

Lanthanoid(III) Trichloride-Tin(II) Chloride Mediated Cycloaddition Reaction of α,α' -Dibromo Ketones with 1,3-Dienes or Enamines

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The reaction of α,α' -dibromo ketones with 1,3-dienes in the presence of $\text{CeCl}_3\text{-SnCl}_2$ in tetrahydrofuran is found to give the corresponding [3+4] cycloadduct in fair to good yields under mild conditions. Furan and cyclopentadiene serve as highly efficient receptors of the oxyallyl intermediate to give bicyclic cycloadducts. The reaction of 2,4-dibromo-3-pentanone with isoprene gives both [3+4] and [3+2] cycloadducts. [3+2] Cycloaddition proceeds similarly with enamines to afford 2-cyclopenten-1-ones after treatment with 3% ethanolic NaOH solution.

Organic synthesis using lanthanoid compounds has been of current interest.¹⁾ Lanthanoid(III) trichloride (LnCl_3) has appeared to be one of the attractive reagent for organic synthesis. The combination with NaBH_4 ²⁾ or LiAlH_4 ³⁾ is efficient for 1,2-regioselective reduction of α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds, organic halides, and phosphine oxide. They can also be employed together with Grignard reagents or organolithium reagents for regio- and stereoselective alkylation of carbonyl compounds.⁴⁾ The characteristic of these reactions may be explained by the lanthanoid ion being a weak Lewis acid and having a high affinity for oxygen.⁵⁾ These combined reagents have recently been accepted into the repertoire of standard synthetic methodology. Lanthanoid(III) trichloride has been used as a Lewis acid catalyst for Friedel-Crafts reaction,⁶⁾ aldol reaction of silyl enol ether,⁷⁾ and ring opening reaction of oxirane.⁸⁾ Other trivalent lanthanoid reagents than LnCl_3 are also found to be useful for organic synthesis. For example, lanthanoid perchlorate and triflate are good catalyst for preparation of 4-substituted 2,6-dimethylpyrimidines from amines and nitriles.⁹⁾ Lanthanoid triflate can also be used with alkyllithium for the conversion of tertiary amines to ketones.¹⁰⁾ Lanthanoid tris[bis(trimethylsilyl)amide] has been developed for regioselective alkylation of epoxides with alkyllithium, where LnCl_3 poorly works.¹¹⁾

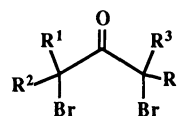
On the other hand, we previously reported a facile aldol synthesis from α -halo ketones and carbonyl compounds by using the combined reagent of $\text{CeCl}_3\text{-SnCl}_2$; a cerium enolate was assumed to be an intermediate.¹²⁾ The success of this reaction is due to activation of carbonyl group by cerium(III) ion promoting the reduction of the halogen group by SnCl_2 . When we applied this combined reagent to a reaction of α,α' -dibromo ketone with furan and cyclopentadiene, the bicyclooctenones, i.e., [3+4] cycloadducts were produced in high yields. As α,α' -dibromo ketone has been recognized as a suitable building block for preparation of five- and seven-membered carbocycles by reaction with alkenes and

1,3-dienes, respectively,¹³⁾ the following reagents so far been developed for the reaction: Cu/NaI ,¹⁴⁾ Zn/Cu ,¹⁵⁾ $\text{Fe}/\text{graphite}$,¹⁶⁾ and $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$.¹⁷⁾ The former three reagents requires some activations and reaction system is heterogeneous. $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$ is toxic and expensive, and it requires long reaction time and high reaction temperature, although it appears to be an excellent reagent for both [3+4] and [3+2] cycloadditions. $\text{CeCl}_3\text{-SnCl}_2$ reagent can be more conveniently used for the cycloaddition reaction of some α,α' -dibromo ketones, and the reaction procedure is quite simple. The reaction is homogeneous, needs no activation, and is carried out at room temperature in the air. Both CeCl_3 and SnCl_2 are easily kept with a little care of moisture, non toxic, and inexpensive.

We would like to report here a facile [3+4] and [3+2] cycloaddition reaction of α,α' -dibromo ketones with 1,3-dienes and enamines by $\text{CeCl}_3\text{-SnCl}_2$, respectively.

Results and Discussion

Reaction of α,α' -Dibromo Ketones with Furans in the Presence of the Combined Reagent of $\text{LnCl}_3\text{-SnCl}_2$: The reaction of 2,4-dibromo-3-pentanone (**1**) with furan in tetrahydrofuran (THF) proceeded smoothly at 0 °C to room temperature to afford the cycloadduct (**4**) in good yield when the combined reagent of $\text{CeCl}_3\text{-SnCl}_2$ was employed. The results are shown in Table 1. One equivalent of SnCl_2 to **1** was sufficient for the reaction (Run 1), but an excess of SnCl_2 gave a more satisfactory yield of **4**; a three-fold excess of SnCl_2 was enough to obtain a reasonable



1; $\text{R}^1=\text{R}^3=\text{Me}$, $\text{R}^2=\text{R}^4=\text{H}$

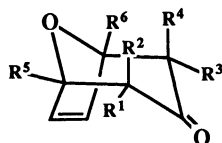
2; $\text{R}^1=\text{R}^2=\text{R}^3=\text{R}^4=\text{Me}$

3; $\text{R}^1=\text{R}^2=\text{Me}$, $\text{R}^3=\text{R}^4=\text{H}$

Table 1. Cycloadduct Synthesis from **1** and Furan by $\text{LnCl}_3\text{-SnCl}_2^a$

Run	Ln in LnCl_3	Isolated yield (%) of 4 ^b
1	Ce ^c	76
2	Ce ^d	81
3	Ce	90
4	Ce ^e	90
5	Ce ^f	0
6	Ce ^g	0
7	Ce ^h	0
8	— ⁱ	0
9	La	74
10	Sm	90
11	Eu	69
12	Er	72

a) **1** (4 mmol), furan (40 mmol), LnCl_3 (4 mmol), SnCl_2 (12 mmol), THF (15 cm³); 0 °C, 2 h then rt, 3 h. b) A mixture of **4a**, **4b**, and **4c**. c) SnCl_2 (4 mmol). d) SnCl_2 (8 mmol). e) 0 °C, 2 h then rt, 22 h. f) Without SnCl_2 . g) SnF_2 (12 mmol) was used. h) PbCl_2 (12 mmol) was used. i) Without CeCl_3 .



- 4a**; R¹=R³=Me, R²=R⁴=R⁵=R⁶=H
4b; R²=R⁴=Me, R¹=R³=R⁵=R⁶=H
4c; R¹=R⁴=Me, R²=R³=R⁵=R⁶=H
5a; R¹=R³=R⁵=Me, R²=R⁴=R⁶=H
5b; R¹=R³=R⁶=H, R²=R⁴=R⁵=Me
6a; R¹=R³=R⁵=R⁶=Me, R²=R⁴=H
6b; R¹=R³=H, R²=R⁴=R⁵=R⁶=Me
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8; R¹=R²=R³=R⁴=Me, R⁵=R⁶=H

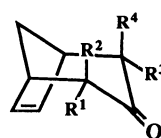
result (Run 3). No reaction took place in the absence of either CeCl_3 or SnCl_2 (Run 5,8). The use of SnF_2 or PbCl_2 (lead and tin are both 4B element) instead of SnCl_2 results in no reaction with the recovery of starting **1**. It may be concluded that the combination of CeCl_3 and SnCl_2 is essential to the reaction. Cycloadduct **4** was a mixture of three stereoisomers with respect to the two methyl groups (**4a**, **4b**, and **4c**).¹⁸⁾ The isomer ratio was determined by ¹H NMR integration of the bridgehead protons and olefinic protons after addition of the shift reagent $[\text{Eu}(\text{dpm})_3]$ according to the literature.^{17b)} The isomer ratio did not change when the reaction was carried out for a longer time (Run 4), indicating that the isomerization in **4** was not involved in the system and the configuration must be determined at a cycloaddition step.

Other lanthanoid trichloride such as LaCl_3 , SmCl_3 , EuCl_3 , and ErCl_3 can be used for the reaction; the yields and isomer ratios were virtually the same despite variation of the lanthanoid metal. For reasons of economy CeCl_3 was chosen for investigation.

The cycloadducts of **1** with the substituted furans

such as 2-methylfuran and 2,5-dimethylfuran were also obtained as mixtures of two types of cis adducts in good yields, no trans isomers being produced. The reaction of the other dibromide (**2** and **3**) with furan similarly gave 1:1 adduct (**7** and **8**, respectively) in high yields. The results are summarized in Table 2 (Runs 2, 3, 7, and 10).

Reaction with Cyclopentadiene: The reaction of the dibromides with 1,3-dienes including furans are also shown in Table 2. The $\text{CeCl}_3\text{-SnCl}_2$ promoted the reaction of the dibromides (**1—3**) and cyclopentadiene gave the bicyclic ketones (**9—11**) in high yields (Runs 4, 8, 11). The cycloadduct derived from **1** was two types of cis adducts (**9a** and **9b**) in a ratio of **9a**:**9b**=72:28. No trans isomer was discernible in this reaction. The structural determination of the adduct was carried out by ¹H NMR by reference to the literature.

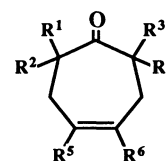


9a; R¹=R³=Me, R²=R⁴=H

9b; R¹=R³=H, R²=R⁴=Me

10; R¹=R²=Me, R³=R⁴=H

11; R¹=R²=R³=R⁴=Me

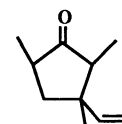


12; R¹=R³=R⁵=R⁶=Me, R²=R⁴=H

13; R¹=R³=R⁵=Me, R²=R⁴=R⁶=H

15; R¹=R²=R⁵=R⁶=Me, R³=R⁴=H

16; R¹=R²=R³=R⁴=R⁵=R⁶=Me



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Reaction with Open-Chain 1,3-Dienes: Reaction of **1—3** with open-chain 1,3-dienes were examined by using 1,3-butadiene, isoprene, and 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene. With 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene the corresponding 4-cycloheptenones (**12**, **13**, **15**, and **16**) were obtained in moderate yields, but less than that with cyclic dienes (Table 2, Runs 5, 9, and 12). It is interesting that the reaction of **1** with isoprene gave **14** as [3+2] cycloadduct in addition to the expected [3+4] cycloadduct **13** (Run 6). A similar result is reported in the reaction of α -bromo silyl enol ether with isoprene.¹⁸⁾ Unfortunately, the cycloadduct with 1,3-butadiene could not be isolated and many products were formed. As a [3+2] cycloadduct with isoprene was obtained, we tried the reaction of **1** with monoalkenes such as styrene and α -methylstyrene, but results was no reaction.

Reaction with Enamines: Although the reaction of an α,α' -dibromo ketone with alkenes did not produce

Table 2. Cycloadducts Synthesis from 1—3 and 1,3-Dienes by $\text{CeCl}_3\text{--SnCl}_2^a$

Run	α,α' -Dibromo ketone	1,3-Diene	Product and isolated yield (%)
1	1	Furan	4a, 4b, 4c, 90 (4a:4b:4c=62:28:10) ^{b)}
2	1	2-Methylfuran	5a, 5b 78 (5a:5b=70:30) ^{b)}
3	1	2,5-Dimethylfuran	6a, 6b 91 (6a:6b=63:37) ^{b)}
4	1	Cyclopentadiene	9a, 9b 88 (9a:9b=72:28) ^{b)}
5	1	2,3-Dimethyl-1,3-butadiene ^{c)}	12, 48
6	1	Isoprene	13, 37; 14, 33
7	2	Furan	7, 77
8	2	Cyclopentadiene	10, 70
9	2	2,3-Dimethyl-1,3-butadiene	15, 30
10	3	Furan	8, 78
11	3	Cyclopentadiene	11, 71
12	3	2,3-Dimethyl-1,3-butadiene	16, 37

a) 1—3 (4 mmol), 1,3-diene (40 mmol), CeCl_3 (4 mmol), SnCl_2 (12 mmol), THF (15 cm^3); 0°C, 2h then rt, 3 h.b) Determined by ^1H NMR with $\text{Eu}(\text{dpm})_3$. c) 1,3-Diene (12 mmol).Table 3. Cycloadducts Synthesis from 1—2 and Enamines by $\text{CeCl}_3\text{--SnCl}_2^a$

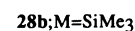
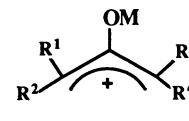
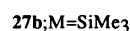
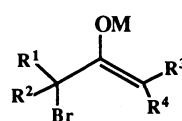
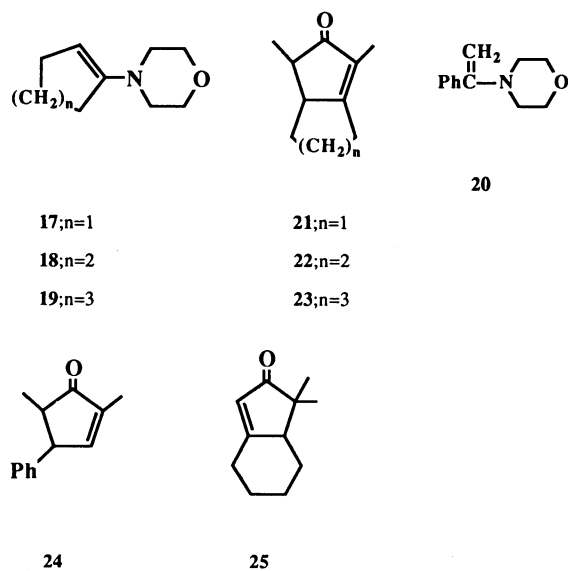
Run	α,α' -Dibromo ketone	Enamine	Product isolated yield (%)	Isomer ratio ^{b)} (trans:cis)
1	1	17	21, 54	95:5
2	1	18	22, 55	94:6
3	1	19	23, 55	93:7
4	1	20	24, 48	—
5	2	18	25, 28 ²⁰⁾	—

a) 1, 2 (4 mmol), enamine (12 mmol), CeCl_3 (4 mmol), SnCl_2 (12 mmol), THF (15 cm^3); rt, 5 h then treated with 3% NaOH/EtOH (3 cm^3) for 30 min. b) Determined by GLC.

[3+2] cycloadducts, the cycloadducts with activated alkenes such as enamines could be obtained. For example, when a mixture of 1 and 1-morpholino-cyclopentane (17) were reacted in the presence of $\text{CeCl}_3\text{--SnCl}_2$ in THF at 0°C and subsequently treated with 3% ethanolic NaOH , 2-cyclopenten-1-one (21) was produced in a moderate yield as a mixture of cis

and trans isomers in a ratio of cis:trans=6:94. The other examples are given in Table 3.²⁰⁾

Reaction Mechanism: Treatment of 1 with 1 equiv of $\text{CeCl}_3\text{--SnCl}_2$ (1:1) followed by with D_2O in THF gave 2-bromo-4-deuterio-3-pentanone (26). This result may suggest that the first step of the reaction of α,α' -dibromo ketone with $\text{CeCl}_3\text{--SnCl}_2$ involves a single debromination just like a Reformatsky reaction to afford a corresponding cerium α -bromo enolate (27a).¹²⁾ The enolate 27a suffers further elimination of bromide ion by way of $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ like reaction to give the oxyallyl cation (28a) which undergoes [3+4] and [3+2] cycloadditions with 1,3-dienes and enamines, respectively.^{15b, 17a)} α -Halo silyl enol ether (27b) is an isolated metal α -halo enolate and has been designed for the synthetic equivalent of an oxyallyl cation.¹⁹⁾ Then the



plausible key intermediate of the oxyallyl cation seems to be the cerium α -bromo enolate.

Experimental

^1H NMR spectra were recorded with Hitachi R-24 (60 MHz) and Hitachi R-600 (60 MHz) instrument in CDCl_3 solutions with SiMe_4 as an internal standard. IR spectra were taken with Shimadzu IR 410. GLC analyses were carried out by using a Shimadzu 8A apparatus on EGSS-X(3%)-Chromosorb-W(2 m) and Silicone DC QF-1(5%)-Chromosorb-W(2 m) columns (N_2 as carrier gas).

Flash column chromatography was performed by EYELA EF-10 apparatus by using Merck Kieselgel 60 (230–400 mesh) or Wako C-300. Preparative TLC separation was conducted using 20×20 cm glass plates coated with a 2.0 mm thick layer of Merck Kieselgel PF₂₅₄ gipsphaltig.

Tetrahydrofuran was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen. Anhydrous LaCl_3 , CeCl_3 , SmCl_3 , EuCl_3 , and ErCl_3 were obtained by drying the commercial hydrate with SOCl_2 .¹³ Anhydrous tin(II) chloride was purchased from Wako Pure Chemicals Co. and further dried at 200 °C in vacuo before use.

α,α' -Dibromo ketones (**1**, **2**, and **3**) were prepared by a dibromination of the corresponding ketones with bromine in diethyl ether catalyzed by phosphorus tribromide.^{15a} Furan, 2-methylfuran, and 2,5-dimethylfuran were distilled over potassium hydroxide. Cyclopentadiene was distilled by thermolysis of commercial dicyclopentadiene at 200 °C just prior to use. Enamines were prepared from the corresponding ketones and morpholine in the presence of a catalytic amount of *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride in refluxing benzene.

Reaction of α,α' -Dibromo Ketones with 1,3-Dienes in the Presence of CeCl_3 - SnCl_2 . General Procedure: Anhydrous CeCl_3 (1.00 g, 4 mmol) and SnCl_2 (2.27 g, 12 mmol) were placed in a 50 cm^3 two-neck round bottom flask containing a magnetic stirrer bar. To this THF (10 cm^3) was introduced followed by addition of a mixture of α,α' -dibromo ketone (4 mmol) and 1,3-diene (12–40 mmol) in 5 cm^3 of THF at 0 °C with stirring. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h and then at room temperature for additional 3 h. The solution was poured into diluted HCl, extracted with chloroform (20 cm^3 ×3), dried (MgSO_4), and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was passed through a short alumina column (2 cm×3 cm) eluted with chloroform to remove a polymeric product. Removal of the solvent by a rotary evaporator left the almost pure adduct by ^1H NMR analysis, which was further subjected to preparative TLC or flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane–ethyl ether=10:1 as eluent). All the cycloadducts were known compounds, then the identification and isomer ratio of the products were carried out by ^1H NMR and IR by reference to the literature.^{15, 17b} The spectra data of all the products were satisfied with the structure of the reported ones. The isomer ratio of the products, **4a**:**4b**:**4c**, **5a**:**5b**, and **6a**:**6b** were determined by ^1H NMR integration of the bridge head protons and olefinic protons with the shift reagent, $\text{Eu}(\text{dpm})_3$.

Reaction of α,α' -Dibromo Ketone with Enamine by CeCl_3 - SnCl_2 : Anhydrous CeCl_3 (1.00 g, 4 mmol) and SnCl_2 (2.27 g, 12 mmol) were placed in a 50 cm^3 two-neck round bottom flask containing a magnetic stirrer bar. THF (10

cm^3) was introduced to the flask followed by addition of THF (5 cm^3) solution of α,α' -dibromo ketone (4 mmol) and enamine (12 mmol) at room temperature with stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h, then diluted with ethyl acetate (50 cm^3), treated with saturated NaHCO_3 (30 cm^3), and filtered. The filtrate was washed with brine (30 cm^3 ×2), and dried (MgSO_4). After evaporation of the solvent the residue (the undeaminated adduct) was treated with 3% ethanolic NaOH solution (3 cm^3) at room temperature for 30 min. The solution was diluted with ethyl acetate (50 cm^3), neutralized with dilute HCl (20 cm^3), washed with brine (30 cm^3 ×2), then dried over MgSO_4 . Evaporation of the solvent left a yellow oil which was passed through a short alumina column (2 cm×3 cm) with chloroform. The adduct (cyclopentenone derivative) was isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane–ethyl acetate=10:1 as eluent). The cyclopentenone was obtained as a mixture of cis and trans (except for **24** and **25**). The stereoisomers were separated by preparative TLC (hexane–ethyl acetate=10:1). ^1H NMR and IR spectra of the products were identical with those of the reported ones.^{17a} The isomer ratio was determined by GLC.

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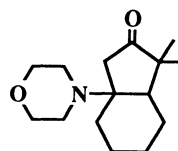
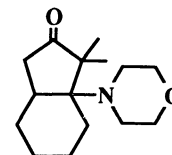
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20) The reaction of **2** with **18** should give two regioisomers, **29** and **30**, but only **29** could be suffered from deamination to form **25**; **30** does not have an α -proton from the carbonyl group. We did not isolate the products as undeaminated forms.

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