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**Short and Efficient Synthesis of the Antitumor Heptenes Melodienone and Isomelodienone.**

— Oxidative opening of the furan (I) (prepared in 4 steps from commercially available 2-methoxyfuran) using Kobayashi's modification of the Clauson-Kaas reaction provides selectively the single isomer melodienone (II). Exposure to dimethyldioxirane leads uniquely to isomelodienone (III). — (BOUKOUVALAS, J.; CHENG, Y.-X.; *Tetrahedron Lett.* 39 (1998) 39, 7025-7026; Dep. Chim., Univ. Laval, Laval, Que. G1K 7P4, Can.; EN)

