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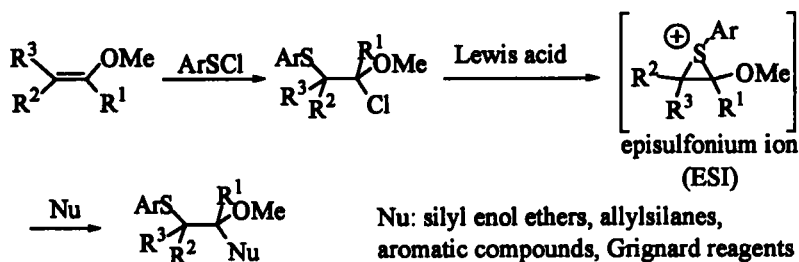
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Abstract: *tert*-Butyl vinyl ether (1) reacts with *p*-TolSCl to give 2-*tert*-butoxy-2-chloroethyl *p*-tolyl sulfide (2). In the presence of SnCl₄, 2 reacts with silyl enol ethers, allyltrimethylsilane, and vinyl ethers to form a C-C bond. In the case of vinyl ethers, the reaction proceeds through the formation of the 5-membered sulfonium salt intermediate which in turn can react with H₂O, TMSCN, allyltrimethylsilane, and Grignard reagents.

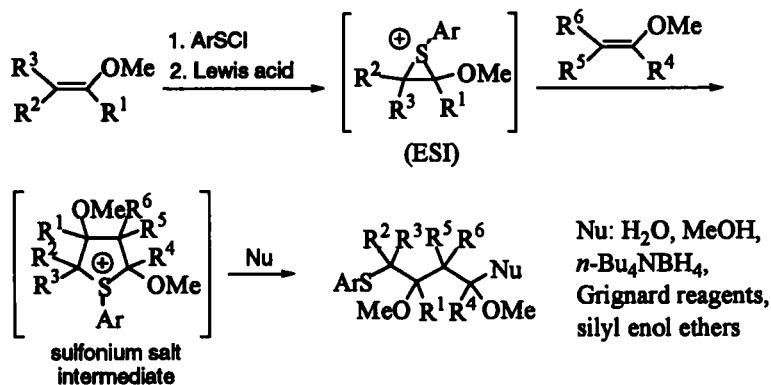
It has been reported that vinyl ethers are excellent substrates for stepwise electrophilic addition proceeding through episulfonium ions (ESIs) as intermediates (Scheme 1).¹ We have also described that vinyl ethers can be used as nucleophiles (Nu) in the reactions with ESIs.^{1,2} In this case, the reaction takes place through a five-membered sulfonium salt intermediate, the structure of which was established by X-ray crystallographic analysis.³ The intermediate reacts with a number of nucleophiles including H₂O, MeOH, *n*-Bu₄NBH₄, Grignard reagent, and silyl enol ethers (Scheme 2).¹⁻³ So far, among acyclic derivatives, only methyl vinyl ethers have been employed in both steps of the reaction.

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Scheme 1

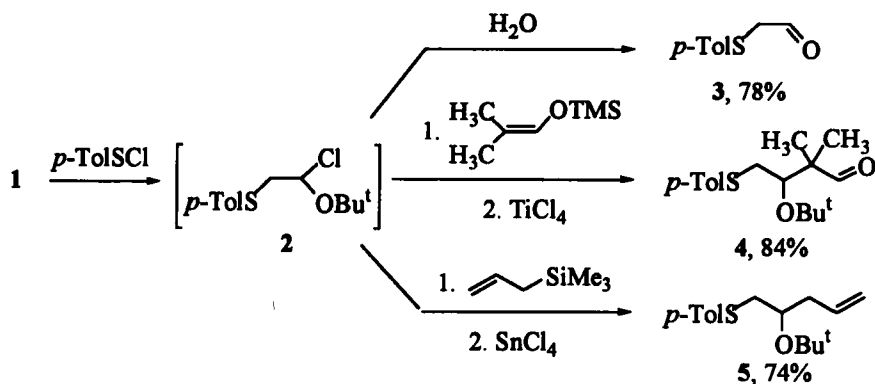


Scheme 2

tert-Butyl vinyl ether (1) is a valuable and versatile reagent for a number of reasons. The presence of bulky groups, e.g., the *tert*-butyl group, often improves the regio- and stereoselectivity of reactions.⁴ Also, *tert*-butoxy substituted compounds can be converted to the corresponding hydroxy derivatives by removal of the *tert*-butyl group.⁵ Compared to methyl vinyl ether, 1 is easier to handle because it is a liquid at room temperature. In spite of these advantages, 1 has been used preferentially in cycloaddition reactions, including Diels-Alder reactions,⁶ and

in the synthesis of a number of polymers.⁷ There are only limited data on electrophilic addition of ethanol, bromine, and carboxylic acids to the vinyl ether.⁸ In this paper, we disclose our results on the use of **1** in stepwise electrophilic addition reactions.

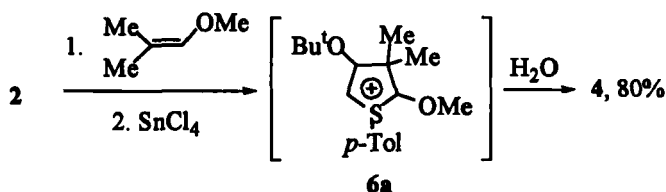
We have found that **1** readily reacted with *p*-TolSCl in CH₂Cl₂ at -78 °C to afford 2-*tert*-butoxy-2-chloroethyl *p*-tolyl sulfide (**2**) in quantitative yield (¹H NMR data). This compound is stable in CH₂Cl₂ at -78 °C for several hours, but it quickly decomposes at room temperature. Reaction of **2** with H₂O afforded 2-(*p*-tolylthio)ethanal (**3**) in 78% yield. In the presence of a Lewis acid, adduct **2** was capable of reacting with 2-methyl-1-(trimethylsilyloxy)-1-propene and allyltrimethylsilane to form compounds **4** and **5** in yields of 84% and 74%, respectively (Scheme 3).



Scheme 3

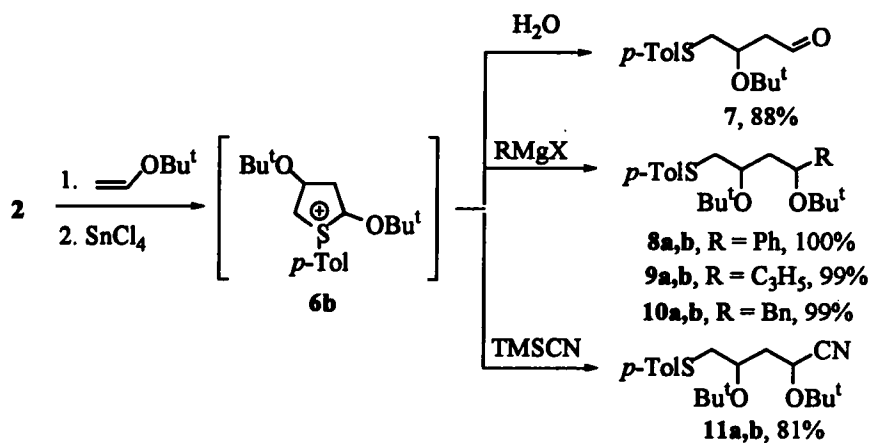
As expected, adduct **2** reacted with vinyl ethers as well. Thus, compound **4** was synthesized using 1-methoxy-2-methyl-1-propene as a C-Nu and H₂O as a quenching nucleophile (Scheme 4). By analogy with the known reactions of methyl

vinyl ether,^{2,3} we suggest that the reaction proceeds through formation of a sulfur-stabilized cyclic intermediate (**6a**). In the presence of SnCl_4 , adduct **2** also reacted with **1**. The intermediate was quenched with a number of different nucleophiles: H_2O , PhMgBr , allylmagnesium bromide, BnMgCl , and TMSCN (Scheme 5). In contrast to the previously studied reactions of less sterically hindered cyclic sulfonium salts,^{24a} Grignard reagents reacted not only with the bulky **6b** but also with SnCl_4 to form Ph_3SnOH or Bn_4Sn . The use of 6 molar excess of Grignard reagents in the reactions with **6b** lead to the preparation of desired compounds **8–10** in quantitative yield. When the reaction mixtures were quenched with a mixture of aq. NaHCO_3 and ether, a partial deprotection of the *tert*-butyl groups occurred and the mixtures of di- and mono-*tert*-butyl derivatives were formed. The change of ether for less water miscible CH_2Cl_2 allowed the preparation of **8–11** in quantitative yield.

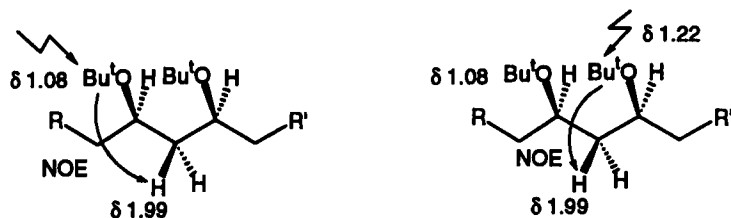
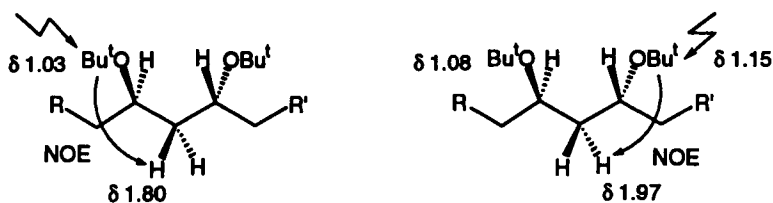


Scheme 4

Compounds **8**, **9**, and **10** were isolated as stereoisomeric mixtures of *erythro* and *threo* isomers (1.3:1, 5.4:1, and 1.9:1, respectively). In all the cases the isomers were separated by column chromatography. The relative configurations



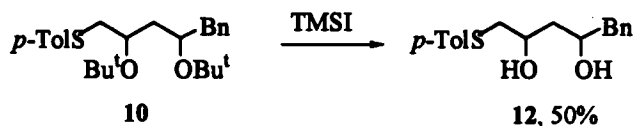
Scheme 5

Figure 1. Results of two NOE experiments for *erythro*-**10**.Figure 2. Results of two NOE experiments for *threo*-**10**.

Nitrile **11** also was obtained as a stereoisomeric mixture (1:7) with the major isomer (*threo*-**11**) having a lower value of R_f . In a solution of CDCl_3 , *erythro*-**11** and *threo*-**11** each isomerized back to the 1:7 stereoisomeric mixture. Thus, the 1:7 ratio reflects relative thermodynamic stability of the isomers in this solvent.

The use of other Lewis acids, TiCl_4 , CuBr_2 , and ZnCl_2 , did not significantly improve the stereoselectivity of the reactions depicted in Scheme 5.

Synthesis of 1,3-diols from the di-*tert*-butoxy derivatives turned out to be troublesome. The use of $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, 5% $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ in CH_2Cl_2 , and FeCl_3 in acetone provided the mixtures of 1,3-diols and their monoprotected derivatives which were unstable during chromatographic separation. Treatment of pure *erythro*-**10** and *threo*-**10** with TMSI provided the corresponding *erythro* and *threo* 1,3-diols (*erythro*-**12** and *threo*-**12**) in a yield of 50% for each reaction after chromatographic separation. Control of time and temperature of the reaction were important. Thus, the reaction of TMSI with *erythro*-**10** at -20°C was complete within 10–15 min. Increased reaction time significantly reduced the yield of diols. When the reaction was carried out at -78°C , only traces of the products were detected after one hour. Our attempt to deprotect the mixture of *erythro*-**10** and *threo*-**10** and separate the resulting isomeric diols failed because the R_f values of *erythro*-**12** and *threo*-**12** were the same.



Scheme 6

In summary, we have shown that *tert*-butyl vinyl ether can be successfully used in stepwise electrophilic addition reactions proceeding through episulfonium-like or sulfonium-like intermediates. The latter react with Grignard reagents to afford isomeric mixtures of 1,3-di-*tert*-butoxyalkane derivatives in quantitative yield. These isomers can be easily separated and converted to the corresponding 1,3-diols using TMSI.

Experimental

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra (300 and 75 MHz, respectively) were recorded in CDCl_3 . Coupling constants, J , are reported in Hz. IR spectra (neat) were recorded on an ATI Mattson Genesis Series FTIR spectrometer. DCI-HRMS were obtained on a VG 7070 high resolution mass spectrometer. Preparative TLC were carried out by using glass plates, 200 x 200 mm, with an unfixed layer (2.5 mm) of Merck silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh). Analytical TLC and flash chromatography were performed on Whatman PE Sil G/UV plates and silica gel 60, respectively. All of the reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen using flame-dried glassware and freshly distilled and dried solvents.

p-Tolylsulfenyl chloride was obtained from the corresponding thiophenol using SO_2Cl_2 .⁹ Methyl vinyl ether was synthesized from *n*-butyl vinyl ether and MeOH in the presence of $\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2$.¹⁰ 1-Methoxy-2-methyl-1-propene was prepared by pyrolysis of 1,1-dimethoxy-2-methylpropane using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid as a catalyst.¹¹ Other reagents were supplied by Aldrich Chemical Co.

3-*tert*-Butoxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-(*p*-tolylthio)butanal (4). To a solution of 0.317 g (2 mmol) *p*-TolSCl in 20 mL CH_2Cl_2 at -78°C was added 0.28 mL (2 mmol) *tert*-butyl vinyl ether. Then 0.5 mL (4 mmol) 2-methyl-1-(trimethylsilyloxy)-1-propene and 2.4 mL of 1 M solution (2.4 mmol) of SnCl_4 in CH_2Cl_2 were introduced sequentially. The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 1 h,

quenched with aqueous saturated NaHCO_3 , extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , and dried over K_2CO_3 . After solvent removal, preparative TLC (ether/hexane, 1:7) afforded pure compound **4** as colorless oil (0.493 g, 84%). This compound was obtained in a yield of 80% following the same procedure but using 1-methoxy-2-methyl-1-propene instead of 2-methyl-1-(trimethylsilyloxy)-1-propene. In both reactions, a small amount (up to 5%) of 2,2-dimethyl-3-hydroxy-4-(*p*-tolylthio)butanal was isolated as well. Data for **4**: R_f 0.36 (hexane/ethyl acetate, 7:1). ^1H NMR (δ , 200 MHz): 1.04 (s, 6H), 1.13 (s, 9H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.99, 3.07 (2 dd, $J_1 = 3.9$, $J_2 = 6.3$, $J_3 = 13.7$), 3.77 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 3.9$, $J_2 = 6.3$), 7.16 (m, 4H), 9.65 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (δ , 50 MHz): 18.0, 18.6, 18.6, 27.9, 37.8, 49.6, 73.8, 74.0, 129.0, 129.9, 131.8, 135.8, 203.7. IR (neat): 1716 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{SO}_2$ (M^+) m/z 294.1653, found 294.1651.

4-*tert*-Butyl-5-(*p*-tolylthio)-1-pentene (5) was synthesized according to the procedure given for compound **4** using allyltrimethylsilane (4 mmol) and TiCl_4 (2.2 mmol). Yield is 0.445 g (74%). Up to 10% of 4-hydroxy-5-(*p*-tolylthio)-1-pentene was isolated as well. Data for **5**: R_f 0.65 (hexane/ethyl ether, 5:1). ^1H NMR (δ , 200 MHz): 1.05 (s, 6H), 1.13 (s, 9H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.85, 2.87 (2 dd, 2H, $J_1 = 5.3$, $J_2 = 7.0$, $J_3 = 13.2$), 3.57 (m, 1H), 4.98 (m, 2H), 5.74 (m, 1H), 7.16 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (δ , 50 MHz): 20.9, 28.5, 39.7, 39.9, 70.0, 74.0, 117.2, 129.5, 130.0, 133.0, 134.6, 135.9, 203.7. IR (neat): 1640 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{SO}$ (M^+) m/z 264.1548, found 264.1550.

3-*tert*-Butoxy-4-(*p*-tolylthio)butanal (7). To a solution of 0.079 g (0.5 mmol) *p*-TolSCl in 10 mL CH_2Cl_2 at -78°C were sequentially added 1.25 mL of 1 M solution of *tert*-butyl vinyl ether (0.125 g, 1.25 mmol) and 0.6 mL of 1 M solution of SnCl_4 (0.6 mmol). The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 3 h, quenched with a mixture of 5% aqueous NaHCO_3 and CH_2Cl_2 , extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , and

dried over K_2CO_3 . After solvent removal, flash chromatography (hexane/ether, 8.5:1) afforded pure compound **7** as colorless oil (0.117 g, 88%). R_f 0.63 (toluene/ether, 1:1). 1H NMR (δ , 300 MHz): 1.09 (s, 9H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.60, 2.78 (2 ddd, 2H, $J_1 = 1.9$, $J_2 = 2.4$, $J_3 = 5.5$, $J_4 = 6.0$, $J_5 = 16.1$), 2.87, 3.09 (2 dd, 2H, $J_1 = 4.5$, $J_2 = 8.4$, $J_3 = 13.5$), 4.09 (m, 1H), 7.16 (m, 4H), 9.72 (br. t, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (δ , 50 MHz): 20.6, 28.0, 40.7, 49.0, 63.1, 74.4, 129.4, 130.3, 131.7, 136.2, 200.6. IR (neat): 1728 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calcd. for $C_{15}H_{22}SO_2$ (M^+) m/z 266.1340, found 266.1342.

erythro- and **threo-1,3-Di-tert-butoxy-1-phenyl-4-(p-tolylthio)butane (erythro-8 and threo-8)**. To a solution of 0.159 g (1 mmol) *p*-TolSCl in 20 mL CH_2Cl_2 at $-78^\circ C$ were sequentially added 2.5 mL of 1 M solution of *tert*-butyl vinyl ether (2.5 mmol) and 1.2 mL of 1 M solution of $SnCl_4$ (1.2 mmol). After 30 min, 2 mL of 3 M solution of $PhMgBr$ (6 mmol) diluted with 4 mL of anhydrous ether^b was added. The mixture was stirred at $-78^\circ C$ for 3 h and then left overnight at room temperature. After cooling to $0^\circ C$, the mixture was quenched with 5% aqueous $NaHCO_3$, extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , and dried over K_2CO_3 . After CH_2Cl_2 removal, the residue was extracted with hexane to remove Ph_3SnOH as a colorless solid, m.p. $113\text{--}115^\circ C$ (lit.¹² m.p. $118^\circ C$). After hexane removal, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/ether, 20:1) providing 0.384 g (quantitative yield) of the mixture of **erythro-8** and **threo-8** in a ratio of 1.3:1, respectively (1H NMR data). The use of $TiCl_4$ (0.114 g, 1.2 mmol) instead of $SnCl_4$ gave the mixture of **erythro-8** and **threo-8** (0.179 g, 92%) in a ratio of 2.6:1, respectively (1H NMR data). R_f (hexane/ether, 15:1) 0.46 and 0.32, respectively. Data for **erythro-8**: 1H NMR (δ , 300 MHz): 1.12, 1.16 (2 s, 18H), 2.01 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.10, 3.22 (2 dd, 2H, $J_1 = 5.1$, $J_2 =$

^b Without dilution of the viscous solution of the Grignard reagent with diethyl ether, **erythro-8** (0.133 g, 34%), **threo-8** (0.103 g, 20%), and **7** (0.037 g, 14%) were isolated.

6.2, $J_3 = 13.0$), 3.82° (m, 2H), 4.65 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 4.8$, $J_2 = 7.5$), 7.20 (m, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (δ , 50 MHz): 20.5, 28.1, 28.2, 40.8, 45.8, 67.4, 71.1, 73.3,° 125.6, 127.4, 128.8, 129.6, 132.2, 135.1, 145.2, 145.6. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{36}\text{SO}_2$ (M^+) m/z 400.2436, found 400.2442. Data for *threo*-8: ^1H NMR (δ , 300 MHz): 1.10, 1.11 (2 s, 18H), 1.94, 2.11 (2 ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 3.6$, $J_2 = 6.5$, $J_3 = 14.1$ and 1H, $J_1 = J_2 = 7.0$, $J_3 = 14.1$), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.92, 3.01 (2 dd, 2H, $J_1 = 4.8$, $J_2 = 6.3$, $J_3 = 12.9$), 3.68° (m, 2H), 4.61 (t, 1H, $J = 6.7$), 7.25 (m, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (δ , 75 MHz): 21.0, 28.8, 28.9, 41.8, 46.9, 68.6, 72.2, 74.0, 74.3, 126.5, 126.9, 128.1, 129.5, 130.2, 133.8, 135.8, 146.0. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{36}\text{SO}_2$ (M^+) m/z 400.2436, found 400.2438.

***erythro*- and *threo*-4,6-Di-*tert*-butoxy-7-(*p*-tolylthio)-1-heptene (*erythro*-9 and *threo*-9).** were synthesized using 3 mmol (3 mL of 1 M solution) allylmagnesium bromide by the method described for 8. Yield is 0.125 g (84%) of *erythro*-9 and 0.023 g (15%) of *threo*-9. R_f 0.35 and 0.26 (hexane/ether, 15:1), respectively. Data for *erythro*-9: ^1H NMR (δ , 300 MHz): 1.16, 1.18 (2 s, 18H), 1.70, 1.91 (2 ddd, 2H, $J_1 = J_2 = 5.4$, $J_3 = 14.0$, $J_4 = J_5 = 6.8$), 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H); 2.94, 3.05 (2 dd, 2H, $J_1 = 4.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.8$, $J_3 = 13.0$), 3.60, 3.70 (2 m, 2H), 5.02 (m, 2H), 5.85 (m, 1H), 7.18 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (δ , 50 MHz): 20.9, 28.8,° 41.1, 41.5, 42.6, 68.5, 69.2, 73.5, 74.0, 116.6, 129.5, 130.4, 133.4, 135.4, 136.0. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{36}\text{SO}_2$ (M^+) m/z 364.2436, found 364.2419. Data for *threo*-9: ^1H NMR (δ , 300 MHz): 1.16, 1.18 (2 s, 18H), 1.78, 1.88 (2 m, 2H), 2.25 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 3.02, 3.04 (2 m, 2H), 3.60, 3.70 (2 m, 2H), 5.02 (m, 2H), 5.85 (m, 1H), 7.16 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (δ , 75 MHz): 21.1, 28.9, 29.0, 41.6, 41.8, 43.5, 69.2, 69.3, 73.7, 74.2, 116.8, 129.6, 130.3, 133.7, 135.5, 136.0. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{37}\text{SO}_2$ (MH^+) m/z 365.2514, found 365.2507.

° overlapping signal

***erythro-* and *threo*-2,4-Di-*tert*-butoxy-1-phenyl-5-(*p*-tolylthio)pentane (*erythro*-10 and *threo*-10).** were synthesized using 6 mmol (6 mL of 1 M solution) BnMgCl by the method described for 8. Combined yield of *erythro*-10 and *threo*-10 is 99% in a ratio of 1.9:1, respectively. R_f 0.57 and 0.48 (hexane/ether, 7:1), respectively. The use of 2 mmol (2 mL of 1M solution) BnMgCl provided 0.188 g (78%) Bn_4Sn (R_f 0.75, hexane/ether, 7:1, m.p. 40–42 °C, lit.¹² m.p. 42–44 °C), 0.040 g (10%) of the mixture of *erythro*-10 and *threo*-10 in a ratio of 2:1 (^1H NMR data), and 0.156 g (58%) of 7. Data for *erythro*-10: ^1H NMR (δ , 300 MHz): 1.08, 1.22 (s, 18H), 1.80, 1.99 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.75, 2.83 (2 dd, 2H, $J_1 = 5.4$, $J_2 = 7.3$, $J_3 = 13.6$), 2.95, 3.07 (2 dd, 2H, $J_1 = 4.5$, $J_2 = 7.2$, $J_3 = 13.1$), 3.78 $^\circ$ (m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (δ , 50 MHz): 20.3, 28.0, 28.2, 41.0, 42.4, 42.6, 68.3, 69.7, 73.4, 73.8, 125.3, 127.3, 128.9, 129.3, 129.9, 132.7, 135.5, 139.1. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{38}\text{SO}_2$ (M^+) m/z 414.2592, found 414.2588. Data for *threo*-10 ^1H NMR (δ , 500 MHz): 1.03, 1.15 (2 s, 18H), 1.80, 1.97 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.71, 2.85 (2 dd, 2H, $J_1 = 4.9$, $J_2 = 7.4$, $J_3 = 13.5$), 3.04, 3.07 (2 dd, 2H, $J_1 = 5.5$, $J_2 = 5.6$, $J_3 = 13.2$), 3.73 (m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (δ , 75 MHz): 21.0, 28.6, 28.8, 41.8, 43.6, 44.1, 69.5, 71.2, 73.7, 74.1, 126.0, 128.0, 129.6, 129.9, 130.2, 133.6, 136.0, 139.5. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{38}\text{SO}_2$ (M^+) m/z 414.2592, found 414.2590.

***erythro-* and *threo*-2,4-Di-*tert*-butoxy-5-(*p*-tolylthio)pentanenitrile (*erythro*-11 and *threo*-11).** were prepared using 0.8 mmol of TMSCN by the method described for 8. Yield is 0.017 g (10%) of *erythro*-11 and 0.12 g (71%) of *threo*-11. R_f 0.47 and 0.38 (hexane/ether, 7:1), respectively. Data for a mixture of *erythro*-11 and *threo*-11 (ca. 2:1, respectively): ^1H NMR (δ , 300 MHz): 1.13, 1.14, 1.27, $^\circ$ 1.29 $^\circ$ (2 s, 18H), 1.98, 2.13 $^\circ$, 2.29 $^\circ$ (m, 2H), 2.31 $^\circ$ (s, 3H), 2.88, 2.94, $^\circ$ 3.06, 3.09 $^\circ$ (2 dd, 2H, $J_1 = 5.2$, $J_2 = 7.8$, $J_3 = 13.6$), 3.79 $^\circ$ (m, 1H), 4.41 $^\circ$ (m, 1H), 7.21 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (δ ,

75 MHz): 21.2,° 27.8, 27.9,° 28.7, 28.8,° 40.3, 41.2,° 41.3,° 41.4, 58.1,° 58.7, 67.1, 74.8, 76.8, 121.2,° 129.8,° 129.9, 131.3,° 131.5, 132.2, 137.0. IR (neat): 2236 cm⁻¹. HRMS: calcd. for C₂₀H₃₂SNO₂ (MH⁺) m/z 350.2154, found 350.2138.

***erythro*-1-Phenyl-5-(p-tolylthio)-2,4-pentanediol (*erythro*-12).**

A solution of TMSI (0.21 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added to a solution of *erythro*-10 (0.08 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) at -20 °C. The mixture was stirred for 15 min and quenched with 5% aqueous NaHCO₃, extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and dried over K₂CO₃. Column chromatography (step gradient elution, hexane : ether : CH₂Cl₂ 10:1:2, 5:1:2, and 3:1:2) afforded 0.012 g (50%) of *erythro*-12 and 0.001 g (3%) of *erythro*-10. R_f 0.65 (hexane/ether, 5:1). ¹H NMR (δ, 500 MHz): 1.57, 1.76 (2 dt, 2H, J₁ = J₂ = 10.0, J₃ = 14.3, J₄ = J₅ = 2.4), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.73, 2.78 (2 dd, 2H, J₁ = 5.8, J₂ = 7.2, J₃ = 13.5), 2.86, 2.99 (2 dd, 2H, J₁ = 4.6, J₂ = 8.0, J₃ = 13.6), 3.12, 3.48 (2 s, 2H), 3.85, 4.04 (2 m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (δ, 83.3 MHz): 21.4, 41.6, 43.0, 44.7, 70.7, 73.6, 126.9, 129.0, 129.9, 130.3, 131.3, 137.4, 138.4. HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₂₂SO₂ (M⁺) m/z 302.1340, found 302.0877.

***threo*-1-Phenyl-5-(p-tolylthio)-2,4-pentanediol (*threo*-12)** was synthesized from *threo*-10 by the method described for *erythro*-12. Yield is 50%. R_f 0.65 (hexane/ether, 5:1). ¹H NMR (δ, 300 MHz): 1.72 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.75, 2.89, 3.06 (3 m, 4H), 3.99, 4.15 (m, 2H), 7.25 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (83.3 MHz): 21.4, 41.3, 42.9, 44.5, 67.4, 70.4, 127.0, 129.0, 129.8, 130.3, 131.6, 137.4, 138.5. HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₂₂SO₂ (M⁺) m/z 302.1340, found 302.1162.

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