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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Synthesis of alkyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes based on isoamylene fraction

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Objectives. The study aims to analyze the dichlorocarbenation of the isoamylene fraction, which is a mixture of 2-methyl-butene-1 and 2-methyl-butene-2, in order to obtain the corresponding alkyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes in quantitative yield, and also to determine their structure.

Methods. In order to determine the qualitative and quantitative composition of the reaction masses, the following analysis methods were used: gas-liquid chromatography (using the Crystal 2000 hardware complex), mass spectrometry (using a Chromatec-Crystal 5000M device with NIST 2012 database), and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy (using a Bruker AM-500 device at operating frequencies of 500 and 125 MHz).

Results. Alkyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes were synthesized from an isoamylene fraction in the presence of catamine AB as a catalyst. Alternatively, isomeric alkenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes were obtained on the basis of isoprene, and by reduction, the corresponding alkyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes were synthesized. The synthesized substances were analyzed by gas-liquid chromatography, mass spectrometry, and NMR spectroscopy, as previously mentioned above.

Conclusions. The results show that the dichlorocyclopropanation of the isoamylene fraction proceeds quantitatively with the formation of a mixture of 2-methyl-2-ethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane and 2,3,3-trimethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane. Using isoprene, counter-synthesis through successive dichlorocarbenation and hydrogenation was used to synthesize 2-methyl-2-ethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane, one of the products of dichlorocarbenation of the isoamylene fraction.

Keywords: alkenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropane, isoamylene fraction, hydrogenation, Pd/C

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НАУЧНАЯ СТАТЬЯ

Синтез алкил-*гем*-дихлорциклоопанов на основе изоамиленовой фракции

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Цели. Изучить дихлоркарбенирование изоамиленовой фракции, представляющей собой смесь 2-метил-бутена-1 и 2-метил-бутена-2, получить соответствующие алкил-*гем*-дихлорциклоопаны с количественным выходом и установить их строение.

Методы. Для определения качественного и количественного состава реакционных масс были использованы газожидкостная хроматография (на аппаратно-программном комплексе «Кристалл 2000»), хроматомасс-спектрометрия (на приборе «Хроматэк-Кристалл 5000М» с базой NIST 2012), и спектроскопия ядерного магнитного резонанса (ЯМР-спектроскопия) (на приборе «Bruker AM-500» с рабочими частотами 500 и 125 МГц).

Результаты. Алкил-*гем*-дихлорциклоопаны синтезированы из изоамиленовой фракции в присутствии катализатора катамина АВ. Альтернативным путем на основе изопрена получены изомерные алкенил-*гем*-дихлорциклоопаны, восстановлением которых синтезированы соответствующие алкил-*гем*-дихлорциклоопаны. Вещества проанализированы и доказаны методами газожидкостной хроматографии, хроматомасс-спектрометрии и ЯМР-спектроскопии.

Выходы. Установлено, что дихлорциклоопанирование изоамиленовой фракции протекает количественно с образованием смеси 2-метил-2-этил-1,1-дихлорциклоопана и 2,3,3- trimethyl-1,1-дихлорциклоопана. С использованием изопрена встречным синтезом через последовательное дихлоркарбенирование и гидрирование был синтезирован 2-метил-2-этил-1,1-дихлорциклоопан – один из продуктов дихлоркарбенирования изоамиленовой фракции.

Ключевые слова: алкенил-*гем*-дихлорциклоопаны, изоамиленовая фракция, гидрирование, Pd/C

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INTRODUCTION

In the industrial production of isoprene by dehydrogenation of pentanes (at the first stage), pentenes (isoamylene fraction) with a total volume of 2-methylbut-1-ene **1** and 2-methylbut-2-ene **2** (of at least 80%) are formed. This mixture, along with the formation of isoprene, is used in the alkylation, the epoxidation of the Prince reaction, and others as well [1–4].

At an earlier point in time [5–8], it was shown that alkene- and alkyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes are used as solvents, plasticizers, and intermediate products

in organic synthesis. In this regard, it was of interest to study the preparation of substituted alkyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes by dichlorocarbenation of an industrial isoamylene fraction.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The analysis of the reaction masses was carried out using gas-liquid chromatography (on a Crystal 2000 hardware-software complex, NPF Meta-khrom, Russia). Mass spectra were obtained using a Chromatec-Cristall 5000M instrument (Chromatec, Russia) with the NIST 2012

database (*National Institute of Standards and Technology*, USA). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra of ^1H and ^{13}C were recorded on a Bruker AM-500 spectrometer (*Bruker Corporation*, USA) with operating frequencies of 500 and 125 MHz, respectively, in a CDCl_3 solvent. Chemical shifts are reported on a δ (ppm) scale relative to tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. Spin-spin coupling constants (J) are given in Hz.

We used substituted vinyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes obtained by the known method [9] using chloroform, a 50% alkali solution, and a catamine AB phase transfer catalyst (*NPK Isomer*, Russia).

Using the same technique, we obtained the following:

2-methyl-2-ethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane 3.

Yield (**3 + 4**) 95%, $T_{\text{boil}} = 52^\circ\text{C}$ (35 mm Hg). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm. (J , Hz): 1.07 t (3H, CH_3 , $J = 7.9$), 1.23 d (1H, 1 CH_a , $J = 7.1$), 1.28 d (1H, CH_b , $J = 7$), 1.36 d (3H, CH_3), 1.59–1.73 m (2H, CH_2). ^{13}C NMR, δC , ppm: 10.74 (CH_3), 19.65 (CH_3), 29.75 (C), 31.56 (CH_2), 33.03 (CH_2), 68.03 (C). Mass spectrum, m/e (I_{rel} , %): 152/154/156 (≤ 3) [M^+ , (137/139/141)/(22/10/3), (123/125)/(30/15), (117/119)/(50/20), (101/103)/(10/3), (79/77)/(30/22), 56/100.

2,3,3-trimethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane 4.

Yield (**3 + 4**) 95%, $T_{\text{boil}} = 52^\circ\text{C}$ (35 mm Hg). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm. (J , Hz): 1.16 t (6H, 2 CH_3 , $J = 3.9, 4.0$), 1.36 t (3H, CH_3 , $J = 6.6$), 1.16 t (1H, CH , $J = 7.2$). ^{13}C NMR, δC , ppm: 9.55 (CH_3), 16.86 (CH_3), 24.73 (CH_3), 28.06 (C), 32.64 (CH), 71.46 (C). Mass spectrum, m/e (I_{rel} , %): 152/154/156 (≤ 3) [M^+ , (137/139/141)/(50/25/5), (123/125)/(≤ 5), (117/119)/(100/30), (101/103)/(22/8), (79/77)/(50/30), 56/(≤ 5).

The hydrogenation procedure for unsaturated compounds **6a**, **6b** is similar to that previously published [10].

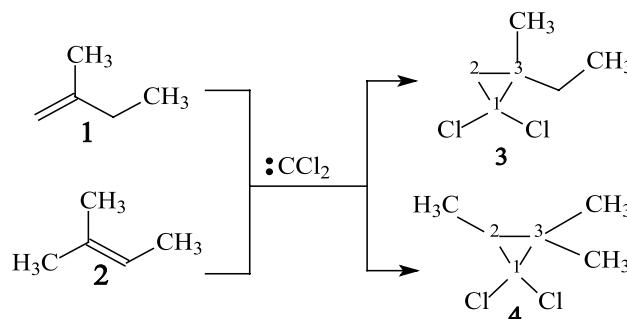
The catalyst is palladium-carbon, Pd/C granular¹, TU 2170-300-29131036-97. Before use, it was ground in a mortar, sieved, and stored in a desiccator.

By this method, a mixture of substances **3**, **3a** was obtained. The physicochemical constants of compound **3** are presented above. For compound **3a** they correspond to the literature data [11].

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As a result of our studies, we found that dichlorocarbenation by the Makoshi method [12, 13] of an isoamylene fraction containing olefins **1**, **2** in a ratio of 1 : 5 gives a mixture ($T_{\text{boil}} = 156$ – 158°C) 2-methyl-2-ethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane **3** and 2,3,3-trimethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane **4** in the same ratio (Scheme 1, Fig. 1).

¹ Information about the catalyst is available on the manufacturer's website <https://www.kazanorgsintez.ru>.



Scheme 1. Carbenation of the amylene fraction **1**, **2**.

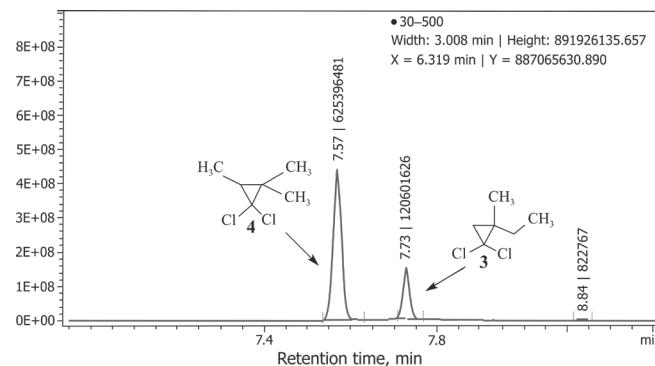
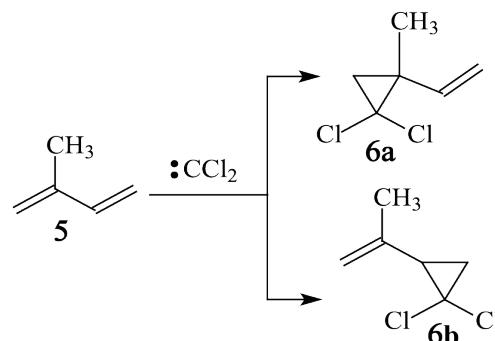


Fig. 1. Chromatogram of a mixture of alkyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes **3**, **4**.

Earlier [9], we carried out selective monocarbenation of isoprene **5** to vinyl- and isopropenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes **6a,b** (Scheme 2), which are formed in a ratio of 95 : 5 (Fig. 2).



Scheme 2. Carbenation of 2-methyl-2-vinyl-butadiene-1,3 **5**.

Hydrogenation (Scheme 3) of a mixture of alkenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes **6a,b**, according to the known method [14, 15], was carried out on an industrial catalyst Pd/C [14, 15] at a temperature of 22–24°C and atmospheric pressure for 4–5 h. A mixture of products **3**, **7** was obtained in a quantitative yield, in which their ratio corresponded to the content of olefins **6a,b** (Fig. 3).

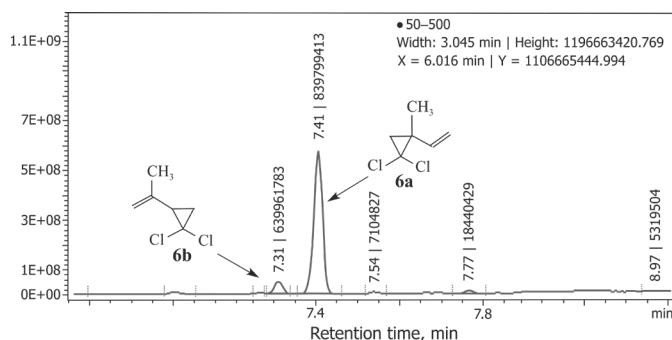
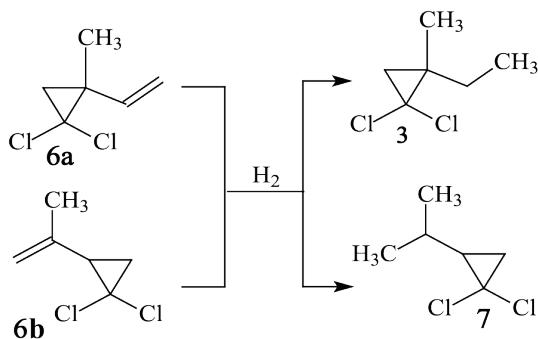


Fig. 2. Chromatogram of a mixture of alkenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes **6a,b**.



Scheme 3. Hydrogenation of a mixture of alkenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes **6a,b**.

The chromatogram of an artificial mixture of the carbeneation products of the isoamylene fraction **3**, **4**, and the hydrogenation products of alkenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopane **3**, **7** indicates the identity of 2-methyl-2-ethyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropane **3**, which is obtained by different methods (Fig. 4).

The NMR spectrum of the obtained mixture of alkenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopanes **3**, **4** contains signals of protons of the cyclopropane ring at δ C² and C^{2"} carbon atoms. For molecule **3**, protons at δ C² carbon atom appear as two doublets at 1.23 ppm ($^2J = 7.1$ Hz) and 1.28 ppm ($^2J = 7$ Hz), while for molecule **4** the proton at δ C^{2"} carbon atom is a triplet in the region of 1.16 ppm ($^3J = 7.2$ Hz). Methyl groups are registered with a triplet for 2-methyl-2-ethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane **3** at 1.07 ppm ($^3J = 7.9$ Hz) and a doublet at 1.36 ppm ($^2J = 6.2$ Hz), for 2,3,3-trimethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane **4**—at 1.16 ppm ($^3J = 6.6$ Hz) triplet and 1.36 ppm ($^2J = 3.9$ Hz) doublet.

In the ¹³C NMR spectra of the mixture of alkyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopanes **3**, **4**, the common signal is the C¹ signal of the carbon atom at 68.03 ppm and 71.46 ppm, respectively. For isomer **3** δ C² and C³, the carbon atoms of cyclopropane are recorded in the region of 33.03 ppm and 29.75 ppm, respectively, and

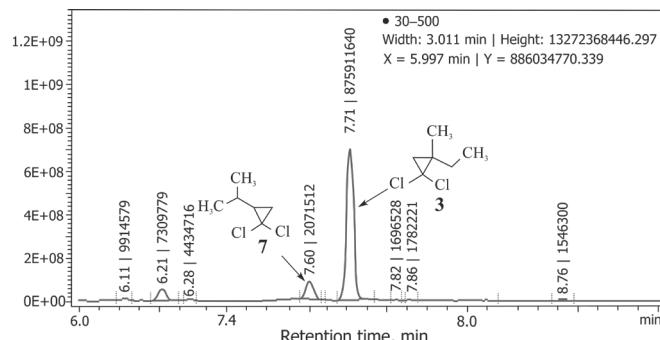


Fig. 3. Chromatogram of a mixture of hydrogenation products **3**, **7**.

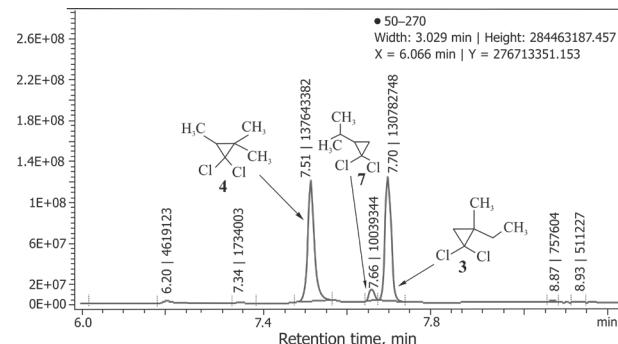


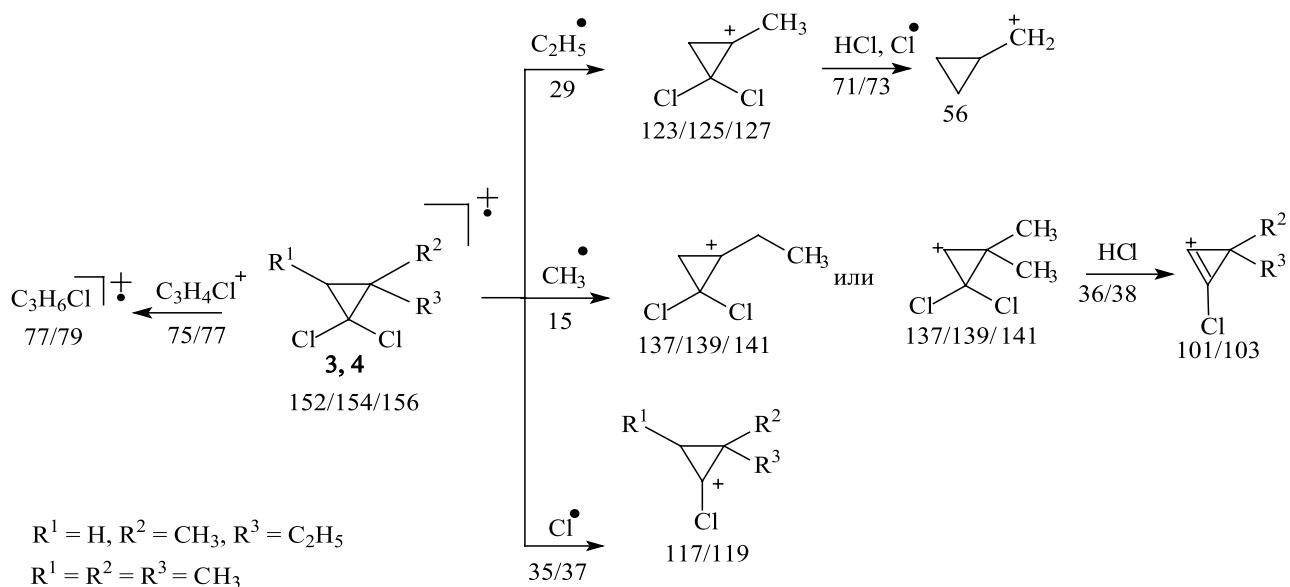
Fig. 4. Chromatogram of an artificial mixture of alkenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopanes hydrogenation products **3**, **7** and a mixture of dichlorocarbenation products of the amylene fraction **3**, **4**.

for isomer **4** δ C^{2"} and C^{3"} carbon atoms—at 32.64 ppm and 28.06 ppm, respectively. The presence of high-field signals of carbons for molecule **3** in the region of 10.74 ppm and 19.65 ppm corresponds to methyl groups, for molecule **4** the same groups appear at 9.55 ppm and 24.76 ppm.

Mass spectra of a mixture of *gem*-dichlorocyclopanes **3**, **4** contain peaks of molecular ions $m = 152/154/156$ of low intensity ($\leq 3\%$). Dissociative ionization of *gem*-dichlorocyclopanes **3**, **4** can proceed in different ways. The molecule decomposes into a dichlorocyclopropane fragment and a substituent R, or the molecule loses chlorine atoms, but the main carbon skeleton is retained (Scheme 4).

The table shows the values of fission ion mass m and the relative intensity of the ion peaks e (% of the maximum) for compounds **3**, **4**.

Therefore, based on the frequency of occurrence and intensity of the peaks (see table), the most stable fragment in the molecule is the cyclopropane fragment, which forms a fragmented ion upon the decomposition of all compounds **3**, **4** with a *gem*-dichlorocyclopropane substituent.

**Scheme 4.** Dissociative ionization of *gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes **3, 4**.

Values of fission ion mass m and relative intensity of ion peaks e (% of maximum) for compounds **3** and **4**

Compounds	m/e (%)						
	M^+ 152/154/156	56	77/79	101/103	117/119	123/125	137/139/141
3	≤ 3	100	30/22	10/3	50/20	30/15	22/10/3
4	≤ 3	≤ 3	55/30	22/8	100/30	≤ 5	50/25/5

CONCLUSIONS

It was found that dichlorocarbenation of the isoamylene fraction, by the Makoshi method, proceeds with the formation of isomeric alkyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes: 2-methyl-2-ethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane and 2,3,3-trimethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane. Using isoprene, counter-synthesis through sequential dichlorocarbenation and hydrogenation was used to synthesize 2-methyl-2-ethyl-1,1-dichlorocyclopropane, one of the products of dichlorocarbenation of the isoamylene fraction.

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