

(*S*)-*N*-Methyl-1-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octahydroisoquinoline (**19a**). A solution of 0.094 g (0.36 mmol) of the (*S*)-1-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octahydroisoquinoline (**16a**) in 2 mL of ethyl formate was heated at 40 °C for 15 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, and the crude formamide was dissolved in 5 mL of diethyl ether to which 0.035 g (0.92 mmol) of lithium aluminum hydride was added. After 2 h of stirring at room temperature, the reaction was quenched successively with 5 drops of water, 3 drops of 20% aqueous KOH solution, and 5 drops of water. The solution was filtered and concentrated, and the crude product was subjected to bulb-to-bulb distillation (0.05 mmHg; 110 °C), which afforded 0.088 g (89%) of the product as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.75 (1 OH, m), 2.36 (3 H, s), 2.50 (1 H, m), 2.77 (2 H, m), 2.90 (2 H, m), 3.77 (3 H, s), 6.80 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.16 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 22.9, 23.2, 28.1, 28.2, 30.1, 35.7, 42.8, 47.3, 55.0, 66.2, 113.2, 127.0, 129.1, 129.8, 132.9, 157.3; [α]_D²⁴ -76.9° (c 2.9, ether), lit.¹¹ [α]_D²⁵ -78.9° (c 3.0, ether).

Dextrorphan [(+)-3-Hydroxy-17-methylmorphinan] (4a). A solution of 0.139 g (0.51 mmol) of **19a** in 1 mL of phosphoric acid was heated¹² at 135–140 °C for 65 h under argon. The mixture was poured over ice and neutralized with concentrated ammonium hydroxide. Extraction with benzene-ether, drying (K₂CO₃), and concentration in vacuo gave a crude product which was purified via radial chromatography; silica gel, 1 mm thickness, eluted with hexane-triethylamine-ethyl acetate (60:15:25), to give 0.060 g (45%), mp 188–190 °C; [α]_D²⁴ +54.0° (c 3.0, ethanol). An authentic sample¹³ showed [α]_D +56.3° (c 3.0, ethanol), mp 191–193 °C.

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(*S*)-1-Benzyl-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octahydroisoquinoline (**16b**). In a manner analogous to the preparation of **16a**, **16b** was obtained in 82% yield and HPLC analysis of its naphthamide showed that the enantiomeric excess was 99 ± 1%. The product **16b** was obtained as an oil, via bulb-to-bulb distillation (135 °C, 0.05 mmHg): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.7 (5 H, m), 1.9 (6 H, m), 2.8 (3 H, m), 3.2 (2 H, m), 7.3 (5 H, br s).

(*S*)-*N*-Methyl-1-benzyl-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octahydroisoquinoline (**19b**). In a manner analogous to **19a**, **19b** was methylated in 82% yield to give an oil, purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation (135 °C, 0.05 mmHg): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.58 (4 H, m), 1.87 (6 H, m), 2.35 (3 H, s), 2.57 (1 H, t, *J* = 5 Hz), 2.84 (4 H, m), 7.23 (5 H, m); [α]_D²⁴ +9.9° (c 2.87, ethanol).

Morphinan 4b. In a manner similar to the formation of **4a**, the octahydroisoquinoline **19b** was heated in phosphoric acid to give **4b** in 57% yield. The product was purified with radial chromatography using conditions identical with that employed for **4a**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.34 (7 H, m), 1.70 (3 H, m), 2.05 (1 H, d of t, *J* = 2.5, 12.2 Hz), 2.39 (3 H, s), 2.40 (2 H, m), 2.63 (1 H, dd, *J* = 5.6, 18.3 Hz), 2.80 (1 H, br m), 3.03 (1 H, d, *J* = 18.3 Hz), 7.15 (3 H, m), 7.24 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz); [α]_D²⁴ +56.9° (c 1.50, ethanol). reported for the (-)-antipode, [α]_D²⁵ -56° (ethanol), mp 33–34 °C.¹⁴ **4b** was obtained as an oil, which did not crystallize.

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Synthesis of Vinyl Selenides or Sulfides and Ketene Selenoacetals or Thioacetals by Nickel(II) Vinylation of Sodium Benzeneselenolate or Benzenethiolate

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The substitution of a bromine atom on a double bond by benzeneselenolate or benzenethiolate anions is catalyzed by the bis(bipyridine)nickel(II) bromide complex. Various alkenyl selenides or sulfides and seleno- or thioacetals are prepared in good to excellent yields.

A number of useful functional group transformations can be achieved with vinyl selenides or sulfides. Owing to their ability to stabilize carbanionic intermediates for further functionalization and/or the easy removal of the metalloids, they have been widely used in organic synthesis. As a matter of fact, their preparations have held attention these past years, and several methods have been proposed. The preparations of vinyl selenides generally imply multiple steps procedures involving addition of electrophilic selenium on triple or double bonds followed by elimination reactions¹ or Wittig-type reactions with α-selenated ylides.^{1,2} Other possible preparations are the reaction of

phosphorus tetraiodide or triiodide with selenoacetals or seleno esters,^{1f} the reduction of phenylselenoalkynes,^{1d} the reaction of alkynyl trialkyl borates,^{1e} alkenylboranes, and alkenyl mercurials,^{1d} selenyl halides, or diaryl selenides, the addition of selenic acids^{1f,3} and selenols⁴ on alkynes, and the syn elimination of selenoacetals monoselenoxides.⁵ Vinyl sulfides are obtained by Wittig reaction⁶ or addition of a thiolate on a triple bond.⁷ Ketene thioacetals are prepared by Wittig,⁸ Wittig-Horner,⁹ and Peterson¹⁰ re-

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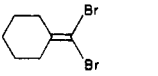
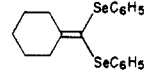
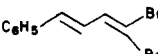
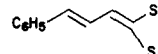
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Table II. Stereochemical Results in the Preparation of Some Vinyl Selenides

case	substrate (<i>E/Z</i>) ^b	reacn conditions ^a	vinyl selenide (<i>E/Z</i>) ^b
1	BrCH=CHC ₆ H ₅ (90/10)	10 mol % (bipy) ₂ NiBr ₂ EtOH, 3 h, reflux	C ₆ H ₅ CH=CHSeC ₆ H ₅ (94/6)
2	BrCH=CHSeC ₆ H ₅	10 mol % (bipy) ₂ NiBr ₂ EtOH, 3 h, reflux	C ₆ H ₅ SeCH=CHSeC ₆ H ₅ (>95/5)
3	BrCH=CHSeC ₆ H ₅ (pure <i>Z</i>)	31 % mol (bipy) ₂ NiBr ₂ EtOH, 16 h, reflux	C ₆ H ₅ SeCH=CHSeC ₆ H ₅ (15/85)
4	CH ₃ CH=CBrCH ₃ (88/12)	120 mol % (bipy) ₂ NiBr ₂ EtOH, 24 h, 120 °C	CH ₃ CH=(SeC ₆ H ₅)CH ₃ (87/13)

^a Reactions conditions were such that all the starting vinyl bromide was consumed in order to eliminate the influence of the result of the kinetic competition between the two isomers in their reaction with phenyl selenoate. ^b Determined by GC analysis of the mixture using a 5 ft × 0.125 in. stainless steel column packed with 10% SE 30 on WHMDS.

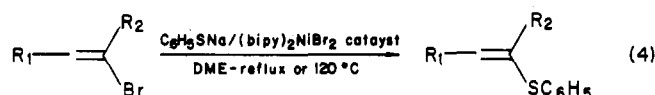
Table III. Vinyl Sulfides

case	vinyl bromide ^a	catalyst, mol %	solvent	temp, °C	reacn time, h	vinyl sulfide	yield, ^b %
1	CH ₃ CH=CBrCH ₃	3	DME	120	48	CH ₃ CH=C(SC ₆ H ₅)CH ₃	81
2	CH ₃ CH=CHBr	3	DME	120	48	CH ₃ CH=CHSC ₆ H ₅	77
3	C ₆ H ₅ CH=CHBr	1	DME	reflux	24	C ₆ H ₅ CH=CHSC ₆ H ₅	75
4	C ₆ H ₅ SeCH=CHBr	1	DME	reflux	24	C ₆ H ₅ SeCH=CHSC ₆ H ₅	89
5	BrCH=CHBr	2	DME	reflux	24	C ₆ H ₅ SCH=CHSC ₆ H ₅	71
6	C ₆ H ₅ CH=CBr ₂	2	toluene	reflux	22	C ₆ H ₅ CH=C(SC ₆ H ₅) ₂	85
7		2	toluene	reflux	36		73
8	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₅ CH=CBr ₂	2	toluene	reflux	116	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₅ CH=C(SC ₆ H ₅) ₂	63
9		2	toluene	reflux	24		78

^a Reaction done with 1.2 equiv of C₆H₅S⁻ in cases 1–4 and 2.4 equiv in cases 5–9. ^b Optimum yield of isolated pure compound obtained after the total disappearance of the starting vinyl bromide.

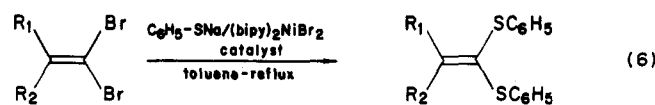
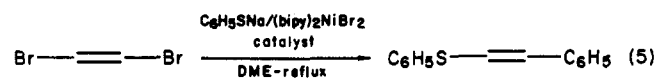
involving the thiolate, the vinyl bromide, and the solvent where, as we could demonstrate, no nickel catalysis is necessary.

In aprotic solvents like dimethoxyethane or toluene, the side reactions are not observed anymore, and good yields of the desired sulfides are obtained. In these conditions the reaction can be performed even with deactivated vinyl bromides (Table III, cases 1, 2) (reaction 4).



10. R₁ = CH₃; R₂ = CH₃
 11. R₁ = CH₃; R₂ = H
 12. R₁ = C₆H₅; R₂ = H
 13. R₁ = C₆H₅Se; R₂ = H

Analogous conditions allow for the disubstitution of either 1,2-dibromoethylene (Table III, case 5) (reaction 5) or 1,1-dibromoethylenic compounds (Table III, cases 6–9) (reaction 6).



14. R₁ = C₆H₅; R₂ = H
 15. R₁, R₂ = (CH₂)₅
 16. R₁ = *n*-hexyl; R₂ = H
 17. R₁ = C₆H₅CH=CH; R₂ = H

For the latter, and contrary to palladium(0),^{13a} nickel(II) catalyzes in good yields the regioselective disubstitution of

bromine atoms by thiolate to give the corresponding ketene thioacetals.

The reaction has variable stereochemical results and in most of the cases considered no clear stereochemical relation was observed (Table IV).

In conclusion the (bipy)₂NiBr₂ catalysis of the nucleophilic substitution of monobromo- and dibromovinyl derivatives by benzeneselenolate and benzenethiolate allows for an easy preparation of vinyl selenides, vinyl sulfides, and ketene selenoacetals and thioacetals.

Experimental Section

The preparation of (bipy)₂NiBr₂ has been already described.¹⁵ Preparations of vinyl selenides and ketene selenoacetals were conducted under an inert atmosphere of N₂, which was not, however, necessary for the workup of reaction mixtures. Preparation of vinyl sulfides and ketene thioacetals did not need an inert atmosphere. Melting points are uncorrected and were measured on an automatic Mettler FP 51 melting point apparatus (heating rate, 2 °C/min). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Model 221 spectrophotometer by using samples as films between KBr disks or as solutions in KBr. Three bands stable in frequency were observed in the range 1000–1070 cm⁻¹ for either sulfides or selenides. They may be assigned to the C₆H₅S or C₆H₅Se groups. ¹H NMR spectra were measured in CDCl₃ or CCl₄ with a Varian EM-360 L spectrometer with Me₄Si as internal standard. Satellite bands due to ⁷⁷Se–H couplings have not been taken into account for the analysis of NMR spectra.

Diphenyl diselenide and monobromoalkenes were purchased from Aldrich or Fluka. The latter were used after passing on a short plug of neutral alumina. β,β-Dibromostyrene, 1,1-dibromo-1-nonene, and 1,1-dibromo-4-phenyl-1,3-butadiene were prepared according to the procedure of E. J. Corey and Fuchs.¹⁷ 1,1-(Dibromomethylidene)cyclohexane was prepared according

Table IV. Stereochemical Results in the Preparation of Some Vinyl Sulfides

case	substrate (<i>E/Z</i>) ^b	reacn conditions ^a	vinyl sulfide (<i>E/Z</i>) ^b
1	CH ₃ CH=CBrCH ₃ (88/12)	3 mol % (bipy) ₂ NiBr ₂ DME, 48 h, 120 °C	CH ₃ CH=C(SC ₆ H ₅)CH ₃ (56/44)
2	C ₆ H ₅ CH=CHBr (90/10)	1 mol % (bipy) ₂ NiBr ₂ DME, 24 h, reflux	C ₆ H ₅ CH=CHSC ₆ H ₅ (<i>E</i> , 100%)
3	C ₆ H ₅ SeCH=CHBr (95/5)	1 mol % (bipy) ₂ NiBr ₂ DME, 24 h, reflux	C ₆ H ₅ SeCH=CHSC ₆ H ₅ (52/48)

^a See note *a* in Table II. ^b See note *b* in Table II.

to the procedure of G. H. Posner et al.¹⁸

Synthesis of Vinyl Selenides and Ketene Selenoacetals. All reactions were conducted in ethanol using sodium phenylselenolate prepared by reduction in this solvent of diphenyl diselenide by sodium borohydride according to the procedure of K. B. Sharpless and Lauser.¹⁹ The reaction conditions and amounts of catalyst and reagents for each case are indicated in Table I. The reactions that needed a temperature of 120 °C were conducted in sealed tubes. The reaction mixtures were diluted with ether (80 mL), washed with water (30 mL) three times, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated in vacuo. The crude mixtures were purified by short-path chromatography on silica (elution hexane) and either Kugelrohr distilled or recrystallized.

2-(Phenylseleno)-2-butene (1): yellow oil (*E/Z*, 70/30); IR 1061 (m), 1018 (F), 997 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ 7.65–7.1 (m, 5 H, C₆H₅), 6.3–5.68 (q, 1 H, *J* = 8 Hz, =CH), 2.00 (s, 3 H), 1.86 (d, 2.1 H, *J* = 8 Hz, CH₃, *E* isomer), 1.60 (d, 0.9 H, *J* = 8 Hz, *Z* isomer). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂Se: C, 56.88; H, 5.73. Found: C, 57.17; H, 5.87.

1-(Phenylseleno)propene (2): yellow oil (*E/Z*, 55/45); IR 1067 (m) 1020 (F), 998 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ 7.72–7.08 (m, 5 H, C₆H₅), 6.68–5.4 (m, 2 H, CH=CH), 1.86 (s, 1.65 H, *Z* isomer), 1.76 (d, 1.35 H, *J* = 1.5 Hz, *E* isomer).

β-(Phenylseleno)styrene (3): yellow oil (*E/Z*, 96/4); IR [compatible with the literature^{1d}] 1068 (m), 1020 (F), 998 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ isomer] [*E* 7.09 (A), 6.79 (B) (*J*_{AB} = 16.1 Hz) [*Z* isomer] 6.90 (A), 6.70 (B), (*J*_{AB} = 10.4 Hz).

2-(Phenylseleno)-1-bromoethene (4). Chromatography gave pure *E* and *Z* forms (*E/Z*, 88/12): IR 1068 (m), 1020 (F), 1000 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ [*E* isomer] 7.10 (A, 1 H, CHBr), 6.39 (B, 1 H, CHSeC₆H₅) (*J*_{AB} = 13.7 Hz), [*Z* isomer] 6.64 (d, *J* = 6.25 Hz, 1 H). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₇BrSe: C, 36.67; H, 2.69. Found: C, 36.77; H, 2.68.

1,2-Bis(phenylseleno)ethylene (5). Chromatography gave pure *E* and *Z* forms as yellow to reddish oils (*E/Z*, 58/42): IR [*E* isomer] 1068 (m), 1020 (m), 1000 (m), 921 (m) [*Z* isomer] 1071 (m), 1022 (F), 1000 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ 7.73–7.13 (m, 10 H, C₆H₅), [*E* isomer] 6.91 (s, 2 H, CH=CH). [*Z* isomer] 7.18 (s, 2 H, CH=CH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆Se₂: C, 49.72; H, 3.58. Found: C, 49.58; H, 3.52.

β,β-Bis(phenylseleno)styrene (6): pale yellow solid, mp 66.4 °C; IR 1068 (m), 1021 (m), 1000 (F) cm⁻¹. NMR δ 7.70–7.03 (m). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₁₆Se₂: C, 58.00; H, 3.89. Found: C, 57.96; H, 3.78.

[1,1-Bis(phenylseleno)methylene]cyclohexane (7): yellow oil; IR 1069 (m), 1023 (F), 1001 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ 7.58–6.99 (m, 10 H, C₆H₅), 2.97–2.40 (m, 4 H) 1.87–1.35 (m, 6 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀Se₂: C, 56.17; H, 4.94. Found: C, 56.10; H, 5.21.

1,1-Bis(phenylseleno)-1-nonene (8): red oil; IR 1066 (m), 1022 (F), 1000 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ 7.78–6.97 (m, 10 H, C₆H₅), 6.42 (t, 1 H, ³*J* = 7 Hz, HC=), 2.65–1.98 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH=), 1.77–1.06 (m, 10 H (CH₂)₅), 1.06–0.63 (m, 3 H, CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₆Se₂: C, 57.80; H, 6.01. Found: C, 57.64; H, 6.20.

1,1-Bis(phenylseleno)-4-phenylbutadiene (9): pale yellow solid, mp 55 °C; IR 1062 (m), 1022 (m), 998 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ 7.77–7.1 (m, 16 H), 6.92 (part of AB system, *J* = 10.25 Hz, 1 H),

6.50 (part of AB system, *J* = 15 Hz, 1 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈Se₂: C, 60.01; H, 4.12. Found: C, 59.95; H, 4.30.

Synthesis of Vinyl Sulfides and Ketene Thioacetals. The reactions were conducted in either dimethoxyethane or toluene using sodium phenyl thiolate. The reactions conditions and amounts of catalyst and reagents are mentioned in Table III. Those reactions that needed a temperature of 120 °C were conducted in sealed tubes. Treatments of reaction mixtures were identical with those for selenides.

2-(Phenylthio)-2-butene (10): colorless oil; IR 1001 (w), 1026 (s), 1070 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ 7.65–7.05 (m, 5 H, C₆H₅), 6.25–5.60 (m, 1 H, HC=), 2.12–1.63 (m, 6 H, CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂S: C, 73.12; H, 7.36. Found: C, 73.13; H, 7.34.

1-(Phenylthio)propene (11): colorless oil; IR 1003 (w), 1025 (s), 1065 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ 7.60–7.10 (m, 5 H, C₆H₅), 6.43–5.60 (m, 2 H, CH=CH), 1.80 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 3 H, CH₃).

β-(Phenylthio)styrene (12): colorless oil; IR (1002 (w), 1026 (s), 1071 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ 7.67–7.02 (m, 10 H, C₆H₅), [AB system] 6.85 (A, 1 H, C₆H₅CH=), 6.71 (B, 1 H, C₆H₅SCH=) (*J*_{AB} = 15.5 Hz) [data compatible with the literature^{13a}].

1-(Phenylthio)-2-(phenylseleno)ethylene (13): yellow oil (*E/Z*, 50/50). IR 1002 (w), 1025 (s), 1071 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ [*E* isomer] 6.82 (s, 2 H, CH=CH), [*Z* isomer, AB system] 6.79 (A), 6.63 (B) (*J*_{AB} = 11 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₂SSe: C, 57.73; H, 4.15. Found: C, 57.49; H, 4.17.

1,2-Bis(phenylthio)ethylene (14): yellow oil (*E/Z*, 80/20); IR and NMR spectra compared with those of an authentic sample; NMR δ 7.62–7.02 (m), [*E* isomer] 6.55 (s, 2 H, CH=CH).

β,β-Bis(phenylthio)styrene (15): white solid, mp 57 °C; IR 1002 (w), 1025 (s), 1074 (m); NMR δ 7.83–7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.47–7.15 (m, 14 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₁₆S₂: C, 74.96; H, 5.03. Found: C, 74.76; H, 5.23.

[1,1-Bis(phenylthio)methylene]cyclohexane (16): colorless viscous oil; IR 1001 (w), 1028 (s), 1071 (m) cm⁻¹; NMR δ 7.21 (s, 10 H, C₆H₅), 3.1–2.53 (m, 4 H), 1.97–1.40 (m, 6 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀S₂: C, 73.03; H, 6.45. Found: C, 73.06; H, 6.43.

1,1-Bis(phenylthio)-1-nonene (17): colorless viscous oil; IR 1000 (w), 1027 (s), 1070 (m); NMR δ 7.67–7.15 (m, 10 H, C₆H₅), 6.4 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1 H), 2.88–2.1 (m, 2 H), 1.97–1.15 (m, 10 H, CH₂), 1.15–0.63 (m, 3 H, CH₃).

1,1-Bis(phenylthio)-4-phenylbutadiene (18): brown viscous oil; IR 1001 (w), 1026 (s), 1070 (m), cm⁻¹; NMR δ 7.72–6.98 (m, 16 H, C₆H₅ and C₆H₅C=CH), 6.85 (part of AB system, (1 H, *J* = 10.5 Hz, (C₆H₅S)₂C=CH), 6.58 (part of AB system, (1 H, *J* = 16 Hz, C₆H₅C=CH). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈S₂: C, 72.25; H, 5.23. Found: C, 72.25; H, 5.14.

Registry No. (*E*)-1, 24225-10-3; (*Z*)-1, 24213-07-8; (*E*)-2, 68001-61-6; (*Z*)-2, 68001-62-7; (*E*)-3, 60466-40-2; (*Z*)-3, 60466-30-0; (*E*)-4, 26620-10-0; (*Z*)-4, 100230-65-7; (*E*)-5, 95391-88-1; (*Z*)-5, 7392-11-2; 6, 62762-11-2; 7, 89438-16-4; 8, 100230-66-8; 9, 100230-67-9; 10, 16336-52-0; 11, 22103-05-5; 12, 16619-61-7; (*E*)-14, 18893-63-5; (*Z*)-14, 18893-62-4; 15, 35550-81-3; 16, 69190-57-4; 17, 100230-68-0; 18, 100230-69-1; (*E*)-13, 95391-85-8; (*Z*)-13, 7392-12-3; (bipy)₂NiBr₂, 15555-11-0; C₆H₅SeNa, 23974-72-3; C₆H₅SNa, 930-69-8; 1,1-dibromo-4-phenylbutadiene, 90766-67-9; 1,1-dibromo-2-phenylethylene, 7436-90-0; 1,1-dibromo-1-octene, 73383-25-2; (*E*)-2-bromo-2-butene, 3017-71-8; 1-bromopropene, 590-14-7; (*E*)-styryl bromide, 588-72-7; 1,2-dibromoethane, 106-93-4; (dibromomethylene)cyclohexane, 60014-85-9; (*Z*)-styryl bromide, 588-73-8; (*Z*)-2-bromo-2-butene, 3017-68-3.

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