#### Dramatic Effects of Boryl Substituents on Thermal Ring-Closing Reaction of Vinylallenes

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#### **Supporting Information**

**General.** All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 N (Kanto). Preparative thin-layer chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 PF<sub>254</sub> (Merck). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Gemini 2000 (<sup>1</sup>H at 300.07 Hz and <sup>13</sup>C at 75.46 Hz) spectrometer. <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 400 (<sup>11</sup>B at 128.48 Hz). Proton chemical shifts are referenced to residual CHCl<sub>3</sub>. Carbon chemical shifts are referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Boron chemical shifts are referenced to external standard BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-SX102A spectrometer.

**Materials.** Unless otherwise noted, all chemicals and anhydrous solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used as received. Bis(diethylamido)(trimethylstannyl)borane<sup>1</sup> and 1-(trimethylsilyl)penta-1,4-diyne<sup>2</sup> were prepared according to the literature procedures.

#### **Preparation and Ring-Closing Reaction of Boryl-Substituted Vinylallenes**



### Ph (Z)-1-Phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1-

(trimethylstannyl)ethene (1): To a benzene solution (10 mL) of  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (346 mg, 0.30 mmol) were added bis(diethylamido)(trimethylstannyl)borane

(3.18 g, 10.0 mmol) and phenylacetylene (1.13 g, 10.0 mmol) at room temperature, and the

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mixture was stirred for 1 h. To the mixture was added pinacol (1.18 g, 10.0 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was passed through a plug of Florisil<sup>®</sup> (ether) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (ether) to afford **1** (3.83 g, 97%). **1a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  0.18 (s, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 54.9, 53.1 Hz, 9H), 1.30 (s, 12H), 6.28 (s, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-H</sub> = 153.0, 146.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.31 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  –5.5 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>Sn-C</sub> = 353.7, 338.7 Hz), 24.9, 83.5, 126.09 (*J* = 18.6 Hz), 126.12, 127.8, 133.3 (br), 149.1, 176.0; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BO<sub>2</sub>Sn (M<sup>+</sup> – Me) 379.0891, found 379.0891.

#### (E)-4-Phenyl-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)penta-1,2,4-

**triene (2a):** To a DMF solution (5.5 mL) of PhCH<sub>2</sub>PdCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (59.7 mg, 0.078 mmol) and CuI (23.7 mg, 0.12 mmol) were added propargyl bromide (2.65 g, 22.5 mmol) and **1** (1.76 g, 4.5 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature then for 18 h at 35 °C. To the mixture was added saturated KF aqueous solution, and the mixture was extracted with ether, passed through a plug of Florisil<sup>®</sup> (ether), and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 40:3) to afford **2a** (542 mg, 45%). **2a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.34 (s, 12H), 4.84 (dd, J = 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 5.45-5.47 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.40 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  24.9, 77.3, 83.2, 94.5, 118.8 (br), 127.5, 127.8, 127.9, 142.1, 156.1, 212.9; <sup>11</sup>B NMR  $\delta$  29.3; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>B 268.1635, found 268.1640.

#### (E)-2-Phenyl-1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)hexa-1,3,4-



triene (2b): According to the procedure analogous to that described for 2a, 2b (59 mg, 11%) was prepared from 1 (784 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 3-chloro-1-butyne (352 mg, 4.0 mmol). 2b: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.32 (s, 12H), 1.62 (dd, J = 7.2, 3.3 Hz,

3H), 5.15 (ddq, J = 6.3, 1.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd, J = 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d sext, J = 0.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.36 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  13.5, 24.9, 83.1, 87.7, 94.6, 118.4 (br), 127.5, 127.7, 127.9, 142.5, 157.3, 209.8; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>B 282.1791, found 282.1793.



#### (Z)-1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-5-

(trimethylsilyl)-2-(trimethylstannyl)pent-1-en-4-yne (3): According to the procedure analogous to that described for 1, 3 (2.23 g, 52%) Me<sub>3</sub>Si was prepared from bis(diethylamido)(trimethylstannyl)borane (3.19 g, 10 mmol) and 1-(trimethylsilyl)penta-1,4-diyne (1.62 g, 12.0 mmol). 3: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  0.15 (s, 9H), 0.20 (s,  ${}^{2}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 55.8, 53.4 \text{ Hz}, 9\text{H}$ ), 1.25 (s, 12H), 3.29 (d,  $J = 1.7 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 34.2 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}$ ), 6.39 (t, J = 1.7 Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{Sn-H}} = 149.3$  Hz, 1H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  -6.4 ( ${}^{1}J_{\text{Sn-C}} = 353.7$ , 338.6 Hz), 0.1, 24.8, 35.2, 83.3, 88.7, 103.9, 130.9 (br), 169.3; HRMS (EI) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{30}BO_2SiSn (M^+ - Me)$ 413.1130, found 413.1129.

 $(Z) \hbox{-} 2 \hbox{-} Phenyl \hbox{-} 1 \hbox{-} (4,4,5,5 \hbox{-} tetramethyl \hbox{-} 1,3,2 \hbox{-} dioxaborolan \hbox{-} 2 \hbox{-} yl) \hbox{-} 5 \hbox{-} 5$ (trimethylsilyl)pent-1-en-4-yne (3'): To a DMF solution (2.0 mL) of

PhCH<sub>2</sub>PdCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (37 mg, 0.050 mmol) and CuI (19 mg, 0.10 Me<sub>3</sub>Si mmol) were added iodobenzene (244 mg, 1.2 mmol) and 3 (4.27 g, 1.0 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature and then for 3 h at 90 °C. The reaction mixture was passed through a plug of Florisil<sup>®</sup> and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 9:1) to afford 3' (82 mg, 24%). **3':** <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  0.16 (s, 9H), 1.12 (s, 12H), 3.38 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 5.91 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.31 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ0.1, 24.6, 31.2, 83.1, 88.7, 103.1, 117.6 (br), 127.5, 127.6, 127.7, 141.9, 154.5; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BO<sub>2</sub>Si 340.2030, found 340.2030.

# (Z)-4-Phenyl-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)penta-**1,2,4-triene (4):** To a MeOH solution (1.0 mL) of **3**' (47.4 mg, 0.14 mmol)

was added MeOH solution (1.0 mL) of NaOH (40 mg, 1.0 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. To the mixture were added saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution and brine, and the mixture was extracted with ether, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 9:1) followed by HPLC purification (hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to afford 4 (6 mg, 16%). 4: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.10 (s, 12H), 4.81 (dd, J = 6.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 5.58 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dt, J = 0.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.30 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  24.6, 78.0, 99.2, 127.1,

127.4, 128.9, 139.8, 154.3, 211.8; <sup>11</sup>B NMR δ 29.4.

3-Methylene-1-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2yl)cyclobutene (5a). A xylene solution (5.0 mL) of 2a (156 mg, 0.58 mol) was heated for 3 h at 140 °C. After evaporating the solvent, the residue was subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 9:1) to afford 5a (150 mg, 96%). 5a: <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.22 (s, 6H), 1.24 (s, 6H), 3.19 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 2H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 24.5, 24.7, 35.7 (br), 83.5, 99.3, 125.6, 126.5, 128.2, 128.3, 133.7, 144.8, 151.6; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>B 268.1635, found 268.1636.



minor), 1.79 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H, major), 3.13 (s, 1H, major), 3.18 (s, 1H, minor), 4.96 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H, major), 5.30 (dq, J = 1.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H, minor), 6.60 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, minor), 6.79 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, major), 7.19-7.45 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  13.8, 14.4, 24.48, 24.54, 24.65, 24.71, 33.8 (br), 83.4, 83.5, 109.9, 110.2, 124.5, 125.2, 125.3, 126.4, 127.8, 127.9, 128.2, 134.2, 136.9, 138.1, 147.7, 149.7 [some signals are overlapping]; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>B 282.1791, found 282.1794.

Stereochemical Assignment of 5b. The two isomers, (*Z*)- and (*E*)-5b, were subjected to NOE experiments. No NOE between the cyclobutene vinyl proton ( $\delta$  6.79) and the ethylidene vinyl proton ( $\delta$  4.96) was observed for (*Z*)-5b, whereas NOE between the cyclobutene vinyl proton and the ethylidene methyl proton ( $\delta$  1.79) was observed. On the other hand, an NOE between the cyclobutene vinyl proton ( $\delta$  6.60) and the ethylidene vinyl proton ( $\delta$  5.30) was observed for (*E*)-5b.



(4-Methylene-2-phenylcyclobut-2-enyl)phenylmethanol (13). A xylene ph  $\stackrel{\text{Ph}}{\longrightarrow}$  solution (2.0 mL) of vinylallene 2a (132 mg, 0.49 mmol) was heated for 5 h at 140 °C to afford 5a. To the solution was added benzaldehyde (72 mg, 0.68 mmol) at room temperature, and the mixture was heated for 48 h at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was acidified with 0.1 N HCl (5 mL), extracted with ether, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:ether = 3:1) to give 13 as a diastereomeric mixture (87 mg, 71%, 17:1 by <sup>1</sup>H NMR). 13: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  2.10 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dt, *J* = 4.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 4.76 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.42 (m, 10H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  55.5, 73.1, 99.9, 126.0, 126.1, 127.3, 128.0, 128.4, 128.6, 130.7, 133.0, 142.7, 145.0, 152.2; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O 248.1201, found 248.1200. For the minor diastereomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  4.02 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), the remaining signals were not resolved.

# Kinetic Studies on Ring-Closing Reactions of Boryl-Substituted Vinylallenes 2a, 2b, and 4

**Rate Measurements:** The ring-closing reactions of **2a**, **2b**, and **4** were monitored using <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. The boryl-substituted vinylallene was dissolved in benzene- $d_6$  or o-xylene- $d_{10}$ . The solution in an NMR tube was heated in a temperature-controlled oil bath at the specified temperature. The reaction was intercepted at intervals, and the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum was recorded. The conversion was determined on the basis of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR integrations of the allenic (vinylic) protons of the reactants and products. The %conversion versus time data were subjected to least-squares analysis.

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time/h	conv./%	time/h	conv./%	time/h	conv./%	time/h	conv./%
0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1	5.5	1	15.8	1	39.9	1	67.9
4	21.4	2	28.1	2	62.0	2	86.5
16	62.2	3	35.9	3	75.0	3	94.2
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$T(^{\circ}\mathrm{C})$	$k (s^{-1})$	$1000/T (K^{-1})$	lnk
90	$1.69 \times 10^{-5}$	2.75	-11.0
100	$4.25 \times 10^{-5}$	2.68	-10.1
110	$1.31 \times 10^{-4}$	2.61	-8.94
120	2.72×10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.54	-8.21

Arrhenius Plot -7 2.50 2.55 2.60 2.65 2.70 2.75 2.80 -8 y = -13.506x + 26.195 $R^2 = 0.9954$ -9 ЧЧ -10 -11 -12 1000/*T* 

 $\ln A = 26.2; A = 10^{11.4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

 $E_{\rm a} = 1000R \times 13.5 = 26.8 \text{ kcal/mol}$ 

## **Ring-Closing Reaction of 2b**

11	0 °C	12	0 °C	130 °C	
time/h	conv./%	time/h conv./%		time/h	conv./%
0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1	7.2	1	18.6	1	42.9
2	13.6	2	33.6	2	62.0
3	19.2	3	41.2	3	75.5
4	24.4	4	49.5	4	84.2
5	28.9	5	56.9		





## **Ring-Closing Reaction of 4**

10	0 °C	11	110 °C 1		20 °C		
time/h	conv./%	time/h	conv./%	time/h	conv./%		
0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
5	2.2	5	7.4	1	3.9		
10	4.5	10	14.4	2	8.6		
15	6.9	20	28.4	3	13.0		
20	9.4	35	47.3	4	17.5		
		60	63.7	5	22.1		



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