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Contents Hederagonic Acid and CH Activation; Optimization of the Synthetic Sequence Final Synthetic Route to Hederagonic Acid Experimental Section Target Groups Scientists and students in the field of organic chemistry, especially natural product synthesis The Author Christian Knittl-Frank is currently pursuing his PhD studies, focusing on natural product synthesis and synthetic methodology, at the Department of Organic Chemistry, University of Vienna, Austria. He is part of the MolTag doctoral program that aims to development new molecular drugs targeting ion channels.