Abstract

Copper(II)-catalyzed {1,5}-/{1,6}-transannular catalytic asymmetric Gosteli—Claisenrearrangement for the construction of medium- and large-sized Carbacycles

The present dissertation presents experimental studies concerning the first uncatalyzed and Copper(II)-catalyzed {1,5}- and {1,6}-transannular Gosteli-Claisen rearrangement (TGC). In the first instance a reliable and scalable 9- respectively 8-step synthesis for cyclic 2-alkoxycarbonyl-substituted allyl vinyl ethers **297** and **298** starting from commercially available diols was developed. Key feature was an intramolecular HWE reaction.

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HOOM OH
$$9 \text{ steps}$$
 $CH_2)_{n-4}$
 $n = 5,8$
 $m = 6,7,8,12$
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The {1,5}-TGC was investigated with 5 allyl vinyl ethers. The Ring size had a significant influence on the efficiency of this type of rearrangement. As a matter of principle the synthesis of highly strained cyclononanes was possible. Full conversion was only achieved with a catalyst. Besides an isomerization of the exocyclic double bond of the product, decomposition was observed under all tested conditions. The study concerning the uncatalyzed and catalyzed {1,6}-TGC for the construction of the medium- and large-sized Carbacycles 308 included 12 different allyl vinyl ethers. Ring size and double bond configuration were varied. The substrate as well as the catalyst structure were determinants for the efficiency of the {1,6}-TCAGC. In some cases excellent yields, high diastereoselectivities and an excellent enantiomeric excess was achieved with *t*-Bu-BOX-based catalysts e.g. (*S,S*)-181b. A *trans*-substituted highly strained cyclononane unit, the characteristic structural element of the Xenicane diterpenoids, was part of the synthesized Carbacycles.

Key words: allyl vinyl ether, α-keto ester, Gosteli–Claisen rearrangement, transannular reactions, copper, asymmetric catalysis, medium-sized carbacycles