Regio- and Stereospecific Cleavage of Silyl- and Disilylepoxides with Lithium Diphenylphosphide

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Abstract: Unsubstituted or α - and β -C-substituted silylepoxides react stereospecifically with lithium diphenylphosphide, optionally followed by methylation, to give vinylphosphonium iodides or vinylphosphine oxides resulting from α -opening and silyl enol ethers, vinylsilanes or α -hydroxysilanes by β -opening. On the other hand, α,β - or α,α -disilylepoxides afforded β -silyl vinylphosphine oxides or α -silylated silyl enol ethers by α - and β -cleavage, respectively. All compounds are interesting synthons in organic chemistry.

Introduction

In a preliminary communication^[1] we reported the regioand stereospecific synthesis of vinylphosphonium iodides by α -cleavage of unsubstituted or *trans*- β -alkyl substituted dimethylphenylsilyl- or *tert*-butyldiphenylsilylepoxides with lithium diphenylphosphide followed by reaction with methyl iodide. Under the same conditions, the *trans*- β -phenyl- α -*tert*butyldiphenylsilylepoxide led to the corresponding (Z)-silyl enol ether resulting from β -opening.

With the aim of exploring the scope of this procedure, we have extended this methodology to silylepoxides with various substitution patterns, such as α -C and *cis*- β -C substitution, α - or β -silyl substitution by different silyl groups and tri-substitution. These substrates have been synthesised by epoxidation of vinylsilanes obtained previously by dimethylphenyl- and *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl cupration starting from alkynes^[2,3] or allenes.^[4,5]

In this paper, we describe the results obtained in the cleavage of silylepoxides 1 and disilylepoxides 2 by lithium diphenylphosphide, optionally followed by methylation.

Results and Discussion

Unsubstituted or *cis*- and *trans*- β -alkyldimethylphenylsilyland *tert*-butyldiphenylsilylepoxides **1a**-**h** undergo α -nucleo-

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philic attack of lithium diphenylphosphide giving stereospecifically vinylphosphines resulting from Peterson elimination,^[6,7] which were spontaneously oxidised to the corresponding oxides in the final hydrolysis or converted to vinylphosphonium iodides by subsequent treatment with methyl iodide (Schemes 1 and 2).



Scheme 1.

Under the latter conditions, the initially formed unsubstituted vinylphosphonium iodide—resulting from the α -cleavage of **1a** and **1b**—was transformed to the 1-methylvinylphosphonium iodide **4a** and to the iodoalkylidenephosphorane **5**, respectively. Compound **5** appears to be formed by 1,4-addition of an iodide ion and **4a** through α -methylation of **5** followed by E₂ elimination of HI by the action of the dimethylphenylsiloxide ion (Scheme 3).

β-Phenylsilylepoxides experience α- or β-opening depending on the nature of the silyl group^[8] and the configuration. The *cis*-β-phenyl-α-*tert*-butyldiphenylsilylepoxide (**1i**) and the *trans*-β-phenyl-α-dimethylphenylsilylepoxide (**1j**) were opened by nucleophilic α-attack giving the corresponding vinylphosphine oxides **3f** and **3g** or the vinylphosphonium

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Scheme 2.



Scheme 3.

iodide **4c**. On the other hand, the *trans*- β -phenyl- α -*tert*-butyldiphenylsilylepoxide (**1k**) underwent nucleophilic attack at β -carbon followed by Brook rearrangement^[9] with simultaneous elimination of a good leaving group (methyldiphenylphosphine) to give the (Z)-silyl enol ether **6a**. Even when the methylation was omitted, the elimination of diphenylphosphide also took place, but the yield of the silyl enol ether **6a** was slightly lower (Scheme 4).

Probably, this behaviour is due to a combination of electronic (benzylic β -carbon) and steric effects. The hindered *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl group favours the β -opening, especially when the β -carbocation to the silicon can also be stabilised by the phenyl group. Perhaps, this is only possible in the *trans*- β -phenyl- α -*tert*-butyldiphenylsilylepoxide (**1k**) because in the *cis*-isomer **1i** the bulky *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl group prevents the co-planarity and conjugation of the β -



Scheme 4.

phenyl group with the incipient carbocation resulting from β -opening (Scheme 5).



Scheme 5.

The *gem*-methyl substituted silylepoxides **11** and **1m** undergo β -opening to give β -diphenylphosphino- α -oxidosilane intermediate **9a** and **9b**, which evolve in a different way; this depends on the nature of the silyl group (Schemes 6 and 7).





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The dimethylphenylsilyl intermediate 9a was hydrolysed to the corresponding α -hydroxysilane 7; on the other hand, when methylated, the vinylsilane 8a, which resulted from Wittig elimination of the intermediate 10a, was obtained. Nevertheless, the *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl intermediate 9b, or the methylated intermediate 10b, experience a Brook rearrangement with elimination of the phosphorous leaving group to give the silvl enol ether **6b**. If the methylation is omitted, the result is the same but the yield of 6b is lower. The different behaviour of the intermediates 10a and 10b may depend on two factors: a) higher migratory aptitude of the tert-butyldiphenylsilyl than the dimethylphenylsilyl group (phenyl groups on silicon have been shown to accelerate the Brook rearrangement^[10,11]) and b) the stability of the necessary conformation for the syn-elimination of diphenylmethylphosphine oxide. Probably, the intermediate 10b does not undergo Wittig elimination due to the fact that in this conformation the bulky tert-butyldiphenylsilyl group should be eclipsed, whereas in the conformation for Brook rearrangement and anti-elimination this group is staggered (Scheme 7).

The silylepoxides α,β - or β,β -disubstituted **1n**-**q** react with lithium diphenylphosphide to give exclusively the corresponding diphenylphosphine oxides **3h**-**j**, which resulted from α -opening (Scheme 8).

On the other hand, the behaviour of the disilylepoxides **2** toward the lithium diphenylphosphide depend on the



Scheme 8

nature, relative position and configuration of both silyl groups.

The *trans*- α , β -disilylepoxides **2a**-**c** are opened by nucleophilic α -attack to the less hindered silvl group followed by Peterson elimination to give the corresponding vinylphosphine oxides. When both silvl groups do not have a very different size, such as 2b (trimethyl and dimethylphenyl), a 2:1 mixture of two possible vinylphosphine oxides 3k and 3l was obtained. However, if they are of drastically different size as in 2c (trimethyl and *tert*-butyldiphenyl) the diphenylphosphide attacks only at the carbon bearing the trimethylsilyl group. In this case, the reactivity decreases, long reaction times are required (96 h) and the yield of 3m is lower. The trisubstituted α,β -disilylepoxides **2d**-**f** afforded only the vinylphosphine oxide, which resulted from α -attack to the monosubstituted carbon. When this position bears the tertbutyldiphenylsilyl group the reaction did not take place. The epoxide 2g was recovered even if a large excess of lithium diphenylphosphide (3.5 equiv) and long reaction times (120 h) were used (Scheme 9).



Scheme 9.

The $cis-\alpha,\beta$ -disilylepoxide **2h** was also opened by α -attack to the less hindered silyl group, but the intermediate now experienced Wittig elimination to afford the 1,2-disilylethylene **8b**.

The intermediates 9c and 9d, which resulted from the α opening at the trimethylsilyl group of the *trans*- and *cis*- α trimethyl- β -*tert*-butyldiphenylsilylepoxides 2c and 2h, may evolve by a different path depending on the steric requirements for the Wittig or Peterson eliminations. In case of the intermediate 9c, the conformation required for a Peterson elimination is more stable than that necessary for Wittig elimination (the silyl and phosphino groups are eclipsed). Likewise, the differential stability of the corresponding conformations in the intermediate 9d is the opposite (Scheme 10).

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Scheme 10.

The β -unsubstituted gem-disilylepoxides **2i** and **2j** undergo β -opening to give the α -silylated silyl enol ethers **6c** and **6d** resulting from Brook rearrangement of the *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl group, together with minor amounts of the gemdisilylalkenes **8c** and **8d** formed by Wittig elimination. On the contrary, the β -methyl gem-disilylepoxide **2k** afforded exclusively the gem-disilylalkene **8e**, which resulted from a Wittig elimination. If the methylation is omitted the results are the same, but the yields were lower (Scheme 11).

R ² SiPh₂tBu ────SiR¹₃	1. LiPPh ₂ , 0 °C 2. Mel, RT	→RT /= R ²	⊖OSiPh₂t SiR¹₃	Bu + /== R ²	SiPh₂ <i>t</i> Bu SiR¹₃
2i : R ¹ ₃ = Me ₃ , R ² = 2j : R ¹ ₃ = Me ₂ Ph, R 2k : R ¹ ₃ = Me ₃ , R ² =	H ² = H = Me	6c (52 6d (56	%) + 8c (* %) + 8d (* 8e (*	13%): R ¹ ₃ = 16%): R ¹ ₃ = 59%): R ¹ ₃ =	: Me ₃ , R ² = H : Me ₂ Ph, R ² = H : Me ₃ , R ² = Me

Scheme 11.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the α - or β -opening of silvlepoxides by lithium diphenylphosphide depends on electronic and steric factors. In general, the α -attack is preferred, except when the α -position is hindered. We have stereospecifically synthesised vinylphosphonium salts or vinylphosphonium oxides with retention of configuration by α -attack of diphenylphosphide ion to epoxysilanes, followed by Peterson elimination. These compounds are suitable reagents for the synthesis of a variety of heterocyclic, carbocyclic and chain-extended systems.^[12] On the other hand, when the α -position is hindered (gem-disubstituted epoxysilanes or epoxides bearing the bulky tert-butyldiphenylsilyl group) the nucleophilic attack occurs exclusively at the β -carbon to afford vinylsilanes, which result from a Wittig elimination, or silyl enol ethers, which are formed by a Brook rearrangement and anti-elimination. The silvl enol ether is one of the more useful functional groups in organic synthesis^[13] and few methods exist which provide them in a stereocontrolled manner.^[14] Moreover, β-silyl vinylphosphine oxides and

 α -silylated silyl enol ethers, obtained by α - or β -cleavage of 1,2- or 1,1-disilylated epoxides, are even more versatile synthons.

Experimental Section

General: THF was distilled from sodium/benzophenone in a recycling still. All chromatographic and work-up solvents were distilled prior to use. All reactions involving organometallic reagents were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere. ¹H, ¹³C and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded at 300, 75 and 121 MHz, respectively, in CDCl₃ as an internal standard. Carbon multiplicities were assigned by DEPT experiments. Reactions were monitored by TLC on a pre-coated plate of silica gel 60 (nano-SIL-20, Macherey-Nagel). Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh, M-N). Silylepoxides **1a–q** were prepared by epoxidation^{115,3]} of the corresponding vinylsilanes obtained by reaction with electrophiles of the intermediates from dimethylphenylsilyl- or *tert*-butyldiphenylsilylcupration of alkynes^[2,3] (**1a–k** and **1n–q**) or allene^[4,5] (**11** and **1m**).

Synthesis of 1,2-disilylepoxides—Typical procedure: MCPBA (1.35 mmol) and NaHCO₃ (2 mmol) were added to a solution of 1,2-disilylalkene^[3,16] (1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) (trimethylsilyl- and dimethylphenylsilylalkenes) or in CHCl₃ (3 mL) (*tert*-butyldiphenylsilylalkenes). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature in CH₂Cl₂ or under reflux in CHCl₃, respectively, until TLC indicated complete reaction. The mixture was washed several times with an aqueous solution of NaHSO₃, NaHCO₃, and NaCl. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), the solvent removed and the residue was purified by chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/AcOEt) to give the following products,

(*E*)-1,2-Bis(dimethylphenylsilyl)epoxyethane (2a): Yield = 90%; $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.46 (hexanes/AcOEt 20:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.36 (s, 12 H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 7.40–7.56 (m, 10 H); IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1230, 1100 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₈H₂₄OSi₂ (312.14): C 69.17, H 7.74; found: C 69.29, H 7.65.

(*E*)-1-Dimethylphenylsilyl-2-trimethylsilylepoxyethane (2b): Yield = 85%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.50 (hexanes/AcOEt 20:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.12 (s, 9H), 0.35 (s, 3H), 0.41 (s, 3H), 2.18 (d, *J*=5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (d, *J*=5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.60–7.63 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-5.5, -5.3, -3.8, 46.6, 47.4, 127.8, 129.4, 133.8, 136.4; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1250, 1120 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₃H₂₂OSi₂ (250.12): C 62.34, H 8.85; found: C 62.51, H 8.91.

(*E*)-1-*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl-2-trimethylsilylepoxyethane (2c): Yield = 75%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.46 (hexanes/AcOEt 20:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.83 (s, 9H), 1.23 (s, 9H), 1.99 (d, *J*=4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, *J*=4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.38 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-3.6, 18.7, 27.9, 44.3, 46.9, 127.4, 129.0, 134.8, 137.0; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1240, 1100 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₁H₃₀OSi₂ (354.18): C 71.12, H 8.53; found: C 70.92, H 8.42.

(*E*)-1,2-Bis(dimethylphenylsilyl)-1,2-epoxypropane (2d): Yield=85%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.46 (hexanes/AcOEt 20:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.33 (s, 3 H), 0.39 (s, 3 H), 0.45 (s, 3 H), 0.47 (s, 3 H), 1.23 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (s, 1 H), 7.37-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.56-7.59 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -5.7, -2.8, -2.1, 18.8, 52.7, 53.9, 127.8, 127.9, 129.2, 129.3, 134.0, 133.9, 136.3, 137.5; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1250, 1110 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₉H₂₆OSi₂ (326.15): C 69.88, H 8.02; found: C 70.01, H 7.86.

(*E*)-1,2-Bis(dimethylphenylsilyl)-1-phenylepoxyethane (2 f): Yield = 78%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.44 (hexanes/AcOEt 20:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-0.06 (s, 3 H), -0.02 (s, 3 H), 0.35 (s, 3 H), 0.37 (s, 3 H), 2.74 (s, 1 H), 7.03-7.54 (m, 15 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-5.5, -5.3, -4.9, -3.3, 54.3, 59.6, 126.2, 127.0, 127.4, 127.6, 127.7, 129.1, 129.4, 133.7, 134.3, 135.8, 137.4, 140.1; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1250, 1100 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₄H₂₈OSi₂ (388.17): C 74.17, H 7.26; found: C 74.22, H 7.30.

(Z)-1-*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl-2-trimethylsilylepoxyethane (2h): Yield = 60%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.54 (hexanes/AcOEt 20:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -0.36 (s, 9H), 1.10 (s, 9H), 2.65 (d, *J*=6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, *J*=6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.46 (m, 6H), 7.60–7.73 (m, 4H); IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ bar=1250, 1110 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₁H₃₀OSi₂ (354.18): C 71.12, H 8.53; found: C 71.29, H 8.41.

Synthesis of 1,1-disilylepoxides—Typical procedure: BuLi (1.2 mmol, 1.6 m in hexane, 0.75 mL) and TMEDA (1.2 mmol) were added at -60 °C to a solution of the silylepoxides 1b or 1d (1 mmol) in THF (2 mL). The mixture was stirred under N₂ at -60 °C for 20 min and then chlorotrime-thylsilane or chlorodimethylphenylsilane (1.65 mmol) was added and stirred at this temperature for 3 h. The mixture was hydrolysed with methanol (1 mL) and an aq. NH₄Cl solution, extracted with diethyl ether and the organic layer dried (MgSO₄). Chromatography of the residue obtained after evaporation of ether gave the following products.

1-*tert***-Butyldiphenylsilyl-1-trimethylsilylepoxyethane** (2i): Yield =85%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.49 (hexanes/AcOEt 20:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-0.16 (s, 9H), 1.17 (s, 9H), 3.03 (d, *J*=5.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.22 (d, *J*=5.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.36–7.46 (m, 6H), 7.66–7.84 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -1.8, 19.3, 28.6, 44.7, 49.9, 127.6, 129.4, 133.9, 136.2; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1250, 1110 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%): 354 (1) [*M*⁺-*t*Bu], 297 (2), 271 (12), 255 (5), 219 (14), 193 (39), 73 (100), 57 (79); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₁H₃₀OSi₂ (354.18): C 71.12, H 8.53; found: C 70.86, H 8.42.

1-*tert***-Butyldiphenylsilyl-1-dimethylphenylsilylepoxyethane (2j)**: Yield= 80%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.48 (hexanes/AcOEt 20:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.00 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 9H), 2.77 (d, J=5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, J=5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.80 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -3.4, -3.0, 19.3, 28.5, 44.4, 50.4, 127.5, 127.6, 129.1, 129.4, 133.7, 134.3, 136.2, 136.7; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1250, 1100 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 359 (13) [M^+ -tBu], 333 (41), 317 (2), 281 (20), 255 (52), 223(4), 195 (26), 135 (100), 57 (92); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₆H₃₂OSi₂ (416.20): C 74.94, H 7.74; found: C 75.06, H 7.79.

(Z)-1-*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl-1-trimethylsilyl-1,2-epoxypropane (2k): Yield=75%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.54 (hexanes/AcOEt 20:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-0.21 (s, 9H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 1.57 (d, J=5.4 Hz, 3H), 3.82 (q, J=5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.76-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.94-7.99 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.91, 18.39, 19.51, 28.47, 52,70, 56.86, 127.55, 127.72, 129.20, 129.47, 134.69, 135.09, 136.08, 136.42; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1250, 1100 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₂H₃₂OSi₂ (368.20): C 71.67, H 8.75; found: C 71.80, H 8.69.

General procedure for the cleavage of epoxysilanes with lithium diphenylphosphide: A solution of the epoxysilanes 1a-m, 1p or the epoxydisilanes 2a, b, 2d, e, 2h (1 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred THF solution of lithium diphenylphosphide (1.5 mmol) [prepared from diphenylphosphine (0.258 mL, 1.5 mmol) and BuLi (0.936 mL, 1.6 m solution in hexane, 1.5 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at 0°C under N₂ for 30 min]. Starting from less reactive (more hindered) silylepoxides it was necessary to increase the molar ratio silylepoxide/lithium diphenylphosphide to 1:2 for 1n-o, 2f, i, j and 1:3.5 for 1q, 2c, g, k. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred until TLC indicated complete reaction (reaction time 2–120 h). Then, methyl iodide (2 mmol) was added, or hydrolysed with an aq. NH₄Cl solution, extracted with diethyl ether and the organic layer dried (MgSO₄). Ether was evaporated and the residue purified by chromatography to give the following compounds.

Diphenylvinylphosphine oxide (3a): Yield = 65 % from **1a** and 57 % from **1b**; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.36 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.30 (m, 2 H), 6.70 (m, 1 H), 7.44–7.57 (m, 6 H), 7.67–7.74 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =128.5 (d, *J*=12.1 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J*=98.1 Hz), 131.3 (d, *J*=9.8 Hz), 131.9 (d, *J*=1.6 Hz), 132.2 (d, *J*=88.8 Hz), 134.8; ³¹P NMR

(121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =24.65; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1180, 985, 900 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₄H₁₃OP (228.07): C 73.68, H 5.74; found: C 73.57, H 5.82.

(Z)-1-Propenyldiphenylphosphine oxide (3b): Yield=76% from 1c and 60% from 1d; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.41 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =2.06 (ddd, J=1.4, 2.9, 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 6.09 (ddq, J=1.4, 12.8, 25.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.75 (ddq, J=7.2, 12.8, 40.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.40–7.56 (m, 6H), 7.64–7.74 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =17.1 (d, J=8.9 Hz), 122.1 (d, J=100.8 Hz), 128.4 (d, J=12.0 Hz), 130.7 (d, J=10.0 Hz), 131.4, 134.2 (d, J=103.8 Hz), 149.6; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =22.32; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1175 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₅H₁₅OP (242.09): C 74.37, H 6.24; found: C 74.51, H 6.09.

(Z)-1-Hexenyldiphenylphosphine oxide (3 c): Yield = 58 %; $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.46 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.78 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.31 (m, 2H), 2.50 (ddt, J = 1.5, 6.1, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (tdd, J = 1.5, 12.9, 25.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (tdd, J = 7.7, 12.9, 40.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.76 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.7, 22.1, 30.6, 30.8, 121.1 (d, J = 100.1 Hz), 128.4 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 130.8 (d, J = 9.81 Hz), 131.4, 134.3 (d, J = 103.9 Hz), 155.1; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.87; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1177, 700 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₈H₂₁OP (284.13): C 76.04, H 7.44; found: C 76.41, H 7.39.

(*E*)-1-Hexenyldiphenylphosphine oxide (3d): Yield=83% from 1f and 62% from 1h; R_1 =0.46 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.88 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.45 (m, 2H), 2.28 (tdd, *J*=1.5, 6.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (ddt, *J*=1.5, 17.0, 24.7 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (ddt, *J*=6.5, 17.0, 19.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.52 (m, 6H), 7.64–7.71 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =13.7, 22.1, 29.9, 34.1 (d, *J*=16.9 Hz), 121.3 (d, *J*=103.5 Hz), 128.4 (d, *J*=12.1 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J*=9.9 Hz), 131.6, 133.0 (d, *J*=104.8 Hz), 152.9; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =24.50; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1180, 920 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%): 284 (43) [*M*⁺¹], 255 (27), 227 (16), 202 (100), 185 (8), 77 (44); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₈H₂₁OP (284.13): C 76.04, H 7.44; found: C 76.18, H 7.51.

(*E*)-1-Propenyldiphenylphosphine oxide (3e): Yield=59%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.41 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =1.98 (td, J=1.6, 6.5 Hz, 3H), 6.26 (ddq, J=16.9, 24.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (ddq, J=16.9, 30.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.54 (m, 6H), 7.65–7.72 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =20.4 (d, J=18.6 Hz), 123.3 (d, J=103.9 Hz), 128.4 (d, J=12.0 Hz), 131.2 (d, J=9.8 Hz), 131.6, 132.9 (d, J=105.0 Hz), 133.0, 148.0; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =24.19; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1184, 970 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₅H₁₅OP (242.09): C 74.37, H 6.24; found: C 74.28, H 6.41.

(Z)-(2-Phenylethenyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3 f): Yield = 59 %; R_f = 0.47 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.31 (dd, J = 14.1, 19.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.12–7.16 (m, 3 H), 7.29–7.46 (m, 11 H), 7.52 (dd, J = 14.1, 40.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.66–7.76 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 121.6 (d, J = 98.2 Hz), 127.9, 128.5 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 129.2, 130.1, 130.8 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 131.3, 133.7 (d, J = 105.5 Hz), 134.7 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 150.0; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.84; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1175, 710 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₀H₁₇OP (304.10): C 78.93, H 5.63; found: C 79.18, H 5.75.

(*E*)-(2-Phenylethenyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3g): Yield=71%; R_i = 0.47 (AcOEt); m.p. 166–168 °C (from ethanol/H₂O); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.84 (dd, *J*=17.4, 22.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.78 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =119.0 (d, *J*=104.4 Hz), 127.6, 128.5 (d, *J*= 12.1 Hz), 128.7, 130.0, 131.3 (d, *J*=9.9 Hz), 131.8 (d, *J*=1.4 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J*=106.0 Hz), 134.9 (d, *J*=18.0 Hz), 147.4 (d, *J*=2.8 Hz); ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =25.46; IR (CH₂Cl₂): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1175, 1000 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₀H₁₇OP (304.10): C 78.93, H 5.63; found: C 79.03, H 5.49.

(*E*)-5-Decenyldiphenylphosphine oxide (3h): Yield=72%; R_f =0.48 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.73 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, *J*=7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.13–1.40 (m, 8H), 2.19–2.31 (m, 4H), 6.15 (dt, *J*=7.2, 21.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.53 (m, 6H), 7.63–7.70 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =13.5, 13.8, 22.4, 22.8, 27.5, 28.7, 30.9, 31.7, 128.2 (d, *J*=11.6 Hz), 131.5, 131.9 (d, *J*=9.4 Hz), 132.2 (d, *J*=1.3.9 Hz), 132.3 (d, *J*=96.6 Hz), 147.1 (d, *J*=9.9 Hz); ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =33.32; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1178, 815 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₂H₂₉OP (340.20): C 77.62, H 8.59; found: C 77.54, H 8.66.

(*E*)-(1,2-Diphenylethenyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3i): Yield=67%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.49 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.92–7.70 (m, 21 H);

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¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =127.71, 128.2 (d, *J*=11.8 Hz), 128.7, 128.9, 129.8, 129.9, 130.2, 130.8 (d, *J*=103.2 Hz), 131.8, 132.3 (d, *J*=9.5 Hz), 134.7 (d, *J*=17.4 Hz), 135.2 (d, *J*=94.1 Hz), 135.4 (d, *J*=8.9 Hz), 143.1 (d, *J*=9.7 Hz); ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =29.51; IR (CH₂Cl₂): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1179, 825 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₆H₂₁OP (380.13): C 82.09, H 5.56; found: C 81.94, H 5.68.

(*E*)-2-Phenyl-1-propenyldiphenylphosphine oxide (3j): Yield: 85% from 1p and 80% from 1q; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.48 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =2.43 (d, *J*=1.7 Hz, 3H), 6.35 (d, *J*=23.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.78 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =19.3 d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 117.9 (d, *J*=104.7 Hz), 127.9, 128.6 (d, *J*=13.7 Hz), 128.7, 130.2, 130.6 (d, *J*=9.8 Hz), 131.2, 134.0 (d, *J*=104.7 Hz), 141.5 (d, *J*=17.0 Hz), 159.0; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =22.06; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1178, 815 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₁H₁₉OP (318.12): C 79.23, H 6.02; found: C 79.04, H 5.91.

(*E*)-(2-Dimethylphenylsilylethenyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3k): Yield=96% from 2a and 56% from 2b; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.53 (AcOEt); m.p. 122– 124 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.43 (s, 6H), 6.91 (dd, *J*=20.4, 31.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.70 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-3.2, 127.9, 128.5 (d, *J*=12.0 Hz), 129.5, 131.3 (d, *J*=9.8 Hz), 131.7 (d, *J*=1.6 Hz), 132.3 (d, *J*=102.8 Hz), 133.8, 136.2, 138.7 (d, *J*=89.9 Hz), 152.7 (d, *J*=4.5 Hz); ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =23.42; IR (CH₂Cl₂): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1250, 1190, 1110, 995 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₂H₂₃OPSi (362.13): C 72.90, H 6.40; found: C 72.79, H 6.33.

(*E*)-(2-Trimethylsilylethenyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (31): Yield = 28%; R_i =0.51 (AcOEt); m.p. 115–117°C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.15 (s, 9H), 6.85 (dd, *J*=20.4, 31.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J*=20.4, 29.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.55 (m, 6H), 7.64–7.72 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-1.9, 128.5 (d, *J*=11.9 Hz), 131.3 (d, *J*= 9.8 Hz), 131.8, 132.5 (d, *J*=105.0 Hz), 136.8 (d, *J*=90.3 Hz), 155.2 (d, *J*= 4.8 Hz); ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =23.42; IR (CH₂Cl₂): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1245, 1185, 995 cm⁻¹; MS *m*/*z* (%): 300 (3) [*M*+], 285 (9), 227 (13), 202 (58), 185 (13), 73 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₇H₂₁OPSi (300.11): C 67.97, H 7.05; found: C 68.10, H 7.12.

(*E*)-(2-Dimethylphenylsilyl-1-propenyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3 n): Yield = 73 %; R_f = 0.53 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.43 (s, 6H), 2.16 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 2.9 Hz, 3 H), 6.51 (dq, *J* = 1.7, 30.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.36-7.74 (m, 15 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -4.0, 19.6 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz), 127.9, 128.5 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 129.4, 130.7 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 130.9 (d, *J* = 89.3 Hz), 131.3, 133.8, 134.5 (d, *J* = 101.4 Hz), 135.9, 167.2 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz); ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.31; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1250, 1185,1110, 820 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₃H₂₅OPSi (376.14): C 73.37, H 6.69; found: C 73.29, H 6.72.

(*E*)-(2-Trimethylsilyl-1-propenyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3 o): Yield = 69%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.54 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.11 (s, 9H), 2.13 (dd, J=1.5, 2.7 Hz, 3H), 6.39 (dq, J=30.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.47 (m, 6H), 7.66–7.73 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-2.6, 19.3 (d, J=13.4 Hz), 128.4 (d, J=11.8 Hz), 128.8 (d, J=90.2 Hz), 130.6 (d, J= 9.7 Hz), 131.2, 134.5 (d, J=101.0 Hz), 169.3 (d, J=5.5 Hz); ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =20.32; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1240, 1184, 829 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₈H₂₃OPSi (314.13): C 68.76, H 7.37; found: C 68.64, H 7.45.

Diphenylmethyl-2-propenylphosphonium iodide (4a): see ref. [1].

(*E*)-1-Hexenyldiphenylmethylphosphonium iodide (4b): Yield = 71 % from 1f and 76% from 1h; m.p. 152–154 °C (from EtOH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.88 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.50 (m, 2H), 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.88 (d, *J*=13.4 Hz, 3H), 6.68 (dd, *J*=16.5, 23.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (tt, *J*=6.6, 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.81 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =10.9 (d, *J*=57.7 Hz), 13.7, 22.2, 29.4, 35.1 (d, *J*=18.0 Hz), 109.1 (d, *J*=85.8), 119.2 (d, *J*=89.2 Hz), 130.3 (d, *J*=12.6 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J*=10.5 Hz), 134.8, 162.8; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =17.33; IR (CH₂Cl₂): $\tilde{\nu}$ =990 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): *m*/z (%): 283 (16) [*M*+], 268 (3), 253 (67), 215 (14), 200 (71), 185 (100), 108 (10), 77 (69); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₉H₂₄IP (410.07): C 55.62, H 5.90; found: C 55.58, H 5.78.

(*E*)-(2-Phenylethenyl)diphenylmethylphosphonium iodide (4c): Yield = 64%; m.p. 177–178°C (from EtOH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.95 (d, *J*=13.6 Hz, 3H), 6.95 (dd, *J*=15.7, 26.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J*=15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.91 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =11.1 (d, *J*=58.6 Hz), 106.0 (d, *J*=89.5 Hz), 119.4 (d, *J*=90.2 Hz), 128.9, 129.2, 130.2 (d, *J*=12.5 Hz), 131.8, 132.9 (d, *J*=10.7 Hz), 133.5, 134.7, 154.7; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =19.60; IR (CH₂Cl₂): $\tilde{\nu}$ =995 cm⁻¹; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₁H₂₀IP (430.03): C 58.62, H 4.69; found: C 58.56, H 4.61.

2-Iodoethylidenediphenylmethylphosphorane (5): see ref. [1].

(Z)-1-tert-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy-2-phenylethene (6a): see ref. [1].

2-*tert***-Butyldiphenylsilyloxypropene** (6b): Yield = 76 %; R_t = 0.39 (hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.07 (s, 9H), 1.85 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 3H), 3.85 (s, 1H), 3.97 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.44 (m, 6H), 7.77–7.78 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.2, 22.7, 26.5, 92.3, 127.6, 129.7, 133.1, 135.4, 155,6; IR (CH₂Cl₂): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1100, 795 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 296 (4) [M +], 239 (100), 199 (35), 181 (15), 161 (6), 121 (3), 77 (9), 57 (67); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₉H₂₄OSi (296.16): C 76.97, H 8.16; found: C 77.04, H 8.23.

1-*tert*-**Butyldiphenylsilyloxy-1-trimethylsilylethene** (6c): Yield=52%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.50 (hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.25 (s, 9H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 4.43 (d, J=1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J=1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 6H), 7.76-7.79 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-2.3, 19.3, 26.4, 105.3, 127.5, 129.5, 133.2, 135.5, 165.8; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1245, 1100, 790 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 297 (9) $[M^+-tBu]$, 271 (28), 219 (80), 193 (64), 73 (95), 57 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₁H₃₀OSi₂ (354.18): C 71.12, H 8.53; found: C 71.24, H 8.47.

1-*tert*-**Butyldiphenylsilyloxy-1-dimethylphenylsilylethene** (6d): Yield= 56%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.41 (hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.50 (s, 6H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 4.44 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.72 (m, 15 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -3.8, 19.2, 26.3, 107.0, 127.5, 127.7, 129.2, 129.5, 133.0, 134.1, 135.5, 136.6, 164.1; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1250, 1110, 790 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 416 (2) [M^+], 359 (31), 281 (63), 255 (21), 195 (22), 179 (32), 135 (28), 105 (13), 77 (23), 57 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₆H₃₂OSi₂ (416.20): C 74.94, H 7.74; found: C 75.06, H 7.81.

(2-Hydroxy-2-dimethylphenylsilyl)propyldiphenylphosphine oxide (7): Yield = 40 %; R_f =0.55 (AcOEt); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.37 (s, 3 H), 0.38 (s, 3 H), 1.34 (s, 3 H), 2.30 (dd, J=7.6, 15.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.75 (t, J= 15.0, 1 H), 4.66 (s, 1 H), 7.35–7.73 (m, 15 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-6.4, -6.3, 25.4, 36.0 (d, J=65.8 Hz), 66.4 (d, J=7.9 Hz), 127.7, 128.7 (d, J=11.3 Hz), 130.0, 130.3 (d, J=9.1 Hz), 131.6, 134.2 (d, J=95.2 Hz), 134.5, 135.8; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =35.37; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =3500, 1253, 1178, 1100 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%): 379 (2) [*M*+-Me], 320 (1), 202 (33), 185 (33), 135 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₃H₂₇O₂PSi (394.15): C 70.02, H 6.90; found: C 69.92, H 6.83.

2-Dimethylphenylsilylpropene (8a): see ref. [4].

(E)-1-tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl-2-trimethylsilylethene (8b): see ref. [3].

1-*tert*-**Butyldiphenylsilyl-1**-*trimethylsilylethene* (8c): Yield = 13%; $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.54 (hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -0.19 (s, 9H), 1.10 (s, 9H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.41 (m, 6H), 7.64–7.67 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.1, 19.0, 28.6, 127.4, 128.9, 136.2, 136.4, 145.1, 149.2; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1250, 1110, 840 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 338 (1) [M^+], 281 (35), 197 (23), 73 (100), 57 (94); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₁H₃₀Si₂ (338.19): C 74.48, H 8.93; found: C 74.53, H 9.05.

1-*tert***-Butyldiphenylsilyl-1-dimethylphenylsilylethene (8d)**: Yield = 16%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.45 (hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.35 (s, 6H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 6.74 (d, *J*=4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J*=4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.76 (m, 15 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =-1.5, 0.8, 19.0, 28.6, 127.3, 127.7, 128.8, 128.9, 131.4, 134.0, 135.2, 136.4, 147.2, 147.3; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1248, 1122, 885 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%): 343 (90) [*M*⁺], 265 (18), 197 (100), 181 (17), 135 (78), 105 (41), 57 (55); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₆H₃₂Si₂ (400.20): C 77.93, H 8.05; found: C 78.07, H 7.93.

(*E*)-1-*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl-1-trimethylsilylpropene (8e): Yield = 59%; $R_{\rm f}$ =0.35 (hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -0.12 (s, 9H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 7.41–7.44 (m, 7H), 7.80–7.84 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =1.4, 19.1, 22.2, 28.1, 127.3, 128.7, 136.1, 136.6, 136.8, 155.72; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ =1253, 1115, 810 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 337 (2) [*M*⁺-Me], 295 (100), 279 (1), 221 (12), 197 (78), 159 (45), 135 (55), 73 (6); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₂H₃₂Si₂ (352.20): C 74.93, H 9.15; found: C 75.11, H 8.99.

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