Metal-free enantioselective addition of nucleophilic silicon to aromatic aldehydes catalyzed by a [2.2]Paracyclophane-Based N-Heterocyclic carbene catalyst

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1, General Information

Commercially available reagents were used without further purification unless otherwise noted. Solvents were reagent grade and purified by standard techniques. Purification of the reaction products was carried out by chromatography on silicagl (200-400 mesh). Optical rotations were taken on a polarimeter with a wavelength of 589 nm. The concentration "*c*" had units of g/100 mL (or 10 mg/mL). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ on a Bruker AVANCE-300 spectrometer at 298 K. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with reference to the internal solvent for ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra. Mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent Technologies 6510 Q-Tof LC/MS. Enantiomeric ratio was determined using HPLC on Chiralpak IA chiral column.

2, General procedure for the synthesis of α-hydroxysilanes

Under an N₂ atmosphere, triazolium salt (*S*,*S*_p)-**4** (2.0 mg, 5×10^{-3} mmol) was added to 0.20 mL of anhydrous THF in an oven-dried vial equipped with a stir bar. PhMe₂SiB(pin) (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and freshly distilled aldehyde (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) were added to the vial. Anhydrous MeOH (60 equiv) was added and immediately followed by addition of H₂O (2 equiv). The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 hours before adding KF (1.7 mg, 0.03 mmol). Then, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours (Table 3, **1 k-n** at 60 °C). The solvent was removed in vacuum and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:20-1:10) to afford the corresponding product.

(S)-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)(phenyl)methanol (3 d)



Colorless oil, 22.0 mg (91% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 84.5:15.5. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IA column (hexane/i-PrOH : 40/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, $t_R = 25.417$ (major), $t_R = 29.873$ (minor)). [α]_D²⁰ = -45.2 (*c* 0.21, CH₂Cl₂). The absolute configuration was assigned as *S* by the comparison of its optical rotation with the value reported by Riant's group (lit.¹ : [α]_D²⁰ = -63.0 (*c*

0.0125, CH₂Cl₂), 99% ee (S)).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.49 –7.46 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18 –7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 1.97 (s, 1H), 0.29 (s, 3H), 0.26 (s, 3H).

 ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.47, 135.94, 134.36, 129.48, 128.06, 127.79, 125.92, 125.17, 70.02, -5.39, -6.28. Spectral data are identical to those reported in the literature 1 .

(S)-(2-Chlorophenyl)(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)methanol (3 b)



Colorless oil, 25.1 mg (91% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 77.2:22.8. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 40/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 15.533 (minor), t_R = 18.870 (major)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -48.0 (c 0.25, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 –7.55 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.17 –7.11 (m, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 1.71 (s, 1H), 0.37 (s, 3H), 0.35 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.46, 135.80, 134.38, 130.69, 129.59, 129.08, 127.83, 127.38, 126.90, 126.77, 65.66, -4.58, -6.35. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [M + Na]⁺ (C₁₅H₁₇ClOSi): 299.0629, found: 299.0648.

(S)-(3-Chlorophenyl)(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)methanol (3 c)



Colorless oil, 26.2 mg (95% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 81.8:18.2. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 40/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 26.663 (major), t_R = 32.417 (minor)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -48.4 (c 0.15, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.50 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 1.70 (s, 1H), 0.31 (s, 3H), 0.28 (s, 3H).

 ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.71, 135.32, 134.32, 134.10, 129.70, 129.21, 127.88, 125.94, 125.12, 123.16, 69.50, -5.59, -6.33. Spectral data are identical to those reported in the literature 2 .

(S)-(4-Chlorophenyl)(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)methanol (3 a)



Colorless oil, 27.1 mg (98% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 88.5:11.5. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IA column (hexane/i-PrOH : 40/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 31.283 (major), t_R = 33.967 (minor)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -48.1 (c 0.27, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 –7.44, (m, 2H), 7.40 –7.32, (m, 3H), 7.25 –7.19, (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 1.72 (s, 1H), 0.29 (s, 3H), 0.26 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.99, 135.41, 134.34, 131.39, 129.65, 128.14, 127.88, 126.40, 69.44, -5.59, -6.29. Spectral data are identical to those reported in the literature ¹.

(S)-(2-Bromophenyl)(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)methanol (3 e)



Colorless oil, 29.5 mg (92% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 76.5:23.5. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 100/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 23.099 (minor), t_R = 29.636 (major)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -56.0 (c 0.12, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 1.70 (s, 1H), 0.35 (s, 3H), 0.34 (s, 3H).

 ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.04, 135.82, 134.41, 132.40, 129.59, 127.83, 127.73, 127.37, 127.33, 121.16, 68.05, -4.34, -6.23. Spectral data are identical to those reported in the literature 2 .

(S)-(4-Bromophenyl)(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)methanol (3 f)



Colorless oil, 24.5 mg (76% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 88.1:11.9. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 100/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 51.783 (major), t_R = 56.597 (minor)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -64.6 (c 0.24, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 1.69 (s, 1H), 0.29 (s, 3H), 0.27 (s, 3H).

 ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.53, 135.37, 134.34, 131.05, 129.66, 127.88, 126.78, 119.40, 69.46, 0.02, -5.60, -6.31. Spectral data are identical to those reported in the literature 1 .

(S)-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)(4-fluorophenyl)methanol (3 g)



Colorless oil, 17.7 mg (68% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 87.9:12.1. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 100/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 33.043 (major), t_R = 35.660 (minor)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -41.2 (c 0.10, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.06 – 6.89 (m, 4H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 1.66 (s, 1H), 0.30 (s, 3H), 0.27 (s, 3H).

 13 C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.89, 159.66, 139.05, 135.60, 134.32, 129.57, 127.83, 126.61, 126.50, 114.98, 114.70, 69.40, -5.57, -6.29. Spectral data are identical to those reported in the literature 2 .

(S)-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanol (3 h)



Colorless oil, 29.1 mg (94% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 84.6:15.4. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 70/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 46.293 (minor), t_R = 49.360 (major)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -38.1 (c 0.21, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.34 (m, 7H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 1.72 (s, 1H), 0.30 (s, 3H), 0.28 (s, 3H).

 ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.72, 135.10, 134.30, 129.76, 127.92, 125.09, 124.95, 124.89, 69.73, -5.66, -6.33. Spectral data are identical to those reported in the literature 2 .

(S)-4-((Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)(hydroxy)methyl)benzonitrile (3 i)



Colorless oil, 22.6 mg (85% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 84.1:15.9. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 20/1, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm, t_R = 45.600 (major), t_R = 48.297 (minor)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -51.5 (c 0.07, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 1.76 (s, 1H), 0.31 (s, 3H), 0.29 (s, 3H).

 ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.33, 134.64, 134.26, 131.81, 129.91, 127.98, 125.40, 109.31, 69.89, -0.01, -5.84, -6.26. Spectral data are identical to those reported in the literature 2 .

(S)-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)(o-tolyl)methanol (3 j)



Colorless oil, 15.6 mg (61% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 79.9:20.1. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 40/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 26.967 (major), t_R = 30.210 (minor)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -40.0 (c 0.20, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 1H), 0.31 (s, 3H), 0.27 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.40, 137.60, 136.06, 134.38, 129.45, 127.93, 127.74, 126.67, 125.94, 122.27, 69.98, 21.47, -5.39, -6.29. Spectral data are identical to those reported in the literature ².

(S)-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)(m-tolyl)methanol (3 k)



Colorless oil, 18.2 mg (71% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 85.5:14.5. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 40/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 15.557 (minor), t_R = 20.343 (major)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -50.0 (c 0.07, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 1H), 0.39 (s, 3H), 0.27 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.87, 136.28, 134.27, 133.44, 130.01, 129.47, 127.76, 125.97, 125.81, 125.77, 65.65, 29.73, 19.53, -5.22, -5.97. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[M + H]^+$ (C₁₆H₂₀OSi): 257.1356, found: 257.1352.

(S)-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)(p-tolyl)methanol (3 l)



Colorless oil, 24.1 mg (94% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 83.3:16.7. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 100/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 28.047 (major), t_R = 32.143 (minor)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -58.7 (c 0.23, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 1H), 0.30 (s, 3H), 0.26 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.40, 136.28, 136.16, 135.45, 134.37, 129.43, 128.77, 127.77, 125.20, 116.66, 69.84, 21.06, -5.29, -6.29. Spectral data are identical to those reported in the literature ².

(S)-Methyl 4-((dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)(hydroxy)methyl)benzoate (3 m)



Colorless oil, 20.2 mg (67% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 86.0:14.0. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 40/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 49.190 (minor), t_R = 56.397 (major)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -30.6 (c 0.05, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 1H), 0.30 (s, 3H), 0.28 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.15, 149.09, 135.16, 134.31, 129.72, 129.38, 127.90, 127.66, 124.77, 70.01, 51.97, -0.01, -5.63, -6.28.[M+H]⁺ 301.1260, found 301.1317.

(S)-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)(naphthalen-1-yl)methanol (3 n)



Colorless oil, 12.6 mg (43% yield). Enantiomeric ratio: 75.0:25.0. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC using CHIRALPAK IB column (hexane/i-PrOH : 40/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 37.410 (major), t_R = 43.917 (minor)). [α]_D ²⁰ = -70.8 (c 0.12, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 –7.78 (m, 2H), 7.71 –7.68 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.28 (m, 9H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 1.74 (s, 1H), 0.30 (s, 3H), 0.21 (s, 3H).

 13 C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3) δ 139.89, 136.22, 134.33, 133.49, 129.90, 129.49, 128.66, 127.79, 126.34, 125.49, 125.34, 125.14, 123.49, 122.82, 65.92, -4.43, -5.91. Spectral data are identical to those reported in the literature 2 .

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4, Copies of NMR spectra

¹H NMR Spectrum of compound 3 d



¹H NMR Spectrum of compound **3 b**



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¹H NMR Spectrum of compound **3 c**





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¹H NMR Spectrum of compound **3 e**







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¹H NMR Spectrum of compound **3 m**

¹H NMR Spectrum of compound **3 n**



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HPLC spectra of compound **3 d**





# Na	ame R	r Height	: Area	%Area
	25.	417 41080	1384069.200	84.460
	2 29.	873 6681	254649.314	15.540

Total Area of Peak = 1638718.514

HPLC spectra of compound **3 b**





1	15.533	25029	511002.200	22.195
2	18.870	72619	1730758.406	77.205

Total Area of Peak = 2241760.606

HPLC spectra of compound 3 c



1	26.513	68558 2321600	6.505 49.
2	31.670	56371 2372219	9.665 50.
Total Area	of Peak =	4693826.170	



Total Area of Peak = 3329878.635





Total Area of Peak = 1010187.163



Total Area of Peak = 1496547.464

HPLC spectra of compound **3 e**



#Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	% Area
1	22.822	BB	0.3346	1259.07886	57.38102	50.3212
2	29.364	BB	0.4306	1243.00403	44.12172	49.6788
Total	s :			2502.08289	101.50274	



#Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	% Area
1	23.099	BB	0.3416	570.92706	25.32784	23.4573
2	29.636	BB	0.4527	1862.96973	62.47527	76.5427
Tot	tals :			2433.89679	87.80311	

HPLC spectra of compound 3 f



Total Area of Peak = 3255732.967



Total Area of Peak = 1103855.013

HPLC spectra of compound **3** g



#	Name	RT	Height	Area	%Area
	1	33.333	20429	709014.934	49.681
	2	35.677	18766	718133.314	50.319

Total Area of Peak = 1427148.248



Total Area of Peak = 4057526.724





Total Area of Peak = 2018482.597



Total Area of Peak = 1162457.452

HPLC spectra of compound 3 i



Total Area of Peak = 3583898.006



Total Area of Peak = 2296314.244





Total Area of Peak = 2062811.718



Total Area of Peak = 3353272.105

HPLC spectra of compound 3 k



Total Area of Peak = 1959131.988



Total Area of Peak = 1477124.879

HPLC spectra of compound 3 I



Total Area of Peak = 972950.742



Total Area of Peak = 2014500.280





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Total Area of Peak = 2748270.132

Total Area of Peak = 778231.367

HPLC spectra of compound 3 n



Total Area of Peak = 478103.206



Total Area of Peak = 1061977.247

6, CD spectra of the α -hydroxysilanes

The configurations of the other α -hydroxysilanes were assigned to *S* by comparison with **3d** on the basis of their CD spectra (*Figure 1*) measured in their dichloromethane solutions with uv-vis wavelength ranging from 220-300 nm.



Figure 1. CD spectra of 3a-3n