

obtained from the products 4, would have considerable utility in synthesis.

A mechanism which accounts for the formation of compounds 4 is shown in Scheme I. It features a cyclic transition state (7).⁹ In the transition state, coordination of the boron atom of the borane with the oxygen atom of the carbonyl group would lower the energy of activation for nucleophilic attack and concurrently facilitate desilylation. The difference in the reaction course, as a function of the trialkylsilyl group of silyl ketene acetal, may be due to that group's effect on the stability of the transient in-

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Control of Ring-Junction Stereochemistry via Radical Cyclization. A New Construction of *trans*-Hydrindans

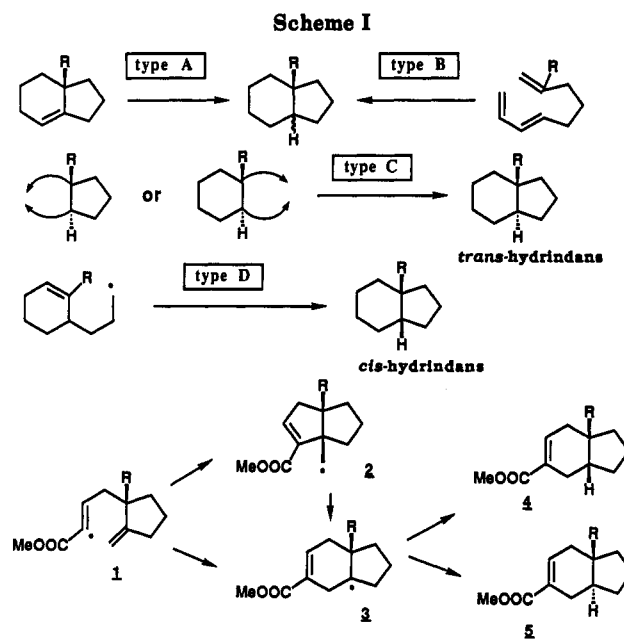
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Summary: Treatment of 7b with Bu₃SnH in toluene containing Et₃B at -30 °C afforded *trans*-hydrindan 8b exclusively (97% yield, *trans*:*cis* = 100:0). Furthermore, exposure of 13a to Bu₃SnH in the presence of Et₃B at -30 °C gave the *trans* angularly methylated hydrindan 14a in a highly stereocontrolled manner (87% yield, *trans*:*cis* = 95:5).

trans-Hydrindans are found in many biologically significant compounds such as steroids and vitamin D derivatives, and therefore, quite a number of synthetic routes to them have been developed. These known synthetic routes may be divided into three types (A,¹ B,² and C³) as shown in Scheme I.⁴ It is noteworthy that in type B control of the ring-junction stereochemistry is achieved at the stage of *trans*-hydrindan ring formation. In the case of angularly methylated hydrindan systems, however, high stereochemical control is rather difficult in general. *exo-trig*-Radical cyclization has been also utilized for the



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construction of hydrindans (type D), giving *cis*-hydrindans stereoselectively.⁵ In this paper, we report a conceptually new synthetic route to *trans*-hydrindans 5 via radical cyclization (Scheme I).

In general, it is known that 1,5-hexadienyl radicals afford kinetically controlled 5-*exo* cyclized products.⁵ On the other hand, Beckwith⁶ and Stork⁷ have reported that these

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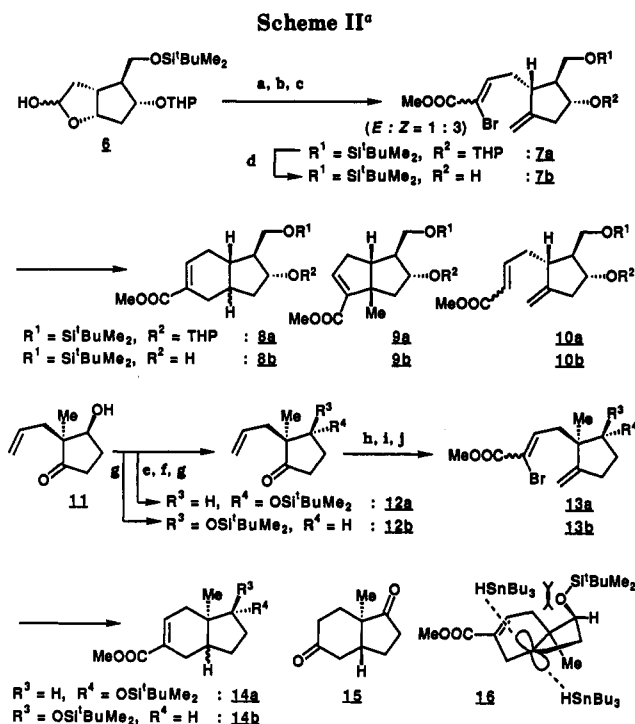
Table I. Radical Cyclization of 7a, 7b, 13a, and 13b

run	substrate	Bu ₃ SnH (equiv)	radical initiator (equiv)	temp (°C)	time (h)	product:yield (%)		
						6-endo (trans:cis)	5-exo	reduced
1 ^a	7a	1.2	Et ₃ B (0.7)	-50	1.0	8a:49 (78:22)	9a:33	10a:7
2 ^a	7a	1.2	AIBN (0.07)	120	1.0	8a:83 (71:29)		
3 ^a	7b	1.2	Et ₃ B (0.2)	-50	3.0	8b:23 (100:0)	9b:54	10b:8
4 ^a	7b	1.2	AIBN (0.08)	120	0.5	8b:72 (63:37)		10b:8
5 ^a	7b	1.7 ^c	Et ₃ B (0.4)	-30	0.5	8b:97 (100:0)		
6 ^a	13a	1.5	Et ₃ B (0.4)	-30	1.5	14a:87 (95:5)	<2	<8
7 ^b	13a	1.5	Et ₃ B (0.4)	-70	3.0	14a:77 (83:17)	<2	19
8 ^a	13a	1.5	Et ₃ B (0.4)	-60	1.5	14a:85 (93:7)	<5	<1
9 ^a	13b	1.2	Et ₃ B (0.4)	-30	1.5	14b:69 (57:43)		5

^a Reactions were carried out in toluene (4×10^{-3} M). ^b Reactions were carried out in toluene (2×10^{-1} M). ^c Bu₃SnH was added slowly by syringe pump.

radicals provide 6-endo cyclized products albeit in modest yields when the hydride concentration is kept low, suggesting the rearrangement of kinetically preferred 5-exo cyclized radicals to thermodynamically more stable ones.⁸ It was envisioned that cyclization of radicals of type 1⁹ under conditions that allow the rearrangement of kinetically controlled products 2 would afford radicals of type 3, leading to hydrindans. Comparison of the strain energies of 2 and 3¹⁰ as well as radical stability support this idea. The stereochemistry of the resulting hydrindan would be controlled by the relative stability of two transition states (3 → 4 and 3 → 5) in which radicals abstract a hydrogen atom. Supposing that product stability is reflected in the transition state,¹¹ we predicted that 5 would be produced preferentially.

The stereocontrolled synthesis of the *trans*-hydrindans 8a and 8b, which are the key intermediates for biologically interesting *trans*-homoisocarbacyclins,¹² was investigated first. Toward this end, bromo esters 7a and 7b¹³ were efficiently synthesized from the Corey lactone as shown in Scheme II. Treatment of 7a (*E:Z* = 1:3) with Bu₃SnH in toluene (4×10^{-3} M) at 120 °C (run 2, Table I) afforded only *endo*-cyclized products (8a, 83%) in a ratio of 71:29 (*trans-cis*)¹⁴ without producing the *exo*-cyclized isomer 9a. Lowering the reaction temperature to -50 °C, however, resulted in the formation of 9a (33%) accompanied by 8a with slightly improved stereoselectivity (*trans:cis* = 78:22). On the other hand, exposure of 7b (*E:Z* = 1:3) to Bu₃SnH at -50 °C (run 3, Table I) furnished 8b in a highly stereoselective manner (*trans* (*R_f* value 0.32, silica gel plate, ether-hexane (2:1)):cis (*R_f* value 0.38) = 100:0) albeit in low yield. The low yield of 8b was greatly improved by slow continuous addition of the hydride reagent. That is, Bu₃SnH (1.2 equiv) in toluene (5 mL) was slowly added by a syringe pump over 0.5 h to a stirred solution of 7b



^a Ph₃P=CBrCOOMe (1.8 equiv), toluene, 80 °C, 18 h (97%).²³
^b (COCl)₂ (3 equiv), DMSO (6 equiv), NEt₃ (10 equiv) (95%).
^c ZnCH₂Br₂TiCl₄, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 1 h (78%).²⁴ ^d Et₂AlCl (5 equiv), CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 30 min (85%). ^e DEAD (2.7 equiv), PPh₃ (2.1 equiv), 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (2.0 equiv), THF, rt, 16 h (99%).²⁵ ^f K₂CO₃ (0.3 equiv), MeOH, rt, 12 h (100%). ^g *t*-BuMe₂SiCl (1.8 equiv), imidazole (1.8 equiv), DMF, rt, 12 h (12a, 100%; 12b, 99%). ^h O₃, MeOH, -78 °C, 1.5 h then Me₂S (3.7 equiv), rt, 4 h. ⁱ Ph₃P=CBrCOOMe (2.3 equiv), THF, 70 °C, 4.5 h (2 steps, from 12a, 91%; 12b, 67%). ^j ZnCH₂Br₂TiCl₄, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 1.5 h (13a, 61%; 13b, 63%).

(0.56 mmol) and Et₃B¹⁵ (0.4 equiv) in toluene (4×10^{-3} M) at -30 °C, giving 8b (97%) in a highly stereoselective manner (*trans:cis* = 100:0).¹⁶ The structure and stereochemistry of *trans*-8b and *cis*-8b were determined by spectral data including ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, IR, MS, and HRMS (see supplementary material). The ring-junction carbons of *cis*-8b (δ 27.18, 27.78) are more shielded than those of *trans*-8b (δ 30.91, 31.05), which is in accord with the fact that the ¹³C NMR shift values for a *trans* ring junction are greater than those for a *cis* junction.¹⁷ Furthermore, the stereochemistry of *cis*-8b was confirmed

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(14) A mixture of the products was treated with Et₂AlCl²² in CH₂Cl₂ (0 °C, 50 min) to give *trans*-8b and *cis*-8b (93% yield), which were separable by silica gel column chromatography.

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by conversion to homoisocarbacyclin.¹² It should be mentioned that these results are in full accord with MM2 calculations¹³ (Scheme II, Table I).

Encouraged by this excellent result, we then turned our attention to the stereocontrolled construction of *trans* angularly methylated hydrindans, which are known to be very important as steroidal intermediates. Bromo esters 13a and 13b were efficiently prepared as shown in Scheme II.¹⁸ MM2 calculations show that *trans*-hydrindans 14a and 14b would be produced under the thermodynamically controlled conditions (*trans*-14a' (R³ = H, R⁴ = OSiMe₃) and 14b' (R³ = OSiMe₃, R⁴ = H) are 1.3 and 0.7 kcal/mol more stable than the *cis* isomers, respectively). As expected, treatment of 13a (*E:Z* = 1:7) with Bu₃SnH in toluene (4.0 × 10⁻³ M) at -30 °C for 1.5 h produced the desired *trans*-hydrindan 14a stereoselectively (87%, *trans:cis* = 95:5),¹⁹ a potential intermediate for various steroids such as adrenosterone, together with the reduced product (<8%) and the 5-*exo* cyclized product (<2%) (run 6, Table I). The previous reaction when carried out at -70 °C and at much higher concentration (2.0 × 10⁻¹ M) gave the same three cyclization products (6-*endo-trans*, 6-*endo-cis*, and 5-*exo*) in a similar ratio (run 7, Table I).²⁰ This result appears to indicate that the alkenyl radical

produces the hydrindan radical directly owing to steric factors. The stereochemistry of *trans*-14a and *cis*-14a was unequivocally determined by conversion to the known diketone 15 in six steps (i. Pd/C, H₂, ii. LDA, O₂, iii. LiAlH₄, iv. NaIO₄, v. TBAF, vi. PCC-MS4A, 26% overall yield).^{1a} On the other hand, exposure of 13b (*E:Z* = 1:4) to Bu₃SnH at -30 °C (run 9, Table I) gave hydrindans 14b with much lower stereoselectivity (*trans:cis* = 57:43), indicating that there is severe steric repulsion between the (*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy) group and Bu₃SnH in the transition state 16.²¹

In conclusion, a conceptually new synthetic route to *trans*-hydrindans has been developed by a novel type of radical cyclization. The present methodology should be useful for construction of other ring systems. In addition, it has been successfully demonstrated that MM2 calculations are useful for the design of radical cyclization substrates.

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The Photochemistry of Diphenyliodonium Halides: Evidence for Reactions from Solvent-Separated and Tight Ion Pairs

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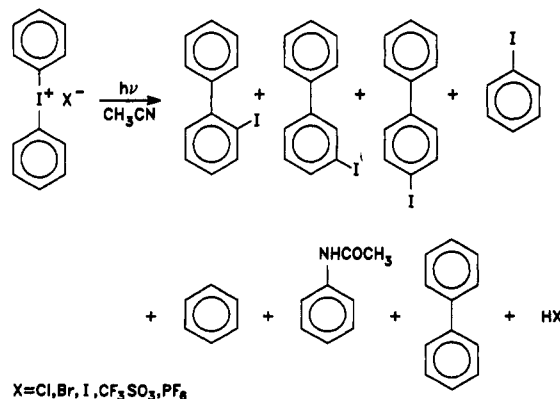
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Summary: Diphenyliodonium halides exist as tight ion pairs in acetonitrile, and photolysis gives almost exclusively iodobenzene by a homolytic cleavage reaction from a charge transfer excited state, whereas in aqueous acetonitrile the ion pairs are solvent separated and photolysis gives substantial amounts of 2-, 3-, and 4-iodobiphenyls, in addition to iodobenzene, by an initial heterolytic cleavage.

Onium salts have found important applications as photoinitiators for acid-catalyzed processes in polymers.¹ Recent mechanistic studies have found that onium salt photolysis produces acid by both in-cage recombination reactions and cage-escape reactions with solvent.²⁻⁷ We

Scheme I. Products from Photolysis of Diphenyliodonium Salts in Acetonitrile and Aqueous Acetonitrile



have recently reported that direct photolysis of diaryliodonium salts produces 2-, 3-, and 4-iodobiphenyls, io-

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