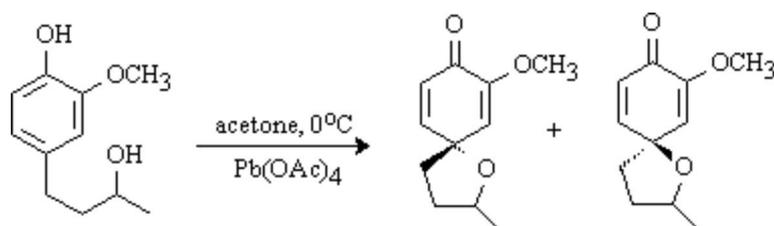


**(±)-7-methoxy-2-methyl-1-oxaspiro[4,5]deca-6,9-diene-8-one****Guy L. Plourde**

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The discussion and purpose for the synthesis of this compound has been reported elsewhere [1]. To a cold (0°C) solution of (±)-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-butanol (106 mg, 0.54 mmol) in acetone (10 mL) was added in one portion Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub> (655 mg, 1.5 mmol, 2.8 eq). The resulting orange mixture was stirred at 0°C for 2 h. The precipitate was filtered through celite and ethylene glycol (5 drops) was added. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 20 h and filtered through celite. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo to afford a racemic mixture of diastereomers (58/42 ratio). Chromatography on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) afforded a mixture of diastereoisomers as a colorless oil (65 mg, 62%). Spectroscopic data were obtained from the diastereomeric mixture.

IR (neat) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1682 (CO), 1675 (CO).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) d: **Major**: 1.35 (d, 3H, J=6.1 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.79 (m, 1H, H-3a), 2.17 (m, 3H, H-3b, H-4), 3.68 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.38 (m, 1H, H-2), 5.75 (d, 1H, J=2.7 Hz, H-6), 6.13 (d, 1H, J=10.0 Hz, H-9), 6.80 (dd, 1H, J=2.7, 10.0 Hz, H-10); **Minor**: 1.37 (d, 3H, J=6.1 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.79 (m, 1H, H-3a), 2.17 (m, 3H, H-3b, H-4), 3.69 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.38 (m, 1H, H-2), 5.70 (d, 1H, J=2.7 Hz, H-6), 6.14 (d, 1H, J=10.0 Hz, H-9), 6.86 (dd, 1H, J=2.7, 10.0 Hz, H-10).

<sup>13</sup>C-nmr (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) d: **Major**: 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.2 (C-3), 38.1 (C-4), 54.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 76.7 (C-5), 79.6 (C-2), 117.3 (C-6), 125.9 (C-9), 149.8 (C-7), 151.3 (C-10), 181.7 (CO); **Minor**: 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.0 (C-3), 37.8 (C-4), 54.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 76.8 (C-5), 79.6 (C-2), 117.8 (C-6), 125.9 (C-9), 149.8 (C-7), 150.7 (C-10), 181.7 (CO).

MS m/e (rel %): **Major**: 194 [M<sup>+</sup>] (100), 179 (34), 166 (29), 151 (61), 139 (33), 123 (33), 111 (44), 85 (73); **Minor**: 194 [M<sup>+</sup>] (100), 177 (8), 153 (85), 147 (16), 124 (11).

Anal. calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C 68.01, H 7.27; found: C 67.99, H 7.52.**Acknowledgment**

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