A Diels–Alder strategy towards a benzonaphthopyranoquinone

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Abstract

Reaction of a suitably protected aryllithium derivative with citral, and subsequent deprotection and cyclization was used to obtain dibenzopyran 5, a precursor of the tricyclic quinone 6. Diels–Alder reaction of 6 with 1,3-dimethoxy-1-trimethylsilyloxy-1,3-butadiene 7 led to benzonaphthopyranoquinone 8. The regioselectivity in the dienophilic partner is governed by the remote oxygen of the pyran ring. The dimethylether of (\pm) naphthgeranine A (8) is synthesized in good yield through the Diels–Alder reaction of pyranoquinone 6 and diene 7. The regioselectivity in the dienophilic partner is governed by the remote oxygen of the pyran ring.

Keywords

Diels-Alder reaction, Quinone, Benzopyran.