

Formation and Crystal Structure of an Exocyclic Enol
 δ -Lactone Obtained from Dimedone and
 Trimethylsilylethynyl Phenyliodonium Triflate
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The reaction between dimedone anion and trimethylsilylethynyl phenyliodonium triflate leads to the formation of 4,4-dimethyl-6-(1,5-bis(trimethylsilyl)pentane-1,4-diyne-3-ylidene)- δ -valerolactone, whose crystal structure has been determined.

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The study of alkynyl phenyliodonium salts, $RC\equiv C I^+ Ph X^-$, has revealed an interesting pattern of reactivity. These relatively new reagents are good electrophiles of tetraphilic character, reacting with a plethora of nucleophiles predominantly from the β -sp carbon [1]. The main reaction pathway observed in alkynyl iodonium salts involves the generation of alkylidene carbenes, of the general formula $[R(Nu)C=C:]$. These undergo normally a 1,2-shift of the nucleophile furnishing substituted alkynes, $RC\equiv CNu$. However, when the chain length of the alkynyl moiety or the nucleophile is long enough, then 1,5-carbon-hydrogen carbene insertion prevails, with formation of unsaturated five-membered rings- either cyclopentenes or heterocycles. In this way the following heterocyclic systems have been prepared: furans [2], benzofurans [3], dihydroindoles and pyrroles [4] and polycyclic tosylenamides [5]. Carbon nucleophiles in the form of 2-alkyl (or phenyl)-1,3-dicarbonyl compounds gave with several alkynyl iodonium salts either substituted alkynes or cyclic products [1,2,6].

In this note we describe the double ethynylation of the anion of dimedone **2** by trimethylsilylethynyl phenyliodonium triflate **1**. The main product obtained from their interaction, even with a 1:1 stoichiometry of reactants, was

not the mono substituted dimedone but the bis-substituted isomeric enol- δ -valerolactone **3** (Scheme 1).

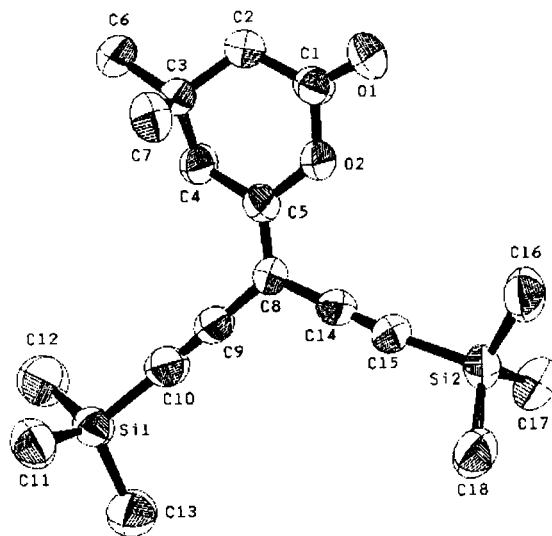


Figure 1. ORTEP Diagram of compound **3**

The spectral data of **3** did not permit an unambiguous structural assignment. Therefore, this was established by a

Scheme 1

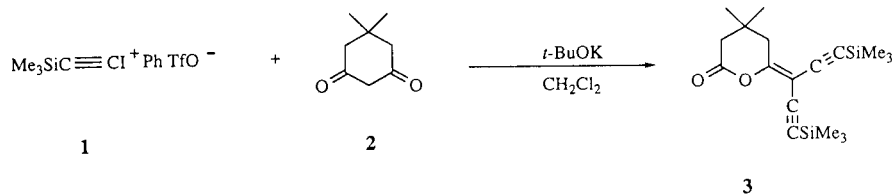


Table 1

Positional and Equivalent Thermal Parameters ($\times 10^4$) of the Non H-atoms. E.s.d.'s in parentheses. $U_{eq} = 1/3(U_{11}+U_{22}+U_{33})$

| | x | y | z | U(eq) |
|-------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|
| Si(1) | 2876(2) | 4788(1) | 1731(3) | 64(1) |
| Si(2) | 8449(2) | 2079(1) | 1212(3) | 62(1) |
| O(1) | 5847(4) | 376(3) | 7603(8) | 81(1) |
| O(2) | 5407(3) | 1497(2) | 5905(7) | 60(1) |
| C(1) | 5113(5) | 897(4) | 7206(10) | 59(1) |
| C(2) | 3941(6) | 950(5) | 8068(12) | 68(2) |
| C(3) | 2973(5) | 1490(4) | 6882(9) | 56(1) |
| C(4) | 3667(6) | 2331(4) | 6630(12) | 61(2) |
| C(5) | 4687(5) | 2165(4) | 5374(9) | 53(1) |
| C(6) | 2112(7) | 1693(6) | 8344(15) | 77(2) |
| C(7) | 2323(8) | 985(6) | 4623(14) | 78(2) |
| C(8) | 5002(5) | 2608(4) | 3829(9) | 52(1) |
| C(9) | 4302(5) | 3315(4) | 3165(10) | 58(1) |
| C(10) | 3718(6) | 3909(4) | 2579(10) | 67(2) |
| C(11) | 1560(8) | 4304(7) | -677(15) | 89(2) |
| C(12) | 2100(13) | 5252(8) | 4110(18) | 98(3) |
| C(13) | 3782(9) | 5644(7) | 968(18) | 88(2) |
| C(14) | 6070(5) | 2420(4) | 2843(9) | 59(1) |
| C(15) | 6969(6) | 2283(4) | 2064(10) | 64(2) |
| C(16) | 8753(9) | 953(6) | 1587(22) | 98(3) |
| C(17) | 9676(8) | 2874(6) | 3053(17) | 87(2) |
| C(18) | 8389(9) | 2243(10) | -1720(16) | 99(3) |

Table 2

Bond Lengths [\AA] and Angles [deg]

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|
| Si(1)-C(10) | 1.829(7) | C(10)-Si(1)-C(13) | 109.5(4) |
| Si(1)-C(13) | 1.839(9) | C(10)-Si(1)-C(11) | 107.5(4) |
| Si(1)-C(11) | 1.845(9) | C(13)-Si(1)-C(11) | 110.7(5) |
| Si(1)-C(12) | 1.857(9) | C(10)-Si(1)-C(12) | 108.4(4) |
| Si(2)-C(16) | 1.833(9) | C(13)-Si(1)-C(12) | 109.9(6) |
| Si(2)-C(15) | 1.839(6) | C(11)-Si(1)-C(12) | 110.8(6) |
| Si(2)-C(18) | 1.844(9) | C(16)-Si(2)-C(15) | 107.1(4) |
| Si(2)-C(17) | 1.859(9) | C(16)-Si(2)-C(18) | 111.2(6) |
| O(1)-C(1) | 1.192(7) | C(15)-Si(2)-C(18) | 111.3(4) |
| O(2)-C(1) | 1.379(6) | C(16)-Si(2)-C(17) | 110.7(5) |
| O(2)-C(5) | 1.491(9) | C(15)-Si(2)-C(17) | 107.8(4) |
| C(1)-C(2) | 1.534(8) | C(18)-Si(2)-C(17) | 108.7(5) |
| C(2)-C(3) | 1.513(8) | C(1)-O(2)-C(5) | 123.6(4) |
| C(3)-C(4) | 1.523(10) | O(1)-C(1)-O(2) | 116.3(5) |
| C(3)-C(7) | 1.538(8) | O(1)-C(1)-C(2) | 124.7(5) |
| C(3)-C(6) | 1.498(8) | O(2)-C(1)-C(2) | 119.0(5) |
| C(4)-C(5) | 1.337(8) | C(1)-C(2)-C(3) | 115.9(5) |
| C(5)-C(8) | 1.437(8) | C(4)-C(3)-C(7) | 111.2(6) |
| C(8)-C(9) | 1.452(8) | C(4)-C(3)-C(2) | 106.5(5) |
| C(8)-C(14) | 1.211(8) | C(7)-C(3)-C(2) | 110.6(6) |
| C(9)-C(10) | 1.199(8) | C(4)-C(3)-C(6) | 110.0(5) |
| C(14)-C(15) | | C(7)-C(3)-C(6) | 109.6(6) |
| | | C(2)-C(3)-C(6) | 108.9(5) |
| | | C(5)-C(4)-C(3) | 112.1(5) |
| | | C(8)-C(5)-O(2) | 115.9(5) |
| | | C(8)-C(5)-C(4) | 127.3(5) |
| | | O(2)-C(5)-C(4) | 116.7(5) |
| | | C(5)-C(8)-C(9) | 119.9(5) |
| | | C(5)-C(8)-C(14) | 121.9(5) |
| | | C(9)-C(8)-C(14) | 118.2(5) |
| | | C(10)-C(9)-C(8) | 179.1(6) |
| | | C(9)-C(10)-Si(1) | 177.8(5) |
| | | C(15)-C(14)-C(8) | 178.4(6) |
| | | C(14)-C(15)-Si(2) | 173.2(5) |

single crystal structure determination (Figure 1). Although no unusual features were found concerning bond lengths and angles, it is worth noting a rather short carbonyl bond (1.192 \AA) and rather long (1.199-1.211 \AA) triple bonds. Lists of positional parameters (Table 1) and bond lengths and angles (Table 2) are presented.

Concerning the reaction pathway leading to the formation of **3**, it is not likely to proceed *via* a normal bisethynylation at C-2 of dimedone. We base this opinion on the fact that the conversion of 2,2-dimethyldimedone to the dimethyl analogue of **3** was realized photochemically [7], whereas our reaction was not influenced by light: its exclusion did not bring about any change. Further reactivity was observed with other β -dicarbonyl compounds with **1**; however under these conditions indan-1,3-dione and dibenzoylmethane gave with **1** complex mixtures of products [8].

EXPERIMENTAL

4,4-Dimethyl-6-(1,5-bis-trimethylsilylpentane-1,4-diyne-3-ylidene)valerolactone (**3**) [9].

A slurry of dimedone **1** (0.462 g, 3.3 mmoles) in dichloromethane (10 ml) was stirred for 30 minutes under argon with potassium *t*-butoxide (0.370 g, 3.3 mmoles). Then a solution of trimethylsilylethynyl phenyliodonium triflate **2** (0.675 g, 1.5 mmoles) in dichloromethane (7 ml) was added through a septum with a syringe. After 24 hours of stirring, the reaction mixture was filtered and the solid residue was transferred to a beaker and washed with dichloromethane (3 x 15 ml). The combined washings and filtrate were concentrated and the residue was chromatographed on column (silica gel, hexane-ethyl acetate 10:1). After iodobenzene, the second fraction afforded 0.039 g (16%) of **3** as white crystals, mp 144-145 $^{\circ}$ (from hexane); ir (nujol): ν 2140, 1779, 1582 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H-nmr}$ (300 MHz, deuteriochloroform): δ 0.22 (s, 18H), 1.09 (s, 6H), 2.47 (s, 2H), 2.64 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C nmr}$ (75 MHz) (deuteriochloroform): δ -0.13, 27.8, 29.8, 39.0, 44.0, 89.4, 96.3, 98.7, 98.9, 100.4, 163.7, 165.7; ms: m/z 332 (M^+ , 34), 317 (11), 206 (4), 83 (100).

Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2$: C, 65.00; H, 8.49. Found: C, 64.88; H, 8.31.

X-ray Structure Analysis of **3**.

This compound had a molecular formula $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2$, $M = 332.58$. The intensity data were collected at room temperature on a Crystal Logic Dual Goniometer diffractometer; λ (Mo-K α) = 0.7107 \AA , graphite monochromator. 25 Reflections in the range $11^{\circ} \leq 2\theta \leq 23^{\circ}$ were chosen to refine the unit cell parameters; triclinic system, space group $p1$, $a = 11.02(2)$ \AA , $b = 15.48(3)$ \AA , $c = 6.19(1)$ \AA , $\alpha = 98.07(4)^{\circ}$, $\beta = 101.04(5)^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 93.42(4)^{\circ}$, $V = 1021(3)$ \AA^3 , $z = 2$, $\mu = 0.178$ mm^{-1} , $d_{\text{calc}} = 1.081$ g cm^{-3} , $F(000) = 360$, 3154 reflections up to $2\theta = 46^{\circ}$ were collected ($-11 \leq h \leq 12$, $-16 \leq k \leq 17$, $-6 \leq l \leq 0$) of which 2846 unique reflections ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0242$) were kept in refinement calculations. The structure was solved with SHELXS86 [10] and

refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques with F^2 with SHELXL93 [11]. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic temperature factor, hydrogen atoms were located in difference Fourier map and refined with isotropic temperature factor. The final values for R, R_w and GOF [1787 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$] are 0.0716, 0.1928 and 1.034 respectively and for all data are 0.1186, 0.2470 and 1.034 respectively. The maximum and minimum residual peaks in the final difference map were 0.311 and $-0.345 e/\text{\AA}^3$. The largest shift/esd in the final cycle was 0.006. Lists of the atomic coordinates, thermal parameters, bond distances and angles have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic centre, U.K.

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