Stereospecifical Preparation of (E)- α -Stannyl-1-alkenylphosphonates and their Application in Stille Reaction

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Abstract: The palladium catalyzed hydrostannation of 1-alkenylphosphonates gives the (*E*)- α -stannyl 1-alkenylphosphonates **2** stereospecifically. Compounds **2** can occur Stille coupling reaction to afford α , β -disubstituted vinylphosphonates with the retention of the configuration.

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1-Alkenylphosphonates are very useful compounds for organic transformations¹ and for the synthesis of biological active compounds². On the other hand, alkenylstannes are of particular synthetic interest and have attracted a great deal of attention in recent years³. For this reason, we anticipate the α -stannyl-1-alkenylphosphonates, a new class of 1, 1difunctional reagents which combined α -stannyl and phosphonate groups in one molecule, will play an important role in organic synthesis. They can be regarded as a synthetic equivalent of a vinylphosphonates carbanion which may react with various electrophiles to afford the α , β -disubstituted vinylphosphonates. For this purpose, we started to synthesize the α -stannyl-1-alkenylphosphonates and to explore their application in organic synthesis

We firstly examined the palladium (0)-catalyzed hydrostannation of 1-alkeynyl phosphonates. It shows that the hydrostannation of 1-alkeynylphosphonates with Bu₃SnH occurred readily in the presence of Pd (PPh₃)₄ catalyst in THF at room temperature. The Bu₃SnH was added to the 1-alkynylphosphonates in a *syn*-addition way with the stannyl moiety directed to the carbon of the double bond bearing the phosphonato functionality. The stereochemistry of products **2** (Scheme 1, Table 1) was assigned according to the ³*J*_{HP} coupling constant measurement in their ¹H NMR spectra,⁴ which varied from 58-65 Hz for *E*-isomers and from 31-34 Hz for *Z*-isomers. The products are stable to moisture and air and can be handled conveniently.

The (E)- α -stannyl-1-alkenylphosphonates 2 can occur the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction with diaryliodonium salts. For example, the coupling of compound 2a with diphenyliodonium chloride at room temperature in the presence

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a, R=Ph; b, R= $n-C_4H_9$; c, R= C_5H_{11} ; d, R=MeOCH₂.

Fable 1	Synthesis	of	products	2a-d.

Entry	R	Product	Yield (%) ^a
1	Ph	2a	87
2	C_4H_9	2b	83
3	C ₅ H ₁₁	2c	79
4	MeOCH ₂	2d	72

a: Purified yield after column chromatography.

Scheme 2



of Pd(PPh₃)₄ and CuI in DMF affords (*E*)- α -phenyl- phenylethenylphosphonate **3** in 83% yield (**Scheme 2**).

In conclusion, we have developed a facile route for the synthesis of (E)- α -stannyl 1-alkenylphosphonates **2**, which can occur Stille reaction smoothly.

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