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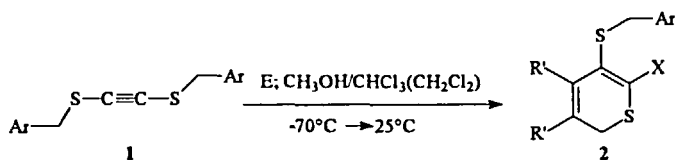
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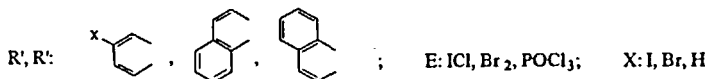
The intramolecular cyclization of bis(arylmethylthio)acetylenes by electrophiles like ICl, Br<sub>2</sub>, POCl<sub>3</sub>, and Ph<sub>3</sub>C<sup>+</sup>BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> to substituted 1*H*-2-benzothiopyrans, -thiopyrylium salts and in a specific case to a 2-thiaspiro[5,4]-deca-3,6,9-trien-8-one is described.

**Keywords:** Bis(arylmethylthio)acetylene; 1*H*-2-benzothiopyran; 1*H*-2-benzothiopyrylium salt; electrophilic cyclization; *ypso*-substitution

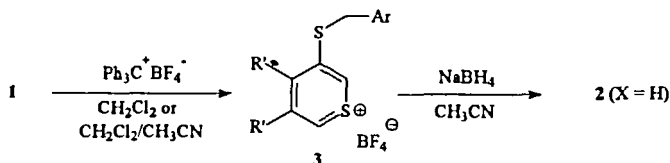
Substituted 1*H*-2-benzothiopyrans find applications as biological active compounds or 1*H*-2-benzothiopyrylium salts in particular as synthons for more complex sulfur heterocycles.<sup>[1,2]</sup> New derivatives of 1*H*-2-benzothiopyrans are available in a one-pot synthesis from bis(arylmethylthio)acetylenes **1** and electrophiles like ICl<sup>[3]</sup>, Br<sub>2</sub><sup>[3]</sup> and POCl<sub>3</sub>, respectively.



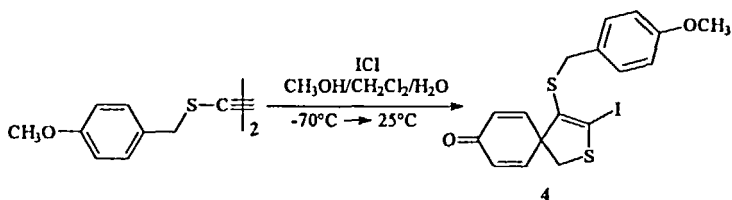
Ar: 4-Y-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (Y = H, OCH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl



With tritylium tetrafluoroborate the acetylenes **1** react in a one-pot synthesis to the fused 1*H*-2-arenothiopyrylium salts in high yields (80-90%). Similar results were obtained with tri(4-bromophenyl)aminium-hexachloroantimonate. The thiopyrylium salts **3** were reduced to the corresponding thiopyrans **2** (yields: 70-85%), which are on this way easily available.



From bis(4-methoxybenzylthio)acetylene and ICl the reaction can be regioselectively directed to an *ypso*-substitution and formation of a spiro-substituted cyclohexadienone **4** by adding a small amount of water to the reaction medium.



**4** reacts in an acid induced ring transformation to the corresponding 6-hydroxybenzothiopyran. Benzothiopyrano[4,3-*c*]-2-benzothiopyrans are available from **2** (*X* = I) via a radical induced cyclization. Substitution of the iodine in **2** by phenylacetylene in a Heck-like reaction and subsequent iodine monochloride induced cyclization provides 1*H*-thieno[3,2-*c*]-2-benzothiopyrans.

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