# Ene Reactions of Allylic Tin Compounds with Singlet Oxygen and with 4-Phenyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione

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Allylic tin compounds (I) react with singlet oxygen to give allylperoxystannyl compounds (II) by stannylallylation, stannylallyl hydroperoxides (III) by hydroallylation, and 4-stannyl-1,2-dioxolanes (IV) by rearrangement and cycloaddition. For example, 3-trimethylstannylprop-1-ene (I; R = R' = H;



 $M = Me_3Sn$ ) in  $CH_2CI_2$  at room temperature gives 25% II, 25% III and 50% IV; 1-tributylstannylcyclohex-2-ene (I;  $R-R' = -CH_2CH_2CH_2-$ ;  $M = Bu_3Sn$ ) in  $CH_2CI_2$  gives 66% II and 33% IV, but in MeOH-benzene, the yield of II is > 95%. The dioxolane IV appears to be a primary product of the reaction, and does not result from ring-closure of II. Under similar conditions, triethylsilylcyclohex-2-ene (I;  $R-R' = -CH_2CH_2-$ ;  $M = Et_3Si$ ) in  $CH_2CI_2$  shows only the hydroallylation reaction to give II.

Similar reactions occur with 4-phenyl-1,3,4-triazoline-2,5-dione. For example, 3-trimethylstannyl-prop-1-ene in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> gives 85% V and 15% VII, but in MeOH-benzene, the yield of V is 95%. Under



the same conditions, triethylsilylcyclohex-2-ene gives 5% V, 70% VI, and 25% of the cycloadduct VII.

These reactions are discussed in terms of the usual mechanistic models for the ene reactions, and for the  $\beta$ -effect of organometallic groups.

The ene reaction involves hydroallylation of an enophile (X = Y) as shown in eqn. (1).<sup>1,2</sup> This process has found rather limited use in synthesis when the enophile is an alkene because of the rather low reactivity of most alkenes,<sup>3</sup> even when a Lewis acid is used as a catalyst.<sup>4</sup>

When the enophile is singlet oxygen, the reaction has been used widely as a route to allylic hydroperoxides because the reactivity and regio- and stereo-selectivity is often higher than that in the radical chain reaction of triplet oxygen.<sup>5-9</sup> Other enophiles which have been used include azo compounds such as azodicarboxylate esters<sup>3</sup> or triazolinediones, nitroso compounds, aldehydes, diethyl oxomalonate and sulphur dioxide.

$$\begin{pmatrix} H & Y \\ X & \longrightarrow & \downarrow \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} H & Y \\ X & & & \end{pmatrix}$$
 (1)

A great deal of attention has been paid to the mechanisms of these reactions, particularly when the enophile is singlet oxygen.<sup>5-9</sup> A one-step pericyclic process involving the transition state 1 is ruled out by the inter- and intra-molecular deuterium isotope effects which are observed with regiospecifically labelled alkenes,<sup>8.10</sup> and by the lack of stereoselectivity which is observed with certain enes.<sup>11.12</sup> An initial ene–enophile complex appears to be required, with a structure lying

somewhere between the extreme forms 2 and 3. A charge-transfer complex might also be acceptable.<sup>13</sup> Structure 3 is referred to as a perepoxide when X-Y = O-O, or as an aziridinium imide when X-Y = RN-NR.



In organic reactions, organometallic substituents often simulate the behaviour of hydrogen, and in designing new organic reactions it is sometimes informative to consider hydrogen as a pseudometal.<sup>14</sup> In accord with this principle, we have looked for reactions involving metalloallylation of an enophile by eqn. (2).

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{pmatrix} M \\ X \end{pmatrix} & \longrightarrow & \downarrow \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M \\ X \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2)$$

Following Oppolzer,<sup>15</sup> we refer to these reactions as metalloene, or M-ene processes, and the hydroallylation reactions as H-ene processes. With an almost unlimited range of metals and ligands it might be possible to enhance the reactivity and stereoselectivity so that the reactions might be more useful in synthesis. Further, we hoped that these reactions might provide some evidence for the mechanisms of ene reactions in general.

The stoichiometric M-ene reaction of allyl-lithium, -magnesium, and -zinc compounds with alkenes has been known since 1970,<sup>16</sup> and its intramolecular variant is proving to be useful in organic synthesis.<sup>15</sup> A modification in which the allylmetallic compound is generated *in situ* with a catalytic amount of a nickel(0), palladium(0) or platinum(0) compound holds out further promise.<sup>15</sup>

The metalloallylation of aldehydes<sup>17</sup> with allyl-magnesium, -boron,<sup>18,19</sup> -tin,<sup>20,21</sup> -germanium, and -silicon<sup>22</sup> reagents is a well-established synthetic procedure; the mechanisms are usually discussed in terms of the transition state 1.

It seemed likely that with suitably ligated metals, metalloallylation of singlet oxygen or azo compounds should occur, but little work appears to have been reported in this field.<sup>23</sup> A number of studies have been made of the reaction of singlet oxygen with allylsilanes<sup>24–29</sup> and allylgermanes,<sup>24,25,29</sup> but these have all shown migration of hydrogen geminal to the metal, rather than of the organometallic group itself. Schenck treated triphenyl(3-methylbut-2-enyl)tin with singlet oxygen, but similarly reported only H-ene products.<sup>30</sup> We have not been able to locate any examples in the literature of an M-ene reaction involving singlet oxygen.

Similarly a number of studies have been reported of the reaction of 4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione (PTAD) with allylsilanes  $^{24,27,28,31-33}$  and allylgermanes, $^{24-34}$  but again these reactions show hydroallylation. The single example of metalloallylation of an azo compound which we have been able to find  $^{33}$  is the reaction of allyltrimethylsilane with PTAD which shows products resulting from hydroallylation (4), metalloallylation (5), and cycloaddition with a shift of the metal (6), in ratios which depend on the temperature and the nature of the solvent.



We report here a study of the reactions of singlet oxygen and of PTAD with 3-trimethylstannylprop-1-ene (7), 4-triphenylstannylbut-2-ene (8), cyclohexene (9), 1-triethylsilylcyclohex-2ene (10), 1-trimethylstannylcyclohex-2-ene (11), 1-tributylstannylcyclohex-2-ene (12) and 1-triphenylstannylcyclohex-2ene (13).



## **Results and Discussion**

Preparation and Conformations of Metallocyclohexenes (10-13).—Homolytic addition of trimethyltin hydride or of triphenyltin hydride to cyclohexa-1,3-diene has been reported to give 11<sup>35</sup> and 13<sup>36</sup> as a mixture with the alternative 1,2adducts, but the products were not separated. A general route to the trialkylstannylcyclohexenes involves the reaction of tri-

Table 1 <sup>119</sup>Sn, <sup>29</sup>Si and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of allylmetallic compounds<sup>a</sup>

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	7	10	11	12	13
$\delta$ (Si or Sn)	- 4.6	6.48	- 3.0	-21.6	- 130.7
$\delta(\text{C-1})$ $(J_{117\text{Sn}})$ $(J_{119\text{Sn}})$	109.40 (49.1)	25.14	26.42 (336.2) (351.6)	26.01 (283.1) (297.5)	28.89 (270.2) (387.0)
$\delta$ (C-2) ( $J_{Sn}$ )	137.60 (47.2)	128.45	130.87 (47.5)	131.57 (38.0)	129.80 (44.5)
$\delta(C-3)$ $(J_{117Sn})$ $(J_{119Sn})$	18.05 (283.1) (296.2)	125.00	121.80 (49.5)	121.45 (43.5)	124.25 (53.5)
$\delta$ (C-4) ( $J_{Sn}$ )		24.00	24.96 (14.7)	25.00 (13.4)	24.86 (16.2)
$\delta(C-5)$ $(J_{Sn})$		23.00	22.80 (21.2)	23.24 (20.0)	23.05 (26.0)
$\delta$ (C-6) ( $J_{Sn}$ )		23.04	26.39 (16.9)	26.80 (16.2)	26.68 (19.1)
$\delta(C-\alpha) \\ (J_{117}S_n) \\ (J_{119}S_n)$	- 10.35 (314.2) (328.3)	2.42	- 10.50 (293.0) (306.5)	8.98 (286.4) (299.3)	139.00 (439.0) (460.0)
$\delta(C-\beta)$ $(J_{Sn})$		7.61		29.23 (20.1)	132.27 (33.1)
$\delta(\text{C-}\gamma) \ (J_{\text{Sn}})$				27.50 (52.3)	128.45 (46.6)
$\delta(\text{C-}\delta)$ $(J_{\text{Sn}})$				13.72 (<5)	128.82 (11.3)

" The molecules are labelled as illustrated:



alkylstannyl-lithium or -sodium with 1-halogenocyclohex-2enes which are obtained by reduction of cyclohexenones followed by halogenation. $^{37-40}$ 

We have found that the organometallic group can be introduced by metallation of cyclohexene with Schlosser's base [BuLi/Bu'OK/N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA)],<sup>41.43</sup> followed by treatment with the appropriate organometallic halides, when compounds **10–13** were obtained in 80–95% yield [eqn. (4)].



Reagents: (i) BuLi/Bu<sup>t</sup>OK/TMEDA; (ii) R<sub>3</sub>MX

Kitching *et al.*<sup>40</sup> showed by NMR spectroscopy that, in solution, **13** has a quasi-axial Ph<sub>3</sub>Sn group, although, in the crystal, this group is quasi-equatorial. We have carried out a detailed <sup>119</sup>Sn, <sup>29</sup>Si and <sup>13</sup>C NMR study of the metalloallyl compounds **7** and **10–13** in solution, and the results are shown in Table 1.

Table 2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of cyclic adducts<sup>a</sup>

Compd." X=X	—————————————————————————————————————		H <sup>B</sup>		Н <sup>с</sup>		H <sup>₽</sup>		
	X=X	δ	J <sub>AB</sub>	δ	J	δ	J	δ	J <sub>BC</sub>
16	0,	2.30 (tt)	11.30	3.75 (dd)	7.71 (AC)	4.30 (dd)	6.96 (BC)		
19	$\tilde{\mathbf{O}}_{1}$	2.59 (ddd)	9.60	4.51 (dd)	10.40 (AC)	3.11 (dd)	7.36 (AD)	4.82 (dq)	8.50
22	PŤAD	1.91 (tt)	12.63	3.41 (dd)	7.51 (AC)	4.19 (dd)	11.48 (BC)		
25	PTAD	2.68 (ddd)	7.68	4.39 (dd)	13.20 (AC)	3.78 (dd)	6.80 (AD)	4.81 (dq)	11.29
33	0,	2.15 (m)		4.64 (t)	4.89				
35	PŤAD	1.65 (m)		4.63 (t)	4.43				
39	0,	2.14 (m)		4.63 (t)	4.83				
41	$\tilde{O}_{2}$	2.89 (m)		4.93 (t)	4.77				
43	PŤAD	1.62 (m)		4.50 (t)	4.50				
45	PTAD	2.38 (m)		4.93 (t)	4.42				

" The molecules are labelled as illustrated:



The data for 13 and the <sup>13</sup>C chemical shifts for 11, agree with those in the literature,<sup>38,40</sup> which indicate that the stannyl groups prefer a quasi-axial orientation. Similarly the values for <sup>3</sup>J(Sn-C5) (20.0 Hz) and of J(H1-H2) (4.85 Hz) for 12, which were determined by spin decoupling, show that this compound has the same conformation as 11 and 13. It has been reported that the Ph<sub>3</sub>Sn group in 3-triphenylstannylprop-1-ene is oriented nearly orthogonally to the plane of the allyl system,<sup>39</sup> and in all these allyltin compounds the conformation in solution appears to be dominated by the stabilisation which results from maximising the  $\sigma_{C-Sn}-\pi$  hyperconjugation.

Unfortunately it is still difficult to deduce the conformation of 10 from the NMR data, but comparison with the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of trimethylsilylcyclohex-2-ene<sup>38</sup> suggests that 10 similarly prefers a quasi-axial orientation of the R<sub>3</sub>Si group.

Reactions with Singlet Oxygen and with 4-Phenyl-1,2,4-triacoline-3,5-dione.—The allylic tin compounds  $7^{44}$  and  $8^{45}$ (Z: E = 1:1) reacted with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  [tetraphenylporphine (TPP),  $-20 \, {}^{\circ}C$ ] and with PTAD in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to give the products shown in eqns. (5) and (6).



The products 14 and 17 from metalloallylation of oxygen were hydrolysed to the hydroperoxides during chromatography on silica gel, and were identified as the corresponding alcohols after reduction. Similarly the PTAD adducts 20 and 23 gave the corresponding protic products on separation. The dioxolane 16 could not be isolated because it decomposed on silica gel (see



below), but the corresponding dihydropyrazines 22 and 25 were stable and were isolated and identified.

Taking 22 as an example, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Table 2) shows three sets of peaks for the ring protons in a ratio of 2:2:1 [Fig. 1(c)]. The high-field signal (1 H) was reduced to a triplet with J = 12.6 or 7.5 Hz when either of the other two signals (2 H) were irradiated, showing that this proton couples with two pairs of protons, in *trans* and *cis* positions, respectively. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (Table 3) shows the presence of only one type of carbonyl group, confirming the symmetry of the structure. The presence of the trimethylstannyl group was confirmed by the observation of <sup>117/119</sup>Sn satellites in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, and of a <sup>119</sup>Sn signal at  $\delta = 0.88$ .

The dioxolane 16 was then identified by comparison of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum with that of 22 (Table 2) which shows similar coupling constants and spin-decoupling behaviour. The analysis of the spectra of both 22 and 16 were confirmed by spin simulation.

Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 15 (isolated from silica gel) and 22 are shown in Fig. 1. The preferred *cis* configurations of 15 and 18



Fig. 1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra: (a) products of the reaction of allyltrimethylstannane (7) with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; (b) partial spectrum of the hydroperoxide 15; (c) partial spectrum of the dihydropyrazole 22. The numbering of the hydrogen atoms and of the corresponding peaks in the spectra are arbitrary.



Fig. 2 Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the dihydropyrazoles *cis*-25 and *trans*-25; the phenyl region is omitted. The numbering of the hydrogen atoms and of the corresponding peaks in the spectra are arbitrary.

were determined from values of J(Sn-H) and the coupling constants of the vinylic protons (see the Experimental section); for 18 the ratio of *cis: trans* isomers is 10:1. A partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 25, which was isolated chromatographically is shown in Fig. 2. The structure was determined by spindecoupling and spin-simulation: two isomers are present, in the ratio of 2:1, in which the Me and Ph<sub>3</sub>Sn groups are mutually *trans* or *cis*, respectively. In order to investigate further the effect of the conformation of the ene and of the nature of the organometallic group, the reactions of 9 and of the organometallic cyclohexenes 10, 11, 12 and 13, were studied.

Cyclohexene (9) reacted with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  (TPP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) at room temperature to give 3-hydroperoxycyclohexene 26 in 30% yield after 8 h, and with PTAD (1 equiv., CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give the triazolidine 27 in quantitative yield [eqn. (7)].<sup>46</sup>

Table 3	119Sn.	<sup>29</sup> Si and	<sup>13</sup> C NMR	spectra	for	dih	ydrop	oyrazines
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	22	cis- <b>25</b>	trans-25	30	35	43	45
δ(Si or Sn)	0.88	-117.15	- 120.37	2.70	- 14.41	- 32.05	- 127.25
$\delta(C-1)$ $(J_{11},s_n)$ $(J_{11},s_n)$	25.48 (264.4) (280.9)	35.77 (330.74)	34.82 (345.0)	38.94	39.17 (300.0) (314.1)	38.69 (236.7) (247.4)	41.07 (344.4) (361.0)
δ(C-2)	50.60	48.49	48.50	60.45	61.81	61.84	61.13
δ(C-3)		58.92	57.85	27.54	28.85	29.05	29.29
δ(C-4)		19.21	21.17	18.46	18.68	18.70	18.47
$\delta(\mathbf{C}-\mathbf{x}) = (J_{117Sn}) = (J_{117Sn})$	- 10.90 (330.0) (344.5)	135.07	135.97	4.28	- 8.84 (334.0) (349.6)	9.94 (321.5) (336.5)	136.58 (507.1) (530.7)
$\delta(C-\beta)$ $(J_{Sn})$		137.00	136.88	7.55		29.03 (8.7)	136.91 (36.8)
δ(C-γ) (J <sub>Sn</sub> )		129.19	129.15			27.25 (62.3)	129.14 (51.6)
$\delta(C-\delta)$ $(J_{Sn})$		129.91	129.78			13.40	129.68 (10.2)
δ(C-i)	131.81	131.79	131.81	131.98	131.92	131.90	131.82
δ(C-0)	129.03	129.00	129.09	129.04	129.10	129.00	129.10
δ(C-m)	125.33	125.43	125.48	125.38	125.51	125.35	125.48
δ(C-p)	127.95	127.90	128.04	127.93	128.06	127.85	128.09
$\delta$ (C=O)	155.40	152.52 152.83	154.38 154.80	155.99	156.63	156.31	156.19

<sup>a</sup> For the purpose of this table, the molecules are labelled as illustrated:



 $\frac{PhN}{1} CO \\ OC N \\ N \\ \frac{N}{2} \frac{1}{2} \alpha \beta \gamma \delta \\ MCCCC$ 

30, 35, 43, 45



Under the same conditions, 10 reacted with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  by hydroallylation to give only the hydroperoxide 28 in 65% yield after 5 h and with PTAD (in 3 min) to give the three products 29–31 as shown in eqn. (8).

Under the same conditions, the tributyltin compound 12 reacted rapidly (1.5 h) with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  to give the peroxide 32 and the dioxolane 33 [eqn. (9)], and with PTAD it reacted immediately on mixing to give the stannyltriazolidine 34 and the cycloadduct 35 [eqn. 10)]; in neither case was there any evidence of a hydroallylation component in the reactions.

These results show that both the reactivity and the nature of the products vary greatly as M in eqn. (2) is changed from H to  $R_3Si$ , and  $R_3Sn$ .

The products 32 and 34 of stannylallylation were hydrolysed to the corresponding protic compounds 26 and 27 during chromatography on silica gel. The PTAD adduct 35 could be isolated, but the endoperoxide 33 decomposed to cyclohex-2enone 37. It has been reported that 6,7-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]-



heptane has a half-life of 2.7 h, and rearranges on silica gel to give 3-hydroxycyclopentanone [eqn. (11)].<sup>47</sup>

When the products of eqn. (9) were monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy the intensity of the triplet at  $\delta = 4.64$  for the endoperoxide **33** decreased, and a new set of peaks at  $\delta = 4.12$ appeared; there was no change in the intensity of the signals relating to the stannyl peroxide **32**. The chemical shift of the new peaks is close to that of the 3-H proton ( $\delta = 4.10$ ) for 3-







hydroxycyclohexanone.<sup>48</sup> This suggests that, on silica gel, the endoperoxide 33 decomposes to the stannyl hydroxy ketone 36, followed by elimination of tributyltin hydroxide to give the cyclohexenone 37.

The formation of 33 might be envisaged to occur by either homolytic or heterolytic intramolecular addition of 32 [eqn. (13)]. A homolytic process has already been discounted for the allylic isomerisation of an allylic hydroperoxide,  $^{49-50}$  but allyl hydroperoxides do undergo ring closure in the presence of mercury(II) salts to give 4-mercurio-1,2-dioxolanes [eqn. (14)].  $^{51-55}$ 



The hydroperoxide 26 was therefore treated with tributyltin methoxide to give 32, which was then allowed to stand under the conditions of the ene reaction, and monitored by NMR spectroscopy; no such ring closure was observed.

It was also feasible that the peroxytin compounds could be formed by a radical chain process involving either singlet or triplet oxygen [eqns. (15) and (16)].

$$R_3Sn' + O_2 \longrightarrow R_3SnOO'$$
 (15)

 $R_3SnOO$   $SnR_3 \longrightarrow R_3SnOO$   $SnR_3$  (16)

Less plausible homolytic routes to the *endo*-peroxide 33 can also be envisaged. However, 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenol had no effect on the rate or the products of the reaction of 12 with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ , and an attempt to establish a chain reaction with  ${}^{3}O_{2}$  showed a negligible amount of reaction (< 5% after 8 h).

In order to obtain further evidence for the reaction mechanism, the effect of temperature and of solvent on the reaction of 12 with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  and PTAD was studied. The results are shown in Table 4.

A decrease in temperature gave a decrease in the proportion of the M-ene products 32 and 34, and an increase in the yield of the cyclic adducts 33 and 35. In a more polar solvent (methanolbenzene), there was a remarkable change in the product composition; the methanol was not involved in the reaction, but the M-ene products 32 and 34 were formed in near-quantitative yield.

The effect of the ligands on the tin on the reaction of the stannylcyclohexenes 11-13 with O<sub>2</sub> and with PTAD at -20 °C [eqn. (17)] are shown in Table 5.



None of the reactions gave any evidence of the hydroallylation process. The ligands on the tin had a substantial effect on the yields of products, and as the organotin group was changed from  $Me_3Sn$ , through  $Bu_3Sn$ , to  $Ph_3Sn$ , the proportion of the M-ene products decreased, and that of the cyclic adducts increased.

#### Discussion

The principal observations which have come out of this work are as follows.

(1) Allyltin compounds will react with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  and PTAD by both M-ene and H-ene chemistry and in a polar solvent (MeOH-benzene) the M-ene path is followed almost exclusively.



(2) Allylsilicon compounds show similar M-ene and H-ene reactions with PTAD, but we have not yet observed an M-ene reaction with singlet oxygen.

(3) When both M-ene and H-ene reactions occur, they involve only one allylic system, *i.e.* only hydrogen which is geminal to the metal is transferred.

(4) When both M-ene and H-ene reactions occur, they are faster than is the H-ene reaction in the absence of the metal substituent.

(5) Allyltin compounds can react with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  and PTAD by cycloaddition across the allylic system, accompanied by 1,2-rearrangement of the metal.

$$\overset{\mathsf{M}}{\underset{\mathsf{X}}{\overset{\mathsf{X}}{\longrightarrow}}} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{X}}_{\mathsf{M}} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{X}}_{\mathsf{M}}$$
(19)

(6) Allylsilicon compounds show a similar rearrangementcycloaddition reaction with PTAD, but we have not yet observed this reaction with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ .

We chose to discuss these reactions in terms of the perepoxide

**Table 4** The effects of temperature and solvent on the yields of 32–35 in the reaction of 12 with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  and PTAD

		Yield (%)					
<i>T</i> /°C	Solvent	<b>32</b> <sup><i>a</i></sup>	<b>33</b> <sup><i>a</i></sup>	34 <sup><i>b</i></sup>	35*		
25	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	80	20	75	25		
25	MeÔH–C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	95	< 5	95	5		
-20	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	76	24	65	35		
-40	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	68	32				

<sup>a</sup>  $X=X = {}^{1}O_{2}$ . <sup>b</sup> X=X = PTAD.

Table 5 Products of the reaction of the stannylcyclohexenes 11–13 with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  and PTAD in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at -20 °C

Compound	R <sub>3</sub> M	X=X	Product (% Yield)		
11	Me <sub>3</sub> Sn	<sup>1</sup> O <sub>2</sub>	38 (85)	<b>39</b> (15)	
12	Bu <sub>3</sub> Sn	<sup>1</sup> 0,	32 (76)	33 (24)	
13	Ph <sub>3</sub> Sn	<sup>1</sup> 0,	40 (64)	41 (36)	
11	MesSn	PTAD	42 (80)	43 (20)	
12	Bu <sub>3</sub> Sn	PTAD	34 (75)	35 (25)	
13	Ph <sub>3</sub> Sn	PTAD	44 (63)	<b>45</b> (37)	

and aziridinium imide intermediates 3 which are currently favoured for the ene reactions of hydrocarbons, but with only slight modifications the same arguments could equally well be expressed in terms of a one-step pericyclic mechanism. We note that some caution must be exercised in discussing the structures of allylperoxy compounds because they are potentially capable of undergoing allylic rearrangements by a radical chain mechanism [eqn. (20), M = H or metal).<sup>49,56-58</sup>

However, these reactions do not appear to be important under our reaction conditions. The products of H-ene reactions of PTAD do not show such rearrangements.<sup>12</sup>

It appears that of the two isomeric intermediates 46 and 47, which can be envisaged, the products, whether H-ene or M-ene, are formed only through 47; (we note, however, that there are examples in the literature of allylsilanes and allylgermanes which show shift of non-geminal hydrogen).<sup>59</sup>



We postulate that this results from stabilization of 47 by coordination of the terminal X to the metal. Some form of attractive interaction is often assumed between X and H in these intermediates, but the interaction with a metal would be expected to be much stronger.

The H-ene reaction would involve the rotamer 48 which would give a Z-alkene product, or 49 which would give an E-alkene product.



We have observed only the former of these two stereoselectivities, but there are examples in the literature of the H-ene reactions of allylsilanes and allylgermanes which give preferentially the *E*-product; <sup>59</sup> with bulky substituents on the ene and on the metal, the conformer **48** may be the less sterically hindered.

The reactions which formally involve shift of the metallic group and an addition of X=X across the ends of the threecarbon system came as a surprise, and the only precedent which we have been able to find is the reaction involving an allylsilane and PTAD [eqn. (3)];<sup>33</sup> we can find no examples in the literature of the equivalent shift of hydrogen accompanying the ene reactions of singlet oxygen, PTAD, or any other enophile.

One obvious possibility was that these products might arise by ring-closure of the products of the M-ene reaction [eqn. (24)], but we could not observe such ring closures with our allylperoxy-silicon or -tin compounds under either homolytic or heterolytic conditions. Similarly we could find no evidence for the formation of 1,2-dioxetanes or diazetidines, and it seems unlikely that these compounds are involved in the formation of the five-membered ring: the dioxolanes or dihydropyrazoles appear to be primary products of the reaction.

$$\bigwedge_{X-XM} \longrightarrow \bigwedge_{X-X}^{M} (24)$$

We believe that this ring-closure reaction may be another manifestation of the familiar  $\beta$ -effect in which an organometallic group anchimerically assists the formation of a carbenium ion by forming a bridged intermediate.<sup>60.61</sup> For example, allylsilanes undergo very rapid protonation to form the intermediate **50**.<sup>62.63</sup> Although we can find no example in the literature, such a reaction is potentially capable of giving a product in which the metal has migrated to the central carbon atom [eqn. (25)].



Singlet oxygen and PTAD similarly act as electrophiles towards the ene, and their attack can be envisaged to be accompanied and accelerated by the formation of the bridged carbonium ions 51. Nucleophilic attack by X on the terminal carbon would then generate the five-membered ring with displacement of the metal onto C-2 [eqn. (26)].



# Conclusion

This work has yielded the first M-ene reactions of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ , a new route to alkylperoxy silicon and tin compounds, and a route to the new 3-silyl- and 3-stannyl-1,2-dioxolanes, and 3-stannylallyl hydroperoxides. Allylmetallic compounds are gaining increasing importance in organic synthesis. With the almost unlimited variety of combinations of metals and ligands which are available, we hope that it will be possible to direct these reactions so that they can be made to be selective for each of the three types of product, and can be developed into useful synthetic procedures. We also hope that these studies will throw some light on the vexed question of the ene reaction, and by an appropriate choice of metal and ligands, it may be possible to detect directly the postulated perepoxide and aziridinium imide intermediates. These problems are being investigated.

# Experimental

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>29</sup>Si and <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR spectra were recorded for solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Varian VXR-400 spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C chemical shifts were measured relative to the solvent using  $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.24$  and  $\delta_{\rm C} = 77.00$ ; <sup>29</sup>Si spectra were referenced to tetramethylsilane (0.00 ppm) and <sup>119</sup>Sn spectra to tetramethylstannane (0.00 ppm). Coupling constants are in Hz. Mass spectra were recorded on a VG 7070H spectrometer, and IR spectra on a Perkin-Elmer PE983 instrument. Column chromatography was carried out on Merck silica gel 60 (70–230 mesh).

3-Trimethylstannylprop-1-ene (7).—This was prepared by the reaction of allylmagnesium bromide with trimethyltin chloride.<sup>44</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.08 (9 H, s,  $J_{118}{\rm Sn}$  53.5,  $J_{117}{\rm Sn}$  51.2), 1.75 (2 H, ddd, J 8.60, 1.05, and 0.50,  $J_{118}{\rm Sn}$  57.5,  $J_{117}{\rm Sn}$  54.7), 4.65 (1 H, ddt, J 10.00, 2.15, 0.50), 4.77 (1 H, ddt, J 16.85, 2.15, 1.05) and 5.90 (1 H, ddt, J 16.85, 10.00, 8.60); for  $\delta_{\rm C}$ , see Table 1.

1-Triphenylstannylbut-2-ene (8).-Octa-2,6-diene was a major product when the Grignard reagent was prepared from crotyl bromide in the usual way, whilst hexaphenylditin was produced in large amounts if triphenyltin chloride in ether was added to magnesium before the crotyl bromide. The best way to prepare this compound was to add dropwise a solution of crotyl bromide (5 g, 37 mmol; a fivefold excess) and triphenyltin chloride (3 g, 7.8 mmol) to magnesium (1 g, 41 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (THF) (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) at a rate sufficient to maintain gentle refluxing under argon. After work-up, the crude product was chromatographed on silica gel using pentane as the eluent, to give 8 in 85% yield, m.p. 50 °C (lit., 45 51-52 °C). This consisted of a 1:1 mixture of E- and Z-isomers.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.47 (dm, J 6.77, 0.84), and 1.59 (dm, J 6.39, 1.55, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.37 (dm, J 8.23, 1.31), 2.40 (dm, J 8.95, 1.44, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.26 and 5.70 (both m, =CH in one isomer), 5.38 and 5.70 (=CH in the other isomer), 7.35 (9 H,

m) and 7.52 (6 H, m);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  11.95 and 12.61 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.00 and 17.81 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 121.01 and 127.75 (=C in one isomer), 123.14 and 126.85 (=C in the other isomer), 128.44, 128.89, 128.93, 137.02, 137.10 and 138.75;  $\delta_{\rm Sn}$  - 121.62 and - 121.45.

Synthesis of Cyclohexenylmetallic Compounds 10, 11, 12 and 13.—The general procedure was as follows. Butyllithium (10 mmol) in hexane was syringed into a mixture of Bu'OK (12 mmol) and cyclohexene (20 cm<sup>3</sup>) at -75 °C under argon. Tetramethylethylenediamine (12 mmol) was then added, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 5–8 h.

The appropriate trialkyl-silicon or -tin chloride [the solid Ph<sub>3</sub>SnCl in THF (10 cm<sup>3</sup>)] was then added dropwise at -30 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, then hydrolysed with 5% aqueous ammonium chloride. The product was extracted into ether, and washed with water. The solvent was removed and the products were separated in 80–95% yield by chromatography on silica gel, and distilled or recrystallised from ethanol or methanol. Values for  $\delta_{\rm C}$ ,  $\delta_{\rm ^{29}Si}$  and  $\delta_{\rm ^{110}Sn}$  are given in Table 1; other characteristics were as follows.

3-Triethylsilylcyclohexene (10). B.p. 135 °C/18 mmHg;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.55 (6 H, q, J 7.86), 0.94 (9 H, t, J 7.86), 1.48 (2 H, m), 1.65 (1 H, m), 1.74 (2 H, m), 1.96 (2 H, m), 5.58 (1 H, dm, J 10.10, 3.99) and 5.64 (1 H, dm, J 10.10, 1.80);  $\nu_{\rm max}({\rm neat})/{\rm cm}^{-1}$  2944, 2929, 2864, 1456, 1239, 1015 and 892; m/z (70 eV) 196 (M<sup>\*+</sup>, 8%), 167 (4), 115 (92) and 87 (100).

3-*Trimethylstannylcyclohexene* (11).<sup>38</sup> B.p. 75 °C/30 mmHg;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.06 (9 H, s,  $J_{119}{}_{\rm Sn}$  51.53,  $J_{117}{}_{\rm Sn}$  49.26), 1.52 (1 H, m), 1.66 (1 H, m), 1.78 (1 H, m), 1.92–2.15 (4 H, complex), 5.43 (1 H, dm, *J* 9.89, 1.84) and 5.72 (1 H, dm, *J* 9.89, 2.08).

3-*Tributylstannylcyclohexene* (12). B.p. 198–200 °C/18 mmHg; δ<sub>H</sub> 0.86 (6 H, t, J 7.35), 0.87 (9 H, t, J 7.30), 1.29 (6 H, m), 1.45 (8 H, m), 1.64 (1 H, m), 1.77 (1 H, m), 1.99 (2 H, m), 2.13 (1 H, m,  $J_{\text{Sn}}$  80), 5.38 (1 H, dm, J 10.08, 3.93) and 5.73 (1 H, dm, J 10.08, 2.18);  $v_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  2951, 2915, 2843, 1456, 1373, 1069 and 874; m/z (70 eV) 315 (M<sup>++</sup> 57%) and 179 (100) (Found: C, 58.35; H, 9.8. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>36</sub>Sn requires C, 58.25; H, 9.77%).

3-Triphenylstannylcyclohexene (13). M.p. 81-82 °C (lit.,<sup>38</sup> 79– 80.5 °C);  $\delta$  1.65 (2 H, m), 1.88–2.36 (4 H, complex), 2.89 (1 H, m,  $J_{Sn}$  89), 5.57 (1 H, dm, J 9.90, 1.62), 5.98 (1 H, dm, J 9.90, 2.18), 7.35 (9 H, m) and 7.54 (6 H, m).

Photo-oxygenation.—General procedure. The photo-oxygenation was carried out in a temperature-controlled cell, using a 400 W sodium lamp, and TPP as the sensitizer in  $CH_2Cl_2$ , or Rose Bengal in methanol-benzene. The singlet oxygenation was also performed in  $CDCl_3$  in an NMR tube to determine the reaction time and the product ratio. The progress of the reaction was followed by TLC. When the reaction was complete, any solid was filtered off and washed with solvent. The solvent was removed from the combined filtrates and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel, using a solvent mixture of pentane– $CH_2Cl_2$  (5:1 v:v), to give the following products.

Prop-2-enyl trimethylstannyl peroxide (14).  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.49 (9 H, s,  $J_{\rm Sn}$  56.7), 4.40 (2 H, m), 5.30 (2 H, m), 5.76 (1 H, m);  $\delta_{119}_{\rm Sn}$  157.44. This compound is moisture-sensitive. It was reduced in the NMR tube with triphenylphosphine, then treated with a drop of trifluoroacetic acid. The spectrum was then consistent with that of allyl alcohol.

(Z)-3-Trimethylstannylprop-2-enyl hydroperoxide (15). Viscous oil.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  [see also Fig. 1(*a*)] 0.19 (9 H, s,  $J_{119}_{\rm Sn}$  56.0,  $J_{117}_{\rm Sn}$  53.5), 4.48 (2 H, dd, J 6.24, 0.91,  $J_{\rm Sn}$  15.0), 6.31 (1 H, dt, J 12.90, 0.91,  $J_{119}_{\rm Sn}$  57.12,  $J_{117}_{\rm Sn}$  54.66), 6.59 (1 H, dt, J 12.90, 6.24,  $J_{119}_{\rm Sn}$  142.03,  $J_{117}_{\rm Sn}$  135.67), 7.69 (1 H, s, OOH;  $J_{119}_{\rm Sn}$  180.9,  $J_{117}_{\rm Sn}$  173.0);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  – 8.39 ( $J_{119}_{\rm Sn}$  355.7,  $J_{117}_{\rm Sn}$  339.7), 78.79 ( $J_{\rm Sn}$  43.9), 138.14 ( $J_{119}_{\rm Sn}$  408.5,  $J_{117}_{\rm Sn}$  389.6) and 141.25;  $\delta_{119}_{\rm Sn}$  – 53.96; m/z (70 eV, FAB, *m*-nitrobenzyl alcohol) 392 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1). This compound was not

stable and after several h at room temperature it deposited a tin compound.

4-*Trimethylstannyl*-1,2-*dioxolane* (16).  $\delta_{119}$ sn -4.25. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are given in Fig. 1 and Table 2. The compound decomposed on silica gel to give acrolein.

But-3-en-2-yl triphenylstannyl peroxide (17). On silica gel, this gave but-3-en-2-yl hydroperoxide.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.79 (3 H, 2 d, J 7.49, 7.98), 4.59 (1 H, m), 5.17 (1 H, dd, J 10.35, 1.20), 5.20 (1 H, dd, J 17.20, 1.20), 5.82 (1 H, ddd, J 17.20, 10.20, 7.68) and 7.60 (1 H, br, OOH);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  16.18, 85.35, 118.67 and 138.50. The hydroperoxide was then reduced with Ph<sub>3</sub>P, and was found to be identical with but-3-en-2-ol, prepared by reduction of but-3-en-2-one.<sup>64</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.24 (3 H, two d, J 6.40, 6.39), 1.70 (1 H, br, OH), 4.28 (1 H, m), 5.03 (1 H, dm, J 10.47, 1.27), 5.18 (1 H, dm, J 17.16, 1.27) and 5.87 (1 H, ddd, J 17.15, 10.45, 6.40).

1-*Methyl*-3-*triphenylstannylprop*-2-*enyl* hydroperoxide (18). Although it was chromatographed three times, this compound was still contaminated with a small amount of the hydroperoxide from 17.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.13 (3 H, d, J 6.46), 4.41 (1 H, ddq, J 6.80, 1.12, 6.46), 6.48 (1 H, dd, J 12.76, 1.12, J<sup>110</sup>Sn 80.4, J<sup>117</sup>Sn 76.9), 6.70 (1 H, dd, J 12.76 and 6.80, J<sup>110</sup>Sn 168.5, J<sup>117</sup>Sn 161.1), 7.15 (1 H, br, OOH), 7.40 (9 H, m) and 7.60 (6 H, m);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  18.56, 83.46, 128.65, 129.06, 129.95 and 136.87 (four aromatic carbons), 138.85 (J<sup>110</sup>Sn 539.2, J<sup>117</sup>Sn 515.2), 151.10;  $\delta^{110}$ Sn -153.22. *E*-18 was obtained in trace amount only, and showed the following <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.30 (3 H, d, J 6.52), 4.58 (1 H, ddq, J 6.40, 1.00, 6.52), 6.23 (1 H, dd, J 19.06, 6.40, J<sup>110</sup>Sn 76.30, J<sup>117</sup>Sn 73.06), 6.54 (1 H, dd, J 19.06, 1.00, J<sup>110</sup>Sn 49.78, J<sup>111</sup>Sn 47.54), 7.35 (9 H, m), 7.55 (6 H, m) and 7.78 (1 H, s, OOH).

3-Methyl-4-triphenylstannyl-1,2-dioxolane (19). This was formed in less than 5% yield; its <sup>1</sup>H NMR characteristics are given in Table 2.

Cyclohex-2-enyl hydroperoxide (**26**).<sup>65</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.56 (1 H, m), 1.72 (2 H, m), 1.87–2.10 (3 H, complex), 4.46 (1 H, m), 5.72 (1 H, dm, J 10.10, 1.75), 5.97 (1 H, dm, J 10.10, 1.34) and 8.20 (1 H, br, OOH);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  18.40, 25.32, 26.39, 78.43, 124.12 and 134.32.

3-*Triethylsilylcyclohexen*-2-*yl hydroperoxide* (**28**).  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.57 (6 H, q, *J* 7.93), 0.89 (9 H, t, *J* 7.93), 1.55 (1 H, m), 1.71 (2 H, m), 1.92 (2 H, m), 2.05 (1 H, m), 4.46 (1 H, m), 5.94 (1 H, quint., *J* 2.05) and 7.75 (1 H, br, OOH);  $\delta_c$  2.34, 7.37, 19.19, 26.55, 27.89, 79.13, 132.38 and 144.69;  $\delta_{z^{*}Si}$  1.37;  $v_{max}(neat)/cm^{-1}$  3392, 2944, 2872, 1456, 1235, 729; *m/z* (70 eV) 210 (M<sup>+</sup> - 18, 5%), 195 (4), 181 (63), 153 (80), 75 (100).

Cyclohexen-2-yl trimethylstannyl peroxide (**38**), cyclohex-2enyl tributylstannyl peroxide (**32**) and cyclohex-2-enyl triphenylstannyl peroxide (**40**) all gave the hydroperoxide **26** on silica gel. In the reaction mixture they were identified by the characteristic signals for the alkenic protons at  $\delta$  4.28, 4.25 and 4.50, respectively. For comparison, the tributylstannyl compound was prepared by the reaction of **26** with tributyltin methoxide, as a moisture-sensitive oil.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.87 (9 H, t, J 7.30), 1.16 (6 H, t, J 8.39), 1.30 (6 H, m), 1.47–1.70 (9 H, complex), 1.90 (2 H, m), 1.98 (1 H, m), 4.25 (1 H, m), 5.72 (1 H, m) and 5.86 (1 H, m);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  13.59, 15.22, 18.60, 25.46, 26.32, 27.14, 27.94, 78.05, 125.30 and 132.64;  $\delta_{\rm H^{*}Sn}$  121.5.

The endoperoxides **39**, **33** and **41** all decomposed on silica gel as discussed in the text; their NMR characteristics are given in Table 2.

Reactions of PTAD.—General procedure. An equivalent of the allylic metallic compound was added to a solution of 0.5 g (2.85 mmol) of PTAD in  $CH_2Cl_2$  under argon. When the colour of the PTAD had gone, any insoluble tin compound was filtered off and washed with solvent. The soluble component was chromatographed using  $CH_2Cl_2$ —ether (10:1, v:v), and products were purified by recrystallisation from  $CH_2Cl_2$  pentane or by further chromatography. The allyl-2-metallotriazolidines **20**, **23**, **29**, **34**, **42** and **44** underwent hydrolysis on the column to give the corresponding protic compounds. The characteristics of all the products are given below.

4-Phenyl-1-prop-2-enyl-1,2,4,-triazolidine-3,5-dione (from **20**). M.p. 114–115 °C (lit.,<sup>46</sup> 116.5–117.5 °C);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.17 (2 H, ddd, J 6.30, 1.10, 0.50), 5.30 (1 H, ddd, J 10.15, 2.53, 0.50), 5.34 (1 H, ddd, J 17.10, 2.53, 1.10), 5.83 (1 H, ddd, J 17.10, 10.15, 6.30), 7.34 (1 H, m), 7.47 (4 H, m) and 8.62 (1 H, br, NH);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  49.36, 120.92, 125.51, 128.34, 129.17, 131.05, 130.14, 152.66 and 153.74 (C=O).

3-Phenyl-7-trimethylstannyl-1,3,5-triazabicyclo[3.3.0]octane-2,4-dione (**22**). M.p. 133–135 °C;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.19 (9 H, s,  $J_{119}{}_{\rm Sn}$  55.12,  $J_{117}{}_{\rm Sn}$  52.72), 1.91 (1 H, tt, J 11.51, 7.51), 3.41 (2 H, dd, J 11.48, 12.63), 4.19 (dd, J 11.51, 7.51), 7.33 (1 H, m) and 7.45 (4 H, m). Values of  $\delta_{\rm C}$  and  $\delta_{\rm Sn}$  are given in the text.  $v_{\rm max}$ (Nujol)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 1763 and 1698; m/z (70 eV) 381 (M<sup>+</sup>, 13%) and 165 (100) (Found: C, 44.45; H, 5.1; N, 11.05. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Sn requires C, 44.25; H, 5.04; N, 11.06%).

1-(1-Methylprop-2-enyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazolidine-3,5-dione (from **23**). M.p. 98–100 °C (lit.,<sup>46</sup> 99–100 °C);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.37 (3 H, 2 d, J 6.96, 6.86), 4.82 (1 H, m), 5.26 (1 H, d, J 10.38), 5.31 (1 H, d, J 17.35), 5.88 (1 H, ddd, J 17.35, 10.30, 6.90) and 8.60 (1 H, br, NH);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  16.21, 54.26, 118.44 and 135.13 (vinyl), 125.46, 128.22, 129.10 and 131.15 (aromatic), 152.61 and 154.12 (C=O).

1-(1-Methyl-3-triphenylstannylprop-2-enyl)-4-phenyl-,1,2,4triazolidine-3,5-dione (**24**) was formed in less than 5% yield.  $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.22 (3 H, d, J 6.85), 4.47 (1 H, m), 6.52 (1 H, d, J 12.60, J<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn</sub> 73.4, J<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn</sub> 70.4), 6.81 (1 H, dd, J 12.60, 7.92, J<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn</sub> 160.96, J<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn</sub> 153.74).

6-Methyl-3-phenyl-7-triphenylstannyl-1,3,5-triazabicyclo-[3.3.0]octane-2,4-dione (25). This was obtained as a glass, m.p. 70–75 °C; a partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum is shown in Fig. 2. trans-25:  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.34 (3 H, d, J 6.96), 2.68 (1 H, ddd, J 13.20, 7.68, 6.80), 3.78 (1 H, dd, J 11.29, 13.20), 4.39 (1 H, dd, J 11.29, 7.68), 4.81 (1 H, dq, J 6.80, 6.96), 7.30–7.60 (20 H, complex). cis-25:  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.52 (3 H, d, J 6.20), 2.58 (1 H, ddd, J 12.40, 11.20, 7.65), 4.17 (1 H, dd, J 7.65, 10.25) and 7.32–7.58 (20 H, complex). Values of  $\delta_{\rm C}$  and  $\delta_{\rm Sn}$ are given in Table 3.  $v_{\rm max}$ (Nujol)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3052, 2925, 2851, 1765, 1705, 1071 and 725; m/z (70 eV) 581 (M<sup>+</sup>, 7%), 350 (100) (Found: M<sup>+</sup>, 581.2068. C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Sn requires M, 581.2094).

1-Cyclohex-2-enyl-4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazolidine-3,5-dione (27). M.p. 168–171 °C (lit.,<sup>46</sup> 171–172 °C);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.65 (1 H, m), 1.80 (2 H, m), 1.95 (1 H, m), 2.02 (2 H, m), 4.80 (1 H, m), 5.57 (1 H, dm, J 10.05, 2.24), 6.02 (1 H, dm, J 10.05, 2.37), 7.35 (1 H, m), 7.48 (4 H, m) and 8.50 (1 H, br, NH);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  20.31, 24.34, 26.14, 52.59, 124.10 and 134.51 (vinyl), 125.42, 128.01, 129.03 and 131.35 (aromatic), 152.18 and 153.71 (C=O).

The triethylsilyl derivative **29** gave the corresponding protic compound **27** after separation on silica gel.

4-Phenyl-11-triethylsilyl-2,4,6-triazatricyclo[5,3,1,0<sup>2.6</sup>]undecane-3,5-dione (**30**). Viscous oil.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.71 (6 H, q, J 7.99), 1.00 (9 H, t, J 7.99), 1.42 (1 H, sept., J 2.25), 1.64 (2 H, m), 1.79 (2 H, m), 2.00 (2 H, m), 4.63 (2 H, t, J 4.21), 7.33 (1 H, m), 7.45 (4 H, m). Values for  $\delta_{\rm C}$  and  $\delta_{\rm Si}$  are given in Table 3.  $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 2499, 2872, 1767, 1709, 1499, 1402, 729; m/z (70 eV) 371 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5%), 342 (3), 292 (34), 262 (42), 115 (61) and 87 (100) (Found: M<sup>+</sup>, 371.2045. C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si requires *M*, 371.2019).

4-Phenyl-1-(3-triethylsilylcyclohex-2-enyl)-1,2,4-triazolidine-3,5-dione (**31**). Viscous oil.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.55 (6 H, q, J 7.98), 0.86 (9 H, t, J 7.98), 1.61 (2 H, m), 1.71 (2 H, m), 1.98 (2 H, m), 4.81 (1 H, m), 5.77 (1 H, d, J 1.68) and 7.45 (1 H, br, NH);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  2.23, 7.33, 21.14, 26.03, 26.90, 53.60, 125.53, 128.07, 129.02 and 131.36 (aromatic), 132.37 and 145.22 (vinyl), 152.28 and 153.89 (C=O);  $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3168, 2944, 2864, 1763, 1698, 1497 and 729; *m*/z (70 eV) 371 (M<sup>+</sup>, 3%), 342 (2), 292 (34), 262 (28), 115 (100) and 87 (96) (Found: M<sup>+</sup>, 371.1998. C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si requires *M*, 371.2019).

The triorganostannyltriazolinediones 34, 42 and 44 all gave the corresponding protic compound 27 during separation on silica gel. 4-Phenyl-11-trimethylstannyl-2,4,6-triazatricyclo[5.3.1.0<sup>2,6</sup>]undecane-3,5-dione (**43**). M.p. 236–238 °C;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.24 (9 H, s,  $J_{112}{\rm Sn}$  54.28,  $J_{112}{\rm Sn}$  52.0), 1.54 (2 H, m), 1.62 (1 H, m,  $J_{\rm Sn}$  48), 1.76 (1 H, m), 1.90 (1 H, m), 2.00 (2 H, m), 4.66 (2 H, t, J 4.50), 7.34 (1 H, m) and 7.45 (4 H, m). Values for  $\delta_{\rm C}$  and  $\delta_{\rm Sn}$  are given in Table 3.  $v_{\rm max}({\rm Nujol})/{\rm cm^{-1}}$  2952, 2920, 2865, 1760 and 1705; m/z (70 eV) 421 (M<sup>+</sup>, 10%), 340 (23) and 165 (100).

4-Phenyl-11-tributylstannyl-2,4,6-triazatricyclo[ $5.3.1.0^{2.6}$ ] undecane-3,5-dione (**35**). M.p. 52 °C;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.90 (9 H, t, J 7.27), 0.98 (6 H, t, J 8.46), 1.32 (6 H, m), 1.44–1.56 (8 H, complex), 1.65 (1 H, sept., J 2.24), 1.75 (1 H, m), 1.86 (1 H, m), 2.04 (2 H, m), 4.63 (2 H, t, J 4.43), 7.33 (1 H, m) and 7.46 (4 H, m). Values for  $\delta_{\rm C}$  and  $\delta_{\rm Sn}$  are given in Table 3.  $\nu_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 2950, 2922, 2866, 2859, 1759 and 1706; m/z (70 eV) 547 (M<sup>+</sup>, 3%), 490 (25) and 81 (100) (Found: M<sup>+</sup>, 547.2230. C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Sn requires M, 547.2211).

4-Phenyl-11-triphenylstannyl-2,4,6-triazatricyclo[5.3.1.0<sup>2,6</sup>]undecane-3,5-dione (**45**). M.p. 235–237 °C;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.52 (1 H, m), 1.70 (2 H, m), 1.82 (1 H, m), 1.94 (2 H, m), 2.38 (1 H, m,  $J_{119Sn}$ 45.27,  $J_{11Sn}$  43.80), 4.93 (2 H, t, J 4.42) and 7.30–7.60 (20 H, complex). Values of  $\delta_{\rm C}$  and  $\delta_{\rm Sn}$  are given in Table 3.  $v_{\rm max}({\rm Nujol})/{\rm cm}^{-1}$  2925, 2852, 1765, 1705, 1454, 1374, 1071 and 727; m/z (70 eV) 452 (M<sup>+</sup> – 155), 348 (100) and 81 (96) (Found: C, 63.25; H, 4.9; N, 6.85.  $C_{32}H_{29}N_3O_2Sn$  requires C, 63.37; H, 4.82; N, 6.94%).

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