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What is Your Actual Catalyst? TMS Cleavage Rates of Diarylprolinol Silyl Ethers Studied by Situ NMR

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I.Chemical shift assignment of pyrrolidine protons of 1 and 2 in deuterated solvents in ppm



¹H Spectrum at 400 MHz of **1** and **2** in DMSO-d₆ at room temperature; enlarged: α proton resonances of **1** and **2**.



1	THF-d ₈	$MeOH-d_4$	$acetone-d_6$	DMSO-d ₆	DMF-d ₇	cyclohexane-d ₁₂	CDCl ₃	MeCN-d₃
α	4.12	4.13	4.19	4.14	4.23	3.97	3.94	4.13
β	1.54	1.75	1.54	1.46	1.53	1.52	1.47	1.51
	1.54	1.75	1.54	1.35	1.53	1.52	1.47	1.51
γ	1.35	1.59	1.38	1.28	1.37	1.35	1.47	1.37
-	1.35	1.33	1.38	1.45	1.37	1.35	1.28	1.37
δ	2.81	2.73	2.93	2.61	2.96	2.87	2.74	2.88
	2.92	2.57	2.80	2.86	2.75	2.87	2.69	2.77



2	THF-d ₈	$MeOH-d_4$	acetone-d ₆	DMSO-d ₆	DMF-d ₇	cyclohexane-d ₁₂	CDCl ₃	MeCN-d ₃
α	4.29	4.32	4.42	4.26	4.43	4.17	4.25	4.37
β	1.66	1.64	1.38	1.45	1.53	1.65	1.64	1.50
	1.66	1.64	1.38	1.39	1.53	1.65	1.58	1.50
γ	1.57	1.75	1.68	1.58	1.67	1.70	1.73	1.68
	1.44	1.75	1.68	1.58	1.67	1.65	1.73	1.68
δ	2.95	3.00	3.62	2.86	2.96	3.01	3.03	2.92
	2.95	2.87	3.52	2.82	2.75	2.89	2.95	2.92

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II. Silyl degradation products – ${}^{1}H/{}^{29}Si$ chemical shifts, reaction profile



7	in situ (DMSO-d ₆)	synthesized compound following a literature procedure ¹ (DMSO-d ₆)	literature assignment (CCl ₄)	literature assignment (C ₆ D ₆)
¹ H: CH ₃	0.36-0.37	0.36	0.21 ² ,0.31 ³ ,0.43 ⁴	0.57 ⁵
²⁹ Si	24.4	24.4	23.6 ⁴	-



¹H spectrum of a mixture of **1** and benzoic acid (100 mol%) in DMSO-d₆ at 600 MHz, room temperature – silyl area



Reaction profile of the detected silyl degradation products during the TMS cleavage of **1** with 100 mol% benzoic acid in DMSO-d₆ at room temperature.



III. Crystal structure of the benzoate salt of 2, crystallized in DMSO-d₆

CCDC 869742 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.





¹H Spectrum of **1** and **2** with 100 mol% TFA at 600 MHz – NH signals of the formed secondary ammonium ions **8** and **9** are highlighted.



Amine, ammonium ion equilibrium positions using weak or strong acids as additives in DMSO. The stronger the acid the greater the amount of catalyst should be in the (protonated) ammonium ion state. Simultaneously the cleavage rate decreases.

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