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Regioselective Synthesis of Polyfunctionalized Alkyltrisilanes and -tetrasilanes via Reductive Cross-Coupling Reaction of Aminoalkylsilyl Chlorides with Lithium

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Highly selective cross-coupling reactions promoted by lithium metal have been achieved between aminodichloromonosilanes $R(Et_2N)SiCl_2$ (R = Me, Et, Ph, Et₂N) and 2 equiv of Me₃-SiCl (1) or (Et₂N)Me₂SiCl (2) and between aminochlorodisilanes (Et₂N)_nMe_{3-n}SiSiMe(NEt₂)Cl (n = 1, 2) and 1 equiv of 1, 2, or (Me₂N)_nR_{3-n}SiCl (n = 1, R = Et; n = 2, R = Me, Et) in THF at room temperature to form the corresponding symmetrical and unsymmetrical diaminoto pentaaminotrisilanes in high yields, which are transformed into alkoxy and fluoro derivatives under mild conditions. A tetraaminotetrasilane has also been prepared by reductive homocoupling of (Et₂N)Me₂SiSiMe(NEt₂)Cl and converted into the alkoxytetrasilane. Some special experimental procedures have been employed for the selective coupling reactions.

Introduction

We have recently reported the synthesis of symmetrical di- and tetrafunctionalized disilanes via reductive *homo*coupling reactions of the corresponding aminoalkylsilyl chlorides with lithium.¹ Now we report the synthesis of a variety of polyfunctionalized tri- and tetrasilanes via reductive *cross*-coupling reactions of the corresponding aminoalkylsilyl chlorides with lithium. It is essential to employ an appropriate combination of two aminochlorosilanes and special experimental procedures for highly selective cross-coupling: the matched pair of aminochlorosilanes has been predicted mainly by simple semiempirical MO calculations. In view of the ready availability of aminoalkylsilyl chlorides and facile functional group transformations under mild conditions, the present method may afford the most convenient access to the structurally well-defined polyfunctionalized oligosilanes, since the synthesis of such compounds by traditional methods has been an extremely tedious task.²

Results and Discussion

I. Cross-Coupling Reactions between Two Kinds of Aminoalkylsilyl Chlorides with Lithium: Synthesis of Aminooligosilanes. Cholosilanes used in this study are listed in Chart 1. These chlorosilanes are monochloromonosilanes 1–5, dichloromonosilanes 6–9, monochlorodisilanes 10 and 11, and dichlorodisilane 12. In order to achieve highly selective crosscoupling reactions between two components of these chlorosilanes, we have first estimated the electron affinity of these compounds, i.e., the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) levels, by semiempirical PM3

Chart 1

Me R-Si-Cl Me	$Me_2N - Si - Cl$ R^2	$Cl \xrightarrow{I}_{R}^{NEt_2} Cl$	$ \begin{array}{c} R^{1} \text{NEt}_{2} \\ R^{2} - \underbrace{Si}_{i} - \underbrace{Si}_{i} - Cl \\ Me Me \end{array} $
1: $R = Me$ 2: $R = Et_2N$	3: $R^1 = R^2 = Et$ 4: $R^1 = Me, R^2 = Me_2N$ 5: $R^1 = Et, R^2 = Me_2N$	 6: R = Me 7: R = Et 8: R = Ph 9: R = Et₂N 	10: $R^1 = Me$, $R^2 = Et_2N$ 11: $R^1 = R^2 = Et_2N$ 12: $R^1 = Et_2N$, $R^2 = Ct_2N$

calculations³ on some model compounds which contain NMe₂ group(s) in place of the actual NEt₂. The results are summarized in Table 1. There are some distinct tendencies. The LUMO levels become lower and lower in the order monochloromonosilane (0 to +0.1 eV) > dichloromonosilane (-0.5 to -0.7 eV) > chlorodisilane (-1.4 to -1.7 eV). While in the first two the LUMO lies on the Si-Cl bond, in the last the LUMO lies on the Si-Si bond and the LUMO + 1 on the Si-Cl bond. The electron affinity thus increases in the reverse order monochloromonosilane < dichloromonosilane < chlorodisilane. In view of the energy differences in the LUMO levels, if the absolute values are not accurate on the present semiempirical level of calculation, the last two, dichloromonosilane and chlorodisilane, must be converted into the corresponding "silyllithium" species much faster than the first, monochloromonosilane, upon treatment with lithium metal. Thus, a selective crosscoupling reaction could be realized by reduction of the reactive dichloromonosilane or chlorodisilane in the presence of the least reactive monochloromonosilane, since the last can act as the trapping agent for the transient silyllithium species.

Although there has been no direct evidence for the formation of silyllithium as a stable species in the present reaction systems, we will describe the reduced active species derivable from the reactive chlorosilane to be a transient silyllithium throughout this paper for the sake of ready understanding from a synthetic view point, apart from the mechanistic details.

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Table 1. LUMO and/or LUMO+1 Levels of Chlorosilanes Estimated by Semiempirical PM3 Calculations

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chlorosilane	LUMO and/or LUMO+1 (eV)
Me Me-Si-Cl Me 1	+0.12 (Si-Cl)
Me $Me_2N-Si-Cl$ Me $2'$	+0.10 (Si-Cl)
NMe ₂ Me ₂ N-Si-Cl Me 4 '	+0.02 (Si-Cl)
Me ClSi-Cl Me	-0.52 (Si-Cl)
$ NMe_2 \\ Cl - Si - Cl \\ Me \\ 6' $	-0.60 (Si-Cl)
NMe2 CI-Si-CI NMe2 9'	-0.72 (Si-Cl)
$\begin{array}{c c} Me_2N & NMe_2\\ Me_2N-Si-Si-Cl\\ Me & Me\\ 11' \end{array}$	+0.16 (LUMO+1, Si-Cl) -1.45 (LUMO, Si-Si)
$ \begin{array}{c} Me Me \\ Cl-Si-Si-Cl \\ Me Me \end{array} $	-0.16 (LUMO+1, Si-Cl) -1.57 (LUMO, Si-Si)
$\begin{array}{ccc} Me_2N & NMe_2 \\ Cl-Si-Si-Cl & \int dl \end{array}$	-0.10 (LUMO+1, Si-Cl) -1.69 (LUMO, Si-Si)
Me Me { 12'	–0.13 (LUMO+1, Si-Cl) –1.66 (LUMO, Si-Si)

Of course, the idea has long been used for the synthesis of permethylated linear oligosilanes⁴ and branched oligosilanes.⁵ In the present cases, the electronic and steric effects of the amino group(s) should be considered additionally. The calculation results in Table 1 indicate that the amino group on chlorosilane may act as a weak electron-withdrawing group. Within dichloromonosilanes, for example, diaminodichlorosilane **6**' may react faster than monoaminodichlorosilane **9**'. Rather large steric effects have been observed experimentally, as will be mentioned later.

Synthesis of Trisilanes. Representative results for the cross-coupling reaction are summarized in Table 2.

Scheme 1



Some symmetrical 1,2,3-triaminotrisilanes 13-15, 2,2diaminotrisilane 16, and 1,2,2,3-tetraaminotrisilane 17 have been prepared by appropriate combinations between aminodichlorosilanes 6-9 (category A in Table 2) and monochlorosilanes 1 and 2 (category B), the latter being used in quantities of 2.3-4.8 molar equiv (entries 1-5). Unsymmetrical 1,2-diaminotrisilanes 18, 1,1,2,3tetraaminotrisilanes 19 and 20, and 1,1,2,3,3-pentaaminotrisilanes 21 and 22 have been synthesized by combinations of aminochlorodisilanes 10 and 11 with monochlorosilanes 1-5, the latter again being used in quantities of 1.5-2.2 molar equiv (entries 6-10). Two kinds of experimental procedures have been used. The choice of the procedure simply depends on the combination of two components, i.e., the reactivity differences toward lithium.

Method I. In method I, to a mixture of 20-30% monochlorosilane (category B), lithium powder, and THF is added dropwise a mixture of the remaining monochlorosilane and the more reactive dichlorosilane (category A) at room temperature (entries 1-5).

Typically, the coupling of **6** with **2** (entry 1) gave trisilane **13**, tetrasilanes, and other unknown products in the ratio of 1:0.1:0.1, respectively, as determined by GLC. While the formation of higher homologs was minimized to only trace amounts by this method, the formation of disilane arising from the homocoupling of monochlorosilane **2** used in excess could not be avoided of course: the disilane, however, could be readily removed by simple distillation under reduced pressure. The desired trisilane **13** was isolated in ca. 60% yield based on dichlorosilane **6**.

For comparison, it has been confirmed that method II (vide infra) is not suitable for the selective synthesis of trisilane. Thus, a mixture of **6**, **2** (4.8 equiv), Li (26 equiv), and THF (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 days to give trisilane, tetrasilane, and other unknown products (except disilane) with much lower selectivity for trisilane in the ratio of 1:0.5:0.3, respectively, as determined by GLC analysis.

The preferential formation of trisilane **13** by method I may be visualized as shown in Scheme 1. Thus, the more reactive dichlorosilane **6** is readily converted into the corresponding monolithio species, which as formed can be trapped by the less reactive monochlorosilane **2** present in a large excess amount. The resulting chlorodisilane **10** is much more reactive toward lithium and must be converted into disilanyllithium, which is trapped again by **2** to form trisilane **13**.

Similarly, trisilanes 14-17 were obtained in 60-84% isolated yields.

Method II. The selective cross-coupling reactions of the highly reactive chlorodisilanes **10** and **11** with the

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Table	2. Coup	ling React	ions of	Amir	ıochl	orosilanes	and	Subse	quent	Alco	hol	ysi	is
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Entry	(amin	o)chlorosil	lanes	reaction conditions ^a	coupling products:	alcoholysis products		
	A (ratio) B		В		(amino)oligosilanes (yield, %)	(alkoxy)oligosilanes (yield, %)		
	Cl - Si - Cl R R		$ \begin{array}{c} $		$\begin{array}{cccc} Me & NEt_2 Me \\ I & I & I \\ Et_2 N - Si - Si - Si - NEt_2 \\ I & I & I \\ Me & R & Me \end{array}$	Me OR' Me R'O-Si-Si-Si-OR' Me R Me		
1 2 3	6: R = Me 7: R = Et 8: R = Ph	(1:4.8) (1:2.7) (1:2.3)	2	Method I Method I Method I	13: R = Me (58) 14: R = Et (58) 15: R = Ph (84)	26: R = Me; R'O = MeO (77) 27: R = Et; R'O = MeO (65) 28: R = Ph; R'O = EtO (78)		
4	NEt ₂ CI—Si—Cl NEt ₂ 9	(1:3)	Me Me-Si-Cl Me 1	Method I	$Me NEt_2 Me$ $Me-Si-Si-Me$ $Me NEt_2 Me$ $Me NEt_2 Me$ $16 (70)$	Me OMe Me Me-Si-Si-Me Me OMe Me 29 (56)		
5	9	(1:3)	$Et_2N - Si - Cl$ Me Me 2	Method I	$\begin{array}{rcl} Me & NEt_2 Me \\ Et_2N-Si-Si-Si-NEt_2 \\ Me & NEt_2 Me \\ 17 & (67) \end{array}$	Me OR' Me R'O-Si-Si-Si-OR' Me OR' Me 30: R'O = MeO (79) 31: R'O = EtO (92) 32: R'O = <i>i</i> -PrO (59)		
6	Me NE Et ₂ N-Si-Si- Me Me 10	t₂ ·Cl (1 : 1.5)	Me Me-Si-Cl Me 1	Method II	$\begin{array}{rcl} Me & NEt_2 Me \\ I & I & I \\ Et_2 N - Si - Si - Si - Me \\ I & I & I \\ Me & Me \\ 18 (86) \end{array}$	Me OMeMe MeO-Si-Si-Me Me Me Me 33 (69)		
7	$\begin{array}{ccc} Et_2N & NE\\ Et_2N-Si & Si \\ Me & Me \\ 11 \end{array}$	t ₂ -Cl (1:1.6)	$ Et_2N - Si - Cl Me 4 Me 2 $	Method II	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	OMe OMe Me H H H MeOSiSiOMe Me Me Me 34 (56)		
8	11	(1:2.2)	Et Me ₂ NSi-Cl Et 3	Method II	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	OMe OMe Et MeO-Si-Si-Si-OMe Me Me Et 35 (86)		
9	11	(1 : 1.4)	NMe ₂ I Me ₂ N-Si-Cl Me 4	Method II	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	OMe OMe OMe MeO - Si - Si - Si - OMe Me Me Me 36 (67)		
10	11	(1 + 2 2)	NMe ₂ Me ₂ N-Si-Cl Et 5	Method II	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	OMe OMe OMe MeO-Si-Si-Si-OMe Me Me Et 37 (78)		

^{*a*} Carried out in THF in the presence of lithium powder, unless otherwise stated, under the following conditions. Condition I: To a mixture of 20-30% of chlorosilane B, lithium and THF was added dropwise a solution of chlorosilane A and the remaining chlorosilane B in THF at room temperature. Condition II: A mixture of both chlorosilanes A and B, lithium, and THF was stirred at room temperature. ^{*b*} Isolated yields based on chlorosilane A. ^{*c*} An (amino)oligosilane was mixed with a large excess amount of the corresponding alcohol in the presence of NH₄Cl as catalyst at room temperature. Isolated yields are given.

least reactive chloromonosilanes 1-5 can be achieved by just mixing them all together with lithium in THF to form trisilanes 18-22 in 54-94% isolated yields (entries 6-10). As shown in Scheme 2 for a typical case, by this simple method, the chlorodisilane 11 is first converted into the disilanyllithium species, which reacts faster with the sterically less hindered chloromonosilane 2 used in excess than with the remaining, sterically

Scheme 2



hindered chlorodisilane, resulting in the highly selective formation of trisilane **19**, together with disilanes result-



ing from the homocoupling of the chloromonosilane and only a trace amount of hydrodisilane (cf. Scheme 4, vide infra).

For the selective cross-coupling reactions, less bulky chloromonosilanes should be used. Thus, in entries 8-10, Me₂N derivatives 3-5 have been used instead of Et₂N derivatives. With more bulky, less reactive chlorosilanes, the coupling reaction is accompanied by the formation of hydrodisilanes in 5-10% yields, arising from decomposition of the disilanyllithium species (cf., Scheme 4; vide infra).

Synthesis of Tetrasilanes. As shown in Scheme 3, homocoupling of 1,2-diaminochlorodisilane 10 was attained by addition of lithium powder suspended in THF in several portions intermittently to a solution of 10 over 12 h, the 1,2,3,4-tetraaminotetrasilane 23 being obtained in high yield. By this technique, the highly reactive chlorodisilane is converted into the disilanyllithium species little by little only when lithium is added, and hence, the relative ratio of chlorodisilane to lithiodisilane can be maintained to be very large until the final stage of the reaction, favoring the smooth crosscoupling reaction.

This technique was based on the following observation shown in Scheme 4. Thus, a similar 1,2,2-triamino-1chlorodisilane 11 was mixed with an excess amount of lithium all together in THF to form not the homocoupling product tetrasilane but a rather complex mixture of products in which the reduction product hydrodisilane 24 was the major product. This may be ascribed to the fact that the highly reactive chlorodisilane 11 has been entirely transformed into the disilanyllithium species much faster than the expected coupling reaction can occur with the rather sterically hindered chlorodisilane. The resulting disilanyllithium thus cannot find the coupling partner in the reaction mixture and may decompose into the hydrodisilane and other species: attempted trapping of the "disilanyllithium" species with trimethylchlorosilane failed, resulting in the formation of the same mixture of product as given above.





A cross-coupling reaction of 1,2-diamino-1,2-dichlorodisilane 12 with aminochlorosilane 2 has also been carried out to obtain the tetrasilane 23 by addition of the former to the latter (method I), as shown in Scheme 5. The reaction, however, gave a mixture of 23 and the branched isomer 25 in the ratio of 55:45 in almost quantitative yield; the structures were characterized after conversion into the alkoxy derivatives. The isomerization mechanism has not been clarified.

II. Transformations of Aminooligosilanes to Alkoxyoligosilanes and Fluorooligosilanes. The aminotrisilanes **13–22** were readily converted into the corresponding alkoxytrisilanes 26-37 in high yields by treating with excess dry alcohol in the presence of a catalytic amount of anhydrous aluminum chloride, as summarized in Table 1. Alkoxytetrasilanes 38-40 have also been obtained from the corresponding aminotetrasilanes 23 and 25, as shown in Schemes 3 and 5. As representative examples for the synthesis of fluorotrisilanes, 1,2,3-trialkoxytrisilanes 26-28 have been transformed into 1.2.3-trifluorotrisilanes 41-43 by treatment with hydrogen fluoride-pyridine, as shown in Scheme 6.

III. Preparation of the Starting Materials, Aminochlorosilanes. Aminochloromonosilanes have been prepared by selective partial amination of the corresponding chlorosilanes as reported previously.^{1,6} Aminochlorodisilanes **10–12** have been prepared also from the corresponding polychlorodisilanes, obtainable from polyaminodisilanes, as summarized in Scheme 7. Thus, 10 was obtained from the known 1,1,2-trichlorotrimethyldisilane $(46)^7$ by partial amination: we have developed a new convenient method for the synthesis of **46**, which involves a selective cross-coupling reaction

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of phenylchlorosilane with aminochlorosilane under conditions similar to those described above, as shown in Scheme 7. The resulting phenyldiaminodisilane **44** was readily transformed into **46** via **45** in two steps. Traditionally, pure **46** has been prepared by chlorodemethylation or dephenylation of hexamethyldisilane or 1,1,2-triphenyldisilane.⁷ The ready availability of the starting material makes the present method more convenient than the traditional methods.

1,1,2,2-Tetraaminodisilane **47**¹ could be transformed into the 1,2-dichloro-1,2-diaminodisilane **12** via selective monochlorodeamination on each silicon atom with acetyl chloride, which was subsequently converted into 1,2,2triamino-1-chlorodisilane **11** via selective monoamination, as shown in Scheme 7.

Experimental Section

General Comments. 1H (200 MHz or 270 MHz), 13C (50 MHz or 67.94 MHz), ¹⁹F (254.5 MHz), and ²⁹Si (53.67 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded in C₆D₆ on a Varian VXR-200 spectrometer equipped with a VX-4000 computer and/or on a JEOL EX-270 spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C chemical shifts are referenced to external benzene- d_6 (¹H δ 7.200 ppm and ¹³C δ 128.00 ppm). ²⁹Si chemical shifts are referenced to internal tetramethylsilane (0 ppm). ¹⁹F chemical shifts are referenced to external fluorotrichloromethane (0 ppm). Mass spectra were measured at 70 eV on a JEOL JMS-DX300 mass spectrometer equipped with a JMA-3500 data processing system. Analytical and preparative GLC measurements were performed on a Shimadzu GC-4B gas chromatograph, equipped with a 3 or 1 m glass column packed with 30% silicone DC550 on Celite 545. The elemental analyses were performed at the Microanalysis Division of the Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University: since aminosilanes, however, gave no satisfactory analytical data even after many trials owing to their moisture sensitivity, they were analyzed by high-resolution mass spectrometry.

The starting materials aminochloromonosilanes 2-9 were prepared by partial amination of the corresponding chlorosilanes in essentially the same manner reported previously:^{1,6,8} a typical procedure is given below for the synthesis of the new compound **7**. Trimethylchlorosilane (**1**) was treated with several pieces of sodium under nitrogen to remove the dissolved HCl, and the supernatant was used. Lithium dispersion (30 wt % in mineral oil) and hydrogen fluoride–pyridine ((HF)_xpy) were purchased from Aldrich. Ether and THF were distilled under nitrogen from sodium benzophenone ketyl. Hexane was dried over sodium wire and distilled under nitrogen. Diethylamine was distilled from calcium hydride. Dry dimethylamine was generated from a 50% aqueous solution of dimethylamine and potassium hydroxide⁹ and kept as a THF solution. Methanol and ethanol were distilled from magnesium methoxide and ethoxide, respectively. Isopropyl alcohol was distilled from calcium hydride. All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen or an argon atmosphere. The purity of the product was checked by ¹H NMR and/or GLC analysis.

Reductive Coupling Reaction of Aminochlorosilanes with Lithium. 1,2,3-Tris(diethylamino)-1,1,2,3,3-pentamethyltrisilane (13). To a mixture of (Et₂N)Me₂SiCl (2; 5.67 g, 34 mmol), Li (2.32 g, 331 mmol) and THF (35 mL) was added dropwise a solution of additional 2 (17 g, 103 mmol) and (Et₂N)MeSiCl₂ (6; 5.3 g, 28.5 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at room temperature over 9 h. The mixture was stirred for 12 h. The resulting mixture was condensed under reduced pressure, followed by addition of dry hexane (20 mL), and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was analyzed by GLC to show the ratio of trisilane 13 to the higher homologs tetrasilane and other unknown products (except disilane) to be about 1:0.1:0.1, respectively. The residue was distilled to give the product 13 (6.2 g, 58% yield based on 6): bp 109-125 °C/0.2 mmHg, purity 92% on GLC. 1H NMR (200 MHz, C_6D_6): terminal methyl groups are diastereotopic, δ 0.362 (s, 6H), 0.395 (s, 6H), 0.540 (s, 3H), 1.069 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 12H), 1.085 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 2.921 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 8H), 2.951 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -0.89, 1.39, 1.59, 16.04, 16.36, 41.58, 42.59. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -17.88, -3.91. HRMS: calcd for C₁₇H₄₅N₃Si₃, m/e 375.291 99; found, m/e 375.288 89.

For comparison, a similar reaction was carried out under the conditions of method II. A mixture of $(Et_2N)Me_2SiCl_2$ (**2**; 2.6 g, 15.7 mmol), $(Et_2N)MeSiCl_2$ (**6**; 610 mg, 3.3 mmol), Li (600 mg, 86 mmol), and THF (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 days. The resulting mixture was found by GLC to contain trisilane, tetrasilane, and other unknown products (except disilane) in the ratio of 1:0.5:0.3, respectively.

1,2,3-Tris(diethylamino)-2-ethyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyl-trisilane (14). To a mixture of **2** (2.43 g, 14.7 mmol), Li (518 mg, 74 mmol), and THF (20 mL) was added dropwise a solution of **2** (4.23 g, 25.6 mmol) and (Et₂N)EtSiCl₂ (7) (2.94 g, 14.7 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at room temperature over 8 h. The mixture was stirred for 10 h. Workup similar to the above gave **14** (3.3 g, 58% yield based on 7): bp 141–143 °C/0.8 mmHg, purity 99% on ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): terminal methyl groups are diastereotopic, δ 0.412 (s, 6H), 0.418 (s, 6H), 1.061–1.121 (m, 20H), 1.291 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H), 2.936 (q, J=7.0 Hz, 8H), 2.961 q, J=7.3 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 2.43, 2.57, 9.06, 9.96, 15.50, 16.36, 41.62, 42.79. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -12.07, -3.71. HRMS: calcd for C₁₈H₄₇N₃Si₃, *m/e* 389.307 69; found, *m/e* 389.304 99.

1,2,3-Tris(diethylamino)-2-phenyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyltrisilane (15). To a mixture of **2** (0.4 g, 2.4 mmol), Li (303 mg, 43 mmol), and THF (15 mL) was added dropwise a solution of **2** (3.6 g, 22 mmol) and (Et₂N)PhSiCl₂ (**8**; 3.47 g, 14 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at room temperature over 8 h. The mixture was stirred for 6 h. Workup similar to the above gave product **15** (3.5 g, 84% yield based on **8**): bp 210–230 °C (bath temperature)/1 mmHg, purity 90% on ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): terminal methyl groups are diastereotopic, δ 0.417 (s, 6H), 0.477 (s, 6H), 0.958 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 12H), 1.184 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 2.849 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 8H), 3.207 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.322 (m, 3H), 7.797 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 2.00, 2.27, 15.25, 15.97, 41.45, 43.03, 127.66, 127.82, 134.44, 135.33. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –18.94, –3.56. HRMS: calcd for C₂₂H₄₇N₃Si₃, *m/e* 437.312 80; found, *m/e* 437.310 30.

2,2-Bis(diethylamino)-1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyltrisilane (16). To a mixture of Me₃SiCl (1; 1.1 g, 10 mmol), Li (600 mg, 86 mmol), and THF (10 mL) was added dropwise a solution of

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1 (2.17 g, 20 mmol) and $(Et_2N)_2SiCl_2$ (**9**; 2.3 g, 9.4 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at room temperature over 7 h. The mixture was stirred for 10 h. Workup similar to the above gave **16** (2.1 g, 70% yield based on **9**): bp 140–160 °C (bath temperature)/ 0.6 mmHg, purity 93% on ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.315 (s, 18H), 1.056 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 12H), 2.985 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 8H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.71, 15.28, 41.32. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –22.74, –2.83. HRMS: calcd for C₁₄H₃₈N₂Si₃, *m/e* 318.234 15; found, *m/e* 318.233 05.

1,2,2,3-Tetrakis(diethylamino)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyltrisilane (17). To a mixture of **2** (0.6 g, 3.6 mmol), Li (250 mg, 36 mmol), and THF (5 mL) was added dropwise a solution of **2** (2.48 g, 15 mmol) and **9** (1.46 g, 6.0 mmol) in THF (13 mL) at room temperature over 12 h. The mixture was stirred for 12 h. The usual workup, similar to that above, gave **17** (1.74 g, 67% yield based on **9**): bp 180–200 °C (bath temperature)/ 0.2 mmHg, purity 93% on ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.464 (s, 12H), 1.088 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 12H), 1.129 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 12H), 2.973 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 8H), 3.170 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 8H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -7.16, -6.66. HRMS: calcd for C₂₀H₅₂N₄Si₃, *m/e* 432.349 99; found, *m/e* 432.350 39.

1,2-Bis(diethylamino)-1,1,2,3,3,3-hexamethyltrisilane (18). A mixture of $(Et_2N)Me_2SiSiMe(NEt_2)Cl$ (**10**; 660 mg, 2.4 mmol), Me_3SiCl (385 mg, 3.6 mmol), Li (182 mg, 26 mmol), and THF (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Workup similar to that given for the preparation of **13** gave **18** (641 mg, 86% yield based on **10**): bp 155–175 °C (bath temperature)/1.8 mmHg, purity 90% on GLC. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.272 (s, 9H), diastereotopic methyls 0.316 (s, 3H), 0.355 (s, 3H), 0.458 (s, 3H), 1.043 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.051 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 2.899 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -2.44, -0.32, 1.26, 1.55, 16.02, 16.25, 41.44, 42.81. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -19.76, -15.73, -3.83. HRMS: calcd for C₁₄H₃₈N₂-Si₃, *m/e* 318.234 28; found, *m/e* 318.235 48.

1,1,2,3-Tetrakis(diethylamino)-1,2,3,3-tetramethyltrisilane (19). A mixture of $(Et_2N)_2MeSiSiMe(NEt_2)Cl$ (**11**; 570 mg, 1.7 mmol), **2** (450 mg, 2.7 mmol), Li (210 mg, 30 mmol), and THF (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 11 h. After the usual workup, GLC analysis showed the product ratio of **19** to hydrodisilane **24** to be 94:6. Bulb-to-bulb distillation gave **19** (618 mg, 84% yield based on **11**): bp 190–230 °C (bath temperature)/0.3 mmHg, purity 97% on GLC. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): there are two diastereotopic methyl and Et₂N groups, δ 0.403 (s, 3H), 0.409 (s, 3H), 0.434 (s, 3H), 0.616 (s, 3H), 1.139–1.025 (m, 24H), 3.059–2.880 (m, 16H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –0.55, 1.25, 1.66, 1.80, 15.35, 15.82, 16.09, 16.66, 40.20, 40.42, 41.89, 42.72. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –19.26, –7.39, –3.48. HRMS: calcd for C₂₀H₅₂N₄Si₃, *m/e* 432.349 93; found, *m/e* 432.350 13.

1,1,2-Tris(diethylamino)-3-(dimethylamino)-3,3-diethyl-1,2-dimethyltrisilane (20). A mixture of **11** (680 mg, 2 mmol), (Me₂N)Et₂SiCl (**3**; 730 mg, 4.4 mmol), Li (175 mg, 25 mmol), and THF (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. Workup similar to that above gave **20** (812 mg, 94% yield based on **11**): bp 210–240 °C (bath temperature)/0.75 mmHg; purity 98% on GLC. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): there are two diastereotopic Et and Et₂N groups, δ 0.400 (s, 3H), 0.613 (s, 3H), 0.76–1.07 (m, 4H), 1.076–1.27 (m, 24H), 2.596 (s, 6H), 2.942–3.022 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.15, 1.12, 7.12, 7.19, 8.09, 15.41, 15.66, 16.00, 39.65, 40.10, 40.33, 42.75. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –19.36, –7.36, –3.08. HRMS: calcd for C₂₀H₅₂N₄Si₃, *m/e* 432.349 91; found, *m/e* 432.349 01.

1,1,2-Tris(diethylamino)-3,3-bis(dimethylamino)-1,2,3trimethyltrisilane (21). A mixture of **11** (977 mg, 2.9 mmol), (Me₂N)₂MeSiCl (**4**; 696 mg, 4.2 mmol), Li (210 mg, 30 mmol), and THF (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. After the usual workup, GLC analysis showed the product ratio of **21** to hydrodisilane **24** to be 87:13. Bulb-to-bulb distillation gave the product **21** (957 mg, 76% yield based on 11): bp 200–220 °C (bath temperature)/0.6 mmHg, purity 98% on GLC. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C_6D_6): there are two diastereotopic Me₂N and Et₂N groups, δ 0.384 (s, 3H), 0.421 (s, 3H), 0.672 (s, 3H), 1.106 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.117 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 12H), 2.606 (s, 6H), 2.642 (s, 6H), 3.000 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 3.012 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 8H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C_6D_6): δ –0.46, 0.33, 1.17, 15.62, 15.75, 38.86, 38.93, 40.37, 40.42, 42.59. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C_6D_6): δ –20.64, –7.46, –4.63. HRMS: calcd for $C_{19}H_{51}N_5Si_3$, *m/e* 433.329 01; found, *m/e* 433.347 01.

1,1,2-Tris(diethylamino)-3,3-bis(dimethylamino)-3-ethyl-1,2-dimethyltrisilane (22). A mixture of **11** (697 mg, 2.1 mmol), (Me₂N)₂EtSiCl (**5**; 821 mg, 4.5 mmol), Li (175 mg, 25 mmol), and THF (6 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The usual workup gave **22** (500 mg, 54% yield based on **11**): bp 220–260 °C (bath temperature)/0.7 mmHg, purity 95% on GLC. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): there are two diastereotopic Me₂N and Et₂N groups, δ 0.429 (s, 3H), 0.674 (s, 3H), 0.928 (q, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 1.082–1.145 (m, 18H), 1.180 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 2.633 (s, 6H), 2.651 (s, 6H), 2.960–3.077 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.56, 1.21, 8.04, 9.91, 15.57, 15.73, 39.05, 40.29, 40.44, 42.56. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -20.54, -7.46, -2.20. HRMS: calcd for C₂₀H₅₃N₅Si₃, *m/e* 447.360 78; found, *m/e* 447.360 08.

1,2,3,4-Tetrakis(diethylamino)-1,1,2,3,4,4-hexamethyltetrasilane (23). To a solution of (Et₂N)Me₂SiSiMe(NEt₂)-Cl (**10**; 886 mg, 3.2 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was added a suspension of Li powder (182 mg, 26 mmol) and THF (5 mL) at room temperature in several parts intermittently over 12 h. The mixture was stirred for 2 h. The usual workup gave the product **23** (556 mg, 72% yield): bp 220–250 °C (bath temperature)/0.5 mmHg, purity ca. 90% on ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): a mixture of two diastereomers, each having two diastereotopic methyl groups, δ 0.418, 0.458, 0.462 (s, 12H), 0.574, 0.675 (s, 6H), 1.065–1.144 (m, 24H), 2.934–3.008 (m, 16H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –0.50, -0.25, 1.70, 1.91, 2.09, 15.98, 16.14, 16.45, 16.50, 41.69, 41.75, 43.04, 43.11. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –14.88, -14.03, -3.08. HRMS: calcd for C₂₂H₅₈N₄Si₄, *m/e* 490.373 82; found, *m/e* 490.375 52.

Attempted Homocoupling of 11 with Li Metal: Formation of Hydrodisilane 24. A mixture of 11 (300 mg, 0.8 mmol), Li (120 mg, 17 mmol), and THF (6 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 13 h. The resulting mixture was checked by GLC to show the formation of $(Et_2N)_2MeSiSiMe$ (NEt₂)H (24), $(Et_2N)_2MeSiSiMe(NEt_2)_2$, and unknown product in the ratio of 70:25:5. The usual workup gave a mixture of products (170 mg) boiling at bp 180–200 °C (bath temperature)/0.2 mmHg. Preparative GLC afforded a pure sample of 24. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): two Et₂N groups are diastereotopic, δ 0.366 (s, 3H), 0.448 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 3H), 1.023– 1.112 (m, 18H), 2.922–3.010 (m, 12H), 4.980 (q, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –1.59, 0.02, 16.05, 16.14, 40.56, 43.33, 44.62.

Reaction of Cl(Et₂N)MeSiSiMe(NEt₂)Cl (12) with 2 and Subsequent Alkoxylation. (1) To a mixture of 2 (1.36 g, 8 mmol), Li (990 mg, 140 mmol), and THF (12 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 2 (5 g, 30 mmol) and 12 (2.87 g, 9.5 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at room temperature over 7 h. The mixture was stirred for 14 h. The usual workup gave an isomeric mixture of the tetraaminotetrasilanes, linear 23 (see above) and branched 25 in a ca. 1:1 ratio (4.6 g, 99% yield based on 12): bp 200-240 °C (bath temperature)/0.7 mmHg, purity 94% on GLC, which could not be separated pure. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆) of a mixture of 23 and 25: in 25 there are two diastereotopic Et₂N and (Et₂N)Me₂Si groups, δ 0.418, 0.440, 0.446, 0.458, 0.462, 0.489, 0.491, 0.572, 0.674 (nine singlets, total 18H), 1.055-1.150 (m, 24H), 2.88-3.08 (m, 16H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -7.90, -0.48, -0.25, 1.70, 1.91, 2.05, 2.09, 2.85, 2.90, 15.90, 15.98, 16.12, 16.45, 16.50, 16.66, 40.60, 41.66, 41.79, 42.02, 43.01, 43.08. HRMS: calcd for C₂₂H₅₈N₄Si₄, m/e 490.373 82; found, m/e 490.375 52.

(2) The isomer mixture of **23** and **25** (1.2 g, 2.5 mmol) obtained from the above experiment was added to a mixture

of *i*-PrOH (8 mL) and solid AlCl₃ (66 mg, 0.5 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 11 h, the resulting mixture was condensed under reduced pressure, followed by addition of hexane and filtration. The filtrate was concentrated and distilled to give a mixture of the isomeric tetraisopropoxytetrasilanes 39 and 40 (771 mg, 72% yield): bp 144-180 °C (bath temperature)/0.4 mmHg, the linear to branched ratio was 55:45 by GLC. Each structural isomer was isolated by preparative GLC. Linear (meso, dl mixture in the ratio of 1:1.6, not identified each) 39: ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆) of a mixture of diastereomers δ 0.486, 0.503 (two singlets, total 12H), 0.628, 0.725 (two singlets, total 6H), 1.202-1.292 (m, 24H), 4.049–4.20 (m, 4H); $^{13}\!\widetilde{\text{C}}$ NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆) δ –0.91, -0.61, 1.41, 1.53, 26.12, 26.21, 65.76, 67.89, 68.02. Branched 40: ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆) & 0.431 (s, 3H), 0.490 (s, 3H), 0.556 (s, 12H), 1.181 - 1.283 (m, 24H), 4.064 (sep, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.253 (sep, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆) δ -12.36, 1.62, 2.58, 2.67, 26.21, 26.24, 65.50, 65.68. Anal. Calcd for C18H46O4Si4: C, 49.14; H, 10.56. Found: C, 48.83; H, 10.61.

Transformation of Aminooligosilanes into Alkoxyoligosilanes. Typical Procedure: Synthesis of 1,2,3-Trimethoxy-1,1,2,3,3-pentamethyltrisilane (26). To a mixture of MeOH (20 mL) and solid AlCl₃ (0.4 g, 3 mmol) was added 13 (4.1 g, 11 mmol) at 0 °C. After it was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C, the mixture was condensed under reduced pressure, followed by addition of dry hexane (30 mL) and filtration. The filtrate was concentrated and distilled bulb-to-bulb to give 26 (2.13 g, 77% yield): bp 110-120 °C (bath temperature)/15 mmHg (lit.¹⁰ bp 74 °C/5 mmHg). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): there are two diastereotopic methyls, δ 0.375 (s, 6H), 0.385 (s, 6H), 0.531 (s, 3H), 3.394 (s, 6H), 3.424 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –2.68, –0.18, 50.83, 52.93. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 5.59, 14.18. HRMS: calcd for C₈H₂₄O₃Si₃, m/e 252.096 64; found, m/e 252.102 64. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₂₄O₃-Si₃: H, 9.58; C, 38.05. Found: H, 9.83; C, 37.46.

1,2,3-Trimethoxy-2-ethyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyltrisilane (27). In a similar manner, **14** (1.15 g, 3 mmol), AlCl₃ (127 mg, 1 mmol), and MeOH (8 mL) gave **27** (514 mg, 65% yield): bp 135–142 °C (bath temperature)/18 mmHg. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): there are two diastereotopic methyls, δ 0.404 (s, 6H), 0.412 (s, 6H), 1.059 (q, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 1.252 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 3.394 (s, 6H), 3.456 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.47, 0.51, 7.59, 8.56, 50.72, 53.34. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 8.53, 14.43. HRMS: calcd for C₉H₂₆O₃Si₃, *m/e* 266.119 02; found, *m/e* 266.119 82. Anal. Calcd for C₉H₂₆O₃-Si₃: H, 9.83; C, 40.55. Found: H, 10.09; C, 40.89.

1,2,3-Triethoxy-2-phenyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyltrisilane (28). A mixture of **15** (502 mg, 1.15 mmol), AlCl₃ (53 mg, 0.4 mmol), and EtOH (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 9 h. The usual workup gave **28** (319 mg, 78% yield): bp 160–170 °C (bath temperature)/0.6 mmHg. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): there are two diastereotopic methyls, δ 0.452 (s, 6H), 0.470 (s, 6H), 1.153 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.272 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 3.662 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 3.869 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.280–7.350 (m, 3H), 7.860–7.910 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.68, 0.80, 18.80, 18.96, 59.25, 62.21, 128.30, 129.00, 133.92, 138.51. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –5.34, 11.15. HRMS: calcd for C₁₆H₃₂O₃Si₃, *m/e* 456.170 50; found, *m/e* 356.168 20. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₃₂O₃Si₃: H, 9.04; C, 53.87. Found: H, 9.08; C, 53.09.

2,2-Dimethoxy-1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyltrisilane (29).¹¹ In a manner similar to the procedure for the synthesis of **26**, **16** (1.7 g, 5.3 mmol), AlCl₃ (60 mg, 0.45 mmol), and MeOH (5 mL) gave **29** (632 mg, 50% yield): bp 140–150 °C (bath temperature)/26 mmHg. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.276 (s, 18H), 3.516 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -1.07, 52.42. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -22.54, 11.82. HRMS: calcd for C₈H₂₄O₂Si₃, *m/e* 236.111 64; found, *m/e* 236.109 64.

For the purpose of elemental analysis, the isoproxy analog was prepared in a similar manner. Thus, **16** was treated with *i*-PrOH and AlCl₃, followed by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt 20:1, R_f 0.3) to give 2,2-diisopropoxy-1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyltrisilane. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.311 (s, 18H), 1.237 (d, J = 5.94 Hz, 12H), 4.146 (hepta, J = 5.94 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -0.86, 26.26, 67.66. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -22.92, 2.30. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₃₂O₂Si₃: H, 11.02; C, 49.25. Found: H, 11.10; C, 49.13.

1,2,2,3-Tetramethoxy-1,1,3,3-tetramethyltrisilane (30). Similarly, **17** (3.75 g, 8.7 mmol), AlCl₃ (156 mg, 1.2 mmol), and MeOH (20 mL) gave **30** (1.85 g, 79% yield): bp 180–200 °C (bath temperature)/17 mmHg. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.431 (s, 12H), 3.443 (s, 6H), 3.577 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.11, 50.90, 52.59. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 2.19, 10.08. HRMS: calcd for C₈H₂₄O₄Si₃, *m/e* 268.098 17; found, *m/e* 268.093 97. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₂₄O₄Si₃: H, 9.01; C, 35.78. Found: H, 9.15; C, 36.05.

1,2,2,3-Tetraethoxy-1,1,3,3-tetramethyltrisilane (31). A mixture of **17** (1.11 g, 2.56 mmol), AlCl₃ (54 mg, 0.4 mmol), and EtOH (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 h. The usual workup gave **31** (676 mg, 82% yield): bp 120–130 °C (bath temperature)/0.95 mmHg. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.480 (s, 12H), 1.220 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.258 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 3.758 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 3.923 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.61, 18.86, 18.94, 59.21, 61.12. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –2.53, 7.31. HRMS: calcd for C₁₂H₃₂O₄Si₃: H, 9.94; C, 44.39. Found: H, 10.03; C, 44.20.

1,2,2,3-Tetraisopropoxy-1,1,3,3-tetramethyltrisilane (32). A mixture of **17** (1.25 g, 2.9 mmol), AlCl₃ (54 mg, 0.4 mmol), and *i*-PrOH (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 19 h. The usual workup gave **32** (626 mg, 57% yield): bp 140–150 °C (bath temperature)/0.28 mmHg. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.495 (s, 12H), 1.250 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 12H), 1.311 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 12H), 4.116 (sep, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.337 (sep, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 1.41, 26.19, 26.21, 65.84, 67.92. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -7.54, 4.63. HRMS: calcd for C₁₆H₂₄O₄Si₃, *m/e* 380.223 42. Found: *m/e* 380.223 63. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₄O₄Si₃: H, 10.59; C, 50.47. Found: H, 10.55; C, 50.53.

1,2-Dimethoxy-1,1,2,3,3,3-hexamethyltrisilane (33). In a manner similar to the procedure for the synthesis of **26, 18** (361 mg, 1.13 mmol), AlCl₃ (61 mg, 0.45 mmol), and MeOH (7 mL) gave **33** (185 mg, 69% yield): bp 120–140 °C (bath temperature)/32 mmHg. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): there are two diastereotopic methyls, δ 0.256 (s, 9H), 0.342 (s, 3H), 0.356 (s, 3H), 0.484 (s, 3H), 3.375 (3H), 3.383 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ – 3.09, –1.45, 0.02, 50.79, 52.87. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ – 1.55, 3.73. HRMS: calcd for C₈H₂₄O₂Si₃, *m/e* 236.108 34; found, *m/e* 236.106 54.

1,1,2,3-Tetramethoxy-1,2,3,3-tetramethyltrisilane (34). In a similar manner, **19** (464 mg, 1.1 mmol), AlCl₃ (45 mg, 0.34 mmol), and MeOH (5 mL) gave **34** (161 mg, 56% yield): bp 190–210 °C (bath temperature)/22 mmHg. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): there are two diastereotopic methyl and MeO groups, δ 0.361 (s, 3H), 0.417 (s, 6H), 0.595 (s, 3H), 3.427 (s, 3H), 3.465 (s, 3H), 3.487 (s, 3H), 3.498 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –2.35, –1.54, –0.42, 50.30, 50.89, 52.94. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –1.25, 2.76, 13.90. HRMS: calcd for C₈H₂₄O₄Si₃. *m/e* 268.098 14; found, *m/e* 268.097 14. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₂₄O₄Si₃: H, 9.01; C, 35.78. Found: H, 9.14; C, 36.14.

1,1,2,3-Tetramethoxy-3,3-diethyl-1,2-dimethyltrisilane (35). In a similar manner, **20** (628 mg, 1.5 mmol), AlCl₃ (74 mg, 0.55 mmol), and MeOH (6 mL) gave **35** (367 mg, 83% yield): bp 130–140 °C (bath temperature)/1.5 mmHg. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): there are two diastereotopic Et and MeO groups, δ 0.380 (s, 3H), 0.656 (s, 3H), 0.927–0.955 (m, 4H), 1.192 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.196 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 3.478 (s, 3H), 3.485 (s, 3H), 3.494 (s, 3H), 3.497 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR

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(67.8 MHz, C_6D_6): δ -1.63, -1.41, 6.96, 7.14, 50.30, 51.49, 52.91. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C_6D_6): δ -19.66, 9.77, 14.73. HRMS: calcd for $C_{10}H_{28}O_4Si_3$, *m/e* 296.131 92; found, *m/e* 296.130 72. Anal. Calcd for $C_{10}H_{28}O_4Si_3$: H, 9.52; C, 40.49. Found: H, 9.56; C,40.43.

1,1,2,3,3-Pentamethoxy-1,2,3-trimethyltrisilane (36). In a similar manner, **21** (670 mg, 1.6 mmol), AlCl₃ (40 mg, 0.3 mmol), and MeOH (6 mL) gave **36** (294 mg, 67% yield): bp 210–230 °C (bath temperature)/21 mmHg. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): there are two diastereotopic MeO groups, δ 0.402 (s, 6H), 0.660 (s, 3H), 3.502 (s, 3H), 3.515 (s, 6H), 3.523 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –1.97, –1.65, 50.41, 53.00. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –1.73, –0.40. HRMS: calcd for C₈H₂₄O₅Si₃, *m/e* 284.093 04; found, *m/e* 284.090 64. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₂₄O₅Si₃: H, 8.50; C, 33.77. Found: H, 8.47; C, 33.59.

1,1,2,3,3-Pentamethoxy-3-ethyl-1,2-dimethyltrisilane (37). In a similar manner, **22** (275 mg, 0.61 mmol), AlCl₃ (46 mg, 0.34 mmol), and MeOH (6 mL) gave **37** (142 mg, 78% yield): bp 130–140 °C (bath temperature)/2 mmHg. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): there are four diastereotopic MeO groups, δ 0.416 (s, 3H), 0.695 (s, 3H), 0.906 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.221 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 3.500 (s, 3H), 3.519 (s, 3H), 3.524 (s, 3H), 3.544 (s, 3H), 3.557 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –1.68, –1.50, 6.33, 7.89, 50.39, 50.64, 50.68, 52.96. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –2.48, –1.90, 0.10. Anal. Calcd for C₉H₂₆-O₅Si₃: H, 8.78; C, 36.20. Found: H, 8.88; C, 36.35.

1,2,3,4-Tetramethoxy-1,1,2,3,4,4-hexamethyltetrasilane (38). In a similar manner, **23** (380 mg, 0.77 mmol), AlCl₃ (65 mg, 0.5 mmol), and MeOH (7 mL) gave **38** (186 mg, 74% yield) as a 1:0.8 mixture of diastereomers: bp 120–130 °C (bath temperature)/0.9 mmHg. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.420 (s, 3H), 0.427 (s, 9H), 0.586 (s, 3H), 0.659 (s, 3H), 3.407 (s, 3H), 3.412 (s, 3H), 3.444 (s, 3H), 3.486 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –2.28, –1.97, –0.01, 0.04, 50.77, 53.02. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 8.07, 8.47, 14.45, 14.50. HRMS: calcd for C₉H₂₇O₄Si₄, *m/e* (M–CH₃) 311.098 69; found, *m/e* (M – CH₃) 311.098 79. Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₃₀O₄Si₄: H, 9.26; C, 36.76. Found: H, 9.31; C, 36.42.

Transformation into Fluorotrisilane: 1,2,3-Trifluoro-1,1,2,3,3-pentamethyltrisilane (41). 1,2,3-Trimethoxy-1,1,2,3,3-pentamethyltrisilane (26; 1.11 g, 4.4 mmol) was added to a saturated solution of (HF)_xpy in ether (20 mL; large excess amount) at -70 °C with stirring. After 10 min, the mixture was condensed with a water pump at -50 to -40 °C. After the cooling bath was removed, the crude product was transferred *in vacuo* to another flask, which was cooled to -78°C and then redistilled bulb-to-bulb to give 41 (862 mg, 91% yield): bp 130-150 °C (bath temperature)/100 mmHg, purity 90% by ¹H NMR (lit.¹⁰ bp 69–70 °C/47 mmHg). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): two terminal methyl groups are diastereotopic, δ 0.275 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 0.319 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 0.460 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -1.92 (d, J(CF) = 11 Hz, 1C), 0.15 (d, J(CF) = 11H, 2C), 0.37 (d, J(CF)= 11 Hz, 2C). ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 24.37 (dt, J(SiF) = 324.9 Hz, J(SiF) = 33.6 Hz, 1Si), 30.36 (ddd, J(SiF) = 307.9 Hz, J(SiF) = 25.5 Hz, J(SiF) = 2.7 Hz, 2Si). ¹⁹F NMR (254.5 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -210.50 (tq, J(FF) = 9.9 Hz, J(FH) = 7.3 Hz, 1F), -174.34 (double septet, *J*(FF) = 9.9 Hz, *J*(FH) = 7.3 Hz, 2F). HRMS: calcd for C₅H₁₅F₃Si₃, m/e 216.043 44; found, m/e 216.043 54.

1,2,3-Trifluoro-2-ethyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyltrisilane (42). In a similar manner, **27** (600 mg, 2.3 mmol) and saturated solution of (HF)_xpy in ether (20 mL) gave **42** (450 mg, 86% yield): bp 90–110 °C (bath temperature)/110 mmHg, purity 90% on ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): terminal two methyl groups are diastereotopic, δ 0.309 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 6H), 0.348 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 6H), 0.981 (m, 2H), 1.075 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.73 (d, J(CF) = 11 Hz, 2C), 0.87 (d, J(CF) = 12 Hz, 2C), 7.16 (d, J(CF) = 2.4 Hz, 1C), 7.88 (d, J(CF) = 325.3 Hz, J(SiF) = 30.9 Hz, 1Si), 30.86 (ddd, J(SiF) = 307.9 Hz, J(SiF) = 25.5 Hz, J(SiF) = 2.7 Hz, 2Si). ¹⁹F NMR (254.5 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -215.08 (tq, J(FF) = 9.9 Hz, J(FH) = 7.3 Hz, 1F), -173.17 (double septet, J(FF) = 9.9 Hz, J(FH) = 7.3 Hz, 2F).

1,2,3-Trifluoro-2-phenyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyltrisilane (43). A mixture of 28 (800 mg, 2.3 mmol) and a saturated solution of $(HF)_x$ py in ether (20 mL) was stirred at -70 °C. The resultung mixture was condensed under reduced pressure, followed by extraction with hexane (10 mL \times 2). The extract was concentrated and distilled bulb-to-bulb to give 43 (435 mg, 68% yield): bp 145-155 °C (bath temperature)/15 mmHg, purity 95% on ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): terminal two methyl groups are diastereotopic, δ 0.287 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 6H), 0.381 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 6H), 7.172 (m, 3H), 7.675 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.55 (d, *J*(CF) = 12.2 Hz, 2C), 0.33 (d, *J*(CF) = 12.2 Hz, 2C), 128.90, 130.39, 133.00, 133.03 (broad). ^{29}Si NMR (54 MHz, C6D6): δ 12.62 (dt, J(SiF) = 325.3 Hz, J(SiF) = 34.2 Hz, 1Si), 29.93 (dd, J(SiF) = 325.3 Hz, J(SiF) = 34.2 Hz, 1Si), 29.93 (dd, J(SiF) = 325.3 Hz, J(SiF) = 34.2 Hz, 1Si), 29.93 (dd, J(SiF) = 34.2 Hz), 29.93 (dd, J(SiF) = 34.2 HzJ(SiF) = 307.9 Hz, J(SiF) = 25.5 Hz, 2Si). ¹⁹F NMR (254.5 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -215.33 (t, J(FF) = 7.4 Hz, 1F), -172.62 (double septet, *J*(FF) = 7.4 Hz, *J*(FH) = 8.6 Hz, 2F).

Preparation of the starting Aminochlorodisilanes. Dichloro(diethylamino)ethylsilane (7). To a solution of EtSiCl₃ (9.83 g, 60 mmol) and Et₃N (10 mL, 72 mmol) in THF (80 mL) was added dropwise a solution of Et₂NH (4.39 g, 60 mmol) in THF (40 mL) at -45 °C over 1 h. The mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature with stirring and was stirred for 10 h. The mixture was then condensed under reduced pressure, followed by addition of dry hexane (50 mL) and filtration. The filtrate was distilled to give the product (9.35 g, 78% yield): bp 100–102 °C/51 mmHg. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.87–0.92 (m, including triplet at δ 0.894, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H, total 8H), 1.009 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 2.768 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 7.14, 12.29, 15.42, 40.06.

1,2-Bis(diethylamino)-2-chloro-1,1,2-trimethyldisilane (10). This compound was prepared in four steps.

(1) To a solution of $(Et_2N)_2MeSiCl$ (9.8 g, 44 mmol) in THF (30 mL) was added dropwise a solution of Me₂PhSiLi, freshly prepared from 8.5 g of Me₂PhSiCl, 1.2 g of Li, and 50 mL of THF, at 0 °C over 1 h. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. Workup similar to that given for the preparation of **13** gave **1,1-bis(diethylamino)-2-phenyl-1,2,2-trimethyldisilane (44;** 10.8 g, 76% yield based on (Et₂N)₂MeSiCl): bp 126–127 °C/0.7 mmHg, purity 99% on GLC; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.294 (s, 3H), 0.513 (s, 6H), 0.977 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 12H), 2.874 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.224– 7.310 (m, 3H), 2.884 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.626–7.653 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆) δ -1.85, -0.57, 15.71, 40.22, 127.96, 128.49, 134.40, 140.81; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₃₄N₂Si₂ m/e 322.226 04, found, m/e 322.226 84.

(2) Through a solution of **44** (9.8 g, 30 mmol) in Et₂O (150 mL) was bubbled dry HCl (ca. 0.4 mol; generated from 24 g of NH₄Cl and 23 mL of concentrated H₂SO₄) at 0 °C over 2 h. The resulting mixture was condensed under reduced pressure, followed by addition of dry hexane (30 mL) and filtration. The filtrate was concentrated and distilled to give **1,1-dichloro-2-phenyl-1,2,2-trimethyldisilane (45**; 5.9 g, 79% yield): bp 84–85 °C/1.2 mmHg, purity 98% on GLC; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.379 (s, 6H), 0.530 (s, 3H), 7.169–7.197 (m, 3H), 7.414–7.449 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆) δ –5.13, 6.53, 128.49, 130.00, 134.31 (one peak of ipso carbon was hiddened by other peaks); HRMS calcd for C₉H₁₄Cl₂Si₂ *m/e* 249.998 06, found, *m/e* 249.995 66.

(3) Through a mixture of **45** (5.8 g, 23 mmol), freshly sublimed AlCl₃ (120 mg, 0.9 mmol), and dry benzene (10 mL) was bubbled dry HCl at room temperature over 1 h. To the resulting mixture was added dry acetone (0.5 mL), followed by stirring for 15 min. The resulting solution was transferred to a 50 mL flask via syringe and distilled to give **1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trimethyldisilane (46**; 4.17 g, 87% yield): bp 93–95 °C/115 mmHg (lit.^{7b} bp 146–152 °C); purity 97% on GLC; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 0.324 (s, 6H), 0.591 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 0.49, 5.43.

(4) To a solution of Et₂NH (15 mL) in THF (20 mL) was added **46** (1.87 g, 9 mmol) at -50 °C. The mixture was stirred at -50 °C for 40 min. The resulting mixture was condensed under reduced pressure, followed by addition of dry hexane (30 mL) and filtration. The filtrate was concentrated and distilled to give the final product **10** (2.08 g, 83% yield): bp 112–120 °C (bath temperature)/0.7 mmHg, purity 94% on GLC. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆): there are two diastereotopic methyl groups, δ 0.361 (s, 3H), 0.402 (s, 3H), 0.585 (s, 3H), 0.981 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.036 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.813 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 2.926 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –1.70, –0.40, 2.59, 15.26, 16.03, 41.01, 41.17. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –6.79, 7.01. HRMS: calcd for C₁₁H₂₉ClN₂Si₂: *m/e* 280.155 83; found, *m/e* 280.156 63.

1,1,2-Tris(diethylamino)-2-chloro-1,2-dimethyldisilane (11). To Et₂NH (20 mL) was added **12** (4.32 g, 14.4 mmol), prepared as detailed below, at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was condensed under reduced pressure, followed by addition of dry hexane (20 mL) and filtration. The filtrate was condensed and distilled bulb-to-bulb to give **11** (4.05 g, 84% yield): bp 190–210 °C (bath temperature)/0.25 mmHg, purity 90% on ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 0.448 (s, 3H), 0.657 (s, 3H), 1.006–1.096 (m, 18H), 2.895–3.092 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –0.28, 3.72, 15.10, 15.30, 15.50, 39.95, 40.84. ²⁹Si NMR (54 MHz, C₆D₆): δ –12.52, 5.29. HRMS: calcd for C₁₄H₃₆ClN₃Si₂, *m/e* 337.213 53; found, *m/e* 337.213 03.

1,2-Bis(diethylamino)-1,2-dichloro-1,2-dimethyldisilane (12). To a solution of $(Et_2N)_2$ MeSiSiMe $(NEt_2)_2$ (**47**;¹ 9.3 g, 25 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise CH₃COCl (4.18 g, 53 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at -45 to -35 °C over 30 min. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h and condensed under reduced pressure. The residue was distilled to give the product **12** (5.32 g, 71% yield) as a *meso/ dl* mixture: bp 94–95 °C / 0.5 mmHg, purity 91% on GLC. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.604 (s, 40% of 6H), 0.717 (s, 60% of 6H), 0.960–0.996 (m, 12H), 2.70–2.98 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 0.48, 2.63. HRMS: calcd for C₁₀H₂₆-Cl₂N₂Si₂, *m/e* 300.101 08; found, *m/e* 300.100 98.

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