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# Supplementary Information

# Copper-catalyzed $\alpha$ -selective hydrostannylation of alkynes for synthesis of branched alkenylstannanes

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### General remarks.

All manipulations of oxygen- and moisture-sensitive materials were conducted with a standard Schlenk technique under a purified argon atmosphere. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were taken on a Varian 400-MR (<sup>1</sup>H, 400 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C, 100 MHz) spectrometer or a Varian System 500 (<sup>1</sup>H, 500 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C, 125 MHz; <sup>119</sup>Sn, 186 MHz) spectrometer using residual chloroform (<sup>1</sup>H,  $\delta = 7.26$ ) or CDCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>13</sup>C,  $\delta = 77.0$ ) as an internal standard, and tetramethyltin (<sup>119</sup>Sn,  $\delta = 0$ ) as an external standard. <sup>1</sup>H NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, quint = quintet, sext = sextet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), integration. Highresolution mass spectra (ESI or APCI/FTMS; Negative Mode) were obtained with Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL spectrometer. Preparative recycling gel permeation chromatography was performed with JAI LC-908 or JAI LC-9201 equipped with JAI GEL-1H and -2H columns (chloroform or toluene as an eluent). Column chromatography was carried out using Merck Kieselgel 60. Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents were used without purification. Toluene was distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl. DMF was distilled from calcium hydride.

#### Hydrostannylation of alkynes with Me<sub>3</sub>SnSnMe<sub>3</sub>: a general procedure.

A Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with  $Cu(OAc)_2(0.015 \text{ mmol})$ , tri-*tert*-butylphosphine (20 wt% solution in toluene, 0.053 mmol) and MeOH (2.5 mL). After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 0.5 h, the solvent was removed in vacuo at room temperature. To the residue were added toluene (0.2 mL), hexamethyldistannane (0.39 mmol), an alkyne (0.30 mmol) and water (0.90 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at 110 °C for the period as specified in Table 1. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and filtered through a Celite plug before evaporation of the solvent. Then the residue was diluted with toluene and filtered through neutral alumina (activity = IV). Evaporation of the solvent followed by gel permeation chromatography (chloroform as an eluent) gave the corresponding product.

#### Trimethyl(tetradec-1-en-2-yl)stannane (2a)



A colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.13 (s, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 53.9 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.6 Hz, 9H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.42 (m, 20H), 2.26 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 53.2 Hz, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 71.9 Hz, *J* = 2.8, 1.0 Hz 1H), 5.64 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 155.0 Hz, *J* = 2.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.48, 14.13, 22.70, 29.21, 29.36, 29.48, 29.63, 29.65, 29.67, 31.93, 124.15, 156.17; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -35.6; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>33</sub>Sn: [M-Me]<sup>+</sup>, 345.15987. Found: *m/z* 345.15985.

# Dodec-1-en-2-yltrimethylstannane (2b)



A colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.13 (s, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 53.9 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.5 Hz, 9H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.41 (m, 16H), 2.27 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 53.2 Hz, *J* =7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 73.3 Hz, *J* = 2.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 155.0 Hz, *J* = 2.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.48, 14.14, 22.70, 29.21, 29.36, 29.49, 29.64, 29.67, 31.93, 124.16, 156.15; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -35.6; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>Sn: [M-Me]<sup>+</sup>, 317.12857. Found: *m/z* 317.12854.

#### 2-[5-(Trimethylstannyl)hex-5-enyl]isoindoline-1,3-dione (2c)



A green oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.11 (s, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 54.0 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.6 Hz, 9H), 1.43 (quint, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (quint, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.7 Hz, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H) 5.13 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 71.0 Hz, *J* = 2.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 151.7 Hz, *J* = 2.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.86 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.53, 26.66, 28.03, 37.80, 40.16, 123.14, 124.93, 132.14, 144.84, 155.08, 168.41; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -34.6; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NSn: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 374.08235. Found: *m/z* 394.08188.

# Trimethyl[6-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yloxy)hex-1-en-2-yl]stannane (2d)



A colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.13 (s, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 54.0 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.7,9H), 1.41-1.63 (m, 8H), 1.66-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.88 (m, 1H), 2.30 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 53.4 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.5, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dt, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.47-3.54 (m, 1H), 3.73 (dt, *J* = 9.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (ddd, *J* = 11.2, 7.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 71.4 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 153.15 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.53, 19.52, 25.46, 26.17, 29.19, 30.69, 40.54, 62.12, 67.23, 98.67, 124.53, 155.61; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  - 35.1; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaSn: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 371.1004. Found: *m/z* 371.1005.

# tert-Butyldimethyl[3-(trimethylstannyl)but-3-enyloxy]silane (2e)



A colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.06 (s, 6H), 0.14 (s, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 54.2 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.8 Hz, 9H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 2.49 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 53.1 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.0 Hz, *J* =7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 71.0 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 151.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.34, -5.18, 18.46, 26.02, 44.15, 63.41, 126.72, 151.65; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -33.2; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>27</sub>OSiSn: [M-Me]<sup>+</sup>, 335.08477. Found: *m/z* 335.08469.

# [4-(Benzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl]trimethylstannane (2f)



A yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.13 (s, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 53.1 Hz, 9H), 2.61 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 50.9 Hz, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 5.25 (dt, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 70.13 Hz, J = 2.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (dt, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 129.75 Hz, J = 2.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.39 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.24, 40.88, 70.16, 72.95, 126.41, 127.51, 127.73, 128.29, 138.29, 152.26; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -33.7; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSn: [M-Me]<sup>+</sup>, 311.04524. Found: *m/z* 311.04517.

# 9-(Trimethylstannyl)dec-9-en-1-ol (2g)



A brown oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.12 (s, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 52.8 Hz, 9H), 1.21 (m, 12H), 2.25 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 53.1 Hz, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (dt, J = 6.4 Hz, 5.3 Hz 2H), 5.11 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 72.1 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 154.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.50, 25.69, 29.07, 29.36, 29.39, 29.59, 32.75, 40.80, 63.00, 124.20, 156.04; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -35.5; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>25</sub>OSn: [M-Me]<sup>+</sup>, 305.09219. Found: *m/z* 305.0921.

#### (10-Bromodec-1-en-2-yl)trimethylstannane (2h)



A yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.13 (s, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 53.9 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.6 Hz, 9H), 1.20-1.48 (m, 12H), 1.85 (quint, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 2.26 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 53.9 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.8, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 71.8 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 154.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.48, 28.14, 28.71, 29.03, 29.23, 29.55, 32.80, 34.02, 40.78, 124.25, 156.00; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -35.5; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrSn: [M-Me]<sup>+</sup>, 367.00779. Found: *m*/*z* 367.00677.

# 1-[2-(Trimethylstannyl)allyl]piperidin-4-one (2i)



A yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.16 (s, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 54.8 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 52.4 Hz, 9H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 4H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 4H), 3.19 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 49.8 Hz, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 5.28 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 70.0 Hz, *J* = 2.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 149.6 Hz, *J* = 2.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.38, 41.25, 53.00, 67.14, 125.77, 154,92, 209.41; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -38.5; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ONSn: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 304.07169. Found: *m/z* 304.07166.

### [3-(Benzyloxy)prop-1-en-2-yl]trimethylstannane (2j)



A brown oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.17 (s, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 55.4 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 52.9 Hz, 9H), 4.20 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 39.5 Hz, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 4.50(s, 2H), 5.33 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 70.2 Hz, *J* = 2.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 144.96 Hz, *J* = 2.5, 1.4 Hz, , 1H), 7.27-7.39 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.47, 72.02. 77.05, 124.65, 127.44, 127.64, 128.26, 138.38, 153.32; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -35.0; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>OSn: [M-Me]<sup>+</sup>, 297.02959. Found: *m/z* 297.02939.

# 2-[1-(Trimethylstannyl)vinyl]pyridine (2k)



A brown oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.22 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 55.7 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 53.2 Hz, 9H), 7.51 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 72.0 Hz, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 145.1 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (ddd, *J* = 7.3, 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -8.22, 117.85, 121.36, 126.59, 136.09, 148.76, 156.83; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -35.8; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NSn: [M-Me]<sup>+</sup>, 253.99862. Found: *m/z* 253.99835.

# [1-(6-Methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)vinyl]trimethylstannane (2l)



A yellow needle: mp = 64.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.27 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 54.4 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 52.0 Hz, 9H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 5.51 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 69.2 Hz, *J* = 2.3 Hz 1H), 6.16 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 142.0 Hz, *J* = 2.3 Hz 1H), 7.10-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.63 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.56. -8.54, 55.31, 105.61, 105.80, 123.70, 124.90, 125.34, 125.93, 126.08, 126.79, 126.94, 129.03, 129.08, 129.44, 129.66, 133.40, 140.64, 145.71, 154.40, 157.42; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -28.1; HRMS Calcd for C16H21OSn: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 349.06089. Found: *m/z* 349.06079.

# [1-(4-Butylphenyl)vinyl]trimethylstannane (2m)



A yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.24 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 54.3 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 52.1 Hz, 9H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (sext, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.56-1.66 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 69.8 Hz, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 144.4 Hz, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.18 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -8.62, 13.97, 22.39, 33.59, 35.26, 125.45, 126.14, 128.43, 141.28, 142.47, 154.11; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -28.8; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>Sn: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 325.09727. Found: *m/z* 325.09729.

Trimethyl[1-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)vinyl]stannane (2n)



A white powder: mp = 47.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.15 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 54.1 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.8 Hz, 9H), 1.25 (s, 6H), 1.27 (s, 6H), 1.66 (m, 4H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 5.56 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 71.9 Hz, *J* = 3.2 Hz 1H), 5.77 (d <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 148.2 Hz, *J* = 3.0 Hz 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -8.89, 20.11, 31.88, 31.93, 33.80, 35.23, 35.26, 124.82, 127.38, 127.69, 130.08, 141.71, 141.84, 143.17, 156.05; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -28.1; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>33</sub>Sn: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 393.15987. Found: *m/z* 393.15988.

# (*E*)-(1,2-Diphenylvinyl)trimethylstannane (20)<sup>1</sup>



A green oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.18 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sup>119</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 54.2 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sup>117</sup><sub>Sn-H</sub> = 51.8 Hz, 9H), 6.67 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 76.1 Hz, 1H), 6.95-7.03 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -9.23, 125.17, 126.15, 126.73, 127.90, 128.70, 129.13, 137.29, 137.74, 145.02, 149.75; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -17.4.

# Hydrostannylation of alkynes with Me<sub>3</sub>SiSnBu<sub>3</sub>: a general procedure.

A Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with  $Cu(OAc)_2(0.030 \text{ mmol})$ , tricyclohexylphosphine (20 wt% solution in toluene, 0.105 mmol) and MeOH (5

mL). After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 0.5 h, the solvent was removed in vacuo at То residue added room temperature. the were toluene (0.2)mL), tributyl(trimethylsilyl)stannane (0.30 mmol), an alkyne (0.45 mmol) and water (0.45 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at 30 °C for the period as specified in Table 2. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and filtered through a Celite plug before drying over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the solvent followed by gel permeation chromatography (chloroform as an eluent) gave the corresponding product.

#### Tributyl(oct-1-en-2-yl)stannane (3p)



A colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.79-0.98 (m, 16H), 1.21-1.62 (m, 22H), 2.23 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 47.9 Hz, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 63.5 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 141.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.56, 13.69, 14.11, 22.66, 27.43, 29.00, 29.14, 29.67, 31.77, 41.46, 124.50, 155.84; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -47.3; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>42</sub>Sn: [M]<sup>+</sup>, 402.23085. Found: *m/z* 402.23115.

# Tributyl(dec-1-en-2-yl)stannane (3q)



A pale yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.77-1.00 (m, 18H), 1.20-1.40 (m, 18H), 1.41-1.57 (m, 6H), 2.23 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 47.8 Hz, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 63.8 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dt, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 141.3 Hz, J = 3.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.57, 13.71, 14.12, 22.72, 27.45, 29.16, 29.35, 29.52, 29.74, 31.93, 41.48, 124.53, 155.78; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -47.3; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>46</sub>Sn: [M]<sup>+</sup>, 430.26215. Found: *m/z* 430.26294.

# Tributyl(hex-1-en-2-yl)stannane (3r)



A colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.81-0.97 (m, 18H), 1.25-1.40 (m, 10H), 1.41-1.58 (m, 6H), 2.25 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 48.2$  Hz, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 64.9$  Hz, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (dt,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 141.1$  Hz, J = 2.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.56, 13.70, 13.99, 22.35, 27.43, 29.15, 31.88, 41.11, 124.53, 155.73; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -47.2; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>38</sub>Sn: [M]<sup>+</sup>, 374.19955. Found: *m/z* 374.19984.

Tributyl(5-methylhex-1-en-2-yl)stannane (3s)



A colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.79-0.98 (m, 18H), 1.18-1.37 (m, 8H), 1.38-1.59 (m, 7H), 2.24 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 48.3 \text{ Hz}, J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H})$ , 5.07 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 64.7 \text{ Hz}, J = 2.9 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H})$ , 5.66 (dt,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 141.8 \text{ Hz}, J = 2.9, 1.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H})$ ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.58, 13.70, 22.53, 27.42, 27.62, 29.14, 39.03, 39.22, 124.38, 155.95; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -46.9; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>40</sub>Sn: [M]<sup>+</sup>, 388.21520. Found: *m/z* 388.21594.

# Tributyl(4-methylpent-1-en-2-yl)stannane (3t)



A colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.78-0.98 (m, 23H), 1.25-1.37 (m, 6H), 1.39-1.65 (m, 7H), 2.12 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 52.1 Hz, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 64.3 Hz, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 141.7 Hz, *J* = 3.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.59, 13.70, 22.45, 27.42, 27.85, 29.11, 51.39, 125.72, 154.98; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -47.2; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>38</sub>Sn: [M]<sup>+</sup>, 374.19955. Found: *m/z* 374.20060.

#### 5-(Tributylstannyl)hex-5-enenitrile (3u)



A colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.80-1.00 (m, 15H), 1.22-1.38 (m, 6H), 1.39-1.58 (m, 6H), 1.67-1.81 (m, 2H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 44.6 Hz, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 61.5 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 133.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.53, 13.64, 16.32, 24.86, 27.33, 29.06, 39.64, 119.56, 126.87, 152.70; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  - 45.5; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NSn: [M-Bu]<sup>+</sup>, 328.10872. Found: *m/z* 328.10805.

### Tributyl(5-chloropent-1-en-2-yl)stannane (3v)



A pale yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.82-0.98 (m, 15H), 1.26-1.36 (m, 6H), 1.40-1.57 (m, 6H), 1.85 (quint, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 45.0$  Hz, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 5.16 (dt,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 63.1$  Hz, J = 2.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (dt,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 136.9$  Hz, J = 2.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.54, 13.69, 27.39, 29.10, 32.20, 38.09, 44.41,

126.04, 153.51; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -45.9; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClSn: [M-Bu]<sup>+</sup>, 337.07450. Found: *m*/*z* 337.07361.

# [4-(Benzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl]tributylstannane (3f)



A pale yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.80-1.00 (m, 15H), 1.25-1.35 (m, 6H), 1.39-1.55 (m, 6H), 2.58 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 45.1$  Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 5.20 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 63.0$  Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (dt,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 137.1$  Hz, J = 2.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.38 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.61, 13.69, 27.39, 29.08, 41.28, 70.21, 72.97, 126.86, 127.51, 127.72, 128.30, 138.38, 151.48; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -45.1; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>31</sub>OSn: [M-Bu]<sup>+</sup>, 395.13969. Found: *m*/*z* 395.14076.

# Tributyl(3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)stannane (3w)



A colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.54-0.71 (m, 6H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 9H), 1.10-1.20 (m, 6H), 1.21-1.35 (m, 6H), 3.50 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 46.0 Hz, 2H), 5.15 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 60.9 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 134.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.45, 13.69, 27.36, 28.97, 47.72, 126.00, 126.05, 128.22, 129.08, 140.23, 154.20; <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -44.1; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>Sn: [M-Bu]<sup>+</sup>, 351.11347. Found: *m/z* 351.11257.

# Dideuteriostannylation of 1-tetradecyne.

A Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with  $Cu(OAc)_2(0.015 \text{ mmol})$ , tri-*tert*-butylphosphine (20 wt% solution in toluene, 0.053 mmol) and MeOH (2.5 mL). After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 0.5 h, the solvent was removed in vacuo at room temperature. To the residue were added toluene (0.2 mL), hexamethyldistannane (0.39 mmol), 1-tetradeyne (0.30 mmol) and deuterium oxide (0.90 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 2 h. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and filtered through a Celite plug before evaporation of the solvent. Then the residue was diluted with toluene and filtered through neutral alumina (activity = IV). Evaporation of the solvent followed by gel permeation chromatography (chloroform as an eluent) gave the products. The ratio of the products was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

# Hydrogen-deuterium exchange of 1-tetradecyne.

A Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with  $Cu(OAc)_2(0.015 \text{ mmol})$ , tri-*tert*-butylphosphine (20 wt% solution in toluene, 0.053 mmol) and MeOH (2.5 mL). After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 0.5 h, the solvent was removed in vacuo at room temperature. To the residue were added toluene (0.2 mL), 1-tetradeyne (0.30 mmol) and deuterium oxide (0.90 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 12 h. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and filtered through a Celite plug before evaporation of the solvent. The hydrogen–deuterium exchange ratio was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

# Cross-coupling of 2n: Synthesis of ethyl 4-(1-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)benzoate (4).

A Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with CsF (0.60 mmol). After CsF was dried with a heat gun in vacuo,  $Pd(dba)_2$  (0.030 mmol), XPhos (0.060 mmol), CuI (0.060 mmol), **2n** (0.30 mmol) and DMF (5.1 mL) were added. To this solution was added a DMF solution (1.5 mL) of ethyl 4-iodobenzoate (0.36 mmol) over 15 min, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 15 h before dilution with ethyl acetate. The solution was washed with sat.NH<sub>4</sub>Claq (twice) and brine (twice), and the organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the solvent followed by gel permeation chromatography (chloroform as an eluent) gave **4**.<sup>2</sup>

# Hydrolysis of 4: Synthesis of 4-(1-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)benzoic acid (bexarotene, 5).

A MeOH solution (5 mL) of 4 (0.270 mmol) and 5M NaOHaq (125 mL) was stirred at reflux temperature overnight before the mixture was acidified with 5N HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate. After the organic extract was washed with water, the solvent was removed in vacuo to give 5.<sup>3</sup>

Optimization of reaction conditions for hydrostannylation with Me<sub>3</sub>SnSnMe<sub>3</sub> (Table S1).

<i>n</i> C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub> — <del>—</del> 1.5	+ Me <sub>3</sub> Sn-SnMe <sub>3</sub> : 1	H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5 equiv) Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (5 mol %) Ligand (17.5 mol %) toluene, 80 °C	Me₃Sn → → + nC <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub> + <b>a</b>	nC <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub> SnMe <sub>3</sub> b	+ $Me_3Sn$ $SnMe_3$ $nC_{12}H_{25}$ <b>c</b>	
entry	Ligand	time (h)	NMR yield (%)		a:b	
			a+b	c		
1	PCy <sub>3</sub>	2	89	3	90:10	
2ª	PCy <sub>3</sub>	16	69	8	88:12	
3 <sup>b</sup>	PCy <sub>3</sub>	1	55	29	91:9	
4 <sup>c</sup>	PCy <sub>3</sub>	0.5	84	6	90:10	
5 <sup>d</sup>	PCy <sub>3</sub>	0.5	58	29	88:12	
6 <sup>e</sup>	PCy <sub>3</sub>	0.5	64	29	81:19	
$7^{\rm f}$	PPh <sub>3</sub>	24	34	36	91:9	
8	$PnBuAd_2^{g}$	3.5	88	8	95:5	
9	PtBu <sub>3</sub>	22	63	0	95:5	
10 <sup>h</sup>	PtBu <sub>3</sub>	0.5	80	0	96:4	
11 <sup>h,i</sup>	PtBu <sub>3</sub>	1.5	95	0	97:3	

# Table S1

<sup>a</sup>  $H_2O = 10$  equiv. <sup>b</sup> MeOH was used instead of  $H_2O$ . <sup>c</sup> Solvent = THF. <sup>d</sup> Solvent = MeCN. <sup>e</sup> Solvent = DMF. <sup>f</sup> (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CuOAc (10 mol %) was used. Temperature = 60 °C. <sup>g</sup> Ad = 1adamantyl. <sup>h</sup> Temperature = 110 °C. <sup>i</sup> alkyne:distannane: $H_2O = 1:1.3:3$ . Optimization of reaction conditions for hydrostannylation with Me<sub>3</sub>SiSnBu<sub>3</sub> (Table S2).

Table S2

<i>n</i> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub> —= 1.5	≡ + ∶	Me <sub>3</sub> Si-SnBu <sub>3</sub> 1	H+ (1.5 equiv) Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10 mol %) Ligand (35 mol %) toluene, 30 °C	Bu₃Sn →→→→→→→ <i>n</i> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub> + <b>a</b>	<sup>SnBu</sup> <sub>3</sub> <i>n</i> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub> <b>b</b>
entry	Ligand	H <sup>+</sup>	time (h)	NMR yield (%)	a:b

entry	Ligaliu	П	time (ii)	NIVIK yleiu (%)	a.D
1	PCy <sub>3</sub>	$H_2O$	1.5	75	86:14
2	PCyp <sub>3</sub> <sup>a</sup>	$H_2O$	2	67	86:14
3	P <i>i</i> Pr <sub>3</sub>	$H_2O$	50	43	92:8
4	$PnBuAd_2^{b}$	$H_2O$	2	41	93:7
5°	PtBu <sub>3</sub>	$H_2O$	16	trace	_
6 <sup>d</sup>	PtBu <sub>3</sub>	$H_2O$	16	23	>99:1
7	PCy <sub>3</sub>	MeOH	13	6	_
8	PCy <sub>3</sub>	tBuOH	2.5	64	89:11
9	PCy <sub>3</sub>	PhOH	96	13	92:8
10	PCy <sub>3</sub>	Ph <sub>3</sub> COH	2	39	87:13
11	PCy <sub>3</sub>	AcOH	2	8	_
12 <sup>e</sup>	PCy <sub>3</sub>	$H_2O$	44	trace	_

<sup>a</sup> Cyp = cyclopentyl. <sup>b</sup> Ad = 1-admantyl. <sup>c</sup> Temperature = 50 °C. <sup>d</sup> Temperature = 80 °C. <sup>e</sup>  $tBuMe_2Si-SnBu_3$  was used instead of  $Me_3Si-SnBu_3$ . Temperature = 80 °C.

#### Formation of a distannane from a silylstannane (Schemes S1 and S2)

Treatment of a silylstannane (PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiSnBu<sub>3</sub>) with a proton source (*t*BuOH) in the presence of  $Cu(OAc)_2$ –PCy<sub>3</sub> catalyst was found to produce a distannane (Bu<sub>3</sub>SnSnBu<sub>3</sub>) and a disiloxane (PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiOSiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph) (Scheme S1, eq. a), whereas the reaction without the proton source (eq. b) or the copper catalyst (eq. c) did not give the distannane at all. Accordingly, this transformation should proceed through a pathway, which includes dehydrogenative coupling of tributyltin hydride, as depicted in Scheme S2.





Scheme S2

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