



Rhodium-catalyzed addition of arylstannanes to carbon–heteroatom double bond

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Abstract—The addition of arylstannanes to the carbon–heteroatom double bond in the presence of a catalytic amount of a cationic rhodium complex ($[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{MeCN})_2]\text{BF}_4$) was examined. The reactions of aldehydes, α -dicarbonyl compounds, and *N*-substituted aldimines with the arylstannanes gave corresponding alcohols, α -hydroxy carbonyl compounds, and amines, respectively. An arylrhodium complex generated by the transmetalation with the arylstannane was probably the active catalytic species. © 2003 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

1. Introduction

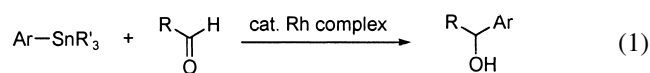
Transition metal-catalyzed transformations using organometallic reagents are of great importance in modern organic chemistry.¹ One of the recent topics of such transformations is the rhodium-catalyzed addition of the organometallic reagents to the carbon–heteroatom double bonds in such as aldehydes or imines as well as the 1,4-addition to α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds.² These reactions commonly involve organorhodium complexes as active species generated by the transmetalation with the organometallic reagents such as tin (Sn),³ boron (B),⁴ silicon (Si),⁵ lead (Pb),⁶ bismuth (Bi),⁷ titanium (Ti),⁸ and zirconium (Zr).⁹ In most cases, they occur chemo- and regioselectively rendering them useful in organic synthesis. They can also be developed for asymmetric reactions induced by chiral catalyst.¹⁰

The addition of organometallic reagents to aldehydes is the general method to synthesize secondary alcohols. Organolithium and organomagnesium (Grignard reagent) compounds are recognized to be most versatile. However, their extraordinary reactivities as nucleophiles and bases sometimes give rise to the limitations in the synthesis of multifunctional compounds such as natural products. Organotin compounds are the promising reagents for chemoselective reactions. The allylation of aldehydes with allylstannanes was reported to be promoted by Lewis acids¹¹ or catalyzed by transition metal complexes such as

rhodium,¹² palladium and platinum,¹³ and applied successfully in organic synthesis. We reported the arylation of aldehydes with arylstannanes catalyzed by rhodium complexes.^{3a} In this paper, we report on the scope and limitation of the rhodium-catalyzed addition reaction of aryltin compounds to the carbon–heteroatom double bonds in such as carbonyl compounds and imines. Aldehydes, α -dicarbonyl compounds, and *N*-substituted aldimines successfully underwent the addition of arylstannanes under mild and neutral conditions, affording corresponding alcohols, α -hydroxy carbonyl compounds, and amines, respectively.

2. Results and discussion

2.1. Addition of arylstannanes to aldehydes



The addition of arylstannanes to aldehydes was studied using a rhodium complex as a catalyst (Eq. (1)). Initially, the addition of trimethylphenylstannane (**1a**) to benzaldehyde (**2a**) was examined in the presence of various transition metal catalysts. The results are summarized in Table 1. All reactions were carried out in THF at room temperature for 20 h with 2 mol% of the catalyst. Among the transition metal complexes of Pd, Rh, Ir, and Ru with chloride and cyclooctadiene ligands (entries 1–4), $[\text{RhCl}(\text{cod})]_2$ was found to exhibit catalytic activity, although the yield was low (entry 2). Compared with the neutral chloride complex, cationic Rh complexes, $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{MeCN})_2]\text{BF}_4$ and $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})_2]\text{BF}_4$, showed much higher catalytic activity affording the product in 54 and 58% yield, respectively

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Table 1. Transition metal-catalyzed addition of trimethylphenylstannane (**1a**) to benzaldehyde (**2a**)

Entry	Catalyst	Yield (%) ^a
1	PdCl ₂ (cod)	0
2	[RhCl(cod)] ₂	10
3	[IrCl(cod)] ₂	Trace
4	[RuCl ₂ (cod)] _n	0
5	[Rh(cod) ₂]BF ₄	54
6	[Rh(cod)(MeCN) ₂]BF ₄	58
7	[Rh(cod)(MeCN) ₂]BF ₄ +2PPh ₃	Trace
8	[Rh(cod)(MeCN) ₂]BF ₄ +dppe	26
9	RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃	2
10	RhCl(CO)(PPh ₃) ₂	9
11	RhH(PPh ₃) ₄	0

Common reaction conditions: **1a** (1.2 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mmol), catalyst (0.02 mmol or 0.01 mmol for dimer complex), THF (1.0 mL), rt, 20 h, N₂ atmosphere.

^a Isolated yield.

(entries 5 and 6). Addition of phosphine ligands such as PPh₃ or dppe to [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ inhibited the reaction (entries 7 and 8). Other Rh complexes, RhCl(PPh₃)₃, RhCl(CO)(PPh₃)₂, and RhH(PPh₃)₄ did not show good catalytic activity (entries 9–11).

Other conditions in the reaction of **1a** with **2a** were then examined using 2 mol% of [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ as a catalyst (Table 2). THF was the most suitable solvent, while CHCl₃ and toluene decreased the yield and acetonitrile completely inhibited the reaction (entries 1–4). The yield increased to 84% when the reaction temperature was raised to 60°C (entry 5), and the reaction appeared to be complete within 5 h at this temperature (entry 6). When the amount of catalyst was decreased to 1 mol%, the yield slightly decreased to 73% (entry 7). Changing the counter anion of the Rh complex from BF₄⁻ to PF₆⁻ did not affect the yield (entry 8). The reaction in THF containing 1 mmol of water

Table 2. Rh-catalyzed addition of trimethylphenylstannane (**1a**) to benzaldehyde (**2a**)

Entry	Solvent	Temp. (°C)/time (h)	Yield (%) ^a
1	THF	rt/20	58
2	CHCl ₃	rt/20	24
3	Toluene	rt/20	20
4	MeCN	rt/20	Trace
5	THF	60/20	84
6	THF	60/5	87
7 ^b	THF	60/5	73
8 ^c	THF	60/5	83
9 ^d	THF	60/5	84

Common reaction conditions: **1a** (1.2 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mmol), [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ (0.02 mmol), solvent (1.0 mL), N₂ atmosphere.

^a Isolated yield.

^b 0.01 mmol of catalyst was loaded.

^c [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]PF₆ was used as the catalyst.

^d 1.0 mmol of water was added.

still gave the product in good yield (entry 9), which is evidence that the reaction was not hindered by water. This point is in strong contrast to the reaction of organolithium or organomagnesium reagent.

With the optimized reaction conditions (Table 2, entry 6), reactions of various arylstannanes with aldehydes were examined. The results are listed in Table 3. The reaction of tributylphenylstannane (**1b**), instead of trimethylphenylstannane (**1a**), with benzaldehyde (**2a**) gave the product alcohol **3aa** in a lower yield of 65% (entry 2), that would be caused by steric hindrance of the butyl group in the transmetalation step (vide infra). Tetraphenylstannane (**1c**) was much less reactive to give the product in only 17% yield (entry 3). Substituted phenylstannanes, *p*-methoxyphenyltrimethylstannane (**1d**) and *p*-fluorophenyltrimethylstannane (**1e**), also reacted with benzaldehyde affording the corresponding diarylcarbinol (**3da** and **3ea**) in good yield (entries 4 and 5). However, pyridyltrimethylstannane (**1f**) was found not to react with benzaldehyde.

A wide range of aldehydes were employed in the present rhodium-catalyzed addition of arylstannanes. Almost all of the substituted benzaldehydes examined, bearing electron-donating or -withdrawing groups on either ortho or para position, reacted readily with trimethylphenylstannane (**1a**) to give the corresponding alcohols in high yields (entries 7–23). It is noted that the reaction was highly chemoselective, in that other electrophilic functional groups than the aldehyde moiety in **2**, such as methoxycarbonyl (**2m**), acetyl (**2n**), nitro (**2o** and **2p**), and cyano (**2q**) groups remained intact. Halogen substituted benzaldehydes (**2h–i**) were also compatible with the catalytic system. Other aromatic aldehydes, 3-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (**2s**), furfural (**2t**), and 1- and 2-naphthaldehydes (**2u** and **2v**) were also phenylated with **1a**, affording the corresponding diarylcarbinol in good yields (entries 24–27). The yield of the alcohol in the reactions of trimethylphenylstannane (**1a**) with aliphatic aldehydes, hexanal (**2w**), was lower (34%, entry 28) than those with aromatic aldehydes. In the reaction of **2w**, 28% (0.14 mmol) of ester **4aw** was obtained as a by-product, which would be formed by the further reaction of the rhodium or tin alkoxide produced (vide infra) with the starting aldehyde **2w**. To immediately decompose the rhodium or tin alkoxide to alcohol **3aw**, the reaction was performed in the presence of 1 mmol of water. This approach gave the product in an improved yield of 60% (entry 29). Other aliphatic aldehydes with primary, secondary, and tertiary alkyl groups (**2x–2z** and **2α**) were also phenylated by **1a** in the presence of water affording the product alcohol (**3ax–3az** and **3αα**) in relatively good yield (entries 30–33). On the contrary, the rhodium-catalyzed reaction of trimethylphenylstannane (**1a**) with ketones was found to be very sluggish. The reaction with cyclohexanone (**2β**) gave the corresponding alcohol (**3αβ**) in 29% yield (entry 34), however, the reaction with acetophenone did not take place under the same reaction conditions (entry 35). To ensure the chemoselectivity of the reaction toward aldehyde

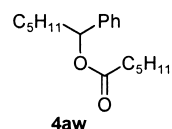
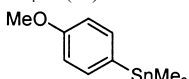
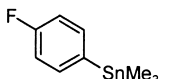
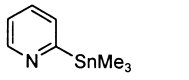
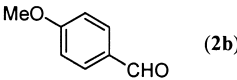
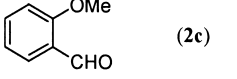
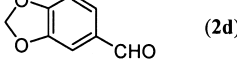
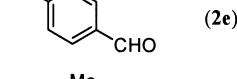
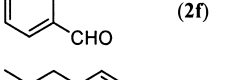
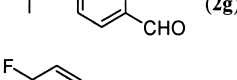
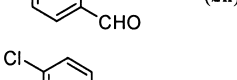
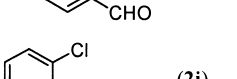
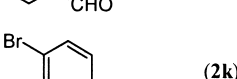
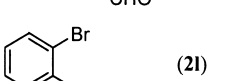
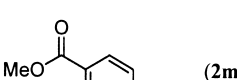
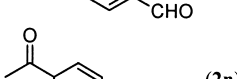
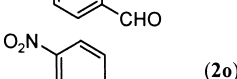
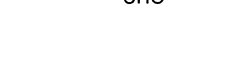
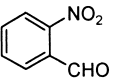
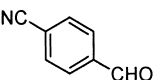
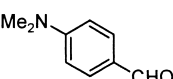

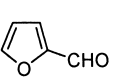
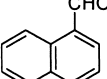
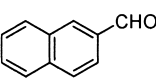
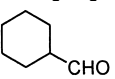




Table 3. Rhodium-catalyzed addition of arylstannanes **1** to aldehyde **2**

Entry	Arylstannane 1	Aldehyde 2	Time (h)	Product	Yield (%) ^a
1	PhSnMe ₃ (1a)	PhCHO (2a)	5	3aa	87
2	PhSnBu ₃ (1b)	2a	5	3aa	65
3	Ph ₄ Sn (1c)	2a	20	3aa	17
4	 (1d)	2a	2	3da	91
5	 (1e)	2a	2	3ea	88
6	 (1f)	2a	20	–	0
7	PhSnMe ₃ (1a)	 (2b)	24	3ab (=3da)	85
8	1a	 (2c)	5	3ac	94
9	1a	 (2d)	5	3ad	84
10	1a	 (2e)	24	3ae	87
11	1a	 (2f)	20	3af	83
12	1a	 (2g)	20	3ag	78
13	1a	 (2h)	5	3ah (=3ea)	90
14	1a	 (2i)	5	3ai	91
15	1a	 (2j)	5	3aj	96
16	1a	 (2k)	5	3ak	91
17	1a	 (2l)	5	3al	72
18	1a	 (2m)	5	3am	96
19	1a	 (2n)	5	3an	96
20	1a	 (2o)	5	3ao	94

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Table 3 (continued)

Entry	Arylstannane 1	Aldehyde 2	Time (h)	Product	Yield (%) ^a
21	PhSnMe ₃ (1a)	 (2p)	5	3ap	92
22	1a	 (2q)	5	3aq	90
23	1a	 (2r)	20	3ar	31
24	1a	 (2s)	20	3as	54
25	1a	 (2t)	5	3at	91
26	1a	 (2u)	5	3au	84
27	1a	 (2v)	5	3av	84
28	1a	<i>n</i> -C ₅ H ₁₁ CHO (2w)	20	3aw	34
29 ^b	1a	2w	24	3aw	60
30 ^b	1a	<i>n</i> -C ₉ H ₁₉ CHO (2x)	24	3ax	48
31 ^b	1a	PhCH ₂ CH ₂ CHO (2y)	24	3ay	57
32 ^b	1a	 (2z)	24	3az	45
33 ^b	1a	<i>tert</i> -C ₄ H ₉ CHO (2α)	20	3aα	54
34	1a	 (2β)	24	3aβ	29
35	1a	 (2γ)	24	–	0

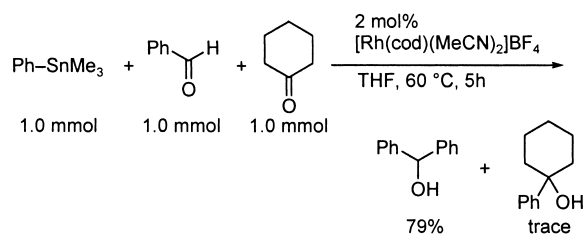
Common reaction conditions: **1** (1.2 mmol), **2** (1.0 mmol), [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ (0.02 mmol), THF (1.0 mL), 60°C, N₂ atmosphere.

^a Isolated yield.

^b 1 mmol of water was added.

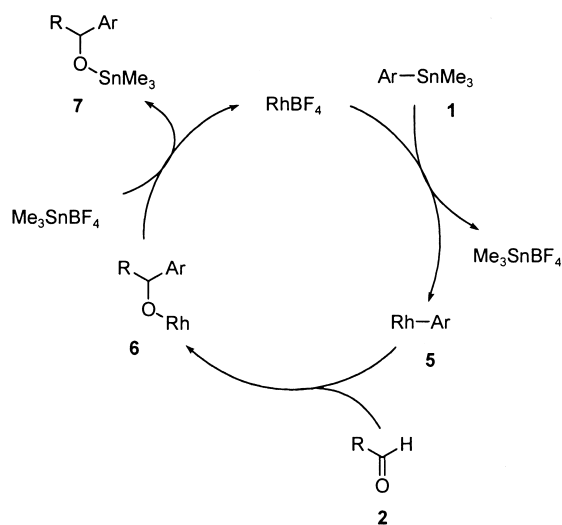
and ketone, a competitive reaction of benzaldehyde (**2a**, 1 mmol) and cyclohexanone (**2β**, 1 mmol) with **1a** (1 mmol) was carried out at 60°C for 5 h. In result, 79% yield of the product alcohol (**3aa**) from benzaldehyde was obtained preferentially, and only a trace amount of the product alcohol (**3aβ**) from cyclohexanone was formed (Scheme 1).

To gain information on the reaction mechanism, the reactivity of [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ toward trimethyl-



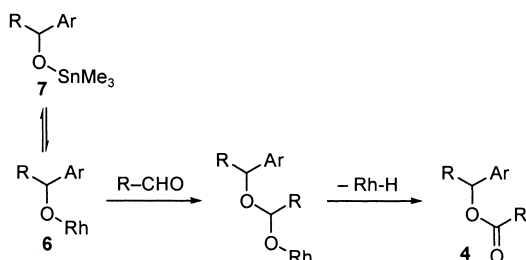
Scheme 1.

phenylstannane (**1a**) was studied. When 0.1 mmol of [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ was treated with equimolar amount of **1a** and D₂O in THF at 25°C for 20 h, the stannane **1a** was completely consumed and deuterized benzene (44% yield, 78%-d) was formed. A control experiment confirmed that the stannane **1a** was inert to water. Considering these results, it is probable that the generation of a water-labile species was formed from [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ and the stannane **1a**, which we attribute to an unstable phenylrhodium species that should decompose rapidly to give benzene. Interestingly, the present addition reaction can be carried out in the presence of water indicating that the unstable phenylrhodium species reacted with aldehydes faster than with water. Unfortunately, peaks corresponding to the phenylrhodium species by ¹H and ¹³C NMR measurements could not be detected, that would be caused by the instability of the species. However, Hartwig's group reported the generation and characterization of the phosphine-coordinated phenylrhodium complexes, which reacted with aldehydes to give rhodium alkoxides.¹⁴



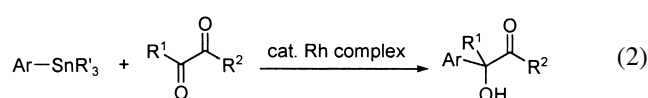
Scheme 2.

Evidence for the formation of phenylrhodium species was also found by the treatment of $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{MeCN})_2]\text{BF}_4$ (0.1 mmol) with 1.0 equiv. of **1a** in the presence of 2.0 equiv. of styrene in THF (1 mL) at room temperature for 20 h that gave *trans*-stilbene in 49% yield. The *trans*-stilbene should be formed by the Heck-type reaction between the phenylrhodium species and the styrene. The presumed reaction pathway for the arylation reaction of aldehydes **2** with arylstannanes **1** is shown in Scheme 2. The transmetalation between the cationic rhodium complex and **1** would produce the arylrhodium intermediate **5**, which adds to an aldehyde to give a rhodium alkoxide **6**. Then, the rhodium alkoxide **6** would afford the stannyl ether **7** and regenerate the cationic rhodium complex. From the result that the addition of phosphine ligands inhibited the reaction, a phosphine-free phenylrhodium species is probably more reactive than that with phosphine ligands. The mechanism for the formation of the ester **4** would involve the insertion of another aldehyde **2** to the Rh–O bond of **6** followed by β -H elimination (Scheme 3). A similar mechanism was proposed by Slough's group in their report on Tishchenko-type disproportionation of aldehydes catalyzed by rhodium complexes¹⁵ and by Hartwig's group in their report on reactivity of aryl- and alkoxy-rhodium complexes.¹⁴



Scheme 3.

2.2. Addition of arylstannanes to α -dicarbonyl compounds



The rhodium-catalyzed addition of arylstannanes was applied to α -dicarbonyl compounds. As stated above, the reaction was very sluggish with ketones, however, conjugate α -diketones were found to undergo the addition of arylstannanes (Eq. (2)). An advantage of the reaction is that the arylation takes place only at one carbonyl group and the diarylation never occurs even when an excess amount of the arylstannane was used.

The reactions were carried out under the same conditions optimized for the reaction of aldehydes. Results are listed in Table 4. When benzil (**8a**) was treated with 1.2 equiv. of trimethylphenylstannane (**1a**) in the presence of 2 mol% of $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{MeCN})_2]\text{BF}_4$, almost quantitative yield of mono-phenylated ketoalcohol **9aa** was obtained (entry 1). The reaction using 2.0 equiv. of stannane **1a** gave the same result. Substituted phenylstannanes **1d** and **1e** also added to benzil to give the monoarylated ketoalcohol **9da** and **9ea** (entries 2 and 3). A symmetric aliphatic diketone **8b** reacted with **1a** affording the product **9ab** in a moderate yield of 62% (entry 4). The reaction of an asymmetric diketone **8c** gave 82% yield of a mixture of regioisomers, the adduct on its methyl ketone moiety **9ac** and the adduct on its ethyl ketone moiety **9ac'**, in a ratio of 65:35 (entry 5). The ratio of regioisomers was affected by the difference of bulkiness of two carbonyl groups and the addition took place preferentially on the less hindered carbonyl carbon. A diketone **8d** having a methyl group and a propyl group on each carbonyl carbon gave an improved ratio of regioisomers, **9ad** and **9ad'**, in a ratio of 76:24 (entry 6). A diketone **8e** having a methyl group and a phenyl group on each carbonyl carbon gave a similar ratio of 77:23 (entry 7). To determine the electronic effect on the regioselectivity, the reactions of benzil derivatives having a functional group on one phenyl group **8f–8j** were then performed. As a result, the regioselectivity was strongly affected by the electronic nature of the functional groups and the addition took place preferentially on the relatively electron deficient carbonyl carbon. For benzil derivatives having a methoxyl group **8f** and a methyl group **8g**, the addition occurred opposite carbonyl carbons to those with the substituted phenyl groups in ratios of 36:64 and 47:53, respectively (entries 8 and 9). For benzil derivatives having a fluoro group **8h** and an acetyl group **8g**, the regioselectivity reversed to give **9ah** and **9ai** preferentially (entries 10 and 11). The reaction of benzil derivatives having a nitro group **8j** was completely regioselective affording **9aj** as a sole product (entry 12).

The reactions of glyoxylic acid esters and α -ketoesters were then examined. In these cases, the addition occurred selectively at the formyl group on the glyoxylic acid esters and at the acyl group on the α -ketoesters. As shown in Table 5, the reactions of trimethylphenylstannane (**1a**) with ethyl and isopropyl glyoxylate (**10a** and **10b**) gave corresponding α -phenylated α -hydroxyesters, **11aa** and **11ab**, in 69% and 62% yield, respectively (entries 1 and 2). Ethyl pyruvate (**10c**) and methyl and ethyl benzoylformate (**10d** and **10e**) also underwent the phenylation to give the α -hydroxyesters in good yield. The reaction with dimethyl oxalate (**10f**) did not take place showing that the ester groups did not undergo the addition even though they were conjugated.

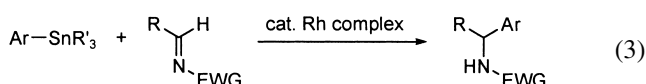
Table 4. Rhodium-catalyzed addition of arylstannanes **1** to α -diketones **8**

Entry	Arylstannane 1	α -Diketone 8	Product	Yield (%) ^a
1	PhSnMe ₃ (1a)			99
2		8a		51
3		8a		72
4	PhSnMe ₃ (1a)			62
5	1a		 	(65:35) 82
6	1a		 	(76:24) 70
7	1a		 	(77:23) 93
8	1a		 	(36:64) 89
9	1a		 	(47:53) 84
10	1a		 	(59:41) 98
11	1a		 	(78:22) 84
12	1a			82

Common reaction conditions: **1** (1.2 mmol), **8** (1.0 mmol), [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ (0.02 mmol), THF (1.0 mL), 60°C, 20 h, N₂ atmosphere.

^a Isolated yield.

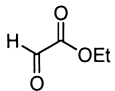
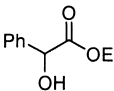
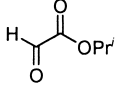
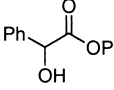
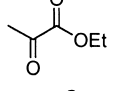
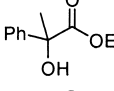
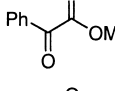
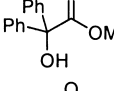
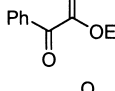
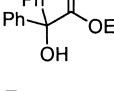
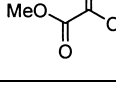
2.3. Addition of arylstannanes to aldimines



The rhodium-catalyzed addition of organotin compounds was then applied to aldimines (Eq. (3)).^{3c–e,g} The results are listed in Table 6. At first, we examined the arylation of

N-benzylideneaniline (**12a**) with trimethylphenylstannane (**1a**), but no arylation occurred (entry 1). This is probably due to the low electrophilicity of the imine **12a**. Then, *N*-tosylbenzylideneamine (**12b**), which are activated by the electron-withdrawing sulfonyl group on the nitrogen atom, was examined as a substrate. The reaction of **12b** with **1a** proceeded well under the same reaction conditions optimized for the reaction of aldehydes, affording *N*-tosyl-diphenylmethylamine (**13ab**) in 98% isolated yield (entry

Table 5. Rhodium-catalyzed addition of arylstannanes **1** to α -ketoesters **10**

Entry	Arylstannane 1	α -Ketoester 10	Product	Yield (%) ^a
1	PhSnMe ₃ (1a)	 (10a)	 (11aa)	69
2	1a	 (10b)	 (11ab)	62
3	1a	 (10c)	 (11ac)	71
4	1a	 (10d)	 (11ad)	60
5	1a	 (10e)	 (11ae)	77
6	1a	 (10f)	–	0

Common reaction conditions: **1** (1.2 mmol), **10** (1.0 mmol), [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ (0.02 mmol), THF (1.0 mL), 60°C, 20 h, N₂ atmosphere.

^a Isolated yield.

2). Other electron-withdrawing groups were examined as the activating group of the aldimines. The reaction of *N*-(diethoxyphosphoryl)benzylideneamine (**12c**) with **1a** gave *N*-(diethoxyphosphoryl)diphenylmethylamine (**13ac**) in 84% yield (entry 3). Acyl and alkoxy carbonyl groups can also be employed as the activating group. *N*-Benzoylbenzylideneamine (**12d**) and *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)benzylideneamine (**12e**) reacted with **1a** under the same reaction conditions, affording *N*-benzoyl- and *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)diphenylmethylamine (**13ad** and **13ae**) in 48% and 74% yield, respectively (entries 4 and 5).

Ortho- or *para*-substituted *N*-tosylbenzylideneamines with either an electron-withdrawing or -donating group (**12f**–**12k**) also reacted with **1a**, affording the corresponding *N*-tosyl diarylmethylamines (**13af**–**13ak**) in good isolated yields (entries 7–12). The reaction of *N*-tosylfurylideneamine (**12l**) with **1a** gave the product **13al** in 72% yield (entry 13). The reaction of a *N*-tosylaldimine derived from cinnamaldehyde (**12m**) gave not a conjugate adduct but the 1,2-adduct **13am** in 39% yield (entry 14). Ethyl tosyl-iminoacetate (**12n**), having three electrophilic moieties, ester, imino, and sulfonyl groups, was phenylated selectively at the imino group, affording *N*-tosylphenylglycine ethyl ester (**13an**) in 65% isolated yield (entry 15).

3. Conclusion

Rhodium-catalyzed additions of arylstannanes to carbon–heteroatom double bonds were presented. The reaction of arylstannanes with aldehydes gave arylated secondary alcohols and *N*-tosyl-, -phosphoryl-, -acyl-, and -alkoxy-carbonyl-aldimines gave arylated protected secondary

amines in good yield. In the reaction of α -diketones, monoarylated products were obtained selectively and the predominant addition was observed for less hindered and more electron deficient carbonyl group. The reaction of α -ketoesters gave α -arylated α -hydroxy esters selectively.

4. Experimental

4.1. General information

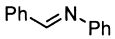
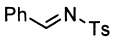
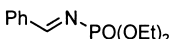
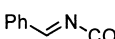
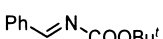
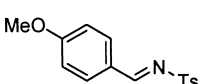
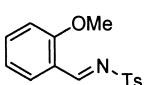
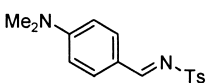
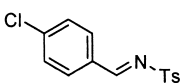
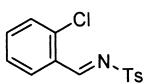
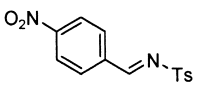
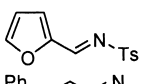
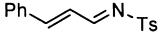
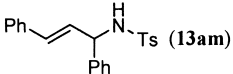
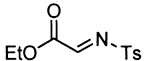
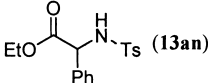
All reactions were carried out in a Schlenk tube under N₂. THF was dried over sodium/benzophenone ketyl, and distilled before use. NMR spectra were recorded using CDCl₃ as the solvent. Elemental analyses were performed by the Microanalytical Laboratory of the Institute for Chemical Reaction Science, Tohoku University. Spherical silica gel (40–100 μ m, Kanto Chemical) was used for flash chromatography.

4.2. Materials

The organotin compounds **2d**–**2f** were prepared from the corresponding Grignard reagents and trimethylstannyl chloride.¹⁶ Aromatic α -diketones **8f**–**8j** were prepared as described in the literature¹⁷ from corresponding diaryl-acetylenes.¹⁸ Aldimines **12b** and **12f**–**12m**,¹⁹ **12c**,²⁰ **12d**,²¹ **12e**,²² and **12n**²³ were prepared as described in the literature.

4.2.1. Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄.²⁴ To a solution of [RhCl(cod)]₂ (0.8 g, 1.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and acetonitrile (3.0 mL) was added a solution of AgBF₄ (0.7 g, 3.8 mmol) in acetonitrile (3.0 mL) and the mixture was

Table 6. Rhodium-catalyzed addition of phenyltrimethylstannane (**1a**) to imines **12**

Entry	Arylstannane 1	Imine 12	Product	Yield (%) ^a
1	PhSnMe ₃ (1a)	 (12a)	–	0
2	1a	 (12b)	13ab	98
3	1a	 (12c)	13ac	84
4	1a	 (12d)	13ad	48
5	1a	 (12e)	13ae	74
7	1a	 (12f)	13af	76
8	1a	 (12g)	13ag	75
9	1a	 (12h)	13ah	60
10	1a	 (12i)	13ai	78
11	1a	 (12j)	13aj	79
12	1a	 (12k)	13ak	83
13	1a	 (12l)	13al	72
14	1a	 (12m)	 (13am)	39
15	1a	 (12n)	 (13an)	65

Common reaction conditions: **1** (1.2 mmol), **10** (1.0 mmol), [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ (0.02 mmol), THF (1.0 mL), 60°C, 20 h, N₂ atmosphere.

^a Isolated yield.

stirred at room temperature for 2 h under N₂ with shielding the light. After the precipitated AgCl was filtered off, the solution volume was reduced in vacuo to ca. 5 mL and 20 mL of Et₂O was then added slowly. Precipitated yellow powder was collected by filtration and dried in vacuo to give [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ in 85% yield.

4.3. Rhodium-catalyzed addition of arylstannanes

The general procedure was as follows. To a mixture of the substrate (**2**, **8**, **10**, or **12**, 1.0 mmol) and [Rh(cod)(MeCN)₂]BF₄ (7.4 mg, 0.02 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added the arylstannane (**1**, 1.2 mmol) and stirred at 60°C for the appropriate time. The reaction was quenched by adding a small amount of water and then stirred for 1 h. Et₂O (20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the resulting precipitate was removed by filtration. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt) to

give the product. Known compounds were identified by comparing the spectroscopic data with those reported in the literature (Table 7).

4.3.1. (4-Isobutylphenyl)phenylmethanol (3ag). IR (KBr) 3314, 2952, 2868, 1453, 1035, 1017, 774, 749, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 2.44 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 1H), 1.83 (nonet, *J*=6.8 Hz, 1H), 0.88 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 141.2, 141.1, 129.2, 128.4, 127.4, 126.5, 126.4, 76.1, 45.1, 30.2, 22.4. Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O: C, 84.96; H, 8.39. Found: C, 84.84; H, 8.45.

4.3.2. (2-Bromophenyl)phenylmethanol (3al). IR (neat) 3360, 3062, 1494, 1454, 1183, 1015, 750, 699, 644, 601 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (dd, *J*=16.2, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.23 (m, 6H), 7.12 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR

Table 7. References for known compounds

Compound	Reference	Compound	Reference
3aa	25	9aa	43
3da (=3ab)	25	9da (=9af)	44
3ea (=3ah)	26	9ea (=9ah)	44
3ac	27	9ab	45
3ad	28	9ac	45
3ae	25	9ac'	45
3af	25	9ad	46
3ai	25	9ae	47
3aj	29	9ae'	48
3ak	26	9af'	49
3ao	30	9ag	44
3aq	31	9ag'	44
3ar	32	9ah'	44
3as	33	11aa	50
3at	34	11ab	50
3au	35	11ac	51
3av	36	11ad	52
3aw	37	11ae	53
3ax	38	13ab	3e
3ay	39	13ad	3e
3az	40	13ae	54
3aα	41	13al	55
3aβ	42	13am	56

(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.5, 142.2, 132.8, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.0, 122.8, 74.8. Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₁₁BrO: C, 59.34; H, 4.21; Br, 30.37. Found: C, 59.798; H, 4.478, Br, 30.60.

4.3.3. (4-Methoxycarbonylphenyl)phenylmethanol (3am). Mp 62–63°C. IR (neat) 3440, 2950, 1720, 1612, 1435, 1280, 1110, 1018, 754, 705 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.25 (m, 5H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 148.7, 143.3, 129.7, 129.2, 128.6, 127.9, 126.6, 126.3, 75.8, 52.1. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O₃: C, 74.36; H, 5.82. Found: C, 74.02; H, 5.91.

4.3.4. (4-Acetylphenyl)phenylmethanol (3an). IR (neat) 3420, 3030, 1675, 1608, 1498, 1452, 1412, 1360, 1270, 1190, 1042, 1018, 801, 699 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.23 (m, 5H), 5.83 (d, *J*=2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, *J*=2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.0, 149.0, 143.2, 136.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 126.5, 126.5, 75.7, 26.5. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O₂: C, 79.62; H, 6.24. Found: C, 79.156; H, 6.085.

4.3.5. (2-Nitrophenyl)phenylmethanol (3ap). IR (neat) 3417, 3032, 1607, 1577, 1538, 1454, 1359, 1178, 1019, 737, 701, 601 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (dd, *J*=7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J*=7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dt, *J*=7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dt, *J*=7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.29–7.26 (m, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J*=3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (d, *J*=3.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 141.6, 138.5, 133.4, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.0, 124.7, 71.5. Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₁₁NO₃: C, 68.11; H, 4.84; N, 6.11. Found: C, 68.277; H, 4.979; N, 6.049.

4.3.6. Hexanoic acid 1-phenylhexyl ester (4aw). IR (neat) 2910, 2845, 1730, 1165 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 7.34–7.26 (m, 5H), 5.73 (dd, *J*=7.7, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dt, *J*=7.5, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 1.95–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.62 (qui, *J*=7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.38–1.18 (m, 10H), 0.87 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.2, 141.1, 128.4, 127.7, 126.5, 75.9, 36.4, 34.6, 31.5, 31.3, 25.2, 24.7, 22.5, 22.3, 14.0, 13.9. Anal. calcd for C₁₈H₂₈O₂: C, 78.21; H, 10.21. Found: C, 77.88; H, 9.95.

4.3.7. A mixture of 2-hydroxy-2-phenylhexan-3-one (9ad) and 3-Hydroxy-3-phenylhexan-2-one (9ad'). * Peaks for 9ad'. IR (neat) 3459, 3060, 2965, 2874, 1709, 1447, 1364, 760, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48–7.30 (m, 5H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 4.51* (s, 1H), 2.41–2.28 (m, 2H), 2.16–2.13* (m, 2H), 2.08* (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.55–1.45 (m, 2H), 0.99* (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.75 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.6, 209.5*, 141.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 126.2, 126.1, 119.6, 82.6*, 79.7, 38.7*, 34.4, 24.0, 23.6*, 17.4*, 16.6, 14.4*, 13.4. Anal. calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₂: C, 74.97; H, 8.39. Found: C, 74.68; H, 8.37.

4.3.8. A mixture of 2-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-hydroxy-1,2-diphenylethan-1-one (9ai) and 1-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-hydroxy-2,2-diphenylethan-1-one (9ai'). * Peaks for 9ai'. IR (neat) 3443, 3059, 3014, 2924, 1681, 1604, 1268, 1058, 818, 764, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92–7.26 (m, 14H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.65* (s, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.56* (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.5, 200.1, 197.6*, 146.8, 141.56, 141.47, 139.6, 136.6, 134.8, 133.2, 130.8, 128.57, 128.53, 128.50, 128.44, 128.35, 128.25, 128.10, 128.07, 127.8, 85.4*, 85.0, 26.7*, 26.6. Anal. calcd for C₂₂H₁₈O₃: C, 79.98; H, 5.49. Found: C, 79.82; H, 5.61.

4.3.9. 2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1,2-diphenylethan-1-one (9aj). Mp 88–89°C. IR (neat) 3457, 3063, 2983, 2855, 1681, 1347, 1236, 1181, 1060, 852, 748, 697 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (d, *J*=9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J*=9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.35 (m, 5H), 7.32 (dd, *J*=7.8, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.6, 148.8, 147.5, 141.2, 134.5, 133.5, 130.7, 129.3, 128.84, 128.77, 128.4, 127.8, 123.3, 84.8. Anal. calcd for C₂₀H₁₅NO₄: C, 72.06; H, 4.54; N, 4.20. Found: C, 71.80; H, 4.67; N, 4.27.

4.3.10. N-(Diethoxyphosphoryl)diphenylmethanimine (13ac). Mp 111–112°C. IR (KBr) 3221, 2989, 2902, 1496, 1467, 1226, 1121, 1027, 961, 752, 710, 541 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33–7.23 (m, 10H), 5.41 (t, *J*=9.8 Hz, *J*_{H-P}=9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.02–3.95 (m, 2H), 3.87–3.81 (m, 2H), 3.46 (dd, *J*=9.8 Hz, *J*_{H-P}=10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3 (d, *J*_{C-P}=5.1 Hz), 128.5, 127.3, 127.2, 62.4 (d, *J*_{C-P}=5.1 Hz), 59.2, 16.0 (d, *J*_{C-P}=7.5 Hz). Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NO₃P: C, 63.94; H, 6.94; N, 4.39. Found: C, 64.08; H, 6.99; N, 4.43.

4.3.11. N-Tosyl-(4-methoxyphenyl)phenylmethanimine (13af). Mp 146.0–147.0°C. IR (KBr) 3239, 2950, 1609, 1509, 1432, 1321, 1251, 1159, 1048, 842, 673, 559 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J*=8.30 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.00 (m, 7H), 6.99 (d, *J*=8.65 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J*=8.65 Hz, 2H), 5.52 (d, *J*=6.90 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d,

$J=6.90$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.0, 143.1, 140.7, 137.4, 132.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 127.4, 127.28, 127.22, 113.9, 60.8, 55.2, 21.4. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$: C, 68.64; H, 5.76; N, 3.81; S, 8.73. Found: C, 68.67; H, 5.84; N, 3.80; S, 8.74.

4.3.12. *N*-Tosyl-(2-methoxyphenyl)phenylmethanamine (13ag). Mp 126.6–127.8°C. IR (KBr) 3302, 1599, 1493, 1455, 1333, 1242, 1159, 1094, 1064, 1024, 817, 755, 699, 547 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, $J=8.22$ Hz, 1H), 7.25–6.95 (m, 10H), 6.79 (t, $J=7.39$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J=3.20$ Hz, 1H), 5.76 (d, $J=9.13$ Hz, 1H), 5.64 (d, $J=9.13$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.3, 142.6, 140.6, 137.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.0, 127.7, 126.95, 126.93, 126.7, 120.5, 111.0, 58.7, 55.1, 21.3. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$: C, 68.64; H, 5.76; N, 3.81; S, 8.73. Found: C, 68.68; H, 5.83; N, 3.81; S, 8.84.

4.3.13. *N*-Tosyl-(4-dimethylaminophenyl)phenylmethanamine (13ah). Mp 128.2–128.7°C. IR (KBr) 3311, 1613, 1524, 1324, 1158, 1047, 806, 701, 669, 568, 541 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.15 (m, 7H), 6.92 (d, $J=8.45$ Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, $J=8.45$ Hz, 2H), 5.51 (d, $J=5.95$ Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, $J=5.95$ Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 6H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.9, 142.8, 141.0, 137.5, 129.2, 128.33, 128.30, 128.2, 127.27, 127.23, 127.1, 112.3, 60.9, 40.4, 21.4. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 69.44; H, 6.36; N, 7.36; S, 8.43. Found: C, 69.23; H, 6.42; N, 7.28; S, 8.31.

4.3.14. *N*-Tosyl-(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethanamine (13ai). Mp 119.0–120.0°C. IR (KBr) 3238, 1490, 1432, 1321, 1159, 1091, 1048, 836, 803, 745, 700, 668, 572 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (d, $J=8.18$ Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.03 (m, 11H), 5.53 (d, $J=7.07$ Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, $J=7.07$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.4, 140.0, 138.9, 137.1, 133.4, 129.4, 128.77, 128.72, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 127.1, 60.7, 21.4. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_2\text{S}$: C, 64.59; H, 4.88; Cl, 9.53; N, 3.77; S, 8.62. Found: C, 64.59; H, 4.96; Cl, 9.64; N, 3.71; S, 8.59.

4.3.15. *N*-Tosyl-(2-chlorophenyl)phenylmethanamine (13aj). Mp 172.0–173.2°C. IR (KBr) 3296, 1597, 1494, 1431, 1333, 1155, 1082, 942, 759, 693, 665, 572, 547 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (d, $J=8.29$ Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.06 (m, 11H), 5.94 (d, $J=7.28$ Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, $J=7.28$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.3, 139.2, 137.5, 132.7, 129.8, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 58.6, 21.4. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_2\text{S}$: C, 64.59; H, 4.88; Cl, 9.53; N, 3.77; S, 8.62. Found: C, 64.56; H, 4.88; Cl, 9.69; N, 3.80; S, 8.92.

4.3.16. *N*-Tosyl-(4-nitrophenyl)phenylmethanamine (13ak). Mp 128.5–129.5°C. IR (KBr) 3243, 3065, 1598, 1517, 1447, 1346, 1158, 1094, 1051, 906, 838, 741, 696, 665, 572, 557 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (d, $J=8.71$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J=8.27$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J=8.71$ Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.10 (m, 5H), 6.96–6.92 (m, 2H), 5.56 (d, $J=6.75$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, $J=6.75$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.7, 147.2, 143.8, 139.2, 136.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 127.3, 127.2,

123.6, 60.9, 21.5. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: C, 62.81; H, 4.74; N, 7.33; S, 8.38. Found: C, 62.87; H, 4.85; N, 7.32; S, 8.47.

4.3.17. 2-Phenyl-2-(tosylamino)ethanoic acid ethyl ester (13an). Mp 85–86°C. IR (KBr) 3267, 3031, 2988, 1726, 1388, 1160, 1090, 696 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, $J=7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.22 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, $J=7.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.77 (d, $J=8.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, $J=8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.06–3.94 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.09 (t, $J=7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 143.4, 136.9, 135.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 127.2, 127.0, 62.2, 59.3, 21.4, 13.8. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$: C, 61.24; H, 5.74; N, 4.20; S, 9.62. Found: C, 61.28; H, 5.68; N, 4.33; S, 9.68.

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