

(1 H, dt,  $J = 7.5, 1.2$  Hz, H-10), 6.81 (1 H, br d,  $J = 7.5$ , H-12), 3.62 (3 H, s,  $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.21 (1 H, br dt,  $J = 12.0, 2.3$  Hz, H-3 $\alpha$ ), 3.19 (3 H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 2.65 (1 H, s, H-21), 2.04 (1 H, ddd,  $J = 12.0, 11.0, 3.5$  Hz, H-3 $\beta$ ), 1.57 (1 H, m, H-14 $\alpha$ ), 1.40 (2 H, m, H-14 $\beta$ , H-15 $\alpha$ ), 0.91 (1 H, br dt,  $J = 12.5, 3.5, 1.0$  Hz, H-15 $\beta$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ; the chemical shift values in parentheses are those reported in ref 3a) 179.3 (179.4, C-2), 53.8 (53.8, C-3), 55.1 (55.2, C-5), 36.5 (36.5, C-6), 55.2 (55.1, C-7), 133.7 (134.0, C-8), 126.8 (126.9, C-9), 121.7 (121.8, C-10), 127.3 (127.5, C-11), 107.7 (107.8, C-12), 142.3 (142.4, C-13), 21.4 (21.4, C-14), 31.2 (31.2, C-15), 28.0 (28.0, C-16), 30.9 (30.9, C-17), 7.8 (7.9, C-18), 26.3 (26.3, C-19), 39.2 (39.3, C-20), 76.6 (76.7, C-21), 174.3 (174.4,  $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 51.3 (51.2,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 26.3 (26.3,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ); CD (MeOH)  $\Delta\epsilon +2.23$  (287 nm),  $+5.54$  (260), 0 (249),  $-10.42$  (231) [lit.<sup>3a</sup> (THF)  $\Delta\epsilon -3.22$  (287 nm),  $-8.51$  (260), 0 (250),  $+13.6$  (238)]. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : C, 71.32; H, 8.16; N, 7.56. Found: C, 71.26; H, 8.19; N, 7.50.

**Equilibration of 12 in Chloroform.** A 2-mL sample of a  $2 \times 10^{-2}$  M solution of 12 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  was kept at 35 °C. At 0.5, 1.6, 4.0, and 6.0 h, a  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the sample was recorded and the optical rotation measured. Ratios of 12/13/14/15 calculated from the areas of methoxy peaks and  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  at the appropriate time are reported: 0.5 h (92:5:3:1),  $-7.4^\circ$ ; 1.6 h (83:10:5:1),  $-10.2^\circ$ ; 4.0 h (72:20:7:1),  $-11.9^\circ$ ; 6.0 h (71:21:7:1),  $-12.4^\circ$ . No change in optical rotation of the solution was observed after this time.

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## Regioselective Functionalization of Heterocyclic Rings: Synthesis and Reactions of 1-Methyl-2-(trimethylsiloxy)pyrrole and 2-(Trimethylsiloxy)thiophene

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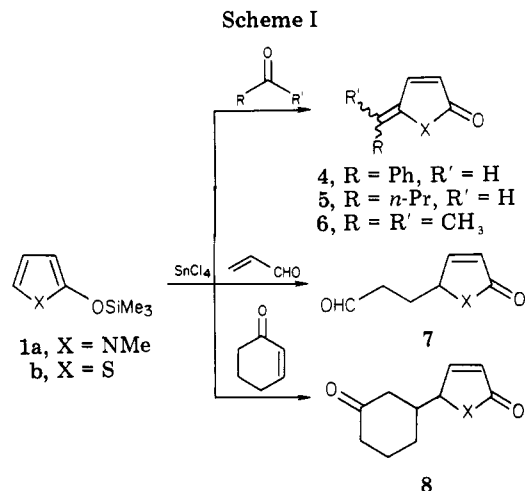
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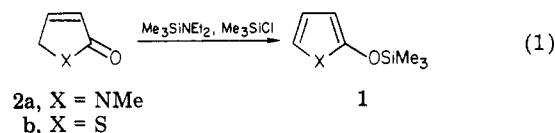
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Recently we reported a novel synthesis of 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan and its regiospecific functionalization with representative nucleophilic and electrophilic reagents.<sup>1</sup> We now report the synthesis of the previously unknown 1-methyl-2-(trimethylsiloxy)pyrrole (1a) and 2-(trimethylsiloxy)thiophene (1b) and their use as synthetic units for the preparation of regioselectively substituted unsaturated lactams and thiolactones.

Our approach involved interaction of amino and thio-silanes with 1-methylpyrrol-2(5H)-one (2a) and thiophen-2(5H)-one (2b). Thus, addition of (diethylamino)-trimethylsilane ( $\text{Me}_3\text{SiDEA}$ ) to an equimolar amount of

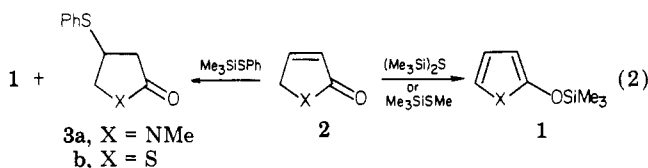


pyrrolone 2a, under mild conditions, gave 1a in 70% yield (eq 1). From 2b, following the same procedure, 1b was



detected in the reaction mixture at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  but rapidly decomposed at room temperature, probably owing to the presence of diethylamine produced during the reaction. Addition of 2 equiv of trimethylchlorosilane ( $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl}$ ) and 1.2 equiv of  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiDEA}$  to 2b gave 1b in 65% yield, after distillation, as a colorless oil that could be kept indefinitely under an inert atmosphere.

In contrast with the behavior of 2(5H)-furanone with the same reagents, no products of nucleophilic substitution at position 4 were isolated in these reactions with 2a and 2b. The action of  $\text{PhSSiMe}_3$  on 2a and 2b again resulted in the formation of 1a and 1b, but sizable amounts of the 4-substituted products 3a and 3b were also recovered from the reaction mixture<sup>2</sup> (eq 2); with  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiSSiMe}_3$  and



$\text{Me}_3\text{SiSMe}$ , on the other hand, siloxy compounds 1a and 1b were predominant, and only trace amounts of the corresponding 4-substituted products were detected by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis.

Both 1a and 1b behave as heterocyclic analogues of siloxy dienes; in the presence of  $\text{SnCl}_4$  or  $\text{AlCl}_3$  as Lewis acid catalysts, they reacted with various carbon electrophiles to give, after a hydrolytic workup, methylenepyrrolones or -thiophenones 4a,b with benzaldehyde, 5a,b with butyraldehyde, and 6a,b with acetone (Scheme I). Compounds 4a and 5a were mixtures of *Z* and *E* isomers in an approximate 1:1 ratio as revealed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra: in fact, the signals of the unsaturated and heteroaromatic protons showed a multiplicity which was unaffected by spin decoupling experiments, suggesting the presence of two geometrical isomers. No attempts were

(2) On carrying out the reaction with  $\text{PhSH}$  and 2a or 2b, without solvent, 3b was obtained after 6 h at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  in 75% yield, but 3a was identified in a complex reaction mixture arising after warming at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 h.

(3) Attempts to use a fluoride ion catalyst led to complex products and were abandoned.

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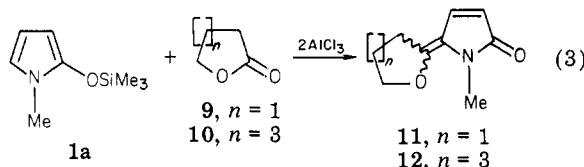
Table I. Products of Regioselective Functionalization of 1a and 1b with Carbon Electrophiles

compd <sup>a</sup>	Lewis acid (mmol)	reaction time, h (temp, °C)	chromatog eluent <sup>b</sup>	% yield	MS (M <sup>+</sup> ), m/e	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (CDCl <sub>3</sub> /Me <sub>2</sub> Si), δ
4a <sup>c</sup>	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (3)	1 (-78), 6 (25)	MeCN/EtAc (10/1)	45	185	3.21 (s, 3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 6.29 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, CH-CO), 6.30 (d, 1 H, J = 6.5 Hz, CH-CO), 6.45 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, Ph-CH), 6.47 (d, 1 H, J = 6.5 Hz, Ph-CH), 7.4 (m, 6 H, aromatic and =C-CH)
4b <sup>d</sup>	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (3)	1 (-78), 48 (25)	n-Hex/EtAc (15/1)	57	188	6.34 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, CH-CO), 7.03 (s, 1 H, Ph-CH), 7.4 (m, 5 H, aromatic), 7.66 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, =C-CH)
5a <sup>c</sup>	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (3)	1 (-20), 6 (25)	n-Hex/EtAc (1/5)	84	151	0.9 (m, 3 H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.5 (m, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 2.3 (m, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> -C=), 3.10 (s, 3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 5.4 (m, 1 H, CH=C), 6.18 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, =C-CO), 6.19 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, =C-CO), 7.22 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, =C-CH), 7.24 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, =C-CH)
5b <sup>d</sup>	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (3)	1 (-20), 1 (25)	MeOH	46	154	1.0 (m, 3 H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.5 (m, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 2.3 (m, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> -C=), 6.3 (br, 2 H, CH=C and CH-CO), 7.51 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, =C-CH)
6a	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (3)	6 (-78)	n-Hex/EtAc (5/1)	68	137	1.95 (s, 3 H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.10 (s, 3 H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.23 (s, 3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 5.90 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, CH-CO), 7.12 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, =C-CH)
6b	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (3)	1 (-78), 16 (25)	n-Hex/EtAc (1/1)	60	140	2.05 (s, 3 H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.15 (s, 3 H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 6.30 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, CH-CO), 7.85 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, =C-CH)
7a	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (0.15)	2 (-78)	MeOH	48	153	1.9-2.5 (br, 4 H, CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> ), 2.98 (s, 3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.1 (m, 1 H, CH-N), 6.2 (m, 1 H, =CH-CO), 7.0 (m, 1 H, =C-CH), 9.8 (m, 1 H, CHO)
7b	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (0.15)	4 (-78)	n-Hex/EtAc (1/1)	38	156	1.8-2.3 (br, 4 H, CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> ), 4.4 (m, 1 H, CH-S), 6.1 (m, 1 H, =CH-CO), 7.3 (m, 1 H, =C-CH), 9.6 (m, 1 H, CHO)
8a	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (3)	1 (-78)	n-Hex/EtAc (1/2)	38	193	1.5-2.5 (br, 9 H, cyclohexanone), 2.86 (s, 3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.2 (m, 1 H, CH-N), 6.2 (m, 1 H, =CH-CO), 7.1 (m, 1 H, =C-CH)
8b	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (3)	2 (-78)	n-Hex/EtAc (1/5)	83	196	1.5-2.7 (br, 9 H, cyclohexanone), 4.6 (m, 1 H, CH-S), 6.3 (m, 1 H, =CH-CO), 7.5 (m, 1 H, =C-CH)
11	AlCl <sub>3</sub> (7)	1 (-78), 24 (25)	Me <sub>2</sub> CO/n-Hex (5/1)	41	165	1.9-2.3 (br, 4 H, (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ), 3.37 (s, 3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.4 (m, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> -O), 5.94 (d, 1 H, J = 5 Hz, =CH-CO), 7.01 (d, 1 H, J = 5 Hz, =C-CH)
12	AlCl <sub>3</sub> (7)	1 (-78), 24 (25)	Me <sub>2</sub> CO/n-Hex (2/1)	68	193	1.6-1.9 (br, 6 H, (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ), 2.4 (m, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> -C=), 3.30 (s, 3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.1 (m, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> -O), 6.31 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, CH-C=O), 7.06 (d, 1 H, J = 6 Hz, =C-CH)

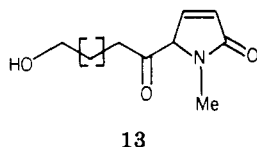
<sup>a</sup> Elemental analyses (C, H, N) for all compounds were within  $\pm 0.3\%$  of the calculated values. <sup>b</sup> Separation for all compounds was carried out by PTLC except for 11 and 12 (purified by Chromatospac and column chromatography, respectively). <sup>c</sup> Mixture of *Z* and *E* isomers in 1:1 ratio on <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. <sup>d</sup> Only one geometrical isomer was detectable at <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.

made to separate these compounds by TLC. With acrolein and 2-cyclohexenone, the 1,4-addition products **7a,b** and **8a,b** were obtained in good to high yields (38–83%). In all cases the substitution reactions were regiospecific in that only C-5 was attacked, no reaction being seen at C-3.

Whereas  $\text{SnCl}_4$  proved to be the most effective Lewis acid catalyst in the functionalization of **1a** and **1b** with all the carbonyl electrophiles, the corresponding reaction with saturated lactones was successful only with **1a** in the presence of 2 equiv of  $\text{AlCl}_3$ . Moreover only  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone (**9**) and  $\epsilon$ -caprolactone (**10**) were found to react to give, after a hydrolytic workup, compounds **11** and **12** (eq 3).



Most likely compounds **11** and **12** were generated through compound **13** which undergoes intramolecular cyclization under the acidic workup conditions.



The regiospecific electrophilic substitution at position 5 of 2(5*H*)-pyrrolone and 2(5*H*)-thiophenone ring systems starting from the corresponding siloxy heterocycles appears synthetically attractive, being somewhat simpler than the methods previously reported in the literature for compounds listed in Table I<sup>4-6</sup> and much more general in that it can be extended to a much wider range of electrophiles.

The general scope and the limits of this reaction are currently being considered.

### Experimental Section

Boiling points were uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer R-32 90-MHz spectrometer; chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  units downfield from internal  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ . IR spectra were recorded in  $\text{CCl}_4$  or as a liquid film with NaCl cells on a Perkin-Elmer 283 spectrophotometer; mass spectra and GC/MS were determined on a Varian Matt 111 instrument equipped with an OV-101 5% column. Preparative TLC were carried out on E. Merck silica gel F plates and visualized by ultraviolet lights; column chromatography was carried out with a 25-cm column filled with silica gel containing  $\text{CaSO}_4$  or with a Jobin Yvon Chromatospac preparative column with silica gel (H-60, 15  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Microanalysis was performed with a Perkin-Elmer 240 C analyzer. Compounds **1a** and **1b** were prepared according to Baker<sup>7</sup> and Hawkins,<sup>8</sup> respectively; the silylating reagents are commercially available from Aldrich Chemical Co. and Fluka AG chemicals.

**1-Methyl-2-(trimethylsilyloxy)pyrrole (1a).** To a cooled solution (0 °C) of 1.45 g (10 mmol) of  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiDEA}$  in dry  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (2 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere and with magnetic stirring was added a solution of 0.97 g (10 mmol) of **2a** dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, and the conversion was judged, by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and GC analyses, to be complete after 12 h. Evaporation of the crude reaction mixture followed by vacuum distillation afforded **1a**: 1.18 g (70% yield); bp 64–65 °C (7.5 mmHg); IR ( $\text{CCl}_4$ ) 3100, 2960, 1250, 920, 870,

840  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.35 (s, 9 H, Si ( $\text{CH}_3$ )<sub>3</sub>), 3.41 (s, 3 H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 5.25 (m, 1 H, heterocyclic ring), 5.93 (m, 1 H, heterocyclic ring), 6.17 (m, 1 H, heterocyclic ring). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{15}\text{NOSi}$ : C, 56.80; H, 8.87; N, 8.28. Found: C, 56.62; H, 8.89; N, 8.27.

**2-(Trimethylsilyloxy)thiophene (1b).** To a cooled solution (–78 °C) of 5.00 g (50 mmol) of **2b** and 10.8 g (100 mmol) of  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl}$  in dry  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (25 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere and with mechanical stirring was added a solution of 7.25 g (50 mmol) of  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiDEA}$  in 25 mL of dry  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  dropwise. After 4 h at –78 °C, GC analysis of the reaction mixture again revealed the presence of **2b** that was completely converted into **1b** by addition of 1.08 g (7 mmol) of  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiDEA}$ .  $\text{Et}_3\text{NH}\cdot\text{HCl}$  was filtered off and the solvent evaporated to give, after vacuum distillation, **1b**: 5.59 g (65% yield); bp 50–52 °C (0.75 mmHg); IR ( $\text{CCl}_4$ ) 3080, 2960, 1570, 1250, 870, 840  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.38 (s, 9 H, Si( $\text{CH}_3$ )<sub>3</sub>), 6.15 (m, 1 H, heterocyclic ring), 6.55 (m, 1 H, heterocyclic ring), 6.70 (m, 1 H, heterocyclic ring). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{12}\text{OSSi}$ : C, 48.82; H, 6.98. Found: C, 48.68; H, 6.99.

**General Procedure for the Preparation of 3a and 3b.** An equimolar mixture of  $\text{PhSSiMe}_3$  and **2a,b** was maintained at room temperature under nitrogen and with magnetic stirring for 10 h. Compounds **1a** and **1b** were removed under vacuum, affording crude **3a,b** which were further purified by fractional distillation.

**3a:** bp 75 °C (0.03 mmHg); 60% yield; IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\text{CO}}$  1695  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CCl}_4$ )  $\delta$  2.75 (s, 3 H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.2–3.4 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CO}\text{-CH}_2$ ), 3.7–3.9 (m, 2 H,  $\text{N}\text{-CH}_2$ ), 3.9–4.2 (m, 1 H,  $\text{CH}\text{-S}$ ), 7.40 (m, aromatics); MS,  $m/e$  207 ( $\text{M}^+$ , base). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOS}$ : C, 63.77; H, 6.27; N, 6.75. Found: C, 63.96; H, 6.26; N, 6.73.

**3b:** bp 113–115 °C (0.11 mmHg); 45% yield; IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\text{CO}}$  1705  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  2.3–3.0 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CO}\text{-CH}_2$ ), 3.2–3.7 (m, 2 H,  $\text{S}\text{-CH}_2$ ), 3.7–4.1 (m, 1 H,  $\text{S}\text{-CH}$ ), 7.45 (m, 5 H, aromatics); MS,  $m/e$  210 ( $\text{M}^+$ , base). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{OS}_2$ : C, 57.13; H, 4.75. Found: C, 57.29; H, 4.74.

**General Procedure for the Regioselective Functionalization of the Heterocyclic Rings 1a and 1b with Electrophiles.** To a cooled (–78 °C) solution of 3 mmol of **1a** or **1b** and of the appropriate electrophile (3 mmol) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL) under an argon atmosphere and with magnetic stirring was rapidly added the required amount of Lewis acid catalyst (see Table I). The hydrolytic workup with HCl 0.1 N solution followed by evaporation of the organic layer afforded crude substituted unsaturated lactams and thiolactones 4–12, which were obtained as colorless or yellow oils after purification by PTLC or column chromatography on silica gel (see Table I). Only compounds **4a** and **4b** slowly solidified on standing to waxy materials.

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### A Short Synthesis of 4,5-Methanochrysene and 6-Oxo-7-oxabenz[a]pyrene,<sup>1</sup> Two Benzo[a]pyrene Analogues

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Methylated polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons are often more carcinogenic than the parent derivatives. It is known that the bay region methylated 5-methylchrysene (**1**) is a

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