46 °C (cf. Ref. 7: m.p. 45 °C). Found (%): Si, 44.80.  $C_8H_{24}OSi_4$ . Calculated (%): Si, 45.19. IR (KBr),  $v/cm^{-1}$ : 1050 (SiOSi). UV (hexane),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$ : 236.

The reaction of dichlorooligosilane 1 (3 g, 10 mmol) with anhydrous Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> <sup>5</sup> (0.92 g, 10 mmol) and Py (3.2 g, 40 mmol) was performed in a similar way. Green crystalline product 4 (64% yield, 1.43 g) corresponds in composition to the complex described previously. Found (%): Cl, 16.21; N, 11.97; Ni, 13.80.  $C_{20}H_{20}Cl_2N_4Ni$ . Calculated (%): Cl, 15.89; N, 12.56; Ni, 13.15. Heterocycle 2 (1.61 g, 65%) was obtained after product 4 was separated from the reaction mixture and the solvents were removed. Compound 5 (0.66 g, 57%) was isolated by aqueous extraction from the remained solid residue. IR (KBr),  $v/cm^{-1}$ : 2600 ( $\equiv N \cdot HCl$ ).

The reaction of dichlorodisilane 6 (1.87 g, 10 mmol) with Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> (0.93 g, 10 mmol) and Py (3.2 g, 40 mmol) gave compound 4 (1.95 g, 87.4%), heterocycle 7 (0.91 g, 69%), and compound 5 (0.82 g, 70.6%). The compounds were isolated from the reaction mixture by a similar scheme. Found (%): C, 35.80; H, 8.92; Si, 41.93.  $C_8H_{24}O_2Si_4$ . Calculated (%): C, 36.30; H, 9.14; Si, 42.45. IR (KBr), v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1050 (SiOSi). UV (hexane),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$ : 200.

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# Reaction of 5-allyl-2,5-dichloro-4,4-dimethoxy-3-morpholinocyclopent-2-enone with Me<sub>3</sub>SiI

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5-Allyl-2,5-dichloro-4,4-dimethoxy-3-morpholinocyclopent-2-enone reacts with Me<sub>3</sub>SiI in MeCN to give the corresponding product of reductive vinylic monodechlorination.

Key words:  $\alpha,\alpha'$ -dichlorocyclopentenone, iodotrimethylsilane, reductive monodechlorination.

The reaction of dichloroenamineketone (1)<sup>1</sup> with Me<sub>3</sub>Sil in a solution of MeCN occurs as reductive dechlorination to form compound 2 in ~80% yield.

Note that the chloroenaminoketone fragment in compound 1 and related cyclopenteriones differs from that in the corresponding systems devoid of CI by its pronounced chemical "inertness." Among the transformations studied of this class of compounds,  $^{2-9}$  transformation  $1\rightarrow 2$  is the first example of the reaction involving the vinylic CI atom. It is of interest to study the mechanism of formation of 2. This reaction extends the synthetic potentialities of Me<sub>3</sub>SiI as the reagent. The known variants of application of Me<sub>3</sub>SiI in the synthesis include the cleavage of ethers and esters, ketals, preparation of

silyl ethers of enols (see Refs. 10 and 11), reductive debromination of  $\alpha$ -bromoketones, <sup>12</sup> etc.

## Experimental

IR spectra were obtained on a UR-20 spectrophotometer in a thin layer. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H, 300 and <sup>13</sup>C, 75.47 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> using SiMe<sub>4</sub> as the internal standard. Commercial Me<sub>3</sub>SiI (Aldrich) was used.

5-Allyl-5-chloro-4,4-dimethoxy-3-morpholinocyclopent-2enone (2). A solution of compound 1 (0.1 g, 0.3 mmol) and Me<sub>1</sub>SiI (0.25 mL, 1.2 mmol) in MeCN (5 mL) was stirred at 20 °C for 1 h in an argon atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was treated with a saturated solution of NaHCO3 (5 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4×10 mL). The combined extracts were washed with a saturated solution of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (5 mL), dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was chromatographed on SiO, (ethyl acetatehexane (2:1) as the eluent). Compound 2 was obtained as an oil in 83% yield (75 mg). IR, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1600, 1700. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, δ: 2.70 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.25 and 3.55 (both s, 6 H, OMe); 3.75 (m, 8 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O); 5.05 (m, 2 H, =CH<sub>2</sub>); 5.15 (s, 1 H, HC(2)); 5.80—5.90 (m, 1 H, CH=).  $^{13}$ C NMR,  $\delta$ : 44.12 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 47.81 (CH<sub>2</sub>N); 51.52 and 53.44 (OMc); 66.66 (CH<sub>2</sub>O); 76.46 (C(5)); 100.38 (C(2)); 105.23 (C(4)); 118.40 (CH<sub>2</sub>=); 132.79 (CH=); 165.02 (C(3)); 192.05 (C=O). Found (%): C, 55.98; H, 6.60; N, 4.40. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 55.81; H, 6.64; N, 4.65. MS, m/z: 303 [M+2]+ (2.6), 301 [M]+ (7.5), 288 (18), 286 [M-Me]+ (52), 276 (9.3), 274 [M-HCN]+ (28), 272 (6), 270 [M-OMe]+ (18), 268 (35), 266 [M-CI]+ (100).

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# Reactions of arensulfenamides with olefins in the presence of picric acid

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N-(2- and 4-Nitrophenylthio)morpholines in the presence of equimolar amounts of picric acid enter into the reaction of electrophilic sulfenylation of the C=C norbornene bond to give bi- and tricyclic sulfides. With cyclohexene, trans-2-arylthiocyclohexanol are formed.

Key words: arensulfenamides, picric acid, sulfenylation.

Several examples of activation of electrophilic reactions of sulfenamides by protic acids are known. For example, N-(4-nitrophenylthio)acetimide in the pres-

ence of  $CF_3COOH$  reacts with alkenes to give trifluoroacetates of the corresponding  $\beta$ -arylthioalkanols.<sup>1</sup> The activation of arenesulfenamides by trifluoromethane-

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