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A FACILE ROUTE TO MACROCYCLIC KETONES. DIRECT DIVINYLATION OF 2-CHLOROCYCLODODECAN-1-ONE

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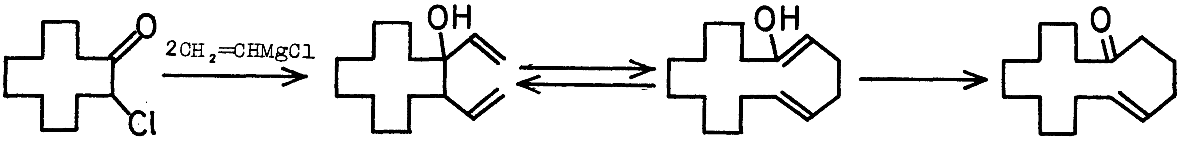
The reaction of 2-chlorocyclododecan-1-one with vinylmagnesium chloride (molar ratio at 1:2) gave directly 1,2-divinylcyclododecan-1-ol, which was easily converted to 5-cyclohexadecen-1-one. This one-step divinylation was found to proceed not through a direct displacement of the Grignard reagent with the chlorine atom, but through a pinacol-like rearrangement of a vinyl group.

The oxy-Cope rearrangement has enabled the preparation of macrocyclic ketones from accessible medium-ring compounds.1) In this communication we describe a facile method for preparing 1,2-divinylcyclododecan-1-ol (I), which is readily converted into 5-cyclohexadecen-1-one (II) via the rearrangement. This method is simpler than the one reported by Marvell and Whally.2)



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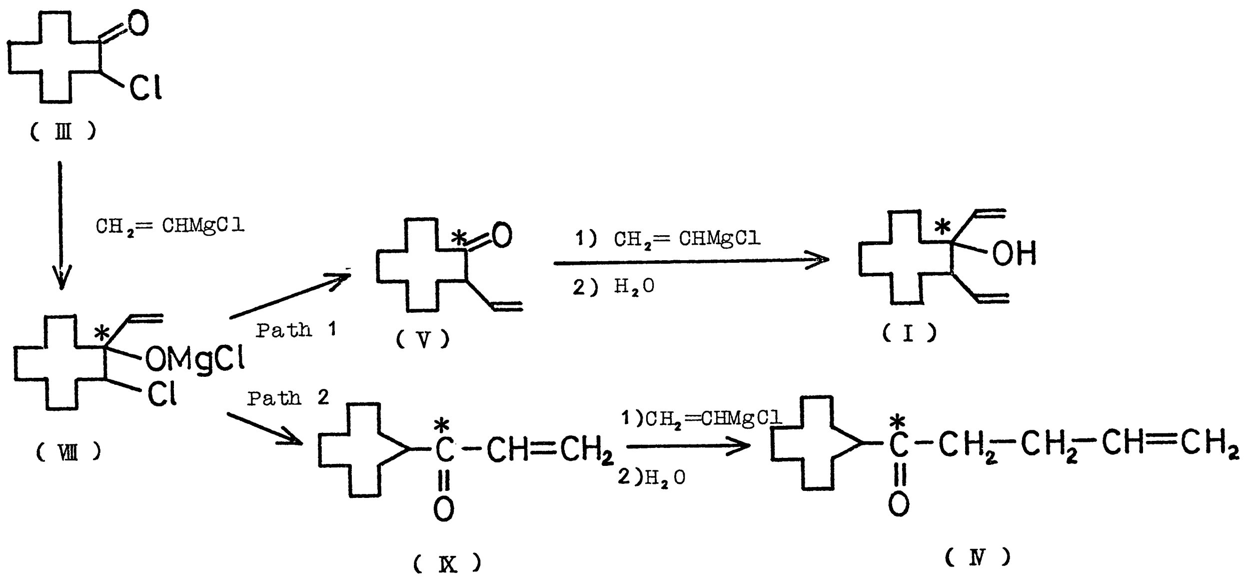
One mole of 2-chlorocyclododecan-1-one (III) was treated with two moles of vinylmagnesium chloride in tetrahydrofuran at 0℃, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 55℃ for 15 hours. After hydrolysis and distillation, the reaction product was analyzed by gas chromatography (2m, Silicone SE on Celite 545, at 230 ℃). It consisted of 55% of *cis*- and *trans*-1,2-divinylcyclododecan-1-ols (I)3) [*trans* isomer (40%): mp 51~52 ℃; ir (KBr), 3420, 1640, 997, 980, 918, 906cm^{-1}; nmr (CCl$_4$, 100MHz), δ 4.7~6.0 (ABX type, 6H), 2.12 (t,1H); mass, 236 (M$^+$); *cis* isomer (60%): mp 15~16 ℃; bp 122~123 ℃/0.7mmHg; n_D^{20} 1.5023; ir (neat), 3550, 1638, 998, 920cm^{-1}; nmr (CCl$_4$, 100MHz), δ 4.9~6.0 (ABX type, 6H), 2.3 (t, 1H)], 2% of 1-cycloundecyl-4-penten-1-one (IV) [bp 116~118 ℃/0.3mmHg; n_D^{25} 1.4873; ir (neat), 1710, 1640, 995, 910cm^{-1}; nmr (CCl$_4$, 100MHz), δ 4.8~6.0 (ABX type, 3H); mass, 236 (M$^+$)], and 43% of a mixture of 2-vinylcyclododecan-1-one (V) [bp 80~84 ℃/0.2mmHg; n_D^{25} 1.4943; semicarbazone, mp 182~184 ℃; ir (neat), 1710, 1635, 990, 915cm^{-1}; nmr (CCl$_4$, 100MHz), δ 4.9~6.0 (ABX type, 3H); mass, 208 (M$^+$)] and 2-ethylidenecyclododecan-1-one (VI) [bp 103 ℃/0.7mmHg; mp 29~31 ℃; semicarbazone, decompd. at 234 ℃; ir (neat), 1665, 1640cm^{-1}; nmr (CCl$_4$, 60MHz), δ 6.6 (quartet, J=9.8Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d, J=9.8Hz, 2H); mass, 208 (M$^+$)]. Subsequent heating of the whole for 1 hour at 190℃ produced 5-cyclohexadecen-1-one (II) [a mixture of *cis* (40%) and *trans* (60%) isomers: bp 121 ℃/0.1mmHg; n_D^{25} 1.4865; semicarbazone, mp 179.5~181.5 ℃; ir (neat), 1710, 1660, 970, 710cm^{-1}; nmr (CCl$_4$, 60MHz), δ 5.1~5.3 (m, 2H); mass, 236 (M$^+$)], in *ca*. 40% yield from (III).

The ketone (II) was identified by converting to the known5) cyclohexadecan-1-one (mp 60 ℃; semicarbazone, mp 185.5~187 ℃) by hydrogenation. Ozonolysis and subsequent oxidation with potassium permanganate gave 1,12-dodecanedioic acid, 1,11-undecanedioic acid, and sebacic acid, but no higher dicarboxylic acids. This shows that the ketone (II) possesses an olefinic double bond between C-5 and C-6. The ketone (IV) with an eleven-membered ring was identified by comparing its refractive index, mass, ir, and nmr spectra with those of an authentic sample synthesized from cycloundecanecarboxylic acid and a large excess of vinylmagnesium chloride.6)

The divinylation of the α-chloroketone (III) proceeds through a vinyl group rearrangement as described below. This rearrangement takes place at a temperature higher than 50 ℃.



The reaction of (III) with vinylmagnesium chloride below room temperature gives 2- chloro-1-vinylcyclododecan-1-ol (VII).7) but no product formed by the displacement reaction of the Grignard reagent with the chlorine atom.8) The 1,2-migration of a vinyl group of the chloromagnesium derivative (VIII) proceeds at higher temperatures and forms an intermediate 2-vinylcyclododecan-1-one (V), which reacts further in situ with vinylmagnesium chloride, producing 1,2-divinylcyclododecan-1-ol (I), (path 1). On the other hand, the migration of an alternate group on the C-2 position of the chlorohydrin derivative (VIII), (path 2), leads to a ring contraction, yielding 1-cycloundecyl-2-propen-1-one (IX), which in turn gives 1-cycloundecyl-4-penten-1-one (IV) through 1,4-addition of vinylmagnesium chloride. In the absence of vinylmagnesium chloride, (VIII) gives 81% of (V) and 2% of (VI) at 70 ℃ in a mixture of ether and benzene. This shows that the migratory aptitude of a vinyl group is remarkably superior to that of alkyl groups.9)

The procedure described here will provide a facile divinylation and a novel synthesis of useful macrocyclic ketones.

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