

26.3, 28.9, 31.5, 34.0, 35.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 77.3, 86.3 (=CH), 93.4, 103.8, 128.8, 135.3 (=C), 140.7 (=CH), 149.3 (=C); IR (nujol):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 844, 1561, 1630, 3103 cm<sup>-1</sup>; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>36</sub>RuClPF<sub>6</sub>: C 49.57, H 5.76, Cl 5.63; found: C 49.23, H 5.50, Cl 6.27. Microcrystals of complex **12b** were obtained in a dichloromethane/diethyl ether biphasic system.

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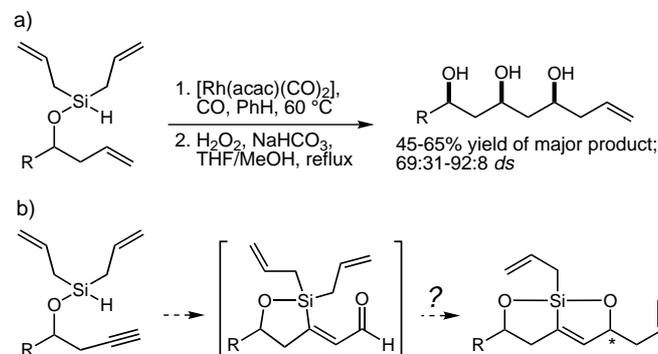
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## Tandem Intramolecular Alkyne Silylformylation–Allylsilylation: A Case of Remote 1,5-Asymmetric Induction\*\*

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As part of a program dedicated to the development of stereoselective catalytic methods for the synthesis of polyols, we have recently reported the tandem intramolecular silylformylation–allylsilylation of alkenes (Scheme 1 a).<sup>[1, 2]</sup> Alkynes are well-known substrates for silylformylation,<sup>[3]</sup> and it seemed plausible that tandem allylsilylation of the resultant unsaturated aldehydes might occur as well (Scheme 1 b). Interestingly, in this system the silicon-substituted carbon atom is no longer stereogenic. Thus, any diastereoselectivity



Scheme 1. a) Tandem alkene silylformylation–allylsilylation and b) proposed tandem alkyne silylformylation–allylsilylation. Hacac = acetylacetonate.

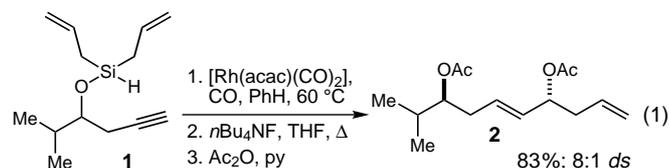
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in the allylsilylation would have to derive from the original homopropargylic stereocenter, and would constitute an example of remote 1,5-stereinduction.<sup>[4]</sup>

Our study commenced with diallylsilyl ether **1** [Eq. (1)]. Treatment of this silane with 1.0 mol % of [Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub>] and 6.9 MPa (1000 psi) of CO in benzene at 60 °C in a



high-pressure reactor produced a yellow oil upon concentration. The unpurified material was subjected to protodesilylation (*n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NF, THF, reflux) and peracetylation (Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine (py)) to provide an 8:1 mixture of diacetate **2** and its *syn* diastereomer in 83% overall yield.<sup>[5, 6]</sup> Thus, the allylsilylation proceeded with good 1,5-diastereoselectivity, providing the 1,5-*anti* product as the major diastereomer, a result which is opposite to that observed with alkene substrates.

Optimization of the reaction conditions revealed that the catalyst loading could be reduced to 0.1 mol % with no decrease in efficiency. At significantly lower CO pressures, and/or at significantly lower temperatures there was a small improvement in the diastereoselectivity, accompanied, however, by a significant drop in reaction rate. We therefore settled on 6.9 MPa of CO in benzene at 60 °C as the standard reaction conditions.

With optimal reaction conditions identified, we set out to investigate the scope of the reaction with regard to homopropargylic and propargylic substituents (Table 1). Entries 1–6 clearly establish a direct correlation between the steric size of the homopropargylic substituent and the diastereoselectivity of the reaction, as well as a tolerance for alkyne and silyloxy functional groups. The superior diastereoselectivity shown in entry 7 indicates the stereochemically reinforcing

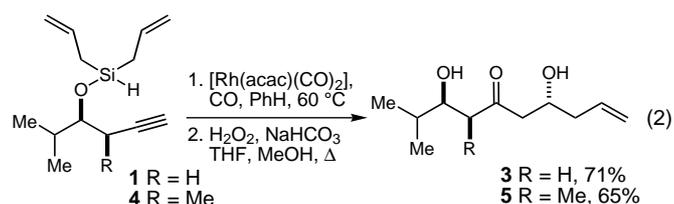
Table 1. Tandem alkyne silylformylation–allylsilylation.

Entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	<i>ds</i> <sup>[a]</sup>	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>
1	<i>n</i> Pr	H	H	4:1	68
2	HC≡CCH <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4:1	63
3 <sup>[c]</sup>	TBSOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	H	H	5:1	63
4	<i>i</i> Pr	H	H	8:1	83
5	Ph	H	H	7:1	83
6	<i>t</i> Bu	H	H	10:1	66
7	<i>i</i> Pr	Me	H	23:1	70
8	<i>i</i> Pr	H	Me	7:1	70

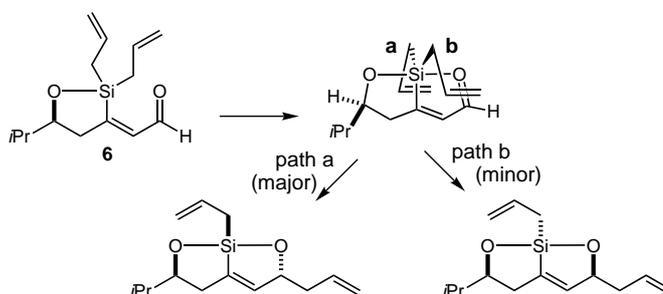
[a] 1,5-*anti*:1,5-*syn*; measured by gas chromatography. [b] Yield of the isolated purified mixture of diastereomers. [c] The *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl (TBS) group is cleaved during the protodesilylation step and the triacetate is isolated.

nature of a *syn* propargylic methyl group, whereas with an *anti* propargylic methyl group (entry 8) useful diastereoselectivity is still observed.

As an alternative to the protodesilylative workup of Table 1, we have also investigated an oxidative workup to provide β,β'-dihydroxyketone products. Subjection of silanes **1** and **4** to the standard tandem silylformylation–allylsilylation conditions, followed by evaporation of the solvent and subjection of the residue to the conditions of the Tamao oxidation<sup>[7]</sup> (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, THF/MeOH, reflux) led to oxodials **3** and **5** in 71 and 65% yields, respectively, and with identical diastereoselectivities to entries 4 and 7 in Table 1 [Eq. (2)]. The oxidative workup is noteworthy in the context of polyol synthesis in that diastereoselective ketone reductions would allow access to stereochemically diverse triol arrays.



Based on arguments previously advanced,<sup>[1]</sup> and in analogy to the corresponding reactions of alkenes, we propose an uncatalyzed allylsilylation of the presumed aldehyde intermediates.<sup>[8]</sup> Binding of the aldehyde by the Lewis acidic silicon atom<sup>[9]</sup> is followed by intramolecular allylsilylation as depicted for aldehyde **6** (Scheme 2). In this model, the diastereoselectivity is determined by the relative rates at which the

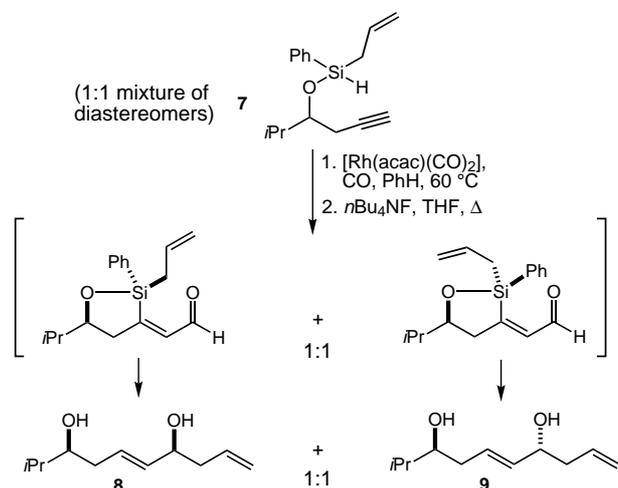


Scheme 2. Proposed model for remote 1,5-stereinduction.

diastereotopic allyl groups transfer (path a vs. path b). A simple working hypothesis for the observed preference for path a would invoke a destabilizing steric interaction between the 2-propyl group and the allyl group **b**. The correlation between steric size of the homopropargylic substituent and the selectivity observed in entries 1–6 of Table 1 is consistent with this hypothesis as is the high selectivity observed in entry 7. The nearly identical selectivity observed in entries 4 and 8 is less well rationalized by this model and is suggestive of more subtle stereoelectronic effects.

A key feature of this model is that both of the diastereotopic allyl groups can transfer and each leads to a different product diastereomer. It could therefore be surmised that selective replacement of either allyl group with a nontrans-

ferable group would lead to a stereospecific reaction. To gain support for this hypothesis we prepared silane **7** as a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers. Subjecting this mixture to the standard reaction conditions led, presumably by way of the illustrated 1:1 mixture of aldehydes, to a 1:1 mixture of diol diastereomers **8** and **9** (Scheme 3). The clear implication of this experiment is that either product diastereomer could be selected for, based only on the availability of the starting chiral silanes in diastereomerically pure form.



Scheme 3. Evidence for the stereochemical model.

The reactions reported here should find broad application in organic synthesis. The entire sequence (homopropargylic alcohol to 1,5-diol or oxodiol) can be carried out in a day and requires only readily available reagents ( $\text{HSiCl}_3$ ,  $\text{AllylMgBr}$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NF}$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ). In the tandem silylformylation–allylsilylation reaction two new C–C bonds are formed as well as a remote stereocenter. Further studies to extend the synthetic utility of this process are in progress.

### Experimental Section

**Preparation of the diallylsilyl ethers:** To a solution of the homopropargylic alcohol (10.0 mmol) in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (20 mL) is added trichlorosilane (20.0 mmol). The solution is heated at reflux for 2 h, and then concentrated (**Caution!** HCl evolution). The residue is redissolved in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (20 mL) and the solution is cooled to  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . Allylmagnesium bromide (20.0 mL, 20.0 mmol, 1.0 M in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) is then added with vigorous stirring. The reaction mixture is warmed to room temperature and diluted with pentane. The mixture is filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate is concentrated. The residue is treated with pentane, and the mixture is filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate is concentrated and the residue is typically purified by distillation under vacuum ( $<1.0$  Torr).

**Tandem Silylformylation–Allylsilylation:** A glass liner for a stainless steel 45 mL Parr high-pressure reactor equipped with a stir bar and septum is charged with a solution of the diallylsilyl ether substrate (2.0 mmol) in benzene (6.0 mL). The solution is cooled to  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  and  $[\text{Rh}(\text{acac})(\text{CO})_2]$  (0.5 mg, 0.002 mmol) is added. The liner is inserted into the Parr reactor, and the pressure gauge and gas inlet assembly is attached. The reactor is charged to 3.4 MPa (500 psi) with  $\text{CO}$ , and vented. The reactor is then charged to 6.9 MPa (1000 psi) with  $\text{CO}$  and immersed ( $\sim 2.5$  cm) in an oil bath at  $60^\circ\text{C}$ . After 2–3 h, the reactor is cooled to  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and then vented. The solution is concentrated and the residue is immediately subjected to either workup procedure without further purification.

**Protodesilylation:** To a solution of the residue from the tandem silylformylation–allylsilylation in THF (10.0 mL) is added tetra-*n*-butylammo-

nium fluoride (6.0 mL, 6.0 mmol, 1.0 M in THF). The solution is heated at reflux for 2 h, and then cooled. Saturated aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  is added, and the mixture is extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The combined organic layers are dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), filtered and concentrated. The resulting diols may be purified by chromatography on silica gel.

**Tamao oxidation:** To a solution of the residue from the tandem silylformylation–allylsilylation in THF (3.0 mL) and MeOH (3.0 mL) is added  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (0.15 g, 1.8 mmol) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (1.5 mL, 35% in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ). The solution is heated at reflux for 3 h, and then cooled. Saturated aqueous  $\text{NaCl}$  is added, followed by saturated aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ , and the mixture is extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The combined organic layers are dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), filtered and concentrated. The resulting oxidiols may be purified by chromatography on silica gel.

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