

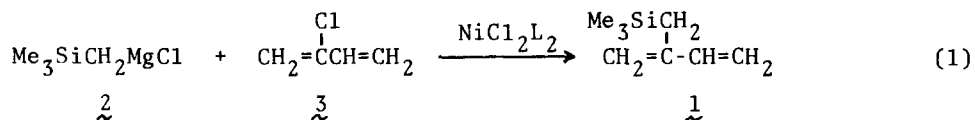
2-TRIMETHYLSILYLMETHYL-1,3-BUTADIENE AS A NOVEL REAGENT FOR ISOPRENYLATION.
 NEW ACCESS TO IPSENOL AND IPSIDIENOL, PHEROMONES OF Ips paraconfusus¹

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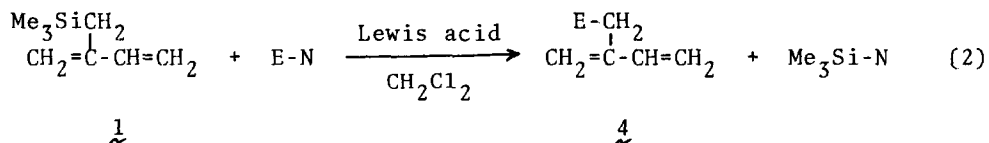
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Isoprenylation is one of the important reactions to synthesis of various natural products, and 2-bromomethyl-1,3-butadiene has been used as a reagent of introducing an isoprenyl group in a single step.² However, the reagent is not always convenient because of its limitation in applications.³ Preparation of the reagent is also tedious. We report here preparation of 2-trimethylsilylmethyl-1,3-butadiene (1), which can be used as a convenient reagent of introducing an isoprenyl group into electrophilic carbon centers in a single step, and its application to synthesis of two principal components of the aggregation pheromone of Ips paraconfusus Lanier, (confusus) a bark beetle (family Scolytidae).^{2b,4}

In the course of studies on the introduction of a functionality in the allyl group of allylsilanes,⁵ we have found that 2-trimethylsilylmethyl-1,3-butadiene (1)⁶ was obtained by the coupling reaction of the Grignard reagent (2) of chloromethyltrimethylsilane and 2-chloro-1,3-butadiene (chloroprene, 3) in the presence of a catalytic amount of dihalodiphosphenickel(II).⁷ (eq. 1)



Like other allylic silanes,⁵ the isoprenylsilane (1), thus obtained, can react with various electrophilic species such as acetals,⁸ acid chlorides,^{5a} and carbonyl compounds,^{9,10} with an aid of a Lewis acid to give the corresponding isoprenylated products 4. (eq. 2) The results are listed in Table 1.



Titanium tetrachloride is the most effective activator for the present reaction among various Lewis acids, although aluminum chloride is also an efficient

Table 1. Reactions of 2-trimethylsilylmethyl-1,3-butadiene (1) with electrophilic chemical species in the presence of a Lewis acid^a

Entry	Electrophiles	Lewis acid	Reaction time	Product (% Yield) ^{b,c}
1	(CH ₃) ₂ CHCH ₂ COCl	TiCl ₄	1 min.	<u>7</u> (77)
2	(CH ₃) ₂ C=CHCOCl	TiCl ₄	10 min.	<u>8</u> (71)
3	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₄ COCl	TiCl ₄	1 min.	CH ₂ =CHC(CH ₂) ₄ CH ₃ ^d (66) $\begin{array}{c} \\ \text{CH}_2 \end{array}$
4	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ CH(OEt) ₂	TiCl ₄	10 min.	CH ₂ =CHC(CH ₂) ₃ CH(OEt) ₂ (52) $\begin{array}{c} \\ \text{CH}_2 \text{ OEt} \end{array}$
5	(CH ₃) ₂ CHCH ₂ CH(OMe) ₂	TiCl ₄	10 min.	CH ₂ =CHC(CH ₂) ₂ CH(OMe) ₂ (88) $\begin{array}{c} \\ \text{CH}_2 \text{ OMe} \end{array}$
6	PhCH ₂ CH ₂ CH(OMe) ₂	TiCl ₄	5 min.	CH ₂ =CHC(CH ₂) ₂ CH(OMe) ₂ Ph (81) $\begin{array}{c} \\ \text{CH}_2 \text{ OMe} \end{array}$
7	PhCH ₂ CH ₂ CH(OEt) ₂	TiCl ₄	7 min.	CH ₂ =CHC(CH ₂) ₂ CH(OEt) ₂ Ph (63) $\begin{array}{c} \\ \text{CH}_2 \text{ OEt} \end{array}$
8	(CH ₃) ₂ CHCH ₂ CHO	AlCl ₃	2 min.	<u>5</u> (30) ^e
		TiCl ₄	5 sec.	(22)
9	PhCH ₂ CH ₂ CHO	AlCl ₃	2 min.	CH ₂ =CHC(CH ₂) ₂ CH(OH)CH ₂ Ph (43) ^e
		TiCl ₄	1 sec.	(37)
10	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ CHO	AlCl ₃	2 min.	CH ₂ =CHC(CH ₂) ₃ CH(OH)CH ₃ (25) ^e
11	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃)CHO	AlCl ₃	2 min.	CH ₂ =CHC(CH ₂) ₂ CH(OH)CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃ (44) ^e
		TiCl ₄	1 sec.	(15)

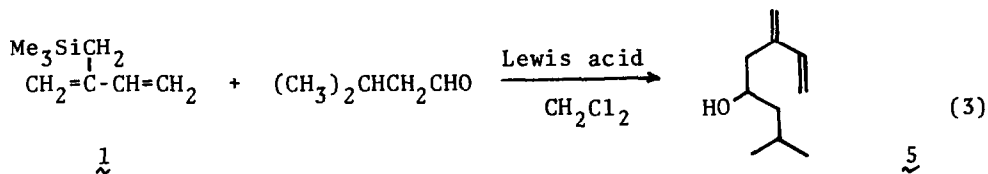
a. All reactions were carried out in dichloromethane at -78°C. b. Yields after isolation by tlc. c. Yields are not always optimized. d. The trimethylene dithioketal of this product is known as a precursor of PGE₁, PGA₁, PGF_{1β}. See ref. 2c. e. Yields after hydrolysis with MeOH-HCl.

activator for carbonyl compounds. Acetals and acid chlorides are generally more reactive as electrophilic species than carbonyl compounds such as ketones and aldehydes.

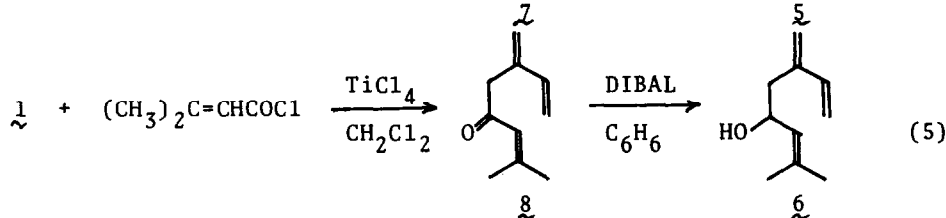
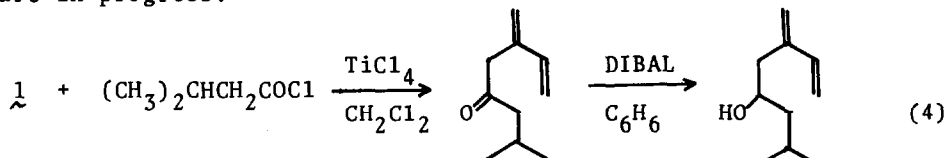
The following procedure illustrates the simplicity of the present reaction. To an electrophile (1.1 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (10 ml), a Lewis acid (1.0 mmol) was added at -78°C. After several seconds with stirring, 1 (1.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 ml) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred under a condition given in the table and hydrolyzed. After usual work-up, an isoprenylated product was isolated by the preparative tlc or glc.

A new route to ipsenol (5) and ipsdienol (6), principal components of the aggregation pheromone of Ips paraconfusus, a bark beetle,^{2b, 12} is a unique synthetic application of the present isoprenylation reaction.

The reaction of 1 with isovaleraldehyde in the presence of aluminum chloride or titanium tetrachloride directly afforded (+)-ipsenol (5), 2-methyl-6-methylene-oct-7-en-4-ol, although the yield was rather low. (entry 8)



However, 5 was obtained in 62% overall yield by the reduction with diisobutylaluminum hydride (DIBAL) of a ketone 7,¹³ which was prepared by the reaction of 1 with isovaleryl chloride in the presence of TiCl_4 . Similarly, (+)-ipsdienol (6), 2-methyl-6-methylene-octa-2,7-diene-4-ol, was obtained by reduction of myrcenone (8),¹³ prepared from 1 and 3,3-dimethylacryloyl chloride, in 75% yield. Related works are in progress.



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