Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of organolead compounds with organostannanes

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The palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of organolead triacetates with organostannanes has been accomplished in the presence of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ ·CHCl₃ (5 mol%) and NaOMe (5 equiv.) in MeOH–MeCN (1:1) under mild conditions.

The palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of organostannanes with aryl of vinyl halides and triflates, known as the Stille reaction,¹ has become a versatile tool in organic synthesis. Main group metals such as lead(IV),² bismuth³ and thallium⁴ have been of limited use in cross-coupling reactions. Recently, Pinhey² reported the arylation, alkenylation and alkynylation of organolead(IV) tricarboxylates with soft carbon nucleophiles. As an alternative to organic electrophiles, hypervalent iodonium compounds were employed in the cross-coupling with organostannanes.⁵ However, the coupling reaction of organolead compounds as electrophiles with organostannanes is not known. Here we report the cross-coupling of organostannanes with organolead(IV) compounds.

Initially, we examined the cross-coupling of phenyllead triacetate $1a^6$ with vinyl tributylstannane 2a to determine the optimum reaction conditions. After series of fruitless experiments, we found that the use of NaOMe as a base was crucial in this coupling. Of the catalysts Pd₂(dba)₃·CHCl₃, Pd(OAc)₂ and PdCl₂ tested, Pd₂(dba)₃·CHCl₃ was the best. Even though CHCl₃ was also effective, the solvent system MeOH–MeCN

(1:1) was most suitable. To avoid homocoupling, CuI (10 mol%) was added as a cocatalyst (Scheme 1).⁷

Phenyllead triacetate 1a was reacted with vinyl tributylstannane 2a in the presence of NaOMe (5 equiv.) using $Pd_2(dba)_3$ ·CHCl₃ (5 mol%) and CuI (10 mol%) as catalysts in MeOH-MeCN (1:1) at room temperature for 2 h to afford styrene **3a** as the sole product in 80% yield (entry 1, Table 1). Under the same conditions the reaction of 1a with the β -styrylstannane **2b** gave the coupled product (*E*)- β -stilbene **3b** in 72% yield (entry 2). When phenyllead triacetate 1a was treated with α -styrylstannane **2c**, (*E*)- β -stilbene **3b** was also obtained as the sole product via the mechanism of cine substitution⁸ in 40% yield (entry 3). For the alkynylstannane 2d, the reaction with 1a gave the coupled product 3c in 79% yield (entry 4). When the same reaction was conducted in CHCl₃ as the only solvent, the coupled product 3c was obtained in 45% yield along with the homocoupled product (30%).9 Treatment of 2-furyl(tributyl)stannane 2e, 3-furyl(tributyl)stannane 2f, and 3-thienyl-substituted stannane 2g with *p*-methoxyphenyllead triacetate $1b^{10}$ afforded the substituted furans $3d^{11}$, $3e^{12}$ and thiophene $3f^{13}$ in 73, 70 and 85% yields, respectively (entries 5-7).[‡] For the coupling of **1b** with 2-furyl stannane **2e** under the same conditions without addition of CuI as catalyst, the coupled product 3e was obtained in 60% yield after 7 h along with the homocoupled product (25%). However, the addition of CuI (10

| R ¹ Pb(OAc) ₃ + | R ² SnBu ₃ —— | \rightarrow R ¹ –R ² |
|--|--|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Ia R ¹ = Ph | 2a R ² = vinyl | 3a R ¹ = Ph, R ² = vinyl |
| $\mathbf{b} \mathbf{R}^1 = p \cdot \mathbf{MeOC}_6 \mathbf{H}_4$ | b R ² = (<i>E</i>)-PhCH=CH | b R ¹ = Ph, R ² = (<i>E</i>)-PhCH=CH |
| $c R^1 = 2,4-(MeO)_2C_6H_3$ | $c R^2 = PhC(=CH_2)$ | c R ¹ = Ph, R ² = PhC≡C |
| d R ¹ = 2-thienyl | d R ² = PhC≡C | d $R^1 = p$ -MeOC ₆ H ₄ , $R^2 = 2$ -furyl |
| | e R ² = 2-furyl | $\mathbf{e} \ R^1 = p \cdot MeOC_6H_4, \ R^2 = 3 \cdot furyl$ |
| | f R ² = 3-furyl | f $R^1 = p$ -MeOC ₆ H ₄ , $R^2 = 2$ -thienyl |
| | g R ² = 2-thienyl | $\mathbf{g} \ R^1 = 2,4$ -(MeO) ₂ C ₆ H ₃ , $R^2 = 2$ -furyl |
| | | h $R^1 = 2,4$ -(MeO) ₂ C ₆ H ₃ , $R^2 = 2$ -thienyl |
| | | i R^1 = 2-thienyl R^2 = (<i>E</i>)-PhCH=CH |

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Scheme 1 Reagents and conditions: i, Pd(dba)₃·CHCl₃ (5 mol%), CuI (10 mol%), NaOMe (5 equiv.), MeOH–MeCN (1:1)

| Fable | 1 | Pal | lladium | -catal | yzed | cross-coup | ling (| of | organostannanes | with | organole | ead | triacetates |
|-------|---|-----|---------|--------|------|------------|--------|----|-----------------|------|----------|-----|-------------|
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| Entry | Organolead compounds | Organostannanes | <i>T</i> /°C | <i>t/</i> h | Product | Isolated yield (%) ^a |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 a | 2a | room temp. | 2 | 3a | 80 (trace) |
| 2 | 1a | 2b | room temp. | 2 | 3b | 72 (trace) |
| 3 | 1a | 2c | 60 | 3 | 3b | 40 |
| 4 | 1a | 2d | room temp. | 2 | 3c | 79 (10) |
| 5 | 1b | 2e | room temp. | 2 | 3d | 73 (10) |
| 6 | 1b | 2f | 60 | 2 | 3e | 70 (trace) |
| 7 | 1b | 2g | 60 | 2 | 3f | 85 (10) |
| 8 | 1c | 2e | room temp. | 3 | 3g | 72 (trace) |
| 9 | 1c | 2g | room temp. | 3 | 3h | 73 (trace) |
| 10 | 1d | 2b | 60 | 2 | 3i | 62 (10) |

^a The yields in parentheses are the yields of the homocoupling products, which are easily separated by column chromatography.

mol%) improved the yield to 73% yield with reduced reaction time (2 h) and reduced homocoupling (10%). The 2,4-dimethoxyphenyllead triacetate $1c^{14}$ was also coupled with 2-furyl and 2-thienyl substituted stannanes 2e and 2g at room temperature for 3 h to afford the coupled products 3g§ and $3h^{15}$ in 72 and 73% yields, respectively (entries 8 and 9). Finally, 2-thienyllead triacetate $1d^{16}$ was reacted with (*E*)- β -styrylstannane 2b to give the coupled product $3i^{17}$ in 62% yield (entry 10). The results are summarized in Scheme 1 and Table 1.

Although the detailed mechanism for the role of NaOMe remains to be elucidated, it is presumed that organolead trimethoxide RPb(OMe)₃ is formed¹⁸ and drives facile oxidative addition¹⁹ with Pd⁰ to give polar reactive intermediate RPdPb(OMe)₃, which allows the transmetallation and coupling to proceed under mild conditions

A typical procedure is as follows: To a stirred solution of *p*-methoxylphenyllead triacetate **1b** (140 mg, 0.28 mmol) and NaOMe (77 mg, 1.42 mmol) in MeOH–MeCN (1:1, 3 ml) was added Pd₂(dba)₃·CHCl₃ (14 mg, 5 mol%) and CuI (5 mg, 10 mol%), followed by 2-thienyl(tributyl)stannane **2g** (100 mg, 0.27 mmol) *via* syringe at room temperature under N₂, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 2 h and cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O (20 ml), washed three times with water, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was separated by SiO₂ column chromatography (hexanes, $R_f = 0.28$) to afford the coupled product **3f** (44 mg, 85%).

In conclusion, the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of organolead triacetates with organostannanes was achieved under mild conditions.

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‡ Selected data for **3e**: TLC, SiO₂, hexanes, $R_f = 0.36$; $\delta_H(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) 3.83$ (s, 3 H), 6.65 (m, 1 H) 6.92 (m, 2 H), 7.42 (m, 3 H), 7.65 (s, 1 H); v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3054, 2928, 1605, 1275; *m/e* (EI) 174 (100%), 159 (75), 131 (45), 77 (40).

§ Selected data for **3g**: TLC, SiO₂, EtOAc–hexanes (1:10), $R_f = 0.37$; $\delta_H(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ 3.96 (s, 3 H), 4.04 (s, 3 H), 6.59 (m, 1 H), 6.68 (m, 1 H), 6.70 (m, 1 H), 6.91 (m, 1 H), 7.54 (dd, 1 H), 7.87 (d, 1 H); $v_{\text{max}}(\text{neat})/$ cm^{-1} 3055, 2856, 1422, 1265, 896, 740; m/z (EI) 203 (100%), 188 (24), 161 (41), 102 (119).

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