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HIGHLY SELECTIVE INTRODUCTION OF CONJUGATED DIENES TO GOOD DIENOPHILES, α,β-UNSATURATED CARBONYL COMPOUNDS AND p- QUINONES, WITHOUT FORMATION OF DIELS-ALDER ADDUCT

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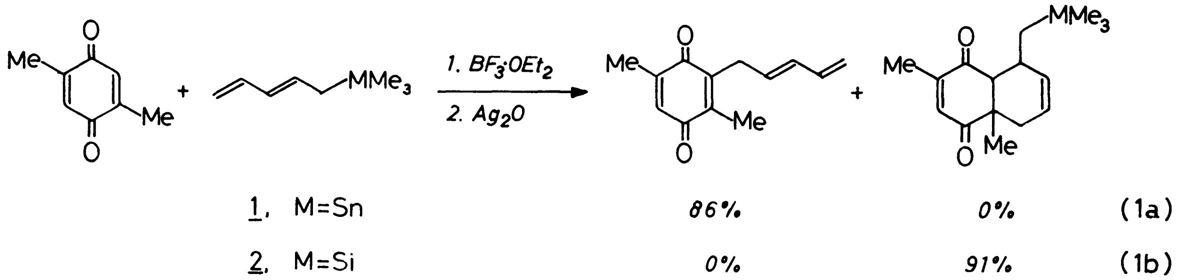
The reaction of 2,4-pentadienyltrimethylstannane with α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds and p-quinones in the presence of Lewis acid affords the corresponding pentadienylated products in fair to good yield without formation of any Diels-Alder adduct.

Introduction of conjugated dienes to organic molecules is very important for their versatile utility in organic synthesis.[1)] However, α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds, especially quinones, are excellent dienophiles, to which selective dienylation is generally difficult because of preferable formation of Diels-Alder adducts.[2)] In the course of total synthesis of naturally occurring quinones, e.g. anthracyclinones[3)] and mitomycins,[4)] increasing demand for direct 2,4-pentadienylation to the above good dienophiles made us develop a new methodology, which overcomes the expected difficulty and is of wide applicability to organic synthesis. We report here a successful 2,4-pentadienylation of quinones and α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds with 2,4-pentadienyltrimethylstannane in excellent selectivity.

In our previous papers,[5)] quinones were suitably allylated with allyltrialkylstannanes. This methodology was extended to the present reaction. Typical example of 2,4-pentadienylation of p-quinones was performed as follows. To a CH_2Cl_2 solution of 2,5-dimethylbenzoquinone (1.0 mmol), $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$ (2.0 mmol) was added at -78 °C followed by the addition of 2,4-pentadienyltrimethylstannane[6)] (1)(1.2 mmol) to afford the corresponding dienylated hydroquinone, which was oxidized with Ag_2O to give 2,5-dimethyl-3-(2',4'-pentadienyl)benzoquinone in an 86% isolated yield (Eq. 1a). Any Diels-Alder adduct was not detected in the reaction mixture by means of TLC and ^1H-NMR. Marked contrast was observed in the reactions used the corresponding silyl derivative (2), which gave only an apparent Diels-Alder adduct under the simi-



lar conditions (Eq. 1b). The remarkable difference may be attributed to the high ionizing ability of Me_3Sn group. The generality of the present reaction is obvious from Table 1.[7] In the reaction of 2,4-hexadienyltrimethylstannane (3),[8] $Me_3Sn\overset{\alpha}{C}H_2CH=CHCH=\overset{\varepsilon}{C}HCH_3$, with quinones, regioselectivity concerning hexadienyl moiety depends on the substituents on p-quinones: in the case of p-benzoquinone, "ε adduct" was predominant product (Table 1, entry 2). On the other hand, when ortho position of p-benzoquinones was substituted, "α adduct" was exclusively obtained (Table 1, entry 4).[9]

The generality observed in the dienylation of quinones is also realized in the reaction of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds. Crotonaldehyde was successfully converted to 1,3,7-nonatrien-6-ol in a 70% isolated yield ($1/BF_3OEt_2$/-78 °C /0.5 h) (Eq. 2a). When the silyl derivative 2 was utilized, only the cyclic adduct was reported to be obtained (Eq. 2b).[2a] Remarkable difference between the stannanes and the silanes was also observed. Other α,β- and α,β,γ,δ-unsaturated aldehydes react-

Table 1. 2,4-Penta- and Hexadienylation of p-Quinones with Stannyl Reagents[a]

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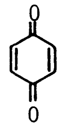
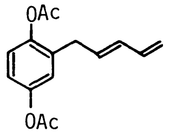
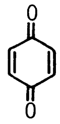
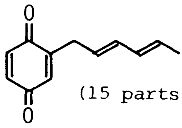
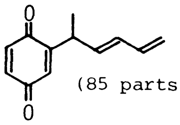
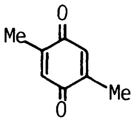
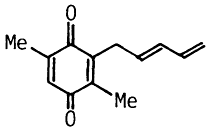
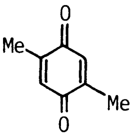
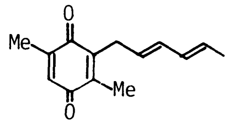
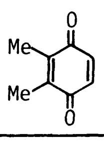
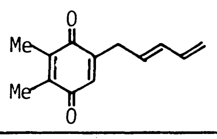
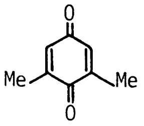
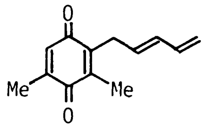
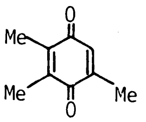
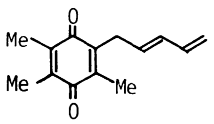
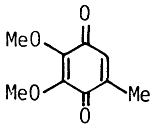
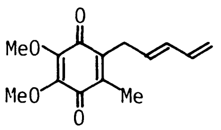
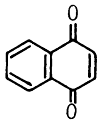
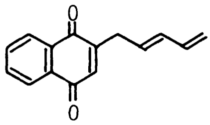
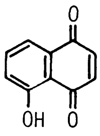
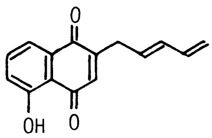
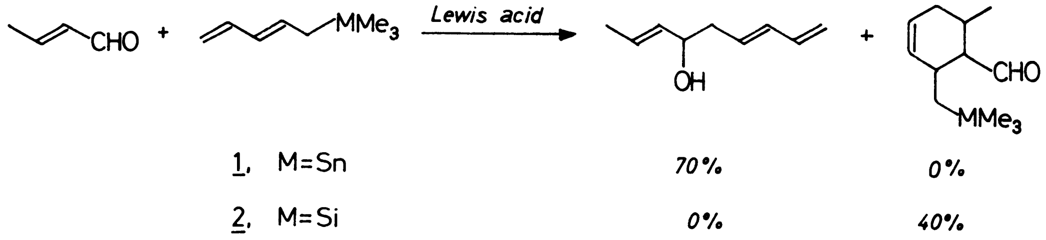
1		1		67(94)[c,d]
2		3	 (15 parts)  (85 parts)	56[e]
3		1		82(86)[c,e]
4		3		52[e]
5		1		76[e]
6		1		38[e]
7		1		75[e]
8		1		61[e]
9		1		43(58)[c,e]
10		1		23(39)[c,e]

[a] All reactions were performed as follows; to 10 ml of anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 solution of p-quinone (1.0 mmol), $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$ (2.0 mmol) was added at -78 °C. After successive addition of the organostannane (1.2 mmol), the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h. [b] Satisfactory IR, NMR, and mass spectral data were obtained. [c] Yield in parentheses was determined by ^1H-NMR. [d] Product was isolated after esterification with acetic anhydride-pyridine for the sake of the instability of the corresponding hydroquinone. [e] Product was isolated after mild oxidation with silver oxide.



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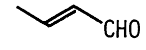
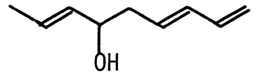
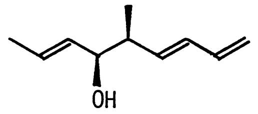
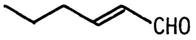
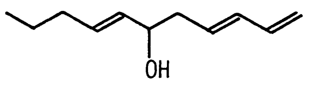
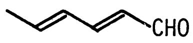
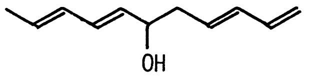
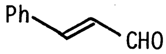
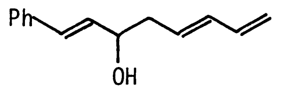
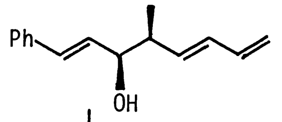
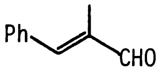
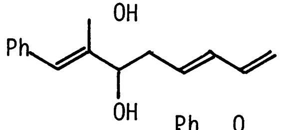
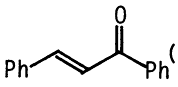
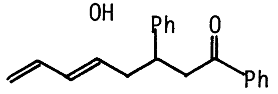
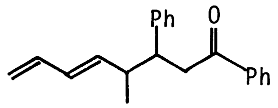
(2b)[2a)]

Table 2. 2,4-Penta- and Hexadienylation of α,β-Unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds with Stannyl Reagents

Entry	Substrate	Stannanes	Conditions[a)]	Products[b)]	Isolated yield / %
1	 (I)	1	A		70
2	I	3	A		51[c)]
3		1	B		50
4		1	B		36
5	 (II)	1	C		73
6	II	3	C		32[d)]
7		1	C		54
8	 (III)	1	D		70[f)]
9	III	3	D		58[e)]

[a)] Every dienylation was performed in 1.0 mmol scale according to the similar method shown in Table 1. Reaction conditions, A: BF_3OEt_2; -78 °C; 0.5 h. B: BF_3OEt_2; -78 °C--50 °C; 0.5 h. C: BF_3OEt_2; -78 °C--10 °C; 1 h. D: $AlCl_3$ (as 2 M ether solution); -78 °C--10 °C; 1 h. [b)] Satisfactory IR, NMR, and mass spectral data were obtained. [d)] Erythro:threo=82:18. [e)] The starting ketone was recovered in 43% yield. [f)] Several ketones reacted similarly.

ed in the 1,2 fashion to afford the corresponding unsaturated alcohol in fair to good yield (Table 2). α,β-Unsaturated ketone afforded the corresponding 1,4 adducts in the reaction with 1 or 3 . High erythro selectivity was attained in the reaction of 3 with aldehydes (Table 2, entries 2 and 6).[10)]

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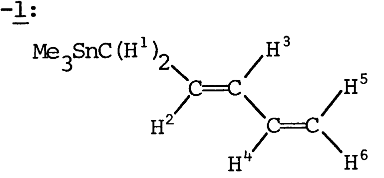

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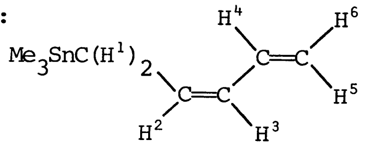

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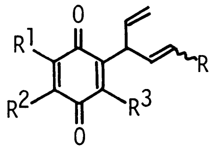
7) The possible γ adduct 4 was not obtained except in the entry 6 (19% isolated yield).

8) Stereoisomeric mixture was used.

9) If a polar, stepwise process shown in Eq. 3 were taking place in the reaction of quinone with 3, ε adducts would be exclusively obtained in every case.



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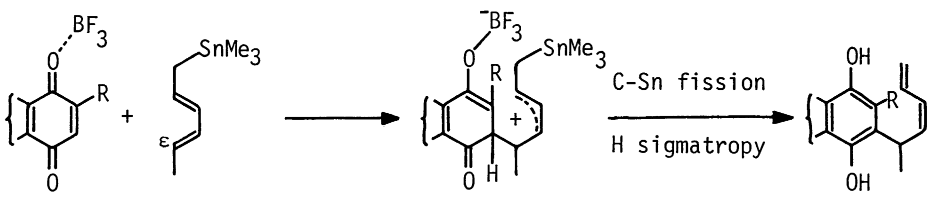

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