Rh(I)-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative Silylation of Divinylsilanes with Dimethylphenylsilane

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Rh(I)-catalyzed dehydrogenative silylation was selectively carried out by using divinylsilanes and half an equimolar amount of trialkylsilanes under ambient conditions to give 1,2-disilylethene and ethylvinylsilane derivatives in equimolar amounts. The mechanistic aspects for the dehydrogenative silylation were discussed in terms of the consecutive migratory insertions of the alkene moiety into both Rh–Si and Rh–H bonds which are formed by an oxidative addition of the hydrosilane to the Rh(I) catalyst precursor.

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The electrophilic substitution of alkenylsilanes, such as the aliphatic Friedel-Crafts reactions, is one of the most versatile methods for the stereoselective synthesis of functionally substituted alkenes.^{1,2)} The preparative method for the requisite alkenylsilanes includes homogeneous hydrosilylation of alkynes, which gives rise preferably to E-stereochemistry. However, the common Pt-catalyzed hydrosilylation of terminal alkynes sometimes encounters difficulty in controlling the regio- and stereoselectivity in the alkenylsilane.³⁾ Recently, complete control of the selectivity has been achieved by cationic rhodium complex-catalyzed hydrosilylation of 1-alkyne with triethylsilane.⁴⁾ On the other hand, dehydrogenative silylation of 1-alkenes would be an attractive means to obtain certain 1-alkenylsilanes, provided that the rigorous control be possible not contaminated by the conventional hydrosilylation of the alkene employed (Eq. 1). Therefore, much effort has been paid for the conditions in terms of the suitable combination of a hydrosilane, an alkene substrate, and a catalyst, for the highly selective dehydrogenative silylation of alkenes to take place. Murai and his co-workers have found that the catalyst precursors such as $Ru_3(CO)_{12}^{5}$ or Fe₃(CO)₁₂⁶⁾ and Co₂(CO)₈⁷⁾ are particularly effective for the dehydrogenative silylation of styrenes and acrylates, respectively. Despite ample examples of less selective dehydrogenative silvlation reported by using simple Rh(I) or Ir(I) complexes, the reaction of 1,5-dienes with diethylmethylsilane catalyzed by RhCl(PPh₃)₃ was found to give exclusively the dehydrogenative silylation product instead of the usual hydrosilylation product.^{8,9)} However, the mechanistic divide into either dehydrogenative silvlation or hydrosilvlation as indicated in Eq. 1 appears to be controversial and to require further study.

During a course of our study on an attempted desymmetrization of divinylsilanes by way of Rh(I)-catalyzed hydrosilylation using dimethylphenylsilane, we have observed an exclusive formation of 1,2-disilylethene derivative, a product of the dehydrogenative silylation. Although the choice of divinylsilanes as substrates is fortuitous, it appears necessary for elucidating the mechanistic aspects of Rh(I)-catalyzed dehydrogenative silylation. Here we wish to report a clean control to the dehydrogenative silylation of divinylsilanes and related allylvinylsilanes catalyzed by Rh(I) complexes, the crucial conditions for the control being the molar ratio of the substrate to the hydrosilane more than two.¹⁰⁾

Results and Discussion

We have observed selective dehydrogenative silvlation when a solution of methyl(o-tolyl)divinylsilane (1a), a half equimolar amount of Me₂PhSiH, and [Rh(dppb)(cod)]ClO₄[#] (0.2 mol% based on 1a) in CH2Cl2 was allowed to react at r.t. for 1 h, the result being tabulated in Table 1, Entry 1. When an equimolar amount of Me₂PhSiH to the substrate **1a** was added under otherwise the same conditions, both dehydrogenative silylation products and hydrosilylation products were formed (Table 1, Entry 2). All major products (2a, 3a, 4a, and 5a) were isolated by preparative GLC and identified as indicated unambiguously by their respective spectral data (see Experimental Section). There were found two minor products, (E)-1-(dimethylphenylsilyl)-2-[ethylmethyl-(o-tolyl)silyl]ethene (**6a**) and [2-(dimethylphenylsilyl)ethyl]methyl(o-tolyl)vinylsilane (7a). Then, by employing excess (twice or three times) amounts of Me₂PhSiH, we have obtained essentially the same results that indicate the formation of 4a and 5a, in addition to a little 6a and the double hydrosilylation product from 1a, bis[2-(dimethylphenylsilyl)eth-

[#]dppb: 1,4-Bis(diphenylphosphino)butane, cod: 1,5-Cyclo-octadiene.

	Si Ar [Rh]	Me Ar	si Me Si Ar 3a	si Me Ar 4a	si Si Me Si Ar 5a	Others
Entry	Me ₂ PhSiH/equiv		Co	mposition	/% ^{b)}	
1	0.5	49	49	2	Trace	
2	1.1	30	15	15	19	6a , ^{c)} 8: 7a , ^{d)} 4
3	2.0		Trace	45	40	8a , ^{e)} 9
4	3.0	_	Trace	44	38	8a , 12

Table 1. Effect of Relative Amount of Me₂PhSiH on the Dehydrogenative Silylation of **1a**^{a)}

a) Conditions: 1a (1 mmol), Me₂PhSiH, and [Rh(dppb)(cod)]ClO₄ (0.2 mol% based on 1a) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.25 mL) at r. t. (Ar=o-Tolyl; si=Me₂PhSi). Reaction time 12 h except for Entry 1 (1 h). b) GLC peak areas. Well correspond to the relative integration in 1 H NMR of methyl signals of o-tolyl group in the product

yl]methyl(*o*-tolyl)silane (**8a**), in a significant yield (Table 1, Entries 3 and 4).

It is worthy of mentioning that dihydrogen arising from, at best formally, the formation of 3a was exclusively taken up with 1a to give 2a in an equimolar amount and that no hydrogen transfer to 3a in an intramolecular mode took place at all. This is also the case in the selective dehydrogenative silylation of 1,5-hexadiene.8 It appears evident that the stoichiometry between divinylsilane 1a and Me₂PhSiH requires exactly 2:1 for the selective dehydrogenative silvlation, and that the second half an equimolar Me₂PhSiH to 1a reacts quite differently to give rise to hydrosilylation products, 4a from 2a, 5a from 3a, and 7a from 1a, respectively (see Entry 2). Such consecutive hydrosilylations became even clear by using excess Me₂PhSiH, giving 4a, 5a, and 8a with complete consumption of 2a and 3a (and 1a), respectively (Entries 3 and 4). All these results strongly suggest that the observed Rh(I)-catalyzed hydrosilylation of any alkene substrate that concerns must proceed slower than the Rh(I)-catalyzed dehydrogenative silvlation of 1a, except for the formation of **8a**. In fact, the reaction given in Entry 1 was found to complete in 1 h, whereas other entries seemed to require ca. 12 h for completion of hydrosilylation.

In order to look at any insight into the mechanistic aspects discussed above, a similar Rh(I)-catalyzed reaction of **3a** with Me₂PhSiH was carried out. In Table 2 are summarized composition of products detected. As is seen from Table 2, Entry 1, in which a deficient amount of Me₂PhSiH was used, the extent of hydrosilylation of **3a** to form **5a** apparently surpassed that of dehydrogenative silylation to form **9a** (and **6a**). However, it is emphasized that the detection of **9a** is indicative of the rapid dehydrogenative silylation to take place, despite the use of sterically more hindered **3a** than **1a** as a substrate. The dehydrogenative silylation of **3a** was indeed favored when excess 1-hexene (5 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture with slow addition of one equivalent Me₂PhSiH (Table 2, Entry 2). Product **9a** became principal with concomitant formation of **6a** and hexane at the

Table 2. Effect of Relative Amount of Me₂PhSiH on the Dehydrogenative Silylation of **3a**^{a)}

	Si [Rh] Me Si Ar 3a	3a	4a	5a	6a	7a	8a	si si Si Me Ar 9a
Entry	Me ₂ PhSiH/equiv		Con	npos	ition	/% ^{b)}		
1	0.5	30	1	37	14	4	4	10
2 ^{c)}	1.0	2	1	20	27	4		45

a) Conditions: See Table 1, footnote a. Reaction time 12 h. (Ar=o-Tolyl; si=Me₂PhSi). b) GLC peak areas. c) Additive 1-hexene (5 equiv) and slow addition of Me₂PhSiH.

expense of decreasing **5a**. No significant amount of hexylsilane derivative was detected in this particular case. Thus, all results described here may be rationalized by considering the fact that the Rh(I)-catalyzed dehydrogenative silylation of either divinylsilane **3a** or **1a** precedes the closely related Rh(I)-catalyzed hydrosilylation of these substrates (vide infra).

The Rh(I)-catalyzed, selective dehydrogenative silylation of 1a could be carried out by using half an equimolar hydrosilane other than Me₂PhSiH, such as Et₃SiH, t-BuMe₂SiH, and (EtO)₃SiH. All reactions were found to proceed more or less slowly, giving the corresponding 1,2-disilylethene derivatives (3a'—3a''') in moderate yields. Particularly, the sluggish reaction of 1a with t-BuMe₂SiH required heating at 60 °C. The results are given in Table 3. The selective dehydrogenative silylation of dimethyldivinylsilane (1b) and diphenyldivinylsilane (1c) as well as 1a was readily carried out to give 1,2-disilylethene derivatives 3b and 3c, respectively, in good isolated yield under the standard conditions that is given in Table 1, Entry 1. The reaction of 1c required a prolonged reaction time, presumably because of the steric reason. The results are also summarized in Table 3.

Divinylsilanes were not necessarily of choice for the present Rh(I)-catalyzed dehydrogenative silylation. Thus, allyldimethylvinylsilane (10) underwent, under the standard

Table 3.	Rh(I)-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative	Silylation of Divinylsilanes	(1) with Me ₂ PhSiH
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R ¹ SI R ²	$ \underbrace{[Rh(dppb)(cod)]ClO_4(0.2 \text{ mol}\%)}_{R_3'SiH (0.5 \text{ equiv})} $ $CH_2Cl_2 (0.25 \text{ mL}), r. t. $	Si R ²	R' ₃ Si
1a-c		2a-c	3a-c
Divinylsilane R ¹ , R ²	Hydrosilane R'₃SiH	Reaction time/h	3, Yield/% ^{a)}
R^1 =Me, R^2 =o-Tolyl (1a)	Me ₂ PhSiH	1	3a , 89
•	Et ₃ SiH	18	$3a', 60 (85)^{c}$
	t-BuMe ₂ SiH	. 70 ^{b)}	3a", 11 (64) ^{c)}
	(EtO) ₃ SiH	3	$3a''', 47 (87)^{c}$
$R^1=R^2=Me(1b)$	Me_2PhSiH	1	3b , 76
$R^1=R^2=Ph(1c)$	Me_2PhSiH	42	3c , 81

a) Substrate (1) 1 mmol; Isolated yield. b) Heated at 60 °C. c) Conversion determined by GLC.

conditions, dehydrogenative silylation preferentially at the allyl group rather than at the vinyl group to give **11a** and **11b**, and **12**, respectively, in a ratio 81:19 and in 59% combined yield as shown in Scheme 1. Competitive formation of **11b** with **11a** (in a ratio 29:52) would be a token of the intermedi-

Scheme 1. Dehydrogenative silylation of allyldimethylvinylsilane (10).

acy of 1,3-disila-2-propylrhodium species I (see, Scheme 2) that arises from the migratory insertion of the allyl group of 10 into the Si-Rh bond. Among others, consisting mostly of hydrogenation products from 10, were obtained 1,3-bis-(dimethylvinylsilyl)propene (13) in 9% isolated yield. The formation of 13 must arise from the Rh(I)-catalyzed dehydrogenative silvlation of 10 with transiently formed dimethylvinylsilane, implicating an intervention of the crossover reaction where possible silylrhodation-desilylrhodation sequence is postulated as depicted in Scheme 2. In fact, there are precedents to show the possibility of the reversible alkene insertion into the metal-silicon bond in competition with the metal-hydrogen bond. 11,12) We were unable to detect allyldimethylphenylsilane that should be replaced with 10 in order to form eventually 13 after the crucial crossover took place. However, it should be mentioned at this point that both diallyldimethylsilane and allyltrimethylsilane could not undergo the dehydrogenative silvlation under the standard conditions, but afforded simple hydrosilylation products in good yield. 13) Therefore, from the standpoint of $1,\omega$ -diene structures that are required apparently for the present dehydrogenative silvlation, 3-sila-1,4-pentadienes (1a-c) and 3sila-1,5-hexadiene (10) are suitable substrates, whereas 4sila-1,6-heptadiene can not be used. According to Murai and

Scheme 2. Crossover reaction of 10 to 13.

 $(rh = Rh^{III}L_n)$

[Rh] (0.2 mol%) Me₂PhSiH (0.5 equiv) CH₂Cl₂ (0.25 mL), r. t. 38 1a 2a Rh catalyst (L*/Rh)/equiv Time/h Convn/% % eea) [Rh(dppb)(cod)]ClO₄ 100 RhCl(PPh₃)₃ 100 1 1/2[RhCl(cod)]₂ 100 1 Rh(CO)₂(acac) 2 100 RhCl₃·3H₂O 15 N.R. $[Rh(L^*)(cod)]ClO_4 \\$ 79c) $L^*=(S)-BINAP^{b}$ 3 5 (1)(S,S)-DIOP^{d)} 100^{e} 5 (1)16 $100^{e)}$ 15

Table 4. Effect of Rh(I) Catalyst on the Dehydrogenative Silvlation of 1a

a) Determined by HPLC using a chiral column (CHIRALCEL OD). b) 2,2'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl. c) Determined by GLC using an internal standard (decene). d) 2,2-Dimethyl-4,5bis(diphenylphosphinomethyl)-1,3-dioxolane. e) Racemic 2a was obtained in every case.

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[$rh = Rh^{III}L_n$ cation, $R = -SiMeAr(CH=CH_2)$]

Scheme 3. Proposed mechanism of dehydrogenative silylation.

co-workers, 8) the reaction of 1,4-pentadiene with Et₂MeSiH using RhCl(PPh₃)₃ as a catalyst gave mainly hydrosilylation products with a little 1-silyl-1,4-pentadiene while that of 1,5-hexadiene gave selectively 1-silyl-1,5-hexadiene, and also 1,6-heptadiene afforded dehydrogenative silylation products which contain isomerized 1-silylheptadienes. Thus, it is evident that the general trends of $1,\omega$ -dienes used in the present study for undergoing dehydrogenative silvlation are quite different from the reported ones, presumably because there must be marked difference in the respective binding ability of $1, \omega$ -dienes to the Rh(I) catalyst.

Finally, a few Rh(I) complexes were examined as a cata-

lyst precursor for the dehydrogenative silylation of 1a with Me₂PhSiH (Table 4). As is seen from Table 4, every Rh(I) complex employed was equally effective for achieving 100% conversion of 1a in 1—2 h to give 2a and 3a, the latter becoming potentially chiral at the silicon atom. Therefore, the reaction in terms of desymmetrization of 1a using a chiral Rh(I) catalyst that contains either (S)-BINAP or (S,S)-DIOP was carried out. The results are also given in Table 4. Although the extent of desymmetrization of 1a was found to be only 5% when a discrete chiral Rh(I) cationic complex was used, the presence of excess DIOP did enhance the new type of asymmetric induction at the silicon atom up to 15%.

With regard to the formation of alkenylsilanes rather than hydrosilylation product in the Rh(I)-catalyzed reaction of alkenes with trialkylsilanes (R₃SiH), it has been proposed that the key steps of the mechanism are the insertion of the alkene into the Rh-SiR' bond rather than into the Rh-H bond, followed by β -hydride elimination. (10,14) As a result, dihydrogen, each of which must be originated from both the alkene and the hydrosilane, is used for the quantitative hydrogenation of another alkene molecule to give an alkane in an equimolar amount to the alkenylsilane. One of the salient features of the present dehydrogenative coupling of 1a with Me₂PhSiH, however, is the complete absence of an intramolecular hydrogen transfer to 3a to form 6a. The formation of 6a is most conceivable based on the mechanism mentioned above, because the primary product 3a that is in proximity to the catalyst would be more susceptible to hydrogenation than 1a to form 2a. In the Rh(I)-catalyzed reaction of 1,5-hexadiene with Et₂MeSiH, it was expected that the hydrogen transfer would take place in an intramolecular fashion to give 1-silyl-1-hexene, but this was not the case and the products were 1-silyl-1,5-hexadiene and 1-hexene.8) In order to accommodate such an observation and all results presented here, the following catalytic cycle may be considered. Thus, 1a for example, R'₃SiH, and the Rh(I) catalyst precursor bind together, to form A that enters into the catalytic loop as shown in Scheme 3. The plausible steps involved in the loop are; (i) migratory insertion of the alkene moiety of 1a into the Rh-Si bond in the presence of excess 1a to give B; (ii) consecutive migratory insertion of another 1a into the Rh-H bond would follow to form C prior to β -hydride elimination of **B** that is usually postulated; (iii) β -hydride elimination of C that takes place preferentially at an α -position to the silicon, presumably due to both steric and electronic reason, to form **D**, where 1,2-disilylethene holds an *E*-geometry; and (iv) reductive elimination from D affords 2a and 3a in equimolar amounts when Me₂PhSiH is used and regenerates A, thus completing the catalytic cycle. Although there have been a number of detailed discussion about the consecutive migratory insertion in the Rh(I)-catalyzed dehydrogenative silvlation of alkenes, typically of styrene, 10,11,15) we are not in a position to distinguish whether the step (i) in Scheme 3 precedes the step (ii) or vice versa. 16) However, it is suggested that any dihydridorhodium(III) species may not participate in the hydrogenation of styrene in the concomitant formation of (E)- β -silylstyrene using R'_3SiD . The fact may reinforce little β -hydride elimination of **B** in Scheme 3 to take place, directing to the consecutive insertion as exemplified in step

A homolog of intermediate **B**, that is given in Scheme 2 could undergo β -silyl group elimination in terms of the reversibility of step (i),111 which may well account for the observed crossover reaction to give 13 starting from 10. As is seen from Table 1, in the presence of excess Me₂PhSiH as for the dehydrogenative silvlation of 1a, an enhanced rate of hydrosilylation by way of **B** would become significant. This is particularly the case for 3a as a starting material (see Table 2). However, it should be mentioned that our data of the

formation of 8a may not preclude the Chalk-Harrod mechanism to be operative, which is most commonly suggested for the conventional transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation of alkenes.17)

In conclusion, we have found the clean control to the dehydrogenative silvlation of divinylsilanes (1a—c) and allylvinylsilane (10) and discussed briefly the plausible mechanism with respect to the controlling factors, in terms of the consecutive migratory insertion of the alkene substrates into the Rh-Si bond and into the Rh-H bond, respectively.

Experimental

¹H, ¹³C, and ²⁹Si NMR spectra were measured with JEOL Model FX-90Q (¹H: 90 MHz; ¹³C: 22.5 MHz), EX-270 (¹H: 270 MHz; ¹³C: 67.8 MHz; ²⁹Si: 53.5 MHz) or GSX-500 (¹H: 500 MHz; ¹³C: 125 MHz) spectrometers in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to Me₄Si (¹H: as an internal standard; ²⁹Si: an external standard), CHCl₃ (¹H: 7.26 ppm as an internal standard) or CDCl₃ (¹³C: 77.0 ppm as internal standard). Splitting patterns are abbreviated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), and br (broadened). IR spectra were recorded on JASCO Model IR-700 spectrometer. Data are given in cm⁻¹ with only significant diagnostic bands. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed by using Merck precoated TLC plate (silica gel 60 F₂₅₄) with indicator. Visualization of the spots was performed by UV light and by p-anisaldehyde-H2SO4/EtOH solution, phosphomolybdic acid/EtOH solution, aqueous KMnO₄/K₂CO₃/NaOH or iodine. Analytical gas-liquid chromatography (GLC) was performed on a Shimadzu Model GC-4CPT, GC-8A or GC-6A instrument equipped with a Silicone DC-550 or Silicone SE-30 (3 mm×3 m) column, or an OV-1 or DAICEL Chirasil (0.25 mm×25 m) capillary column, using He or N₂ gas as a carrier gas. Preparative GLC was performed on a Varian Model 920 instrument equipped with a Silicone SE-30 $(3/8'' \times 3 \text{ m})$ column, using He as a carrier gas.

Starting Materials. Preparation of methyl(o-tolyl)divinylsilane (1a) was carried out according to a standard method using dichloromethyl(o-tolyl)silane¹⁸⁾ and a THF solution of vinylmagnesium bromide. After usual workup, 1a was obtained by distillation, bp 123—125 °C/22 Torr (60% yield) (1 Torr=133.322 Pa). Dimethyldivinylsilane (**1b**), ¹⁹⁾ diphenydivinylsilane (**1c**)²⁰⁾ and allyldimethylvinylsilane (**10**)²¹⁾ were similarly prepared by reported procedures.

1a: ¹H NMR (270 MHz) δ = 0.46 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 5.77 (dd, J=3.7, 19.9 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (dd, J=3.7, 14.8 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (dd, J=3.7, 19.9 Hz), 6.36 (dd, J=3.7, 19.9 Hz), 6.36 (dd, J=3.7, 19.9 Hz)J=19.9, 14.8 Hz, 2H), 7.1—7.6 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz) $\delta = -3.8$, 23.2, 125.0, 129.7, 129.8, 133.8, 134.8, 135.6, 136.5, 144.2; ²⁹Si NMR (53.5 MHz, using an INEPT pulse sequence: $\Delta = 21.9 \text{ ms}$) $\delta = -17.7$; IR (neat) 3040, 1584, 1246, 1006, 952 cm⁻¹. Found: C, 76.58; H, 8.54%. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆Si: C, 76.52; H. 8.56%.

¹H NMR (270 MHz) δ =0.15 (s, 6H), 5.71 (dd, J=4.3, 1b: 19.9 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (dd, J=4.3, 14.5 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (dd, J=19.9, 14.5 Hz, 2H).

¹H NMR (270 MHz) δ =5.78 (dd, J=18.5, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (dd, J=14.5, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dd, J=18.5, 14.5 Hz, 2H), 7.6—7.3 (m. 10H).

¹H NMR (270 MHz) δ =0.08 (s, 6H), 1.58 (dt, J=8.0, 1.1 10: Hz, 2H), 4.8—4.9 (m, 2H), 5.69 (dd, J=4.2, 19.7 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (ddt, J=16.4, 10.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd, J=4.2, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dd, J=14.5, 19.7 Hz, 1H).

Me₂PhSiH²²⁾ was prepared by a reported procedure, and Et₃SiH, t-BuMe₂SiH, and (EtO)₃SiH were purchased and purified by distillation before use.

[Rh(dppb)(cod)]ClO₄, 23 [Rh[(S)- binap](cod)]ClO₄, 24 [Rh-[(S,S)-diop](cod)]ClO₄, 23 RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 25 [RhCl(cod)]₂, 26 and Rh(CO)₂(acac)²⁷⁾ were prepared by reported procedures.

General Procedure for the Dehydrogenative Silylation (Table 3, Entry 1). To a solution of divinylsilane 1a (0.21 mL, 1.0 mmol), [Rh(dppb)(cod)]ClO₄ (0.80 mg, 2×10^{-3} mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (0.25 mL) was added Me₂PhSiH (0.080 mL, 0.50 mmol) at room temperature under ambient atmosphere. After being stirred for 1h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a Florisil plug (eluent: hexane) and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo (silylated product (3a): hydrogenated product (2a)=1:1 by ¹H NMR analysis). Bulb-to-bulb distillation of the residue afforded the hydrogenated product (74 mg, 79% yield based on the hydrosilane) and the silylated product (143 mg, 89% yield).

Dehydrogenative Silylation of Divinylsilane <u>1a</u> in Various Molar Ratios of <u>1a</u> to Me₂PhSiH. To a solution of divinylsilane <u>1a</u> (0.21 mL, 1.0 mmol), [Rh(dppb)(cod)]ClO₄ (0.80 mg, 0.0020 mmol), and *n*-decane as an internal standard in CH₂Cl₂ (0.25 mL) was added Me₂PhSiH (appropriate amount given in Table 1) at room temperature under an ambient atmosphere. Reaction time was given in Table 1. The reaction mixture was analyzed by GLC to obtain the composition of the products. All products were isolated by preparative GLC, and spectral data and analytical data of each compound were measured.

Ethylmethyl(*o*-tolyl)vinylsilane (2a): ¹H NMR (270 MHz) δ =0.38 (s, 3H), 0.8—1.0 (m, 5H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 5.74 (dd, J=3.8, 19.9 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, J=3.8, 14.4 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd, J=14.4, 19.9 Hz, 1H), 7.1—7.5 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz) δ =-4.5, 6.1, 7.4, 23.1, 124.8, 129.3, 129.7, 132.8, 135.1, 135.6, 137.4, 143.9; ²⁹Si NMR (53.5 MHz, using an INEPT pulse sequence: Δ =19.8 ms) δ =-8.6; IR (neat) 3044, 1586, 1250, 1006, 950 cm⁻¹. Found: C, 75.77; H, 9.70%. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₈Si: C, 75.71; H, 9.53%.

[2-(Dimethylphenylsilyl)ethenyl]methyl(o-tolyl)vinylsilane (3a): 1 H NMR (270 MHz) δ =0.34 (s, 6H), 0.46 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 5.74 (dd, J=3.9, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, J=3.9, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, J=14.5, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (AB, J=22.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (AB, J=22.2 Hz, 1H), 7.1—7.6 (m, 9H); 13 C NMR (67.8 MHz) δ =-3.9, -2.9, 23.2, 124.9, 127.7, 128.9, 129.5, 129.7, 133.7, 133.8, 134.9, 135.5, 136.5, 138.4, 144.2, 148.8, 151.5; 29 Si NMR (53.5 MHz, using an INEPT pulse sequence: Δ =29.0 ms) δ =-17.5, -10.4; IR (neat) 3044, 1578, 1247, 1010, 954 cm $^{-1}$. Found: C, 74.48; H, 8.36%. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{26}Si_{2}$: C, 74.46; H, 8.12%.

[2-(Dimethylphenylsilyl)ethyl]ethylmethyl(o-tolyl)silane (4a): 1 H NMR (270 MHz) δ =0.24 (s, 6H), 0.27 (s, 3H), 0.6—1.0 (m, 9H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 7.1—7.5 (m, 9H); 13 C NMR (67.8 MHz) δ =-4.7, -3.66, -3.62, 5.8, 6.2, 7.5, 7.9, 22.9, 124.7, 127.6, 128.7, 129.0, 129.7, 133.6, 135.1, 136.2; IR (neat) 3044, 1244 cm $^{-1}$.

[2-(Dimethylphenylsilyl)ethenyl][2-(dimethylphenylsilyl)ethyl]methyl(o-tolyl)silane (5a): 1 H NMR (270 MHz) δ =0.24 (s, 6H), 0.33 (s, 6H), 0.35 (m, 3H), 0.5—0.9 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 6.76 (AB, J=22.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (AB, J=22.6 Hz, 1H), 7.1—7.5 (m, 14H); IR (neat) 3062, 1245, 1011 cm $^{-1}$.

[2-(Dimethylphenylsilyl)ethenyl]ethylmethyl(o-tolyl)silane (<u>6a</u>): 1 H NMR (270 MHz) δ =0.33 (s, 6H), 0.36 (s, 3H), 0.8—1.0 (m, 5H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 6.80 (AB, J=22.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (AB, J=22.4 Hz, 1H), 7.1—8.6 (m, 9H); IR (neat) 3060, 3046, 1587, 1247, 1011 cm $^{-1}$.

[2-(Dimethylphenylsilyl)ethyl]methyl(o-tolyl)vinylsilane (7a):

¹H NMR (270 MHz) δ =0.25 (s, 6H), 0.36 (s, 3H), 0.60—0.75 (m, 2H), 0.75—0.90 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 5.70 (dd, J=3.9, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (dd, J=3.9, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dd, J=14.5, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 7.1—7.5 (m, 9H); IR (neat) 3040, 1246, 1006, 948 cm⁻¹.

Bis[2-(dimethylphenylsilyl)ethyl]methyl(*o***-tolyl)silane** (8a): 1 H NMR (270 MHz) δ = 0.24 (s, 12H), 0.27 (s, 3H), 0.5—0.9 (m, 8H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 7.1—7.5 (m, 14H); 13 C NMR (67.8 MHz) δ = -3.8, -2.7, -2.6, 7.0, 8.8, 23.8, 125.6, 128.6, 129.7, 129.9, 130.6, 134.5, 136.1, 137.0, 140.2, 144.6; 29 Si NMR (53.5 Hz, using an INEPT sequence Δ = 17.0, 19.8 ms) δ = -1.3, 2.0; IR (neat) 3060, 1244 cm⁻¹. Found: C, 73.60; H, 9.33%. Calcd for C₂₈H₄₀Si₃: C, 72.96; H, 8.74%.

Bis[2-(dimethylphenylsilyl)ethenyl]methyl(*o***-tolyl)silane** (**9a**): 1 H NMR (270 MHz) δ =0.34 (s, 12H), 0.46 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 6.81 (AB, J=22.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (AB, J=22.2 Hz, 2H), 7.1—7.6 (m, 14H); IR (CHCl₃) 1246, 1010 cm⁻¹.

Preparative Scale Dehydrogenative Silylation (Preparation of Disilylethene 3a). The general procedure as described above was performed. A mixture of divinylsilane 1a (1.9 g, 10 mmol), [Rh(dppb)(cod)]ClO₄ (14 mg, 0.02 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL), and PhMe₂SiH (0.81 mL, 5.0 mmol) was stirred for 1 h. After workup, bulb-to-bulb distillation (5 Torr) of the crude product afforded the hydrogenated product 2a (0.81 g, 85% yield) and the silylated product 3a (1.37 g, 85% yield).

Reaction of <u>3a</u> with Me₂PhSiH Catalyzed by [Rh(dppb)-(cod)]ClO₄. To a mixture of **3a** (0.32 g, 1.0 mmol), [Rh(dppb)-(cod)]ClO₄ (0.80 mg, 2×10^{-3} mmol) and *n*-decane as an internal standard in CH₂Cl₂ (0.20 mL) was added Me₂PhSiH (80 μ L, 0.50 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 12 h at the same temperature, the product composition was analyzed by GLC.

Reaction of $\underline{3a}$ with Me₂PhSiH Catalyzed by [Rh(dppb)(cod)]ClO₄ in the Presence of 1-Hexene. To a mixture of $\underline{3a}$ (0.64 g, 2.0 mmol), 1-hexene (1.2 mL, 10 mmol), [Rh(dppb)(cod)]-ClO₄ (16 mg, 0.04 mmol), and n-decane as an internal standard in CH₂Cl₂ (0.15 mL) was added portionwise Me₂PhSiH (0.24 mL, 2.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.30 mL) over 3 h at room temperature. After 12 h of reaction time, the product composition was determined by GLC analysis (Table 2).

Dehydrogenative Silylation of Divinylsilanes for Table 3. Same procedure was performed to obtain the following products: 3a', 3a'', 3a''', 3b, and 3c.

[2- (Triethylsilyl)ethenyl]methyl(o- tolyl)vinylsilane (3a'): General procedure as described for 1a was performed except using Et₃SiH (80 μ L, 0.5 mmol) instead of Me₂PhSiH. Bulb-to-bulb distillation (6 Torr) of the crude product gave 3a' (91 mg, 60% yield).

3a': ¹H NMR (270 MHz) δ = 0.45 (s, 3H), 0.58 (q, J=7.5 Hz, 6H), 0.93 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 9H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 5.74 (dd, J=3.9, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, J=3.9, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, J=14.5, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (AB, J=22.7 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (AB, J=22.7 Hz, 1H), 7.1—7.6 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz) δ = -3.8, 3.1, 7.3, 23.1, 124.8, 129.5, 129.7, 133.5, 135.2, 135.5, 136.8, 144.2, 148.3, 150.7; IR (neat) 3044, 1584, 1246, 1010, 952, 806, 788, 742 cm⁻¹. Found: C, 71.38; H, 10.00%. Calcd for C₁₈H₃₀Si₂: C, 71.44; H, 9.99%.

[2-(t-Butyldimethylsilyl)ethenyl]methyl(o-tolyl)vinylsilane (3a''): t-BuMe₂SiH (82 μ L, 0.50 mmol) was used as a silane. Bulb-to-bulb distillation (5 Torr) gave 3a'' (13 mg, 11% yield).

3a": ¹H NMR (270 MHz) δ = 0.03 (s, 6H), 0.45 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 5.74 (dd, J=3.9, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, J=3.9, 14.8 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, J=14.8, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (AB, J=22.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (AB, J=22.6 Hz, 1H), 7.1—7.5 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz) δ = -6.5, -3.8, 16.6, 23.1, 26.4, 124.8, 129.5, 129.7,

133.5, 135.1, 135.5, 136.7, 144.2, 148.2, 151.5; IR (neat) 1246, 1008 cm^{-1} .

[2-(Triethoxysilyl)ethenyl]methyl(o-tolyl)vinylsilane (3a'''): (EtO)₃SiH (92 μL, 0.5 mmol) was used as a silane. Bulb-to-bulb distillation (0.3 Torr) gave 3a''' (83 mg, 47% yield).

3a": ¹H NMR (270 MHz) δ =0.48 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J*=6.9 Hz, 9H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 3.83 (q, *J*=6.9 Hz, 6H), 5.77 (dd, *J*=3.9, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd, *J*=3.9, 14.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J*=14.6, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J*=22.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J*=22.7 Hz, 1H), 7.1—7.6 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz) δ =-4.0, 18.2, 23.2, 58.5, 124.9, 129.6, 129.7, 134.0, 134.4, 135.5, 136.0, 142.0, 144.1, 153.8; IR (neat) 3044, 1584, 1246, 1100, 1014, 954, 786, 744 cm⁻¹. Found: C, 61.36; H, 8.72%. Calcd for C₁₈H₃₀O₃Si₂: C, 61.66; H, 8.62%.

[2-(Dimethylphenylsilyl) ethenyl] dimethylvinylsilane (3b): Dimethyldivinylsilane (1b) (0.15 mL, 0.11 g, 1.0 mmol) was used as an olefin. Bulb-to-bulb distillation (6 Torr) gave 3b (93 mg, 76% yield).

3b: ¹H NMR (270 MHz) δ = 0.15 (s, 6H), 0.34 (s, 6H), 5.69 (dd, J=4.2, 19.7 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (dd, J=4.2, 19.7 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (dd, J=14.6, 19.7 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (AB, J=22.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (AB, J=22.3 Hz, 1H), 7.3—7.6 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz) δ = -3.3, -2.9, 127.7, 128.9, 132.2, 133.8, 138.2, 138.6, 149.7, 150.5; IR (neat) 3040, 1244, 1008, 950, 726, 696 cm⁻¹. LRMS (GC/MS, EI, 70 eV) m/z (rel intensity) 246 (3) [M⁺], 231 (15) [M-CH₃⁺], 218 (6), 161 (10), 135 (100) [PhMe₂Si⁺]. HRMS (GC/MS, EI, 70 eV). Found: m/z 246.1232. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₂Si₂: [M⁺], 246.1260.

[2 - (Dimethylphenylsilyl)ethenyl]diphenylvinylsilane (3c): Diphenyldivinylsilane (1c) (0.24 g, 1.0 mmol) was used as an olefin. Bulb-to-bulb distillation (2 Torr) gave 3c (0.15 g, 81% yield).

3c: ¹H NMR (270 MHz) δ = 0.37 (s, 6H), 5.75 (dd, J = 3.9, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dd, J = 3.9, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 14.5, 20.1 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (AB, J = 22.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (AB, J = 22.4 Hz, 1H), 7.3—7.5 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz) δ = -2.9, 127.8, 128.9, 129.4, 133.8, 134.3, 135.5, 136.5, 145.8, 154.7; IR (neat) 3060, 3040, 1584, 1244, 1008, 958, 728, 698 cm⁻¹.

Dehydrogenative Silylation of Allyldimethylvinylsilane (10). To a solution of 10 (0.34 mL, 2.0 mmol), [Rh(dppb)(cod)]ClO₄ (0.80 mg, 2×10^{-3} mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (0.50 mL) was added PhMe₂SiH (0.08 mL, 0.5 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 1 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a Florisil plug (eluent: hexane) and the filtrate was concentrated to give a crude product. Purification of the residue by bulb-to-bulb distillation and GPC afforded a mixture of two silylpropenylvinylsilanes 11a, 11b, and (silylethenyl)allylsilane 12 (39 mg, 59% combined yield) in a ratio 52:29:19 and lower boiling point product 13 (10 mg, 9% yield, see Schemes 1 and 2).

Dimethyl [3 - (dimethylphenylsilyl) - 2 - propenyl] vinylsilane (11a): 1 H NMR (270 MHz) (detected as a mixture of the three components) δ =1.87 (dd, J=7.8, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (dt, J=18.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (dt, J=18.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.6—6.2 (m, 3H), 7.3—7.6 (m, 5H); IR (neat) 3060, 3040, 1598, 1244, 1006, 986, 948, 760, 728, 696 cm $^{-1}$. LRMS (GC/MS, EI, 12 eV) m/z (rel intensity) 260 (2) [M $^{+}$], 245 (22) [M $^{-}$ CH $_3$ $^{+}$], 135 (100) [PhMe $_2$ Si $^{+}$].

Dimethyl[3-(dimethylphenylsilyl)-1-propenyl] vinylsilane (11b): 1 H NMR (270 MHz) (detected as a mixture of the three components) δ =1.74 (dd, J=7.9, 1 Hz, 2H), 5.57 (dt, J=18.4, 1 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dt, J=18.4, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.6—6.2 (m, 3H), 7.3—7.6 (m, 5H); LRMS (GC/MS, EI, 12 eV) mlz (rel intensity) 260 (2) [M $^{+}$], 245 (13) [M $^{-}$ CH $_{3}$ $^{+}$], 135 (100) [PhMe $_{2}$ Si $^{+}$].

Allyl[2-(dimethylphenylsilyl)ethenyl]dimethylsilane (12): 1 H NMR (270 MHz) (detected as a mixture of the three components) δ =1.58 (dt, J=8.2, 1 Hz, 2H), 4.8—4.9 (m, 2H), 5.7—5.8

(m, 1H), 6.66 (AB, J=23 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (AB, J=23 Hz, 1H), 7.3—7.6 (m, 5H); LRMS (GC/MS, EI, 12 eV) m/z (rel intensity) 260 (6), 245 (26) [M-CH₃⁺], 219 (89), 182 (38), 135 (100) [PhMe₂Si⁺].

1,3-Bis(dimethylvinylsilyl)propene (13): 1 H NMR (270 MHz) δ = 0.06 (s, 6H), 0.10 (s, 6H), 1.71 (dd, J=1.3, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (dt, J=18.4, 1 Hz, 1H), 5.6—6.2 (m, 7H); IR (neat) 3040, 1598, 1246, 1006, 950 cm⁻¹. LRMS (GC/MS, EI, 70 eV) m/z (rel intensity) 210 (11) [M⁺], 195 (39) [M—CH₃⁺], 182 (37).

Determination of Enantiomeric Excess of 3a. A mixture of disilylethene **3a** (0.11 g, 0.35 mmol) and Hg(OAc)₂ (0.22 g, 0.70 mmol) in THF/H₂O (1.4 mL, 50/50 vol%) at 0 °C for 10 h. To the resulting suspension was added aqueous NaOH (0.4 mL, 3 M, M=mol dm⁻³) and NaBH₄ (26 mg, 0.70 mmol) in aqueous NaOH (0.5 mL, 3 M) successively at 0 °C. After being stirred for 1 h at this temperature, the mixture was filtered through a celite pad. The filtrate was extracted with Et₂O, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: Et₂O/hexane=1/10) gave [2-(dimethylphenylsilyl)ethenyl](2-hydroxyethyl)methyl(o-tolyl)silane (33 mg, 29% yield).

To a mixture of the alcohol obtained above (33 mg, 0.10 mmol) and pyridine (0.05 mL) was added *p*-bromobenzoyl chloride (22 mg, 0.10 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 3 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O and poured into saturated NH₄Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O and combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: Et₂O/hexane=1/100) gave [2-(*p*-bromobenzoyl-oxy)ethyl][2-(dimethylphenylsilyl)ethenyl]methyl(*o*-tolyl)silane as a colorless oil (16 mg, 30% yield). The enantiomeric excess of the product was determined by HPLC (equipped with a DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD capillary column, eluent: 0.15% IPA in hexane) analysis.

[2-(Dimethylphenylsilyl)ethenyl](2-hydroxyethyl)methyl(otolyl)silane: $^{1}{\rm H}$ NMR (270 MHz) $\delta\!=\!0.34$ (s, 6H), 0.42 (s, 3H), 1.2—1.5 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 3.7—3.8 (m, 2H), 6.84 (s, 2H), 7.1—7.5 (s, 9H); IR (neat) 3332, 3044, 1584, 1246, 808, 740, 698 cm $^{-1}$.

[2-(Dimethylphenylsilyl)ethenyl][2-(p-bromobenzoyloxy)ethyl]methyl(o-tolyl)silane: $^{1}{\rm H}$ NMR (270 MHz) δ =0.33 (s, 6H), 0.47 (s, 3H), 1.5—1.6 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 4.3—4.5 (m, 2H), 6.86 (s, 2H), 7.1—7.8 (m, 13H); $^{13}{\rm C}$ NMR (67.8 MHz) δ =-3.7, -3.0, 15.2, 23.1, 63.2, 125.1, 127.7, 129.0, 129.3, 129.7, 129.9, 131.0, 131.5, 133.8, 134.4, 135.0, 138.1, 143.9, 148.5, 151.6, 165.8; IR (neat) 3062, 3002, 1715, 1588, 1268 cm $^{-1}$.

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