

Palladium- and Platinum-Catalyzed Addition of Aldehydes and Imines with Allylstannanes. Chemoselective Allylation of Imines in the Presence of Aldehydes

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Abstract: The reaction of allylstannanes **1** with aldehydes **2** in THF was catalyzed by Pd(II) or Pt(II) complexes (10 mol %) either at room temperature or at reflux, giving the corresponding homoallylic alcohols **3** in high to good yields. Among the catalysts examined, PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ gave the best result. Not only allyltributylstannane but also methallyl- and crotyltributylstannane could be utilized in this transition metal catalyzed reaction. Detailed mechanistic studies of the Pd(II)-catalyzed allylation, using NMR spectroscopy, revealed that the bis- π -allylpalladium complex is a key intermediate for the catalytic cycle and it exhibits nucleophilic reactivity. The nucleophilic reactivity of the intermediate is in marked contrast to the electrophilic reactivity of ordinary π -allylpalladium complexes (π -allylPdX, X = OAc, halogen, OCO₂R, etc.). The addition of allyl-, crotyl-, and methallylstannanes to various imines **4** proceeded very smoothly to give the corresponding allylated products (homoallylic amines **5**) in good to high yields. *The reactivities of allylstannanes to imines were higher than those to aldehydes under the catalytic conditions*, although it is known that the reactivity of allylstannanes to aldehydes is higher than that to imines under the Lewis acid promoted condition. Imines were chemoselectively allylated in the presence of aldehydes and the highest selectivities were obtained using π -allylpalladium chloride dimer **11** as a catalyst.

Introduction

The allylation of aldehydes and imines with allylstannanes has emerged as an important reaction type and has seen extensive development and applications in synthesis.¹ The reaction of aldehydes with allyltrialkylstannanes takes place in the presence of Lewis acids,² at high pressures,³ or at high temperatures.⁴ The Lewis acid promoted reaction of allyltrialkylstannanes is the most commonly used reaction conditions.⁵ A little is known about the allylic stannane–aldehyde condensa-

tion reactions catalyzed by Lewis acids⁶ or by transition metal complexes.⁷ In this paper we report that the reaction of allylstannanes **1** with aldehydes **2** in THF is catalyzed by Pd(II) or Pt(II) complexes (eq 1).^{8a} Further studies reveal that palladium- and platinum-catalyzed allylation can be applied to imines **4**, which affords the corresponding homoallylic amines **5** in high yields (eq 2).^{8b} Moreover, we have found that imines are chemoselectively allylated in the presence of aldehydes by using π -allylpalladium chloride dimer catalyst. This finding was rather surprising to us, because it is widely accepted by organometallic and organic chemists that an aldehyde is more reactive toward carbanionic organometallics, such as allyl Grignard and allyllithium reagents, than the corresponding imine (eqs 3 and 4). Higher reactivity of aldehydes is also the case

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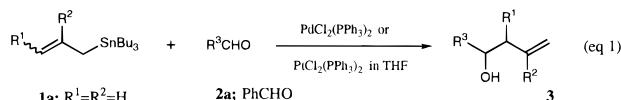
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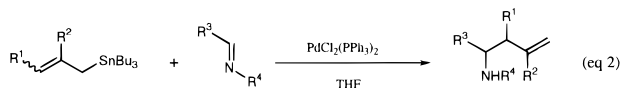
Table 1. Transition Metal Catalyzed Allylation of Aldehydes (and a Ketone) with Allylstannanes^a

entry	allylstannane 1	aldehyde 2	catalyst (10 mol %)	reaction temp/time	product	yield (%)
1	1a	2a	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	r.t./4 days	3a	90
2	1a	2a	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	r.t./4 days	3a	64
3	1a	2a	PdCl ₂ (dppf)	r.t./4 days	3a	59
4	1a	2a	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	r.t./4 days	3a	40
5	1a	2b	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/11 h	3b	83
6	1a	2c	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/8 h	3c	94
7	1a	2d	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/8 h	3d	70
8	1a	2e	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/10 h	3e	99
9	1a	2f	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	50 °C/1 day	3f	40
10	1a	2g	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/8 h	3g	58
11	1a	2h	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/1 day	3h	81
12	1a	2i	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/12 h	3i	43
13	1b^b	2a	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	r.t./4 day	3j	37
14	1b^b	2b	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/1 h	3k	48
15	1b^b	2d	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/8 day	3l	65
16	1c	2a	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	50 °C/1 day	3m	~100
17	1c	2b	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/10 h	3n	63
18	1c	2d	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/14 h	3o	71
19	1c	2e	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/14 h	3p	67
20	1c	2f	PtCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	reflux/16 h	3q	49

^a The reaction was monitored by TLC and quenched, after an appropriate period, by filtrating the reaction mixture through a short silica-gel column chromatograph. In the case of the reaction which gave **3** in low yields, the starting aldehyde was recovered. ^b (*Z*)-Crotylstannane was used. ^c r.t. = room temperature.

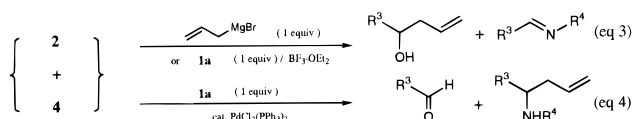


- 1a**; R¹=R²=H
b; R¹=CH₃, R²=H
c; R¹=H, R²=CH₃
d; R¹=H, R²=OCH₃
- 2a**; PhCHO
b; *p*-BrC₆H₄CHO
c; *o*-BrC₆H₄CHO
d; *p*-(NO₂)C₆H₄CHO
e; *c*-C₆H₁₁CHO
f; *n*-C₅H₁₁CHO
g; PhCH₂CH₂CHO
h; *trans*-PhCH=CHCHO
i; cyclohexanone
j; *p*-MeOC₆H₄CHO
k; *p*-MeC₆H₄CHO



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- 4a**; R³=*p*-(NO₂)C₆H₄, R⁴=*p*-(CO₂Me)C₆H₄
b; R³=*p*-(NO₂)C₆H₄, R⁴=Ph
c; R³=*p*-(NO₂)C₆H₄, R⁴=Bn
d; R³=Ph, R⁴=*p*-(CO₂Me)C₆H₄
e; R³=*p*-(OMe)C₆H₄, R⁴=*p*-(CO₂Me)C₆H₄
f; R³=PhCH=CH, R⁴=*p*-(CO₂Me)C₆H₄
g; R³=*i*-Pr, R⁴=*p*-(CO₂Me)C₆H₄
h; R³=*c*-Hex, R⁴=*p*-(OMe)C₆H₄
i; R³=*p*-MeC₆H₄, R⁴=*p*-(CO₂Me)C₆H₄
j; R³=*c*-Hex, R⁴=*p*-(CO₂Me)C₆H₄

in the Lewis acid mediated allylation with allylstannanes and allylsilanes.¹



Results and Discussion

Allylation of Aldehydes with Allylstannanes. The reaction of allylstannanes **1** with aldehydes **2** in THF was catalyzed by Pd(II) or Pt(II) complexes (10 mol %) either at room temperature or at reflux, giving the corresponding homoallylic alcohols **3** in high to good yields. The results are summarized in Table 1. The addition of allyltributylstannane **1a** to benzaldehyde proceeded very smoothly even at room temperature in the presence of PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (10 mol %) (entry 1). The use of PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ or PdCl₂(dppf) gave lower chemical yields (entries

2 and 3). Recently, we have found that the addition of 1-carboranyltributylstannane to aldehydes is catalyzed by a palladium(0) complex such as Pd₂(dba)₃·CHCl₃/dpe to afford, after hydrolysis, the corresponding adduct, 1-carboranyl-carbinols, in good to high yields.⁹ Accordingly, we examined Pd(0) catalysts such as Pd₂(dba)₃·CHCl₃/dpe and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (entry 4), but the allylation product was obtained in lower yield. The use of other transition metal complexes, such as Rh(H)(CO)(PPh₃)₃, RuCl₂(PPh₃)₃, and NiCl₂(PPh₃)₂, afforded the adduct in 10–30% yields. Therefore the Pd(II) complex is a more suitable catalyst for the allylation of aldehydes in comparison with the Pd(0) complexes, and the Pt(II) catalyst is the best one among the catalysts examined. Aromatic, α,β-unsaturated, and aliphatic aldehydes underwent the allylation reaction in the presence of PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ catalyst (10 mol %) in THF under reflux to give the corresponding allylation products in high to good yields (entries 5–11). Even cyclohexanone reacted with allyltributylstannane under similar conditions to afford the adduct (43%) along with recovered cyclohexanone (entry 12). The reactions of (*Z*)-crotyltributylstannane **1b** were slower than those of **1a** (entries 13–15), presumably due to the γ-methyl substituent of **1b**. The *syn*/*anti* diastereomer ratios of the adducts were nearly 1:1, and the allylation products at the α-position were not detected.¹⁰ In general, the reaction with methallyltributylstannane **1c** proceeded smoothly in the presence of PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ catalyst in THF at reflux (entries 16–20). Needless to say, the allylation did not take place in the absence of PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ in THF at reflux.

Reaction Mechanism. In order to clarify the mechanism of the allylation reaction catalyzed by PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ and PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂, we investigated an intermediate produced from a stoichiometric reaction between allylstannane **1a** and PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ in THF-*d*₈ (Scheme 1). A 1:1 mixture of **1a** and PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ was refluxed for 1 h under Ar. The ¹H NMR spectra of this mixture at 25 °C (Figure 1A) indicated formation of the π-allylpalladium chloride complex **6**, PPh₃, and tributylstannyl chloride: a sharp quintet (δ 5.61, 1 H, *J* = 10 Hz) and a broad

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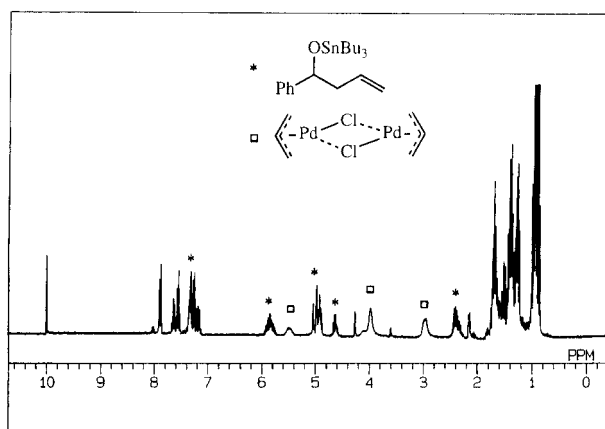
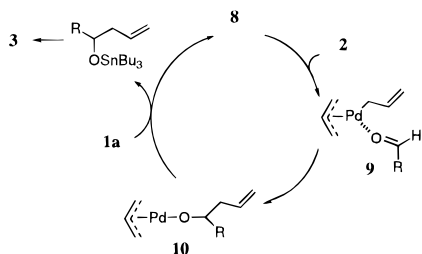


Figure 3. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra of the mixture, obtained from **2a** and **7** (which was prepared from **1a** and π -allylpalladium chloride dimer **11** as mentioned in Figure 2). The spectrum was measured in $\text{THF-}d_3$ at room temperature after 1 h of mixing. The signals (*) around 2.4, 4.6, 5.0, 5.8, and 7.3 ppm are due to ((1-phenyl-3-butenyl)oxy)-tributylstannane, and those (□) around 3.0, 4.0, and 5.5 ppm are ascribed to π -allylpalladium chloride dimer. A small excess of benzaldehyde was added, and therefore the signals due to benzaldehyde can be seen in the figure.

Scheme 1



π -allyl- σ -allyl palladium complex **9** may produce the homoallyloxy palladium **10**, which would react with allylstannane **1a** to give **8** and the homoallyloxy stannane derivative. It is clear that the only species which reacts with an aldehyde without any additive is **7**; no reaction takes place between **6** and an aldehyde (even in the presence of Bu_3SnCl);¹⁴ π -allylpalladium chloride dimer does not react with aldehydes in the presence of additives.

Reactivity of Unsymmetrical Bis- π -allylpalladium Complexes. Since it became clear that symmetrical bis- π -allylpalladium complex **7** is a key intermediate and exhibits nucleophilic reactivity in contrast with π -allylpalladium chloride complex **11** which exhibits electrophilic reactivity, we next investigated the reactivity order of π -allyl ligands of unsymmetrical π -allyl complexes. The stoichiometric reaction between 1 equiv of π -allylpalladium chloride dimer **11** and 2 equiv of methallyltributylstannane **1c** gave π -allyl- π -methallylpalladium complex **12a** in quantitative yield. Although $^1\text{H-NMR}$ investigation of the reaction mixture clearly indicated disappearance of **1c** and formation of the unsymmetrical complex **12a**, it was not clear whether **12a** consisted of a single complex or of an equilibrium mixture of three complexes (bis- π -allylpalladium **7**, **12a**, and bis- π -methallylpalladium **13**). Treatment of this complex **12a** (or the mixture of three complexes) with 2 equiv of benzaldehyde afforded a 31:69 mixture of the allylation **3a**

(13) Tsuji et al. reported a bis- π -allylpalladium intermediate, generated by palladium-catalyzed dimerization of butadiene, reacted with aldehydes: Ohno, K.; Mitsuya, T.; Tsuji, J. *Tetrahedron* **1972**, *28*, 3705 and references cited therein.

(14) A possibility that the reaction of **5** with an aldehyde may be assisted by the presence of Bu_3SnCl cannot be completely excluded.

Table 2. Reactivity of Unsymmetrical Bis- π -allylpalladium Complexes

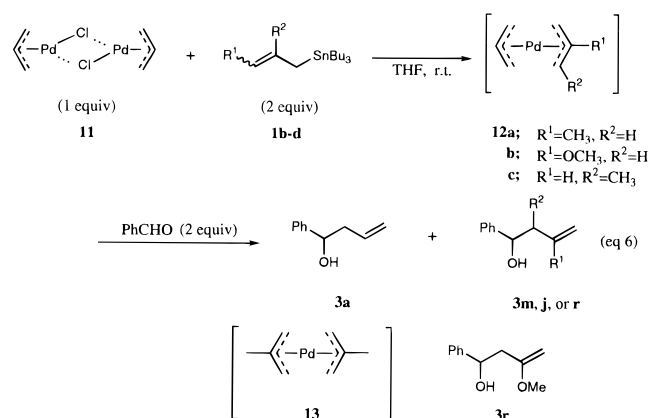
entry	allylstannane 1	conversion yield (%)	yield of 3 (%)	adducts	ratio
1	1c	90	64	3a/3m	31:69
2	1d	69	49	3a/3r	10:90
3	1b	68	46	3a/3j	68:32

Table 3. Palladium-Catalyzed Allylation of Allylic Stannanes with Imines^a

entry	allylstannane 1	imines 4	reaction time	product 5	yield (%)
1	1a	4a	1 day	5a	77
2	1a	4b	14 h	5b	91
3	1a	4c	1 day	5c	98
4	1a	4d	2 days	5d	98
5	1a	4e	2 days	5e	82
6	1a	4f	20 h	5f	90
7	1a	4g	14 h	5g	81
8	1a	4h	2 days	5h	72
9	1b^b	4a	1 day	5i	96 (6/4) ^c
10	1b^b	4b	18 h	5j	76 (1/1)
11	1c	4g	20 h	5k	80

^a A mixture of **1** (0.6 mmol), **4** (0.5 mmol), $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (0.05 mmol), and THF (5 mL) was stirred at 50 °C for the indicated period. ^b Crotylstannane, whose *E/Z* ratio was 76/24, was used. ^c Syn/anti ratio was shown in parentheses. Crotylstannane, whose *E/Z* ratio was 60/40, also produced the adduct in 94% yield with the same syn/anti ratio.

and methallylation product **3m**. The reaction of 1 equiv of π -allylpalladium chloride dimer, 2 equiv of methoxyallyltributylstannane **1d**, followed by addition of 2 equiv of benzaldehyde gave a 10:90 mixture of **3a** and **3r**. It is clear that the methoxyallyl ligand of the palladium complex (or complexes) is more reactive toward benzaldehyde than allyl ligand, and therefore, an electron-donating substituent at the β -position of the allyl ligand enhances its transfer ability to electrophiles. The similar reaction as above using crotyltributylstannane gave a 68:32 mixture of **3a** and **3j**. These results are summarized in Table 2. It is apparent that the crotyl ligand of the π -allyl- π -crotylpalladium complex (or complexes) is less reactive than the π -allyl ligand. Very interestingly, only branched alcohol was obtained from the crotyl complex (see also Table 1, entries 13–15).



Allylation of Imines with Allylstannanes. We next investigated the palladium-catalyzed allylation of imines **4** and the results are summarized in Table 3. The aromatic imines derived from *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde, **4a**, **4b**, and **4c**, reacted very smoothly with allyltributylstannane **1a** to give the corresponding homoallylamines, **5a**, **5b**, and **5c**, respectively, in high yields (entries

(15) Although π -allyl- π -methallyl complex is shown in eq 3, intervention of bis- π -allyl and bis- π -methallyl complexes cannot be ruled out completely.

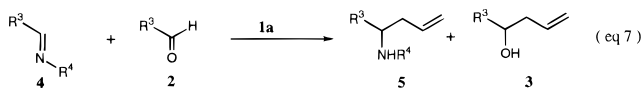
Table 4. Chemoselective Allylation to Imines in the Presence of Aldehydes

entry	imine 4	aldehyde 2	condition ^a	combined yield (%)	adducts 5/3	ratio of 5/3 ^b
1	4a	2d	A	90	5a/3d	90:10
2			B	95		10:90
3	4b	2d	A	84	5b/3d	83:17
4			B	91		19:81
5	4e	2j	A	99	5e/3s	97:3
6			B	96		1:>99
7	4i	2k	A	86	5k/3t	94:6
8			B	99		5:95
9	4f	2h	A	99	5f/3h	>99:1
10			B	98		1:>99
11	4h	2e	A	80	5h/3e	91:9
12			C	60		1:>99
13	4j	2e	A	99	5l/3e	>99:1
14			C	60		1:>99

^a Method A: A mixture of **4** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.2 mmol), and allyltributylstannane (0.2 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of THF. (η^3 -C₃H₅PdCl)₂ (0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) was added to this mixture at room temperature and the mixture was stirred until the solution turned to black suspension. Methods B and C: A mixture of **4** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.2 mmol), and allyltributylstannane (0.2 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂. To this mixture was added 0.8 mmol of BF₃·OEt₂ (method B) or SnCl₄ (method C) at -78 °C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. ^b Ratios were determined by ¹H NMR.

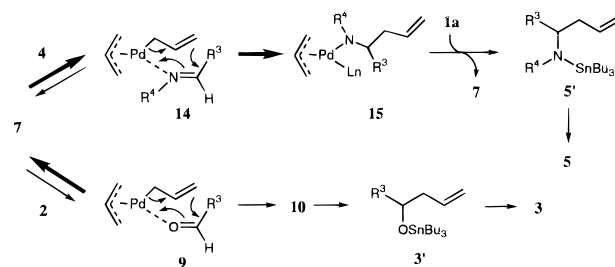
1–3). The aromatic imines **4d** and **4e**, derived from benzaldehyde and *p*-anisaldehyde, also produced the corresponding homoallylamines **5d** and **5e**, respectively, in high yields (entries 4 and 5). The use of methyl *p*-aminobenzoate as the imine component gave, in general, better results than the use of aniline itself (however see entry 2 as an exception). The reactions of the imine **4f** derived from cinnamaldehyde and of aliphatic imine **4g** derived from isobutyraldehyde proceeded also very smoothly (entries 6 and 7). The use of *p*-methoxyaniline, instead of methyl *p*-aminobenzoate, as an imine component was examined in the case of aliphatic aldehydes such as cyclohexylcarboxaldehyde and the allylation product **5h** was obtained in good yield (entry 8). Not only allyltributylstannane **1a**, but also methallyl- (**1b**) and crotyl- (**1c**) tributylstannane could be utilized and the corresponding allylation products (**5i–k**) were obtained in good to high yields (entries 9–11). Here again, only branched homoallylamines **5i** and **5j** were obtained (entries 9 and 10). We had a very interesting observation on the reaction of crotyl-stannane: the reaction to imines **4a** and **4b** was faster than that to the corresponding aldehydes (entries 9 and 10).^{8,16} Accordingly, we next examined the palladium-catalyzed allylation in the presence of both aldehydes and imines.

Chemoselective Allylation of Imines in the Presence of Aldehydes. The results of chemoselective allylation are shown in Table 4 (see also eq 7). Generally speaking, the reactivity



of allylstannanes to aldehydes is higher than that to imines under the Lewis acid promoted conditions (methods B and C).¹ However, chemoselectivity of the allylation under the palladium-catalyzed conditions was completely reversed; especially the highest selectivities were obtained using π -allylpalladium

(16) The reactivity of crotylstanane **1b** was typical. The reaction of **1b** with benzaldehyde gave the adduct in only 37% yield after 4 days at room temperature, whereas the reaction with the corresponding imine afforded the allylated amine in essentially quantitative yield.

Scheme 2

chloride dimer as a catalyst (method A).¹⁷ Reasonably high chemoselectivity was obtained in the allylation of *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde **2d** and its imine partner **4a**, derived from methyl *p*-aminobenzoate (the Ciufolini imine¹⁸) (entries 1 and 2). The use of imine derived from aniline decreased the chemoselectivity (entries 3 and 4). Very high chemoselectivities were produced in the allylation of other aromatic, aliphatic, and cinnamic aldehydes and their imine partners (entries 5–14). The use of the Ciufolini imine was essential to obtain such high chemoselectivities. We also examined the allylation with allylmagnesium bromide in the presence of *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde and **4b** (1:1) to elucidate chemoselectivity in a carbanionic allylation; the ratio of **5b:3d** was 1:>99 (cf. entries 3 and 4).

This unprecedented chemoselectivity can be explained by the difference of the coordination ability between N and O atoms to the transition metal (Scheme 2). In general, the N atom can coordinate to a transition metal more strongly than the O atom. Catalytic amounts of the bis- π -allylpalladium intermediate **7** would react with imines more predominantly than with aldehydes to give **14**, which would afford **5** via **15**. The key intermediate **7** is regenerated by the reaction of **15** and **1a**. On the other hand, excess amounts of Lewis acid (>2 equiv) can coordinate to both aldehyde and imines, activating both electrophiles in the same manner; the resulting aldehyde–Lewis acid complex is more electrophilic than the imine complex. The use of 1 equiv of BF₃·OEt₂ in the reaction between **4a** and **2d** gave an ca. 50:50 ratio of **5a** to **3d** and the use of catalytic (10 mol %) BF₃·OEt₂ did not give the allylation products at all.¹⁹ The regeneration of **7** via the catalytic process in addition to the strong coordinative preference of the N atom becomes a key to this unusual chemoselectivity; the Lewis acid promoted reaction never proceeds via a catalytic process.

Conclusion

The catalytic reaction enables the allylation to be carried out under essentially neutral conditions either at room temperature or at ~65 °C. The present findings clarify that bis- π -allylpalladium complexes exhibit nucleophilic reactivity although it is widely accepted that mono-(π -allyl)PdX-type complexes, where X is an electron-withdrawing group such as Cl, OAc, etc., exhibit electrophilic reactivity.

Further, the reactivities of allylstannanes to imines under the catalytic conditions were higher than those to aldehydes. Both

(17) PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂, which was used in the allylation shown in Table 1, also worked in the chemoselective allylation, but (η^3 -C₃H₅PdCl)₂ gave better results.

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the palladium coordination characteristic and catalytic cycle are presumably the origin of the present unusual chemoselectivity. Not only the allylation of aldehydes and imines under neutral and catalytic conditions but also the unprecedented chemoselective allylation of imines in the presence of aldehydes provide another synthetically useful methodology for allylation in addition to the exiting excellent methods.¹

Experimental Section

General. Spectral data were obtained by use of the following instruments: JEOL GSX-270 (NMR), SHIMADZU FTIR-8200A (FT-IR), and JEOL JMS-HX-110 (MS).

Allylation of Aldehydes. A typical procedure for the $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ -catalyzed allylation is as follows. A mixture of 0.2 mmol of aldehyde **2**, 0.22 mmol of allyltributylstannane **1**, and 0.02 mmol of $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (10 mol %) is dissolved in 1 mL of dried THF under Ar atmosphere. The mixture was stirred either at room temperature or at reflux for an appropriate period of time. The reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction was quenched by filtrating the mixture through a short silica gel column chromatography. The NMR examination of the reaction mixture prior to column chromatography indicated the formation of the corresponding stannyloxy derivative. Therefore, the hydrolysis of the Sn–O bond would take place during silica gel column chromatography. The structures of the resulting homoallyl alcohols were determined unambiguously by comparison with authentic samples, prepared by the literature procedure.²⁰

Allylation of Imines. A typical procedure for the $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ -catalyzed allylation is as follows. A mixture of 0.5 mmol of imine **4**, 0.6 mmol of allyltributylstannane **1**, and 0.05 mmol of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (10 mol %) is dissolved in 1 mL of dried THF under Ar atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for an appropriate period of time. The reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction was quenched by filtrating the mixture through a short florisil column chromatography. The resulting homoallylamine **5** was purified by silica gel column chromatography.

Chemoselective Allylation of Imines in the Presence of Aldehydes.

Method A. A mixture of **4** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.2 mmol), and allyltributylstannane (0.2 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of THF. ($\eta^3\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5\text{PdCl}$)₂ (0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) was added to this mixture at room temperature and the mixture was stirred until the solution turned to a black suspension. The reaction was quenched by filtrating the mixture through a short florisil column chromatography. Ratios of **4** to **2** were determined by ¹H-NMR.

Methods B and C. A mixture of **4** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.2 mmol), and allyltributylstannane (0.2 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . To this mixture was added 0.8 mmol of $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (method B) or SnCl_4 (method C) at –78 °C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched by saturated NaHCO_3 aqueous solution. The mixture was extracted with ether, dried with MgSO_4 , and condensed in vacuo. Ratios of **4** to **2** were determined by ¹H NMR.

N-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)buten-3-ylamine (5a). Yellow solid: IR (KBr) 3369, 1703, 1604, 1519, 1344, 1275, 1174 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.24 (bd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.60 (bs, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.57 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 166.99, 150.26, 150.20, 147.26, 132.87, 131.37, 127.12, 124.03, 119.68, 119.36, 112.42, 56.27, 51.52, 42.47. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: m/z 326.1267. Found: m/z 326.1268.

N-Phenyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)buten-3-ylamine (5b). Liquid: IR (neat) 3600–3200, 3078, 3053, 1639, 1602, 1520, 1430, 1344, 1317, 1288, 1269 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (dt, $J = 8.5$, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dt, $J = 8.5$, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (ddt, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (ddt, $J = 7.5$, 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (ddt, $J = 8.5$, 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 5.74

(m, 1H), 5.21 (m, 2H), 4.47 (dd, 8.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (bs, 1H), 2.69–2.39 (m, 2H). HRMS (EI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: m/z 268.1212. Found: m/z 268.1220.

N-Benzyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)buten-3-ylamine (5c). Liquid: IR (neat) 3600–3200, 3076, 3028, 2978, 2840, 1640, 1519, 1434, 1346, 1317, 1109 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (dt, $J = 8.5$, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dt, $J = 8.5$, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.68 (m, 1H), 5.08 (m, 2H), 3.82 (dd, $J = 8.0$, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.69–2.39 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 151.70, 139.81, 134.16, 128.46, 128.37, 128.14, 128.00, 127.12, 123.71, 118.58, 61.13, 51.54, 42.82.

N-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-1-phenylbuten-3-ylamine (5d). Liquid: IR (neat) 3381, 1686, 1654, 1600, 1281, 1172, 836 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (dt, $J = 8.5$, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.34 (m, 5H), 6.45 (dt, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.75 (ddd, $J = 16.5$, 10, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25–5.13 (m, 2H), 4.57 (bd, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 (m, 2H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 2.57 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 167.19, 150.92, 142.37, 134.02, 131.31, 128.66, 127.22, 126.13, 118.64, 118.55, 112.33, 56.55, 51.43, 42.88. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$: m/z 281.1416. Found: m/z 281.1416.

N-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)buten-3-ylamine (5e). White solid: IR (KBr) 3377, 1680, 1654, 1602, 1534, 1510, 1437, 1348, 1294, 1175, 1032, 833 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.18 (m, 2H), 4.53 (bd, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dt, $J = 7.0$, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.55 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 167.1, 158.75, 150.98, 134.33, 134.13, 131.31, 127.22, 118.55, 114.09, 112.36, 56.01, 55.23, 51.43, 42.96. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5$: C, 72.3; H, 6.80; N, 4.50. Found: C, 72.6; H, 6.91; N, 4.51. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5$: m/z 311.1522. Found: m/z 311.1535.

N-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-1-phenyl-1,5-hexadien-3-ylamine (5f). Liquid: IR (neat) 3367, 3026, 2947, 1700, 1604, 1521, 1434, 1338, 1276, 1174, 1109, 968 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.60 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.17 (dd, $J = 15.0$, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (m, 1H), 5.20 (m, 2H), 4.28 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.51 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 167.25, 151.12, 136.55, 133.82, 131.45, 130.76, 130.13, 128.55, 127.60, 126.39, 118.73, 112.25, 54.12, 51.49, 40.26. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$: m/z 307.1572. Found: m/z 307.1573.

N-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-2-methyl-5-hexen-3-ylamine (5g). Liquid: IR (neat) 3371, 3076, 2958, 1699, 1639, 1606, 1522, 1491, 1434, 1340, 1313, 1273, 1174, 1109 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (dt, $J = 9.0$, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dt, $J = 9.0$, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.07 (bd, 5 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (bs, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.35 (m, 1H), 2.14–2.42 (m, 2H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 0.96 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 6H). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$: C, 72.7; H, 8.56; N, 5.66. Found: C, 72.3; H, 8.59; N, 5.53.

N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-cyclohexylbuten-3-ylamine (5h). Liquid: IR (neat) 3500, 2924, 2851, 1638, 1617, 1511, 1449, 1239, 1179, 1041, 912, 817 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 6.75 (dt, $J = 9.0$, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dt, $J = 9.0$, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.80 (m, 1H), 5.07 (bd, 5 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (bs, 1H), 3.14 (dt, $J = 7.0$, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.12–2.40 (m, 2H), 1.05–1.85 (m, 11H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 135.80, 116.94, 114.95, 114.46, 90.07, 58.57, 55.86, 41.26, 35.91, 29.46, 29.17, 26.64, 26.43. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}$: m/z 259.1936. Found: m/z 259.1936.

N-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-2-methyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)buten-3-ylamine (5i). Liquid: IR (neat) 3400, 2975, 1706, 1521, 1345, 1279, 1176, 1109 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (CDCl_3): major isomer δ 8.18 (dt, $J = 11.5$, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dt, $J = 11.5$, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dt, $J = 11.5$, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (dt, $J = 11.5$, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.65 (m, 1H), 5.23 (m, 2H), 4.64 (bd, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.74 (m, 1H), 1.03 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 3H); minor isomer δ 8.20 (dt, $J = 11.5$, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dt, $J = 11.5$, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dt, $J = 11.5$, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (dt, $J = 11.5$, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.71 (m, 1H), 5.23 (m, 2H), 4.64 (bd, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.59 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl_3): major isomer δ 166.93, 150.20, 149.53, 138.63, 131.25, 128.12, 123.45, 118.99, 117.09, 112.25, 60.59, 51.37, 43.45, 30.72, 15.43; minor isomer δ 166.93, 150.40, 148.27, 138.54, 131.25, 127.88, 123.68, 118.99,

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117.09, 112.19, 61.31, 51.37, 44.43, 30.72, 16.90. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}N_2O_4$: m/z 340.1423. Found: m/z 340.1420.

***N*-Phenyl-2-methyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)buten-3-ylamine (5j).** Liquid: IR (neat) 3411, 3053, 2970, 2929, 1706, 1600, 1530, 1506, 1429, 1344, 1197, 1109 cm^{-1} . 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): major isomer δ 8.18 (dt, $J = 8.5, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dt, $J = 8.5, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (dt, $J = 8.5, 2H$), 6.66 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.70 (m, 1H), 5.19 (m, 2H), 4.43 (m, 1H), 4.19 (m, 1H), 2.71 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.01 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); minor isomer δ 8.17 (dt, $J = 8.5, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dt, $J = 8.5, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (dt, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.70 (m, 1H), 5.19 (m, 2H), 4.25 (m, 1H), 4.19 (m, 1H), 2.54 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.05 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$): major isomer δ 157.31, 150.69, 146.77, 139.23, 129.30, 129.15, 128.26, 123.48, 117.92, 113.40, 61.13, 44.89, 15.09; minor isomer δ 157.3, 149.40, 146.49, 139.17, 129.38, 129.15, 128.09, 123.48, 117.20, 113.31, 62.00, 43.65, 17.13. 1HRMS (EI) Calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}N_2O_2$: m/z 282.1368. Found: m/z 282.1373.

***N*-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-2,5-dimethyl-5-hexen-3-ylamine (5k).** Liquid: IR (neat) 3700–2800, 2605, 2361, 2340, 1645, 1433 cm^{-1} . 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.82 (dt, $J = 8.0, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.54 (dt, $J = 8.0, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.76 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.50

(m, 1H), 2.35–2.05 (m, 2H), 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 0.97 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 152.16, 142.77, 131.60, 113.05, 11.50, 55.37, 51.43, 39.54, 30.93, 22.14, 18.26, 17.85. Anal. Calcd for $C_{16}H_{23}NO_2$: C, 73.5; H, 8.87; N, 5.36. Found: C, 73.1; H, 8.80; N, 5.30. MS (EI) m/z . HRMS (EI) Calcd for $C_{16}H_{23}NO_2$: m/z 261.1729. Found: m/z 261.1733.

***N*-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-1-cyclohexylbuten-3-ylamine (5l).** Liquid: IR (neat) 3371, 3074, 2925, 2852, 1695, 1604, 1525, 1435, 1344, 1281, 1174, 1109 cm^{-1} . 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.82 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.08 (bd, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.03 (bs, 1H), 3.97 (bd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.35 (m, 1H), 2.43–2.15 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.60 (m, 5H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.32–0.94 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 152.13, 134.94, 131.57, 117.55, 117.43, 111.59, 56.90, 51.37, 41.49, 35.99, 29.49, 28.94, 26.40, 26.23. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $C_{18}H_{25}NO_2$: m/z 287.1885. Found: m/z 287.1883.

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