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## Alkylation of *o*-Cresol with Caryophyllene on Acidic Aluminosilicate Catalysts

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Caryophyllene (I) is among the most wide-spread and accessible sesquiterpenes. Due to its structural features: a strained trans-substituted double bond in a nine-membered cycle and to a trans-annelated cyclononene and a cyclobutane fragment this substance is one of the most interesting for study polyenes with a medium-sized cycle. The rearrangements of sesquiterpene I and related compounds are extensively discussed. We did not find any publications (cf. [1]) on alkylation with compound I along Friedel-Crafts procedure. The use on an "organized medium" (clay, zeolites) as catalysts in fine organic synthesis may not only increase the yield of products and selectivity of a reaction but also strongly change the process direction to afford unusual products not available in homogeneous conditions [2].



We carried out alkylation with diene I of *o*-cresol (II) ( $25^{\circ}$ C, 20 h, solvent CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, catalyst zeolite of

β HB-2 type). Compounds **III-V** were obtained in 8, 16, and 6% yield respectively. On a wide-porous zeolite H-ZSM-12 and on clay K-10 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution formed only compound **IV** in 23 and 37% yield respectively. We formerly by an example of a natural terpene camphene selected solvents that directed the process either to phenol or ether formation [3]. The reaction in a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with benzene (1:1 by volume) on β-zeolite resulted in a single product, compound **III**, in 11% yield.



In formation of an unusual alkylation product **V** presumably first arises a bismethylene derivative of caryophyllene **VI** [1] where cyclization starts by protonation of the 8(13) double bond and not the 4(12) one; consequently the nucleophile attack is directed to position 4 and not 8 of the alicyclic skeleton.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup> NMR spectra were registered on spectrometer Bruker AM-400 at 400.13 and 100.61 MHz respectively from solutions in  $CCl_4$ -CDCl<sub>3</sub> mixtures (1:1 by volume), internal reference chloroform signal ( $\delta_H$  7.24,  $\delta_C$  76.90 ppm). The structure of newly synthesized compounds was established with the use of double resonance <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for analysis of geminal, vicinal and long-range coupling

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constants, and also with application of <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra. In the latter the signals were assigned with the help of spectra with selective and off-resonance proton irradition, and in some cases with the use of differential spectra modulated with long-range coupling <sup>13</sup>C-<sup>1</sup>H (LRJMD, experimental conditions optimized for the long-range coupling constants of  $J_{CH}$  10 Hz). For all the new compounds were also recorded the two-dimensional spectra of <sup>13</sup>C-<sup>1</sup>H heteronuclear correlation (COSY using the value of direct coupling constant <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-H}$  134 Hz).

The numeration of atoms on the schemes corresponds to that on the NMR spectra.

Elemental composition of the compounds obtained was established from high-resolution mass spectra measured on Finnigan 8200 instrument, GC-MS spectra were recorded on HP G 1800A device.

4,4,8-Trimethyl-1-*o*-tolyloxytricyclo[6.3.1.0<sup>2,5</sup>]**dodecane** (III). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum ( $\delta$ , ppm, *J*, Hz): 1.02 s ( $C^{15}H_3$ ), 1.10 s ( $C^{14}H_3$ ), 1.12 s ( $C^{13}H_3$ ), 1.13 m (H<sup>9</sup>), 1.29 m and 1.67 m (2H<sup>7</sup>), 1.43 d (H<sup>12an</sup>,  $J_{12an,12s}$  13), 1.37–1.53 m (H<sup>6,9',11</sup>), 1.62 m (H<sup>6'</sup>), 1.75 m and 1.84 m (2H<sup>10</sup>), 1.81 d.d (H<sup>3</sup>,  $J_{3,3}$ , 10,  $J_{3,2}$  8), 1.85 d.d (H<sup>3'</sup>, J 10,  $J_{3',2}$  10), 2.04–2.15 m (H<sup>5,11',12s</sup>), 2.28 s (C<sup>22</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 2.46 d.d.d (H<sup>2</sup>,  $J_{2,5}$  12, J 10, 8), 6.80 d.d (H<sup>21</sup>,  $J_{21,20}$  8,  $J_{21,19}$  1.2), 6.84 t.d (H<sup>19</sup>, J 8, 1.2), 7.02 t.d (H<sup>20</sup>, J 8,  $J_{20,18}$  1.5), 7.12 br.d (H<sup>18</sup>, J 8). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum ( $\delta_C$ , ppm): 17.48 q (C<sup>22</sup>), 20.90 t (C<sup>10</sup>), 21.08 q (C<sup>13</sup>), 22.91 t  $(C^{6})$ , 30.52 q  $(C^{14})$ , 33.66 q  $(C^{15})$ , 34.53 s  $(C^{4})$ , 34.77 s (C<sup>8</sup>), 35.38 t (C<sup>11</sup>), 36.66 t (C<sup>9</sup>), 38.06 t (C<sup>7</sup>), 38.14 t (C<sup>3</sup>), 42.38 d (C<sup>2</sup>), 45.77 d (C<sup>5</sup>), 47.76 t (C<sup>12</sup>), 80.40 s (C<sup>1</sup>), 119.78 d (C<sup>21</sup>), 120.87 d (C<sup>19</sup>), 125.47 d ( $C^{20}$ ), 129.94 s ( $C^{17}$ ), 130.58 d ( $C^{18}$ ), 154.12 s (C<sup>16</sup>). Mass spectrum, m/z (I, %): 312  $(M^+, 34), 205 (100), 161 (14), 149 (76), 135 (53),$ 123 (66), 121 (45), 109 (69), 95 (80), 81 (78), 69 (55), 67 (34), 55 (40), 41 (41). Found: M 312.24473  $C_{22}H_{32}O$ . Calculated: *M* 312.24530.

**2-Methyl-4-(4,4,8-trimethyltricyclo-[6.3.1.0<sup>2,5</sup>]dodec-1-yl)phenol (IV).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum ( $\delta$ , ppm, *J*, Hz): 0.56 d.d (H<sup>3</sup>, *J*<sub>3,3</sub> 10, *J*<sub>3,2</sub> 10), 0.85 s (C<sup>12</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 0.99 s (C<sup>15</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 1.00 s (C<sup>13</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 1.14 d.d.d (H<sup>9a</sup>, *J*<sub>9a,9e</sub> 13, *J*<sub>9a,10a</sub> 13, *J*<sub>9a,10e</sub> 4.5), 1.15 d (H<sup>12an</sup>, *J*<sub>12an,12s</sub> 13), 1.23 d.d.d (H<sup>7</sup>, *J*<sub>7,7</sub> 14, *J*<sub>7,6</sub> 7, *J*<sub>7,6</sub> 4), 1.32 d.d.d (H<sup>11a</sup>, *J*<sub>11a,11e</sub> 13, *J*<sub>11a,10a</sub> 13, *J*<sub>11a,10e</sub> 5), 1.39 d.d (H<sup>3'</sup>, *J* 10, *J*<sub>3',2</sub> 8), 1.45 m (H<sup>6</sup>), 1.54 br.d (H<sup>9e</sup>, *J* 13), 1.57 m (H<sup>6'</sup>), 1.66 m (H<sup>5</sup>), 1.67 m (H<sup>10e</sup>), 1.73 d.d.d (H<sup>7'</sup>, *J* 14, *J*<sub>7',6</sub> 9, *J*<sub>7',6</sub> 4), 2.00–2.09 m (H<sup>10a,11e</sup>), 2.14 d.d.d (H<sup>12s</sup>, J 13,  $J_{12_8,9e}$  2.5,  $J_{12_8,11e}$  2.5), 2.27 s (C<sup>22</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 2.43 d.d.d (H<sup>2</sup>,  $J_{2,5}$  12, J 10, 8), 5.10 br.s (OH), 6.65 d (H<sup>20</sup>, J 8), 6.91 d.d (H<sup>21</sup>, J 8, 2), 6.96 d (H<sup>17</sup>, J 2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum ( $\delta_{\rm C}$ , ppm): 16.21 q (C<sup>22</sup>), 20.02 t (C<sup>10</sup>), 20.99 q (C<sup>13</sup>), 22.80 t (C<sup>6</sup>), 30.52 q (C<sup>14</sup>), 34.06 s (C<sup>4</sup>), 34.09 s (C<sup>8</sup>), 34.68 q (C<sup>15</sup>), 37.79 t (C<sup>7</sup>), 37.88 t (C<sup>11</sup>), 38.10 t (C<sup>9</sup>), 39.05 t (C<sup>3</sup>), 39.70 s (C<sup>1</sup>), 40.56 d (C<sup>2</sup>), 45.02 t (C<sup>12</sup>), 46.12 d (C<sup>5</sup>), 114.09 d (C<sup>20</sup>), 122.43 s (C<sup>18</sup>), 124.52 d (C<sup>21</sup>), 128.68 d (C<sup>17</sup>), 141.64 s (C<sup>16</sup>), 151.09 s (C<sup>19</sup>). Mass spectrum, m/z (I, %): 312 ( $M^+$ , 29), 202 (16), 201 (100), 148 (7), 121 (21), 95 (6), 81 (7), 55 (6), 41 (9). Found: M 312.24504 C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O. Calculated: M 312.24530.

2-Methyl-4-(1,4,4-trimethyltricyclo-[6.3.1.0<sup>2,5</sup>]**dodec-8-yl)phenol** (V). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (δ, ppm, J, Hz): 0.87 s (C<sup>15</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 1.04 s (C<sup>14</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 1.047 s  $(C^{13}H_3)$ , 1.053 d  $(H^{12an}, J_{12an,12s}, 13)$ , 1.12 m and 1.46 m  $(2H^{11}, 1.38 \text{ d.d } (H^3, J_{3,3}, 10, J_{3,2}, 10)$ , 1.38 m and 1.55 m (2H<sup>6</sup>), 1.42 m and 1.98 m (2H<sup>9</sup>), 1.46 m and 1.94 m (2H<sup>7</sup>), 1.54 d.d (H<sup>3'</sup>, J 10,  $J_{3',2}$ 8), 1.68 m and 2.07 m (2H<sup>10</sup>), 1.87 m (H<sup>5</sup>), 2.04 d.m  $(H^{12s}, J 13), 2.26 \text{ s} (C^{22}H_3), 2.37 \text{ d.d.d} (H^2, J_{2,5} 12),$ J 10, 8), 4.90 br.s (OH), 6.62 d (H<sup>20</sup>, J 8), 7.05 d.d (H<sup>21</sup>, J 8, 2), 7.10 d (H<sup>17</sup>, J 2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum  $(\delta_{\rm C}, \text{ ppm})$ : 16.19 q (C<sup>22</sup>), 19.75 t (C<sup>10</sup>), 21.06 q  $(C^{13})$ , 21.84 t  $(C^{6})$ , 27.69 q  $(C^{15})$ , 30.88 q  $(C^{14})$ , 32.41 s ( $C^1$ ), 34.87 s ( $C^4$ ), 35.95 t ( $C^3$ ), 37.28 t  $(C^9)$ , 37.47 d  $(C^2)$ , 37.58 t  $(C^{11})$ , 37.67 t  $(C^7)$ , 40.12 s (C<sup>8</sup>), 44.92 d (C<sup>5</sup>), 46.67 t (C<sup>12</sup>), 114.27 d (C<sup>20</sup>), 122.68 s ( $C^{18}$ ), 123.50 d ( $C^{21}$ ), 127.72 d ( $C^{17}$ ), 146.10 s (C<sup>16</sup>), 151.16 s (C<sup>19</sup>). Mass spectrum, m/z(I, %): 312  $(M^+, 24)$ , 202 (17), 201 (100), 148 (8), 121 (18), 108 (20), 46 (21), 45 (36), 31 (71). Found: *M* 312.24497 C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O. Calculated: M 312.24530.

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