Supporting Information

Triethylsilane-Indium(III) Chloride System as a Radical Reagent

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General:

IR spectra were recorded as thin film on a Horiba FT-720 spectrometer. All the ¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL JNM-GSX-270 (270 and 67 MHz, respectively) in deuteriochloroform (CDCl₃) containing 0.03% (w/v) of tetramethylsilane. Mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-DS-303 spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed by using Fuji Davison silica gel FL-100DX.

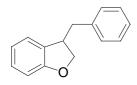
A typical experimental procedure of the dehalogenation:

The 10 mL of round bottom flask charged with InCl₃ (0.022 g, 0.1 mmol) was heated at 110 °C under reduced pressure for 1 h. After nitrogen was filled, MeCN (2 mL) and Et₃SiH (2.0 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at rt for 5 min. Then halide [alkyl halide, alkyl or aryl halide and olefin, or haloalkene (1.0 mmol)] and 1M Et₃B in hexane (0.1 mL) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. After deionized water was added, the reaction mixture was extracted with ether (10 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Yield of product was determined by ¹H NMR. Purification was performed by column chromatography eluting with hexane/EtOAc=9/1. Further purification was performed by TLC eluting with hexane/Et₂O=9/1. Radical cyclization was performed under the same conditions by using haloalkenes 3 as starting materials.

3-Isopropyl-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran (4a)

bp 60 °C/ 2 mmHg; IR (neat) 1018 (C-O-C), 1234 (C-O-C) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 270 MHz) δ 0.87 (d, J= 6.84 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, J= 6.84 Hz, 3H), 1.97 (qd, J= 6.84 and 6.59 Hz, 1H), 3.29-3.36 (m, 1H), 4.38 (dd, J= 5.13 and 9.03 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (t, J= 9.03 Hz, 1H), 6.76-6.88 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.20 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 67.9 MHz) δ 18.5, 19.8, 31.7, 48.1, 73.8, 109.3, 120.0, 125.0, 128.1, 129.4, 160.3; MS (EI) m/z 162 (M⁺, 24), 119 (M⁺ - CHCH₃CH₃, 100), 118 (8), 91 (59), 65 (7), 39 (4); HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₄O: 162.1045, found: m/z 162.1038 (EI, (M⁺), -0.7 mmu); Anal. calcd for C₁₁H₁₄O: C, 81.44; H, 8.70, found: C, 81.15; H, 8.63.

3-Benzyl-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran (4b)



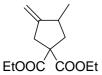
IR (neat) 1230 (C-O-C), 1597 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 270 MHz) δ 2.83 (dd, J= 13.9 and 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, J= 13.9 and 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dddd, J= 9.0 and 8.8 and 6.4 and 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, J= 8.8 and 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (t, J= 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.34 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 67.9 MHz) δ 41.0, 43.4, 76.3, 109.6, 120.2, 124.5, 126.4, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 130.2, 139.1, 159.8; HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{14}O$: 210.10, found: m/z 210.10 (M⁺,-0.1 mmu).

A typical experimental procedure of the reduction of alkyne:

The 10 mL of round bottom flask charged with InCl₃ (0.442 g, 2.0 mmol) was heated at 110 °C under reduced pressure for 1 h. After nitrogen was filled, MeCN (2 mL) and Et₃SiH (2.0 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 min. Then alkyne (1.0 mmol) and 1M Et₃B in hexane (0.1 mL) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h. After deionized water was added, the reaction mixture was extracted with ether (10 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Yield of product was determined by ¹H NMR. Purification was performed by column chromatography eluting with hexane/EtOAc=9/1. Further purification was performed by TLC eluting with hexane/Et₂O=9/1.

4,4-Bis(ethoxycarbonyl)-1-methyl-2-methylenecyclopentane (8a)

Reference: Crich, D.; Hwang, J.; Gastaldi, S.; Recupero, F.; Wink, D. J. J. Org. Chem. 1999, 64, 2877-2882.



IR (neat) 1735 cm⁻¹; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃, 270 MHz) δ 1.10 (d, J= 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, J= 7.3 Hz, 6H), 1.75 (t, J= 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (m, 2H), 3.00 (q, J= 17.1 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (m, 4H), 4.80 (d, J= 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J= 2.0 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 67.9 MHz) δ 14.0, 18.0, 37.3, 40.5, 42.1, 58.2, 61.4, 105.3, 153.4, 170.8.

3-Methyl-4-methylene-1-(toluene-4-sulfonyl)-pyrrolidine (8b)

Reference: Radetich, B.; RajanBabu, T. V. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1998, 120, 8007-8008.



IR (neat) 1165, 1346 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 270 MHz) δ 1.04 (d, J= 6.4 Hz, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.67-2.73 (m, 2H), 3.51-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J= 13.9 and 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, J= 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dd, J= 4.4 and 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dd, J= 4.0 and 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, J= 6.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 67.9 MHz) δ 16.1, 21.6, 37.4, 52.2, 55.1, 105.9, 127.7, 129.6, 132.7, 143.5, 149.2.

