# REACTIONS OF (TRIPHENYLSTANNYL)CARBODIIMIDES AND -CYANA-MIDE WITH ORGANIC HALIDES AND ISOTHIOCYANATES

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#### SUMMARY

Although the reaction of bis(triphenylstannyl)carbodiimide (I) with alkyl halides was not found to be a general route to dialkylcarbodiimides, some interesting reactions of (I) with alkyl halides were uncovered. Whereas the reaction of (I) with trityl chloride afforded ditritylcarbodiimide in high yield, the reaction of (I) with benzyl bromide afforded a novel dibenzylcyanamide/triphenyltin bromide complex (IV). The reaction of N-(triphenylstannyl)-N'-tritylcarbodiimide (II) with trityl chloride also afforded ditritylcarbodiimide, but the reaction of (I) with benzyl bromide afforded a benzyltritylcyanamide/triphenyltin bromide complex (V). The complexes (IV) and (V) were prepared also by the reaction of triphenyltin bromide with the corresponding dialkylcyanamide. Some evidence that the nitrile nitrogen, rather than the amino nitrogen, is bonded to tin in these complexes was found. The reaction of (triphenylstannyl)cyanamide (III) with trityl chloride and triethylamine gave ditritylcarbodiimide along with a small amount of (II).

The reaction of (I) with phenyl isothiocyanate afforded N-phenyl-N'-(triphenylstannyl)-N'-cyano-S-(triphenylstannyl)isothiourea. (III) was found to react with organic isothiocyanates to give N-substituted N'-cyano-S-(triphenylstannyl)isothioureas. The order of reactivity of organic isothiocyanates in this reaction was determined. N-Phenyl-N'-cyano-S-(triphenylstannyl)isothiourea was found to decompose in refluxing benzene to give bis(triphenyltin) sulfide and a 1,3,5-thiadiazine derivative. Some evidence for the mechanism of this novel reaction was found.

#### INTRODUCTION

We recently described<sup>1</sup> some methods of preparation and some reactions of bis(triphenylstannyl)carbodiimide(I), N-(triphenylstannyl)-N'-tritylcarbodiimide(II), and (triphenylstannyl)cyanamide (III). The only other organotin carbodiimides reported in the literature are bis(triethylstannyl)carbodiimide<sup>2.3</sup> and bis(trimethyl-stannyl)carbodiimide<sup>4</sup>. No other organotin cyanamides have been reported. Like other organotin–nitrogen compounds<sup>5</sup>, organotin–carbodiimides and –cyanamides are potentially useful as synthetic reagents, which makes a study of their reactions a

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most worthwhile endeavor. In addition to the reactions of (I), (II), and (III) described in our previous paper<sup>1</sup>, only the reactions of bis(triethylstannyl)carbodiimide with cyanamide<sup>2</sup>, triethyltin chloride<sup>2</sup>, and salts of some metals<sup>6</sup> have been described.

Pommier et al.<sup>7</sup> have reported that the reactions of (diethylamino)tributyltin with alkyl halides yield the corresponding tributyltin halide and diethylalkylamine. Cleavage of the tin-nitrogen bond in (dialkylamino)butylstannanes by alkyl halides was also observed by Lorberth<sup>8</sup>. These results suggested to us that the reactions of (I) with alkyl halides might possibly afford a general route to dialkylcarbodiimides, a very important class of compounds<sup>9</sup>. The reactions of (II) and (III) with alkyl halides were also considered of interest.

Organotin-nitrogen compounds are known to react with organic isothiocyanates<sup>10,12</sup>.

$$R_3SnNR'_2 + R''NCS \rightarrow R_3SnSC(NR'')NR'_2$$

Organotin--oxygen compounds react with isothiocyanates in a similar fashion<sup>11</sup>. It was of interest to study the reactions of (I), (II), and (III) with isothiocyanates to determine if analogous products containing the cyano group could be obtained and, if so, to determine, in a preliminary way, if such products might have some synthetic utility.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### A. Reactions with alkyl halides

The reaction of (I) with trityl chloride (1/2 mole ratio) in ethyl ether at  $26^{\circ}$  did, indeed, afford a 74% yield of ditritylcarbodiimide; the other product was triphenyltin chloride (78%):

$$\begin{array}{c} (C_6H_5)_3 \text{SnNCNSn}(C_6H_5)_3 + 2(C_6H_5)_3 \text{CCl} \to (C_6H_5)_3 \text{CNCNC}(C_6H_5)_3 + \\ (I) & 2(C_6H_5)_3 \text{SnCl} & (I) \end{array}$$

Ditritylcarbodiimide was prepared previously<sup>14</sup> by the reaction of trityl chloride with cyanamide in pyridine for 6 days at  $37^{\circ}$ . The reaction of (I) with trityl chloride (1/1 mole ratio) gave ditritylcarbodiimide (11%), (II) (63%), and triphenyltin chloride (59%). The reaction of (II) with trityl chloride gave ditritylcarbodiimide (85%) and triphenyltin chloride (61%):

$$(C_6H_5)_3SnNCNC(C_6H_5)_3 + (C_6H_5)_3CCl \rightarrow (C_6H_5)_3CNCNC(C_6H_5)_3 + (II) \qquad (C_6H_5)_3SnCl \qquad (2)$$

No reaction was observed between (I) and benzyl bromide (1/1 mole ratio) in ethyl ether at 26°. The reaction of (I) with benzyl bromide (1/2 mole ratio) in refluxing acceonitrile gave a 57% yield of a novel complex (IV) composed of one mole of dibenzylcyanamide and one mole of triphenyltin bromide; the other product was triphenyltin bromide (98%):

$$(I) + 2 C_6 H_5 C H_2 Br \rightarrow (C_6 H_5 C H_2)_2 N C N \cdot (C_6 H_5)_3 S n Br + (C_6 H_5)_3 S n Br \quad (3)$$

$$(IV)$$

The complex (IV) was stable to the water in the air and could be recrystallized from n-pentane. Recrystallization of (IV) from isopropanol, on the other hand, caused decomposition to dibenzylcyanamide (79%) and triphenyltin bromide (71%). The complex (IV) was prepared unambiguously in 97% yield by allowing dibenzyl-cyanamide to react with triphenyltin bromide in refluxing acetonitrile. The reaction of (II) with benzyl bromide in refluxing acetonitrile also produced a complex (V) (21%):

$$(II) + C_6H_5CH_2Br \rightarrow (C_6H_5)_3NCN \cdot (C_6H_5)_3SnBr$$

$$(4)$$

$$CH_2C_6H_5 \quad (V)$$

(V) was prepared also in 29% yield by the reaction of benzyltritylcyanamide with triphenyltin bromide. Like (IV), the complex (V) was stable to the water in the air and, furthermore, could even be recrystallized from ethanol.

The reaction of (I) with ethyl iodide (1/4 mole ratio) in refluxing acetonitrile gave triethyltin iodide (77%), but no diethylcyanamide/triphenyltin iodide complex could be isolated. The IR spectrum of the material remaining after removal of the triphenyltin iodide and solvent showed strong bands at 914 and 900 cm<sup>-1</sup> (SnOH)<sup>15</sup> and 2179 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CN)<sup>16</sup>, which indicates that the complex was probably formed but was hydrolyzed either by adventitious water present in the solvent or by water from the air. When the reaction was tried with ethyl bromide, 63% of (I) was recovered unchanged, and neither a complex nor triphenyltin bromide could be isolated. The IR spectrum of the reaction mixture, however, did indicate the presence of small amounts of the hydrolysis products of the complex. No reaction was observed between (II) and ethyl iodide in refluxing acetonitrile; (II) was previously observed to be less reactive than (I) in other reactions<sup>1</sup>.

The fact that (I) and (II) react with trityl chloride to give ditritylcarbodiimide, while the reactions of these substances with benzyl bromide afford complexes, is probably due to the steric bulk of the trityl group which prevents two of such groups from occupying the same nitrogen atom.

The reaction of (III) with trityl chloride and triethylamine (1/1/2 mole ratio) in benzene at 26° gave triethylamine hydrochloride (56%), ditritylcarbodiimide (38%), and (II) (5%).

The NMR and IR spectra of (IV) and (V) suggest that the nitrile nitrogen rather than the amino nitrogen is bonded to tin in these complexes. The chemical shift of the methylene protons in the dialkylcyanamides did not change upon complex formation. A downfield shift would have been expected if the amino nitrogen were bonded to tin, owing to the -I effect of the now positive nitrogen. On the other hand, the nitrile stretching frequency in the complexes was 15 cm<sup>-1</sup> higher than the values observed in the dialkylcyanamides. This value is about half of that observed for complexes of tin tetrachloride with tetrakis(2-cyanoethyl)tin<sup>17</sup> and organic nitriles<sup>18,19</sup>. The magnitude of the shift to higher frequency increases with the strength of the nitrogen-metal bond<sup>18</sup> and decreases with the electron-donating ability of the group attached to the nitrile carbon<sup>19</sup>. The smaller increase in the case of (IV) and (V) is therefore probably due to the fact that triphenyltin bromide is a weaker Lewis acid than tin tetrachloride<sup>20</sup> and also to the fact that the dialkylamino group is electron-donating. A theoretical explanation for the increase in the nitrile stretching frequency on complex formation has been given by Purcell and Drago<sup>21</sup>. In both (IV) and (V) the phenyl ring vibration occurs as a sharp singlet at  $451 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , whereas triphenyltin bromide shows splitting in this region. Triphenyltin fluoride, which has a polymeric structure<sup>22</sup>, also shows a singlet in this region<sup>23</sup>.

## B. Reactions with isothiocyanates

(I) was found to react with phenyl isothiocyanate in benzene at  $26^{\circ}$  to give N-phenyl-N'-(triphenylstannyl)-N'-cyano-S-(triphenylstannyl)isothiourea (VI)(78%) eqn. (5). (VI) was identified by elemental analysis, by its IR spectrum, and by its

$$(I) + C_6 H_5 NCS \rightarrow C_6 H_5 N \approx CSSn(C_6 H_5)_3$$
(5)  
$$(C_6 H_5)_3 SnNCN$$
(VI)

reaction with water to give triphenyltin hydroxide and N-phenyl-N'-cyano-S-(triphenylstannyl)isothiourea (VIII) (82%), eqn. (6). The tin-nitrogen bond in

(VI) is very hydrolytically unstable. An attempt to carry out reaction (5) in acetonitrile resulted in the formation of (VIII) (54%) and triphenyltin hydroxide (57%). Hydrolysis of (VI) in this case may have been caused by adventitious water present in the solvent (which was dried over molecular sieves) or by water from the air, which could have reacted with (VI) during removal of the solvent. (VIII) could also have been formed by reaction of (VI) with the acetonitrile; nitriles having an  $\alpha$ -hydrogen are known to behave as protic species towards the tin–nitrogen bond<sup>24</sup>. (II) did not react with phenyl isothiocyanate in ethyl ether at 26° for 23 h (91% of (II) was recovered unchanged), which further demonstrates the lower reactivity of (II) compared to (I).

It was found that (VIII) and other N-substituted N'-cyano-S-(triphenylstannyl)isothioureas could be prepared by the reaction of (III) with the corresponding organic isothiocyanate (Table 1). The order of reactivity of organic isothiocyanates in this reaction was found to be p-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NCS > C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NCS > C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NCS  $\approx$ p-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NCS > C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NCS. This reactivity sequence is based on product isolation and on an IR study of each reaction, in which the disappearance of the isothiocyanate band at about 4.8  $\mu$  was followed. The reactivity sequence is consistent with a mechanism involving slow formation of the following polar transition state:

The much higher reactivity of *p*-nitrophenyl isothiocyanate compared to ethyl isothiocyanate is probably due to the ability of the *p*-nitrophenyl group to

#### TABLE 1

## N-SUBSTITUTED N'-CYANO-S-(TRIPHENYLSTANNYL)ISOTHIOUREAS<sup>a</sup>

 $(C_6H_5)_3SnNHCN+RNCS \rightarrow RN=CSSn(C_6H_5)_3$ 

(III)		NHCN							
No.	R	Reaction	Yield	М.р. ( <sup>9</sup> С)5	Elemental analysis, found (calcd.) (%)				
		time (h)	(%) <sup>»</sup>	(° <i>C</i> ) <sup>c</sup>	C	Н	N	S	Sn
(VII)	p-O₂NC <sub>6</sub> H₄	24	79	159-162 <sup>d</sup>	54.66 (54.67)	3.45 (3.53)	9.76 (9.81)	5.76 (5.61)	21.11 (20.78)
(VIII)	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	72	55 <sup>e</sup>	147–148	59.36 (59.34)	4.09 (4.02)	`7.90 <sup>´</sup> (7.99)	6.35 (6.09)	22.48 (22.55)
(IX)	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	72	24	156157	60.04 (60.03)	4.44 (4.29)	7.93 (7.78)	5.67 (5.93)	21.86 (21.97)
(X)	p-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	72	22	154-156	58.68 (58.97)	4.51 (4.42)	7.28 (7.37)	5.69 (5.62)	21.25 (20.81)
(XI)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	120 <sup>f</sup>	42 <sup>9</sup>	155–157	55.02 (55.26)	4.44 (4.43)	8.81 (8.79)	6.62 (6.71)	24.55 (24.82)
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"All reactions were carried out in acetonitrile; except where noted, the reaction temperature was  $26^{\circ}$ , and the product was recrystallized from chloroform/n-pentane. <sup>b</sup> Based on the analytical sample. <sup>c</sup> Refers to the analytical sample; melting occurred with decomposition. <sup>d</sup> Recrystallized from tetrahydrofuran/npentane. <sup>c</sup> The yield of material, m.p. 139–143°, was 74%. <sup>f</sup> The reaction temperature was 44°; no reaction occurred at 26° for 120 h. <sup>g</sup> The yield of (XI), m.p. 153–155°, was 50%.

#### TABLE 2

IR SPECTRA OF N-SUBSTITUTED N'-CYANO-S-(TRIPHENYLSTANNYL)ISOTHIOUREASª

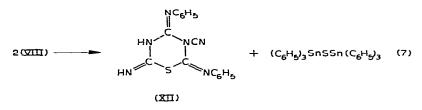
No.	NH	C≡N	$C=N^{b}$	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ring vibration	SnS	SnC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>		
						Vas	V <sub>s</sub>	
(VII)	3378 m	2203 s	1534 s	455 s	359 m	276 s	231 m <sup>c</sup>	
(vin)	3356 m	2193 s	1522 s	455 s	345 m	277 s	225 m	
ÌX)	3367 m	2183 s	1515 s	451 s	357 w	274 s	231 m <sup>d</sup>	
x)	3367 m	2188 s	1515 s	455 s	377 w	273 s	217 m (br)	
(XÍ)	3401 m	2193 s	1522 s	455 s	349 s	275 s	221 s (br)	

" Values are expressed in cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>b</sup> This assignment is uncertain due to the presence of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub> bands in this region. <sup>c</sup> A band at 220 cm<sup>-1</sup> (m) was also present which may be due to the  $\delta$  (SnC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) vibration<sup>25</sup>. <sup>d</sup> A band at 219 cm<sup>-1</sup> (s) was also present.

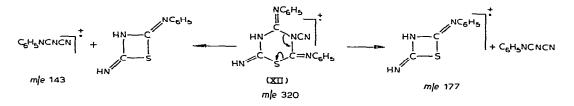
stabilize the negative charge on nitrogen in the transition state both inductively and by a resonance effect.

The IR spectra of the compounds in Table 1 are summarized in Table 2. The assignments are based largely on the work of others<sup>23,25-30</sup>.

(VIII) was found to be stable in acetic acid at  $26^{\circ}$ . (VIII) was found to decompose in refluxing benzene to give bis(triphenyltin) sulfide (84%) and a compound which we have tentatively assigned structure (XII) (63%), eqn. (7). The structural assignment is supported by IR, NMR, and mass spectrometric data. The IR spectrum



contained a sharp band at  $3472 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which may be due to the secondary NH, and a broad band at  $3058 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which may be due to both the aromatic hydrogens and the imino NH. Major peaks in the mass spectrum of (XII) appear at m/e 320, 319, 177, 143, 135, 119, 77, 59, and 51. The molecular ion (m/e 320) readily loses H  $\cdot$  to give the ion m/e 319. The peaks at m/e 177 and m/e 143 may be due to fragmentation of the molecular ion, for example:



A metastable peak (m/e 80.0) indicates that the ion m/e 119 originates from ion m/e 177 by elimination of [NCS]- accompanied by hydrogen transfer. The ions at m/e 135 and m/e 59 are probably due to  $C_6H_5NCS$  and HNCS, respectively. The base peak which occurs at m/e 77 (due to  $[C_6H_5]^+$ ) gives rise to the ion m/e 51 by the loss of acetylene as indicated by the metastable peak at m/e 33.8.

(XII) was obtained also in 24% yield by the reaction of (I) with phenyl isothiocyanate and cyanamide (1/2/1 mole ratio). This result suggests that (I), phenyl isothiocyanate, and cyanamide may be intermediates in reaction (7). The conversion of (VIII) into (XII), therefore, may occur by the following sequence of reactions, eqns. (8)-(12). Reactions (9) and (11) were previously demonstrated to occur<sup>1</sup>.

$$2(\text{VIII}) \rightarrow 2(\text{III}) + 2C_6 \text{H}_5 \text{NCS}$$
(8)

$$2(\text{III}) \rightarrow (\text{I}) + \text{H}_2\text{NCN} \tag{9}$$

$$S = NCN$$

$$(I) + C_6H_5NHCNHCN \rightarrow C_6H_5NHCNHCN + (C_6H_5)_3SnSSn(C_6H_5)_3 (11)$$

$$NCN$$

$$C_6H_5NHCNHCN + C_6H_5NCS \rightarrow (XII) (12)$$

Addition of eqns. (8)-(12) gives eqn. (7). We intend to study the decomposition of the other isothioureas in Table 1.

(III) was found to form a 1/1 adduct with phenyl isocyanate. The reaction occurred much more readily than that with phenyl isothiocyanate. Other organotin-

nitrogen and -oxygen compounds also form 1/1 adducts with organic isocyanates<sup>12,13,31</sup>. Whether the tin is bonded to nitrogen or to oxygen in these compounds has not been definitely established.

(VI) was found to decompose in refluxing benzene to give bis(triphenyltin) sulfide (63%) and a yellow solid, m.p. 165–172° dec., which contained C, H, N, and Sn. The IR spectrum of this substance contained bands at 2188 s (CN), 1493 s (br), 731 m and 695 s ( $C_6H_5$ ), 455 s ( $C_6H_5$  ring vibration), 274 s [ $\nu_{as}(SnC_6H_5)$ ] and 229 m [ $\nu_s(SnC_6H_5)$ ] cm<sup>-1</sup>. This substance was not identified.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined with a Mel-Temp capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The infrared data were obtained using KBr pellets with a Perkin-Elmer Infracord or Beckman IR 8 infrared spectrophotometer. The far infrared data were obtained with a Perkin-Elmer Model FIS-3 far infrared spectrophotometer (polyethylene pellets) and with a Perkin-Elmer Model 21 double beam infrared spectrophotometer which was fitted with a cesium bromide prism and purged with nitrogen (KBr pellets). The NMR spectra were determined with a Varian Model A-60 NMR spectrometer using tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. The mass spectral data were obtained with a Hitachi RMU-6D mass spectrometer by Morgan-Schaffer Corporation, Montreal 252, Quebec, Canada. Elemental analyses were performed by Schwarzkopf Microanalytical Laboratory, Woodside, New York.

# Reaction of bis(triphenylstannyl)carbodiimide (I) with trityl chloride

(1). 1/2 Mole ratio. A mixture of (I) (1.48 g, 0.002 mol), trityl chloride (1.12 g, 0.004 mol), and ethyl ether (15 ml) was stirred at 26° for 23 h. The mixture was cooled to about 5° and filtered to give 0.97 g (92%) of crude ditritylcarbodiimide, m.p. 180–205°. Recrystallization from benzene/ethanol gave 0.78 g (74%) of ditrityl-carbodiimide, m.p. 208–211° (lit.<sup>14</sup> m.p. 210°), IR spectrum superimposable upon that of an authentic sample: 2123 (NCN), 755 and 697 ( $C_6H_5$ ) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Evaporation of the solvent from the original filtrate gave 1.24 g (81%) of crude triphenyltin chloride, m.p.  $88-96^{\circ}$ . Recrystallization from isopropanol gave 1.18 g (78%) of triphenyltin chloride, m.p. 104-106°, no depression on admixture with an authentic sample, IR spectrum superimposable on that of an authentic sample.

In another run carried out in refluxing acetonitrile for 2 h there was obtained ditritylcarbodiimide (70%), m.p. 206–209°, and triphenyltin chloride (53%), m.p. 103–107°.

(2). 1/1 Mole ratio. A mixture of (I) (3.70 g, 0.005 mol), trityl chloride (1.40 g, 0.005 mol), and ethyl ether (20 ml) was stirred at  $26^{\circ}$  for 24 h. The mixture was filtered to give 0.29 g (11%) of ditritylcarbodiimide, m.p. 200–206°.

Evaporation of the filtrate left a clear viscous liquid which was stirred with n-pentane (50 ml). The solid which formed was collected on a filter to give 2.0 g (63%) of N-(triphenylstannyl)-N'-tritylcarbodiimide (II), m.p. 97–104°. Recrystallization from ethanol gave (II) (0.92 g, 29%), m.p. 106–108° (lit.<sup>1</sup> m.p. 107–109°).

The pentane filtrate was concentrated to about 10 ml, allowed to stand over-

night at 4°, and filtered to give 1.93 g of solid, m.p. 83–90°. Recrystallization from isopropanol afforded 1.13 g (59%) of triphenyltin chloride, m.p. 93–103°. A second recrystallization from isopropanol gave 0.94 g (49%) of triphenyltin chloride, m.p.  $102-105^{\circ}$ .

## Reaction of N-(triphenylstannyl)-N'-tritylcarbodiimide (II) with trityl chloride

A mixture of (II) (1.27 g, 0.002 mol), trityl chloride (0.56 g, 0.002 mol), and ethyl ether (13 ml) was stirred at  $26^{\circ}$  for 22 h. The mixture was cooled to about  $5^{\circ}$ and filtered to give 0.89 g (85%) of ditritylcarbodiimide, m.p. 204–208°. Recrystallization from benzene/ethanol gave 0.82 g (78%) of ditritylcarbodiimide, m.p. 207–209°.

Evaporation of the original filtrate gave 0.90 g of solid, m.p. 98–103°. Recrystallization from isopropanol gave 0.47 g (61%) of triphenyltin chloride, m.p.  $104-106^{\circ}$ .

## Reaction of (I) with benzyl bromide

A mixture of (I) (8.33 g, 0.0113 mol), benzyl bromide (3.85 g, 0.0225 mol), and acetonitrile (25 ml) was refluxed for 23 h. The solution was concentrated to about one-third of its original volume, cooled to about 5°, and filtered to give 4.74 g (98 %) of triphenyltin bromide, m.p.  $120-123^{\circ}$  (lit.<sup>32</sup> m.p.  $121-122^{\circ}$ ).

Evaporation of the filtrate left 7.20 g of a yellow, tacky solid, m.p. 63–70°. The solid was extracted with boiling n-hexane (80 ml), the hexane extract was cooled to about 5°, and the coiorless crystals which separated were collected on a filter to give 4.16 g (57%) of dibenzylcyanamide/triphenyltin bromide complex, m.p. 82–86°. Recrystallization from n-pentane gave 2.39 g (33%) of the complex, m.p. 88–90°. (Found: C, 60.76; H, 4.54; Br, 12.34; N, 4.18; Sn, 18.48.  $C_{33}H_{29}BrN_2Sn$  calcd.: C, 60.77; H, 4.48; Br, 12.25; N, 4.30; Sn, 18.20%.) IR: 2227 s (CN), 729 s and 696 s ( $C_6H_5$ ), 595 w, 532 w, 485 w, 474 w, 451 s ( $C_6H_5$  ring vibration)<sup>23</sup>, 271 s [ $\nu_{as}(Sn-C_6H_5)$ ]<sup>23,25,26</sup>, 254 m (SnBr)<sup>25</sup>, 221 w [ $\nu_s(SnC_6H_5)$ ]<sup>25</sup>, 178 w [ $\delta(SnC_6H_5)$ ]<sup>25</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CCl<sub>4</sub>):  $\tau$  6.01 (singlet, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>) and 2.90–2.27 (multiplet, 25 H,  $C_6H_5$ ).

In another run, in which twice the amounts of materials given above were employed, the yield of triphenyltin bromide, m.p.  $122-125^{\circ}$ , was 97%, and the yield of the complex, m.p.  $82-87^{\circ}$ , was 60%. Recrystallization of the complex from isopropanol gave triphenyltin bromide (71%), m.p.  $121-123^{\circ}$ , and dibenzylcyanamide (79%), m.p.  $43-50^{\circ}$  (lit.<sup>33</sup> m.p.  $53.5^{\circ}$ ). A single recrystallization of the dibenzyl-cyanamide from n-hexane afforded a 64% yield of this substance, m.p.  $50-53^{\circ}$ .

### Reaction of (II) with benzyl bromide

A mixture of (II) (1.90 g, 0.003 mol), benzyl bromide (0.51 g, 0.003 mol), and acetonitrile (5 ml) was refluxed for 21 h. The solution was allowed to stand at  $4^{\circ}$  overnight and then was filtered to give 0.081 g of solid, m.p. 180–195°, whose IR spectrum indicated it to be a mixture of ditritylcarbodiimide and (II).

Evaporation of the filtrate left a viscous liquid to which was added acetonitrile (1 ml). The mixture was allowed to stand at 4° overnight and then was filtered to give 0.51 g (21%) of benzyltritylcyanamide/triphenyltin bromide complex (colorless crystals), m.p. 142–145°. Recrystallization from ethanol gave 0.32 g (13%) of the complex 146–148°. A second recrystallization from ethanol did not change the m.p. (Found: C, 67.34; H, 4.76; Br, 10.08; N, 3.45; Sn, 15.02.  $C_{45}H_{37}BrN_2Sn$  calcd.:

C, 67.19; H, 4.64; Br, 9.93; N, 3.48; Sn, 14.75%.) IR: 2237 s (CN), 736 s, 712 s, 704 m, and 695 s ( $C_6H_5$ ), 629 m ( $C_6H_5$  ring vibration)<sup>23</sup>, 565 w, 532 w, 521 w, 490 w, 451 s ( $C_6H_5$  ring vibration), 356 w, 338 w, 314 w, 293 w, 277 s and 270 s [ $v_{as}(SnC_6H_5)$ ], 258 m (sh) (SnBr), 224 s [ $v_s(SnC_6H_5)$ ], 187 s [ $\delta(SnC_6H_5)$ ], 157 m, 140 w, and 126 w cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CCl<sub>4</sub>):  $\tau$  6.34 (singlet, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>) and 2.87–2.31 (multiplet, 35H,  $C_6H_5$ ).

## Reaction of triphenyltin bromide with dibenzylcyanamide

A mixture of triphenyltin bromide (1.24 g, 0.00288 mol), dibenzylcyanamide<sup>33</sup> (0.64 g, 0.0029 mol), and acetonitrile (10 ml) was refluxed for 20 h. Evaporation of the clear solution left 1.82 g (97%) of dibenzylcyanamide/triphenyltin bromide complex, m.p. 86–89°, IR spectrum superimposable on that of the analytical sample described above. A single recrystallization from petroleum ether (b.p. 30–60°) gave 1.26 g (67%) of the complex, m.p. 88–90°.

## Reaction of triphenyltin bromide with benzyltritylcyanamide

A mixture of triphenyltin bromide (0.75 g, 0.0017 mol), benzyltritylcyanamide<sup>14</sup> (0.65 g, 0.0017 mol), and acetonitrile (10 ml) was refluxed for 18 h. Evaporation of the pale-yellow solution left a tacky solid which was recrystallized from ethanol to give 0.40 g (29%) of benzyltritylcyanamide/triphenyltin bromide complex, m.p. 144–146°. A second recrystallization from ethanol gave 0.34 g (24%) of the complex, m.p. 147–148°, IR spectrum superimposable on that of the analytical sample described above.

## N-Phenyl-N'-(triphenylstannyl)-N'-cyano-S-(triphenylstannyl)isothiourea (VI)

A mixture of (I) (0.74 g, 0.001 mol), phenyl isothiocyanate (0.142 g, 0.00105 mol), and benzene (10 ml) was stirred at 26° for 20 h. Evaporation of the benzene left a gum which solidified upon standing to give 0.69 g (78%) of (VI) (colorless, crystalline solid), m.p. 134–136° dec. (Found: C, 60.23; H, 4.28; N, 4.79; S, 3.36; Sn, 27.08.  $C_{44}H_{35}N_3SSn_2$  calcd.: C, 60.38; H, 4.03; N, 4.80; S, 3.66; Sn, 27.12%) IR : 2188 m (CN), 728 s and 696 s ( $C_6H_5$ ), 453 s and 451 s ( $C_6H_5$  ring vibration), 371 s (SnS), 326 m, 267 s [ $v_{as}(SnC_6H_5)$ ], and 227 m [ $v_s(SnC_6H_5)$ ] cm<sup>-1</sup>.

## Reaction of (VI) with water

A mixture of (I) (1.48 g, 0.002 mol), phenyl isothiocyanate (0.27 g, 0.002 mol), and benzene (25 ml) was stirred at 26° for 23 h. Water (0.36 ml, 0.02 mol) was added to the solution, and the mixture was stirred for 48 h. The mixture was filtered to give 0.55 g (52%) of N-phenyl-N'-cyano-S-(triphenylstannyl)isothiourea (VIII), m.p. 144-145° dec., which was identical in every respect with an analytical sample prepared as described below.

Evaporation of the filtrate left a colorless gum which solidified upon being mixed with 95% ethanol (8 ml). Filtration afforded 0.83 g of a colorless solid, m.p. 112–129°, whose IR spectrum indicated it to be a mixture of (VIII) and triphenyltin hydroxide (SnOH, 914 and 900 cm<sup>-1</sup>). The solid was mixed with methanol (6 ml), and the mixture was filtered to give 0.31 g (30%) of (VIII) m.p. 139–142°. Evaporation of the filtrate afforded 0.42 g (58%) of a mixture of triphenyltin hydroxide (SnOH, 914 and 900 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and bis(triphenyltin) oxide (SnOSn, 776 cm<sup>-1</sup>), m.p. 109–120°. Recrystallization of this material from acetonitrile gave 0.30 g of the same mixture, m.p. 117–123°.

### N-Phenyl-N'-cyano-S-(triphenylstannyl)isothiourea (VIII)

A mixture of (III) (0.78 g, 0.002 mol), phenyl isothiocyanate (0.28 g, 0.0021 mol), and acetonitrile (10 ml) was stirred at 26° for 72 h. The mixture was cooled to 4° and filtered to give 0.78 g (74%) of (VIII), m.p. 139–143°. Recrystallization from chloroform/n-pentane gave 0.58 g (55%) of (VIII) (colorless crystals), m.p. 147–148° dec.

### Decomposition of (VIII)

A mixture of (VIII) (0.90 g, 0.00171 mol) and benzene (10 ml) was refluxed for 20 h, allowed to cool to 26°, and filtered to give 0.17 g (63%) of a yellow solid, m.p. 256–260° dec. Recrystallization from acetonitrile gave 0.053 g (20%) of (XII), m.p. 274–275° dec. (Found: C, 60.01; H, 3.92; N, 26.48; S, 10.13; mol. wt. by mass spectrometry, 320.  $C_{16}H_{12}N_6S$  calcd.: C, 60.02; H, 3.78; N, 26.23; S, 10.00%; mol. wt., 320.378.) IR : 3472 m (NH), 3058 m (br) (aromatic CH, imino NH), 2193 s (CN), 1610 s (br), 1538 s, 1473 s, 758 m ( $C_6H_5$ ), 741 m ( $C_6H_5$ ), and 695 m ( $C_6H_5$ ) cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\tau$  7.93 (singlet, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.58 (singlet, 5 H,  $C_6H_5$ ), and 2.40 (singlet, 5 H,  $C_6H_5$ ).

Evaporation of the original filtrate left a pale yellow solid which gave after recrystallization from acetonitrile 0.53 g (84%) of bis(triphenyltin) sulfide, m.p. 144–146°, no depression on admixture with an authentic sample, IR spectrum superimposable on that of an authentic sample.

# Reaction of (I) with phenyl isothiocyanate and cyanamide

A mixture of (I) (2.22 g, 0.003 mol), phenyl isothiocyanate (0.81 g, 0.006 mol), cyanamide (0.126 g, 0.003 mol), and benzene (50 ml) was refluxed for 19 h, allowed to cool to 26°, and filtered to give 0.52 g of a yellow solid, m.p. 190–260°. The solid was stirred with methanol (12 ml), and the mixture was filtered to give 0.23 g (24%) of (XII), m.p. 255–258° dec. Recrystallization from acetonitrile/benzene gave 0.075 g (8%) of (XII), m.p. 275° dec.

Evaporation of the original filtrate left a yellow solid which afforded, after recrystallization from acetonitrile, 1.51 g (69%) of bis(triphenyltin) sulfide, m.p. 145–147°.

## Reaction of (III) with phenyl isocyanate

A mixture of (III) (0.78 g, 0.002 mol), phenyl isocyanate (0.25 g, 0.0021 mol), and acetonitrile (10 ml) was stirred at 26° for 17 h and filtered to give 0.86 g (84%) of a 1/1 adduct, m.p. 154–160°. Two recrystallizations from tetrahydrofuran/n-pentane gave the analytical sample, m.p. 163–165°. (Found: C, 61.12; H, 3.91, N, 8.15; Sn, 23.44.  $C_{26}H_{21}N_3OSn$  calcd.: C, 61.21; H, 4.15; N, 8.24; Sn, 23.26%).) IR: 3401 m (NH), 2203 s (CN), 1603 s, 1567 s, 1481 s, 1431 s, 749 m (NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 729 s (SnC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 682 s (NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, SnC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 453 s and 443 m (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub> ring vibration), 390 w, 329 s, 281 s and 272 s [ $v_{as}(SnC_6H_5)$ ], and 235 s [ $v_s(SnC_6H_5)$ ] cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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