

Stereoselective Preparation of 1-Siloxy-1-alkenylcopper Species by 1,2-C^{sp2}-to-O Silyl Migration of Acylsilanes

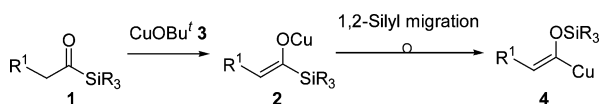
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The Brook-type rearrangement of silicon from sp³ carbon to oxygen has attracted much attention as a route to highly reactive organometallic species from organosilicon compounds.¹ In contrast, there has been limited synthetic application of the silyl migration from sp² carbon to oxygen,² though it is potentially an attractive method for the generation of synthetically useful alkenylmetal species. Recently we have investigated copper(I) alkoxide-promoted 1,3-³ and 1,4-silyl migrations⁴ from sp² carbon using β- and γ-silylallylic alcohols which include an alkenylsilane substructure. We also found that the 1,4-silyl migration of β-silyl-α,β-unsaturated ketones proceeds via their copper enolates.^{4c} These findings prompted us to develop a new route to functionalized alkenylcopper species (Scheme 1). Our approach involves the transformation of

Scheme 1

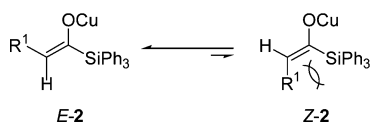


acylsilanes **1** to their copper enolates **2** with copper(I) *tert*-butoxide **3**. If the enolates **2** undergo the 1,2-C^{sp2}-to-O (enolate) silyl migration, the alkenylcopper species **4** possessing an enol silyl ether substructure would be formed. Here we describe the preparation of **4** from acyltriphenylsilanes **1** and stereoselective preparation of (*Z*)-enol silyl ethers by their reaction with organic halides.

The acyltriphenylsilane **1a** was treated with 1 equiv of the copper alkoxide **3** in DMF for 10 min at 25 °C and then with methallyl chloride **5a** (2 equiv) to give stereochemically pure (*Z*)-enol silyl ether **6a** in 36% yield. The yield of **6a** was increased by use of 2 equiv of **3** (Table 1, entry 1).⁶ DMF is crucial for the reaction; when the reaction was carried out in THF, only the *C*-allylation product of the enolate **2a** was obtained in 41% yield.

The stereoselective formation of (*Z*)-**6a** is attributable to the exclusive formation of the thermodynamically more stable (*E*)-copper enolate **2a** relative to the (*Z*)-isomer, which is destabilized by steric repulsion between the triphenylsilyl group and the β-alkyl group R¹ (Scheme 2). Subsequent 1,2-silyl migration of the enolate

Scheme 2



2a with retention of the configuration of double bond and the reaction of the resulting alkenylcopper species with **5a** afford (*Z*)-**6a**.

The formation of the copper enolates by the treatment of acylsilanes **1** with **3** and the subsequent silylmigration is in contrast to the modes of the reaction of **1** with alkali metal alkoxides. When

Table 1. Formation of (*Z*)-Enol Silyl Ethers by Copper(I) *tert*-Butoxide-Promoted Reaction of Acylsilanes with Organic Halides

entry	acylsilane	halide	product (yield ^a / %)
1			
2	1a		
3	1a		
4	1a		
5	1a		
6	1a		
7	1a		
8		5a	
9		5a	
10		5a	
11		5a	

^a Isolated yield. The stereochemistry of **6** was determined by NOE experiment, unless otherwise noted. ^b The stereochemistry was determined based on the ³J_{Sn-H} coupling constant (24.1 Hz) across the double bond (see ref 9e).

Table 2. Palladium(0)-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Alkenylcopper Species with Aryl and Alkenyl Iodides

entry	acylsilane	halide	product (yield ^a / %)
1	1a	7a	6k (71)
2	1a	7b	6l (59)
3	1a	7c	6m (65)
4	1b	7a	6n (52)
5	1c	7a	6o (58)
6	1e	7a	6p (78)

^a Isolated yield.

potassium *tert*-butoxide was used instead of **3** for the reaction of **1a**, 1,3-diphenyl-1-propanol was formed in 48% yield via formation of a pentacoordinate silicate by nucleophilic attack of the alkoxide on silicon atom, followed by phenyl migration from the silicate to a carbonyl carbon. A similar reaction of acetyltriphenylsilane with sodium alkoxide has been reported by Brook et al.⁷ Nucleophilic addition of potassium *tert*-butoxide to the carbonyl group of a certain acetylsilane followed by the 1,2-silyl migration has also appeared.⁸

The reactions of several acylsilanes **1b–e** with allylic halides **5** were performed under the similar reaction conditions and the (*Z*)- α -allylated enol silyl ethers **6b**, **6c**, and **6g–j** were obtained stereoselectively. The reaction of **1a** with prenyl chloride **5d** produced a mixture of the formal S_N2 and S_N2' products **6c** in which the former predominated (entry 4). The alkenylcopper species **4** also reacted with methyl iodide **5e** and benzyl bromide **5f** to produce the corresponding (*Z*)-enol silyl ethers **6d** and **6e** in good yields (entries 5 and 6). Chlorotributylstannane **5g** is also reactive toward the alkenylcopper species **4**, and the alkenylstannane **6f** was obtained in 70% yield (entry 7).

The above process has been extended to palladium catalyzed cross coupling with aryl and alkenyl iodides **7**. The acylsilanes **1** were treated with **3** (2 equiv) in the presence of a catalytic amount (3 mol %) of Pd(PPh₃)₄ in DMF for 30 min at 25 °C and then with aryl and alkenyl iodides **7** (Table 2). In all cases, the cross-coupling proceeded to form the enol silyl ethers **6** as single isomers in good

yields. The stereochemistry of **6l** and **6m** was determined to be *Z* by NOE experiment. The other products were also expected to have *Z* configuration.

The Brook-type rearrangement-based preparations of enol silyl ethers from acylsilanes have been investigated.⁹ Their typical strategy involves 1,2-addition of carbon nucleophiles bearing a leaving group, 1,2-C^{sp}³-to-O silyl migration, and β -elimination.¹⁰ In contrast, the present reaction provides the reactive 1-siloxy-1-alkenylcopper species by the 1,2-silyl migration from the carbonyl carbon to the carbonyl oxygen. The alkenylcopper species are applicable to the subsequent carbon–carbon bond formation to produce the synthetically useful enole silyl ethers stereoselectively.

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Supporting Information Available: Typical experimental procedures and characterization of all products in the paper. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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- Alternative strategies have also appeared, for example the reaction of the acylsilanes having an α -leaving group with the carbon nucleophiles (see ref 9e); 1,2-addition of 1-alkenyl Grignard reagents to acylsilane; 1,2-silyl migration of the resulting α -silylallylic alkoxides; and reaction of nucleophiles at γ -position of α -siloxyallylic anions (see ref 9c and 9d).

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