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Catalytic Asymmetric Synthesis of Allylsilanes through Rhodium/Chiral Diene-Catalyzed 1,4-Addition of Alkenyl[2-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]dimethylsilanes

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A new synthetic method of chiral allylsilanes has been developed through a rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition of alkenyl[2-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]dimethylsilanes to β -silyl α , β -unsaturated ketones. By employing (*S*,*S*)-Ph-bod* as a ligand, a range of alkenyl nucleophiles have been installed to these substrates in high yield and enantiomeric excess. The resulting allylsilanes can be used for stereoselective intramolecular allylation reactions to control two contiguous tertiary and quaternary stereocenters.

Organic molecules containing carbon—silicon bonds are an important class of compounds due to their wide utility in organic synthesis.¹ In particular, allylsilanes are known to act as effective allylating agents toward various carbonyl compounds to give homoallyl alcohol derivatives, and these allylation processes proceed with high stereoselectivity when stereo issues are involved.² Therefore, the development of a catalytic asymmetric method of constructing highly enantio-

enriched chiral allylsilanes is of high value in view of the efficiency,³ and it would be more desirable if these com-

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pounds could be synthesized through the formation of new carbon–carbon bonds.^{3a,b,i,j} Herein we describe that a rhodium/ chiral diene catalyst is highly effective for asymmetric 1,4addition of alkenyl[2-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]dimethylsilanes^{4,5} to β -silyl α , β -unsaturated ketones, providing a new and useful method for the construction of chiral allylsilanes in high yield and ee.

In 2005, we reported a rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4addition of arylboronic acids to β -silyl α , β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds for the synthesis of chiral organosilanes and demonstrated that high yield and enantioselectivity could be achieved by the use of a chiral diene ligand such as (*R*,*R*)-Bn-bod*.⁶ On the basis of this study, we envisioned that the use of alkenyl nucleophiles would lead to the formation of enantio-enriched chiral allylsilanes. To implement this strategy, because some alkenylboronic acids are known to be unstable, we decided to focus on the employment of alkenyl[2-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]dimethylsilanes as the nucleophile. Although these reagents are known to function as nucleophiles in the rhodium-catalyzed 1,4-addition reactions, their usage has been limited to the addition to simple α , β unsaturated ketones so far.⁵

In an initial investigation, we examined the effect of ligand by using β -dimethylphenylsilyl enone **1a** as a model substrate in the 1,4-addition of 2-propenylsilyl reagent **2a** with 5 mol % rhodium at 50 °C (Table 1). As was the case with the addition of arylboronic acids,⁶ the use of chiral diene ligands such as (*S*,*S*)-Bn-bod*^{7,8} and (*S*,*S*)-Ph-bod*⁷ gave the desired 1,4-adduct (**3aa**) in high yield and ee (96% yield, 93% ee; Table 1, entries 1 and 2). In comparison, typical phosphorusbased chiral ligands, such as (*R*)-binap,⁹ (*R*)-phosphoramidite,¹⁰ and (*R*)-MeO-mop,¹¹ turned out to be much less

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Table 1. Rhodium-Catalyzed Asymmetric 1,4-Addition of (2-Propenyl)[2-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]dimethylsilane (**2a**) to (*E*)-4-Dimethylphenylsilyl-3-buten-2-one (**1a**)



entry	ligand	yield (%)	ee (%) ^a
1	(S,S)-Bn-bod*	96	93
2	(S,S)-Ph-bod*	96	93
3	(R)-binap	10	22
4	(R)-phosphoramidite	54	16
5	(R)-MeO-mop	$<\!2$	_

 a ee was determined by chiral HPLC on a Chiralpak AS column with hexane/2-propanol = 98/2.



effective, giving **3aa** in lower yield and enantioselectivity (Table 1, entries 3-5).

Under the conditions using (*S*,*S*)-Ph-bod* as a ligand, the scope of the substrate and the nucleophile is illustrated in Table 2. Thus, not only dimethylphenylsilyl group but also other silyl groups such as the *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl group can be employed at the β -position of the substrate (Table 2, entry 2). With respect to the substituent adjacent to the carbonyl group, primary alkyl, secondary alkyl, and aryl groups are all tolerated to give the corresponding allylsilanes in high yield and enantioselectivity (88–95% yield, 92–97% ee; Table 2, entries 3–5). In addition to 2-propenyl group, various other alkenyl groups are also successfully installed with high efficiency (90–98% yield, 91–94% ee; Table 2, entries 6–10). Unfortunately, somewhat lower enantioselectivity is observed by the use of a linear alkenyl nucleophile under the present reaction conditions (Table 2, entry 11).

The absolute configuration of 1,4-adduct **3ea** (Table 2, entry 5) was determined as shown in Scheme 1. Thus,



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Table 2. Rh/(*S*,*S*)-Ph-bod*-Catalyzed Asymmetric 1,4-Addition of Alkenyl[2-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]dimethylsilanes **2** to β -Silyl α , β -Unsaturated Ketones **1**

R ¹ Me ₂ Si	(RhCl(C ₂ H ₄ (5 mol %) (5 mol %) ()2]2 hh) od* 6) mol %) ≿, 12 h R ¹ Me ₂ 5	
entry	product	yield (%)	ee (%) ^a
1	PhMe ₂ Si Me 3aa	96	93
2^b	t-BuMe ₂ Si Me 3ba	95	97
3	PhMe ₂ Si 3ca	91	92
4	Me PhMe ₂ Si	95	97
5 ^{<i>c</i>}	PhMe ₂ Si Ph 3ea	88	93
6 ^{<i>b</i>}	Ph PhMe ₂ Si Me 3ab	96	93
7	PhMe ₂ Si /-Pr 3dc	90	92
8	PhMe ₂ Si /-Pr 3dd	98	94
9^b	Me O PhMe ₂ Si Ph 3ed	92	91
10	n-Pr O PhMe ₂ Si Ph 3ee	92	93
11	PhMe ₂ Si Ph 3ef	91	56

 $[^]a$ ee was determined by chiral HPLC with hexan/2-propanol. b (S,S)-Bn-bod* was used as a ligand. c The reaction was conducted at 60 °C.

hydrogenation of the olefin by Wilkinson's catalyst, followed by Tamao oxidation,^{12,13} gave 3-hydroxy-4-methyl-1-phenylpentan-1-one (**5**), retaining its stereochemical information. By comparing the optical rotation with the literature value,¹⁴ the absolute configuration of compound **5** was assigned as (*R*), which determined the configuration of **3ea** to be (*R*).

Highly enantio-enriched chiral allylsilanes obtained through these rhodium-catalyzed 1,4-addition reactions are useful chiral building blocks for further derivatizations. For example, treatment of 1,4-adduct **3dc** with TiCl₄ at -78 °C rapidly gave intramolecular allylation product **6** in 89% yield as a single diastereomer with retaining the enantiomeric excess (eq 1).¹⁵ Similarly, compound **3dd** was converted to compound **7** with complete stereoselectivity in 75% yield (eq 2).



In summary, we have developed a new synthetic method of chiral allylsilanes through a rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition of alkenyl[2-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]dimethylsilanes to β -silyl α , β -unsaturated ketones. By employing (*S*,*S*)-Ph-bod* as a ligand, we have efficiently installed a range of alkenyl nucleophiles to these substrates in high yield and enantiomeric excess. The resulting allylsilanes can be used in the context of stereoselective intramolecular allylation reactions to control two contiguous tertiary and quaternary stereocenters.

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