The Sakurai Reaction of 4-Acetoxycyclopentenone – Synthesis of *trans*-3-Allyl-4-vinylcyclopentanone

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Abstract: The Sakurai reaction of 4-acetoxycyclopentenone **1a** leads to the aldol **2** and the bicyclic product **3**. Retroaldol reaction leads to 4-allylcyclopentenone **7**, from which the title compound **9** was prepared in 28% overall yield. Further transformations of **3** are reported.

Key words: allyltrimethylsilane, 4-acetoxycyclopentenone, aldol products, 5-trimethylsilyl-bicyclo[3.3.0]octan-1-one, stereoelec-tronic control

In the course of our continuing efforts to prepare polyquinanes and to study their properties, we visualized trans-1-allyl-2-vinylcyclopentane with a functionality in the non adjacent position like 9 as an attractive intermediate.¹⁻⁵ To prepare this target compound in a few steps we considered the readily available 4-acetoxycyclopent-2enone (1a) as the key synthon.⁶⁻⁷ Allylation of enones by TiCl₄ induced reaction with allyltrialkylsilanes according to Sakurai is well established and should lead in the case of 1a to the intermediate 6, which after base induced elimination of the β -acetoxy group is ready for stereoselective Cu(I) promoted *trans*-addition of a vinyl anion.⁸ Most recently Robertson has reported an intriguing alternative to TiCl₄.⁹ Here we report our surprising results of the TiCl₄ induced reaction of 4-acetoxycyclopent-2-enone (1a) with allyl-trimethylsilane leading preferentially to the aldol product 2 accompanied by the bicyclic compound 3. The successful preparation of *trans*-3-allyl-4-vinylcyclopentanone 9 from 2 and further transformations of 3 are described.

Addition of allyltrimethylsilane to a mixture of 1a and titanium tetrachloride in dichloromethane at -78°C gave 2and 3 in 69% and 11% yield, respectively (Scheme 1). In addition, small amounts of 1b and of the dimer of cylcopentadienone have been detected. When the reaction was run with a large excess of allyltrimethylsilane for 2d small amounts of 4 (8%) and 5 (5%) were isolated as well. Neither the expected 3-allyl-4-acetoxy-cyclopentane 6 nor the elimination product 7 were found.

Surprisingly, the enolate intermediate of the Sakurai reaction, formed by normal allylation reacted with a second molecule of 1a leading after elimination of acetic acid to the aldol product 2 obtained as a mixture of stereoisomers. A single isomer of unknown configuration was isolated by HPLC. The product of the annulation reaction and elimination of the acetoxy group, 3 is obtained as a single stereoisomer (see below). The structure of 2 suggested that the 4-allylcyclopent-2-enone 7 might be obtained by a retroaldol reaction. Treatment of 2 with a variety of bases did not lead to the desired cleavage. However, reaction of 2 with ammonia at r.t. gave the desired 7 accompanied by 8 in 59% and 17% yield, respectively. The subsequent Cu(I) induced 1,4-addition of vinyl magnesiumbromide to 7 gave the target compound 9 in 69% yield, with an overall yield of 28% for the transformation $1a \rightarrow 9$. Since the NMR spectra of 9 did not give a conclusive answer about the stereochemistry, the carbonyl group was reduced to the two stereoisomeric hydroxy compounds ${\bf 10}$ and ${\bf 11}$ (Scheme 2). The H atoms in both stereoisomers have been assigned from their H-H- and C-H COSY NMR spectra.





Comparison of the chemical shifts of the bridgehead protons in the ¹H NMR spectra and NOE interactions revealed the trans configuration of the allyl and the adjacent vinyl group: In 10 as well as in 11 the tertiary H atoms *trans* to the hydroxy group $(10: H_a, 11: H_b)$ showed a NOE interaction with the H atom adjacent to the hydroxy group. The bicyclic compound 3 is formed as a minor product in the stereoselective reaction of 1a with allyltrimethylsilane. The exo position of the trimethylsilyl substituent is suggested by the absence of a NOE signal between the adjacent H atom and the bridgehead H atoms as well as by the close analogy to the reaction of cyclopentenone 12 with tris(isopropyl)-allylsilane which gives 14b as the major product.¹⁰ Although **12** reacts with allyltrimethylsilane to 3-allylcyclopentanone 13 in good yield, we surmised that the bicyclic product 14a with an exo-TMS substituent might be present as well (Scheme 3). If so, it would support the exo configuration of the trimethylsilyl group in analogy to the tris(isopropylsilyl) group in 14b.



Scheme 3

Cyclopentenone (12) was treated with allyltrimethylsilane and TiCl₄ according to the known procedures.^{8, 11-12} After workup the crude product was purified not by distillation but by CC, instead.¹³ A mixture of 13 (GC-yield 20%) and 14a (GC-yield 7%) was eluted first. Then, the crystalline aldol product 15 was isolated in 8% yield. The formation of 15 is most likely due to the direct reaction of the titaniumenolate, produced by allylation of 12, with bicyclic ketone 14a.

The X-ray structure analysis of **15** clearly reveals an *exo*configuration of the trimethylsilyl group. Under controlled GC conditions **15** underwent a retro aldol reaction giving the bicyclic ketone **14a** as well as 3-allylcyclopentanone **13**. Hydrogenation of **3** led to a product, which according to its ¹H NMR sprectrum was identical with that of **14a**.

With the bicyclic compound 3 at hand, the further reaction with allyltrimethylsilane was of interest. When 3 was

treated with titanium tetrachloride and allyltrimethylsilane the bi- and tricyclic compounds **4** and **5** were formed in 53% and 24% yield respectively. The stereochemistry of the triquinane **5** is based on its C_2 symmetry compatible

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Taking into account the results and mechanistic interpretations of Knölker, Danheiser and Meyers, the highly stereoselective processes by which 3, 14a and others are formed, can be described by a stereoelectronically controlled attack of the allylsilane in the 3-position of the activated enone in a synplanar or an antiplanar conformation (Scheme 4, shown only for an antiplanar conformation of the enone).^{9, 14-15} A priori the allylsilane can adopt an 'endo'- or an 'exo'-orientation. Whereas allylation could proceed by nucleophilic attack at the silvl group (process a) from the endo- as well as from exo arrangement, an endo orientation of the allyltrialkylsilane is required for the observed exclusive formation of the cyclopentane ring with the carbonyl and silvl group *trans* to each other (14a).¹⁶ This ring formation becomes the dominant process (process b) by use of bulky alkylsubstituents at Si.

with the 2 signals in the GC on a chiral GC-column and

the 7¹³C NMR signals observed.



The Sakurai reaction has proven to be a valuable addition to the arsenal of reliable and efficient synthetic methods.⁸ Specifically the cycloalkenones 12 and 16 (n = 2, 3) give upon treatment with TiCl₄ and allyltrimethylsilane the 3allylcycloalkanones in high yield (13: 70 %^{8b}; 17 n = 2: 80 $\%^{8b}$, **17** n = 3: 84 $\%^{18}$). Depending on the structure of the enone and the bulk of the trialkylsilyl group allylation is accompanied by a competing annulation reaction .10,14-15 This latter reaction becomes the dominant path when the trimethylsilyl substituent of the allylsilane is replaced by bulkier trialkylsilyl groups. For the reaction of cyclopentenone 12 with allyltrimethylsilane our more detailed investigation has revealed a more complex reactivity pattern. Whether this is due to the formation of binary or higher Ti(IV) complexes in the course of the reaction is an unsolved question.¹⁹ Nevertheless, the high yield as well as the control of the chemo- and stereoselectivity observed in the reaction of enones with allyltrialkylsilanes is the basis for its synthetic importance.

In contrast to this high selectivity 4-acetoxycyclopent-2enone **1a** reacts preferentially to **2** and the annulation product **3** rather than to the expected Sakurai product **6** or **7**. The aldol compound **2** can be cleaved upon treatment with a weak base to give the desired 4-allylcyclopent-2enone **7** directly in good yield, from which 3-allyl-4-vinylcyclopentanone **9** can be readily prepared.

Experimental details.²⁰

3-Allyl-2-[1-hydroxy-4-acetoxycyclopent-2-enyl]-cyclo-

pent-4-enone (2). To a solution of 3.40g (24.0 mmol) $1a^7$ in 140ml CH₂Cl₂ was injected 4.54g (24.0 mmol) freshly distilled TiCl₄ at -78° C under vigourous stirring. After stirring for 20 min a cooled (-78°C) solution of 6.40g (48.0 mmol) allyltrimethylsilane in 80ml CH₂Cl₂ was slowly added during 1h. The reaction mixture was warmed to -25°C and stirred for 20h. Hydrolysis with an ice cold solution of NaHCO₃ and extraction with CH₂Cl₂ (3x) gave after work up and CC with hexane-ether (1:1) 4.35g (69%) 2 and 0.52g (11%) 3. In addition traces of 1b and dicyclopentadienone were isolated. A pure isomer of **2** was isolated by HPLC: R_f (hexane-ether = 1:1): 0.17. IR: 3600 (w), 1730(ws), 1690(vs), 1370(s), 1245(vs), 1020(s). MS: $262(M^+, 3)$, 220(12), 205(27), 202(19), 184(5), 174(5), 171(6), 161(10), 141(10), 123(22), 122(100), 121(20), 107(34), 94(40), 86(73), 84(82), 81(59), 79(29), 53(12), 49(15), 47(21), 43(29), 18(10). ¹H NMR: 7.68(dd, J=5.5, 2.3, 1H), 6.25(dd, J=5.5, 1.8, 1H), 6.05-5.97 (m, 2H), 5.80-5.62 (m, 1H), 5.54-5.46(m, 1H), 5.17-5.04 (m, 2H), 4.60(s, 1H), 2.10-2.50(m, 5H), 2.05(s, 3H), 1.84 (dd, J =15.1, 3.3, 1H). ¹³C-NMR: 217(s), 170.8(s), 168.4(d), 139.6(d), 134.2(d), 134.1(d), 132.4(d), 118.4(t), 84.8(s), 77.4(d), 56.3(d), 44.3(d), 42.0(t), 37.9(t), 21.1(q). HR-MS: 262.1205 (calc. $C_{15}H_{18}O_4$ 262.1205).

3: R_f (hexane-ether = 1:1): 0.73. M.p: 24-28°C. IR: 1705(vs), 1250(s). MS: 194(M⁺, 100), 79(56), 105(10), 153(50), 75(43), 73(80), 47(17), 28(22), 18(43). ¹H NMR: 7.48 (dd, J₁=5.5, J₂=2.8, 1H), 6.15 (dd, J₁=5.5, J₂=1.8, 1H), 3.40-3.33 (m, 1H), 2.66 dd, J₁=9.7, J₂=5.4, 1H), 1.91 (dd, J=12.9, 5.9, 1H), 1.62 (ddt, J=12.9, 5.9, 1.3, 1H), 1.55-1.43 (m, 2H), 0.72-0.61 (m, 1H), 0.00 (s, 9H). ¹³C-NMR: 214.0(s), 167.6(d), 135.1(d), 50.7(d), 47.7(d), 32.2(t), 31.2(t), 22.4(d), -3.0(q). HR-MS: 194.1309 (calc. for C₁₁H₁₈OSi 194.1307).

4-Allylcyclopent-2-enone (7): After addition of 2.86g (10.9 mmol) **2** in 10ml CH₃OH to a mixture of 80ml aqueous NH₃ (25%) and 100ml CH₃OH in 15 min the solution was refluxed for ~ 1.5 h. The organic phase obtained by dilution of the reaction mixture with ice cold aqueous NaHCO₃ and extraction with hexane (3x) was treated with 2N HCl (3x). CC with hexane-ether (1:1) gave 0.785g (59%) **7** and 0.226g (17%) **8**²¹. **7**: R_f (hexane-ether = 1:1): 0.38. IR: 1710(vs). ¹H NMR: 7.65(dd, J₁=5.6, J₂=2.6, 1H), 6.19(dd, J₁=5.6, J₂=1.9, 1H), 5.78(m, 1H), 5.13(m, 2H), 3.05(m, 1H), 2.53(dd, J=18.7, 6.2, 1H), 2.27(m, 2H),

2.05(dd, J=18.7, 2.2, 1H). ¹³C-NMR: 214.1(s), 167.6(d), 134.9(d), 134.2(d), 117.5(t), 40.8(d), 40.3(t), 38.5(t).

Trans-3-allyl-4-vinyl-cyclopentanone (9): To a mixture, prepared from 7.0 ml vinyl-MgBr in THF(15%, 7.00 mmol) and 0.119 g CuBr x (CH₃)₂S in 18 ml THF at -70°C was slowly added 0.710g (5.8mmol) 7 in 10ml THF. After stirring for 1.5 h at -78°C the reaction mixture was worked up, extracted with ether (3x) and the residue purified by FC with hexane-ether = 1:1 to give 0.60 mg (69%) 9: R_f (hexane-ether = 1:1): 0.73. IR: 3010(m), 1740(vs), 920(s). ¹H NMR: 5.75(m, 2H), 5.08(m, 4H), $2.56-2.39(m, H_a + 3H), 2.19-1.85(m, 3H + H_b)$. ¹³C NMR: 217.1(s), 139.3(d), 135.8(d), 116.7(t), 116.1(t), 46.5(d), 45.1(t), 44.0(t), 42.0(d), 37.0(t). FAB-MS: 150.0(M⁺, 12), 149.0 (100). GC-MS: 150(M⁺, 44), 135(30), 132(24), 108(14), 92(10), 81(14), 80(17), 79(15), 68(23), 67(37), 54(100), 41(32), 39(37), 27(22). Anal. calc. for $C_{10}H_{14}O$: C 79.94, H 9.40; found: C 79.65, H 9.38.

(rel-1R,3R,4S)-3-Allyl-4-vinyl-cyclopentanol (10) and (rel-1S,3R,4S)-3-Allyl-4-vinyl-cyclopentanol (11): A solution of 0.56 g (3.7mmol) 9 in 10ml methanol was slowly added to 0.156 g (4.1mmol) NaBH₄ in 20ml methanol. After 15 min 5ml dist. water was added and the reaction mixture worked up. HPLC gave 0.27 g (48%) 10 and 0.242 g (43%) **11**. **10**: R_f (hexane-ether = 1:1) : 0.28; k' (HPLC): 7.6. IR: 3615(s), 3480(s), 1010(vs), 915(vs). ¹H NMR: 5.90-5.75(m, 1H), 5.75-5.60(m, 1H), 5.10-4.9(m, 4H), 4.40-4.30(m, 1H), 2.60-2.50(m, H_a), 2.50-2.40(m, 1H), 2.40-2.30(m, 1H), 2.15-2.05(m, 1H), 2.00-1.90(ddt, 1H), 1.85-1.75(m, 1H), 1.75-1.70(m, H_b), 1.60(s, 1H), 1.45-1.35 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR: 141.5(d), 137.4(d), 115.5(t), 114.5(t), 72.2(d), 47.8(d), 44.0(d), 42.8(t), 41.5(t), 38.3(t). 11: $R_f 0.25$ (hexane-ether = 1:1); k'(HPLC, hexaneethylacetate = 20:1): 8.1. IR: 3610(m), 3450(s), 1330(m), 1070(m), 1010(vs), 915(vs). ¹H-NMR: 5.85-5.70(m, 2H), 5.05-4.90(m, 4H), 4.35-4.25(m, 1H), 2.40- 2.20(m, 2H), 2.15-2.00(m, H_a), 2.00-1.90(m, H_b), 1.90-1.78(m, 2H), 1.60-1.40(m, 3H).¹³C-NMR: 142.1(d), 137.3(d), 115.5(t), 114.2(t), 72.2(d), 49.0(d), 42.9(d), 42.6(t), 41.7(t), 37.7(t). MS (mixture of **10** and **11**): 152(M⁺, 5), 151([M-1]⁺, 18), 137(17), 135(20), 124(42), 111(46), 110(39), 109(46), 91(64), 83(100). HR-MS: calc. for $C_{10}H_{16}O$ 152.120115, found 152.11850.

4-exo-Allyl-7-exo-trimethylsilyl-bicyclo[3.3.0]octan-2-

one (4) and rel-(1R,3R,5S,7R,8R,10S)-5,10-bis-trimethylsilyl-tricyclo[$6.3.0.0^{3.7}$]-undecan-2-one (5): A solution of 0.34 g (1.75 mmol) **3** in 5ml CH₂Cl₂ was added dropwise to a solution of 0.365g (1.93 mmol) TiCl₄ in 5ml CH₂Cl₂ at -78°C. After slow addition of 0.30g (2.63 mmol) allyltrimethylsilane in 1ml CH₂Cl₂ the reaction mixture was stirred at -78°C, warmed to -20°C and stirred for 20h. Work up and CC with hexane-AcOEt = 20:1 gave 0.180 g(53%) **4** and 0.067 g (24%) **5**. **4**: R_f (hexane- AcOEt = 20:1): 0.65. IR: 1720(s), 1250(vs), 1150(s), 1100(vs), 910(s), 895(s), 850(vs). ¹H NMR: 6.00-5.85(m, 1H), 5.25-5.15(m, 1H), 2.90-2.80(m, 1H), 2.70-2.60(m, 1H), 2.55-2.35(m, 3H), 2.30-2.10(m, 2H), 2.00-1.85(m, 1H), 1.85-1.75(m, 1H), 1.70-1.55(m, 2H), 1.05-0.85(m, 1H), 0.05(s, 9H). 13 C NMR: 221.9(s), 136.5(d), 116.4(t), 53.5(d), 47.6(d), 45.8(t), 40.6(d), 40.2(t), 35.4(t), 32.3(t), 25.4(d), -3.0(q). MS: 236(M⁺, 25), 221(12), 196(36), 195(100), 153(23), 123(27), 105(11), 86(45), 84(49), 75(15), 73(46), 47(12). HR-MS: 236.1592 (calc. for for C₁₆H₂₄OS 236.1596). **5**: R_f (hexane- AcOEt = 20:1): 0.79. M.p.: 80-82°C. IR: 1725(vs), 1250(vs), 920(s), 850(vs). MS: 308(M⁺, 8), 267(38), 235(15), 195(75), 194(22), 193(23), 179(23), 153(15), 105(15), 75(28), 73(100), 32(39), 28(96), 18(47). {}^{1}H-NMR: 2.70-2.60(m, 2H), 2.40-2.30(m, 2H), 2.05-1.95(m, 2H), 1.75-1.50(m, 6H), 0.90-0.80(m, 2H). {}^{13}C-NMR: 228.3(s), 55.7(d), 48.8(d), 37.9(t), 33.9(t), 25.7(d), -3.0(q). HR-MS: 308.1996 (calc.C₁₇H₃₂OSi₂ 308.1992).

5-Trimethylsilyl-bicyclo[3,3,0] octan-1-one (14a).

a) via preparative GC: GC of **15** at 120 -130 °C (20% XF 1150)) gave **13** ($t_R = 7.1$ min) and **14a** ($t_R = 15.78$ min). **14a**: ¹H NMR: 2.80-2.95 (m, 1H) 2.55-2.65 (m, 1H) 2.10-2.40 m, 3H) 1.95 - 2.05 (ddd, 1H) 1.40 - 1.65 (m, 4H) 0.75 - 0.92 (m, 1H) -0.03 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR: 223.71 (s) 53.03 (d) 41.26 (d) 39.60 (t) 36.26 (t) 32.63 (t), 27.51 (t) 25.32 (d) -2.98 (q). MS: 196(M⁺,10) 181(12), 155(81), 156(19), 75(40), 73(100) 54(25). HR-MS: calcd. for $C_{11}H_{20}OSi:$ 196.128344; found 196.127610.

b) via hydrogenation: A solution of **3** (98 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ether (10 mL) was hydrogenated in the presence of 5% Pd/C (50 mg). The crude product (100 mg) was distilled in a Kugelrohr bp 110 °C (0.4 mm) purified by preparative GC. All spectral data (MS, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR) identical with **14a** obtained from **15** by aldol cleavage.

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