CHIRALITY TRANSFER IN THE 1,5-HYDRIDE SHIFT OF A STANNYL COMPOUND HAVING CATIONIC CENTER AT δ -POSITION

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Chirality transfer with 7 : 1 selectivity was realized in the I_/AgOTf-induced 1,5-hydride shift of 2-methyl-5(R)-trimethylstannyl-1-hexene to 6-iodo-5(S)-methyl-1-hexene.

Some time ago, we reported¹⁾ that the treatment of 1 with TiCl₄ induced an elimination of chloride anion with concomitant hydride shift, resulting in the olefin formation (eq 1). Notably, only H_a -shift was observed with the substrates of n = 1 or 2, producing 2, while only H_b -shift was observed when n = 3 or 4, producing 3. The reaction was also noted for its high trans selectivity.



These facts induced us to propose a reaction scheme involving a cyclic transition state 4, in which the trimethylstannyl group and migrating hydrogen atom occupy the anti-periplanar position.²⁾ With a view to prove the scheme, as well as to extend the scope of the reaction, we envisioned to achieve a chirality transfer from the tin-bearing carbon to the cationic center. For this purpose, the creation of a prochiral cationic center is requisite, and we 4 manipulated a reaction system shown in eq 2.

The optically active 7 was prepared from (S)-methyloxirane 5 through a reaction sequence shown in eq 2. We assigned (R)-configuration for 7 because the reaction of a tosylate with Me₂SnLi is known to proceed with



a) i) 2-methyl-2-propenylmagnesium bromide, ii) TsCl/Py; b) Me₃SnLi; c) I₂/AgOTf;

complete inversion.³⁾ When treated with $I_2/AgOTf$ in CH_2Cl_2 at -78 $^{\circ}C$, 7 underwent the 1,5-hydride shift to afford terminal olefin 9 in about 70% yield. In order to evaluate the optical purity, the iodide 9 was converted to a diastereomeric mixture of the corresponding L-menthyl ether 11, and the diastereomeric ratio was determined on a capillary gas chromatography. Two peaks with area ratio of 7 to 1 were observed, while the ratio was 1 to 1 in case of the menthyl ether derived from racemic 7.

The absolute stereochemistry of the newly-created chiral center of the major product was assigned as (S), since the product was identical with the authentic 11, prepared from (S)-citronellic acid 12 (eq 3), on GLC and NMR analyses.



a) i) $H_2O_2/HCOOH$, 40 $^{\circ}C$; ii) acetone/ZnCl₂; iii) $ClCOOEt/Et_3N/NaN_3/acetone$, -5 ~ 0 $^{\circ}C$; iv) reflux/toluene; b) reflux/AcOH; c) $NaNO_2/AcOH-Ac_2O$, 0 $^{\circ}C$; d) reflux/hexane; e) i) NaOH/EtOH-H₂O, reflux; ii) TsCl/Py, 0 $^{\circ}C$; iii) L-menthol/Na/toluene, reflux; f) i) HCl/EtOH-H₂O, rt; ii) $NaIO_4/dioxane-H_2O$, rt; iii) Ph₃P(Br)Me/n-BuLi/Et₂O, rt.

The results show that the reaction proceeds through a cyclic transition state 13, in which trimethylstannyl and iodonium π -complex moieties occupy quasi-equatorial positions. The introduction of a chiral center at a position remote from any chiral functionality is one of the challenging problems in organic synthesis. Although the remote chirality transfer is observed in signatropic



rearrangement, only few cases⁴⁾ are known with non-conjugated system.

The I⁺-induced 1,5-hydride shift was also attained with $(\pm)-8$, which gave $(\pm)-10$ in 71% yield. The typical procedure is as follows. To a mixture of AgOTf (0.5 mmol) and 7 or 8 (0.4 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 ml), was added a solution of iodine (0.5 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 ml) at -78 $^{\circ}C$ under nitrogen, and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at this temperature. The crude material, after washing with NaHCO₃ aq, and treating with a short column of silica gel, gave the product as an almost pure sample.

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