

# The first definitive example of oxidative addition of acyclic vinyl selenide to M(0) complex

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## Abstract

The principle of C–S bond activation of acyclic vinyl sulfide by platinum(0)-complex was applied to the C–Se bond fission of vinyl selenide. The substrate possessing Ph and ArSe (Ar = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl-*p*) substituents at the β-carbon successfully reacted with Pt(0)-complex at 25 °C to produce the vinyl platinum in good yield and its structure was unambiguously determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis. When (*Z*)-(Me<sub>3</sub>Si)(ArSe)C=C(H)(SeAr) was employed as a reaction substrate, following β-Se elimination took place to liberate Me<sub>3</sub>SiCCH with the production of [*trans*-Pt(SeAr)<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]. The oxidative addition of C–Se bond of (*E*)-(Ph)(H)C=C(H)(SeAr) to Pt(0) was also confirmed at 25 °C, while no C–S bond-breaking occurred when the corresponding vinyl sulfide was exposed to the same reaction conditions, demonstrating that the cleavage of C–Se bond was more facile than that of C–S bond.

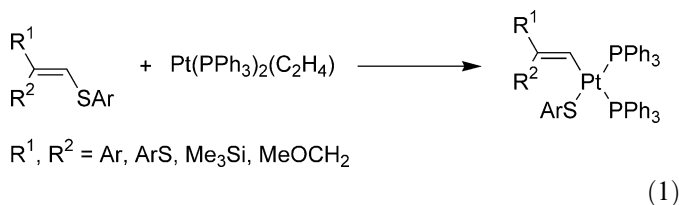
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## 1. Introduction

The oxidative addition of C–X bond (X; element or functional group) to low-valent transition-metal-complex (M) to form C–M–X fragment has been exploited as one of the most fundamental reactions in organometallic chemistry [1]. With respect to the C–Se bond fission, however, only sparse information has been provided for both stoichiometric and catalytic reactions. Some stoichiometric C–Se bond dissections of selenophenes by transition-metal-complexes [2] and the oxidative addition of C–Se bond of PhSePh to [Pt(PET<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] have been reported [3]. As to the catalytic reactions, cross-coupling reactions between vinyl selenides and Grignard reagents, in which oxidative additions of C–Se bond to low-valent transition-metal-complexes were supposedly participated, have also been documented [4]. Independently, we have disclosed that the Pt-catalyzed arylselenation of terminal alkyne was triggered by the oxi-

dative addition of C–Se bond of selenoester to zero-valent platinum complex [5]. On the other hand, regarding to the oxidative addition of acyclic vinyl sulfide, we have recently revealed the concept for the successful C–S bond activation by Pt(0)-complex by introducing two substituents having α-anion stabilization effect such as Ar, ArS, Me<sub>3</sub>Si and MeOCH<sub>2</sub> groups at β-carbon (Eq. (1)) [6]. Herein, the application of the principle to the cleavage of C–Se bond of vinyl selenide will be reported.



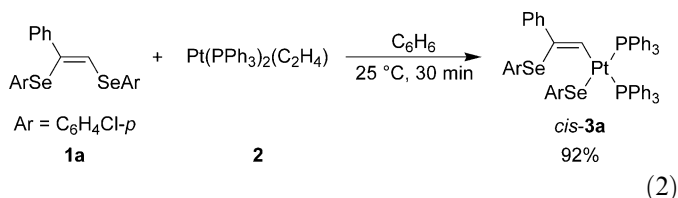
## 2. Results and discussion

First, the reaction of (*Z*)-(Ph)(ArSe)C=C(H)(SeAr) (Ar = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl-*p*, **1a**, 0.50 mmol) [7] with Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>) (**2**, 0.50 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (20 mL) was carried out to afford

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{*cis*-Pt[(*Z*)-C(H)=C(SeAr)(Ph)](SeAr)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>} (*cis*-**3a**) patterned after the oxidative addition of vinyl sulfide with a similar framework [6]. After the solution was stirred at 25 °C for 30 min, *cis*-**3a** was obtained as a yellow solid in 92% yield by simply adding hexane into the solution (Eq. (2)).



The <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of *cis*-**3a** showed a set of doublets centered at δ 17.4 (*J*<sub>P-P</sub> = 16 Hz, *J*<sub>Pt-P</sub> = 1856 Hz) and δ 17.8 (*J*<sub>P-P</sub> = 16 Hz, *J*<sub>Pt-P</sub> = 3280 Hz). The former was assigned as PPh<sub>3</sub> of *trans* to the vinyl carbon and the latter as PPh<sub>3</sub> of *trans* to the SeAr judging from the *J*<sub>Pt-P</sub> values. The *cis*-**3a** gradually isomerized to *trans*-**3a** in solution at 25 °C (*cis/trans* = 76/24 after 22 h). A good crystal suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis of *cis*-**3a** was obtained by recrystallization from benzene/hexane and its ORTEP diagram was shown in Fig. 1. Similarly to the case of the oxidative addition of the corresponding 1-phenyl-1,2-bis(arylthio)alkene to **2**, it was confirmed that the terminal C–Se bond was cleaved by the platinum complex, providing the first definitive example of oxidative addition of acyclic vinyl selenide to transition-metal complex. On the other hand, the attempted isolation of {*cis*-Pt[(*Z*)-C(H)=C(SeAr)(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)]-(SeAr)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>} (*cis*-**3b**) by the reaction of (*Z*)-(Me<sub>3</sub>Si)(ArSe)C=C(H)(SeAr) (Ar = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl-*p*, **1b**) with **2** has failed due to the contamination by impurity. Thus, the reaction of **1b** (0.028 mmol) with **2** (0.020 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.5 mL) at 25 °C was next monitored by <sup>31</sup>P and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra using S=P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OMe-*p*)<sub>3</sub> as an internal standard (Eq. (3)).

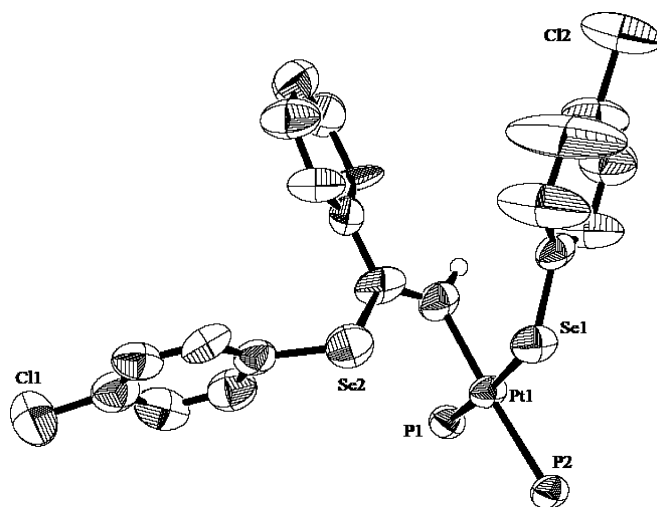
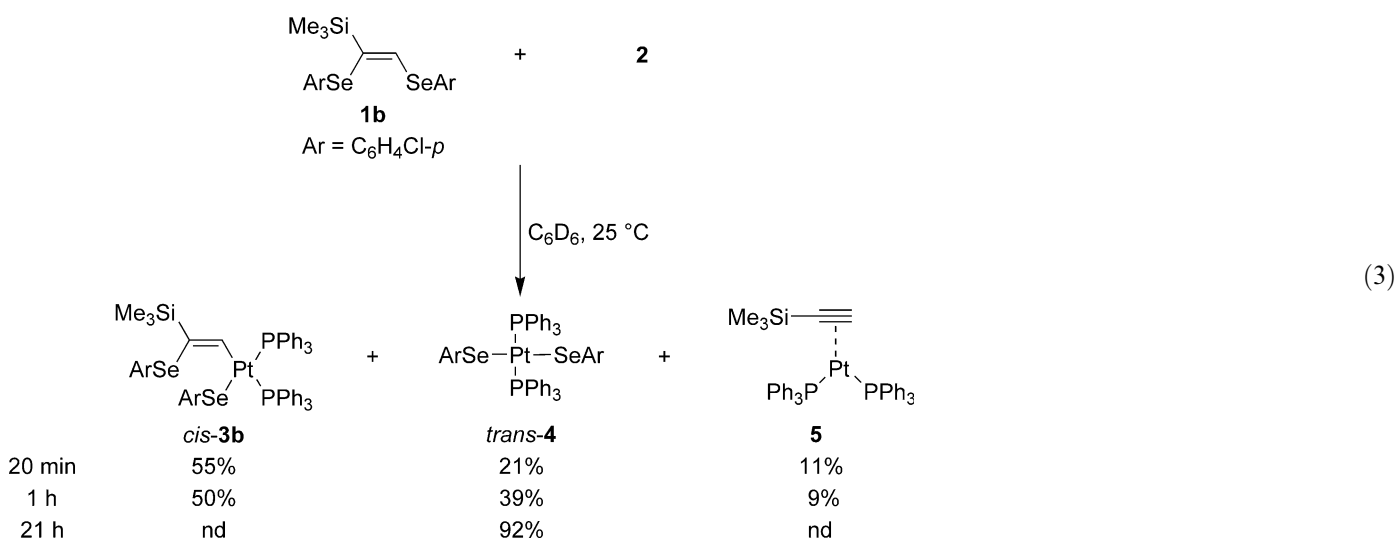
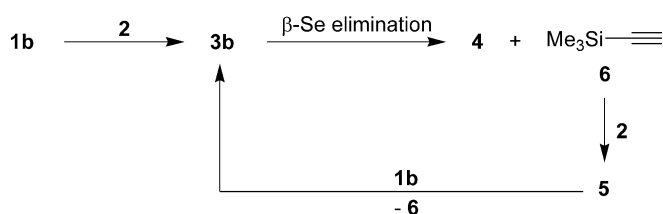


Fig. 1. ORTEP diagram of *cis*-**3a**.

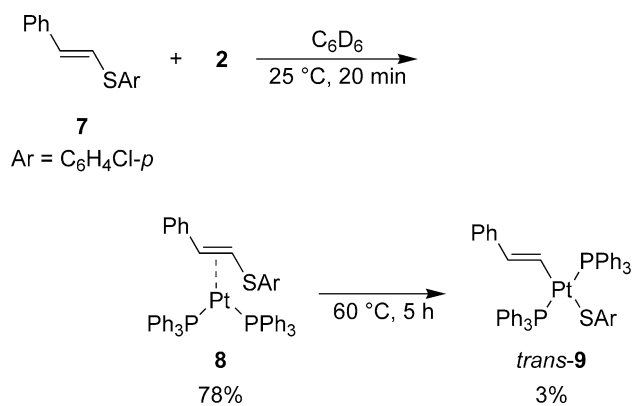
The <sup>31</sup>P NMR chart taken after 20 min showed the formation of anticipated *cis*-**3b** by a set of doublets centered at δ 14.4 (*J*<sub>P-P</sub> = 17 Hz, *J*<sub>Pt-P</sub> = 1781 Hz) and δ 18.7 (*J*<sub>P-P</sub> = 17 Hz, *J*<sub>Pt-P</sub> = 3395 Hz) in 55% yield. However, the spectrum also showed the generation of [*trans*-Pt(SeAr)<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (*trans*-**4**) at δ 20.2 (*J*<sub>Pt-P</sub> = 2766 Hz) and [Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(Me<sub>3</sub>SiCCH)] (**5**) at δ 29.0 (*J*<sub>P-P</sub> = 47 Hz, *J*<sub>Pt-P</sub> = 3758 Hz) and δ 32.5 (*J*<sub>P-P</sub> = 47 Hz, *J*<sub>Pt-P</sub> = 3672 Hz) in 21% and 11% yields, respectively. After 1 h, the production of *cis*-**3b** (50%), *trans*-**4** (39%) and **5** (9%) were confirmed. Then the yields of *cis*-**3b** and **5** were gradually decreased, while that of *trans*-**4** was increased. After 21 h, the signals of *cis*-**3b** and **5** were disappeared, and 92% of *trans*-**4** was confirmed by <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum, while its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed the liberation of Me<sub>3</sub>SiCCH (**6**) in 83% yield.



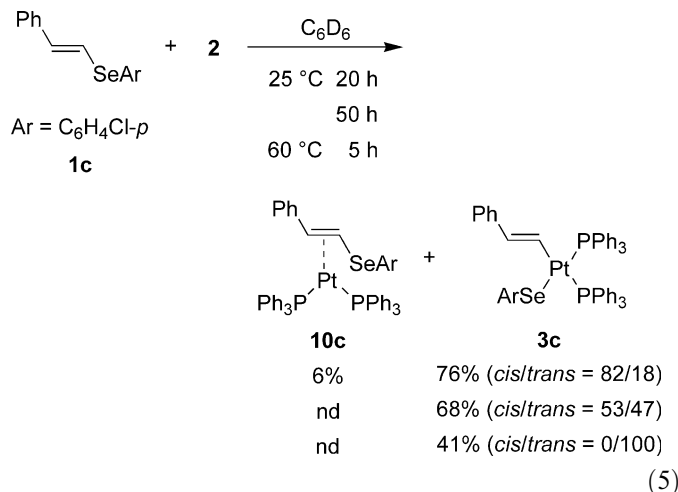
Scheme 1. Proposed reaction pathway of reaction of **1b** with **2**.

The foregoing results clearly showed that after the oxidative addition of terminal C–Se bond of **1b** to **2** took place,  $\beta$ -SeAr elimination, a reverse process of insertion of **6** into Se–Pt bond, took place to afford *trans*-**4** and **6**, the latter of which was partially trapped by the Pt(0)-complex to furnish **5** at the beginning stage of the reaction (Scheme 1) [8]. The facts that the complex **5** was eventually all consumed and **6** was liberated in good yield indicated that **5** also reacted with **1b** to yield *cis*-**3b** and **6**.

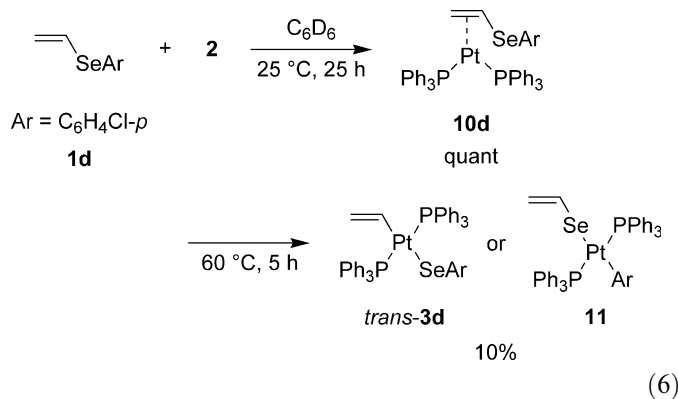
To compare the reactivity of vinyl selenide with that of vinyl sulfide, the reactions of (*E*)-(Ph)(H)C=C(H)(YAr) (YAr = SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl-*p*, **7**; YAr = SeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl-*p*, **1c**) with **2** were conducted. In the case of reaction using **7**, the formation of  $\pi$ -complex **8** [9] was confirmed in 78% yield with the unreacted **2** (22%) at 25 °C after 20 min; however, the signal of {*trans*-Pt[(*E*)-C(H)=C(H)(Ph)](SAr)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>} (**9**) [10] was detected only in 3% yield even after 5 h at 60 °C (Eq. (4)). In stark contrast, the <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of the reaction of **1c** with **2** taken after 20 h at 25 °C suggested the formation of 6% of  $\pi$ -complex {Pt[(*E*)-(Ph)(H)C=C(H)(SeAr)]-(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>} (**10c**) and 76% (*cis/trans* = 82/18) of {Pt[(*E*)-C(H)=C(H)(Ph)](SeAr)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>} (**3c**) (Eq. (5)), proving higher reactivity of the vinyl selenide than the vinyl sulfide toward the oxidative addition reaction [4]. After 50 h, all **10c** was disappeared and 68% of **3c** (*cis/trans* = 53/47) was confirmed together with the unassigned by-products, indicating that the equilibrium between **10c** and *cis*-**3c** strongly leaned to the latter side. Further heating the solution resulted in the complete isomerization to thermodynamically more stable *trans*-**3c** (41%).



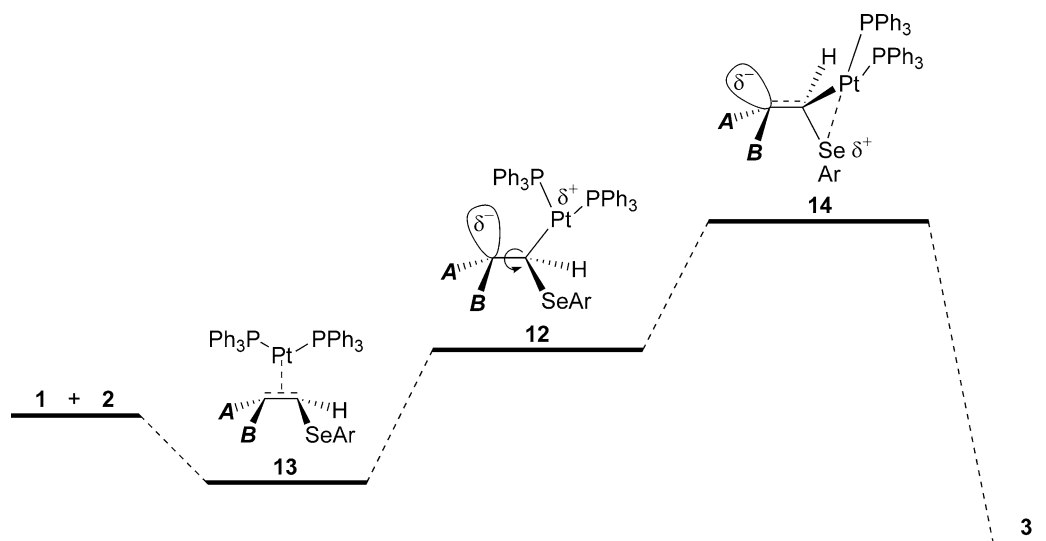
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On the other hand, <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum taken after 20 min at 25 °C of the reaction of H<sub>2</sub>C=C(H)(SeAr) (Ar = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl-*p*, **1d**) with **2** resulted in quantitative formation of  $\pi$ -complex {Pt[H<sub>2</sub>C=C(H)(SeAr)](PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>} (**10d**), which was stable for 25 h (Eq. (6)). Even when the solution was heated at 60 °C for 5 h, the suspected signal of either *trans*-**3d** or **11** was detected only in 10% yield.



In conclusion, the first definitive evidence of oxidative addition of vinyl selenides to low-valent transition-metal-complex to furnish vinyl platinum was demonstrated. Foregoing experimental data were rationalized by assuming that the oxidative addition of vinyl selenide **1** to **2** took place through the zwitterionic intermediate (or the transition state) **12**, which could be generated by the nucleophilic attack of the Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> fragment of  $\pi$ -complex **13** onto the  $\alpha$ -carbon (Scheme 2). Unlike the case of oxidative addition of vinyl sulfide to **2**, only one substituent with the  $\alpha$ -anion stabilization effect [11] was requisite at the  $\beta$ -carbon (*A* or *B*) to realize this transformation at room temperature. Finally, the C–Se bond was weakened by pushing anionic charge at the  $\beta$ -carbon into the C–Se  $\sigma^*$  orbital after a minimum rotation about the C–C bond to form the transition state (or the intermediate) **14**, and then SeAr group was migrated into coordination sphere of the platinum. During the process, Y-shape structure constructed by two PPh<sub>3</sub> and the Pt would be retained to afford *cis*-**3** as a kinetic product.

Scheme 2. A proposed route of oxidative addition of **1** to **2**.

### 3. Experimental

All reactions described in this paper were performed under a  $N_2$  atmosphere. The  $^{31}P$  and  $^1H$  NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL JMN Alice-400 (160 and 400 MHz, respectively) spectrometer in  $C_6D_6$  solution. The chemical shifts of the  $^{31}P$  NMR spectra were recorded relative to 85%  $H_3PO_4$  (aq) as an external standard, and  $S=P(C_6H_4OMe-p)_3$  was used as an internal standard to calculate the yields of products. The chemical shifts in the  $^1H$  NMR spectra were recorded relative to  $C_6D_6$  ( $\delta$  7.15). IR spectra were recorded with a Perkin Elmer FT-IR (Model 1600) spectrometer. The X-ray crystal data of *cis-3a* were collected by Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging Plate diffractometer and the ORTEP drawing in Fig. 1 has been shown with 50% probability ellipsoids. Elemental analyses were performed in the Instrumental Analysis Center of the Faculty of Engineering, Osaka University. Vinyl selenides (**1a–d**) were synthesized according to the literature (J. Am. Chem. Soc. 113 (1991) 9796/Synth. Commun. 26 (1996) 671/Tetrahedron 56 (2000) 1445). Vinyl sulfide **7** was also prepared according to the literature (J. Am. Chem. Soc. 121 (1999) 5108). The platinum complex  $Pt(PPh_3)_2(C_2H_4)$  (**2**) was synthesized according to the literature (Inorg. Synth. 18 (1978) 120).  $C_6H_6$  and  $C_6D_6$  were purified by distillation from sodium benzophenone ketyl before use.

#### 3.1. The reaction of **1a** with **2** (Eq. (2))

Into a dry two-necked reaction vessel equipped with a stirring bar were added **2** (373.9 mg, 0.50 mmol), **1a** (241.6 mg, 0.50 mmol) and  $C_6H_6$  (20 mL) under a  $N_2$  atmosphere. After the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 30 min, hexane (ca. 50 mL) was added into the mixture and the precipitate was collected by filtration.

Then the solid was washed by hexane (10 mL  $\times$  3) and dried to give *cis-3a* (553.3 mg, 92%). The good crystal of *cis-3a* for X-ray crystallographic analysis was prepared by recrystallization from benzene/hexane.

*cis-3a*: m.p. 148 °C (an yellow solid);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  6.80–6.86 (m, 27 H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.55–7.63 (m, 8 H), 7.70–7.74 (m, 5 H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H);  $^{31}P$  NMR (160 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  17.4 (*trans* to C) (d,  $J_{P-P} = 16$  Hz,  $J_{Pt-P} = 1856$  Hz), 17.8 (*trans* to Se) (d,  $J_{P-P} = 16$  Hz,  $J_{Pt-P} = 3280$  Hz); IR (KBr) 3051, 1472, 1435, 1088, 1010, 811, 744, 692, 538, 523, 487  $cm^{-1}$ ; Anal. Calc. for  $C_{56}H_{44}Cl_2P_2PtSe_2$ : C, 55.92; H, 3.69. Found: C, 55.65; H, 3.74%.

#### 3.2. Monitoring the solution of *cis-3a*

Into a dry Pyrex NMR tube were added *cis-3a* (25.0 mg, 0.021 mmol),  $S=P(C_6H_4OMe-p)_3$  (0.9 mg, 0.0024 mmol) and  $C_6D_6$  (0.5 mL) under a  $N_2$  atmosphere. The  $^{31}P$  NMR spectrum taken after 22 h at 25 °C showed the signals of 61% of *cis-3a* and 19% of *trans-3a* with some unassignable peaks. Its  $^1H$  NMR spectrum did not show the liberation of phenyl acetylene, indicating that no  $\beta$ -SeAr elimination took place from **3a**.

*trans-3a*:  $^{31}P$  NMR (160 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  19.3 (s,  $J_{Pt-P} = 3004$  Hz).

#### 3.3. The reaction of **1b** with **2** (Eq. (3))

Into a dry Pyrex NMR tube were added **2** (15.0 mg, 0.020 mmol), **1b** (13.4 mg, 0.028 mmol),  $S=P(C_6H_4OMe-p)_3$  (1.6 mg, 0.0042 mmol) and  $C_6D_6$  (0.5 mL) under a  $N_2$  atmosphere. Then the reaction was monitored by  $^{31}P$  and  $^1H$  NMR spectra at 25 °C. The  $^{31}P$  NMR spectrum showed the formation of *cis-3b*, *trans-4* and **5**. On the other hand,  $^1H$  NMR spectrum showed the formation of **6**. The reaction

times and the yields of *cis*-**3b**, *trans*-**4**, **5** and **6** at the time were 20 min, 55%, 21%, 11%, 25%; 1 h, 50%, 39%, 9%, 39%; 21 h, 0%, 92%, 0%, 83%.

**cis-3b**:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  14.4 (*trans* to C) (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 17$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 1781$  Hz), 18.7 (*trans* to Se) (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 17$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3395$  Hz).

**6**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  0.10 (s, 9 H), 2.06 (s, 1 H).

### 3.4. The preparation of **4**

Into a dry two-necked reaction vessel equipped with a stirring bar were added **2** (379.3 mg, 0.51 mmol), (*p*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Se)<sub>2</sub> (202.2 mg, 0.53 mmol) and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (5 mL) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 20 min, hexane (ca. 50 mL) was added into the mixture and the precipitate was collected by filtration. The resultant solid was washed by hexane (10 mL  $\times$  3) and then dried to give **4** (516.1 mg, 92%, *cis/trans* = 85/15). The stereochemistry of two PPh<sub>3</sub> on Pt was determined according to the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR data (chemical shifts and the values of  $J_{\text{Pt-P}}$ ) for [Pt(SePh)<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] documented in Organometallics 22 (2003) 1414. **4** (the following data were collected from a mixture of stereoisomers): m.p. 208 °C (an orange solid);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) (*cis* isomer):  $\delta$  7.54–7.59 (m, 12 H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4 H); (*trans* isomer):  $\delta$  6.64 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4 H), 7.74–7.76 (m, 12 H). Other peaks overlapped in the region of  $\delta$  6.76–6.95 were not able to be read distinctively.;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (160 Hz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) (*cis* isomer):  $\delta$  19.0 (s,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 2935$  Hz); (*trans* isomer):  $\delta$  20.2 (s,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 2766$  Hz); IR (KBr) 3078, 1465, 1433, 1090, 1009, 806, 743, 701, 539, 503 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calc. for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>38</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>PtSe<sub>2</sub>: C, 52.38; H, 3.48. Found: C, 52.71; H, 3.65%.

### 3.5. The confirmation of **5**

Into a dry Pyrex NMR tube were added **2** (15.4 mg, 0.021 mmol), **6** (7.2 mg, 0.0733 mmol), S=P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe-*p*)<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mg, 0.0013 mmol) and C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.5 mL) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum taken after 20 min at 25 °C showed the formation of **5** in 97% yield with 3% of **2**.

**5**:  $^1\text{P}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  29.0 (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 47$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3758$  Hz), 32.5 (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 47$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3672$  Hz).

### 3.6. The reaction of **7** with **2** (Eq. (4))

Into a dry Pyrex NMR tube were added **2** (14.5 mg, 0.019 mmol), **7** (5.8 mg, 0.024 mmol), S=P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe-*p*)<sub>3</sub> (0.7 mg, 0.0019 mmol) and C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.5 mL) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then the reaction was monitored by the  $^{31}\text{P}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra at 25 °C. The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum after 20 min showed the formation of **8** in 78% yield with the recovery of 22% of **2**. When the sample was additionally heated at 60 °C for 5 h, the signal of oxidative addition product *trans*-**9**, whose structure has been assigned by comparing the spectrum data with those of authentic sample (The spectral data

was described in the supporting information of the paper cited in Ref. [9]), was detected (3%) together with **2** (16%) and **8** (60%).

**8**:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  28.4 (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 42$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3603$  Hz), 29.5 (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 42$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3717$  Hz).

*trans*-**9**:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  23.7 (s,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 2988$  Hz).

### 3.7. The reaction of **1c** with **2** (Eq. (5))

Into a dry Pyrex NMR tube were added **2** (15.4 mg, 0.021 mmol), **1c** (6.5 mg, 0.022 mmol), S=P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe-*p*)<sub>3</sub> (1.1 mg, 0.0028 mmol) and C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.5 mL) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then the reaction was monitored by  $^{31}\text{P}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra at 25 °C. The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum indicated the formation of **10c** and **3c**, whose structure was tentatively characterized by comparing the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR data with those of **9**. The reaction times and the yields of **10c** and **3c** at the time were 20 h, 6%, 76% (*cis/trans* = 82/18); 50 h, 0%, 68% (*cis/trans* = 53/47). When the sample was additionally heated at 60 °C for 5 h, the complete isomerization of *cis*-**3c** to *trans*-**3c** (41%) was confirmed.

**10c**:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  28.4 (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 42$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3619$  Hz), 29.8 (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 42$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3695$  Hz).

*cis*-**3c**:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  18.0 (*trans* to Se) (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 16$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3194$  Hz), 22.6 (*trans* to C) (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 16$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 1815$  Hz).

*trans*-**3c**:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  23.6 (s,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 2985$  Hz).

### 3.8. The reaction of **1d** with **2** (Eq. (6))

Into a dry Pyrex NMR tube were added **2** (15.0 mg, 0.020 mmol), **1d** (7.5 mg, 0.035 mmol), S=P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe-*p*)<sub>3</sub> (0.8 mg, 0.0022 mmol) and C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.5 mL) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then the reaction was monitored by  $^{31}\text{P}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra at 25 °C. The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum taken after 20 min showed the formation of **10d** quantitatively. No signal change was observed after 25 h. When the sample was additionally heated at 60 °C for 5 h, signals of 10% of suspected *trans*-**3d** (or **11**) and 56% of **10d** were detected.

**10d**:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  31.6 (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 43$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3626$  Hz), 31.9 (d,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 43$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3612$  Hz).

*trans*-**3d** (or **11**):  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (160 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  23.9 (s,  $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3025$  Hz).

## 4. Supplementary material

CCDC 287189 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper (*cis*-**3a**). These data can be obtained free of charge via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif), The Director, CCDC, 12, Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (fax: +44 1223 336033; e-mail: [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk) or <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk>).

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