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Ruthenium-Catalyzed ROM−RCM of Cycloalkene-yne

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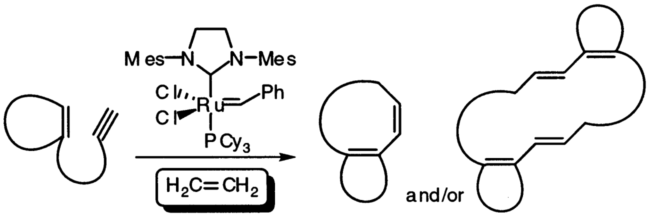
ABSTRACT



ROM−RCM (ring-opening and ring-closing metatheses) of cycloalkene-yne was demonstrated using a second-generation ruthenium complex. When cycloalkene bearing the alkyne moiety at the C-1 position was reacted with a ruthenium−carbene complex under an atmosphere of ethylene, ROM−RCM proceeded smoothly to give bicyclic compound and/or dimeric compound in good yields.

A metathesis reaction[1] using a metal carbene complex is quite interesting because multiple bonds are cleaved and, at the same time, multiple bonds are formed. Enyne metathesis[2−4] is particularly attractive. In the intramolecular enyne metathesis, the double bond of an enyne is cleaved and the alkylidene parts of alkene react with alkyne carbons to give a cyclized compound having the diene moiety. We have already reported enyne metathesis[2] using Grubbs' ruthenium carbene complex **1**[5] and the syntheses of natural products using this method.

ROM−RCM[6] of cycloalkene-yne under an atmosphere of ethylene involves a cleavage of an olefinic bond in a cycloalkene followed by formation of a new ring system.[2k] Herein we report a ring skeletal reorganization of cycloalkene-yne via ROM−RCM. Our initial strategy was envisioned to act according to Scheme 1. Metathesis reaction of cycloalkene-yne **I**, whose alkyne part is connected at the C-1 position of cycloalkene, would give triene **II**. If intra-

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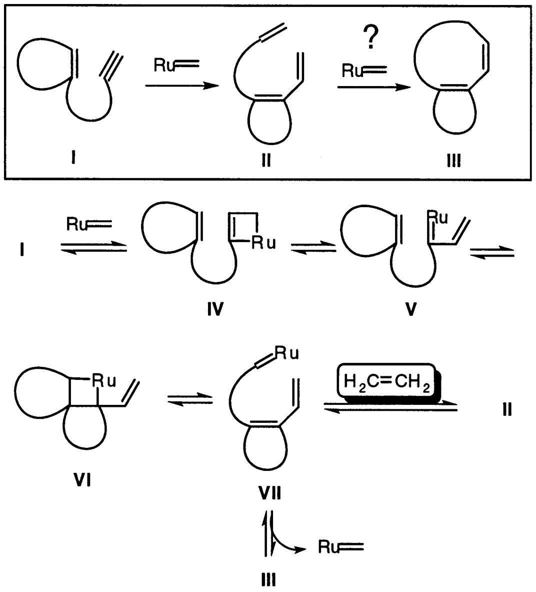
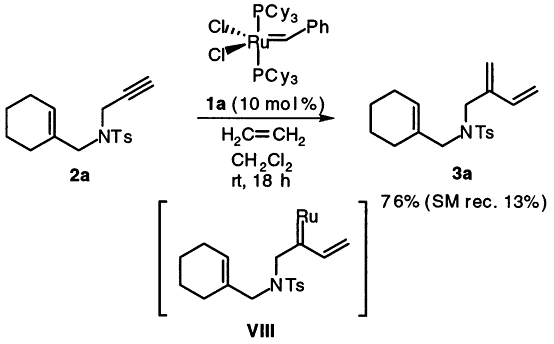
Scheme 1. Plan for ROM−RCM of Cycloalkene-yne



molecular diene metathesis of **II** occurs, bicyclic compound **III** would be formed. That is, the alkyne part of **I** would react with the ruthenium−carbene complex to give ruthenacyclobutene **IV**, which would be converted into ruthenium−carbene complex **V** by ring opening.[7] Then, intramolecular [2 + 2] cycloaddition would occur to afford ruthenacyclobutane **VI**, which would then be converted into ruthenium−carbene complex **VII**. This would react with ethylene intermolecularly to afford triene **II**. On the other hand, if complex **VII** can react with an alkene part of the diene moiety intramolecularly, bicyclic compound **III** would be obtained.

When a CH_2Cl_2 solution of cyclohexene-yne **2a** and 10 mol % first-generation ruthenium carbene complex **1a**[5a] was stirred at room temperature for 18 h under an atmosphere of ethylene, cross enyne metathesis[2g] product **3a** was obtained in 76% yield instead of the ring-opening metathesis product (Scheme 2). Presumably, carbene complex **VIII** cannot react with the cyclohexene moiety.

Scheme 2. Reaction of Cycloalkene-yne **2a** Using **1a**



On the other hand, when a toluene solution of **2a** and 10 mol % second-generation ruthenium carbene complex **1b**[5b−e] was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h under an atmosphere of ethylene, two ring-opening metathesis products were obtained (Scheme 3). Surprisingly, ^1H NMR and mass spectra revealed that one is compound **4b** having a 5,7-fused ring system, not a 5,8-fused ring system, obtained in 46% yield. The structure was confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis[8] (Figure 1).

The other is 16-membered ring compound **5a**, which was obtained in 4% yield (Table 1, run 1). At first, from the coupling constant of Ha and Hb on a ^1H NMR spectrum (J_{Ha-Hb} = 16.0 Hz), this compound was considered to be trans-**4a**, and one set of peaks corresponding to trans-**4a** was shown on ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra. However, a MS spectrum of **5a** (m/z 606 [M^+]) indicated that it should be a dimeric compound. Encouraged by this result, we found that when a solution of **2a** and 10 mol % **1b** in CH_2Cl_2 was refluxed under an atmosphere of ethylene for 24 h, the yields were improved (run 2). Although an expected product **4a** was obtained under these reaction conditions (14% yield), the main product was **5a** (57%).[9]

Next, to determine whether dimeric compound **5a** is converted into fused 5,7- or 5,8-membered ring compounds

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(9) Reaction of **3a** with **1b** under Ar gas did not afford **5a** or **4b**, although **3a** was completely consumed.

Scheme 3. Metathesis Reaction of Enyne **2a** Using **1b**

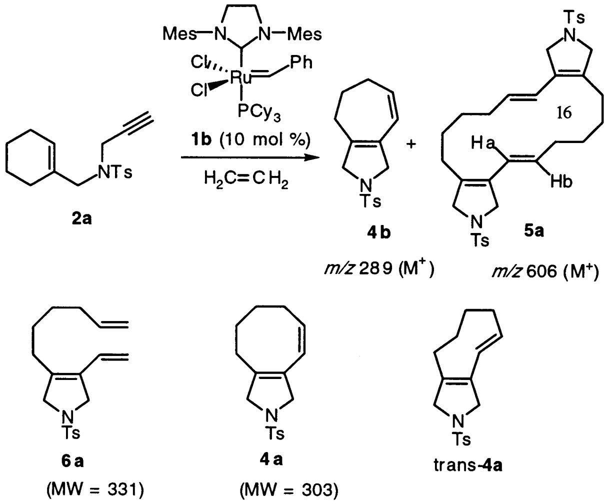


Table 1.

run	conditions	yields (%)		
		4b	4a	5a
1	toluene, 80°C, 16 h	46	0	4
2	CH_2Cl_2, reflux, 24 h	26	14	57

under the metathesis reaction conditions, a solution of **5a** and 20 mol % of **1b** in toluene was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h under an atmosphere of ethylene. Interestingly, **4b**, **4a**, and **6a** were obtained in 39, 9, and 21% yields, respectively (Scheme 4). These results suggest that **5a** reacted with ethylene in the presence of ruthenium complex **1b** to afford **6a**. Since ring-closure to an eight-membered ring is difficult, olefin migration[10] followed by olefin metathesis would occur to give fused 5,7-membered ring compound **4b**.

Subsequently, ROM−RCM of cyclopentene-yne **2b** was investigated (Scheme 5). When a CH_2Cl_2 solution of **2b** and 10 mol % **1b** was refluxed under an atmosphere of ethylene for 2 h, the desired ROM−RCM product **4b** was obtained in 95% yield (Table 2, run 1). Even in the case of longer reaction time (26 h), **4b** was obtained in quantitative yield (run 2). The use of 5 mol % **1b** gave a similar result (run 3). These results suggested that ring closure of **VII** to seven-membered ring compound **4b** proceeds easily and that **4b** is stable under these reaction conditions.

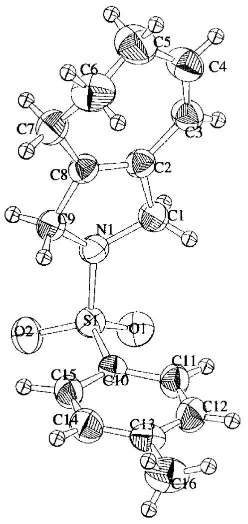
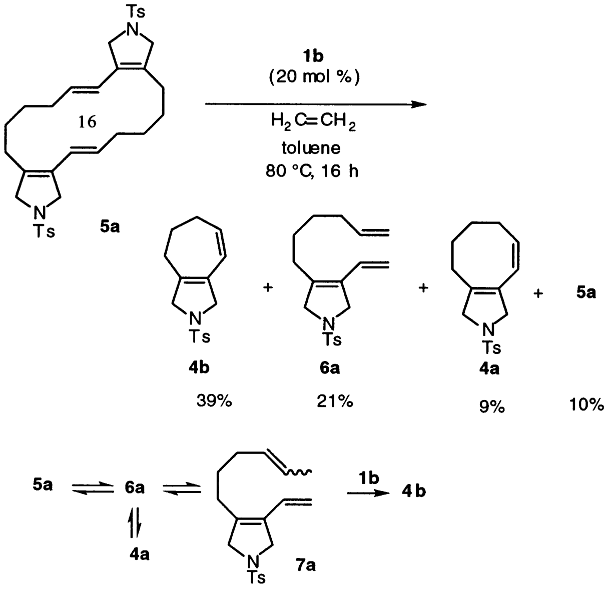


Figure 1. X-ray crystallographic analysis of **4b**.

Scheme 4. Reaction of **5a** with Ethylene in the Presence of **1b**



Scheme 5. ROM−RCM of Cyclopenete-yne **2b** Using **1b**

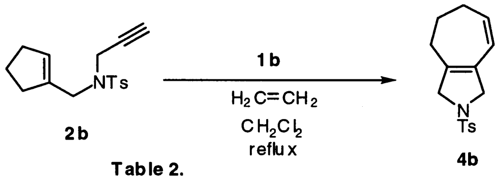


Table 2.

run	1b (mol %)	time (h)	yield (%)
1	10	2	95
2	10	26	quant.
3	5	4	90

Furthermore, ROM−RCM of cycloheptene-yne **2c** was investigated (Scheme 6). When the reaction of **2c** was carried out in toluene at 80 °C for 21 h, **4b**, dimeric compound **5c**, and isoindline derivative **8**[11] were obtained in 36, 8, and 6% yields, respectively, along with an inseparable mixture **9** (Table 3, run 1). GC-MS analysis showed that **9** is a mixture

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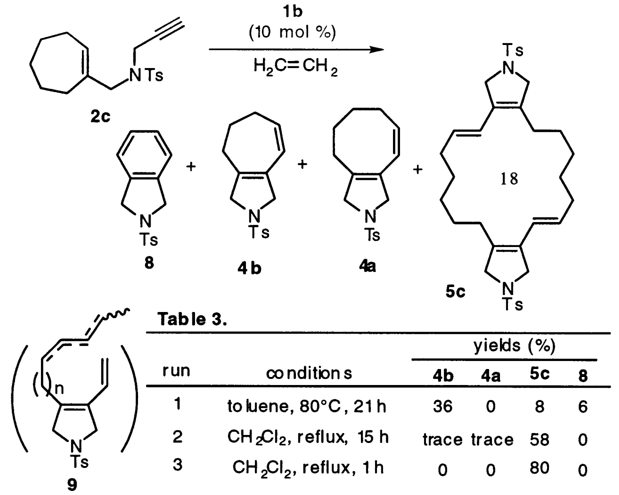
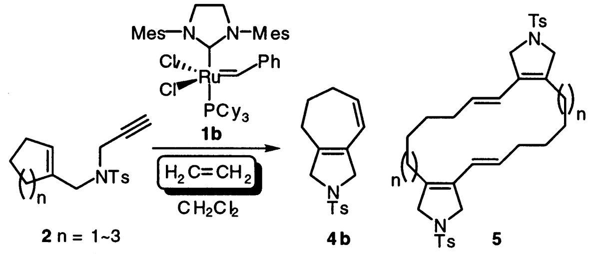


Table 3.

run	conditions	yields (%) 4b	4a	5c	8
1	toluene, 80°C, 21 h	36	0	8	6
2	CH_2Cl_2, reflux, 15 h	trace	trace	58	0
3	CH_2Cl_2, reflux, 1 h	0	0	80	0

Scheme 7. Summary of ROM−RCM of Cycloalkene-yne



	4b	5
n = 1	quant	-
n = 2	26%	57%
n = 3	-	80%
n = 3*	36%	8%

* Reaction was carried out in toluene at 80 °C.

of dihydropyrrole derivatives having different carbon lengths and/or having an olefin at various positions in the substituent. On the other hand, when a reaction was carried out in CH_2Cl_2 upon heating for 15 h, dimerization product **5c** was obtained in 58% yield along with a considerable amount of **9** (run 2). In addition, when the reaction was quenched after the spot of the starting material **2c** disappeared on TLC (1 h), only **5c** was obtained in 80% yield (run 3).

ROM−RCM of 5-, 6-, and 7-membered cycloalkene-ynes **2** was demonstrated. The results are summarized in Scheme 7. When the reaction was carried out in CH_2Cl_2, cyclopentene-yne **2b** gave fused 5,7-membered ring compound **4b**, but cycloheptene-yne **2c** afforded dimeric compound **5c**, both in high yields. However, under similar reaction conditions, cyclohexene-yne **2a** gave **4b** and dimeric compound **5a** in 26 and 57% yields, respectively. Since the reaction of **2c** in toluene gave **4b** in moderate yield, bicyclic compound **4b** was obtained in all cases due to the easy formation of seven-membered ring after isomerization of the double bond. Although it is not clear why the dimerization occurred, these results are very interesting.

Further studies on ROM−RCM of cycloalkene-yne and mechanistic studies for this reaction are in progress.

Supporting Information Available: Typical procedures and spectral data of **2a**−**c**, **3a**, **4a**−**b**, **5a**, **5c**, and **6a**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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