Intramolecular Cyclization of β -(Alkoxycarbonyl)allylsilane with Conjugated Ketone. A New Entry to Bicyclo[4.3.0]nonane

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Abstract: Bicyclo[4.3.0]nonane ring systems with exo-methylene group on five membered ring were synthesized by using intramolecular cyclization between β -(alkoxycarbonyl)allylsilane and α,β -unsaturated ketone. The stereochemistry of cyclization is also described.

Recently we reported that intramolecular cyclization of ω -formyl- α -trimethylsilylmethyl- α , β -unsaturated carboxylic esters produces a carbocyclic ring and an α -methylene- γ -lactone moiety at once. 1,2 Since α -trimethylsilylmethyl- α , β -unsaturated carboxylic ester group can react as both nucleophile (allylsilane) and electrophile (Michael accepter), the reaction of this moiety with appropriate C-C bond is expected to form five memberd carbocyclic ring. While β -(functionalized-methyl)allylsilanes are studied as useful building block to form five or seven membered carbocycles. We now report an intramolecular reaction of β -(ethoxycarbonyl)allylsilane with α , β -conjugated ketone⁴ in the presence of Lewis acid or fluoride to form bicyclo[4.3.0]nonane with exo-methylene group on five membered ring.

Cyclization precursors (1a and 1b) were synthesized as shown in Scheme 1. Hoffmann's Wittig reaction⁵ of 6-(tetrahydropyranyloxy)hexanal (2), prepared from 1,6-hexanediol², produced (Z)- and (E)-mixture of β -

Scheme 1. Reagents and conditions. i. (EtO)₂POCH(CH₂SiMe₃)COOEt, NaH, DME, r.t. ii. 5%HCl/THF (1:4), reflux. iii. DMSO, (COCl)₂, Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂, -60°C. iv. (MeO)₂POCH₂COCH₃, NaH, DME, r.t.

(ethoxycarbonyl)allylsilane 3 in 84% yield. The ratio of two products was determined to be 2:1 from the ¹H-NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture [δ 6.54 (t, J=7.3Hz) for Z-isomer and 5.64 (t, J=7.7Hz) for E-isomer]. Deprotection of 3 by HCl aq. in refluxing THF afforded alcohol 4 (95% yield), which was converted to aldehyde 5 by Swern oxidation (64%). Two geometrical isomers 5a and 5b were separated by silica gel chromatography at this stage. The cyclization precursors 1a and 1b were obtained by Wittig-Horner reaction of 5a and 5b, respectively, with (MeO)₂POCH₂COCH₃/NaH (78% from 5a and 61% from 5b). The E-configuration of the enone moiety was established from NOE between olefinic protons and acetyl protons.

Cyclization reaction was then examined by using some Lewis acids. The results are summarized in Table. The stereochemistries of the products 6a and 6b were determined by J-values, after separation by silica gel column chromatography⁶. Although the ratio of two products 6a and 6b was dependent on cyclizing reagent, cis-product 6a was predominant from E-precursor 1a, and trans-product 6b was predominant from E-precursor 1b. This stereochemical feature of cyclization can be rationalized as follows. From the assumption that the six-membered carbocyclic ring takes chair conformation, 6a and 6b are considered to be formed from 1a via i-iii (Scheme 2). The results indicate that conformation i, in which two side chains are both equatorial, is disfavored because of the interaction between two oxygen functionalities¹. While such interaction is not expected for both ii and iii, and therefore, 6a was obtained as the major isomer. The favorable formation of 6b from 1b is simply rationalized by intermediate iv, which has two equatorial side chains with no oxygen repulsion.

The second cyclization reactions of both 6a and 6b were carried out by two ways as follows. First, treatment with NaH in THF at room temperature afforded bicyclic compounds 7a and 7b in 60% and 77% yields,

Table: Cyclization of 1a and 1b by Lewis acids.

precursor	reagent	equiv.	solvent	temp.	time(h)	yield(%)	ratio(6a:6b)
1a	TiCl ₄	1.5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	r.t.	18	89	8:1
1a	BF3OEt2	1.5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	r.t.	18	89	20:1
1a	SnCl ₄	1.5	CH_2Cl_2	r.t.	1	96	16:1
1a	EtAlCl ₂	3	CH_2Cl_2	r.t.	46	89	6:1
1b	TiCl ₄	1.5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	r.t.	20	91	1:9
1b	BF3OEt2	1.5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	r.t.	24	91	1:6
1 b	SnCL ₄	1.5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	r.t.	1	98	1:3
1b	EtAlCl ₂	3	CH ₂ Cl ₂	r.t.	45	91	1:2.5

respectively. Compound 7a was found to be a mixture of isomers (ratio 4:1), while 7b was obtained as a single isomer⁷. We suppose that the configurations of acetyl groups are the result of equilibration under basic condition.

Since 7a and 7b were unstable on silica gel, another route to bicyclo[4.3.0]nonane skeleton was examined (Scheme 3). Thus reduction of 6a with LiAlH4 followed by PDC oxidation afforded keto aldehyde 8a. Then bicyclic compound 9a was obtained by intramolecular aldol condensation of 8a using KOH-EtOH. Similarly, 6b was converted to 9b by the same route.

On the other hand, when 1a and 1b were treated with tetra-N-butylammonium fluoride (TBAF), both hydroxy esters 6a,b and bicyclic compounds 7a,b were obtained. The ratio was found to be 6a:6b:7a:7b=57:16:21:6 from 1a (totally 79%) and 25:65:2:8 from 1b (83%), both of which were determined from the ¹H-NMR spectra of the reaction mixtures. In respect to the substitution pattern of six membered ring, combined *cis/trans* ratio was roughly same as the case of Lewis acid promoted cyclizations for both 1a and 1b⁸.

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Scheme 3. Reagents and conditions. i. LiAlH₄, THF, r.t. ii. PDC, CH₂Cl₂, r.t. iii. KOH, EtOH-H₂O, r.t.

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- 6a: IR 1725, 1715 cm⁻¹, ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) \$ 6.81 (1H, t, *J*=1 Hz), 5.35 (1H, t, *J*=1.5 Hz), 2.79 (1H, br dt, *J*=11, 4 Hz), 2.58 (1H, d quint, *J*=8, 4 Hz), 2.31 (1H, dd, *J*=16, 8 Hz), 2.24 (1H, dd, *J*=16, 5 Hz), 2.05 (3H, s); 6b: IR 1720 cm⁻¹, ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) \$ 6.21 (1H, d, *J*=1 Hz), 5.56 (1H, brs), 2.43 (1H, dd, *J*=16, 3 Hz), 2.29 (1H, dt, *J*=3.5, 12 Hz), 2.12 (1H, dd, *J*=16, 10 Hz), 2.07 (3H, s), 2.02 (1H, tq, *J*=3, 10 Hz).
- 7a: IR 1730, 1710 cm⁻¹, ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.88 and 5.23 (each 1H, d, J=3 Hz, for major isomer), 6.11 and 5.29 (each 1H, d, J=3 Hz, for minor isomer); 7b: IR 1730, 1710 cm⁻¹, ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.94 and 5.18 (each 1H, dd, J=3, 1 Hz).
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