

**Figure 8.** Energy level diagram showing the  $\pi$  and  $\pi^*$  orbitals of ethylene and the valence orbitals of the metal atoms (Cu, Ag, and Au) relevant to  $\pi$ -coordination. The energy levels of copper(0)-mono(ethylene) and the dative interactions responsible for its formation are also indicated.

between the filled  $\pi$  orbital(s) and the vacant s and/or p orbital of the metal atom (eq 3a, 4a, and 4b) are probably insignificant. Thus copper(0)-mono(ethylene) and copper(0)-mono(acetylene) are held primarily by the dative interaction between the  $d_{xy}$  and  $\pi^*$  orbitals (eq 3b). The corresponding Ag-monomer complexes are not formed because of the larger separation between the  $d_{xy}$  and  $\pi^*$  orbitals. The formation of bis(ethylene)copper(0) and

bis(acetylene)copper(0) is attributed to the dative bond between the  $d_{xy}$  and  $\pi^*$  orbitals (eq 4c) and to the one-electron dative bond between the  $p_x$  and  $\pi^*$  orbitals (eq 4d). Bis(ethylene)silver(0), on the other hand, is probably held only by the one-electron dative bond of eq 4d.

In a diligand complex of structure II the overlap between the  $p_x$  and  $\pi^*$  orbitals would be sensitive to the C-C bond length of the ligands. The shorter C-C bond length of acetylene most adversely affect this overlap; bis(acetylene)silver(0) is not formed. A similar situation has been encountered in the dative interaction between the Al atom ( $3s^2, 3p^1$ ) and ethylene and that between Al and acetylene.<sup>27</sup> Aluminum(0)-mono(ethylene) complex is known. Its formation is attributed to the one-electron dative bond between the Al( $3p_x$ ) orbital parallel to the ligand and the  $\pi^*$  orbital of the ligand. The corresponding acetylene complex of Al(0) is not formed.

The complexing ability of the Au atoms is similar to that of Cu in that they can both make the monoligand complex with either ethylene or acetylene. It is similar to that of Ag, however, in that they can both make the diligand complex with ethylene, but not with acetylene.

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## Communications to the Editor

### Practical, Cobalt-Mediated, Diastereoselective Synthesis of the 11-(Trimethylsilyl)-3-methoxyestra-1,3,5(10),8(14),9(11)-pentaene Nucleus: A Novel Steroid Intermediate. First Observation of Hindered Rotation in a Vinyltrimethylsilane

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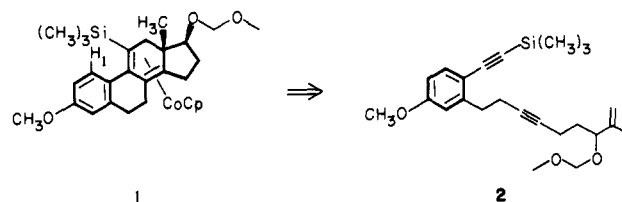
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We have recently introduced cobalt-mediated intramolecular achiral enediyne [2 + 2] cycloadditions as a synthetic method in chiral polycyclic diene construction.<sup>1</sup> We have now found that chiral substrates A (Scheme I) may in some cases [e.g., R<sub>1</sub> = Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> = CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, or CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>] undergo the same reaction with remarkable diastereoselectivity, out of the four possible products basically only B (major) and C (minor) being formed.<sup>2</sup>

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(2) Stereochemical assignments were based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic analysis,<sup>1</sup> two X-ray structural determinations (see supplementary material), and chemical correlation of ligands by oxidative demetalation.

These transformations may be regarded as suitable models for a diastereoselective synthesis of known and, more importantly, novel hitherto inaccessible steroids.<sup>3</sup> Retrosynthetic analysis of the problem suggests the disconnection 1 → 2, the ether protecting group chosen such as to maximize the cis stereochemistry in the D ring of 1.



A convergent and efficient (42% overall yield) synthetic route to enediyne 2 is shown in Scheme II.<sup>4</sup> It has as its key features an oxazoline-directed ortho-lithiation, methylation, deprotonation sequence,<sup>5</sup> alkylation of the resulting benzyl anion with 6-chloro-4-hexynal ethylene acetal,<sup>6,7</sup> formolysis,<sup>8</sup> Grignard addition,

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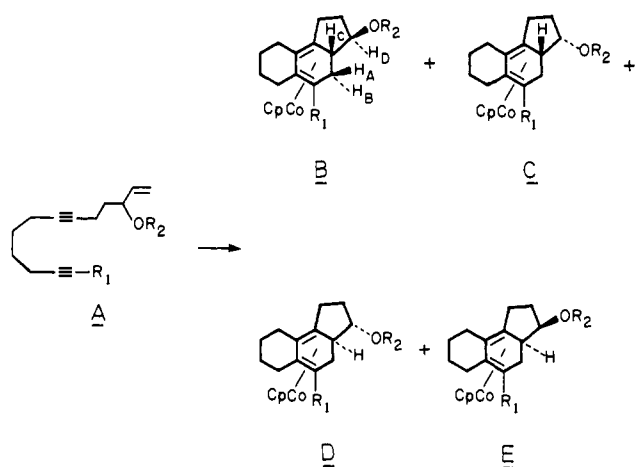
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Scheme I



conversion of the oxazoline unit into a methyl ketone,<sup>5,9</sup> and transformation of the latter into the required phenylalkyne moiety.<sup>10</sup>

Reaction of **2** with CpCo(CO)<sub>2</sub> (1.1 equiv, *m*-xylene, Δ, *hν*, 4 h) gave the desired steroid **1** in 72% yield, in addition to the 17- $\alpha$  isomer **3** (20%), as the only detectable diastereomers, separated by column chromatography on alumina (Woelm III, hexane-ether, 50:1).<sup>4,11</sup> The efficiency and selectivity of this transformation are remarkable, particularly considering the highly crowded "bay region" generated by the presence of the C<sub>11</sub>-trimethylsilyl group. Models indicate this substituent to occupy the same area in space as H<sub>1</sub>. Indeed, as a result the proton NMR absorption for the trimethylsilyl group in **1** (and also **3**) is very broad at room temperature signaling hindered rotation. Heating to 80 °C sharpens this signal to a singlet. At -35 °C the broad peak separates into three singlets at  $\delta$  0.537, 0.520, and 0.029, each integrating for three protons. A temperature-dependence study and computer simulation of the observed spectra give the following activation parameters:  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  18.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>,  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  = 6.7 eu. To our knowledge, this is the first case of an observable restricted rotation of a trimethylsilyl group bound to an sp<sup>2</sup>-hybridized carbon.<sup>12</sup>

Oxidative demetalation of **1** gave (81%) the free ligand **4**,<sup>4</sup> in which the trimethylsilyl group is mobile on the NMR time scale even at -75 °C. Clearly, the relative rigidity of the diene moiety, as enforced by complexation in **2**, is responsible for this behavior.

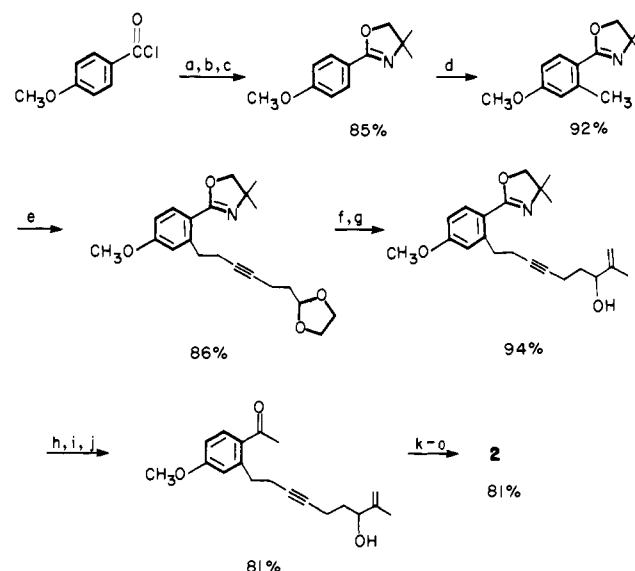
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Scheme II



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Steroid **4** is air stable, in contrast to its desilylated counterpart.<sup>1a</sup> Since it is now readily obtainable in 24% overall yield from *p*-methoxybenzoyl chloride it should be a useful synthetic intermediate. Thus, the silyldiene function might allow substitution at C<sub>8,9,11,14</sub> either directly<sup>13</sup> or through the unsaturated 11-keto derivatives.<sup>1a</sup>

Demetalation of **2** (FeCl<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, NEt<sub>3</sub>, 0 °C, 0.5 h) in the presence of acid (HCl) resulted (mp 102-104 °C; 82%) in the known<sup>14</sup> 3-methoxy-1,3,5(10),8,14-estraptentaen-17 $\beta$ -ol, which has been converted to estradiol methyl ether.<sup>14</sup> Isomer **3** has been similarly deprotected (75%) to free ligand, and correlated (75%) with the corresponding estraptentaen-17 $\alpha$ -ol.<sup>15</sup>

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**Supplementary Material Available:** Results of the preparation and cyclization of **2** (22 complexes), ORTEP drawings, details of the X-ray analyses, a listing of positional and thermal parameters, and table of selected bond lengths and bond angles for B [ $R_1 = \text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ,  $R_2 = \text{CH}_3$ ] and C [ $R_1 = \text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ,  $R_2 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2$ ] (13 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

## Intramolecular Thermal Cyclization Reactions of Diacryloylamines<sup>1</sup>

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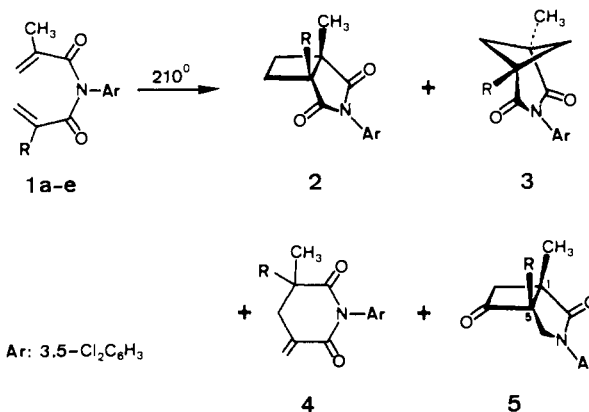
In the course of screening for antifungal substances against the grey mold fungus on grapes, *Botrytis cinerea*, we have discovered the highly active compound **2b**, which possesses a 3-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane skeleton.<sup>2</sup> As an alternative to our photochemical approach<sup>2</sup> to **2b** we envisaged the synthesis of the cyclobutane moiety of **2** by thermal [2 + 2] cyclodimerization of derivatives of methacrylic acid which are known to proceed regioselectively yielding exclusively 1,2-disubstituted cyclobutanes.<sup>3</sup> However, in all reported cases the necessary 1,2-cis-disubstituted cyclobutane is formed only as the minor component. It was highly tempting to try to enforce the cis mode of head-to-head [2 + 2] cycloaddition by intramolecular fixing of two acrylic units in diacryloyl amines of type **1** whose thermal behavior has not yet been examined.<sup>4</sup>

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### Scheme I



### Scheme II

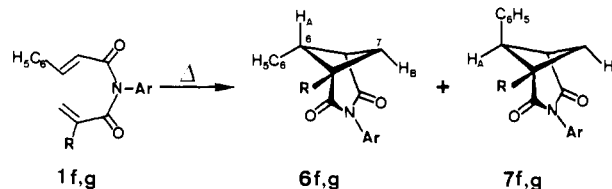


Table I. Substitution Dependence of Product Formation

amide 1	yield, %			
	2	3	4	5
a, R = H		31	13	6 <sup>a</sup>
b, R = CH <sub>3</sub>		37	19	7.5
c, R = C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>		50		9
d, R = Si(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>			21	57 <sup>b</sup>
e, R = SCH <sub>3</sub>	5 <sup>c</sup>	51 <sup>c</sup>		

<sup>a</sup> Represents a 1:1 mixture of **5a** and the isomer with the position of H and CH<sub>3</sub> exchanged on C(1) and C(5), respectively.

<sup>b</sup> Isolation of pure cyclobutane **5d** (mp 127–128 °C) was achieved by crystallization from the crude reaction mixture after thermolysis of **1d** (47% yield). In a separate experiment it was observed that upon chromatography of **5d** on silica gel (25 °C) the angular trimethylsilyl group on C(5) was removed in a remarkably clean reaction to give **5a** in quantitative yield. Thus, the yield given represents the yield of isolated **5a** (mp 120–120.5 °C) after treatment of the crude thermolysis mixture with excess of silica gel at room temperature. <sup>c</sup> In this case, **2e** and **3e** were formed even at 170 °C (5 h).

Table II. Cyclization Experiments with Amides **1f** and **1g**

amide 1	reaction time, temperature	yield, %	
		6	7
f, R = CH <sub>3</sub>	4 h, 140 °C	45	30
g, R = SCH <sub>3</sub>	5 min, 140 °C	46	45
	3 days, 40 °C	51	39

The thermolysis of unsaturated amides **1<sup>5</sup>** was examined in 1,3-dichlorobenzene<sup>10</sup> in sealed tubes (210 °C, 3–16 h). The

(4) Examples of thermally induced intramolecular [2 + 2] cycloadditions of molecules having two multiple bonds separated by three atoms to form cyclobutanes or cyclobutenes are rare. Reported to date have been the exclusive head-to-head mode to yield bicyclo[3.2.0]heptane skeletons, cf.: (a) Oppolzer, W.; Loosli, H.-R. *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1974**, *57*, 2605. (b) Klemm, L. H.; Hwang, Y. N.; McGuire, T. M. *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, *41*, 3813. (c) Doering, W. v. E., personal communication cited in: Dewar, M. J. S.; Wade, L. E. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 4417. (d) Shea, K. J.; Wise, S. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 2283. (e) Shea, K. J.; Wise, S.; Burke, L. D.; Davis, P. D.; Gilman, J. W.; Greely, A. C. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 5708. The exclusive head-to-tail mode to yield bicyclo[3.1.1]heptane skeletons, cf.: (f) ref 4a. (g) Ramamurthy, V.; Liu, R. S. H. *J. Org. Chem.* **1974**, *39*, 3435. as well as mixed modes, cf.: (h) Meinwald, J.; Kapecki, J. A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, *94*, 6235. (i) Nelsen, S. F.; Gillespie, J. P. *ibid.* **1972**, *94*, 6238.