

# Wagner–Meerwein Rearrangement of Steviol 16 $\alpha$ ,17- and 15 $\alpha$ ,16-Epoxides

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**Abstract**—16 $\alpha$ ,17- and 15 $\alpha$ ,16-Epoxy derivatives of diterpenoid steviol having *ent*-kaurane structure were found for the first time to undergo Wagner–Meerwein rearrangement in alkaline medium or by the action of boron trifluoride–diethyl ether complex to give products with *ent*-beyerane structure. The geometric parameters of steviol 16 $\alpha$ ,17- and 15 $\alpha$ ,16-epoxides were determined by X-ray analysis.

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