

purified a CDP-D-glucose oxidoreductase from *Yersinia pseudotuberculosis*, which is also NAD⁺ dependent.⁹ In view of the central position of this enzyme as a branch point in 3,6-dideoxyhexose biosynthesis and its unusually weak binding of the nicotinamide cofactor, we have carried out a stereochemical analysis of this enzymatic process aimed at elucidating its reaction course in detail. Reported in this paper are the results of this analysis and their implication on this enzyme's mechanism.

Crucial to this study is the availability of the labeled substrates (6S)- and (6R)-CDP-[4-²H,6-³H]-D-glucose. It is anticipated that the replacement of the hydroxyl group at C-6 by the deuterium migrating from C-4 is intramolecular and stereospecific; therefore, the resulting product will have hydrogen, deuterium, and tritium in a chiral arrangement at C-6 that can be analyzed by the method of Cornforth, Arigoni, and co-workers.¹⁰ The requisite substrates were obtained from the corresponding chirally labeled precursors 1 and 2, which were synthesized as outlined in Scheme II.¹¹ The deuterium at C-4 was introduced by repetitive incubation of 3 in a pyridine/D₂O (5:1) solution followed by evaporation.¹² The deuterium content estimated by NMR of the reduced product 4 was greater than 95%. Stereospecific incorporation of tritium labeling into the C-5 hydroxymethyl group was effected according to a method developed by Kakinuma with minor modification.¹³ The common precursor, a 5,6-yne derivative 6, was obtained from the dibromo olefin 5 upon treatment with *n*-butyllithium in THF at -78 °C followed by quenching with [³H]H₂O (30 mCi, 0.3 mL). Transformation of 6 with a specific radioactivity of 0.46 Ci/mol to the *E* olefin 7 was achieved by reduction using chromous sulfate in aqueous DMF.¹⁴ Dihydroxylation with a catalytic amount of OsO₄ in the presence of *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (NMO) afforded the desired *cis*-diol 8 in 72% yield.¹⁵ The protected glucose was converted to free (6S)-[4-²H,6-³H]-D-glucose (1) by hydrogenolysis (10% Pd/C) and subsequent acid hydrolysis. The 6R-labeled glucose was prepared analogously from 6 via the *Z* olefin 9, which was produced by hydrogenation over Lindlar catalyst poisoned with quinoline. Conversion of the 6S- and 6R-labeled glucose to the corresponding CDP derivatives was accomplished by a sequence commonly used to make nucleoside diphosphohexoses.¹⁶ The specific radioactivities of the final products were 89 and 74 mCi/mol, respectively.¹⁷

The (6S)- and (6R)-CDP-[4-²H,6-³H]-D-glucose were each mixed with CDP-[U-¹⁴C]-D-glucose, diluted with excess unlabeled CDP-glucose (1:9), and then incubated with homogeneous CDP-D-glucose oxidoreductase in the presence of NAD⁺. The

CDP-4-keto-6-deoxy-D-glucose products isolated by paper chromatography (EtOH/BuOH/H₂O, 5:5:2) were subjected to Kuhn-Roth oxidation. The nascent acetic acid samples were formed in radiochemical yields of 52-54%, and their chiralities were determined by the method of chiral methyl analysis.^{10,18} An *F* value of 71 corresponding to a 72% *ee R* configuration and an *F* value of 30 corresponding to a 69% *ee S* configuration were obtained for the two acetates derived from the 6S- and 6R-labeled glucose, respectively.¹⁹ These results unequivocally show that the hydrogen migration from C-4 to C-6 does proceed intramolecularly and the displacement of the hydroxyl group at C-6 is stereospecific and occurs with inversion.²⁰ Notwithstanding the high enantiomeric purity of the substrates, the moderate *ee* found for the acetic acid samples may directly reflect the weak binding of the cofactor to this enzyme. Nevertheless, our general conclusions completely parallel those found for all of the other sugar oxidoreductases characterized so far^{5,21} and, thus, suggest that this class of enzymes, regardless of their source, evolved from a common progenitor whose stereochemical course has persevered throughout the enzyme's subsequent diversification.

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A New Catalytic Reaction Involving Oxidative Addition of Iodotrimethylsilane (Me₃SiI) to Pd(0). Synthesis of Stereodefined Enynes by the Coupling of Me₃SiI, Acetylenes, and Acetylenic Tin Reagents

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Oxidative addition reactions of a carbon-halogen (C-X) bond to a low valent transition metal complex are essential in catalytic and stoichiometric application of transition-metal reagents for organic synthesis.¹ Oxidative addition of a hydrogen-silicon bond (H-Si) is known for a number of transition metals and is an obligatory step in catalytic reactions such as hydrosilylation of olefins.² Recently, important advances have been made in the

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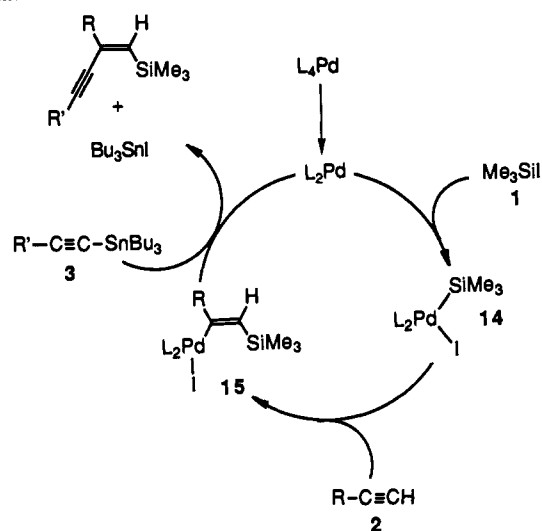
Table I. Palladium-Catalyzed Coupling of Acetylenes, Me₃SiI, and Organostannanes^a

entry	acetylene	organostannane	enyne	yield ^b (time)	stereoselectivity ^c
1	2a	3a	4	71 % (2 h)	>98 %
2	2a	3b	5	97 % (2.5 h)	>98 %
3	2a	3c	6	79 % (3 h)	87 %
4	2b	3b	7	70 % (2.5 h)	>98 %
5	2c	3b	8	71 % (3.5 h)	>98 %
6	2d	3b	9	76 % (3 h)	94 %
7	2e	3b	10	70 % (2 h)	93 %
8 ^d	2a	3b	11	72 % (2 h)	>98 %
9 ^e	2a	3d	12	73 % (7 h)	56 %
10 ^{d,f}	2a	3e	13	80 % (7 h)	70 %

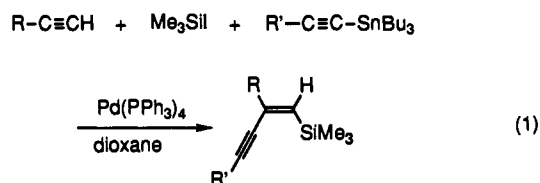
^a Reaction conditions: acetylene (2.5 mmol), Me₃SiI (5 mmol), organostannane (3.5 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.05 mmol), dioxane (5 mL) at 60 °C under N₂. ^b Isolated yields. ^c Determined by GC. ^d Me₃SiSiMe₂I was used in place of 1. ^e Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.2 mmol) was used. ^f Organostannane (5 mmol) was used.

Pd- or Pt-catalyzed double silylation of olefins,³ acetylenes,⁴ and isonitriles.⁵ The reaction mechanism invoked the addition of disilane (Si-Si) to Pd(0) or Pt(0) complexes. In contrast, there has been almost no example of oxidative addition of halosilanes (Si-X) to a transition metal. In 1988, the observation of oxidative addition of a silicon-halogen bond [Me₃SiBr and Me₃SiI (1)] to Pt(PEt₃)_n (n = 3 and 4) was reported by Tanaka.⁶ He proposed

Scheme 1



a similar path in Pd-catalyzed Heck-type conversion of styrene with Me₃SiI to a vinylsilane.⁷ Although interesting, the reaction lacks substrate generality and is not so useful as an organic transformation. In this context, transition-metal-catalyzed synthetic reaction in which oxidative addition of halosilanes is a key step still remains unexploited. We now report the Pd-catalyzed three-component coupling reaction⁸ of acetylenes, iodotrimethylsilane (Me₃SiI), and acetylenic tin reagents leading to silyl-substituted conjugated enynes (eq 1). The reaction exhibited high regio- and stereoselectivities.



The results are summarized in Table I. A typical procedure is as follows. In a 10-mL reaction flask were placed phenylacetylene (2a) (2.5 mmol, 255 mg), (phenylethynyl)tributylstannane (3a) (3.5 mmol, 1.37 g), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.05 mmol, 58 mg), and dioxane (5 mL). To the reaction mixture was added 1 (5 mmol, 0.71 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 2 h under N₂. To the mixture was added aqueous NH₄F to remove Bu₃SnI, which was formed through the coupling reaction. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane) to give (Z)-2,4-diphenyl-1-(trimethylsilyl)-1-buten-3-yne (4)⁹ (490 mg, 71%) as a colorless oil.

Both aromatic and aliphatic terminal acetylenes undergo the coupling reaction. Most importantly, the coupling reaction proceeds regio- and stereoselectively. The assignment of the regiochemistry of 4 was confirmed by protodesilylation of 4 (treatment of 4 with *p*-TsOH in wet CH₃CN)¹⁰ leading to 2,4-diphenyl-1-

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The proposed reaction mechanism is shown in Scheme I. A first step of the catalytic cycle would be the oxidative addition of **1** to the palladium(0) catalyst to give a silylpalladium iodide **14**. Silylpalladation¹⁵ of an acetylene with **14** yields vinylpalladium species **15**. The transmetalation of an organostannane followed by reductive elimination gives the coupled product,¹⁴ regenerating the palladium(0) catalyst. Silylpalladation of acetylene with **14** would be the regio- and stereodetermining step, since it is established that the succeeding step of reductive elimination proceeds with a retention of configuration.¹⁴ The results shown in entries 7 and 8 suggest that oxidative addition of the Si-I bond in **1** predominated, interestingly, over that of C-Br and Si-Si under the present reaction conditions.

These results suggest new possibilities of designing various catalytic reactions on the basis of oxidative addition of halosilanes and of silylmetalation. The present reaction offers a new synthetic method for stereodefined conjugated enynes, which are important in the synthesis of a wide range of natural products and other complex organic molecules.¹⁶ A search for other coupling reactions along these lines is in progress.

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Preparation of the Thiosulfonato Complexes CpRu(PPh₃)₂(CO)SS(O)R, Where R = C₃H₇, CHMe₂, and 4-C₆H₄Me, and the Structure for R = CHMe₂. Oxygen Transfer To Give the Thiosulfonato Complex CpRu(PPh₃)₂(CO)SS(O)₂-4-C₆H₄Me and Its Structure

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Transition-metal complexes containing thiosulfonato ligands, RS(O)S⁻, are practically unknown. They have been the subject of speculation¹ as possible precursors to organic thiosulfinate esters, which have a broad spectrum of biological activity.² The complexes CpW(CO)₃SS(O)R have been prepared,³ but they were unstable, and no X-ray structure was reported.⁴ Transition-metal thiosulfonato complexes are also unknown.⁵ They would contain the MSS(O)₂R moiety and, thus, would be homologues of the well-known metal sulfonates MS(O)₂R.⁶ The coordinating ability of small sulfur oxide ligands is well documented^{1,7} and of interest with respect to SO₂-pollution abatement.⁸ We have prepared a number of complexes containing rare polysulfano ligands of the type RS_x(O)_y⁻, where x = 2, 3.⁹ Therefore, oxidized ligands of the type RS_x(O)_y⁻ became natural targets of preparative studies. We report the rational synthesis of ruthenium thiosulfonato complexes and an unexpected conversion via a novel oxygen transfer to give a ruthenium thiosulfonato complex.

The preparation of organic thiosulfinate esters (RSS(O)R') via oxidation of the disulfides is not practical.^{5d} Unsymmetrical esters can readily be prepared via reaction of a thiol with a sulfinyl transfer reagent of the type RS(O)(phth), where phth = phthalimido.¹⁰ Similarly, oxidation of the tungsten disulfano moiety in CpW(CO)₃SSR gave a complex mixture of several products.³ However, treatment of the metal thiol CpRu-(PPh₃)₂(CO)SH¹¹ with RS(O)(phth) in THF, under N₂, at room

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