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**Convenient synthesis of monomeric
steroids from steroidal oxalate dimers
using flash vacuum pyrolysis (FVP)**

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Abstract: Flash vacuum pyrolysis (FVP) or thermolysis (FVT), an environmentally friendly method for studying organic reaction mechanisms as well as synthesis, was applied to a series of oxalate dimers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15) to synthesise