

Bulky Trialkylsilyl Acetylenes in the Cadiot–Chodkiewicz Cross-Coupling Reaction

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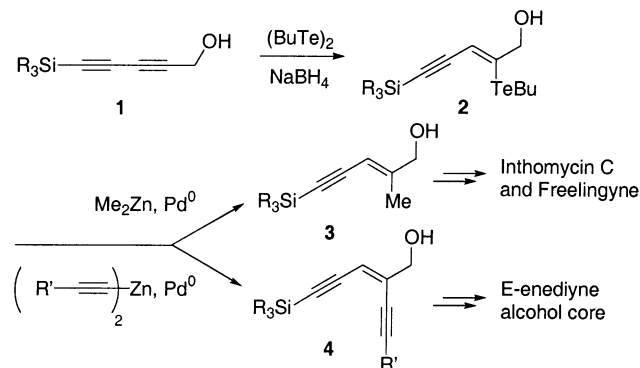
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Abstract: Bulky trialkylsilyl-protected alkynes such as triethylsilyl (TES), *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl (TBS), and triisopropylsilyl (TIPS) acetylenes underwent the Cadiot–Chodkiewicz cross-coupling reaction with different bromoalkynes to form a variety of synthetically useful unsymmetrical diynes in good yields. The diyne alcohol **10** was transformed regio- and stereoselectively into enynes by hydrotelluration, carbometalation, and reduction reactions.

Unsymmetrical diynes are not only incorporated in natural products (polyacetylenes,¹ epoxypolyyne,² monotropic acids,³ pellynols E–H,⁴ panaxydol,⁵ and (3*R*,8*S*)-falcariindiol⁶) but they also provide important precursors for the synthesis of enynes via regioselective hydrotelluration,⁷ hydroalumination with lithium aluminum hydride,⁸ and carbometalation⁹ with alkyl¹⁰ and alkynyl¹¹ Grignard reagents of the propargylic carbon–carbon triple bond. In connection with our efforts to construct the trisubstituted alkene **3** as a precursor of Inthomycin C¹² and Freelingyne,¹³ or the *E*-enediynes alcohol core¹⁴ **4**

SCHEME 1. Approach to Inthomycin C, Freelingyne, and *E*-Enediyne Alcohol Core



of Kedarcindin chromophore¹⁵ and C-1027 chromophore¹⁶ via a cross-coupling reaction of the vinylic telluride **2** with dialkyl¹⁷ or dialkynyl¹⁸ zinc reagents, we decided to employ the diyne alcohol **1** as a common precursor (Scheme 1). This diyne alcohol **1** had been synthesized in several steps with low overall yields by selective protection of a carbon–carbon triple bond of penta-2,4-diyn-1-ol¹⁹ or reacting the lithium anion of 1-trimethylsilyl-1,3-butadiyne with formaldehyde.²⁰ However, both penta-2,4-diyn-1-ol and 1-trimethylsilyl-1,3-butadiyne intermediates were synthesized from the volatile and explosive 1,3-butadiyne that rendered these synthetic routes difficult. Conceivably, the diyne alcohol **1** could be made by the acetylenic coupling²¹ with palladium–copper catalyst systems²² or catalytic CuI/pyrrolidine²³ conditions.

We envisioned that the diyne alcohol **1** could come from the copper-catalyzed Cadiot–Chodkiewicz cross-coupling reaction^{24–26} of a bromoalkyne **5** or **8** with a terminal alkyne **6** or **7**, respectively (Scheme 2). Walton²⁷ and

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TABLE 2. Stereo- and Regioselective Functionalization of Diyne Alcohol 10

Entry	Reactant/Condition	Product	Yield
1	(BuTe) ₂ (0.5 equiv), NaBH ₄ (2.5 equiv), EtOH, reflux, 20 min		84%
2	(BuTe) ₂ (1.5 equiv), NaBH ₄ (7.5 equiv), EtOH, reflux, 10h		79%
3	MeMgBr (2.5 equiv) CuI (cat.), Et ₂ O, 0 °C to rt, overnight		84%
4	EtMgBr (2.5 equiv) CuI (cat.), Et ₂ O, 0 °C to rt, overnight		80%
5	VinylMgBr (2.5 equiv) CuI (cat.), Et ₂ O, 0 °C to rt, 3hr		84%
6	LiAlH ₄ (1.5 equiv) Et ₂ O, 0 °C to rt, 2hr		95%

triple bond. For instance, hydrotelluration of the diyne alcohol **10** with (BuTe)₂ and NaBH₄ in ethanol afforded three products such as the desired product **25** (7%), the desilylated product of **25** occurred most likely after the hydrotelluration reaction), and the ditellurated product **26** (56%). After several attempts, we found that the desired vinylic telluride **25** could be obtained in high yield if the reaction was stopped after 20 min of reflux (Table 2, entry 1). When excess amounts of (BuTe)₂ and NaBH₄ were used and with longer reaction times, the ditellurated product **26** was formed predominantly (entry 2). In addition, we were also able to perform the regio- and stereoselective carbometalation^{10,36} of the diyne alcohol **10** with 2.5 equiv of methyl-, ethyl-, and vinylmagnesium bromides in the presence of a catalytic amount of CuI to afford enynes **27**, **28**, and **29**, respectively, in good yields (entries 3–5). Furthermore, lithium aluminum hydride reduced the diyne alcohol **10** to enyne **30** regio- and stereoselectively in excellent yield (entry 6).⁸

In summary, our diyne approach utilizing bulky trialkylsilyl protecting groups was very advantageous. First, bulky trialkylsilyl acetylenes were stable under the Cadot–Chodkiewicz cross-coupling reaction. Second, because of their much higher boiling points, these bulky trialkylsilyl acetylenes were easier to synthesize and handle than the commercially available but expensive and volatile trimethylsilyl acetylene. In addition, both the polar and nonpolar bromoalkynes were readily synthesized from the corresponding alkynes via hypobromide (Strauss method)^{24,29,37} or NBS/AgNO₃(cat.)³⁸ conditions. In contrast, the preparation of bromotriethylsilyl acetylene could be difficult because it involved alkyllithium reagents in the deprotonation step. Furthermore, in these diynes having bulky trialkylsilyl protecting groups, the more sterically hindered carbon–carbon triple bonds

were inert toward a variety of organometallic and reducing reagents that were very synthetically useful. These silyl groups could be removed with fluoride sources at –80 °C,³⁹ 0 °C,⁴⁰ or room temperature⁴¹ and alkoxide at room temperature.⁴²

Experimental Section

General Information. All needles and syringes were oven-dried and cooled to room temperature in a desiccator prior to use. All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen (or argon) atmosphere. Unless otherwise indicated, all starting materials were used as received. *n*-Butyllithium, methylmagnesium bromide, ethylmagnesium bromide, and vinylmagnesium bromide came as a 2.5 M solution in tetrahydrofuran, a 3.0 M solution in diethyl ether, a 3.0 M solution in diethyl ether, and a 1.0 M solution in THF, respectively, and were titrated prior to use.¹ Diethyl ether was dried over 4 Å molecular sieves and distilled over Na/benzophenone. Silica gel, 40 μm, was purchased from Scientific Absorbents Incorporated. TLC monitoring was best with Hex:EtOAc solvent systems. The vinylic tellurides were detected with a UV light, iodine, and a vanillin solution (27 mL of H₂O, 6 mL of concentrated H₂SO₄, 27 mL of MeOH and 1.2 g of vanillin). Alcohols were best observed in a KMnO₄ solution (1.5 g of KMnO₄, 10 g of K₂CO₃, 2.5 mL of 5% NaOH and 150 mL of water).

Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on a FT-IR spectrophotometer with internal calibrations. Spectra were recorded either from a neat oil between sodium chloride salt plates or from a potassium bromide pellet. IR data were reported in wavenumbers (cm^{–1}).

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR) were obtained on 300-, 400-, or 500-MHz FT NMR spectrometers. Spectra were recorded in deuteriochloroform (CDCl₃) with residual proteo form as an internal reference or tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the external reference. Data were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ) in ppm (multiplicity, integrated intensity, and coupling constant (*J*) in hertz (Hz)). Abbreviations to denote the multiplicity of a particular signal were s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quint (quintet), sext (sextet), m (multiplet), and br (broad).

Difference nuclear Overhauser effect (NOE) experiments were performed on the 400- and 500-MHz FT NMR spectrometers with automated programs.

Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹³C NMR) were obtained on 75-, 100-, or 125-MHz FT NMR spectrometers. Spectra were recorded in deuteriochloroform with 77.0 ppm resonance of deuteriochloroform as the internal reference.

High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were determined on a VG 70-250S instrument by the University of Michigan, Department of Chemistry Instrument Services Branch. Sample introduction was via direct probe, and ionization was accomplished by electron impact (EI) at 70 eV, by chemical ionization (CI) with methane or ammonia, or by fast atom bombardment (FAB) with sodium. Masses were reported in units of mass over charge (*m/z*) to four decimal places in conjunction with the relative intensity normalized to 100.

General Procedure for the Diyne Synthesis. CuCl (0.06 mmol, 0.02 equiv) was added to a 30% *n*-BuNH₂ (2.5 mL) aqueous solution at room temperature that resulted in the formation of a blue solution immediately. A few crystals of hydroxylamine hydrochloride were added to discharge the blue

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color. The resulting colorless solution indicated the present of Cu(I) salt. The alkyne (3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to the solution at room temperature forming a yellow acetylide suspension that was immediately cooled with an ice–water mixture. The bromoalkyne (3 mmol, 1 equiv) was added at once and the ice bath was removed (a small amount of diethyl ether could be used in the transfer). More crystals of hydroxylamine hydrochloride were added throughout the reaction as necessary to prevent the solution from turning blue or green. After several additions of hydroxylamine hydrochloride crystals, the reaction mixture had a rusty color (normally after 7 to 30 min, depending on alkynyl substrates). At this point, the reaction was complete according to TLC. The product was repeatedly extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product could be purified further by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

5-Triethylsilylpenta-2,4-diyne-1-ol (10): C₁₁H₁₈OSi; FW = 194; *R*_f = 0.32 (90:10 Hex:EtOAc). Column chromatography (90:10 Hex:EtOAc) afforded a light yellow oil that was stored in the freezer; yield 95%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 4.30 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 1.75 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 0.95 (t, 9H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 0.58 (q, 6H, *J* = 8.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 88.3, 86.1, 75.2, 71.1, 51.6, 7.5, 4.3; IR (neat) 3326 (br), 2957, 2937, 2877, 2224, 2107, 1458, 1414, 1236, 1018, 974, 798, 728 cm⁻¹; HRMS (CI with NH₃) for C₁₁H₁₈OSi [M + NH₄]⁺ calcd 212.1471, found 212.1460; CI with NH₃, *m/z* (rel intensity) 120 (40.3), 132 (100), 182 (71.3), 212 (74.5).

Hydrotelluration of Diyne-Alcohol 10. To a solution of (BuTe)₂ (185 mg, 0.5 mmol, 0.5 equiv) in EtOH (30 mL) was added solid NaBH₄ (95 mg, 2.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) portionwise under nitrogen. The orange solution became light yellow. Diyne alcohol (194 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv) was added to the reaction flask under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 30 min. Careful monitoring of the disappearance of the diyne alcohol and the appearance of the monotelluration product (*R*_f = 0.13 in 90:10 Hex:EtOAc, iodine detection) was required to avoid the formations of the desilylated monotelluration and the ditelluration products. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. The product was extracted with EtOAc, washed with brine, and dried over MgSO₄. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (90:10 Hex:EtOAc). Yield 84%.

(Z)-2-(Butyltelluro)-5-triethylsilylpent-2-en-4-yn-1-ol (25): C₁₅H₂₈OSiTe; FW = 382; *R*_f = 0.13 (90:10 Hex:EtOAc). Column chromatography (90:10 Hex:EtOAc) afforded a yellow oil that was stored in the freezer; yield 84%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 6.33 (t, 1H, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 4.26 (dd, 2H, *J* = 6.2, 1.5 Hz), 2.86 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 1.80–1.69 (m, 3H), 2.34 (sext, 2H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 0.97 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 0.86 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 0.60 (t, 6H, *J* = 7.7 Hz); NOE (500 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS), the carbinol hydrogens enhanced (2.1%) when the vinylic hydrogen was irradiated; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 136.3, 115.2, 105.1, 100.0, 69.1, 34.4, 25.3, 13.6, 7.8, 5.5, 4.5; IR (neat) 3350 (br), 2956, 2932, 2874, 2181, 2127, 1560, 1457, 1414, 1378, 1237, 1087, 1017, 726 cm⁻¹; HRMS (CI with methane) for C₁₅H₂₈OSiTe [M + H]⁺ calcd 383.1050, found 383.1062; CI with ammonia, *m/z* (rel intensity) 132.1 (100), 197.1 (32.4), 381.1 (16.7).

General Procedure for the Carbometalations² of Diyne Alcohol 10. Methyl-, ethyl-, or vinylmagnesium bromide (7.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added to a suspension of CuI (0.3 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and Et₂O (20 mL) at 0 °C. A dark brown solution formed immediately. To this solution was added a solution of diyne-alcohol 10 (3 mmol, 1 equiv) in 2 mL of Et₂O at 0 °C. The ice-bath was removed and the reaction was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched slowly at 0 °C with 2 N HCl under nitrogen until the reaction mixture was acidic. The product was extracted with diethyl ether, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was pure enough for characterizations. Only the *E*-isomer was detected in the crude ¹H NMR.

(E)-2-Methyl-5-triethylsilylpent-2-en-4-yn-1-ol (27): C₁₂H₂₂OSi; FW = 210; *R*_f = 0.26 (85:15 Hex:EtOAc). Column chroma-

tography (90:10 Hex:EtOAc) afforded a yellow oil that was stored in the freezer; yield 84%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 5.63 (s, 1H), 4.11 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.51 (distorted t, 1H), 1.01 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 0.62 (q, 6H, *J* = 8.0 Hz); NOE (500 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS), the carbinol hydrogens enhanced (0.6%) when the vinylic hydrogen was irradiated; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 151.6, 105.2, 103.7, 96.1, 67.0, 16.8, 7.7, 4.7; IR (neat) 3340 (br), 2955, 2913, 2875, 2133, 1635, 1457, 1415, 1377, 1235, 1099, 1017, 723 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI, 70 eV) for C₁₂H₂₂O₂Si [M]⁺ calcd 210.1440, found 210.1444; *m/z* (rel intensity) 25 (33.6), 153 (57.2), 181 (100), 205 (21.6).

(E)-2-Ethyl-5-triethylsilylpent-2-en-4-yn-1-ol (28): C₁₃H₂₄OSi; FW = 224; *R*_f = 0.33 (80:20 Hex:EtOAc); a yellow oil, yield 80%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.15 (d, 2H, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 2.38 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 1.82 (br s, 1H), 1.06 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 1.00 (t, 9H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 0.62 (q, 6H, *J* = 8.0 Hz); NOE (500 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS), the carbinol hydrogens enhanced (0.2%) when the vinylic hydrogen was irradiated; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 157.3, 104.6, 103.5, 96.1, 65.1, 24.3, 12.6, 7.6, 4.7; IR (neat) 3327 (br), 2957, 2913, 2876, 2137, 1634, 1458, 1102, 1017, 724 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DCI with ammonia) for C₁₃H₂₄OSi [M + H]⁺ calcd 225.1674, found 225.1669; CI with ammonia, *m/z* (rel intensity) 132 (100), 225 (43.2).

(E)-5-Triethylsilyl-2-vinylpent-2-en-4-yn-1-ol (29): C₁₃H₂₂OSi; FW = 222; *R*_f = 0.15 (90:10 Hex:EtOAc); a yellow oil, yield 89%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 6.97 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.1, 11.3 Hz), 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.9 Hz), 5.30 (dm, 1H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 4.35 (m, 2H), 2.16 (br s, 1H), 1.00 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 0.64 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.7 Hz); NOE (500 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS), the carbinol hydrogens enhanced (0.8%) when the vinylic hydrogen was irradiated; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 148.7, 133.0, 116.9, 109.1, 103.1, 100.1, 62.6, 7.7, 4.6; IR (neat) 3336 (br), 3091, 2956, 2912, 2875, 2127, 1458, 1415, 1236, 1094, 1005, 911, 724 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DCI with ammonia) for C₁₃H₂₂OSi [M + H]⁺ calcd 223.1518, found 223.1509; CI with ammonia, *m/z* (rel intensity) 120 (100), 223 (25.2); EI 70 eV, *m/z* (rel intensity) 45 (38.4), 75 (55.3), 103 (60.3), 137 (68.4), 165 (100), 193 (60.0), 251 (19.3).

Reduction³ of Diyne Alcohol 10. Powdered LiAlH₄ (35.6 mg, 0.9 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added quickly to a solution of diyne alcohol (121 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1 equiv) in 15 mL of diethyl ether at 0 °C. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. The reaction was cooled with an ice/water bath and quenched with 2 N HCl until acidic. Saturated aqueous Na₂SO₄ was added and the reaction was stirred vigorously until a bilayer was formed. The product was extracted with diethyl ether several times, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product (95% yield) was pure enough to perform physical characterizations.

(E)-5-Triethylsilylpent-2-en-4-yn-1-ol (30): C₁₁H₂₀OSi; FW = 196; *R*_f = 0.23 (80:20 Hex:EtOAc); a light yellow oil, 95% yield; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 6.31 (dt, 1H, *J* = 15.9, 4.9 Hz), 5.79 (dm, 1H, *J* = 15.9 Hz), 4.18 (dd, 2H, *J* = 5.2, 1.9 Hz), 1.83 (br s, 1H), 0.99 (t, 9H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 0.62 (q, 6H, *J* = 8.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃ with 0.05% v/v TMS) δ 143.1, 110.8, 104.4, 93.0, 63.1, 7.7, 4.6; IR (neat) 3326 (br), 2955, 2912, 2876, 2175, 2133, 1938, 1630, 1458, 1415, 1378, 1236, 1083, 1008, 954, 724 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DCI with ammonia) for [M + H]⁺ for C₁₁H₂₀OSi calcd 197.1362, found 197.1355; CI with ammonia, *m/z* (rel intensity) 132 (100), 186 (23.7), 197 (39.1); EI 70 eV, *m/z* (rel intensity) 75 (44.2), 103 (62.8), 139 (85.7), 167 (100), 205 (26.1).

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Supporting Information Available: Sample procedure for the Cadiot–Chodkiewicz cross-coupling reaction, procedures for regio- and stereoselective transformations of diyne alcohol 10, and characterization data (¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, FTIR, and HRMS) for all compounds. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>. JO025745X