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Abstract : N-Bromosuccinimide (1.1 eq) in the presence of potassium carbonate (2 eq) and a catalytic amount of dibenzoyl peroxide converts the allylic acetates and the allylic silyl ethers (O-TBDMS or O-SiEt<sub>3</sub>) of secondary allylic alcohols, derived from D-glucal 3a into corresponding dihydro γpyrones 2.

During our investigation on the chiral synthesis of the B/C ring system of anguidine  $1^{-2}$ , we became interested in developing methods of efficient syntheses of 2,3-dihydro-4H-pyranone derivatives 2 from D-glucal triacetate 3b (scheme 1).

A few total syntheses of 2-alkyl-2,3-dihydro-4H-pyran-4-ones have been previously reported<sup>3</sup>. In contrast, the selective oxidation of the D-glucal allylic alcohol to the corresponding  $\gamma$ -pyrones 2 has received attention and numerous

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reagents are available to achieve this transformation<sup>4-7</sup>. We now report the direct and selective radical-induced oxidation of D-glucal allylic acetates and allylic trialkylsilylethers to  $\gamma$ -pyrones 2 without deprotection.

Our interest in the preparation of  $\gamma$ -pyrones 2 prompted us to investigate the mode of formation of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones from D-glucal 3a, with suitable protected primary and secondary alcohol groups, such as 3 (b,c,d,g,h) (scheme 2).



Scheme 2

- $\begin{array}{l} a: R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = H \\ b: R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = Ac \\ c: R_1 = R_2 = Ac, R_3 = tBuSiMe_2 \\ d: R_1 = R_2 = Ac, R_3 = tBuSiPh_2 \\ e: R_1 = R_2 = H, R_3 = tBuSiMe_2 \\ f: R_1 = R_2 = H, R_3 = tBuSiMe_2 \\ g: R_1 = R_3 = tBuSiMe_2, R_2 = Ac \\ h: R_1 = SiEt_3, R_3 = tBuSiMe_2, R_2 = Ac \\ i: R_1 = SiEt_3, R_2 = H, R_3 = tBuSiMe_2 \\ j: R_1 = R_3 = tBuSiMe_2, R_2 = H \end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{l} a: R_2 = R_3 = H \\ b: R_2 = R_3 = Ac \\ c: R_2 = Ac, R_3 = tBuSiMe_2 \\ d: R_2 = Ac, R_3 = tBuSiPh_2 \end{array}$

Since the hydrogens on a carbon atom attached to substituents that possess  $\pi$  or n electrons, are easily removed, leading to a free radical<sup>8</sup>, we reasoned that conversion of an allylic alcohol into unsymmetrical acetate or silyl ether<sup>8c</sup> and treatment with N-bromosuccinimide (NBS) would effect the desired oxidation (scheme 3).



In fact, oxidation of tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal **3b** with 1.1 equimolar amount of N-bromosuccinimide (NBS) and 2 equivalents of potassium carbonate (as  $Br_2$  scavenger) in the presence of a catalytic quantity of benzoyl peroxide (radical initiator), in boiling CCl<sub>4</sub>, took place selectively at C-3 position, giving **2b** (72 %), together with some 1,2-dibromo-D-glucal triacetate **4** (9 %) (scheme 4).





The oxidation was complete in 15 minutes. When **3b** (not admixed with potassium carbonate), reacted with NBS in the presence of a catalytic amount of peroxide it yielded a variety of products, including the  $\gamma$ -pyrone **2b** (15 %) and the dibromoacetate **4** (20 %). The structure **4** (scheme 4) was established by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (J<sub>H1-H2</sub> = 1 Hz, J<sub>H2-H3</sub> = 3 Hz).

Entry	Reactant	Product	Yields (a)	Starting material
1			72%(D) (15 mn)	0%
2			50% (1 h)	35%
3	IBUPTI2SIO		55% (1 h)	30%
4	IBUMe2SIO		24% (2 h)	71%
5	1BuMe2SIO		60% (1 h)	38%

TABLE 1

a) Yields non optimized are for isolated, pure materials, and are based on the starting material. b) A by-product (9%) is the 1,2-dibromo-D-Glucal-triacetate 4

#### N-BROMOSUCCINIMIDE

The high selectivity of the 3b allylic acetate in the NBS reaction was remarkable and we decided to extend this oxidation procedure to more complex substrates, in particular, to trialkylsilylethers 3 (c,d,g,h).

The t-butyldimethylsilyl (TBDMS) and the t-butyldiphenylsilyl (TBDPS) ethers are among the most useful primary hydroxyl protective groups<sup>9</sup>. Because of the steric bulk of the TBDMS or TBDPS ethers, they are relatively stable under mild oxidizing conditions<sup>9a</sup>. Thus, from D-glucal **3a** (scheme 2), compounds **3** (**c,d,g,h**) easily prepared by silylation of the primary 6-O-position, and further silylating attack at the 3-O-position, followed by acetylation, were subjected to the standard NBS-peroxide oxidizing conditions.

The results are summarized in table 1. With TBDMS (or TBDPS) as protecting group at C-6, oxidation of allylic acetates or silyl ethers at C-3, required longer reaction times than the triacetate compound **3b** and no 1,2-dibromo byproduct formation, such as **4** was observed.

Therefore, it seems that a bulky group at C-6 prevents 1,2 bromination by free bromine (Scheme 5). And apparently, the yield of this reaction depends on the nature and size of the protecting group at C-3.



Scheme 5

Thus, D-glucal **3a** with three protected hydroxylic groups was selectively oxidized with NBS-peroxide conditions at the allylic C-3 position (acetate or silyl ether), giving chiral 2,3-dihydro-4H-pyran-4-ones **2** in good yield.

#### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

#### **General Methods**

Carbon tetrachloride (CCl<sub>4</sub>) was dried by distillation from calcium hydride. Melting points were determined on a REICHERT apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on a PERKIN-ELMER spectrometer 399 as solutions in CCl<sub>4</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a BRUKER WP.200 instrument as solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Optical rotations were measured with a PERKIN-ELMER 241 polarimeter. All reactions were monitored by TLC carried out on Merck silica gel plates ( $60F_{254}$ ; 0.2 mm), using U.V. light and 1/1 : v/v aqueous sulfuric acid and heat as developing agent. Flash chromatography was performed on 40-63 mm Merck silica gel 60.

#### Preparation of 3f: 6-O-TBDPS-D-glucal

To a magnetically stirred solution of 3.6 g (24.5 mmol) of D-glucal <sup>4b</sup> **3a** in 10 ml of anhydrous dimethylformamide and 50 ml of dry dichloromethane was added successively with imidazole (2.5 g, 36.75 mmol) and tert-butyldiphenylsilyl chloride (6.17 g; 26.95 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 20°C for 12 h, diluted with dichloromethane (50 ml) and washed with water (2 x 50 ml). The combined aqueous layers were reextracted with dichloromethane (50 ml) and the total organic solution was dried and concentrated. The resulting oil was purified by silica gel chromatography (20 % ethylacetate in petroleum ether) to give 9.1 g (96 %) of 6-O-TBDPS-D-glucal **3f** as a clear colorless oil homogeneous by TLC analysis : IR (CCl<sub>4</sub> cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3429, 3085, 3070, 1645, 710 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (m, 4H), 7.35 (m, 6H), 6.30 (dd, J 6.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, J 6.1, 2 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 3.95 (dd, J 4, 1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (m, 2H), 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.05 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 144.43, 135.78, 135.70, 133.2, 130.01, 127.91, 127.01, 102.55, 77.35, 71.82, 69.84, 64, 27, 19.41.

Anal. calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>0<sub>4</sub>Si : C, 68.75 ; H, 7.28 ; Found : C, 69.05 ; H, 7 40.

## 3,4-di-O-acetyl-6-O-TBDPS-D-glucal 3d

To a magnetically strirred solution of 3.84 g (10 mmol) of **3f** in 5 ml of anhydrous dichloromethane was added successively pyridine (2.6 ml, 30 mmol) and acetic anhydride (2 ml, 20 mmol) and the mixture was left overnight. After disappearance of the diol **3f** followed by TLC (petroleum ether-AcOEt : 4-1), the solution was evaporated and treated with toluene (3 x 20 ml, vide supra). The residue was then dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (50 ml) and washed with 5 % NaHSO<sub>4</sub> aqueous solution (50 ml) in order to eliminate any remaining traces of pyridine. Drying over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtration and evaporation afforded a colorless oil that was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether-ACOEt : 9-1) ; **3d** : 4.45 g (95 %) : IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3085, 3070, 1750, 1650, 710 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (m, 4H), 7.45 (m, 6H), 6.43 (dd, J 6.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (t, J 7 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (m, 1H), 4.78 (dd, J 6.1, 3 Hz), 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.83 (d, J 6 Hz, 2H), 2 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.056 (s, 9H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 170.36, 169.30, 146.01, 135.60, 133.15, 129.76, 127.70, 98.23, 76.47, 67.44, 61.64, 26.72, 20.97, 20.79, 19.20.

The same procedure was used to prepare 3c from 6-O-TBDMS-D-glucal 3e <sup>4b</sup> and 3g from 3j <sup>4b,10</sup>.

## 3,4-di-O-acetyl-6-O-TBDMS-D-glucal 3c

Colorless oil ; IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3070, 1745, 1645, 710 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.45 (dd, J 6.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (m, 1H), 5.22 (t, J 7 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (ddd, J, 6.1, 3, 0.5 Hz), 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.78 (d, J 6 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.32 (s, 6H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 170.42, 169.33, 145.99, 98.37, 76.74, 67.62, 61.24, 25.82, 21.04, 20.86, 18.25, - 5.41.

## 4-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-TBDMS-D-glucal 3g from 3j <sup>4b,10</sup>

Colorless oil ; IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3070, 1745, 1645, 710 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.32 (dd; J 6.5, 0.81 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (td, J 6.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.7 (ddd, J 6.5, 3.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (m, 1H), 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.85 (dd, J 14, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, J 14, 3.25 Hz, 1H), 2.014 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.55 (s, 3H), 0.30 (s, 3H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 169.54, 143.36, 102.26, 77.41, 70.97, 64.92, 62.07, 25.95, 25.69, 21.06, 18.41, 17.94, - 5.27, - 4.86, - 4.57.

#### 3-O-TES-6-O-TBDMS-D-glucal 3i

To a cold (- 5°C) magnetically stirred solution of  $3e^{4b}$  (606 mg, 2.33 mmol) in 20 ml of anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added imidazole (158.62 mg, 2.33 mmol). After 10 min, triethylsilylchloride (168.05 mg, 1.165 mmol) in 10 ml of

anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was slowly added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at - 5°C, and was warmed to 20°C. After disappearance of triethylsilylchloride followed by TLC, the mixture was treated slowly with water (10 ml) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 25 ml). Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was purified by chromatography (silica gel, elution with 5 % ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give 426.5 mg of **3i** (50 %, 98 % based on recovered **3e**, 300 mg) as a clear colorless oil homogeneous by TLC analysis : IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3620, 3490, 3070, 1645, 710 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 6.27 (dd, J 6.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dd, J 6.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (m, 1H), 4.03  $\rightarrow$  3.70 (m, 4H), 2.70 (m, 1H), 0.97 (t, 9H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.63 (q, 6H), 0.07 (s, 6H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 143.48, 103.52, 78.04, 70.93, 69.92, 63.11, 25.96, 18.43, 6.84, 5.06, - 5.28, - 5.33, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> + 8° (C1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Anal.calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>38</sub>0<sub>4</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> : C, 58.75 ; H, 10.16 ; Found : C, 59.08, H, 10.30.

## 3-O-TES-4-O-acetyl-6-O-TBDMS-D-glucal 3h

To a cold (-10°C) magnetically stirred solution of **3i** (420 mg, 1.122 mmol) in 1 ml af anhydrous pyridine, was added acetic anhydride (0.110 ml, 1.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at - 10°C and was warmed to 20°C, treated with methanol (0.1 ml) and extracted two times with ether (2 x 20 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with water (2 x 20 ml) drying over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtration and evaporation affording **3h** (444 mg) as a colorless oil. IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3080, 1748, 1640, 710 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 6.30 (dd, J 6, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (t, J 6 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, J 6, 4 Hz), 4.15 (m, 1H), 4.03 (m, 1H), 3.95  $\rightarrow$ 3.65 (m, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 0.91 (t, 9H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.58 (q, 6H), 0.03 (s, 6H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 169.40, 143.15, 102.07, 77.15, 70.75, 64.43, 61.71, 25.66, 20.81, 18.13, 6.48, 4.60, - 5.57.

#### Typical procedure for NBS oxidation

NBS (320 mg, 2.2 mmol) was added in one batch to a stirred solution of allylic acetates or allylic silyl ethers 3 (2 mmol) in boiling  $CCl_4$  in the presence of  $K_2CO_3$  (4 mmol) and a catalytic quantity of benzoyl peroxide. The reaction times are listed in Table I. After completion, the mixture was filtered through a sintered-glass funnel. Following solvent evaporation, the residue was purified by flash chromatography (elution with 20-30 % ethyl acetate in petroleum ether).

## (2R-trans)-2[(acetoxy)-methyl]-2,3-dihydro-3-acetoxy-4H-pyran-4 one 2b

Colorless oil ;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} 253^\circ$  (C 1.09, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Lit.<sup>5</sup> :  $[\alpha]_D^{20} 255^\circ$  (C 1 CHCl<sub>3</sub>) ; IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1775, 1762, 1715, 1225 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 (d, J 6.25 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, J 13, 4 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, J 6.25 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (td, J 4, 13.4 Hz, 1H); 4.49 (dd, J 4, 12.7 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, J 2.5, 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 187.8, 170.25, 169.1, 162.5, 105.2, 78.1, 67.9, 61.3, 20.5, 20.3.

## 1α,2β-dibromo-D-glucal triacetate 4

Rf : 0.55 (ethylacetate-petroleum ether : 3/7), colorless oil ; IR (CCl<sub>4</sub> cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1755, 600 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.61 (d, J 1 Hz, 1H), 5.60-5.40 (m, 2H), 4.83 (dd, J 1, 3 Hz, 1H), 4.34-4.05 (m, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 170.53, 169.63, 169.29, 85.24, 73.65, 68.57, 65.16, 61.19, 51.73, 20.74, 20.68, 20.62. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> : C, 33.36 ; H, 3.70 ; Br, 37.04 ; Found : C, 33.53 ; H, 3.85 ; Br, 37.45.

## (2R-trans)-2[[[(tert-butyl)dimethylsilyl]oxy]-methyl]-2,3-dihydro-3acetoxy-4H-pyran-4-one 2c <sup>4b</sup> (2R-trans)-2[[[(tert-butyl)diphenylsilyl]oxy]-methyl]-2,3-dihydro-3acetoxy-4H-pyran-4-one 2d

White crystals, m.p. 81-82°C (ether-pentane) ;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  270.5° (C 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) ; IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3085, 3070, 1745, 1675, 1645, 710 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (m, 4H), 7.40 (m, 7H), 5.18 (d, J 11 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, J 6.25 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (2m, J 11 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd, J 2.2, 11 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (dd, J 3.5, 11 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), 188.78, 168.98, 162.77, 135.64, 132.80, 129.98, 127.85, 104.91, 81.05, 68.49, 61.92, 26.77, 20.48, 19.32.

Anal. calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{28}O_5Si$  : C, 67.94 ; H, 6.60 ; Found : C, 68.15 ; H, 6.75.

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