imines by H. Yamamoto, 13 cis-isomer was obtained as major product.

We turned our attention to other *trans*-selective reduction approach for the hydroxy-imine 7. The reduction of the imine 7 with NaBH(OAc)₃, which is useful for the "directed reduction", ¹⁴ however, gave almost an equal amount of both isomers. Hydrogenation of the imine 7 with PtO₂ as catalyst also gave the *cis*-isomer as major product ¹⁵ (Table 2).

In conclusion, nucleophilic additions of sterically hindered carbon nucleophiles to the activated lactam 3 can be efficiently carried out through organocerium complexes. Also, the stereoselective reduction of five-membered cyclic imine 6 and 7 has been done with several reagents. Although a further study is necessary to develop an efficient *trans*-selective reduction method, our results will be useful for the preparation of *cis-2*,5-disubstituted pyrrolidine derivatives. A synthetic application of this work is in progress.

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Stabilizing Effect of Tributyltin Group on Adjacent Carbon Radicals

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In connection with radical cyclization of N-aziridinylimines, ¹² we have reported that the radical cyclization of 1 afforded only 3 in high yields without the formation of 4 (eq. 1), while 5 gave a 87:13 mixture of 6 and 7 under the similar radical conditions due to the formation of an intermediate allylic radical (eq. 2). Further studies with 8 gave the similar results and only 9a and 9b were isolated in 82% and 89% yield, respectively (eq. 3). ^{3,4} It is also noteworthy that 1,5-hydrogen transfer did not take place prior to radical cyclization. Since the reaction should proceed via an intermediacy of 2, the sole formation of 3 and 9 was quite surprising to us. We assumed that the reason for this observation could

be due to the stabilizing effect of tributyltin group on adjacent carbon radicals.

a:R=H,11a/12a=1/2,13a/14a=1/1,13a+14a=94%

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b: R=Me, 11b/12b=1/10, 13b/14b=1/1, 13b+14b=86%

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We were encouraged to apply our finding to the preparation of allyltin compounds. However, treatment of a 1:1 mixture of 11a and 12a with Bu₃SnH (1.1 equiv) and AIBN (0.1 equiv) in refluxing benzene for 2h did not give 14a as a sole product, and instead gave a 1:1 mixture of 13a and 14a in 94% yield (eq. 4). A similar result was also obtained with a mixture of 11b and 12b. It is evident that the tributyltin group did not affect the regiochemical outcome when the tributyltin substituted acyclic allyl radical reacted with Bu₃SnH. At the present time, we offer no explanations as to why the discrepancy was observed in the reaction.

Both α -sily and β -silyl substituents have been known to stabilize alkyl radicals.⁵ Miura *et al* studied the stabilizing effect of the α -trialkylsilyl group on adjacent carbon radicals using radical induced ring opening of 1-trialkylsilylvinylcyclopropanes.⁶ Although the α -stannyl substituent has been suggested to stabilize alkyl radicals to some extent,⁷ no direct

Table 1. Radical induced ring opening of tributyltin substituted vinylcyclopropanes^a

Substate	А-Н	Yield (16+17), 16/17
15a: R=H	PhSH	66%, 95/5
15b: R=Me	PhSH	76%, 75/25
15c: R=Ph	Bu₃SnH	70%, 0/100
15d: $R = Me_3Si$	PhSH	40%, 33/67

^aThe stereochemistry of 15 has not been determined and stereoisomeric mixtures were used.

evidence has been reported. Thus, we examined the stabilizing effect of the tributyltin group on adjacent carbon-centered radicals using radical induced ring opening of tributyltin substituted vinylcyclopropanes. As shown in Scheme 1, the stabilizing effect of tributyltin group would give rise to cleavage a to yield 16, although the bond cleavage depends critically on the nature of the R group.

The model compounds chosen for this study were tributyltin subsituted vinylcyclopropanes (15) which were prepared by the routine operations. 15a was prepared from Z-3-tributylstannyl-2-propen-1-ol by a three-step sequence⁹ and vinyl cyclopropanes (15b, 15c, 15d) were prepared as shown in Scheme 2. The stereochemistry of vinylcyclopropanes (15b, 15c, 15d) could not be determined by ¹H NMR and stereo-isomeric mixtures of 15 were utilized in the radical reaction.

Treatment of 15a with thiophenol (1.2 equiv) and AIBN (0.1 equiv) in refluxing benzene for 3h gave a 95:5 mixture of 16a and 17a in 66% yield, suggesting that the tributyltin group should stabilize an adjacent carbon-centered radical. As shown in Table 1, radical reaction of 15b under the simi-

lar conditions gave a 75:25 mixture of 16b and 17b in 76% yield. Since α-alkyl substituent is known to stabilize the adjacent carbon radical by ca. 3 kcal/mol, the stabilizing effect of a-tributyltin group could be somewhat higher than this magnitude. When 15c was treated with thiophenol and AIBN in refluxing benzene, the product formed decomposed during silica gel column chromatographic separation. Therefore. 15c was treated with Bu₃SnH and AIBN in refluxing benzene for 4 h and only 17c was isolated without the formation of 16c, indicating that the stabilizing effect of α-tributyltin group should be far less than that of a-phenyl group. Finally, our affention was given to a competitive study between tributyltin group and trimethylsilyl group. When 15d was treated with thiophenol and AIBN in refluxing benzene for 3 h, a 33:67 mixture of 16d and 17d was obtained in 40% yield. The result obtained in this study suggests that the stabilizing effect of α-tributyltin group seems to be slightly less than that of a-trimethylsilyl group and the general order for stabilizing adjacent carbon radicals woud be Ph>Me₃Si>Bu₃Sn >alkyl.

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Synthetic Studies on Liposidomycins: Synthesis of 5-Aminopentose Moiety

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The liposidomycins are a family of novel lipid-containing nucleoside antibiotics of unusual complexity, recently found in the culture filtrate and mycelia of *Streptomyces griseosporeus*,¹ which inhibit formation of the lipid intermediate in peptidoglycan synthesis.^{1,2} The primary site of action of liposidomycin C was found to be phospho-MurNAc-pentapeptide transferase, the first step of the peptidoglycan synthesis in the cell wall of *E. coli*. Y-10.³ The structures of liposidomycins A,⁴ B (1),² and C² were proposed on the basis of degradation and spectroscopic studies; their structures are identical except lipid parts. The overall structure of liposidomycins as well as structural components, namely, a diazepinone and a 5-aminopentose 2-sulfate is unique. The present communication reports the synthetic studies of the 5-amino-β-D-ribo-

furanoside part of liposidomycins. There are a few points to be considered in the planning the synthesis; (i) introduction of the properly protected amino group at C-5, (ii) selective protection of 3-OH and sulfation of 2-OH, and (iii) β -glycosylation.

Diol 3 obtained by hydrolysis of isopropylidene group of compound 2 was transformed into 2,3-O-stannylene sugar 4 in almost quantitative yield by treatment with dibutyltin oxide in refluxing methanol. Reaction of 4 with benzyl bromide in the presence of one equivalent of tetrabutylammonium bromide in refluxing toluene gave a 1:1 mixture of 5-bromo-2-O-benzyl ether 5⁵ and 5-bromo-3-O-benzyl ether 66 in 68% yield and no dibenzyl ether was found. In the absence of tertrabutylammonium bromide, the bromination at C-5 did not occur and the benzylation was sluggish. Assignment of 5 and 6 was made on the basis of the 2D 1H NMR NOESY spectroscopic data: NOE's were observed between methyl protons of the methoxy group and aromatic protons and between the anomeric proton and benzylic protons of the benzyl group in compound 5. The ¹H NMR chemical shifts and coupling patterns of H-2 and H-3 of acetyl derivatives 107 and 118 further confirmed the assignment