

(Supporting Information)

**Synthesis of Nitrogen Heterocycles by Intramolecular Michael Type of Amination via Reduction of Imines with Di-*n*-butyltin Hydride (*n*-Bu<sub>2</sub>SnH)**

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**Experimental Section**

**Analysis.** IR spectra were recorded as thin film on a Horiba FT-720 spectrometer. All the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C spectra were recorded with a JEOL JNM-GSX-270 (270 and 67 MHz, respectively) in deuteriochloroform (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) containing 0.03% (w/v) of tetramethylsilane. Mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-DS-303 or a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2000A spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed by using Fuji Davison silica gel FL-100DX. Preparative TLC was carried out on Wakogel B-5F silica gel.

**Materials.** Di-*n*-butyltin dihydride (*n*-Bu<sub>2</sub>SnH<sub>2</sub>) was prepared by the reduction of di-*n*-butyltin dichloride (*n*-Bu<sub>2</sub>SnCl<sub>2</sub>) with LiAlH<sub>4</sub>. Di-*n*-butyltin diiodide (*n*-Bu<sub>2</sub>SnI<sub>2</sub>) was prepared according to described methods (Jones, W. J.; Evans, D. P.; Gulwell, T.; Griffith, D. C. *J. Chem. Soc.*, **1935**, 39). Di-*n*-butyltin hydride (*n*-Bu<sub>2</sub>SnH) was synthesized by the redistribution between *n*-Bu<sub>2</sub>SnI<sub>2</sub> and *n*-Bu<sub>2</sub>SnH<sub>2</sub>. THF was freshly distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl. All reactions were carried out under dry nitrogen.

**Representative preparation of bifunctional substrates 5 and 10a.** Starting substrate **5** was prepared by the treatment of *o*-phthalaldehyde with the corresponding Wittig reagent. In a dry 300 mL round bottomed flask, triphenylphosphine (26.0 g, 100 mmol) and phenacyl chloride (15.5 g, 100 mmol) were stirred in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (150 mL) at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was poured into 500 mL of ether, and the precipitate was filtered. The obtained salt was dissolved in 10% aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (600 mL) solution, and further stirred at rt for 20 h. The ylide was precipitated, which was isolated by filtration and purified by recrystallization from benzene to afford **5** (24.0 g, yield 63%).

To a 300 mL round bottomed flask containing *o*-phthalaldehyde (3.4 g, 25 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) was added the ylide (10.4 g, 25 mmol) in 50 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> dropwise at rt for 30 min, and the mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h. Removal of the solvent followed by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/EtOAc= 3/1) gave **5** as a yellowish oil (5.2 g, 88% based on ylide). IR (neat) 1660, 1690 cm<sup>-1</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34-8.60 (m, 11H), 10.31 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 127.1, 128.0, 128.2, 128.5, 128.6, 128.63, 129.9, 132.9, 133.8, 134.1,

137.6, 141.1, 190.4, 191.6.

Compound **10a** was prepared by a similar method from glutaraldehyde with the 1 equiv of the corresponding Wittig reagent. For example, spectral data of **10a** was as follows. IR (neat) 1670, 1724  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.85-1.88 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.38 (m, 2H), 2.52 (t, 2H,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 6.88-7.95 (m, 7H), 9.78 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.4, 31.7, 42.9, 128.4, 128.5, 132.7, 137.7, 148.0, 190.4, 201.6.

**Representative preparation of nitrogen heterocycle 8a.** The reaction to form **8a** is provided as a representative procedure. To a dry argon-filled 10 mL round bottomed flask containing di-*n*-butyltin dihydride (*n*- $\text{Bu}_2\text{SnH}_2$ , 0.118 g, 0.5 mmol) in THF (1mL) was added di-*n*-butyltin diiodide (*n*- $\text{Bu}_2\text{SnI}_2$ , 0.243 g, 0.5 mmol) at rt. After stirring at rt for 10 min, di-*n*-butyliodotin hydride (*n*- $\text{Bu}_2\text{SnIH}$ , 1 mmol) is formed *in situ*, which was confirmed by the change of IR absorption band ( $\nu(\text{Sn-H})$ ) from 1837  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  to 1846  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (ref. 5a). To the resulting solution were added substrate **5a** (0.236 g, 1 mmol) and aniline **6** (0.091 g, 1 mmol). After the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 2 h, MeOH (2 mL) was added, and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica-gel column chromatography (FL100DX (Fuji silysia)), eluted with hexane/EtOAc (3/1) to give **8a** (0.20 g, 64%).

Spectral data of for **8a** was as follows. IR(neat) 1675, 1500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.29 (dd, 1H,  $J=8.8$  and 17.6 Hz), 3.66 (dd, 1H,  $J=2.0$  and 17.6 Hz), 4.58 (d, 1H,  $J=13.2$  Hz), 4.76 (dd, 1H,  $J=2.9$  and 13.2 Hz), 5.81-5.86 (m, 1H), 6.71-8.22 (m, 14H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  43.0, 53.7, 59.2, 112.2, 116.4, 122.4, 123.1, 127.4, 127.5, 128.1, 128.5, 129.6, 133.2, 136.9, 137.0, 142.3, 145.5, 199.2(d); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{ON}$  313.1468: Found 313.1491.

Spectral data of for **8b** was as follows. IR(neat) 1675, 1500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.27 (s, 3H), 3.28 (dd, 1H,  $J=8.8$  and 17.6 Hz), 3.66 (dd, 1H,  $J=2.0$  and 17.6 Hz), 4.56 (d, 1H,  $J=13.2$  Hz), 4.76 (dd, 1H,  $J=2.4$  and 13.2 Hz), 5.75-5.80 (m, 1H), 6.65-7.89 (m, 13H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.3, 43.0, 53.9, 59.3, 112.3, 122.4, 123.1, 125.5, 127.3, 127.4, 128.5, 128.8, 130.1, 130.9, 133.2, 136.6, 137.1, 142.4, 143.4, 199.4(d); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{ON}$  327.1623: Found 327.1608.

Spectral data of for **8c** was as follows. IR(neat) 1675, 1500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.29 (dd, 1H,  $J=8.8$  and 17.6 Hz), 3.62 (dd, 1H,  $J=2.0$  and 17.6 Hz), 3.768 (s, 3H), 4.53 (d, 1H,  $J=13.2$  Hz), 4.76 (dd, 1H,  $J=2.5$  and 13.2 Hz), 5.77 (d, 1H,  $J=9.3$  Hz), 6.69-7.92 (m, 13H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  43.1, 54.3, 55.9, 59.7, 113.1, 115.4, 122.3, 123.1, 127.3, 127.4, 128.1, 129.7, 133.2, 137.1, 137.2, 140.3, 142.5, 151.4, 199.4(d); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{N}$  343.1572 Found 343.1579.

Spectral data of for **8d** was as follows. IR(neat) 1675, 1500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.30 (dd, 1H,  $J= 8.8$  and  $17.6$  Hz), 3.57 (dd, 1H,  $J= 2.4$  and  $17.6$  Hz), 4.53 (d, 1H,  $J= 13.2$  Hz), 4.73 (dd, 1H,  $J= 2.9$  and  $13.2$  Hz), 5.76-5.81 (m, 1H), 6.69-7.93 (m, 13H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  42.8, 53.9, 59.4, 113.2, 121.3, 122.4, 123.0, 127.5, 127.6, 128.1, 128.6, 129.3, 133.3, 136.6, 136.9, 142.0, 144.1, 198.0(d); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{ONCl}$  347.1077: Found 347.1082.

Spectral data of for **12a** was as follows. IR(neat) 1727, 1677  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.62-1.91 (m, 6H), 2.93 (dd, 1H,  $J= 2.4$  and  $16.2$  Hz), 3.32 (dd, 1H,  $J= 9.8$  and  $16.2$  Hz), 2.92-3.01 (m, 1H), 3.31-3.40 (m, 1H) 4.51-4.59 (m, 1H), 6.95-7.93 (m, 10H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  19.5, 25.5, 28.6, 35.3, 44.5, 52.7, 117.0, 119.4, 127.9, 128.6, 129.1, 133.3, 137.0, 150.4, 199.5; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{ON}$  279.1623: Found 279.1620.

Spectral data of for **12b** was as follows. IR(neat) 1727, 1677  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.60-1.96 (m, 6H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.93 (dd, 1H,  $J= 2.9$  and  $16.2$  Hz), 3.23 (dd, 1H,  $J= 9.8$  and  $16.2$  Hz), 2.89-2.98 (m, 1H), 3.19-3.28 (m, 1H), 4.41-4.43 (m, 1H), 6.87-7.82 (m, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  19.5, 20.3, 25.7, 28.9, 36.1, 45.6, 53.4, 117.9, 127.9, 128.4, 129.1, 129.6, 132.8, 137.0, 148.3, 199.5; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{ON}$  293.1780: Found 293.1775.

Spectral data of for **12c** was as follows. IR(neat) 1727, 1677  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.61-1.94 (m, 6H), 2.89 (dd, 1H,  $J= 3.4$  and  $16.1$  Hz), 3.29 (dd, 1H,  $J= 9.8$  and  $16.1$  Hz), 2.89-2.98 (m, 1H), 3.27-3.35 (m, 1H) 4.47-4.55 (m, 1H), 6.84-7.84 (m, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  19.0, 25.4, 28.6, 35.9, 44.4, 52.7, 118.1, 127.9, 128.5, 129.0, 130.8, 133.1, 137.0, 149.0, 199.2; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{ONCl}$  313.1233: Found 313.1235

Spectral data of for **12d** was as follows. IR(neat) 1712, 1673  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.54-1.88 (m, 6H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.42 (dd, 1H,  $J= 3.4$  and  $16.6$  Hz), 3.23 (dd, 1H,  $J= 9.8$  and  $16.6$  Hz), 2.79-2.88 (m, 1H), 3.24-3.32 (m, 1H) 4.28-4.36 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, 2H,  $J= 9.3$  Hz), 7.18 (d, 2H,  $J= 9.3$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  19.2, 25.4, 28.8, 30.7, 41.5, 44.7, 52.0, 118.1, 124.2, 129.1, 149.1, 192.2; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{ONCl}$  251.1077: Found 251.1076.