Radical Cyclization of 1-Allyloxy-2-halo-1-silacyclopentane. Application to Stereoselective Synthesis of 1,4.6-Triols

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Abstract: Treatment of 1-allyloxy-1-phenyl-2-bromo-1-silacyclopentane with n-Bu₃SnH in the presence of catalytic amount of Et₃B provided 1-sila-2-oxabicyclo[3.3.0]octane which was converted into 1,4,6-triol.

Radical cyclization reactions developed in the last years represent a breakthrough for synthetic radical chemistry.¹ Silylmethyl radical cyclizations have been widely used as an indirect method for acyclic stereocontrol.² Recently we have reported³ that an addition of lithium carbenoids such as LiCHX₂ (X = Br, I) to 1,1-dimethyl-1-silacyclobutane provided the corresponding 2-halo-1-silacyclopentanes. Here we wish to describe stereoselective cyclization of silylmethyl radicals derived from 1-allyloxy-2-halo-1-silacyclopentanes.

Intramolecular cyclization of 2-bromo-1-silacyclopentane **1a** (1.0 mmol) with n-Bu₃SnH (1.1 mmol) in the presence of a catalytic amount of triethylborane (0.2 mmol)⁴ afforded the cyclized product **3a** which was converted into an isomeric mixture of triacetate **5a** and **6a** (**5a**:**6a** = 86:14)⁵ by direct oxidation⁶ followed by acetylation in an overall yield of 32% from **1a**. Treatment of **1b** or **1c** with n-Bu₃SnH-Et₃B and successive oxidation also gave an isomeric mixture of the corresponding triacetate **5b** and **6b** (**5b**:**6b** = 82:18) or **5c** and **6c** (**5c**:**6c** = 64:36) in 60% or 72% overall yield, respectively. Atom transfer cyclization⁷ reaction of **2a**, **2b**, or **2c** with a catalytic amount of Et₃B gave the cyclized product **4a**, **4b**, or **4c** which was transformed into the same isomeric mixture of triacetate **5a**:**6a** = 88:12, **5b**:**6b** = 88:12, or **5c**:**6c** = 70:30 by successive treatment with n-Bu₃SnH, H₂O₂-KF-KHCO₃, and Ac₂O-pyridine in 37%, 35%, or 22% overall yield based on the starting silacyclopentane **2**.



The cyclization of 2-bromo-1-silacyclopentanes prepared from secondary allylic alcohols proved to proceed with high stereospecificity. An addition of LiCHBr₂ to allyloxysilacyclobutane **19d** (See *infra*) provided a mixture of two diastereomers⁸ 7a and 11a in a 1:1 ratio which were separated each other by silica-gel column chromatography. Treatment of a benzene solution of 7a with n-Bu₃SnH-Et₃B at 25 °C gave 1-sila-2-oxabicyclo[3.3.0]octane 8a and 1-sila-2-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane 9a in 65% and 9% yields. In addition to the formation of cyclized product, the reduction product 10a was obtained in 15% yield. In contrast, the diastereomer 11a provided 12a (41%), 13a (9%), and 10a (16%) upon treatment with n-Bu₃SnH-Et₃B. In these reactions, the 5-exo mode cyclization predominated, but the 6-endo mode could also be observed. Meantime, cyclization reaction of 7b or 11b gave only 5-exo mode product, 8b or 12b.



It is worth noting that the product **8a**, **8b**, **12a**, or **12b** was obtained as a single stereoisomer without any contamination by other diastereomers. Whereas the oxidative cleavage of carbon-silicon bonds of **8a** with H_2O_2 -KF-KHCO₃ provided (4R*,5S*,6S*)-5,7,7-trimethyloctane-1,4,6-triol **14a**,⁹ oxidation of **12a** afforded a stereoisomeric (4S*,5S*,6S*)-triol **15a**.



Intermolecular reaction of 2-halo-1-silacyclopentane with carbon-carbon multiple bonds was examined. An addition of Et_3B to a hexane solution of 1,1-dimethyl-2-iodo-1-silacyclopentane 16 and phenylacetylene or trimethylsilylacetylene provided iodoalkene 17a (E:Z = 24:76) or 17b (E:Z = 13:87) in 41% or 55% yield. The reaction of 16 with other carbon-carbon multiple bonds such as 1-dodecyne, methyl acrylate, and 1-dodecene resulted in a recovery of the starting material along with reduced 1,1-dimethyl-1-

silacyclopentane.



1-Allyloxy-2-halo-1-silacyclopentanes were prepared as follows. Treatment of 3-chloropropyldichlorophenylsilane with magnesium gave 1-chloro-1-phenyl-1-silacyclobutane 18 (bp 54 °C/0.5Torr, 59% isolated yield) according to the reported procedure.¹¹ An addition of allylic alcohols to a benzenesolution of 18 in the presence of pyridine afforded allyloxysilacyclobutanes 19. Treatment of 19 with lithiumcarbenoid LiCHBr₂ or LiCHI₂ provided the corresponding silacyclopentanes 1, 2, 7, and 11.¹²



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IR (neat) 2960, 1738, 1369, 1235, 1038, 966 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.96 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.53– 1.77 (m, 5H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 6H), 3.89 (dd, J = 6.4, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd, J = 7.1, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 4.90–5.05 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 11.33, 20.82, 20.87, 20.92, 24.89, 27.93, 35.74, 63.91, 65.70, 73.10, 170.58, 170.97. Found: C, 56.72; H, 8.12%. Calcd for C₁₃H₂₂O₆: C, 56.92; H, 8.09%. Following the same procedure, threo triacetate **6a** was prepared starting from the corresponding trans epoxy alcohol. **6a**: Bp 77.5 °C/0.5 Torr; IR (neat) 2960, 1738, 1369, 1235, 1038, 966 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.97 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.52–1.73 (m, 5H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 6H), 3.95–4.10 (m, 4H), 4.90–4.98 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 13.46, 20.82, 20.92, 20.95, 24.53, 27.66, 35.96, 64.02, 65.55, 74.27, 170.58, 171.12.



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i) separation by silica-gel column chromatography ii) dihydropyran, *p*-TsOH iii) LiAlH₄ iv) DMSO-(COCI)₂, Et₃N v) LiC=CCH₂OTHP vi) H₂, PtO₂ vii) *p*-TsOH / MeOH viii) See ref 10

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