

SELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF 12,13- AND 17,18-DIHYDROPORPHOLACTONES

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Porpholactones are a class of pyrrole-modified porphyrins in which a pyrrolic unit is formally replaced by one oxazolone unit. These compounds have a very rich chemistry and may be converted into a number of other pyrrole-modified porphyrins [1,2]. However, the participation of porpholactones in cycloaddition reactions has never been reported. In this communication we report the reaction of *meso*-tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)porpholactone with azomethine ylides and nitrones. Pyrrolidine-fused and isoxazolidine-fused dihydroporpholactones are formed site-selectively in these reactions.

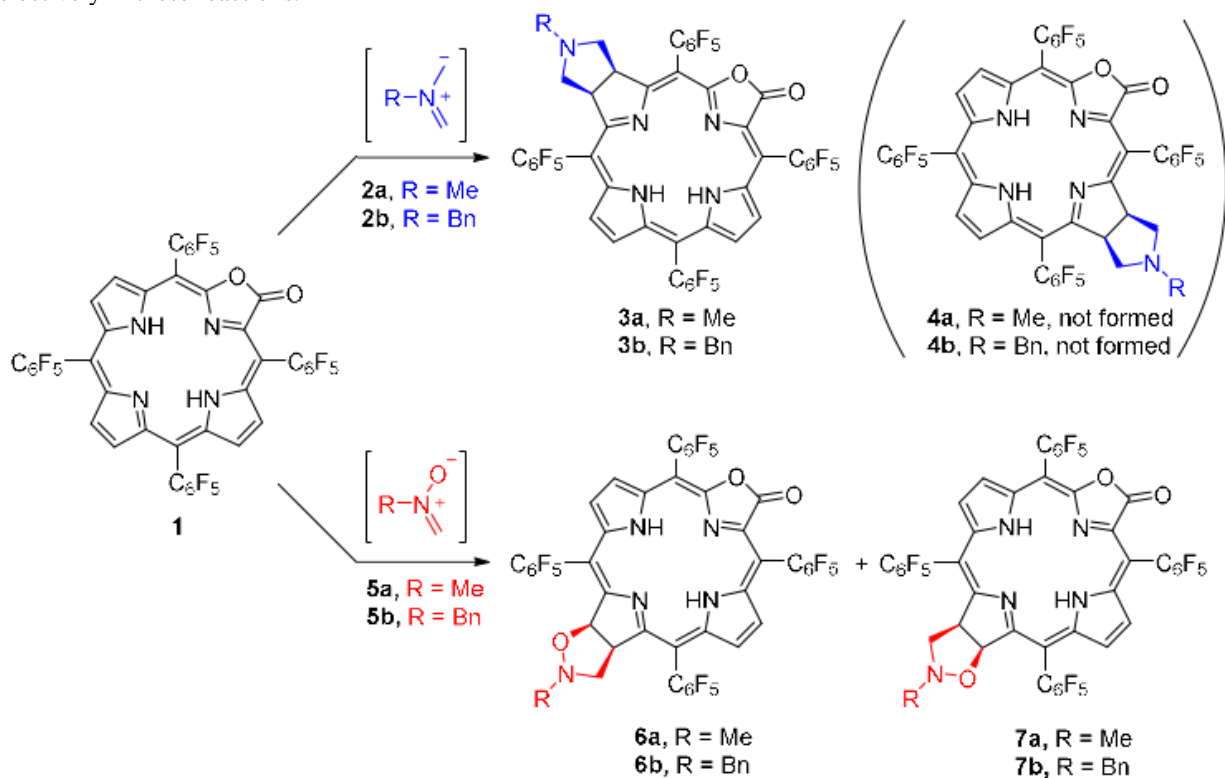


Fig. 1. Synthesis of corresponding porpholactone cycloadducts

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