

# Access to Orthogonal Protected Phenols – Synthesis of a Silylated Quinol

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Herein we describe the synthesis of *t*-butyldimethylsilyl protected quinol (**9**), using an oxidation/reduction sequence to create the desired orthogonality. The title compound acts as a synthetic equivalent for a quinone, required in the total synthesis of Elisabethin A. It contains a masked quinone and therefore is a suitable precursor for the quinone moiety of this diterpenoid.

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