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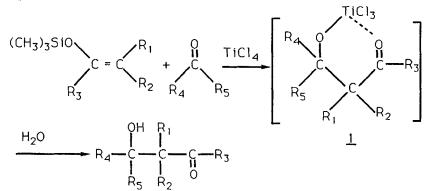
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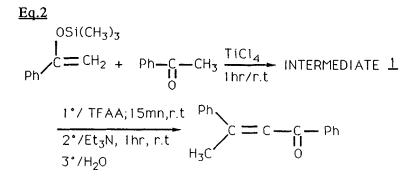
Satisfactory yields of α , β -unsaturated ketones are obtained from two trimethylsilylenol ethers and a variety of aldehydes and ketones in a one pot modified Mukaiyama aldol procedure using triethylamine and trifluoroacetic anhydride.

 α,β -Unsaturated ketones are useful intermediates for the production of a large range of compounds. Unfortunately, their synthesis is not always an easy task. They are usually obtained by dehydration of the corresponding β -hydroxyketones, products of aldol condensation. The use of a relatively strong base at elevated temperature as catalyst¹ to effect dehydration and force the aldol condensation to completion is not always successeful because the enones can undergo further condensation and lead to polymeric products.

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The Mukaiyama aldol condensation^{2,3} of trimethylsilylenol ethers with aldehydes or ketones in the presence of titanium tetrachloride is well recognised as a standard method for the preparation of cross aldol products, i,e, β hydroxyketones(eq.1).

We have found that the addition of trifluoroacetic anhydride (TFAA) and triethylamine to the intermediate of the Mukaiyama reaction using the trimethylsilylenol ether of acetophenone with acetophenone affords, after quenching, nearly quantitatively the corresponding α,β -unsaturated ketone (eq.2).

Synthetically useful yields of enones have been obtained using this modified Mukaiyama procedure (see Table)

Entry	Silyl enol ether	Carbony1 compound	Enone	%Yield
1	OSIMe ₃ Ph—C = CH ₂	0 Н ₃ С-С-СН ₃	Ph $C = C CH_3$	67
2	$\begin{array}{c} \text{OSiMe}_3\\ \text{Ph}-C = CH_2 \end{array}$	о Рh—С—СН ₃	$H CH_{3}$	95
3	$\begin{array}{l} \text{OS iMe}_3\\ \text{I}\\ \text{Ph}-\text{C}=\text{CH}_2 \end{array}$	0 II H ₅ C ₂ CC ₂ H ₅	Ph C = C C_2H_5	57
4	$\begin{array}{c} \text{OS iMe}_3\\ \text{Ph-C} = \text{CH}_2\\ \text{OS iMe}_3 \end{array}$	0 Н H ₅ C ₂ –С –Н	Ph $C = C$ C_2H_5	46
5		О Н ₃ С-С-СН ₃	$\bigcup_{CH^2} C \Big<_{CH^2} CH^2$	63
6		0 И H ₅ C ₂ –С –С ₂ H ₅	$\bigcup_{C_2H_5}^{O} = C \underbrace{C_2H_5}_{C_2H_5}$	56

 Table

 Synthesis of α,β-unsaturated ketones*

* All enones were purified by distillation and gave satisfactory spectral and physical properties.

Experimental : typical procedure

A methylene chloride (10ml) solution of 0.961g (5mmol),of 1-phenyl-1-trimethylsilyloxyethane was added dropwise into a mixture of 0.6g (5mmol) of acetaldehyde and 5ml of a 1M TiCl4 solution in dichloromethane, and the reaction mixture was stirred.

After one hour, 1.05g (5mmol) of trifluoroacetic anhydride (TFAA) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for an additional 15min. Triethylamine (1.011g, 10mmol) was added and stirring continued for an additional at room temperature. The mixture was quenched with hour 10ml of a saturated NH₄Cl solution, after wich the organic layer was extracted with ether and the extract concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was distilled to give 1,3diphenyl-3-buten-1-one (Bp 246°C/50mmHg) in 95% yield . EI-MS : 222 (M⁺, 19,92) ; 145 (26,36) ; 115 (69,60) ;105(base); 91 (38,32) . ¹H NMR (60MHz) CDCl₃ : δ ppm : 2,52 (d,3H,CH₃) ; 7,07 (m,1H,-C=C-; 7,12-7,60 (m,8H,aromatic); 7,80-8,02 (m,2H,aromatic). IR(neat) : 1560-1600 cm⁻¹ (-C=C-); 1650 cm⁻¹ (-C=O). Aknowledgment

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