# **Ozonides from the Ozonolyses of Indene**

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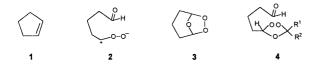
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Ozonolysis reactions of indene 5 in the presence of carbonyl compounds 6 provided the corresponding indenemonoozonide 9 and cross-ozonides 10a-c and 11a-c. Further reactions of ozonides 10 and 11 with the independently prepared carbonyl oxide 13 gave diozonides of structure 14a-c and 15a-c.

### Introduction

Reactions of substituted indenes with ozone in non-participating solvents generally gave rise to the corresponding bicyclic ozonides in high yield as a consequence of intramolecular recombination of either or both carbonyl oxide-carbonyl pairs. <sup>1-5</sup> However, studies by Warnel and Shriner on the ozonolysis of unsubstituted indene in ethanol have demonstrated the presence of the cyclic peroxide as an anomalous product.

Ozonolysis of cyclopentene 1 in non-participating solvents has been reported to the corresponding intermediate of type 2.<sup>7</sup> Recently, we have been able to make use of this mode of generation of intermediate for the preparation of monoozonides type 3 and cross ozonides type 4 by ozonolysis of cyclopetene in the presence of carbonyl compounds.<sup>8</sup> We have now tried whether this mode of reaction can be extended to the ozonolysis of indene 5. Ozonides of type 4 would represent functionalized ozonides which could undergo subsequent reactions at the aldehyde groups to give diozonides.



### **Results and Discussion**

In pursuit of our goals, we have ozonized the indene 5 in inert solvents in the presence of two molar equivalents of a carbonyl compounds **6a**, **6b** and **6c**. Ozonolyses of indene 5 in the presence of carbonyl compounds **6** as a good dipolarophile <sup>9,10</sup> afforded in each case the corresponding normal ozonide **9** and cross ozonides **10** and **11**, whereas in this reactions no evidence was found for the formation of other peroxidic products as outlined in Scheme 1.

Cycloreversion process of primary ozonides can provide two possible different intermediates 7 and 8 in the case of indene. Ozonolysis of indene 5 in the presence of carbonyl compounds **6a-c** did provide the corresponding monoozonide **9**, **10a-c** and **11a-c**, which were obtained in yields of 35%, 27% and 15%, respectively. Ozonolyses of **5** in the presence of **6** gave higher yields of the cross-ozonide **10a-c**, suggesting the formation of carbonyl oxide moiety **7** rather

than **8** is more favored.<sup>5</sup> The formation of ozonide **9** is in line with the known fact that 5-membered cycloolefins<sup>11,12</sup> give high yields of ozonides, *i.e.* intramolecular reaction of the carbonyl oxide in **7** and **8** can compete with intermolecular reaction with carbonyl compounds **6**.

All of the peroxidic products have been isolated by column chromatography on silica gel. The unsymmetrically substituted ozonides 10b and 10c were 1:2-mixtures of the cis-and trans-isomers, from which only trans-isomers could be isolated. The stereoisomers have been tentatively assigned based on the assumption that, as in other reported cases, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR signal of the hydrogen attached to the ozonide ring appears in a higher position for the trans-isomer than for the cis-isomer. 13,14 The structures of all isolated ozonides were established by 1H and 13C NMR spectroscopy, and their reduction with triphenylphosphine to give the expected fragments, viz. dialdehydes of structure O=CH-Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH=O 12 and the corresponding carbonyl compounds 6 in a ratio of 1:1. Characteristic signals in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of all ozonides of type 10a-c and 11a-c were those for the R-C-H groups in the ozonide rings and the CH=O groups in the side chains. The R-C-H signals and CH=O signals for ozonides **10a-c** and **11a-c** appeared in the range of  $\delta = 5.04$ -6.51 and 9.64-10.18, respectively.

Characteristic signals in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of all ozonides of structure **10a-c** and **11a-c** were those of the magnetically nonequivalent (R,H)C-atoms and (H,H)C- or (R<sup>1</sup>,R<sup>2</sup>) C-atoms in the ozonide rings and of the C=O atoms in the

side chains. The signals for the C-atoms in the ozonide rings appeared in the range of  $\delta$ = 94.45-101.14 and  $\delta$ = 102.23-107.11, respectively. The C=O signals of ozonides appeared in the range of  $\delta$ = 193.16-199.42.

In an attempt to make use of the functionalized ozonides of type 10a-c and 11a-c, we have generated formaldehyde-O-oxide 13 in the presence of ozonides 10a-c and 11a-c on purpose to induce a cycloaddition reaction between 13 and the aldehyde group in 10 and 11. To this end, isopropenyl acetate<sup>15</sup> has been ozonized in the presence of one half molar equivalent of one of the ozonides in dichloromethane at -78 °C. Ozonolyses of 10a-c and 11a-c in the presence of formaldehyde-O-oxide 13 afforded corresponding diozonides 14a-c and 15a-c, respectively. All of the diozonides were isolated by column chromatographic methods.

The structrural assignments of diozonides are based on their reduction with TPP to give the corresponding dialdehyde O=CH-R-CH=O **12** and carbonyl compounds **6**. Characteristic signals in the  $^1$ H NMR spectra were those of the CH<sub>2</sub> and CH groups in the ozonide ring appearing in the range of  $\delta$ = 4.89-6.71 for diozonides **14a-c** and **15a-c**. Characteristic signals in the  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra were those in the range of  $\delta$ = 94.53-107.56 for all diozonides.

The results in this study provide ample evidences that carbonyl oxides which are formed in the ozonolysis of indene in aprotic solvent can be readily trapped by "foreign" carbonyl compounds to give cross-ozonides. As one of several conceiveable aldehyde reactions, the cycloaddition with formaldehyde-O-oxide was realized to give a variety of diozonides. This represents another new short-path synthesis for ozonides which were not known previously.

## **Experimental Section**

All NMR spectra were recorded with Brucker FT-NMR (300 MHz), using TMS as an internal reference. The ozonides were isolated by flash chromatography on 80 g silica gel using diethyl ether/n-pentane in a ratio of 1:4. HPLC separation was carried out on a Shimadzu chromatograph SPD-6AV.

**Ozonolyses and Reductions of Ozonides**. Unless otherwise mentioned, the following procedure was used: The ozonolysis reaction was carried out in dichloromethane at -78 °C until the solution turned blue. Residual ozone was flushed out with nitrogen, the solvent was distilled off at room temperature under reduced pressure, and the residue was separated by flash chromatography. Reductions of isolated ozonides were carried out on *ca*. 20-40 mg samples in *ca*. 0.6 mL of CDCl<sub>3</sub> with an excess of triphenylphosphine and the products were analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

Caution: All ozonolysis reactions, chromatographic sep-

arations, and reductions of ozonides were carried out behind protective safety glass shields in hood. Safety glasses and gloves must be worn.

**Ozonolysis of 5 and 6a**: Ozonolysis of 0.35 g (3 mmol) of **5** and 1 mL of **6a** (freshly prepared by pyrolysis of paraformaldehyde) in 50 mL of dichloromethane followed by distillation of the solvent under reduced pressure gave a liquid residue. From which 0.16 g (0.84 mmol, 28%) of **10a**, 0.10 g (0.51 mmol, 17%) of **11a** and 0.18 g (1.1 mmol, 36%) of **9** were isolated [solvent: diethyl ether/*n*-pentane, 1 : 4].

**Indenemonoozonide (9):** Colorless solid. mp 62-63 °C (Lit.,  $^{16}$  62-63 °C);  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  3.03 (d, J = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, J = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 6.94-7.37 (m, 4H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  35.34, 100.17 100.99, 125.70, 126.95, 129.25, 130.33, 130.41, 133.83. Anal. calcd for  $C_9H_8O_3$ : C, 65.83; H, 4.91. found: C, 65.77; H, 4.86.

**Reduction of 9 with TPP** gave 2-(o-formylphenyl)ethanal **12** [ $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  4.14 (s, 2H), 7.24-8.41 (m, 4H), 9.82 (s, 1H), 10.03 (s, 1H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  48.74, 128.63-137.75 (m), 193.79, 198.80].

*o*-[(1,2,4-Trioxolan-3-yl)phenyl]acetaldehyde (10a): Colorless liquid;  $^1$ H NMR δ 3.78 (s, 2H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 7.17-7.60 (m, 4H), 9.64 (s, 1H);  $^{13}$ C NMR δ 47.84, 95.32, 102.23, 128.27, 128.38, 131.09, 131.68, 132.20, 132.47, 199.42. Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_{10}O_4$ : C, 61.85; H, 5.19. found: C, 61.07; H, 5.23.

Reduction of 10a with TPP gave 12.

*o*-[(1,2,4-Trioxolan-3-yl)methyl]benzaldehyde (11a): Colorless liquid;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  3.50 (m, 2H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 5.44 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.84 (m, 4H), 10.18 (s, 1H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  35.72, 94.45, 103.10, 128.19, 133.20, 133.57, 134.05, 134.98, 136.78, 193.16. Anal. calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 61.85; H, 5.19. found: C, 60.73: H, 5.04.

## Reduction of 11a with TPP gave 12.

**Ozonolysis of 5 and 6b**: Ozonolysis of 0.35 g (3 mmol) of indene **5** and 0.63 g (9 mmol) of **6b** in 50 mL of dichloromethane, followed by distillation of the solvent under reduced pressure gave a liquid residue. From which 0.20 g (0.87 mmol, 29%) of **10b**, 0.10 g (0.45 mmol, 15%) of **11b** and 0.17 g (1.0 mmol, 34%) of **9** were isolated [solvent: diethyl ether/*n*-pentane, 1 : 1]. By HPLC (3.2 × 25 cm Li-Chrosorb Si 60, solvent: dichloromethane/*n*-pentane 15 : 1) separation of 0.69 g (3 mmol) of *cis*-and *trans* of **11b**, one obtained 0.45 g (1.95 mmol, 65%) of *trans*-**11b**.

*o*-[5-Cyano-5-methyl-(1,2,4-trioxolan-3-yl)-phenyl]acetaldehyde (10b): Colorless liquid (only one isomer of unknown stereochemistry could be isolated.);  $^1$ H NMR  $\delta$  1.89 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 7.17-7.80 (m, 4H), 9.65 (s, 1H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  21.47, 47.67, 99.87, 103.94, 117.09, 128.06, 128.33, 128.63, 128.83, 132.08, 132.75, 198.84. Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N: C, 61.81; H, 4.75. found: C, 62.03; H, 4.63.

**Reduction of 10b with TPP** gave **12** and **6b** in a ratio of ca. 1: 1.

*cis*-and *trans-o*-[5-Cyano-5-methyl-(1,2,4-trioxolan-3-yl)methyl]benzaldehyde (11b): Colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  [1.80 (s), 1.85 (s)] (3H), [3.30 (m), 3.66 (m)] (2H), [5.48 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 6.12 (t, J = 3.4 Hz)] (1H), 7.18-8.30 (m, 4H),

10.11 (s, 1H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  20.96, 21.21, 34.10, 34.20, 98.46, 98.79, 105.75, 116.40, 116.78, 128.82, 133.65, 134.31, 134.75, 135.29, 135.70, 193.87. Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N: C, 61.81; H, 4.75. found: C, 61.74; H, 4.82.

Reduction of 11b with TPP gave 12 and 6b in a ratio of ca. 1:1.

*trans*-11b: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.80 (s, 3H), 3.66 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18-8.30 (m, 4H), 10.11 (s, 1H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  21.21, 34.20, 98.79, 105.75, 116.78, 128.82, 133.65, 134.31, 134.75, 135.29, 135.70, 193.87.

Ozonolysis of 5 and 6c: Ozonolysis of 0.35 g (3 mmol) of 5 and 1.18 g (9 mmol) of 6c in 50 mL of dichloromethane, followed by distillation of the solvent under reduced pressure gave a liquid residue. From which 0.23 g (0.78 mmol, 26%) of **10c**, 0.12 g (0.39 mmol, 13%) of **11c** and 0.16 g (0.99 mmol, 33%) of 9 were isolated [solvent: diethyl ether/ *n*-pentane, 1:1]. By HPLC  $(3.2 \times 25 \text{ cm LiChrosorb Si } 60,$ solvent: dichloromethane/n-pentane 15:1) separation of 0.89 g (3 mmol) of cis-and trans-11c, one obtained 0.62 g (2.1 mmol, 69%) of trans-11c.

o-[5-Cyano-5-phenyl-(1,2,4-trioxolan-3-yl)-phenyl]acetaldehyde (10c): Colorless liquid (only one isomer of unknown stereochemistry could be isolated.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  3.92 (s, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.80 (m, 9H), 9.77 (s, 1H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$ 47.98, 102.32, 105.29, 116.34, 127.54, 128.42, 128.96, 129.06, 129.64, 129.65, 132.04, 132.11, 132.21, 132.45, 132.66, 132.74, 198.4. Anal. calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N: C, 69.51; H, 4.38. found: C, 69.32; H, 4.41.

Reduction of 10c with TPP gave 12 and 6c in a ratio of ca. 1 : 1.

cis-and trans-o-[5-Cyano-5-phenyl-(1,2,4-trioxolan-3yl)methyl]benzaldehyde (11c): Colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ 3.82 (m, 2H), [5.76 (t, J = 3.2 Hz), 6.09 (t, J = 3.2 Hz)] (1H), 7.41-8.09 (m, 9H), [10.09 (s), 10.13 (s)] (1H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$ 34.37, 101.14, 101.50, 106.76, 107.00, 115.92, 116.12, 127.56, 128.67, 128.85, 129.04, 129.46, 132.55, 133.72, 134.32, 134.36, 134.66, 134.86, 135.29, 193.77, 193.88. Anal. calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N: C, 69.51; H, 4.38. found: C, 69.24; H, 4.33.

Reduction of 11c with TPP gave 12 and 6c in a ratio of ca. 1:1.

trans-11c: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  3.82 (m, 2H), 5.76 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41-8.09 (m, 9H), 10.13 (s, 1H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  34.37, 101.50, 107.11, 116.12, 127.56, 128.67, 128.85, 129.04, 129.46, 132.55, 133.72, 134.32, 134.36, 134.66, 134.86, 135.29, 193.88.

Ozonolysis of 10a and isopropenyl acetate: Ozonolysis of 0.58 g (3.0 mmol) of **10a** and 0.60 g (6 mmol) of isopropenyl acetate in 40 mL of dichloromethane gave a solid residue, from which 0.27 g (1.1 mmol, 37%) of 14a was isolated [solvent: diethyl ether/n-pentane, 1 : 1].

3-[*o*-(1,2,4-Trioxolan-3-yl)-benzyl]-1,2,4-trioxolane (14a): Colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  3.16 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 5.42 (t, J = 6.3Hz, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.63 (m, 4H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  35.32, 94.53, 95.45, 101.66, 103.52, 127.92, 130.63, 131.81, 132.09, 132.12, 134.63. Anal. calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 55.00; H, 5.04. found: C, 55.13; H, 5.13.

Reduction of 14a with TPP gave 12.

Ozonolysis of 11a and isopropenyl acetate: Ozonolysis of 0.58 g (3.0 mmol) of **11a** and 0.60 g (6 mmol) of isopropenyl acetate in 40 mL of dichloromethane gave a solid residue, from which 0.25 g (1.0 mmol, 35%) of 14a was isolated [solvent: diethyl ether/n-pentane, 1:1].

Ozonolysis of 10b and isopropenyl acetate: Ozonolysis of 0.70 g (3.0 mmol) of **10b** and 0.60 g (6 mmol) of isopropenyl acetate in 40 mL of dichloromethane gave a solid residue, from which 0.29 g (1.05 mmol, 35%) of 14b was isolated [solvent: diethyl ether/n-pentane, 1 : 1].

3-[o-(5-Cyano-5-methyl-1,2,4-trioxolane-3-yl)-benzyl]-1,2,4-trioxolane (14b): Colorless liquid (only one isomer of unknown stereochemistry could be isolated.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ 1.87 (s, 3H), 3.00-3.07 (m, 2H), 4.93 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.74 (m, 4H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  21.59, 35.12, 35.41, 94.58, 99.80, 103.03, 103.19, 103.78, 103.84, 117.13, 128.25, 128.54, 131.59, 132.09, 132.21, 134.99. Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N: C, 55.91; H, 4.69. found: C, 56.14; H, 4.63.

Reduction of 14b with TPP gave 12 and 6b in a ratio of ca. 1:1.

Ozonolysis of 11b and isopropenyl acetate: Ozonolysis of 0.70 g (3.0 mmol) of cis- and trans-11b and 0.60 g (6 mmol) of isopropenyl acetate in 40 mL of dichloromethane gave a solid residue, from which 0.28 g (1.0 mmol, 34%) of **15b** was isolated [solvent: diethyl ether/n-pentane, 1:1].

3-[o-(1,2,4-Trioxolan-3-yl)-benzyl]-5-cyano-5-methyl-**1,2,4-trioxolane** (15b): Colorless liquid (a mixture of two stereoisomers); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.80 (s, 3H), [3.09 (m), 3.34 (m)] (2H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H), [5.44 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 5.85 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 5.85)]= 3.4 Hz)] (1H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 7.317.90 (m, 4H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$ 20.96, 21.20, 33.56, 33.68, 95.49, 98.53, 98.88, 101.80, 106.24, 106.31, 116.37, 116.81, 128.36, 130.74, 131.57, 132.36, 132.96, 133.76. Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N: C, 55.91; H, 4.69. found: C, 55.74; H, 4.58.

Reduction of 15b with TPP gave 12 and 6b in a ratio of ca. 1:1.

Ozonolysis of 10c and isopropenyl acetate: Ozonolysis of 0.89 g (3.0 mmol) of 10c and 0.60 g (6 mmol) of isopropenyl acetate in 40 mL of dichloromethane gave a solid residue, from which 0.32 g (0.93 mmol, 31%) of **14c** was isolated [solvent: diethyl ether/n-pentane, 1:1].

3-[o-(5-Cyano-5-phenyl-1,2,4-trioxolan-3-yl)-benzyl]-1,2,4-trioxolane (14c): Colorless liquid (only one isomer of unknown stereochemistry could be isolated.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ 3.08-3.28 (m, 2H), 4.99-5.10 (m, 2H), 5.39 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 7.32-8.15 (m, 9H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  35.23, 35.66, 94.63, 97.01, 103.04, 103.25, 105.14, 105.22, 116.48, 127.53, 128.52, 128.67, 129.36, 129.6, 130.90, 131.69, 132.11, 132.26, 132.64, 134.97, 137.29. Anal. calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N: C, 63.35; H, 4.43. found: C, 63.13; H, 4.56.

Reduction of 14c with TPP gave 12 and 6c in a ratio of ca. 1:1.

Ozonolysis of 11c and isopropenyl acetate: Ozonolysis of 0.89 g (3.0 mmol) of cis- and trans-11c and 0.60 g (6 mmol) of isopropenyl acetate in 40 mL of dichloromethane gave a solid residue, from which 0.33 g (0.96 mmol, 32%) of **15c** was isolated [solvent: diethyl ether/n-pentane, 1 : 1].

**3-**[*o*-(**1,2,4-Trioxolan-3-yl)-benzyl]-5-cyano-5-phenyl-1,<b>2,4-trioxolane** (**15c**): Colorless liquid (a mixture of two stereoisomers); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  3.41-3.55 (m, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 5.74 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.71 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  33.98, 95.50, 100.50, 102.00, 107.56, 116.08, 127.60, 128.38, 128.90, 129.48, 130.58, 130.99, 131.58, 132.38, 132.47, 132.59, 132.81, 132.89. Anal. calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N: C, 63.35; H, 4.43. found: C, 63.52; H, 4.37.

**Reduction of 15c with TPP** gave **12** and **6c** in a ratio of ca. 1:1.

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