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# **B(C6F5)3-promoted tandem silylation and intramolecular hydrosilylation: diastereoselective synthesis of oxasilinanes and oxasilepanes**

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#### **Abstract**



 $B(C_6F_5)$ 3 promotes regio- and stereoselective cyclizations of unsaturated alkoxysilanes to generate oxasilinanes and oxasilepanes. The same products are available directly from alkenols via tandem silylation and hydrosilylation.

> Intramolecular hydrosilylation of alkenes is an important transformation in organic synthesis.1 Initially investigated for unsaturated silanes,2 the methodology is now often applied to unsaturated alkoxy- and aminosilanes,3 where stereospecific oxidative cleavage of the newly formed C-Si bond enables stereodefined synthesis of diols and aminoalcohols. 4 ,5 The majority of examples involve metal-catalyzed 5-*endo* or 5-*exo* ring closures, although six-membered cyclizations have been reported.1,3,6 We now report regio- and stereoselective formation of oxasilinanes and oxasilepanes via formation and cyclization of unsaturated alkoxysilanes in the presence of a nonmetal catalyst.

> In the course of investigations into the influence of Lewis acids on the ozonolysis of unsaturated silanes, we found that addition of  $B(C_6F_5)_3$  to a solution of unsaturated alkoxysilane **1-Pr** resulted in regioselective formation of oxasilinane **2-Pr** with high 3,5 *trans* diastereoselectivity (Table 1).7,8 The cyclization proceeded efficiently at −78 °C or RT and in the presence of either stoichometric or catalytic  $B(C_6F_5)$ 3. Cyclization was also observed for the dimethylsilyl ether (not shown),9 but the hydrolytic instability of this class of reactants led us to abandon this thread following the discovery of the tandem cyclizations discussed later.

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 $B(C_6F_5)$ <sub>3</sub> also catalyzes the reductive silylation of alcohols, 11 and we became intrigued by the possibility of tandem silylation/hydrosilylation (Table 2).  $B(C_6F_5)_3$ -promoted reaction of alkenol 1 with stoichometric  $Et_2SiH_2$  or  $Ph_2SiH_2$  generated oxasilinanes 2-Et or 2-Ph with very similar regio- and stereoselection as observed in the stepwise cyclizations. Although alcohols **3** and **5** decomposed under the tandem conditions, cyclohexenol **9** reacted to selectively furnish the 3,5-*trans* diastereomer of *cis*-fused octahydrobenzooxasilinanes **10- Et** and **10-Ph**; the lower yield for the  $Et_2SiH_2$  reaction is likely related to undesired reductive deoxygenations (vida infra). Alkenol **11**, which generates an intermediate siloxane capable of undergoing cyclization through elecronically comparable 5-*exo* or 6-*endo* pathways, reacted only through the latter. Bishomoallyl alcohol **13** underwent selective reaction through a 7-*endo* pathway to furnish oxasilepane **14-Et** as a 62:38 cis/trans mixture.

Reactions employing  $Et_2SiH_2$  often furnished a significant amount of byproducts appearing to result from alcohol deoxygenation.12 For example, reaction of benzylic alcohol **15** produced oxasilane **16-Et** along with a byproduct identified as a disiloxane on the basis of mass spectrometry and oxidative desilylation (Scheme 3).13,14 Application of the one-pot conditions to allylic alcohol **17** resulted only in rapid formation of the diethyl silyl ether. In general, reactions employing Ph<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub> proceeded more slowly but generated fewer byproducts; this can be seen, for example in the formation of **10-Et** vs. **10-Ph** (Table 2). The exception was cyclobutene **5**, where decomposition was observed for either silane.

Oxidative desilylation of the hindered siloxanes was initially attempted under Tamao conditions (KF, KHCO<sub>3</sub>, aq. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, MeOH/THF).5 However, as illustrated in Scheme 4, the oxidations were found to proceed in higher yield using a procedure developed by Woerpel (*t*-BuOOH, CsOH•H2O, *n*-Bu4NF, DMF).5 The stereochemistry of diols **19**15 and **21**16 was determined by comparison with literature reports, establishing (**14-Et**) or confirming (**16-Et**) the stereochemistry of cyclizations.

The cyclizations, clearly related to intermolecular  $B(C_6F_5)$ <sub>3</sub>-mediated hydrosilylations,10 and potentially related to cyclizations of unsaturated silanes in the presence of triphenylmethyl cation,17 almost certainly involve electrophilic attack on an alkene by a silylium-like species derived from interaction of  $B(C_6F_5)$ <sub>3</sub> with the Si-H (Scheme 5).18<sup>,19</sup> Reduction of the resulting carbocation by the hydridoboron species would furnish the cyclized product and regenerate the Lewis acid catalyst. The selective formation of 3,5 *trans*-disubstituted oxasilinanes can be rationalized by hyperconjugation of the newly formed C-Si bond with the carbocation,20 with the resulting conformation dictating approach of the hydride. Analogous stereoselectivity has been observed in formation of siloxanes through hydrogen atom deliver to carbon-centered radicals.21

Although 5-*exo* cyclizations are well-established for Pt-or Rh-catalyzed hydrosilylations,1,3 we observed selective 6-*endo* vs. 5-*exo* cyclization with a substrate where either mode would proceed via a secondary carbocation (Table 2, substrate **11**). We also observed very different rates for 6-*exo* and 6-*endo* cyclizations involving electronically similar carbocation intermediates (**7-Pr** vs. **1-Pr**). These results point to the importance of interactions between

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the alkene and the developing silylium-like species. The *cis* selectivity observed for sixmembered ring annelations, which complements results from metal-catalyzed cyclizations, 1 ,3 ,22 presumably reflects stereoelectronic requirements for trapping of the β-silyl cations. 23 The stereoselectivity of sidechain introduction results from cyclization through the lowenergy conformer of a chair-like transition state (eq 1).



Several lines of evidence indicate that the tandem reactions and stepwise processes involve a common hydrosilylation step. Both processes proceed with nearly identical regio- and diastereoselectivity. Furthermore, dialkylsilyl ethers are observed (TLC) as intermediates in some of the slower reactions, and become the only product when cyclization is disfavored, as for allylic alcohol **17** (Scheme 3). Finally, a diene substrate reacts selectively across the homoallyl alcohol (eq 2).



The formation of deoxygenated byproducts is observed mainly in the tandem reactions. The chemoselective deoxygenation of unhindered alcohols by trialkylsilane and  $B(C_6F_5)_3$  has been postulated to involve attack of a silylium ate complex on intermediate silyl ethers,12 suggesting the deoxygenations observed here result from intermolecular reductions directly competing with cyclization.

Overall, the transformation provides a new method for the regio- and stereoselective synthesis of cyclic siloxanes and derived diols. Given that  $B(C_6F_5)$ <sub>3</sub> has been reported to catalyze the hydrosilylation of ketones and aldehydes,23 it is likely the method could be extended to allow the synthesis of oxasilacycles from unsaturated aldehydes and ketones.

#### **Supplementary Material**

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<sup>a</sup>Inseparable 3:1 mixture with 1-chloro-1-alkylcyclobutane

#### **Scheme 1.**

Preparation of alkoxysilanes aInseparable 3:1 mixture with 1-chloro-1-alkylcyclobutane Shchepin et al. Page 6



**Scheme 2.** Additional cyclizations



**Scheme 3.** Byproduct formation *a* 0.6 equivalents. *b.* 0.25 equivalents.

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**Scheme 4.** Oxidative desilylation

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**Scheme 5.** Proposed mechanism

#### **Table 1**

#### Cyclization of **1-Pr***<sup>a</sup>*



*a* Prepared as illustrated in Scheme 1.

*b*<br>Final temperature; reactants mixed at −78 °C.

*c* 5% of the *cis*-diastereomer isolated.

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**Table 2**

Tandem silylation/hydrosilylation Tandem silylation/hydrosilylation



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*c*3.3:1 mixture of E/Z isomers.

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#### **Supporting Information - Experimental Procedures**





#### General Experimental Procedures:

Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from Na/Ph<sub>2</sub>CO under N<sub>2</sub>. Dichloromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. Stock solutions of  $B(C_6H_5)$ <sub>3</sub> were prepared either by: A) Transferring a freshly opened commercial sample (typically 1.0 g) into a oven-dried flask under  $N_2$  followed by dissolution (0.2 M) in freshly distilled (Na/Ph<sub>2</sub>CO) toluene; or B) Working inside a glove box under inert atmosphere, dividing a 1.0 g commercial sample of  $B(C_6F_5)_3$  into individual vials (ca. 200 mg/vial). The vials were removed from the glove box to prepare stock solutions in toluene (0.2 M) that were used [i](#page-27-0)mmediately and then discarded.<sup>i</sup> B( $C_6H_5$ )<sub>3</sub> dissolves completely in toluene at 0.2M; the solubility of the hydrate is significantly lower. All other reagents and solvents were used as purchased unless otherwise noted. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 0.25 mm hard-layer silica G plates; developed plates were visualized with a handheld UV lamp and/or by staining with one of the following: 1% ceric sulfate and 10% ammonium molybdate in  $10\%$  H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (general stain, after charring) or  $1\%$  aq. KMnO<sub>4</sub> (for alkenes). Analytical and preparative HPLC werer performed on a 4.6 mm x 25 cm Si column (5  $\mu$ m) or 21.4 mm x 25 cm Si column (8  $\mu$ m); both employed RI detection. NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz ( ${}^{1}H$ ) or 100 MHz ( ${}^{13}C$ ) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> unless otherwise indicated. <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals are reported as: [chemical shift (multiplicity, integration, J couplings in Hz, other information). Infrared spectra were recorded as neat films (ZnSe crystal or NaCl plates) with selected absorbances reported in wave numbers  $(cm<sup>-1</sup>)$ . High resolution mass spectrometry was conducted at the Nebraska Center for Mass Spectrometry.

#### Preparation of Alcohols:

**2-Methyldec-1-en-4-ol** (1): Into a 0 °C solution of heptanal (3.5 mL, 25 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 2-methylallyl magnesium chloride in THF (50 mL, nominally 0.5  $M$ ). After 20 min, the reaction was quenched with water (20 mL), acidified with conc. HCl ( $\sim$ 

3 mL) and extracted with 10% EA/Hex (250 mL x 2). The combined extracts were sequentially washed with 10% aq. HCl and water. A standard workup and purification (5% EA/Hex) furnished 3.53 g (82%) of a compound with spectral properties matching literature reports. **[ii](#page-27-0)**

**2-Phenyldec-1-en-4-ol**  $(3)^{iii}$  $(3)^{iii}$  $(3)^{iii}$  was prepared by ene reaction of heptanal with  $\alpha$ -methylstryrene by the procedure of Snider:  $\frac{iv}{i}$  $\frac{iv}{i}$  $\frac{iv}{i}$  <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  7.44-7.41 (2H); 7.38-7.33 (2H); 7.32-7.27 (2H); 5.43 (d, 1H, 1.6); 5.18 (bs, 1H); 3.66 (m, 1H), 2.84 (ddd, 1H, 14, 4, 1; AB with 2.67), 2.67 (dd, 1H, 14, 9); 1.69 (d, 1H, 3); 1.4-1.5 (3H), 1.2-1.3 (6 H), 0.88 (t, 3H, 6.5); 13C δ 145.5, 140.5, 128.4, 127.7, 126.2, 115.2, 69.4, 43.8, 37.0, 31.8, 29.3, 25.6, 22.6, 14.1; IR 3368 (s, b); 2927, 2856, 1626, 1444, 898, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRFAB MS calc. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OLi (M+Li)<sup>+</sup>: 239.1984; found 239.1984.

**1-Cyclobutenyloctan-2-ol** (**5**) was prepared from methylenecyclobutane (1.0 g, 15 mmol) and heptanal (2.7 mL, 1.3 equiv) by a similar procedure as for **3** to afford 0.99 g of alcohol **5** as an inseparable 3:1 mixture with 1-chlorocyclobutyl-2-octanol. The spectra of the product  $(R_f = 0.3,$  $10\%$  EA) matched a literature report.  $\overline{v}$  $\overline{v}$  $\overline{v}$ 

**2-Methyl-2-dodecen-6-ol (7**) was prepared (1.39 g, 71%) by reaction of the Grignard reagent derived from 5-bromo-2-methyl-2-pentene (2.0 mL, 15 mmmol) with a slight exces of heptanal:  $R_f = 0.4$  (5% EA/hex); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  5.14 (bt, 1H, 6); 3.60 (m, 1H); 2.09 (m, 2H); 1.69 (bs, 3H); 1.63 (bs, 3H); 1.55-1.38 (6H); 1.35-1.23 (6H); 0.89 (t, 3H, 7); <sup>13</sup>C δ 132.0; 124.2; 71.8; 37.5, 37.3, 31.8, 29.4, 25.7, 25.6, 24.4, 22.6, 17.6, 14.1; IR: 3377 (b, s, OH); 3328, 2924, 2855, 1454, 1377 cm-1; 2928, 2864, 2092, 1463, 1379, 1056, 1001, 837 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRFAB calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: 197.1905; found 197.1912 (-5.4 ppm); M<sup>+</sup> also observed at 196.1813.

**1-Cyclohexenyloctan-2-ol** (**9**) was prepared from the reaction of heptanal (1.12 mL, 8.0 mmol), methylenecyclohexane (1.12 mL, 10 mol) and Me2AlCl (12 mL, nominally 1 M solution in hexanes) by a similar procedure as for **3**. The product (1.23 g, 73%) displayed spectra consistent with literature reports.  $\overline{v}$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.4 (10% EA/Hex

*(E,Z)-***Undec-2-en-5-ol (11)** was prepared (1.17 g, 86%) from prop-1-enylmagnesium bromide (24 mL, nominally 0.5M in THF), epoxyoctane (1.2 mL, 8 mmol) and CuI(0.152g, 0.8 mmol).

The product was a 3.3:1 mixture of  $E$ - and  $Z$ -isomers based upon integration of the <sup>1</sup>H signals at  $\delta$  1.64 and 1.69 ppm. Spectral properties matched literature reports.<sup>[vii](#page-27-0)</sup> R<sub>f</sub> =0.4 (10% EA/Hex).

**2-Methylundec-1-en-5-ol** (13) <sup>[viii](#page-27-0)</sup> was prepared (1.45 g, 98%) from 2-methylallyl magnesium chloride (24 mL, nominally 0.5M in THF), 2-hexyloxirane (1.2 mL, 8 mmol) and CuI(0.152g, 0.8 mmol) by a similar manner as **15**.  $R_f = 0.3$  (10% EA/Hex).

**3-Methyl-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-ol (15**) was prepared (1.30 g, quant.) from reaction of benzaldehyde (0.85 mL, 8.0 mmol) and 2-methylallyl magnesium chloride (20.8 mL, nominally 0.5M in THF) by a procedure similar to that applied for **1**. Spectral properties matched a literature report.<sup>[ix](#page-27-0)</sup>  $R_f = 0.3$  (10% EA/Hex)

**2-Methylnon-1-en-3-ol**  $(17)^x$  $(17)^x$  was prepared  $(1.05 \text{ g}, 84\%)$  from heptanal  $(1.12 \text{ mL}, 8.00 \text{ mmol})$ and allylmagnesium chloride (20.8 mL, nominally 0.5M solution in THF) by a similar procedure as used for 1.  $R_f = 0.2$  (10% EA/Hex). Spectral properties matched a literature report.

#### Alkoxysilanes:

#### **Diisopropyl(2-methyldec-1-en-4-oxy)silane (1-Pr)**

Into a THF (15 mL) solution of 2-methyldec-1-en-4-ol (0.724 g, 4.30 mmol) was added sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (4.3 mL, nominally 2*M*) followed by  $SiCH(i-Pr)_{2} (1.1 \text{ mL})$ . After 4 h the reaction was quenched with brine and extracted with hexane (2 x 200 mL). The combined organic extracts were concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography in hexane to afford 1.09 g (89%) of the silyl ether:  $R_f = 0.4$  (hexane); <sup>1</sup>H (600 MHz) δ 4.78 (app. s, 1H), 4.78(app. s, 1H), 4.21(s, 1H), 3.85(p, 1H, 5.7), 2.27(dd, 6 and 13.2), 2.17(dd, 1H, 7.2 and 13.2), 1.75(s, 3H), 1.43 (m, 10H), 1.05(m, 12H), 0.95(m, 2H), 0.90(t, 3H, 6.0); <sup>13</sup>C (150 MHz) δ 142.9, 112.8, 73.0, 45.7, 36.7, 31.9, 29.4, 25.2, 22.9, 22.6, 17.60, 17.57, 17.46, 14.1, 12.73, 12.71; IR 2927, 2862, 2097, 1642, 1463, 1377 cm-1. HRMS (CI) calc. for  $C_{17}H_{35}OSi$  (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: 283.2457; found 283.2469 (4.2 ppm); M<sup>+</sup> (284.2543) observed in lower abundance.

**Diisopropyl-(2-phenyldec-1-en-4-oxy)silane (3-Pr)** was prepared (0.435 g, 70%) from alcohol **3** (0.428 g, 1.8 mmol) by a procedure similar to that applied to the synthesis of **1-Pr**:  $R_f = 0.9$  $(5\%$  EA/hex); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  7.42 (bd, 2H, 8), 7.34 (bt, 2H, 8), 7.72 (app tt, 1H, 8, 1); 5.32 (d, 1H, 1.6), 5.13 (bs, 1H); 4.18 (bt, 1H, 1.6), 3.76 (m, 1H), 2.81 (ddd, 1H, 14, 5.8, 1); 2.64 (ddd, 1H, 14, 6.4, 1); 1.55-1.36 (3H), 1.33-1.18 (7H); 1.04-0.98 (12H, overlapping Me doublets); 0.98 -0.91 (m, 2H); 0.88 (t, 3H, 6.4); <sup>13</sup>C δ 145.7, 141.2, 128.2, 127.3, 126.3, 114.9, 72.9, 43.2, 36.5, 31.8, 29.4, 24.9, 22.6, 17.54, 17.48, 14.41, 14.07, 12.64, 12.61; IR: 3031, 2954, 2865, 3095, 1462, 1254 cm-<sup>1</sup>; HRFAB Calc. For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>OSi (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: 345.2613; found 345.2605 (2.5 ppm).

**Diisopropyl(1-cyclobutenyloctyl-2-oxy)silane (5-Pr)** was prepared in 55% yield (485 mg) from **5** (546 mg, estimated 2.25 mmol based upon purity) by a similar porocedure as for  $1\text{-}Pr: R_f = 0.3$ (hexane); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  5.72 (s, 1H); 4.20 (s, 1H); 3.81 (apparent pentet, 1H, 5-6); 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.35 (bs, 2H); 2.22 (m, 2H); 1.5-1.23 (10H); 1.07-1.02 (12H, isopropyl groups); 1.02-0.95 (2H); 0.895 (t, 3H, 6.5); <sup>13</sup>C δ 147.3, 129,3, 73.1, 38.8, 36.9, 32.0, 31.9, 29.4, 27.0, 25.3, 22.6, 17.6, 17.5, 17.4, 14.1, 12.7; IR 2926, 2864, 2089, 1462, 1055, 837 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRFAB Calc. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>35</sub>OSi (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: 295.2457; found 295.2452 (1.7 ppm).

**Diisopropyl-(2-methyl-2-dodecen-6-oxy)silane (7-Pr)** was prepared (0.707g, 73%) from alcohol **7** (617 mg, 3.1 mmol) by a similar procedure as for **1-Pr**:  $R_f = 0.3$  (hexane); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  5.12 (bt, 1H, 6-7), 4.21 (s, 1H), 3.69 (pentet, 1H, 6.4); 2.08 & 1.98 (ABXY, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H); 1.62 (s, 3H); 1.53-1.45 (4H), 1.35-1.25 (8H), 1.08-1.02 (12H, isopropyl), 1.02-0.95 (2H); 0.90 (t, 3H, 6); <sup>13</sup>C δ 131.4, 124.5, 74.3, 36.9, 36.8, 31,9, 29.5, 25.7, 25.3, 24.0, 22.6, 17.64, 17.59, 17.5, 14.1, 12.7; IR 2929, 2864, 2088, 1463, 1377, 1063, 1002, 841, 800 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRFAB Calc. For C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>39</sub>OSi (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: 311.2770; found 311.2773 (1.0 ppm).

General Procedure for intramolecular hydrosilylation (illustrated for **1-Pr)**. To an anhydrous toluene solution (6 mL) of **1-Pr** (0.285g, 1.00 mmol), either at -78, 0 °C, or rt, was added  $B(C_6F_5)$ <sub>3</sub>. The amount of catalyst ranged from 0.1 to 1.0 eq, as a 0.2M solution in toluene. After the reaction was complete (TLC), the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) and the resulting mixture extracted with hexane (2 X 100 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane) to afford *trans*-**2-Pr** (236 mg, 83%) followed by a small amount of *cis*-**2-Pr** (18 mg, 6%). Analysis of the crude reaction mixtures by GC/MS generally found 91-95% of the *trans* isomer; the minor (syn) byproduct eluted first on GC. Both diasteromers displayed a predominant fragment at m/z 241,  $[M-iPr]$ . . The stereochemistry was assigned based upon the relative strength of nOe transfer in the *trans* and *cis* isomers (see Scheme below), and by the magnitude of the axial/axial and axial/equatorial couplings for  ${}^{3}J_{5-6}$  couplings. The stereochemical assignment was supported by a correlation of the  ${}^{3}J_{H}$  of the minor *(cis)* byproduct with a literature report for similar molecules . [xi](#page-27-0)

#### (3,5-*trans*)- **1,1-Diisopropyl-3-hexyl-5-methyl-2,1-oxasilinane (***trans***-2-Pr**)

 $R_f = 0.2$  (hexane); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  3.99(m, 1H), 1.96(m, 1H), 1.57(m, 1H), 1.38(m 11H), 0.99(m, 12H), 0.95(m, 4H), 0.88[m, 4H, includes 0.89(t, 3H, 6.8), and peak at 0.90], 0.80(ddd, 1H,  $J_1=1.6$ ,  $J_2=4.8$ ,  $J_3=14.8$ ), 0.28(dd, 1H, 10.4 and 14.8); <sup>13</sup>C δ 72.0, 41.3, 37.5, 31.9, 29.4, 26.3, 26.1, 23.8, 22.6, 17.28, 17.27; 17.19, 17.16, 15.1, 14.1, 13.7, 13.1; IR (2942,



2931, 2864, 1464 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRFABMS (3-NBA) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>OSi [M-(*i*-Pr)<sup>+</sup>]: 241.1988; found 241.1992 (1.7 ppm). Diaxial couplings and nOe excitations are summarized in the accompanying graphic.

# (3,5-*cis*)- **1,1-Diisopropyl-3-hexyl-5 methyl-2,1-oxasilinane (***cis***-2-Pr):**

 $R_f = 0.4$  (hexane); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  3.76(m, 1H), 1.77(m, 1H), 1.51(d of q., 1H, 2 and 13.6), 1.38(m 11H), 1.04-0.94 [m, 15H, peak at 1.00 (d, 6.5) visible nOe upon irradiation at 0.21], 0.89[m, 5H,



includes 0.89(t, 3H, 6.8), and other peaks], 0.72(ddd, 1H, J<sub>1</sub>=2.4, J<sub>2</sub>=4.0, J<sub>3</sub>=14.4), 0.21(dd, 1H, 12.8 and 14.4); <sup>13</sup>C δ 74.6, 44.3, 39.1, 31.9, 29.7, 29.4, 27.5, 25.3, 22.7, 17.71, 17.68, 17.14, 17.10, 15.7, 14.1, 13.1, 12.3; IR identical to *anti*-**2-Pr**. Diaxial couplings and nOe excitations are summarized in the accompanying graphic.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of *cis*-3,5-disubstituted 2,1-oxasilacyclohexanes display  $H_3$  (axial) as a ddd between 3.45 and 3.7 ppm and with individual coupling contants of up to 11 Hz.<sup>11</sup> The same work found the <sup>2</sup>J coupling for  $H_6/H_6$ ' to be 14 Hz, and the axial/axial and equatorial/axial  $3J_{5-6}$  couplings to be 13.3 and 3.5 Hz, respectively. These values agree closely with our observations for *cis*-**2-Pr**.

#### (3,5-*trans*)- **1,1-Diisopropyl-3-hexyl-5-phenyl-2,1-oxasilinane (***trans*-**4-Pr):**

By a procedure similar to that described for **1-Pr**, cyclization of silane **3-Pr** (0.299 g, 0.862 mmol) furnished 0.257 g (86% yield) of **4-Pr**:  $R_f = 0.3$  (5% EA/hex); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  7.34 (t, 2H, 7.5); 7.27 (bd, 2H, 7.5); 7.22 (bd, 1H, 7.5); 4.16 (m, 1H); 3.05 (bt, 1H, 12.5), 1.96 (near dt, 12, 6; on same CH<sub>2</sub> as 1.75; 1.77 (m, 1H, on same CH<sub>2</sub> as 1.55); 1.75 (m, 1H, on same CH<sub>2</sub> as 1.96); 1.55 (m, 1H, on same CH2 as 1.78), 1.5 (m, 1H, on same CH2 as peak buried at 1.32), 1.4-1.26 (7H, includes portion of  $CH_2$  shared with 1.5 as well as three  $CH_2$ -related spin systems), 1.12 (d, 3H, 7), 1.10 (3H, obscured), 1.09 (d, 3H, 7), 1.02 (6H, broad s), 0.98 (m, 1H, part of CH2 with 0.90); 0.92 (t, 3H, 7), 0. 90 (partially obscured dd, 20, 14). Through-space (nOe) correlations: Excitation of 4.16: collapses 1.96 to dt  $(6,14)$  as  $H_4$  equatorial); enhances 1.77, 1.75, 1.5, 1.32; Excitation of 3.05 enhances 7.27, 1.77, 1.5, (shows evidence of direct coupling to 1.96); enhances d at 1.11, 1.09, and m/bs at 1.00 and 0.08; enhances methyl at 0.89? <sup>13</sup>C 149.8, 128.5, 126.4, 125.9, 73.0, 40.7, 37.0, 34.4, 31.9, 29.4, 26.5, 22.7, 17.34, 17.27, 17.21, 17.16, 15.7, 14.1, 13.9, 13.0; HR-FAB calcd. C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>38</sub>OSi (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: 345.2613; found: 345.2605 (2.5 ppm)

**1,1-Diisopropyl-3-hexyl-2-oxa-1-sila[4.2.0] bicyclooctane (6-Pr)** was prepared (65 mg, 32%) as a separable mixture of diasteromers by cyclization of **5**-**Pr** (200 mg, 0.67 mmol).

Diastereomer 1 ( $3\alpha$ , $5\alpha$ , $6\alpha$ );  $54$  mg;  $R_f = 0.3$  (hexane); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  3.58 (m, 1H, methine, cross speaks to spin system centered on 1.5 ppm); 2.51 (m, 1H, methine, coupled to 2.38, 1.95, 1.57); 2.38 (apparent pentet, 1H, part of methylene, coupled to 2.51, 1.99, 1.95, 1.68, 1.57); 1.99 (m, 1H, methine); 1.95 (m, 1H, part of methylene); 1.68 (dd, 1H, 13, 6); 1.57 (m, 1H); 1.55-1.25 (11H);

1.04-9.97 (12H, 4 Me in isopropyl); 0.898 (t, 3H, 6.4), 0.88 (m, 1H), noE from 3.58 reveals as apparent pentet); <sup>13</sup>C δ 73.18, 29.17, 38.61, 36.28, 21.97, 30.92, 29.41, 25.32, 26.69, 21.96, 18.57, 17.64, 17.53, 17.47, 17.07, 14.12, 13.44, 12.99; IR 2926, 2802, 1463, 1131, 1040, 882 cm-1 .

*Diastereomer 2 (3β,5α,6α)*: 11.6 mg; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (hexane); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  4.11 (m or apparent heptet, 1H); 2.825 (m, 1H; coupled into 2.2, 1.92, 1.47; correlates with methine C at 32.6 ppm); 2.24 (m, 1H; correlates with methylene C at 26 ppm), 2.13 (m, 1H, correlates with methylene at 26 ppm) ), 2.06 (m, 1H, correlates wth methylene at 20 ppm), 1.92 (m, 2H correlates with methylene at 26 and methine at 17); 1.47 (m, 4H), 1.4-1.25 (9H), 1.15-1.05 (1H); 1.07 (m, 3H0, 1.03 (app d, 3H, 6.4), 0.997 (d, 3H, 6.7); 0.94 (d, 3H, 6.7); 0.83 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C δ 69.55, 38.79, 37.78, 32.64, 31.97, 29.44, 26.28, 25.71, 22.68, 20.07, 17.53, 17.43, 17.33, 17.13, 16.24, 14.10, 13.18, 13.12; IR 2927, 2803, 1464, 1092, 993, 882 cm-1; HRMS calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>35</sub>OSi (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: 295.2457; found: 295.2456 (6.4 ppm).

*(trans)* **1,1-Diisopropyl-3-hexyl-6-isopropyl-2,1-oxasilinane (8-Pr)** was prepared (87 mg, 20% yield) from from **7-Pr** (419 mg, 1.34 mmol) by a similar procedure (0.2 equiv  $B(C_6F_5)$ <sub>3</sub>) as for 2-**Pr**, except that the reaction was warmed to 0° C and held at that temperature for 16 h. Following a careful flash chromatography to remove a large amount of byproduct, the product was isolated as a single product by NMR and GC/MS:  $R_f = 0.5$  (hexane); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  3.68 (m, 1H; C3-axial), 2.05 (dtd, 1H, 12.8, 5, 2.4;  $H_5$ -*eq*, HMQC shows relationships to 1.35; COSY shows couplings to  $H_5$ axial, H<sub>4</sub>-axial, H<sub>6</sub>); 1.69 (m, 2H; 1H includes H<sub>4</sub>-axial; linked by COSY to H<sub>4</sub>-*eq* at 1.15); 1H is CH of  $C_6$  sidechain, with correlations to  $C_6$  and sidechain methylenes); 1.5-1.25 (9H, includes: 1.35 m for H<sub>5</sub>-axial; multiple spin systems from sidechain CH<sub>2</sub> groups); 1.15 (m, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>-eq); 1.11 (d, 3H, 6-7, iPrSi); 1.09 (d, 3H, 6-7, iPrSi); 1.10 (m, 1H, CH), 1.05 (d, 3H, ~7, iPrSi); 1.00 (d, 3H,  $\sim$ 7, iPrSi); 0.96 and 0.93 (each d, 3H, J $\sim$ 6.5, Me<sub>2</sub>CHC<sub>6</sub>); 0.89 (t, 3H, 4-5, Me); 0.63 (ddd, 13, 9, 5,  $H_6$ , COSY to iPrCH at 1.7); GC-MS: single major peak at 28.17 min (269, [MiPr]); <sup>13</sup>C δ 74.6, 39.2, 36.4, 32.2, 31.6, 29.6, 28.8, 27.6, 25.7, 24.8, 22.9, 22.0. 19.8, 18.6, 18.1, 17.8, 14.4, 13.8, 13.1; IR 2927, 2865 (s); 1464, 1382, 1068 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRFAB calc for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>39</sub>OSi  $(M-H)^+$ : 311.2770; found 311.2783 (3.9 ppm);  $(M+H)^+$  at 312.2818 also observed.

General procedure for tandem silylation/hydrosilylation: Into a solution of unsaturated alcohol (typically 1 mmol) in 6 mL anhydrous toluene was added diethylsilane or diphenylsilane (1.2 mmol). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and  $B(C_6F_5)$ <sub>3</sub> was added (typically 0.1-0.5 equiv) from a 0.2-0.3 M stock solution in anhydrous toluene, resulting in vigorous bubbling. Once the alkene had largely disappeared (TLC), the reaction was quenched with  $10\%$  aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30) mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with hexane (2 x 50 mL) and the crude products were purifed by flash or column chromatography.

#### (*3,5-trans*)-**1,1-Diethyl-3-hexyl-5-methyl-1-oxa-2-silinane (2-Et)**

Using the tandem procedure described above, alcohol **1** (0.34 g, 2.0 mmol) was reacted with diethylsilane(0.33 mL, 2.6 mmol). TLC indicated that the reaction was completed within 5 minutes. Column chromatography using 0-5% EA/hex as the eluting solvent afforded 0.24g (47%) of the silacyclohexane. A small portion of the product was purified by semi-preparative HPLC (21 x 250mm, 5 mL/minute of 1% EA/hex):  $R_f = 0.58$  (5% EA/hex); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  3.93-3.99(1H), 1.98-2.06(1H), 1.55-1.59(1H), 1.36-1.50(4H), 1.27(7H, m), 1.01(3H, d, 6.7), 0.94(3H, t, 6.4), 0.94(3H, t, 7.9), 0.88(3H, t, 6.8), 0.72(1H, ddd, 1.4, 4.6, 14.5), 0.57(4H, q, 7.5), 0.33(1H, dd, 10, 14.5); <sup>13</sup>C δ 72.0, 41.4, 37.3, 31.9, 29.4, 26.3, 25.7, 24.1, 22.6, 17.7, 14.1, 7.6, 6.9, 6.7, 6.5; IR: 2953, 2925, 2874, 1458, 1413, 1156, 1047, 1003, 762 cm-1. HR-FABMS calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{32}O$ :[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 257.2301; Found: 257.2300

(*3,5-trans*)-**1,1-Diphenyl-3-hexyl-5-methyl-1-oxa-2-silinane (2-Ph)** was prepared (0.59 g, 84%) from alcohol **1** (0.34 g, 2.0 mmol) and diphenylsilane (0.41 mL, 2.2 mmol) using the tandem procedure described above. The reaction was conducted for 10 min and the crude product wa purified by gradient flash chromatography (0-5% EA/hex). A small portion of the product was purified by semi-preparative HPLC (21x250 mm, 5 mL/min of 1% EA/hex). The major product was assigned by comparison with **1-Pr**:  $R_f = 0.23$  (2% EA/hex ); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  7.51-7.61(5H), 7.30-7.42(5H), 4.16-4.21(1H), 2.24-2.28(1H), 1.27-1.63(15H), 1.03(3H, d, 6.8), 0.87(3H, t, 6.8), 0.79- 0.95(2H); <sup>13</sup>C δ 137.26, 137.24, 134.2, 134.1, 129.63, 129.57, 127.78, 127.73, 72.2, 41.6, 37.5, 31.8, 29.2, 26.1, 25.0, 24.8, 22.6, 19.0, 14.1; IR: 3068, 3049, 3000, 2954, 2925, 2856, 1454, 1428, 1151, 1116, 1041, 997, 821, 756, 731, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR FABMS calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>33</sub>OSi [MH]+: 353.2307; found: 353.2300 (1.7 ppm).

(3β,5α,6α) and (3α,5α,6α) **2,1-Benzoxasilin, octahydro-1,1-diethyl-3-hexyl (10-Et**): Using the tandem procedure described above, alcohol **9** (0.21g, 1.00 mmol) was reacted with diethylsilane (0.17 mL, 1.3 mmol) for 30 min, to furnish, after standard workup and chromatography, 0.11 g (39%) of the oxasilane. A small portion of the product was purified by semi-preparative HPLC (21x250 mm, 5 mL/min of 1% EA/hex) to furnish a 5:1 mixture of  $C_3$ epimers. Traces of several minor components were visible (RI detection) just befor elution of the major product: R<sub>f</sub> =0.34 (2% EA/hex); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  3.87(1H, m), 1.95-1.99(1H), 1.61-1.78(3H), 1.27-1.52(17H), 1.13(1H, q, 5.2 ), 0.97(3H, t, 8.0), 0.95(3H, t, 8.0), 0.88(3H, t, 6.8), 0.69-0.78(1H), 0.55-0.66(3H). <sup>13</sup>C δ 70.0, 38.6, 38.1, 33.5, 31.9, 31.5, 29.4, 26.0, 25.4, 25.0, 24.7, 24.5, 22.7, 14.1, 6.8, 6.7, 6.2; IR: 2852, 1459, 1413, 1377, 1237, 1187, 1127, 1097, 1059, 1004, 972, 934, 802, 724 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS: HR-FAB: calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{36}O/[M-H]^+$ : 295.2456; found: 295.2448. The stereochemistry of the major product was assigned in analogy with **10-Ph** (below) and by the chemical shifts for the axial  $H_3$ -axial (3.7 ppm) in the trans/cis isomer (major) vs. the equatorial  $H<sub>3</sub>$  (3.9 ppm) in the cis/cis isomer (minor).

#### (3β,5α,6α) and (3α, 5α,6α)-**2,1-Benzoxasilin, octahydro, 1,1-diphenyl-3-hexyl (10-Ph)**

Using the tandem procedure described above, alkenol **9** (0.22g, 1.1 mmol) was reacted with in diphenylsilane(0.21 mL, 1.1 mmol) for 1 h, to furnish, after standard workup and a gradient flash chromatography (0-5% EA/hex), 0.30 g (73%) of the cyclic oxasilane as a 1:5 mixture (NMR) of the *cis/cis* and *trans/cis* isomers, differing in the stereochemistry at  $C_3$ .  $R_f = 0.50$  (2% EA/hex); HR FABMS calc. for  $C_{26}H_{37}OSi$  [MH]<sup>+</sup>: 393.2613; found: 393.2629 (3.8 ppm). A small portion of the product was further purified by semi-preparative HPLC (21 x 250mm, 5 mL/min of  $1\%$ ) EA/hex); the minor product eluted first.

*cis/cis* (3α,5α,6α)- (minor) <sup>1</sup>H δ 7.65-7.69(2H), 7.49-7.51(2H), 7.28-7.45(6H), 3.84-3.89(1H; COSY correlation with spin systems at  $\delta$  2.1, 1.96; weak correlation with  $\delta$  1.5; nOe observed to 2.1 and 1.2); 2.05-2.10(1H, correlates only with  $\delta$  1.96), 1.93-1.99(1H, correlates with δ 3.9, 2.05, 1.2), 1.42-1.71(12H), 1.19-1.39(10H), 1.2 (1H, obscured t or dd, correlates with 1.97, 1.7); 0.90(3H, t, 6.8); <sup>13</sup>C δ 135.6, 134.5, 134.3, 129.6, 129.5, 127.9, 127.5, 74.7, 38.8, 35.3, 34.5, 33.5, 32.0, 29.4, 27.9, 25.4, 22.9, 22.7, 22.3, 21.2, 14.2; IR 3068, 3048, 3000, 2925, 2855,

1447, 1428, 1142, 1116, 1092, 1055, 1009, 970, 924, 801, 736, 710, 699 cm-1. HRFAB calc. for  $C_{26}H_{37}OSi (MH)^{+}$ : 393.2613; found: 393.2629 (3.8 ppm).

*trans,cis* (3β,5α,6α) (major) <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  7.65 (m, 2H; nOe to 1.7), 7.55 (2H; modest nOe to 4.3), 7.31-7.41(6H), 4.31(1H, m, H3; correlates with 1.6, 1.5; significant noE to d 7.7, 2.1; this proton appears to be significnatly deshielded by the edge of the neighboring arene; this assumption is supported by the observation of mutual nOes involving the arene as well as by MM2 calculations; 2.20 (m, 1H; COSY crosspeaks wth 2.1, 1.5-1.6; nOE to 1.73, 1.5, 1.4), 2.07 (ddd, 1H, J values estimated as 13-14, 8, 3-4;COSY with 2.2, 1.5; nOE to peaks at d 4.3, 1.4), 1.83(m, 1H; correlates to 1.45; nOe with d 1.5, 1.3), 1.73(dt, 1H; weak COSY with 1.83; nOE to 2.2, 1.5), 1.17-1.48(20H), 0.87(3H, t, 6.8); <sup>13</sup>C δ 137.8, 136.7,134.6, 134.3, 134.2, 129.5, 129.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 72.4, 37.7, 37.6, 32.6, 31.8, 29.5, 29.3, 26.1, 25.3, 24.8, 24.5, 24.0, 22.6, 14.1; IR 3068, 3048, 3022, 2999, 2920, 2851, 1590, 1486, 1447, 1428, 1376, 1187, 1114, 1057, 997, 938, 916, 821, 801, 772, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(3,6-*trans and* 3,6-*cis*- **1,1-Diethyl-3-hexyl-6-methyl-2-oxa-1-silinane (***trans-* and *cis-***12-Et):**  Using the tandem procedure describe above, alkenol **11** ( 0.34 g, 2.0 mmol) was reacted with Et<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub> (0.33 mL, 2.6 mmol) for 5 minutes to furnish, following standard workup and chromatography (0-5% EA/hex), a 2.7: 1 mixture of *trans*- and cis-12-Et (81.9 mg, 16%):  $R_f =$ 0.41 (2% EA/hex ); HREIMS calc. for  $C_{15}H_{31}OSi$  (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: 255.2244; found 255.2142 (0.9 ppm). A small portion of the product was purified by semi-preparative HPLC (21 x 250 mm, 5 mL/min 1% EA/hex); the major (trans) and minor (cis) isomers elute at 16 and 17 min, respectively. The assignment of *cis*- and *trans* oxasilanes was based upon the upfield  $\rm{^1H}$ chemical shift for the axial H3.

*trans*-**12**: <sup>1</sup>H δ 3.60-3.65(1H), 1.83-1.89(1H), 1.61-1.66(1H), 1.20-1.47(12H), 0.99(3H, t, 7.9), 0.98(3H, t, 7.9), 0.91(3H, t, 6.8), 0.88(3H, t, J-6.8), 0.49-0.84(4H); <sup>13</sup>C δ 74.5, 38.7, 35.8, 32.7, 31.9, 29.4, 25.5, 22.7, 17.5, 15.7, 14.1, 6.7, 5.0, 1.7; IR 2954, 2927, 2876, 2858, 1461, 1377, 1236, 1087, 1042, 1014, 836, 724 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

*cis*-**12**: <sup>1</sup>H δ 3.70-3.76(1H), 1.82-1.90(1H), 1.62-1.69(1H), 1.24-1.56(14H), 1.02(3H, d, 7.6), 0.97(3H, t, 7.9), 0.96(3H, t, 7.9), 0.88(3H, t, 6.8), 0.51-0.74(4H); <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  74.2, 38.1, 31.9, 30.8, 29.8, 29.3, 25.8, 22.7, 15.0, 14.4, 14.1, 6.8, 6.3, 4.2, 4.1; IR 2953, 2927, 2874, 1460, 1413, 1377, 1235, 1161, 1138, 1088, 1044, 1005 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(*trans*) and (*cis*)- **1,1-Diphenyl-3-hexyl-6-methyl-1-oxa-2-silacyclohexane (***trans-* and *cis-***12- Ph)**. Using the tandem procedure described above, alcohol **11** (0.34g, 2.0 mmol) was reacted with  $Ph<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub>$  (0.41 mL, 2.2 mmol) for 1 h. The crude products were subjected to column chromatography using 0-5% EA/hex as the eluting solvent to afford 0.17g (24%) of the oxasilacyclohexane. A small portion of the product was further purified by semi-preparative HPLC (21x250mm, 1% EA/hexane, 5 mL/min), which partially resolved the major and minor isomers. The predominant isomer was assigned as trans on the basis of the 3.85 ppm chemical shift for the axial H<sub>3</sub>:  $R_f = 0.32$  (2% EA/hex); <sup>1</sup>H (mixture of diastereomers)  $\delta$  7.65-7.68(m), 7.53-7.55(m), 7.30-7.44(m) 4.02-4.07(m), 3.85-3.90(m), 1.94-2.04(m), 1.78-1.86(m), 1.39- 1.74(m), 1.13(d, 3H, 7.2), 1.07(d, 3H, 8), 0.87-0.92(m); <sup>13</sup>C (mixture of two diastereomers)  $\delta$ 136.0, 135.1, 134.5, 134.4, 134.3, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 75.8, 74.8, 38.8, 38.6, 35.9, 32.3, 31.9, 30.2, 30.1, 29.39, 29.36, 25.5, 25.4, 22.7, 19.4, 16.3, 15.3, 14.1, 13.9; IR: 3069, 3048, 2927, 2857, 1457, 1428, 1117, 1042, 987, 933, 736, 700 cm-1; HRFAB calc. for  $C_{23}H_{23}OSi (M+H)^{+}$ : 353.2300; found: 353.2293 (2.1 ppm).

**(**3,6-*trans*) and **(**3,6-*cis*)-**1,1-Diethyl-3-hexyl-6-methyl-2-oxa-1-silepane (***trans-* **and** *cis-***14-Et)**. Using the tandem procedure described above, alcohol **13** (0.360 g, 1.95 mmol) was reacted with diethylsilane (0.28 mL, 2.2 mmol) for 5 min, to furnish, following standard workup and chromatography, 0.29 g (55%) of a 38:62 mixture of 3,6-*trans*- and 3,6-*cis*-oxasilacycloheptanes accompanied by 0.16 g of an unknown side product. A small portion of the product was further purified by semi-preparative HPLC (21 x 250mm, 5 mL/min 1% EA/hex); the major and minor diastereomers eluting at 17.0 and 18.0 min, respectively:  $R_f = 0.2$  (hexane); IR: 2982, 2953, 2925, 2874, 1461, 1377, 1237, 1090, 1007, 850, 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HREIMS calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>34</sub>OSi<sub>:</sub>[M-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 241.1764; found: 241.1986.

 *Diastereomer 1*(**(***trans*, minor): <sup>1</sup>H δ 3.59 (td, 1H, 8.6, 4), 1.73(m, 3H), 1.26-1.48(11H), 1.08 (m, 1H), 0.99(3H, d, 6.6), 0.95(3H, t, 7.9), 0.94(3H, t, 7.9), 0.88(3H, t, 6.8), 0.69 (dt, 1H, 15, 2) 1H), 0.48-0.63(5H). <sup>13</sup>C δ 75.0, 39.9, 39.3, 38.4, 32.0, 31.0, 29.3, 28.8, 26.1, 23.3,22.7, 14.1, 7.00, 6.8, 6.1, 5.9

*Diasteromer 2* (**(***cis*, major): <sup>1</sup>H δ 3.76 (m, 1H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.34-1.73(17H), 1.01(3H, d, 6.7), 0.94(6H, t, 7.9), 0.88(3H, t, 6.8), 0.73 (m, 1H), 0.51-0.63(5H). <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  73.8, 38.4, 35.2, 34.6, 31.9, 29.44, 29.37, 26.2, 25.6, 22.7, 22.1, 14.1, 7.3, 6.9, 6.8, 6.3

**(***trans-*)-**1,1-Diethyl-5-methyl-3-phenyl-2-oxa-1-silinane (***trans-***16-Et)** was prepared as a single diastereomer from 15 (0.32g, 2.0 mmol) and  $Et_2SiH_2$  (0.33 mL, 2.6 mmol) using procedure "B" described above except that the reaction temperature was held between 5 and 10 °C. The product was assigned as the *trans*-isomer in analogy with **2-Pr**; this was confirmed by a correlation via diol **21 (**vida infra). The crude product was purified by column chromatography (0-5% EA/Hex) to furnish 0.25 g of a diethylsiloxysiloxane byproduct followed by 0.25 g (51%) **16-Et**, predominantly as the trans diastereomer. A small portion of the product was further purified by semi-preparative HPLC (21 x 250mm, 5 mL/min of 1% EA/hex).

**16-Et**: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (hexane) or 0.4 in 5% EA/hex); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  7.24-7.28(1H), 7.34-7.40(4H), 5.19(1H, dd, 3.9, 7.5), 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.85(1H, ddd, 14.1, 7.5, 3), 1.73(1H, ddd, 14.1, 7.1, 4), 1.17(3H, d, 6.9), 1.05(3H, t, 7.9), 1.05(3H, t, 7.9), 0.94(1H, dd, 5.7, 12.2), 0.74(2H, q, 7.9), 0.69(2H, q, 7.9), 0.55(1H, dd, 7.0, 14.7); <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  145.7, 128.1, 126.6, 125.4, 71.9, 43.7, 25.0, 23.5, 16.5, 8.0, 7.3, 6.7, 6.6; IR: 3087, 3063, 3028, 2953, 2874, 1494, 1453, 1412, 1377, 1354, 1236, 1207, 1137, 1088, 1066, 1005, 907, 853, 809, 737, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-FABMS calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OSi<sub>:</sub>[M-H]<sup>+</sup>: 247.1517; found: 247.1527.

*Byproduct:*  $R_f = 0.8$  in 5% EA/hex. The byproduct displayed major ions at 343 (M-H)<sup>+</sup> and 189  $(M-Si(Et)_2OSi(Et)_2H)^+$  in the GC/MS spectra, and was tentatively assigned as 1,1-diethyl-1-(diethylsiloxy)-2-methyl-4-phenylbutyl silane. This assignment was supported by the lack of a carbinol HC and the presence of silane  $(4.5$  ppm, narrow pentet) and multiple Et<sub>2</sub>Si spin systems  $(1.1\n-0.87$  for methyl groups; 0.7-0.45 for ethyl) in a complicated <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. <sup>13</sup>C: 143.1, 128.4, 128.3, 125.5, 42.7, 33.7, 28.6, 22.9, 22.8, 7.4, 7.3, 7.1, 6.8, 6.6. Oxidative cleavage (Tamao oxidation, below) furnished 2-methyl-4-phenyl-1-butanol: ${}^{xii}$  ${}^{xii}$  ${}^{xii}$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (20% EA/hex); <sup>1</sup>H δ 7.30 (app t, 2H, 7); 7.22-7.18 (3H); 3.54 (dd, 1H, ABX, 10.8, 6); 3.48 (dd, 1H, ABX, 10.8 6.4); 2.73 (ddd, ABXY, 1H, 13.6, 10, 5.6); 2.62 (ddd, ABXY, 13.6, 10, 6); 1.79 (m, 1H); 1.68 (apparent hextet, 1H, 6-7); 1.58 (1H, bs, OH); 1.46 (m, 1H); 1.008 (d, 3H, 7.2). IR (ATR crystal) 3346 (s, broad), 2926, 2873, 1454, 1037 cm-1; HREI: calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>:</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>164.1204; Found: 164.1204 (1.6 ppm).

**Diethyl (2-methylnon-1-en-3-oxy) silane (18-Et)**: Attempted one-pot reaction of 2-methyl non-1-en-3-ol (17, 0.22 g, 1.4 mmol) with diethylsilane (0.20 mL, 1.1 equiv) and  $B(C_6F_5)$ <sub>3</sub> (0.2) g, n toluene, ~0.4 mmol) as described for the synthesis of **2-Et** furnished the corresponding diethylsilyl ether, **18-Et** as an inseparable mixture with small amounts of one or more siloxanes:  $R_f = 0.8$  (hexane); <sup>1</sup>H:  $\delta$  4.85 (bs, 1H); 4.75 (bs, 1H); 4.51 (app pentet, 2.4, residual diethylsilane); 4.16 (t, 1H, 6.4); 1.68 (s, 3H); 1.45 (s, 0.7H, residual Si-H); 1.5 (m, 2H), 1.33- 1.18 (8H); 1.0 - 0.92 (19 H, including some silane); 0.88 (t, 3H); 0.62 (dq, 4H, 7, 2); 0.53 (m, 8H, residual silane and siloxane); <sup>13</sup>C: δ 147.4; 110.49; 76.71, 36.02, 31.9, 29.4, 25.5, 22.7, 17.1, 14.1, 7.47, 7.24, 6.97, 6.64, 6.61, 6.55; IR 2954, 2116, 1450 cm-1. HRMS was attempted but gave no recognizable fragments.

#### Oxidation to diols

**Tamao oxidation[xiii](#page-27-0) (illustrated for (**2R\*,5S\*)-**2-methylundecane-1,5-diol (19):** 135 mg (0.50 mmol) of **14-Et** wa reacted with KF (0.058 g, 2 eq), KHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.100 g, 2 eq),  $30\%$  H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (1 mL, 20 eq, ca. 9M in H<sub>2</sub>O) in MeOH/THF for 48 h to afford 0.030 g  $(30\%)$  of diol 19 as an inseparable mixture of diasteromers.  $R_f = 0.2$  (30% EA/hex); <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  3.58 (m, 1H); 3.47 (t, 2H, 6; or bd, 1H, ~6, depending upon sample concentration), 2.3 (broad, 2H, varies with concentration); 0.89 (app t, 3H, 8); 0.857 (appt t, 3H, 8); 1.8-1.2 (15H); 0.85-0.92 (6H); <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  72.4, 72.0, 67.8, 67.6, 37.53, 37.49, 35.8, 35.3, 34.3, 34.0, 31.8, 29.3, 28.9, 28.6, 25.7, 25.6, 22.6. 20.8, 16.8, 16.4, 14.1; The major diasteromer was assigned as  $2R^*$ , 5S\* based upon comparision with <sup>13</sup>C data reported for a similar diol (major: 71.8, 67.8 ppm; minor 72.3, 67.6 ppm.<sup>[xiv](#page-27-0)</sup> IR 3330 (b, OH), 2926, 2856, 1458, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRFAB calc. For C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [MH]<sup>+</sup>: 203.2011; found: 203.2014 (1.3 ppm).

Oxidation of 88 mg  $(0.33 \text{ mmol})$  of the major  $(2^{\text{nd}} \text{ eluting isomer})$  of 14-Et using the Woerpel procedure described below afforded 36.8 mg (56%) of **19**. Spectral details were identical to those reported above.

**Woerpel oxidation:**  $x^2$  **2-(2-Hydroxyoctyl)-cyclohexanol (20):** To a solution of *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (0.73 mL, 5-6M in decane) in 3 mL DMF at  $0<sup>0</sup>C$  was added cesium hydroxide (0.52g, 3.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 25  $^{\circ}$ C, whereupon a solution of oxasilinane **10-Ph** (0.10g, 0.26 mmol) in 2 mL DMF was added dropwise. After 10 minutes, tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1.3 mL, 1M in THF) was added. The reaction solution was stirred at RT for 2 h and then quenched with 10 mL of 10% aq. sodium bisulfite. The mixture was extracted with ether (2 x 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated. The residue was subject to column chromatography using 40% EA/hex as eluting solvent to afford 22.8 mg (38%) of diol **20**: R<sub>f</sub> =0.50 (50% EA/hex); IR (same except where noted): 3329-31, 2927-8, 2856, 1450, 1071 (diast 2), 1039 (diast 1), 976 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (MH)<sup>+</sup>: 229.2168; found: 229.2159 (3.5 ppm).

*Diastereomer 1*: <sup>1</sup>H δ 3.95(1H, m), 3.73-3.78(1H), 2.19(2H, s), 1.65-1.72(4H), 1,48-1.61(3H), 1.29-1.47(14H), 0.88(3H, t, 6.6) <sup>13</sup>C δ 69.2, 69.1, 40.0, 38.1, 38.0, 33.1, 31.8, 29.3, 27.1, 25.8, 25.4, 22.6, 20.5, 14.1

 *Diastereomer 2*: <sup>1</sup>H δ 3.90-3.93(1H), 3.65-3.70(1H), 1.72-1.75(1H), 1.25-1.61(18H), 0.88(3H, t, 6.6); <sup>13</sup>C δ 70.9, 70.0, 39.4, 39.1, 38.7, 32.4, 31.8, 29.3, 28.2, 25.6, 24.3, 22.6, 21.4, 14.1 MS:

**(1R\*,3S\*) 3-Methyl-1-phenyl-1,4-butanediol (21)** was prepared in 69% by oxidation of oxasilane **16-Et** using the Woerpel procedure described above:  $R_f=0.2$  (40% EA/hex ); The product was assigned by comparison with literature reports.<sup>[xvi](#page-27-0)</sup>  $R_f = 0.2$  (40% EA/hex); 1H  $\delta$  4.89 (dd, 1H, 7.6, 4.7); 3.57 (dd, ABX, 1H, 10.4, 4.4); 3.52 (dd, ABX, 1H, 10.4, 6.4); 1.9-1.7 (3-4H, includes both ABX and a multiplet); 0.97 (d, 3H, 6.8); 13C δ 144.7, 128.4, 127.4, 125.8, 71.8, 67.9, 43.5, 32.2, 17.2.

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#### **B(C6F5)3-promoted tandem silylation and intramolecular hydrosilylation: diastereoselective synthesis of oxasilinanes and oxasilepanes**

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#### **Supporting Information: <sup>1</sup> H and 13C NMR spectra**






















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