Supporting Information

Chlorotrimethylsilane (TMSCl): An Efficient Silicon-based Lewis

Acid Mediator in Allylic Alkylation Using Diethylzinc Reagent

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S-1. General information

Reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used as received unless mentioned otherwise. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using silica gel. All the reactions dealing with air or moisture sensitive compounds were carried out in a dry reaction vessel under positive pressure of argon. Air- and moisture-sensitive liquids and solutions were transferred via a syringe or a stainless steel cannula. ¹H NMR was recorded at 400 MHz or 500 MHz: chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard (CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm). ¹³C NMR was recorded at 125 MHz: chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃ at 77.20 ppm). The ESI - MS analysis of the samples was operated on an LCQ advantage mass spectrometer (ThermoFisher Company, USA), equipped with an ESI ion source in the positive ionization mode, with data acquisition using the Xcalibur software (Version 1.4). Toluene was dried and distilled over CaH₂. THF were distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl.

S-2. General procedures for TMSCI-catalyzed allylic alkylation



Substrate **1a** (1 mmol) was added to dried Schlenk tube and dissolved in dry Et₂O (1.0 mL) under N₂ atmosphere. TMSCl (25 ul, 0.2 mmol) was then added dropwise to the above solution. The solution was cooled to 0 °C. Diethylzinc (1.5 mmol, 1.5 mL of 1 M toluene solution) was added dropwise to the above solution. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 9-12 h before quenched with aqueous saturated HCl. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL \times 2). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica

gel to give the addition product 2a, yield = 96%, A colorless liquid.



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (dd, J = 16.4, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.21-6.31 (m, 2H), 3.24 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.707-1.833 (m, 2H), 0.875 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.2, 136.4, 134.5, 131.7, 131.7, 129.6, 128.8, 127.8, 121.0, 120.1, 50.4, 28.7, 12.3.

IR (cm⁻¹, neat) 2961, 2927, 2872, 1486, 1460, 1401, 1378, 1179, 1100, 1072, 1008, 965, 820, 716, 668, 631, 613.

GC-MS: calcd for C₁₇H₁₆Br₂ [M]: 300.0; Found: 300.0.



yield = 94%, A colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (d, J = 8 Hz , 2 H), 7.05-7.15 (m, 6H), 6.22-6.37 (m, 2H), 3.24 (q, J = 7.2 Hz , 1H), 2.30 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 1.75-1.82 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.4Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.9, 136.9, 135.8, 135.3, 133.7, 129.5, 127.9, 126.4, 50.9, 29.2, 21.4, 21.3, 12.6.

IR (cm⁻¹, neat) 3021, 2960, 2922, 2871, 1512, 1453, 1377, 1108, 1038, 1020, 964, 813, 799, 723

GC-MS: calcd for C₁₉H₂₂ [M]: 250.1 ; Found: 250.1.



yield = 95.50%, A colorless liquid .

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (d, J = 7.6 Hz , 2 H), 7.22(s, 4H), 7.13(d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.21-6.32 (m, 2H), 3.25 (q, J = 14.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.71-1.84 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.8, 136.1, 134.5, 132.9, 132.1, 129.2, 128.8, 127.6, 50.4, 28.8, 12.4.

IR (cm⁻¹, neat) 2962, 2928, 2873, 1489, 1461, 1405, 1378, 1178, 1089, 1013, 965, 825, 719, 692, 661, 644, 630.

GC-MS: calcd for C₁₇H₁₆Cl₂ [M]: 290.0 ; Found:290.0.



yield =55.7%, A colorless liquid .

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8 Hz , 2 H), 7.53 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 6.37-6.45 (m, 2H), 3.41 (q, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 1H), 0.922 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.8, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 125.3, 124.5, 124.5, 49.8, 28.7, 27.5, 11.1.

IR (cm⁻¹, neat) 2926, 2855, 1617, 1458, 1417, 1323, 1259, 1164,1121, 1067,1017, 968, 838, 699.

GC-MS: calcd for C₁₉H₁₆F₂ [M]:358.1 ; Found: 358.1.



yield =98.6%, A colorless liquid.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 - 7.12 (m, 9 H), 6.38 - 6.22 (m, 2H);3.30 - 3.22 (m, 1H), 1.84 -1.71 (m, 2H), 0.91 - 0.86 (m, 3H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.4, 143.1, 135.2, 133.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9,

127.5, 126.5, 126.4, 51.1, 50.4, 28.9, 12.5, 12.4.

IR (cm⁻¹, neat) 3026, 2961, 2927, 2872, 1599, 1490, 1451, 1404, 1378, 1090, 1029, 1013, 964, 824, 747, 695.

GC-MS calcd for C₁₇H₁₇Cl [M]: 256.1; Found: 256.1.



yield =97.0%, A colorless liquid .

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.21 (m, 9 H), 6.45-6.30 (m, 2H);3.37-3.31 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.81 (m, 2H), 0.98-0.94 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 135.0, 133.6, 129.1, 128.6, 128.6, 128.6, 127.7, 127.4, 126.3, 126.2, 51.0, 50.3, 28.8, 12.3, 12.2.

IR (cm⁻¹, neat) 3026, 2961, 2928, 2872, 1599, 1491, 1452, 1405, 1378, 1091, 1029, 1013, 964, 824, 747, 696.

GC-MS: calcd for C₁₇H₁₇Cl [M]: 256.1; Found: 256.1.



yield =94.3%, A colorless liquid.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H) , 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.32-7.15(m, 6 H), 7.08(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.38-6.22 (m, 2H); 3.30-3.22 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.73 (m, 2H), 0.91-0.86 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.3, 133.6, 131.7, 130.0, 129.6, 128.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 126.5, 126.3, 51.1, 50.5, 28.8, 12.5, 12.4.

IR (cm⁻¹, neat) 3025, 2961, 2927, 2872, 1487, 1451, 1400, 1378, 1072, 1029, 1009, 964, 821, 746, 695.

GC-MS: calcd for C₁₇H₁₇Br [M]: 300.1; Found: 300.1.



yield =91.0%, A colorless liquid .

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H) , 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.33-7.15(m, 7 H), 6.38-6.22 (m, 2H), 3.30-3.22 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.71 (m, 2H), 0.91-0.86 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.2, 143.6, 137.5, 136.7, 135.2, 133.6, 131.6, 130.0, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.3, 126.4, 126.3, 120.8, 120.0, 51.1, 50.4, 28.8, 28.8, 12.4, 12.3.

IR (cm⁻¹,neat) 3025, 2961, 2927, 2872, 1590, 1487, 1451, 1400, 1378, 1179, 1072, 1029, 1009, 964, 821, 746, 695.

GC-MS: calcd for C₁₇H₁₇Br [M]: 300.1; Found: 300.1.



yield = 98.4%, A colorless liquid.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H) , 7.27 (d, J =7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.24-7.11 (m, 6 H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.34-6.23 (m, 2H);3.30-3.23(m, 1H), 2.29(d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.82-1.78 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t , J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =144.9, 141.6, 137.9, 136.8, 135.8, 134.6, 133.4, 129.3, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.3, 51.2, 50.7, 29.0, 21.3, 21.2, 12.5.

IR (cm⁻¹, neat) 3024, 2960, 2924, 2872, 1513, 1493, 1451, 1377, 1029, 963, 813, 796, 747, 696.

GC-MS: calcd for C₁₈H₂₀ [M]: 236.2; Found: 236.2.



yield =95.0%, A colorless liquid.

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.03 (m, 9 H), 6.37-6.23 (m, 2 H), 3.27-3.23(m, 1 H), 2.29-2.27 (dd, J = 10.5, 3 Hz, 3H), 1.81-1.78 (m, 2H), 0.91-0.87 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9, 141.7, 134.7, 133.4, 129.6, 129.5, 128.4, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 126.4, 126.3, 51.2, 50.8, 29.1, 29.0, 21.2, 12.6.

IR (cm⁻¹, neat) 3024, 2960, 2924, 2872, 1513, 1493, 1450, 1029, 963, 813, 795, 747, 694.

GC-MS: calcd for C₁₈H₂₀ [M]: 236.2; Found: 236.2.

S-3 NMR Charts of Products 2

¹H NMR of 2a



¹³C NMR of **2a**



1 H NMR of **2b**



¹³C NMR of **2b**















 13 C NMR of **2d**



¹H NMR of 2e



¹³C NMR of **2e**



¹H NMR of 2f



¹³C NMR of **2f**



¹H NMR of **2**g



¹³C NMR of **2g**



¹H NMR of **2h**









of





¹H NMR of **2i**



¹³C NMR of **2i**



¹H NMR of **2**j



¹³C NMR of **2**j





S-4 GC-MS analysis of Products 2







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