## Supporting Information for [Bis(2-pyridyldimethylsilyl)methyl]lithium. New Reagent for the Stereoselective Synthesis of Vinylsilanes

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## **General Experimental.**

NMR spectra were recorded on Varian GEMINI-2000 (<sup>1</sup>H 300 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C 75 MHz) and JEOL A-500 (<sup>1</sup>H 500 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C 125 MHz) spectrometers in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with internal standards (7.26 ppm <sup>1</sup>H, 77.0 ppm <sup>13</sup>C). Mass spectra were recorded with a JEOL JMS-D-300 spectrometer. Unless otherwise noted, all materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Diethyl ether (Et<sub>2</sub>O) was freshly distilled under argon from sodium benzophenone ketyl prior to use.

**Bis(2-pyridyldimethylsilyl)methane (2).** To a solution of 2-pyridyltrimethylsilane **1** (151 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) was added dropwise a solution of *t*-BuLi (1.0 mmol, 1.64 M solution in pentane) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred for additional 30 min. To the resultant solution of [(2-pyridyldimethylsilyl)methyl]lithium was added 2-pyridyldimethylsilane (137 mg, 1.0 mmol) at -78 °C and stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. Extractive work-up and subsequent silica gel chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5/1 to 5/2 as eluents) afforded **2** (180 mg, 63%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)  $\delta$  0.22 (s, 12 H), 0.38 (s, 2 H), 7.08 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.46 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 2 H), 8.68 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 1.8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz)  $\delta$  -1.2, 0.1, 122.5, 128.6, 133.8, 150.0, 168.7. IR (neat) 2955, 1576, 1559, 1451, 1418, 1248, 1051 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>: C, 62.88; H, 7.74; N, 9.78. Found: C, 62.61; H, 7.78; N, 9.79. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> (M – CH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup>: 271.1087, found 271.1079.

**4,4-Bis(2-pyridyldimethylsilyl)butene (3).** To a solution of **2** (60 mg, 0.21 mmol) in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) was added dropwise a solution of *n*-BuLi (0.23 mmol, 1.55 M in hexane) at -78 °C. After stirring for an additional 1 h, allyl bromide (38 mg, 0.31 mmol) was added and stirred for 1 h at 0°C. After stirring at room temperature for 17 h, the mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 10 mL). The organic phase was additionally extracted with 1 N aq HCl (3 × 10 mL). The aqueous phase was basified to pH 14 by

adding NaOH pellet and was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 10 mL). Drying over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and removal of the solvents under reduced pressure afforded **3** (63 mg, 92%) as a pale yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz):  $\delta$  0.21 (s, 6 H), 0.28 (s, 6 H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.26-2.34 (m, 2 H), 4.67 (ddt, *J* = 9.9, 1.8, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (ddt, *J* = 16.8, 1.8, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.55 (ddt, *J* = 16.8, 9.9, 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.37 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.46 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 8.69 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 1.5, 1.2 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz):  $\delta$  -2.6, -2.1, 10.9, 30.2, 113.8, 122.5, 129.2, 133.7, 140.7, 149.9, 168.3. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>: 326.1635, found 326.1635.

Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of Vinylsilanes (4). To a solution of 2 (143 mg, 0.5 mmol) in dry  $Et_2O$  (1 mL) was added dropwise a solution of *n*-BuLi (0.55 mmol, 1.50 M in hexane) at -78 °C. After stirring for an additional 1 h, carbonyl compound (0.75 mmol) was added and stirred for 30 min at -78 °C and 1 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. Extractive work-up and subsequent silica gel chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1 to 5/1 as eluents) afforded **4**. Yields are sited in Table 1.

## Spectral Data of 4.



**4a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) δ 0.38 (s, 6 H), 2.43-2.53 (m, 2 H), 2.70-2.79 (m, 2 H), 5.86 (dt, J = 18.6, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.24 (dt, J = 18.6, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.14-7.22 (m, 4 H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 2 H), 7.44 (ddd, J = 7.5, 1.5, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (td, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.79 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) δ -3.3, 34.9, 38.4, 122.8, 125.8, 127.3, 128.3, 128.5, 129.5, 134.0, 141.9, 148.9, 150.3, 167.5. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NSi: 267.1443, found 267.1431.



**4b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) δ 0.36 (s, 6 H), 1.00-1.35 (m, 5 H), 1.58-1.80 (m, 5 H), 1.94-2.08 (m, 1 H), 5.75 (dd, J = 18.9, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.13 (dd, J = 18.9, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.16 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (ddd, J = 7.5, 1.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (td, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.77 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) δ -3.3, 25.9, 26.1, 32.2, 43.9, 122.7, 123.1, 129.4, 133.9, 150.3, 155.5, 167.9. IR (neat) 2924, 1612, 1574, 1449, 1418, 1244 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NSi: 245.1600, found 245.1604.



**4c:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) δ 0.38 (s, 6 H), 1.01 (s, 9 H), 5.71 (d, J = 18.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.18 (d, J = 18.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (td, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.78 (dm, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) δ -3.2, 28.9, 35.2, 119.6, 122.7, 129.5, 134.1, 150.2, 160.3, 167.9. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NSi (M – H)<sup>+</sup>: 218.1365, found 218.1368.



**4d:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)  $\delta$  0.50 (s, 6 H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (ddd, *J* = 6.9, 4.8, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.26-7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.44-7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.54-7.62 (m, 2 H), 8.81 (dt, *J* = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz)  $\delta$  -3.4, 122.9, 126.1, 126.6, 128.3, 128.6, 129.5, 134.1, 138.2, 145.9, 150.4, 167.0. IR (neat) 2959, 1605, 1574, 1495, 1449, 1418, 1246 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NSi: 239.1131, found 239.1122.



**4e:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) δ 0.47 (s, 6 H), 6.30 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.37 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.48 (d, J = 18.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.79 (d, J = 18.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (ddd, J = 7.2, 4.8, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.51-7.62 (m, 2 H), 8.79 (dm, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) δ -3.4, 108.7, 111.5, 122.9, 124.1, 129.6, 133.2, 134.1, 142.5, 150.4, 154.0, 166.8. IR (neat) 2959, 1617, 1576, 1545, 1478, 1417, 1248 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOSi: 229.0923, found 229.0927.



**4f:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) δ 0.52 (s, 6 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 2.29 (s, 6 H), 6.12 (d, J = 19.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.87 (s, 2 H), 7.04 (d, J = 19.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.17-7.25 (m, 1 H), 7.56-7.62 (m, 2 H), 8.81 (dt, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) δ -3.3, 20.6, 20.8, 122.8, 128.7, 129.5, 132.3, 134.0, 135.4, 136.2, 136.3, 144.9, 150.3, 167.3. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NSi: 281.1600, found 281.1591.



**4g:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) δ 0.49 (s, 12 H), 6.64 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 2 H), 6.99 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.17-7.24 (m, 2 H), 7.43 (s, 4 H), 7.52-7.63 (m, 4 H), 8.80 (dm, J = 5.1 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) δ -3.4, 122.9, 126.3, 126.8, 129.5, 134.1, 138.0, 145.4, 150.3, 166.9. IR (KBr) 1603, 1574, 1557, 1509, 1451, 1420, 1248 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>: 400.1791, found 400.1793.



**4h:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)  $\delta$  0.40 (s, 6 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H), 1.88 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3 H), 5.41 (br, 1 H), 7.17 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.50-7.60 (m, 2 H), 8.78 (dm, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz)  $\delta$  -1.8, 23.6, 29.4, 121.1, 122.6, 129.3, 134.0, 150.3, 154.6, 168.3. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NSi: 191.1130, found 191.1139.



**4i:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)  $\delta$  0.52 (s, 6 H), 2.17 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 3 H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.19-7.24 (m, 1 H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 6.9, 1.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.59 (dt, *J* = 4.5, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 8.81 (dt, *J* = 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz)  $\delta$  -1.8, 21.4, 122.8, 124.0, 125.6, 127.7, 128.2, 129.5, 134.2, 144.0, 150.3, 154.0, 167.7. IR (neat) 3061, 2959, 1597, 1574, 1493, 1445, 1418, 1246, 1138 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NSi: 253.1287, found 253.1284.



**4j:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)  $\delta$  0.16 (s, 6 H), 6.55 (s, 1 H), 7.10-7.19 (m, 3 H), 7.22-7.36 (m, 8 H), 7.37-7.45 (m, 1 H), 7.53 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.78 (dm, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz)  $\delta$  -2.0, 122.5, 126.34, 126.35, 127.3, 127.4, 127.8, 128.0, 129.3, 129.6, 133.9, 142.3, 142.9, 150.0, 158.8, 167.8. IR (neat) 3058, 2957, 1574, 1489, 1443, 1418, 1246 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NSi: 315.1443, found 315.1444.



**4k:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)  $\delta$  0.42 (s, 6 H), 5.15 (ddd, *J* = 9.9, 1.5, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.25 (ddd, *J* = 16.8, 1.5, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.05 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.39 (dtd, *J* = 16.8, 9.9, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.64 (ddt, *J* = 18.3, 9.9, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 1.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.78 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 1.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz)  $\delta$  -3.5, 118.6, 122.9, 129.5, 131.2, 134.1, 139.7, 146.8, 150.4, 167.0. IR (neat) 2959, 1574, 1256 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NSi: C, 69.78; H, 7.99; N, 7.40. Found: C, 69.69; H, 8.17; N, 7.37. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NSi: 189.0974, found 189.0977.



**41:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)  $\delta$  0.43 (s, 6 H), 1.86 (s, 3 H), 5.04 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.09 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.00 (d, J = 18.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.74 (d, J = 18.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (ddd, J = 7.5, 1.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (td, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.79 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz)  $\delta$  -3.4, 17.8, 118.0, 122.8, 125.9, 129.5, 134.0, 143.5, 148.8, 150.3, 167.2. IR (neat) 2988, 1576, 1246 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NSi: 203.1130, found 203.1121.



**4m:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)  $\delta$  0.07 (s, 9 H), 0.41 (s, 6 H), 5.94 (dd, J = 18.0, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.07 (dd, J = 18.0, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.57 (dd, J = 18.0, 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.65 (dd, J = 18.0, 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (td, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.77 (dt, J = 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz)  $\delta$  -3.5, -1.6, 122.9, 129.5, 131.1, 134.1, 136.0, 146.5, 148.8, 150.3, 167.0.

**2-Pyridyldimethyl-(phenyldimethylsilyl)methylsilane (5).** To a solution of 2-pyridyltrimethylsilane **1** (3.03 g, 20 mmol) in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) was added dropwise a solution of *tert*-butyllithium (20 mmol, 1.31 M solution in pentane) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred for additional 30 min. To the resultant solution of [(2-pyridyldimethylsilyl)methyl]lithium was added chlorodimethylphenylsilane (3.76 g, 22 mmol) at -78 °C and stirred for 1 h. After stirring for 3 h at room temperature, the reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL). Extractive work-up and subsequent silica gel chromatography

(hexane/EtOAc = 10/1 as eluents) afforded **5** (5.64 g, 99%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) δ 0.23 (s, 6 H), 0.27 (s, 6 H), 0.35 (s, 2 H), 7.16 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 3 H), 7.42-7.49 (m, 3 H), 7.54 (td, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.76 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) δ -1.1, -0.5, 1.1, 122.6, 127.7, 128.68, 128.71, 133.4, 134.0, 140.9, 150.1, 168.9. IR (neat) 3067, 2955, 1576, 1559, 1428, 1248, 1113 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS *m/e* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NSi<sub>2</sub>: 285.1369, found 285.1358.

**1-Phenyl-2-(dimethylphenylsilyl)ethylene (6).** To a solution of **5** (294 mg, 1.03 mmol) in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) was added dropwise a solution of *t*-BuLi (1.10 mmol, 1.31 M in pentane) at -78 °C and stirred for 30 min. To the resultant solution of carbanion was added benzaldehyde (127 mg, 1.20 mmol) at -78 °C and stirred for 30 min. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). Extractive work-up and subsequent silica gel chromatography (hexane as eluent) afforded **6** (234 mg, 95%) as a mixture of stereoisomers (*E*/*Z* = 1/1). These isomers were separated by gel permeation chromatography. *E*-isomer<sup>1</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)  $\delta$  0.46 (s, 6 H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 18.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 18.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.27-7.40 (m, 6 H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.58-7.62 (m, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz)  $\delta$  -2.7, 126.6, 127.1, 127.9, 128.2, 128.6, 129.1, 134.0, 138.2, 138.6, 145.4; IR (neat) 3067, 3022, 2957, 1605, 1574, 1495, 1248, 1113, 990 cm<sup>-1</sup>. *Z*-isomer<sup>1</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)  $\delta$  0.26 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 6 H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (s, 5 H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.52-7.57 (m, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz)  $\delta$  -1.1, 127.4, 127.8 (two peaks as judged by integration), 128.2, 128.8, 130.2, 133.7, 139.58, 139.61, 148.1; IR (neat) 2961, 1592, 1570, 1493, 1428, 1248, 1111 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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The *E* stereochemistry of **4** was assigned based on the results of the NOE experiments and the coupling constants between the two vinylic protons (18.0-19.8 Hz) in <sup>1</sup>H NMR. The selected NOE data are as follows:





<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2



<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 3

















 $^{13}\mathrm{C}^{\{1}\mathrm{H}\}$  NMR Spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 4f









 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR Spectrum (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 4j







 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^1\mathrm{H}\}$  NMR Spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 41

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 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}$  NMR Spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 5