Stereochemistry of the Lead(IV) Acetate Fragmentation of 1-(Trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[n.1.0]alkanes

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Abstract: The preparation of a series of exo- and endo-methyl-substituted 1-(trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[n.1.0] alkanes 6 and 7 has been carried out and the compounds have been treated with lead(IV) acetate (LTA) then diazomethane to give the methyl (E)- and (Z)-alkenoates 10 and 11. The fact that 6 gives only 10 and that 7 gives only 11 proves that the fragmentation is stereospecific. The reaction is best interpreted by assuming electrophilic ring opening, with inversion, followed by a Grob-type fragmentation with lead(II) acetate as the leaving group. The reaction is solvent dependent in a way that points to the intervention of cyclopropanols in the fragmentation of 6 and 7.

Studies of the reaction chemistry of bicyclic siloxy cyclopropanes 1 have, for the most part, focussed on the attack on 1 by electrophiles.¹ In general, such attack leads to one bond cleavage resulting in the production of 2 (eq 1).² Treatment of 1 with



 $Hg(OAc)_{2,3} AgBF_4$ or $Cu(BF_4)_{2,4}$ and ZnI_2^{5} is typical of the use of metal-containing electrophiles, and in each case, products can be rationalized by invoking C_1-C_2 scission as the initial reaction step. With FeCl₃⁶ and electrolysis⁷ C_1-C_3 cleavage occurs in processes that have been assumed to involve radical intermediates.

With the well-established pattern of behavior noted above, it was somewhat surprising to discover that the reaction between 1 and $Pb(OAc)_4$ (LTA) gave high yields of the corresponding alkenoic acids 3, the products of two-bond cleavage (eq 2).⁸ Here,



both C_1-C_2 and C_1-C_3 scission had occurred. This unique reaction seems to be general⁹ and holds great potential as a synthetic method for the controlled introduction of "remote" functionality.10 An important aspect of the reaction that has not heretofore been explored is the stereochemistry resulting from LTA-promoted

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Table I. Summary of the Pertinent ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR Data for the Silyl Cyclopropyl Ethers 6 and 7^a

	(CH ₂) _n	Me OTMS	(CH ₂) _n H 0TMS	
n	6 or 7	δ ¹ H Me ^b	δ ¹ H MeCH ^b	δ ¹³ C Me ^b
3	6a	1.01 ^c	0.47-0.82°	11.77
3	7a	0.96 ^c		6.87
4	6b	1.07	0.33-0.80	12.42
4	7b	1.00		7.42
5	6c ^d	1.07	0.42-0.74	13.09
5	7c ^d	0.97		8.49

^aSpectra obtained on a Jeol FX-90Q spectrometer. ^bCDCl₃ as solvent. ^cCCl₄ as solvent. ^dDetermined on a 3.1/1 mixture of 6c/7c.

cleavage of substituted siloxy cyclopropanes of type 4. Reported here are the results of our studies in this area.



Results and Discussion

In order to test the stereochemical point in question, the enol silvl ethers 5 were converted to mixtures of 6 and 7 by treatment with zinc-copper couple/CH₃CHI₂ (eq 3). In our hands, the



use of copper couple prepared from zinc dust/cuprous chloride was most advantageous.¹¹ During the course of our studies it was reported that this same reagent system affords excellent yields of cyclopropylcarbinols when applied to the appropriate allylic alcohols.¹² As noted in eq 3, 6 and 7 were formed in a ratio of approximately 3 to 1 with 6 predominating. Isomer ratios of 6a/7a and 6b/7b were determined by GLC analysis, and separation of the isomers was carried out with preparative GLC. With 6c/7c, separation by GLC could not be realized so isomer ratios were determined by ¹H NMR with the signals for the trimethylsilyl (TMS) groups. Experiments involving the tert-butyldimethylsilyl

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Scheme I



(TBS) enol ethers corresponding to 5 gave mixtures of 6-TBS and 7-TBS similar to those obtained from 5 except in the case of 5c-TBS where the 6c-TBS/7c-TBS ratio (GLC) was found to be 1/2.5. These substrates were not studied further.

Identification of 6 and 7 was readily accomplished based on the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of the isomers. In each pair of isomeric silyl cyclopropyl ethers both the methyl ¹H and the methyl ¹³C NMR signals for 6 appeared at lower field than the corresponding signals for 7. Although the endo and exo methyl ¹H resonances of the 7-methylnorcarane isomers are found at δ 0.95 and 0.98, respectively,¹³ introduction of oxygen into the system exerts a profound influence on the chemical shift of the methyl groups. Thus in 8 the methyl ¹H signal is found at δ 1.04 while that of 9 is located at δ 0.92.¹³ A similar effect should be observed



for the proton on carbon bearing methyl. This proton was observed upfield for 6 but was "buried" in the methylene region in 7. In an analogous manner, the methyl ¹³C signals for 6 were found at appreciably lower field than those for 7. This is also consistent with the proposed structures.¹⁴ The pertinent NMR data for 6 and 7 are summarized in Table I.

Pure compounds **6a**, **6b**, **7a**, and **7b** were treated with LTA/ HOAc and, after an aqueous workup, the reaction mixtures were treated with excess diazomethane to afford **10** and **11** (Scheme I). GLC analysis of reaction mixtures prior to any purification step revealed that the **6** series gave greater than 99% of the (*E*)-alkenoic esters **10** while the **7** series gave greater than 99% of **11**, the (*Z*)-alkenoic esters. Oxidation of a 3.1/1 mixture of **6c**/**7c** was also carried out. In this experiment it was found necessary to treat **6c**/**7c** with Et₃NHF prior to treatment with LTA. This procedure prevented the occurrence of one bond cleavage and gave **10c**/**11c** in a ratio of 3.19/1 (GLC) accompanied by a small amount (7%) of **12** (eq 4). The yields cited for the production of **10** and **11** represent values for purified compounds subsequent to GLC analysis for **10/11** isomer ratios.



Identification of 10 and 11 rested upon the fact that (*E*)-alkenoic esters show a characteristic band at $980-970 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the

Table II. Summary of the Pertinent ${}^{13}C$ NMR^{*a*} (Vinyl Methyl) and IR^{*b*} Data for 10 and 11

(CH ₂) _n CO ₂ Me			(CH ₂) _n CO ₂ Me				
n	10	δ ¹³ C Me	IR (cm ⁻¹)	n	11	δ ¹³ C Me	IR (cm ⁻¹)
3	10a	17.88	982	3	11a	12.93	
4	10b	17.49	970	4	11b	12.42	
5	10c	17.71	974	5	11c	12.57	

^aSpectra obtained on a Jeol FX-90Q spectrometer with CDCl₃ as solvent. ^bSpectra obtained on neat esters with KBr plates.



infrared.¹⁵ Further, the ¹³C NMR spectra of 10 show vinyl methyl resonances in the region of δ 17.7 while the corresponding signals for 11 occur in the region of δ 12.5.¹⁶ Pertinent IR and ¹³C NMR data for 10 and 11 are summarized in Table II. With 10c/11c, ¹³C NMR revealed that 10c was the major isomer formed from the mixtures of 6c/7c.

The results described above in which 6 gives only 10 while 7 gives only 11 confirm that the LTA-mediated two-bond cleavage of silyl cyclopropyl ethers is a stereospecific reaction. A mechanistic rationale for the observed data is presented in Scheme II with 7b as an example of the general reaction. The assumption that alcohol 13 is precursor to 14 and 15 is based upon several experimental observations. First, the solvolysis of silyl cyclopropyl ethers in HOAc has been shown to be rapid in the presence of Pb(OAc)₂.⁸ Further, the fact that 16 gives 75% of 17 with LTA/CH₂Cl₂ but 83% of 18 with LTA/HOAc⁸ points to an alcohol precursor in the latter case (eq 5). The need to pretreat 6c/7c with fluoride ion prior to LTA oxidation to subvert one-bond cleavage (see above) is most likely a reflection of slow solvolysis in these compounds although this point was not tested experimentally.



Attack of 13 by LTA occurs at C_7 on the rear of the C_1-C_7 bond, resulting in the formation of 14 in which the C_7 center has been inverted. This type of attack has been used to rationalize the inversion noted when cyclopropanols are reacted with Hg(O-Ac)₂.¹⁷ The placement of the acetate group in 14 is arbitrary but is consistent with attack on the incipient carbocation center at C_1 from the least hindered side. The anti-periplanar relationship of the C_1-C_6 bond and the C_7 -Pb bond of 14 is ideal for a Grob-type fragmentation.¹⁸ The presence of an excellent leaving group in Pb(OAc)₂ coupled with the possibility for charge neutralization by loss of a proton make the transformation of 14 into 15 feasible. Apparently when OH is replaced by OTMS the displacement of lead by acetate is competitive with fragmentation and one-bond cleavage is observed. When the cyclopropyl ring is attacked by Hg(OAc)₂, the resulting C-Hg bond is too stable

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Scheme III



to permit fragmentation and the mercurial is isolated in high yield.^{3,17,19} Also, the presence of anhydride has been noted in reaction mixtures with LTA/HOAc when the reactions were monitored by ¹³C NMR and IR prior to aqueous workup.²⁰

The observed stereochemistry can also be rationalized by front side attack on the C_1 - C_7 bond of 13 to give 19 in which retention has occurred at C_7 (Scheme III). This type of addition has been proposed for the reactions of the bicyclo[2.1.0]pentane system by mercury(II), thallium(III), and lead(IV) acetates.²¹ The trans disposition of acetate group and the C_6-C_7 bond in 19 is also to be predicted from literature reports on the LTA oxidation of bicyclic cyclopropanes.²² The use of HOAc as solvent in the reaction would seem to preclude any ligand exchange process leading to 20 prior to ring attack by Pb(IV).23

Bond rotation in 19 to give 21 containing an anti-periplanar disposition of the C_1-C_6 bond and the C_7 -Pb bond would lead to the incorrect stereochemistry for the fragmentation and can thus be excluded. Syn-periplanar fragmentation or cyclization of 19 to afford 22 followed by "glycol-type" cleavage would lead to 15.24 Although either pathway noted above in Scheme II or Scheme III is feasible, the analogy cited for the cleavage of cyclopropanols with Hg(OAc)₂ giving inversion¹⁷ seems to us to be compelling and we therefore favor the inversion route noted in Scheme II. It would be of great interest to explore the stereochemistry of the LTA-mediated one-bond-cleavage reaction, and we are currently engaged in studies along those lines. Information concerning this reaction can then hopefully be applied to the two-bond-cleavage question.

Conclusions

Substituted silvl cyclopropyl ethers 6 and 7 are fragmented stereospecifically by LTA to afford 10 and 11, respectively. The most reasonable explanation for the process involves initial solvolysis in HOAc to give the corresponding cyclopropanols. The cyclopropanols then react with Pb(IV) to give alkenoic acid anhydrides by a series of reactions involving ring cleavage with inversion at the carbon bonded to lead followed by a Grob fragmentation. When CH₂Cl₂ is used in place of HOAc, solvolysis is subverted and the silvl cyclopropyl ethers give β -keto acetates by a reaction involving one-bond cleavage.

Experimental Section

Both ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Jeol FX-90Q spectrometer with tetramethylsilane as standard. IR spectra were obtained on Perkin-Elmer 599 and 621 infrared spectrometers. MS measurements were made with Hitachi Perkin-Elmer RMU 6E and VG 7070HS mass spectrometers. GLC measurements were carried out on

Hewlett-Packard Model 700 and Model 5880A gas chromatographs. Elemental microanalyses were determined on a Perkin-Elmer Model 240 elemental analyzer. Commercial LTA (Alfa Ventron) was crystallized from glacial acetic acid prior to use, and triethylammonium fluoride was obtained as a hygroscopic white solid by the method of Hünig.²⁵ All reactions were run under a static atmosphere of dry nitrogen, and anhydrous magnesium sulfate was used as drying agent unless otherwise specified.

Preparation of Enol Silyl Ethers 5. Enol silyl ethers 5a-c were prepared by the standard methods cited by House and co-workers.²⁶ Purification of 5a-5c was effected by distillation at reduced pressure.

1-(Trimethylsiloxy)cyclopentene (5a). Compound 5a was obtained in 76% yield; bp 150–153 °C (700 mm) [lit.²⁶ bp 158–159 (760 mm)]; n^{23}_{D} 1.4362 [lit.²⁶ n^{25}_{D} 1.4377].

1-(Trimethylsiloxy)cyclohexene (5b). Compound 5b was obtained in 74% yield; bp 70-71 °C (20 mm) [lit.²⁶ bp 74-75 °C (20 mm)]; n²³_D 1.4458 [lit.²⁶ n²⁴ D 1.4451]

1-(Trimethylsiloxy)cycloheptene (5c). Compound 5c was obtained in 75% yield; bp 78-81 °C (11 mm) [lit.²⁷ bp 76.5 °C (11 mm)]; n²⁴D 1.4504 [lit.²⁷ n²⁰ D 1.4523]

General Method for the Preparation of exo- and endo-Methyl-Substituted 1-(Trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[n.1.0]alkanes 6 and 7. A mixture of purified zinc dust²⁸ and cuprous chloride¹¹ was placed in a 100-mL 3-necked flask fitted with a stir bar, reflux condenser, and gas inlet tube. Dry ether (20 mL) was then added, and the mixture was refluxed with stirring for 20 min at which time 1 drop of 1,1-diiodoethane²⁹ was added and refluxing continued for 15 min. A solution of 5 in 5-10 mL of ether was then added in one portion, and the remainder of the 1,1-diiodoethane was added with continuous refluxing over the next 2.5 h. With the addition complete, refluxing was continued for 24 h at which time the mixture was cooled to room temperature³⁰ and diluted with 20 mL of pentane. The mixture was filtered through Celite and the filter pad washed with 80 mL of 1:1 pentane:ether. The combined filtrates were washed sequentially with 3×15 mL of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution and 2 \times 10 mL of saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution and were dried. Filtration and solvent removal in vacuo followed by vacuum distillation of the residues gave pure mixtures of exo- and endo-methyl-substituted 1-(trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[n.1.0]alkanes 6 and 7. Pure samples of 6a, 6b, 7a, and 7b were obtained with preparative GLC while 6c and 7c could not be separated by GLC.

exo- and endo-6-Methyl-1-(trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane (6a and 7a). From 13.29 g (203 mmol) of zinc dust, 1.98 g (20.0 mmol) of cuprous chloride, 6.34 g (40.6 mmol) of 5a, and 45.83 g (163 mmol) of 1,1-diiodoethane there was obtained 5.21 g (70%) of a 2.9/1.0 mixture of 6a/7a as determined by GLC (6 ft × 0.25 in. 12.5% SE-52), bp 93-98 °C (55 mm). Pure samples of 6a and 7a were obtained by preparative GLC $(3 \text{ m} \times 0.25 \text{ in}, 5\% \text{ SE-30})$.

exo-6-Methyl-1-(trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane (6a): IR (neat) 3028, 1256, 845 cm⁻¹; n^{21}_{D} 1.4426; ¹H NMR (CCl₄) δ 0.10 (s, 9 H), 0.47-0.82 (m, 1 H), 1.01 (d, 3 H, J = 5.5 Hz), 1.20-2.13 (m, 7 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.74, 11.77, 17.73, 21.36, 26.49, 30.06, 34.11, 68.80; MS m/z 184 (M⁺, 100), 169 (93), 156 (40), 141 (20), 75 (27), 73 (30). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₂₀OSi: C, 65.15; H, 10.94. Found: C, 65.07; H, 11.14

endo-6-Methyl-1-(trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane (7a): IR (neat) 3018, 1256, 848 cm⁻¹; n^{21} _D 1.4443; ¹H NMR (CCl₄) δ 0.08 (s, 9 H), 0.95-2.13 (m, 8 H), 0.96 (d, 3 H, J = 3 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.61, 6.87, 22.78, 23.44, 24.39, 27.97, 31.72, 69.38; MS, m/z 184 (M⁺, 100), 169 (92), 155 (21), 75 (31). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₂₀OSi: C, 65.15; H, 10.94. Found: C, 64.91; H, 10.90.

exo- and endo-7-Methyl-1-(trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[4.1.0]heptane (6b and 7b). From 4.43 g (67.7 mmol) of zinc dust, 0.67 g (6.8 mmol) of cuprous chloride, 2.32 g (13.6 mmol) of 5b, and 13.41 g (47.6 mmol) of diiodoethane there was obtained 1.75 g (65%) of a 3.1/1.0 mixture of 6b/7b as determined by GLC (6 ft × 0.25 in. 12.5% SE-52), bp 68-75 °C (23 mm). Pure samples of 6b and 7b were obtained by preparative GLC (6 ft \times 0.25 in. 5% FFAP).

exo-7-Methyl-1-(trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[4.1.0]heptane (6b): IR (neat) 2970, 1250, 840 cm⁻¹; n^{22} D 1.4509; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.20 (s, 9 H),

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 $0.33-0.80 \text{ (m, 1 H)}, 1.07 \text{ (d, 3 H, } J = 6 \text{ Hz}), 1.17-2.17 \text{ (m, 9 H)}; {}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.16, 12.42, 21.54, 21.90, 24.16, 26.01, 32.86, 59.38; MS, m/z 198 (M⁺, 93), 183 (100), 169 (77), 75 (16), 73 (28). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₂₂OSi: C, 66.59; H, 11.18. Found: C, 66.40; H, 10.96.

endo-7-Methyl-1-(trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[4.1.0]heptane (7b): IR (neat) 2965, 1250, 840 cm⁻¹; n²²_D 1.4517; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.10 (s, 9 H), 0.90-2.20 (m, 10 H), 1.00 (br s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.10, 7.42, 18.44, 20.23, 21.48, 21.96, 22.14, 28.57, 56.70; MS, m/z 198 (M⁺, 90), 183 (100), 169 (84), 75 (20), 73 (35). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₂₂OSi: C, 66.59; H, 11.18. Found: C, 66.83; H, 11.10.

exo- and endo-8-Methyl-1-(trimethylsiloxy)bicyclo[5.1.0]octane (6c and 7c). From 8.83 g (135 mmol) of zinc dust, 1.34 g (13.5 mmol) of cuprous chloride, 5.00 g (27.1 mmol) of 5c and 26.82 g (95.2 mmol) of diiodoethane was obtained 5.08 g (88%) of a 3.1/1.0 mixture of 6c/7cas determined by ¹H NMR (integration of the trimethylsilyl peaks), bp 95-100 °C (7.3 mm). Capillary GLC failed to resolve the mixture of 6c and 7c: IR (neat) 3015, 1257, 850 cm⁻¹; n²²_D 1.4560; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.11 (s, OTMS, 7c), 0.15 (s, OTMS, 6c), 0.42-0.74 (m, C₈-H, **6c**), 0.9-2.42 (m, **6c** and **7c**), 0.97 (d, 3 H, J = 4.4 Hz, **7c**), 1.07 (d, 3 H, J = 5.6 Hz, 6c); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.22 (OTMS, 6c and 7c), 8.49 $(C_8$ -Me, 7c), 13.08 $(C_8$ -Me, 6c), 63.37 $(C_1, 7c)$, 64.98 $(C_1, 6c)$; MS, m/z212 (M⁺, 79), 197 (62), 183 (35), 169 (100), 75 (12), 73 (23). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₂₄OSi: C, 67.85; H, 11.39. Found: C, 68.00; H, 11.62.

General Procedure for the LTA/HOAc Oxidation of the Silyl Cyclopropyl Ethers 6a, 6b, 7a, and 7b. A mixture of 6 or 7 and LTA in 5 mL of glacial acetic acid was stirred for 8 h at room temperature. Then 5 mL of water was added and stirring was continued for an additional 20 min. The mixture was then diluted with 20 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and filtered through Celite. The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed sequentially with 3×10 mL of water and 10 mL of brine solution and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solution was filtered and solvent removed in vacuo to afford a residue that was treated with excess diazomethane.31 Removal of solvent in vacuo gave an oil that was examined by GLC (30 m \times 0.25 mm 1.0 μM DB-1 capillary column or 5 m \times 0.25 in. 5% DC-550 column) prior to purification (see below)

The LTA Oxidation of 6a. From 0.215 g (1.17 mmol) of 6a (99.7/0.3 6a/7a by capillary GLC) and 0.530 g (1.20 mmol) of LTA was obtained 0.123 g (74%) of methyl (E)-5-heptenoate (10a). GLC (capillary column) indicated a 99.4/0.6 E/Z ratio. Molecular distillation gave bp 60-63 °C (17 mm) [lit.³² bp 69 °C (17 mm)]; n²⁵_D 1.4307 [lit.³² n¹⁸_D 1.4306]; IR (neat) 1740, 982 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.08–2.49 (m, 9 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H), 5.29-5.56 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 17.88, 24.87, 32.02, 33.48, 51.38, 125.96, 130.34, 174.12; MS, m/z 142 (M⁺ 6), 111 (14), 110 (29), 74 (100), 69 (27), 68 (47), 55 (47), 43 (73), 41 (39).

The LTA Oxidation of 7a. From 0.077 g (0.42 mmol) of 7a (97.9/2.1 7a/6a by capillary GLC) and 0.185 g (0.42 mmol) of LTA was obtained 0.044 g (73%) of methyl (Z)-5-heptenoate (11a). GLC (capillary column) indicated a 96.9/3.1 Z/E ratio. IR (neat) 1735 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) & 0.8-2.50 (m, 9 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 5.15-5.70 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 12.93, 25.09, 26.52, 33.61, 51.49, 125.14, 129.79, 174.13; MS, m/z 142 (M⁺, 6), 111 (10), 110 (29), 74 (100), 69 (28), 68 (46), 55 (46), 43 (77), 41 (43). Preparative GLC (3 m × 0.25 in. 5% SE-30) afforded an analytical sample. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₄O₂: C, 67.57; H, 9.92. Found: C, 67.55; H, 9.93.

The LTA Oxidation of 6b. From 0.071 g (0.36 mmol) of 6b (>99% pure by GLC with 6 ft \times 0.25 in. 5% FFAP) and 0.185 g (0.42 mmol) of LTA was obtained, after preparative TLC (SiO₂/CHCl₃), 0.046 g (76%) of pure methyl (E)-6-octenoate (10b). GLC analysis (5 m \times 0.25 in. 5% DC-550) prior to TLC showed an E/Z ratio of >99/1. IR (neat) 1740, 970 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CCl₄) δ 1.05–2.37 (m, 11 H), 3.60 (s, 3 H), 5.20-5.55 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 17.49, 24.10, 28.69, 31.79, 33.58, 51.04, 124.75, 130.53, 173.80; MS, *m*/*z* 156 (M⁺, 95), 121 (41), 120 (100), 91 (61), 87 (25), 83 (25), 82 (68), 74 (75)

The LTA Oxidation of 7b. From 0.023 g (0.12 mmol) of 7b (>99% pure, 5% FFAP) and 0.052 g (0.12 mmol) of LTA was obtained, after preparative TLC (SiO₂/CHCl₃), 0.013 g (65%) of pure methyl (Z)-6octenoate (11b). GLC analysis (5% DC-550) prior to TLC showed a Z/E ratio of >99/1. IR (neat) 1740 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ

1.00-2.45 (m, 11 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H), 5.25-5.64 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) & 12.42, 24.28, 26.19, 28.75, 33.70, 51.10, 123.86, 129.76, 173.86; MS, m/z 156 (M⁺, 67), 121 (40), 120 (100), 96 (62), 87 (26), 83 (30), 82 (76), 74 (80).

Oxidation of a mixture of 6b/7b gave a mixture of 10b/11b, bp 30 °C (1.0 mm, molecular distillation). Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₆O₂: C, 69.19; H, 10.33. Found: C, 68.96; H, 10.57.

The LTA Oxidation of 6c/7c. To a solution of 1.20 g (5.7 mmol) of a 3.1/1.0 mixture of 6c/7c (¹H NMR integration of OTMS signals) in 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added 0.70 g (5.8 mmol) of triethylammonium fluoride.25 The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min at which time the solvent was removed in vacuo with a rotary evaporator. The resulting residue was dissolved in 10 mL of glacial acetic acid and the solution treated with 2.60 g (5.9 mmol) of LTA. The resulting slurry was stirred at room temperature for 8 h. The mixture was diluted with 10 mL of water and stirring continued for 20 min. Then, 30 mL of ether was added and the mixture was filtered through Celite. The filter cake was washed with an additional 50 mL of ether, and the combined filtrates were washed with 3×10 mL of water and 10 mL of brine solution and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration and removal of solvent in vacuo afforded an oil that was treated with excess diazomethane.31 The solvent was removed in vacuo, and GLC analysis (capillary column) indicated a mixture of methyl (E)-7-nonenoate (10c)(70.6%), methyl (Z)-7-nonenoate (11c) (22.1%), and 2-(1-acetoxyethyl)cycloheptanone (12) (7.3%). These data represent a 10c/11c ratio of 3.19/1.0. Vacuum distillation gave 0.727 g (75%) of pure 10c/11c, bp 92-93 °C (3.5 mm). IR (neat) 1740, 974 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.1-2.57 (m), 3.66 (s), 5.20-5.60 (m); ¹³C NMR of 10c and 11c (CDCl₃) & 12.57, 17.71, 123.68, 124.66, 130.34, 131.16; GC/MS, m/z of 10c, 170 (M⁺, 2), 139 (12), 138 (28), 96 (28), 87 (31), 74 (77), 69 (25), 59 (24), 55 (100), 43 (27), 41 (60); GC/MS, m/z of 11c, 170 (M⁺, 2), 139 (14), 138 (32), 96 (34), 87 (33), 74 (86), 69 (23), 59 (26), 55 (100), 43 (33), 41 (68). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₈O₂: C, 70.55; H, 10.65. Found: C, 70.49; H, 10.35.

Preparative GLC (12.5% SE-52) from an independent oxidation experiment gave pure 2-(1-acetoxyethyl)cycloheptanone (12) as a mixture of diastereomers. IR (neat) 1732, 1706 cm⁻¹; partial ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.21 (d, CHCH₃), J = 6.3 Hz), 1.23 (d, CHCH₃, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.00 (s, COCH₃), 2.02 (s, COCH₃), 5.16 (m, CHOAc), 5.42 (m, CHOAc); partial ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 70.97, 169.78, 212.62; MS, m/z 198 (M⁺ 0.5), 155 (4), 138 (17), 94 (21), 55 (20), 43 (100), 41 (27). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₈O₃: C, 66.64; H, 9.15. Found: C, 66.82; H, 9.53.

The LTA Oxidation of 16. A solution of 0.184 g (1.0 mmol) of 168 in 2 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added to a mixture of 0.443 g (1.0 mmol) of acetic acid free LTA^{33} in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . After 8 h of stirring at room temperature, the reaction mixture was washed with 2×25 mL of water, dried, and filtered, and the resulting solution was treated with 0.240 g (2.0 mmol) of triethylammonium fluoride.²⁵ After 2 h of stirring, the solution was washed with 2×25 mL of water, dried, and filtered, and solvent was removed in vacuo to afford an oil that was purified by preparative TLC (SiO₂/CHCl₃). By this method was obtained 0.128 g (75%) of pure 2-(acetoxymethyl)cyclohexanone (17), bp 65 °C (2.5 mm, molecular distillation). IR (neat) 1740, 1705 cm⁻¹ [lit.³⁴ IR 1740, 1710 cm⁻¹]; n^{30}_{D} 1.4616 [lit.³⁴ n^{25}_{D} 1.4628]; ¹H NMR (CCl₄) δ 1.00-2.90 (m, 9 H), 2.00 (s, 3 H), 3.73-4.50 (m, 2 H); MS, *m/z* 170 (M⁺, 4), 111 (10), 110 (100), 82 (46), 81 (14), 73 (14), 72 (43), 43 (21).

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