

The effective preparation of secondary amines bearing a vinylsilane functionality via the reaction of primary amines with α -chlorine-substituted allylsilanes catalysed by CuCl

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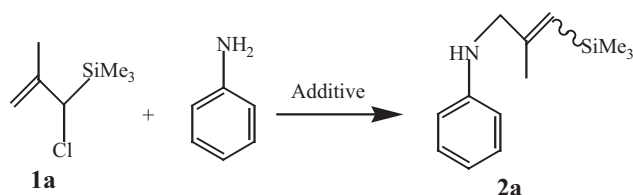
The reaction of α -chlorine-substituted allylsilanes with primary amines was promoted by CuCl to result in the selective formation of secondary amines bearing the vinylsilane functionality by a probable S_N2' -allylation keeping the silyl group intact.

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The preparation of secondary amines has commonly been accomplished by the reactions of primary amines with a range of electrophiles including alkyl halides. Alkylated secondary amines, however, tend to undergo further alkylation because of their enhanced nucleophilicity compared with that of the parent primary amines. Thus, primary amines usually incline to the formation of a complex mixture by multi-alkylation caused by reaction with electrophiles. Therefore, the selective formation of secondary amines has necessitated some manipulation in order to avoid multi-alkylation, such as the introduction of a protecting group on the nitrogen atom,¹ the use of primary amines in a large excess,² the effecting of reactions via π -allylpalladium complexes,³ and employment of a method utilising the intermediary generation of a reactive amide anion species.⁴

We have recently reported that a CuCl catalyst promoted the formation of the three-component coupling products of primary amines with α -halogen-substituted allylsilanes and electrophiles such as electron-deficient olefins, alkyl halides, alkyl tosylates or epoxides.⁵ In the present investigation, we have shown that the selective formation of secondary amines with an allyl group is readily brought about by the CuCl-catalysed reaction of primary amines with α -chlorine-substituted allylsilanes in the absence of another electrophile. A mixture of copper(II) perchlorate and copper metal has been reported to promote the reaction of allyl chlorides with amines to form allyl amines.⁶ In this previous method, however, use of the copper promoter in an equivalent amount was necessary, and the concomitant formation of diallylated amines in large amounts occurred. Allylamines are an interesting class of compounds leading to useful synthetic intermediates⁷ along with their physiological properties.⁸ Furthermore, the carbon-carbon double bond of the allyl group in the obtained secondary amines is substituted with a silyl group to constitute a vinylsilane functionality. Vinylsilanes are building blocks that allow versatile transformations by reactions with a range of electrophiles,⁹ e.g. acyl halides to form conjugated enones.

Initially, (1-chloro-2-methyl-2-propenyl)trimethylsilane **1a** was subjected to the reaction with aniline (3 equiv.) in a *t*-BuOH solution in the absence of a promoter as a control experiment. The result was a sluggish consumption of **1a** (700 min) and formation of the secondary amine **2a**, i.e., *N*-(2-methyl-3-trimethylsilyl-2-propenyl)aniline in a low yield (12%) (Table 1, run 1). Thus, activation of **1a** by a Lewis acid seems to be requisite for the effective allylation of aniline with **1a**. However, common Lewis acids may not bring about activation of halides owing to the complex-formation with amines and, furthermore, halogen-containing ones such as



Scheme 1

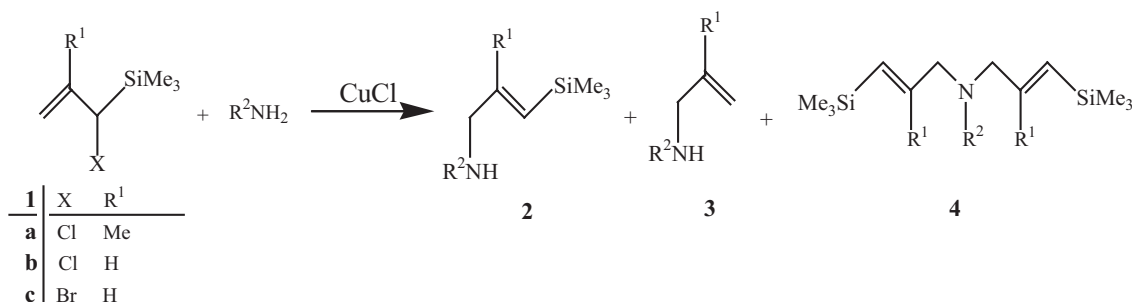
$TiCl_4$ are destroyed with protic compounds containing a N–H or O–H bond. Actually, the reaction of **1a** and aniline in the presence of $TiCl_4$ in a *t*-BuOH or CH_2Cl_2 solution resulted in no formation of **2a** along with recovery of **1a** (Table 1, runs 2 and 3, Scheme 1). The reaction in the presence of $B(OMe)_3$ also failed to give the enhanced formation of **2a** compared with the reaction without a promoter (Table 1, run 4). Next, copper(I) chloride was examined, resulting in the selective formation of **2a** (93%) along with accelerated consumption of **1a**. The catalytic activity of the copper(I) halide for the selective formation of **2a** proved to descend in the order chloride, bromide and iodide (Table 1, runs 5–7), and copper(II) chloride afforded a low yield of **2a** (Table 1, run 8). Furthermore, the reaction using a palladium catalyst, in which the formation of the allyl amine derivatives via a π -allyl complex might be expected,³ was examined. The result after the reaction in 200 min was only recovery of **1a** or the production of **2a** in a trace amount (Table 1, runs 9–11). From the above-mentioned results, it seems certain that copper(I) halide, especially chloride, does not diminish the nucleophilicity of the amine by formation of a complex, but rather it enhances the susceptibility of the α -chlorine-substituted allylsilane to nucleophilic attack by the amine.

Table 1 Effect of metallic species on the reaction of **1a** and aniline^a

Run No.	Additive	solvent	Time/min ^b	2a ^c Yield/% ^d
1	none	<i>t</i> -BuOH	700	12
2	$TiCl_4$	<i>t</i> -BuOH	100	0
3	$TiCl_4$	CH_2Cl_2	100	0
4	$B(OMe)_3$	<i>t</i> -BuOH	700	12
5	CuCl	<i>t</i> -BuOH	20	93(92) ^e
6	CuBr	<i>r</i> -BuOH	20	65
7	CuI	<i>t</i> -BuOH	20	20
8	$CuCl_2$	<i>t</i> -BuOH	20	25
9	$Pd(OAc)_2^f$	DMF	200	7
10	$Pd(OAc)_2^f$	<i>t</i> -BuOH	200	7
11	$Pd(OAc)_2^f$	CH_3CN	200	0

^aReaction conditions; **1a** (1 mmol), aniline (3 mmol), additive (0.2 mmol), solvent (2.5 ml). ^bTime at which **1a** was consumed. ^cA 3/1 mixture of (*E*) and (*Z*) stereoisomers. ^dDetermined by GC analysis. ^eDetermined by column chromatography isolation. ^fIn the presence of PPh_3 as a ligand.

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Scheme 2

We next investigated the effects of the molar ratio of aniline to **1a** on the formation of **2a**. While use of an equivalent amount gave only a moderate yield of **2a** (48%), use of aniline in two times excess brought about an almost quantitative yield of **2a** (92%).

The reactions of some α -halogen-substituted allylsilanes with a range of amines were performed under the best conditions examined above, *i.e.*, use of 2 equiv. of an amine and a CuCl catalyst (0.1 equiv.) in a *t*-BuOH solution. The results are collected in Table 2 (Scheme 2).

(1-Chloro-2-propenyl)trimethylsilane **1b** gave the corresponding secondary amine in an almost quantitative yield by the reaction with aniline in 20 min., similar to the case using **1a** (runs 1–2). The reactions of **1a** with aniline derivatives bearing alkyl substituents or the amines of aromatic systems other than benzene (*i.e.*, 2-naphthylamine and 2-aminofluorene) also gave the products of type **2** in excellent to good yields (runs 3–7). In the reaction of **1a** with aniline derivatives bearing an electron-withdrawing group (*i.e.*, nitro or cyano), however, a secondary amine **3** based on introduction of a 2-methylallyl group without a silyl group was selectively obtained (runs 8 and 9). The basicities of the aniline derivatives bearing these electron-withdrawing groups are low. Thus, hydrogen chloride generated by the reaction with **1a** is rather hard to trap with these amines and may promote desilylation of the product of type **2** to result in the formation of **3**. Also, in the reactions of **1a** with *o*-chloroaniline or *m*-anisidine, the products of type **3** were formed, although in low yields, along with the products of type **2**. Formation of **3** in these reactions probably results from the lower basicities of *o*-chloroaniline

(pKa = 2.65) and *m*-anisidine (pKa = 4.23) compared with aniline (pKa = 4.63).¹⁰ Next, alkyl amines instead of aromatic amines were subjected to the reaction with **1**. As a result, the reactions of **1a** with benzylamine, and **1b** with ethanolamine gave the products of type **2** in good yields, although formation of doubly alkylated tertiary amines **4** in trace amounts was observed (runs 12 and 13). Furthermore, the reaction of the α -bromine-substituted allylsilane **1c** with ethanolamine brought about diminution in the yield of the product of type **2** and increase of the product of type **4**, compared with the reaction of the α -chlorine analogue **1b** (runs 13 and 14). While **1c** disappeared after 3 hours in the reaction with ethanolamine in the absence of CuCl, **1b** was not consumed without CuCl in a reaction time of 3 hours (runs 16 and 17).

Finally, 2-methylallyl chloride was subjected to the CuCl-catalysed reaction with aniline in order to evaluate the effect of the silyl substituent. The result was promotion of multi-allylation compared with the reaction of **1a**, as revealed in Scheme 3.

The silyl group in **1** appears to allow avoidance of multi-allylation and promote the selective formation of the secondary amine.

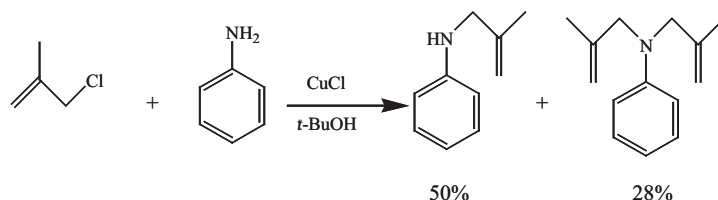
Experimental

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a JNM QX400 (400 and 100 MHz) spectrometer for solutions in CDCl₃ using TMS as internal standard ($\delta = 0$). MS and HRMS were obtained using Shimadzu GCMS-QP5000 and Hitachi M-80B GC-MS instruments equipped with a 30 m DB-1 column.

Table 2 Reaction of α -chlorine substituted allylsilanes with amines^a

Run No.	1	R ² NH ₂	Time/min ^b	Yield/% ^c			
				2	3	4	
1	a	PhNH ₂	20	a ^d	92	0	0
2	b	PhNH ₂	20	b	90	0	0
3	a	4-EtC ₆ H ₄ NH ₂	25	c ^d	90	0	0
4	a	2,4-Me ₂ C ₆ H ₃ NH ₂	25	d ^e	95	0	0
5	a	2,4,6-Me ₃ C ₆ H ₂ NH ₂	35	e ^f	90	0	0
6	a	2-naphthylamine*	45	f ^d	94	0	0
7 ^g	a	2-aminofluorene	20	g ^h	90	0	0
8	a	4-NO ₂ C ₆ H ₄ NH ₂	35	h	0	88	0
9 ⁱ	a	4-NCC ₆ H ₄ NH ₂	40	i	0	85	0
10 ^j	a	2-ClC ₆ H ₄ NH ₂	15	j ^d	62	31	0
11	a	3-MeOC ₆ H ₄ NH ₂	25	k ^j	72	25	0
12	a	PhCH ₂ NH ₂	40	l ^f	83	0	1.5
13	b	HO(CH ₂) ₂ NH ₂	60	m	88	0	1
14	c	HO(CH ₂) ₂ NH ₂	40	m	61	0	10
15 ^k	c	HO(CH ₂) ₂ NH ₂	180	m	65	0	13
16 ^k	b	HO(CH ₂) ₂ NH ₂	180 ^l	m	0	0	0

^aReaction conditions; **1a** (1 mmol), amine (2 mmol), CuCl (0.1 mmol), *t*-BuOH (2.5 ml) under reflux. ^bTime at which **1** was consumed. ^cDetermined by column chromatography isolation. ^d*E/Z* = 3/1. ^e*E/Z* = 2/1. ^f*E/Z* = 1/1. ^gConditions; **1a** (1 mmol)/amine (2 mmol)/CuCl (0.1 mmol)/EtOH (12 ml). ^h*E/Z* = 5/1. ⁱConditions; **1a** (0.5 mmol)/amine (2 mmol)/CuCl (0.1 mmol)/EtOH (2.5 ml). ^j*E/Z* = 4/1. ^kWithout CuCl. ^l**1b** was not consumed.



Scheme 3

CAUTION: The importation, manufacture and use of 2-naphthylamine for all purposes is prohibited in the UK due to its potent human carcinogenicity (COSHH Regulations).

An amine (2 mmol), **1** (1 mmol), CuCl (0.01 g, 0.1 mmol) and tert-BuOH (2.5 mmol) were added to a flask. The resulting solution was stirred under reflux. The reaction mixture was then poured into H₂O and extracted with Et₂O. After the solvent was mostly removed under reduced pressure, the residue was subjected to column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (1:2) as an eluent.

(**2a**, *E* and *Z* mixture): ¹H NMR δ 0.05 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 1.74 and 1.82 (s, 3H, MeC=CSi), 3.57 and 3.66 (s, 2H, CH₂C=CSi), 4.78 (s, 1H, NH), 5.40 and 5.43 (s, 1H, C=CHSi), 6.52–7.10 (m, 5H, phenyl); ¹³C NMR δ –0.3, 19.6, 25.2, 49.3, 53.1, 112.5, 117.9, 128.1, 128.7, 148.0, 152.3; MS (GC-EI) *m/z* (%) component A = 219 (M⁺, 27), 204 (42), 178 (22), 146 (49), 106 (100), 73 (65, 59 (28); component B = 219 (M⁺, 19), 204 (22), 178 (11), 146 (37), 106 (100), 73 (49), 59 (19); (Found: M⁺ 219.1473. C₁₃H₂₁NSi requires M, 219.1443).

(**2b**): ¹H NMR δ 0.05 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 3.68 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH=CSi), 3.90 (s, 1H, NH), 5.84 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H, C=CHSi), 6.04 (dt, ²*J* = 18.8 Hz, ³*J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CSi), 6.49–7.10 (m, 5H, phenyl); ¹³C NMR δ –0.4, 48.5, 112.6, 117.0, 128.6, 130.6, 142.6, 144.9; MS (GC-EI) *m/z* (%) 205 (M⁺, 30), 190 (28), 132 (100), 106 (81), 77 (46), 73 (68), 59 (46); (Found: M⁺ 205.1283. C₁₂H₁₉NSi requires M, 205.1285).

(**2c**, *E* and *Z* mixture): ¹H NMR δ 0.05 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃CH₂), 1.68 and 1.77 (s, 3H, MeC=CSi), 2.40 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 3.45 (s, 1H, NH), 3.49 and 3.59 (s, 2H, CH₂C=CSi), 5.34 and 5.40 (s, 1H, C=CHSi), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, aromatic C(2)H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, aromatic C(3)H); ¹³C NMR δ –0.3, 15.6, 19.3, 24.9, 27.5, 49.3, 53.2, 112.3, 127.5, 132.3, 145.7, 152.3; MS (GC-EI) *m/z* (%) component A = 247 (M⁺, 38), 232 (56), 206 (35), 174 (35), 134 (100), 83 (31), 73 (87), 59 (42); component B = 247 (M⁺, 18), 232 (17), 206 (10), 174 (20), 134 (100), 83 (18), 73 (46), 59 (25); (Found: M⁺ 247.1770. C₁₅H₂₅NSi requires 247.1755).

(**2d**, *E* and *Z* mixture): ¹H NMR δ 0.05 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 1.70 and 1.79 (s, 3H, MeC=CSi), 1.95 (s, 3H, aromatic C(4)Me), 2.09 (s, 3H, aromatic C(2)Me), 3.25 (s, 1H, NH), 3.55 and 3.62 (s, 2H, CH₂C=CSi), 5.36 and 5.40 (s, 1H, C=CHSi), 6.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, aromatic C(2)H), 6.74 (s, 1H, aromatic C(3)H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, aromatic C(3)H); ¹³C NMR δ –0.3, 17.1, 19.3, 20.0, 25.0, 49.3, 53.1, 109.4, 121.3, 125.5, 126.7, 130.2, 143.5, 152.4; MS (GC-EI) *m/z* (%) component A = 247 (M⁺, 36), 232 (31), 206 (8), 190 (11), 174 (55), 134 (100), 73 (64), 59 (37); component B = 247 (M⁺, 22), 232 (10), 206 (5), 190 (5), 174 (22), 134 (100), 73 (57), 59 (25); (Found: M⁺ 247.1759. C₁₅H₂₅NSi requires 247.1755).

(**2e**, *E* and *Z* mixture): ¹H NMR δ 0.05 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 1.75 and 1.77 (s, 3H, MeC=CSi), 2.11 (s, 3H, aromatic C(4)Me), 2.19 (s, 6H, aromatic C(2) and C(6)Me), 3.31 and 3.44 (s, 2H, CH₂C=CSi), 5.30 and 5.51 (s, 1H, C=CHSi), 6.70 (s, 2H, aromatic C(3) and C(5)H); ¹³C NMR δ –0.4, 18.1, 18.4, 20.4, 25.4, 53.8, 57.9, 123.1, 127.7, 129.0, 130.7, 143.4, 152.3; MS (GC-EI) *m/z* (%) component A = 261 (M⁺, 50), 246 (29), 188 (74), 148 (100), 134 (59), 91 (24), 73 (55), 59 (37); component B = 261 (M⁺, 20), 246 (7), 188 (30), 105 (100), 134 (28), 91 (13), 73 (30), 59 (24); (Found: M⁺ 261.1934. C₁₆H₂₇NSi requires 261.1911).

(**2f**, *E* and *Z* mixture): ¹H NMR δ 0.05 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 1.70 and 1.81 (s, 3H, MeC=CSi), 3.61 and 3.71 (s, 2H, CH₂C=CSi), 4.30 (s, 1H, NH), 5.42 and 5.44 (s, 1H, C=CHSi), 6.45–7.61 (m, 7H, naphthyl); ¹³C NMR δ –0.3, 19.7, 25.2, 49.2, 52.0, 104.0, 117.0, 119.2, 122.8, 124.1, 125.1, 126.0, 128.0, 128.1, 133.7, 142.8, 151.8; MS (GC-EI) *m/z* (%) component A = 269 (M⁺, 67), 254 (42), 196 (62), 156 (46), 127 (25), 92 (40), 73 (100), 59 (49); component B = 269 (M⁺, 40), 254 (21), 196 (48), 156 (65), 127 (33), 115 (26), 73 (100), 59 (52); (Found: M⁺ 269.1578. C₁₇H₂₃NSi requires 269.1597).

(**2g**, *E* and *Z* mixture): ¹H NMR δ 0.05 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 1.72 and 1.78 (s, 3H, MeC=CSi), 3.51 and 3.60 (s, 2H, CH₂C=CSi), 3.62 (s, 2H, fluorene CH₂), 3.87 (s, 1H, NH), 5.34 and 5.37 (s, 1H, C=CHSi),

6.43–7.44 (m, 7H, benzene ring); ¹³C NMR δ –0.3, 20.1, 24.9, 36.5, 49.3, 49.7, 108.6, 111.4, 117.7, 119.9, 124.0, 125.9, 127.7, 131.3, 141.4, 141.6, 144.4, 147.3, 152.0; MS (GC-EI) *m/z* (%) component A = 307 (M⁺, 94), 292 (59), 266 (51), 234 (33), 194 (64), 180 (36), 165 (47), 73 (100); component B = 307 (M⁺, 74), 292 (25), 266 (18), 234 (25), 194 (100), 180 (29), 165 (37), 73 (51); (Found: M⁺ 307.1785. C₂₀H₂₅NSi requires 307.1755).

(**3h**): ¹H NMR δ 1.71 (s, 3H, MeC=C), 2.95 (s, 1H, NH), 3.71 (s, 2H, CH₂C=C), 4.86 (s, 2H, C=CH₂), 6.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, aromatic C(2) and C(6)H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, aromatic C(3) and C(5)H); ¹³C NMR δ 20.3, 49.2, 111.1, 111.6, 126.2, 137.6, 140.6, 153.0; MS (DI) *m/z* (%) 192 (M⁺, 45), 177 (25), 151 (100), 130 (14), 105 (45), 76 (15), 55 (30); (Found: M⁺ 192.0917. C₁₀H₁₂N₂O₂ requires 192.0898).

(**3i**): ¹H NMR δ 1.63 (s, 3H, MeC=C), 3.58 (s, 2H, CH₂C=C), 4.42 (s, 1H, NH), 4.78 (s, 2H, C=CH₂), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, aromatic C(2) and C(6)H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, aromatic C(3) and C(5)H); ¹³C NMR δ 20.1, 49.0, 109.5, 111.6, 122.3, 114.5, 133.7, 133.9, 141.3; MS (GS-EI) *m/z* (%) 172 (M⁺, 62), 157 (71), 131 (100), 102 (19), 55 (23); (Found: M⁺ 172.0971. C₁₁H₁₂N₂ requires 172.0999).

(**2j**, *E* and *Z* mixture): ¹H NMR δ 0.06 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 1.68 and 1.79 (s, 3H, MeC=CSi), 3.59 and 3.67 (s, 2H, CH₂C=CSi), 4.23 (s, 1H, NH), 5.41 and 5.44 (s, 1H, C=CHSi), 6.46–7.13 (m, 4H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR δ –0.86, 20.0, 24.9, 49.1, 52.4, 110.5, 111.0, 116.6, 118.4, 127.1, 128.4, 143.6, 151.3; MS (GC-EI) *m/z* (%) component A = 255 [M(CI³⁵)⁺, 8], 253 [M(CI³⁵)⁺, 21], 238 (46), 180 (44), 140 (53), 73 (100), 59 (38); component B = 255 [M(CI³⁷)⁺, 10], 253 [M(CI³⁵)⁺, 28], 238 (33), 180 (53), 140 (76), 73 (100), 59 (30); [Found: M(CI³⁵)⁺ 253.1039. C₁₃H₂₀NSiCl requires 253.1052].

(**2k**, *E* and *Z* mixture): ¹H NMR δ 0.05 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 1.68 and 1.77 (s, 3H, MeC=CSi), 3.51 (s, 1H, NH), 3.58 and 3.61 (s, 2H, CH₂C=CSi), 3.61 (s, 3H, OMe), 5.34 and 5.39 (s, 1H, C=CHSi), 6.04 (s, 1H, aromatic C(2)H), 6.09–6.95 (m, 3H, aromatic C(4), C(5) and C(6)H); ¹³C NMR δ –1.0, 19.5, 24.9, 49.0, 52.9, 54.5, 98.2, 102.0, 105.4, 127.8, 129.3, 149.1, 152.0, 160.0; MS (GC-EI) *m/z* (%) component A = 249 (M⁺, 40), 234 (50), 176 (68), 136 (100), 73 (85); component B = 249 (M⁺, 30), 234 (25), 176 (42), 136 (100), 73 (48); (Found: M⁺ 249.1559. C₁₄H₂₃NOSi requires 249.1548).

(**2l**, *E* and *Z* mixture): ¹H NMR δ 0.07 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 1.67 and 1.79 (s, 3H, MeC=CSi), 3.06 and 3.14 (s, 2H, CH₂C=CSi), 3.61 (s, 2H, PhCH₂N), 3.98 (s, 1H, NH), 5.25 and 5.32 (s, 1H, C=CHSi), 7.18 (s, 5H, phenyl); ¹³C NMR δ –1.0, 19.9, 25.0, 53.0, 54.2, 58.2, 126.4, 127.3, 127.7, 128.0, 140.1, 153.2; MS (GC-EI) *m/z* (%) component A = 218 (6), 178 (10), 160 (14), 142 (35), 120 (24), 91 (100), 73 (68); component B = 218 (5), 178 (10), 160 (15), 142 (25), 120 (32), 91 (100), 73 (37); MS (GC-Cl) *m/z* component A = 234 (M + 1)⁺; component B = 234 (M + 1)⁺; [Found: (M – Me)⁺ 218.1369. C₁₃H₂₀NSi requires 218.1364].

(**2m**): ¹H NMR δ 0.05 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 2.61 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH₂OH), 2.80 (s, 2H, OH and NH), 3.08 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH=C), 3.53 (2H, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH₂OH), 5.62 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H, C=CHSi), 5.83 (dt, ²*J* = 18.8 Hz, ³*J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CSi); ¹³C NMR δ –1.0, 50.5, 54.2, 60.6, 123.1, 127.9; MS (GC-EI) *m/z* (%) 173 (M⁺, 8), 158 (10), 142 (36), 128 (17), 73 (100), 59 (42); (Found: M⁺ 173.3021. C₈H₁₉NOSi requires 173.3042).

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