(5)); 2.32 (ddd, $^{2}J = 13.5$, $^{3}J = 6.0$, $^{4}J = 1.0$, H_{exo}-C(9)); 1.99 (d, $^{2}J = 13.5$, H_{endo}-C(9)). 13 C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 166.7 (s, CO); 142.1 (s, C(7)); 139.8 (d, C(3)); 132.4 (s, C(4)); 116.4 (d, C(6)); 114.7 (s, C(10)); 82.5, 78.5 (2d, C(1), C(8)). MS (70 eV): 264 (44, M +), 249 (5), 235 (100), 233 (5), 205 (15), 191 (51), 168 (6), 103 (51). Anal. calc. for C₁₄H₁₆O₅ (264.2): C 63.63, H 6.10; found: C 63.70, H 6.07.

Data of 36: Colourless crystals. M.p. 129–131°. IR (CHCl₃): 1705. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.10 (m, H-C(4)); 5.76 (m, H-C(6)); 4.77 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 6.0, H-C(8)); 4.72 (br. s, ${}^{3}J$ (H-C(1),H-C(2)) = 0, H-C(1)); 4.06, 3.95 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.78 (s, MeO); 3.28 (m, H-C(2)); 2.92 (br. ddd, ${}^{2}J$ = 22.0, ${}^{3}J$ = 5.5, ${}^{5}J$ = 11.0, H_{eq}-C(5)); 2.75 (dddd, ${}^{2}J$ = 22.0, ${}^{3}J$ = 2.5, 2.0, ${}^{5}J$ = 11.0, H_{ax}-C(5)); 2.34 (ddd, ${}^{2}J$ = 13.5, ${}^{3}J$ = 6.0, ${}^{4}J$ = 1.0, H_{exa}-C(9)); 2.04 (d, ${}^{2}J$ = 13.5, H_{enda}-C(9)). MS (70 eV): 264 (2, M +), 235 (73), 233 (5), 203 (5), 177 (5), 131 (8), 118 (16), 87 (24), 86 (32), 73 (100).

Mixture of Methyl (5 RS,8 RS)-7,7-(Ethylenedioxy)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,8-epoxynaphthalene-2-carboxylate (37) and Methyl (5 RS,8 RS)-7,7-(Ethylenedioxy)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,8-epoxynaphthalene-1-carboxylate (38): White crystals. IR (CH₂Cl₂): 1705. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) of 37: 8.02 (br. s, H-C(1)); 7.97 (dd, $^3J = 7.5$, $^4J = 1.5$, H-C(3)); 7.32 (d, $^3J = 7.5$, H-C(4)); 5.47 (d, $^3J = 5.5$, H-C(5)); 4.92 (s, H-C(8)); 4.15, 3.99 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.90 (s, MeO); 2.49 (dd, $^2J = 12.5$, $^3J = 5.5$, H_{cxo}-C(6)); 1.75 (d, $^2J = 12.5$, H_{endo}-C(6)). ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) of 38: 7.85, 7.46 (2 br. d, $^3J = 7.5$, H-C(2), H-C(4)); 7.31 (t, $^3J = 7.5$, H-C(3)); 5.65 (s, H-C(8)); 5.45 (d, $^3J = 5.5$, H-C(5)); 4.15, 3.99 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.94 (s, MeO); 2.52 (dd, $^2J = 12.5$, $^3J = 5.5$, H_{cxo}-C(5)); 1.77 (d, $^2J = 12.5$, H_{endo}-C(5)). MS (70 eV): 262 (5, 4M (7), 231 (7), 189 (3), 176 (100), 161 (5), 145 (14), 177 (10), 86 (35).

(1RS,2RS,3SR,7RS,11RS)-13,13-(Ethylenedioxy)-5-phenyl-14-oxa-5-azatetracyclo[9.2.1.0^{2,10}.0^{3,7}]tetradec-9-ene-4,6-dione (39) and (1RS,2RS,3RS,7SR,11RS)-13,13-(Ethylenedioxy)-5-phenyl-14-oxa-5-azatetracyclo[9.2.1.0^{2,10}.0^{3,7}]tetradec-9-ene-4,6-dione (40). A mixture of 26 (119 mg, 0.66 mmol) and N-phenylmaleimide (572 mg, 3.30 mmol) in dry benzene (2.5 ml) was stirred at 25° for 3 h. After evaporation, the residue was purified by CC (silica gel CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt 95:5): 209 mg (89.5%) of 39/40 85:15. Separation by CC (Lobar (type A), CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt 95:5) yielded 170 mg of 39, recrystallized from toluene, and 25 mg of 40, crystallized from MeOH.

Data of 39: Colouriess crystals. M.p. 211–212°. IR (K Br): 3020, 2990, 2950, 2900, 2880, 1710, 1595, 1495, 1380, 1180, 1010. 1 H-NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.40, 7.29 (2m, Ph); 5.85 (dm, $^{3}J = 7.5$, H-C(9)); 4.80 (br. s, ^{3}J (H-C(1),H-C(2)) = 6, H-C(1)); 4.75 (d, $^{3}J = 6.0$, H-C(11)); 4.12, 3.95 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.47 (dd, $^{3}J = 9.0$, 8.5, H-C(3)); 3.32 (ddd, $^{3}J = 8.5$, 5.0, 2.0, H-C(7)); 2.93 (ddd, $^{2}J = 15.0$, $^{3}J = 7.5$, 2.0, H_{oq}-C(8)); 2.90 (dm, $^{3}J = 9.0$, H-C(2)); 2.32 (dd, $^{2}J = 13.0$, $^{3}J = 6.0$, $^{4}J = 1.0$, H_{exo}-C(12)); 2.15 (dm, $^{2}J = 15.0$, H_{ux}-C(8)); 1.90 (d, $^{2}J = 13.0$, H_{endo}-C(12)). 13 C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 178.1, 176.8 (2 CO); 144.5 (C(10)); 131.8 (arom. C); 128.9, 128.3, 126.3 (arom. C); 115.2 (C(9)); 114.1 (C(13)); 80.1, 77.9 (C(1), C(11)); 65.3, 64.5 (OCH₂CH₂O); 42.2 (C(2)); 40.5, 40.3 (C(3), C(7)); 37.1 (C(12)); 23.2 (C(8)). MS (70 eV): 353 (3, M^{++}), 335 (23), 325 (58), 267 (16), 119 (34), 86 (100), 77 (92). Anal. calc. for C₂₀H₁₉NO₅ (353.35): C 67.98, H 5.42, N 3.96; found: C 67.84, H 5.52, N 4.02.

Data of 40: Colourless crystals. M.p. 173 175°. IR (KBr): 3060, 2955, 2890, 1770, 1705, 1595, 1490, 1380, 1180, 1155. 1 H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.55 -7.30 (m, Ph); 5.92 (m, H-C(9)); 4.88 (d, ^{3}J = 6.0, H-C(11)); 4.59 (br. s, ^{3}J (H-C(1),H-C(2)) = 0, H-C(1)); 4.11, 3.95 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.04 (dt, ^{3}J = 10.0, 7.5, 7.5, H-C(7)); 2.86 (dt, ^{2}J = 15.0, ^{3}J = 7.5, 7.5, H_{eq} -C(8)); 2.82 (t, ^{3}J = 10.0, H-C(3)); 2.57 (d, ^{3}J (H-C(2),H-C(3)) = 10.0, H-C(2)); 2.36 (dd, ^{2}J = 13.5, ^{3}J = 6.0, H_{exo} -C(12)); 2.12 (dm, ^{2}J = 15.0, H_{ax} -C(8)); 1.93 (d, ^{2}J = 13.5, H_{endo} -C(12)). MS (70 eV): 353 (4, M^{\pm}), 335 (4), 325 (21), 267 (3), 119 (2), 86 (100), 77 (33).

Methyl (1RS,2RS,4RS,8RS)-10,10-(Ethylenedioxy)-11-oxatricyclo[6.2,1.0^{2.7}]undec-6-ene-4-carboxylate (41), Methyl (1RS,2RS,3RS,8RS)-10,10-(Ethylenedioxy)-11-oxatricyclo[6.2,1.0^{2.7}]undec-6-ene-3-carboxylate (42), Methyl (1RS,2RS,4SR,8RS)-10,10-(Ethylenedioxy)-11-oxatricyclo[6.2,1.0^{2.7}]undec-6-ene-4-carboxylate (43), and Methyl (1RS,2RS,3SR,8RS)-10,10-(Ethylenedioxy)-11-oxatricyclo[6.2,1.0^{2.7}]undec-6-ene-3-carboxylate (44). A soln of 26 (45 mg, 0.25 mmol) in methyl acrylate (0.5 ml) was stirred at 25° for 6 days. The excess of dienophile was recovered by distillation under vacuum and the residue purified by CC (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂, then CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt 9:1): 60 mg (89%) of 41/42/43/44 40:8:41:11. When run at 55° for 24 h, 44 mg (66%) of 41/42/43/44 40:5:8.5:41:9 were obtained. These two mixtures were combined and separated by CC (Lobar (type B), AcOEt/light petroleum ether 7:3) giving 15 mg of 41/42/44, 50 mg of 41/42/43/44, and 18 mg of pure 43. The mixture 41/42/44 was taken with Et₂O (0.5 ml) which gave pure 41, and 43 was recrystallized from Et₂O/light petroleum ether 1:3.

Data of 41: Colourless crystals. M.p. $90-91^{\circ}$ (Et₂O). IR (KB_f): 2990, 2950, 2920, 2860, 1725, 1165, 1015.

¹H-NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.68 (m, ${}^{4}J=4.0$, H-C(6)); 4.74 (d, ${}^{3}J=6.0$, H-C(8)); 3.95 (s, ${}^{3}J$ (H-C(1),H-C(2)) = 0, H-C(1)); 4.06, 3.92 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.70 (s, MeO); 2.72 (m, H-C(4)); 2.61 (dm, ${}^{2}J=12.5$, H-C(3)); 2.43 (ddt, ${}^{2}J=18.5$, ${}^{3}J=7.5$, ${}^{4}J=2.5$, H_{eq}-C(5)); 2.29 (dddd, ${}^{2}J=18.5$, ${}^{3}J=7.5$, 2.5, ${}^{4}J=2.5$, H_{ax}-C(5)); 2.23 (dd, ${}^{2}J=13.5$, ${}^{3}J=6.0$, H_{exo}-C(9)); 2.18 (dt, ${}^{3}J=12.5$, ${}^{3}J=4.0$, ${}^{4}J=4.0$, H-C(2)); 1.91 (d, ${}^{2}J=13.5$, H_{endo}-C(9)); 1.35 (m, ${}^{2}J=12.5$, ${}^{3}J$ (H-C(2),H_{ax}-C(3)) = 12.5, H_{ax}-C(3)). ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 176.2 (s, CO); 142.6 (s, C(7)); 115.8 (d, C(6)); 115.8 (s, C(10)); 82.1, 79.8 (2d, C(1), C(8)); 65.3, 64.4 (2t, OCH₂CH₂O); 51.8 (d, MeO); 40.9 (t, C(5)); 39.4 (d, C(4)); 37.1 (d, C(2)); 28.2, 26.8 (2t, C(3), C(9)). MS (70 eV): 266 (3, M⁴⁻¹), 238 (59), 237 (48), 235 (22), 220 (5), 207 (1), 94 (17), 91 (100), 86 (74), 67 (24). Anal. calc. for C₁₄H₁₈O₅ (266.3): C 63.15, H 6.81; found: C 63.08, H 6.89.

Data of 42: ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.51 (m, H-C(6)); 4.66 (d, ³J = 6.0, H-C(8)); 4.14 (s, ³J(H-C(1),H-C(2)) = 0, H-C(1)); 4.05, 3.92 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.72 (s, MeO); 2.85-2.07 (m, 6 H); 1.95 (d, ²J = 13.0, H_{endo}-C(9)); 1.75 (m, H_{ux}-C(4)).

Data of 43: Colourless crystals. M.p. $101-102^{\circ}$ (Et₂O). IR (KBr): 2990, 2950, 2940, 2870, 1725, 1445, 1350, 1230, 1190, 1165, 1015. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6): 5.36 (dm, $^3J = 5.4$, H-C(6)); 4.48 (d, $^3J = 6.0$, H-C(8)); 3.98 (s, 3J (H--C(1),H-C(2)) = 0, H-C(1)); 3.35 (s, MeO); 3.53, 3.33 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 2.83 (ddd, $^3J = 12.6$, 4.6, $^4J = 2.1$, H-C(2)); 2.59 (ddd, $^2J = 17.2$, $^3J = 5.8$, 2.2, H_{ax} -C(5)); 2.54 (m, H_{ax} -C(4)); 2.34 (ddd, $^2J = 12.2$, $^3J = 4.6$, $^4J = 2.6$, H_{eq} -C(3)); 2.23 (ddd, $^2J = 12.8$, $^3J = 6.0$, $^4J = 0.8$, H_{exo} -C(9)); 2.07 (ddm, $^2J = 17.2$, $^3J = 5.4$, H_{eq} -C(5)); 1.86 (d, $^2J = 12.8$, H_{endo} -C(9)); 1.46 (ddd, $^2J = 12.2$, $^3J = 12.6$, 6.3, H_{ax} -C(3)). ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 176.4 (s, CO); 144.4 (s, C(7)); 116.4 (s, C(10)); 115.4 (d, C(6)); 83.1, 80.3 (2d, C(1), C(8)); 65.8, 64.9 (2t, OCH₂CH₂O); 52.4 (q, MeO); 41.8 (t, C(5)); 37.1 (d, C(4)); 34.3 (d, C(2)); 27.8, 25.6 (2t, C(3), C(9)). MS (70 eV): 266 (0.05, M⁺⁺), 238 (47), 237 (26), 235 (4), 220 (2), 180 (9), 94 (18), 91 (100), 86 (93), 67 (17). Anal. calc. for C₁₄H₁₈O₅ (266.3): C 63.15, H 6.81; found: C 63.24, H 6.72.

Data of 44: ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.70 (m, H-C(6)); 4.62 (d, ³J = 6.0, H-C(8)); 4.32 (s, ³J(H-C(1),H-C(2)) = 0, H-C(1)); 4.05, 3.92 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.62 (s, MeO); 2.95 (m, H-C(9)); 2.85-2.07 (m, 6 H); 1.87 (d, ²J = 13.0, H_{endo}-C(9)); 1.75 (m, H_{ax}-C(4)).

Methyl (1RS,2SR,4SR,8RS)-9,9-(Ethylenedioxy)-11-oxatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{2.7}]undec-6-ene-4-carboxylate (45), Methyl (1RS,2SR,3SR,8RS)-9,9-(Ethylenedioxy)-11-oxatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{2.7}]undec-6-ene-3-carboxylate (46), Methyl (1RS,2SR,4RS,8RS)-9,9-(Ethylenedioxy)-11-oxatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{2.7}]undec-6-ene-4-carboxylate (47), and Methyl (1RS,2SR,3RS,8RS)-9,9-(Ethylenedioxy)-11-oxatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{2.7}]undec-6-ene-4-carboxylate (48). As described above from 24. At 25° (6 days), 45/46/47/48 34:13:43:10 (63 mg, 95%) was obtained. At 55° (24 h), 45/46/47/48 45:10:35:10 (60 mg, 90%) was isolated. The combined mixtures were separated by CC (Lobar (type B), AcOEt/light petroleum ether 3:7): 9.5 mg of 46, 20 mg of 45, 75 mg of 46/47/48, and 10 mg of pure 47.

Data of 45: Colourless crystals. M.p. 92–93° (Et₂O). IR (KBr): 2980, 2960, 2910, 2880, 1725, 1430, 1300, 1240, 1180, 1050, 1010, 805. 1 H-NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.76 (m, H–C(6)); 4.39 (d, 3 J(H–C(1),H_{exo}–C(10)) = 5.5, 3 J(H–C(1),H–C(2)) = 0, H–C(1)); 4.29 (g, H–C(8)); 4.06, 3.99, 3.89 (3m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.68 (g, MeO); 2.72 (g, H_{ax}–C(4)); 2.50 (g, dddd, g, g = 18.5, g = 15.5, g = 15.5, g = 15.5, g = 16.0, 4.0, g = 2.5, H_{ax}–C(5)); 2.32 (g, dddd, g, g = 18.5, g = 10.0, 4.0, g = 13.0, H_{exdo}–C(10)); 1.31 (g, g = 12.0, H_{ax}–C(3)). g = 13.0, H_{exdo}–C(10); 1.31 (g, g = 12.0, H_{ax}–C(3)). g = 13.0, H_{exdo}–C(10); 1.31 (g, g = 13.0, H_{exdo}–C(10); 1.31 (g = 13.0, H_{exdo}–C(10); 1.32 (g = 13.0, H_{exdo}–C(10); 1.3

Data of 46: Colourless crystals. M.p. 87–88° (Et₂O/light petroleum ether). IR (CH₂Cl₂): 2950, 2880, 1725, 1310, 1015. ¹H-NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.76 (m, H-C(6)); 4.52 (d, $^3J = 5.5$, H-C(1)); 4.31 (s, H-C(8)); 4.05, 3.84 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.73 (s, MeO); 2.35 (m, H_{en}-C(5), H-C(3)); 2.26 (dd, $^2J = 12.5$, $^3J = 5.5$, H_{exo}-C(10));

2.18 $(m, H-C(2), H_{ax}-C(5))$; 2.06 $(dddd, {}^2J=13.5, {}^3J=7.5, 3.0, 1.0, H_{eq}-C(4))$; 1.90 $(d, {}^2J=12.5, H_{endo}+C(10))$; 1.72 $(m, {}^2J=13.5, {}^3J=10.0, 7.5, H_{ax}-C(4))$. ${}^{13}C-NMR$ (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 175.9 (s, CO); 137.3 (s, C(7)); 120.5 (d, C(6)); 114.1 (s, C(9)); 83.8, 78.5 (2d, C(1), C(8)); 65.5, 64.5 $(2t, OCH_2CH_2O)$; 51.8 (q, MeO); 45.3 (t, C(5)); 42.1 (d, C(3)); 29.7 (d, C(2)); 25.3, 24.5 (2t, C(4), C(10)). MS (70 eV): 266 $(4, M^+)$, 238 (4), 235 (1.5), 224 (12), 180 (1), 133 (5), 121 (4), 99 (100), 86 (34).

Data of 47: Colourless crystals. M.p. 80 81° (Et₂O/light petroleum ether). IR (KBr): 2980, 2950, 2920, 2890, 1715, 1440, 1325, 1230, 1195, 1040, 1010, 810. 1 H-NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.75 (m, ^{3}J = 5.5, H-C(6)); 4.37 (d, ^{3}J (H-C(1),H-C(2)) = 0, ^{3}J (H-C(1),H $_{exo}$ -C(10)) = 6.0, H-C(1)); 4.30 (s, H-C(8)); 4.08, 3.85 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.71 (s, MeO); 2.76 (dddd, ^{3}J = 8.5, 7.0, 4.0, 3.0, H_{ax}-C(4)); 2.55 (dm, ^{2}J = 18.0, H_{cq}-C(5)); 2.38 (dddd, ^{2}J = 18.0, ^{3}J = 8.5, 5.5, ^{4}J = 1.5, H_{ax}-C(5)); 2.33 (ddd, ^{2}J = 12.5, ^{3}J = 5.0, 3.0, H-C(3)); 2.25 (dd, ^{2}J = 13.0, ^{3}J = 6.0, H_{exo}-C(10)); 2.04 (dm, H_{ax}-C(2)); 1.83 (d, ^{2}J = 13.0, H_{endo}-C(10)); 1.29 (td, ^{2}J = 12.5, ^{3}J = 12.5, 7.0, H_{ax}-C(3)). 13 C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 176.3 (s, CO); 140.5 (s, C(7)); 118.5 (d, C(6)); 114.2 (s, C(9)); 83.5, 79.8 (2d, C(1), C(8)); 65.5, 64.5 (2t, OCH₂CH₂O); 51.9 (q, MeO); 44.7 (t, C(5)); 39.6 (d, C(4)); 36.1 (d, C(2)); 27.9, 25.4 (2t, C(3), C(10)). MS (70 eV): 266 (3, M^{+*}), 235 (1), 207 (2), 149 (1), 121 (3), 99 (100), 86 (23). Anal. calc. for C₁₄H₁₈O₅ (266.3): C 63.15, H 6.81; found: C 63.08, H 6.97.

Data of **48**: IR (CH₂Cl₂): 2950, 2880, 1725, 1320, 1015, 810. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.80 (m, H-C(6)); 4.71 (d, ${}^{3}J$ (H-C(1),H-C(2)) = 0, ${}^{3}J$ (H-C(1),H_{exo}-C(10)) = 6.0, H-C(1)); 4.16 (s, H-C(8)); 4.00, 3.82 (2m, OCH₂CH₂O); 3.55 (s, MeO); 2.92 (m, H-C(3)); 2.58-2.08 (m, 5 H); 1.75 (d, ${}^{2}J$ = 13.0, H_{ondo}-C(10)). MS (70 eV): 266 (2, M +), 235 (2), 207 (2), 133 (2), 99 (100), 86 (22).

Methyl (1RS,2SR,8RS)-9-Oxo-11-oxatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{2.7}]undeca-3,6-diene-4-carboxylate (49), Methyl (1RS,2RS,8RS)-9-Oxo-11-oxatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{2.7}]undeca-3,6-diene-3-carboxylate (50). A mixture of 23 (35 mg, 0.25 mmol) in methyl propynoate (0.5 ml) was stirred at 55° for 24 h. After evaporation of the excess of dienophile in vacuo, the residue was purified by CC (silica gel, AcOEt/light petroleum ether 2:8) giving 37 mg (67%) of 49/50 (9:31 which were aromatized into 53/54 (see below) on standing in the air. Further purification by CC (Lobar (type A), AcOEt/light petroleum ether 3:7) gave 53/54 (10 mg), 49/50 (15 mg), and 49 (5 mg) which was aromatized into 53.

Data of 49: IR (CH₂Cl₂): 2955, 1725, 1715, 1395, 1205, 1095. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.23 (m, H–C(3)); 6.21 (dm, 3J = 6.5, H–C(6)); 5.00 (d, 3J = 6.0, H–C(1)); 4.61 (s, H–C(8)); 3.79 (s, MeO); 3.34 (dd, 2J = 17.0, 3J = 6.5, H_{eq}–C(5)); 2.62–2.76 (m, H_{exo}–C(10), H_{ax}–C(5), H_{ax}–C(2)); 2.17 (d, 2J = 17.0, H_{endo}–C(10)). ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 207.5 (s, C(9)); 166.5 (s, COO); 138.7 (d, C(3)); 134.6 (s, C(7)); 133.1 (s, C(4)); 123.4 (d, C(6)); 82.0, 79.2 (2d, C(1), C(8)); 51.9 (q, MeO); 45.0 (d, C(2)); 44.8 (t, C(5)); 27.1 (t, C(10)). MS (70 eV): 220 (3, M +), 205 (5), 190 (40), 189 (24), 178 (1), 163 (9), 159 (16), 145 (26), 119 (8), 105 (56), 91 (100), 59 (40).

Data of **50**: ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.15 (dm, ³J = 6.5, H-C(4)); 6.07 (dm, ³J = 6.5, H-C(6)); 4.46 (d, ³J = 6.0, H-C(1)); 4.57 (s, H-C(8)); 3.81 (s, MeO); 3.00 (dt, ²J = 17.5, ³J = 6.5, H_{eq}-C(5)); 2.85 (m, H_{sx}-C(2)); 2.75 (m, H_{sx}-C(5)); 2.70 (dd, ²J = 17.0, ³J = 6.0, H_{exo}-C(10)); 2.22 (d, ²J = 17.0, H_{endo}-C(10)). MS (70 eV): 220 (1, M⁺), 190 (19), 189 (12), 178 (1), 163 (7), 159 (8), 145 (33), 119 (8), 105 (73), 91 (57), 77 (100), 59 (43).

Methyl 5,6,7,8-Tetrahydro-6-oxo-5,8-epoxynaphthalene-2-carboxylate (53). IR (CH₂Cl₂): 2950, 1760, 1720. ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.01 (br. s, H-C(1)); 7.99 (dd, ${}^{3}J = 8.0$, ${}^{4}J = 1.2$, H-C(3)); 7.50 (d, ${}^{3}J = 8.0$, H-C(4)); 5.82 (d, ${}^{3}J = 5.0$, H-C(8)); 5.09 (s, H-C(5)); 3.92 (s, MeO); 2.67 (dd, ${}^{2}J = 15.0$, ${}^{3}J = 5.0$, H_{exo}-C(7)); 2.05 (d, ${}^{2}J = 15.0$, H_{endo}-C(5)). MS (70 eV): 218 (0.1, M^{++}), 190 (25, $[M - 18]^{++}$), 176 (100), 159 (20), 131 (54), 117 (25), 103 (52), 89 (63), 77 (98), 63 (74).

Methyl (IRS,2RS,8RS)-10-Oxo-11-oxatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{2.7}]undeca-3,6-diene-4-carboxylate (51), Methyl (IRS,2SR,8RS)-10-Oxo-11-oxatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{2.7}]undeca-3,6-diene-3-carboxylate (52). As described for 49/50 starting with 35 mg (0.25 mmol) of 25; 51/52 72:28 (47 mg, 85%). Purification by CC (Lobar (type A), AcOEt/CH₂Cl₂ 2:98) gave the aromatized 55/56 (10 mg; see below), 51 (22 mg), and 52 (12 mg) which was recrystallized from Et₂O/light petroleum other.

Data of 51: ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.15 (dd, ³J = 2.0, ⁴J = 3.0, H-C(3)); 6.07 (dm, ³J = 6.5, H-C(6)); 5.14 (d, ³J = 5.5, H-C(8)); 4.47 (s, H-C(1)); 3.77 (s, MeO); 3.30 (ddd, ²J = 19.5, ³J = 6.5, ⁴J = 3.0, H_{eq}-C(5)); 2.85-2.60 (m, 3 H, H_{exo}-C(9), H_{ax}-C(5), H_{ax}-C(2)); 2.62 (ddd, ²J = 17.5, ³J = 5.5, ⁴J = 1.0, H_{exo}-C(9)); 2.31 (d, ²J = 17.5, H_{endo}-C(9)). ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 208.8 (s, C(10)); 166.1 (s, COO); 139.5 (s, C(7)); 137.1 (d, C(3)); 133.3 (s, C(4)); 119.7 (d, C(6)); 82.2, 78.5 (2d, C(1), C(8)); 51.8 (q, MeO); 40.3 (d, C(2)); 40.1, 26.7 (2t, C(5), C(9)). MS (70 eV): 220 (< 0.01, M + ¹), 205 (1), 190 (38), 189 (10), 178 (1), 163 (6), 159 (11), 119 (5), 105 (16), 91 (38), 77 (57), 57 (100).

Data of 52: Colourless crystals. M.p. 95–96°, IR (CH₂Cl₂). 1760, 1710, ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.20 (dd, ${}^{3}J = 2.0, {}^{4}J = 3.0, H-C(4)$); 5.99 (dm, ${}^{3}J = 5.5, H-C(6)$); 5.12 (dt, ${}^{3}J = 6.0, {}^{4}J = 1.0, H-C(8)$); 5.00 (s, H-C(1));

3.82 (s, MeO); 3.06–2.84 (m, CH₂(5), H_{ax}–C(2)); 2.62 (ddd, ${}^{2}J$ = 17.5, ${}^{3}J$ = 6.0, ${}^{4}J$ = 1.0, H_{axo}–C(9)); 2.31 (d, ${}^{2}J$ = 17.5, H_{endo}–C(9)). ${}^{13}C$ -NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 208.8 (s, C(10)); 165.7 (s, COO); 141.1 (d, C(4)); 140.1 (s, C(7)); 128.7 (s, C(3)); 117.7 (d, C(6)); 81.4, 78.7 (2d, C(1), C(8)); 51.8 (q, MeO); 39.9, 27.8 (2t, C(5), C(9)); 38.1 (d, C(2)). MS (70 eV): 220 (1, M⁺), 205 (1), 190 (2), 189 (11), 178 (27), 163 (34), 159 (6), 119 (17), 105 (53), 91 (96), 77 (83), 59 (100).

Methyl 5.6,7,8-Tetrahydro-7-oxo-5,8-epoxynaphthalene-2-carboxylate (55). 1 H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.10 (br. s, H–C(1)); 8.05 (dd, $^{3}J = 8.0$, $^{4}J = 1.2$, H–C(3)); 7.42 (d, $^{3}J = 8.0$, H–C(4)); 5.80 (d, $^{3}J = 5.0$, H–C(5)); 5.10 (s, H–C(8)); 3.92 (s, MeO); 2.62 (dd, $^{2}J = 15.0$, H_{exo}-C(6)); 2.05 (d, $^{2}J = 15.0$, H_{endo}-C(6)).

Sulfolenes 57-60. A soln. of 0.05 mmol of each of dienes 23-26 in 0.2 ml of CD_2Cl_2 was degassed on the vacuum line in a 5-mm NMR tube (freeze/thaw cycles). Pure SO_2 (0.30-0.33 ml) was transferred to the tube which was then sealed under vacuum. The tube was allowed to stand at 20° for 3 days, then cooled in liq. N_2 , opened, and allowed to warm up to 20° in a few b. The residue was taken with CH_2Cl_2 and the solvent evaporated in vacuo at low temp. (< 0°). The oily residues were analyzed quickly as such. Cheletropic climination of SO_2 occurred already at 20° for solns, of these oils in $CDCl_3$.

 $\begin{array}{ll} (I\,\mathrm{RS},2\,\mathrm{SR},7\,\mathrm{SR}) - 9.9 - (Ethylenedioxy) - IO-oxa-3 - thiatricyclof 5.2.1.0^{2.6}] dec-5 - ene 3.3 - Dioxide (60). \ \mathrm{IR} \ (\mathrm{KBr}) : \\ 2950,1300,1235,1135,1100,1000. \ ^1\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \ (360\ \mathrm{MHz},\mathrm{CD}_2\mathrm{Cl}_2/\mathrm{SO}_2) : 5.95 \ (ddd,\ ^3J=5.0,2.5,\ ^4J=3.0,\ \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(5)) ; \\ 4.85 & (\mathrm{br.} \quad d, \quad ^3J(\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(7),\mathrm{H}_{exo}-\mathrm{C}(8)) = 6.0, \quad ^5J(\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(7),\mathrm{H}_{ax}-\mathrm{C}(4)) = 0.5, \quad \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(7)) ; \quad 4.45 \quad (s,\ ^3J(\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(1),\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(2)) = 0,\ \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(1)) ; \quad 3.7-4.0 \ (m,\ \mathrm{OCH}_2\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{O}) ; \quad 3.98 \ (dd,\ ^4J=3.0,\ ^4J(\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(2),\mathrm{H}_{ax}-\mathrm{C}(4)) = 1.5, \\ \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(2)) ; \quad 3.80 \ (m,\ ^2J=16.0,\ ^3J=2.5,\ ^5J=1.5,\ ^5J=0.5,\ \mathrm{H}_{ax}-\mathrm{C}(4)) ; \quad 3.65 \ (dd,\ ^2J=16.0,\ ^3J=5.0,\ \mathrm{H}_{eq}-\mathrm{C}(4)) ; \quad 2.15 \\ (dd,\ ^2J=14.0,\ ^3J=6.0,\ \mathrm{H}_{exo}-\mathrm{C}(8)) ; \quad 1.85 \ (d,\ ^2J=14.0,\ \mathrm{H}_{endo}-\mathrm{C}(8)). \ ^{13}\mathrm{C-NMR} \ (100.61\ \mathrm{MHz},\ \mathrm{CD}_2\mathrm{Cl}_2/\mathrm{SO}_2) : 145.4 \\ (s,\ \mathrm{C}(6)) ; \quad 116.9 \ (d,\ ^1J(\mathrm{C},\mathrm{H})=174,\ \mathrm{C}(5)) ; \quad 114.1 \ (s,\ \mathrm{C}(9)) ; \quad 76.5,\ 76.2 \ (2d,\ ^1J(\mathrm{C},\mathrm{H})=168,\ \mathrm{C}(1),\ \mathrm{C}(7)) ; 65.4,\ 64.6 \ (2t,\ \mathrm{C}(7)) ; 65$

 ${}^{1}J(C,H) = 152$, OCH₂CH₂O); 63.8 (*d*, ${}^{1}J(C,H) = 141$, C(2)); 59.9 (*t*, ${}^{1}J(C,H) = 145$, C(4)); 39.1 (*t*, ${}^{1}J(C,H) = 136$, C(8)). CI-MS (NH₃): 263 (4), 262 (25), 261 (2), 245 (1.6, [M + H]⁴), 218 (1), 183 (1), 183 (10), 153 (1), 152 (2), 119 (8), 118 (0.5), 107 (6), 94 (7), 86 (100).

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