



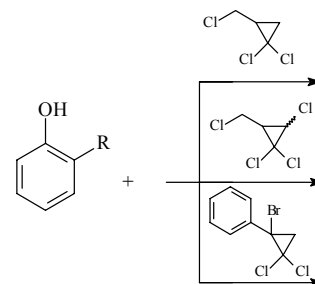
REACTIONS OF SUBSTITUTED *gem*-DICHLOROCYCLOPROPANES WITH PHENOLS

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By studying the reactions of substituted phenols with halomethyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes in dimethyl sulfoxide, concurrent for both endocyclic and exocyclic chlorine atoms, it was found that *cis*- and *trans*-1,1,3-trichloro-2-(chloromethyl)cyclopropanes react with phenols, producing 1,1-disubstituted (chloromethylen)cyclopropanes, as mixtures of *Z*- and *E*-configuration isomers, and 1,1-disubstituted 2-chloro-3-methylcyclopropanes. Cyclopropane ring cleaving was observed in reactions of phenols with 2-bromo-2-phenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropane. The nature of the nucleophile has a significant effect on the yield of the reaction products.



INTRODUCTION

First stage¹ of our research in the synthesis and reactions of substituted *gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes was associated with the development of regio- and stereoselective methods, of adding dichlorocarbene to polyene structures and multifunctional olefins of petrochemical origin (conjugated and unconjugated, linear and cyclic dienes, mono- and polyhaloalkenes etc.).

Transformations of alkenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes (alkylation, oxidation, hydration, hydrogenation, etc.), as well as reduction of endocyclic CCl₂- group were previously studied.²⁻⁴

Continuing this work, we examined the reactions of substituted *gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes with mono- and dibasic phenols.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

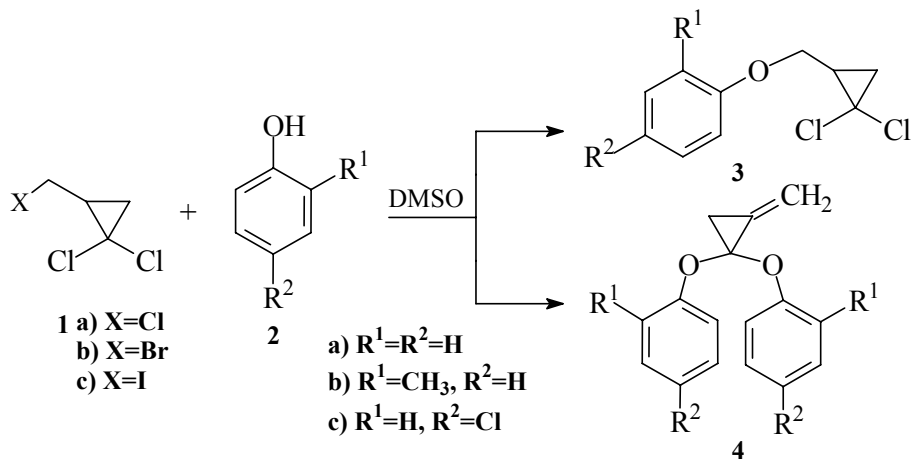
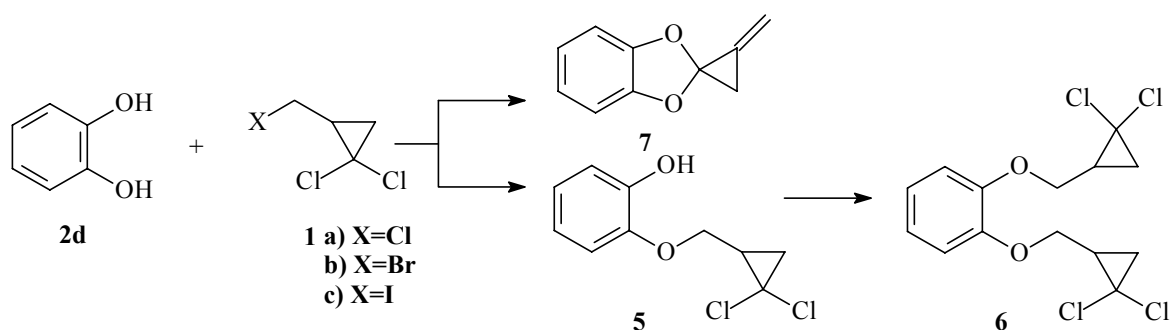
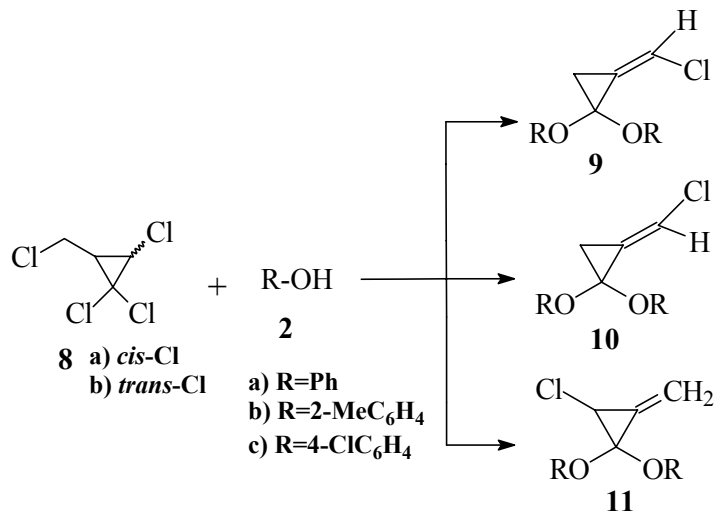
It is known that interaction of chloride **1a** with phenol in dimethyl sulfoxide in the presence of

sodium hydroxide yields substitution products of both exocyclic and endocyclic chlorine atoms, with the latter compounds dominating.⁵⁻⁸ In the present study we found that in these conditions halomethyl-*gem*-chlorocyclopropanes **1b,c** react with phenols **2a-c** yielding mostly aryloxy derivatives **3a-c** (selectivity over 80%), as well as 1,1-disubstituted methylcyclopropanes **4a-c** (Scheme 1).

In the case of diols **2d** both substitution products are formed for the exocyclic chlorine atom **5,6** and methylenespiro[1,3-benzodioxolan-2,1'-cyclopropane] **7**, as a result of endocyclic chlorine replacement (Scheme 2). Product ratios for **5, 6** and **7** change from 41:52:4 for **1a** up to 2:28:68 for **1c**.

Trichlorocyclopropanes **8a,b** react with phenols **2a-c** in similar conditions producing 1,1-disubstituted 2-chloro-3-methylcyclopropanes **11a-c** and mixtures of 1,1-disubstituted (chloromethylen)cyclopropanes **9a-c, 10a-c** (Scheme 3), with a total yield of 79-94%. Substituents in the aromatic ring have little effect on the reaction's regio- and stereoselectivity. Formation of *Z*-configuration isomer **9a-c** is preferred.

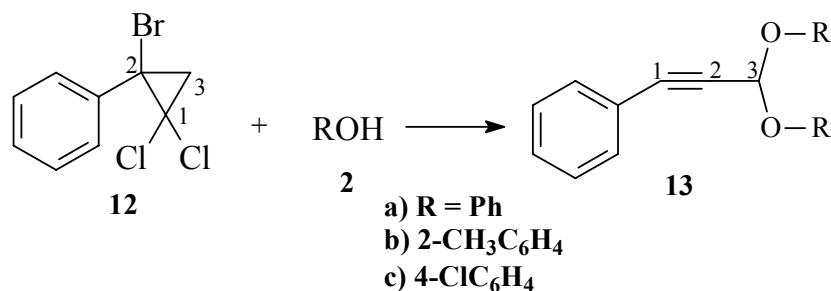
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Scheme 1 – Preparation of aryloxy derivatives **3a-c** and 1,1-disubstituted methylcyclopropanes **4a-c**.Scheme 2 – Preparation of aryloxy derivatives **5,6** and methylenespiro[1,3-benzodioxolan-2,1'-cyclopropane] **7**.Scheme 3 – Preparation of 1,1-disubstituted (chloromethylen)cyclopropanes **9a-c**, **10a-c** and 2-chloro-3-methylenecyclopropanes **11a-c**.

Composition and structure of the resulting compounds **9a-c**, **10a-c**, **11a-c** have been confirmed by NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry. ¹H NMR spectra of compounds **9a**, **10a** show not only three-membered ring and aromatic ring protons, but ending chlorine double bond protons as well: for the *Z*-configuration stereoisomer **9a** in the 6.93 ppm area (with spin-

spin coupling constants (SSCC) ⁴J_{4-3a} and ⁴J_{4-3b} 3.2 Hz) and in the 6.37 ppm area for the **10a** *E*-isomer (with SSCC ⁴J_{4-3a} and ⁴J_{4-3b} 2.6 Hz).

At the same time, interaction of 2-bromo-2-phenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropane **12** with phenols **2a-c** in similar conditions demonstrates cyclopropane ring cleaving resulting in phenylpropargyl aldehyde acetals **13a-c** (Scheme 4).

Scheme 4 – Preparation of phenylpropargyl aldehyde acetals **13a-c**.

The unselective formation of acetylenic structures at the condensation of polysubstituted *gem*-dibromocyclopropanes with alcohols had been described before⁹⁻¹².

A characteristic feature of the **13a** compound's ¹³C NMR spectrum recorded in C-H interaction constant modulation mode (JMOD) is the presence of carbon atom signals at the triple bond (95.10 and 85.32) and of the C(OR)₂- group quaternary carbon atom signal (103.39).

EXPERIMENTAL

An LHM-8D chromatograph was used for the qualitative and quantitative analysis of starting material and reaction products. The chromatograph was equipped with a thermo-conductivity detector and 2 m column with 5% SE-30 on a Chromaton N-AW support. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were registered using the Bruker AM-300 spectrometer (300.13 and 75.47 MHz, respectively) in CDCl₃ solvent, where Me₄Si was used as an internal standard. Mass-spectra were recorded using the Focus instrument, equipped with a Finnigan DSQ II detector (70 eV, ionization cell temperature 200°C, injector temperature 50-270°C, with a velocity of the temperature rise 10°C/min).

Initial 2-halomethyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes **1a-c**, 2-brom-2-phenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropane **12** and *cis* and *trans*-1,1,2-trichloro-3-chloromethylcyclopropanes **8a,b** were obtained by the known procedure.¹³

1. Synthesis of aryloxymethyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes (**3a-c**, **5**, **6**) and methylenecyclopropanes (**4a-c**, **7**, **9a-c**, **10a-c**, **11a-c**).

A solution of 0.005 M substituted *gem*-dichlorocyclopropane **1a-c**, **8a,b** in 1 mL DMSO was added, with intensive stirring, to the mixture of 0.015 M phenol **2a-c** (or 0.01 M catechol **2d**), 0.03 M NaOH (0.02 M in the case of **2d**), 0.0001 M triethylbutylammonium chloride (TEBAC as phase transfer catalyst) (in the case of **8a,b**), 5.3 mL DMSO (2.8 mL in the case of **2d**), at the temperature of 55-60°C (0-5°C in the case of **8a,b**). After 2-5 hours (0.2 hours in the case of **8a,b**), the reaction mixture was diluted with water, extracted with chloroform, and the organic layer was washed with 40 mL of a 20% NaOH solution, then with water until neutral, dried with a freshly prepared anhydrous MgSO₄, and chloroform was removed at a low pressure; the residue was purified by column chromatography, using silica gel and hexane (cyclohexane), with an increasing ethyl acetate content from 5 to 100%.

The resulting physico-chemical properties, NMR-spectra and mass-spectra of compounds **3a-c**, **4a-c** correspond to literature data.⁵

2-[(2,2-dichlorocyclopropyl)methoxy]phenol (**5**). *R_f*=0.37 (hexane:AcOEt, 3:1). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ ppm, *J*/Hz): 1.39 (dd, 1H, C³H_a, ²*J* 7.34, ³*J* 7.63); 1.77 (dd, 1H, C³H_b, ²*J* 7.34, ³*J* 10.27); 2.13 (m, 1H, C¹H); 4.12 (dd, 1H, C¹H_a, ²*J* 10.57, ³*J* 7.93); 4.26 (dd, 1H, C¹H_b, ²*J* 10.57, ³*J* 5.87); 6.21 (s, 1H, OH); 6.85-7.02 (m, 4H, C₆H₄). MS (70 eV), *m/z* (*J.*, %): 232/234/236 M⁺ (7/4/1), 123/125/127 (18/12/2), 110 (100), 100 (6), 87/89 (44/16), 81 (20), 63 (7), 51 (22).

1,2-bis[(2,2-dichlorocyclopropyl)methoxy]benzene (**6**). *R_f*=0.57 (hexane:AcOEt, 3:1). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ ppm, *J*/Hz): 1.39 (dd, 2H, C³H_a, C³H_b, ²*J* 7.34, ³*J* 7.63); 1.77 (dd, 2H, C³H_b, C³H_a, ²*J* 7.34, ³*J* 10.27); 2.13 (m, 2H, C¹H, C¹H); 4.13 (dd, 2H, C¹H_a, C¹H_b, ²*J* 10.57, ³*J* 7.93); 4.26 (dd, 2H, C¹H_b, C¹H_a, ²*J* 10.57, ³*J* 5.87); 6.70-6.89 (m, 4H, C₆H₄). MS (70 eV), *m/z* (*J.*, %): 356 M⁺ (2), 232 (2), 123/125/127 (38/24/4), 110 (100), 100 (18), 87/89 (57/19), 81 (11), 63 (6), 51 (22).

2'-methylene Spiro[1,3-benzodioxole-2,1'-cyclopropane] (**7**). b.p. 79-81°C (4 mm Hg). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ ppm, *J*/Hz): 2.14 (t, 2H, C³H_a, C³H_b, ⁴*J* 2.20); 5.05 (s, 1H, C¹H_a, ⁴*J* 2.20); 5.33 (s, 1H, C¹H_b, ⁴*J* 2.20); 6.63-6.91 (m, 4H, C₆H₄). MS (70 eV), *m/z* (*J.*, %): 160 M⁺ (81), 145 (37), 134 (100), 121 (3), 103 (4), 92 (7), 76 (6), 67 (18), 51 (14).

1,1'-[(2*E*)-2-(chloromethylene)cyclopropane-1,1'-diyl]bis(oxy) dibenzene (**9a**). *R_f* 0.30 (hexane:AcOEt, 60:1). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ ppm, *J*/Hz): 2.21 (d, 2H, C³H_a, C³H_b, ⁴*J* 3.23), 6.93 (t, 1H, C¹HCl, ⁴*J* 3.23), 7.05-7.37 (m, 10H, Ph). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, δ ppm): 21.34 (C³H₂); 85.3 (C¹); 113.73 (C¹HCl); 117.1, 122.9, 129.5, 156.0 (Ph), 126.2 (C²). MS (70 eV), *m/z* (*J.*, %): 271/273 [M-1]⁺ (1), 235 (2), 179/181 [M-OPh]⁺ (39/14), 151/153 (34/11), 143 (19), 115 (100), 94 (17), 91 (56), 77 (78), 65 (21), 51 (51).

1,1'-[(2*E*)-2-(chloromethylene)cyclopropane-1,1'-diyl]bis(oxy) dibenzene (**10a**). *R_f* 0.21 (hexane:AcOEt, 60:1). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ ppm, *J*/Hz): 2.13 (d, 2H, C³H_a, C³H_b, ⁴*J* 2.47), 6.37 (t, 1H, C¹HCl, ⁴*J* 2.6), 7.05-7.37 (m, 10H, Ph). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, δ ppm): 20.49 (C³H₂); 84.61 (C¹); 115.34 (C¹HCl); 117.1, 122.9, 129.5, 156.0 (Ph), 125.99 (C²). MS (70 eV), *m/z* (*J.*, %): 271/273 M-1 (1), 235 (2), 179/181 M-OPh (42/13), 151/153 (32/10), 143 (19), 115 (100), 94 (15), 91 (45), 77 (75), 65 (17), 51 (39).

1,1'-[(2-chloro-3-methylenecyclopropane-1,1'-diyl]bis(oxy) dibenzene (**11a**). *R_f* 0.26 (hexane:AcOEt, 60:1). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ ppm, *J*/Hz): 4.03 (t, 1H, C³HCl, ⁴*J* 2.07), 5.95 (d, 1H, C¹H_a, ²*J* 1.55), 6.07 (d, 1H, C¹H_b, ²*J* 1.55), 7.11-7.38 (m, 10H, Ph). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, δ ppm): (CDCl₃, δ, m.d.): 36.20 (C¹HCl); 82.69 (C¹); 113.32 (C³H₂); 116.92, 117.29, 122.95, 123.10, 129.52, 129.72, 155.13, 156.11 (Ph), 132.30 (C²). MS (70 eV), *m/z* (*J.*, %): 272/274 [M]⁺ (<0.1), 236 (<1), 207 (1), 179/181 [M-OPh]⁺ (1/0.3), 161 (100), 131 (1), 121 (5), 94 (5), 77 (28), 65 (14), 51 (8).

1,1'-[[2(Z)-2-(chloromethylene)cyclopropane-1,1-diy]]bis(oxy)]bis(2-methylbenzene) (9b): R_f 0.38 (hexane:AcOEt, 60:1). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm, J/Hz): 2.25 (s, 6H, CH_3 ; 2H, C^3H_a , C^3H_b), 6.93-7.45 (m, 8H, Ph; 1H, C^1HCl). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 16.42 (CH_3), 21.60 (C^3H_2), 84.66 (C^1), 113.84 (C^1HCl), 114.92, 122.56, 126.9, 131.18, 154.28 (Ph), 126.54 (C^2). MS (70 eV), m/z (J , %): 300/302 M^{++} (58/19), 265 [M^+Cl] $^+$ (1), 193/195 (22/8), 165/167 (40/13), 157 (21), 129 (100), 108 (9), 91 (55), 75 (15), 65 (40).

1,1'-[[2(E)-2-(chloromethylene)cyclopropane-1,1-diy]]bis(oxy)]bis(2-methylbenzene) (10b): R_f 0.26 (hexane: AcOEt, 60:1). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm, J/Hz): 2.20 (d, 2H, C^3H_a , C^3H_b , 4J 2.3), 2.26 (s, 6H, CH_3), 6.41 (t, 1H, C^1HCl , 4J 2.3), 6.97-7.66 (m, 8H, Ph). MS (70 eV), m/z (J , %): 300/302 M^{++} (35/12), 265 [M^+Cl] $^+$ (0.5), 193/195 (23/8), 165/167 (34/10), 157 (19), 129 (100), 108 (9), 91 (49), 75 (14), 65 (40).

1,1'-[[2-chloro-3-methylenecyclopropane-1,1-diy]]bis(oxy)]bis(2-methylbenzene) (11b): R_f 0.33 (hexane: AcOEt, 60:1). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm, J/Hz): 2.21 (s, 6H, CH_3), 3.96 (t, 1H, C^3HCl , 4J 2.2), 5.90 (dd, 1H, C^1H_a , 2J 1.5, 4J 2.2), 6.04 (dd, 1H, C^1H_b , 2J 1.5, 4J 2.2), 6.92-7.43 (m, 8H, Ph). MS (70 eV), m/z (J , %): 300/302 [M^{++}] (<0.1), 265 [M^+Cl] $^+$ (2), 249 (1), 221 (2), 207 (55), 193/195 [M^+OPh] $^+$ (40/14), 178/180 (3/1), 158 (10), 129 (30), 115 (5), 108 (30), 91 (25), 73 (22), 65 (20).

1,1'-[[2(Z)-2-(chloromethylene)cyclopropane-1,1-diy]]bis(oxy)]bis(4-chlorobenzene) (9c): R_f 0.35 (hexane:AcOEt, 60:1). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm, J/Hz): 2.15 (d, 2H, C^3H_a , C^3H_b , 4J 3.2), 6.92 (t, 1H, C^1HCl , 4J 3.2), 7.09-7.30 (m, 8H, Ph). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 21.06 (C^3H_2), 85.27 (C^1), 114.23 (C^1HCl), 118.25, 128.16, 129.48, 154.19 (Ph), 125.23 (C^2). MS (70 eV), m/z (J , %): 340/342/344 M^{++} (1), 339/341/343 [M^+H] $^+$ (1), 305/307/309 (1), 213/215/217 (43/27.5/5), 185/187/189 (45/27.5/5), 177/179 (27/8), 149/151 (100/31), 128/130 (14/4), 125/127 (82/32), 111/113 (46/17), 99/101 (27/10), 85/87 (8.5/3), 75 (75), 63 (14), 50 (15).

1,1'-[[2(E)-2-(chloromethylene)cyclopropane-1,1-diy]]bis(oxy)]bis(4-chlorobenzene) (10c): R_f 0.24 (hexane:AcOEt, 60:1). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm, J/Hz): 2.12 (d, 2H, C^3H_a , C^3H_b , 4J 2.5), 6.39 (t, 1H, C^1HCl , 4J 2.5), 7.09-7.30 (m, 8H, Ph). MS (70 eV), m/z (J , %): 340/342/344 M^{++} (1), 339/341/343 [M^+H] $^+$ (1), 305/307/309 (1), 213/215/217 (45/30/5), 185/187/189 (48/30/5), 177/179 (30/10), 149/151 (100/31), 128/130 (12/4), 125/127 (80/27), 111/113 (48/16), 99/101 (27/10), 85/87 (9/3), 75 (78), 63 (10), 50 (16).

1,1'-[[2-chloro-3-methylenecyclopropane-1,1-diy]]bis(oxy)]bis(4-chlorobenzene) (11c): R_f 0.29 (hexane:AcOEt, 60:1). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm, J/Hz): 3.93 (t, 1H, C^3HCl , 4J 2.1), 5.93 (dd, 1H, C^1H_a , 2J 0.8, 4J 2.1), 6.0 (dd, 1H, C^1H_b , 2J 0.8, 4J 2.1), 7.06-7.31 (m, 8H, Ph). MS (70 eV), m/z (J , %): 340/342/344 M^{++} (5/3/0.5), 215/217/219 (35/18/5), 213/217/219 (13/9/1.5), 178/180 (100/33), 149/151 (42/15), 128/130 (34.5/10.5), 115/117 (44/15), 111/113 (16/5), 99/101 (16.5/5.5), 85/87 (7/2), 75 (25), 63 (11), 50 (11).

2. Acetals synthesis with phenylpropargyl aldehyde **13a-c**

The solution of 0.003 M 2-brom-2-phenyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropane **12** in 1 mL DMF was added dropwise, with intensive stirring to the mixture of 0.007 M phenol **2a-c**, 0.02 M NaOH, 2.5 mL DMF. After 2-4 hours, the reaction mass was diluted with water, extracted with chloroform, washed with water, the solvent was evaporated, the residue was purified by column chromatography, using silica gel, hexane: ethyl acetate 9:1 as eluent.

1,1'-[[1-phenylprop-1-yne-3,3-diy]]bis(oxy)]dibenzene (13a). R_f 0.22. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm, J/Hz): 7.05-7.40 (m, 15H,

Ph; 1H, CH). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 85.32 (C^2), 95.10 (C^1), 103.39 (C^3), 126.58, 127.61, 128.10, 128.35, 129.00, 131.02, 158.37 (Ph). MS (70 eV), m/z (J , %): 300 [M^{++}] (<0.1), 207 [$\text{M}^+\text{OC}_6\text{H}_5$] $^+$ (2), 175 (100), 158 (91), 144 (13), 131 (15), 116 (28), 102 (19), 91 (12), 77 (10), 63 (11).

1,1'-[[1-phenylprop-1-yne-3,3-diy]]bis(oxy)]bis(2-methylbenzene) (13b). R_f 0.27. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm, J/Hz): 2.2 (s, 6H, CH_3), 6.7-7.5 (m, 13H, Ph; 1H, CH). MS (70 eV), m/z (J , %): 328 [M^{++}] (<0.1), 175 (100), 158 (87), 144 (12), 131 (15), 116 (29), 102 (21), 91 (12), 77 (10), 63 (12), 51 (4).

1,1'-[[1-phenylprop-1-yne-3,3-diy]]bis(oxy)]bis(4-chlorobenzene) (13c). R_f 0.24. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ ppm, J/Hz): 6.90-7.48 (m, 13H, Ph, 1H, CH). MS (70 eV), m/z (J , %): 368/370/372 [M^{++}] (<0.1), 175 (76), 158 (100), 144 (17), 131 (18), 116 (28), 102 (28), 91 (18), 77 (15), 63 (16) 51 (17).

CONCLUSIONS

Using halomethyl-*gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes, corresponding aroxymethyl derivatives and cyclopropanone ketals were obtained. It was demonstrated that catechol reacts through both endocyclic and exocyclic carbon-halogen bonds. For *cis*-, *trans*-1,1,3-trichloro-2-chloromethylcyclopropanes only CCl_2 group is involved in alkoxy group substitution.

In these conditions presence of bromine atom in the cycle leads to cleaving of the cyclopropane ring producing phenylpropargyl aldehyde acetals.

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