

# Aminomethylation of hindered 2-propargyl-1,3-diketones

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2-Propargyl-substituted methoxy-1,3-diketones react with alkoxymethylamines or paraform and secondary amines in the presence of CuCl at the acetylene group to afford Mannich bases.

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Earlier<sup>1</sup> we showed that methoxy- $\beta$ -diketones react with propargyl halides under phase transfer catalysis conditions to afford C-substitution products. A new type of sterically hindered compounds with two reaction centers, the 1,3-dicarbonyl fragment and the terminal acetylene group, was obtained. Such compounds can be used as synthons for syntheses of both acetylene derivatives of heterocycles and polyfunctional compounds. The introduction of an amino group is one of the possible directions of their functionalization. It is known that polyacetylene derivatives containing amino-, oxo-, or aromatic substituents, offer a wide range of pharmacological properties.<sup>2,3</sup>

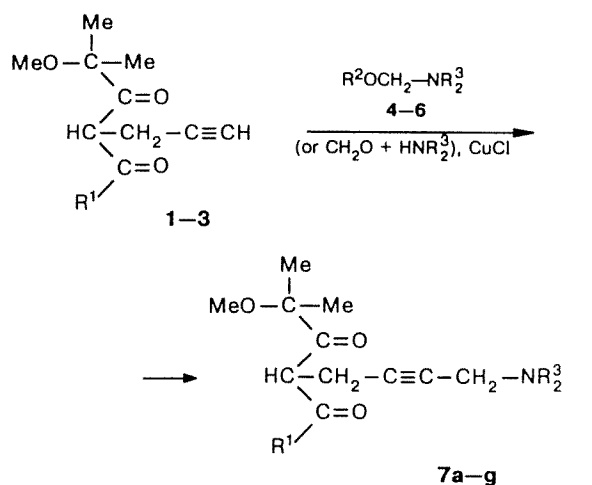
In this work, aminomethylation of sterically hindered methoxy- $\beta$ -diketones **1–3** (Scheme 1) has been studied for the first time.

The possibility of aminomethylation of these ketones was not obvious since copper(I) chloride, which is a catalyst of the Mannich reaction,<sup>4</sup> forms complexes with 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds.<sup>5</sup> Butoxymethyldiethylamine (**4**), isobutoxymethylpiperidine (**5**), and isobutoxymethylmorpholine (**6**) were used as aminoalkylating agents in the synthesis of **7b–g** bases. The reactions were carried out in the presence of catalytic amounts of CuCl in dioxane in a nitrogen atmosphere. Base **7a** was obtained under "classic" Mannich reaction conditions<sup>4</sup> (amine, paraform, and CuCl). The conditions for both reaction procedures are similar (50–60 °C, 2.5–6 h) and both methods result in comparable yields of the target products (Table 1).

There are literature data on non-catalytic amino-methylation of some terminal acetylenes.<sup>6</sup> However, our experiments showed that 2-propargyl-1,3-diketones **1–3** do not enter into this reaction in the absence of a catalyst.

Compounds **7a–g** are stable substances. Their structure is confirmed by elemental analysis data and <sup>1</sup>H NMR and IR spectroscopy. The IR spectra of  $\beta$ -diketones **7a–e** contain absorption bands of the stretching vibrations of

Scheme 1



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| <b>1:</b> R <sup>1</sup> = Pr <sup>i</sup>  | <b>a:</b> R <sup>1</sup> = Pr <sup>i</sup> , R <sup>3</sup> = Et  |
| <b>2:</b> R <sup>1</sup> = Bu <sup>i</sup>  | <b>b:</b> R <sup>1</sup> = Pr <sup>i</sup> , R <sup>3</sup> = (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>                                     |
| <b>3:</b> R <sup>1</sup> = Ph   | <b>c:</b> R <sup>1</sup> = Pr <sup>i</sup> ,<br>R <sup>3</sup> = (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |
| <b>4:</b> R <sup>2</sup> = Bu <sup>n</sup> ,<br>R <sup>3</sup> = Et   | <b>d:</b> R <sup>1</sup> = Bu <sup>i</sup> , R <sup>3</sup> = Et  |
| <b>5:</b> R <sup>2</sup> = Bu <sup>i</sup> ,<br>R <sup>3</sup> = (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>                                  | <b>e:</b> R <sup>1</sup> = Bu <sup>i</sup> ,<br>R <sup>3</sup> = (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |
| <b>6:</b> R <sup>2</sup> = Bu <sup>i</sup> ,<br>R <sup>3</sup> = (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | <b>f:</b> R <sup>1</sup> = Ph, R <sup>3</sup> = Et  |
|   | <b>g:</b> R <sup>1</sup> = Ph,<br>R <sup>3</sup> = (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>               |

the CO groups (1700 and 1740 cm<sup>-1</sup>). A shift of one of the bands to the lower frequency area is observed in the spectra of compounds **7f,g**, in which the carbonyl group is linked to the benzene cycle.

Table 1. Characteristics of compounds 7a—g

Com- pound	Yield (%)	B.p./°C (p/Torr) or m.p./°C (solvent)	$n_D$ (T/°C)	Found Calculated (%)			Molecular formula	$^1\text{H}$ NMR, $\delta$
				C	H	N		
7a	72	163—164 (2)	1.4650 (20)	<u>70.10</u> 69.86	<u>10.02</u> 10.01	<u>4.58</u> 4.53	$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_3$	0.9—1.20 (m, 18 H, 6 Me); 2.40—2.60 (m, 5 H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ , $\text{HCHC}^*\text{H}$ ); 2.65—2.80 (m, 1 H, $\text{HCHC}^*\text{H}$ ); 2.95 (m, 1 H, $\text{CHMe}_2$ ); 3.20 (s, 3 H, OMe); 3.30 (t, 2 H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ); 4.50 (t, 1 H, $\text{C}^*\text{H}$ )
7b	67	184 (2)	1.4860 (18)	<u>70.83</u> 70.99	<u>9.69</u> 9.72	<u>4.15</u> 4.36	$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_3$	1.10—1.25 (m, 12 H, 4 Me); 1.38—1.61 (m, 6 H, $(\text{CH}_2)_3$ ); 2.40—2.60 (m, 5 H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}$ , $\text{HCHC}^*\text{H}$ ); 2.65—2.80 (m, 1 H, $\text{HCHC}^*\text{H}$ ); 2.95 (m, 1 H, $\text{CHMe}_2$ ); 3.15 (t, 2 H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ); 3.20 (s, 3 H, OMe); 4.55 (t, 1 H, $\text{C}^*\text{H}$ )
7c	74	192 (1)	1.4850 (20)	<u>67.10</u> 66.84	<u>9.32</u> 9.04	<u>4.44</u> 4.33	$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_4$	1.13 (d, 6 H, 2 MeCH); 1.25 (s, 6 H, 2 MeC); 2.40—2.80 (m, 6 H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}$ , $\text{CH}_2\text{C}^*\text{H}$ ); 2.92 (m, 1 H, $\text{CHMe}_2$ ); 3.15 (t, 2 H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ); 3.20 (s, 1 H, OMe); 3.60—3.80 (m, 4 H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}$ ); 4.53 (t, 1 H, $\text{C}^*\text{H}$ )
7d	71	156—158 (2)	1.4680 (21)	<u>70.35</u> 70.55	<u>10.15</u> 10.28	<u>4.44</u> 4.33	$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{33}\text{NO}_3$	0.95 (t, 6 H, 2 MeCH <sub>2</sub> ); 1.15—1.30 (m, 15 H, 5 Me); 2.25—2.45 (m, 5 H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ , $\text{HCHC}^*\text{H}$ ); 2.65—2.75 (m, 1 H, $\text{HCHC}^*\text{H}$ ); 3.15 (s, 3 H, OMe); 3.25 (m, 2 H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ); 4.7 (dd, 1 H, $\text{C}^*\text{H}$ )
7e	82	205—207 (2)		<u>67.70</u> 67.62	<u>9.38</u> 9.26	<u>4.34</u> 4.15	$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_4$	1.15—1.25 (m, 15 H, 5 Me); 2.40— 2.50 (m, 5 H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}$ , $\text{HCHC}^*\text{H}$ ); 2.70—2.85 (m, 1 H, $\text{HCHC}^*\text{H}$ ); 3.15 (t, 2 H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ); 3.25 (s, 3 H, OMe); 3.65—3.70 (m, 4 H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}$ ); 4.78 (dd, 1 H, $\text{C}^*\text{H}$ )
7f	73	54—55 (pentane)		<u>73.24</u> 73.44	<u>8.54</u> 8.51	<u>4.12</u> 4.08	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3$	0.85 (t, 6 H, 2 MeCH <sub>2</sub> ); 1.20 and 1.22 (both s, 6 H, 2 Me); 2.20—2.40 (m, 4 H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ); 2.60—2.80 (m, 2 H, $\text{CH}_2\text{C}^*\text{H}$ ); 2.90 (s, 3 H, OMe); 3.18 (t, 2 H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ); 5.10 (m, 1 H, $\text{C}^*\text{H}$ ); 7.40—7.60 (m, 3 H, Ph); 7.90—8.10 (m, 2 H, Ph)
7g	66	95—96 (hexane)		<u>70.43</u> 70.56	<u>7.47</u> 7.61	<u>4.03</u> 3.92	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_4$	1.20 (s, 6 H, 2 Me); 2.15—2.30 (m, 4 H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}$ ); 2.60—2.80 (m, 2 H, $\text{CH}_2\text{C}^*\text{H}$ ); 2.90 (s, 3 H, OMe); 3.0 (t, 2 H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ); 3.50—3.70 (m, 4 H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}$ ); 5.0—5.20 (m, 1 H, $\text{C}^*\text{H}$ ); 7.40—7.60 (m, 3 H, Ph); 7.95—8.15 (m, 2 H, Ph)

## Experimental

IR spectra were recorded on an UR-20 (Carl Zeiss) instrument in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were obtained on a Jeol FX 90Q instrument (89.55 MHz) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  using  $\text{SiMe}_4$  as the internal standard. TLC analysis was carried out on Silufol UV-254 (Kavalier) plates in dioxane. Alkoxymethylamines 4—6 were synthesized by the previously described procedure.<sup>7</sup>

**2-Methyl-2-methoxy-4-pivaloyl-8-diethylamino-oct-6-yne-3-one (7d).** A mixture of alkyne 2 (4.8 g, 0.02 mol), amine 4 (4.0 g, 0.024 mol), and  $\text{CuCl}$  (0.02 g, 0.02 mol) in dioxane (25 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 7 h in a nitrogen atmosphere (TLC control). The reaction mixture was then cooled, water (10 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was extracted with ether. The ethereal layer was washed with water and treated with 50 mL of diluted (1 : 1) HCl. The ethereal layer was separated and a solution of  $\text{NH}_3$  (25 %) was gradually added to the

residue. The ammonium solution was extracted with ether, the ethereal extract was dried with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the ether was distilled off, and the residue was distilled *in vacuo* to afford 4.4 g of **7d**. 4-Isobutyryl-2-methyl-2-methoxy-8-piperidinooct-6-yne-3-one (**7b**), 4-isobutyryl-2-methyl-2-methoxy-8-morpholinooct-6-yne-3-one (**7c**), 2-methyl-2-methoxy-8-morpholino-4-pivaloyloct-6-yne-3-one (**7e**), 4-benzoyl-2-methyl-2-methoxy-8-diethylaminooct-6-yne-3-one (**7f**), and 4-benzoyl-2-methyl-2-methoxy-8-morpholinooct-6-yne-3-one (**7g**) were synthesized by similar procedures.

**4-Isobutyryl-2-methyl-2-methoxy-8-diethylaminooct-6-yne-3-one (7a).** A mixture of alkyne **1** (4.48 g, 0.02 mol), paraform (0.5 g, 0.02 mol),  $\text{CuCl}$  (0.02 g, 0.02 mol), and diethylamine (1.46 g, 0.02 mol) in dioxane (50 mL) was stirred for 3 h at 50 °C. The product was isolated as described above for compound **7d** to afford 4.4 g of **7a**.

The yields, constants, elemental analysis data, and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $\beta$ -diketones **7a–g** are given in Table 1.

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## A synthesis of chlorofluoro(*N*-trimethylsilyl)imidophosphates

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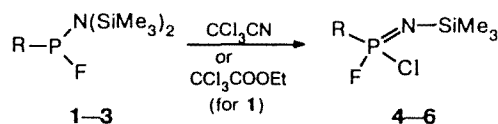
Reaction of bis(trimethylsilyl)amido fluorophosphites with the derivatives of trichloroacetic acid affords chlorofluoro(*N*-trimethylsilyl)imidophosphates.

**Key words:** chlorofluoro(*N*-trimethylsilyl)imidophosphates; bis(trimethylsilyl)amido fluorophosphites, ethyl trichloroacetate, trichloroacetonitrile, reactions.

Halo(*N*-trimethylsilyl)imidophosphates (*N*-trimethylsilyl-*P*-halophosphazenes) are of interest as the intermediates in the synthesis of various phosphazenes and polyphosphazenes.<sup>1,2</sup>

We have shown previously that the "halophilic"<sup>3</sup> reaction of bis(trimethylsilyl)amido phosphites with the derivatives of trichloroacetic acid is useful for the synthesis of compounds of such type. In the present work, it is found that in the case of bis(trimethylsilyl)amido fluorophosphites, this reaction affords the poorly studied<sup>4</sup> chlorofluoro(*N*-trimethylsilyl)imidophosphates. Thus, the reaction of bis(trimethylsilyl)amido fluorophosphites **1–3** with  $\text{CCl}_3\text{CN}$  gives phosphazenes **4–6**, respectively, whereas in the reactions with  $\text{CCl}_3\text{COOEt}$ , the desired product **4** is formed only from phosphite **1**.

Compounds **4–6** are colorless, nonviscous liquids fuming on air. Even when thoroughly protected from the moisture of air, they turn brown after several hours. The



- 1, 4:** R =  $\text{Et}_2\text{N}$   
**2, 5:** R =  $\text{Pr}^2\text{O}$   
**3, 6:** R =  $\text{Bu}^t\text{O}$

composition and structure of compounds **4–6** were established by the elemental analysis data and  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$ , and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR and IR spectroscopy (Table 1) and mass spectrometry.

One can assume that the considered reaction proceeds *via* the stage of the positive halogen atom abstraction; this pathway was proposed previously by us for the silylated derivatives of phosphorous acid.<sup>3</sup>