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# Novel photoinduced intramolecular cycloaddition reactions of 1-(*o*-alkoxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethynes

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#### Abstract

Photolysis of 1-(*o*-hydroxymethyl-, acetoxymethyl-, or allyloxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethynes 2a, 2b, or 2c in benzene provides novel stereoselective intramolecular cycloaddition products 6, 8, or 12 via silacyclopropene intermediates. © 2000 Elsevier Science S.A. All rights reserved.

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#### 1. Introduction

In the previous papers, the authors reported on the photoinduced intramolecular reactions of 1-(o-alkoxyphenyl)-2pentamethyldisilanyl ethynes affording novel intramolecular photoproducts via silacyclopropene intermediate [1,2]. It is well known that the photolysis of alkynyl-substituted disilanes affords a convenient route to the highly strained silacyclopropenes and these silacyclopropenes react readily with methanol or acetone in the presence of methanol or acetone as trapping agents [3–5]. Silacyclopropenes also react with unsaturated functional groups to give five-membered cyclic organosilicon products in which C=O, C=C, C≡C or C=N bonds are inserted into the Si-C bond of the silacyclopropene ring [6]. Although the chemical properties of silacyclopropenes have been extensively investigated [7–11], relatively few examples have been reported on the intramolecular photoreactions of the system. Along with the studies on the reactions of silacyclopropenes formed from the photolysis of various phenylethynylpentamethyldisilane systems [12–18], we have undertaken the photoreaction of 1-(o-alkoxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethynes 2a-d since novel photoproducts from the intramolecular reaction of ortho-substituted alkoxymethyl group with the silacyclopropene ring are expected and we describe, in this paper, a detailed photochemical study of 1-(o-alkoxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethynes.

#### 2. Experimental

## 2.1. General methods

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AM-300 and Bruker AC-200 spectrometers with chemical shifts being referenced against TMS as an internal standard or the signal of the solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub>. UV absorption spectra were recorded on a Hewlett-Packard 8453 spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were determined at 70 eV with a Hewlett-Packard 5985A GC-MS by the electron impact (EI) method. FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Bomem MB-100 spectrometer in KBr pellets and NaCl cell. High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a Waters Associates Model 244 liquid chromatograph (Mildford, MA) equipped with a Model 6000A solvent delivery system, Model 440 UV absorbance detector fixed at 254 nm, and Model U6K universal injector. Lichrosorb SI-60 column was used for preparative analyses. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Sigma-Aldrich pre-coated silica gel F<sub>254</sub> aluminum foils. Purification of the reaction products was carried out by flash column chromatography using a glass column dry packed with silica gel (230-400 mesh ASTM). Benzene was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub> before use. Et<sub>3</sub>N was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub> and stored over KOH pellets. Solvents of reagent grade for chromatography were used without further purification. Spectroscopic grade solvents were used for HPLC and UV absorption spectra.

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#### 2.2. Synthesis of o-acetoxymethyl-iodobenzene 1b

A solution of 2-iodobenzyl alcohol (1g, 4.27 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (15 ml) was added to a solution of NaH (0.11 g, 4.70 mmol) in DMF (10 ml) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. Acetyl chloride (0.45 ml, 6.4 mmol) was added dropwise to the resulting solution and the mixture was stirred at 100°C for 2.5 h. Water (30 ml) was added to the solution and was extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 20 \text{ ml})$ . The combined ethyl acetate solution was washed with water (20 ml), brine (20 ml) and dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated in vacuo to give the crude product. Flash column chromatography with *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v)as an eluent gave 1b (1.07 g, 91% yield) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.17 (3H, s), 5.14 (2H, s), 7.05 (1H, td, J=7.2, 2.6 Hz), 7.40 (2H, m), 7.88 (1H, dd, J=7.8, 0.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm C}$ 21.4, 70.5, 128.8, 129.9, 130.1, 130.3, 138.7, 139.9, 171.1; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub> 232 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 3057.7, 1737.8, 1438.1, 1224.5, 1014.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) m/z 276 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>IO<sub>2</sub> 275.9647, found 275.9666.

#### 2.3. Synthesis of o-allyloxymethyl-iodobenzene 1c

This compound was prepared according to the procedure described for the preparation of **1b**, except allyl chloride (0.52 ml, 6.4 mmol) was used. Chromatography (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate, 10:1, v/v) provided 1.15 g (98% yield) of **1c** as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.12 (2H, dt, *J*=5.4, 1.2 Hz), 4.51 (2H, s), 5.25 (1H, dq, *J*=10.3, 1.2 Hz), 5.37 (1H, dq, *J*=17.5, 1.5 Hz), 6.00 (1H, m), 6.99 (1H, td, *J*=7.6, 1.8 Hz), 7.35 (1H, td, *J*=7.6, 1.2 Hz), 7.47 (1H, dd, *J*=7.6, 1.8 Hz), 7.83 (1H, dd, *J*=7.6, 1.12 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  71.6, 75.8, 97.6, 117.3, 128.2, 128.7, 129.1, 134.6, 139.2, 140.6; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  232 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 3064.4, 2852.0, 1585.9, 1460.9, 1261.9, 1116.9 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) *m/z* 274 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>IO 273.9855, found 273.9850.

## 2.4. Synthesis of o-methoxycarbonylmethoxymethyliodobenzene **1d**

This compound was prepared according to the procedure described for the preparation of **1b**, except methyl bromoacetate (0.4 ml, 6.4 mmol) was used. Chromatography (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate, 3:1, v/v) provided 1.16 g (89% yield) of **1d** as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.79 (3H, s), 4.22 (2H, s), 4.64 (2H, s), 7.00 (1H, td, *J*=7.6, 1.6 Hz), 7.36 (1H, td, *J*=7.5, 1.0 Hz), 7.49 (1H, dd, *J*=7.6, 1.6 Hz), 7.82 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 1.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  52.4, 68.2, 98.2, 116.7, 128.8, 129.4, 129.9, 139.6, 139.9, 171.0; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$ 232 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 2951.4, 1755.2, 1436.5, 1210.3, 1138.2 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) *m*/z 306 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>IO<sub>3</sub> 305.9753, found 305.9741.

## 2.5. Synthesis of 1-(o-hydroxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne **2a**

To a deaerated solution of 2-iodobenzyl alcohol (0.5 g, 2.14 mmol), bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium dichloride (15 mg, 0.02 mmol) and copper(I) iodide (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol)mmol) in anhydrous triethylamine (10 ml) were added dropwise pentamethyldisilanylethyne (0.45 ml, 2.5 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated at 40°C for 2 h. To this solution saturated ammonium chloride solution (20 ml) was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 20 \text{ ml})$ . The combined ethyl acetate solution was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 ml), brine (10 ml), and dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated in vacuo to give the crude product. Flash column chromatography with *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v) as an eluent gave 2a (0.5 g, 90% yield) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.22 (9H, s), 0.33 (6H, s), 2.70 (1H, s), 4.84 (2H, s), 7.24 (1H, td, J=7.41, 1.07 Hz), 7.33 (1H, td, J=7.51, 1.28 Hz), 7.43 (1H, dd, J=7.53, 0.57 Hz), 7.48 (1H, dd, J=7.53, 1.04 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  -2.29, -1.80, 64.5, 99.3, 105.3, 121.9, 127.6, 127.9, 129.4, 133.1, 143.7; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub> 262 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 3344.2, 3067.6, 2953.2, 2148.7, 1480.1, 1245.9, 852.9 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) m/z 262 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub> 262.1209, found 262.1243.

## 2.6. Synthesis of 1-(o-acetoxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethydisilanyl ethyne **2b**

This reaction was carried out using the same procedure described for the preparation of **2a**, except *o*-acetoxymethyliodobenzene **1b** (0.5 g, 1.81 mmol) was used. The crude product was chromatographed (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate, 3:1, v/v) to afford colorless oil of **2b** (0.48 g, 88% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.20 (9H, s), 0.31 (6H, s), 2.14 (3H, s), 5.30 (2H, s), 7.26 (1H, td, *J*=7.4, 1.4 Hz), 7.32 (1H, dd, *J*=7.4, 1.4 Hz), 7.38 (1H, td, *J*=7.6, 1.4 Hz), 7.50 (1H, dd, *J*=7.6, 1.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  -2.6, -2.1, 21.3, 65.2, 99.2, 104.4, 123.3, 128.4, 128.6, 128.9, 132.9, 138.1, 171.1; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  262, 226 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 2953.5, 2149.7, 1744.8, 1484.2, 1245.6, 1229.2, 835.9 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) *m/z* 304 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> 304.1315, found 304.1329.

# 2.7. Synthesis of 1-(o-allyloxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne **2**c

This reaction was carried out using the same procedure described for the preparation of **2a**, except *o*-allyloxymethyliodobenzene **1c** (0.5 g, 1.82 mmol) was used. The crude product was chromatographed (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate, 10:1, v/v) to afford colorless oil of **2c** (0.5 g, 92% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.17 (9H, s), 0.28 (6H, s), 4.10 (2H, d, *J*=5.7 Hz), 4.71 (2H, s), 5.22 (1H, dd, *J*=10.5, 1.2 Hz), 5.34 (1H, dd, J=17.5, 1.5 Hz), 5.99 (1H, m), 7.22 (1H, m), 7.33 (1H, td, J=7.8, 1.2 Hz), 7.47 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  -3.16, -2.67, 70.08, 71.62, 98.16, 104.56, 117.10, 121.84, 127.07, 127.17, 128.60, 132.33, 134.83, 140.56; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  262, 251 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 2953.1, 2149.3, 1482.1, 1245.8, 1084.2, 853.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) m/z 302 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub> 302.1522, found 302.1546.

# 2.8. Synthesis of 1-(o-methoxycarbonylmethoxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne **2d**

This reaction was carried out using the same procedure described for the preparation of **2a**, except *o*-methoxycarbonylmethoxymethyl-iodobenzene **1d** (0.5 g, 1.63 mmol) was used. The crude product was chromatographed (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate, 5:1, v/v) to afford colorless oil of **2d** (0.46 g, 85% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.11 (9H, s), 0.23 (6H, s), 3.72 (3H, s), 4.13 (2H, s), 4.76 (2H, s), 7.18 (1H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 7.28 (1H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 7.40 (1H, d, *J*=7.6Hz), 7.46 (1H, d, *J*=7.6Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  -3.06, -2.56, 51.8, 67.7, 71.3, 98.4, 104.3, 122.0, 127.4, 127.5, 128.6, 132.3, 139.1, 170.6; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  262 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 2953.4, 2149.3, 1759.7, 1437.7, 1246.3, 835.8 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) *m*/z 334 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> 334.1420, found 334.1415.

## 2.9. Irradiation of 1-(o-hydroxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne **2a** in benzene

Deaerated solution  $(5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M})$  of **2a** (131 mg) in benzene (1 L) was irradiated in a Rayonet photochemical reactor, model RPR-208, equipped with RUL 254 nm lamps. After irradiation for 4 h, the resulting photoreaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The photoadducts **4a**, **6**, and **8** were isolated in 21 mg (21% yield), 22 mg (17% yield), and 4 mg (3% yield), respectively, by column chromatography with *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (10/1) as an eluent followed by normal phase HPLC using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (8/1, v/v) as an eluent.

**4a**: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.29 (9H, s), 2.31 (1H, s), 4.83 (2H, s), 7.26 (1H, td, *J*=7.44, 1.26 Hz), 7.35 (1H, td, *J*=7.49, 1.30 Hz), 7.43 (1H, dd, *J*=7.35, 0.56 Hz), 7.49 (1H, dd, *J*=7.51, 0.91 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  0.34, 64.5, 100.0, 102.9, 121.5, 127.6, 127.8, 129.4, 132.8, 143.5; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  262, 251 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 3343.4, 3067.3, 2959.4, 2155.6, 1480.4, 1249.9, 867.0 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) *m/z* 204 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OSi 204.0970, found 204.0945. **6**: colorless oil; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  268, 229 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 3453.5, 3067.6, 2954.4, 1455.6, 1250.6, 871.9 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) *m/z* 262 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub> 262.1209, found 262.1252. **8**: colorless oil; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  305, 295, 271, 260 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 3252.6, 2953.9, 1459.0, 1246.1, 884.1 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS

 $(70 \text{ eV}) m/z 262 (M^+)$ ; HRMS  $(M^+)$  calcd for  $C_{14}H_{22}OSi_2$  262.1209, found 262.1219.

# 2.10. Irradiation of 1-(o-acetoxymethylphenyl)-2pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne **2b** in benzene

This reaction was carried out using the same procedure described for the photolysis of 2a in benzene (1L), except 1-(o-acetoxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne **2b** (152 mg,  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol) and RUL 300 nm lamps were used. The photoadducts 4b, 6, and 8 were isolated in 17 mg (14% yield), 26 mg (20% yield), and 4 mg (3% yield), respectively, by column chromatography with *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (15/1) as an eluent followed by normal phase HPLC using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (8/1, v/v) as an eluent. **4b**: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.27 (9H, s), 2.15 (3H, s), 5.28 (2H, s), 7.34 (3H, m), 7.50 (1H, dd, J=7.3, 1.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  0.29, 21.3, 65.2, 100.1, 102.4, 122.9, 128.4, 128.6, 129.1, 132.9, 138.3, 171.1; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{max}$  262, 251 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 2958.4, 2157.6, 1746.4, 1485.2, 1249.3, 1229.3, 868.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) m/z 246 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si 246.1076, found 246.1072.

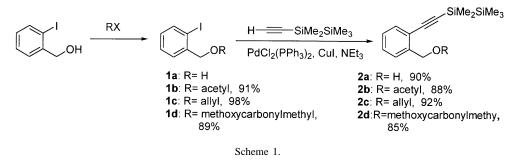
# 2.11. Irradiation of 1-(o-allyloxymethylphenyl)-2pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne **2c** in benzene

This reaction was carried out using the same procedure described for the photolysis of **2a** in benzene (1 L), except 1-(*o*-allyloxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne **2c** (151 mg,  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol) was used. The photoadducts **4c** and **12** were isolated in 6 mg, 5% yield and 29 mg, 19% yield, respectively, by column chromatography with *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (90/1) as an eluent followed by normal phase HPLC using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (60/1, v/v) as an eluent.

**4c**: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.28 (9H, s), 4.14 (2H, d, *J*=5.4 Hz), 4.71 (2H, s), 5.24 (1H, dd, *J*=10.4, 1.2 Hz), 5.36 (1H, dd, *J*=17.2, 1.5 Hz), 6.00 (1H, m), 7.24 (1H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 7.35 (1H, td, *J*=7.2, 1.1 Hz), 7.49 (2H, t, *J*=8.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  0.38, 70.50, 72.08, 99.38, 103.05, 117.47, 122.07, 127.50, 127.82, 129.11, 132.63, 135.17, 140.99; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  262, 250 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 2948.9, 2150.2, 1449.4, 1243.7, 831.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) *m*/*z* 244 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSi 244.1283, found 244.1271. **12**: colorless oil; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  269 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 2953.9, 1499.3, 1250.8, 1074.9, 871.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) *m*/*z* 302 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub> 302.1522, found 302.1533.

#### 2.12. Irradiation of 1-(o-methoxycarbonylmethoxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne **2d** in benzene

This reaction was carried out using the same procedure described for the photolysis of **2a** in benzene (1 L), except

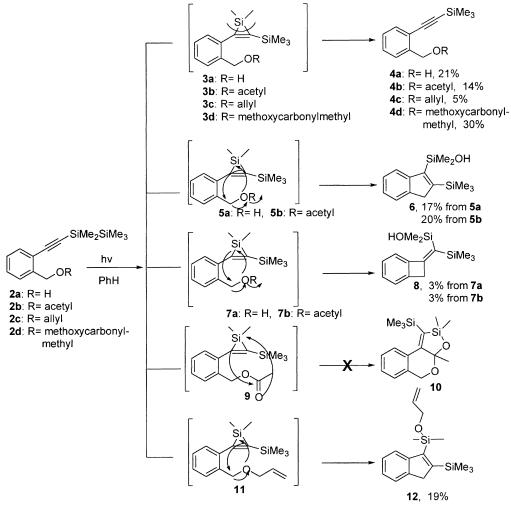


1-(o-methoxycarbonylmethoxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne **2d** (167 mg,  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol) and RUL 300 nm lamps were used. The photoadduct 4d was isolated in 41 mg, 30% yield, by column chromatography with *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (10/1) as an eluent followed by normal phase HPLC using *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (8/1, v/v) as an eluent. 4d: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.28 (9H, s), 3.79 (3H, s), 4.20 (2H, s), 4.83 (2H, s), 7.26 (1H, td, J=7.5, 1.1 Hz), 7.36 (1H, td, J=7.5, 1.3 Hz), 7.48 (1H, dd, J=7.6, 1.1 Hz), 7.52 (1H, d, J=7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ<sub>C</sub> 0.34, 52.2, 68.2, 71.7, 99.6, 102.9, 122.4, 127.9, 128.2, 129.2, 132.7, 139.8, 171.1; UV (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{max}$  262, 250 nm; FT-IR (NaCl) 2955.9, 2156.9, 1740.1, 1455.2, 1249.4, 867.7 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (70 eV) m/z 276  $(M^+)$ ; HRMS  $(M^+)$  calcd for  $C_{15}H_{20}O_3Si$  276.1182, found 276.1175.

## 3. Results and discussion

The starting 1-(o-alkoxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilarly ethynes 2a-d were prepared by the reaction of o-alkoxymethyl-iodobenzenes 1a-d with pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne in the presence of bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium dichloride and copper(I) iodide in triethylamine (Scheme 1). Irradiation of 2a in deaerated benzene with 254 nm UV light provided novel cycloaddition products 6 (17% yield) and 8 (3% yield) in addition to 4a (21% yield) along with some decomposition products of unknown structure as shown in Scheme 2. The formation of photoproducts 6 and 8 can be rationalized in terms of the initial formation of silacyclopropene intermediates 5a and 7a upon irradiation followed by the concerted intramolecular cycloaddition reaction between the hydroxy group in ortho substituent and Si-C bond of silacyclopropene formed. Liberation of dimethylsilylene species from the silacyclopropene intermediate 3a resulted in the formation of 4a. In order to check whether or not the C=O bond in the ortho substituent inserts intramolecularly into Si-C bond of the silacyclopropene ring, we have synthesized 1-(o-acetoxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne 2b which has the acetoxymethyl group as ortho substituent to phenylethynylpentamethyldisilane and investigated the photolysis of 2b in benzene with 300 nm UV light to obtain the same photoproducts 6 (20% yield) and 8 (3% yield) as in the case of the photolysis of 2a, in addition to 4b (14%) yield) instead of the expected intramolecular cycloaddition product 10 via silacyclopropene intermediate 9 (Scheme 2). To investigate the reactivity difference between the benzylic and allylic positions in the ortho substituent, we have synthesized 1-(o-allyloxymethylphenyl)-2-pentamethyldisilanyl ethyne 2c which has the allyloxymethyl group as ortho substituent to phenylethynylpentamethyldisilane. When a benzene solution of 2c was irradiated at room temperature with 254 nm UV light under a purified nitrogen atmosphere, 12 and 4c in 19 and 5% yield, respectively, were obtained via silacyclopropene intermediate 11 and 3c, respectively, but the other possible photoproducts were not observed (Scheme 2). The result indicates the initial formation of silacyclopropene intermediate 11 upon irradiation followed by the novel intramolecular cycloaddition reaction of Si-C (silacyclopropene ring) to C-O (benzylic position) via oxygen-silicon bond formation to give the novel photoproduct 12. In the case of the photolysis of 2d in benzene with 300 nm UV light, 4d was only obtained in 30% yield but the expected intramolecular cycloaddition reaction of Si-C (silacyclopropene ring) to C=O (carbonyl group in the ortho substituent) was not occurred probably due to the long distance between Si-C (silacyclopropene ring) and C=O bonds.

The structures of these photoproducts 6, 8, and 12 were determined by various physical methods, such as <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>2</sup>D NMR (<sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C COSY, HMBC, NOESY), UV, FT-IR, and high resolution mass spectrometry. FT-IR spectra of 6 and 8 showed the typical hydroxy absorption at 3453.5 and  $3252.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively, but the FT-IR spectrum of 12 did not show the -OH absorption. The <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and 2D NMR spectra of **6** were very similar to those of **12** except that the photoproduct **12** has the allyloxy group instead of the hydroxy group in 6. The  ${}^{1}H{}^{-1}H$  and  $^{1}\text{H}-^{13}\text{C}$  correlation spectroscopy (COSY) spectra of 6, 8, and 12 were studied to identify the protons directly attached to the individual carbons. From the correlated peaks in 6, 8, and 12, we have been able to identify the pairs of carbons and directly bonded protons as shown in Tables 1-3. In order to locate the quaternary carbons, the HMBC spectra of 6, 8, and 12 were taken. The presence of the cross-peaks due to the vicinal coupling between the protons of C(1), C(9), C(10) and the quaternary carbon C(7) in 6 and 12 showed the connectivity of the carbon C(7) to the benzene



Scheme 2.

| Table 1  |   |
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| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (600 MHz), <sup>13</sup> C NMR (150 MHz), and HMBC data for | photoproduct <b>6</b> in CDCl <sub>3</sub> <sup>a</sup> |

| Position | $\delta_{\rm C}$ (ppm) | M <sup>b</sup> | $\delta_{\rm H}$ (ppm) | Ic | M <sup>d</sup> | $J_{\mathrm{H-H}}$ (Hz)                  | HMBC <sup>e</sup> |
|----------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----|----------------|--|-------------------|
| 1        | 122.3                  | d              | 7.59                   | 1H | d              | 7.5 (J <sub>1H-2H</sub> )                | H2                |
| 2        | 124.8                  | d              | 7.21                   | 1H | td             | 7.3 $(J_{2H-1H,3H})$ , 1.0 $(J_{2H-4H})$ | H1, H3            |
| 3        | 126.4                  | d              | 7.30                   | 1H | td             | 7.3 $(J_{3H-2H,4H})$ , 1.0 $(J_{3H-1H})$ | H1, H2, H4        |
| 4        | 123.8                  | d              | 7.55                   | 1H | d              | 7.5 $(J_{4H-3H})$                        | H2, H3, H9        |
| 5        | 149.8                  | S              |                        |    |                |  | H3, H9            |
| 6        | 146.6                  | s              |                        |    |                |  | H2, H9            |
| 7        | 153.2                  | s              |                        |    |                |  | H1, H9, H10       |
| 8        | 161.0                  | s              |                        |    |                |  | H9, H11           |
| 9        | 48.2                   | t              | 3.61                   | 2H | s              |  | H4                |
| 10       | 2.67                   | q              | 0.53                   | 6H | s              |  |                   |
| 11       | 1.34                   | q              | 0.35                   | 9H | s              |  |                   |
| –OH      |                        | 1              | 1.91                   | 1H |                |  |                   |

 $^a$  All these assignments were confirmed by  $^1\text{H}{-}^1\text{H}$  and  $^1\text{H}{-}^{13}\text{C}$  COSY and NOESY, HMBC spectra.

<sup>b</sup> Multiplicities were determined by DEPT spectrum.

<sup>c</sup> Integrated intensity.

<sup>d</sup> Multiplicities.

<sup>e</sup> Protons correlated to carbon resonances in <sup>13</sup>C column.

| Position | $\delta_{\rm C}$ (ppm) | M <sup>b</sup> | $\delta_{\rm H}$ (ppm) | Ic | Md | $J_{\rm H-H}$ (Hz)                    | HMBC <sup>e</sup> |
|----------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----|----|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1        | 122.4                  | d              | 7.24                   | 1H | m  |                                       | H3                |
| 2        | 127.6                  | d              | 7.24                   | 1H | m  |                                       | H4                |
| 3        | 129.6                  | d              | 7.24                   | 1H | m  |                                       | H4                |
| 4        | 122.9                  | d              | 7.44                   | 1H | dd | 6.8 $(J_{4H-3H})$ , 2.2 $(J_{4H-2H})$ | H9                |
| 5        | 147.8                  | S              |                        |    |    |                                       | H3                |
| 6        | 147.5                  | s              |                        |    |    |                                       | H2                |
| 7        | 160.1                  | S              |                        |    |    |                                       | H1, H9            |
| 8        | 132.9                  | s              |                        |    |    |                                       | H9, H10, H11      |
| 9        | 44.3                   | t              | 3.76                   | 2H | s  |                                       | H4                |
| 10       | 2.24                   | q              | 0.41                   | 6H | s  |                                       |                   |
| 11       | 2.21                   | q              | 0.25                   | 9H | s  |                                       |                   |
| –OH      |                        | -              | 1.78                   | 1H |    |                                       |                   |

Table 2  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz),  $^{13}$ C NMR (150 MHz), and HMBC data for photoproduct **8** in CDCl<sub>3</sub><sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> All these assignments were confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C COSY and NOESY, HMBC spectra.

<sup>b</sup> Multiplicities were determined by DEPT spectrum.

<sup>c</sup> Integrated intensity.

<sup>d</sup> Multiplicities.

<sup>e</sup> Protons correlated to carbon resonances in <sup>13</sup>C column.

| Table 3  |  |
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| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (600 MHz), <sup>13</sup> C NMR (150 MHz), and HMBC data for photoproduct 12 in CDCl <sub>3</sub> <sup>a</sup> |  |

| Position        | $\delta_{\rm C}$ (ppm) | M <sup>b</sup> | δ <sub>H</sub> (ppm) | Ic | M <sup>d</sup> | J <sub>H-H</sub> (Hz)   | HMBC <sup>e</sup> |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----|----------------|---|-------------------|
| 1               | 122.09                 | d              | 7.62                 | 1H | d              | 7.7 (J <sub>1H-2H</sub> )   | H2                |
| 2               | 124.23                 | d              | 7.18                 | 1H | t              | $7.3 (J_{2H-1H,3H})$  | H1, H3            |
| 3               | 125.96                 | d              | 7.27                 | 1H | t              | 7.3 $(J_{3H-2H,4H})$  | H1, H2, H4        |
| 4               | 123.21                 | d              | 7.52                 | 1H | d              | $7.3 (J_{4H-3H})$   | H2, H3, H9        |
| 5               | 149.54                 | s              |                      |    |                |   | H3, H9            |
| 6               | 146.11                 | s              |                      |    |                |   | H2, H9            |
| 7               | 151.45                 | s              |                      |    |                |   | H1, H9, H10       |
| 8               | 161.31                 | s              |                      |    |                |   | H9, H11           |
| 9               | 47.90                  | t              | 3.58                 | 2H | s              |   | H4                |
| 10              | 0.86                   | q              | 0.47                 | 6H | s              |   |                   |
| 11              | 0.57                   | q              | 0.30                 | 9H | s              |   |                   |
| 12              | 63.92                  | t              | 4.25                 | 2H | d              | 5.4 $(J_{12H-13H})$   | H14               |
| 13              | 137.20                 | d              | 6.00                 | 1H | m              |   | H12, H14          |
| $14_{\alpha}$   | 115.13                 | t              | 5.13                 | 1H | dd             | 10.3 ( $J_{14\alpha H-13H}$ ), 1.6 ( $J_{14\alpha H-14\beta H}$ ) | H12               |
| 14 <sub>β</sub> | 115.13                 | t              | 5.28                 | 1H | dd             | 17.1 $(J_{14\beta H-13H})$ , 1.6 $(J_{14\beta H-14\alpha H})$     | H12               |

<sup>a</sup> All these assignments were confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C COSY and NOESY, HMBC spectra.

<sup>b</sup> Multiplicities were determined by DEPT spectrum.

<sup>c</sup> Integrated intensity.

<sup>d</sup> Multiplicities.

<sup>e</sup> Protons correlated to carbon resonances in <sup>13</sup>C column.

ring, hydroxysilyl or allyloxysilyl group, and the carbon(8). In the same manner, the connectivity of the carbon C(8) to the carbon C(9) and the trimethylsilyl group in **6** and **12** was established. The presence of the cross-peaks due to the vicinal coupling between the protons of C(9), C(10), C(11) and the quaternary carbon C(8) in **8** showed the connectivity of the carbon C(8) to the carbon C(7), hydroxysilyl, and trimethylsilyl group. In the same manner, the connectivity of the carbon C(7) to the benzene ring in **8** was established. The 3D-structures of **6**, **8**, and **12** were determined by a nuclear overhauser and exchange spectroscopy (NOESY) spectrum. In particular, the presence of the cross-peaks between a proton of C(10) and the protons of C(11) showed

the close proximity of a proton of C(10) to the protons of C(11), indicating that these protons are located on the same side of the molecule. In the same manner, the presence of the cross-peaks between a proton of C(9) and the protons of trimethylsilyl group in **8** showed the close proximity of a proton of C(9) to the protons of trimethylsilyl group, indicating that the stereochemistry of **8** is **Z** form. Thus, the skeletal structures of **6**, **8**, and **12** were established as shown in Fig. 1.

In conclusion, the photoinduced intramolecular cycloaddition reactions of various *ortho*-substituted pentamethyldisilanyl ethynes afforded the novel photoproducts **6**, **8**, and **12** via silacyclopropene intermediates. The formation of

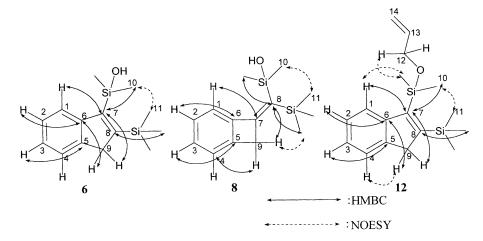


Fig. 1. Important correlations observed in HMBC and NOESY spectra of photoproducts 6, 8, and 12.

the photoproducts **6**, **8**, and **12** was explained by the concerted intramolecular cycloaddition reactions as shown in Scheme 2.

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