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## Supplementary Information

## A versatile iodo(III)etherification of terminal ethynylsilanes using BF<sub>3</sub>–O<sup>*i*</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub> and alkyl benzyl ether

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## **General**

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed under an atmosphere of dinitrogen. Solvents were dehydrated according to standard methods. Materials were obtained from common commercial suppliers, stored under dinitrogen, and used as received. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a BRUKER DPX400 spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H: 400 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C: 100.5 MHz) or a JEOL JNM-ECS400 (<sup>1</sup>H: 400 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C: 100.5 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Chemical shift values ( $\delta$  ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C are referenced to the resonances of the residual non-deuterated solvent as the internal standard (<sup>1</sup>H: CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  7.26; <sup>13</sup>C: CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  77.16). NMR data is reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet; coupling constants in Hz; integration. Mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL D-300 mass spectrometer (FAB-MS) or a JMS-T100TD (ESI+). IR spectra were recorded on JEOL JIR-100 FT-IR or HORIBA FT-IR 720 spectrometer. GC data were obtained from a HITACHI 263-50 gas chromatograph (column: 10% SE-30.2 mm × 2 m). Melting points were measured on a Yanaco MP-J3 apparatus.

Iodosylbenzene was prepared from iodobenzene diacetate according to a reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> Benzyl isopropyl ether,<sup>2</sup> benzyl *tert*-butyl ether,<sup>2</sup> benzyl 2-phenylethyl ether,<sup>3</sup> and benzyl 3-phenylpropyl ether<sup>4</sup> were prepared according to reported procedures. Benzyl cyclohexylmethyl ether was prepared using a method similar to that of other alkyl benzyl ethers. The spectra of the thus obtained product were in good agreement with reported values.<sup>5</sup>

#### Preparation of boron trifluoride diisopropyl etherate (BF<sub>3</sub>-O'Pr<sub>2</sub>)

An ice-cooled solution of  ${}^{i}Pr_{2}O$  (7.00 g, 68.5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) was aerated with BF<sub>3</sub> gas generated from a mixture of NaBF<sub>4</sub> (30.0 g, 273 mmol), B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (6.00 g, 86.2 mmol), and conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (30 mL) heated to 180 °C<sup>6</sup> for approximately 10 min. Removal of all volatiles under reduced pressure afforded BF<sub>3</sub>–O<sup>*i*</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub> (7.90 g, 68% yield) as a colorless, hygroscopic, crystalline solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.43 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6*H*), 4.47–4.61 (m, 1*H*). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.2, 76.1.

#### Procedure for the reactions in Table 1

A solution of the BF<sub>3</sub>–ether complex (1.6–3.2 eq.) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.5 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of trialkylethynylsilane (0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and iodosylbenzene (1.6–3.2 eq.) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.5 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. After the disappearance of trialkylethynylsilane was confirmed by GC, the reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NaBF<sub>4</sub> (2 mL). The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 3 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with water (2 mL), filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Trituration of the residue with hexane afforded spectroscopically pure products. Recrystallization was performed for data collection.

The procedure was slightly modified for entry 6: The reaction was quenched with cold water. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 3 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with a cold saturated aqueous solution of NaBr (3 × 2 mL), followed by a saturated aqueous solution of

NaBF<sub>4</sub> ( $3 \times 2$  mL), and water (2 mL). The organic phase was filtered, and all volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. Trituration of the residue with hexane afforded spectroscopically pure products. Recrystallization was performed for data collection.

#### Procedure for the reactions in Tables 2, 3, 4

*Method A*: A solution of the BF<sub>3</sub>–ether complex (1.5 mmol, 3.0 eq.) and the dialkylether (5.1 mmol, 10 eq.) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.5 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of ethynyltrimethylsilane (50 mg, 0.51 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and iodosylbenzene (336 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 eq.) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.5 mL). The reaction solution was allowed to warm to room temperature. After the disappearance of ethynyltrimethylsilane was confirmed by GC, the reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NaBF<sub>4</sub> (2 mL). The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 3 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (2 mL), filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Trituration of the residue with hexane afforded the iodonium salts. In the cases where the product was a mixture, the yield was calculated based on the <sup>1</sup>H NMR integration values. Recrystallization was performed for data collection.

*Method B*: A solution of the BF<sub>3</sub>-ether complex (1.5 mmol, 3.0 eq.) and the dialkylether (5.1 mmol, 10 eq.) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3.5 mL) was heated to 50 °C under a dinitrogen atmosphere at ambient pressure until all  $CH_2Cl_2$  was evaporated. Another portion of  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3.5 mL) was added to the residue and removed again. More  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3.5 mL) was added to the residue, and this solution was added dropwise to an ice-cold mixture of ethynyltrimethylsilane (50 mg, 0.51 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and iodosylbenzene (336 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 eq.) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3.5 mL). The subsequent operations were the same as in Method A.

## Characterization Data of λ<sup>3</sup>-iodanes

(*E*)-(2-Ethoxy-1-(trimethylsilyl)vinyl)(phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate  $(1a)^7$  and (*E*)-(2-Phenylehoxy-1-(trimethylsilyl)vinyl)(phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate  $(1b)^8$  are known compounds.

## (E)-(2-Butoxy-1-(trimethylsilyl)vinyl)(phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate (1c)

<sup>†</sup>Ph BF<sub>4</sub> <sup>n</sup>BuO SiMe<sub>3</sub>

colorless crystalline solid (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / hexane); **mp** 118.5–119°C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.17 (s, 9*H*), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4Hz, 3*H*), 1.36–1.46 (m, 2*H*), 1.67–1.74 (m, 2*H*), 4.28 (t, *J* = 6.5Hz, 2*H*), 7.42–7.47 (m, 2*H*), 7.55–7.59 (m, 1*H*), 7.90–7.93 (m, 2*H*), 8.22 (s, 1*H*); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.0, 13.6, 18.8, 31.7, 76.6, 94.4, 110.7, 132.0, 132.2, 133.8, 176.1; **IR** (KBr) 1577, 1083, 842 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS-FAB** (*m/z*) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OSiI [(M–BF<sub>4</sub>)+] 375.0641, Found 375.0643; *Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>IOSi: C, 38.98; H, 5.23; I, 27.46. Found: C, 38.68; H, 5.26; I, 27.49.

## (E)-(2-Isopropoxy-1-(trimethylsilyl)vinyl)(phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate (1d)

O SiMe<sub>3</sub>

colorless crystalline solid (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / hexane); **mp** 154–155°C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.17 (s, 9*H*), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6*H*), 4.56–4.62 (m, 1*H*), 7.43–7.48 (m, 2*H*), 7.56–7.61 (m, 1*H*), 7.88–7.92 (m, 2*H*), 8.26 (s, 1*H*); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (100.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.0, 22.5, 80.6, 94.5, 110.6, 132.0, 132.2, 133.7, 174.8; **IR** (KBr) 1577, 1083, 842 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS-FAB** (*m*/*z*) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSiI [(M–BF<sub>4</sub>)+] 361.0485, Found 361.0485; *Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>IOSi: C, 37.52; H, 4.95; I, 28.32. Found: C, 37.23; H, 4.93; I, 28.30.

## (E)-(1-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-ethoxyvinyl)(phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate (1e)

colorless crystalline solid (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / hexane); **mp** 164–165°C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.19 (s, 6*H*), 0.80 (s, 9*H*), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3*H*), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2*H*), 7.45–7.49 (m, 2*H*), 7.59–7.62 (m, 1*H*), 7.91–7.93 (m, 2*H*), 8.38 (s, 1*H*); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  – 3.5, 15.3, 18.5, 26.6, 72.6, 93.3, 111.5, 132.0, 132.3, 134.3, 177.2; **IR** (KBr) 1573, 1216, 1051, 844, 825 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS-FAB** (*m*/*z*) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>OSiI [(M–BF<sub>4</sub>)+] 389.07976, Found 389.07916.

#### Phenyl(4-phenoxyphenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate (3)

colorless crystalline solid (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / Et<sub>2</sub>O); **mp** 136–137°C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.96–7.00 (m, 2*H*), 7.02–7.06 (m, 2*H*), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1*H*), 7.38–7.43 (m, 2*H*), 7.43–7.48 (m, 2*H*), 7.58–7.63 (m, 1*H*), 7.95–7.98 (m, 2*H*), 7.99–8.03 (m, 2*H*); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 102.0, 112.9, 120.6, 121.0, 125.6, 130.4, 132.5, 132.7, 134.9, 137.8, 154.4, 162.2; **HRMS-FAB** (*m*/*z*) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OI [(M–BF<sub>4</sub>)+] 373.0089, Found 373.0045.

### (E)-(2-Methoxy-1-(trimethylsilyl)vinyl)(phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate (1f)

MeO SiMe<sub>3</sub>

colorless crystalline solid (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / hexane); **mp** 131–133°C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.16 (s, 9*H*), 4.05 (s, 3*H*), 7.42–7.47 (m, 2*H*), 7.55–7.60 (m, 1*H*), 7.90–7.94 (m, 2*H*), 8.17 (s, 1*H*); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.1, 63.2, 95.3, 110.6, 132.1, 132.3, 133.9, 177.0; **IR** (KBr) 1573, 1083, 844 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS-FAB** (*m/z*) Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSiI [(M–BF<sub>4</sub>)+] 333.0172, Found 333.0173.

(E)-(2-Cyclohexylmethyloxy-1-(trimethylsilyl)vinyl)(phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate (1g)



colorless crystalline solid (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / hexane); **mp** 134–136°C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.19 (s, 9*H*), 0.97–1.07 (m, 2*H*), 1.13–1.32 (m, 3*H*), 1.66–1.79 (m, 6*H*), 4.09 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2*H*), 7.44–7.49 (m, 2*H*), 7.58–7.62 (m, 1*H*), 7.87–7.91 (m, 2*H*), 8.18 (s, 1*H*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.0, 25.6, 26.2, 29.2, 82.2, 94.2, 110.7, 132.0, 132.2, 133.7, 176.3; **IR** (KBr) 1577, 1083, 842 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS-FAB** (*m*/*z*) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>OSiI [(M–BF<sub>4</sub>)+] 415.0954, Found 415.0965.

### (E)-(2-Benzyloxy-1-(trimethylsilyl)vinyl)(phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate (1h)



orange oil (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / hexane); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.12 (s, 9*H*), 5.27 (s, 2*H*), 7.31–7.41 (m, 7*H*), 7.51 (t, J = 7.4Hz, 1*H*), 7.85 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2*H*), 8.27 (s, 1*H*) ; <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.0, 77.6, 95.9, 110.8, 128.4, 128.8, 128.9, 131.9, 132.1, 133.8, 135.4, 175.3; **IR** (neat) 1571, 1066, 848 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS-FAB** 

(m/z) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSiI [ $(M-BF_4)+$ ] 409.0485, Found 409.0499.

(E)-(2-(3-Phenylpropyloxy)-1-(trimethylsilyl)vinyl)(phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate (1i)



orange oil (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / hexane); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.20 (s, 9*H*), 1.99–2.06 (m, 2*H*), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2*H*), 4.30 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2*H*), 7.16–7.21 (m, 3*H*), 7.26–7.31 (m, 2*H*), 7.39–7.44 (m, 2*H*), 7.51–7.56 (m, 1*H*), 7.90–7.94 (m, 2*H*), 8.23 (s, 1*H*); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.1, 31.5, 31.8, 75.8, 94.6, 110.9, 126.2, 128.5, 128.6, 132.0, 132.2, 133.9, 141.0, 175.8; **HRMS-FAB** (*m/z*) Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>OSiI [(M–BF<sub>4</sub>)+] 437.0798, Found 437.0772.

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## <sup>1</sup>H NMR: **1e** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)













<sup>1</sup>H NMR: **1f** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)









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