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Tetracoordinated spirosilicates can be synthesized directly from the reaction of very inexpensive and plentiful material silica {SiO₂} and ethylene glycol {EG} in the presence of triethylenetetramine {TETA}, as catalyst with and without potassium hydroxide {KOH} as co-catalyst. The reactions were run under nitrogen gas with constant magnetically stirring at 200°C. The reactions were completed at the reaction time of 10-18 hours depending on the catalysts. The reaction using only TETA was completed in 18 hours. With potassium hydroxide the reactions occurred much faster. When 3-amino-1,2-propanediol, or 2-amino-2-methyl-1,3-propanediol, was employed, the reaction had to be run under vacuum at 0.1mmHg, 160°C, and was completed in 14 and 24 hours, respectively. The structures of spirosilicates were fully characterized using FT-IR, (¹H-, ¹³C-, ²⁹Si-)NMR, FAB⁺-MS, TGA, and DSC.

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