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**Thermal [2+2]-Cycloaddition between Silyl Alkynes and Allenyl Phenols
followed by Nucleophilic Addition of Water; Metal-Free and Economical
Synthesis of Arylcyclobutenals**

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X-ray structure analysis

A brown block crystal of 2a (C₂₀H₂₉O₂Si) having approximate dimensions of 0.344 x 0.293 x 0.259 mm was mounted on a glass fiber. All measurements were made on a Rigaku R-Axis RAPID diffractometer using graphite monochromated Cu-K α radiation.

The crystal-to-detector distance was 127.40 mm.

Cell constants and an orientation matrix for data collection corresponded to a primitive monoclinic cell with dimensions:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 10.5104(3) \text{ \AA} \\ b &= 11.3774(3) \text{ \AA} & \beta &= 93.828(7)^\circ \\ c &= 32.0579(9) \text{ \AA} \\ V &= 3824.95(18) \text{ \AA}^3 \end{aligned}$$

For $Z = 10$ and F.W. = 330.54, the calculated density is 1.435 g/cm³. The reflection conditions of:

$$\begin{aligned} h0l: & l = 2n \\ 0k0: & k = 2n \end{aligned}$$

uniquely determine the space group to be:

$$P2_1/c$$

Of the 39,424 reflections were collected, where 6995 were unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.1223$); equivalent reflections were merged.

The linear absorption coefficient, μ , for Cu-K α radiation is 14.118 cm⁻¹. An empirical absorption correction was applied which resulted in transmission factors ranging from 0.365 to 0.694. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. A correction for secondary extinction¹ was applied (coefficient = -11.761000).

The structure was solved by direct methods² and expanded using Fourier techniques. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined using the riding model. The final cycle of full-matrix least-squares refinement³ on F was based on 6,995 observed reflections ($I > 0.00\sigma(I)$) and 479 variable parameters and converged (largest parameter shift was 0.09 times its esd) with unweighted and weighted agreement factors of:

$$R = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o| = 0.0723$$

$$R_w = [\sum w (|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w F_o^2]^{1/2} = 0.0919$$

The goodness of fit⁴ was 1.86. The weighting scheme was based on counting statistics. Plots of $\sum w (|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ versus $|F_o|$, reflection order in data collection, $\sin \theta/\lambda$ and various classes of indices showed no unusual trends. The maximum and minimum peaks on the final difference Fourier map corresponded to 0.71 and -0.60 $e^{-1}\text{\AA}^3$, respectively.

Neutral atom scattering factors were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (IT), Vol. IV, Table 2.2B⁵. Anomalous dispersion effects were included in F_{calc} ⁶; the values for $\Delta f'$ and $\Delta f''$ were those of Creagh and McAuley⁷. The values for the mass attenuation coefficients are those of Creagh and Hubbell⁸. All calculations were performed using the CrystalStructure^{9,10} crystallographic software package.

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(3) Least Squares function minimized:

$$\sum w (|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 \quad \text{where } w = \text{Least Squares weights.}$$

(4) Goodness of fit is defined as:

$$[\sum w (|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / (N_o - N_v)]^{1/2}$$

where: N_o = number of observations
 N_v = number of variables

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