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Preparation and termination of carbosilane dendrimers based on a siloxane tetramer as a core molecule: silane arborols, part VIII¹

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Abstract

Starting with 2.4,6.8-tetramethyl-2.4.6.8-tetravinyl-2.4.6.8-tetrasila-1.3.5.7-tetraxoxeyclocatane (Mc(CH₁=CH)SiO)₂ as a core molecule, a succession of alternate platinum-catalyzed hydrosilations of all vinyl groups with HSiMcCl₂, as well as alkenylation with allylmagnesium bromide, provided the third generation (G3) as divergent growth of siloxane-based dendrimers. The reaction path of the repetitive allylation/hydrosilation cycles is controlled with NMR spectroscopic analyses. Each of the two steps provided quantitative yields of pure dendrimers. We also changed the simple construction of the G3P molecule into materials with special functions, such as by adding phenylethynyl and p-bromophenoxy groups on its periphery. 0 1997 Elsevier Science S.A.

1. Introduction

Since the pioneering reports on dendritic macromolecules by Denkenwalter et al. [2] and Tomalia and Dewald [3] in 1985, several synthetic pathways to dendrimers have been developed. A literature research shows that the number of publications in this field has increased exponentially over the last decade [4]. These dendritic macromolecules have a unique structure which is characterized by a high degree of branching originating from a core molecule. Recently, the emphasis has shifted from simple construction of macromolecules with dendritic topology to materials with specific functions and exhibiting intriguing supramolecular phenomena. These applications include nano-scale catalysts, agents for delivering drugs into cells, chemical sensors, high performance polymers, and molecular antennae for absorbing light energy [5-7].

The first preparation of the carbosilane dendrimers reported by van der Made and co-workers was performed by repetitive alkenylation/hydrosilation cycles [8]. Seyferth and co-workers prepared the carbosilane dendrimers containing vinyl groups and ethynyl groups coordinated with Co.(CO)₈ on its periphery [9]. Polysiloxane dendrimers were prepared by Kakimoto

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and co-workers by the use of a convergent process [10]. To date, most of the synthetic methodologies for silicon-containing dendrimers have been demonstrated by repeating units possessing considerable flexibilities [11,10]. In the current paper, we also describe a convenient synthetic way to obtain carbosilane dendrimers, based on quantitative hydrosilation/alkenylation cycles [12,13]. These suggest that the dendrimeric growth has been limited. Eventually, this process will result in surface saturation, which will prevent further growth from all branch points so that the dendrimer will no longer be monodispersed. For example, the reaction of hexaallylethylenedisilane ((CH, =CHCH,),SiCH,), with HSiCl, in the presence of a platinum catalyst (Pt-activated carbon) did not completely form a molecule containing 18 Si-Cl bonds, but the reaction of it with HSiMeCl, in the same conditions completely formed dendrimeric carbosilane ((Cl,SiCH,CH,CH,),-SiCH₁), containing 12 Si-Cl bonds. Moreover, the dendrimeric generation from hexaallylethylenedisilane with HSiMeCl, and allylmagnesium bromide was limited to G3 with 48 allylic end groups [13]. In this report, we wish to introduce a synthetic method and characterization of carbosilane dendrimers with 2,4,6,8-tetramethyl-2,4,6,8-tetravinyl-2,4,6,8-tetrasila-1,3,5,7-tetraoxacyclooctane (MeCH,-CHSiO), as a core molecule and using a hydrosilation/alkenylation cycle. We provide a simple construction of these molecules into materials with specific functions, such as intriguing supra-

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G3



Scheme 1.



molecular phenomena, with phenylethynyl and pbromophenoxy groups on its periphery.

2. Results and discussion

The basic procedure for the preparation of each generation of carbosilane dendrimer is outlined in Scheme 1 and Fig. 1. The synthesis of our silane dendrimers begins with the exhaustive hydrosilation of vinyl groups in 2,4,6,8-tetramethyl-2,4,6,8-tetravinyl-2,4,6,8-tetrasila-1,3,5,7-tetraoxacyclooctane with HSiMeCl, in the presence of a platinum catalyst (10% Pt content on activated carbon). The reaction proceeds

to give GIP with four terminal SiMeCl₂ groups in quantitative yield. In the next step, the G1 generation is prepared by the use of 8 equiv. of allylmagnesium bromide in quantitative yield. Then the allyl groups in G1 are hydrosilylated with dichloromethylsilane in the presence of a platinum catalyst. Next, these groups are treated with allylmagnesium bromide to produce the G2 dendrimer with 16 allylic end groups. By hydrosilation, the G2 dendrimer can be converted into G3P with 32 Si-Cl end groups. In general, hydrosilation of the Gn molecule with HSiMeCl, in the presence of a platinum catalyst (10⁻⁴-10⁻⁵ mol per double bond) in THF gave **GnP** (n = 1-3) in quantitative yields as a colorless oil or glass, while reaction procedures of GnP to Gn



(n = 1-3) by the use of a Grignard reaction also gave quantitative yields. The hydrosilation/alkenylation procedures are followed by NMR spectroscopic analyses of the reaction mixture. We also found that a platinum catalyst gives a 1.2-adduct with high regiospecificity. Thus, the reaction of **G0** with 4 equiv. of HSiMeCl₂ in the presence of Pt-C at room temperature for 12h produced only the hydrosilation product **G1P**. No other structure was detected in the reaction mixture by ¹H and ¹³C NMR. A similar reaction of other **G***n*-type (n = 1-3) dendrimers with MeSiHCl, afforded the corresponding hydrosilation products. In contrast to this, the reaction of **G0** and **G1** in the presence of a platinum catalyst in refluxing toluene for 12h produced a small amount of dehydrogenative coupling products [14]. However, at room temperature these products were not found. We also investigated the solvent effect on the rate of the hydrosilation of **Gn** (n = 0-3) dendrimers with HSiMe_{3-n}Cl_n (n = 1-3) in the presence of a platinum catalyst in various solvents, such as pentane, tolucne, Et₂O, and THF, and found that the polarity of the solvent influences markedly the rate of the hydrosilation in this system. When G1 was treated with HSiMeCl₂ in THF at room temperature, G2P was completely formed in 12h. In toluene, however, under the same conditions we found unreacted G1. By increasing the amount of the catalyst and raising the reaction temperature the rates of reaction were accelerated considerably.

We found that the termination reaction of G3P with lithium phenylacetylide and *p*-bromophenol provided intriguing end groups on its periphery. There is continuing research from dendrimeric topology on materials with specific functions. The reaction of G3P, containing 32 Si-Cl end groups, with lithium phenylacetylide in refluxing THF proceeds readily and completely to G3P-PA, which contains 32 alkynyl groups. After simple chromatography on silice gel with chloroform as an eluent, the pure product was observed by NMR spectroscopy (¹H and ¹³C). Similarly, the reaction of G3P with *p*-bromophenol in the presence of TMED gave G3P-BP as a pure substance. Both compounds possessed similar spectral patterns to one of the previously obtained analogs [15].

UV-vis, IR and ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic determinations of Gn generations (n = 1-3), as well as G3P-PA and G3P-BP, clearly indicate the presence of ethenyl, phenylethynyl, and bromophenoxyl groups respectively on the periphery of the given dendrimers. The ¹H NMR spectra reflect the transition from GnP to Gn generations: there are three main signals in the region of 0 ppm for MeSi groups, 0.45-1.55 ppm for CH, groups, and multiplets at 4.81 and 5.76 ppm for

protons of characteristic allylic double bonds for Gn molecules (while the formation of GnP makes the resonance attributed to Gn disappear); for GnP generations, signals in the region of 0 ppm for MeSi groups and 0.77 ppm for MeSiCl₂ groups are found (Tables 1 and 2). In the ¹³C NMR spectra, three kinds of methyl carbon atom, attached to G1, G2 and G3 silicon atoms, could be distinguished in the region of -6.3 to - 1.2 ppm. These ¹³C spectra were clearly separated in Gn and GnP molecules. The peaks of the methylenyl groups were observed at 4.21-21.5 ppm for GR molecules and at 4.37-25.91 ppm for GnP molecules with sharp single signals, which implied high purity of these dendrimers (Tables 1 and 2). NMR spectroscopy is a valuable tool for monitoring the growth and subsequent surface modification reactions of the dendrimers, whereas the sensitivity of the integration is an assessment of the structural perfection and purity of the dendrimers at each stage of the generations. Information concerning the perfect building, block of Gn (n = 1-3) dendrimers can be obtained, for example, by directly comparing its UV absorption spectra at λ_{max} (between 214 and 220 nm). The increasing number of double bonds for each generation is in direct proportion to the molar absorption coefficient (ε_{max} , see Table 3). We expect a good possibility of determining molecular mass of these types of dendrimer by the use of these phenomena. The characterization of large molecules like dendrimers is a difficult task. For general organic and inorganic compounds, the technique based on mass

Table 1 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscooic data of Gn- type dendrimers measured in CDCI

Compound		MeSi	CH 2	$CH_2 = *$	CH=*
GO	'H	0.24 (q, 3H)		6.01 (m, 12H)	
	¹³ C	-0.80		133.50	136.12
Gl	'H	-0.01 (s, 12H, G1)	0.42 (m, 16H)	4.86 (m, 16H)	5.76 (m, 8H)
		0.07 (s, 12H, 00)	1.58 (dd, 16H, G1, J = 8.0 H ²)		
	"C	-6.34 (G1)	4.21, 8.96 (G0)	113.09	134.69
		- 1.39 (G0)	21.10 (G1)		
G2	'н	-0.06 (s. 12H, G1)	0.40 (m, 16H, G0)	4.81 (m, 32H)	5.75 (m, 16H)
		-0.01 (s. 24H, G2)	0.58 (m. 32H, G1)		
		0.08 (s. 12H, G0)	1.32 (m. 16H, GI)		
			1.56 (d. 32H, G2 $J = 8.0$ Hz)		
	¹³ C	- 5.71 (G2)	5.16, 9.21 (G0)	113.05	134.77
		- 5.51 (G1)	17.99, 18.19, 18.24 (G1)		
		- 1.53 (G0)	21.49 (G2)		
G3	Ч	-0.07 (s, 36H, G1, G2)	0.40 (m, 16H, G0)	4.81 (m, 64H)	5.86 (m, 32H)
		-0.01 (s, 48H, G3)	0.59 (m, 80H, G1-G2)		
		0.07 (s, 12H, G0)	1.31 (m, 64H, G2)		
			1.52 (d, 64H, G3 J = 8.0 Hz)		
	^D C	- 5.67 (G3)	5.28 (G0)	113.07	134.78
		-4.96 (Gi, G2)	9.09 (G0)		
		- 1.21 (G0)	17.99, 18.28 (G2)		
			18.54 (G1, G2)		
			18.81 (G1)		
			21.50 (G3)		

⁴ Multiplet for CH₂ =CH- viewed characteristic allylic signals.

Table 2	
¹ H and ¹³ C NMR spectroscopic data of GnP-type dendrimer	s mea-
sured in CDCl ₂	

Compound		MeSi	MeSiCl ₂	CH2
GIP	'н	0.15	0.78	0.69 (m, 8H)
		(s, 12H)	(s, 12H)	
				1.00 (m, 8H)
	¹³ C	-1.40	8.04	4.37
				13.68
G2P	'н	-0.02	0.77	0.43 (m, 16H)
		(s, 12H, G1)	(s, 244)	
		0.08		0.67 (m, 16H)
		(s, 12H, GG)		
				1.22 (m, 16H)
				1.54 (m, 16H)
	вС	-5.61 (G1)	5.50	4.87 (G0)
		- 1.36 (G0)		9.11 (G0)
				16.88 (G1)
				17.31 (G1)
				25.91 (G1)
G3P	'н	-0.06	0.77	0.41 (m, 16H, GO)
		(s, 12H, G1)	(s, 48H)	
		-0.01		0.62
		(s, 24H, G2)		(m, 80H, G1, G2)
		0.07		1.21 (m, 32H, G2)
		(s, 12H, G0)		
				1.54 (m, 32H, G2)
	¹³ C	– 5.56 (G1)	5.48	5.22, 9.22 (G0)
		- 5.49 (G2)		17.31, 17.48 (G2)
		- 1.31 (G0)		18.27, 18.45
				18.64 (G1)
				25.89 (G2)

spectrometric techniques and colligative properties can be used to determine molecular mass. For our dendrimeric molecules, the use of the above technique is not advisable because of the high number of the molecular mass. In spite of the above difficulties, a reliable characterization of our dendrimers has been achieved by using a variety of techniques.

(1) Each of the generation steps was accurately monitored by ¹H NMR spectroscopic techniques. For the products of the **G***n*-family obtained in each growth step, the ratio of alkenyl end groups to MeSi-groups in the NMR spectra was consistent with the expected formulation. Also, the **G***n***P**-family obtained in each generation step with the perfect disappearance of alkenyl groups of **G***n* generations and the ratio of MeSi resonance signals to the multiplets of methylenyl chains proved the expected formula.

Table 3
UV spectroscopic data of Gn-type depertments measured in hexage

(2) Each **G***n* generation was purified by chromatographic techniques.

In conclusion, dendrimers with various branching points resulted in totally different physical properties. Perfect building on the periphery of given dendrimers can be observed by NMR and UV spectroscopic techniques. Such synthetic routes will greatly enhance studies on these new materials.

3. Experimental

3.1. General procedures

All reactions and manipulations were carried out under a dried N₂ atmosphere that had been passed through three columns $(4.0 \times 100 \text{ cm}^2)$ of molecular sieves (3 Å), CaCl, and KOH, Ether and THF were dried by distillation from the blue solution of sodiumbenzophenone ketyl, and solvents such as pentane and tolucne were dried and distilled from Na-K28 amalgam. Glassware was dried under vacuum with ca. 100 °C/10⁻² Torr. 2,4,6,8-Tetramethyl-2,4,6,8-tetravinyl-2,4,6,8-tetrasila-1,3,5,7-tetraoxacyclooctane purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. was dried by molecular sieves (4 Å). Hydrosilanes (HSiMeCl, and HSiCl,) were used after reduced distillation before each experiment. Platinum catalysts (Pt on activated carbon, 10% Pt content) were used after vacuum drving at room temperature. NMR spectra were measured using samples in CDCl₃ solution: ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 200.13 MHz and ¹³C NMR spectra at 50.32 MHz using a Bruker AC-200 spectrophotometer. FT-IR spectra were measured by IFS 55 (Bruker). UV spectra were measured using an HP 8452A diode array UV-vis spectrophotometer. Elemental analyses were performed by the Seoul Branch of the Korean Basic Science Institute

3.2. GIP

A mixture of 3.70 g (10.37 mmol) of **G0**, 7.41 g (64.38 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) of HSiMeCl₂ and 0.10g of dried platinum catalyst (Pt on activated carbon, 10% Pt content) in 25 ml THF was stirred for 12h at room temperature. When the reaction was complete according

Compound	No. of double bonds χ	Conc. $\times 10^{-4}$ (mol 1 ⁻¹)	λ _{max} (nm)	$\varepsilon_{\rm max}$ (1 mol ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹)	$\varepsilon_{\rm max}/\chi$
G0	4	49.20	212	430	107
Gl	8	18.10	214	1370	171
G2	16	6.56	220	2890	181
G3	32	3.30	218	6069	196
G3P-BP	_	1.69	230	15312	-
G3P-PA	-	1.93	266	14253	

to ¹H NMR, excess HSiMeCl₂ and THF were removed under vacuum. The catalyst was filtered off in pentane and the pentane was evaporated, leaving 8.49 g (9.95 mmol; 93%) of GIP (MeSiCH₂CH₂SiMeCl₂Ol₄ as a clear, colorless oil, which was very sensitive to moisture. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table 2.

3.3. GI

103 mmol of allylmagnesium bromide (76 ml of 1.36 M solution in ether, 1.3 equiv.) was slowly added to 8.49 g (9.95 mmol) of G1P in 25 ml THF. After the addition was finished, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. When the reaction was complete according to 'H NMR, solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The magnesium salt was precipitated in 150 ml pentane and filtered off. The volatile components were removed under reduced pressure, leaving 8.10g of a colorless liquid. All portions of the resulting compounds were chromatographed on silica gel with chloroform as product, a n eluent. The G 1 (MeSiCH₂CH₂SiMe(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂O)₄, was obtained as a clear, colorless oil (5.10 g, 6.00 mmol, 60%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table 1, analytical data in Table 4, IR spectroscopic data in Table 5, and UV spectroscopic data in Table 3.

3.4. G2P

A mixture of 4.28 g (5.03 mmol) of G1, 6.94 g (60.36 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) of HSiMeCl₂ and 0.08 g of a dried platinum catalyst (Pt on activated carbon, 10% Pt content) in 25 ml THF was stirred for 12h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h. When the reaction was complete according to ¹H NMR, excess HSiMeCl₂ and THF were removed under vacuum. The catalyst was filtered off in pentane and the pentane was evaporated, leaving 8.55 g (4.83 mmol, 96%) of G2P (MeSiCH₂CH₂SiMe(CH₂CH₂SiMe(CH₂CH₂)) a clear, colorless oil, which was very

Table 4 Elemental analysis data of **Gn**-type dendrimers

Compound	Mw	Analysis (found/calcd.) (%)		
		C	н	
G1 (C40 H80 Si8O4)	849.76	56.74/56.54	9.42/9.49	
G2 (C, H19, SinO1)	1859.95	61.94/61.98	10.41/10.42	
G3 (C 108 H 116 Si 1, O1)	3881.12	63.95/64.36	10.77/10.82	
G3P-BP	8070.04	45.06/45.24	5.37/4.81	
(C 104 H 104 Si 1, Br 1, O 16)				
G3P-PA	5802.08	76.04/76.17	7.17/7.24	
(C368H416Si32O4)				

Table 5 IR spectroscopic data of G*n*-type dendrimers ($\nu_{C=C}$) measured in KBr near

Compound	$\nu_{C=C}$ (cm ⁻¹)		
GO	1597.5		
G1	1630.5		
G2	1630.2		
G3	1630.5		
G3P-BP	1876.4 (aromatic)		
G3P-PA3	1595.7 (aromatic)		

^a G3P-PA; $\nu_{C=C} = 2161.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

sensitive to moisture. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table 2.

3.5. G2

100 mmol of allylmagnesium bromide (61 ml of 1.65 M solution in ether, 1.3 equiv.) was added slowly to 8.55 g (4.83 mmol) of G2P in 25 ml THF. After the addition was completed, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. When the reaction was complete according to H NMR, the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The magnesium salt was precipitated in pentane and filtered off. The volatile components were removed under reduced pressure, leaving 8.2 g of a colorless liquid. All of the resulting compounds were chromatographed on silica gel with chloroform as an eluent. The product, G2 MeSiCH, CH, SiMe-(CH₂CH₂CH₂SiMe(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂)₂O)₄, was obtained as a clear, colorless oil (6.85 g, 3.68 mmol, 76%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table I, analytical data are in Table 4, IR spectroscopic data in Table 5, and UV spectroscopic data in Table 3.

3.6. G3P

A mixture of 6.02 g (3.23 mmol) of **G2**, 8.92 g(77.52 mmol) of HSiMeCl₂ and 0.20g of a dried platinum catalyst (Pt on activated carbon, 10% Pt content) in 25 ml THF was stirred for 24h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2h. When the reaction was complete according to ¹H NMR, excess HSiMeCl₂ and THF were removed under vacuum. The catalyst was filtered off in pentane and the pentane was evaporated, leaving 11.76g (3.18 mmol, 96%) of **G3P** MeSiCH₂CH₂SiMe(CH₂CH₂CH₂SiMe(CH₂CH₂-CH₂SiMeCl₃)₂O)₄ as a clear, colorless oil, which was very sensitive to moisture. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table 2.

3.7. G3

21 mmol of allylmagnesium bromide (13 ml of 1.65 M solution in ether) was slowly added to 1.84 g

3.8. G3P-PA

i2.48 mmol (1 M in THF) of lithium phenylacetylide solution was added slowly to 2.17g (1.04 mmol) of G3P in 25 ml toluene. After the addition was completed, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 4 h. When the reaction was complete according to ¹H NMR, the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. All of the resulting compounds were chromatographed on silica gel with chloroform as an eluent. The product G3-PA was obtained as a clear, yellow-brown glass (2.10 g, 0.73 mmol, 70%). ¹H NMR (ppm): -0.15 (s, 12H, MeSi, G1), -0.03 (s, 24H, MeSi, G2), 0.05 (s, 12H, MeSi, G0), 0.35 (m, 16H, CH₂, G0), 0.39 (s, 48H, MeSi, G3), 0.69 (m, 48H, CH2, G1), 0.90 (m, 32H, CH2, G2), 0.94 (m, 32H, CH2, G2), 1.55 (m, 32H, CH₂, G2), 7.23–7.48 (m, 160H, Ph). ¹³C NMR (ppm): -5.40 (MeSi, G0-G2), -1.03 (MeSi, G3), 18.05 (CH₂, G1-G2), 18.38 (CH₂, G1-G2), 18.71 (CH₂, G0), 20.67 (CH₂, G1-G2), 90.12 (=CSi), 106.38 (=CPh), 122.76 (C_{auart}), 128.19 (C-o), 128.76 (C-p), and 132.10 (C-m). IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 1595.7 (ν_{aromatic}), 2161.6 ($\nu_{C=C}$), and 3079 (ν_{C-H}). UV (in cyclohexane): λ_{max} 266 nm, ε_{max} , 14 250 l mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd. for C₃₆₈H₄₁₆O₄Si₃₂: C, 76.17; H, 7.24. Found: C, 76.04; H. 7.17.

3.9. G3P-BP

12.48 mmol of bromophenol solution (1 M in THF) was added slowly to 2.17g (1.04 mmol) of G3P in 25 ml toluene (in the presence of 5 ml of TMED). After the addition was completed, the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h. When the reaction was complete according to ¹ H NMR, the solvents and unreacted TMED were removed under reduced pressure. The TMED · HCl salt was precipitated in pentane and filtered off. All the resulting compounds were chromatographed on silica gel with chloroform as an eluent. The product G3-BP was obtained as a clear, colorless glass (1.38 g, 0.37 mmol, 71%). ¹H NMR (ppm): -0.16 (s, 24H, MeSi, G0–G1), 0.05 (s, 24H, MeSi, G2), 0.18 (m, 16H, CH₂, G1–G2), 0.92 (m, 32H, CH₂, G2), 1.37 (m, 32H, CH₂, G2), 6.67 (m, 64H, Ph-o), 7.30 (m, 64H, Ph-m), ¹³C NMR (ppm): -5.25 (MeSi, G0–G1), -3.79 (MeSi, G3), 17.08 (CH₂, G0), 16.44 (CH₂, G1), 17.93 (CH₂, G0–G2), 18.52 (CH₂, G1–G2), 114.61 (C_{quar}), 121.44 (C-o), 132.54 (C-m), and 154.12 (C-Br). IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 1876 ($\nu_{aromatic}$). UV (in cyclohexane): λ_{max} 230 nm, ε_{max} , 153101mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹: Anal. Calcd. for C₃₀₁H₃₈₄Br₃₂O₃₆Si₃₂: C, 45.24; H, 4.81. Found: C, 45.06; H, 5.37.

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