of the internal modes of WO₆, one can distinguish the weak bands due to the water molecule. Assignment of bands due to external modes is difficult in a powder spectrum.

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STEREOSPECIFIC SYNTHESIS OF METHYL/t-BUTYL (+)-1R-TRANS-2, 2-DIMETHYL-3-(2-p-CHLOROPHENYLETHYNYL) CYCLOPRO-PANECARBOXYLATES FROM (+)-3-CARENE

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IN an earlier communication¹, we reported the synthesis of 3-phenoxybenzyl (+)-1 R-trans-2, 2-dimethyl-3-(2-p-chlorophenyl-2-chlorovinyl/2-E-p-chlorostyryl/2-p-chlorophenylethynyl)cyclopropane-carboxylates. Some of these esters have been already reported to possess insecticidal, acaricidal and ectoparaciticidal activities. Kishida et al² have synthesized substituted 2-ethynylcyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid esters of type I, patented for their insecticidal, herbicidal, anti-inflammatory properties and also as hypoglycemic agents. In this communication, we report an alternative stereospecific route for the optically active esters of type I, viz. XII and XIII from (+)-3-carene (II).

Grignard reaction on ketoaldehyde (III), obtained from (+)-3-carene (II), using p-chlorophenylmagnesium bromide (2.5 mol), gave a diastereomeric mixture of diols (IV, 72%), *C₂₂H₂₆O₂Cl₂, as a thick liquid identified by spectral data. IR**: 3380 (OH), 1598 (aromatic). PMR (CDCl₃): 0.44 (2H, m, C₁ and C₃ H), 0.64, 0.70, 0.80, 0.88, 0.96, 1.04 (6H, s each, cyclopropanemethyls of diastereomers), 1.56

(7H, s overlapping a multiplet, CH₂ at C₁ and C₃ and tertiary methyl), 2.64 (2H, s, exchangeable with D₂O, hydroxy H), 4.72 (1H, m, benzylic H) and 7.36, 7.45 (8H, s each, aromatic H).

The hydroxymonoacetate (V) prepared from IV, afforded, on dehydration (pTSA/benzene), unsaturated acetate (VI, 90%) as a mixture of diastereomers, $C_{24}H_{26}O_2Cl_2$. IR: 1735, 1232 (acetate), 1598 (aromatic), 820 (-CH=C<). PMR (CDCl₃): 0.68 (1H, m, C₃H), 0.84, 1.00, 1.06, 1.14 (6H, s each, cyclopropanemethyls of diastereomers), 1.32 (1H, m, C₁H), 1.8 (2H, m, CH₂ at C₃), 2.04 (6H, brs, vinyl and acetate methyls), 5.35-5.74 (2H, brm, olefinic and benzylic H of diastereomeric E and Z isomers) and 7.28, 7.36 (8H, s each, aromatic H).

The corresponding unsaturated alcohol (VII) obtained from VI by saponification (KOH, MeOH) gave, on Jones oxidation, the expected ketone (VIII, 76%), $C_{22}H_{22}OCl_2$. $[\alpha]_D^{31} + 19.5^{\circ}$ (c, 0.5, CHCl₃).

^{*}Satisfactory elemental analysis has been obtained for all the compounds reported.

^{**}IR bands expressed in v (cm $^{-1}$) and PMR chemical shifts in δ (ppm) with TMS as internal standard.

IR: 1695 (ketone), 1590 (aromatic), 820 (-CH = C <). PMR (CDCl₃): 1.06 (4H, s overlapping a multiplet, one of the cyclopropanemethyls and C₃ H), 1.26 (3H, s, another cyclopropanemethyl), 1.48 (1H, m, C₁ H), 2.08 (3H, s, vinylmethyl), 5.26, 5.54 (1H, d each, J = 9 Hz each, olefinic H of Z and E isomers respectively), 7.30 (4H, s, aromatic H on C₁ side chain) and 7.42, 7.82 (4H, d each, J = 9 Hz each, aromatic H of benzoyl group on C₃ side chain).

Ozonolysis of VIII, followed by oxidative work-up (Jones reagent) and esterisication (CH_2N_2) afforded a solid ketoester (62%), mp. 61°C (pet. ether), $C_{15}H_{17}O_3Cl$, $[\alpha]_0^{30}+65^\circ$ (c, 0.6, CHCl₃), identified as methyl 1S-cis-2,2-dimethyl-3-(2-p-chlorophenyl-2-oxoethyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (IX) by comparison of spectral properties¹.

Phosphorus pentachloride reaction³ on ketoester (IX) followed by purification over silicic acid gave vinylchloroester (XI, 55%), $C_{15}H_{16}O_2Cl_2$. [α]₀³⁰ +95.5° (c, 0.5, CHCl₃). IR: 1726 (C=O), 1595 (aromatic). PMR (CDCl₃): 1.26, 1.31 (6H, s each, cyclopropanemethyls), 1.8 (1H, d, J=8 Hz, C_1 H), 2.28 (1H, t, J=8 Hz, C_3 H), 3.53, 3.6 (3H, s each, estermethyls of E and Z isomers), 5.33, 6.43 (1H, d each, J=8 Hz each, olefinic H of Z and E isomers respectively) and 7.06–7.44 (4H, m, aromatic H of E and Z isomers).

Treatment of chloroester (XI) for epimerization⁴ and dehydrohalogenation with t-BuOK (6 mol) in t-BuOH, under reflux, gave a mixture of products, separated into acidic and neutral parts. The acid part on esteristication (CH₂N₂) and purification by chromatography (silicic acid) afforded a pure liquid (9%), $C_{15}H_{15}O_2Cl$, $[\alpha]_D^{30} + 89^\circ$ (c, 0.5, CHCl₃) as one of the products, identified as methyl (+)-1Rtrans-2,2-dimethyl-3-(2-p-chlorophenylethynyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (XII) by spectral properties¹. The neutral portion on purification gave TLC-pure solid (21%), m.p. 80°C (pet. ether), C₁₈H₂₁O₂Cl, $[\alpha]_D^{30} + 76^\circ$ (c=0.6, CHCl₃) as one of the products, identified as t-butyl (+)-1R-trans-2, 2-dimethyl-3-(2p-chlorophenylethynyl) cyclopropanecarboxylate (XIII) by spectral properties¹.

The cis-hydroxy ester (X), which is an important intermediate for ketoester (IX) was also prepared by ozonolysis of unsaturated acetate (VI), followed by decomposition⁵ of the resulting ozonoide with NaOH/MeOH and esterification of resulting acid.

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CO-ORDINATION COMPLEXES OF DIORGANOTIN

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SOME work on co-ordination complexes of first row transition metals with a variety of macrocycles has been reported from this laboratory¹⁻⁵. The present communication reports the synthesis and characterization of six complexes involving diorganotin as Lewis acids. The complexes, on the basis of analytical, conductance and IR studies, have been assigned octahedral structures in which the ligands occupy four planar and the phenyl groups two trans-axial positions around the tin atom.

The organotin compounds and the primary ligand N,N-bis (2,4-dinitrophenyl) ethylenediamine (L_1) have been prepared by reported methods^{6,7}. The ligand L_2 has been obtained by reducing L_1 using Raney nickel and hydrazine hydrate, while condensation of L_2 with acetylacetone in 1:1 ratio gives the macrocyclic ligand L_3 .

The complexes have been prepared by stirring 0.01 M diorganotin derivatives with 0.01 M of different ligands in absolute methanol for about 8 h. They were crystallized out using petroleum ether and purified by running over TLC plates, dried and analysed. Tin was estimated using the reported method. Semimicro-estimation of C, H and N and recording of infrared spectra mulled in nujol in the range 4000-200 cm⁻¹, were carried out at CDRI, Lucknow. The molar conductance was measured in DMSO over a direct reading conductivity bridge.