Application of One-Pot Three-Component Condensation Reaction for the Synthesis of New Organo Phosphorus-Sulfur Macrocycles

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1. Experimental Section

Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out under on oxygen free nitrogen atmosphere using predried solvents and standard Schlenk techniques, subsequent chromatographic and work up procedures were performed in air. All chemicals and Lawesson's reagent were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich without further purification. 2,4-diferrocenyl-1,3,2,4-diathiadiphosphetane 2,4-disulfide $[FcP(\mu-S)S]_2$ (FcLR), was prepared by using the literature method.^{s1,s2 1}H (400.1 MHz), ¹³C (100.6 MHz) and ³¹P-{¹H} (162.0 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C (unless stated otherwise) on Bruker Advance II 400. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets in the range of 4000-250 cm⁻¹ on a Perkin-Elmer 2000 FTIR/Raman spectrometer. Mass spectrometry was performed by the EPSRC National Mass Spectrometry Service Centre, Swansea. X-ray diffraction data for compound 14 was collected at 125 K using the St Andrews Automated Robotic Diffractometer (STANDARD),^{s3} consisting of a sealed-tube generator (Rigaku, Houston, USA) equipped with a SHINE monochromator [Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71075$ Å)], and a Saturn 724 CCD area detector, coupled with a Microglide goniometer head and an ACTOR SM robotic sample changer. Diffraction data for compounds 10a, 10b, 11, 12a and 12b were collected at either 93 K or 173 K (all other crystals) by using a Rigaku FR-X Ultrahigh Brilliance Microfocus RA generator/confocal optics and Rigaku XtaLAB P200 system, with Mo Ka radiation ($\lambda = 0.71075$ Å). Intensity data were collected using ω steps accumulating area detector images spanning at least a hemisphere of reciprocal space. All data were corrected for Lorentz polarization effects. A multi-scan absorption correction was applied by using CrystalClear.^{\$4,\$5} Structures were solved by either charge-flipping (SUPERFLIP)^{s6} or direct (SIR2004, SIR2011)^{s7,s8} methods, and refined by full-matrix leastsquares against F² (SHELXL-2013).^{s9} Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms were refined using a riding model. All calculations were performed using the CrystalStructure interface.^{s10}

2. Synthesis and Characterization of Heterocycles 1-12 and 14

General Procedure for Preparation of Macrocycles 1-12 and 14. A suspension of alkenyl- or aryl-dithiol (1.0 mmol), triethylamine (2.0 mmol), LR (0.44g, 1.0 mmol) or FcLR (0.56 g, 1.0 mmol) and dihaloalkane (1.0 mmol) in dry THF (60 mL) was stirred under N₂ gas atmosphere at ambient temperature for 24 h leading to a reddish yellow or pale-yellow suspension. Upon filtering to remove insoluble solid the filtrate was dried under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (*ca.* 2 mL) and was loaded onto a silica gel column (dichloromethane as eluent) to give the macrocycles. Another unexpected nine-membered ring **4** was also obtained in respective 25% and 30% yields in the cases of **5** and **9**. Two diastereomers were separated completely in the cases of **10** and **12**.

Compound 1. White solid (80% yield). Two diastereoisomers were found in *ca*. 1:1 intensity ratio. Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1590(s), 1564(m), 1495(s), 1407(m), 1296(m), 1260(s), 1179(m), 1098(s), 1025(m), 829(m), 701(s), 618(m), 528(s). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 8.03-7.71 (m, 8H), 8.03-7.71 (m, 8H), 7.29-6.88 (m, 8H), 4.09-3.96 (m, 8H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.76 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 165.4, 164.2, 134.9, 133.7, 133.6, 133.4, 131.8, 131.7, 129.1, 128.8, 115.0, 114.9, 114.8, 114.7, 56.1, 56.0, 35.9, 35.7 ppm. ³¹P NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 95.1 and 95.0 ppm. Mass spectrum (EI⁺, m/z), 656 [M]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [EI⁺, m/z]: 655.9196 [M]⁺, calculated mass for C₂₄H₂₂N₂O₂P₂S₇: 655.9201.

Compound 2. White solid (60% yield). Two diastereomers were found in *ca*. 1:1 intensity ratio. Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1590(vs), 1564(m), 1495(s), 440(m), 1407(m), 1295(m), 1259(vs), 1179(s), 1097(vs), 1024(s), 828(m), 800(m), 699(s), 618(m), 527(s), 444(m). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 7.97-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.38-6.98 (m, 22H), 4.51-3.86 (m, 8H), 3.94 (s, 6H), 3.93 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 164.4, 164.2, 138.4, 138.3, 133.9, 133.7, 133.5, 133.3, 131.9, 131.8, 131.2, 130.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 56.1, 55.9, 38.9, 38.1 ppm. ³¹P NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 83.7 and 82.7 ppm. Mass spectrum (EI⁺, m/z), 656 [M]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [EI⁺, m/z]: 655.9198 [M]⁺, calculated mass for C₂₄H₂₂N₂O₂P₂S₇: 655.9201.

Compound 3. White solid (58% yield). Two diastereomers were found in *ca*. 1:2 intensity ratio. Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1591(s), 1564(m), 1495(s), 1459(m), 1406(m), 1293(m), 1256(s), 1178(s), 1098(s), 1023(s), 828(m), 799(m), 687(s), 618(m), 533(s), 501(m). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 7.89-7.86 (m, 8H), 7.47-6.93 (m, 16H), 4.44-4.33 (m, 4H), 4.22-4.02 (m, 4H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 3.82 (s, 6H), 3.72-3.65 (m, 4H), 3.18-2.29 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 163.2, 137.2, 135.9, 133.0, 132.8, 131.9, 131.7, 130.7, 130.2, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 128.3, 114.3, 114.0, 55.7, 42.8, 37.7, 34.1, 25.3 ppm. ³¹P NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 79.9 and 79.7 ppm. Mass spectrum (EI⁺, m/z), 600 [M]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [EI⁺, m/z]: 599.9729 [M]⁺, calculated mass for C₂₄H₂₆O₂P₂S₆: 599.9727.

Compound 5. Yellow solid (53% yield). Two diastereomers were found in *ca.* 1:1 intensity ratio. Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1484(m), 1408(m), 1258(m), 1168(s), 1105(m), 1022(s), 1000(m), 822(s), 766(m), 734(m), 672(vs), 616(m), 531(m), 474(vs). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 7.42-7.29 (m, 8H), 4.77-4.74 (m, 8H), 4.67-4.60 (m, 8H), 4.43 (s, 10H), 4.40 (s, 10H), 4.33-4.27 (m, 4H), 4.11-4.03 (m, 4H), 3.71-3.52 (m, 4H), 3.31-2.90 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 134.8 (d, *J*(P,C) = 11.4 Hz), 134.5 (d, *J*(P,C) = 10.8 Hz), 132.4 (d, *J*(P,C) = 6.6 Hz), 131.0, 129.5 (d, *J*(P,C) = 7.4 Hz), 129.1, 79.3 (d, *J*(P,C) = 101 Hz), 79.0 (d, *J*(P,C) = 101 Hz), 72.1 (d, *J*(P,C)= 11.9 Hz), 72.0 (d, *J*(P,C)= 12.1 Hz), 72.4 (d, *J*(P,C)= 15.7 Hz), 72.0 (d, *J*(P,C)= 14.9 Hz), 71.7, 71.5, 37.1, 35.4, 34.6, 34.5 ppm. ³¹P NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 79.6 and 79.1 ppm. Mass spectrum (EI⁺, m/z), 756 [M]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [EI⁺, m/z]: 755.8835 [M]⁺, calculated mass for C₃₀H₃₀Fe₂P₂S₆: 755.8840.

Compound 6. Orange solid (46% yield). Two diastereomers were found in *ca*. 1:2 intensity ratio. Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1484(m), 1408(m), 1258(m), 1170(s), 1105(m), 1024(s), 1000(m), 951(m), 824(s), 706(s), 676(vs), 530(m), 474(s). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 7.66 (s, 2H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 6H), 4.58-4.55 (m, 8H), 4.47-4.43 (m, 8H), 4.30 (s, 10H), 4.29 (s, 10H), 4.18-3.96 (m, 4H), 3.66-3.61 (m, 4H), 3.15-2.66 (m, 8H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 139.2, 138.9, 130.5, 130.3, 128.4, 128.3, 127.2, 126.7, 80.2 (d, *J*(P,C) = 103 Hz), 79.9 (d, *J*(P,C) = 103 Hz), 72.1 (d, *J*(P,C) = 12.1 Hz), 72.0 (d, *J*(P,C) = 11.7 Hz), 71.4 (d, *J*(P,C) = 15.3 Hz), 71.3 (d, *J*(P,C) = 14.9 Hz), 71.0, 70.8, 38.3, 37.7, 32.7, 32.6 ppm. ³¹P NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 82.3 and 82.2 ppm. Mass spectrum (EI⁺, m/z), 756 [M]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [EI⁺, m/z]: 755.8850 [M]⁺, calculated mass for C₃₀H₃₀Fe₂P₂S₆: 755.8846.

Compound 8. Dark yellow solid (40% yield). Two diastereomers were found in *ca*. 1:1 intensity ratio. Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1310(m), 1232(m), 1172(s), 1106(m), 1024(s), 824(s), 705(vs), 673(vs), 530(m), 477(vs). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 7.34-7.10 (m, 16H), 4.62-4.60 (m, 16H), 4.32 (s, 10H), 4.31 (s, 10H), 4.11-3.89 (m, 8H), 3.66-3.55 (m, 8H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 137.8, 137.7, 130.8, 130.2, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 78.4 (d, *J*(P,C) = 101 Hz), 78.2 (d, *J*(P,C) = 102 Hz), 72.4, 72.3, 71.9, 71.7, 71.2, 70.9, 38.0, 35.6 ppm. ³¹P NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 82.0 and 81.4 ppm. Mass spectrum (CI⁺, m/z), 833 [M+H]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [CI⁺, m/z]: 832.9233 [M+H]⁺, calculated mass for C₃₆H₃₄Fe₂P₂S₆H: 832.9237.

Compound 9. Golden solid (65% yield). Four diastereomers were found in *ca*. 1:1:2:2 intensity ratio. Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1583(m), 1454(m), 1409(m), 1384(m), 1169(s), 1106(m), 1023(s), 1002(m), 821(s), 766(m), 674(vs), 535(m), 478(vs). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.10 (m, 24H), 4.72-4.63 (m, 8H), 4.51-4.45 (m, 8H), 4.36 (s, 5H), 4.32 (s, 5H), 4.30 (s, 5H), 4.25 (s, 5H), 4.14-3.84 (m, 16H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 141.2, 140.2, 139.0, 138.5, 137.9, 137.6, 136.0, 135.9, 135.7, 135.5, 135.2, 135.1, 135.0, 131.7, 131.4, 131.3, 130.6, 130.2,

129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 126.9, 126.8, 126.1, 126.0, 82.0 (d, J(P,C) = 89.9 Hz), 81.9 (d, J(P,C) = 90.5 Hz), 78.3 (d, J(P,C) = 90.3 Hz), 78.2 (d, J(P,C) = 90.4 Hz), 73.8, 73.6, 73.5, 73.4, 72.9, 72.7, 72.6, 72.2, 71.5, 71.4, 71.2, 71.1, 36.3, 36.1, 34.9, 31.0, 21.5, 21.4, 21.3, 21.2 (CH₃) ppm. ³¹P NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ), 80.9, 80.7, 78.1 and 78.0 ppm. Mass spectrum (CI⁺, m/z), 819 [M+H]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [CI⁺, m/z]: 818.9080 [M+H]⁺, calculated mass for C₃₅H₃₂Fe₂P₂S₆H: 818.9081.

Compound 10a. Yellow paste (0.250 g, 33%). Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1410(m), 1300(m), 1252(m), 1173(s), 1106(m), 1024(s), 1002(m), 825(s), 767(m), 732(m), 675(vs), 615(m), 535(s), 483(vs). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 7.32-7.10 (m, 4H), 4.83-4.53 (m, 8H), 4.43 (s, 5H), 4.41 (s, 5H), 4.19-4.13 (m, 4H), 3.32-3.10 (m, 4H), 2.29-2.21 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 136.3 (d, *J*(P,C) = 66.7 Hz), 134.1 (d, *J*(P,C) = 10.4 Hz), 132.8, 131.2 (d, *J*(P,C) = 11.7 Hz), 127.9, 126.8, 78.3 (d, *J*(P,C) = 100.9 Hz), 72.1 (d, *J*(P,C) = 12.0 Hz), 71.4 (d, *J*(P,C) = 15.0 Hz), 71.0, 35.8, 32.1, 29.7 ppm. ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 79.4 ppm. Mass spectrum (EI⁺, m/z), 770 [M]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [EI⁺, m/z]: 769.9004 [M]⁺, calculated mass for C₃₁H₃₂Fe₂P₂S₆: 769.9002.

Compound 10b. Dark yellow paste (0.220 g, 29%). Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1409(m), 1298(m), 1244(m), 1170(s), 1106(m), 1024(s), 1002(m), 908(s), 824(s), 768(m), 731(s), 674(s), 618(m), 532(s), 478(vs). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 7.35-7.27 (m, 4H), 4.79-4.56 (m, 8H), 4.42 (s, 10H), 4.16-4.10 (m, 4H), 3.26-3.07 (m, 4H), 2.24-2.20 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 140.1, 134.1 (d, *J*(P,C) = 3.1 Hz), 131.6, 128.8, 78.5 (d, *J*(P,C) = 100.5 Hz), 72.0 (d, *J*(P,C) = 12.0 Hz), 71.5 (d, *J*(P,C) = 15.1 Hz), 71.0, 35.7, 32.5, 29.4 ppm. ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 79.5 ppm. Mass spectrum (EI⁺, m/z), 770 [M]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [EI⁺, m/z]: 769.9004 [M]⁺, calculated mass for C₃₁H₃₂Fe₂P₂S₆: 769.9002.

Compound 11. Dark yellow paste (0.402 g, 51%). Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1455(m), 1414(m), 1172(s), 1105(m), 1024(s), 1002(m), 971(m), 908(m), 824(s), 765(m), 731(m), 674(s), 530(m), 479(s). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 7.42-7.19 (m, 4H), 4.68-4.50 (m, 8H), 4.39 (s, 10H), 3.99-3.84 (m, 4H), 3.43-3.39 (m, 4H), 1.97-1.84 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 135.4, 131.2, 128.3, 80.1 (d, *J*(P,C) = 96.0 Hz), 71.8 (d, *J*(P,C) = 11.8 Hz), 71.4 (d, *J*(P,C) = 14.9 Hz), 70.8, 35.2, 32.9, 28.6 ppm. ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 79.5 ppm. Mass spectrum (EI⁺, m/z), 784 [M]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [EI⁺, m/z]: 783.9156 [M]⁺, calculated mass for C₃₂H₃₄Fe₂P₂S₆: 783.9159.

Compound 12a. Pale yellow paste (0.200 g, 25%). Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1489(m), 1453(m), 1410(m), 1171(s), 1106(m), 1024(s), 908(m), 824(s), 766(m), 731(s), 676(vs), 618(m), 530(s), 479(vs), 259(s). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 7.32-7.17 (m, 4H), 4.73-4.50 (m, 8H), 4.39 (s, 10H), 4.36-4.16 (m, 4H), 3.94-3.83 (m, 4H), 3.23-2.97 (m, 4H), 1.90-1.55 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 138.7, 135.0 (d, *J*(P,C) = 3.1 Hz), 130.9, 128.3, 79.7 (d, *J*(P,C) = 100.9 Hz), 71.8 (d, *J*(P,C) = 12.5 Hz), 71.4 (d, *J*(P,C) = 15.5 Hz), 70.8, 35.5, 33.2, 28.8, 26.9

ppm. ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 81.8 ppm. Mass spectrum (EI⁺, m/z), 812 [M]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [EI⁺, m/z]: 811.9468 [M]⁺, calculated mass for C₃₄H₃₈Fe₂P₂S₆: 811.9471.

Compound 12b. Pale yellow paste (0.250 g, 31%). Two diastereomers were found in *ca.* 3:2 intensity ratio. Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1489(m), 1453(m), 1410(m), 1385(m), 1170(s), 1106(m), 1024(s), 1001(m), 823(s), 765(m), 676(vs), 618(m), 529(m), 478(vs), 259(s). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 7.37-7.19 (m, 8H), 4.75-4.52 (m, 16H), 4.40 (s, 10H), 4.39 (s, 10H), 4.36-4.17 (m, 8H), 3.93-3.84 (m, 8H), 3.21-2.90 (m, 8H), 1.94-1.29 (m, 8H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 140.2, 135.2 (d, *J*(P,C) = 3.1 Hz), 133.7 (d, *J*(P,C) = 3.1 Hz), 130.9, 129.8, 128.5, 127.7, 80.1 (d, *J*(P,C) = 100.6 Hz), 79.8 (d, *J*(P,C) = 101.1 Hz), 71.9, 71.7, 71.5, 71.3, 70.9, 70.8, 35.5, 35.2, 33.6, 33.5, 29.9, 28.8, 27.0, 26.1 ppm. ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 81.7 and 80.5 ppm. Mass spectrum (EI⁺, m/z), 812 [M]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [EI⁺, m/z]: 811.9467 [M]⁺, calculated mass for C₃₄H₃₈Fe₂P₂S₆: 811.9471.

Compound 14. Pale-yellow solid (0.080 g, 10%). Selected IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1510(m), 1407(m), 1242(m), 1196(s), 1150(m), 1104(m), 1023(s), 891(m), 844(m), 810(s), 768(m), 656(m), 632(m), 560(s), 501(s), 477(s). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 7.34-7.18 (m, 8H), 4.68-4.54 (m, 8H), 4.40 (s, 10H), 4.38-4.34 (m, 4H), 3.91-3.84 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 136.8, 129.1, 78.5 (d, *J*(P,C) = 92.6 Hz), 72.1 (d, *J*(P,C) = 12.5 Hz), 71.8 (d, *J*(P,C) = 15.6 Hz), 70.5, 35.0 ppm. ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, δ), 59.8 ppm. Mass spectrum (CI⁺, m/z), 801 [M+H]⁺. Accurate mass measurement [CI⁺, m/z]: 800.9690 [M+H]⁺, calculated mass for C₃₆H₃₄Fe₂O₂S₄H: 800.9694.

3. Details of the X-ray Data Collections and Refinements for 10a, 10b, 11, 12a, 12b and 14

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Compound	10a	10b	11
Formula	$C_{31}H_{32}Fe_2P_2S_6$	$C_{31}H_{32}Fe_2P_2S_6$	$C_{32}H_{34}Fe_2P_2S_6$
M	770.60	770.60	784.62
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>C2/c</i>	Cc	$P2_{1}/c$
a/Å	8.3844(16)	12.3542(13)	17.762(3)
b/Å	12.371(2)	8.3008(9)	12.2131(17)
$c/ m \AA$	30.530(5)	31.047(3)	16.275(2)
A	90	90	90
В	92.731(5)	93.806(3)	115.073(3)
Γ	90	90	90
U/A^3	3163.1(9)	3176.8(6)	3197.8(8)
Ζ	4	4	4
μ/cm^{-1}	14.366	14.303	14.225
Reflections collected	17845	31053	38576
Independent reflections	2681	5736	5859
R _{int}	0.0527	0.0486	0.0381
<i>R1</i>	0.0939	0.0482	0.0393
$wR2 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.2339	0.1234	0.0995

 Table S1. Details of the X-ray data collections and refinements for 10a, 10b and 11

Compound	12a	12b	14
Formula	$C_{34}H_{38}Fe_2P_2S_6$	$C_{34}H_{38}Fe_2P_2S_6$	$C_{36}H_{34}Fe_2O_2P_2S_4$
Μ	812.68	812.68	800.54
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_{1}/c$	<i>C</i> 2	$P2_{1}/c$
a/Å	7.5941(7)	27.688(4)	19.112(6)
b/Å	24.3854(18)	7.5726(8)	11.516(4)
c/Å	19.0840(19)	34.772(6)	7.491(3)
A	90	90	90
В	91.056(3)	106.834(4)	95.025(8)
Γ	90	90	90
U/A^3	3533.5(5)	6978.2(17)	1624.4(10)
Ζ	4	8	2
μ/cm^{-1}	12.903	13.067	12.689
Reflections collected	43237	42175	30856
Independent reflections	6472	12617	2989
$R_{\rm int}$	0.0332	0.0785	0.1499
R1	0.0435	0.0480	0.0853
$wR2 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.1080	0.0890	0.2371

 Table S2. Details of the X-ray data collections and refinements for 12a, 12b and 14



4. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of Compounds 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10a, 10b, 11, 12a, 12b and 14



















































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