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Synthesis of 3,3-Dialkoxy-2-trialkylsiloxypropenes

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Abstract—Silylation of 1,1-dialkoxy-2-propanones with trimethyl- and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chlorides and trifluoromethanesulfonates in the presence of triethylamine and/or 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene in various solvents leads to 2-trialkylsiloxypropenal acetals in up to 60% yield.

Oxyallyl cations have been used as intermediates in [4+3]-cycloaddition reactions for the synthesis of natural compounds as long as 40 years [1-3]. As a rule, they are generated from α -halo or α, α' -dihalo ketones [2]. Several communications have been published on the application for the same purposes of halogen-free substrates, specifically α -alkoxy-substituted trimethylsiloxyallyl cations I [3–7] which are obtained from trialkylsilyl enol ethers derived from α -keto acetals [3, 5–7]. The latter are usually prepared by silvlation of α -keto acetals **II** with chlorotrimethylsilane (IIIa) (Scheme 1). Here, deprotonation of acetals II is effected by lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) at -78°C [3, 5, 7]. Most frequently, silvl enol ethers formed in situ were brought into [4+3]-cycloaddition reactions [3, 6, 7]. The low yield of 7-membered cyclic products was sometimes explained by instability of initial sterically hindered silyl ethers [6]. Previously, acetals IV were synthesized mainly from dimethyl acetals [3, 5, 6]. Apart from chlorotrimethylsilane, higher chlorotrialkylsilanes IIIb and IIIc were used in some cases as silvlating agents [5, 7].

The physical properties, spectral parameters, and hydrolytic stability of trialkylsilyl ethers derived from methylglyoxal acetals have been studied insufficiently. Therefore, while continuing our studies of α -functionalized vinyl ethers and their heteroanalogs [8], we have developed a procedure which ensures preparation of 3,3-dialkoxy-2-trialkylsiloxypropenes in good yields and examined the stability of the products, depending on the synthesis and isolation conditions.

As substrates we used 1,1-diethoxy- and 1,1-dibutoxypropanones **Va** and **Vb** which were synthesized by the procedure reported by us previously [9]. We examined their silylation with chlorotrialkylsilanes and trialkylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonates in the presence of organic bases.

Triethylamine is known to be used most frequently as a base in the silylation of carbonyl compounds [10, 11]. However, the silylation with chlorotrimethylsilane in the presence of triethylamine requires fairly severe conditions (heating in boiling DMF for several hours) [12]. Dimethylformamide as solvent is also inconvenient, for its IR absorption is located at

Scheme 1.



I, III, R = Me(a), Et (b), *i*-Pr (c); IV, M = Li(a), $Me_3Si(b)$, $Et_3Si(c)$, (*i*-Pr)₃Si (d).

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Run no.	R ₃ SiX	R′	Amine (mol %) ^a	Solvent	Tempera- ture, °C	Reaction time, h	Yield, ^b %
1	Me ₃ SiCl	Et	Et_3N (82)+DBU (6)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	20	192	45 ^c
2	Me ₃ SiCl	Bu	Et_3N (100)+DBU (28)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	42	7	62
3	Me ₃ SiOTf	Bu	Et ₃ N (300)	CCl ₄	20	6	38
4	Me ₃ SiOTf	Et	Et ₃ N (186)	CCl_4	20	6	30
5	Me ₃ SiOTf	Bu	DBU (100)	$(CH_2Cl)_2$	82	1	60
6	Me ₃ SiOTf	Bu	DBU (100)	CCl ₄	75	4.5	53
7	t-BuMe ₂ SiCl	Et	Et_3N (140)+DBU (25)	CCl_4	75	18	0
8	t-BuMe ₂ SiCl	Bu	$Et_{3}N$ (140)+DBU (36)	CCl_4	75	13	0
9	<i>t</i> -BuMe ₂ SiOTf	Et	$Et_{3}N$ (140)+DBU (28)	CCl_4	75	12	52 ^d
10	<i>t</i> -BuMe ₂ SiOTf	Bu	Et_3N (140)+DBU (33)	CCl ₄	75	13	49 ^d
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Conditions of synthesis and yields of trialkylsilyl ethers $CH_2 = C(OSiR_3)CH(OR')_2$ (VIa-VId)

^a Fraction of the amine with respect to acetal V.

^b According to the ¹H NMR data.

^c Isolated by distillation.

^d After double distillation.

1650 cm⁻¹, i.e., in the region corresponding to absorption of the C=C bond in silyl enol ether VI. Our preliminary experiments showed that the system Me₃SiCl–Et₃N is hardly suitable for the silylation of ketones having a bulky substituent in the α -position: the yields were as low as 10–20%.

Scheme 2.

$$CH_3COCH(OR')_2 + R_3SiX$$

 $\xrightarrow{B} CH_2 = C - CH(OR')_2 + B \cdot HX$ VIa-VId

III. $R = Me, X = Cl (a); R_3 = t-BuMe_2, X = Cl (d); R = Me, X = OSO_2CF_3 (e); R_3 = t-BuMe_2, X = OSO_2CF_3 (f); V, R' = Et (a), Bu (b); B = Et_3N, DBU; VI, R = Me, R' = Et (a); R = Me, R' = Bu (b); R_3 = t-BuMe_2, R' = Et (c); R_3 = t-BuMe_2, R' = Bu (d).$

Taking into account generally accepted views on the mechanism of silylation of ketones [12–16], we tried to use a stronger base, 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU). Like 4-dimethylaminopyridine in the silylation of alcohols [13], DBU was added in a catalytic amount (5 to 38 mol %), and the liberated hydrogen chloride was bound with an equimolar or excess amount of Et_3N . In order to ensure preliminary enolization of keto acetals **V** and minimize polymerization of the product, Me₃SiCl was added last to the reaction mixture. As solvent we usually used carbon tetrachloride which does not dissolve triethylamine hydrochloride, and the latter separated as the upper liquid layer. We thus avoided additional treatment of the reaction mixture with a nonpolar solvent, as it was necessary with the use of DMF or CH_2Cl_2 as solvent [12, 16, 17]. The yields of trimethylsilyl ethers **VIa** and **VIb** reached 50–60% (see table, run nos. 1, 2).

Hergott and Simchen [18] compared the reactivity of silylating agents Me₃SiX toward cyclopentanone and diisopropyl ketone in the presence of Et₃N. According to the authors, the rate constant of the reaction with trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (X = OSO₂CF₃) is greater by 8 orders of magnitude than that found for X = Cl [18]. The reaction of keto acetals V with trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate in the presence of Et₃N under comparable conditions [11] afforded trimethyl silyl ethers **VIa** and **VIb** in only 30–38% yield (see table, run nos. 3, 4).

Insofar as a combination of Me_3SiOTf with DBU has been accepted as the most effective silylating system [19] and 1,2-dichloroethane is a solvent accelerating this reaction [11], we performed silylation of keto acetals **V** with Me_3SiOTf in dichloroethane in the presence of DBU. In fact, we observed increase in the reaction rate but not in the yield of the silylation product (see table, run no. 5). In a less polar solvent, carbon tetrachloride, the reaction rate was much lower (run no. 6).

We believe that the lower yield of trimethylsilyl ethers VIa and VIb in the silylation of ketones V, as compared to published data [11], is explained by

hydrolytic instability of the products. In some cases, readily hydrolyzable Me₃SiO group is replaced by more stable sterically crowded groups, e.g., by *t*-BuMe₂SiO [20] whose hydrolytic stability is greater by 4 orders of magnitude than that of Me₃SiO [21]. However, *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride reacts with sterically hindered alcohols much more slowly [22]. In the silylation with *t*-BuMe₂SiCl, imidazole [20] or 4-dimethylaminopyridine [13] is usually used as a base. We have found that no expected products are formed in reactions of keto acetals **V** with *tert*-butyl-chlorodimethylsilane in the presence of an equimolar amount of Et₃N and 25 mol % of DBU (see table, run nos. 7, 8). Analogous results were obtained previously in an attempt to effect silylation of cyclo-

propylsilane in the presence of triethylamine [22]. We succeeded in silvlating keto acetals V in the presence of DBU using *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate instead of t-BuMe₂SiCl. As a result, the corresponding silyl ethers VIc and VId were obtained in more than 50% yield (see table, run nos. 9, 10). As with trimethylsilyl ethers, washing of the reaction mixture with water (which is a typical procedure in the isolation of trialkylsilyl enol ethers [19, 21, 23]) turned out to be inadmissible. Therefore, as in [17, 19, 23], the reaction mixture was filtered through a layer of aluminum oxide or silica gel (to remove ammonium salts), which led to loss of up to 6% of the silvlation product. Trialkylsilvl ethers VI are fairly stable in the absence of traces of moisture. They can be distilled under reduced pressure and may be isolated in such a way in 50-60% yield.

pentanone and some other ketones with chlorotriiso-

EXPERIMENTAL

The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer (400 and 100.6 MHz, respectively) using CDCl₃ as solvent. The chemical shifts were measured relative to tetramethylsilane. The IR spectra were obtained on a Specord 75IR instrument from samples prepared as thin films. Gas chromatographic-mass spectrometric analysis was performed using an HP 5971A mass-selective detector (70 eV) coupled with an HP 5890 gas chromatograph (Ultra-2 column, 5% of phenylmethylsilicone, injector temperature 250°C; oven temperature programming from 70 to 280°C at 20 deg/min; carrier gas helium). All reagents were thoroughly dried and distilled just before use. Methylene chloride, carbon tetrachloride, and 1,2-dichloroethane were distilled over P2O5. Triethylamine was dried over KOH and distilled over calcium hydride. Chlorotrimethylsilane was distilled

in the presence of tributylamine to remove traces of hydrogen chloride. The reaction flask was flame-dried and filled with dry argon (which was preliminarily passed through H_2SO_4 and NaOH). All reactions and distillations were carried out under argon.

Reaction of 1,1-diethoxy-2-propanone (Va) with chlorotrimethylsilane (run no. 1). A mixture of 50 ml of methylene chloride, 3 g (0.029 mol) of triethylamine, 0.36 g (0.002 mol) of DBU, 5.06 g (0.035 mol) of 1,1-diethoxy-2-propanone (Va), and 2.72 g (0.025 mol) of chlorotrimethylsilane was stirred for 8 days at room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by IR spectroscopy, following disappearance of the carbonyl absorption band of the initial keto acetal and increase in the intensity of C=Cabsorption. When the reaction was complete, the mixture was filtered from the precipitated salt through a thin layer of silica gel (ICN Silica 60 Å, 63–200 μm, ICN Biomedicals), and the sorbent was washed with hexane-ethyl acetate (20:1). Removal of the solvent, followed by vacuum distillation, gave 3.7 g (49%) of 3,3-diethoxy-2-trimethylsilyloxypropene (VIa). The product was purified by preparative GLC using a PAKhV-07 chromatograph (injector temperature 170°C; oven temperature 90°C; 500×1-cm column packed with XE-60 on Chromaton N-AW-HMDS; carrier gas helium), bp 89°C (10 mm), $n_{\rm D}^{16.5} = 1.4180$. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.06 s (9H, SiMe₃), 1.05 t (6H, CH₃CH₂), 3.35 m and 3.45 m (4H, OCH₂), 4.14 s (1H, OCH), 4.40 s (1H, HC=), 4.46 s (1H, HC=). ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_{C} , ppm: 0.04 (CH₃, SiMe₃), 15.02 (CH₃), 61.64 (OCH₂), 92.17 (H₂C=), 100.37 (OCHO), 154.17 (COSi). Mass spectrum, m/z (I_{rel} , %): 218 (0) $[M]^+$, 174 (100) $[M - M]^+$ OC_2H_4]⁺, 159 (2), 145 (11) [*M* – SiMe₃]⁺, 129 (81) $[M - OSiMe_3]^+$, 115 (8) $[M - CH(OEt_2)]^+$, 103 (33) [CH(OEt)₂]⁺, 73 (66) [SiMe₃]⁺, 59 (22), 47 (28), 43 (17). IR spectrum, v, cm^{-1} : 2970 s, 2930 s, 2880 s, 1644 s (C=C), 1440, 1400, 1370, 1250 s (O-Si), 1100 s (O-Si), 1060 s, br (C-O-C), 850 s, 755 m. Found, %: C 54.85; H 10.03; Si 12.18. C₁₀H₂₂O₃Si. Calculated, %: C 55.0; H 10.15; Si 12.86.

Reaction of 1,1-dibutoxy-2-propanone (Vb) with chlorotrimethylsilane (run no. 2). A mixture of 30 ml of methylene chloride, 5.06 g (0.025 mol) of compound **Vb**, 2.53 g (0.025 mol) of triethylamine, 1.0 g (0.007 mol) of DBU, and 2.72 g (0.025 mol) of chlorotrimethylsilane was stirred for 7 h at 42°C. The mixture was filtered through a layer of aluminum oxide (Woelm neutral TLC, M Woelm Eschwege, Germany; preliminarily dried under reduced pressure), and the sorbent was washed with hexane–ethyl acetate (20:1). The solvent was distilled off, and the residue

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was distilled under reduced pressure to obtain 3.87 g (56%) of a fraction with $n_D^{17} = 1.4235$. After triple distillation, we isolated 3,3-dibutoxy-2-trimethylsiloxypropene (VIb) with bp 84°C (1 mm), n_D^{18} = 1.4295. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 0.2 s (9H, SiMe₃), 0.91 t (6H, CH₃, Bu), 1.38 m (4H, CH₂), 1.53 m (4H, CH₂), 3.39 m and 3.52 m (4H, OCH₂), 4.23 (1H, OCHO), 4.51 s (1H, HC=), 4.56 s (1H, HC=). Mass spectrum, m/z (I_{rel} , %): 274 (1) [M]⁺, 202 (39), 159 (17) [CH(OBu)₂]⁺, 144 (13), 129 (91), 115 (5) $[M - CH(OBu)_2]^+$, 103 (33), 73 (71) $[SiMe_3]^+$, 57 (100) $[Bu]^+$, 41 (57). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 2950 s, 2930 s, 2875 s, 1640 s (C=C), 1740, 1380, 1250 s (O-Si), 1100 s (Si-O), 1070 s, br (C-O-C), 850 s, 755. Found, %: C 61.87; H 10.91; Si 10.22. C₁₄H₃₀O₃Si. Calculated, %: C 61.26; H 10.02; Si 10.23.

Reaction of 1,1-dibutoxy-2-propanone (Vb) with trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (run no. 3). A mixture of 50 ml of carbon tetrachloride, 12.61 g (0.1248 mol) of Et_3N , and 9.23 g (0.0415 mol) of trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate was cooled to -20° C, and 8.4 g (0.0415 mol) of compound Vb was added. The mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and was stirred for 6 h at 20°C. The upper oily (salt) layer was separated, and the bottom layer (more mobile) was distilled under reduced pressure. The product was identical to compound VIb (run no. 2) in the ¹H NMR and IR spectra.

The reaction of 1,1-diethoxy-2-propanone (Va) with trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (run no. 4) was carried out as in the previous experiment using 0.0415 mol of compound Va, but the more mobile layer before distillation was passed through a small column charged with aluminum oxide to remove residual triethylamine and resinous impurities. The product was identical to compound VIa (run no. 1) in the ¹H NMR, IR, and mass spectra.

Reaction of 1,1-dibutoxy-2-propanone (Vb) with the system Me₃SiOTf–DBU–ClCH₂CH₂Cl (run no. 5). A mixture of 25 ml of 1,2-dichloroethane, 0.5 g (0.0025 mol) of acetal Vb, 0.38 g (0.0028 mol) of DBU, and 0.55 g (0.0025 mol) of trimethysilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate was stirred for 15 min at room temperature (23°C) and then for 1 h at 82°C. The product was identical in the ¹H NMR and IR spectra to compound VIb obtained in run no. 2.

Reaction of 1,1-dibutoxy-2-propanone (Vb) with trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate in the presence of DBU (run no. 6). The reaction was performed in carbon tetrachloride following the above procedure with 0.5 g (0.0025 mol) of acetal Vb; the mixture was heated at the boiling point (75°C); reaction time 4.5 h.

Reaction of 1,1-diethoxy-2-propanone (Va) with tert-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (run no. 9). Triethylamine, 1.77 g (0.0175 mol), DBU, 0.53 g (0.0035 mol), compound Va, 1.83 g (0.0125 mol), and tert-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, 3.49 g (0.0175 mol), were added to 40 ml of carbon tetrachloride. After heating for 12 h at 75°C, the mixture divided into layers. The upper (salt) layer was separated, and the bottom (mobile) organic layer was evaporated. The residue was subjected to double vacuum distillation to isolate 1.7 g (~52%) of 2-tert-butyldimethylsiloxy-3,3-diethoxypropene (VIc). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.15 s (6H, SiMe₂), 0.91 s (9H, CH₃, t-Bu), 1.19 t (6H, CH₃, Et, ${}^{3}J$ = 7 Hz), 3.49 d.q and 3.61 d.q (4H, OCH₂, ${}^{3}J = 7$ Hz), 4.26 s (1H, CH), 4.56 s (1H, HC=), 4.63 s (1H, HC=). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ_{c} , ppm: -4.77 (CH₃Si), 15.12 (CH₃, Et), 25.56 (CH₃, *t*-Bu), 61.49 (OCH₂), 91.89 (=CH₂), 100.24 (OCHO), 154.45 (=CO). Mass spectrum, m/z (I_{rel} , %): 215 (6) $[M - OEt]^+$, 203 (2), 159 (15), 145 (1) [M - $SiMe_2Bu-t]^+$, 129 (100) $[M - OSiMe_2Bu-t]^+$, 115 (25) [SiMe₂Bu-*t*]⁺, 103 (13) [CH(OEt)₂]⁺, 75 (20), 57 (21) $[C_4H_9]^+$. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 2980 s, 2970 s, 2920 s, 1640 s (C=C), 1470 m, 1360 m, 1250 s, br (O-Si), 1100 (O-Si), 1050 s, br (C-O-C), 820, 780. Found, %: C 59.78; H 10.48; Si 10.94. C₁₃H₂₈O₃Si. Calculated, %: C 59.95; H 10.83; Si 10.78.

Reaction of 1,1-dibutoxy-2-propanone (Vb) with tert-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (run no. 10). Triethylamine, 1.77 g (0.0175 mol), DBU, 0.62 g (0.0041 mol), compound Va, 2.5 g (0.0125 mol), and tert-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, 3.45 g (0.0175 mol), were added to 38 ml of carbon tetrachloride, and the mixture was heated for 13 h at 75°C. After cooling, the upper salt layer was separated, and the bottom organic layer was subjected to double vacuum distillation to isolate 1.9 g (~49%) of 2-tert-butyldimethylsiloxy-3,3-dibutoxypropene (VId), bp 114°C (1 mm), $n_D^{20} = 1.4385$. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.15 s (6H, SiMe₂), 0.9 s (9H, CH₃, *t*-Bu), 0.88 t (6H, CH₃, Bu), 1.34 (4H, CH₂), 1.53 (4H, CH₂), 3.41 m and 3.53 m (4H, OCH₂), 4.25 s (1H, CH), 4.55 s (1H, HC=), 4.62 s (1H, HC=). ¹³C NMR spectrum, $\delta_{\rm C}$, ppm: -4.7 (CH₃Si), 13.96 (CH₃, Bu), 19.49 (CH₂), 25.64 (CMe₃), 31.89 (CH₂), 65.7 (OCH₂), 91.92 (=CH₂), 100.36 (OCHO), 154.45 (=CO). Mass spectrum, m/z $(I_{\rm rel}, \%)$: 259 (1) $[M - Bu]^+$, 243 (1) $[M - OBu]^+$, 187 (3) $[M - OBu - C_4H_8]^+$, 171 (3), 159 (1) $[BuOCHOBu]^+$, 129 (100) $[M - BuO - 2Bu]^+$, 101

(5), 73 (8), 57 (27). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 2960 s, 2930 s, 2860 s, 1645 s (C=C), 1470 m, 1370 m, 1260 s, br (O–Si), 1100 s (O–Si), 1070 s, br (C–O–C), 830, 790. Found, %: C 64.58; H 11.73; Si 8.84. $C_{17}H_{36}O_3Si$. Calculated, %: C 64.50; H 11.46; Si 8.87.

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