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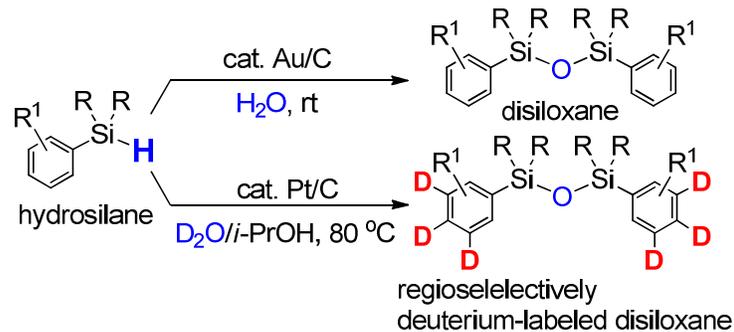
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ABSTRACT



Disiloxanes possessing a silicon-oxygen linkage are important as frameworks for the functional materials and coupling partners for Hiyama-type cross coupling. We found that disiloxanes were effectively constructed of hydrosilanes catalyzed by gold on carbon in water as the solvent and oxidant in association with the emission of hydrogen gas at room temperature. The present oxidation could proceed via various reaction pathways, such as the hydration of hydrosilane into silanol, dehydrogenative coupling of hydrosilane into disilane and the subsequent corresponding reactions to disiloxane. Additionally, the platinum on carbon-catalyzed hydrogen-deuterium exchange reaction of arylhydrosilanes as substrates in heavy water proceeded on the aromatic nuclei at 80 °C with high deuterium efficiency and high regioselectivity at the only meta- and para-positions of the aromatic-silicon bond to give the deuterium-labeled disiloxanes.

INTRODUCTION

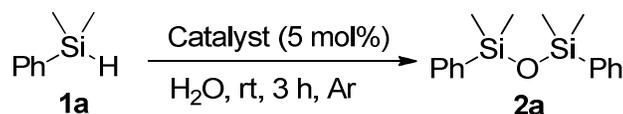
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4 Siloxane possessing a silicon (Si)-oxygen (O) linkage is an important core of functional materials, such
5 as liquid crystals and thermosets,¹ and bioactive compounds² (e.g., muscle relaxant^{2b}). Furthermore, aryl
6 or vinyl-substituted disiloxanes can be Hiyama-type coupling partners in organic chemistry.³ The
7 transformation of hydrosilanes to disiloxanes is a straightforward synthetic method, and the direct
8 disiloxane synthesis based on the InBr₃-catalyzed air oxidation of hydrosilanes⁴ and the homogeneous
9 transition metal-catalyzed reduction of carbonyl compounds by hydrosilanes⁵⁻⁶ have been reported.
10 Meanwhile, the homogeneous Rh and Re catalytic methods using H₂O as a green solvent and oxidant
11 were also developed.⁷ Although reusable heterogeneous catalysts are environmentally-friendly from the
12 viewpoint of green chemistry, the reported heterogeneous transition metal (Au⁸, Pt⁹, Pd¹⁰, Ni¹¹ and
13 Ag¹²)-catalyzed oxidations of hydrosilanes using H₂O as an additive in organic solvents selectively gave
14 the corresponding silanol as the main product.¹³ A recent research finding revealed the carbon nanotube-
15 gold nanohybrid catalysts could selectively oxidize the silanes in H₂O to silanol and the use of
16 homogeneous AuCl₃ with the ligands directly provided the disiloxane from silane.¹⁴ In this report, We
17 have newly developed the Au/C-catalyzed direct synthesis of disiloxanes starting from hydrosilanes in
18 water, and the unprecedented and regioselective Pt/C-catalyzed deuteration of aromatic nuclei of aryl-
19 substituted disiloxanes generated by the oxidative coupling of hydrosilanes in deuterium oxide (D₂O,
20 heavy water).
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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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49 We first investigated the catalyst efficiency of the various platinum group metals on carbon (5 mol%)
50 using dimethylphenylsilane (**1a**) as a substrate in H₂O for 3 h at room temperature under atmospheric
51 argon (Table 1). While 10% Pd/C, Pt/C, Rh/C and Ru/C effectively produced the desired
52 diphenyltetramethyldisiloxane (**2a**) in high yields and the corresponding silanol was not obtained
53 (Entries 1-4), the reaction using 10% Au/C most efficiently proceeded to provide **2a** in an excellent
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yield (97%) (Entry 5). As a result of the comparison with various types of heterogeneous platinum group catalysts,¹⁵ carbon as a support and 10% metal content were found to be adequate (Entries 2 vs. 6-9).

Table 1. Catalyst efficiency of disiloxane synthesis using H₂O.

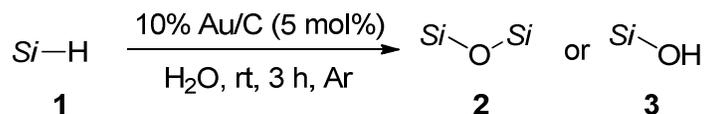


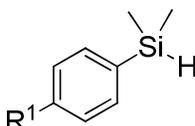
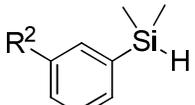
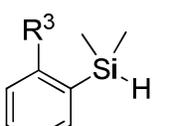
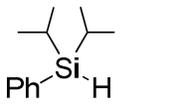
Entry	Catalyst	Conversion (%)	Yield (%)
1	10% Pd/C	100	87
2	10% Pt/C	100	86
3	10% Rh/C	100	81
4	10% Ru/C	100	71
5	10% Au/C	100	97
6	10% Cu/C	100	69
7	10% Ag/C	95	32
8	5% Pt/C	100	49
9	5% Pt/Al ₂ O ₃	100	trace
10	PtO ₂	100	24
11	charcoal	53	trace

Various aryl dimethylsilanes could be used for the Au/C-catalyzed direct synthesis of disiloxanes in H₂O (Table 2). 4-MeO, Me, F, Br and CF₃-phenyl-substituted silanes (**1b-f**) were effectively transformed into the corresponding disiloxanes (**2b-f**) in excellent yields (Entries 1-5). Although hydrogen gas should be generated during the reaction process, TBS ether¹⁶ and alkyne moieties within the molecule could remain without their hydrogenation (Entries 6 and 7). Additionally, 3- or 2-MeO and F-phenyl-substituted silanes (**1i-l**) also underwent the Au/C-catalyzed oxidation in H₂O to give the disiloxanes (**2i-l**) (Entries 8-11). Meanwhile, the sterically-hindered silanes, such as diisopropylphenylsilane (**1m**) and triphenylsilane (**1n**), were transformed into the corresponding silanols (**3m** and **3n**) even by heating at 60 °C (Entries 12 and 13). Furthermore, dihydromethylphenylsilane (**1o**)

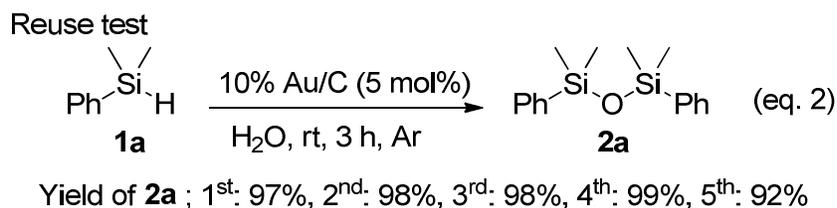
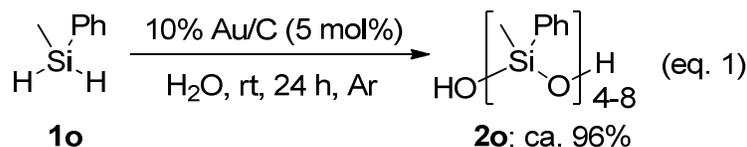
underwent the continuous oxidative coupling of the hydrosilane moieties to mainly give a mixture of tetramers to octamers (**2o**) (eq. 1). As the result of the reuse test using **1a**, Au/C was found to be reusable at least 5 times without any metal leaching (eq. 2).¹⁷

Table 2. Scope of substrates in the disiloxane synthesis.

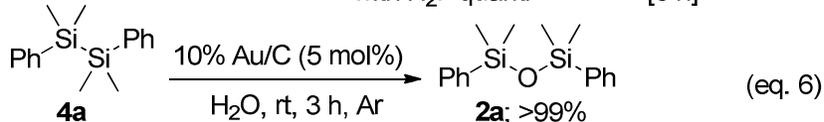
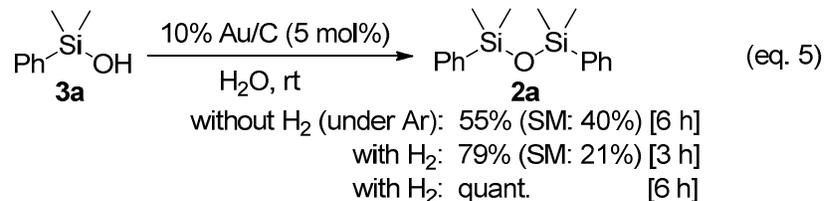
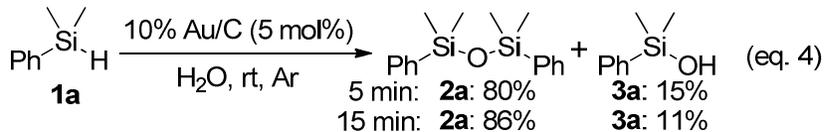
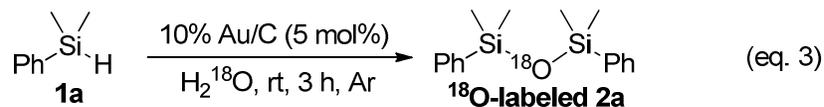


Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield (%) ^e	
1		R ¹ = MeO (1b)	2b	>99
2		R ¹ = Me (1c)	2c	>99
3		R ¹ = F (1d)	2d	97
4		R ¹ = Br (1e)	2e	92
5		R ¹ = CF ₃ (1f)	2f	87
6		R ¹ = TBSOCH ₂ (1g)	2g	91
7		R ¹ = PhC≡C (1h)	2h	82
8		R ² = MeO (1i)	2i	97
9 ^a		R ² = F (1j)	2j	94 ^a
10		R ³ = MeO (1k)	2k	97
11		R ³ = F (1l)	2l	92
12 ^{b,c}		(1m)	3m	97 ^{b,c}
13 ^{b,d}	Ph ₃ SiH	(1n)	3n	>99 ^{b,d}

^a For 6 h. ^b At 60 °C. ^c For 9 h. ^d For 24 h. ^e 100% conversion yields were achieved in all these reactions.



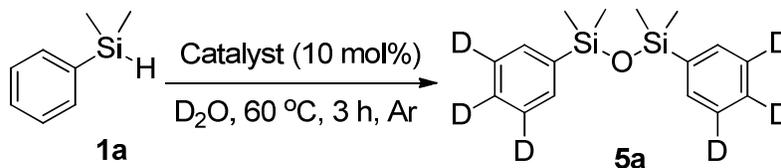
The mechanistic studies were next evaluated. The Au/C-catalyzed oxidation of **1a** in H₂¹⁸O instead of normal H₂O gave the ¹⁸O-labeled **2a**, which clearly indicated that H₂O played the role as an oxidant source (eq. 3). When the reaction was stopped for 5 or 15 min., the desired oxidation of **1a** to **2a** (80 or 86%) proceeded and a small amount of silanol (**3a**; 15 or 11%) was obtained as the reaction intermediate (eq. 4). However, the Au/C-catalyzed dehydration of **3a** was comparatively slow and was not completed within 3 h even under either atmospheric Ar or H₂¹⁸ (eq. 5), while the Au/C-catalyzed oxidation of **1a** into **2a** was completed within 3 h (Table 1, entry 5). Based on these experimental results, two kinds of reaction pathways are considerable. Firstly, the silanol was first generated by the transition metal-catalyzed hydration of hydrosilane,⁹⁻¹¹ and the subsequent dehydration of the silanol could produce the disiloxane.^{7a} Alternatively, the first dehydrogenative coupling of the hydrosilane to disilane,¹⁹ and the following hydrolytic oxidation²⁰ of the disilane give disiloxane. Actually, the disilane (**4a**) was efficiently transformed into the corresponding disiloxane (**2a**) in a quantitative yield in the presence of Au/C in H₂O (eq. 6). Because the transformation of silanol into disiloxane is slow (eq. 4), we propose that the present oxidation of hydrosilane (**1a**) into disiloxane (**2a**) mainly proceeds via the latter dehydrogenative coupling of the hydrosilane to the disilane (**4a**).



Deuterium-labeled compounds are widely utilized in various fields, such as analytical studies and material chemistry (e.g., fiber optics and heavy drugs).^{18f, 21} We have previously developed the mild and platinum group metal on carbon-catalyzed multi-deuteration methods of arenes using D₂O under atmospheric hydrogen as an activating agent of the heterogeneous metal surface.¹⁸ Therefore, we presumed that the deuteration of the arene nuclei of the aryl-substituted disiloxane could proceed in D₂O instead of H₂O by utilizing H₂, HD or D₂ gas generated during the transformation of the hydrosilane to disiloxane. Although 10% Au/C and Rh/C indicated no catalytic activities for the deuteration of the arene (Table 3, Entries 1 and 2), the use of 10% Ru/C, Pd/C and Pt/C in D₂O at 60 °C effectively catalyzed the oxidative coupling of **1a** to disiloxane together with the regioselective deuteration on the arene nuclei at the meta- and para-positions to give the hexadeuterated diphenyldisiloxane (**5a**) (Entries 3-5).²² The 10% Pt/C was an adequate catalyst (Entry 5) and the reaction at 80 °C provided **5a** with the excellent D contents (Entries 7 vs. 5 and 6). Although the PtO₂-catalyzed regioselective deuteration using diphenyltetramethyldisiloxane (**2a**) as a substrate was reported by Matsubara et al., harsh reaction conditions in a sealed container using microwaves (150 °C) were required.^{23,24} Although the direct deuteration of **2a** as the sole substrate under the present reaction conditions (10% Pt/C in D₂O at 80 °C) never proceeded (eq. 7, top), the reaction of **2a** under atmospheric hydrogen conditions smoothly gave

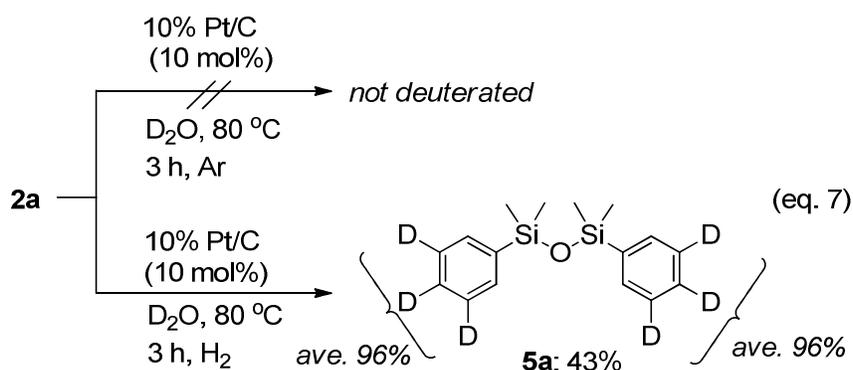
the desired deuterated product (**5a**) with a high D efficiency (eq. 7, bottom), which clearly indicated that the hydrogen generated during the first oxidative coupling of the hydrosilane (**1**)²⁵ was essential to facilitate the one-pot deuteration of the diphenyldisiloxane (**2a**) to **5a**.²⁶

Table 3. Regioselective deuteration using phenyldimethyl silane (**1a**) in D₂O.



Entry	Catalyst	D content of phenyl moiety (%)		Yield (%) ^c
		<i>ortho</i>	Average of <i>meta</i> and <i>para</i>	
1	10% Au/C	0	0	>99
2	10% Rh/C	0	0	64
3	10% Ru/C	0	54	73
4	10% Pd/C	0	80	71
5	10% Pt/C	0	92	65
6 ^a	10% Pt/C	0	93	74
7 ^b	10% Pt/C	0	97	54

^a At 40 °C. ^b At 80 °C ^c 100% conversion yields were achieved in all these reactions.



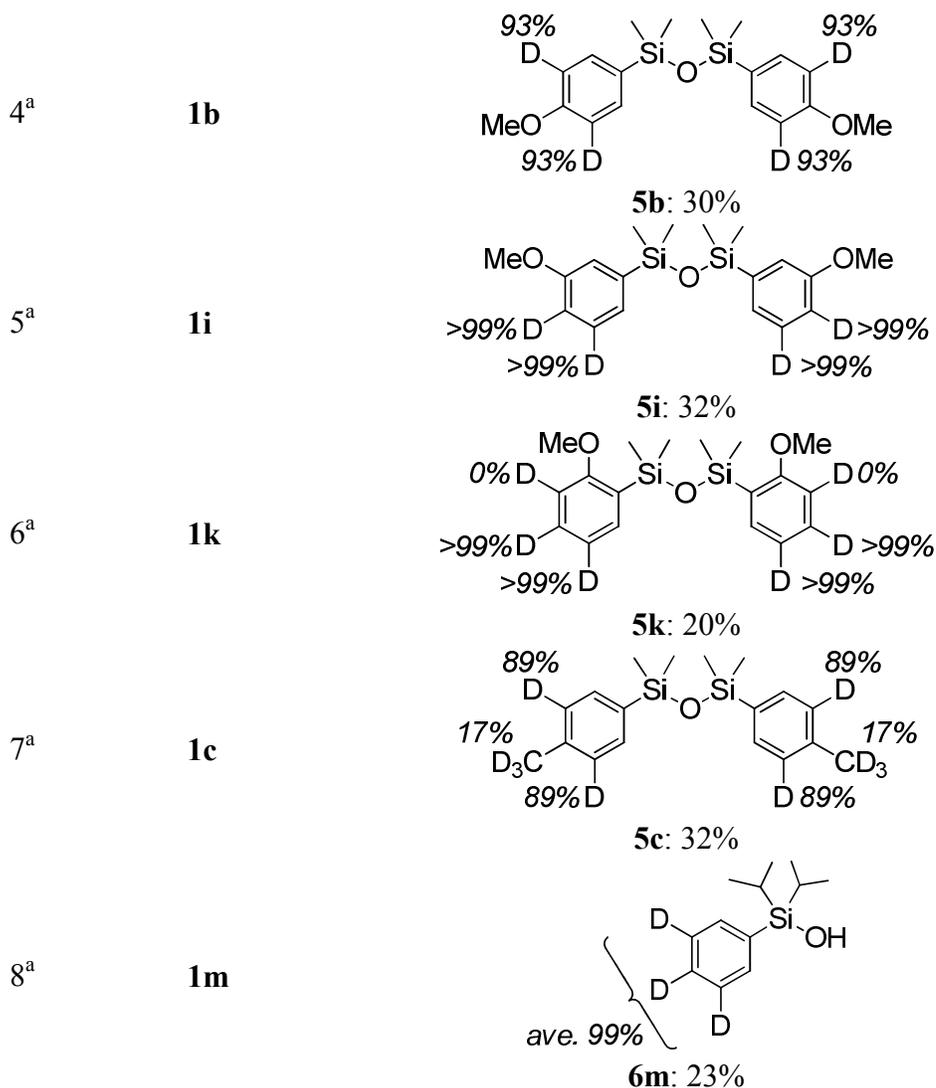
All the reactions (the oxidative coupling of hydrosilanes into disiloxanes and the following deuteration of the arene nuclei) of the various arylsilanes (**1d**, **1j**, **1l**, **1b**, **1i** and **1k**) bearing an electron-withdrawing fluoro- or electron-donating methoxy group at the *ortho*-, *meta*- or *para*- position of the aromatic ring could effectively proceed to give the corresponding deuterium-labeled disiloxanes (**5d**, **5j**,

5l, 5b, 5i and 5k) with high D efficiencies and high regioselectivities at the *meta*- and *para*-positions from the Ar-Si bond due to the sterical hindrance (Table 4, Entries 1-6). The addition of *i*-PrOH as a co-solvent effectively increased the D efficiencies for the reactions in Table 4. We also revealed that the platinum group metal on carbon effectively catalyzed the dehydrogenation of secondary and primary alcohols to generate the corresponding carbonyl products and hydrogen gas,²⁷ and the *in situ*-generated hydrogen derived from *i*-PrOH was utilized for the hydrogenation²⁸ and deuteration²⁹ as a catalyst activator. Namely, hydrogen derived from the hydrosilane and *i*-PrOH synergistically activated the platinum metal¹⁸ to facilitate the desirable deuteration (the comparison of reaction efficiencies with or without *i*-PrOH and the additive effect were depicted in Supporting Information). Additionally, the aromatic nuclei of the silanol (**6m**) derived from 1m were effectively deuterated with the same regioselectivity and high D efficiency, while the oxidative coupling reaction never proceeded due to the steric hindrance effect of the bulky diisopropyl substituents on the Si atom.³⁰

Table 4. Scope of substrates in the regioselective deuterated disiloxane synthesis.

Substrate (**1**) $\xrightarrow[\text{D}_2\text{O, 80 }^\circ\text{C, 3 h, Ar}]{10\% \text{ Pt/C (10 mol\%)}}$ Product (**5, 6**)

Entry	Substrate	Product
1 ^a	1d	<p>96% D, 96% D, 96% D</p>
2 ^a	1j	<p>5d: 32%, ave. 99%, ave. 99%</p>
3 ^a	1l	<p>5j: 18%, ave. 95%, ave. 95%</p> <p>5l: 23%</p>



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38 ^a *i*-PrOH (0.8 mL) was added as a co-solvent. ^b 100% conversion yields were achieved in all these
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45 In conclusion, we have established the heterogeneous Au/C-catalyzed oxidative coupling of
46 hydrosilanes using H₂O as an oxidant to give the corresponding disiloxanes. Furthermore, the Pt/C-
47 catalyzed one-pot deuteration of the arene nuclei accompanied by the transformation of arylhydrosilanes
48 to diaryldisiloxanes with a unique regioselectivity was developed utilizing the *in situ*-generated
49 hydrogen as a catalyst activator. Since the production method of hydrogen as an energy source from
50 organosilanes is important and the diaryltetramethyldisiloxanes are good coupling reagents for the
51 Hiyama-type reaction, the present methods are expected to contribute to various research fields.
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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General information: 10% Pd/C, Pt/C, Rh/C, Ru/C and Au/C were supplied by N. E. Chemcat Corporation (Tokyo, Japan). All reactions were performed under argon. H₂O and D₂O were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. ESI high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured by a hybrid IT-TOF mass spectrometer. Substrates (**1a** and **1m-o**) were purchased from commercial suppliers. Substrates (**1b-l**) were prepared according to the literatures in reference 1-3.

Typical procedure for Tables 1 and 2: A mixture of arylhydrosilane (0.25 mmol), 10% Au/C (5 mol%) and H₂O (3 mL) in 15 mL-test tube was stirred using a personal organic synthesizer at room temperature under argon. After stirring for 3 h, the reaction mixture was passed through a membrane filter (Millipore, Millex, 0.45 μm) to remove Au/C. The filtrate was extracted with AcOEt (3 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo to give the disiloxane or silanol. (**2h** was purified by silica-gel column chromatography)

Typical procedure for Tables 3 and 4: A suspension of arylhydrosilane (0.25 mmol) and 10% Pt/C (10 mol%) in D₂O (3 mL) and *i*PrOH (0.8 mL) was stirred in 15 mL-test tube using a personal organic synthesizer at 80 °C under argon. After stirring for 3 h, the reaction mixture was passed through a membrane filter (Millipore, Millex, 0.45 μm) to remove Pt/C. The filtrate was extracted with AcOEt (3 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo to give the deuterated disiloxane or silanol.

1,3-Diphenyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2a): When using **1a** (34.1 mg, 0.25 mmol) in Table 1, entry 5, **2a** (34.7 mg, 0.12 mmol) was obtained in 97% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.55-7.54 (4H, m), 7.38-7.34 (6H, m), 0.33 (12H, s); ¹H NMR data was identical with that in the reference 31.

1,3-Bis(4'-methoxyphenyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2b): When using **1b** (41.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2b** (43.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was obtained in >99% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.46 (4H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.89 (4H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 3.81 (6H, s), 0.29 (12H, s); ¹H NMR data was identical with that in the reference 32.

1,3-Bis(4'-tolyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2c): When using **1c** (37.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2c** (39.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was obtained in >99% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.44 (4H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.17 (4H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 2.35 (6H, s), 0.31 (12H, s); ¹H NMR data was identical with that in the reference 3d.

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1,3-Bis(4'-fluorophenyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2d): When using **1d** (38.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2d** (39.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was obtained in 97% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.50-7.47 (4H, m), 7.06-7.02 (4H, m), 0.31 (12H, s); ¹H NMR data was identical with that in the reference 33.

1,3-Bis(4'-bromophenyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2e): When using **1e** (53.8 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2e** (51.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was obtained in 92% yield.; Colorless oil; IR (ATR) cm⁻¹: 2956, 2925, 2854, 1574, 1479, 1408, 1376, 1255, 1112, 1065, 1008; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.48 (4H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.36 (4H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 0.31 (12H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 138.3, 134.6, 130.9, 124.2, 0.7; *Anal.* calcd for C₁₆H₂₀Br₂OSi₂: C, 43.25; H, 4.54 N, 0. Found: C, 43.21; H, 4.49; N, 0.

1,3-Bis[4'-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2f): When using **1f** (51.1 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2f** (46.0 mg, 0.11 mmol) was obtained in 87% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.63—7.57 (8H, m), 0.36 (1H, s); ¹H NMR data was identical with that in the reference 31.

1,3-Bis(4'-tert-butyl dimethylsilyloxymethylphenyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2g): When using **1g** (70.1 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2g** (65.4 mg, 0.11 mmol) was obtained in 91% yield; Colorless oil; IR (ATR) cm⁻¹: 2956, 2929, 2886, 2857, 1604, 1471, 1462, 1396, 1372, 1255, 1211, 1085, 1019; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.51 (4H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.31 (4H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 4.74 (4H, s), 0.95 (18H, s), 0.31 (12H, s), 0.10 (12H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 142.5, 138.2, 133.0, 125.3, 64.9, 26.0, 18.4, 0.9, -5.2; ESI-HRMS *m/z*: 597.3051 ([*M*+Na]⁺); Calcd for C₃₀H₅₄O₃Si₄Na: 597.3042.

1,3-Bis(phenylethynyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2h): When using **1h** (59.1 mg, 0.25 mmol), **1h** (49.9 mg, 0.10 mmol) was obtained in 82% yield; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.47-7.45 (4H, m), 7.31-7.28 (6H, m), 0.39 (12H, s); ¹H NMR data was identical with that in the reference 32.

1,3-Bis(3'-methoxyphenyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2i): When using **1i** (41.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2i** (42.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) was obtained in 97% yield.; Colorless oil; IR (ATR) cm⁻¹: 2953, 2833, 1570, 1480, 1462, 1403, 1315, 1282, 1246, 1228, 1182, 1113, 1040, 992, 903, 860, 815, 774, 731, 695, 650, 559, 443; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.31—7.28 (2H, m), 7.12 (2H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.08 (2H, d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 6.91 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.5 Hz), 3.78 (6H, s), 0.34 (12H, s); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): 159.0, 141.5, 129.1, 125.3, 118.3, 114.8, 55.1, 1.0; ESI-HRMS *m/z*: 369.1309 ([*M*+Na]⁺); Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆O₃Si₂Na: 369.1313.

1,3-Bis(3'-fluorophenyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2j): When using **1j** (38.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2j** (37.9 mg, 0.12 mmol) was obtained in 94% yield.; Colorless oil; IR (ATR) cm⁻¹: 2959, 1574, 1477, 1404, 1258, 1215,

1106, 1046; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.35—7.25 (4H, m), 7.20—7.17 (2H, m), 7.06—7.02 (2H, m), 0.33 (12H, s); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 162.6 (d, $J = 246.0$ Hz), 142.6 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 129.6 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 128.4 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 119.3 (d, $J = 18.1$ Hz), 116.2 (d, $J = 21.0$ Hz), 0.7; ESI-HRMS m/z : 321.0927 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$); Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{OSi}_2\text{F}_2$: 321.0948.

1,3-Bis(2'-methoxyphenyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2k): When using **1k** (41.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2k** (42.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) was obtained in 97% yield.; Colorless oil; IR (ATR) cm^{-1} : 3062, 2955, 2903, 2833, 1588, 1571, 1460, 1428, 1292, 1268, 1233, 1177, 1161, 1130, 1084, 1044, 1023, 908, 831, 784, 756, 718, 701, 646, 577, 485, 452; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.54 (2H, dd, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz), 7.45 (2H, ddd, $J = 8.0, 7.5, 1.5$ Hz), 6.95 (2H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 3.76 (6H, s), 0.35 (12H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): 163.9, 135.3, 131.0, 127.8, 120.4, 109.4, 59.9, 1.6; ESI-HRMS m/z : 369.1309 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{Si}_2\text{Na}$: 369.1313.

1,3-Bis(2'-fluorophenyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane (2l): When using **1l** (38.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2l** (37.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was obtained in 92% yield.; Colorless oil; IR (ATR) cm^{-1} : 3074, 2960, 2926, 2855, 1674, 1603, 1563, 1470, 1439, 1256, 1204, 1155, 1121, 1081, 1060; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.50—7.46 (2H, m), 7.39—7.33 (2H, m), 7.12 (2H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 6.97 (2H, t, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 0.40 (12 H, s); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 166.9 (d, $J = 242.8$ Hz), 135.0 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz), 131.6 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 125.6 (d, $J = 30.5$ Hz), 123.8 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 114.7 (d, $J = 25.4$ Hz), 1.3; ESI-HRMS m/z : 345.0896 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{OSi}_2\text{F}_2\text{Na}$: 345.0913.

Oligomer (2o): When using **1o** (31.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2o** (29.8 mg) was obtained.; brown oil; ESI-HRMS m/z : (tetramer) 585.1382 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5\text{Si}_4\text{Na}$: 585.1376, (pentamer) 721.1704 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); Calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_6\text{Si}_5\text{Na}$: 721.1720, (hexamer) 857.2062 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); Calcd for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{50}\text{O}_7\text{Si}_6\text{Na}$: 857.2064, (heptamer) 993.2347 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); Calcd for $\text{C}_{49}\text{H}_{58}\text{O}_8\text{Si}_7\text{Na}$: 993.2409, (octamer) 1129.2744 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); Calcd for $\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{66}\text{O}_9\text{Si}_8\text{Na}$: 1129.2753.

Diisopropylsilanol (3m): When using **1m** (48.1 mg, 0.25 mmol), **3m** (50.5 mg, 0.24 mmol) was obtained in 97% yield.; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.56-7.55 (2H, m), 7.40-7.35 (3H, m), 1.75 (1H, brs), 1.26-1.20 (2H, m), 1.06 (6H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 0.98 (6H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz); ^1H NMR data was identical with that in the reference 34.

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Triphenylsilanol (3n): When using **1n** (65.1 mg, 0.25 mmol), **3n** (68.8 mg, 0.25 mmol) was obtained in >99% yield.; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.64-7.63 (6H, m), 7.45-7.44 (3H, m), 7.41-7.38 (6H, m), 2.48 (1H, s); ¹H NMR data was identical with that in the reference 32.

1,3-Diphenyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethylpropanedisiloxane (¹⁸O-labeled 2a): When using **1a** (15.9 mg, 0.12 mmol), 91% yield of ¹⁸O-labeled **2a** was obtained based on ¹H NMR using 1,4-dioxane as an internal standard.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.56-7.54 (4H, m), 7.38-7.34 (6H, m), 0.33 (12H, s); ESI-HRMS m/z: 311.1127 ([M+Na]⁺); Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂¹⁸OSi₂Na: 311.1144.

Dimethylphenylsilanol (3a): When using **1a** (34.1 mg, 0.25 mmol) for 5 min. in eq. 4, **3a** (5.7 mg, 0.04 mmol) was obtained in 15% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.61-7.59 (2H, m), 7.40-7.38 (3H, m), 1.82 (1H, s, br), 0.41 (6H, s); ¹H NMR data was identical with that in the reference 30.

1,3-Diphenyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane-d₆ (5a): When using **1a** (34.1 mg, 0.25 mmol) in Table 3, entry 7, **5a** (19.6 mg, 0.07 mmol) was obtained in 54% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.56-7.54 (4H, m), 7.38-7.34 (0.18H, m), 0.33 (12H, s); ²H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.43 (brs); ²H NMR data was identical with that in the reference 23.

1,3-Bis(4'-fluoro)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane-d₄ (5d): When using **1d** (38.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **5d** (13.1 mg, 0.04 mmol) was obtained in 32% yield; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.48 (4H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 7.05-7.00 (0.19H, m), 0.31 (12H, s); ²H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.08 (brs).

1,3-Bis(3'-fluoro)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane-d₄ (5j): When using **1j** (38.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **5j** (7.3 mg, 0.02 mmol) was obtained in 18% yield; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ: 7.29 (2H, s), 7.18 (2H, dd, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 9.0 Hz), 0.32 (12H, s); ²H NMR (500 MHz, CH₂Cl₂) δ: 7.39 (s, br), 7.11 (s, br).

1,3-Bis(2'-fluoro)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane-d₆ (5l): When using **1l** (38.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **5l** (9.5 mg, 0.03 mmol) was obtained in 23% yield; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.48 (2H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 7.36 (0.18H, m), 7.13-7.11 (0.1 H, m), 6.98-6.96 (0.094H, m), 0.40 (12H, s); ²H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.41 (brs), 7.18 (brs), 7.02 (brs).

1,3-Bis(4'-methoxyphenyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane-d₄ (5b): When using **1b** (41.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **5b** (13.1 mg, 0.04 mmol) was obtained in 30% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.46 (4H, s), 6.90 (0.44H, m), 3.81 (6H, s), 0.29 (12H, s); ²H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 6.95 (brs).

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2 (14.0 mg, 0.04 mmol) was obtained in 32% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) : 7.12 (2H, s), 7.08
3 (2H, s), 3.77 (6H, s), 0.33 (12H, s); ²H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.35 (s, br), 6.97 (brs).

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6 **1,3-Bis(2'-methoxyphenyl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane-*d*₄ (5k)**: When using **1k** (41.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **5k**
7 (8.8 mg, 0.3 mmol) was obtained in 20% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) : 7.53 (2H, s), 6.81
8 (2H, s), 3.76 (6H, s), 0.35 (12H, s); ²H NMR (500 MHz, CHCl₃) : 7.40 (s, br), 6.89 (brs).

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11 **1,3-Bis(4'-toryl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane-*d*₁₀ (5c)**: When using **1c** (37.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), **1c** (12.8 mg,
12 0.04 mmol) was obtained in 32% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.44 (4H, s), 7.17 (0.43H,
13 d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.35 (5.01H, s), 0.30 (12H, s); ²H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.22 (brs), 2.32 (m).

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16 **Diisopropylphenylsilanol-*d*₃ (6m)**: When using **1m** (48.1 mg, 0.25 mmol), **6m** (12.2 mg, 0.06 mmol) was
17 obtained in 23% yield.; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.56 (2H, s), 7.39-7.36 (0.12H, m), 1.26—
18 1.19 (2H, m), 1.06 (6H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 0.98 (6H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz); ²H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.42 (brs).

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

Synthetic method of substrates and spectroscopic data of substrates and products are described.

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1 (26) When the H-D exchange reaction using dimethylphenylhydrosilane (**1a**) at 80 °C was terminated
2 for 30 min, the mixture of the deuterated silanol and disiloxane (**5a**) was obtained in low deuterium
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