

TRICYCLO[3.3.0.0^{2,8}]OCT-3-ENES: THEIR ACID CLEAVAGE REACTIONS
AND CYCLOADDITIONS WITH DIENOPHILES

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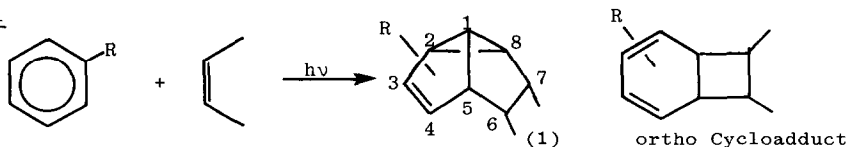
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Abstract - Tricyclo[3.3.0.0^{2,8}]oct-3-enes are conveniently obtained by the meta photocycloaddition of ethenes to benzenoid compounds. Acid catalyzed cleavage of the cyclopropane ring in the photoadduct affords bicyclo[3.3.0] and [3.2.1]octane derivatives and dienophiles undergo [2 π +2 π] and [2 π +2 σ +2 π] cycloaddition to the ethene and ethenylcyclopropane moieties respectively. The preferred mode of reaction for both processes is controlled by the nature and position of the substituents in the meta cycloadduct.

The meta photocycloaddition of ethenes to benzenoid compounds directly yields tricyclo[3.3.0.0^{2,8}]oct-3-enes (dihydrosemibullvalenes) (1) and is potentially one of the most synthetically useful photochemical reactions that have been discovered.^{1,2} Since the first reports of the process in 1966³ numerous accounts concerning the mechanistic aspects and scope of the reaction have been published.^{1,4} From data of the relative electron donor-acceptor properties of a benzene-ethene pair, the feasibility of the photoaddition proceeding preferentially by a meta or ortho reaction (see Scheme 1) can now be readily assessed.⁵ Even in systems where the latter process has the higher quantum efficiency, the greater photolability of the ortho cycloadducts compared to the meta isomers under the conditions of their formation means that on prolonged irradiation the dihydrosemibullvalenes frequently predominate. Further, the factors which dictate the regio- and stereo-chemistries of the meta photocycloaddition have largely

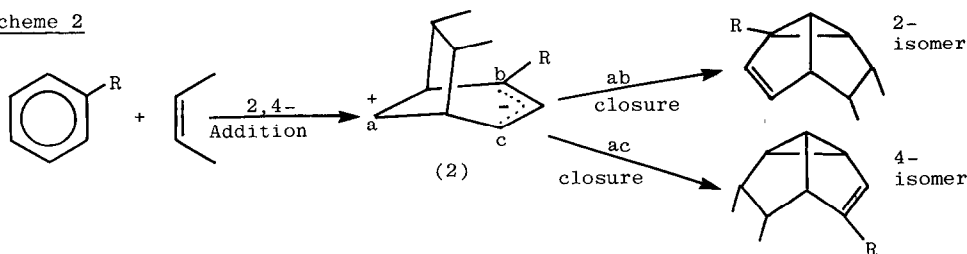
Scheme 1



been elucidated,^{6,7} although it must be admitted that control remains to be achieved over the isomer formation which in some cases results from the two directions of cyclopropane ring formation in the reaction intermediate (2) as shown in Scheme 2.⁸ Nonetheless the combination of the applicability of the meta cycloaddition to a wide variety of ethene-benzene pairs, its occurrence as essentially the sole intramolecular reaction from 254 nm irradiation of 5-phenylpent-1-ene derivatives,⁹ and the feasibility of obtaining multigram

quantities of the adducts with high isomer selectivity, render this photoprocess most attractive as a synthetic step towards a variety of naturally occurring compounds.² Yet despite these features of the process, with the notable exception of the elegant studies of Wender and co-workers principally with intramolecular systems,² the general synthetic usefulness of the *meta* photocycloaddition of ethenes to benzenoid compounds remains essentially unexploited. Reports by ourselves¹⁰ and others,^{11,12} however, have indicated that chemical transformations of *meta* photocycloadducts may have more general synthetic potential than currently appreciated. Acidolysis of the cyclopropane ring to give bicyclo[3.3.0] or [3.2.1] octane derivatives and thermal reaction of the ethenylcyclopropane moiety of the *meta* adduct with dienophiles could be particularly useful processes but the present sparse data does not allow reaction mode predictability in either case. We now report on the features of the adducts which influence and control their acidolysis and cycloaddition processes, and thereby we demonstrate that these readily accessible ethenylcyclopropane systems

Scheme 2



can be conveniently and selectively transformed to various commonly encountered ring systems.

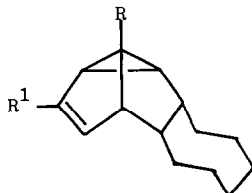
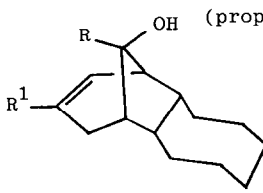
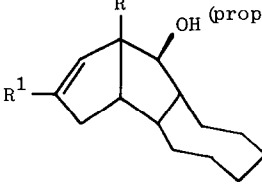
Results and Discussion

i) Acidolysis of *meta* Photocycloadducts of Ethenes and Benzenoid Compounds.

There is a wealth of well-documented data concerning the acidolysis of cyclopropane derivatives¹³ but the reactions with the ethenylcyclopropane moiety of *meta* photocycloadducts has attracted little attention. From initial studies using the benzene-cyclopentene adduct and 84% aqueous acetone containing 4% v/v of concentrated hydrochloric acid, it was suggested that protonation at the 4-position occurred and led to cleavage of the 2,8-bond giving hydroxy-bicyclo[3.3.0]octene derivatives.¹⁴ Subsequent X-ray data of similarly derived products from other *meta* photocycloadducts discounted these structures and the bicyclo[3.2.1]octene skeleton resulting from 1,2-cleavage was confirmed for the acidolysis products.^{11,15} The studies described below illustrate that the product of acidolysis of *meta* adducts can be essentially controlled by the position and nature of the substituent and further, since the yields from both the photoaddition reaction and the facile cyclopropane ring opening are good, the formation of bicyclo[3.3.0] and [3.2.1] octane derivatives by this route becomes synthetically attractive.

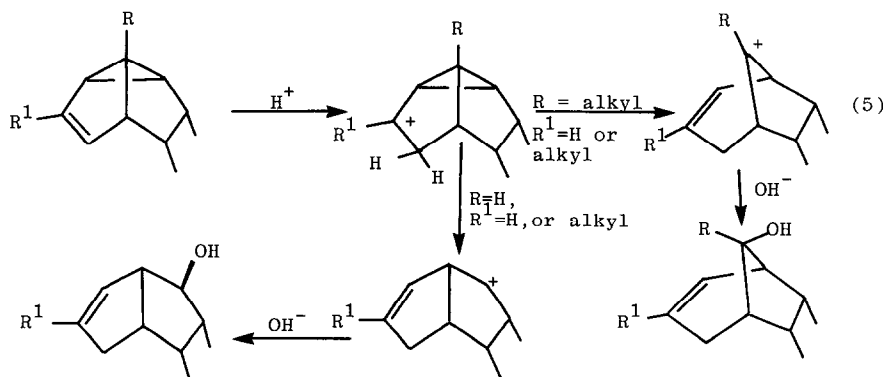
The influence of alkyl substituents on the mode of cyclopropane ring opening under acidolysis conditions was investigated using the *meta* photocycloadducts of a variety of alkylbenzenes with *cis* cyclo-octene. These systems were chosen since they allow the selective formation of 1- and 3-substituted adduct isomers as a result of the influence of substituent size on the positions of photoaddition of the cycloalkene onto the arene.^{7,16} The adducts were conveniently synthesized by 254 nm irradiation of equivolume mixtures of the arene and ethene. In order to eliminate decomposition and formation of chlorinated products during acidolysis, the hydrochloric acid concentration was necessarily reduced from

4% to 0.75%. Under gentle reflux, the photoadducts were then converted essentially quantitatively within 3.5h into the bicyclic alcohols. In order to illustrate the main substituent effects on the course of acidolysis, representative examples of the results are presented in Table 1. The bicyclo[3.3.0] and Table 1. Acidolysis Products of Selected meta Photocycloadducts of cis Cyclo-octene and Alkylbenzenes

Photoadduct	Product of 1,2-Bond Cleavage	Product of 2,8-Bond Cleavage
	 (proportion)	 (proportion)
R=R ¹ =H (6)	R=R ¹ =H (50%) (18)*	R=R ¹ =H (50%) (19)*
R=Me, R ¹ =H	R=Me, R ¹ =H (100%) (17)	-
R=H, R ¹ =Bu ^t	R=H, R ¹ =Bu ^t (10%)	R=H, R ¹ =Bu ^t (90%) (4)
R=Me, R ¹ =Pr ⁱ	R=Me, R ¹ =Pr ⁱ (100%) (3)	-

* Separated and identified as the corresponding ketones.

[3.2.1]octanol structures were proven by X-ray crystallographic analysis of derivatives in the case of (3) and (4). Structural assignments for the other products were achieved by comparison of their spectral characteristics with those of (3) and (4). Formation of the two bicyclo-octane systems is readily rationalised in terms of protonation at the 4-position of the photoadduct followed by cleavage of either the 1,2- or 2,8-cyclopropane bonds (see Scheme 3). Support Scheme 3

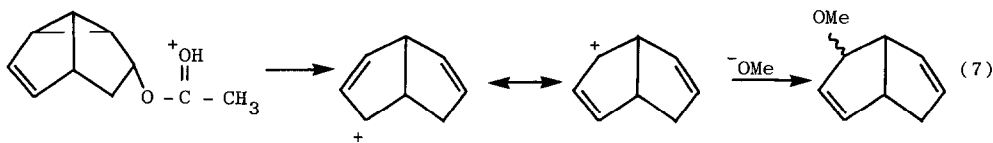


for this proposal is provided by the lack of reaction of the hydrogenated meta cycloadducts under the present acid conditions. It is evident that the position of the substituent markedly influences which bond of the cyclopropane ring is preferentially cleaved. Thus a 1-substituent results in specific breaking of the 1,2-bond to produce the tertiary carbocation (5) and thence the 8-hydroxy-bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-ene whereas 2,8-cleavage and formation of the bicyclo[3.3.0]

oct-2-ene skeleton requires a 3-substituent in the photoadduct. The 2,8-cleavage is selective to 75-90% but for examples in which both 3- and 1-substituents are present the latter controls the reaction and again breaking of the 1,2-bond is the sole process. In contrast to these results, acidolysis of the unsubstituted adduct (6) from benzene and *cis* cyclo-octene gives a 1:1 mixture of alcohols resulting from both 1,2- and 2,8- opening of the cyclopropane ring. This result is surprising since the reaction of the corresponding benzene-cyclopentene adduct with acid yields only the bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-ene skeleton¹⁴ and hence it appears that the mode of cyclopropane cleavage in unsubstituted dihydrosemibullvalene systems can be unexpectedly susceptible to minor structural changes at remote sites. The presence of substituents does, however, render the cleavage predictable but in contrast to the above directing effects, the three examples of acidolysis of intramolecular *meta* photocycloadducts which have been reported all occur by exclusive breaking of the 2,8-bond regardless of the presence or absence of a 1-substituent:¹⁷ this feature in intramolecular systems remains to be explained.

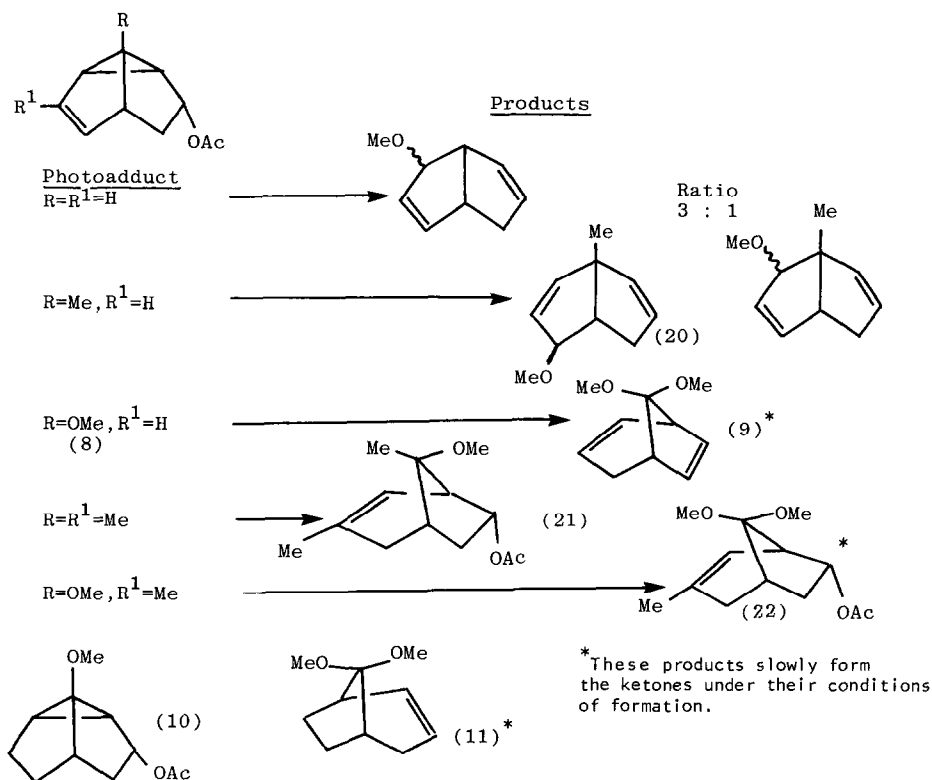
Irradiation of benzenoid compounds in the presence of vinyl acetate conveniently yields dihydrosemibullvalenes having a 7-*endo* acetate substituent as the major products.¹⁸ We have previously noted that the *meta* cycloadduct derived from benzene can readily be transformed on refluxing in weakly acidic methanol into the bicyclo[3.3.0]octadiene (7).¹⁰ This specific 2,8-ring opening of the cyclopropane ring is accounted for by protonation at the acetate function and ethenylcyclopropane assisted elimination of acetic acid as shown in Scheme 4. Wender and co-workers have used arene-vinyl acetate *meta* photocyclo-

Scheme 4



adducts as key intermediates in synthetic routes to modhephene¹⁹ and isoiridomyrmecin²⁰ and in view of such synthetic potential of these readily accessible photoproducts, the possibility of controlling the methanolysis-elimination reaction by substitution on the ethenylcyclopropane system has been investigated. The results presented in Table 2 are to illustrate particular directing effects of substituents which, from a study of a variety of vinyl acetate derived adducts, appear to be general. It is evident that the presence of 1-alkyl groups has little or no effect on the reaction of these *meta* adducts in acidified methanol and for the mono-substituted compounds acetate protonation and 2-8 bond cleavage is, as for the unsubstituted adduct, the exclusive pathway. Treatment of the 1-methoxy compound (8) under the present conditions again appears to involve acetate protonation but now cleavage of the 1,8- rather than the 2,8-bond of the dihydrosemibullvalene accompanies elimination of the acetic acid. Consistent with this interpretation for the formation of (9) rather than a route involving 4-protonation and breaking of the 1,2-bond with subsequent acetic acid elimination, the hydrogenated adduct (10) underwent ready methanolysis and elimination to give (11). Hydrogenation of (9) and (11) followed by further hydrolysis gave the common product, bicyclo[3.2.1]octan-3-one. The presence of a 3-alkyl substituent for both the 1-alkyl- and 1-methoxy-dihydrosemibullvalene acetates has a pronounced effect on the methanolysis reaction. The products now evidently

Table 2. Products from Treatment of meta Photocycloadducts of Vinyl Acetate and Substituted Benzenes with MeOH/H⁺



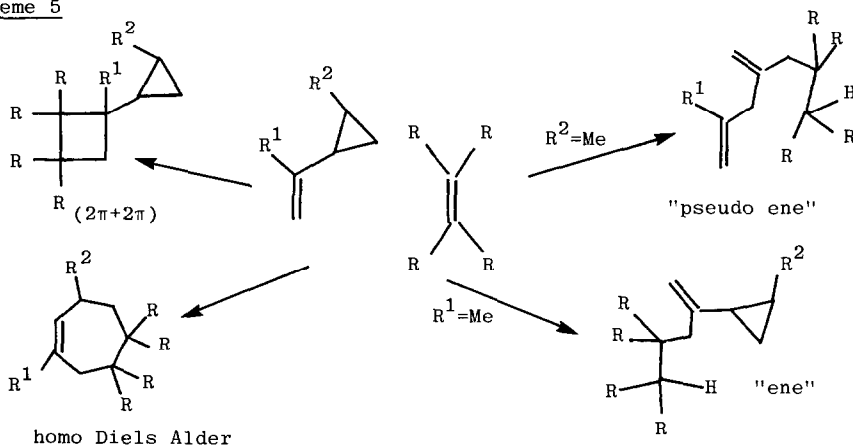
result from protonation at the 4-position and cleavage of the 1,2-cyclopropane bond leaving the acetate function in the product. Thus the reactions of vinyl acetate meta photocycloadducts in acidic methanol may be specifically controlled by substituents on the ethenylcyclopropane moiety to yield bicyclo[3.3.0]octa-2,6-dienes by 2,8-bond cleavage and acetate elimination or bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-ene or -diene derivatives by breaking of the 1,2- or 1,8-cyclopropane bond and retention or elimination of the acetate respectively.

ii) Reactions of meta Photocycloadducts of Ethenes and Benzenoid Compounds with Dienophiles.

There is a limited literature concerning the reactions of ethenylcyclopropane systems with dienophiles. Products of $(2\pi+2\pi)$ ²¹ and $(2\pi+2\sigma+2\pi)$ (homo Diels Alder) cycloadditions,²² and of "ene"²² and "pseudo ene"¹² additions (Scheme 5) have all been reported and from the sparse available data it appears that which pathway is preferred is dependent on the substitution on the ethenyl cyclopropane²³ and the nature of the dienophile.²² Further, the formation of $(2\pi+2\pi)$ cycloadducts can be markedly influenced by the polarity of the solvent,²¹ and in some systems the reaction is apparently complicated by the thermal rearrangement of the cyclobutane to a cycloheptene, the homo Diels Alder product.²⁴

Despite the versatile and convenient synthesis of ethenyl cyclopropane systems by the meta photocycloaddition of ethenes to benzenoid compounds, there has been very scant interest shown over the years in the reaction of these adducts with dienophiles. We reported the $(2\pi+2\pi)$ cycloaddition of tetracyanoethene (TCNE) to the meta cycloadduct (6) in 1966^{3b} and Subrahmanyam described the homo Diels Alder adduct of the anisole-cyclopentene adduct with TCNE and

Scheme 5

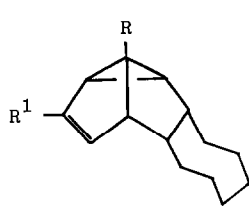
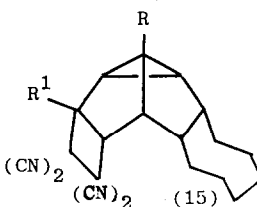
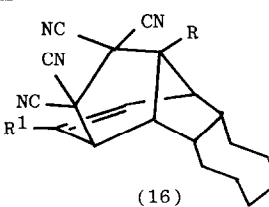


4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione ten years later.²⁵ More recently Sheridan has observed "ene", "pseudo ene" and homo Diels Alder products between the 4-methyltriazoline dione and the meta photoadduct of m-xylene and cyclopentene,¹² and we have reported that $(2\pi+2\sigma+2\pi)$ cycloaddition with acetylenic dienophiles and these photoproducts can be promoted under 11k bar pressure.²⁶

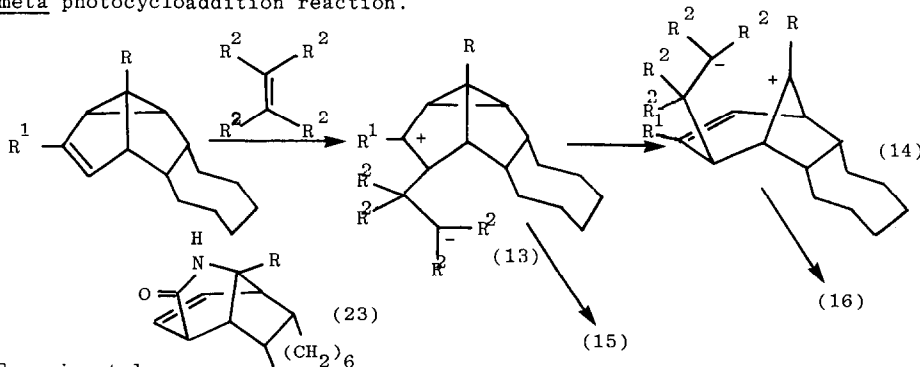
In view of the paucity of information concerning the reactions of dienophiles with ethenylcyclopropane systems, and in order to widen the scope of the chemical transformations of meta photocycloadducts particularly in their use as intermediates to polycyclic systems, the reactions of a variety of these arene-ethene photoadducts with a range of ethenes, acetylenes, and azo compounds has been studied. Only known powerful dienophiles such as TCNE and triazoline diones were reactive under ambient pressure and in these cases with arene-cycloalkene meta cycloadducts, complete conversion of the starting materials was evident within 2h for most systems at room temperature. Reactions with chlorosulphonyl isocyanate (CSI) as the dienophile were complete at 0°C in 16h. Progress of the reaction was readily assessed in most cases by monitoring the fading of the colouration (violet through to yellow) produced immediately on mixing the reactants in dichloromethane solution. The results of the reactions for the meta cycloadducts of cis cyclo-octene and benzenoid compounds with TCNE are summarised in Table 3 and are typical of those observed with CSI as dienophile and with vinyl acetate photoadducts: in the latter systems, however, reaction times at room temperature were generally two days. Triazolines in general did not undergo $(2\pi+2\pi)$ cycloaddition with the meta cycloadducts and wherever feasible gave "ene" and/or "pseudo ene" products as well as the homo Diels Alder adduct. The principal conclusions from the present study are that meta photocycloadducts having a substituent at the 1-position undergo a facile homo Diels Alder reaction but the presence of a 3-substituent results in the $(2\pi+2\pi)$ cycloaddition being the sole process except in cases where a 1-methoxy substituent is present when again the $(2\pi+2\sigma+2\pi)$ reaction is exclusive. These observations are readily accounted for in terms of electrophilic attack of the dienophile at the 4-position of the photoadduct to form (13) which may either ring close to yield the cyclobutane product or rearrange to the precursor (14) of the homo Diels Alder adduct. Which route is followed is clearly dictated by the substituent stabilisation at the charge/radical centres and this feature predictably results in specific reaction to give good yields of $(2\pi+2\pi)$ or $(2\pi+2\sigma+2\pi)$ cycloadducts (15) and (16),

To summarise, the reactions reported here illustrate that the dihydrosemi-bullvalene derivatives, readily and predictably obtained by the meta photocyclo-

Table 3 Products of the Reaction of TCNE with meta Photocycloadducts of cis Cyclo-octene and Benzenoid Compounds

		
(2π+2π)	(15) (2π+2π)	(16) homo Diels Alder (2π+2σ+2π)
R=R ¹ =H (6)	R=R ¹ =H	-
R=Me, R ¹ =H	-	R=Me, R ¹ =H
R=OMe, R ¹ =H	-	R=OMe, R ¹ =H
R=R ¹ =Me	R=R ¹ =Me	-
R=OMe, R ¹ =Me	-	R=OMe, R ¹ =Me
R=Me, R ¹ =Pr ⁱ	R=Me, R ¹ =Pr ⁱ	-

addition of ethenes to benzenoid compounds, undergo highly selective or specific chemical transformations in good yields and under mild conditions. Bicyclo[3.3.0] and [3.2.1]octanes are conveniently accessible from the photoadducts under acidic conditions and reactions of the ethenylcyclopropane moiety with dienophiles leads to cyclobutane formation or homo Diels Alder adducts. The course of these transformations is controlled by the nature and the position of the substituent(s) on the photoadduct. The latter in a particular ethene-arene photosystem can be predicted from the factors which are known to influence the orientation of the meta photocycloaddition reaction.



Experimental

The meta photocycloadducts were prepared by 254 nm irradiation (two 60 cm 30w low pressure mercury arc lamps) of equivolume mixtures of the benzenoid compound and the ethene contained in four 50x1 cm silica tubes. Radiation absorbing polymer was periodically removed from the inner surface of the reaction tubes. Reactants were recovered by rotary evaporation and the crude adducts were purified by vacuum distillation at 0.05 mm Hg. By such means quantities in excess of 5g of distilled adducts were obtained from 24h irradiation. Where necessary (e.g. for the products of t-butylbenzene and cis cyclo-octene) further adduct purification

and isomer separation was achieved by preparative GC or flash chromatography. The adducts were identified by comparison of their spectral properties with those reported in the literature (see refs. 1-6).

The acidolysis reactions of the photoadducts of alkylbenzenes were achieved by the addition of concentrated hydrochloric acid (0.56 ml) to a solution of the photoproduct (0.5g) in 84% aqueous acetone (75 ml). The mixture was gently refluxed and the reaction was monitored by TLC. On complete disappearance of the photoadduct (ca. 0.5-3.5h), the reaction mixture was neutralised with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate and extracted with dichloromethane (2x25 ml). The combined dichloromethane extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and the solvent removed to give yields of the unpurified alcohols of the order of 90%. Further purification of the product was achieved where necessary by flash chromatography (4:1, 40-60 b.p. petroleum ether:diethyl ether). The acid catalysed reactions of the vinyl acetate-arene meta photocycloadducts involved the addition of concentrated hydrochloric acid (40 μ l) to a solution of the adduct (1.0g) in methanol (50 ml) and gentle refluxing the mixture. The reaction as judged by GC was essentially complete within 30 min. but the adduct derived from anisole was only 40% converted at this time and the product from both this system and that from the *p*-methylanisole adduct underwent slow hydrolysis under the conditions of their formation to give the corresponding ketone: these reactions were quenched at 80% conversion of the starting material. Work up of these reactions was the same as that outlined above for the *cis* cyclo-octene adducts and gave yields of the crude product between 80 and 90%. The products derived from the toluene and anisole adducts could only be obtained in purities satisfactory for analytical data by preparative GC.

The reactions of the meta photocycloadducts with TCNE were performed in the following manner. The adduct (1.0g) was dissolved in dichloromethane (40 ml) and TCNE (2% mol excess) was added. The reaction was monitored by TLC and fading of the colouration produced on mixing the reactants. On complete conversion of the starting materials (0.5-2h), the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and diethyl ether (40 ml) added. The off-white solid product was filtered and recrystallised from *n*-hexane: yields of 65-75% of product having satisfactory analytical data were obtained. The reactions of the adduct (0.5g) in dichloromethane (20 ml) with CSI (equimolar amount) in dichloromethane (1 ml) were maintained at 0°C for 16h. A saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (20 ml) was then added, the mixture was shaken, and the organic layer separated and dried over anhydrous sodium bicarbonate. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and the products purified by flash chromatography (4:1, 40-60 b.p. petroleum ether: ethyl acetate). The data which allowed structural assignments to be made for the products described above from the reactions under acid conditions and in the presence of dienophiles are given below. The ¹H n.m.r. spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer R-34 Spectrometer and structural assignments were confirmed by extensive decoupling experiments and, where appropriate, the effects of addition of shift reagents and shaking the samples with D₂O. Satisfactory purity of samples for accurate mass determination was assured by TLC and GC.

Products from acidolysis i) meta Photocycloadducts of *cis* cyclo-octene and benzenoid compounds. (3) δ (CDCl₃) 6.65(1H, br s), 5.44(1H, br d), 2.71(1H, m), 2.58(1H, m), 2.26(4H, overlapping m's), 1.69(3H, s), 1.01(6H, d), and 1.7-1.0 (13H, overlapping signals); ν_{\max} (CHCl₃) 3400 cm⁻¹. M⁺ calc. 262.2297, found m/z 262.2307. The phenyl urethane derivative (m.p. 189.5-191°C from ethanol) had C, 78.93; H, 9.45; and N, 3.25%; C₂₅H₃₅NO₂ requires C, 78.74; H, 9.19; and N, 3.67%. (4) δ (CDCl₃) 5.47(1H, m), 4.15(1H, s), 3.37(1H, dd), 2.96(1H, m), 2.35(3H, m), 2.0-1.3(14H, overlapping m's), and 1.00(9H, s); ν_{\max} (CHCl₃) 3450 cm⁻¹; M⁺ calc. 262.2297, found m/z 262.2313. The *p*-bromophenyl urethane (m.p. 165-70°C from ethyl acetate) had C, 65.15; H, 7.51; and N, 3.07; C₂₈H₃₄O₂NBr requires C, 65.22; H, 7.39; and N, 3.03%. The minor acidolysis product from the *t*-butylbenzene-*cis* cyclo-octene adduct had δ (CDCl₃) 5.30(1H, br s), 3.71(1H, dd), 2.96(2H, m), 2.32(3H, m), 1.04(9H, s) and 2.0-1.0(14H, overlapping m's), ν_{\max} (CHCl₃) 3370 cm⁻¹; M⁺ calc. 262.2297, found m/z 262.2330. (17), δ (CDCl₃) 5.67(1H, q of q), 5.38(1H, 16 lines), 2.42(2H overlapping m's), 2.27(1H, m), 2.20(1H, m), 2.01(1H, br t), 1.83(1H, m), 1.41(3H, s), and 1.8-1.2(13H, overlapping m's); ν_{\max} (CHCl₃) 3370 cm⁻¹; M⁺ calc. 220.1788, found m/z 220.1821. The alcohols (1:1 mixture by GC) from acidolysis of the meta photocycloadducts of benzene and *cis* cyclo-octene could not be satisfactorily freed from each other and the waxy crystalline mixture (0.4g) in acetone (10 ml) was oxidised with Jones' chromic acid to give the mixture of ketones (0.3g 1:1 mixture by GC) which were separated by flash chromatography (20:1, 40-60 b.p. petroleum ether:ethyl acetate). (18) δ (CDCl₃) 5.51(1H, q of q), 5.40(1H, m), 2.60(2H, overlapping m's), 2.13(4H, overlapping m's) and 2.0-1.0(12H, overlapping m's). ν_{\max} (CHCl₃) 1750 cm⁻¹; M⁺ calc. 204.1514, found m/z 204.1540. (19) δ (CDCl₃) 5.68(2H, overlapping m's), 3.30(1H, m), 3.08(1H, m), 2.50-2.20(4H, overlapping m's), and 2.0-1.20(12H, overlapping m's); ν_{\max} (CHCl₃) 1740 cm⁻¹; M⁺ calc. 204.1514, found m/z 204.1533.

ii) meta Photocycloadducts of vinyl acetate and benzenoid compounds
(20) δ (CDCl₃) 5.96(1H, d + fine splitting), 5.75(1H, dd), 5.62(1H, m), 5.54(1H, m),

4.18(1H,br s), 3.50(3H,s), 2.84(1H,q of t), 2.40-2.0(2H,overlapping m's), and 1.24(3H,s); M^+ calc. 150.1045, found m/z 150.1054. The minor product from treatment of the toluene-vinyl acetate adduct with acidic methanol was a mixture of isomers ($M^+ = 150$) and had $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 5.86(1H,m), 5.60(1H,m), 5.55(2H,m's), 4.02(1H,br s), 3.41(3H,s), 3.00(1H,m), 2.62(1H,m), 2.30(1H,m's), and 1.18(3H,s). (9) $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 6.38(1H,q), 6.02(1H,m), 5.75(1H,q), 5.45(1H,m), 3.28(3H,s), 3.25(3H,s), 2.77(2H,m), 2.48(1H,d of m), and 1.98(1H,d of m); M^+ calc. 166.0994, found m/z 166.1008. The hydrogenated product (10) had $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 5.64(1H,q of d), 3.38(3H,s), 3.31(1H,m), 2.89(1H,dd), 2.68(1H,12 lines), 2.05(3H,s), and 2.0-1.2(6H,overlapping m's); ν_{max} (smear) 1738 cm^{-1} ; M^+ calc. 196.1099, found m/z 196.1115. Treatment of the hydrogenated product with acidified methanol gave (11) $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 5.86(1H,16 lines), 5.60(1H,16 lines), 3.29(3H,s), 3.25(3H,s), 2.56(1H,d of m's), 2.44(1H,br t), 2.28(1H,m), and 2.1-1.4(5H overlapping m's); M^+ calc. 168.1146, found m/z 168.1141. Product from hydrogenation of (9) and (11) had $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 3.27(3H,s), 3.20(3H,s), 2.16(2H,m), and 1.9-1.3(10H, overlapping m's); M^+ calc. 170.1302, found m/z 170.1328; treatment of this product (0.3g) with hydrochloric acid (0.2ml) in 80% aqueous acetone (50 ml) gave bicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-one as the sole product. (21) $\delta(\text{C}_6\text{D}_6)$ 5.47(1H,m), 5.33(1H,br d), 3.20(1H,m), 3.01(3H,s), 2.76(1H,overlapping q of d), 2.59(1H,m), 2.16(1H,d of m), 1.85(1H,m), 1.77(3H,s), 1.52(3H,s), 1.38(1H,dd), and 1.13(3H,s); ν_{max} (smear) 1745 cm^{-1} ; M^+ calc. 224.1412, found m/z 224.1433. (22) $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 5.50(1H,br d), 5.15(1H,overlapping d of t), 3.25(3H,s), 3.24(3H,s), 2.85(1H,dd), 2.5-2.3(4H,overlapping m's), 2.04(3H,s), 1.72(3H,br s), and 1.39(1H,dd); ν_{max} (smear) 1742 cm^{-1} ; M^+ calc. 240.1356, found m/z 240.1371.

Products from reaction of meta photocycloadducts with TCNE

(15) (R=R¹=H) m.p. 214°C (ref. 3b); $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 3.66(2H,m), 2.95(1H,m), 2.55(4H,overlapping m's), 2.08(1H,m), and 2.0-1.0(12H,overlapping m's); ν_{max} (nujol mull) 2255 cm^{-1} ; C, 75.50; H, 6.44; and N, 17.64%; $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4$ requires C, 75.95; H, 6.33; and N, 17.72%. (16) (R=Me, R¹=H), m.p. 217-218°C; $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 6.25(1H,dd), 5.86(1H,dd + fine splitting), 3.31(1H,overlapping dd), 3.07(1H,m), 2.46(3H,m), 1.63(3H,m), and 2.0-1.0(12H,m); ν_{max} (nujol mull) 2245 cm^{-1} ; C, 76.12; H, 6.82; and N, 17.11%; $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4$ requires C, 76.36; H, 6.67; and N, 16.97%. (16) (R=OMe, R¹=H), m.p. 195-8°C; $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 6.19(1H, d of d), 5.94(1H, d of m), 3.54(3H,s), 3.31(2H,m), 3.10(1H, t of d), 2.55(1H,m), 2.28(1H,m), and 2.0-1.0(12H,overlapping m's); ν_{max} (nujol mull) 2225 cm^{-1} ; C, 72.58; H, 6.72; and N, 16.55%; $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ requires C, 72.83; H, 6.36; and N, 16.18%. (15) (R=R¹=Me), m.p. 145-147°C; $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 2.99(1H,s), 2.67(3H,m), 1.83(3H,s), 1.55(3H,s), and 2.0-1.0(14H,overlapping m's); ν_{max} (nujol mull) 2250 cm^{-1} ; C, 76.74; H, 7.06; and N, 16.54%; $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4$ requires C, 76.74; H, 6.98; and N, 16.28%. (16) (R=OMe, R¹=Me), m.p. 226-9°C; $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 5.90(1H,br d), 3.58(3H,s), 3.34(1H,q of d), 3.08(1H,d), 3.02(1H,br dd), 2.53(1H,m), 2.26(1H,m), 2.00(3H,s), and 2.0-1.0(12H,overlapping m's); ν_{max} (nujol mull) 2245 cm^{-1} ; C, 73.82; H, 6.95; and N, 15.81%; $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ requires C, 73.33; H, 6.67; and N, 15.56%. (15) (R=Me, R¹=i-Pr), m.p. 123-5°C; $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 3.35(1H,br s), 2.61(4H,overlapping m's); 1.87(6H,d), 1.49(3H,s), and 2.0-1.0(14H,overlapping m's); ν_{max} (nujol mull) 2262 cm^{-1} ; C, 77.83; H, 7.62; and N, 14.93%; $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4$ requires C, 77.42; H, 7.53; and N, 15.05%.

The reaction of CSI with the meta photocycloadduct of anisole and cis cyclo-octene illustrates the homo Diels Alder addition observed with other systems not specifically described in the text. The product (23) was purified by flash chromatography, isolated in a non-optimised overall yield of 60%, (purity assured by TLC only) and had m.p. 130-131°C; $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$ 6.22(1H,q), 5.70(1H,br q), 3.31(1H,t), 3.19(1H,br t), 2.86(1H,br t), 2.60(1H,m), 2.24(1H,m), 3.52(3H,s), and 2.0-1.0 (13H,overlapping m's); ν_{max} (nujol mull) 3155 and 1700 cm^{-1} ; M^+ calc. 261.1723, found m/z 261.1744.

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