

(270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.60–3.11 (br, 30H), 7.00 (brs, 4H, aryl), 7.17 (brs, 8H, aryl); EI-MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 630 (100) [M]⁺; elemental analysis calcd for C₄₅H₄₂O₃·0.5H₂O (639.83): C 84.52, H 6.57; found: C 84.68, H 6.66.

1: A mixture of **13** (50 mg, 8.0·10⁻² mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (5 mg), and ethylene glycol (31 mg, 0.5 mmol) in a mixture of benzene/nitrobenzene (6 mL, 1/1) were refluxed for 48 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled, and the resulting precipitate was collected and washed carefully with hexane to give **1** (42 mg, 68%); m.p. 345–347 °C; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1103 cm⁻¹ (C–O); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.91–2.56 (m, 18H), 2.83–3.31 (m, 8H), 3.93–4.09 (m, 12H, OCH₂), 5.77 (s, 4H, aryl), 6.40–6.62 (m, 8H, aryl); EI-MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 762 (17) [M]⁺; elemental analysis calcd for C₅₁H₅₄O₆·H₂O (781.00): C 78.48, H 6.92; found: C 78.46, H 7.02.

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and the reduction of the spirocyclopropane substituted compound^[12] to a bis-*gem*-dimethyl bridged compound (**14**, X = Y = CH₃) both lead to rigid layered [3.3]orthocyclophanes.



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Solid-Phase Synthesis of Macrocyclic Systems by a Cyclorelease Strategy: Application of the Stille Coupling to a Synthesis of (*S*)-Zearalenone

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In recent years combinatorial chemistry and solid-phase synthesis have emerged as powerful tools for the drug discovery process.^[1] Solid-phase synthesis is particularly useful for the construction of combinatorial libraries by virtue of the opportunity to adopt the powerful and elegant encoded split-pool methods^[2] as well as convenient purification procedures. Considering the importance of natural products to chemistry, biology, and medicine, we initiated a program directed at the development of solid-phase technologies suitable for the total synthesis of such molecules and of directed libraries of their analogues.^[3] Herein, we report a new solid-phase method for the construction of macrocycles by a novel cyclorelease mechanism^[4] that employs the Stille coupling,^[5] and its application to the total synthesis of (*S*)-zearalenone,^[6,7] a biologically active natural product.^[8] Currently, most solid-

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phase methods incorporate a heteroatom such as oxygen, sulfur, or nitrogen within a suitably designed protecting device that links the substrate to the polymer support.^[9] Release from the polymer is achieved by deprotecting the heteroatom which, however, remains as a vestigial stub in every library member (see Figure 1 A).

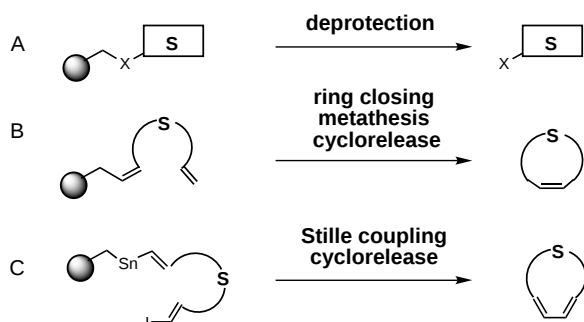
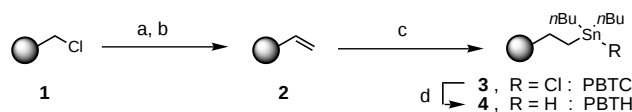


Figure 1. Release of substrate **S** from polymer.

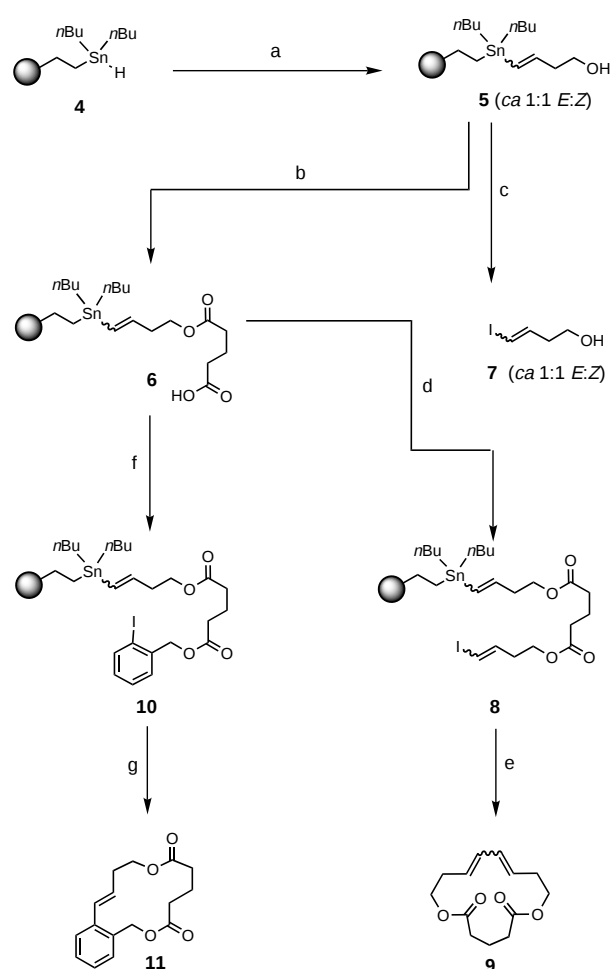
Recently, we applied the ring-closing metathesis in a cyclorelease mode to prepare an epothilone library (Figure 1 B).^[10] Applying the Stille coupling to cyclorelease reveals the strategy shown in Figure 1 C for which polymer-supported tin reagents are required. To this end, we prepared^[11] resin **3** (polystyrene-di-*n*-butyltin chloride, PBTC) and **4** (polystyrene-di-*n*-butyltin hydride, PBTH) as shown in Scheme 1.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of polymer-supported PBTC (**3**) and PBTH (**4**). Reagents and conditions: a) K_2CO_3 (10.0 equiv), DMSO, 145 °C, 15 h; b) $CH_2=PPh_3$ (2.0 equiv), THF, 23 °C, 8 h; c) nBu_2SnCl_2 (2.0 equiv), nBu_2SnH_2 (2.0 equiv), AIBN (0.05 equiv), hv, toluene, 0 °C, 4 h (90 % from **1**); d) $LiBH_4$ (4.0 equiv), THF, 23 °C, 4 h. AIBN = 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile.

Oxidation of Merrifield resin^[12] (**1**, Scheme 1) with K_2CO_3 in DMSO at 145 °C, followed by olefination of the resulting aldehyde gave polystyrene vinyl resin **2**, which was allowed to react with nBu_2SnHCl ^[13] (formed in situ from equimolar amounts of nBu_2SnH_2 and nBu_2SnCl_2) in the presence of AIBN (toluene, 0 °C) to afford PBTC (**3**) in 90 % overall yield.^[14] Reduction of **3** with $LiBH_4$ furnished the polymer-supported tin hydride **4** (PBTH).

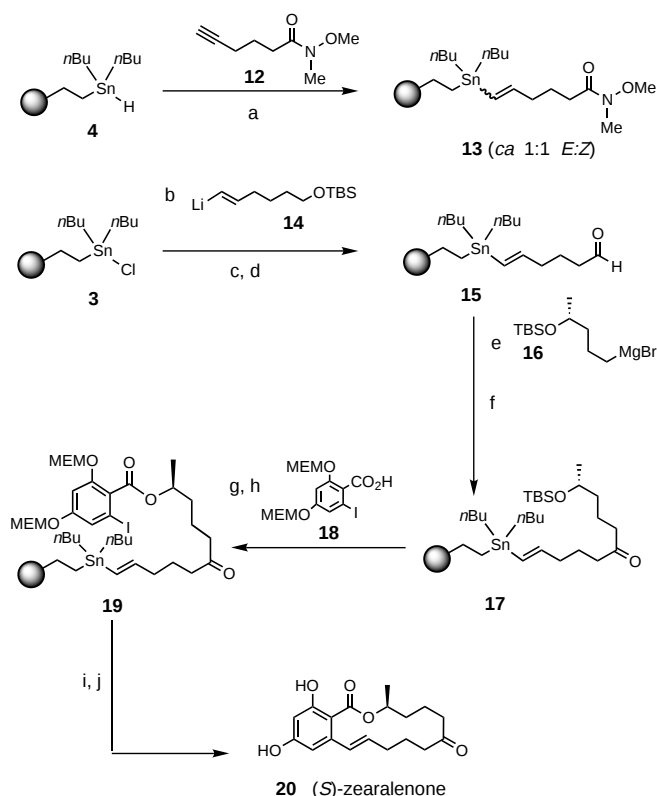
The utilization of PBTH (**4**) in solid-phase synthesis and the proof of concept for the present strategy is demonstrated in Scheme 2. Thus, tin hydride **4** added across the acetylenic bond of 3-butynol (AIBN, 100 °C) to afford a mixture of **5** (*E*:*Z* ca. 1:1),^[15] from which vinyl iodide **7** (*E*:*Z* ca. 1:1) was generated by addition of I_2 .^[16] Coupling of **5** with glutaric anhydride in the presence of 4-DMAP and Et_3N resulted in the formation of **6** to which was attached the vinyl iodide **7** or 2-iodobenzyl alcohol by DCC coupling, furnishing conjugates **8** and **10**, respectively. Finally, cyclorelease was induced by the action of $[Pd(PPh_3)_4]$ catalyst, leading to macrocyclic systems



Scheme 2. Solid-phase synthesis of model macrocyclic systems **9** and **11** by a cyclorelease mechanism that employs the Stille coupling strategy. Reagents and conditions: a) 3-butynol (4.0 equiv), AIBN (0.05 equiv), toluene, 100 °C, 8 h, (94 % from **3**); b) glutaric anhydride (4.0 equiv), 4-DMAP (0.1 equiv), Et_3N (5.0 equiv), CH_2Cl_2 , 23 °C, 15 h (96 %). c) I_2 (1.1 equiv), THF, 23 °C, 2 h (quant.); d) **7** (4.0 equiv), DCC (4.0 equiv), 4-DMAP (0.1 equiv), CH_2Cl_2 , 23 °C, 18 h (93 %); e) $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (0.10 equiv), toluene, 100 °C, 48 h (56 % as a 1:1:2 *EE*:*ZZ*:*EZ* mixture); f) 2-iodobenzyl alcohol (4.0 equiv), DCC (4.0 equiv), 4-DMAP (0.1 equiv), CH_2Cl_2 , 23 °C, 15 h (95 %); g) $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (0.10 equiv), toluene, 100 °C (51 % based on loading of *E* isomer). 4-DMAP = 4-dimethylaminopyridine; DCC = 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide.

9 (56 % from **8**) and **11** (51 % from **10** based on the loading of the *E* isomer). Notable was the absence of the *Z* isomer of **11** from the cyclorelease of **10**, and the isolation of a dimer (7 %) corresponding to **11** possessing one *Z* and one *E* double bond.

The use of the polymer-supported tin reagents **3** and **4** and the demonstration of the power of the method in natural product synthesis is shown in Scheme 3 with the total synthesis of (*S*)-zearelenone (**20**). The adopted strategy (Figure 2) was demonstrated in solution by Stille and Hegedus in 1991.^[6] While the addition of PBTH (**4**) to the acetylenic Weinreb amide **12** gave a stoichiometric mixture of *Z*:*E* vinyltin conjugates **13**, the displacement of the chloride from PHTC (**3**) by lithium reagent **14**^[17] led, after deprotection and oxidation, exclusively to the *E*-vinyltin polymer **15**. Addition of Grignard reagent **16**^[17] to the Weinreb amide **13** or to aldehyde **15** followed by Corey–Kim oxidation gave **17**,



Scheme 3. Solid-phase total synthesis of (*S*)-zearealene (**20**) by a cyclorelease mechanism that employs the Stille coupling strategy. Reagents and conditions: a) **12** (4.0 equiv), AIBN (0.05 equiv), toluene, 100 °C, 4 h (90 % from **3**); b) **14** (3.0 equiv), THF, −78 → 23 °C, 4 h (87 %); c) TBAF (10.0 equiv), THF, 23 °C, 5 h (94 %); d) NCS (4.0 equiv), Me₂S (5.0 equiv), 0 °C, 15 min; then add resin, 0 °C, 1 h; Et₃N (6.0 equiv) 0 → 23 °C, 0.5 h; e) **16** (2.0 equiv), THF, 0 → 23 °C, 4 h (92 %, 2 steps); f) NCS (4.0 equiv), Me₂S (5.0 equiv), 0 °C, 15 min; then add resin, −40 °C, 1.5 h; Et₃N (6.0 equiv), −40 → 23 °C, 0.5 h (97 %). g) TBAF (10.0 equiv), THF, 23 °C, 13 h; h) **18** (3.0 equiv), PPh₃ (3.0 equiv), DEAD (4.0 equiv), 0 → 23 °C, 6 h (76 %, two steps); i) Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.10 equiv), toluene, 100 °C, 48 h (54 %); j) 2:1 THF/HCl aq. (5 %), 23 °C, 5 days (80 %). TBAF = tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride; NCS = *N*-chlorosuccinimide; DIAD = diisopropyl azodicarboxylate.

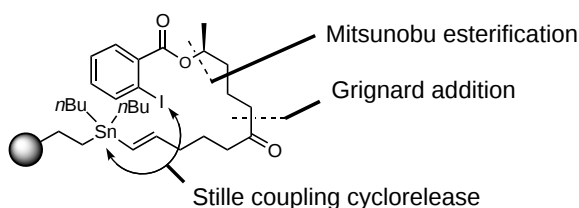


Figure 2. Bond disconnections for the solid-phase synthesis of (*S*)-zearealene (**20**) by a cyclorelease mechanism that employs the Stille coupling strategy.

which was desilylated and coupled to carboxylic acid **18**^[17] to afford the desired precursor **19**. As expected, cyclorelease took place smoothly upon exposure of **19** to [Pd(PPh₃)₄] catalyst to afford, after acid-induced deprotection,^[6] (*S*)-zearealene (**20**). Similarly to the previous case (**10** → **11**), the cyclorelease of the *Z* isomer of zearealene was not observed. Selected physical properties of several of the compounds synthesized here are given in Table 1.

The described solid-phase chemistry extends the utility of the cyclorelease strategy to the synthesis of complex macrocycles, including natural products, by adding the Stille coupling to the repertoire of applicable reactions. This efficient method should facilitate the construction of compound libraries of such systems for biological screening and other uses.

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Table 1. Selected physical properties of compounds **4**, **7**, **9**, **11**, **13**, and **20**.

4: Infrared analysis of the resin revealed an intense Sn–H stretching absorption at 1802 cm^{−1}.

7: R_f = 0.28 (silica gel, EtOAc/hexane, 1:3); FT-IR (neat) $\tilde{\nu}_{\max}$ = 3332, 2942, 2878, 1606, 1422, 1216, 1045, 944 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.54 (dt, J = 14.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH=CHI, *E* isomer), 6.37 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH=CHI, *Z* isomer), 6.28 (dt, J = 7.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH=CHI, *Z* isomer), 6.17 (dt, J = 14.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH=CHI, *E* isomer), 3.75 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂O, *Z* isomer), 3.68 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂O, *E* isomer), 2.44 (dtd, J = 7.0, 6.5, 1.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH=CHI, *Z* isomer), 2.33 (dtd, J = 7.0, 6.5, 1.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH=CHI, *E* isomer); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 142.7, 137.6, 84.8, 77.3, 60.9, 60.8, 39.1, 38.1.

9: Compound **9** was obtained as a 1:1:2 mixture of *EE*:*ZZ*:*EZ* isomers. (*EE*)-**9**: R_f = 0.51 (silica gel, EtOAc/hexane, 1:3); FT-IR (neat) $\tilde{\nu}_{\max}$ = 2991, 2961, 2931, 1736, 1412, 1378, 1210, 1159, 1092, 1022, 1000, 863, 802 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.94–5.86 (m, 2H, CH=CH–CH=CH), 5.41–5.29 (m, 2H, CH=CH–CH=CH), 4.22 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 4H, CH₂O), 2.37 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 4H, CH₂COO), 2.25 (dt, J = 6.0, 5.5 Hz, 4H, CH₂CH=CH), 1.75 (qt, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₂COO); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.0, 133.5, 128.0, 60.8, 33.9, 31.3, 18.8; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₃H₁₈O₄ [M⁺Na⁺]: 239.1283; found: 239.1279.

(*ZZ*)-**9**: R_f = 0.42 (silica gel, EtOAc/hexane, 1:3); FT-IR (neat) $\tilde{\nu}_{\max}$ = 2918, 1732, 1697, 1650, 1556, 1536, 1519, 1452, 1241, 1150 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.45–6.39 (m, 2H, CH=CH–CH=CH), 5.46–5.40 (m, 2H, CH=CH–CH=CH), 4.22 (m, 2H, CH₂O), 4.09 (m, 2H, CH₂O), 2.39–2.31 (m, 8H, CH₂CH=CH, CH₂COO), 1.84 (qt, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₂COO); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.9, 127.8, 126.6, 62.2, 32.0, 31.6, 27.7, 22.6, 14.1; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₃H₁₈O₄ [M⁺Na⁺]: 261.1103; found: 261.1110.

(*EZ*)-**9**: R_f = 0.40 (silica gel, EtOAc/hexane, 1:3); FT-IR (neat) $\tilde{\nu}_{\max}$ = 2955, 1732, 1454, 1382, 1248, 1150, 1063 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.33 (ddd, J = 15.0, 10.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CH–CH=CH), 6.11 (dd, J = 10.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CH–CH=CH), 5.62 (dt, J = 15.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CH–CH=CH), 5.34 (dt, J = 10.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CH–CH=CH), 4.20–4.17 (m, 4H, CH₂O), 2.47–2.43 (m, 2H, CH₂CH=CH), 2.42–2.37 (m, 2H, CH₂CH=CH), 2.37 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₂COO), 2.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₂COO), 1.93–1.87 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂COO); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.6, 172.5, 131.7, 130.6, 128.8, 126.0, 62.6, 62.5, 33.5, 33.3, 32.7, 27.5, 20.5, 14.1; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₃H₁₈O₄ [M⁺Na⁺]: 261.1103; found: 261.1109.

11: R_f = 0.30 (silica gel, EtOAc/hexane, 1:3); FT-IR (neat) $\tilde{\nu}_{\max}$ = 2947, 1731, 1242, 1146, 964, 752 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.33 (ddd, J = 8.0, 8.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.27–7.21 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.64 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H, ArCH=CHCH₂), 6.05 (dt, J = 15.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H, ArCH=CHCH₂), 5.13 (s, 2H, PhCH₂O), 4.22 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂O), 2.53 (dt, J = 7.0, 5.0 Hz, 2H, CH=CHCH₂), 2.44 (dd, J = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂COO), 2.37 (dd, J = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂COO), 2.03–1.96 (m, 2H, COCH₂CH₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.2, 172.6, 138.6, 132.2, 130.7, 130.1, 129.3, 129.1, 127.2, 127.1, 65.7, 62.9, 32.9, 32.4, 31.4, 20.0; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₆H₁₈O₄ [M⁺Na⁺]: 297.1103; found: 297.1109.

13: Iodonolysis of resin **13** afforded an inseparable *E*:*Z* (1:1) mixture of the corresponding vinyl iodide. R_f = 0.22 (silica gel, EtOAc-hexane, 1:3); FT-IR (neat) $\tilde{\nu}_{\max}$ = 2934, 1666, 1416, 1385, 1178, 996 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.45 (dt, J = 14.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH=CHI, *E* isomer), 6.21 (m, 1H, CH=CHI, *Z* isomer), 6.16 (dt, J = 7.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH=CHI, *Z* isomer), 6.00 (dt, J = 14.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CHI, *E* isomer), 3.66 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.65 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.16 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 3.15 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 2.45 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂CON), 2.40 (m, 2H, CH₂CON), 2.18 (dt, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH=CHI, *Z* isomer), 2.03 (dtd, J = 7.0, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH=CHI, *E* isomer), 1.76 (qt, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₂CH₂), 1.72 (qt, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₂CH₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 145.7, 140.6, 83.1, 75.2, 61.2, 35.4, 34.2, 23.0, 22.8; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₈H₁₄INO₂ [M⁺]: 284.0148; found: 284.0158.

(**S**)-Zearalenone (**20**): R_f = 0.45 (silica gel, EtOAc/hexane, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = −124.2 (c = 0.5, MeOH)^[7a] $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ = −134 (c = 1.0, MeOH); FT-IR (neat) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3421, 2938, 1700, 1648, 1611, 1577, 1452, 1355, 1314, 1260, 1201, 1170, 1124, 1018, 970 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.10 (s, 1H, ArOH), 7.00 (dd, J = 15.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CHAr), 6.41 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.35 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.67 (ddd, J = 15.5, 10.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CHAr), 4.98 (m, 1H, CHOCOAr), 2.86 (ddd, J = 18.5, 12.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.10 (m, 4H), 1.80–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H, C(CH₃)OCOAr); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 211.8, 171.3, 165.4, 160.6, 144.0, 133.2, 132.4, 108.4, 102.4, 73.4, 42.9, 36.7, 34.7, 31.0, 22.3, 21.0, 20.9, 20.8; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₈H₂₂O₅ [M⁺]: 319.1545; found: 319.1555. The synthetic zearalenone **20** was identical (¹H, ¹³C, TLC) to an authentic sample purchased from Aldrich.

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- [16] The preparation of spectroscopically homogeneous vinyl iodide **7** was carried out on a 1–10-mmol scale by a) titrating vinyl tin resin **5** with a THF iodine solution slightly beyond the end point (ca. 1.1 equiv) and b) diluting with Et₂O and washing with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃.
- [17] The spectroscopic characteristics of compounds **14**, **16**, and **18** were identical to those previously reported.^[6]