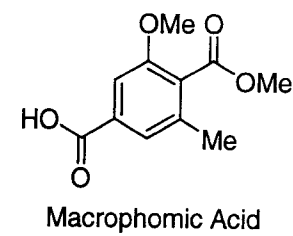
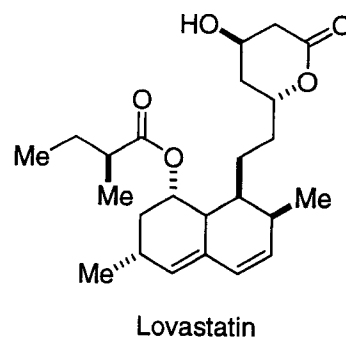
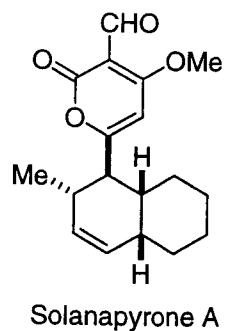


Biosynthetic Diels-Alder Reactions: Do Diels-Alderase Exist?

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Why Diels-Alder?

Several hundred biosyntheses have been proposed to include Diels-Alder reactions

Despite hundreds of known enzymatic reactions, no enzyme catalyzed cycloadditions are known

Enzymes catalysis usually due to stabilization of transition state

Diels-Alder products closely resemble their transition states

- Product inhibition of the enzyme is expected to dominate

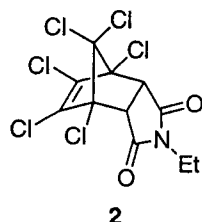
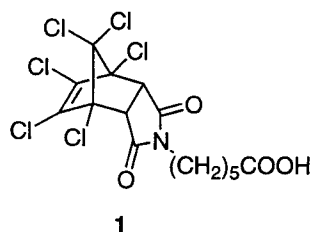
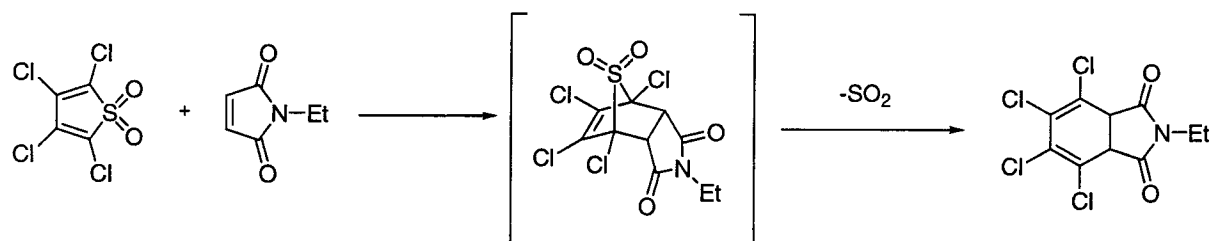
Challenges for Diels-Alderase identification

- Product inhibition must be minimal
- Identification of enzyme-catalysis must be distinguished from thermal cyclization
 - Unexpected stereochemistry of cyclized products
 - Kinetic data

Catalytic Antibodies

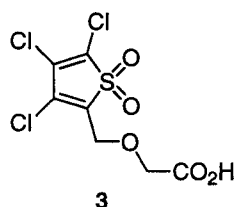
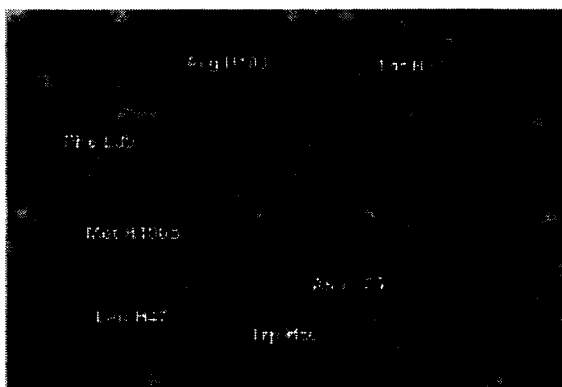
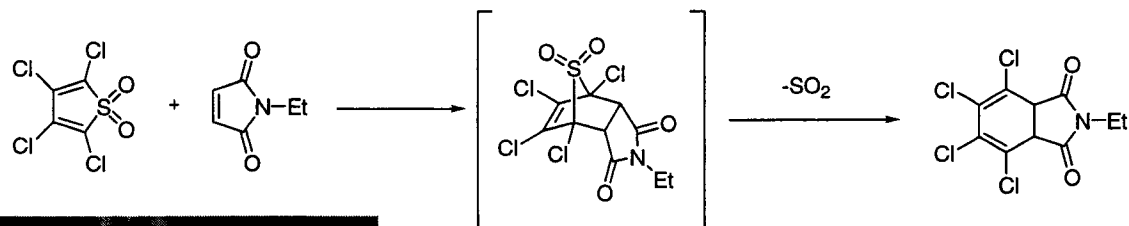
Basics for generating catalytic antibodies-

- 1) Hapten covalently bound to protein known to give immune response
- 2) Immune response initiated, spleen cells fused with myeloma cells
- 3) cells incubated and screened for activity



Generated antibodies to hapten 1
 SO_2 extrusion prevents product inhibition
 Compound 2 completely inhibits reaction
 even with 10^3 excess maleimide

Catalytic Antibodies



Crystal structure shows haptent bound in tight hydrophobic pocket

H-bond from Asn H35 to maleimide carbonyl stabilizes TS

Kinetics studies conducted with **3**

$$k_{\text{cat}} = 13.0 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{uncat}} = 0.013 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{cat}}/k_{\text{uncat}} = 1000 \text{ M effective molarity}$$

Catalyzed

$$\Delta H^\ddagger = 11.3 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

$$\Delta S^\ddagger = -22.1 \text{ cal K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Uncatalyzed

$$\Delta H^\ddagger = 15.5 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

$$\Delta S^\ddagger = -21.5 \text{ cal K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Antibody acts by lowering enthalpy of activation

Catalytic Antibodies

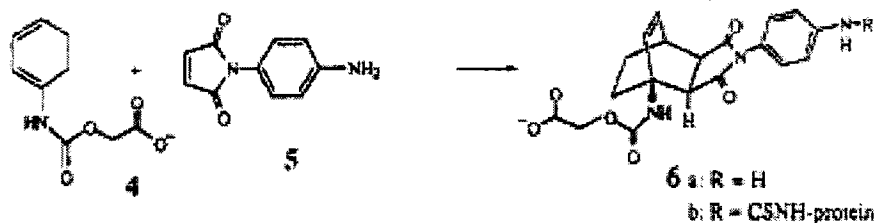
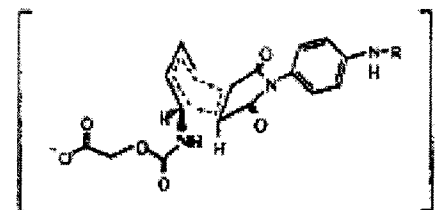
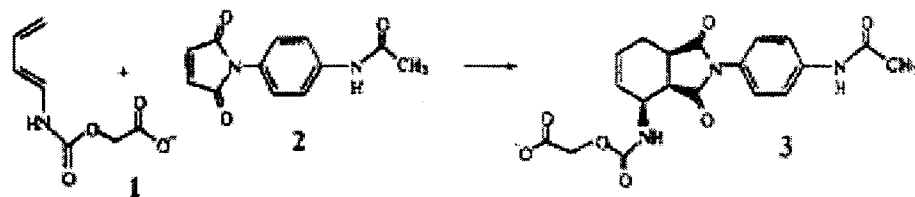
Proposed ^{boat}chair-like TS would prevent product inhibition

Used hapten 6 to generate antibodies

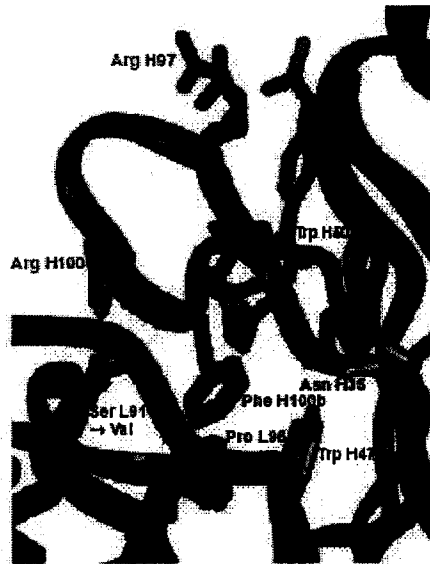
Antibody A11 was found to catalyze the reaction

Kinetics- $k_{\text{cat}} = 0.67 \text{ s}^{-1}$
 $k_{\text{cat}}/K_m = 900 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$
 $k_{\text{uncat}} = 1.9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$
 $k_{\text{cat}}/k_{\text{uncat}} = 2.83 \text{ M}$

Much less efficient catalyst



Catalytic Antibodies



Crystal structure displays 2 key H-bonds

Carbamate carbonyl to Trp^{H50}

Succinimide to Asn^{H35}

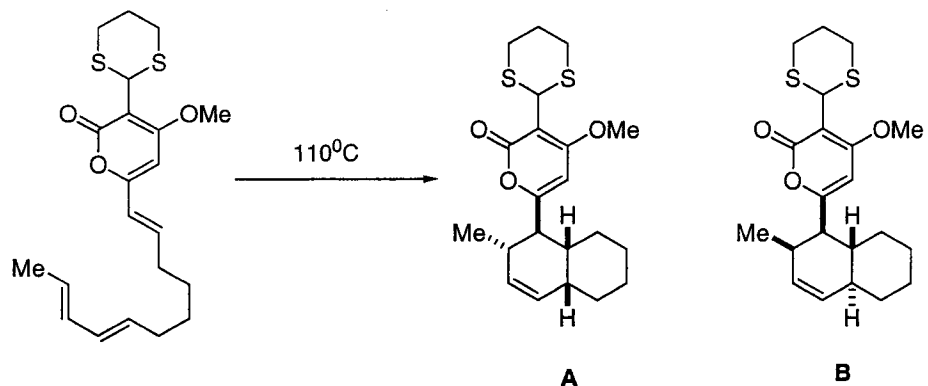
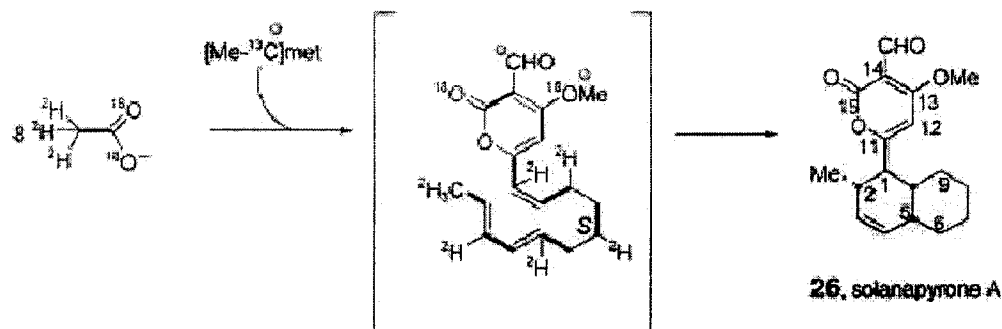
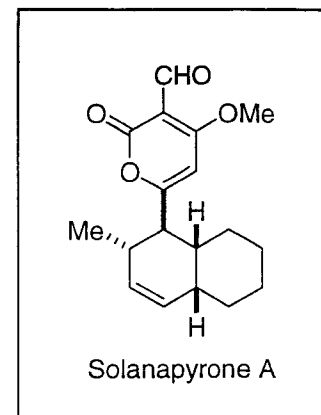
π -stacking from maleimide to Trp^{H50}

Propose that H-bonding makes dienophile more reactive and tight binding serves as entropy trap



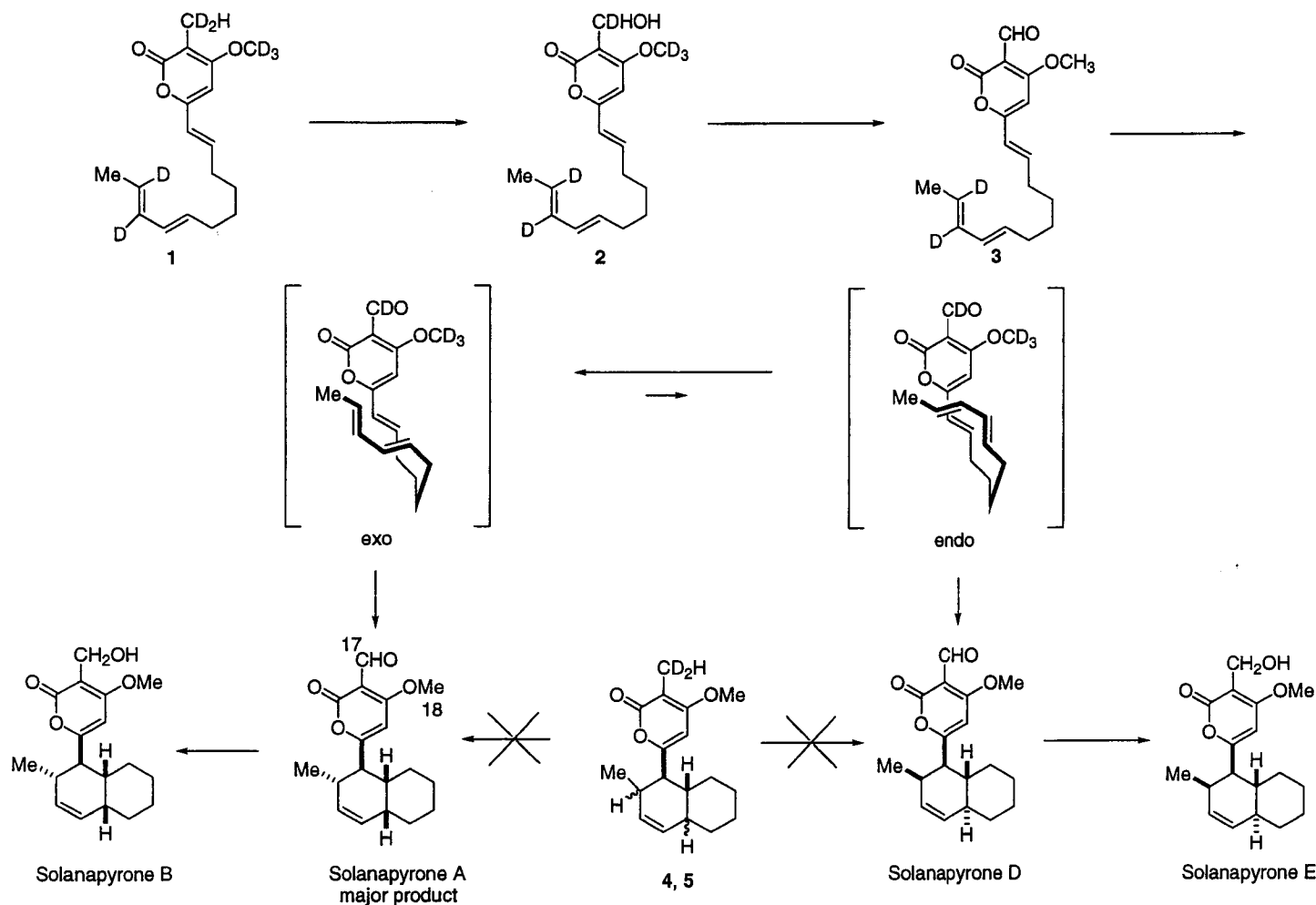
Solanapyrone: Initial Evidence

- Solanapyrone A isolated from *Alternaria solani*
- Principle toxin of potato blight



Solvent	A: B
CHCl ₃	1: 2.5
C ₆ H ₆	1: 2.0
H ₂ O	1: 7.0

Solanapyrone: Labeling Studies

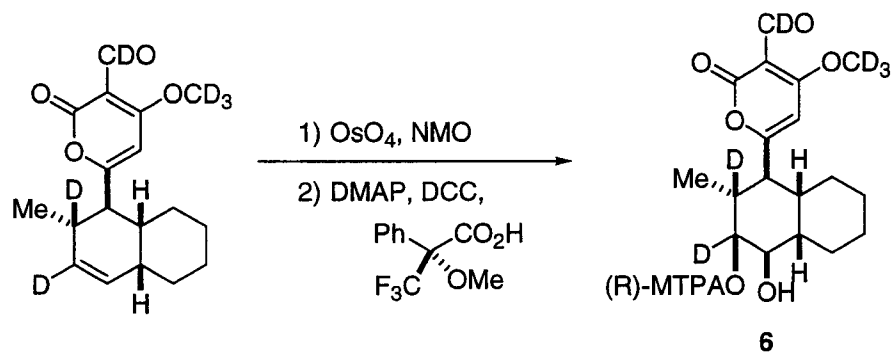


Feeding of **1**, **2**, and **3** resulted in labeled Solanapyrone A, no label was detected from **4** or **5**
 ^2H NMR of major product from **1** showed $\text{C}^{17}:\text{C}^{18}$ deuterium ratio of 1:4.3
 5:1 mixture of Solanapyrone B and E showed 1:1 ratio in ^2H NMR

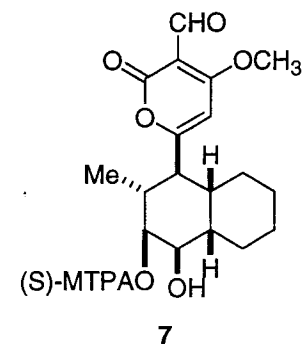
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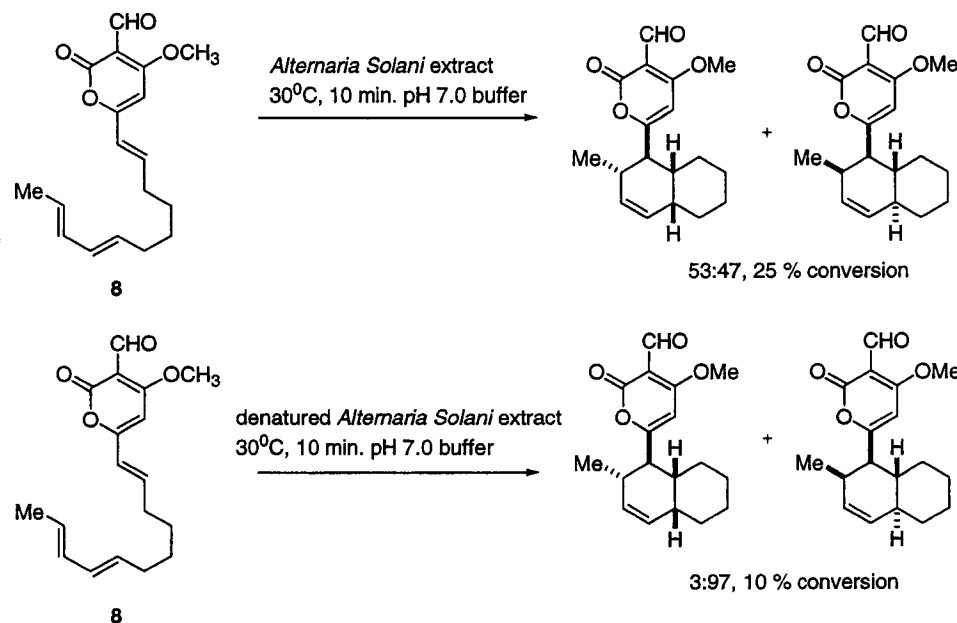
Labeling Studies



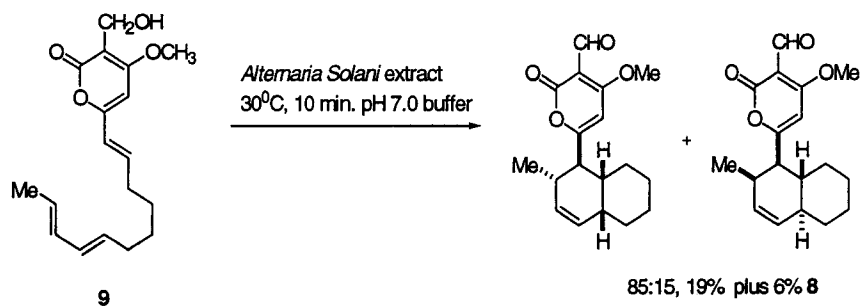
- Combined derivative **6** with diastereomer **7**, separated and took ²H NMR
- Deuterium observed in **6** but not in **7**
- Concluded reaction must be enzymatic to give enantiopure Solanapyrone



Solanapyrone: Final Evidence



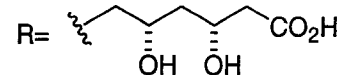
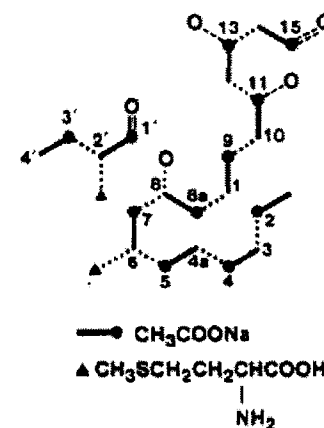
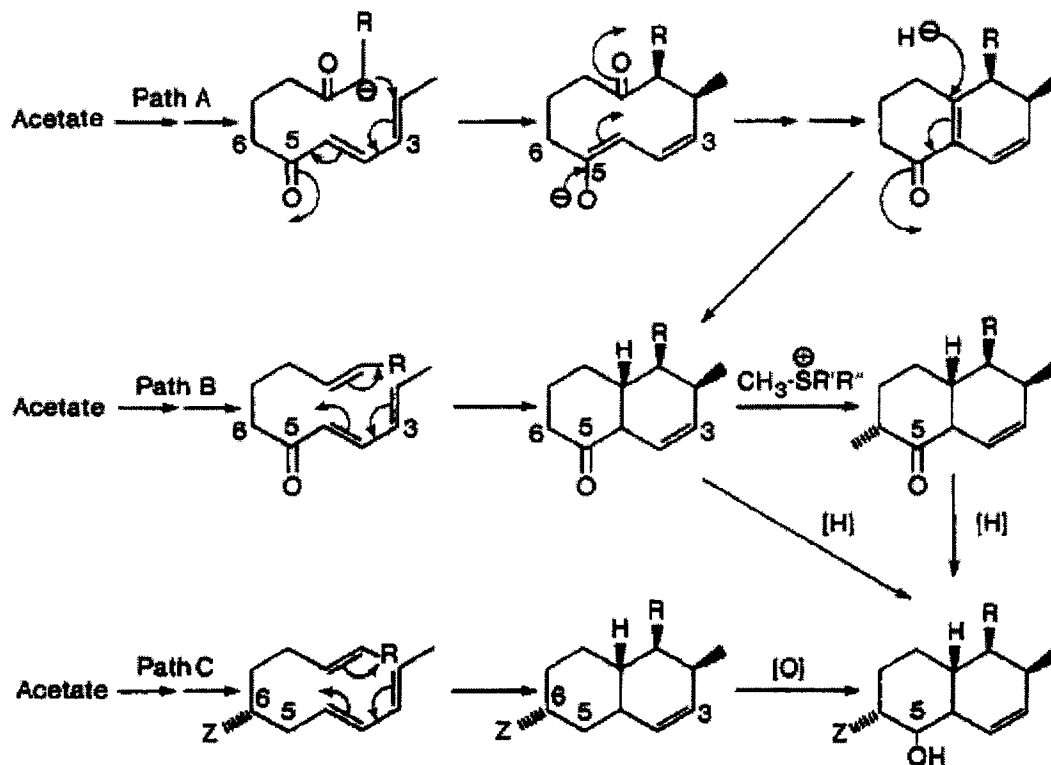
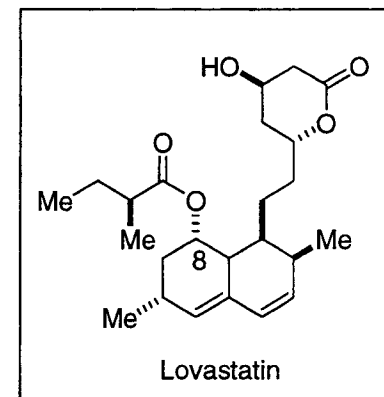
Calculate 87:13 selectivity of crude enzyme based on background reaction



No Solanapyrone B was formed from **9** under Ar atmosphere.

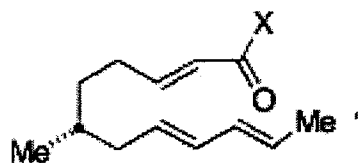
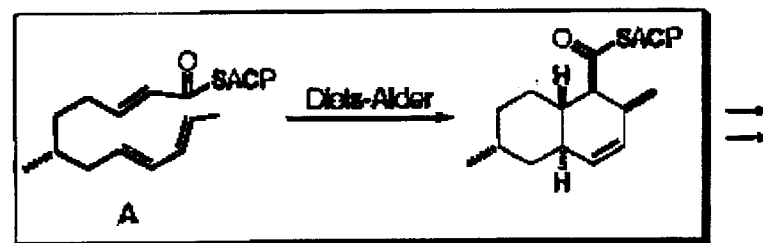
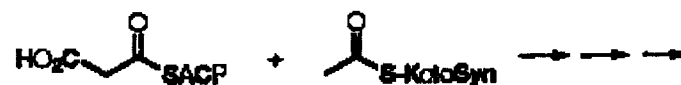
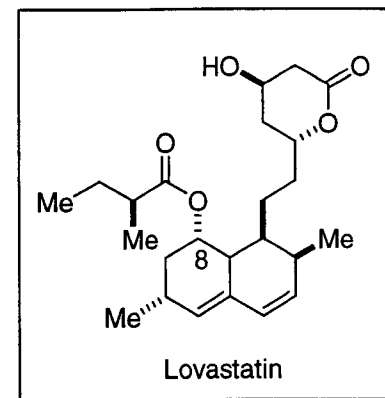
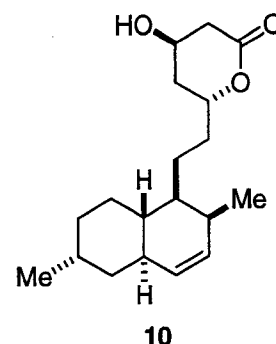
Lovastatin

- Also known as Mevinolin, marketed as Mevacor®
- Lowers cholesterol by blocking mevalonate synthesis
- Feeding studies demonstrate polyketide connectivity
 - Oxygen at C8 from O₂, all others from acetate
- Initial Proposed Biosynthesis



Lovastatin: Revised Proposal

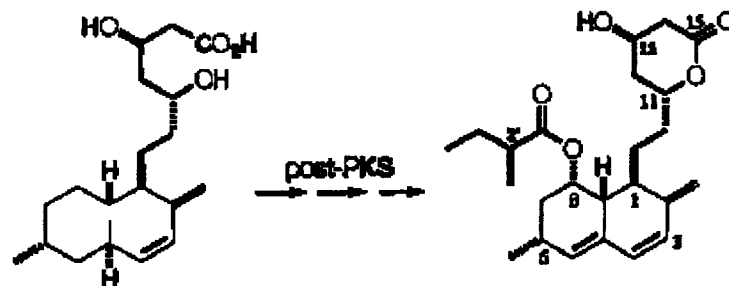
- **10** was isolated and demonstrated to be an intermediate in Lovastatin synthesis
- Proposed enzymatic Diels-Alder during polyketide synthesis
- Conducted model study for cyclization of **A**



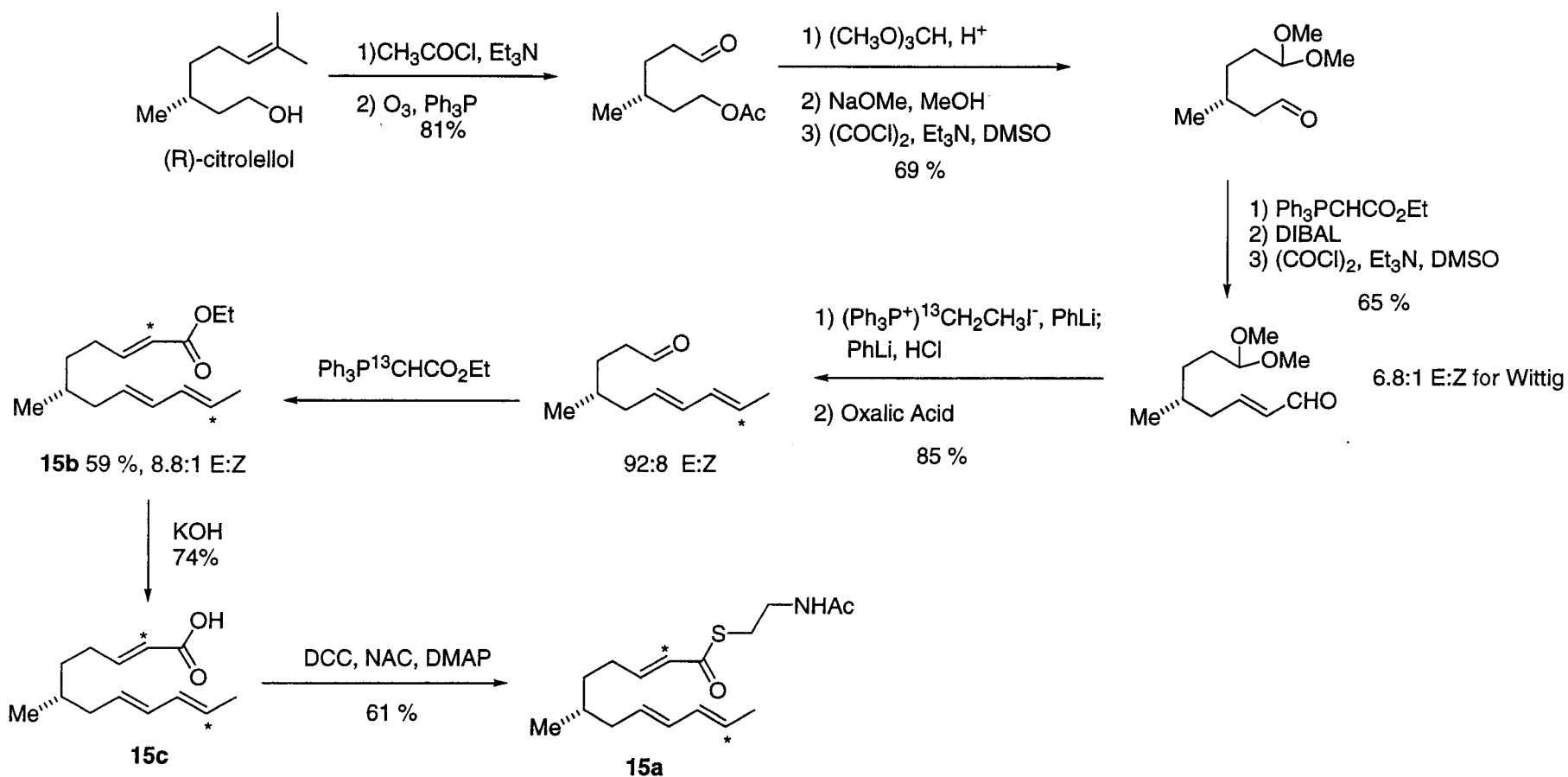
15a, X = S(CH₂)₂NHAc

15b, X = OEt

15c, X = OH

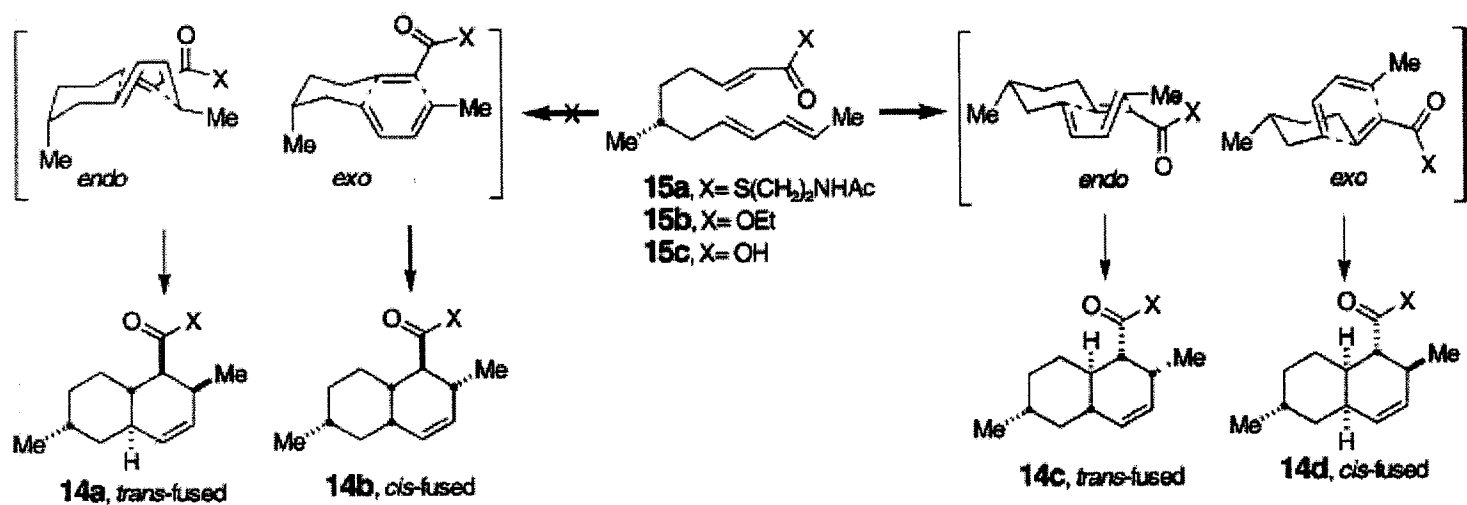


Synthesis of Hexaketide Analogs



Small quantity of **15a** spontaneously cyclized (10 day half-life at rt.)

Model Study

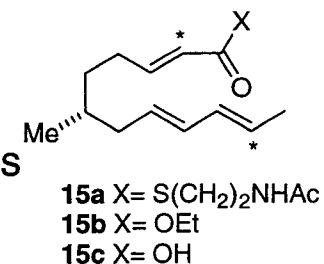


Compound	Conditions	Yield	Products
15a	160 ⁰ C, 4d	81%	1:1 14c:14d
15b	160 ⁰ C, 4d	72 %	1:1 14c:14d
15c	160 ⁰ C, 4d	83 %	1:1 14c:14d
15a	0.9 eq. EtAlCl ₂ , rt. 3h	80 %	19:1 14c:14d
15b	0.9 eq. EtAlCl ₂ , rt. 3h	58 %	9:1 14c:14d

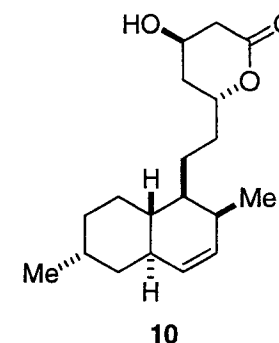
14a was not observed under any conditions

Biological Studies

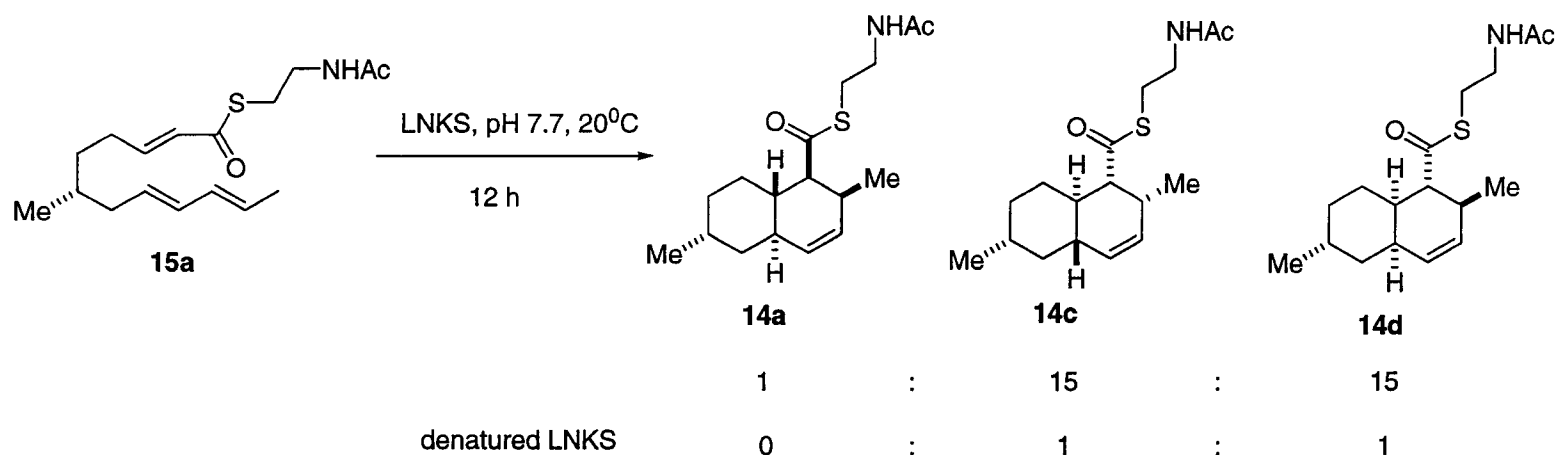
- Labeled **15** was not incorporated into the natural product in feeding studies
 - 15** could not be isolated from the fermentation mixture



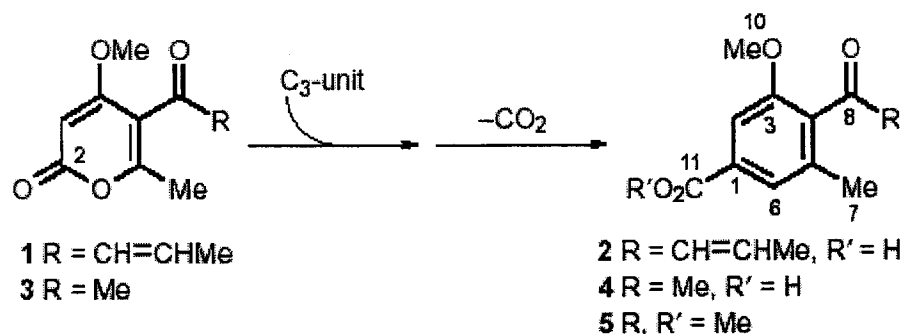
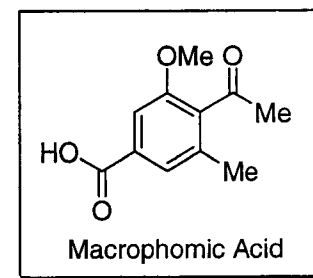
- Isolated and purified LNKS (Lovastatin nonaketide synthase)
 LNKS with protein *lovC* produces Dihydromonacolin L **10**



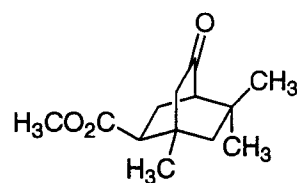
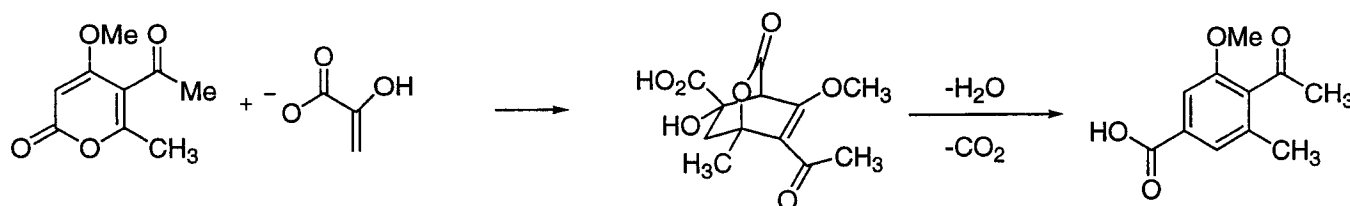
Determine Diels-Alder must take place with covalently bound analog of **15a**
 LNKS is the first example of a purified Diels-Alderase



Macrophomic Acid



Feeding experiments with [^{13}C]-acetate demonstrate all but C 1 , C 6 , and C 11 derived from acetate
 Pyranone 1 isolated from fermentation mixture is converted to Macrophomic Acid in whole cells
 [^{13}C]-glycerol feeding results in incorporation into C 1 , C 6 , and C 11



gave 23 % inhibition

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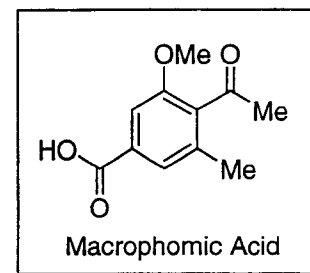
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Purified Enzyme

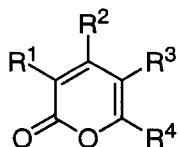
Macrophomate Synthase (MPS) was successfully purified

40 kDa enzyme, dimer, Mg^{2+} required

Only oxalacetate and pyruvate are react with pyranones in the presence of MPS



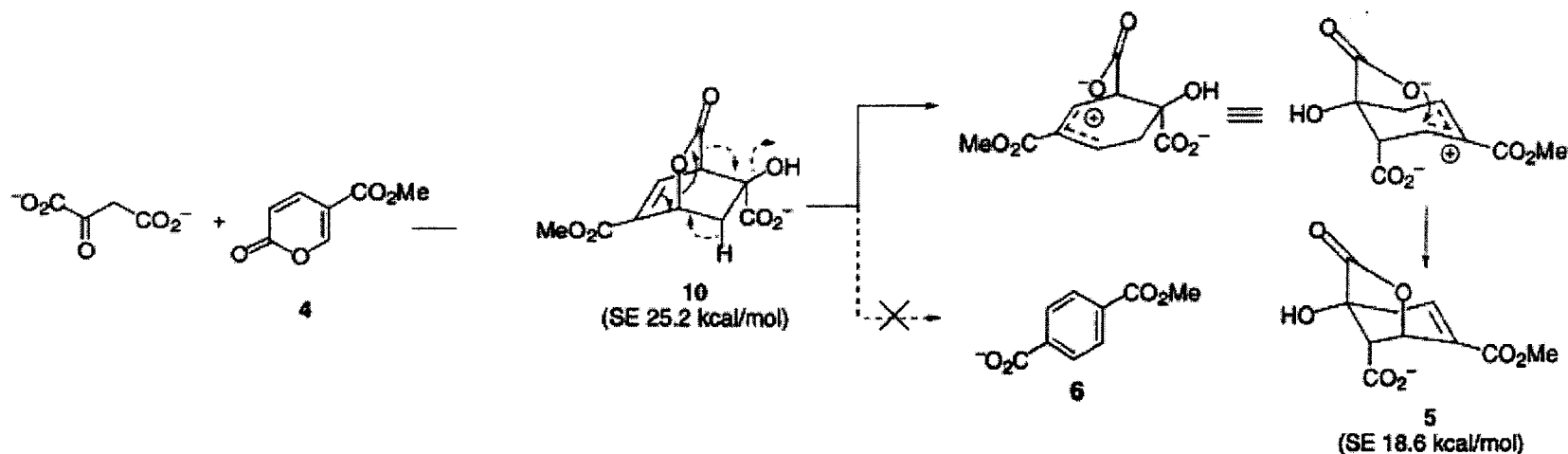
Tested 40 pyranone analogs



R^1 must be H, R^3 must be $COCH_3$ or CO_2R

$R^2 = OEt, OBn, Cl$ are reactive, OTBDPS, OAc give no reaction

$R^4 = Me$ reacts, H gives aberrant product



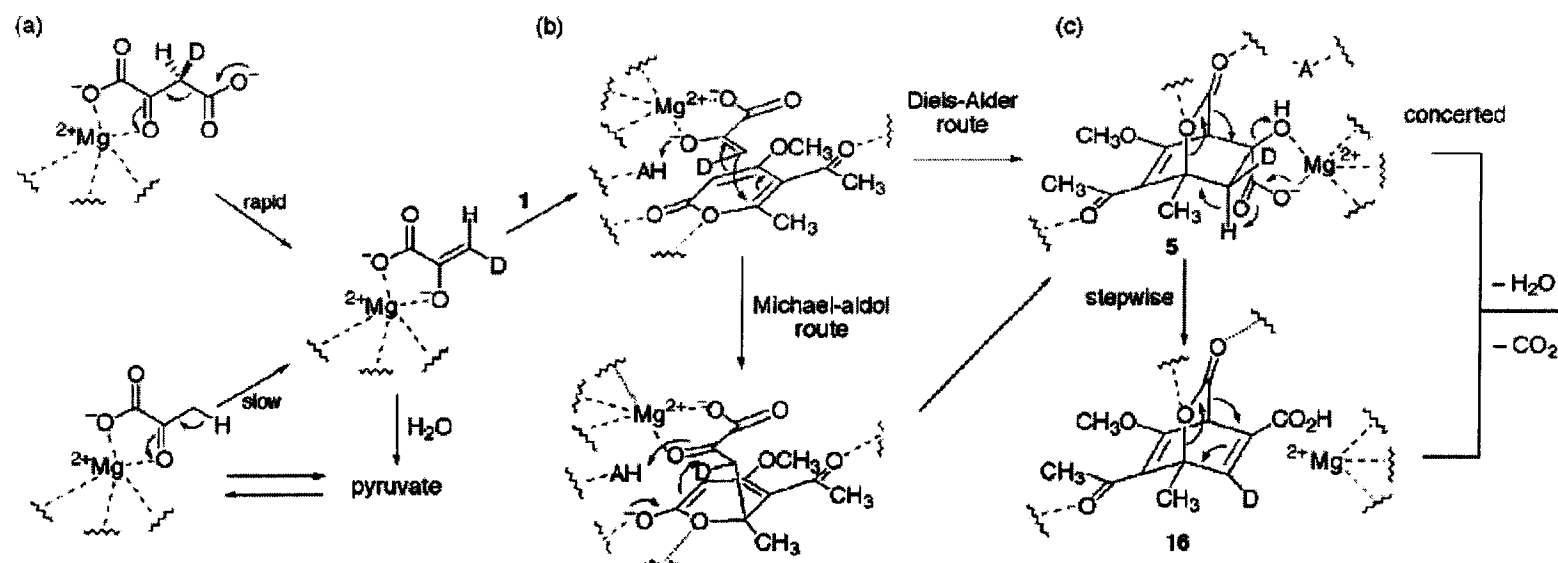
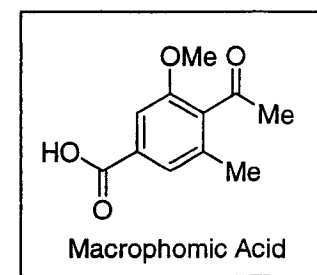
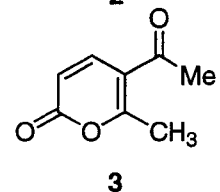
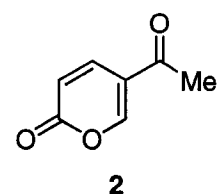
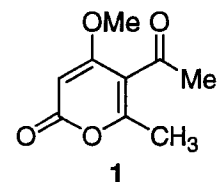
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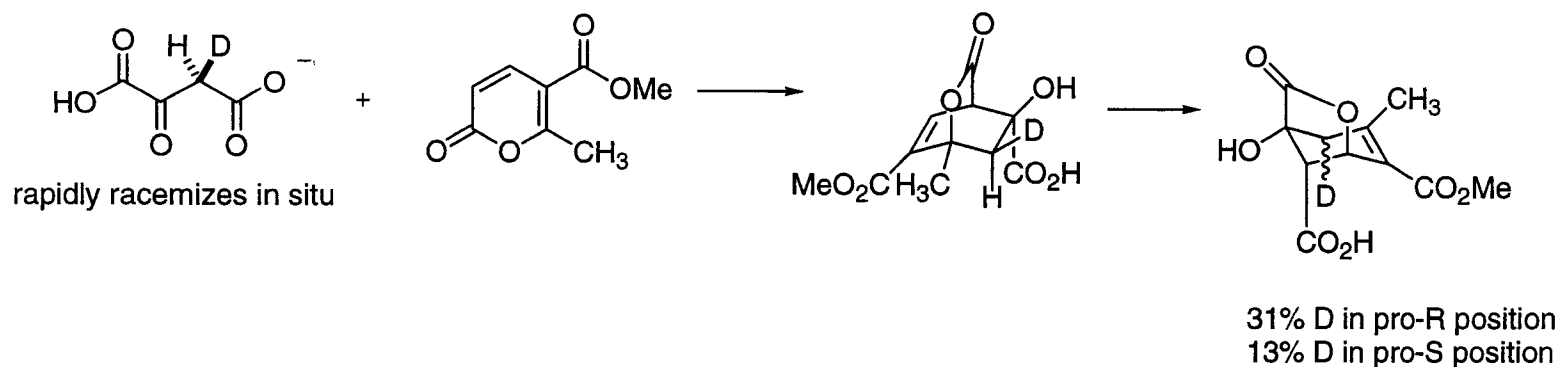
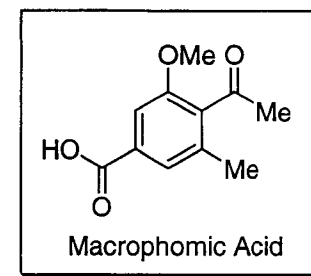
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Kinetics

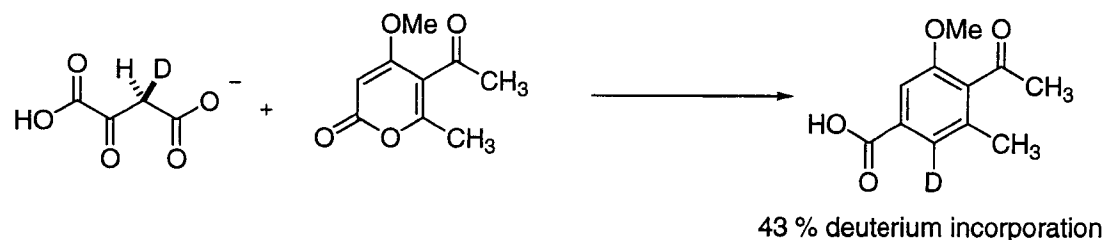
Reaction	k_{cat}
1. Macrophamate formation	
a. Oxalacetate + 1	0.60 s^{-1}
b. Pyruvate + 1	0.027 s^{-1}
2. Decarboxylation of Oxalacetate	16.3 s^{-1}
3. Adduct Formation	
a. 2	15.4 s^{-1}
b. 3	5.9 s^{-1}



Labeling Study

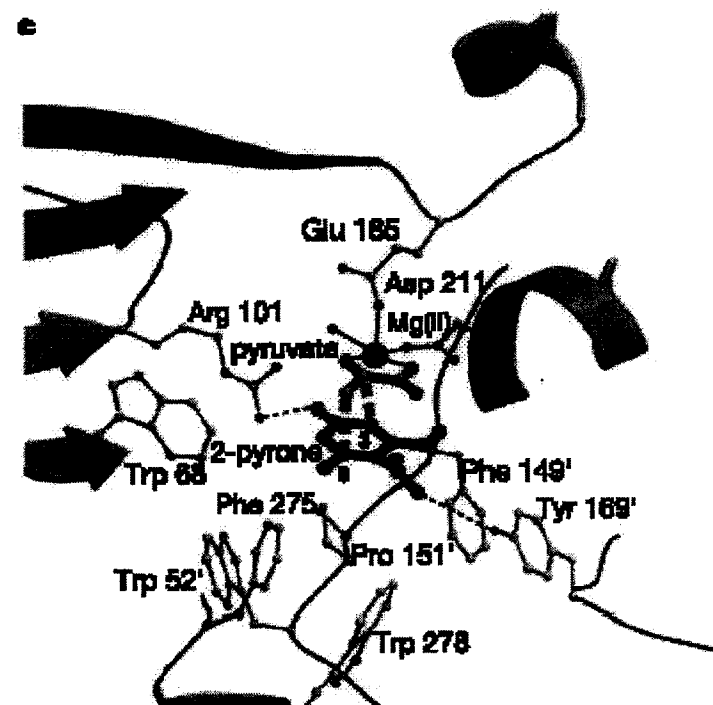
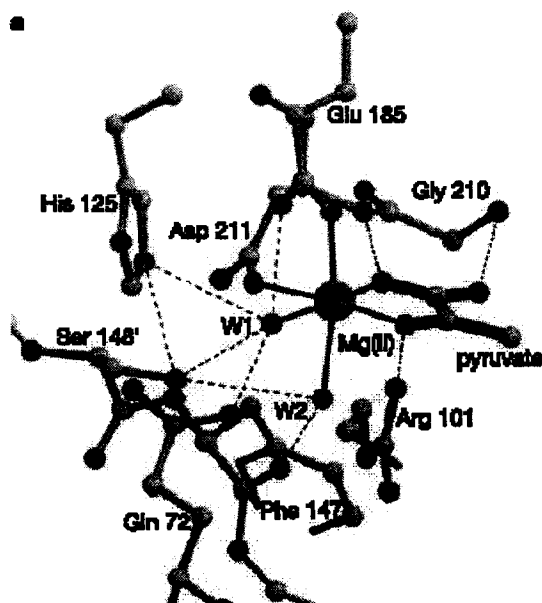
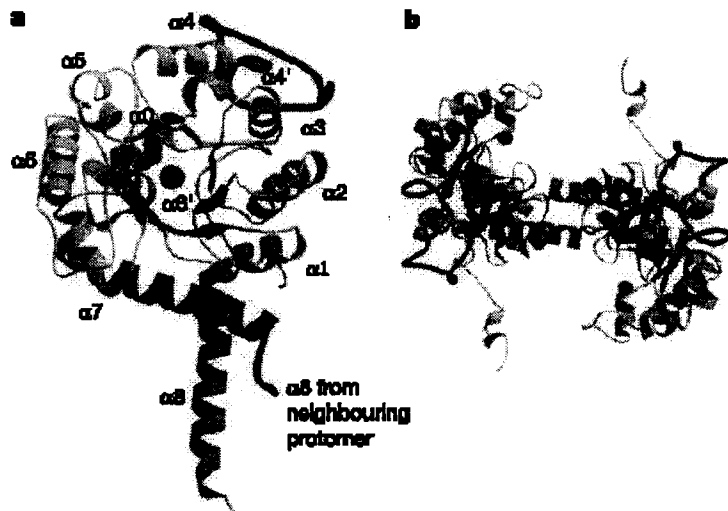
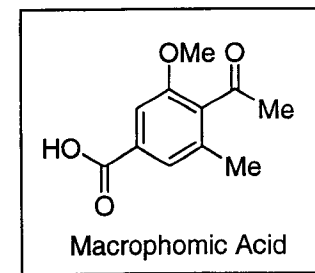


Authors conclude that 66% of label is lost, 26% derived from racemization, and 18% from the reaction of specifically labeled material (110% !)



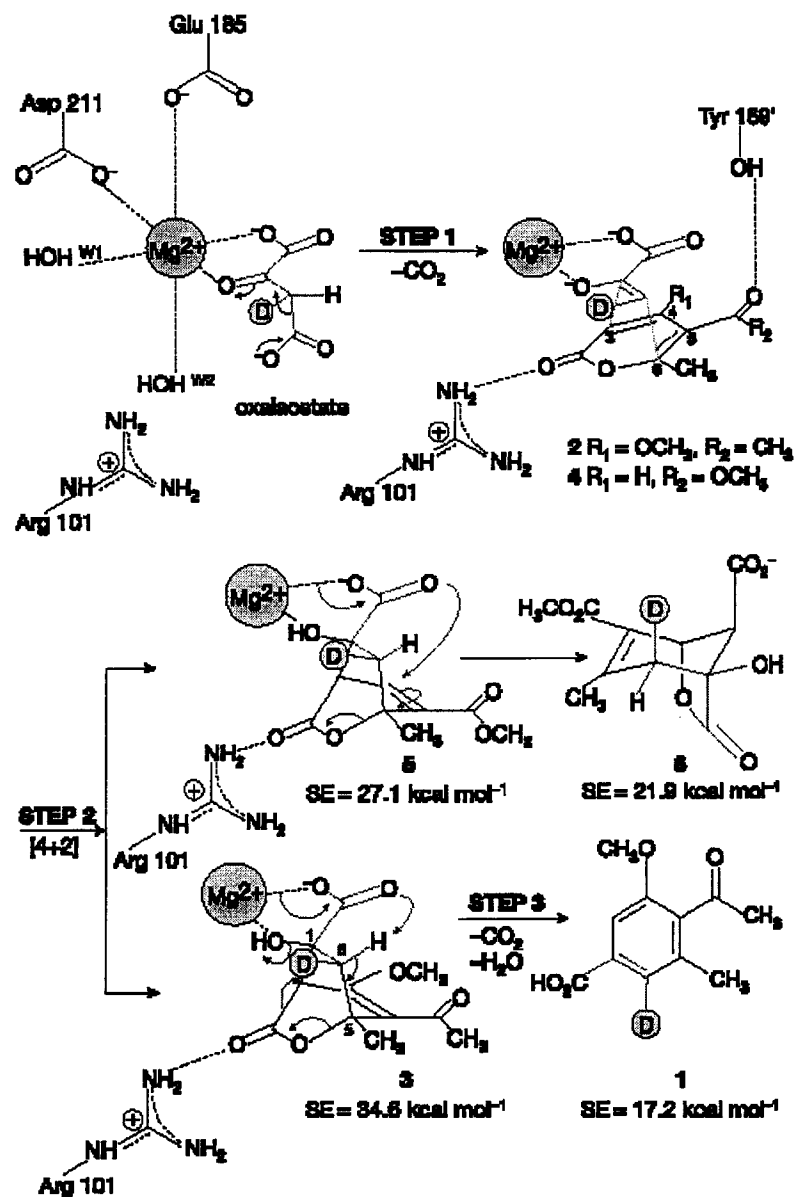
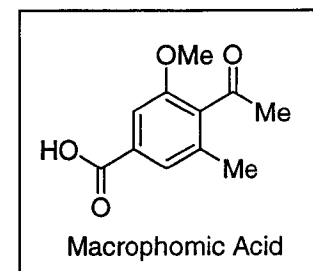
Based on deuterium incorporation, propose anti-elimination to form macrophomic acid

MPS Crystal Structure



Mutations at Arg 101 and Tyr 169' result in loss or reactivity
Model also explains aberrant products and lost reactivity in
Pyrone derivatives

Final Mechanism



Conclusions

Catalytic antibodies demonstrate the viability of Diels-Alderase

Solanapyrone and Lovastatin provide circumstantial evidence for the existence of Diels-Alderase

The isolation and crystal structure of Macrophomate Synthase give solid evidence that biosynthetic Diels-Alder reactions can be enzyme catalyzed

Can a Diels-Alderase be used preparatively to prepare otherwise difficult or inaccessible substrates?