## A REGIOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF 2-TRIBUTYLSTANNYL-1,3-DIENES

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Summary. Hydrostannylation of 1-trimethylsilyl-4-hydroxy-2-alkyne derivatives followed by acetylation of the OH group and fluoride ion-catalysed 1,4 elimination of the silyl and the acetate groups afforded 2-stannyl-1,3-dienes with high regio- and stereoselectivity.

Differently functionalized 1,3-dienes are attractive synthetic tools, particularly when the functional group does not affect their possibility to undergo [4+2] cycloadditions and when it can be usefully employed in further chemical elaborations of the adducts<sup>2</sup>.

In this respect, 2-stannyldienes have been reported to be suitable reagents for Diels Alder<sup>3</sup> reactions and for the stereocontrolled functionalisation of the C-Sn bond "via" tin-lithium exchange<sup>4</sup>.



Nevertheless the syntheses reported untill now are limited to the parent compound 2-trialkylstannyl-1,3-butadiene<sup>5,6</sup> and do not seem suitable for extension<sup>7</sup>.

We report herein a simple regioselective synthesis of differently substituted 2-tributylstannyl-1,3-dienes based on the TBAF catalysed 1,4 elimination of the trimethylsilyl and the acetate groups of the allylsilane 4 prepared as described in scheme 1.

Metallation of propargyltrimethylsilane 1 with BuLi in THF at -78°, followed by an equimolar amount of a carbonyl compound (see Table 1) in HMPT, gave the propargylalcohols 2 in yields varying from 62 to 89%.



The triple bond was then hydrostannylated with 1.2-1.5 eq. of tributylstannylhydride in presence of 0.1 eq. of AIBN at 120°C for 6-10 hs. NMR analysis of the mixture showed a quantitative reduction of the triple bond with formation of vinylstannanes **3** as a mixture of Z/E isomers with a high prevalence of the Z form (particularly in presence of hindered R groups) which was easily purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluant : hexaneethyl acetate 10/1 v/v). No traces of the regioisomer with the stannyl group on the carbon far from the hydroxyl group were detected by NMR analysis<sup>8</sup>.

Attribution of the structures was based on the presence of a triplet for the olefinic proton in the region 6.0-5.0 ppm and the stereochemistry was assigned looking at the  $^{1}H^{-119}$ Sn coupling constants for that proton of 120-160 Hz., typical value for a trans H-Sn relationship.

Alcohols **3a-f** were acetylated in nearly quantitative yields with  $Et_3N/Ac_2O$  in presence of catalytic amounts of DMAP in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at room temperature, and further treatment of the crude **4**a-**f** with TBAF in THF at 0°C gave dienes **5**a-**f** in good yields after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (eluant : hexane)<sup>9</sup>.

NMR analysis showed 5b-f being in prevalence in the Z conformation up to 85-95%.

Tertiary alcohols 3g-h did not undergo the acetylation neither under more strong conditions and the corresponding dienes 5g-h were obtained treating directly the alcohol with KH in boiling diglyme for several hours<sup>10</sup>.

A more detailed description of the experimental section together with the work which is now in progress directed to the preparation of a wider range of polysubstituted 2-stannyl-1,3-dienes (and polyenes) will be soon reported in a forthcoming full paper.

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## Table 1. Synthesis of 2-tributylstannyl-1,3-dienes 5

- a) Yields of isolated and fully characterized pure compounds.
- b) Ratio determined by NMR (90 MHz).
- c) Overall yield calculated on the starting propargyltrimethylsilane 1.

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