

stirring to a solution of  $\text{AdNH}_2$  (0.5 g, 3.3 mmol) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (20 mL) at  $0-5^\circ\text{C}$ . Then the mixture was boiled for 48 h until the characteristic signal of HN of  $\text{AdNHCl}$  at 4.05 ppm (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) disappeared from the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the sample. After the separation of the precipitate and evaporation of the solvent, the residue was dissolved in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (5 mL). After 2 h (at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ) precipitated crystals of product **2** (12 mg, 2.1 %) were separated.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta$ : 1.68 (br.q, 12 H,  $\delta\text{-CH}_2$ , AB spectrum,  $\Delta\nu = 30.0$ ,  $^2J = -12.2$  Hz), 1.85

(br.s, 12 H,  $\beta\text{-CH}_2$ ), 2.17 (br.s, 6 H,  $\gamma\text{-CH}$ ), 7.37 (t, 1 H, NCHN,  $^3J = 12.9$  Hz), 10.31 (br.d, 2 H, HN).

Product **1** was isolated from the mother liquor by chromatography on a column with silica gel (100–160 mm, eluent  $\text{CHCl}_3\text{--CCl}_4$ , 1 : 1). Diaziridine **1** (51 mg, 9.8 %) was obtained after two crystallizations from acetone, m.p.  $195^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $R_f = 0.38$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3\text{--CCl}_4$ , 1 : 1). Found (%): N, 9.19.  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_2$ . Calculated (%): N, 8.96. Partial MS (EI, 70 eV),  $m/z$  ( $I_{\text{rel}}$  (%)): 312 [ $\text{M}]^+$  (51.8), 177 [ $\text{M-Ad}]^+$  (6.1), 135 [ $\text{Ad}]^+$  (100), 42 [ $\text{M-2Ad}]^+$  (49.7).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta$ : 1.56 (br.s, 12 H,  $\beta\text{-CH}_2$ ), 1.59 (br.q, 12 H,  $\delta\text{-CH}_2$ , AB spectrum,  $\Delta\nu = 21.1$ ,  $^2J = -12.2$  Hz), 2.04 (br.s, 6 H,  $\gamma\text{-CH}$ ), 2.55 (s, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>N).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 29.41 (d,  $\gamma\text{-C}$ ,  $^1J = 132.2$  Hz), 36.76 (t,  $\delta\text{-C}$ ,  $^1J = 128.0$  Hz), 39.55 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>N,  $^1J = 173.0$  Hz), 39.66 (t,  $\beta\text{-C}$ ,  $^1J = 128.0$  Hz), 54.15 (s,  $\alpha\text{-C}$ ).

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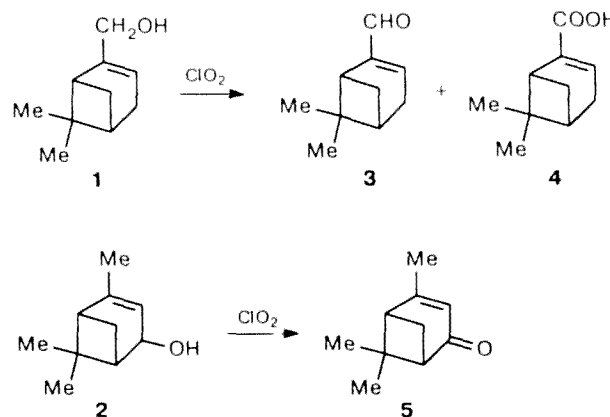
## Chlorine dioxide as a novel mild oxidant of allylic alcohols

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In addition to the known methods for oxidizing allylic alcohols to the corresponding carbonyl compounds,<sup>1</sup> we suggest a new method, oxidation with chlorine dioxide, which has not been previously used in organic synthesis. Being a highly reactive oxidation reagent,  $\text{ClO}_2$  is widely used in the paper and pulp industry for whitening cellulose.<sup>2</sup> The mechanism and products of the oxidation of model lignin compounds (styrene and stilbene derivatives) with chlorine dioxide have been studied in recent works.<sup>3</sup>

The terpenols myrtenol (**1**) and *trans*-verbenol (**2**), whose oxidation results in the formation of myrtenal (**3**), myrtenic acid (**4**), and verbenone (**5**), respectively, were chosen as substrates.



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GLC analysis was performed on an LKhM-80 chromatograph, argon was used as the carrier-gas, and a column was filled with 5 % SKTFT-50 on Chromaton N-AW-DMCS. Peaks were identified by comparison with known compounds, and the contents of the components were determined by internal normalization. IR spectra were recorded on a Specord M-80 instrument, and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Tesla instrument (100 MHz).

**Oxidation of 1.** Myrtenol **1** (0.45 g in 10 mL of  $\text{CCl}_4$ ) was oxidized by gaseous  $\text{ClO}_2$  at 50 °C for 45 min. The reaction was monitored by TLC on Silufol UV-336 plates with hexane—diethyl ether (5 : 2) as the eluent. Then the oxidation product was cooled and dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the solvent was distilled off, and the residue was analyzed by GLC. The degree of conversion of **1** was 61 %; myrtenal **3** (41 %) and myrtenic acid **4** (4 %) were formed. The oxidation product was twice treated in a separatory funnel with a 3 % aqueous solution of  $\text{NaOH}$ . Neutral compounds were extracted with diethyl ether. The alkaline layer was treated with 10 %  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  to the acidic reaction with Congo, compound **4** was extracted with diethyl ether, washed, and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and the solvent was evaporated. IR (KBr),  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3100–2500 (C—OH); 1690 (C=O); 1630 ( $\text{R}^1\text{R}^2\text{C}=\text{CR}^3\text{H}$ ); 1280 (C—O).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta$ : 0.798 (s), 1.34 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CMe}_2$ ); 2.455 (m, 4 H, 2  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 2.78 (t, 2 H, 2 CH); 6.989 (m, 1 H, CH=); 11.1 (br.s, 1 H, OH).

**Oxidation of 2.** *trans*-Verbenol **2** (0.4 g in 10 mL of ethanol) was oxidized by gaseous  $\text{ClO}_2$  at –20 °C for 30 min. TLC showed that the reaction ceased when the alcohol was entirely absent in the reaction mixture. According to GLC, the conversion of compound **2** was 100 %; the oxidation product consisted only of verbenone (**5**).

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