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# REACTION OF THE 2'-SILYL AND 2'-STANNYL DERIVATIVES OF 6-(BROMOMETHYL)DIMETHYLSILYL-1',2'-UNSATURATED URIDINE UNDER RADICAL CONDITIONS

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□ The mode of cyclization (5-exo versus 6-endo) of 2-sila-5-hexen-1-yl radicals generated from 2'-tributylstannyl- and 2'-trimethylsilyl-6-(bromomethyl)dimethylsilyl-1',2'-unsaturated uridines (8 and 9) was investigated. Although the actual structure of the reaction products differ from each other, reflecting the ease of elimination of the 2'-substituent, it was found that both substrates prefer the 5-exo-cyclization pathway.

**Keywords** 1',2'-Unsaturated nucleoside; Radical cyclization; Silyl tether; 2-Sila-5-hexenyl radical

#### INTRODUCTION

In contrast to the well appreciated 5-*exo*-ring closure of 5-hexenyl radicals,<sup>[1-3]</sup> simple 2-sila- and 3-sila-counterparts have been reported to undergo preferential 6-*endo*-cyclization<sup>[4]</sup> due to the longer C-Si bond.<sup>[5]</sup> Recently, we have studied the radical reaction of 6-(bromomethyl)dimethyl-silyl-1',2'-unsaturated uridine (1) and its 2'-substituted derivatives (2-5) with the aim of determining the mode of cyclization of 2-sila-hexenyl radicals derived from these substrates.<sup>[6]</sup> As a result, it was found that the 2'-unsubstituted 6-silicon-tethered substrate (1) undergoes exclusive

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6-*endo*-cyclization, whereas the reaction of the 2'-substituted derivatives (**2-5**) uniformly proceeded in preferential or exclusive 5-*exo*-mode.

The exclusive 5-*exo*-cyclization of **3-5** is explicable in terms of the polar effect<sup>[7]</sup> of the 2'-substituent, whereas the preferential formation of 5-*exo* product **6** from **2** (Scheme 1) would be attributable to either steric hindrance of the 2'-methyl group or stabilization of the intermediary tertiary 2'-carbon-radical.

#### SCHEME 1

In this paper, we report further examples of radical reaction of 6-(bromomethyl) dimethylsilyl-1',2'-unsaturated uridine analogues: 2'-tributylstannyl (8) and 2'-trimethylsilyl (9) derivatives.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

As reported earlier, trimethylsilyl and tributylstannyl groups undergo an intramolecular anionic migration from the 6-position of 1-(2-deoxy-Derythro-pent-1-enofuranosyl)uracil to the 2'-position. [8] Introduction of the silyl group to the 6-position of 10 was carried out with LHMDS (lithium hexamethyldisilazide) and Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl through the recently reported temporary O<sup>4</sup>-silylation<sup>[9]</sup> to give 11 in 92% yield (Scheme 2). Compound 11 was then subjected to anionic migration by using LTMP (lithium 2,2,6,6tetramethylpiperidide) in the presence of HMPA (hexamethylphosphoric triamide) in THF (below  $-70^{\circ}$ C, for 1 h). The 2'-trimethylsilylated product (12) was isolated in 81% yield. Preparation of the corresponding 2'-stannylated derivative (13) has already been reported. [8] Attempted introduction of the silyl tether, which works as a radical precursor, to the 6-position of 12 by LDA (lithium diisopropylamide)-lithiation resulted in a complex mixture of products, presumably due to  $\alpha$ -elimination of BrCH<sub>2</sub>Si(Me)<sub>2</sub>Cl. On the other hand, the use of LHMDS (in THF, below  $-70^{\circ}$ C) gave the desired product in good yield: 8, 79%; 9, 85%.

Radical reaction of the 2'-tributylstannyl derivative (8) was carried out in refluxing benzene by adding a mixture of AIBN (0.2 equiv) and Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (2.0 equiv) via a motor-driven syringe over 1.5 h at 80°C (final concentration of the substrate: ca. 0.01 M). HPLC purification of the reaction mixture enabled isolation of two products. FAB-MS spectra  $[m/z 525 (M^++H)]$  of these products indicated that both lack the 2'-tributylstannyl group and are an isomeric pair. Although their <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are very similar, one feature of the major isomer (isolated yield: 71%) is a characteristic low field shift of H-3' ( $\delta$  5.53) compared with that of the minor isomer ( $\delta$  4.80, isolated yield: 13%) or those of the compounds prepared in this study:

$$+$$
SiO  $+$ SiO

**8**,  $\delta$  4.94; **9**,  $\delta$  4.96; **11**,  $\delta$  4.98; **12**,  $\delta$  5.00; **13**,  $\delta$  4.94. An additional difference is that only the minor isomer showed a correlation between C<sup>6</sup>-SiCH<sub>2</sub> and H-3' in its HMBC (heteronuclear multiple bond connectivity) spectrum.

The above mentioned NMR spectroscopic data combined with conceivable reaction pathways shown in Scheme 3 led us to depict structure 14 for the major product and 15 for the minor one. The radical reaction of 8 was also examined at lower temperatures (Et<sub>3</sub>B, room temperature and  $0^{\circ}$ C), but no significant difference was seen in the product distribution, except that the reduced product was formed in these experiments.

When the 2'-trimethylsilyl derivative (9) was reacted with Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH/AIBN in refluxing benzene, **16** (29%) and **17** (38%) were formed in addition to a small amount of the 6-endo-cyclized product **15** (5%). It is apparent that both **16** and **17**<sup>[10]</sup> were formed as a consequence of 5-exo-trig cyclization. As shown in Scheme 3, in the case of the 2'-tributylstannyl derivative (8), the incipient uracil-1-yl radical resulting from 5-exo-cyclization reacted further at

SCHEME 3

the 2'-position to give the final product **14**. Lack of such a reaction pathway in the reaction of **9** may be explained by the fact that silyl radical formation is a much slower process than that of tin radicals.<sup>[11]</sup>

In conclusion, the present study clearly showed that both 2'-tributylstannyl- and 2'-trimethylsilyl-6-(bromomethyl) dimethylsilyl-1',2'-unsaturated uridines (**8** and **9**) undergo preferential 5-*exo-trig* ring closure under radical reaction conditions. Although there may be several factors involved in the observed preference of 5-*exo*-cyclization, one major factor working here, at least in the case of the 2'-trimethylsilylated substrate **9**, would be stabilization of the intermediary  $\alpha$ -silyl-2'-carbon-radical by vicinal  $(d-p)\pi$  overlap. Another possibility is steric hindrance of these seemingly bulky substituents to the 2'-carbon atom. However, this is rather questionable, since C-Sn (2.14 Å) and C-Si (1.87 Å) bonds are significantly longer than C-C bond (alkane, 1.54 Å).

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

Melting points are uncorrected.  $^{1}$ H NMR and  $^{13}$ C NMR were measured on a JEOL JNM-LA 500 (500 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported relative to Me<sub>4</sub>Si. Mass spectra (MS) were taken in FAB mode with *m*-nitrobenzyl alcohol as a matrix on a JEOL JMS-700. Ultraviolet spectra (UV) were recorded on a JASCO V-530 spectrophotometer. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (Micro Bead Silica Gel PSQ 100B, Fuji Silysia Chemical Ltd.). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel (precoated silica gel plate  $F_{254}$ , Merck). Where necessary, analytical samples were purified by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). HPLC was carried out on a Shimadzu LC-6AD with a Shim-pack PREP-SIL (H)·KIT column (2 × 25 cm). THF was distilled from benzophenone ketyl.

6-Trimethylsilyl-1-[3,5-bis-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-2-deoxy-D-erythropent-1-enofuranosyl]uracil (11). To a mixture of 10 (1.0 g, 2.20 mmol) and Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl (0.56 mL, 8.80 mmol) in THF (30 mL) was added LHMDS (1.58 M in THF, 8.36 mL, 13.2 mmol) at below -70°C under positive pressure of dry Ar. After stirring for 20 min, the reaction mixture was diluted

with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. Extraction with EtOAc followed by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5/1) gave 11 (1.03 g, 92%) as a foam: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  266 nm ( $\varepsilon$  9900),  $\lambda_{\rm min}$  235 nm ( $\varepsilon$  2700); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.08, 0.10, 0.11, and 0.12 (12H, each as s, OSiMe), 0.36 (9H, s, C<sup>6</sup>-SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.87 and 0.92 (18H, each as s, SiBu-t), 3.62 (1H, dd, J = 10.4 and 8.0 Hz, H-5'), 3.82 (1H, dd, J = 10.4 and 6.4 Hz, H-5'), 4.39–4.43 (1H, m, H-4'), 4.98 (1H, t, J = 2.8 Hz, H-3'), 5.14 (1H, d, J = 2.8 Hz, H-2'), 5.89 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz, H-5), 8.13 (1H, br, NH); FAB-MS m/z 527 (M<sup>+</sup>+H). Anal. calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>: C, 54.71; H, 8.80; N, 5.32. Found: C, 54.90; H, 9.09; N, 5.32.

1-[3,5-*bis-O*-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-trimethylsilyl-2-deoxy-p-*erythro*-pent-1-enofuranosyl]uracil (12). To a mixture of LTMP (16.55 mmol) and HMPA (7.2 mL, 41.4 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was added a THF (30 mL) solution of 11 (2.18 g, 4.14 mmol) at below  $-70^{\circ}$ C under positive pressure of dry Ar. After stirring for 1 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. Extraction with EtOAc followed by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 9/1) gave 12 (1.77 g, 81%) as a solid: mp 149–151°C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  257 nm ( $\varepsilon$  9700),  $\lambda_{\text{min}}$  236 nm ( $\varepsilon$  6300); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.09, 0.13, and 0.14 (12H, each as s, OSiMe), 0.10 (9H s, C<sup>2'</sup>-SiMe<sub>3</sub>) 0.90 and 0.91 (18H, each as s, SiBu-*t*), 3.60 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4 and 7.2 Hz, H-5'), 3.77 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4 and 5.2 Hz, H-5'), 4.38 (1H, ddd, *J* = 7.2, 5.2, and 2.0 Hz, H-4'), 5.00 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, H-3'), 5.75 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H-5), 7.21 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H-6), 8.06 (1H, br, NH); FAB-MS m/z 527 (M<sup>+</sup>+H). Anal. calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>: C, 54.71; H, 8.80; N, 5.32. Found: C, 54.93; H, 9.07; N, 5.31.

6-(Bromomethyl)dimethylsilyl-1-[3,5-bis-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-2-tributylstannyl-2-deoxy-D-erythro-pent-1-enofuranosyl]uracil (8). To a mixture of 13<sup>[5]</sup> (1.35 g, 1.82 mmol) and BrCH<sub>2</sub>Si(Me)<sub>2</sub>Cl (0.99 mL, 7.26 mmol) was added LHMDS (1.54 M in THF, 7.26 mL, 11.2 mmol) at below -70°C under positive pressure of dry Ar. After stirring for 30 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. Extraction with EtOAc followed by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 15/1) gave 8 (1.28 g, 79%) as a oil: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  269 nm ( $\varepsilon$  9600),  $\lambda_{\rm min}$  244 nm ( $\varepsilon$  5200),  $\lambda_{\rm shoulder}$ 270 nm ( $\varepsilon$  9500); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.07, 0.08, 0.13, and 0.18 (12H, each as s, OSiMe), 0.49 and 0.50 (6H, each as s,  $C^6$ -SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.91 (18H, s, SiBu-t), 0.86–0.94 and 1.24–1.53 (27H, each as m, SnBu), 2.75 (2H, s, C<sup>6</sup>-SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.53 (1H, dd, J = 10.1 and 8.4 Hz, H-5'), 3.74 (1H, dd, J = 10.1 and 6.2 Hz, H-5'), 4.38 (1H, ddd, J = 8.4, 6.2, and 1.2 Hz, H-4'), 4.94 (1H, d, J = 1.2Hz, H-3'), 5.94 (1H, s, H-5) 7.97 (1H, br, NH); FAB-MS m/z 895 (M<sup>+</sup>+H). Anal. calcd for  $C_{36}H_{71}BrN_2O_5Si_3Sn$ : C, 48.32; H 8.00; N, 3.13. Found: C, 48.62; H, 8.20; N, 3.10.

**6-(Bromomethyl) dimethylsilyl-1-[3,5-***bis-O-(tert-***butyldimethylsilyl)-2-trimethylsilyl-2-deoxy-D-***erythro-***pent-1-enofuranosyl]uracil** (9). This compound was prepared from **12** in 85% yield as a foam by the procedure used for the preparation of **8**. Eluent used for its column chromatography is hexane/EtOAc = 10/1: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  268 nm ( $\varepsilon$  9800),  $\lambda_{\text{min}}$  241 nm ( $\varepsilon$  4000); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.08, 0.14, and 0.19 (9H, each as s, C²'-SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.09 (12H, s, OSiMe), 0.50 and 0.52 (6H, each as s, C<sup>6</sup>-SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.91 (18H, s, SiBu-t), 2.76 (1H, s, C<sup>6</sup>-SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (1H, dd, J = 10.0 and 9.2 Hz, H-5'), 3.74 (1H, dd, J = 10.0 and 6.0 Hz, H-5'), 4.40 (1H, ddd, J = 9.2, 6.0, and 1.2 Hz, H-4'), 4.96 (1H, d, J = 1.2 Hz, H-3'), 5.95 (1H, s, H-5), 8.27 (1H, br, NH); FAB-MS m/z 677 and 679 (M<sup>+</sup>+H). Anal. calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>53</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>4</sub>: C, 47.83; H, 7.88; N, 4.13. Found: C, 48.00; H, 8.24; N, 4.10.

**Radical Reaction of 8: Formation of 14 and 15.** To a refluxing solution of **8** (105 mg, 0.117 mmol) in benzene (6 mL) was added a mixture of AIBN (4 mg, 0.023 mmol) and Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (71  $\mu$ L, 0.235 mmol) in benzene (6 mL) over 1 h via a motor-driven syringe under positive pressure of dry Ar. After further refluxing for 0.5 h, the reaction mixture was evaporated. HPLC purification (hexane/EtOAc = 2/1) of the resulting residue gave **14** ( $t_{\rm R} = 13.2$  min, 43.5 mg, 71%, as an oil) and **15** ( $t_{\rm R} = 12.7$  min, 7.9 mg, 13%, as an oil).

Physical data of **14** are as follows: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  235 nm ( $\varepsilon$  12,900) and 312 nm ( $\varepsilon$  3700),  $\lambda_{\rm min}$  276 nm ( $\varepsilon$  2800); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.03, 0.06, and 0.10 (12H, each as s, OSiMe), 0.33 and 0.45 (6H, each as s, C<sup>6</sup>-SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.79 and 0.92 (18H, each as s, SiBu-t), 1.72 (1H, d, J = 15.8 Hz, C<sup>6</sup>-SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (1H, dd, J = 15.8 and 1.2 Hz, C<sup>6</sup>-SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.62 (1H, dd, J = 10.6 and 7.0 Hz, H-5'), 3.77 (1H, dd, J = 10.6 and 6.6 Hz, H-5'), 4.34 (1H, ddd, J = 7.0, 6.6, and 1.2 Hz, H-4'), 5.53 (1H, t, J = 1.2 Hz, H-3'), 5.86 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-5), 8.06 (1H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –5.5, –5.4, –5.2, –5.0, –4.6, and –3.7 (SiMe), 11.0 (SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 17.8 and 18.5 (quaternary carbon of SiBu-t), 25.8 and 26.0 (SiBu-t), 62.4 (C5'), 74.8 (C3'), 89.1 (C4'), 109.1 (C5), 115.3 (C2'), 148.9 (C1'), 149.1 (C2), 158.0 (C6), 162.1 (C4); FAB-MS m/z 525 (M<sup>+</sup>+H). Anal. calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>: C, 54.92; H, 8.45; N, 5.34. Found: C, 54.55; H, 8.50; N, 5.11.

Physical data of **15** are as follows: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  239 nm ( $\varepsilon$  10,600),  $\lambda_{\rm min}$  224 nm ( $\varepsilon$  10,100);  $^1{\rm H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.09 and 0.12 (12H, each as s, OSiMe), 0.35 and 0.36 (6H, each as s, C<sup>6</sup>-SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.90 (18H, s, SiBu-t), 1.44 (1H, dd, J=16.3 and 0.6 Hz, C<sup>6</sup>-SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.51 (1H, d, J=16.3 Hz, C<sup>6</sup>-SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.61 (1H, dd, J=10.5 and 7.6 Hz, H-5'), 3.87 (1H, dd, J=10.5 and 4.8 Hz, H-5'), 4.40 (1H, ddd, J=7.6, 4.8, and 2.4 Hz, H-4'), 4.80 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz, H-3'), 5.86 (1H, s, H-5), 7.88 (1H br, NH);  $^{13}{\rm C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -5.5, -5.4, -4.4, -4.2, -3.6, and -3.1 (SiMe), 5.3 (SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 18.0 and 18.6 (quaternary carbon of SiBu-t), 25.8 and 26.0 (SiBu-t), 62.1 and 78.3 (C3'),

87.5 (C4'), 95.6 (C2'), 110.0 (C5), 146.1 (C1'), 147.5 (C2), 157.4 (C6), 161.6 (C4); FAB-MS m/z 525 (M<sup>+</sup>+H). Anal. calcd for  $C_{24}H_{44}N_2O_5Si_3$ : C, 54.92; H, 8.45; N, 5.34. Found: C, 54.89; H, 8.49; N, 5.25.

**Radical Reaction of 9: Formation of 15-17.** To a refluxing solution of **9** (100 mg, 0.15 mmol) in benzene (4 mL) was added a mixture of Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (85  $\mu$ L, 0.30 mmol) and AIBN (5 mg, 0.03 mmol) in benzene (6 mL) over 1 h via a motor-driven syringe under positive pressure of dry Ar. After further refluxing for 3.5 h, the reaction mixture was evaporated. Short column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1 and then EtOAc) of the resulting residue followed by HPLC purification (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) gave **15** ( $t_R = 8.6$  min, 3.7 mg, 5% as an oil), **16** ( $t_R = 10.2$  min, 25.2 mg, 29%, as a foam), and **17** ( $t_R = 11.5$  min, 27.4 mg, 38%, as a foam).

Physical data of **16** are as follows: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  269 nm ( $\varepsilon$  9000),  $\lambda_{\rm min}$  246 nm ( $\varepsilon$  5300); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.06, 0.07, 0.10, and 0.11 (12H, each as s, OSiMe), 0.14 (9H, s, C²'-siMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.32 and 0.33 (6H, each as s, C<sup>6</sup>-SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.87 and 0.89 (18H, each as s, SiBu-t), 1.90 (1H, dd, J = 14.8 and 1.2 Hz, C6-SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.97 (1H, d, J = 14.8 Hz, C6-SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.56 (1H, dd, J = 10.5 and 6.4 Hz, H-5'), 3.71 (1H, dd, J = 10.5 and 5.0 Hz, H-5'), 4.35 (1H, ddd, J = 6.4, 5.0, and 1.6 Hz, H-4'), 4.89 (1H, s, H-3'), 5.75 (1H, s, H-5), 8.08 and 9.20 (2H, each as br, NH); FAB-MS m/z 599 (M<sup>+</sup>+H). Anal. calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>4</sub>: C, 54.13; H, 9.09; N, 4.68. Found: C, 54.17; H, 9.30; N, 4.72.

Physical data of **17** are as follows:  $^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.10 (6H, s, OSiMe), 0.18 (9H, s,  $C^{2'}$ -SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.36 (6H, s,  $C^{6}$ -SiMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.90 (9H, s, SiBu-t), 2.35 (2H, s,  $C^{6}$ -SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.75 (2H, s, H-5'), 5.77 and 6.07 (2H, each as s, H-3' and H-5), 8.52 and 8.99 (2H, each as br, NH); FAB-MS m/z 505 (M<sup>+</sup>+H).

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