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Preparation of Carbosilane Dendrimers Based on Siloxane Tetramer: Silane Arborols (VII)¹

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Via hydrosilation-alkenylation approach using hydrosilanes (HSiMeCl₂ and HSiCl₃) and allylmagnesium bromide with siloxane tetramer (MeCH₂=CHSiO)₄ as core molecule, noble carbosilane dendrimers with 12, 24, 48 and 96 allylic end groups have been prepared. The reaction path of the repetitive alkenylation and hydrosilation was monitored by means of NMR spectroscopic measurements. Every step for the formation of dendrimer provided almost quantitative yields as pure dendrimers. Based on the observation of UV spectroscopic measurements of **Gn** (n=1-4) molecules containing allylic end groups, the maximal molal absorption coefficients (ε_{max}) at λ_{max} and the number of double bonds proved an exponentially increased correlation.

Introduction

From the beginning, due to their geometrical beauty and intriguing supramolecular properties, the interest in dendrimeric macromolecules has received increasing attention.² Since the spearhead reports on dendritic macromolecules by Vögtle,3 Denkenwalter,4 Newkome5 and Tomalia6 have developed several synthetic pathways. Such disclosures were pivotal for the progress toward the synthesis of cascade polymers.7 A literature research shows that the number of publications in this field has increased exponentially over the last decade.8 Currently, the development of this area is shifting from the preparation of even larger molecules to dendrimers with useful supramolecular phenomena.9 The application of dendrimers includes nanoscale catalysts,10 micelle mimics,¹¹ imunodiagnostics,¹² agents for delivering drugs,13 chemical sensors,14 high performance polymers and liquid crystals.15 The synthesis and applications of dendrimeric macromolecules spring into two basic structure types. The first type has a globular structure in which welldefined branches radiate from a central core, becoming more branched and crowed as they extend out to the periphery. The second type of dendritic structure is observed in the hyperbranched polymer, studied by Y. H. Kim.¹⁶ This type of polymer also has random or fairly regular architectures.

Silicon chemistry offers a number of reactions with quantitative yields, which are suitable for dendrimer synthesis, such as replacement of chlorines in chlorosilanes by lithium organyls as well as Grignard reagents and hydrosilation of akenyl- and alkynylsilanes in the presence of platinum catalyst. These properties can be the applications to the matter in dendrimeric generations. The first preparation of the carbosilane dendrimers introduced by van der Made *et al.* was performed by repetitive alkenylation-hydrosilation cycles.¹⁷ Seyferth and co-workers prepared the carbosilane dendrimers that contain ethynyl groups at its periphery with $Co_2(CO)_8$.¹⁸ Polysiloxane dendrimers were prepared by Kakimoto by the use of a convergent process.¹⁹ To date, most of synthetic methods for silicon containing dendrimers have been demonstrated by repeat unit possessing considerable flexibilities. In the previous paper, we described a preparation of carbosilane dendrimers, based on quantitative hydrosilation-alkenylation cycles, and suggested that the dendrimeric growth has been limited.^{1a-d} For example, the reaction of G1 with HSiCl, did not completely form a molecule containing 36 Si-Cl bonds but the reaction of it with HSiMeCl₂ completely formed 24 Si-Cl bonds containing dendrimeric carbosilane (MeSiCH2CH2MeSi(CH2CH2CH2 $MeSiCl_2$, O)₄. By the use of hydrosilation-alkenvlation cycles, the dendrimeric generations of hexaallylethylenedisilane (CH₂=CHCH₂)₃SiCH₂)₂ as core molecules with halosilane (HSiMeCl₂) and allylmagnesium bromide was afforded G3 with 48 allylic end groups.¹⁶

In this report, we wish to introduce reactions of 2,4,6,8tetramethyltetravinyltetrasiloxane (Me(CH₂=CH)SiO)₄ as core molecules with halosilane (HSiMe_nCl_{3.n}; n=0 and 1) as hydrosilation agents and allylmagnesium bromide as alkenylating agents and characterization of products. We also report the regioselective addition of hydrosilane to vinyl groups in the presence of Pt/C as a heterogeneous catalyst. Identification of prepared cascade molecules can be obtained by ¹H and ¹³C NMR and UV spectroscopic attachments as well as elemental analyses.

Experimental

General Procedures. All reactions were carried out under a static pressure of N₂ atmosphere that has been dried by passage through three columns $(4.0 \times 100 \text{ cm})$ of a molecular sieve (3 Å), CaCl₂ and KOH. Ether and THF were dried by distillation from the blue solution of sodiumbenzophenone ketyl, while solvents, such as pentane, toluene and benzene, were dried and distilled from Na/K22 amalgam. Glassware was dried under vacuum with ca 100 $^{\circ}C/10^{-2}$ torr. 2,4,6,8-tetramethyltetravinyltetrasiloxane were dried by molecular sieve (3 Å). Hydrosilanes (HSiMeCl₂) and HSiCl₃) were used by vacuum distillation before the experiment. A platinum catalyst (Pt on activated carbon, 10%) Pt content) was used after vacuum dry at room temperature. Grignard reagent were prepared by literature.²⁰ NMR spectra were measured using samples in CDCl₃ solution. ¹H NMR spectra at 200.13 MHz and ¹³C NMR spectra at 50.32 MHz by Bruker AC-200 Spectrometer. FT-IR spectra were measured by IFS 55 (Bruker). UV spectra were measured by HP 8452A Diode Array UV/Vis. Spectrophotometer (HP). Elemental analyses were performed by the Seoul Branch of the Korean Basic Science Institute. Molecular simulation can be obtained by ChemSite 2.2.21

G1P. A mixture of 2.25 g (6.52 mmol) (MeSi(CH=CH₂) O)₄ **G0**, 3.35 g (26.11 mmol) HSiCl₃ and 0.03 g of a dried platinum catalyst (Pt on activated carbon, 10% Pt content) in 15 mL THF was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. After completion of the reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR, excessive HSiCl₃ and THF were removed under vacuum. The catalyst was filtered off in pentane and the pentane was evaporated leaving 5.53 g (6.24 mmol; 96%) of G **1P** (MeSiCH₂CH₂SiCl₃O)₄ as a clear, colorless oil, which was very sensitive to moisture. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spec-

troscopic data are given in Table 2.

G1. 75 mmol of allylmagnesium bromide (55 mL of 1.36 M solution in ether) was slowly added to 5.53 g (6.24 mmol) of G1P in 25 mL Et₂O at room temperature. After the addition was completed, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. After completion of the reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR, solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The magnesium salt was precipitated in pentane and filtered off. The volatile components were removed under reduced pressure, leaving 5.17 g of a colorless liquid. All portions of yielded compounds were chromatographed on silica gel with chloroform as an eluent. The product, G1 (MeSiCH₂CH₂Si(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂O)₄ was obtained as a clear. colorless oil (5.00 g; 5.24 mmol, 61%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table 1, UV spectroscopic data Table 4, analytical data Table 3 and IR spectroscopic data Table 5.

G2P. A mixture of 1.45 g (1.52 mmol) **G1**, 2.09 g (18.24 mmol) HSiMeCl₂ and 0.09 g of a dried platinum catalyst (Pt on activated carbon, 10% Pt content) in 25 mL THF was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. After completion of the reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR, excessive HSiMeCl₂ and THF were removed under vacuum. The catalyst was filtered off in pentane and all of the volatile components were evaporated leaving 3.27 g (1.40 mmol, 92%) of **G2P** (MeSiCH₂CH₂Si(CH₂CH₂SiMeCl₂)₃ O)₄ as a clear, colorless oil, which was very sensitive to moisture. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data are shown in Table 2.

G2. 33 mmol of allylmagnesium bromide (25 mL of 1.36 M solution in ether) was slowly added to 3.27 g (1.40 mmol) of **G2P** in 25 mL THF. After the addition was completed, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. After completion of the reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR, solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The magnesium salt was precipitated in pentane and filtered off. The volatile components were removed under reduced pressure, leaving 3.20 g of colorless liquid. All portion of yielded compounds were chromatographed on silica gel with chloroform as an eluent. The product, **G2** (MeSiCH₂CH₂Si(CH₂CH₂CH₂SiMe (CH₂CH=CH₂)₂)₃O)₄ was obtained as a clear, colorless oil (2.42 g; 0.98 mmol, 71%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table 1, UV spectroscopic data Table 4, analytical data Table 3 and IR spectroscopic data Table 5.

G3P. A mixture of 1.50 g (0.60 mmol) G2, 1.65 g (14.40 mmol) HSiMeCl₂ and 0.10 g of dried a platinum catalyst (Pt on activated carbon, 10% Pt content) in 15 mL THF was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. After completion of the reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR, excessive HSiMeCl₂ and THF were removed under vacuum. The catalyst was filtered off in pentane and the pentane was evaporated leaving 2.95 g (0.56 mmol; 93%) of G3P (MeSiCH₂CH₂Si(CH₂CH₂CH₂SiMe(CH₂CH₂CH₂SiMeCl₂)₂)₃ O)₄ as clear, colorless liquid, which was very sensitive to moisture. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table 2.

G3. 27 mmol of allylmagnesium bromide (20 mL of 1.36 M solution in ether) was slowly added to 2.95 g (0.56 mmol) of G3P in 25 mL Et₂O. After the addition, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h. After completion of the reaction was monitored by 'H NMR, solvents were re-

Table 1. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectroscopic Data of Gn Type Dendrimers measured in CDCl₃

Compds.		MeSi	CH ₂	CH ₂ =	CH= (ppm)
G0	¹ H ¹³ C	0.24 (q, 3H) - 0.80		5.99 (m, 8H) 133.50	6.01 (m, 4H) 136.12
Gl	Ή	0.08 (s, 12H)	0.15 (m, 16H) 1.62 (d, 24H, J=8.0 Hz) 2.62, 8.89 (G0)	4.84 (m, 24H)	5.80 (m, 12H)
	вС	- 1.51 (G0)	19.15 (G1)	113.56	134.33
G2	Ή	0.01 (s, 36H, G2) 0.09 (s, 12H, G0)	0.41 (m, 16H) 0.63 (m, 48H) 1.35 (m, 24H) 1.59 (d, 48H, J=8.0 Hz)	4.82 (m, 40H)	5.79 (m, 24H)
	^в С	- 5.67 (G2) - 1.34 (G0)	3.73, 8.62 (G0) 16.96, 18.19, 18.38 (G1), 21.50 (G2)	`113.14	134.74
G3	'н	- 0.06 (s, 36H, G2) - 0.01 (s, 72H, G3) 0.06 (s, 12H, G0)	0.40 (m, 16H, G0) 0.58 (m, 144H, G1-G2) 1.34 (m, 72H, G1-G2) 1.56 (d, 96H, J=8.0 Hz)	4.80 (m, 96H)	5.79 (m, 48H)
	ъ	- 5.62 (G3), - 4.86 (G2) - 3.85 (G0)	17.54 (G1), 18.04 (G2) 18.33 (G2), 18.34 (G2) 18.55 (G1)	113.15	134.74
G4	'н	- 0.06 (s, 72H) - 0.01 (s, 144H) 0.07 (s, 36H)	0.38 (m, 16H) 0.58 (m, 336H) 1.35 (m, 168H) 1.36 (d. 192H, J=8.0 Hz)	4.80 (m, 192H)	5.78 (m, 96H)
	¹³ С	- 5.62 (G4) - 4.86 (G0, G3) 1.98 (G2)	18.02, 18.32, 18.61, 18.33, 19.15, 19.57, (G0-G3), 21.50 (G4)	113.15	134.70

Table 2. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectroscopic Data of GnP Type Dendrimers measured in CDCl₃

Cmpds.		MeSi	MeSiCl ₂	CH ₂ (ppm)
GIP	'n	0.18 (s, 12H)		0.74 (m, 8H) 1.31 (m 8H)
		- 1.37		8.05, 16.76
G2P	$^{1}\mathbf{H}$	0.09 (s, 12H, G0)	0.77	0.45 (m, 16H)
			(s, 36H)	0.72 (m, 24H)
				1.22 (m, 24H)
				1.55 (m, 24H)
		3.30 (G0)	5.53	- 1.33, 9.08 (G0),
				15.45, 17.34,
				25.93 (G1)
G3P	'H	-0.01 (s, 36H, G2)	0.77	0.41 (m, 16H)
		0.10 (s, 12H, G0)	(s, 72H)	0.64 (m, 72H)
				1.21 (m, 48H)
				1.32 (m, 48H)
				1.54 (m, 48H)
		- 5.04 (G2)	5.51	4.02 (G0)
		-1.53 (G0)		17.04, 18.56, 18.87
				(G1), 17.33, 1.50,
				25.91(G2)
G4P	Ή	-0.05 (s, 36H, G2)	0.76	0.39 (m, 16H)
		-0.01 (s, 72H, G3)	(s, 144H)	0.63 (m, 216)
		0.06 (s, 12H, G0)		1.21, 1.34, 1.54
		- 10.72 (G0-G3),		(m, 96H, G4P)
			5.55	18.53, 18.76, 18.94
				(G1-G2), 19.35,
				17.51, 25.94(G3)

Fable 3.	Elemental	Analysis	Data of	Gn Typ	e Dendrimers
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- ·		Analysis (Found/Calcd)			
Compds.	MW -	С	H (%)		
$\overline{G1} (C_{48}H_{88}Si_8O_4)$	953.91	60.70/60.44	9.50/9.30		
$G2 (C_{132}H_{244}Si_{20}O_4)$	2469.19	64.87/64.21	10.36/10.45		
$G3 (C_{300}H_{sg3}Si_{4}O_{4})$	5499.76	63.57/65.52	10.78/10.85		
G4 (C636H1264Si92O4)	11560.90	64.87/66.08	11.01/11.02		

G4P. A mixture of 1.45 g (1.52 mmol) **G3**, 2.09 g (18.24 mmol) HSiMeCl2 and 0.09 g of dried a platinum catalyst (Pt on activated carbon, 10% Pt content) in 25 mL. THF was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. After completion of the reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR, excessive HSiMeCl₂ and THF were removed under vacuum. The catalyst was filtered off in pentane and the pentane was evaporated, leaving 3.27 g (1.40 mmol, 92%) of **G4P** (MeSiCH₂CH₂Si(CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂SiMe(CH₂CH₂CH₂SiMe

Compounds	Formula	Mw	No of end groups	Conc. (10 ⁻⁴ M)	λ _{max} (nm)	Emax
G1	C.H.Si.O.	953.91	12	6.28	214	3560
G2	C132H255Si20O4	2469.16	24	4.30	214	5160
G3	C300H592Si44O4	5499.76	48	1.45	214	16100
G4	C636H1264Si92O4	11560.90	96	0.64	212	35095

Table 4. UV Spectroscopic Data of Gn Type Dendrimers measured in Hexane

Table 5. IR Spectroscopic Data ($v_{c=c}$) of Gn Type Dendrimers measured in KBr neat

Compounds	$v_{c=c} (cm^{-1})$
G0	1597.5
G1	1630.1
G2	1630.1
63	1630.2
G4	1631.0

 $(CH_2CH_2CH_2SiMeCl_2)_2)_3O)_4$ as a clear, colorless oil, which proved very sensitive to moisture. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table 2.

G4. 33 mmol of allylmagnesium bromide (25 mL of 1.36 M solution in ether) was slowly added to 3.27 g (1.40 mmol) of G4P in 25 mL THF. After the addition, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. After completion of the reaction was monitored by 'H NMR, solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The magnesium salt was precipitated in pentane and filtered off. The volatile components were removed under reduced pressure, leaving 3.20 g of a colorless liquid. All portion of yielded compounds were chromatographed on silica gel with chloroform as an eluent. The product, G4 (MeSiCH₂CH₂Si(CH₂CH₂CH₂SiMe was obtained as a clear, colorless oil (2.42 g; 0.98 mmol, 71%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table 1, UV spectroscopic data Table 4, analytical data Table 3 and IR spectroscopic data Table 5.

Results and Discussion

The basic procedure for the preparation of each generation of carbosilane dendrimers is outlined in Scheme 1. The synthesis of our silane dendrimers begins with the exhaustive hydrosilation of vinyl groups in 2,4,6,8-tetramethyltetravinyltetrasiloxane with HSiCl₃ in the presence of a platinum catalyst (10% Pt content on activated carbon) to which G1P in quantitative yields is produced. The next step is preparation of G1 generation in which allylmagnesium bromide is used as the alkylating agent. In this first allylation step, a 12-fold initiator core (Si-Cl bonds) is reacted with 12 equiv. of allylmagnesium bromide in diethyl ether to produce G1 in quantitative yields. Then the allyl groups are hydrosilvlated with dichloromethylsilane (HSiMeCl₂) to give quantitative yields with 12 terminal SiMeCl₂ groups. Next, these SiMeCl₂ groups are reacted with allylmagnesium bromide to produce G2 dendrimer with 24 allylic end groups. By repeating the hydrosilation and allylation steps, this G2 dendrimer can be converted into G3 with 48 allylic end groups and continued G4 with 96 allylic end groups. In general, hydrosilylatoin of Gn molecules



Scheme 1. Synthetic way of dendrimeric silanes.

with HSiMeCl, in the presence of platinum catalyst in THF gave GnP in quantitative yields as a colorless oil or glass. We found also that a platinum catalyst gives a 1,2-adduct with high regiospecificity. Thus the reaction of G0 with 4 equiv. of HSiMeCl₂ in the presence of Pt/C at room temperature for 12 h produced the only hydrosilation product G 1P. No other structure was detected in the reaction mixture by NMR. A similar reaction of G1 with MeSiHCl₂ afforded the corresponding hydrosilation products. In contrast to this, the reaction of Gn dendrimers in the presence of a platinum catalyst by refluxing toluene produced a small amount of dehydrogenative coupling products but, at room temperature, were not found these products. On the basis of this result obtained from the hydrosilation-rate of G0 and G1 in the presence of a platinum catalyst, it is probably faster than the dehydrogenative couplings process. We investigated the solvent effect on the rate of hydrosilation of G0 and G1 with $HSiMe_{3,n}Cl_n$ (n=1-3) in the presence of a platinum ca-



Figure 1. ¹H NMR spectra of G1P (under) and G1 (up) measured in CDCl₃.



Figure 2. ¹H NMR spectra of G2P (under) and G2 (up) measured in CDCl₃.



Figure 3. ¹H NMR spectra of G3P (under) and G3 (up) measured in CDCl₃.

talyst under various conditions, and found that the polarity of the solvent markedly influences the rate of hydrosilation in this system. When G1 was treated with HSiMeCl₂ in THF at room temperature, G2P was completely formed in 12 h. In toluene, however, at the same condition, we found that of unreacted G1. By increasing the amount of the catalyst and raising reaction temperature, the rate of reaction was considerably accelerated.

UV, IR, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic determination of Gn generations (n=1-4) clearly indicates the presence of ethenyl groups, in the periphery of given dendrimers. Figure 1-4 shows the NMR spectra of the dendrimers from G1P to G4. The spectra reflect the transition from GnP to Gn generations, which show three main regions at the environs of zero ppm for MeSi groups, 0.45-1.55 ppm for CH₂ groups and multiplet at 4.81 and 5.76 for protons of allylic double bonds for Gn molecules, (while the formation of GnP disappears the resonance of double bonds) and for the GnP generations at the environs of zero ppm for MeSi groups, 0.77 ppm for MeSiCl₂ groups (Figure 1-4 and Table 1 and 2). In ¹³C NMR spectra, four kinds of methyl carbons, attached to



Figure 4. ¹H NMR spectra of G4P (under) and G4 (up) measured in CDCl₃.

G1-G4, could be distinguished by the region between -6.3 - 1.2 ppm. These carbon spectra were clearly separated in **Gn** and **GnP** molecules. The peak of methylenyl groups observed at 4.21-21.5 for **Gn** molecules and at 4.37-25.91 for **GnP** molecules with sharp single signals, and that implied high purity of these dendrimers by ¹H and ¹³C NMR (Table 1-2). These NMR spectroscopy is a valuable tool for monitoring growth and subsequent surface modification reaction of the dendrimers, while the sensitivity of the integration was an assessment of structural perfection and purities of the dendrimers at the stage of all generations.

The information concerning a perfect building of Gn (n= 1-4) dendrimers can be obtained, such as a direct comparison of its maximal molar absorption coefficients (ε_{max}) at λ_{max} (214-220 nm) and the number of double bonds. The absorption spectra of compounds G1-G4 in cyclohexane solution show extremely intense bands in the UV region. The highest intense bands in the UV region can be assigned to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition. An increasing number of double bonds for each generation are in direct proportion to molar absorption coefficients in the UV spectrum (Table 4).

The characterization of large molecules such as dendrimers is a difficult task. For general organic and inorganic compounds, technique based on mass spectrometric attachments as well as colligative properties can be used to determine the perfect molecular mass. For our dendrimeric molecules, the use of the above technique is not an advisable tool because of the high number of molecular mass. In spite of the above difficulties, a reliable characterization of our dendrimers has been achieved by using a variety of



Figure 5. Computer simulation model of G1-G4 dendrimer: Calculated surface area are for G1; 590 Å², G2; 1550 Å², G3; 3350 Å², and G4; 6880 Å² and average radius of the G1 is 18 Å, G2 26 Å, G3 43 Å and G4 54 Å.

technics: (1) Every steps was accurately monitored by ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic measurements. For the products of **Gn**-family obtained in each growth step, the ratio of alkenyl end groups (new generations) to MeSi-groups (old generations) in the NMR spectrum was consistent with the expected formulations (Figure 1-4). Also **GnP**-family obtained in each step with perfect disappearance of alkenyl groups of **Gn** generations and the ratio of MeSi resonance signals to the multiplet of methylenyl chains proved the expected formula (Figure 1-4). (2) Each Gn generations was purified by chromatographic attachments.

Figure 5 shows their geometrical beauty and intriguing supramolecular properties (sureface area and average radius) in G1-G4 dendrimers which are obtained from the computer simulation program.²¹

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