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Supporting Information for:

Air-Stable, Zn⁺² - Based Catalyst for Hydrosilylation of Alkenes and Alkynes

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General Considerations

All experiments were carried out under an anhydrous N₂ atmosphere using standard Schlenk and glovebox techniques. All glassware was oven dried and cooled under vacuum before use. Commercial reagents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Strem or Apollo Scientific and used without further purification unless indicated otherwise. Dichloromethane (DCM), toluene and hexane were dried using Vacuum Atmospheres solvent purification system. 1,2-Dichlorobenzene (DCB), 1,2-difluorobenzene (DFB) and acetonitrile, were dried over CaH₂ and distilled from it. Potassium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate was prepared according to previously reported procedure.^[1, 2] NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature in CDCl₃ solution or non-deuterated solvent, using DMSO capillary in J. Young NMR tubes, using a Bruker AvanceIII - 400 MHz spectrometer. Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quin = quintet, m = multiplet, b = broad), coupling constant (Hz), integration.

Preparation of TmPPh



An n-BuLi solution (20 mL, 31.9 mmol, 1.6 M in hexane) was added dropwise to a degassed solution of lutidine (2.8 mL, 24.4 mmol) in 100 mL of THF at -78 °C under N₂ and magnetic stirring. After one hour stirring at -78 °C, degassed chlorotrimethylsilane (3.1 mL, 24.4

mmol) was added dropwise to the solution and the system was allowed to reach room temperature overnight. The precipitated LiCl was removed by filtration and to the remained solution of lutidinetrimethylsilane in tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) at -78 °C, phosphorus trichloride (0.69 mL, 8.1 mmol) was slowly added and the system was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The solvent was then removed and orange residue was obtained. This residue was tritulated with boiling hexane and after cooling, **TmPPh** precipitated as white powder (1.2 g, 3.4 mmol, 42%). **TmPPh** was crystallized from hexane and its molecular structure was determined by X-ray crystallography.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 7.41 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), δ 7.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), δ 6.90 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), δ 3.04 (s, 2H), δ 2.49 (s, 3H); ³¹**P NMR** (CDCl₃, 161.99 MHz): δ -13.8; ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): δ= 159.3 (d, J=4.5 Hz), 159.1, 137.7, 122.2 (d, J=4.2), 121.6, 37.3 (d, J=21.3), 26.0; HRMS (EI): m/z cacld. for [C₂₁H₂₅N₃P]: 350.1786 (M+H⁺); found: 350.1791



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of TmPPh (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S2. ³¹P NMR spectrum of TmPPh (CDCl₃, 161.99 MHz).



Figure S3. ¹³C NMR spectrum of TmPPh (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Preparation of TmPPh-oxide



NMR tube containing the CDCl₃ solution of **TmPPh** was kept open to air overnight, resulting in a quantitative transformation to **TmPPhoxide**.

¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 7.50 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), δ 7.26 (d, 1H), δ 7.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), δ 3.44 (d,J = 14.8 Hz, 2H), δ 2.52 (s, 3H); ³¹**P** NMR (CDCl₃, 161.99 MHz): δ -13.8; ¹³**C** NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): δ = 158.0, 152.4, 136.8, 122.03 (d, J=4.2), 121.2, 38.3 (d, J=60.1), 24.3; HRMS (EI): m/z cacld. for [C₂₁H₂₅N₃PO]: 366.1735 (M+H⁺); found: 366.1736



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of TmPPh-oxide (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S5. ³¹P NMR spectrum of TmPPh-oxide (CDCl₃, 161.99 MHz).



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum of TmPPh-oxide (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Preparation of TmPPh·ZnCl₂(2)



Zinc chloride (0.36 g, 1.2 mmol) was added to solution of **TmPPh** (0.43 g, 1.2 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (15 mL) under N_2 and magnetic stirring. After 2 h of stirring, tetrahydrofuran was removed

under reduced pressure, and 15 mL of dichloromethane were added. **2** was crystallized from a concentrated tetrahydrofuran in 95 % yield, and its molecular structure was determined by X-ray crystallography.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 7.57 (t, J = 7.64 Hz, 1H), δ 7.16 (d, J = 7.70 Hz, 1H), δ 7.06 (d, J = 7.58 Hz, 1H), δ 3.50 (d, J = 7.47 Hz, 2H), δ 2.65 (s, 3H); ³¹**P NMR** (CDCl₃, 161.99 MHz): δ -23.8; ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): δ = 158.9, 153.4, 138.2, 122.7, 122.1, 30.4 (d, J=13.7), 24.5;



Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of TmPPh·ZnCl₂ (2) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S8. 31 P NMR spectrum of TmPPh·ZnCl₂ (2) (CDCl₃, 161.99 MHz).



Figure S9. ¹³C NMR spectrum of TmPPh·ZnCl₂ (2) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Preparation of [TmPPh·ZnCl][B(C₆F₅)₄] (3)



Potassium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.86 g, 1.2 mmol) was added to solution of **2** (0.79 g, 1.2 mmol) in dry dichloromethane under N_2 and magnetic stirring. The solution was left to stir overnight. The precipitated KCl was removed by filtration and the solvent was

evaporated yielding **3** in 96% yields.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 8.00 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), δ 7.49 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), δ 7.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.89 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), δ 2.93 (s, 3H); ³¹**P NMR** (CDCl₃, 161.99 MHz): δ -42.6; ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): δ= 158.8, 153.7, 149.2, 146.7, 140.1, 137.2, 134.8, 124.2, 123.1 (d, J=6.4 Hz), 30.7 (d, J=24.6 Hz), 25.5; ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 376.53 MHz): δ 133.6, 164.1 (t, J=15.1 Hz), 168.0; ¹¹**B NMR** (CDCl₃, 128.37 MHz): δ -16.7; HRMS (EI): m/z cacld. for [C₂₁H₂₄N₃PZnCl]: 448.0688 (M); found: 448.0683



Figure S10. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[TmPPh ZnCl][B(C_6F_5)_4]$ (3) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S11. ³¹P NMR spectrum of [TmPPh·ZnCl][B(C₆F₅)₄] (**3**) (CDCl₃, 161.99 MHz).



Figure S12. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [TmPPh·ZnCl][B(C₆F₅)₄] (**3**) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).



Figure S13. ¹¹B NMR spectrum of [TmPPh·ZnCl][B(C₆F₅)₄] (**3**) (CDCl₃, 128.37 MHz).



Figure S14. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of [TmPPh·ZnCl][B(C₆F₅)₄] (**3**) (CDCl₃, 376.53 MHz).

Preparation of [TmPPh·Zn][B(C₆F₅)₄]₂ (1)



Potassium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.86 g, 1.2 mmol) was added to solution of 3 (0.79 g, 1.2 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichlorobenzene. The reaction mixture was left to stir overnight at 120 °C. The

precipitated KCl was removed by filtration and the solvent was evaporated to obtain **1** in 95% yield.

¹**H NMR** (DMSO-d₆ capillary in dichloromethane, 400.13 MHz): δ 8.56 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ 7.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), δ 3.44 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), δ 3.20 (s, 3H); ³¹**P NMR** (DMSO-d₆ capillary in DCM, 161.99 MHz): δ -12.6; ¹³**C NMR** (DMSO-d₆ capillary in DCM, 100.61 MHz): δ = 155.2, 150.7, 148.6, 146.1, 143.9, 136.7, 134.3, 124.7, 123.5,28.8 (d, J=24.7 Hz), 20.0; ¹⁹**F NMR** (DMSO-d₆ capillary in DCM, 376.53 MHz): δ 134.2, 164.1 (t, J=18.5 Hz), 168.2; ¹¹**B NMR** (DMSO-d₆ capillary in DCM, 128.37 MHz): δ -16.8; HRMS (EI): m/z cacld. for [C₂₁H₂₃N₃PZn]: 412.0921 (M-H⁺); found: 412.0912



Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[TmPPh \cdot Zn][B(C_6F_5)_4]_2$ (1) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S7. ³¹P NMR spectrum of $[TmPPh \cdot Zn][B(C_6F_5)_4]_2$ (1) (CDCl₃, 161.99 MHz).



Figure S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [TmPPh·Zn][B(C₆F₅)₄]₂ (1) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).



Figure S9. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of [TmPPh·Zn][B(C₆F₅)₄]₂ (**1**) (CDCl₃, 376.53 MHz).



Figure S10. ¹¹B NMR spectrum of [TmPPh·Zn][B(C₆F₅)₄]₂ (1) (CDCl₃, 128.37 MHz).

Reaction of $[TmPPh \cdot Zn][B(C_6F_5)_4]_2$ (1) with $[N(n-Bu)_4]_2[B_{12}I_{12}]$

1 (0.86 g, 1.2 mmol) was added to an acetonitrile solution of $[N(n-Bu)_4]_2[B_{12}I_{12}]$ (1:1) under N₂. Immediately after the addition, crystalline material precipitated out of the solution and could not be redissolved in common organic solvents. A close analysis of this precipitate revealed two type of crystals. The molecular structures of both types of crystals were determined by X-ray crystallography. The first type of crystals were of $[2TmPPh\cdotZn][B_{12}I_{12}]$ (**4**) (Figure S20, a). The second type of crystals were of $[6CH_3CN\cdotZn][B_{12}I_{12}]$ (**5**) (Figure S20, b).



Figure S20. a) POV-ray depiction of 4 (a) and 5 (b). Thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level, hydrogens were omitted for clarity.

entry	Substrate	Hydrosilane	Time [h] / T [°C]	Product	NMR Conversion [%]	Isolated Yield [%]
1	C ₄ H ₉	Et₃SiH	3 / 120	H C ₄ H ₉ SiEt ₃	99%	90%
2	C ₄ H ₉	PhSiH₃	3 / 100	Mixture of a single hydrosilylation products due to isomerization	99%	-
3	C ₄ H ₉	Ph_2SiH_2	3 / 100	Mixture of a single hydrosilylation products due to isomerization	99%	-
4	C ₄ H ₉	Me ₂ CISiH	3 / 100	H C ₄ H ₉ SiMe ₂ (Cl)	99%	-
5	C ₄ H ₉	Ph₂CISiH (Neat)	3 / 100	Mixture of hydrosilylation products	99%	-
6	Ph	Et₃SiH	3 / 120	Ph SiEt ₃	99%	95%
7	Et Et	Et₃SiH	3 / 120	Et SiEt ₃	99%	93%
8	Et Et	Ph₂ClSiH (Neat)	3 / 100	Mixture of hydrosilylation products	99%	-
9	Me t-Bu	Et₃SiH	3 / 120	H Me t-Bu SiEt ₃	99%	89%
10	Ph Ph	Et₃SiH	3 / 120	H Ph Ph SiEt ₃	99%	91%
11	Ph	Et₃SiH	3 / 120	Ph SiEt ₃ Ph	99%	83%
12	Me Me	Et₃SiH	3 / 120	H Me Me Me	99%	-
13	\bigcirc	Et₃SiH	3 / 120	SiEt ₃	99%	90%
14	PhPh	Et₃SiH	3 / 80	H Ph SiEt ₃ Ph	99%	95%
15	Су—	Et₃SiH	3 / 80	H SiEt ₃	99%	93%

Table S1. Hydrosilylation of alkenes and alkynes catalyzed by 1.

Hydrosilylation of alkenes and alkynes:

To a 1:1 solution of alkene/alkyne and Et_3SiH in 1,2-difluorobenzene in J-Young tube, 1 (0.5 mol%) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for the indicated period of time at the required temperature (see Table S1). The conversion was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The products of hydrosilylation were purified by filtration of the reaction mixture through celite column, followed by evaporation of all the volatiles.

<u>Hydrosilylation of 1-hexene with Et₃SiH (Table S1, entry 1):</u>

Reaction was performed in 1,2-difluorobenzene at 120 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 1.37 (m, CH₂, 8H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, SiCH₂CH₃, 9H), 0.97 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, CH₃, 3H), 0.58 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, SiCH₂CH₃, 6H), 0.58 (obscured, SiCH₂, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): 33.51 (CH₂), 31.48 (CH₂), 23.69 (CH₂), 22.53 (CH₂), 14.03 (CH₃), 11.19 (SiCH₂), 7.35 (SiCH₂CH₃), 3.20 (SiCH₂CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ 6.0 (Et₃SiR).

Hydrosilylation of 1-hexene with Et₃SiH under aerobic conditions:

Et₃SiH and 1-hexene (1:1) and **1** (0.5 mol%) were dissolved in 1,2-difluorobenzene under aerobic conditions and placed in a J-Young NMR tube. Afterwards, the J-Young NMR tube solution was degassed and left for heating at 120 °C for 3 h. The results were similar in both aerobic and anaerobic conditions.



Figure S21. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-hexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 1) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S22. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-hexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 1) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of 1-hexene with PhSiH₃ (Table S1, entry 2):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-difluorobenzene at 100 °C. According to ¹³C NMR a mixture of hydrosilylation products was obtained. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 0.56-1.34 (m, CH₃(CH₂)₄CH2Si , 13H), 3.50 (s, SiH₂, 2H), 3.72 (s, SiH₂, 2H), 3.80 (s, SiH₂, 2H), 4.32 (s, SiH₂, 2H), 7.28-7.57 (m, Ar-H, 10H), 6.88-7.05 (m, DFB solvent). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ -32.0 (PhH₂SiR).



Figure S23. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-hexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 2) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S24. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-hexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 2) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of 1-hexene with Ph₂SiH₂ (Table S1, entry 3):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-difluorobenzene at 100 °C. According to ¹³C NMR a mixture of hydrosilylation products was obtained. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 0.50-1.48 (m, CH₃(CH₂)₄CH2Si , 13H), 3.48 (t, SiH, 1H), 3.66 (t, SiH, 1H), 3.71 (t, SiH, 1H), 4.29 (t, SiH, 1H), 4.87 (t, SiH, 1H), 7.33-7.58 (m, Ar-H, 10H), 6.98-7.15 (m, DFB solvent). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ -17.3 (Ph₂HSiR).



Figure S25. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-hexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 3) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S26. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-hexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 3) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of 1-hexene with Me₂ClSiH (Table S1, entry 4):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-difluorobenzene at 100 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 0.36 (s, SiCH₃, 6H), 0.75 (m, SiCH₂, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, CH₃, 3H), 1.32 (m, CH₂, 8H), 6.98 (m, DFB solvent), 7.23 (m, DFB solvent). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): 33.16 (CH₂), 31.93 (CH₂), 23.42 (CH₂), 23.07 (CH₂), 19.31 (CH₃), 14.49 (SiCH₂), 1.08 (SiCH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ 14.5 (Me₂ClSiR).



Figure S27. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-hexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 4) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S28. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-hexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 4) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of 1-hexene with Ph₂ClSiH (Table S1, entry 5):

Reaction was performed in neat Ph₂SiClH and 1-hexene (1:1), at 100 °C for 3 h. According to ¹³C NMR, there are 2 major hydrosilylation products. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 0.84-1.50 (m, Alk-H, 13H), 7.32-7.73 (m, Ar-H, 10H). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ 8.4 (Ph₂ClSiR).



Figure S29. 1H NMR spectrum of 1-hexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 5) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz)



Figure S30. 13C NMR spectrum of 1-hexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 5) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of styrene with Et₃SiH (Table S1, entry 6):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-diflourobenzene, in 120 °C for 3 h. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 7.16-7.30 (m, CH(Ph), 5H), 2.62 (m, CH₂, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, SiCH₂CH₃, 9H), 0.89 (m, SiCH₂, 2H), 0.55 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, SiCH₂CH₃, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): 131.51 (*i*-C(Ph)), 129.76 (*m*-C(Ph)), 129.17 (*o*-C(Ph)), 126.93 (*p*-C(Ph)), 31.51 (CH₂), 15.12 (SiCH₂), 8.92 (SiCH₂CH₃), 4.74 (SiCH₂CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ 6.8 (Et₃SiR).



Figure S31. ¹H NMR spectrum of styrene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 6) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S32. ¹³C NMR spectrum of styrene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 6) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of 1,1-diethylethene with Et₃SiH (Table S1, entry 7):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-diflourobenzene, in 120 °C for 3 h. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 1.23-1.36 (m, *CH*₂CH₃, 4H), 1.28 (obscured, CH, 1H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, SiCH₂*CH*₃, 9H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, CH₂*CH*₃, 6H), 0.51 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, SiCH₂, 6H), 0.49 (d, CH₂, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): 36.78 (CH), 28.52 (CH₂), 15.78 (CH₂), 10.96 (CH₃), 7.65 (SiCH₂), 4.15 (SiCH₂*CH*₃). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ 5.1 (Et₃SiR).



Figure S33. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1,1-diethylethene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 7) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S34. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1,1-diethylethene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 7) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

<u>Hydrosilylation of 1,1-diethylethene with Ph₂SiClH (Table S1, entry 8):</u> Reaction was performed in neat Ph₂SiClH and 1,1-diethylethene (1:1), at 100 °C for 12 h. According to ¹³C NMR a mixture of hydrosilylation products was obtained. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 0.91-1.82 (m, Alk-H, 13H), 7.44-7.82 (m, Ar-H, 10H).



Figure S35. 1H NMR spectrum of 1,1-diethylethene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 8) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S36. 13C NMR spectrum of 1,1-diethylethene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 8) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of 2,4,4-trimethylpent-1-ene with Et₃SiH (Table S1, entry 9):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-diflourobenzene, in 120 °C for 3 h. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 1.69-1.78 (m, CH₂, 2H), 1.12-1.26 (m, CH₃, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, SiCH₂CH₃, 9H), 0.89 (s, CH₃, 9H), 0.45-0.67 (obscured, SiCH₂, 2H), 0.45-0.53 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, SiCH₂CH₃, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): 55.39 (CH₂), 30.12 (CH₃), 25.88 (C), 25.58 (SiCH₂ or CH₃), 24.11 (SiCH₂ or CH₃), 23.00 (CH), 7.40 (SiCH₂CH₃), 4.02 (SiCH₂CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ 4.7 (Et₃SiR).



Figure S37. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2,4,4-trimethylpent-1-ene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 9) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S38. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 2,4,4-trimethylpent-1-ene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 9) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of 1,1-Diphenylethylene with Et₃SiH (Table S1, entry 10):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-diflourobenzene, in 120 °C for 3 h. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 7.13-7.35 (m, CH (Ph), 10H), 4.08 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, CH, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, SiCH₂, 2H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, SiCH₂CH₃, 9H), 0.58 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, SiCH₂CH₃, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): 147.45 (*i*-C(Ph)), 128.45 (*m*-C(Ph)), 127.63 (*o*-C(Ph)), 126.11 (*p*-C(Ph)), 47.25 (CH), 19.13 (SiCH₂), 7.48 (SiCH₂CH₃), 3.58 (SiCH₂CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ 6.4 (Et₃SiR). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ 8.7 (Et₃SiR).



Figure S39. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1,1-Diphenylethylene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 10) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S40. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1,1-Diphenylethylene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 10) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of *trans*-stilbene with Et₃SiH (Table S1, entry 11):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-diflourobenzene, in 120 °C for 3 h. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 7.05-7.55 (m, CH(Ph), 10H), 3.12 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, SiCH₂, 2H), 2.54 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, CH, 1H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, SiCH₂*CH*₃, 9H), 0.60 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, Si*CH*₂CH₃, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): 130.18 (C(Ph)), 129.87 (C(Ph)), 129.67 (C(Ph)), 129.48 (C(Ph)), 129.12 (C(Ph)), 128.01 (C(Ph)), 127.00 (C(Ph)), 125.87 (C(Ph)), 37.73 (CH or SiCH₂), 37.61 (CH or SiCH₂), 9.03 (SiCH₂*C*H₃), 3.96 (Si*C*H₂CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ 8.6 (Et₃SiR).



Figure S41. ¹H NMR spectrum of trans-stilbene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 11) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S42. ¹³C NMR spectrum of trans-stilbene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 11) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of 2-methyl-2-butene with Et₃SiH (Table S1, entry 12):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-diflourobenzene, in 120 °C for 3 h. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 1.86-1.90 (m, CH, 1H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, CH, 9H), 0.96 (d, obscured, CH₃, 3H), 0.88 (m, CH₃, 6H), 0.80 (m, SiCH, 1H), 0.58 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, Si*CH*₂CH₃, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): 28.41 (CH₃), 23.88 (CH₃), 23.06 (CH₃), 19.70 (CH), 9.23 (CH), 7.63 (SiCH₂CH₃), 3.07 (SiCH₂CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ 5.6 (Et₃SiR).



Figure S43. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2-methyl-2-butene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 12) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S44. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 2-methyl-2-butene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 12) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of cyclohexene with Et₃SiH (Table S1, entry 13):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-diflourobenzene, in 120 °C for 3 h. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 1.71 (m, CH₂, 5H), 1.19 (m, CH₂, 6H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, SiCH₂CH₃, 9H), 0.51 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, SiCH₂CH₃, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): 29.99 (CH₂), 29.85 (CH₂), 29.41 (CH₂), 28.62 (CH₂), 25.12 (SiCH₂), 9.14 (SiCH₂CH₃), 3.44 (SiCH₂CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ 5.3 (Et₃SiR).



Figure S45. ¹H NMR spectrum of cyclohexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 13) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S46. ¹³C NMR spectrum of cyclohexene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 13) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of diphenylacetylene with Et₃SiH (Table S1, entry 14):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-diflourobenzene, in 80 °C for 3 h. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 0.49 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, Si*CH*₂CH₃, 6H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, SiCH₂CH₃, 9H), 7.27-7.64 (m, CH(Ph), 10H), 7.41 (s, CH, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): 147.49 (*i*-*C*(Ph)), 146.17 (C(Ph)), 145.08 (CSi(Et₃)), 139.87 (*i*-*C*(Ph)), 131.54 (CH), 128.24 (C(Ph)), 128.17 (C(Ph)), 127.79 (C(Ph)), 127.70 (C(Ph)), 127.31 (C(Ph)), 127.10 (C(Ph)), 125.51 (C(Ph)), 7.46 (SiCH₂), 4.60 (SiCH₂CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ -3.1 (Et₃SiR).



Figure S47. ¹H NMR spectrum of diphenylacetylene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 14) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S48. ¹³C NMR spectrum of diphenylacetylene hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 14) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

Hydrosilylation of ethynylcyclohexane with Et₃SiH (Table S1, entry 15):

Reaction was performed in 1,2-diflourobenzene, in 80 °C for 3 h. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz): δ 0.60 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, Si*CH*₂CH₃, 6H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, SiCH₂C*H*₃, 9H), 1.07-1.31 (m, CH₂, 5H), 1.58-1.75 (m, CH₂, 5H), 2.06 (qt, J = 10.5, 3.6 Hz, CH, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, CH=C, 1H), 6.18 (dd, J = 13.9, 10.1 Hz, CHSi, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz): 155.76 (*C*H=C), 122.60 (Si*C*H=C), 43.28 (CH), 33.02 (CH₂), 25.85 (CH₂), 25.70 (CH₂), 7.42 (SiCH₂), 4.71 (SiCH₂*C*H₃). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 79.5 MHz): δ -4.7 (Et₃SiR).



Figure S49. ¹H NMR spectrum of ethynylcyclohexane hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 15) (CDCl₃, 400.13 MHz).



Figure S50. ¹³C NMR spectrum of ethynylcyclohexane hydrosilylation product (Table S1, entry 15) (CDCl₃, 100.61 MHz).

DFT Computations

DFT calculations were performed using Gaussian 09.2.^[3] Geometry optimization of all the molecules were carried out using the BP86-D3 method^[4] with Ahlrichs' def2-SVP basis set,^[5] and with the relativistic effect of zinc, which was accounted for by the Stuttgart-Dresden ECP,^[6] implemented in the Gaussian 09 software. Thermal energy corrections were extracted from the results of frequency analysis performed at the same level of theory. Frequency analysis of all the molecules and intermediates contained no imaginary frequency showing that these are energy minima. The transition states geometries gave one imaginary frequency at expected reaction coordinates confirming that it is a first-order saddle point.

Optimized geometries



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