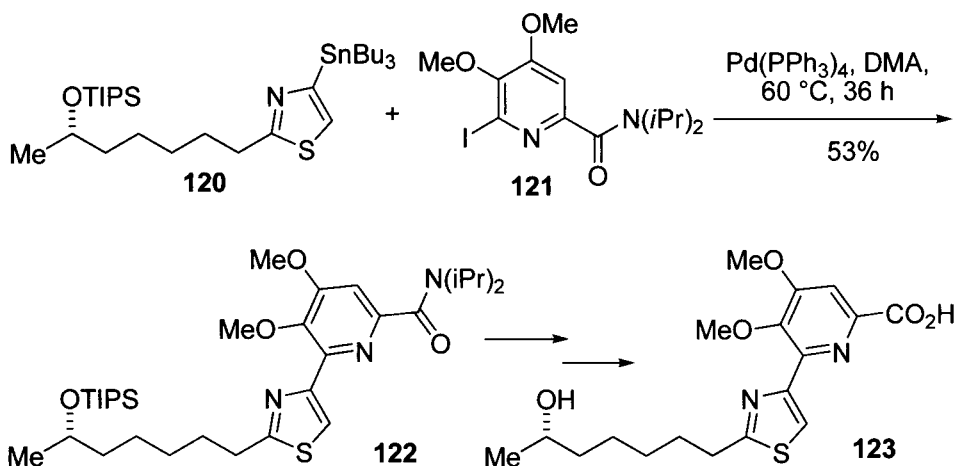


(+)-(*S*)-WS75624B (**123**) is an endothelin-converting enzyme (ECE) inhibitor that is potentially useful in the treatment of hypertension.<sup>80</sup> Stannane **120** reacting with iodide **121** afforded **122** which was further elaborated into **123**.



A series of indazole-pyridine analogues was developed as protein kinase B/Akt inhibitors.<sup>81</sup> Among them, compound **126** was the most potent and selective. It possessed an improved cardiovascular safety profile compared with other analogues in the series. It was synthesized via a Stille coupling of trimethyltin derivative **124** and the bromide **125** using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  and (*o*-tol)<sub>3</sub>P as the catalyst.

