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Transition Metal-Free Coupling of Terminal Alkynes and Hypervalent Iodine Based Alkyne-Transfer Reagents to Access Unsymmetrical 1,3-Diynes

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1. General Information:

¹H-, ¹³C- and ¹⁹F-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 300 MHz spectrometer. All NMR spectra were referenced on the solvent peak. Mass spectra were obtained using an Agilent LC/MSD Trap SL.

All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. THF was distilled from Na under Ar atmosphere prior to use. All reactions were performed under Ar-atmosphere.

2. Preparation of EBX reagents:

All used Ethynyl-benziodoxolones were prepared from 2-iodosylbenzoic acid and TMSalkynes following known procedures¹. The starting materials were synthesised according to literature^{1,2}.

1-[2-(Phenyl)ethynyl]-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1H)-one (2a)



2-Iodosylbenzoic acid (500.4 mg, 1.89 mmol) was taken up in MeCN (10 mL) and while rapid stirring, trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (363 µL, 1.98 mmol) was slowly added at room temperature, which resulted in the immediate formation of a yellow solution, which was then stirred at temperature for 30 min. Then. the addition of room trimethylsilyl(phenylethynyl)silane (346.3 mg, 1.99 mmol) followed and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, before adding pyridine (170 µL, 2.11 mmol) and stirring for another 10 min. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was taken up in DCM (10 mL). After washing with 1M aqueous HCl (10 mL), the aqueous layer was extracted once with DCM (10 mL). The organic phases were then washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtrated. The crude product obtained by evaporation of the solvent was then recrystallised from MeCN and dried in vacuo to afford the targeted Phenyl-EBX reagent 2a as colourless powder in 66% yield

¹ D. F. González, J. P. Brand, R. Mondière, J. Waser, Adv. Synth. Catal. 2013, 355, 1631-1639

² H. Huang, G. Zhang, L. Gong, S. Zhang, Y. Cheng, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2014, 136, 2280-2283

(433.4 mg, 1.24 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 8.44-8.41 (m, 1H), 8.27-8.24 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 3H); Spectroscopic data are in accordance to literature¹.

1-[2-(4-Methylphenyl)ethynyl]-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1*H*)-one (2b)



2-Iodosylbenzoic acid (505.0 mg, 1.91 mmol) was taken up in DCM (5 mL) and while stirring rapidly, trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (363 μ L, 1.98 mmol) was slowly added at room temperature, which resulted in the immediate formation of a yellow suspension. The mixture was stirred for 1 h before adding trimethyl((4-methylphenyl)ethynyl)silane (374.2 mg, 1.99 mmol). After stirring overnight at room temperature, the organic phase was washed twice with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (5 mL), then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and evaporated. The crude product was then recrystallised from MeCN and dried *in vacuo* to give the Tolyl-EBX reagent **2b** as colourless solid in 43% yield (293.5 mg, 0.81 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 8.43-8.40 (m, 1H), 8.26-8.23 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); Spectroscopic data are in accordance to literature³.

1-[2-(Triiso-propylsilyl)ethinyl]-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1H)-one (2c)



2-Iodosylbenzoic acid (1000.2 mg, 3.79 mmol) was taken up in MeCN (20 mL) and while rapid stirring, trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (764 μ L, 4.17 mmol) was slowly added at room temperature, which resulted in the immediate formation of a yellow solution, which was then stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then, the addition of tri*iso*-propyl((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)silane (1062.2 mg, 4.17 mmol) followed and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, before adding pyridine (338 μ L, 4.20 mmol) and stirring

³ M. J. Bouma, B. Olofsson, Chem. Eur. J. 2012, 18, 14242-14245

for another 15 min. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was taken up in DCM (20 mL). After washing with 1M aqueous HCl (20 mL), the aqueous layer was extracted once with DCM (20 mL). The organic phases were then washed twice with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtrated. The crude product obtained by evaporation of the solvent was then recrystallised from MeCN and dried *in vacuo* to afford the TIPS-EBX reagent **2c** as colourless crystals in 55% yield (890.2 mg, 2.08 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 8.44-8.41 (m, 1H), 8.31-8.27 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.74 (m, 2H), 1.18-1.15 (m, 21H); Spectroscopic data are in accordance to literature¹.

1-[2-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1*H*)-one (2d)



2-Iodosylbenzoic acid (503.7 mg, 1.91 mmol) was taken up in MeCN (10 mL) and while rapid stirring, trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (382 µL, 2.08 mmol) was slowly added at room temperature, which resulted in the immediate formation of a yellow solution, which was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then, the then addition of *tert*butyldimethyl((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)silane (445,3 mg, 2.09 mmol) followed and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, before adding pyridine (170 µL, 2.11 mmol) and stirring for another 10 min. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was taken up in DCM (10 mL). After washing with 1M aqueous HCl (10 mL), the aqueous layer was extracted once with DCM (10 mL). The organic phases were then washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtrated. The crude product obtained by evaporation of the solvent was then purified by column chromatography (silica gel; DCM/MeOH = 20/1) and dried *in vacuo* to afford the targeted TBDMS-EBX reagent 2d as colourless, crystalline solid in 72% yield (530.3 mg, 1.37 mmol). $R_{\rm f} = 0.30$ (DCM/MeOH = 20/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 8.43-8.40 (m, 1H), 8.24-8.20 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.73 (m, 2H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.25 (s, 6H); Spectroscopic data are in accordance to literature⁴.

⁴ J.P. Brand, C. Chevalley, R. Scopelliti, J. Waser, Chem. Eur. J. 2012, 18, 5655-5666

1-[2-(*n*-Butyl)ethynyl]-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1*H*)-one (2e)



2-Iodosylbenzoic acid (514.6 mg, 1.95 mmol) was taken up in MeCN (10 mL) and while rapid stirring, trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (392 µL, 2.14 mmol) was slowly added at room temperature, which resulted in the immediate formation of a yellow solution, which was then stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then, the addition of hex-1-yn-1-yltrimethylsilane (330,0 mg, 2.14 mmol) followed and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, before adding pyridine (170 µL, 2.11 mmol) and stirring for another 10 min. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was taken up in DCM (10 mL). After washing with 1M aqueous HCl (10 mL), the aqueous layer was extracted once with DCM (10 mL). The organic phases were then washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtrated. The crude product obtained by evaporation of the solvent was then purified by column chromatography (silica gel; DCM/MeOH = 20/1) and dried *in vacuo* to afford the targeted Butyl-EBX reagent as slightly yellow coloured solid in 26% yield (162.9 mg, 0.50 mmol). $R_{\rm f} = 0.35$ (DCM/MeOH = 20/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 8.42-8.39 (m, 1H), 8.19-8.16 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.71 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.69-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.43 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); Spectroscopic data are in accordance to literature⁴.

3. Dimerization of terminal alkynes:



General Procedure: 140 μ L (0.22 mmol, 1.1 eq.) of a solution of *n*-BuLi (1.6 M in hexane) were added to a solution of the corresponding terminal alkyne **1** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in dry THF (1 mL) at -78 °C. After stirring for 2 h, the corresponding ethynyl-benziodoxolone **2** (0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added in one portion. The mixture was allowed to reach room

temperature over 3 h while stirring rapidly. The resulting suspension was quenched with 2 mL of a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ and extracted three times with 5 mL dichloromethane. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel) to afford the targeted diyne **3** in the reported yield.

Octa-1,3-diyn-1-ylbenzene (3a)



Following the general procedure, hex-1-yne (23 µL, 0.20 mmol) was reacted with Phenyl-EBX reagent **2a** (103.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) to afford the diyne **3a** as colourless oil in 87% yield (31.7 mg, 0.17 mmol). $R_f = 0.43$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 7.47$ (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.26 (m, 3H), 2.37 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.62-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 132.6$, 128.9, 128.5, 122.3, 85.0, 74.8, 74.5, 65.2, 30.4, 22.1, 19.4, 13.7; MS(ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₄: 182.11 [M]⁺; found: 182.13. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁵.

(5,5-Dimethylhexa-1,3-diyn-1-yl)benzene (3b)



Following the general procedure, 3,3-dimethylbut-1-yne (25 µL, 0.20 mmol) was reacted with Phenyl-EBX reagent **2a** (105.7 mg, 0.30 mmol) to afford the diyne **3b** as colourless oil in 81% yield (29.5 mg, 0.16 mmol). $R_{\rm f} = 0.50$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 7.48-7.45$ (m, 2H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 3H), 1.29 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃,

⁵ X. Li, X. Xie, N. Sung, Y. Liu, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2017, 56, 6994-6998

298 K): δ / ppm = 132.6, 128.9, 128.5, 122.3, 92.4, 76.1, 74.2, 63.9, 30.7, 28.4; MS(ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₄: 182.11 [M]⁺; found: 182.10. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁶.

(Cyclopropylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)benzene (3c)



Following the general procedure, ethynylcyclopropane (17 µL, 0.19 mmol) was reacted with Phenyl-EBX reagent **2a** (105.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) to afford the diyne **3c** as colourless oil in 83% yield (26.2 mg, 0.16 mmol). $R_f = 0.38$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 7.48-7.45$ (m, 2H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 3H), 1.45-1.36 (m, 1H), 0.92-0.80 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 132.7$, 128.9, 128.5, 122.3, 88.0, 74.7, 74.3, 60.5, 9.2, 0.5; MS(ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₀: 166.08 [M]⁺; found: 166.11. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁵.

1,4-Diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne (3d)



Following the general procedure, phenylacetylene (22 µL, 0.20 mmol) was reacted with Phenyl-EBX reagent **2a** (103.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) to afford the diyne **3d** as colourless solid in 90% yield (35.7 mg, 0.18 mmol). $R_f = 0.45$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 7.56-7.52$ (m, 4H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 132.5$, 129.2, 128.5, 121.8, 81.6, 73.9; MS(ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₀: 202.08 [M]⁺; found: 202.10. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁷.

⁶ K. Fang, M. Xie, Z. Zhang, P. Ning, G. Shu, Tetrahedron Lett. 2013, 54, 3819-3821

⁷ Merkul E., Urselmann D., Müller T. J. J., *Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, **2011**, 238–242

1-Methyl-4-(phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)benzene (3e)



Following the general procedure, *p*-tolylacetylene (25 µL, 0.20 mmol) was reacted with Phenyl-EBX reagent **2a** (107.1 mg, 0.31 mmol) to afford the diyne **3e** as colourless solid in 69% yield (29.8 mg, 0.14 mmol). $R_f = 0.40$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 7.54 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 132.5, 129.2, 128.5, 121.8, 81.6, 73.9; MS(ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₂: 216.09 [M]⁺; found: 216.13. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁵.

1-Fluoro-4-(phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)benzene (3f)



Following the general procedure, 4-fluorophenylacetylene (23 µL, 0.20 mmol) was reacted with Phenyl-EBX reagent **2a** (104.5 mg, 0.30 mmol) to afford the diyne **3f** as colourless solid in 59% yield (25.8 mg, 0.12 mmol). $R_f = 0.36$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 7.54-7.49$ (m, 4H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 163.1$ (d, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 250.8$ Hz), 134,7 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 8.9$ Hz), 132.7, 129.4, 128.6, 121.8, 116.2, 115.9, 81.7, 80.6, 74.0, 73.8; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = -108.6$; MS(ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₆H₉F: 220.07 [M]⁺; found: 220.13. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁵.

1-Bromo-4-(phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)benzene (3g)



Following the general procedure, 4-bromophenylacetylene (36.2 mg, 0.19 mmol) was reacted with Phenyl-EBX reagent **2a** (101.5 mg, 0.29 mmol) to afford the diyne **3g** as colourless solid in 54% yield (28.8 mg, 0.10 mmol). $R_f = 0.55$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 7.53 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 134.0, 132.6, 131.9, 129.5, 128.6, 123.8, 121.9, 120.9, 82.3, 80.5, 75.2, 73.8; MS(ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₉Br: 279.99 [M]⁺; found: 280.07. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁵.

1-Methoxy-3-(phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)benzene (3h)



Following the general procedure, 3-methoxyphenylacetylene (26 µL, 0.20 mmol) was reacted with Phenyl-EBX reagent **2a** (107.1 mg, 0.31 mmol) to afford the diyne **3h** as colourless solid in 48% yield (21.9 mg, 0.09 mmol). $R_f = 0.15$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 7.57$ (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 159.5$, 132.7, 129.7, 129.4, 128.6, 125.2, 122.9, 121.9, 117.2, 116.2, 81.7, 81.6, 74.0, 73.8, 55.5; MS(ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₂O: 232.09 [M]⁺; found: 232.13. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁸.

⁸ A. Sagadevan, P.-C. Lyu, K. C. Hwang, Green Chem. 2016, 18, 4526-4530

2-(Phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)pyridine (3i)



Following the general procedure, 2-ethynylpyridine (20 µL, 0.19 mmol) was reacted with Phenyl-EBX reagent **2a** (102.3 mg, 0.29 mmol) to afford the diyne **3i** as colourless solid in 91% yield (35.8 mg, 0.18 mmol). $R_f = 0.43$ (DCM); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 8.61 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 150.5, 142,5, 136.3, 132.8, 129.7, 128.6, 128.2, 123.6, 121.5, 82.6, 80.3, 73.9, 73.7; MS(ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N: 204.08 [M+H]⁺; found: 204.03. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁵.

3-(Phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)thiophene (3j)



Following the general procedure, 3-ethynylthiophene (21 µL, 0.20 mmol) was reacted with Phenyl-EBX reagent **2a** (105.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) to afford the diyne **3j** as colourless solid in 66% yield (27.5 mg, 0.13 mmol). $R_f = 0.35$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 132.6, 131.4, 130.3, 129.3, 128.6, 125.7, 121.9, 121.0, 81.7, 81.5, 74.1, 73.7; MS(ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₄H₉S: 209.04 [M+H]⁺; found: 209.10. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁹.

⁹ N. Mukherjee, D. Kundu, B. C. Ranu, Chem. Commun. 2014, 50, 15784-15787

3-(p-Tolylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)thiophene (3k)



Following the general procedure, 3-ethynylthiophene (21 µL, 0.20 mmol) was reacted with Tolyl-EBX reagent **2b** (108.7 mg, 0.30 mmol) to afford the diyne **3k** as colourless solid in 92% yield (40.0 mg, 0.18 mmol). $R_f = 0.33$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 7.59-7.58$ (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): $\delta / \text{ppm} = 139.6$, 132.5, 131.2, 130.3, 129.4, 125.7, 121.1, 118.9, 81.7, 76.5, 73.6, 73.4, 21.8; MS(ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₁S: 223.06 [M+H]⁺; found: 223.13.

1-Methyl-4-(phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)benzene (3e')



Following the general procedure, phenylacetylene (23 μ L, 0.21 mmol) was reacted with Tolyl-EBX reagent **2b** (109.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) to afford the diyne **3e'** as colourless solid in 73% yield (32.4 mg, 0.15 mmol). Analytical data are identical to **3e** (see above).

Triisopropyl(phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)silane (3l)



Following the general procedure, ethynyltri*iso*propylsilane (46 µL, 0.20 mmol) was reacted with Phenyl-EBX reagent **2a** (108.7 mg, 0.30 mmol) to afford the diyne **3l** as colourless oil in 49% yield (27.1 mg, 0.10 mmol). $R_f = 0.68$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.29 (m, 3H), 1.09-1.07 (m, 21H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 132.7, 129.4, 128.5, 121.7, 89.6, 88.0, 75.7, 74.8, 18.7, 11.5; MS(ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₆Si: 282.18 [M]⁺; found: 282.18. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁵.

Triisopropyl(p-tolylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)silane (3m)



Following the general procedure, ethynyltri*iso*propylsilane (46 µL, 0.20 mmol) was reacted with Tolyl-EBX reagent **2b** (108.9 mg, 0.30 mmol) to afford the diyne **3m** as colourless oil in 51% yield (30.2 mg, 0.10 mmol). $R_f = 0.65$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 7.40 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 21H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 139.8, 132.8, 129.3, 118.5, 89.8, 87.5, 76.0, 74.2, 21.8, 18.7, 11.5; MS(ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₀H₂₈Si: 296.20 [M]⁺; found: 296.23. Analytical data are in accordance to literature¹⁰.

Tri*iso*propyl(phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)silane (3l')



¹⁰ S. Banerjee, N. T. Patil, Chem. Commun. 2017, 53, 7937-7940

Following the general procedure, phenylacetylene (18 μ L, 0.16 mmol) was reacted with TIPS-EBX reagent **2c** (102.8 mg, 0.24 mmol) to afford the diyne **3l**' as colourless oil in 86% yield (39.0 mg, 0.14 mmol). Analytical data are identical to **3l** (see above).

tert-Butyldimethyl(phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)silane (3n)



Following the general procedure, phenylacetylene (22 µL, 0.20 mmol) was reacted with TBDMS-EBX reagent **2d** (120,4 mg, 0.31 mmol) to afford the diyne **3n** as colourless solid in 41% yield (19.8 mg, 0.08 mmol). $R_f = 0.35$ (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 0.17 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 132.7, 129.4, 128.6, 122.0, 89.8, 88.6, 76.4, 74.1, 26.2, 17.3, -4.5; MS(ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₆H₂₀Si: 240.13 [M]⁺; found: 240.17. Analytical data are in accordance to literature¹¹.

((4-Fluorophenyl)buta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)triisopropylsilane (30)



Following the general procedure, 4-fluorophenylacetylene (18 µL, 0.16 mmol) was reacted with TIPS-EBX reagent **2c** (102.9 mg, 0.24 mmol) to afford the diyne **3o** as colourless oil in 75% yield (35.8 mg, 0.12 mmol). R_f = 0.60 (heptanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 7.52-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 1.11 (s, 21H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 163.2 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 251.8 Hz), 134,9 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.6 Hz), 117.8 (d, ⁴*J*_C.

¹¹ J. P. Marino, H. N. Nguyen, J. Org. Chem. 2002, 67, 6841-6844

 $_{\rm F}$ = 3.7 Hz), 116.0 (d, $^2J_{\rm C-F}$ = 22.3 Hz), 89.5, 88.1, 74.6, 18.7, 11.4; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = -108.6; MS(ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₅FSi: 300.17 [M]⁺; found: 300.25. Analytical data are in accordance to literature¹⁰.

2-((Triisopropylsilyl)buta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)pyridine (3p)



Following the general procedure, 2-ethynylpyridine (17 µL, 0.16 mmol) was reacted with TIPS-EBX reagent **2c** (104.6 mg, 0.24 mmol) to afford the diyne **3p** as slightly yellow coloured oil in 73% yield (33.9 mg, 0.12 mmol). $R_f = 0.35$ (heptanes/EtOAc = 5/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 8.58 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 1.10 (s, 21H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ / ppm = 150.5, 142.3, 136.3, 128.2, 123.6, 89.8, 89.2, 74.5, 74.3, 18.7, 11.4; MS(ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₆NSi: 284.18 [M+H]⁺; found: 284.18. Analytical data are in accordance to literature⁹.

Octa-1,3-diyn-1-ylbenzene (3a')



Following the general procedure, phenylacetylene (18 μ L, 0.16 mmol) was reacted with Butyl-EBX reagent **2e** (89.9 mg, 0.27 mmol) to afford the diyne **3a'** as colourless solid in 73% yield (21.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). Analytical data are identical to **3a** (see above).

4. Selected NMR spectra:



























































