

4b, and alcohols **5a–d**. These results allowed us to suggest the formulae **2a–d** for the OAC synthesized. The presence of the broadened high-field signals in the ¹³C NMR spectra of **2a,b** at δ 0.29 and 9.77 assigned to the α -C atoms of the ethyl and alkyl groups, respectively, confirmed their structures.²

In this reaction, acyclic OAC **2** can be obtained only by catalytic hydrometallation *via* intermediate titanium hydride complexes (Ti–H). The idea on the key role of the Ti–H complexes in the reaction under discussion is confirmed by the results of the study reported previously³, which have demonstrated that the low-valent Ti complexes obtained by the reduction of TiCl₄ with metallic Mg split tetrahydrofuran yielding Ti hydrides and a mixture of gaseous products.

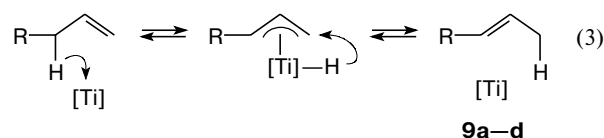
Unlike aliphatic α -olefins, arylenes give aryl-substituted aluminacyclopentanes **1** under the same conditions.¹

The known^{4–7} schemes of hydrometallation of α -olefins with "hydride-free" reagents, *e.g.*, Bu₃Al,⁴ Bu₂AlCl,^{5,6} or Et₃Al, involving Ti and Zr complexes do not explain the mechanism of the transformations observed and do not answer the question why EtAlCl₂ reacts with arylenes according to the cyclometallation route and with aliphatic α -olefins according to the hydrometallation route under the same conditions.

Experimental and literature data^{8,9} allow us to assume that arylenes behave like conjugated dienes and form stable titanacyclopentane intermediates with "Cp₂Ti" (analogously to phenyl-substituted titanacyclopentenes¹⁰), which are inert with respect to tetrahydrofuran. Aliphatic α -olefins or allylarenes probably give labile low-valent titanium complexes **6**, which split tetrahydrofuran yielding Ti hydrides,³ which reduce α -olefins.

Based on the results obtained, we suggested a scheme of the reaction of α -olefins with EtAlCl₂. Its first stage includes reduction of Cp₂TiCl₂ with Mg to "Cp₂Ti", which coordinates α -olefin and tetrahydrofuran molecules resulting in the formation of complex **6**. Dehydrogenation³ of the tetrahydrofuran molecule by low-valent Ti complexes **6** affords titanium hydrides⁷, which hydrometallate olefin molecules to give Ti alkyl derivatives **8**. Transmetalation of alkyl complexes **8** by the starting EtAlCl₂ resulting in the formation of OAC **2** and regeneration of the catalyst Cp₂TiCl₂ (see Scheme 1) is the terminal stage.

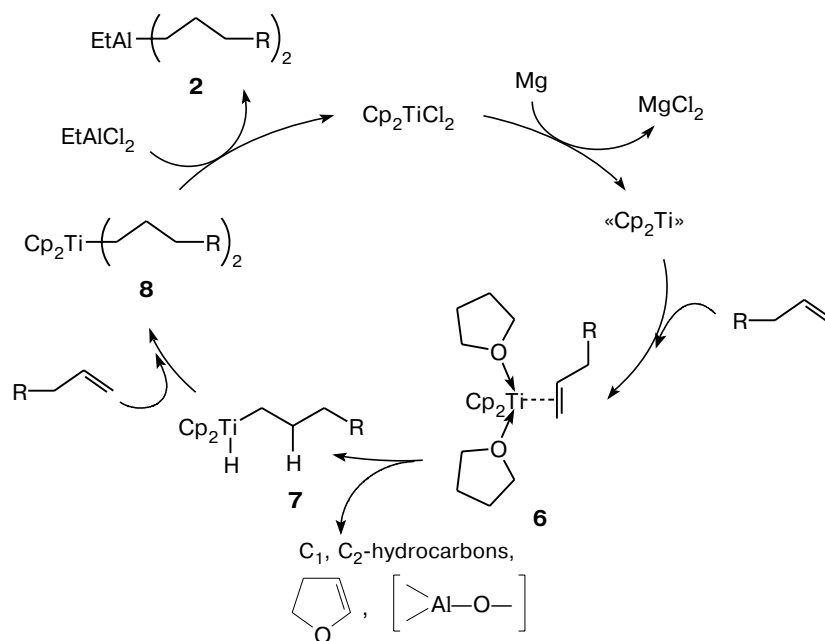
Depending on duration of the reaction and the ratio of the starting reagents and the catalyst, the reaction mixture contains 15–30% of disubstituted (*Z/E*)-olefins **9a–d**, which are likely generated by isomerisation of the starting α -olefins upon treatment with Ti complexes.¹¹



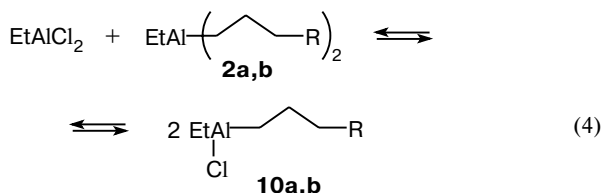
The reactions performed in Et₂O result in a decrease in the yield of OAC **2** to 25–40% and at the same time increase the content of (*Z/E*)-olefins **9a–d**. The reaction does not proceed in aliphatic solvents. When using benzene as a solvent, the reported¹² reaction of cyclometallation of α -olefins yielding regioisomeric alkyl-substituted aluminacyclopentanes is observed. The yield of alkylalanes **2** is 45–50% in the presence of 3–5 mol.% of titanium alkoxides (Ti(OPrⁱ)₄, Ti(OBuⁿ)₄).

Using ¹³C NMR spectra, we have established that the reaction mixture contains alkyl(chloro)ethylalanes **10a,b** along with dialkyl(ethyl)alanes, *e.g.*, **2a,b**. The

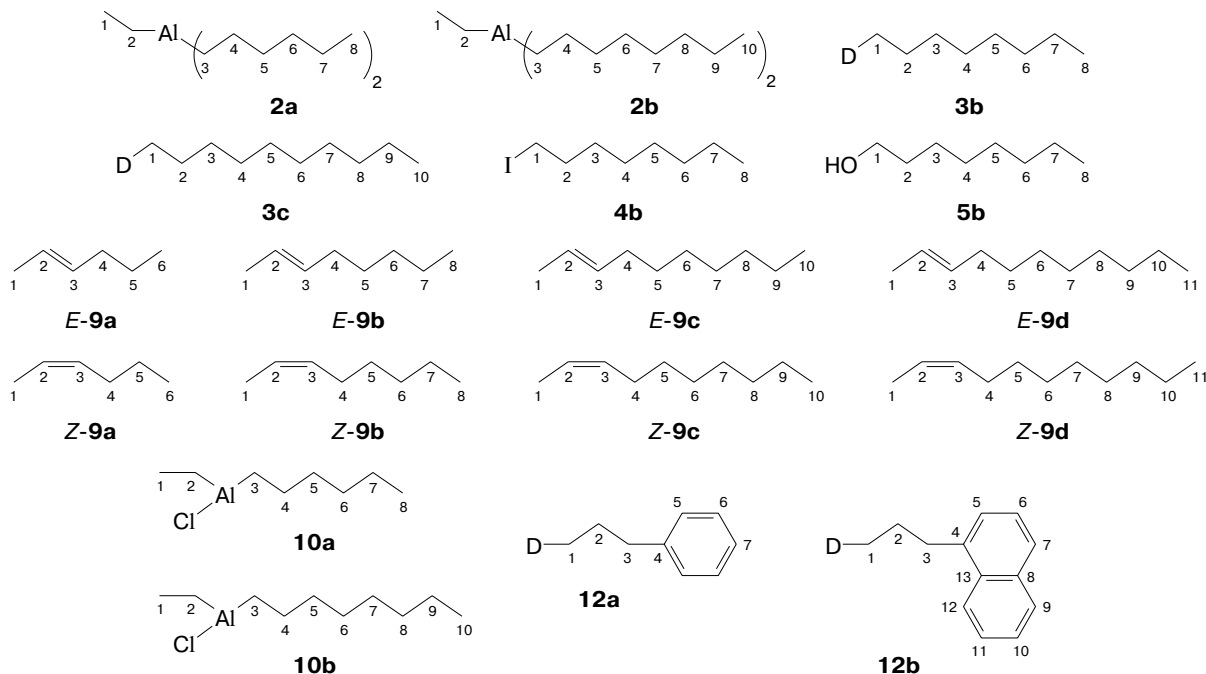
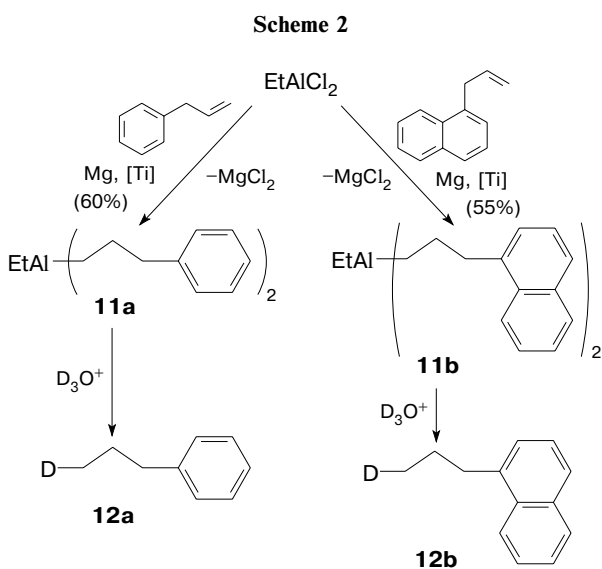
Scheme 1



former compounds can be generated¹³ by the exchange reaction of OAC **2** with the starting EtAlCl_2 .



Allylbenzene and allylnaphthalene were found to react with EtAlCl_2 in the presence of Cp_2TiCl_2 as the catalyst resulting in the corresponding higher OAC **11a,b** (Scheme 2) in the same way as alkyl-substituted α -olefins.



The results obtained attest that we have found a new direction of the reaction of EtAlCl_2 with α -olefins containing H atoms at the allylic C atom in the presence of the catalysts based on Ti complexes, which permits one to obtain acyclic OAC in the ether-type solvents.

Experimental

The reactions with organometallic compounds were carried out in the atmosphere of dry argon. Solvents were distilled from LiAlH_4 immediately before use. GLC analysis of the products of hydrolysis, deuterolysis, or iodolysis was performed on a Chrom-5 instrument with He as the carrier gas, using a 1200×3-mm column with 5% SE-30 or 15% PEG-6000 on Chromaton N-AW. IR spectra were recorded on a UR-20 spectrometer (film). Mass spectra were measured on an MKh-1306 spectrometer (70 eV, 200 °C). ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were registered in CDCl_3 on JEOL. FX-90 Q (90 and 22.5 MHz) and Bruker AM-300 (300 and 75 MHz) spectrometers, respectively, with Me_4Si as the internal standard. The ^{13}C NMR spectra of OAC were taken on a JEOL. FX-90Q spectrometer (22.5 MHz) in complete and partial proton decoupling modes. Dilute solutions of OAC in THF were used with the addition of C_6D_{12} for the internal field stabilization. The OAC solutions were placed in sealed ampoules under dry argon. The yields of OAC were determined by GLC analysis of the hydrolysis products. Alcohols **5a–d** were identified by comparison with the authentic samples.¹⁴

Reactions of α -olefins with EtAlCl_2 — Mg — $[\text{Ti}]$ (general procedure). An α -olefin (10 mmol), Cp_2TiCl_2 ($\text{Ti}(\text{OBu}^n)_4$, $\text{Ti}(\text{OPr}^i)_4$) (0.5 mmol), Mg powder (10 mg-at.), THF (10 mL), and EtAlCl_2 (12 mmol) were placed into a glass reactor at -5 °C under dry argon. The solution was heated to 21–22 °C and stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was oxidized with atmospheric oxygen at -50 °C or treated with 15% DCl in D_2O or with I_2 . The products were extracted with ether and isolated by distillation. Below is shown the numbering of the atoms of the resulting OAC and the products of their hydrolysis, deuterolysis, oxidation, and iodolysis:

Di(*n*-hexyl)ethylalane (2a). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₁₂, δ): 0.29 (br.t, C(2)); 8.15 (q, C(1)); 9.77 (br.t, C(3)); 14.07 (q, C(8)); 23.04 (t, C(7)); 27.79 (t, C(4)); 32.08 (t, C(6)); 35.46 (t, C(5)).

Di(*n*-octyl)ethylalane (2b). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₁₂, δ): 0.29 (br.t, C(2)); 8.15 (q, C(1)); 9.77 (br.t, C(3)); 13.94 (q, C(10)); 22.91 (t, C(9)); 27.79 (t, C(4)); 28.64 (t, C(6)); 29.61 (t, C(7)); 32.21 (t, C(8)); 35.85 (t, C(5)).

1-Deuteriohexane (3a), b.p. 68–69 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3756. IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 3000, 2160 (C–D), 1460, 1380, 950, 700. ¹H NMR, δ : 0.79–0.90 (m, 5 H, CH₂D, CH₃); 1.10–1.25 (m, 8 H, CH₂). MS, m/z : 87 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 82.68; H, 17.15. C₆H₁₃D. Calculated (%): C, 82.76; H, 14.94; D, 2.30.

1-Deuteriooctane (3b), b.p. 124–125 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3973. IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 3000, 2165 (C–D), 1455, 1390, 1075, 960, 700. ¹H NMR, δ : 0.80–0.94 (m, 5 H, CH₂D, CH₃); 1.20–1.42 (m, 12 H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 13.83 (t, C(1), ¹J_{CD} = 19.1 Hz); 14.09 (q, C(8)); 22.80 (t, C(2), C(7)); 29.56 (t, C(4), C(5)); 31.64 (t, C(3), C(6)). MS, m/z : 115 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 83.39; H, 16.43. C₈H₁₇D. Calculated (%): C, 83.48; H, 14.78; D, 1.74.

1-Deuteriodecane (3c), b.p. 57–58 °C (10 Torr), n_D^{20} 1.4112. IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 2160 (C–D). ¹H NMR, δ : 0.81–0.93 (m, 5 H, CH₂D, CH₃); 1.12–1.40 (m, 16 H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 13.83 (t, C(1), ¹J_{CD} = 19.1 Hz); 14.15 (q, C(10)); 22.80 (t, C(2), C(9)); 29.50 (t, C(4), C(7)); 29.76 (t, C(5), C(6)); 32.04 (t, C(3), C(8)). MS, m/z : 143 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 83.82; H, 15.99. C₁₀H₂₁D. Calculated (%): C, 83.91; H, 14.69; D, 1.40.

1-Deuterioundecane (3d), b.p. 75–76 °C (10 Torr), n_D^{20} 1.4168. IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 2160 (C–D). ¹H NMR, δ : 0.81–0.94 (m, 5 H, CH₂D, CH₃); 1.13–1.39 (m, 16 H, CH₂). MS, m/z : 157 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 83.99; H, 15.84. C₁₁H₂₃D. Calculated (%): C, 84.08; H, 14.65; D, 1.27.

1-Iodooctane (4b), b.p. 100 °C (10 Torr), n_D^{20} 1.4875. IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 510, 585, 720, 1160, 1465, 2860, 2965. ¹H NMR, δ : 0.78–0.94 (m, 3 H, CH₃); 1.25 (m, 10 H, CH₂); 1.69–1.86 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH₂I); 3.02–3.22 (m, 2 H, CH₂I). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 6.93 (t, C(1)); 14.09 (q, C(8)); 22.67 (t, C(7)); 28.12 (t, C(5)); 29.11 (t, C(4)); 30.54 (t, C(3)); 31.77 (t, C(6)); 33.60 (t, C(2)). MS, m/z : 240 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 40.25; H, 7.05. C₈H₁₇I. Calculated (%): C, 40.00; H, 7.08; I, 52.92.

Hex-2-ene (9a) (Z: E = 1 : 9), b.p. 68–69 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3966. ¹H NMR, δ : 0.88 (t, 3 H, CH₃, J = 7.1 Hz); 1.20–1.35 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH₃); 1.97–2.05 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH₂CH₃); 1.59–1.70 (m, 3 H, CH₃CH); 5.36–5.42 (m, 2 H, CH=CH). MS, m/z : 84 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 85.62; H, 14.19. C₆H₁₂. Calculated (%): C, 85.71; H, 14.29.

Oct-2-ene (9b), b.p. 123 °C, n_D^{20} 1.4129. ¹H NMR, δ : 0.90 (t, 3 H, CH₃, J = 7.1 Hz); 1.20–1.31 (m, 6 H, CH₂); 1.86–2.12 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH); 1.58–1.67 (m, 3 H, CH₃CH); 5.33–5.45 (m, 2 H, CH=CH). MS, m/z : 112 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 85.63; H, 14.19. C₈H₁₆. Calculated (%): C, 85.71; H, 14.29.

Dec-2-ene (9c), b.p. 78–80 °C (30 Torr). ¹H NMR, δ : 0.88 (t, 3 H, CH₃, J = 7.0 Hz); 1.12–1.40 (m, 10 H, CH₂); 1.93–2.05 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH); 1.61–1.65 (m, 3 H, CH₃CH); 5.33–5.45 (m, 2 H, CH=CH). MS, m/z : 140 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 85.62; H, 14.20. C₁₀H₂₀. Calculated (%): C, 85.71; H, 14.29.

Undec-2-ene (9d), b.p. 70–72 °C (10 Torr). ¹H NMR, δ : 0.88 (t, 3 H, CH₃, J = 7.1 Hz); 1.26–1.40 (m, 12 H, CH₂); 1.85–2.05 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH); 1.57–1.67 (m, 3 H, CH₃CH); 5.34–5.45 (m, 2 H, CH=CH). MS, m/z : 154 [M]⁺.

Found (%): C, 85.60; H, 14.19. C₁₁H₂₂. Calculated (%): C, 85.71; H, 14.29.

trans-Hex-2-ene (E-9a). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 14.11 (q, C(6)); 17.95 (q, C(1)); 22.80 (t, C(5)); 32.80 (t, C(4)); 125.02 (d, C(2)); 132.22 (d, C(3)).

cis-Hex-2-ene (Z-9a). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 12.92 (q, C(1)); 14.11 (q, C(6)); 22.80 (t, C(5)); 27.00 (t, C(4)); 123.62 (d, C(2)); 130.94 (d, C(3)).

trans-Oct-2-ene (E-9b). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 14.09 (q, C(8)); 17.92 (q, C(1)); 22.79 (t, C(7)); 29.50 (t, C(5)); 32.75 (t, C(4)); 32.10 (t, C(6)); 124.57 (d, C(2)); 131.79 (d, C(3)).

cis-Oct-2-ene (Z-9b). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 12.72 (q, C(1)); 14.09 (q, C(8)); 22.79 (t, C(7)); 26.96 (t, C(4)); 28.98 (t, C(5)); 32.10 (t, C(6)); 123.60 (d, C(2)); 130.94 (d, C(3)).

trans-Dec-2-ene (E-9c). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 14.15 (q, C(10)); 17.92 (q, C(1)); 22.80 (t, C(9)); 29.50 (t, C(7)); 29.76 (t, C(5), C(6)); 32.04 (t, C(8)); 32.69 (t, C(4)); 124.57 (d, C(2)); 131.73 (d, C(3)).

cis-Dec-2-ene (Z-9c). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 12.72 (q, C(1)); 14.15 (q, C(10)); 22.80 (t, C(9)); 26.96 (t, C(4)); 29.50 (t, C(7)); 29.76 (t, C(5), C(6)); 32.04 (t, C(8)); 123.60 (d, C(2)); 130.95 (d, C(3)).

trans-Undec-2-ene (E-9d). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 14.18 (q, C(11)); 17.97 (q, C(1)); 22.82 (t, C(10)); 29.50 (t, C(7)); 29.68 (t, C(5), C(6)); 29.82 (t, C(8)); 32.06 (t, C(9)); 32.71 (t, C(4)); 124.75 (d, C(2)); 131.90 (d, C(3)).

cis-Undec-2-ene (Z-9d). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 12.74 (q, C(1)); 14.18 (q, C(11)); 22.82 (t, C(10)); 26.98 (t, C(4)); 29.50 (t, C(7)); 29.68 (t, C(5), C(6)); 29.82 (t, C(8)); 32.06 (t, C(9)); 123.62 (d, C(2)); 130.96 (d, C(3)).

Ethyl(*n*-hexyl)aluminum chloride (10a). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₁₂, δ): 0.29 (br.t, C(2)); 8.67 (q, C(1)); 9.56 (br.t, C(3)); 13.94 (q, C(8)); 22.91 (t, C(7)); 27.07 (t, C(4)); 31.82 (t, C(6)); 34.86 (t, C(5)).

Ethyl(*n*-octyl)aluminum chloride (10b). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₁₂, δ): 0.29 (br.t, C(2)); 8.73 (q, C(1)); 9.77 (br.t, C(3)); 14.20 (q, C(10)); 22.91 (t, C(9)); 27.07 (t, C(4)); 28.12 (t, C(6)); 29.61 (t, C(7)); 32.21 (t, C(8)); 35.27 (t, C(5)).

(3-Deuteriopropyl)benzene (12a), b.p. 65 °C (30 Torr), n_D^{20} 1.4921. IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 3020, 3010, 2960, 2850, 2160 (C–D), 1500, 1450, 1020, 730, 690. ¹H NMR, δ : 0.90 (t, 2 H, CH₂D, J = 7.1 Hz); 1.35–1.70 (m, 2 H, CH₂); 2.58 (t, 2 H, CH₂–Ph, J = 7.1 Hz); 7.10–7.35 (m, 5 H, Ph). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 13.66 (t, C(1), ¹J_{CD} = 19.1 Hz); 22.30 (t, C(2)); 35.27 (t, C(3)); 142.54 (s, C(4)); 126.83 (d, C(5)); 126.42 (d, C(6)); 125.57 (d, C(7)). MS, m/z : 121 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 89.14; H, 10.66. C₉H₁₁D. Calculated (%): C, 89.26; H, 9.09; D, 1.65.

1-(3-Deuteriopropyl)naphthalene (12b), b.p. 116 °C (1 Torr), n_D^{20} 1.5307. IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 3000, 2160 (C–D), 1940, 1800, 1600, 1500, 1450, 980, 730, 690. ¹H NMR, δ : 1.10 (t, 2 H, CH₂D, J = 7.0 Hz); 1.80–1.90 (m, 2 H, CH₂); 2.98 (t, 2 H, CH₂–Ph, J = 7.0 Hz); 7.25–8.02 (m, 7 H, H arom.). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 13.96 (t, C(1), ¹J_{CD} = 19.1 Hz); 23.78 (t, C(2)); 35.09 (t, C(3)); 123.53 (d, C(6), C(12)); 125.68 (d, C(10)); 127.24 (d, C(11)); 128.34 (d, C(7)); 128.47 (d, C(5)); 128.80 (d, C(9)); 131.20 (s, C(13)); 132.12 (s, C(8)); 138.62 (s, C(4)). MS, m/z : 171 [M]⁺. Found (%): C, 91.14; H, 8.68. C₁₃H₁₃D. Calculated (%): C, 91.23; H, 7.60; D, 1.17.

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