

Direct Synthesis of Terminal Alkynes via Pd-Catalyzed Cross Coupling of Aryl and Alkenyl Halides with Ethynylmetals Containing Zn, Mg, and Sn. Critical Comparison of Counteranions

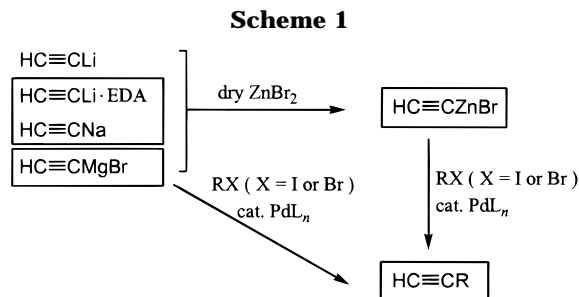
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Several Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling procedures for the synthesis of alkynes were reported in the mid 1970s.^{1–5} Of these, the Sonogashira protocol³ involving the treatment of terminal alkynes with organic halides and an amine base, *e.g.*, Et₂NH, in the presence of catalytic quantities of a Pd–phosphine complex and CuI has been most widely used presumably due to generally favorable results and operational simplicity associated with it. One of its serious limitations, however, is its reported inability³ to provide a direct route to terminal alkynes. We have indeed confirmed this by running the reaction of PhI with an excess of acetylene in the presence of 5 mol % each of Pd(PPh₃)₄ and CuI, which gave PhC≡CPh in 40% yield along with only a 20% yield of the desired PhC≡CH. Thus, a selective synthesis of terminal alkynes by this method requires an indirect route involving protection and deprotection of the ethynyl group.^{3b,6} We earlier reported a few examples of a direct synthesis of terminal alkynes *via* Pd-catalyzed cross coupling of HC≡CZnCl with organic halides,⁴ using mainly a cylinder of acetylene as the source of the ethynyl group. In view of the growing significance of the Pd-catalyzed synthesis of alkynes, we sought practically convenient, direct, and chemoselective routes to terminal alkynes, and we herein report that HC≡CZnBr (or Cl) generated *in situ* from commercially available HC≡CMgBr (or Cl) and HC≡CNa can readily cross couple with a variety of aryl and alkenyl iodides (and bromides in some cases) in the presence of a Pd–phosphine catalyst, *e.g.*, Pd(PPh₃)₄, to produce directly and selectively the corresponding terminal alkynes in high yields (Scheme 1). We further present a critical comparison of counteranions including Zn, Mg, Sn, and B.

In our earlier studies^{4,5} we reported the first set of examples of the successful use of alkynylmetals containing Mg, Zn, B, Al, and Sn in the Pd-catalyzed alkyne synthesis. On the other hand, alkynyllithiums were generally unsatisfactory,⁷ even though alkynylsodiums were reported to be satisfactory.¹ In the current study, we first screened Li, Na, Mg, Zn, B, and Sn with respect



to the Pd-catalyzed direct ethynylation of phenyl iodide. The experimental results summarized in Table 1 indicate the following. Ethynylmetals containing Mg, Zn, and Sn provide phenylacetylene in nearly quantitative yields, although the reaction of ethynyltributyltin was substantially slower than the other two. Ethynylsodium is not a satisfactory reagent under the comparable conditions. The total failure observed with lithium ethynyltriethylborate generated *in situ* from ethynyllithium and Et₃B was quite puzzling in view of our earlier favorable results observed with lithium 1-heptynyltributylborate.⁵ Using the same batch of Et₃B, we ran two parallel reactions of LiBET₃(C≡CH) and LiBET₃(C≡CHex-*n*) with PhI in the presence of 5 mol % of Pd(PPh₃)₄ and obtained PhC≡CH and PhC≡CHex-*n* in <5 and 80% yields, respectively. Although no further insight into the reaction of LiBET₃(C≡CH) is available at this time, we tentatively conclude that ethynyltrialkylborates are not suitable reagents for the synthesis of terminal alkynes. Ethynylzinc derivatives are readily generated *in situ* by treatment of ethynyllithium (which *in turn* may be generated by treatment of acetylene with *n*-BuLi⁸) or, more conveniently, commercially available ethynylmagnesium bromide, the corresponding chloride, or ethynylsodium in xylene/mineral oil with dry ZnBr₂ or ZnCl₂. The use of PhBr in place of PhI did not lead to the formation of PhC≡CH under otherwise the same conditions. The use of Cl₂Pd(PPh₃)₂ did not offer any advantage over Pd(PPh₃)₄.

Although Mg, Zn, and Sn are comparably satisfactory in the ethynyl–phenyl coupling (Table 1), further delineation of the scope of the Pd-catalyzed ethynyl–aryl coupling revealed some critical limitations associated with Mg and Sn (Table 2). Ethynylmagnesium bromide appears to be as satisfactory as ethynylzinc bromide in cases where substituents do not readily react with HC≡CMgBr and/or sterically interfere with the desired cross coupling. However, at least two kinds of limitations associated with HC≡CMgBr should be noted. The reactions of *p*-nitrophenyl iodide and methyl *p*-iodobenzoate clearly reveal expected chemoselectivity problems associated with Mg. A more subtle limitation associated with Mg is competitive formation of diarylethynes, which must arise *via* H–Mg exchange. There appear to be at least two contributing factors: (i) higher ionicity of the C–Mg bond relative to the C–Zn bond rendering the former more prone to H–Mg exchange and (ii) slower cross coupling rates observed with Grignard reagents relative to the corresponding organozincs. Although not yet clearly demonstrated, one may additionally expect that the formation of a terminal alkyne having a higher acidity than the starting acetylene would also favor the formation of ArC≡CAr. Since HC≡CSnBu₃ is more

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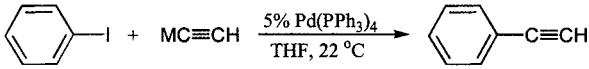
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Table 1. Pd-Catalyzed Cross Coupling of Phenyl Iodide with Ethynylmetals


M of MC≡CH	Reaction time, h	Product yield, ^{a)} %
Li	1	≤ 3
Na	1	4
MgCl	1	96 ^{b)}
ZnBr ^{c)}	1	95
ZnBr ^{d)}	1	98
SnBu ₃ ^{e)}	24	96
BBu ₃ Li ^{f)}	1	< 2
BBu ₃ Na ^{g)}	1	< 2

^a By NMR or GLC. ^b Diphenylacetylene was formed in 2% yield. ^c Generated *in situ* from HC≡CNa and ZnBr₂. ^d Generated *in situ* from HC≡CMgCl and ZnBr₂. ^e Generated *in situ* from HC≡CMgCl and ClSnBu₃. ^f Generated *in situ* from HC≡CLi and B(Bu-*n*)₃. ^g Generated *in situ* from HC≡CNa and B(Bu-*n*)₃.

expensive than HC≡CMgBr or HC≡CZnBr and since its use requires more cumbersome isolation and purification procedures, there generally is little incentive for using HC≡CSnBu₃. Its significantly lower reactivity relative to HC≡CZnBr, as demonstrated in the reaction of mesityl iodide, is yet another limitation associated with Sn.

Finally, the scope of the Pd-catalyzed ethynyl-alkenyl coupling was investigated. As the results summarized in Table 3 indicate, di-, tri-, and even tetrasubstituted alkenyl iodides can be successfully employed. In all cases, both the starting alkenyl iodides and the products were ≥98% stereoisomerically pure. In the absence of chemoselectivity problems, HC≡CMgBr appears to be almost as satisfactory as HC≡CZnBr, although the superior reactivity of the latter is seen in the reaction of (*E*)-4-iodo-5-methyl-4-octene. At least in one case, a successful use of HC≡CSnBu₃ for the enyne synthesis was demonstrated. Once again, however, there does not appear to be any need or incentive for the reagent.

In conclusion, direct synthesis of terminal alkynes without protection-deprotection can be achieved by the Pd-catalyzed coupling of aryl or alkenyl iodides with ethynylmetals containing Mg, Zn, or Sn. The reaction of HC≡CSnBu₃ is generally slower and lower yielding in some difficult cases. It is further handicapped by its higher cost and cumbersome isolation and purification procedures. In cases where no significant difficulties exist, the use of commercially available HC≡CMgBr should be considered because of its commercial availability, relative low cost, and operational simplicity. In more demanding cases, where HC≡CMgBr is unsatisfactory as exemplified above, the use of HC≡CZnBr can provide some distinct advantages over that of HC≡CMgBr.

Experimental Section

General Procedures. Manipulations involving organometallics were carried out under a dry Ar atmosphere. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃. NMR yields were determined by using dibromomethane or mesitylene as an internal reference. GLC analysis was performed with a column packed with SE-30 Chromosorb W using a TC detector. All chemicals obtained from commercial sources were used as received unless otherwise mentioned. THF was distilled from

sodium benzophenone ketyl. DMF was freshly distilled and dried over 4A molecular sieve. ZnBr₂ was flame-dried under vacuum. HC≡CMgBr, HC≡CMgCl, HC≡CNa, and HC≡CLi·EDA were obtained from Aldrich. HC≡CSnBu₃ was prepared by the reaction HC≡CMgBr (or Cl) with ClSnBu₃ in THF. HC≡CB(Bu-*n*)₃Na (or Li) was prepared by the reaction of B(Bu-*n*)₃ with HC≡CNa (or Li) in THF. Pd(PPh₃)₄,⁹ PdCl₂(PPh₂)₂,¹⁰ (*E*)-1-iodo-1-octene,¹¹ (*E*)-4-iodo-4-octene,¹² and (*E*)-1-iodo-2-methyl-1-octene¹³ were prepared as reported in the literature. Iodomesitylene was prepared from bromomesitylene by lithiation followed by iodinolysis. All other aryl iodides were obtained from commercial sources.

(*E*)-4-Iodo-5-methyl-4-octene. This compound was prepared as reported previously¹³ except for the reaction temperature of 22 °C. When the reaction was carried out at 50 °C for 6 h, as specified earlier,¹³ a mixture of the *E*- and *Z*-isomers resulted. The procedure used in this study is as follows. To a suspension of Cl₂ZrCp₂ (2.92 g, 10 mmol) in 1,2-dichloromethane (25 mL) was added Me₃Al (1.44 g, 1.92 mL, 20 mmol) (pyrophoric!) under argon at 22 °C. All Cl₂ZrCp₂ dissolved within 10–15 min to give a lemon-yellow solution. To this was added 1.10 g (1.47 mL, 10 mmol) of 4-octyne. After the solution was stirred for 6 h at 22 °C, 3.05 g (12 mmol) of iodine dissolved in 15 mL of THF was added at 0 °C. After the iodine color faded, the reaction mixture was quenched with water-ether, and the organic layer was separated, washed with aqueous Na₂S₂O₃, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and distilled to give 2.01 g (82%) of (*E*)-4-iodo-5-methyl-4-octene: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6 H), 1.4–1.7 (m, 4 H), 1.91 (s, 3 H), 2.1–2.3 (m, 2 H), 2.50 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 12.96, 13.84, 21.53, 23.01, 29.75, 35.68, 42.93, 104.76, 139.99 ppm; stereoisomer purity >98%.

Pd-Catalyzed Cross Coupling of Aryl Iodides with Ethynylmetals. (a) Reaction of 2-Iodo-*p*-xylene with Ethynylzinc Bromide. Representative Procedure for the Use of Ethynylzinc Bromide. To a flame-dried 50-mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar were sequentially added under an Ar atmosphere HC≡CZnBr, 2-iodo-*p*-xylene (464 mg, 2 mmol), and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (115 mg, 0.1 mmol). A solution of HC≡CZnBr was prepared by the reaction of HC≡CMgBr (3 mmol, 6 mL of 0.5 M solution in THF) with dry ZnBr₂ (675 mg, 3 mmol) dissolved in 5 mL of THF. The course of reaction was monitored by gas chromatography, and the reaction was complete in 3 h at 22 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with aqueous NaCl, extracted with Et₂O, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Column chromatography on silica gel afforded 2-ethynyl-*p*-xylene¹⁴ (220 mg, 85%): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 2.26 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 3.22 (s, 1 H), 6.9–7.3 (m, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 20.02, 20.64, 80.47, 82.70, 121.63, 129.30, 129.59, 132.92, 134.94, 137.58 ppm. **(b) Reaction of 2-Iodo-*p*-xylene with Ethynylmagnesium Bromide.** This reaction was carried out in the same manner as above except that HC≡CMgBr was used and that the reaction time was 48 h. **(c) Reaction of 2-Iodo-*p*-xylene with Ethynyltributyltin.** This reaction was carried out in the same manner as above except that HC≡CSn(Bu-*n*)₃ was used and that the reaction time was 24 h.

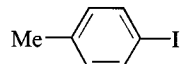
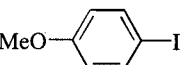
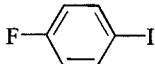
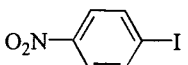
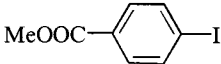
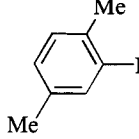
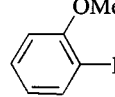
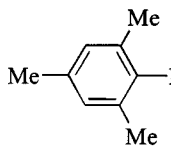
The reaction conditions for the other cases are shown in Table 2.

4-Ethynyltoluene:¹⁵ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 2.36 (s, 3 H), 3.04 (s, 1 H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 21.49, 76.44, 83.83, 118.99, 129.05, 132.00, 138.94 ppm.

1-Ethynyl-4-fluorobenzene:¹⁵ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 3.04 (s, 1 H), 6.9–7.1 (m, 2 H), 7.4–7.6 (m, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR

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Table 2. Critical Comparison of Mg, Zn, and Sn in the Pd-Catalyzed Cross Coupling of Aryl Iodides with Ethynylmetals^a

ArI		+	MC≡CH	$\xrightarrow{5\% \text{ Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4}$	ArC≡CH		
ArI	M of MC≡CH	Solvent	Temp. °C	Time h	Product Yield, ^b %	ArC≡CAr	ArI %
	MgBr	THF	22	1	92(86)	c)	0
	MgBr	THF	22	1	95	c)	0
	ZnBr ^{d)}	THF	22	1	95	c)	0
	MgBr	THF	22	1	97(72)	c)	0
	ZnBr ^{d)}	THF	22	1	94	c)	0
	MgBr	THF	0	12	0	c)	c)
	ZnBr ^{d)}	THF	0	3	93(89)	c)	0
	ZnBr ^{d)}	THF	22	1	92(86)	c)	0
	MgBr	THF	22	48	60(56)	24	14
	ZnBr ^{d)}	THF	22	3	92(85)	4	0
	SnBu ₃ ^{e)}	THF	22	24	73	6	15
	MgBr	THF	22	20	51	36	c)
	ZnBr ^{d)}	THF	22	2	77	trace	c)
	MgBr	DMF	60	48	28	12	66
	MgBr	THF/DMF ^{f)}	60	24	1	c)	95
	ZnBr ^{d)}	THF/DMF ^{f)}	60	18	74(68)	10	c)
	SnBu ₃ ^{e)}	THF/DMF ^{f)}	60	24	3	c)	95
	SnBu ₃ ^{e)}	THF/DMF ^{f)}	60	72	36	8	52

^a 1.5 equiv of HC≡CMgBr relative to ArI was used in each case. ^b By NMR or GLC. The numbers in parentheses are isolated yields. ^c Not determined or detected. ^d Generated *in situ* from HC≡CMgBr and dry ZnBr₂. ^e Generated *in situ* from HC≡CMgBr and ClSn(Bu-*n*)₃. ^f 3 equiv of DMF relative to ArI was added.

(CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 76.93, 82.56, 115.59 (d, *J* = 89 Hz), 118.13 (d, *J* = 13 Hz), 134.03 (d, *J* = 34 Hz), 162.73 (d, *J* = 995 Hz) ppm.

4-Ethynyl-1-nitrobenzene:¹⁶ In this case, the reaction temperature was 0 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 3.36 (s, 1 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 81.56, 82.32, 123.53, 128.87, 132.93, 147.49 ppm.

Methyl 4-ethynylbenzoate:¹⁷ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 3.23 (s, 1 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 52.18, 80.04, 82.70, 126.64, 129.35, 130.01, 131.97, 166.27 ppm.

2-Ethynylanisole:¹⁸ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 3.31 (s, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 6.8–7.0 (m, 2 H), 7.2–7.5 (m, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 55.50, 79.95, 81.03, 110.40, 110.94, 120.22, 130.10, 133.93, 160.36 ppm.

Mesitylacetylene:¹⁹ the reactions were carried out at 60 °C in DMF or THF with 3 equiv of DMF relative to iodomesitylene; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 2.23 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (s, 6 H), 3.40 (s, 1

H), 6.81 (s, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 20.79, 21.20, 81.35, 84.48, 118.96, 127.51, 137.97, 140.71 ppm.

Pd-Catalyzed Cross Coupling of Alkenyl Iodides with Ethynylmetals. (a) Reaction of (*E*)-4-Iodo-4-octene with Ethynylmagnesium Bromide. Representative Procedure for the Use of Ethynylmagnesium Bromide. To a flame-dried 50-mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar were sequentially added under an Ar atmosphere THF (10 mL), (*E*)-4-iodo-octene (1.19 g, 5 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (285 mg, 0.25 mmol), and HC≡CMgBr (7.5 mmol, 15 mL of a 0.5 M solution in THF). Gas chromatographic analysis indicated that the reaction was complete in 1 h at 22 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with aqueous NH₄Cl, extracted with pentane, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. ¹H NMR analysis revealed that (*E*)-3-(*n*-propyl)-3-hepten-1-yne was formed in 95% yield. Bulb-to-bulb distillation afforded this product (0.60 g, 89%) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6 H), 1.3–1.7 (m, 4 H), 2.0–2.2 (m, 4 H), 2.73 (s, 1 H), 5.96 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 13.56, 13.75, 21.40, 23.37, 30.23, 32.37, 73.68, 85.99, 122.05, 139.73 ppm; IR (neat) 3280, 2116, 1636 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₆ (M⁺) 136.1252, found 136.1249. **(b) Reaction of (*E*)-4-Iodo-4-octene with Ethynylzinc Bromide.** This reaction was carried out in the same manner as above except that HC≡CZnBr was used. A solution of HC≡CZnBr was prepared by the reaction of HC≡CMgBr and

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Table 3. Direct Synthesis of 3-En-1-yne via Pd-Catalyzed Coupling of Alkenyl Iodides with Ethynylmetals Containing Mg and Zn^a

	M of MC≡CH	Solvent	Temp. °C	Time h	Product yield ^b %
	MgBr	THF	22	1	95
	ZnBr ^c	THF	22	1	96
	SnBu ₃ ^d	THF	22	6	95
	MgBr	THF	22	1	98
	ZnBr ^c	THF	22	1	98
	MgBr	THF	22	1	94
	ZnBr ^c	THF	22	1	94
	MgBr ^e	DMF	50	24	82
	ZnBr ^{c(e)}	DMF	50	3	95
	ZnBr ^c	DMF	22	20	93

^a 1.5 equiv of MC≡CH was used. ^b NMR yield. The stereoisomeric purity in each case was $\geq 98\%$. ^c Generated *in situ* from HC≡CMgBr and dry ZnBr₂. ^d Generated *in situ* from HC≡CSnBu₃ and ClSnBu₃. ^e 5 mol % of Cl₂Pd(PPh₃)₂ was used.

dry ZnBr₂ in THF. ¹H NMR analysis indicated the formation of (*E*)-3-(*n*-propyl)-3-hepten-1-yne in 96% yield. **(c) Reaction of (*E*)-1-iodo-1-octene with Ethynyltributyltin.** This reaction was carried out in the same manner as above except that HC≡CSn(Bu-*n*)₃ was used and reaction time was 6 h. ¹H NMR analysis indicated the formation of (*E*)-3-decen-1-yne in 95%

yield: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3 H), 1.2–1.5 (m, 8 H), 2.0–2.2 (m, 2 H), 2.76 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1 H), 5.4–5.6 (m, 1 H), 6.2–6.4 (m, 1 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 14.10, 22.63, 28.57, 28.82, 31.69, 33.08, 75.55, 82.61, 108.49, 146.96 ppm; IR (neat) 3312, 2186, 1654 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₆ (M⁺) 136.1252, found 136.1253.

The reaction conditions for the other cases are shown in Table 3.

(E)-4-Methyl-3-decen-1-yne: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 0.88 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3 H), 1.2–1.5 (m, 8 H), 1.89 (s, 3 H), 2.07 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2 H), 2.99 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1 H), 5.2–5.3 (m, 1 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 14.02, 19.14, 22.55, 27.45, 28.85, 31.65, 38.59, 79.26, 81.82, 103.55, 154.53 ppm; IR (neat) 3314, 2100, 1654 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₈ (M⁺) 150.1408, found 150.1405.

(E)-4-Methyl-3-(*n*-propyl)-3-hepten-1-yne: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 0.90 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 6 H), 1.3–1.6 (m, 3 H), 1.94 (s, 3 H), 2.0–2.2 (m, 4 H), 3.02 (s, 1 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, Me₄Si) δ 13.73, 14.02, 21.25, 21.35, 21.94, 33.56, 35.53, 79.12, 84.76, 116.77, 145.44 ppm; IR (neat) 3314, 2088, 1684 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₈ (M⁺) 150.1408, found 150.1405.

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Supporting Information Available: ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of three iodoalkenes, *i.e.*, (*E*)-4-iodo-4-octene, (*E*)-1-iodo-2-methyl-1-octene, and (*E*)-4-iodo-5-methyl-4-octene, their ethynylated derivatives, and six phenylethyne derivatives containing 2,5-dimethyl, *p*-F, *p*-NO₂, *p*-COOMe, *o*-MeO, and 2,4,6-trimethyl groups (24 pages). This material is contained in libraries on microfiche, immediately follows this article, and can be ordered from the ACS; see any current masthead page for ordering information.

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Page 4684. In the Discussion the following numbers should be corrected: line 9, $H_s = 177.2$ kJ·mol⁻¹; line 10, $H_s = 156.1$ kJ·mol⁻¹; line 11 $H_s = 118.1$ kJ·mol⁻¹. The strain enthalpies H_s are correctly recorded in Table 1.

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