

The Thermally Stable Silylene $\text{Si}\{\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{Bu}^t)\}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-1,2}\}$: Reactivity toward CN Double Bonds

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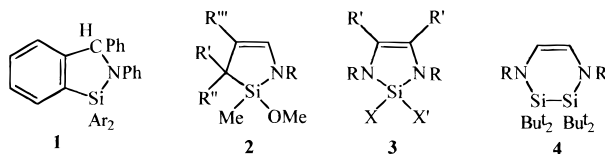
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The reaction of the bis(amino)silylene $\text{Si}\{\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{Bu}^t)\}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-1,2}\}$ (**5**; abbreviated as Si(NN)) with the imine $\text{Ph}_2\text{C}=\text{NSiMe}_3$ gave a 1:1 adduct, the fused bicyclic compound $1,2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_5\text{[}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)\text{Si}(\text{NN})\text{]}$ (**6**). Upon heating, **6** was transformed into the benzosilaazacyclopentene $1,2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{[CH}(\text{Ph})\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)\text{Si}(\text{NN})\text{]}$ (**7**). In contrast, treatment of **5** with $\text{PhCH}=\text{NBu}^t$ gave a 2:1 adduct, the silyl-substituted benzosilaazacyclopentene $1,2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{[C}(\text{H})\{\text{Si}(\text{NN})\text{H}\}\text{N}(\text{Bu}^t)\text{Si}(\text{NN})\text{]}$ (**8**). Treatment of **6** with an equivalent of **5** yielded a related benzosilaazacyclopentene, $1,2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{[C}(\text{Ph})\{\text{Si}(\text{NN})\text{H}\}\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)\text{Si}(\text{NN})\text{]}$ (**9**). Plausible reaction pathways for these reactions are suggested. From **5** and the 1-aza- or 1,4-diazabutadiene $\text{PhCH}=\text{CHCH}=\text{NPh}$ or $\text{Bu}^t\text{N}=\text{CHCH}=\text{NBu}^t$, there was obtained the 1-aza-2-sila-4-cyclopentene **15** or the 1,3-diaza-2-sila-4-cyclopentene **16**, respectively, by a formal [4 + 1] cycloaddition. Compounds **6–9**, **15**, and **16** have been characterized by multinuclear NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry (except for **15**), and the structure of **8** was also determined by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study.

Introduction

In contrast to reactions between a transient silylene and a compound containing a CO double bond, little is known about silylene behavior toward C=N analogues. Only one paper has described the product obtained from a thermally generated silylene and an imine. Thus, $\text{PhCH}=\text{NPh}$ and SiAr_2 gave the heteroindane (or benzosilaazacyclopentene) **1**, while a similar five-membered-



ring 1:1 adduct was obtained from SiAr_2 and a fluorene-derived imine ($\text{Ar} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_2)\text{-2}$).¹ The 1-azadiene $\text{PhC}(\text{H})\text{C}(\text{H})\text{CH}=\text{NPh}$ and $\text{Si}(\text{OMe})\text{Me}$ gave a mixture of (*E*)- and (*Z*)-1-aza-2-sila-4-cyclopentenes **2** ($\text{R} = \text{Ph} = \text{R}'$ and $\text{R}'' = \text{H} = \text{R}'''$).² The 1,4-diazabutadiene $[\text{RNC}(\text{R}')_2]$ and $\text{Si}(\text{X})\text{X}'$ gave the 1,3-diaza-2-sila-4-cyclopentene **3** ($\text{X} = \text{OMe}$, $\text{X}' = \text{Me}$, $\text{R}' = \text{H}$, with $\text{R} = \text{Bu}^t$, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{-c}$;² $\text{X} = \text{Ar} = \text{X}'$, $\text{R}' = \text{H}$, $\text{R} = \text{Bu}^t$, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{-c}$), while $[\text{RNC}(\text{H})_2]$ and $(\text{SiBu}^t_2)_2$ or SiBu^t_2 (from photolysis of $(\text{SiBu}^t_2)_3$) yielded the 1,4-diaza-2,3-disila-5-cyclohexene **4** ($\text{R} = \text{Pr}^i$, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{-c}$) or **3** ($\text{X} = \text{Bu}^t = \text{X}'$, $\text{R} = \text{Bu}^t$, $\text{R}' = \text{H}$).³ The 1-azatriene $\text{Pr}^i\text{NC}(\text{H})\text{C}(\text{Me})\text{C}(\text{H})\text{C}(\text{H})\text{C}(\text{H})\text{Ph}$ and $\text{Si}(\text{OMe})\text{Me}$ gave some **2** ($\text{R} = \text{Pr}^i$, $\text{R}' = \text{H} = \text{R}'''$,

$\text{R}'' = \text{CHC}(\text{H})\text{Ph}$), but the principal product was the 1-aza-2-sila-3-cyclopentene isomer.⁴ Further reactions of a transient in situ generated silylene with a 1,4- (or 1,3-) diaza-1,3-diene have involved (i) $2\text{-NC}_5\text{H}_4\text{-(CH}=\text{NBu}^t)$, which with SiR_2 gave $2\text{-NC}_5\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{H})\text{N-(Bu}^t)\text{SiR}_2$ ($\text{R} = \text{Bu}^t$, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{Me}_3\text{-2,4,6}$),⁵ (ii) $2\text{-NC}_5\text{H}_4\text{-(CH}=\text{NR}')$, which with SiR_2 gave $2\text{-NC}_5\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{NR}')\text{Si}(\text{H})\text{R}_2$ ($\text{R} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{Me}_3\text{-2,4,6}$, $\text{R}' = \text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{Pr}^i\text{-2,6}$),⁵ and (iii) $\text{Bu}^t\text{-NC}(\text{Ph})\text{NC}(\text{CF}_3)_2$, which with SiCl_2 generated the [4 + 1] adduct $\text{Bu}^t\text{NC}(\text{Ph})\text{NC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{SiCl}_2$.⁶

In a preceding paper,⁷ we showed that the thermally stable silylene $\text{Si}\{\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{Bu}^t)\}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-1,2}\}$ (**5**; abbreviated as Si(NN)) readily reacts with ketones or oxadienes.⁷ We now draw attention to the behavior of **5** with imines or azadienes. A preliminary communication, without experimental data, has appeared.⁸

Results and Discussion

Treatment of the pale yellow bis(amino)silylene **5** with *N*-(trimethylsilyl)diphenylimine, $\text{Ph}_2\text{C}=\text{NSiMe}_3$, at ambient temperature afforded (path i in Scheme 1) a pale yellow 1:1 adduct, the fused bicyclic dearomatized compound **6**. The latter was sufficiently stable in benzene at room temperature to be completely charac-

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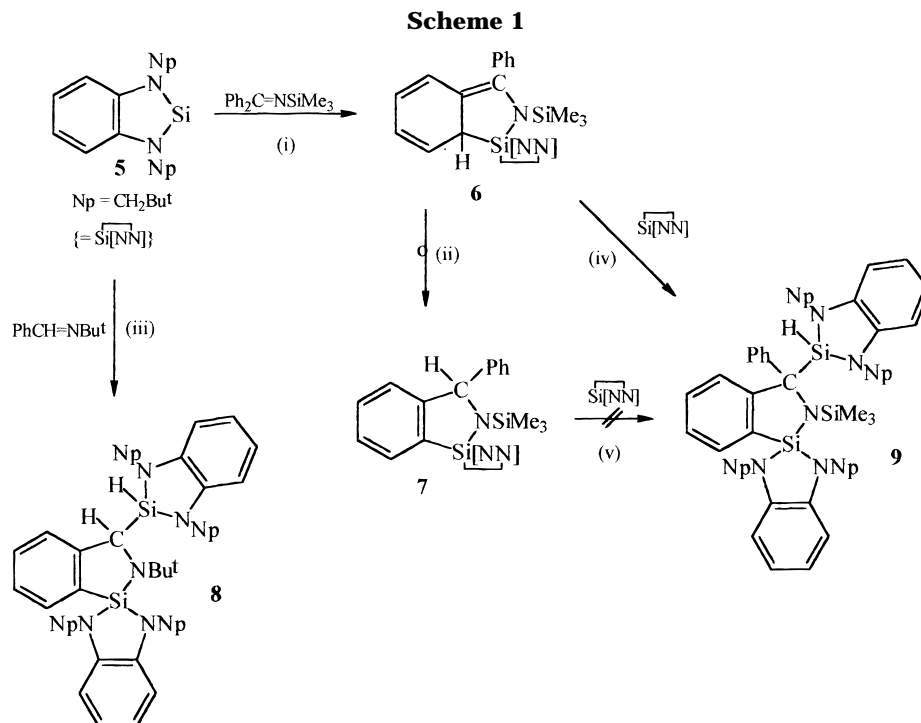
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terized by NMR spectroscopy, but the solid was gradually transformed over a period of weeks by a 1,3-hydrogen shift (path ii in Scheme 1) into the thermodynamically more stable rearomatized isomer, the pale yellow azaindane **7**. This rearrangement was more rapidly accomplished by heating a benzene solution of **6** under reflux for 6 h.

In contrast, under similar conditions, **5** with *N*-tert-butylphenylimine, $\text{PhCH}=\text{NBut}^t$, gave (path iii in Scheme 1) the 2:1 adduct, the colorless 3-silyl-substituted benzo-1-sila-2-azacyclopentene **8**.

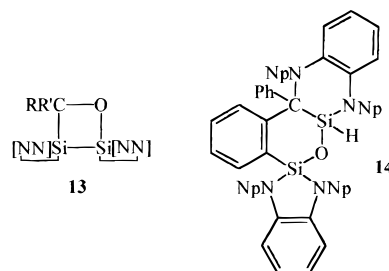
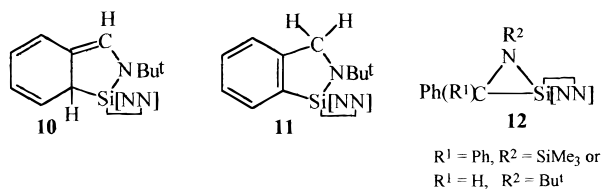
To ascertain whether a 2:1 silylene-imine adduct might also be accessible for the case of $\text{Ph}_2\text{C}=\text{NSiMe}_3$ as the imine, **5** was heated with an equimolar portion of the 1:1 adduct **6** in benzene at 70 °C for 24 h. The product of this reaction (path iv in Scheme 1) was the pale yellow compound **9**, an analogue of **8** except for the substituents at N-2 (Bu^t in **8**, Me₃Si in **9**) and C-3 (H in **8**, Ph in **9**) of the 1-sila-2-aza-4-cyclopentene ring. Compounds **7**–**9** have the same central skeletal structure as the heteroindane **1**; whereas **7** is derived from a single silylene unit (like **1**), two were required for **8** and **9**.

As a contribution to a study of the reaction pathway to the 2:1-adduct, it was established by NMR spectroscopic experiments (using the identical procedure which from **6** + **5** gave **9** (path iv in Scheme 1)) that the rearranged 1:1 adduct **7** did not react (path v in Scheme 1) with **5** to give **9**. Hence, **7** is not an intermediate along the pathway **6** → **9**. Although in the aldimine system leading from **5** to **8**, no intermediates have been isolated, it is plausible that an analogue **10** of **6** has a

role but is kinetically more labile than **6** for stereoelectronic reasons, the latter being both more bulky and more extensively conjugated. The further intermediacy between **10** and **8** of an analogue **11** of **7** cannot be ruled out. It is proposed that the initial product of the interaction of the silylene **5** and an imine is the azasilacyclopropane **12**, formed by a [1 + 2] cycloaddition.

Each of the crystalline compounds **6**–**9** was characterized by multinuclear NMR spectroscopy, electron impact mass spectrometry (parent ions observed), and microanalysis. Compound **8** is particularly unusual, and hence, a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study was carried out. The molecular structure is shown in Figure 1 (with the atom labeling scheme), and selected bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 1. The Si–N bonds (average 1.745(4) Å) are normal, as is the Si(1)–C(33) bond, but the Si(2)–C(39) bond (1.924(4) Å) is significantly longer.

The above results may be compared with those we reported in a preceding paper dealing with the reaction of the silylene **5** with the ketones $\text{RR}'\text{C}=\text{O}$ ($\text{R} = \text{Ph} = \text{R}'$; $\text{R} = \text{Me}$, $\text{R}' = \text{Bu}^t$; $\text{R} = \text{R}' = \text{adamantanyl}$).⁷ At ambient temperature in benzene the product was the 2:1 adduct, the disilaoxetane **13**, while at 60 °C, the



isomeric substituted disilabenzpyran **14** (a single diastereoisomer) was obtained. It was proposed that intermediates in the formation of **14** from **2(5)** + Ph_2CO were an oxirane (an O analogue of **12**, $\text{R}^1 = \text{Ph}$) followed by

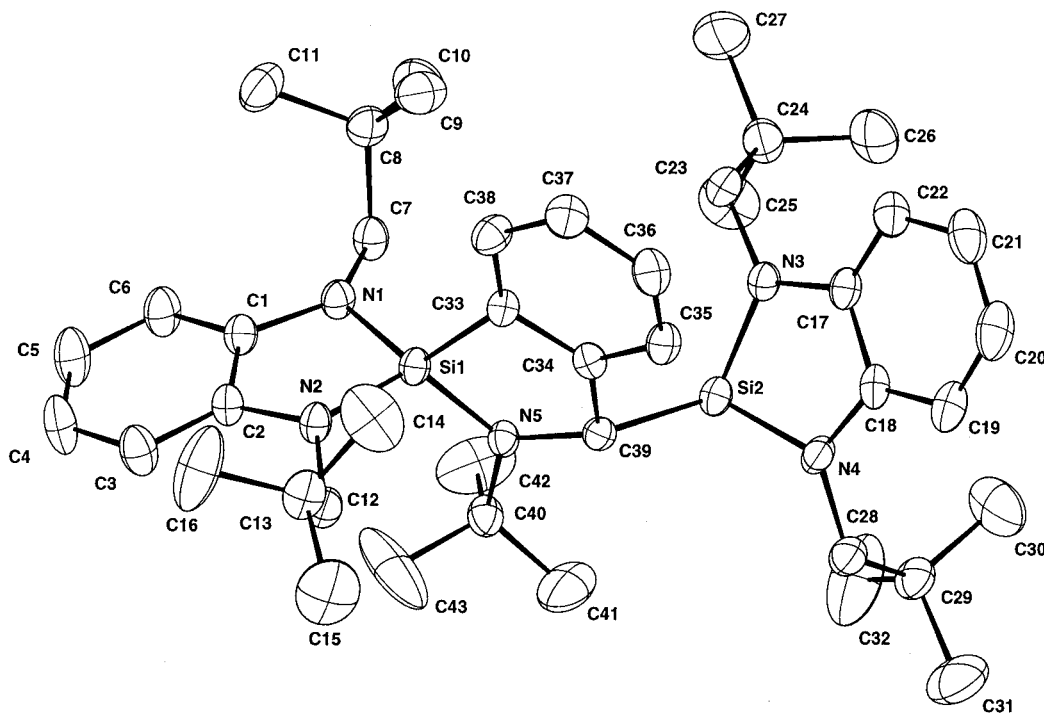


Figure 1. Molecular structure of **8** showing the atom-labeling scheme. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

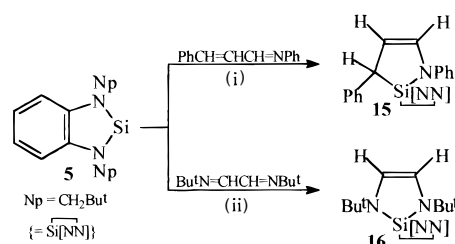
Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for 8

Si(1)–N(5)	1.723(4)	Si(1)–N(1)	1.729(4)
Si(1)–N(2)	1.738(4)	Si(1)–C(33)	1.828(4)
Si(2)–N(3)	1.716(4)	Si(2)–N(4)	1.729(4)
Si(2)–C(39)	1.924(4)	N(1)–C(1)	1.403(5)
N(1)–C(7)	1.457(5)	N(2)–C(2)	1.399(5)
N(2)–C(12)	1.466(5)	N(3)–C(17)	1.414(5)
N(3)–C(23)	1.449(5)	N(4)–C(18)	1.415(6)
N(4)–C(28)	1.451(6)	N(5)–C(39)	1.483(5)
N(5)–C(40)	1.491(5)		
N(5)–Si(1)–N(1)	117.9(2)	N(5)–Si(1)–N(2)	119.3(2)
N(1)–Si(1)–N(2)	91.8(2)	N(5)–Si(1)–C(33)	93.2(2)
N(1)–Si(1)–C(33)	122.9(2)	N(2)–Si(1)–C(33)	114.1(2)
N(3)–Si(2)–N(4)	92.5(2)	N(3)–Si(2)–C(39)	116.7(2)
N(4)–Si(2)–C(39)	111.0(2)	C(1)–N(1)–C(7)	121.9(4)
C(1)–N(1)–Si(1)	110.4(3)	C(7)–N(1)–Si(1)	125.1(3)
C(2)–N(2)–C(12)	121.0(4)	C(2)–N(2)–Si(1)	110.9(3)
C(12)–N(2)–Si(1)	123.7(3)	C(17)–N(3)–C(23)	121.2(4)
C(17)–N(3)–Si(2)	110.3(3)	C(23)–N(3)–Si(2)	128.0(3)
C(18)–N(4)–C(28)	121.1(4)	C(18)–N(4)–Si(2)	109.3(3)
C(28)–N(4)–Si(2)	129.6(3)	C(39)–N(5)–C(40)	119.8(3)
C(39)–N(5)–Si(1)	113.2(3)	C(40)–N(5)–Si(1)	125.8(3)

analogues (O in place of NSiMe₃) of successively **6** and **9**.⁷ The failure to obtain a disilaazabutane from 2(**5**) + Ph₂C=NR (R = Bu^t, SiMe₃), in contrast to the formation of **13** from 2(**5**) + Ph₂CO,⁷ is attributed to steric hindrance. The oxygen analogue of **8** (O in place of NBU^t) was not identified in the Si(NN)–Ph₂CO system; if formed, it readily isomerized into **14**, the driving force being the oxophilicity of silicon, since **14** is a cyclic disiloxane.

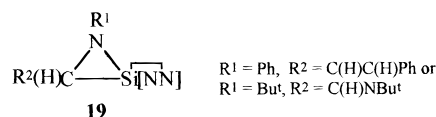
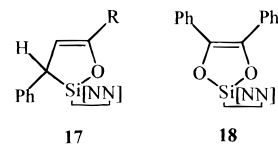
Treatment of the silylene **5** with an equimolar portion of the 1-azabutadiene PhC(H)C(H)C(H)=NPh in benzene at ambient temperature gave (path i in Scheme 2) the 1-aza-2-sila-4-cyclopentene **15** as a pale yellow, high-boiling oil. Under similar conditions, **5** and *N,N*-di-*tert*-butyl-1,4-diazabutadiene ([Bu^tNC(H)]₂) gave (path ii in Scheme 2) the colorless, crystalline 1,3-diaza-2-sila-4-cyclopentene **16**. Both compounds were characterized

Scheme 2



by multinuclear NMR spectra and **16** also by electron impact mass spectrometry (parent ion) and microanalysis. Compounds **15** and **16** have skeletal similarities to **2** and **3**, respectively. Hence, their formation differs from similar reactions of transient silylenes SiX(X') only in the important respect that they were obtained under very mild conditions.

The formation of **15** and **16** from **5** and the above azabutadiene or diazabutadiene is similar to that of the oxa and dioxo analogues **17** and **18** obtained⁷ from **5** and PhC(H)C(H)C(R)O (R = Ph, Me) and [PhC(O)]₂, respectively. The reaction pathway leading to **15** and **16** may well have implicated the initial 1 + 2 cycloadduct **19**.



Experimental Section

General Considerations. The NMR spectra (¹H-decoupled, unless otherwise stated) were recorded in [²H₆]benzene

at 298 K using a Bruker AC-P 250 (at 250 MHz (^1H) or 62.86 MHz (^{13}C)), a Bruker DPX 300 (at 300 MHz (^1H) or 75.48 MHz (^{13}C)), or a Bruker AMX 500 (at 500 MHz (^1H) or 99.33 MHz (^{29}Si)) and referenced internally to residual solvent resonances (chemical shift data in δ). Electron impact mass spectra were taken from solid samples using a Kratos MS 80 RF instrument. Melting points were taken in sealed capillaries and are uncorrected.

Synthesis of 6. A solution of **5** (0.9 g, 3.3 mmol) in benzene (20 mL) was added to a solution of $\text{Ph}_2\text{C}=\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)$ (0.84 g, 3.3 mmol) in benzene (20 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 16 h at room temperature. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the remaining solid was redissolved in *n*-pentane. Cooling to $-25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ afforded **6** (1.35 g, 78%) as a pale yellow solid. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_3\text{Si}_2$: C, 72.8; H, 8.59; N, 7.96. Found: C, 72.4; H, 8.41; N, 8.04. ^1H NMR (500 MHz): δ -0.18 (SiMe_3 , s, 9H), 0.95 and 1.08 (CMe_3 , 2 s, 18H), 3.25, 3.27, 3.30, 3.33, 3.34, 3.36, and 3.37 (CH_2 , AB-type, 4H), 3.96 ($\text{H}^5\text{-CSi}$, n, 1H), 5.49 (H^3 , 4 dd, 1H), 5.87 ($\text{H}^1\text{-CH}^5\text{-Si}$, 2 dt, 1H), 5.91 (H^2 , 4 dd, 1H), 5.98 ($\text{H}^4\text{-C}=\text{C}=\text{Ph}$, dq, 1H), 6.81–7.29 (phenyl, m, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (62.86 MHz): δ 2.39 (SiMe_3), 28.93, and 29.45 (CMe_3), 33.84 and 34.37 (CMe_3), 55.78 and 57.52 (CH_2), 28.45 (CH), 109.39, 110.75, 115.74, 118.29, 118.58, 119.57, 123.74, 125.28, 125.37, 128.33, 131.29, 131.44, 136.89, 140.49, 140.89, and 142.45 (phenyl). ^{29}Si NMR: δ 5.42, 6.78. ^1H NMR coupling constants (Hz): H^1 , $^3J_{\text{H}^1\text{H}^2} = 9.3$, $^3J_{\text{H}^1\text{H}^5} = 3.11$, and $^4J_{\text{H}^1\text{H}^3} = 1.16$; H^2 , $^3J_{\text{H}^2\text{H}^1} = 9.3$, $^3J_{\text{H}^2\text{H}^3} = 5.34$, $^4J_{\text{H}^2\text{H}^4} = 0.77$, and $^4J_{\text{H}^2\text{H}^5} = 3.42$; H^3 , $^3J_{\text{H}^3\text{H}^2} = 5.33$, $^3J_{\text{H}^3\text{H}^4} = 9.58$, $^4J_{\text{H}^3\text{H}^1} = 1.1$, and $^5J_{\text{H}^3\text{H}^5} = 2.2$; H^4 , $^3J_{\text{H}^4\text{H}^3} = 9.55$, $^4J_{\text{H}^4\text{H}^2} = 0.98$, and $^4J_{\text{H}^4\text{H}^5} = 2.25$; H^5 , $^3J_{\text{H}^5\text{H}^1} \approx ^4J_{\text{H}^5\text{H}^2} \approx 3.3$, and $^4J_{\text{H}^5\text{H}^4} \approx ^5J_{\text{H}^5\text{H}^3} \approx 2.3$. MS (m/z (%)): 527 (80), $[\text{M}]^+$.

Synthesis of 7. Compound **6** (1 g, 1.89 mmol) was dissolved in benzene (30 mL) and the solution refluxed for 6 h. After removal of the solvent under vacuum, the remaining solid was recrystallized in *n*-hexane at $-25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to give **7** (0.7 g, 70%) as a pale yellow microcrystalline solid, mp $189\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_3\text{Si}_2$: C, 72.8; H, 8.59; N, 7.96. Found: C, 72.5; H, 8.49; N, 8.01. ^1H NMR (500 MHz): δ -0.15 (SiMe_3 , s, 9H), 0.84 and 0.98 (CMe_3 , 2 s, 18H), 3.02, 3.07, 3.25, 3.31, 3.37, 3.54, and 3.59 (CH_2 , AB-type, overlapped, 4H), 5.26 (CH, s, 1H), 6.81–7.24 and 7.54–7.58 (phenyl, m, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (75.48 MHz): δ 0.56 (SiMe_3), 28.52 and 29.62 (CMe_3), 33.88 and 34.49 (CMe_3), 54.5 and 57.17 (CH_2), 65.12 (CH), 109.53, 109.74, 118.03, 118.22, 125.62, 127.11, 127.77, 128.57, 129.25, 130.71, 133.18, 140.58, 141.09, 145.58, and 155.19 (phenyl). ^{29}Si NMR: δ 6.44, 5.49. MS (m/z (%)): 527 (45) $[\text{M}]^+$.

Synthesis of 8. A solution of **5** (0.5 g, 1.825 mmol) in benzene (40 mL) was slowly added to $\text{PhCH}=\text{NBU}^t$ (0.29 g, 1.825 mmol) in benzene (20 mL) at room temperature. After the solution was stirred for 16 h, the solvent was removed under vacuum to give a yellow residue that was redissolved in *n*-hexane to yield at $-25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ **8** (0.4 g, 62%) as a microcrystalline solid. Recrystallization from *n*-hexane afforded colorless crystals, mp $179\text{--}180\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{67}\text{N}_2\text{Si}$: C, 72.7; H, 9.51; N, 9.86. Found: C, 72.4; H, 9.68; N, 9.65. ^1H NMR (500 MHz): δ 0.73 (N-CMe_3 , s, 9H), 0.97, 0.98, 1.13, and 1.17 (CMe_3 , 4 s, 36H), 2.33, 2.36, 2.83, 2.86, 2.95, 2.98, 2.96, 2.99, 3.00, 3.03, 3.36, 3.39, 3.42, and 3.45 (CH_2 , 2 \times AB-type, 8H), 4.29 (CH, s, 1H), $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 130.9$ Hz), 6.42 (SiH, s, 1H), $^1J_{\text{SiH}} = 233.2$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CSiH}} = 23.6$ Hz), 6.68–7.75 (phenyl, m, 13H). ^{13}C NMR (75.48 MHz): δ 31.8 (N-CMe_3), 52.07 (N-CMe_3), 28.86, 28.9, 29.15, and 30.12 (CMe_3), 33.73, 34.83, 35.73, and 35.78 (CMe_3), 53.24, 53.81, 54.65, and 56.79 (CH_2), 55.72 (^{13}C proton coupled: $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 130.9$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CSiH}} = 23.6$ Hz, CH). ^{29}Si NMR: δ -4.16 , -12.66 (^{29}Si proton coupled: $^1J_{\text{SiH}} = 242.6$ Hz). MS (m/z (%)): 668 (63), $[\text{M}]^+$.

Synthesis of 9. A solution of **5** (0.23 g, 0.84 mmol) in benzene (20 mL) was added to a solution of **6** (0.44 g, 0.84 mmol) in benzene (20 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 24 h at $70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After removal of the solvent under vacuum, the residue was redissolved in *n*-pentane and cooled at $-25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to

Table 2. Details of the X-ray Structure Determination of 8

empirical formula	$\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{67}\text{N}_2\text{Si}$
fw	710.2
temp (K)	293(2)
wavelength (\AA)	0.710 73
cryst system	monoclinic
space group	$P2_1/c$ (No. 14)
<i>a</i> (\AA)	15.636(4)
<i>b</i> (\AA)	19.383(5)
<i>c</i> (\AA)	14.474(4)
α (deg)	90
β (deg)	103.98(2)
γ (deg)	90
<i>V</i> (\AA^3)	4257(2)
<i>Z</i>	4
D_{calcd} (Mg/m^3)	1.11
abs coeff (mm^{-1})	0.12
<i>F</i> (000)	1552
cryst size (mm)	$0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.30$
θ range for data collcn (deg)	2–25
index ranges	$-18 \leq h \leq 18, 0 \leq k \leq 23, 0 \leq l \leq 17$
no. of rflns colled	7765
no. of indep rflns	7462 ($R(\text{int}) = 0.0677$)
rflns with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	3989
no. of data/restraints/params	7459/0/451
goodness of fit on F^2	1.048
final <i>R</i> indices ($I > 2\sigma(I)$)	$R1 = 0.075, wR2 = 0.165$
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	$R1 = 0.155, wR2 = 0.211$
largest diff peak and hole ($\text{e}/\text{\AA}^3$)	0.38 and -0.43

afford **9** (0.37 g, 55%) as pale yellow crystals, mp $201\text{--}202\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{71}\text{N}_5\text{Si}_3$: C, 71.85; H, 8.92; N, 8.72. Found: C, 72.1; H, 9.19; N, 8.92. ^1H NMR (300 MHz): δ -0.15 (SiMe_3 , s, 9H), 0.73, 0.8, 0.97, and 1.14 (CMe_3 , 4s, 36H), 2.73, 2.78, 3.16, 3.18, 3.21, 3.23, 3.41, 3.45, 3.50, 3.51, 3.56, 3.80 and 3.85 (CH_2 , AB-type, 8H), 5.64 (SiH, s, 1H), $^1J_{\text{SiH}} = 125.6$ Hz), 6.82–7.21 and 7.93 (phenyl, m and d, 17H). ^{13}C NMR (75.48 MHz): δ 2.96 (SiMe_3), 28.79, 29.57, 29.83, and 29.99 (CMe_3), 34.22, 35.02, 35.51 and 36.16 (CMe_3), 53.68, 55.02, 55.34, and 55.71 (CH_2), 69.88 (PhC), 109.27, 110.32, 110.94, 112.39, 117.97, 118.03, 118.10, 118.58, 119.43, 125.96, 127.48, 128.42, 129.18, 130.28, 130.39, 136.22, 139.44, 139.51, 141.26, 145.68 and 156.01 (phenyl). ^{29}Si NMR: δ 5.81 (SiMe_3), -8.71 and -12.52 (SiH, ^{29}Si proton coupled: $^1J_{\text{SiH}} = 252$ Hz). MS (m/z (%)): 801 (55) $[\text{M}]^+$.

Synthesis of 15. $\text{PhCH}=\text{CHCH}=\text{NPh}$ (0.35 g, 1.715 mmol) was added to a solution of **5** (0.47 g, 1.715 mmol) in benzene (30 mL) and stirred for 16 h at room temperature. After removal of the solvent under vacuum, the remaining oil was distilled to give **15** (0.78 g, 93%) as a pale yellow oil, bp $190\text{--}195\text{ }^\circ\text{C}/0.01$ Torr. ^1H NMR (300 MHz): δ 0.67 and 0.93 (CMe_3 , 2s, 18H), 1.91, 1.97, 2.72, and 2.77 (CH_2 , AB-type, 2H), 3.18 (CH_2 , s, 2H), 3.83 (PhCH, t, H), 5.30 (CH, q, H), 6.61–7.97 (CH and Ph, m, 15H). ^{13}C NMR (75.48 MHz): δ 28.07 and 28.85 (CMe_3), 33.64 and 33.94 (CMe_3), 32.10 (PhCH), 55.04 and 56.48 (CH_2), 104.06 (CH), 110.00, 110.32, 116.72, 118.70, 118.85, 120.99, 125.60, 127.36, 128.94, 129.74, 136.07, 139.78, 140.26, 140.66, and 143.80 (CH and Ph). ^{29}Si NMR: δ -9.25 .

Synthesis of 16. $\text{Bu}^t\text{N}=\text{CHCH}=\text{NBU}^t$ (0.55 g, 3.28 mmol) was added to a solution of **5** (0.9 g, 3.28 mmol) in benzene (30 mL) the mixture and stirred for 16 h at room temperature. After removal of the solvent under vacuum, the remaining solid was recrystallized from Et_2O at $-25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to afford **16** (1.1 g, 76%) as colorless plates, mp $191\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_4\text{Si}$: C, 70.5; H, 10.47; N, 12.65. Found: C, 70.2; H, 10.41; N, 12.62. ^1H NMR (300 MHz): δ 1.03 and 1.20 (CMe_3 , 2s, 18H), 3.3 (CH_2 , s, 4H), 5.72 (CH, s, 2H), 6.8–6.95 (phenyl, m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75.48 MHz): δ 28.92 and 30.12 (CMe_3), 33.62 (CMe_3), 51.07 (N-CMe_3), 56.78 (CH_2), 109.72 (CH), 110.69, 118.41, and 138.99 (phenyl). ^{29}Si NMR: δ -34.51 . MS (m/z (%)): 442 (100), $[\text{M}]^+$.

X-ray Structure Determination of 8. Crystallographic data for compound **8** are displayed in Table 2. Unique data

sets were collected using an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer, using a crystal sealed in a Lindemann capillary under argon at 293(2) K. Crystallographic programs used for structure solution and refinement were from SHELXS-86⁹ and SHELXL-93.¹⁰ Refinements were based on full-matrix least squares on all F^2 values. All non-H atoms were anisotropic, and the hydrogen atoms were included in a riding mode.

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Supporting Information Available: Tables giving data collection and processing parameters, atomic coordinates and isotropic temperature factors, bond lengths and angles, and anisotropic thermal parameters for **8** (9 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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