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Our latest marine compound is Okadaic acid, $C_{44}H_{68}O_{13}$, an ionophore from *Haliclona okadae*, a Japanese sponge. The work was done by Dr. Kazuo Tachibana, now at the Suntory Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry.

It is always a pleasure to have you visit Hawaii!

Aloha, Bob Johnson Oct 3, 1980

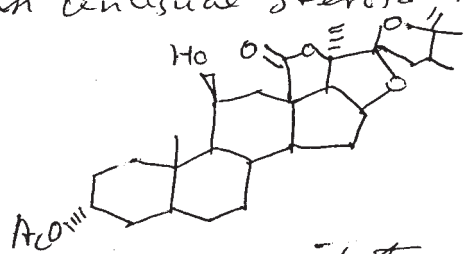
14 of the possible 16 geometric isomers are known. We now have the nitrile form of the two remaining unknown isomers: 7,9,11-triis and all-cis. The problem will be solved in 6 months!

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Our recent discovery from marine organisms is an unusual steroid, Euplestanol



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