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#### Figure 1. Synthesis of Resin Bound Ethers to Form the Corresponding Alcohol

The objective of the Quest 210 Organic Synthesizer Tutorial is to introduce and familiarize new users to the instrument. The tutorial guides the user through instrument operations using a synthesis as a training vehicle. The reaction scheme for the synthesis is shown in **Figure 1**. All of the materials necessary for the Quest 210 User Tutorial are listed in **Table 1**. Please allow for extra materials so there is plenty of reagent and solvent available for performing the syntheses.

The tutorial is divided into the following sections, (I) Instrument and Solution Preparation, (II) Coupling Reaction, (III) Addition of Cleavage/Scavenger and Product Collection, (IV) Cleaning and Maintenance and Sample Work Up/Analysis. The experiment is performed in duplicate using a bank of ten reaction vessels (RVs) on the

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Material	Source	Comment	Total amount used
ArgoCaps (PS-DES)	Argonaut	150 mg/capsule, ~ <b>0.68</b> mmol/g*	10 capsules supplied with the Quest 210
Wilkinson's catalyst Chlorotris(triphenylphosphine) rhodium(I) (RhCl(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Strem	FW 925.23	76 mg
1-(2-methoxybenzoyl)-2 pyrrolidinemethanol	Aldrich	FW 235.28	282 mg
1-naphthaleneethanol	Aldrich	FW 172.23	206 mg
2,2-diphenylethanol	Aldrich	FW 198.27	238 mg
Epiandrosterone	Aldrich	FW 290.45	348 mg
4-biphenylcarboxaldehyde	Aldrich	FW 182.22	218 mg
HF/pyridine	Aldrich	~70% HF, ~30% pyridine	0.4 mL
Methoxytrimethylsilane (MeOSiMe <sub>3</sub> )	Aldrich	FW 104.23, d = 0.756	5.0 mL
1-Methyl-2-pyrrolidinone, anhydrous (NMP)	Aldrich	99.5% Dried over molecular sieves	220 mL
Pyridine, anhydrous	Aldrich	Sure-seal	0.8 mL
Tetrahydrofuran, anhydrous (THF)	Fisher	HPLC grade Stored under N <sub>2</sub>	210 mL
Dichloromethane, anhydrous (DCM)	Fisher	HPLC grade Stored under N <sub>2</sub>	240 mL

\* Due to lot differences in the PS-DES resin, the amount of solvents and reagents required for this tutorial may be different from the amounts shown in Table 1. Refer to Figure 1 and the lot information supplied with the PD-DES ArgoCaps to calculate the materials necessary for your synthesis.

#### Table 1. Solvents and Reagents Needed for the Quest 210 Tutorial

Quest 210 Synthesizer. Syntheses should be performed in the reaction vessels as shown in **Table 2**. Polystyrene-Diethylsilane linker (PS-DES resin) encapsulated in

<b>RV number</b>	Diversity Reagent	Structure
1,6	1-(2-methoxybenzoyl)-2- pyrrolidinemethanol	
2,7	l-naphthaleneethanol	но
3, 8	2,2-diphenylethanol	
4,9	epiandrosterone	
5, 10	4-biphenylcarboxaldehyde	Ph-C-C-H

#### Table 2. Quest 210 Tutorial Reaction Vessel Set Up

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polycarbonate capsules (ArgoCaps) are placed into the RVs and washed three times with 4 mL of dichloromethane (DCM). The efficient removal of the capsule by organic solvent demonstrates the convenience of using ArgoCaps for solid-phase synthesis. After performing a solvent exchange with anhydrous 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (NMP), PS-DES resin is allowed to react with a selection of alcohols and carbonyls (0.3 M in NMP) using RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> as catalyst at an elevated temperature. The alcohol, carbonyls and catalyst in NMP are conveniently delivered through the Luer Port of the Quest 210 upper manifold under a low flow of nitrogen. RVs are pressurized with nitrogen to provide an inert reaction environment for both alcoholysis and carbonyl hydrosilylation reactions. After 3 h of heating at 60°C, the mixture is washed with solvent *via* a 4 L solvent bottle connected to the Quest. This delivery system allows for parallel solvent delivery to 10 RVs simultaneously. The resin can be either dried for FT-IR analysis or carried forward for the cleavage of the silyl ether. After cleavage and HF scavenging, products are collected and concentrated for mass yield and GC analysis.

**Note:** The results reported in **Table 4** (Page 28) at the end of this tutorial are representative and your results may vary based on the purity of reagents used for synthesis.

#### I. Instrument and Solution Preparation

#### A. Solution Preparation

1.  $RhCl(PPh_3)_3$  solution in NMP (0.0075 M)

To a dry  $\overline{25}$  mL pear-shaped flask containing a stir bar, add RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (76 mg, 0.082 mmol) under nitrogen. Add anhydrous NMP (11 mL) to completely dissolve the catalyst. Store the solution under nitrogen.

- Alcohol or carbonyl solution in NMP (0.3 M) Prepare 4 mL of stock alcohol and carbonyl solutions as described in Table 3. Store the solution under nitrogen.
- 3. <u>HF/pyridine solution in THF (0.4 M)</u>

To a dry 100 mL pear-shaped flask containing a stir bar, add 40 mL of anhydrous THF under nitrogen. While stirring, add 0.8 mL of pyridine followed by 0.4 mL of HF/pyridine (Aldrich, ~70% HF, ~30% pyridine). Store the solution under nitrogen.

#### Caution: HF solutions should be handled with care in a fume hood.

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#### Table 3. Preparation of Alcohol and Carbonyl Solutions in Anhydrous NMP (0.3 M)

#### **B.** Instrument Preparation

Before proceeding, prepare the appropriate alcohol/carbonyl and catalyst solutions needed for the tutorial. The alcohols, carbonyls, and catalyst may take some time to dissolve and should therefore be prepared at least an hour before they are needed for the experiment.

# CAUTION: Always wear gloves, eye protection, and proper clothing such as a lab coat when working with the Quest.

Prior to Starting the Synthesis:

- Read the Quest 210 User Manual.
- Verify that the Quest was installed according to the Quest Installation Procedure found in the Quest 210 User Manual.
- Verify that a 30-40 psi inert gas supply is connected to the Quest Controller Unit.
- Flush tetrahydrofuran (THF) through the Upper Manifold of the Quest by performing several solvent fills and drains (see Chapter 3 of the Quest User Manual).
- Familiarize yourself with the nomenclature and various components of the Quest Reactor Unit (Figure 2).

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Figure 2. Quest 210 Reactor Unit

# C. Installation of an Oil Bubbler and Purging the System

This synthesis requires an oil bubbler be installed in the Utility 1 port located at the top of the instrument (**Figure 3**). Use 1/8 inch Teflon tubing to connect the oil bubbler to the Quest 210. The bubbler outlet should be pointed towards the back of the fume hood and away from the Quest. Fittings are provided with the Quest to interface with an oil bubbler, or any other external accessory. These fittings have a  $\frac{1}{4}$ "-28 thread.

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Figure 3. Location of Manifold Controls and Utility Ports

Once the oil bubbler is installed, ensure that it is functioning properly by doing the following:

- 1 Verify the Upper Manifold Membrane Pressure Switch is "OPEN".
- 2 Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "UTILITY 1" and "METERED GAS".



The metered gas is regulated by the Metered Gas Needle Valve located next to the utility ports on the top of the Reactor Unit (**Figure 3**). Turn the Metered Gas Needle Valve <u>counter clockwise</u> to increase the gas flow rate and <u>clockwise</u> to decrease the gas flow rate. Observe the differences in flow rate *via* the oil bubbler.

- 3 Flush the common channels of the Upper Manifold using the following protocol:
  - a. Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "DRAIN GAS" and "CLOSED". Open the Lower Manifold Drain Valves by pushing the levers down one at a time or by

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using the white Teflon Drain Lever provided with the Quest to drain all 10 RVs in parallel.



 b. Leaving the Lower Manifold Drain Valves open, turn off the Drain Gas (set the left valve to "CLOSED") and turn on the METERED GAS. Note- Do not turn the Manifold Control Valves to "DRAIN GAS" and "METERED GAS" simultaneously.



c. Turn both Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and close the Lower Manifold Drain Valves by flipping the Drain Levers upward.



- 4. Remove the glass waste tank and dispose of the solvent waste. To remove the glass waste tank, push the silver buttons on the handles of the collection tray (located below the Lower Manifold of the Reactor Unit) and slowly slide the collection tray down to its lowest position. Remove the waste tank and dispose of the waste in accordance with local laws and regulations.
- 5. With an appropriate solvent, rinse the underside of the Lower Manifold where the Teflon lines for fraction collection are located. It is recommended to use a volatile solvent such as acetone. Carefully dry the area with a Kimwipe or laboratory towel taking care not to bump or bend the Teflon collection lines.
- 6. To reinstall the glass waste tank, place the empty tank onto the collection tray and slide the tray into position *via* the silver buttons located on the collection tray handles. The silver buttons will snap out to verify that the waste tank is locked into position.

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### D. RV Removal & Instrument Cleaning

- 1. To remove the RVs from Side A (RVs 1-10) use the following protocol.
  - a. Position the rotating lever on the **right** side of the Reactor Unit so that is sticking out from the right side of the Quest parallel to the bench top. Rotate the lever in towards the front of the Quest 210 Reactor Unit. Insert the rotating lever into the slot in the blue handles of the Upper Manifold (early production Quest 210 Systems have two steel pins instead of the slot in the Upper Manifold handles).
  - b. While pushing the silver button in on the **right** Upper Manifold handle pull the rotating lever up. Slide the **right** side of the Upper Manifold up as far as possible.
  - c. Slide the **left** side of the Upper Manifold up using the **left** rotating lever in the same manor as the right side. This end should lift much easier now that the right side of the Upper Manifold has been raised.
  - d. Push the silver buttons in on both Upper Manifold handles and slide the Upper Manifold up until the silver buttons snap out indicating that the manifold is locked into position.
- 2. Using the RV extraction tool (red pliers) supplied in the Quest starter kit, remove the old RVs (RVs 1-10, Side A). To remove the RV, grasp the top of the RV (**Figure 4**)



Figure 4. Grasp the top of the RV with the RV extraction tool

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Figure 5. Using the RV mount as a fulcrum, twist the RV to "break it free" from the Lower Drain Manifold male RV fitting

and "twist-up" using the RV holder as a fulcrum (**Figure 5**) to break the RV free of the clamping ring (**Figure 6**). Take care not to bump the tube inserts which protrude from the Upper Manifold male RV fittings.



Figure 6. The RV is Free from the Lower Drain Manifold male RV fitting.

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Figure 7. Remove the RV from the holder

- 3. With your fingers, remove the RV from the Reactor Unit (Figure 7)
- 4. Using a sharp pair of scissors, cut the top of the RV off below the crimp from the RV extraction tool.
- 5. Use the external hand magnet provided in the Quest starter kit to remove the magnet mixers from the RV. Remove the magnets by sliding the magnets out through the top of the RV.
- 6. Wash the magnetic mixers with an appropriate solvent such as acetone.
- 7. Remove the Luer Plugs (twist and pull) from the Upper Manifold, rinse them with an appropriate solvent (e.g., acetone), and wipe clean.
- 8. Use a wash bottle or syringe to rinse the Luer Ports of the Upper Manifold with an appropriate solvent. Hold a soft cloth or paper towel beneath the Upper Manifold to absorb the rinse solvent.
- 9. Use a cotton swab wetted with an appropriate solvent to wipe the inside of the Luer Ports of the Upper Manifold and to wipe around the Upper Manifold male Teflon RV fittings.
- 10. Use a cotton swab wetted with an appropriate solvent to wipe clean the male Teflon RV fittings of the Lower Drain Manifold. Lift the RV collars and wipe around the bottom of the male Teflon RV fittings.
- 11. Finally, re-examine the Upper and Lower Manifold male RV fittings. Clean the RV fittings and remove any residue or particulates with a soft cloth and an appropriate solvent. Do not allow any particulates to enter the drain holes of the Lower Manifold male RV fittings. Take care not to scratch the male RV fittings as this may result in leaks.

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#### E. **RV** Installation

- 1. Slide ten 5 mL RVs between the aluminum heating plate and spring loaded insulators on the Reactor Unit. Press them down over the male Teflon RV fittings on the Lower Drain Manifold. Do not attempt to fully seat the RVs at this time.
- 2. Place the Reaction Vessel Insertion Tool on top of the RV as shown in Figure 8.



Figure 8. Aligning the Reaction Vessel Insertion Tool with the RV

3. Press down on the RV with the RV Insertion Tool to seat the RV over the male Teflon RV fitting of the Lower Drain Manifold (Figure 9).



Figure 9. Seating the RV with the RV Insertion Tool

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4. Check that the vessels are fully seated over the male Teflon RV fittings of the Lower Drain Manifold. If the vessels are seated properly, the tops of the vessels will be horizontally uniform and the frits will be seated just above or on the male Teflon RV fittings of the Lower Drain Manifold (Figure 10).



Figure 10. Proper installation of the Quest RVs

# II. Coupling Reaction

To a bank of ten RV's (e.g., RVs 1-10, Side A), an ArgoCap of PS-DES resin is added. The capsule is dissolved by washing with DCM (3 x 4 ml, 5 min. agitation). After dissolving the ArgoCap, a solvent exchange with anhydrous NMP (3 x 4 mL, 5 min. agitation) is performed. Under nitrogen, the appropriate alcohol or carbonyl solution in NMP (0.3 M, 2 mL, 0.6 mmol) is added to each RV *via* syringe. To this mixture, RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> solution in NMP (1 mL, 0.0075 M,  $7.5 \times 10^4$  mmol) is added under nitrogen. The mixture is agitated for 3 h at 60°C and then washed with NMP x 3, DCM x 3, and THF x 2 (4 mL, agitate 5 min.). You may stop here if you do not wish to perform the resin cleavage/scavenge. Instead of analyzing the cleaved products by GC, qualitative IR analysis may be performed on the loaded resin. To prepare the resin for analysis, dry the resin and take an IR spectra of the beads to see if the coupling reaction was complete. Ether formation can be monitored by looking for the disappearance of the Si-H IR stretch at 2100 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### A. Addition of PS-DES ArgoCaps to the RVs

- 1. Drop one 150 mg PS-DES ArgoCap into each 5 mL Teflon RV previously installed.
- 2. Move the agitator to the up position by pushing the Agitation UP button located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display (Figure 11).

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Figure 11. Quest Controller Unit display

- 3. Place a single magnet mixer into each RV with the fin facing downward. Use the external hand magnet found in the Quest starter kit to align the magnet mixers with the magnetic agitation bar.
- 4. Lower the Upper Manifold onto the RVs by doing the following:
  - a. Push in the silver buttons on the blue handles of the Upper Manifold.
  - b. Using the Upper Manifold handles, *slowly* slide the Upper Manifold onto the tops of the RVs. Do not push the male Teflon fittings of the Upper Manifold into the RVs at this time.
  - c. Use the Rotating Levers on either side of the Quest to *simultaneously* lock both sides of the Upper Manifold into place. First move the Levers so they stick out from the sides of the Quest 210 Reactor Unit parallel to the bench top. Next, rotate the levers towards the front of the Quest 210 Reactor Unit. Insert the levers into the slot in the blue handles of the Upper Manifold. Push down on the Rotating Levers and slide the Upper Manifold into the RVs. Keep pushing until the silver buttons on the blue handles snap out indicating that the Upper Manifold is locked into place.
- 5. Replace the Luer Plugs (push and twist) into the Luer Ports of the Upper Manifold.

#### B. Changing the 4 L Solvent Bottle

- 1. Ensure the Manifold Membrane Pressure Switch is in the "OPEN" position.
- 2. Vent the Upper Manifold by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "VENT". Wait ~5 seconds.



3. Vent the 4 L Solvent Bottle by turning the black valve on the Solvent Bottle Cap to the "VENT" position and allow the solvent bottle to vent for ~1 minute.

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4. Turn both Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED".



- 5. Unscrew the Solvent Bottle Cap from the 4 L bottle.
- 6. Wipe off any residual solvent on the Solvent Bottle Pick-Up Line.
- 7. Dispose of the white polyethylene Solvent/Reagent Inlet Filter and install a new one on the end of the Solvent Bottle Pick-Up Line.
- 8. Replace the 4 L solvent bottle in the Safety Container with a 4 L bottle of DCM. Take care not to misplace the Teflon bottle seal.
- Remove the cap from the DCM bottle. Insert the Teflon bottle seal into the neck of the DCM bottle. Screw the bottle cap assembly on hand tight. Turn the black valve on top of the Solvent Bottle Cap towards the tubing marked "Bottle Pressure". Wait ~1 minute for the bottle to pressurize.

#### C. Parallel Delivery of Methylene Chloride to RVs for ArgoCap Washing

1. To deliver DCM to 10 RVs in parallel, "pressurize" the bottle of DCM and "vent" the RVs by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "SOLVENT" and "VENT". When



the solvent has reached the top row of screws on the spring-loaded insulators on the front of the Reactor Unit (RV is 3/4 full, ~4 mL), purge the manifold by *slowly* turning the left Manifold Control Valve from "SOLVENT" to "DRAIN GAS". Allow the Upper Manifold to purge for ~5 seconds. Purging the Upper Manifold will chase residual solvent into the RVs using nitrogen gas.



2. Close the Upper Manifold by first turning the **left** Manifold Control Valve to "CLOSED", then turn the right Manifold Control Valve to "CLOSED".



#### D. Adjusting the Agitation Bar

- 1. Ensure that the Agitator Bar is in the UP position (move the agitator up by pushing the Agitation UP button located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display).
- 2. Use the 7/64" hex wrench supplied with the Quest to loosen the Agitation Stops. Adjust the Agitation Stops on the Reactor Unit so the maximum magnet height is ~2 cm below the solvent level in the RVs. Tighten the Agitation Stops so both stops are at the same height (see **Figure 2**).
- 3. On the Quest Controller Unit press the MODE soft key located below the LCD display until the Agitation menu is displayed (Figure 12).

```
MixEvery : 4.0 sec
UpStroke : 3.8 sec
% Upward : 95 %
- ~ Not Agitating ~ - -
```

#### Figure 12. Agitation LCD Display

#### E. Agitation Cycles for ArgoCap Washing

The following washing/agitation regimen is recommended for use with polystyrene resin encapsulated ArgoCaps. The agitation is gradated in order to provide gentle agitation for the initial dissolution of the ArgoCaps. Once the ArgoCaps have dissolved and the resin is swollen in DCM solvent, the agitation is set for a gentle cycle to be used throughout the synthesis. Please note that these Parameter Settings are representative and may vary somewhat from instrument to instrument.

- Press the Right or Left soft keys (→→) to select the "Mix Every" parameter (agitation frequency) on the Agitation menu.
- 2. Use the PARAMETER SETTING soft keys (↑↓) to increase or decrease the agitation frequency to the following: Mix Every <u>4.0 sec.</u>

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- Press the Right or Left soft keys (→→) to select the % Upward parameter (the amount of time the agitation bar remains in the up most position expressed as a percentage of the agitation frequency).
- 4. Use the PARAMETER SETTING soft keys  $(\uparrow\downarrow)$  to increase or decrease the %Upward parameter to the following: %Upward= <u>95%</u>.
- 5. Turn the agitation on by pushing the Agitation ON soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display. If solvent is splashing up onto the Upper Manifold, readjust the height of the agitation bar *via* the agitation stops so that the magnets are lower in the RVs
- Let the Quest agitate for ~ 5 strokes. Then using the PARAMETER SETTING soft keys (↑↓) begin decreasing the %Upward value by 1% per 5 strokes until the %Upward=90%.
- 7. Finally, decrease the % Upward from <u>90%</u> to <u>60%</u>. This is the agitation parameter setting to be used during the synthesis (Figure 13).

```
MixEvery : 4.0 sec
UpStroke : 2.4 sec
% Upward : 60 %
- - Not Agitating - - -
```

### Figure 13. Agitation Parameters for the Quest 210 Tutorial Synthesis

8. Try using the Mix Speed Needle Valve located in the lower right hand corner of the Quest Controller Unit. It is a good idea to experiment with this valve and understand the effect it has on the agitation. Turning the valve to the right (clockwise) will "Soften" or slow the agitation. Eventually the valve will close completely and the agitation will stop. Turning the valve counterclockwise opens the valve. When the valve is open completely the agitation is at its maximum speed.

# F. ArgoCap Washing

- 1. Move the agitator up by pushing the Agitation UP soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
- 2. Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "DRAIN GAS" and "CLOSED".



3. Use the white Teflon Drain Lever provided in the starter kit to drain all 10 RVs in parallel. Slip the handle over all 10 of the drain valves and pull the white lever down, draining the 10 RVs into the Waste Tank. Allow the RVs to drain for ~10 seconds.

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- 4. Raise the handle so the Lower Manifold Drain Valves are closed.
- Add ~4 mL DCM to the RVs by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "SOLVENT" and "VENT". When the delivery is complete, purge the Upper Manifold by *slowly* turning the left Manifold Control Valve to "DRAIN GAS".
- 6. Close the Upper Manifold by turning both of the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED".
- 7. Turn the agitation on by pushing the Agitation ON soft key located to the right side of the Quest Controller Unit display.
- 8. Agitate the resin for  $\sim 5$  minutes.
- 9. Repeat steps 1-8 two more times using DCM.

10. Drain the RVs as described in steps 1-4.

#### G. Addition of Anhydrous NMP Under a N<sub>2</sub> Sweep via the Upper Manifold Luer Ports

- 1. Purge the resin for ~30 seconds with nitrogen
  - a. Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "DRAIN GAS" and "CLOSED".
  - b. Toggle the 10 Lower Manifold Drain Valves open.
- 2. Close the Lower Manifold Drain Valves and vent the Upper Manifold by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "VENT".
- 3. Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "UTILITY 1" and "METERED GAS". This provides a low flow nitrogen sweep of the RVs during the addition of anhydrous NMP. Metered Gas will flow out of the Utility 1 port to the oil bubbler.



- 4. Adjust the Metered Gas Needle Valve located on the top of the Quest Reactor Unit until you see a steady stream of gas bubbling through the oil bubbler when one of the Luer Plugs is removed from the Upper Manifold. This will ensure the establishment of an inert atmosphere when removing the Luer Plugs to add solvent or reagent. Modify the gas flow by turning the Metered Gas Needle Valve counter clockwise (left) to increase the gas flow rate and clockwise (right) to decrease the gas flow rate.
- 5. Add anhydrous NMP (~4 mL) to the RVs. Remove the Luer Plug from the first RV Luer Port (twist and pull) and insert the syringe needle below the Teflon lines of the male Teflon RV fittings (below the stream of N<sub>2</sub>). Take care not to score the interior surfaces of the Luer Port with the needle. Marring the surface can affect the sealing of the Luer Port. After delivery, replace the Luer Plug (twist and push) and add NMP to the remaining 9 RVs in the same manner as the first.
- 6. Turn the agitation on by pressing the Agitation ON soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
- 7. Agitate the resin for  $\sim$ 5 minutes.

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- 8. Move the agitator up by pressing the Agitation UP soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
- 9. Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "DRAIN GAS" and "CLOSED".



- 10. Use the white Teflon Drain Lever to OPEN the Lower Manifold Drain Valves and drain all 10 RVs in parallel to the Waste Tank. Allow the nitrogen to purge the resin for ~30 seconds.
- 11. Raise the Teflon Drain Lever and close the Lower Manifold Drain Valves.
- 12. Re-establish a nitrogen flow through the Upper Manifold to the oil bubbler.
  - a. Vent the Upper Manifold by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "VENT".



b. Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "UTILITY 1" and "METERED GAS".



- 13. Repeat steps 5-10 with anhydrous NMP.
- 14. Allow the nitrogen to purge the resin for  $\sim 1$  minute.
- 15. Raise the white Teflon Drain Lever and close the Lower Manifold Drain Valves.
- 16. Remove the white Teflon Lever from the Lower Manifold Drain Valves and set aside for later.
- 17. Be sure to Vent the Upper Manifold and re-establish the nitrogen flow across the Upper Manifold by repeating step 12 above.

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# H. Addition of Reagent Under Nitrogen to the Reaction Vessels

- 1. Adjust the Metered Gas Needle Valve located on the top of the Quest Reactor Unit until you see a steady stream of gas bubbling through the oil bubbler when one of the Luer Plugs is removed from the Upper Manifold.
- 2. Using a syringe add the alcohol or carbonyl diversity reagent in NMP to each RV.
  - a. Remove the Luer Plug from the first RV Luer Port (twist and pull) and insert the syringe needle below the Teflon lines of the male Teflon RV fitting. Take care not to score the interior surfaces of the Luer Port with the needle. Marring the surface can affect the sealing of the Luer Port.
  - b. Dispense 2 mL of (1-2-methoxybenzoyl)-2-pyrrolidinemethanol in NMP to the first RV.
  - c. Replace the Luer Plug (twist and push) onto the Upper Manifold.
  - d. Add the appropriate alcohol or carbonyl solution in NMP to the remaining 9 RVs in the same manner as the first as described in **Table 3**.
- 3. Using a syringe, add 1 mL of catalyst solution in NMP to each RV in the same manner as the alcohol and carbonyl diversity reagent (steps 1 and 2a-2d above).
- 4. Blanket RVs with nitrogen by turning the **left** Manifold Control Valve to "CLOSED". Then, turn the **right** Manifold Control Valve to "CLOSED".



5. Toggle the "Upper Manifold Membrane" switch to "CLOSED". Please refer to the Quest User Manual for the function of the Upper Manifold Membrane Switch.

#### I. Adjusting the Agitation Bar

- 1. Raise the Agitation Bar up by pushing the Agitation UP soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
- 2. Use the 7/64" hex wrench supplied with the Quest to loosen the Agitation Stops. Adjust the Agitation Stops on the Reactor Unit so the maximum magnet height is ~2 cm below the solvent level in the RVs. Tighten the Agitation Stops so both stops are at the same height.

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- On the Quest Controller Unit press the MODE soft key located below the LCD display until the Agitation menu is displayed. Set parameters as follows: Mix Every 4.0 sec and %Upward= 60%.
- 4. Turn the agitation on by pushing the Agitation ON soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display. If solvent is splashing up onto the Upper Manifold, readjust the height of the agitation. The Mix Speed Needle Valve located on the front of the Quest Controller Unit may also be used to soften or slow the agitation by turning the valve clockwise.

#### J. Setting the Reaction Temperature and Time

1. Select the Set Temperature menu on the Quest Controller Unit by pressing the MODE soft key located below the LCD display (Figure 14).

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- - - Set Temperature - -
A: 60C 03:00 ON
B: 20C 00.00 OFF
RV Size 5mL 5mL
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- Use the Right or Left (→→) soft keys to move the cursor to line A: (representative of Side A, RVs 1-10).
- 3. Use the same soft keys to move the cursor across to the temperature parameter. Use the PARAMETER SETTING  $(\uparrow\downarrow)$  soft keys to set the temperature to 60 °C.
- Use the Right or Left soft keys (→→) to move the cursor to the time setting. Use a combination of the Right or Left (→→) and the PARAMETER SETTING (↑↓) soft keys to set the time to 03:00 (3 hours).
- 5. Use the Right or Left soft keys (→ ) to move the cursor to the RV size settings. Use the PARAMETER SETTING (↑) soft keys to select the 5 mL RV size.
- Use the Right or Left (→→) soft keys to move the cursor to line A. Press the red and blue START/STOP soft key located beneath the Quest LCD display to turn the heaters on. The cursor must be on line A of the Set Temperature menu to activate the heaters for Side A.
- 7. Select the Monitor Temperature display on the Quest Controller Unit by pressing the MODE soft key (**Figure 15**).
- 8. When the heaters reach the programmed temperature, the timer will begin counting down from 03:00:00 hours.

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9. The heaters will shut off when the timer runs out and the RVs will begin cooling to ambient temperature.

[ <b></b>	A (ON)	B (OFF)	
SET	60.0	20.0	
ACT	60.9	16.2	
	02:59:35	00:00:00	

#### Figure 15. Temperature monitor display

#### K. Draining the RVs

- 1. After the instrument has returned to room temperature (~30 min.), open the Upper Manifold Membrane by following these steps:
  - a. Vent the Upper Manifold by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "VENT".
  - b. Supply Metered Gas to the Upper Manifold *before* opening the Upper Manifold Membrane by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "METERED GAS".
  - c. Toggle the Upper Manifold Membrane Switch to "OPEN".
- 2. Move the agitator up by pushing the Agitation UP soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
- 3. Drain all 10 RVs in parallel to the Waste Tank by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "DRAIN GAS" and "CLOSED". Open the Lower Manifold Drain Valves by pushing the Drain Levers down. Purge the resin with nitrogen for ~10 seconds.
- 4. Close the Lower Manifold Drain Valves by flipping the Drain Levers upward.

#### L. Washing the Resin with NMP

- 1. Change the 4 L bottle of DCM to a 4 L bottle of NMP by doing the following:
  - a. Vent the Upper Manifold by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "VENT". Wait ~5 seconds.
  - b. Vent the 4 L Solvent Bottle by turning the black valve on the Solvent Bottle Cap to the "Vent" position. Allow the solvent bottle line to vent for ~1 minute.
  - c. Turn both Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED".
  - d. Unscrew and remove the Solvent Bottle Cap from the 4 L DCM Solvent Bottle.
  - e. Wipe off any residual solvent from the Solvent Bottle Pick-Up Line.
  - f. Throw away the white polyethylene Solvent/Reagent Inlet Filter and install a new one on the end of the Solvent Bottle Cap Pick-Up Line.
  - g. Replace the 4 L solvent bottle in the Safety Container with a 4 L bottle of NMP.

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- h. Install the bottle cap assembly onto the 4L bottle of NMP. Ensure the Teflon bottle seal is placed in the bottleneck and tighten the bottle cap. Turn the black dial on top of the Solvent Bottle Cap towards the tubing marked "Bottle Pressure". Wait a ~1 minute for the bottle to pressurize.
- 2. Fill the RVs with NMP by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "SOLVENT" and "VENT". Once the RVs are 3/4 full, ~4 mL, purge the Upper Manifold by *slowly* turning the **left** Manifold Control Valve from "Solvent" to "DRAIN GAS".
- 3. Close the Upper Manifold by turning both of the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED".
- 4. Adjust the Agitation Bar by doing the following:
  - a. Raise the Agitation Bar up by pushing the Agitation UP soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
  - b. Use the 7/64" hex wrench supplied with the Quest to loosen the Agitation Stops. Adjust the Agitation Stops on the Reactor Unit so the maximum magnet bar height is ~1-2 cm below the solvent level in the RVs. Tighten the Agitation Stops so both stops are at the same height.
  - c. On the Quest Controller Unit press the MODE soft key located below the LCD display until the Agitation menu is displayed. Set the agitation parameters as follows: Mix Every <u>4.0sec</u> and %Upward= <u>60%</u>.
- 5. Turn the agitation on by pushing the Agitation ON soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display. If solvent is splashing onto the Upper Manifold, readjust the height of the agitation. The Mix Speed needle valve located on the front of the Quest Controller Unit may also be used to soften or slow the agitation by turning the valve clockwise.
- 6. Agitate the resin for 5-10 minutes.
- 7. Move the agitator up by pushing the Agitation UP soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
- Drain all 10 RVs in parallel to the Waste Tank by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "DRAIN GAS" and "CLOSED" and opening the Lower Manifold Drain Valves. Allow nitrogen to purge the resin for ~30 seconds.
- 9. Vent the Upper Manifold by turning the control valves to "Closed" and "Vent" and wait ~5 sec
- 10. Close the Lower Manifold Drain Valves by flipping the Drain Levers upward.
- 11. Repeat steps 2-9 above (except step #4) and perform a total of 2 x NMP, 4 x DCM, and 2 x THF resin washes. Change the 4 L solvent bottle as necessary following step 1 above.

**NOTE:** This is a convenient place to stop the synthesis. Cleavage of the resin may be performed the following day. The resin can be left under nitrogen after washing out all the reagents. To store the resin under nitrogen turn the Manifold Control Valves to "METERED GAS" and "CLOSED". Make sure the METERED GAS Needle Valve is open. You may qualitatively analyze the resin by IR for ether formation (disappearance of the Si-H stretch at 2100 CM<sup>-1</sup> is a diagnostic wavelength). Alternatively you may continue to cleave the resin and analyze compounds by quantitative GC analysis.

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### III. Cleavage/Scavenger of the Resin and Product Collection

Cleavage solution (0.4 M HF/Pyridine in THF, 4 mL) is added to the washed resin using a syringe and the mixture agitated for 2 h at room temperature. HF scavenger (Me<sub>3</sub>SiOMe, 0.5 mL) is added to each RVs *via* syringe and the mixture agitated at room temperature for an additional 2 h. The solvent from each RV is collected into 10-preweighed scintillation vials. The resin is then washed twice with THF (3 mL, 5 min. agitation). The wash solvent is collected into the 10 scintillation vials used above. The solvent is evaporated from the samples using a Savant SpeedVac (SpeedVac, 60 min, no heating) and the products weighed to determine the mass yield. THF (1 ml) is added to each scintillation vial and the solutions analyzed by GC for product purity.

#### A. Addition of Cleavage Solution to the RVs

- 1. Provide a low flow rate nitrogen sweep of the RVs during the addition of cleavage solution (HF/Pyridine in THF) by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "UTILITY 1" and "METERED GAS". Gas will flow out of the Utility 1 port to the oil bubbler.
- 2. Adjust the Metered Gas Needle Valve located on the top of the Quest Reactor Unit until you see a steady stream of gas bubbling through the oil bubbler when one of the Luer Plugs is removed from the Upper Manifold. This will ensure the establishment of an inert atmosphere during the addition of solvent or reagent through the Upper Manifold Addition Port. Modify the gas flow by turning the Metered Gas Needle Valve counter clockwise (left) to increase the gas flow rate and clockwise (right) to decrease the gas flow rate.
- 3. Remove the Luer Plug from the first RV Luer Port (twist and pull) and insert the syringe needle below the Teflon lines of the male Teflon RV fitting (below the stream of N<sub>2</sub>). Dispense 4 mL of HF/Pyridine solution in THF. Take care not to score the interior surfaces of the Luer Port with the needle, as marring the surface can affect the sealing of the Luer Port. After delivery, replace the Luer Plug (twist and push) and add cleavage solution to the remaining 9 RVs.
- 4. During the cleavage, keep the RVs under a nitrogen blanket by first turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "METERED GAS" and then turning both of the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED".
- 5. Adjust the Agitation Bar by doing the following:
  - a. Raise the Agitation Bar up by pushing the Agitation UP soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
  - b. Use the 7/64" hex wrench supplied with the Quest to loosen the Agitation Stops. Adjust the Agitation Stops on the Reactor Unit so the maximum magnet height is ~2 cm below the solvent level in the RVs. Tighten the Agitation Stops so both stops are at the same height.
  - c. On the Quest Controller Unit press the MODE soft key located below the LCD display until the Agitation menu is displayed. Set the agitation parameters as follows: Mix Every <u>4.0sec.</u> and %Upward= <u>60%</u>.

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- 6. Turn the agitation on by pushing the Agitation ON soft key located to the right side of the Quest Controller Unit display. If solvent is splashing up into the Upper Manifold, readjust the height of the agitation. The Mix Speed Needle Valve located on the front of the Quest Controller Unit may also be used to soften or slow the agitation by turning the valve clockwise.
- 7. Agitate the resin in cleavage solution for 2 hours at room temperature.

#### B. Addition of Liquid HF Scavenger (Methoxytrimethylsilane) to RVs

- 1. After the resin has agitated in the cleavage solution for 2 hours at room temperature, Move the agitator up by pushing the Agitation UP soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
- 2. Provide a low flow rate nitrogen sweep of the RVs during the addition of cleavage solution (HF/Pyridine in THF) by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "UTILITY 1" and "METERED GAS". Gas will flow out of the Utility 1 port to the oil bubbler
- 3. Add 0.5 mL of Me<sub>3</sub>SiOMe to all RVs. Remove the Luer Plug from the first RV Luer Port (twist and pull) and insert the syringe needle below the Teflon lines of the male Teflon RV fittings (below the stream of N<sub>2</sub>) and dispense 0.5 mL of Me<sub>3</sub>SiOMe scavenger solution. Take care not to score the interior surfaces of the Luer Port with the needle, as marring the surface can affect the sealing of the Luer Port. After delivery, replace the Luer Plug (twist and push) and add scavenger to the remaining 9 RVs.
- 4. During the scavenge step, keep RVs under a nitrogen blanket by first turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "METERED GAS". Then turn both of the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED".
- 5. Turn the agitator on by pushing the Agitation ON soft key located to the right side of the Quest Controller Unit display. If solvent is splashing up into the Upper Manifold, readjust the height of the agitation. The Mix Speed Needle Valve located on the front of the Quest Controller Unit may also be used to soften or slow the agitation strokes by turning the valve clockwise.
- 6. Agitate the resin in cleavage/scavenger solution for 2 hours at room temperature.

#### C. Product Collection

- 1. Pre-weigh ten 20 mL scintillation vials and place them in the Quest Scintillation Vial Collection Rack.
- 2. Remove the glass waste tank and dispose of the waste in accordance with all local laws and regulations.

# WARNING - Always wear gloves, eye protection, and proper clothing such as a lab coat when working with the Quest.

- 3. Rinse the bottom of the Lower Manifold Reactor Unit where the Teflon lines for collection are located with THF and wipe clean.
- 4. Place the Scintillation Vial Rack under the Reactor Unit. Raise the collection tray to its upper most position by first pushing in the silver buttons on the Waste Tray handles and sliding the Waste Tray up until the tops of the scintillation vials touch the

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bottom of the Lower Manifold. The silver buttons will snap out to verify that the collection tray is locked into position.

- 5. Ensure that each Teflon collection line is inside its own scintillation vial and that the two vent lines are clear of any vials.
- 6. Move the agitator up by pushing the Agitation UP soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
- 7. Vent the Upper Manifold of the Quest to prepare for the controlled draining of the RV contents into the scintillation vials.
  - a. Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "VENT".
  - b. Close the Metered Gas Needle Valve by turning the valve clockwise (to the right).
  - c. Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "METERED GAS".
- 8. Collect the contents of the RVs into the scintillation vials by doing the following,
  - a. Open Lower Manifold Drain Valve for the first RV.
  - b. Slowly turn the Metered Gas Needle Valve counterclockwise (to the left) until the RV begins to empty. Adjust the Metered Gas pressure to control the speed at which the RV empties. Drain the contents of the RV slowly to prevent the product from splashing.
  - c. After the first RV has emptied proceed to empty the other RVs individually, one at a time following steps 7 and 8.

#### D. Collection of THF Cleavage Washes

- 1. Using a syringe, deliver 3 mL THF to the RVs by doing the following:
  - a. Vent the Upper Manifold by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "VENT".
  - b. Remove the Luer Plug from the first RV Luer Port (twist and pull) and insert the syringe needle below the Teflon lines of the male Teflon RV fitting (below the stream of  $N_2$ ) and dispense 3 mL THF. Take care not to score the interior surfaces of the Luer Port with the needle, as marring the surface can affect the sealing of the Luer Port. After delivery, replace the Luer Plug (twist and push) and add THF to the remaining 9 RVs.
  - c. Close the Upper Manifold by turning both Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED".
- 2. Adjust the Agitation Bar by doing the following,
  - a. Raise the Agitation Bar up by pushing the Agitation UP soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
  - b. Use the 7/64" hex wrench supplied with the Quest to loosen the Agitation Stops. Adjust the Agitation Stops on the Reactor Unit so the maximum magnet height is 2 cm below the solvent level in the RVs. Tighten the Agitation Stops so both stops are at the same height.

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- c. On the Quest Controller Unit press the MODE soft key located below the LCD display until the Agitation menu is displayed. Set the agitation parameters as follows: Mix Every <u>4.0sec.</u> and %Upward= <u>60%</u>.
- 3. Turn the agitator on by pushing the Agitation ON soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display. If solvent is splashing up onto the Upper Manifold, readjust the height of the agitation. The Mix Speed Needle Valve located on the front of the Quest Controller Unit may also be used to soften or slow the agitation by turning the valve clockwise.
- 4. Agitate the resin for 5 min. at room temperature.
- 5. Move the Agitator Bar up by pushing the Agitation UP soft key located to the right of the Quest Controller Unit display.
- 6. Vent the Upper Manifold of the Quest to prepare for the controlled draining of the RV into the scintillation vials by doing the following.
  - a. Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "VENT".
  - b. Close the Metered Gas Needle Valve by turning the valve clockwise (to the right).
  - c. Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "METERED GAS".
- 7. Collect the contents of the RVs into the scintillation vials by doing the following,
  - a. Open the first Lower Manifold Drain Valve.
  - b. Slowly turn the Metered Gas Needle Valve counterclockwise (to the left) until the RV begins to empty. Adjust the Metered Gas Needle Valve to control the speed at which the RV empties. Drain the contents of the RV slowly to prevent the product from splashing.
  - c. After the first RV has emptied proceed to empty the other RVs individually, one at a time following steps 6 and 7.
- 8. Repeat steps 1-7 above (except step 2).
- 9. Allow the RVs to purge with nitrogen for ~5 minutes. You may purge the RVs for a longer period of time and use the nitrogen flow to dry the resin.
- 10. Close the Lower Manifold Drain Valves.
- 11. Vent the Upper Manifold by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "VENT".
- 12. Close the Upper Manifold by turning both of the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED".
- 13. Remove the Scintillation Vial Collection Rack from the Quest Reactor Unit and set the vials aside for sample work-up and analysis. Remove the tray by pushing in the silver buttons located on the Waste Tray handles of the Quest and slowly slide the collection rack down to its lowest position.

# IV. Cleaning the Quest (Maintenance) and Sample Work Up/Analysis

To ensure the Quest 210 is ready for the next synthesis it is recommended to flush the Upper Manifold, all delivery lines, Luer Plugs and the Lower Manifold with a solvent compatible with the synthesis. Dispose of the solvent waste in accordance with local laws and regulations.

### A. Flushing the System

- 1. Place the empty glass waste tank under the Quest Reactor Unit. Move the tray to its upper most position using the waste tray handles. The silver buttons will snap out to verify the waste tank is locked into position.
- 2. Perform three solvent washes (solvent delivery, agitation, drain) on the RV Bank used for the synthesis. Select a solvent that will dissolve any solids or other residues generated during the synthesis, in this case THF. Depending on the type of chemistry used, it may be desirable to run a pattern of solvents through this wash process. If a pattern of solvents is run through the system, do at least three washes with each solvent. It is recommended that a volatile solvent, such as acetone, be flushed through the system last.
- 3. After the last solvent wash, let the system drain for a couple of minutes to flush residual solvent out of the Upper Manifold.
- 4. Be sure to vent the Upper Manifold by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "VENT".
- 5. Remove each Luer Plug and clean with the same solvent as in step 2.
- 6. Rinse out the Luer Ports with an appropriate solvent and wipe clean with a cotton swab wetted with the same solvent as in step 2.
- 7. Replace the Luer Plugs.
- 8. Flush the Upper Manifold to waste using the following protocol,
  - a. Open the Lower Manifold Drain Valves.
  - b. Turn the Manifold Control Valves to "DRAIN GAS" and "CLOSED" and allow the delivery pathway to purge for ~1 minute.
  - c. With the drain valves still open, turn the left Manifold Control Valve to "CLOSED" and turn the right Manifold Control Valve to "METERED GAS". This will purge the other common delivery path of the Upper Manifold. Allow the system to purge for ~1minute.
- 9. Vent the Upper Manifold by turning the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED" and "VENT
- 10. Close the Upper Manifold by turning each of the Manifold Control Valves to "CLOSED".
- 11. Close the Lower Manifold Drain Valves.

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#### B. Sample Work Up

- 1. Using a Savant SpeedVac (Model SS620DDA SpeedVac or equivalent), evaporate the solvent from the 20 mL scintillation vials containing the product.
- 2. Re-weigh the scintillation vials and calculate the product mass yields using the weights determined earlier.
- 3. Add 5 mL THF to each scintillation vial, mix to dissolve the products, and analyze by Gas Chromatography for product purity (**Table 4**).

RV#	Alcohol Product	Theoretical Yield	Yield	GC Purity
1	0		92%	97%
6	но Ме	24.0 mg	96%	100%
	1-(2-methoxybenzoyl)-2 pyrrolidinemethanol			
2	ОН		80%	99%
7		17.5 mg	86%	100%
	1-naphthaleneethanol			
3	Ph		65%	100%
8	Ph OH 2,2-diphenylethanol	20.2 mg	60%	100%
	Me //			
4	Me H		76%	97%
9		29.6 mg	70%	100%
	epiandrosterone			
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5	Ph-	18.5 mg	71%	98%
10	4-biphenylmethanol		69%	98%

# Table 4. Alcoholysis and Carbonyl Hydrosilylation of PS-DES resin (% yieldcalculated based on a resin loading of 0.68 mmole/g)

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#### Infrared Analysis

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Nicolet Impact 410 spectrometer equipped with an InspectIR microscope using a random sampling of single beads **Figures 16** and **17** are representative spectra of the PS-DES resin and the corresponding resin-bound ether.

### Gas Chromatography Analysis

Gas chromatography was performed on a Hewlett-Packard 6890 GC with automatic sampler, split/splitless injector, thermal conductivity detector, and a HP-5 phenylmethylsilicone capillary column ( $30 \text{ m} \times 0.32 \text{ mm} \times 0.25 \text{ \mum}$ ). Figure 18 through 22 are representative chromatograms of the alcohol products.

Temperature profile: initial temp 175°C, hold 3 min, ramp at 20°C/min to 300°C, hold 1 min. Flow rate: 1.5 mL/min. Injection size: 3  $\mu$ L.

Retention times of alcohols and carbonyl products obtained from RVs 1-5 (1-(2methoxybenzoyl)-2-pyrrolidinemethanol, 1-naphthaleneethanol, 2,2-diphenylethanol, epiandrosterone, 4-biphenylmethanol) were: 6.6, 4.1, 4.5, 8.9, 4.9 min., respectively.



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Signal 1: TCD1 B, Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

Totals :

Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	<u>Area</u>	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[25 uV*s]	[25 uV]	%
1	6.607	BV	0.0314	38.69804	19.30406	1.000e2

38.69804 19.30406

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Figure 19. Analysis of 1-naphthaleneethanol

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21.58758 14.97703 Totals :

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