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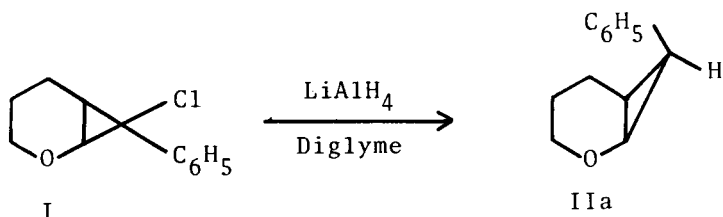
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The epimeric 7-chloro-7-phenyl-2-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptanes (I) have been reduced with zinc in sodium ethoxide to give a mixture of the endo and exo-7-phenyl-2-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]-heptanes (IIa and IIb respectively),¹ which are difficult to separate due to the small difference in their boiling points. Jensen and Patterson² reported the use of triphenyltin hydride prepared in situ from lithium aluminum hydride and triphenyltin chloride for the stereoselective reduction of structurally related compounds, the 7-chloro-7-phenylnorcaranes. We ob-

served that lithium aluminum hydride is the only reducing agent required for the stereoselective reduction of these compounds³ and now describe the application of this reaction to the reduction of I to yield pure endo-7-phenyl-2-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptane.



The 7-chloro-7-phenyl-2-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptanes (I)⁴ were reduced with five equivalents of lithium aluminum hydride in diglyme at 60° for 15 hours, furnishing only one compound, endo-7-phenyl-2-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptane (IIa), (98% pure) in 75% yield, mp. 43-44°. The nmr spectrum of IIa displayed absorptions at δ 7.0-7.5 (5H, m), 2.9-3.9 (3H, m), 1.6-2.05 (3H, m) and 0.5-1.4 (3H, m). The infrared spectrum displayed a band in the 1000-1050 cm^{-1} region which is characteristic for most cyclopropyl rings,⁵ although this is not always reliable in cases where the compound contains an oxygen atom.⁶ The ultraviolet spectrum furnished absorption bands at 207.5 (ϵ 6390) and 217 nm (ϵ 5630) which is characteristic of phenyl-substituted cyclopropanes.^{4,7,8} The mass spectrum exhibited its molecular ion at m/e 174. The stereochemical assignment of IIa was made on both spectroscopic and chemical data. No change was observed in the phenyl absorptions in the nmr spectrum of IIa as a function of temperature, whereas a coalescence of the phenyl absorptions of the exo isomer was

observed as the temperature was increased and the energy barrier for rotation of the phenyl ring overcome. This rotation is not possible with the endo configuration.¹ Chemical evidence supporting the stereochemical structure of IIa was obtained from its base equilibration which produced the thermodynamically more stable exo isomer. This equilibration is possible only if IIa has the endo configuration.^{1,9} These data are in agreement with the assigned structure. Using smaller amounts of lithium aluminum hydride gave less IIa. Reduction with triphenyltin hydride and lithium aluminum hydride at high temperatures produced a 52% yield of an alcohol, tentatively identified as 1-phenyl-2-(3-hydroxy-1-propyl)cyclopropane (III). III furnished a correct elemental analysis for $C_{12}H_{16}O$, ultraviolet absorption band at 222 nm (ϵ 9000) and an nmr spectrum with absorptions at δ 6.6-7.3 (5H, m), 4.0 (1H, s), 3.5 (2H, t, $J = 6$) and 0.3-1.8 (8H, m). This data is consistent with the assigned structure.

TABLE. REDUCTION OF THE 7-CHLORO-7-PHENYL-2-OXA-BICYCLO[4.1.0]HEPTANES (I)

Run	Reaction Conditions					VPC Analysis of Reaction Mixture			
	Temp	Time ^a	Solvent ^b	LiAlH ₄	(Ph) ₃ SnCl	I	IIa	IIb	III
1	25 ^o	54	diglyme	4.62g	-	3	97	-	-
2	60 ^o	15	diglyme	4.62g	-	2	98	-	-
3	60 ^o	15	diglyme	3.70g	-	6	94	-	-
4	150 ^o	6	diglyme	4.62g	.95g	-	-	-	100

a) Time recorded in hours.

b) 100 ml of solvent and 5 g of I were employed.

EXPERIMENTAL

An F&M gas chromatograph, Model 810, equipped with a flame ionization detector, was employed for all gas chromatographic analyses. Infrared spectra were obtained using a Beckman Model 10 grating infrared spectrophotometer with potassium bromide cells. NMR spectra were recorded in carbon tetrachloride with a Varian A-60 spectrometer employing tetramethylsilane as an internal reference. Ultraviolet spectra were recorded in cyclohexane with a Bausch and Lomb Model 505 spectrophotometer. Elemental analyses were performed by M-H-W Laboratories, Garden City, Mich. Melting points were determined with a Thomas-Hoover capillary melting point apparatus and are corrected. Boiling points are uncorrected.

endo-7-Phenyl-2-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptane (IIa), - Lithium aluminum hydride (4.62 g, 0.1217 mole) was added to 100 ml of dry diglyme in a 4-necked 250 ml flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer, a dropping funnel, and a calcium chloride drying tube. An oil bath was used to maintain the temp. at 60°; 5 g of I,⁴ was slowly added and the reaction was allowed to proceed for 15 hrs. The reaction mixture was then cooled, and the excess lithium aluminum hydride destroyed by the sequential dropwise addition of 4.7 ml of water, 4.7 ml of 15% sodium hydroxide solution, and 13.9 ml of water.¹⁰ The reaction mixture was then filtered, taken up in ether, washed with water, and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The ether was then evaporated, and the residue distilled in vacuo affording 3.13 g (75% yield) of IIa, which analyzed by vpc¹¹ as 98% IIa and 2% I, bp. 132-140°/15 mm; mp. 43-44°, lit.¹ bp. 113-114°/11 mm, mp. 43-44°.

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄O: C, 82.72; H, 8.10. Found: C, 82.62; H, 8.15.

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A CONVENIENT SYNTHESIS OF 2-PHENYL-2-THIAZOLIN-5-ONES

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2-Aryl-2-thiazolin-5-ones,¹ a sulfur analogue of azlactones, form