

48.6 (C-3'), 52.0 (C-5'), 30.5 (C-6'), 55.7 (C-7'), 134.7 (C-8'), 114.5 (C-9'), 118.4 (C-10'), 110.2<sup>a</sup> (C-11'), 145.1 (C-12'), 136.9 (C-13'), 25.8 (C-14'), 80.2<sup>b</sup> (C-15'), 31.1 (C-16'), 32.7 (C-17'), 65.3<sup>c</sup> (C-18'), 36.5 (C-19'), 44.6<sup>d</sup> (C-20'), 63.9 (C-21'), 28.4 (C-22'), 47.7 (C-23'), 131.4 (C-2), 48.6 (C-3), 51.3 (C-5), 17.8 (C-6), 105.9 (C-7), 128.7 (C-8), 117.9 (C-9), 121.7 (C-10), 120.4 (C-11), 110.7<sup>a</sup> (C-12), 134.4 (C-13), 42.0 (C-14), 80.6<sup>b</sup> (C-15), 82.1 (C-16), 43.3 (C-17), 66.3<sup>c</sup> (C-18), 37.6 (C-19), 43.8<sup>d</sup> (C-20), 56.7 (C-21), 173.6 (C=O), 54.0 (CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 54.0 (OCH<sub>3</sub>) (a-d indicate assignments may be interchanged); CD (MeOH, c 0.7) Δε 0 (224 nm), -29.0 (230), -3.7 (243), -8.7 (265), 0 (287), -1.8 (308), 0 (325).

(b) When the addition of sodium acetate was left out of the preceding procedure and the reaction mixture (starting from 250 mg of 4) held at reflux for 1.5 h, the development of two less polar products was observed by TLC. The usual workup followed by PLC (silica; benzene-ethanol-NH<sub>3</sub>, 89:10:1) gave 48 mg (20%) of 2',16':16,17-dianhydrovobtusamine, 105 mg (43%) of 16,17-anhydrovobtusamine, 21 mg (8%) of 16-isovobtusamine 5, and 33 mg (13%) of vobtusamine 3.

2',16':16,17-Dianhydrovobtusamine had the following: *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.58 [emerald green (CAS)]; UV (MeOH) λ<sub>max</sub> 228, 275, 314 nm (log ε 4.45, 4.20, 3.92); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2840, 2800, 1725 cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass spectrum (265 °C), *m/z* 698 (M<sup>+</sup>, 22), 560 (23), 266 (30), 149 (64), 138 (100); <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 3.60 (3 H, s, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.00 (3 H, s, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.07 (1 H, s, H-17), 6.60-7.60 (7 H, m, aromatic protons); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (inter alia) 145.3 (C-2'), 43.7 (C-6'), 50.6 (C-7'), 102.0 (C-16'), 33.5 (C-22'), 52.3 (C-23'), 38.4 (C-14), 85.7 (C-15), 127.0 (C-16), 125.2 (C-17), 163.8 (C=O).

16,17-Anhydrovobtusamine had the following: *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.46 [blue (CAS)]; UV (MeOH) λ<sub>max</sub> 228, 263, 312 nm (log ε 4.52, 4.24, 3.98); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2840, 2800, 1725 cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass spectrum (250 °C), *m/z* 716 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 698 (14), 560 (16), 421 (14), 393 (27), 149 (37), 138 (74); <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 3.46 (3 H, s, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.02 (3 H, s, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.10 (1 H, s, H-17), 6.60-6.85 (3 H, m, H-9', H-10', H-11'), 7.05-7.60 (4 H, m, aromatic protons); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (inter alia) 27.8 (C-22'), 47.4 (C-23'), 130.0 (C-2), 84.5 (C-15), 127.3 (C-16), 125.8 (C-17), 163.8 (C=O).

**Based-Catalyzed Epimerization of Vobtusamine (3 → 5).** A solution of 15 mg (0.02 mmol) of vobtusamine (3) in 0.5 mL of tetramethylguanidine was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h under nitrogen, poured into water and extracted with ether. The crude reaction mixture showed a 68:32 HPLC ratio of 5 and 3.

**Registry No.** 2, 19772-79-3; 3, 84009-34-7; 3 (2',16':16,17-dianhydro), 84009-36-9; 3 (16,17-anhydro), 84009-37-0; 4, 84009-35-8; 5, 84048-13-5.

### Conjugate Addition of 1-(Phenylthio)-1-(trimethylsilyl)-2-propene to Unsaturated Ketones

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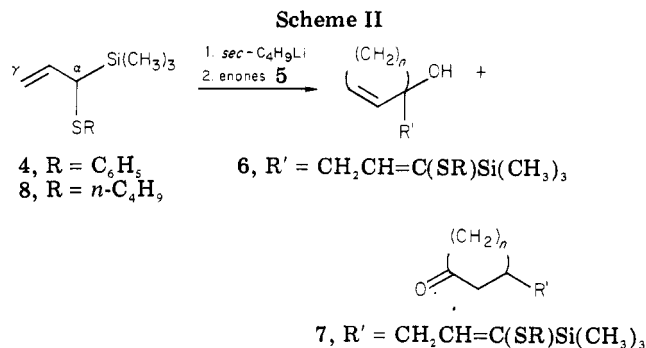
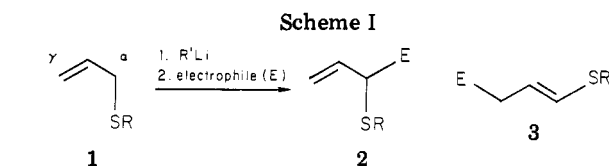
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The reactions of unsymmetrical, sulfur-substituted, allyllithium reagents 1 with alkyl halides,<sup>1</sup> epoxides,<sup>2</sup> and carbonyl compounds<sup>3</sup> proceed with predominant α re-

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gioselectivity to give adducts 2 rather than adducts 3 (Scheme I). Exceptions to this generalization include the reactions of (alkylthio)allylcopper reagents with allylic halides,<sup>3a,b</sup> (arylthio)allyllithium reagents with ketones in the presence of *N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine, hexamethylphosphoramide, or 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane,<sup>1a</sup> and the doubly metalated derivative of 2-propenethiol with various electrophiles.<sup>4</sup> In addition, the alkylation of various ketene dithioacetals exhibits similar γ regioselectivity in certain cases.<sup>5</sup> We recently demonstrated that 1-(phenylthio)-1-(trimethylsilyl)-2-propene (4) also exhibits γ regioselectivity in reactions with aldehydes and ketones,<sup>6</sup> and we now report the reactions of 4 with various unsaturated ketones.<sup>7</sup>

In contrast to the high degree of α regioselectivity noted for the addition of (arylthio)- or (alkylthio)allyllithium reagents to enones,<sup>3d</sup> the addition of the anion of 4 to enones 5 proceeds exclusively with γ regioselectivity. Also, unlike the results reported by Binns and Haynes,<sup>3d</sup> 1,4-addition predominates over 1,2-addition even in the absence of hexamethylphosphoramide. With 2-cyclohexenone (5a), the addition furnished the γ/1,2-adduct 6 and the γ/1,4-adduct 7 (Scheme II) in a 12:88 ratio in 75% yield in the presence of hexamethylphosphoramide and in a 22:78 ratio in 61% yield in the absence of hexamethylphosphoramide. Careful scrutiny of the crude product failed to reveal any of the α/1,2- or α/1,4-adducts. Although the same degree of γ regioselectivity was maintained in other enone reactions, the proportion of 1,2- and 1,4-addition varied in a manner that was not always predictable. For example, the addition of 4 to cyclopentenone (5c) or cycloheptenone (5d) led to the γ/1,2-adducts 6 and γ/1,4-adducts 7 in 50:50 and 48:52 ratios, respectively,

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Table I. Addition of Anions Derived from 4 or 8 to Enones 5

enone 5	anion of	% HMPA-THF	ratio of $\gamma/1,2$ and $\gamma/1,4$ products (% isolated yield)
2-cyclohexenone (5a)	4	5	12:88 (75)
3-methylcyclohexenone (5b)	4	5	57:43 (63)
cyclopentenone (5c)	4	5	50:50 (49)
cycloheptenone (5d)	4	5	48:52 (52)
5d	4	30	32:68 (63)
benzalacetone (5e)	4	5	59:41 (64)
5e	4	20	42:58 (65)
5e	8	5	53:47 (63)
chalcone (5f)	4	5	55:45 (75)

unlike the predominant  $\gamma/1,4$ -selectivity in the cyclohexenone case. These ratios did not change appreciably when 1-(*n*-butylthio)-1-(trimethylsilyl)-2-propene (8) was substituted for 4 in analogous additions or when the percentage of HMPA in the reaction medium was varied. Regeneration of the lithium alkoxide of the  $\gamma/1,2$ -adduct 6 ( $n = 3$ ) did not result in any of the  $\gamma/1,4$ -adduct 7, suggesting at least for this case that the 1,4-addition product is the result of kinetic control.<sup>3d</sup>

Although the presence or absence of copper(I) was reported to have little influence on the product distribution of reactions of (alkylthio)allyllithium reagents and enones,<sup>3b</sup> we elected to examine the organocuprates derived from 4. We noted that the addition of copper(I) salts, particularly cuprous cyanide, in the presence of trimethyl phosphite led unexpectedly to significant increases in the  $\gamma/1,2$ -adduct. For example, the addition of the organolithium derivative of 4 to chalcone led to the  $\gamma/1,2$ - and  $\gamma/1,4$ -adducts in a 55:45 ratio whereas the addition of the organocuprate of 4 led to the  $\gamma/1,2$ - and  $\gamma/1,4$ -adducts in a 95:5 ratio. We do not, as yet, understand the underlying reasons for the regioselectivity change, but clearly the generalization that copper(I) promotes conjugate additions must be interpreted with some caution in dealing with sulfur-containing organometallic reagents.

### Experimental Section

Infrared spectra were determined on a Beckman Microlab 600 spectrometer. The abbreviation TF denotes thin film. NMR spectra were determined on a JEOL 270-MHz spectrometer. Mass spectra were determined on either a Varian MAT CH5 or a Du Pont CEC 21-10B mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses were performed by Atlantic Microlabs, Atlanta, GA.

**General Procedure for the Addition of the Anion of 1-(Phenylthio)-1-(trimethylsilyl)-2-propene (4) to Enones. Addition to Cyclohexenone (5a).** To 287 mg (1.3 mmol) of 4 in 2.0 mL of THF at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  under a nitrogen atmosphere were added 1 mL of 1.31 M *sec*-butyllithium in cyclohexane and 0.1 mL of HMPA. The orange solution was stirred for 2 h, and 96 mg (1.0 mmol) of cyclohexenone (5a) in 0.5 mL of THF was added. The solution was stirred an additional 4 h and quenched with 1 mL of water. The product was diluted with ether, washed with water, dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and chromatographed on silica gel (1:3:5 ether-hexanes- $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) to afford the  $\gamma/1,2$ -product 6a: 9%;  $R_f$  0.38; IR (TF) 3396, 1582  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.11 (s, 9,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 2.76 (d,  $J = 7$  Hz, 2,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 5.6–5.9 (m, 2, vinylic ring H), 6.83 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 7.1–7.5 (m, 5, aromatic H); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  318 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 300, 222, 167; exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{OSSi}$   $m/e$  318.1474, found 318.1497.

Another band ( $R_f$  0.46) was eluted to afford the  $\gamma/1,4$ -product 7a: 66%; IR (TF) 1709, 1581  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.11 (s, 9,

$\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 6.61 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 7.1–7.5 (m, 5, aromatic H); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  318, 222, 209, 208, 167.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{OSSi}$ : C, 67.86; H, 8.23. Found: C, 67.65; H, 8.26.

**Adducts of 3-Methylcyclohexenone (5b).  $\gamma/1,2$ -Product 6b:** IR (TF) 3400, 1590  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.12 (s, 9,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 1.76 (s, 3, vinyl  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.74 (d,  $J = 7$  Hz, 2,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 5.44 (m, 1,  $\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)$ ), 6.84 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  (relative intensity) 332 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 222 (27), 221 (64), 167 (13); exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{OSSi}$   $m/e$  332.1631, found 332.1637.

**$\gamma/1,4$ -Product 7b:** IR (TF) 1706, 1583  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.10 (s, 3,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 1.05 (s, 3,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.76 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  (relative intensity) 332 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 2), 314 (53), 231 (100), 222 (30), 167 (7); exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{OSSi}$   $m/e$  332.1631, found 332.1628.

**Adducts of Cyclopentenone (5c).** The adducts were inseparable, and analysis of NMR signals for  $\text{SiMe}_3$  groups indicated a ca. 1:1 ratio of  $\gamma/1,2$ - and  $\gamma/1,4$ -adducts.

**Adducts of Cycloheptenone (5d).  $\gamma/1,2$ -Product 6d:** IR (TF) 3400, 1581  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.11 (s, 9,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 6.60 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  (relative intensity) 332 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 5), 314 (22), 222 (100), 167 (21); exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{OSSi}$   $m/e$  332.1631, found 332.1633.

**$\gamma/1,4$ -Product 7d:** IR (TF) 1698, 1581  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.11 (s, 9,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 6.60 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  (relative intensity) 332 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 52), 293 (19), 281 (35), 269 (29), 223 (21), 131 (99), 119 (100); exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{OSSi}$   $m/e$  332.1631, found 332.1636.

**Adducts of Benzalacetone (5e).  $\gamma/1,2$ -Product 6e:** IR (TF) 3420, 1580  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 0.11 (s, 9,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 1.51 (s, 3,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.89 (d,  $J = 7$  Hz, 2,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 6.37, 6.70 (2 d,  $J = 16$  Hz,  $\text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_5$ ), 6.83 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  367, 350, 222, 147, 73.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{OSSi}$ : C, 71.68; H, 7.66. Found: C, 71.52; H, 7.75.

**$\gamma/1,4$ -Product 7e:** IR (TF) 1715, 1582  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.01 (s, 9,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 2.09 (s, 3,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 6.49 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  368, 310, 222, 134, 73.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{OSSi}$ : C, 71.68; H, 7.66. Found: C, 71.76; H, 7.66.

**Adducts of Chalcone (5f).  $\gamma/1,2$ -Product 6f:** IR (TF) 3453, 1579  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.11 (s, 9,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 2.43 (s, 1, OH), 3.32 (d,  $J = 7$  Hz, 2,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 6.60, 6.89 (2 d,  $J = 16$  Hz, 2,  $\text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_5$ ), 6.80 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 7.1–7.6 (m, 15, aromatic H); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  (relative intensity) 412 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), 222, 209 (base), 105.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{30}\text{OSSi}$ : C, 75.30; H, 7.02. Found: C, 75.16; H, 7.07.

**$\gamma/1,4$ -Product 7f:** IR (TF) 1684, 1595, 1579  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.03 (s, 3,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 2.87 (m, 2,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 3.32 (d,  $J = 7$  Hz, 2,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COPh}$ ), 3.62 (m, 1,  $\text{CHPh}$ ), 6.50 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SPh})\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 7.2–8.2 (m, 15, aromatic H); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  (relative intensity) 430, 222, 105 (base).

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{30}\text{OSSi}$ : C, 75.30; H, 7.02. Found: C, 75.16; H, 7.06.

**1-(*n*-Butylthio)-1-(trimethylsilyl)-2-propene (8).** The procedure<sup>5</sup> described for the preparation of 4 was repeated with 28.6 g (0.22 mol) of allyl *n*-butyl thioether, 158 mL of 1.4 M *sec*-butyllithium (0.22 mol), and 52 g (0.48 mol) of chlorotrimethylsilane to afford 19.3 g (43%) of 8: bp 77–79  $^\circ\text{C}$  (3.8 mm); IR (TF) 1617  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.10 (s, 9,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 0.90 (m, 3,  $\text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.70 (d,  $J = 10$  Hz,  $\text{CHCH}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.85–5.15 and 5.55–5.8 (m, 3, vinylic H); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  (relative intensity) 202 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 16), 145 (51), 73 (100).

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{22}\text{SSi}$ : C, 59.33; H, 10.96. Found: C, 59.30; H, 11.01.

In addition, 16.8 g (37%) of (*E*)-1-(*n*-butylthio)-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1-propene was obtained: bp 88–89  $^\circ\text{C}$  (3.8 mm); IR (TF) 1600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.03 (s, 9,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 0.91 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 3,  $\text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$ ), 5.5–5.9 (m, 2, vinylic H); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  (relative intensity) 202 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 14), 145 (50), 73 (100).

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{22}\text{SSi}$ : C, 59.33; H, 10.96. Found: C, 59.36; H, 11.03.

**Addition of 1-(*n*-Butylthio)-1-(trimethylsilyl)-2-propene (8) to Benzalacetone (5e).** The procedure described for the addition of 4 to enones was repeated with 8 and 5e to afford  $\gamma$ /1,2-product: IR (TF) 3420, 1600, 1580  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.17 (s, 9,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 0.90 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 3,  $\text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.42 (s, 3,  $\text{C}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.15, 6.76 (2 d,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 2,  $\text{CH}=\text{CHPh}$ ), 6.35 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SC}_4\text{H}_9\text{-}n)\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 7.1-7.5 (m, 5, aromatic H); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  (relative intensity) 202 (50), 147 (100), 93 (24), 73 (69).

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{32}\text{OSSI}$ : C, 68.90; H, 9.25. Found: C, 69.09; H, 9.30.

$\gamma$ /1,4-Product: IR (TF) 1716  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.09 (s, 3,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 0.91 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 3,  $\text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.05 (s, 3,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 6.06 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{SC}_4\text{H}_9\text{-}n)\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 7.2-7.5 (m, 5, aromatic H); mass spectrum (70 eV),  $m/e$  (relative intensity) 348 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 13), 201 (100), 73 (98).

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{32}\text{OSSI}$ : C, 68.90; H, 9.25. Found: C, 69.08; H, 9.33.

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### Poly(ethylene glycol)-Grafted Copolymers as Synthetic Equivalents of Benzyltriethylammonium Chloride for Triphase Catalytic Alkylation<sup>1</sup>

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Benzyltriethylammonium chloride has enjoyed wide popularity as a catalyst for alkylation reactions in organic-aqueous hydroxide two-phase systems.<sup>2</sup> In an effort to expand the synthetic utility of this and related quaternary ammonium salts, attempts have recently been made to develop polymeric equivalents for use in analogous triphase conversions.<sup>3-5</sup> Commercial anion-exchange resins bearing pendant quaternary ammonium groups ex-

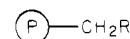
Table I. Monoalkylation of Phenylacetonitrile with 1-Bromobutane<sup>a</sup>

catalyst	conversion, %	yield, <sup>b</sup> %
none	0.3	0.3
I	96, 94, <sup>c</sup> 97 <sup>d</sup>	92
II	71	63
III	74	70
IV	58	55
V	30, 18 <sup>c</sup>	22
VI	24	22
VII	65	64
VIII	54	52
$\text{PhCH}_2\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{Cl}$	96	94

<sup>a</sup> Reaction of 0.82 mmol of phenylacetonitrile with 0.83 mmol of *n*-bromobutane plus 0.5 mL of 60% aqueous KOH and 0.05 mmol of catalyst for 1.5 h at 23 °C. <sup>b</sup> GLC yield. <sup>c</sup> Yield from reused catalyst. <sup>d</sup> Yield from second reuse of catalyst.

hibit modest triphase catalytic activity for C-alkylation of phenylacetonitrile.<sup>3</sup> Similar polymers have also been used successfully in alkylating benzyl methyl ketone.<sup>4</sup> Because of their susceptibility toward dequaternization, however, the ultimate value of these resins for practical organic synthesis appears questionable.<sup>6</sup> Polymer-supported crown ethers and cryptands can also function as triphase catalysts for alkylation reactions and are clearly preferable in terms of chemical stability and reusability.<sup>4</sup> They are, however, far more difficult and expensive to prepare.<sup>7-9</sup> In this paper we report synthetic results which show that simple poly(ethylene glycols) grafted to cross-linked polystyrene are remarkably active and stable triphase catalysts for the alkylation of nitriles, ketones, and alcohols.

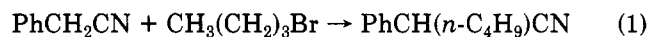
Resins I-VIII were prepared from commercial chloro-



polystyrene gel-1% divinylbenzene (200-400 mesh)

- I, R =  $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{10}\text{CH}_3$ ; 17% ring substitution
- II, R =  $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_7\text{CH}_3$ ; 17% ring substitution
- III, R =  $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{10}\text{CH}_3$ ; 52% ring substitution
- IV, R =  $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_7\text{CH}_3$ ; 52% ring substitution
- V, R =  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Cl}$ ; 17% ring substitution
- VI, R =  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Cl}$ ; 52% ring substitution
- VII, R =  $\text{OCH}_2\text{-18-crown-6}$ ; 20% ring substitution
- VIII, R =  $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{6.4}\text{H}$ ; 52% ring substitution

methylated polystyrene by using standard grafting procedures.<sup>10-13</sup> For comparison of their efficacies for promoting alkylation, the conversion of phenylacetonitrile to 2-phenylhexanenitrile was chosen as a standard reaction (eq 1). This transformation has been used extensively in



judging catalyst performance in both liquid-liquid two-

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