Platinum Oxide Catalyzed Silylation of Aryl Halides with Triethylsilane: An Efficient Synthetic Route to Functionalized Aryltriethylsilanes

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ABSTRACT

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{X} + HSiEt_{3} \xrightarrow{PtO_{2} / AcONa} R^{1} \xrightarrow{SiEt_{3}} SiEt_{3}$$

$$42-82\%$$

$$X = I, Br$$

$$R^{1} = -NO_{2}, -CN, -CHO, -COOR, -COR, -CONR_{2}, -SO_{2}NHR, -CF_{3}, H, -OMe$$

The first platinum-catalyzed selective silylation of aryl halides including aryl iodides and bromides having an electron-withdrawing group is described. The reaction takes place rapidly in NMP with triethylsilane as a silicon source and sodium acetate to provide functionalized aryltriethylsilanes in moderate to good yields. Heteroaromatic halides also were found to be readily silylated with triethylsilane. The procedure is chemoselective and tolerates a wide variety of functional groups.

Arylsilanes are valuable intermediates in organic synthesis, and their use has been demonstrated in a number of reviews which deal with Hiyama¹ coupling and other related transition-metal-catalyzed coupling reactions.²

Accordingly, many synthetic efforts have been devoted to their preparation. Classical synthetic routes to arylsilanes consist of the reaction of aryl Grignard or aryllithium compounds with silicon electrophiles.³ More recent strategies involve the conversion of an sp²-carbon-halogen bond to an sp²-carbon-silicon bond under transition-metal catalysts.

Typically, the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of aryl halides with disilanes as silicon sources has proven to be a useful route to functionalized arylsilanes.⁴ Silylation⁵ with hydrosilanes has also been reported, indicating their potential use as silylating reagents in the presence of transition-metal complexes. Masuda⁶ and DeShong⁷ reported the palladium-catalyzed silylation of aryl halides (I, Br) with triethoxysilane.⁸ These reactions are effective with electronrich and -neutral para-substituted aryl halides. However, with

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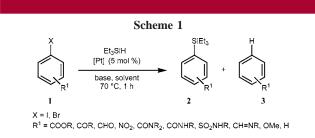
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electron-deficient aryl halides the side reduction of the carbon-halogen bond predominated. Murata⁹ reported that a limited number of electron-deficient aryl bromides and iodides also react with triethoxysilane in the presence of Rh(I) catalyst. Quite recently, triethylsilane¹⁰ has been used as a silylating reagent to achieve the silylation of aryl halides under palladium catalysis,¹¹ but again, this procedure is restricted to electron-rich and -neutral para-substituted aryl iodides.¹² Yamanoi also mentioned that the presence of a para electron-withdrawing group (e.g., -NO₂) on the aromatic ring interfered with the coupling reaction. Therefore, it would be desirable to develop a new selective procedure that would tolerate a wide range of functional groups to achieve the direct trialkylsilyl transfer to electron-deficient aryl halides.

During the course of our study on the PtO₂-catalyzed hydrosilylation reaction of halogenated internal arylalkynes,¹³ we found that besides the H–Si bond addition, a side halogen/silicon exchange-reaction occurred. A survey of the literature revealed, to the best of our knowledge, that there is no report of platinum-catalyzed silicon-aryl carbon bond formation from aryl halides¹⁴ using hydrosilane derivatives. Herein we report a useful and convenient synthetic route to functionalized aryltriethylsilanes by PtO₂-catalyzed silylation of aryl halides including aryl iodides and bromides substituted with an electron-withdrawing group (Scheme 1).



Initially, the silylation of ethyl 4-iodobenzoate **1a**, as a model substrate, was examined under various conditions. This study showed that the selectivity of the reaction (silylation vs reduction) depends greatly on the solvent, the base, and the platinum catalyst. The results are summarized in Table 1.

The reaction of **1a** with triethylsilane (1.5 equiv) in the presence of PtO_2 (5 mol %) in NMP (*N*-methyl-2-pyrroli-

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Table 1.	Optimization Reaction of Ethyl 4-Iodobenzoate 1a
with Triet	hysilane under Various Conditions ^a

				yield ^{b} (%)	
entry	base	solvent	[Pt]	2a	3a
1	i-Pr ₂ NEt	NMP	PtO_2	54^c	22
2	$\mathrm{Et}_{3}\mathrm{N}$	NMP	PtO_2	50	16
3	N-Me-piperidine	NMP	PtO_2	66	16
4	Cs_2CO_3	NMP	PtO_2	5^d	9
5	AcOK	NMP	PtO_2	67	14
6	AcONa	NMP	PtO_2	90^e	8
7	AcONa	DMA	PtO_2	72	28
8	AcONa	DMF	PtO_2	65	26
9	AcONa	DMPUf	PtO_2	67	19
10	AcONa	$\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{Cl}_2$	PtO_2	0	0
11	AcONa	dioxane	PtO_2	0	0
12	AcONa	neat	PtO_2	12	7
13	AcONa	NMP	$Pt(PPh_3)_4$	20^{g}	29
14	AcONa	NMP	Pt/C	87^h	13
15	AcONa	NMP	$PtCl_2$	30	70
16	AcONa	NMP	H_2PtCl_6	17	83

^{*a*} Reactions of ethyl 4-iodobenzoate **1a** (1.0 mmol) with triethylsilane (1.5 mmol) were performed at 70 °C for 1 h in 3 mL of solvent by using PtO₂ (5 mol %) and base (3 mmol). ^{*b*} Yields were determinated by GC analysis. ^{*c*} No reaction occurred at room temperature. ^{*d*} 15% conversion were observed by GC analysis after 1 h. ^{*e*} **2a** was easily purified by flash chromatography on silica gel; isolated yield of **2a** 73%. ^{*f*} DMPU: 1,3-dimethyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrimidinone. ^{*g*} 49% conversion were observed by GC analysis after 1 h. ^{*h*} Isolated yield of **2a** 70%.

dinone) was first evaluated with *i*-Pr₂NEt as a base. Thus, at room temperature, no silvlation occurred and starting material 1a was recovered unchanged. However, at 70 °C for 1 h, the reaction proceeded to give a mixture of the silvlated derivative 2a and the reduced byproduct 3a (entry 1, Table 1). It should be noted that this selectivity markedly in favor of the desired product 2a was dependent on the nature of the base (entries 2-6). Thus, in the presence of tertiary amine, especially N-methylpiperidine, the formation of 2a was improved (entry 3), whereas the use of mineral base Cs₂CO₃ induced a lowering of the conversion rate and the selectivity (entry 4). The use of sodium acetate was found to be the most effective base for the selective formation of arylsilane 2a (entry 6). Under these conditions, pure compound 2a was obtained in a 73% isolated yield. It should be noted that decreasing the amount of sodium acetate from 3.0 to 1.5 equiv had no effect on the yield and the selectivity of the silvlation (72% vs 73%). The influence of the solvent was next investigated. Among several polar solvents tested including DMA (N,N-dimethylacetamide), DMF, or DMPU (entries 7-9), NMP is the unrivaled solvent choice for this silvlation. No reaction occurred in other solvents, such as CH₂Cl₂ or dioxane (entries 10 and 11).

In addition, the effect of platinum catalysts on the catalytic activity was also evaluated. The use of $Pt(PPh_3)_4$ produced an equal mixture of the arylsilane **2a** and the reduced derivative **3a** (entry 13). In the presence of Pt/C, as catalyst, however, the silylation reaction of **1a** was effective, affording a selectivity similar to that obtained with PtO_2 catalyst (compare entries 6 and 14), and **2a** was obtained in a 70%

isolated yield. When the reaction is carried out in the presence of $PtCl_2$ or H_2PtCl_6 as catalysts, the formation of undesirable **3a** predominated (entries 15 and 16). These results clearly indicated that platinum catalysts with a chlorine atom had a strong tendency to produce competitively the reduced byproduct **3a**. Accordingly, when exposing **1a** to Et_3SiH (1.5 equiv) in NMP at 70 °C for 2 h in the presence of BnNBu₃Cl (1 equiv), Pt/C (5 mol %), and AcONa (3 equiv), the reduced byproduct **3a** became dominant. The GC analysis of the reaction mixture indicated the formation of a mixture of **1a/2a/3a** in a 30:30:40 ratio.

Finally, the effect of other hydrosilanes under our optimized conditions (PtO₂, AcONa, NMP, 70 °C) was examined. The use of triethoxysilane induced a lowering of the reactivity and prevented the formation of the siloxane derivative.¹⁵ Other hydrosilanes¹⁶ including, PhMe₂SiH, Me₂-EtOSiH, Ph₂MeSiH, and *i*-Pr₃SiH were also examined in this reaction, but none of these reagents were more effective than Et₃SiH. Our study demonstrates that triethylsilane under PtO₂ catalyst selectively acted as a silicon source for the coupling of electron-deficient aryl iodide **1a**. Moreover, since the desired functionalized aryltriethylsilane **2a** and the reduced byproduct **3a** were easily separated by flash chromatography on silica gel, this new silylation complements the previous procedure¹¹ and provides a simple and widely available route to functionalized aryl-triethylsilanes **2**.

To demonstrate the scope of this new platinum-catalyzed silvlation reaction, a variety of representative aryl halides was examined. Results summarized in Table 2 show that the yield of the silvlation reaction was affected by the electronic and steric characteristics of the substrates used. On the contrary, of the previous palladium-catalyzed silylations,¹¹ best yields of aryltriethylsilane 2 were obtained for aryl halides with a π -electron-withdrawing group. As expected, the reactivity of aryl bromides was moderate in comparison with aryl iodides (compare entries 1, 2 and 5, 6), but unfortunately, the corresponding electron-deficient aryl chloride did not have enough reactivity, and as a consequence, compound 1e was recovered unchanged (entry 4). Interestingly, the presence of a wide variety of electrophilic functional groups (e.g., -CO₂R, -CN, -NO₂, -SO₂-NHR, -CH=NPh, -COR, -CHO, ...) on the aryl halides 1 did not interfere with the outcome of the present reaction at 70 °C since the triethylsilane reactant was inert to many functional groups (entries 1-17) even to the formyl functionality¹⁷ (entry 15). The position of the substituent greatly impacted the reaction outcome. Silvlation of electrondeficient para- and meta-substituted aryl halides gave in moderate to good yields functionalized aryltriethylsilanes, whereas the reaction with the ortho-substituted derivatives

Table 2.	PtO ₂ -Catalyzed Silylation of Various Aryl Halides 1:					
Synthesis of Functionalized Aryltriethylsilanes 2						

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entry		aryl halide 1	yields of 2 (%) ^{a,b}				
1	1b	Br	50				
2	1 c		72				
3	1d		60				
4	1e		0				
5	1 f		64				
6	1g		80				
7	1h	-CO ₂ -(CH ₂) ₂ NMe ₂	82				
8	1i	I-CO ₂ Me	70				
9	1j	COOEt	66				
10	1k	EtOOC	10°				
11	11		42				
12	1m	I-CONHPr	71				
13	1n		68				
14	10	IСОВи	59				
15	1p	і— Сно	64				
16	1q		48				
17	1r		61 ^d				
18	1s		70				
19	1t	OMe	0°				
20	1u	Br	50				
21	1v		67				
22	1w		48				

^{*a*} Reactions of aryl halide (1.0 mmol) with triethylsilane (1.5 mmol) were performed at 70 °C in NMP (3 mL) in the presence of PtO₂ (5 mol %) and sodium acetate (3 mmol). ^{*b*} Isolated yield of silylated product after flash chromatography on silica gel. ^{*c*} Yield was determinated by GC analysis. ^{*d*} After purification, sensitive imine **2r** was contaminated with a substantial amount (22%) of aldehyde **2p**. ^{*e*} Starting material was recovered unchanged.

gave poor yields of the silvlated product due to a chelation and/or a steric hindrance (entry 10).

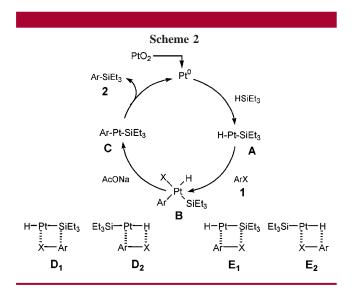
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⁽¹⁷⁾ Exposing 4-iodobenzaldehyde 1p to Et₃SiH at 70 °C for 2 h in the absence of PtO₂ catalyst gave 4-iodobenzyl alcohol (30%) and starting halide (70%) after GC analysis of the reaction mixture.

The reaction was also effective with neutral aryl iodides and silylation of iodobenzene gave 70% of the corresponding phenyltriethylsilane (entry 18). However, in contrast to electron-deficient and -neutral para-substituted aryl iodides, no silylation occurred with electron-rich para-substituted aryl iodides and starting material was recovered unchanged (Table 2, entry 19). In the following examples, it is interesting to note that heteroaromatic iodides and bromides were readily silylated with triethylsilane without any difficulty. For instance, 3-bromoquinoline (1u), 2-chloro-5-iodopyridine (1v) and 3-iodopyridine (1w) afforded the corresponding 3-triethylsilanylquinoline (2u), 2-chloro-5-triethylsilanylpyridine (2v), and 3-triethylsilanylpyridine (2w) in 50%, 67%, and 48% yield, respectively (Table 2, entries 20–22).

Although there is no clear experimental evidence, we suppose that the reaction proceeds as shown in Scheme 2.



Initially, the PtO_2^{18} catalyst is probably reduced to metal platinum and triethylsilane would add to the metal catalyst to generate the H– Pt^{II} –SiEt₃ complex **A**.¹⁹ Then a further oxidative addition of Ar–X would form a platinum(IV)

intermediate **B**, in view of the high reactivity of Pt(II) toward aryl halides demonstrated for some systems to give Pt(IV) species.²⁰ Accordingly, the formation of the intermediate **B** via an oxidative addition process would be favorable in the case of electron-deficient aryl halides and unfavorable with electron-rich aryl halides. Reductive elimination of **B** in the presence of AcONa would lead to a Pt(II) species C. A subsequent reductive elimination²¹ of C produces the arylsilane product 2 and regenerates the platinum catalyst. The reduced byproduct 3 would occur in the case that reductive elimination of Et₃SiX²² from **B** proceeded. However, at present, we cannot rule out an alternative possibility that the aryl halide and the Pt(II) species A evolve according to a σ -bond metathesis between Si-Pt bond and C-X bond. Species D_1/D_2 would produce the arylsilanes 2 and species E1/E2 would give the reduced byproduct 3. However, since there are many factors governing this elemental step, it is not easy to conclude any clear rationale at this stage.

In conclusion, the present paper shows for the first time that PtO_2 proved to be a powerful and efficient catalyst for the direct trialkylsilyl transfer to a variety of electrondeficient and -neutral aryl halides using triethylsilane as silylating reagents in the presence of AcONa. The procedure is chemoselective and was also effective in the case of heteroaromatic halides. This coupling reaction complements the previous procedures¹¹ and provides a new and efficient synthetic route to a wide range of functionalized arytriethylsilanes. The investigations for silylation with other organic halides or pseudo halides are currently in progress in our laboratory.

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