Supporting Information for

Iron-catalyzed aryl- and alkenyllithiation of alkynes and its application to benzosilole synthesis

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General Remarks. All manipulations of oxygen- and moisture-sensitive materials were conducted with a standard Schlenk technique under a nitrogen atmosphere. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were taken on a JEOL JNM LA500 spectrometer (¹H, 500 MHz; ¹³C, 125 MHz) using tetramethylsilane (¹H and ¹³C) as an internal standard. GC spectra were taken on Hewlett-Packard HP6890. GC-MS spectra were taken on Shimazu GCMS-QP5050A. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a Bruker Daltonics microTOF-Q spectrometer (APCI and ESI). Preparative recycling gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was performed with JAI LC-908 equipped with JAIGEL-1H and -2H using chloroform as an eluent. Unless otherwise noted, reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. Diethyl ether and tetrahydrofuran were purified by passing through an alumina/catalyst column system (GlassContour Co.). All the aryl- and alkenyllithiums were prepared from the corresponding halides by halogen-lithium exchange using t-BuLi (1.95 equiv) except otherwise noted.

Preparation of 1-Cyclopentylidenepentyllithium (5c). A solution of 1-iodo-5-decyne¹ (1.12 g, 4.24 mmol) in diethyl ether (10 mL) was placed in a 20 mL Schlenk tube. To this solution was added dropwise over 3 min t-BuLi (1.59 M in pentane, 5.20 mL, 8.27 mmol) at -78 °C. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h, then at -20 °C for 0.5 h and at 30 °C for 3 h. 1-Cyclopentylidenepentyllithium was obtained in 92% yield (0.26 M, 15 mL).

Iron-Catalyzed Aryl- and Alkenyllithiation of Alkynes (Table 2): A General Procedure. A solution of Fe(acac)₃ (14.1 mg, 0.0400 mmol) in diethyl ether (4.0 mL) was placed in a 20 mL Schlenk tube and stirred for 10 min at the temperature specified in Table 2. To this solution was added successively an alkyne (0.80 mmol) and a solution (0.20–0.26 M in diethyl ether or tetrahydrofuran) of an organolithium (1.60 mmol). After the time specified in Table 2, methanol (0.50 mL) was added and stirring was continued for 5 min. A saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution (2 mL) and H₂O (10 mL) were added and the resulting mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (10 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (6 mL) and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was subjected to SiO₂ chromatography (column or thin layer) to give the corresponding aryl- and alkenyllithiation products, whose isomer ratio was determined by GC, GC-MS, and/or ¹H NMR. Analytically pure sample was obtained by GPC purification.

The spectral data of the aryl- and alkenyllithiation products in Tables 1 and 2 are as follows.



(E)-4-(2-Methylphenyl)-4-octene (4am).² A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.29 (sext, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.45 (sext, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 Hz), 1.45 (sext, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 Hz), 1.45 (sext, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 Hz), 1.45 (sext, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.45 (sext,7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.16 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.26 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.24 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.02–7.06 (m, 1 H), 7.08–7.17 (m, 3 H).

> $(E)-4-(2-Pentylphenyl)-4-octene (4cm). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) \delta$ $0.88 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.24–1.38 (m, 6 H), 1.45 (sext, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.51–1.62 (m, 2 H), 2.16 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.56 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.25 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (td, J = 7.1, 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.16 (td, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) <math>\delta$ 14.0, 14.2, 14.4, 21.6, 22.7, 23.2, 30.3, 31.6, 32.2, 33.1, 34.6, 125.1, 126.5, 128.9, 129.5, 130.0, 140.4, 140.6, 144.5. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₁₉H₃₀: M⁺, 258.2342. Found: m/z 258.2340.



(*E*)-4-(2-Isopropylphenyl)-4-octene (4dm). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6 H), 1.30 (sext, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.45 (sext, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.16 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.13 (sept, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (t, *J* =

7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 14.4, 21.5, 23.2, 24.6, 29.7, 30.3, 35.1, 125.0, 125.4, 126.8, 129.3, 129.8, 140.5, 143.7, 146.5. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₁₇H₂₆: M⁺, 230.2029. Found: m/z 230.2034.



(*E*)-4-(4-Methoxy-2-methylphenyl)-4-octene (4em). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 1.29 (sext, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.45 (sext, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.15 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.26 (s, 3 H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.3, 14.6, 20.6,



(*E*)-4-(4-Chloro-2-methylphenyl)-4-octene (4fm). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.26 (sext, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.45 (sext, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.15 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.23 (s, 3 H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 14.3, 21.0, 21.4, 23.1, 30.3, 33.9, 125.4,

129.9, 130.4, 130.6, 131.8, 137.4, 139.7, 143.2. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $C_{15}H_{21}Cl: M^+$, 236.1326. Found: m/z 236.1333.



(*E*)-2-(2-Methylphenyl)-1-phenyl-1-hexene (4an). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR analysis was conducted for a 90:8:2 mixture of 4an, a regioisomer (*E*) of 4an, and the stereoisomer of 4an. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.31 (sext, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H),

Bu Ph 1.34–1.42 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 2.60 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.36 (s, 1 H), 7.17–7.30 (m, 5 H), 7.34–7.42 (m, 4 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 20.1, 23.1, 30.5, 32.6, 125.5, 126.6, 126.8, 128.4, 128.8, 128.9, 129.2, 130.3, 135.3, 138.2, 144.1, 144.3. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂: M⁺, 250.1716. Found: m/z 250.1711. GC-MS (EI): m/s (%): 250 (80) [M⁺], 207 (42), 193 (78), 179 (26), 129 (61), 115 (100), 105 (29), 91 (64).



(E)-1-(2-Methylphenyl)-1-phenyl-1-hexene (Regioisomer of 4an). ¹H NMR analysis was conducted for a 90:8:2 mixture of 4an, a regioisomer (E) of 4an, and the stereoisomer of 4an. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.91 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 2.07 (s, 3 H), 2.34 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 Bu H), 5.70 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H). Other peaks were not distinguished due to overlap. GC-MS (EI): m/s (%): 250 (58) [M⁺], 207 (95), 192 (58), 179 (22), 129 (43), 115 (80), 105 (29), 91 (60), 77 (30).



(Z)-2-(2-Methylphenyl)-1-phenyl-1-hexene (Stereoisomer of 4an). ¹H NMR analysis was conducted for a 90:8:2 mixture of 4an, a regioisomer (E) of 4an, and the stereoisomer of **4an**. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.47 (s, 1 H). Other peaks were not distinguished due to overlap. GC-MS (EI): m/s (%): 251 (47) [MH⁺], 207 (100), 193 (58), 179 (22), 129 (43), 115

(80), 105 (29), 91 (60), 77 (30).



(E)-2-(2-Methylphenyl)-1-phenylpropene (4ao).³ A yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) & 2.22 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 6.41 (s, 1 H), 7.20–7.31 (m, 5 H), 7.38–7.43 (m, 4 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.0, 20.1, 125.8, 126.6, 127.0, 128.2, 128.3, 129.1, 129.3, 130.4, 134.9, 138.2, 139.2, 146.0. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆: M⁺, 208.1247. Found: m/z

208.1243.



(E)-2-(2-Methylphenyl)-1,2-diphenylethene (4ap).³ A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.14 (s, 3 H), 6.63 (s, 1 H), 7.12–7.35 (m, 14 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.6, 125.8, 126.9, 127.2, 127.6, 128.2, 128.3, 129.6, 130.0, 130.26, 130.33, 130.6, 136.4, 137.6, 140.4, 143.1, 144.2. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈: M⁺, 270.1403. Found: m/z

270.1402.



(E)-2,2-Dimethyl-4-(2-methylphenyl)-3-octene (4aq). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.84 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.20 (s, 9 H), 1.20–1.34 (m, 4 H), 2.26 (s, 3 H), 2.43 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 5.20 (s, 1 H), 7.01–7.04 (m, 1 H), 7.08–7.16 (m, 3 H). ¹³C NMR ^tBu (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 19.9, 23.3, 30.8, 31.6, 32.4, 33.0, 125.2, 126.2, 129.1, 130.0, 135.3, 139.7, 140.1, 145.7. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₁₇H₂₆: M⁺, 230.2029. Found: m/z 230.2029.

(E)-4-Hexyl-2,3-dimethyl-2,4-undecadiene (6ar). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.22–1.38 (m, 16 H), 1.65 (s, 3 H), 1.66 (s, 6 H), 2.02 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.07 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.00 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H). Hex Hex ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 14.3, 18.7, 20.2, 22.1, 22.92, 22.94, 27.9, 28.5, 29.3, 29.9, 30.0, 30.2, 32.08, 32.13, 125.2, 127.0, 132.5, 142.7. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₁₉H₃₆: M⁺, 264.2812. Found: m/z 264.2810.



(E)-7-(2-Methyl-1-cyclohexenyl)-7-tetradecene (6br). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.882 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 0.884 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.20–1.38 (m, 16 H), 1.55–1.62 (m, 4 H), 1.58 (s, 3 H), 1.93–1.99 (m, 4 H), 2.03 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 5.02 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 14.3, 20.9, 22.8,

22.9, 23.5, 23.6, 27.9, 28.5, 29.2, 29.8, 29.9, 30.1, 30.3, 31.6, 31.99, 32.02, 126.7, 127.2, 134.9, 141.9. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $C_{21}H_{38}$: M⁺, 290.2968. Found: m/z 290.2976.

Bu (*E*)-6-Cyclopentylidene-5-propyl-4-decene (6cm). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3 H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.21–1.33 (m, 6 H), 1.38 (sext, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.52 (quint, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.63 (quint, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 1.97–2.06 (m, 6 H), 2.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4 H), 5.08 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 14.3, 14.6, 21.9, 22.8, 23.3, 26.6, 27.0, 30.0, 30.1, 30.5, 31.5, 31.7, 32.4, 128.2, 134.7, 137.7, 141.1. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₁₈H₃₂: M⁺, 248.2499. Found: m/z 248.2505.

Bu Bu Pl (*E*)-3-Cyclopentylidene-2-butyl-1-phenyl-1-heptene (6cn). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR analysis was conducted for a 94:6 mixture of 6cn and a regioisomer (*E*) of 6cn. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3 H), 1.25–1.40 (m, 8 H), 1.57 (quint, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.68 (quint, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.11 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H),

2.25–2.35 (m, 6 H), 6.20 (s, 1 H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 14.3, 22.8, 23.2, 26.5, 27.1, 29.6, 30.2, 30.6, 30.7, 31.6, 32.5, 126.0, 127.7, 128.2, 128.8, 134.4, 138.8, 139.0, 145.0. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₂₂H₃₂: M⁺, 296.2499. Found: m/z 296.2502. GC-MS (EI): m/z (%): 296 (17) [M⁺], 267 (2), 239 (78), 225 (2), 183 (92), 169 (32), 155 (20), 141 (38), 129 (28), 115 (20), 91 (100), 79 (23).

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(*E*)-7-Cyclopentylidene-6-phenyl-5-undecene (Regioisomer of 6cn). ¹H NMR analysis was conducted for a 94:6 mixture of 6cn and a regioisomer (*E*) of 6cn. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.836 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 0.843 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 5.44 (t, *J* = 7.3

Hz, 1 H). Other peaks were not distinguished due to overlap. GC-MS (EI): m/s (%): 296 (10) [M⁺], 225 (48), 169 (100), 141 (24), 91 (40).

Aryllithiation Followed by Reaction with Electrophiles (Scheme 3): A General Procedure. A solution of $Fe(acac)_3$ (7.1 mg, 0.020 mmol) in diethyl ether (2.0 mL) was placed in a 10 mL Schlenk tube and stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. To this solution was added successively 4-octyne (44.1 mg, 0.400 mmol) and a solution of *o*-tolyllithium (0.23 M in diethyl ether, 3.5 mL, 0.80 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 1.5 h. An electrophile (0.88 mmol) was added at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at the time and temperature specified in Scheme 3. A saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution (2 mL) and H₂O (10 mL) were added and the resulting mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (10 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (6 mL) and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was subjected to SiO₂ chromatography to give the corresponding products. Analytically pure sample was obtained by GPC purification.



(Z)-3-(2-Methylphenyl)-1-phenyl-2-propyl-2-hexen-1-ol (9a). A yellow oil. Observed as two conformers in 58/42 ratio in ¹H NMR. The underlined peaks could not be characterized to each conformer. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87/0.79 (t, J = 7.4/7.2 Hz, 3 H), 0.90/0.89 (t, J = 7.4/7.4 Hz, 3 H), <u>1.13–1.46 (m, 4 H)</u>, <u>1.92–2.10</u>

(m, 3 H), 2.33/2.26 (s, 3 H), 2.36–2.51 (m, 1 H), 5.17/5.16 (d, J = 3.8/3.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.02–7.05/7.06–7.08 (m, 1 H), 7.15–7.31 (m, 8 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) & 14.55, 14.64, 14.9, 15.0, 19.8, 19.9, 21.2, 21.3, 24.1, 24.5, 29.57, 29.64, 35.5, 36.4, 74.1, 74.4, 125.49, 125.54, 125.7, 126.0, 126.7, 126.8, 126.9, 127.0, 128.0, 128.1, 129.5, 129.7, 130.2, 130.5, 130.49, 135.54, 137.4, 138.1, 139.5, 141.0, 141.6, 141.8, 143.0, 143.5. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{22}H_{28}ONa$: [M+Na]⁺, 331.2032. Found: m/z 331.2038.

(Z)-4-Bromo-5-(2-methylphenyl)-4-octene (9b). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.28–1.48 (m, 2 H), 1.70 (sext, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.21 (ddd, J = 16.4, 11.8, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.23 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (ddd, J = 13.6, 10.2, 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.58 (dt, J = 14.2, 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.69 (dt, J = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.02 (dd, J = 6.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.15–7.21 (m, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.4, 14.2, 19.4, 21.2, 22.0, 36.9, 39.0, 125.6, 125.7, 127.0, 128.4, 130.1, 135.0, 140.3, 143.5. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₁₅H₂₁Br: M⁺, 280.0821, 282.0802. Found: m/z 280.0822, 282.0805.

Iron-Catalyzed Benzosilole Synthesis through Aryllithiation-Cyclization (Table 3 and Scheme 4): A General Procedure. A solution of Fe(acac)₃ (7.1 mg, 0.020 mmol) in diethyl ether (2.0 mL) was placed in a 10 mL Schlenk tube and stirred for 10 min at the temperature specified in Table 3 and Scheme 4. To this solution was added successively an alkyne (0.40 mmol) and a solution (0.20–0.26 M in diethyl ether) of an o-(trimethylsilyl)phenyllithium (0.64 mmol). After the time specified in Table 3 and Scheme 4, methanol (0.50 mL) was added and stirring was continued for 5 min. A saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution (2 mL) and H₂O (10 mL) were added and the resulting mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (10 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (6 mL) and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was subjected to SiO₂ chromatography to give the corresponding benzosiloles, whose isomer ratio was determined by GC, GC-MS, and/or ¹H NMR. Analytically pure sample was obtained by GPC purification.



1,1-Dimethyl-2,3-dipropyl-1*H***-benzo[***b***]silole (11am).⁴ A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) \delta 0.29 (s, 6 H), 0.96 (t,** *J* **= 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 0.99 (t,** *J* **= 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.52 (sext,** *J* **= 7.5, 2 H), 1.53 (sext,** *J* **= 7.4, 2 H), 2.38 (t,** *J* **= 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.51 (t,** *J* **= 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (t,** *J* **= 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (d,** *J* **= 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (t,** *J* **= 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d,** *J* **=**

7.0 Hz, 1 H).



1,1,3-Trimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H***-benzo**[*b*]**silole** (**11ao**).⁴ A colorless oil. ¹H NMR analysis was conducted for a 97:3 mixture of **11ao** and its regioisomer (**11ao**').¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.34 (s, 6 H), 2.13 (s, 3 H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.22 (tt, *J* = 7.5, 1.2

Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (td, J = 6.9, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (tt, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.40–7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.56 (dt, J = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1 H). GC-MS (EI): m/s (%): 250 (72) [M⁺], 235 (100).



1,1,2-Trimethyl-3-phenyl-1*H***-benzo**[*b*]**silole** (**11ao**').⁴ A colorless oil. ¹H NMR analysis was conducted for a 97:3 mixture of **11ao** and **11ao**'. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.35 (s, 6 H), 1.83 (s, 3 H). Other peaks were not distinguished due to overlap. GC-MS (EI): m/s

(%): 250 (100) [M⁺], 236 (69), 135 (68).



3-Butyl-1,1-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H***-benzo**[*b*]**silole** (11an).⁴ A colorless oil. ¹H NMR analysis was conducted for a 94:6 mixture of 11an and its regioisomer (11an'). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.32 (s, 6 H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.31 (sext, J = 7.4, 2 H), 1.49–1.58 (m, 2 H), 2.51 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.11 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (td, J = 6.9, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (td, J = 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H),7.56 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H). GC-MS (EI): m/s (%): 292 (90) [M⁺], 277 (35), 250 (100), 233 (49).



2-Butyl-1,1-dimethyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*b*]silole (11an').⁴ A colorless oil. ¹H NMR analysis was conducted for a 94:6 mixture of **11an** and **11an'**. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.39 (s, 6 H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 2.23 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H). Other peaks were not distinguished due to overlap. GC-MS (EI): m/s (%): 292 (100) [M⁺], 249 (68), 233 (69),

221 (38), 191 (24), 165 (21), 135 (65).



1,1-Dimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*b*]silole (11ap).⁴ A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.47 (s, 6 H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.06 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.19 (dt, J = 6.7, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.22-7.36 (m, 5 H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz)1 H).



3-Butyl-2-(1-hexynyl)-1,1-dimethyl-1H-benzo[b]silole (11as). An yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.33 (s, 6 H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 1.39–1.62 (m, 8 H), 2.48 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.75 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.22 (ddd, J = 6.9, 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.48 (dt, J = 6.8, 1.0 Hz, 1 H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –4.3, 13.8, 14.2, 20.1, 22.1, 23.1, 29.8, 31.0, 31.5, 79.5, 100.8, 122.0, 123.2, 127.0, 129.9, 131.8, 138.1, 149.0, 162.6. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₂₀H₂₈Si: M⁺, 296.1955. Found: m/z 296.1951.



5-Fluoro-1,1,3-trimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*b*]silole (11bo). A colorless solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.33 (s, 6 H), 2.09 (s, 3 H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 9.7, 7.8, 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (dd, J = 10.6, 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.48 (dd, J = 7.7, 6.4 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)

 δ -3.8, 14.4, 109.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 21.6 Hz), 113.0 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 20.6 Hz), 126.0, 128.0, 128.5, 132.6 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$ = 8.2 Hz), 133.2 (d, ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 3.6$ Hz), 140.8, 144.9, 147.4 (d, ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 3.1$ Hz), 153.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 7.2$ Hz), 165.3 (d, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 3.1$ Hz), 153.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 7.2$ Hz), 165.3 (d, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 3.1$ Hz) = 245.2 Hz). HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $C_{17}H_{17}FSi: M^+$, 268.1078. Found: m/z 268.1075.



1,4-Bis[2-(1,1-dimethyl-3-butyl-1*H*-benzo[*b*]silolyl)]benzene (13am). A colorless solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.37 (s, 12 H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 6 H), 1.35 (sext, J = 7.3 Hz, 4 H), 1.58 (quint, J = 7.7 Hz, 4 H), 2.59 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4 H), 7.12 (s, 4 H), 7.24 (td, J = 7.1, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.40

(t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H).¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -3.7,

13.9, 23.0, 27.7, 31.6, 122.2, 126.4, 127.7, 129.9, 131.7, 138.6, 139.0, 142.7, 150.1, 153.1. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₃₄H₄₃Si₂: MH⁺, 507.2898. Found: m/z 507.2883.



1-[2-(1,1-Dimethyl-3-butyl-1*H***-benzo**[*b*]**silolyl**)]**-4-[3-(1,1-dimethyl-2-butyl-1***H***-benzo**[*b*]**silolyl**)]**benzene** (**13am**'). A colorless solid. ¹H NMR analysis was conducted for a 84:16 mixture of **13am**' and **13am**. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.38 (s, 6 H), 0.41 (s, 6 H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.27 (sext, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.34 (sext, *J* = 7.3

Hz, 2 H), 1.45 (quint, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.58 (quint, J = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.59 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.18 (s, 4 H), 7.22–7.45 (m, 6 H), 7.52–7.63 (m, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –3.8, –3.3, 13.9, 14.0, 22.9, 23.0, 27.7, 30.1, 31.6, 32.8, 122.2, 123.2, 126.0, 126.4, 127.6, 127.8, 129.2, 129.7, 129.9, 131.5, 135.5, 138.0, 139.0, 140.0, 142.8, 144.6, 150.0, 151.4, 153.1, 153.3. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₃₄H₄₃Si₂: MH⁺, 506.2898. Found: m/z 507.2990.



1,3,5-Tris[2-(1,1,3-trimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*b*]silolyl)]benzene (13an). A colorless solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.38 (s, 18 H), 2.23 (s, 9 H), 6.85 (s, 3 H), 7.26 (td, *J* = 6.7, 2.1 Hz, 3 H), 7.41 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 3 H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3 H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –3.6, 14.8, 121.9, 125.3, 126.6, 130.0, 131.5, 138.3, 140.8, 142.9, 148.2, 151.1. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₃₉H₄₂Si₃: M⁺, 594.2667. Found: m/z 595.2660.

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NMR Spectra of the Products

4am







4cm







4cm



¹³C NMR







¹H NMR



4dm



¹³C NMR



4em











4fm











4an + regioisomer (*E*) of 4an + stereoisomer of 4an (90:8:2)







4an + regioisomer (*E*) of 4an + stereoisomer of 4an (90:8:2)



¹³C NMR



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