

Iron-Catalyzed Regio- and Stereoselective Hydrosilylation of 1,3-Enynes To Access 1,3-Dienylsilanes

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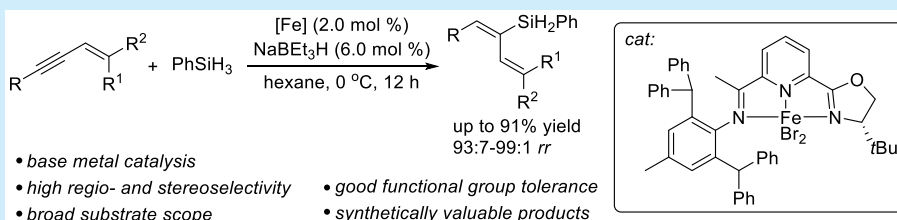
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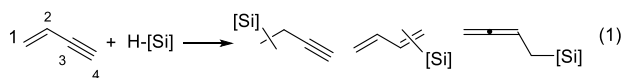


Supporting Information



ABSTRACT: A regio- and stereoselective hydrosilylation of 1,3-enynes with primary and secondary silanes to access 1,3-dienylsilanes is accomplished by employing an iron precatalyst bearing iminopyridine-oxazoline (IPO) ligand. The hydrosilylation proceeds via *syn*-addition of a Si–H bond to the alkyne group of 1,3-enynes, incorporating the silyl group at the site proximal to the alkene. The reaction features mild conditions, broad substrate scope, and good functional group tolerance. The synthetic utility was demonstrated by gram-scale reactions and further transformations.

Organosilanes are versatile reagents with low toxicity and reasonable stability, which can participate in various synthetic transformations.¹ Among them, stereodefined 1,3-dienylsilanes are particularly useful to introduce a synthetically valuable 1,3-diene moiety into organic skeletons.² Compared with other known methods,³ hydrosilylation of readily accessible 1,3-enynes offers a straightforward and atom-economical route to 1,3-dienylsilanes. However, such transformation encounters considerable difficulties to control regio- and stereoselectivity due to the existence of several competing pathways including 1,2-, 1,4-, or 3,4-hydrosilylation, as well as other side reactions (eq 1).⁴



In the past decades, several selective hydrosilylations of 1,3-enynes to access 1,3-dienylsilanes have been achieved based on precious transition metals,^{5–9} such as Pt, Rh, Pd, and Ru. Early studies focused on the hydrosilylation of silicon-substituted butenynes, and the selectivity was influenced by the substitution pattern around the alkyne group.⁵ The application of Pt catalyzed *cis*- and/or Ru catalyzed *trans*-hydrosilylation of 1,3-enynes in total synthesis has been demonstrated by the group of Fürstner⁶ and López⁷ independently, but the reaction scope was not well illustrated. The first general regio- and stereoselective hydrosilylation of 1,3-enynes for the synthesis of 1,3-dienylsilanes was reported by Moberg and co-workers using Pd as the catalyst;⁸ however, enynes containing terminal olefins are unreactive. In contrast with the successes achieved

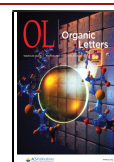
by precious metals, the development of earth abundant and sustainable catalysts for this transformation has received little attention.¹⁰

Iron is the most earth-abundant transition metal with minimal environment and toxicity impact. Impressive advantages have been gained for iron catalysis in recent years.¹¹ In particular, extensive work has been reported for iron-catalyzed hydrosilylation of alkenes and alkynes, some of which exhibited superior efficiency and selectivity compared to that of the noble metal catalysts.¹² In this context, iron becomes a promising candidate for selective hydrosilylation of more complicated substrates, such as 1,3-enynes. During the preparation of this manuscript, the group of Zhu reported a regiodivergent alkyne hydrosilylation, in which some 1,3-enynes were included as the substrates to afford 1,3-dienylsilanes with *syn*-hydrosilylation at the alkyne group selectively.^{10b}

Our group has been interested in the development of base metal catalysis and has discovered several highly efficient Fe and Co catalyzed hydrosilylation reactions of alkenes, alkynes, 1,3-dienes, and allenes.¹³ We report herein the discovery of an iron-catalyzed selective hydrosilylation of 1,3-enynes, affording 1,3-dienylsilanes in good yields with broad substrate scope.

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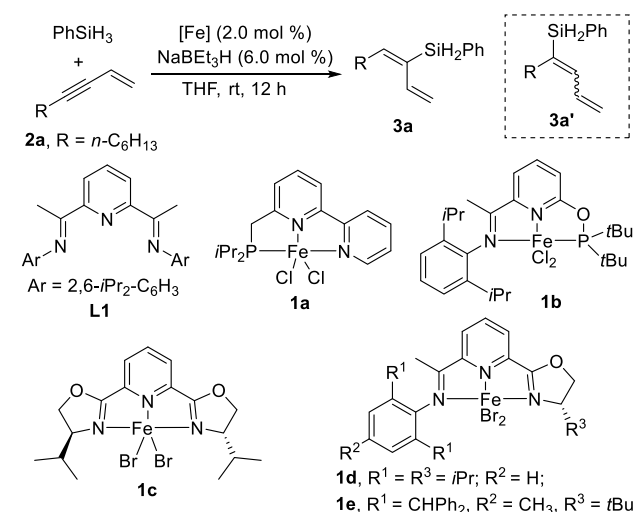
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The hydrosilylation proceeds selectively via *syn*-addition of Si–H bond to the alkyne group incorporating the silyl group at the site proximal to the alkene.

In an initial investigation, we employed **2a** as the substrate and attempted the hydrosilylation in the presence of an iron precatalyst with NaBEt₃H as the activator in THF at rt. We focused on the evaluation of tridentate iron complexes, which have proven to be efficient precatalysts for alkene or alkyne hydrosilylation.¹⁴ High conversions but low selectivities were observed for iron complexes supported by pyridinediimine (**L1**), phosphine-bipyridine (**1a**), and phosphinite-iminopyridine (**1b**) ligands (Table 1, entries 1–3). In these cases, **2a**

Table 1. Identification of Iron Catalyst for Selective Monohydrosilylation of 1,3-Enyne **2a^a**



entry	cat.	activator	conv (%) ^b	yield (%) ^b	
				3a	3a'
1	FeBr ₂ /L1	NaBEt ₃ H	82	<1	<1
2	1a	NaBEt ₃ H	100	4	3
3	1b	NaBEt ₃ H	63	<1	<1
4	1c	NaBEt ₃ H	85	15	16
5	1d	NaBEt ₃ H	98	57	5
6	1e	NaBEt ₃ H	100	77	2
7 ^c	1e	NaBEt ₃ H	100	87	1
8 ^c	1e	NaO ^t Bu	100	94	1
9 ^{c,d}	1e	NaO ^t Bu	100	96	2

^aConditions: **2a** (0.3 mmol), PhSiH₃ (0.33 mmol), cat. (2 mol %), and NaBEt₃H (6 mol %) in THF (2 mL) at room temperature for 12 h. ^bDetermined by GC using mesitylene as the internal standard.

^cHexane as the solvent. ^d0 °C.

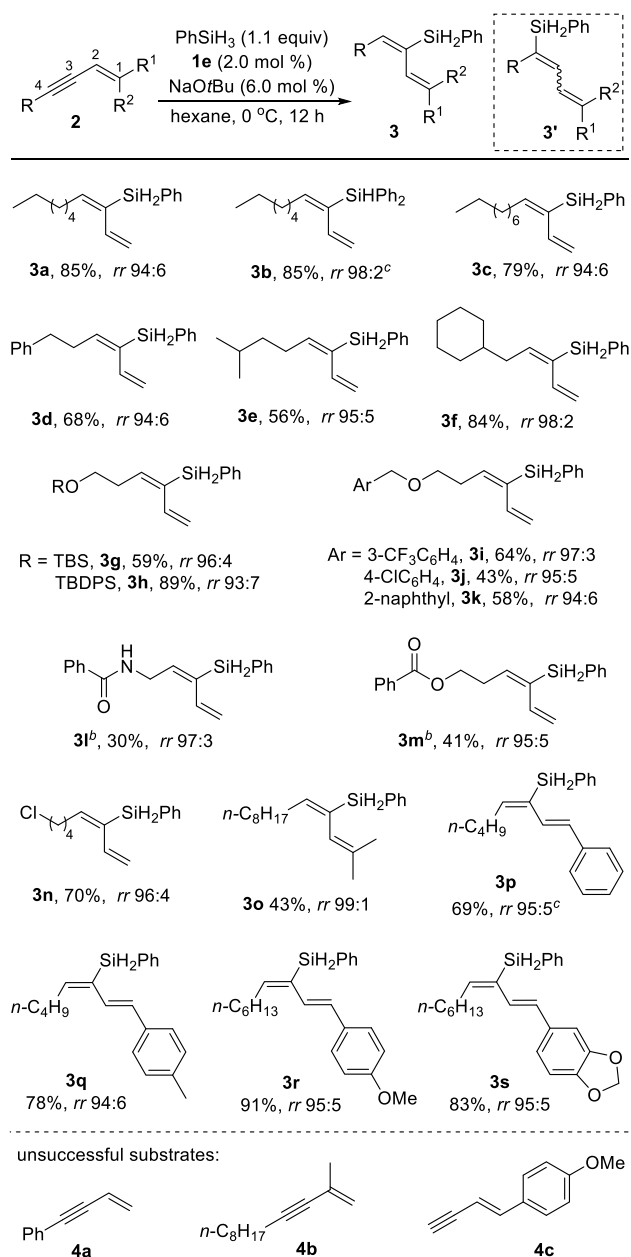
was consumed in varying degrees. However, vinyl silanes **3a** and **3a'** originated from hydrosilylation of the alkyne group of enyne were barely detected, and the poor chemoselectivity made the identification of the products difficult. The use of iron complex **1c** bearing a pyridinebisoxazoline ligand led to the formation of **3a** and its regioisomer **3a'** in yields of 15% and 16%, respectively (entry 4). With one oxazoline arm replaced by an imine, the iminopyridine-oxazoline (IPO) ligated iron complex **1d** enhanced the selectivity significantly, affording **3a** in 57% yield with a minor amount (5%) of the regioisomer **3a'** (entry 5). The structure of **3a** confirmed by NMR analysis indicates hydrosilylation of 1,3-enynes proceeds selectively via *syn*-addition of a Si–H bond to the alkyne group

incorporating the silyl group at the site proximal to the alkene. The high regioselectivity achieved by **1d** inspired us to do further structural modification on the IPO ligand. To our delight, the sterically more hindered (IPO)Fe complex **1e** bearing a *tert*-Bu group on the oxazoline arm and diphenyl methyl groups at the *ortho* positions of the *N*-aryl group showed excellent activity and regioselectivity, affording the 1,2-hydrosilylation product **3a** in satisfying yield (77%) with the ratio **3a**:**3a'** being more than 38:1 (entry 6). The influence of solvent, base, and temperature was investigated. Solvent screening revealed the use of nonpolar solvent (hexane) improved both the yield of **3a** (87%) and the regioselectivity (**3a'**: 1%, entry 7). Excellent yield (94%) and selectivity were obtained with NaO^tBu as the base (entry 8). The reaction proceeded smoothly even at 0 °C furnishing **3a** in 96% yield with excellent regioselectivity (**3a'**: 2%, entry 9).

With optimal reaction conditions established, the scope and limitations of this iron catalyzed selective hydrosilylation were explored using 1,3-enynes with various substitution patterns (Scheme 1). Linear 1,3-enynes (**3a**–**3c**) bearing a terminal double bond and an internal triple bond were selectively hydrosilylated at alkyne positions, affording 1,3-dienylsilanes in good yields and excellent regioselectivity. In addition to primary hydrosilane, the use of secondary hydrosilane¹⁵ also produced the corresponding product (**3b**) in comparable yield (85%) and regioselectivity (**3b**/**3b'** = 98:2). The selective hydrosilylation could be applicable to enynes with a branched alkyl substitution, as demonstrated by the formation of **3e** and **3f** in moderate yields and excellent regioselectivities. The reaction of enynes containing silyl and benzyl protected hydroxyl groups proceeded smoothly to furnish the desired products (**3g**–**3k**) selectively. Enynes with heteroatoms at the propargylic and homopropargylic position (**3l** and **3m**) were readily transformed to the desired products with excellent regioselectivities, but the yields were relatively low. These results also demonstrated that the reducible functionalities such as amide and ester could be tolerated under the hydrosilylation conditions. The synthetically useful C(sp³)–Cl bond was also tolerated, giving chloro-substituted 1,3-dienylsilane **3n** in good yield (70%) with excellent regioselectivity (96:4). In contrast, poor selectivity was observed for 4-phenyl 1-buten-3-yne **4a**, leading to the formation of complicated mixtures.

The reaction is not only suitable for enynes with terminal alkenes but also feasible for 1,3-enynes bearing 1-monosubstitution and 1,1-disubstitution around the double bond. Selective hydrosilylation was achieved for 1,1-dimethyl 1-buten-3-yne to furnish **3o** in 43% yield with 99:1 (**3o**:**3o'**) regioselectivity. Besides aliphatic substitutions, aromatic substitutions were successfully employed at the 1-position of enynes, affording aryl 1,3-dienylsilanes (**3p**–**3s**) in good yields with excellent regioselectivities. However, the introduction of substitutions at the 2-position of enynes (such as **4b**) resulted in low conversion, probably as a result of the large steric hindrance around the alkyne group. In addition, the catalytic system is not compatible with enynes bearing terminal alkynes, as demonstrated by the low conversion of substrate **4c**.

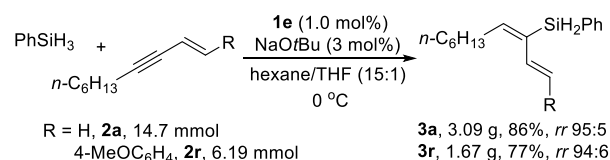
To further showcase the synthetic potential of this method, the selective hydrosilylation of 1,3-enynes was carried out on gram scale. With reduced catalyst loading (1.0 mol %), the gram scale synthesis of **3a** and **3r** was realized in high yields with excellent regioselectivities (Scheme 2a). The utility of 1,3-dienylsilanes was demonstrated by further derivatization.

Scheme 1. Selective Hydrosilylation of 1,3-Enynes to 1,3-Dienylsilanes^a

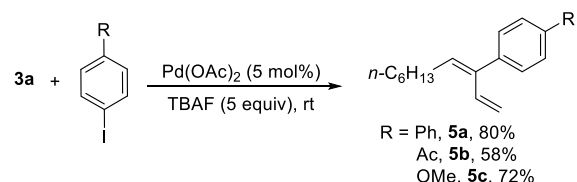
^aConditions: **2** (0.3 mmol), PhSiH₃ (0.33 mmol), **1e** (2 mol %) and NaOtBu (6 mol %) in hexane (2 mL) at 0 °C for 12 h. Isolated yields. The *rr* value represents the ratio of 3:3', which was determined by ¹H NMR of isolated product. ^bTHF was used as solvent. ^c*rr* was determined by GC because the isomer cannot be identified in the ¹H NMR spectra.

Hiyama–Denmark cross-coupling reactions of **3a** with aryl iodides proceeded smoothly under Pd catalysis. Aryl iodides bearing both electron-donating and -withdrawing groups were compatible, delivering the corresponding aryl-substituted dienes in moderate to good yields (**5a–5c**, 58–80%) in a stereospecific manner (Scheme 2b). The presence of Si–H bonds rendered the secondary silane **3a** suitable for further hydrosilylation (Scheme 2c). Treatment of **3a** with phenylacetylene with a cobalt catalyst of XantPhos led to regioselective anti-Markovnikov 1,2-hydrosilylation of the terminal alkyne, affording 1,3-dienyl vinylsilane **6** in 75%

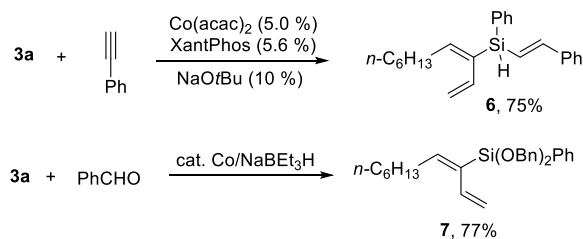
Scheme 2. Gram-scale Synthesis and Elaboration of 1,3-Dienylsilanes

a) Gram-scale synthesis of **3a** and **3r**

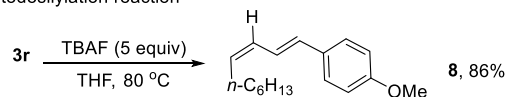
b) Cross-coupling reactions



c) Hydrosilylation reactions



d) Protodesilylation reaction



yield with (*E*)-stereoselectivity. Moreover, the Co-catalyzed dual hydrosilylation of benzaldehyde was performed to provide the corresponding bis(oxo)silane **7** in 77% yield. In addition, the dienylsilane product **3r** was ready to undergo protodesilylation upon treatment with TBAF to give *E,Z*-configured diene **8** in 86% yield (Scheme 2d).

In summary, we have developed an iron-catalyzed regio- and stereoselective hydrosilylation of 1,3-enynes to access 1,3-dienylsilanes with tridentate iminopyridine-oxazoline as the ligand. This catalytic system is applicable to 4-alkyl, 1,4-disubstituted, and 1,1,4-trisubstituted 1,3-enynes with good functional group tolerance. The protocol provides a straightforward and atom-economical route to synthetically valuable 1,3-dienyl vinylsilanes containing two Si–H bonds, which are ready for further transformations.

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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