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Triisobutylaluminium mediated carbocyclisation of sugar derived spiroketals and ketosides

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Abstract—The carbocyclisation of sugar derived spiroketals and ketosides under the agency of triisobutylaluminium is presented. In addition, the synthetic usefulness of cyclooctenic product 21, derived from the corresponding *exo*-glycal 20, was shown by its transformation into conformationally locked L-idose analogues 22 and 23. \odot 2001 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

In 1997, Sinaÿ et al.¹ reported for the first time that fully benzylated α - or β -methyl 5-hexeno-D-pyranosides **1a** (gluco, galacto and manno) undergo a triisobutylaluminium (TIBAL) promoted rearrangement (see Scheme 1) to give cyclohexane derivatives **2a** with retention of configuration at the anomeric centre. Later on, it was shown² that the same rearrangement also occurred in the case of *exo*-glycals bearing other anomeric electron donating groups. Thus, rearrangement of the *exo*-glycals having 1-thio(seleno)phenyl (i.e. compounds **1b**) or *C*-aryl/furanyl groups (i.e. compounds **1c**) resulted in the corresponding carbocycles **2b**–c.²



Scheme 1. a: X = OMe; b: X = S(Se)phenyl; c: X = C-aryl/furanyl.

Two years ago, we revealed³ that perbenzylated ketosides **4a** (see Scheme 2), accessible by K-10 clay⁴ mediated stereoselective glycosidation of ketoses **3a** with allyl alcohol, were easily converted into the corresponding spiroketals **5a** by ring-closing metathesis⁵ (RCM). It was also established⁶ that the use of the mono-silylated ketoses **3b**-c led to the ketosides **4b**-c and spiroketals **5b**-c. The ease of transforming the latter orthogonally protected derivatives into the corresponding *exo*-glycals urged us to explore whether these compounds were amenable to TIBAL-mediated carbocyclisation.⁷

In order to substantiate this assumption, we initially explored (see Scheme 3) the carbocyclisation of the requisite dioxaspiro[4.5]decene 7, the synthesis of which can be readily accomplished by the following three-step sequence. Thus, desilylation of **5b**, followed by iodination⁸ gave iodide **6**.⁹ Hydrogen iodide elimination of **6** proved to be most effective using sodium hydride



Scheme 2. a: R = Bn, n = 0, 1; b: R = TBDMS, n = 0; c: R = TBDMS, n = 1.

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Scheme 3. Reagents and conditions: (i) (a) TBAF, THF, (b) I_2 , imidazole, PPh₃, toluene, Δ (6, 10: 86%); (ii) NaH (60% disp.), DMF, 20°C; (iii) TIBAL (4 equiv.), toluene, 20°C (8: 76% based on 6; 12: 81% based on 10); (iv) Ac₂O, pyridine (9, 13: 99%).



Scheme 4. Reagents and conditions: (i) (a) TBAF, THF, (b) I_2 , imidazole, PPh₃, toluene, Δ , (c) NaH (60% disp.), DMF, 20°C; (ii) TIBAL (4 equiv.), toluene, 20°C (38% based on 4c); (iii) 16 (0.002 equiv.), CH₂Cl₂, Δ (92%); (iv) Ac₂O, pyridine, 20°C (84%).



Scheme 5. Reagents and conditions: (i) (a) TBAF, THF, (b) I_2 , imidazole, PPh₃, toluene, Δ , (c) NaH (60% disp.), DMF, 20°C (19: 82%; 20: 99%); (ii) MeOH (6 equiv.), K-10 clay (200 mass%), 3 Å sieves, CH₂Cl₂, 20°C (74%); (iii) TIBAL (4 equiv.), toluene, 20°C (83%); (iv) *p*-TsOH, aq. THF, 20°C (86%); (v) *m*-CPBA, CH₂Cl₂, 20°C (51%).

resulting in the isolation of the spiroketal 7. Ensuing rearrangement of crude 7 under the agency of excess TIBAL proceeded smoothly to afford the 1-oxaspiro[4.5]decene 8 in 65% overall yield as one diastereoisomer, the identity of which was firmly established by NOE experiments for the mono-acetylated spirocycle 9.⁹

Similarly, TIBAL-mediated rearrangement of dioxaspiro[5.5]undecene 11, prepared by subjecting 5c to the same sequence of reactions as mentioned for the conversion of 5b into 7, resulted in the isolation of the 1-oxaspiro[5.5]undecene 12 in a 67% overall yield. The assignment of the (S)-configuration to C-8 in 12 was also in this case based on NOE measurements for the mono-acetylated spirocycle 13.⁹ The observed stereochemical outcome of both carbocyclisation reactions is in sharp contrast with the previously reported^{1,2} TIBAL-mediated rearrangement of the 5-hexeno-Dglucopyranosides 1a–c, all of which proceeded with a high preference for hydrogen delivery from the β -face of the newly formed cyclohexane ring to give an axial orientated hydroxyl function (i.e. (*R*)-configuration).

On the basis of the above results it was of interest to establish whether the stereochemical outcome of the TIBAL-mediated rearrangement of allylketoside 14 would afford a cyclohexane derivative with the same stereochemistry at C-8. However, carbocyclisation of substrate 14 (see Scheme 4), easily prepared from 4c by the earlier mentioned three-step sequence, led to the exclusive isolation of product 15 having an axial hydroxyl at C-8, as gauged by NMR spectroscopy. The assignment of (R)-configuration of the latter stereogenic centre was also fully ascertained by comparison of the NMR data of the mono-acetylated spiroketal 13 with those of its epimer 18,9 resulting from a high yielding RCM of 15 using 0.2 mol% of the new Grubbs' pre-catalyst 16,10 and subsequent acetylation.

At this stage, the carbocyclisation of the vinylketoside **19** was undertaken (see Scheme 5). Unfortunately, reaction of compound **19**, prepared in the usual way starting from **4b**, with TIBAL led to a complex mixture of products instead of the expected [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement.^{2a} On the other hand, subjection of the methyl vinylketoside **20**, constructed by K-10 mediated condensation of **3b** with excess methanol and further processing as mentioned before, gave the cyclooctenic carbocycle **21**,⁹ the identity of which was firmly established by NMR spectroscopy.

The synthetic usefulness of this functionalised Claisen rearrangement product¹¹ was demonstrated by its conversion into the conformationally restricted L-idose derivative **22**. Thus, acid catalysed ring-closure of compound **21** led to the exclusive formation of L-idose analogue **22**.⁹ ¹H NMR spectroscopy of **22** clearly indicated that the pyranose ring adopts a ${}^{4}C_{1}$ -conformation, based on the *trans* configuration of H-2, 3 and 4. Moreover, treatment of **21** with *m*-CPBA led to the isolation of the L-idose analogue **23** containing an additional equatorial hydroxyl group, as gauged by NMR spectroscopy. The stereochemical outcome of the latter reaction results from a stereoselective epoxidation followed by acid catalysed intramolecular ring-closure.

In conclusion, the results presented in this paper clearly show that the TIBAL-mediated rearrangement of *exo*glycal derivatives 1a-c can be extended to sugar derived spiroketals as well as ketosides to give the corresponding carbacyclic derivatives in a highly diastereoselective fashion. The synthetic usefulness of cyclooctenic derivative 21, obtained by a TIBAL-catalysed Claisen rearrangement of methyl vinylketoside 20, was illustrated by its conversion into conformationally restricted analogues of L-idose. Further exploitation of 21 is currently under investigation and will be reported in due course.

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MHz, CDCl₃): δ 97.4 (C-1), 81.2, 83.4 and 86.3 (C-2,3,4), 72.8, 74.7 and 75.2 (CH₂ Bn), 71.4 (C-5), 30.7 (C-6), 21.5 (C-8), 18.9 (C-7); MS (ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₃₂O₅ 460.2, found *m*/*z* 483.3 [M+Na]⁺.

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