

PREPARATION AND SYNTHETIC APPLICATION OF 2-BROMOALLYLTRIMETHYLSILANE
AS A 1-HYDROXYMETHYLVINYL ANION EQUIVALENT

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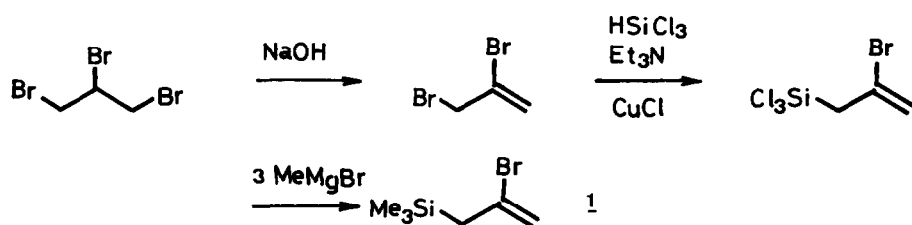
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Abstract: The 1-trimethylsilylmethylvinyl group, as a 1-hydroxymethylvinyl equivalent, was readily introduced to epoxides with the corresponding Grignard reagent derived from 2-bromoallyltrimethylsilane. Obtained 2-(2-hydroxyethyl)-allylsilanes were converted to α -methylene- γ -lactones via diols.

Allylsilane has been recognized not only as a versatile reagent for a new type of carbon-carbon bond formation but also as a readily convertible functional group by reaction with a variety of electrophiles.¹ We wish to describe here a new method for the introduction of 1-trimethylsilylmethylvinyl group to several epoxides. This method and subsequent desilylative oxidation provide the utility of 2-bromoallyltrimethylsilane 1 as a 1-hydroxymethylvinyl anion equivalent 2, which serves to construct α -methylene- γ -lactone skeleton.



2-Bromoallyltrimethylsilane 1 was prepared in three steps from commercially available 1,2,3-tribromopropane². The process of this sequence can be performed on a large scale. According to the reported method³ 1,2,3-tribromopropane was converted to 2,3-dibromopropene by the action of sodium hydroxide. Treatment of 2,3-dibromopropene with trichlorosilane and triethylamine in the presence of a catalytic amount of cuprous chloride to give 2-bromoallyltrichlorosilane.⁴ For large scale manipulation, there is no need to purify the trichloroallylsilane. The crude trichlorosilane can be directly added to an ether solution of methyl Grignard reagent to give 1 (63% yield from 2,3-dibromopropene).⁵



Several epoxides 3 were subjected to react with the 1-trimethylsilylmethylvinyl Grignard reagent generated from 1 in tetrahydrofuran in the presence of cuprous iodide to 2-(2-hydroxyethyl)allylsilanes 4 in good yields (Table 1).⁶

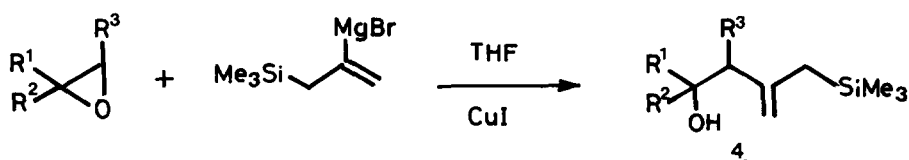
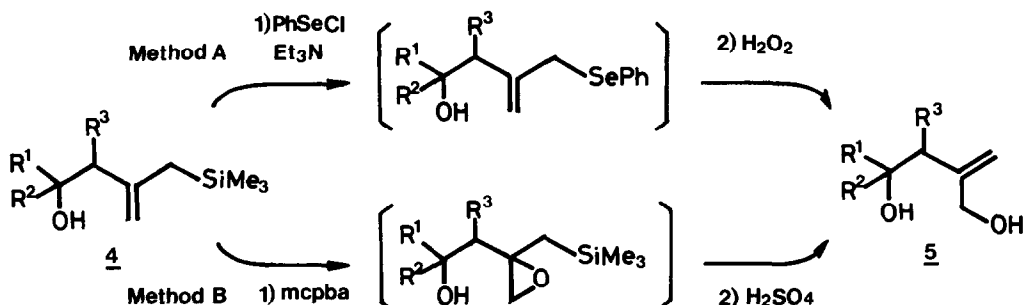


Table 1 Reaction of Epoxides and 1-Trimethylsilylmethylvinyl Grignard Reagent.^a

Entry	Epoxide <u>3</u>	2-(2-Hydroxyethyl)allylsilane <u>4</u>	Yield ^b (%)
1	<u>3a</u>	<u>4a</u>	83
2	<u>3b</u>	<u>4b</u>	82
3	<u>3c</u>	<u>4c</u>	93
4	<u>3d</u>	<u>4d</u> (17:31) <u>4e</u>	95
5	<u>3e</u>	<u>4f</u>	85

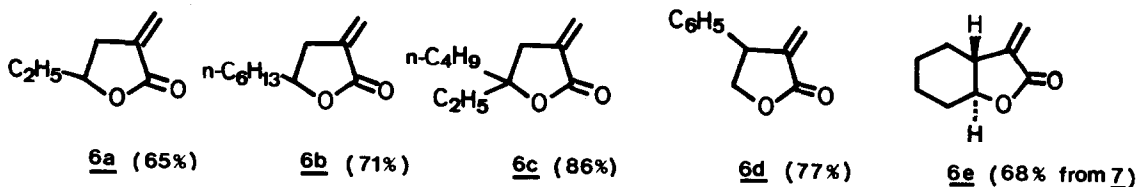
a. The Grignard reagent (1.6 equiv. to 3), CuI (10 mol% to 3), THF, -30 °C (1 hr) then 0 °C (ca. 2 hr). b. Isolated yield; after purification by silica gel column chromatography with ether-hexane as eluent.

The 2-(2-hydroxyethyl)allylsilane 4 was treated with *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (1.4 equiv. to 4) and sodium bicarbonate (2 equiv. to 4) in dichloromethane (0 °C, 1.0-1.5 hr), followed by a solution of aqueous sulfuric acid (0.3 *N*, 0.8 equiv. to 4) and tetrahydrofuran (volume ratio, 1:3) to afford diol 5. The diols were also obtained by treatment of 4 with phenylselenenyl chloride (2-3 equiv. to 4) and triethylamine (1 equiv.) in dichloromethane (-78 °C, 15 min), followed by oxidation with hydrogen peroxide (0 °C, 30 min). These transformation are shown in the following scheme.

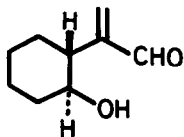


	<u>5a</u>	<u>5b</u>	<u>5c</u>	<u>5d</u>	<u>5e</u>
Method A	-	69%	64%	-	53%
B	80%	66%	53%	51%	-

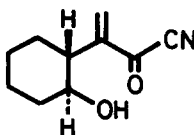
These results have shown that 2-bromoallyltrimethylsilane served as a synthetically useful 1-hydroxymethylvinyl anion.⁷ Further application is described as follows. The diols 5 thus obtained are useful precursors to α -methylene- γ -lactones.⁸ The diols (5a-5d) were treated with active manganese dioxide (15-30 weight fold of 5) in dichloromethane to give the corresponding lactones (6a-6d) by way of hemiacetals.⁹ The diol 5e gave



the aldehyde 7 in 67% yield. The lactone 6e could be obtained by treatment of the aldehyde 7 with active manganese dioxide (20 weight fold), potassium cyanide (5 equiv.), and 18-crown-6 (ca. 10 mol% of 7) in tetrahydrofuran for 1 day.¹⁰ This reaction may proceed via hydroxy cyanoketone 8 as in Corey's oxidation procedure of α,β -unsaturated aldehyde.¹¹



7 (67% from 5e)



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- 1: b.p. 64-65 °C/38-39 mmHg; ¹H-NMR(CDCl₃, TMS)δ 0.13(s, 9H, SiCH₃), 2.13 (s, 2H, SiCH₂), 5.1-5.4(m, 2H, C=CH₂) ppm. For this procedure in detail, see N. Furuya and T. Sukawa, *J. Organomet. Chem.*, **96**, C1-C3 (1975).
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- 6e: ¹H-NMR(CDCl₃, TMS)δ ppm, 1.0-2.7(9H), 3.70(dt, 1H, J=3.6Hz, 10.2 Hz), 5.33 (d, 1H, J=3.2Hz), 5.69(d, 1H, J=3.2Hz); IR(liquid film) ν cm⁻¹, 1771, 1668.
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