

291. 1,1-Disilyl-2-Alkenes: Preparation and Some Synthetic Applications

Preliminary communication¹⁾

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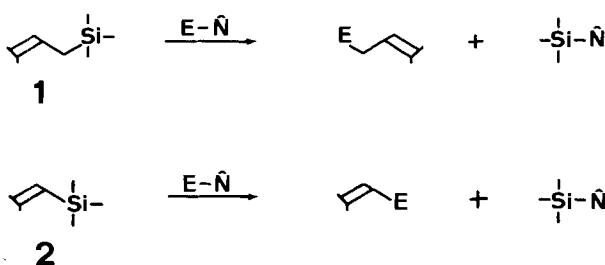
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Summary

Allyl sulfides and a selenide are metallated and silylated with chloro(pentamethyl)disilane. Treatment of the resulting disilanylmethyl sulfides **4** with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate furnishes 1,1-disilyl-2-alkenes **5** in good yields. Some synthetic possibilities of **5** are outlined.

The synthetic utility of allylsilanes **1** and vinylsilanes **2** has been amply demonstrated [1] (*Scheme 1*). Whereas there are convenient methods to prepare vinylsilanes²⁾, routes to allylsilanes³⁾ are mostly complicated and often leading to mixtures. We describe an easy way to convert allyl sulfides **3** and an allyl selenide *via* the corresponding disilanes **4** to substituted 1,1-disilyl-2-alkenes **5**. Based on the observation by Kumada of a facile disilane-disilylethane rearrangement⁴⁾ the

Schéma 1



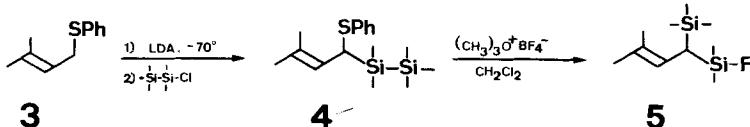
¹⁾ Part of these results were presented at the Fall Meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society, October 20th, 1978.

²⁾ From ketones [2a], from alkynes [2b].

³⁾ For a general method using 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethylidene(triphenyl)phosphorane [3]; hydrosilylation of cyclopentadiene [4]; allylmagnesium compounds and chlorosilanes [5]; by cycloadditions [6].

⁴⁾ $\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3\text{O} \\ | \\ \text{Si}-\text{Si}- \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{BCl}_3} \begin{array}{c} -\text{Si}- \\ | \\ \text{Si}-\text{Cl} \end{array}$ [7].

Scheme 2



approach of *Scheme 2* was developed. Metallation of the allyl compounds **3** [8] with lithium diisopropylamide at -70° for 30 min and quenching the resulting lithium compounds with chloro(pentamethyl)disilane [9] at -70° leads in excellent yield to the disilanes **4** (*Table*). Whereas metallation and silylation of (*Z*)-sulfide **3c** was not complete under the above standard conditions, only configurational pure (*Z*)-disilane **4c** was isolated besides some starting material.

When the disilanes **4** were stirred at RT. with 2.5 to 3 equiv. of trimethyl-oxonium tetrafluoroborate [13] in CH_2Cl_2 rearranged 1-(dimethylfluorosilyl)-1-(trimethylsilyl)-2-alkenes **5** were isolated in good yields (*Table*). The rearrangement occurs with high configurational stability of the allylic double bond. When rearranged under the above standard conditions, (*Z*)-disilane **4c** gave rise to the isolation of (*Z*)-**5c** contaminated by 7% of the (*E*)-isomer **5b**. Fluorine coupling constants in ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR. of **5a-d** are shown in *Scheme 3*. They are smaller than the coupling constants in fluoroalkanes.

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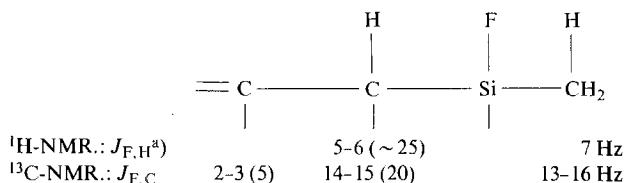
Sulfides resp. Selenide ^{a)}	Disilanes	Yield ^{b)}	Disilylalkenes	Yield ^{b)}
		4a 93%		5a 73%
		4b 96%		5b 74%
		4c 70%		5c ^{c)} 86%
		4d 90%		70%
		4e 91%		5d 93%
		4f 87%		58%

^{a)} Prepared from the corresponding bromides and sodium benzenethiolate [10], sodium methanethiolate or sodium benzeneselenolate [11]; the bromides were prepared from allylic alcohols [12].

^{b)} Yield of chromatographed pure material; analytical samples were prepared by short path distillation only.

^{c)} Mixture of **5c**:**5b** 93:7 by capillary GC.

Scheme 3

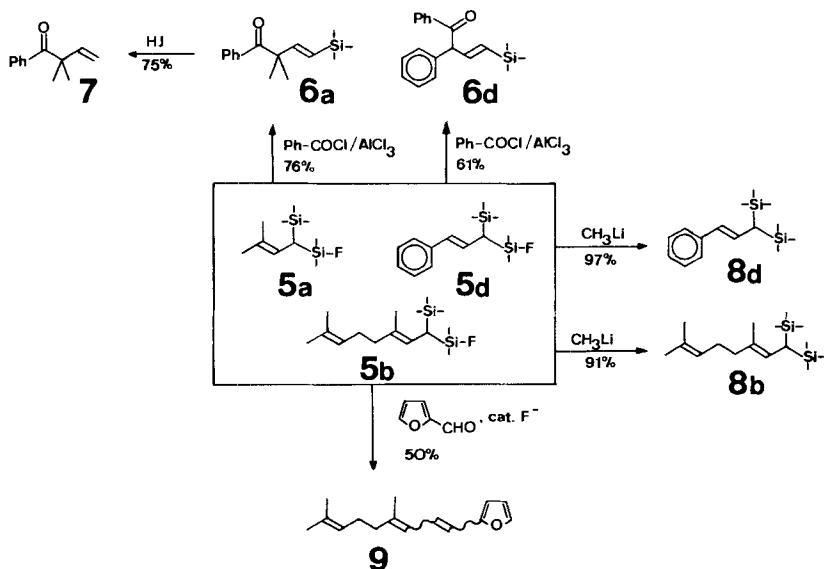


^{a)} In parenthesis are the corresponding coupling constants in the all-carbon skeleton [14].

The synthetic potential of disilylalkenes **5** is indicated in *Scheme 4*. Acylation of **5a** or **5d** with benzoyl chloride/aluminium trichloride [4] [15] at -70° in CH_2Cl_2 yields the corresponding (*E*)-vinylsilanes **6a** and **6d** (76% and 61% respectively). Vinylsilane **6a** was desilylated by hydrogen iodide in benzene [16] yielding **7** (75%). Treatment of **5b** and **5d** with 1.2 equiv. of methylolithium at -60° cleanly gave the bis(trimethylsilyl)alkenes **8b** and **8d** (91% and 97% respectively). Alternatively, when disilylalkene **5b** was heated under reflux in THF with 1.2 equiv. of furfural and a catalytic amount of tetrabutylammonium fluoride [17] the triene **9** was obtained in 50% yield as a mixture of (*E*)- and (*Z*)-isomers.

These few examples demonstrate the synthetic possibilities of the disilylalkenes **5**, especially the easy accessibility to (*E*)-vinylsilanes **6**, useful intermediates in organic synthesis [1].

Scheme 4



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292. A New Method for the Construction of Macrolides. Stereoselective Synthesis of (\pm)-Phoracantholide J

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Summary

Starting from 5-chloro-2-pentanone (**1**) the naturally occurring 10-membered lactone phoracantholide J (**8a**) has been synthesized as its racemate in a sequence of six steps (*Scheme 2*). Salient features of the synthesis include an internal selenium assisted acetal formation (**4**→**5**) and a stereoselective *Claisen* rearrangement (**6**→**7**→**8**). This general synthetic strategy offers an alternative approach towards the construction of macrocyclic lactones.