# THE SYNTHESIS AND THE REARRANGEMENT OF O-SILYL-O-ALKYL KETENEACETALS INTO ESTERS OF SILYLACETIC ACID

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In recent years the study of the chemical behaviour of aldehydes, ketones and esters of carboxylic acids in which the  $\alpha$ -hydrogen atom is replaced by an atom o Hg, Sn, Ge, P, etc. has been carried out by Nesmeyanov and one of us. The firs investigation of  $\alpha$ -mercurated carbonyl compounds had already shown that reciproca action of a Hg atom and a carbonyl group ( $\sigma_i \pi$ -conjugation) resulted in a decrease in the stability of the Hg–C bond and dual reactivity without tautomerism<sup>1</sup>.

 $XHgCH_2COR \longrightarrow CH_2 \cong C(R)OCOR'$ 

In the first case the metal atom is substituted. In the second case the acylating reaction proceeds with transfer of the reaction center (Nesmeyanov) resulting in a vinyl ester only. A further study of functionally substituted organotin and organomercury compounds showed that esters of z-metalated carboxylic acids also showed dual reactivity<sup>2,3</sup>.

This work reports the results of an investigation on the reaction of halosilanes with esters of  $\alpha$ -metalated carboxylic acids, and the conditions of the rearrangement of O-silyl-O-alkylketeneacetals (I) into esters of silylacetic acid (II).

By the interaction of trialkyliodosilanes with esters of z-metalated carboxylic acids, (I) or (II) (the reactions with and without transfer of reaction centre) may be obtained by adjusting the structure of the original reactants and the conditions of the reaction<sup>\*</sup>.

Thus, as a result of the action of triethyliodosilane on bis(carbomethoxymethyl)mercury in dichloroethane or chloroform, methyl(triethylsilyl) acetate (IIa) is obtained with a yield of 60 %. Using solvents with less ionizing capacity (e.g., benzene, carbon tetrachloride) we obtained the O-derivative (Ia)\*\* in 50% yield.

$$Hg(CH_2COOCH_2)_2 \xrightarrow{-Et_2Sil} CHCL_2 COCH_2 COCH_2 (Ia)$$

$$\underbrace{\text{CHC}_3: \ C_H, C_2}_{\text{CHC}_3: \ C_H, C_2} \text{Et}_3 \text{SiCH}_2 \text{COOCH}_3$$
(11a)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> Organosilicon esters having the ester group on the x-carbon atom have been synthesized previously by different methods<sup>4-13</sup>. Only a few examples of the O-silyl-O-alkylketeneacetals have been described more recently by some authors<sup>12,13</sup> and by us<sup>2,14</sup> and their properties are not very well defined.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The reaction of Et<sub>3</sub>SiI and Pr<sub>3</sub>SnCH<sub>2</sub>COOCH<sub>3</sub> also leads to (Ia), as reported in our previous paper<sup>14</sup>.

The compounds (Ia) and (IIa) differ appreciably in their physical and chemical properties, e.g., (Ia) is easily hydrolysed with water to give methyl acetate and triethylsilanol but (IIa) is unchanged under similar conditions; the reduction of (Ia) with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> leads to triethylsilane, while (IIa) gives the appropriate alcohol.

$$Et_{3}SiCH_{2}COOCH_{3} \xrightarrow{\text{LiAlH}_{4}} Et_{3}SiCH_{2}CH_{2}OH$$
(IIa) (III)

(IIa) may be distilled at atmospheric pressure. On heating (Ia) at 180-200° methyl 3-(triethylsiloxy)-3-butenoate (IV) and triethylmethoxysilane are obtained. The reaction can be explained as follows:

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$$CH_{2} \approx C(OCH_{3})OSiEt_{3} \xrightarrow{rSo-200^{\circ}} Et_{3}SiOCH_{3} \div CH_{2} \approx C \approx O$$
(Ia)
$$CH_{2} \approx C = O \div CH_{2} \approx C(OCH_{3})OSiEt_{3} \longrightarrow CH_{2} \approx C(OSiEt_{3})CH_{2}COOCH_{3}$$
(Ia)
(IV)

The structure of (IV) is deduced from the infrared and NMR absorption spectra and the reaction scheme confirmed by interaction between (Ia) and ketene. The latter reaction is exothermic, yielding 90% of (IV).

$$CH_{2} \approx C(OCH_{3})OSiEt_{3} + CH_{2} \approx C \approx O \longrightarrow CH_{2} \approx C(OSiEt_{3})CH_{2}COOCH_{3}$$
(I2)
(IV)

Different behaviour may be observed when (Ia) is heated gently in the presence of a small amount of  $HgI_2$  when the isomerisation of (Ia) to (IIa) occurs as follows:

$$CH_{2}=C(OCH_{3})OSiEt_{3} \xrightarrow{H_{G}I_{2}} Et_{3}SiCH_{2}COOCH_{3}$$
(Ia)
(IIa)

This rearrangement is apparent from the change in physical constants and spectral data and the reduction of the original and final products of the reaction, respectively.

The rearrangement takes place under such mild conditions that in any cases of dual reactivity it must be assumed that the reaction products isolated are not necessarily the initial reaction products. We confirmed that this was the case by studying the reaction of methyl (trialkylstannyl)acetates with some halosilanes:  $SiCl_4$  (b),  $MeSiCl_3$  (c),  $Me_2SiCl_2$  (d).

O- Or C-derivatives may be isolated by this reaction by adjusting the temperature and the duration of the reaction.

The reaction was checked by infrared spectra. On adding organotin compounds to chlorosilane the absorption at 1710-1714 cm<sup>-1</sup> (R<sub>3</sub>SnCH<sub>2</sub>COOCH<sub>3</sub>) disappears and a C=C stretching vibration at 1650-1680 cm<sup>-1</sup> appears; this corresponds to the formation of (Ib-d), which may be isolated with a yield of about 70 %. If, however, the reaction mixture is heated at S0-90° for some hours without isolating (Ib-d), the C=C stretching vibration disappears and simultaneously an intensive absorption band at 1740-1750 cm<sup>-1</sup> appears, corresponding to the C=O stretching vibration of



Fig. 1. ...., IR spectrum of organotin ester: ---, IR spectrum of the reaction mixture after addition of organotin ester to SiCl<sub>4</sub>: ----, IR spectrum of the reaction mixture after heating at  $40^{\circ}$  for 0.5 h: ----, IR spectrum of the reaction mixture after heating at  $40^{\circ}$  for 2 h.

organosilicon esters (Fig. 1) and (IIb-d) may be isolated with a yield of about 60 %. This reaction may be represented by the following scheme:

$$R_{2}SnCH_{2}COOCH_{3} \xrightarrow{+ CISI-} CH_{2} = C(OCH_{3})OSi_{4} \xrightarrow{+ i} SiCH_{2}COOCH_{3}$$

$$(Ib-d) \qquad (IIb-d)$$

It was possible by studying the isomerisation conditions to establish that the more Cl atoms were attached to the Si atom, the easier the thermal rearrangement of the O-derivative. (Ib) can, therefore, be isomerised slowly to (IIb) at room temperature and in 0.5 h by heating at  $70^{\circ}$ .

$$CH_2 = C(OCH_3)[OSiCl_3] \xrightarrow{70^3: 0.5 \text{ b}} Cl_3SiCH_2COOCH_3$$
(Ib) (IIb)

This extremely easy Si-O fission may be due to the presence of three electronegative Cl atoms at the Si atom. The replacement of the Cl atoms by alkyl groups decreases the isomerisation capacity of O-derivatives. If one atom of chlorine is replaced by methyl [in (Ic)] the time required for isomerisation is increased to 5 h at  $90^{\circ}$ , and to 12 h by the replacement of two Cl atoms by methyl [(Id)]. When all the

Cl atoms are replaced by ethyl, the thermal isomerisation is repressed completely but the thermal decomposition of (Ia) occurs, as already described.

The structure of all the newly-prepared substances were proved by IR and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. In the IR spectra of (IIa–d) intensive absorption bands were detected at 1720–1750 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to the valency oscillations of an ester group. In the specta of (Ia–d) • a C=C stretching vibration was detected at 1650–1680 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Figures 2 and 3 show the IR spectra of (IIa) and (IIb) and their *O*-derivatives. The infrared absorption spectrum of (IV) (Fig. 4) shows a C=C stretching vibration at 1654 cm<sup>-1</sup> and a C=O stretching vibration at 1744 cm<sup>-1</sup> compared with those at 1628 and 1714 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, of siloxycrotonate prepared according Gilman and



Fig. 2. ———, IR spectrum of methyl (triethylsilyl)acetate; ----, IR spectrum of O-(triethylsilyl)-O-methylketeneacetal.



Fig. 3. ———, IR spectrum of methyl (trichlorosilyl)acetate; ----, IR spectrum of O-(trichlorosilyl)-O-methylketeneacetal.

\* IR spectra of (Ib-d) show a very small admixture of (IIb-d).



Fig. 4. ————. IR spectrum of methyl 3-(triethylsiloxy)-3-butenoate: — — — —, IR spectrum of methyl 3-(triethylsiloxy)crotonate.

Clark<sup>13</sup>. Investigation of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of all the compounds prepared gave similar results. The chemical shifts of the Si-CH<sub>2</sub> group in (IIa-d) and the terminal =CH<sub>2</sub> group (a typical AB pattern), together with the values of the coupling constant J in (Ia-d) and data for (IV) are listed in Table 1.

### TABLE 1

CHEMICAL SHIFTS (in ppm) AND J VALUES

	$\frac{=CH_2}{J_{AB} \ \delta A}$		$\delta(-CH_2-)$		δ(Si-CH <sub>2</sub> -)	
$CH_{2} = C(OCH_{2})OSiEt_{2}$ $CH_{2} = C(OCH_{3})OSiCl_{3}$ $CH_{2} = C(OCH_{3})OSi(CH_{3})Cl_{4}$ $CH_{2} = C(OCH_{3})OSi(CH_{3})_{2}Cl_{3}$ $CH_{2} = C(OCH_{3})OSi(CH_{3})_{2}Cl_{3}$ $CH_{2} = C(OSiEt_{3})CH_{2}COOCH_{3}$	2.6 2.6	2.94 ca. 3.20-3.60* ca. 3.20-3.50* 3.22 4.2	3.09 3.32 4.2 3.2	Et <sub>3</sub> SiCH_C Cl <sub>3</sub> SiCH_C Cl_(CH <sub>3</sub> )Si Cl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Si	OOCH3         1.82           DOCH3         2.77           CH4COOCH3         2.45           CH4COOCH2         2.16	

\* Together with -OCH<sub>3</sub> group.

#### ENPERIMENTAL

The starting materials: bis(carbomethoxymethyl)mercury, methyl (trialkylstannyl)acetates and triethyliodosilane were prepared according to reported procedures<sup>16,17</sup>. Freshly distilled commercial halosilanes were used without additional purification. The IR spectra were obtained with thin films using a spectrometer "Jasko", IR-S(KCl). The NMR spectra were taken in carbon tetrachloride solution with tetramethylsilane as internal reference with a spectrograph CLA-40 constructed by Lubimov.

# 1. Reaction of triethyliodosilane with bis(carbomethoxymethyl)mercury

(a) In benzene; O-derivative,  $CH_2 = C(OCH_3)OSiEt_3$  (Ia). A mixture of 43-5 g (0.18 mole) of triethyliodosilane and 30 ml of benzene was added dropwise with

stirring, at room temperature, to 69.3 g (0.2 mole) of bis(carbomethoxymethyl)mercury dissolved in 300 ml of benzene. The reaction mixture was treated with 500 ml of petroleum ether and cooled to  $-30^{\circ}$ . An insoluble material was separated by filtration. Recrystallisation from benzene gave 72 g (90%) of iodo(carbomethoxymethyl)mercury, m.p. 107–108°. (Found: C, S.99; H, 1.41; Hg, 49.95. C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>HgIO<sub>2</sub> calcd.: C, S.99; H, 1.26; Hg, 50.08%.) The organic layer after removal of the solvent was distilled. The yield of (Ia) was 17.7 g (53%), b.p. 65–66.5° (7 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4355,  $d_4^{20}$  0.8870;  $MR_D$  55.45, calcd. 55.56. (Found: C, 57.24; H, 10.80; Si, 15.13. C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>20</sub>SiO<sub>2</sub> calcd.: C, 57.40; H, 10.71; Si, 14.90%.)

(b) In dichloroethane; C-derivative,  $Et_3SiCH_2COOCH_3$  (IIa). A mixture of 14.6 g (0.06 mole) of triethyliodosilane and 1c ml of dichloroethane was added with stirring at room temperature, to 22.8 g (0.066 mole) of bis(carbomethoxymethyl)mercury dissolved in 50 ml of dichloroethane. Treatment of the reaction mixture as in (Ia) gave 6.8 g (60%) of (IIa), b.p. 75-77° (7 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4399,  $d_4^{20}$  0.9019;  $MR_D$  55.02, calcd. 55.18. (Found: C, 57.50; H, 10.94; Si, 15.30.  $C_9H_{20}SiO_2$  calcd.: C, 57.40; H, 10.71; Si, 14.90%.)

### 2. Reduction of O- and C-derivatives with lithium aluminium hydride

(a) Reduction of (Ia). An ethereal solution of 9.5 g (0.05 mole) of (Ia) was added to 3 g (0.08 mole) of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> in ether. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, refluxed for 30 min, hydrolyzed with moist ether and then with water. The ether layer was separated, treated in the usual manner and distilled. The yield of triethylsilane was 4.1 g (71 %), b.p. 106–110° (760 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4123,  $d_4^{20}$  0.7325;  $MR_D$  39.51, calcd. 39.76. The literature values<sup>18</sup> were: b.p. 109° (760 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4119,  $d_4^{20}$  0.7318.

(b) Reduction of IIa; (2-hydroxyethyl)triethylsilane,  $Et_3SiCH_2CH_2OH$  (III). This reduction was carried out essentially in the same manner as in (2a): 7.1 g (0.038 mole) of (IIa), and 1.44 (0.038 mole) of LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, gave 4.5 g (74%) of (III), b.p. 92-94° (8.5 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4510,  $d_4^{20}$  0.8623;  $MR_D$  50.04, calcd. 50.31. (Found: C, 59.98; H, 12.44; Si, 18.16.  $C_8H_{20}SiO$  calcd.: C, 59.94; H, 12.58; Si, 17.93%.)

# 3. Hydrolysis of O- and C-derivatives with water

(a) Hydrolysis of (Ia). (Ia) (5.2 g, 0.028 mole) and 5 g (0.28 mole) of water were distilled together. The organic layer produced was separated, dried with sodium sulphate and distilled. The products isolated were methyl acetate, 1.5 g (72 %), b.p. 53-57° (760 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.3600,  $d_4^{20}$  0.9243, and triethylsilanole, 3.1 g (84%), b.p. 148-150° (760 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4300,  $d_4^{20}$  0.8620;  $MR_D$  39.63, calcd. 40.05. The literature values<sup>19</sup> were: b.p. 77.5° (28 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4239,  $d_4^{20}$  0.8638.

(b) Hydrolysis of (IIa). IIa undergoes no change when boiled with water under the conditions of experiment 3a.

### 4. Reaction of silicon tetrachloride with methyl (tripropylstannyl) acetate

(a) O-(Trichlorosilyl)-O-methylketeneacetal,  $CH_2=C(OCH_3)OSiCl_3$  (IIb). Methyl (tripropylstannyl)acetate (61 g, 0.19 mole) was added dropwise with intensive stirring to 42.5 g (0.25 mole) of silicon tetrachloride. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at 40° after the addition. Fractionation yielded 25 g of silicon tetrachloride and 14.6 g of (Ib) (70% based on reacted silicon tetrachloride), b.p. 20-25° (7 mm)  $n_D^{20}$  1.4260,

 $d_4^{3^{\circ}}$  1.3244; *MR*<sub>D</sub> 40.47, calcd. 40.14. (Found: C, 17.40; H, 2.69. C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si calcd.: C, 17.36; H, 2.43 %.) In addition 5 g (24 %) of (IIb) was isolated, b.p. 54-56° (7 mm),  $n_D^{3^{\circ}}$  1.4450 (see 4b).

(b) Methyl (trichlorosilyl)acetate,  $Cl_2SiCH_2COOCH_3$  (IIb). Methyl tripropylstannylacetate (61 g, 0.19 mole) was added dropwise to 58 g (0.34 mole) of silicon tetrachloride. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at 70° and 1 h at 90°. Fractionation yielded (after removing of excess silicon tetrachloride) 26.5 g of (IIb) (67 % of theoretical), b.p. 60-61° (10 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4425,  $d_4^{20}$  1.3801;  $MR_D$  39.82, calcd. 39.93. (Found: C, 17.72; H, 2.63; Si, 13.54; C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si calcd.: C, 17.36; H, 2.43; Si, 13.52 %.) Further fractionation gave 50 g (93 %) of tripropylchlorostannane, b.p. 120-122° (13 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4927. The literature values<sup>20</sup> were: b.p. 123° (13 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4910.

# 5. Reaction of methyltrichlorosilane with methyl (tributylstannyl)acetate

(a) O-(methyldichlorosilyl)-O-methylketeneacetal,  $CH_2 = C(OCH_3)OSiMeCl_2$  (Ic). Methyl (tributylstannyl)acetate (77 g, 0.21 mole) was added dropwise with stirring at room temperature to 47.5 (0.32 mole) of methyltrichlorosilane. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2.5 h at 50°. Fractionation yielded (after removing of excess methyl-trichlorosilane, 27 g) 14.1 g of (Ic) (55% based on reacted methyltrichlorosilane), b.p. 39-40° (12 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4274,  $d_4^{20}$  1.1823;  $MR_D$  40.67, calcd. 40.58. (Found: C, 25.51; H. 4.41; Si, 14.43. C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si calcd.: C, 25.68; H, 4.31, Si, 15.00%).) Further fractionation gave 3 g (12%) of (IIc) (see 5b), b.p. 47.5-48° (12 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4362,  $d_4^{20}$  1.2132.

(b) Methyl (methyldichlorosilyl)acetate,  $Cl_2MeSiCH_2COOCH_3$  (IIc). To 16.8 g (0.11 mole) of methyl trichlorosilane was added dropwise with constant stirring 27 g (0.074 mole) of methyl (tributylstannyl)acetate; the mixture was heated for 12 h at S0- $c0^{\circ}$ . Fractionation yielded 7-7 g of (IIc) (56% of theoretical), b.p. 46-47° (12 mm),  $n_D^{2\circ}$  1.4390,  $d_4^{2\circ}$  1.2158;  $MR_D$  40.33, calcd. 40.36. (Found: C, 25.65; H, 4.50; Si, 15.02. C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si calcd.: C, 25.68; H, 4.31; Si, 15.00° o.)

### 6. Reaction of dimethyldichlorosilane with methyl trialkylstannylacetate

(a) O-(dimethylchlorosilyl)-O-methylketeneacetal;  $CH_2 = C(OCH_3)OSiMe_2Cl$  (1d). To 19.2 g (0.15 mole) of dimethyldichlorosilane was added dropwise with constant stirring 75.3 g (0.23 mole) of methyl (tripropylstannyl)acetate; the mixture was heated for 2 h at 90°. Fractionation yielded (Id), 17 g (68% of theoretical), b.p. 46-47° (20 mm),  $n_D^{\infty}$  1.4185,  $d_4^{\infty}$  1.0382;  $MR_D$  40.84; calcd. 41.01. (Found: C, 35.72; H, 6.72; Si, 17.18. C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>Si calcd.: C, 36.03; H, 6.65; Si, 16.84%.) Further fractionation gave 1 g (4%) of (IId) (see 6b), b.p. 63-64° (18 mm),  $n_D^{\infty}$  1.4258,  $d_4^{\infty}$  1.0483.

(b) Methyl (dimethylchlorosilyl)acetate,  $ClMe_2SiCH_2COOCH_3$  (11d). To 14.9 g (0.11 mole) of dimethyldichlorosilane was added dropwise 28.3 g (0.078 mole) of methyl (tributylstannyl)acetate, stirred for 16 h at 80-90°. Fractionation yielded 7.5 g of (IId) (58% of theoretical), b.p. 46-48° (8 mm)  $n_D^{\circ\circ}$  1.4290,  $d_4^{\circ\circ}$  1.0521;  $MR_D$  40.80, calcd. 40.80. (Found: C, 35.77; H, 6.80; Si, 17.55. C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>Si calcd.: C, 36.03; H, 6.65; Si, 16.84%.) Further fractionation gave 24.5 g (96%) of tributylchlorostannane, b.p. 129-130° (1 mm),  $n_D^{\circ\circ}$  1.4925. The literature values<sup>21</sup> were: b.p. 145-147° (5 mm),  $n_D^{\circ\circ}$  1.4908.

7. Thermal isomerisation of O-(chlorosilvl)-O-alkylketeneacetals; isomerisation of (1b). (Ib) (4.4 g) was heated for 0.5 h at 70°. Fractionation vielded 3.7 g (85% of theoretical) of (IIb) (see 4b),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4460;  $d_4^{20}$  1.3790.

(IIc) (5 h at 90°) and (IId) (12 h at 90°) were prepared similarly.

8. Thermal decomposition of O-(triethylsilyl)-O-methylketeneacetal (Ia). (Ia) (6 g, 0.032 mole) was heated at 180-200° and the distillate of triethylmethoxysilane collected. Fractionation of the reaction products gave 2 g (86 %) of triethylmethoxysilane, b.p.  $54-56^{\circ}$  (36 mm),  $n_{D}^{\circ}$  1.4123,  $d_{1}^{2\circ}$  0.8199;  $MR_{D}$  44.42, calcd. 44.88. (lit.<sup>22</sup>; b.p. 140.5° (760 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4129,  $d_4^{20}$  0.8203) and 2.7 g of (IV) (74%), b.p. 87-89° (3 mm),  $n_D^{20}$ 1.4427, d<sub>4</sub><sup>20</sup> 0.9498; MR<sub>D</sub> 64.26, calcd. 64.83. (Found: C, 57.67; H, 9.59; Si, 12.40. C11H22O3Si calcd.: C, 57-35; H, 9.63; Si, 12.18%)

# 9. Reaction of O-(triethylsilyl)-O-methylketeneacetal with ketene

On passing the excess ketene through 4.1 g of (Ia) there is evolution of heat and 4.3 g (\$5 %) of (IV) are obtained, b.p.  $75-80^{\circ}$  (1.5 mm),  $n_D^{20}$  1.4433,  $d_1^{20}$  0.9509; MRD 64.25, calcd. 64.83. (Found: C, 57.07; H, 9.49; Si, 12.62. C11H22O3Si calcd.: C. 57.35; H. 9.63; Si, 12.18 %.) The infrared spectra of the substances obtained in experiments S and g were identical.

10. Rearrangement of O-(triethylsilyl)-O-methylketeneacetal into methyl (triethylsilyl)acetate

(Ia) (7 g) and I g of HgI<sub>2</sub> were stirred for 0.5 h at room temperature and then for 1 h at 70°. After separation from HgI2, the reaction product was distilled. 5.8 g  $(83^{\circ}_{2})$  of (IIa) was obtained (see 1b), b.p. 79-82° (8 mm),  $n_{D}^{20}$  1.4412,  $d_{4}^{20}$  0.9030; MR<sub>D</sub> 55.08, calcd. 55.18.

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### SUMMARY

I. The conditions of dual reactivity of the esters of  $\alpha$ -metalated carboxylic acids with the halides of some organosilicon compounds were examined.

2. The rearrangement of O-silvl-O-alkylketeneacetals into esters of silvlacetic acid is reported.

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