

CD₃OD) indicate that the bound fluoride anion is labile on the ¹⁹F NMR time scale, undergoing rapid exchange with free fluoride anion in solution. Currently, we are studying this exchange process and exploring the extent to which the protonated sapphyrins may serve as binding agents for other small anions and neutral molecules.

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Novel Dependency of Stereochemistry upon Metal, Ligand, and Solvent in Oxidative Addition of Allylic Chloride to Pd(0) and Pt(0) Complexes

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The reaction of allylic electrophiles with electron-rich metal complexes forming allylmetal intermediates is one of the most crucial steps in various metal-catalyzed organic transformations.¹ The stereochemistry of this reaction with regard to the relative disposition of the metal and the leaving groups is predominantly anti.^{1a,2} The syn stereochemistry is limited to very few cases,^{3,4} of which direct isolation of allylmetals has been achieved in only one example (a Mo complex and allylic acetate).⁴ We describe here novel variation of the stereochemistry, ranging from almost pure anti to almost pure syn, in the synthesis of allylmetals from reactions of allylic chlorides with Pd(0) and Pt(0) nucleophiles depending on the nature of metal, ligands, and solvents. We also report a catalytic C–C coupling exhibiting a hitherto unknown stereochemical outcome based on the newly found syn stereochemistry of the stoichiometric process.

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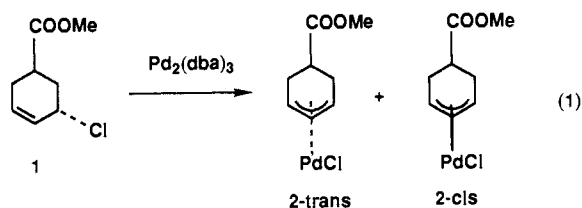
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Table I. Reaction of 1 with Pd₂(dba)₃^a

| run | solvent | isomer ratio: 2-trans/2-cis |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | benzene | 100/0 |
| 2 | dichloromethane | 94/6 |
| 3 | THF | 95/5 |
| 4 | acetone | 75/25 |
| 5 | DMF | 29/71 |
| 6 | acetonitrile | 5/95 |
| 7 | DMSO | 3/97 |

^a Reaction was run at room temperature for 5–10 h. Yields were almost quantitative in each case. Isomer ratio was determined by ¹H NMR.

Reactions of allylic chloride 1^{2b} with Pd₂(dba)₃⁵ (dba = dibenzylideneacetone) at room temperature for several hours afforded good yields of a mixture of η³-allyl complexes,⁶ 2-trans and 2-cis, with the isomer ratio depending on the solvent used (eq 1 and Table I). In none of these reactions was trans to cis isom-



erization of 1 observed, nor did the interconversion between 2-trans and 2-cis occur under the reaction conditions. The structure of 2 could be assigned by converting these into 3 and 4, of which both trans and cis configurations have been established before,^{2b,e} via attack of phenyl anion^{7a} (retention)⁸ and dimethyl malonate anion^{7b} (inversion).⁸ Of particular interest is the almost exclusive formation of 2-trans in the reaction carried out in benzene, CH₂Cl₂, and THF. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first example of the syn oxidative addition of allylic halides with metallic nucleophiles. Although the cis isomer of 1 did not react with Pd₂(dba)₃ under similar conditions so cleanly as to allow stereochemical examination, the results of catalytic reactions described later suggest that this isomer also undergoes dominant, albeit not exclusive, syn addition with Pd(0) olefin complexes in benzene. Contrary to these results, the anti addition dominated in acetonitrile and DMSO (Table I). It may well be that these solvents play a role in preventing Pd–Cl bond formation inherent in the syn addition⁹ through coordination to Pd, and/or stabilizing the transition state of the anti addition in which charge separation would take place to a much greater extent than in the syn addition.

The anti addition dominated in the reaction of Pd(0) nucleophiles coordinated with much stronger donors. Thus, the anti

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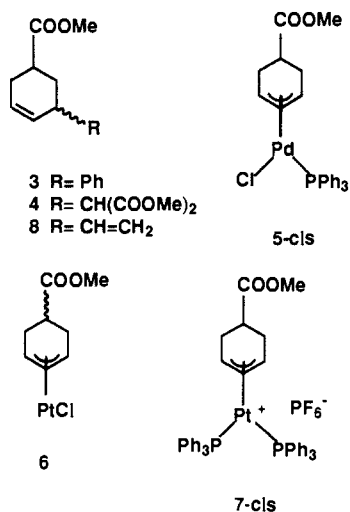
(6) Satisfactory analytical results were obtained. 2-trans: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.74 (ddd, J = 3.6, 7.5, 17.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.22 (ddd, J = 3.0, 6.4, 17.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.41 (tt, J = 6.4, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H), 5.08 (ddd, J = 3.0, 3.6, 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 5.49 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1 H). 2-cis: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.00–2.06 (m, 3 H), 2.26 (br m, 2 H), 3.67 (s, 3 H), 5.21 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.55 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1 H).

(7) (a) One equivalent of NaBPh₄ and 4 equiv of maleic anhydride in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature for 24 h (yield 95%, stereospecificity almost 100%). (b) Addition of 2 equiv of PPh₃ in CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C, followed by 1.5 equiv of NaCH(COOMe)₂ in THF for 2 h (yield and specificity almost 100%).

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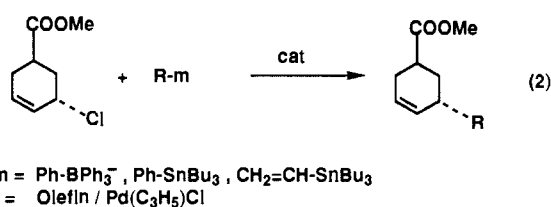
(9) (a) Syn addition would be related to reductive elimination of η³-allyl(chloro)palladium by the microscopic reversibility principle where this step for η³-allyl(organopalladium) has been shown to be energetically feasible.^{9b} Alternatively, an S_N2' mechanism may be consistent with syn addition,^{9c} even though anti selectivity has often been encountered in this pathway,^{9c} particularly in reactions involving organotransition-metal nucleophiles.^{2c} (b) Kurosawa, H.; Emoto, M.; Ohnishi, H.; Miki, K.; Kasai, N.; Tatsumi, K.; Nakamura, A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 6333–6340. (c) Magid, R. M. *Tetrahedron* **1980**, *36*, 1901–1930.

adduct **5-cis**¹⁰ was isolated in almost quantitative yield from the reaction of **1** with Pd(PPh₃)₄ even in benzene, this observation being consistent with the stereochemical result in the catalytic reaction.^{2b} Even a monophosphine coordinated Pd(0) species, Pd(PPh₃)((*E*)-MeOOCCH=CHCOOMe)_m, which was generated in situ in benzene,¹¹ also reacted with **1** in a predominantly anti fashion to give **5-cis**.



Unlike the syn addition of the dba-Pd complex in CH₂Cl₂, the anti addition was found dominant in the analogous, though somewhat slower, reaction of Pt complex Pt(dba)₂^{3a} with **1** in the same solvent at room temperature, to give a moderate yield of **6** (**6-trans**/**6-cis**, 23/77).¹² The reaction of Pt(C₂H₄)(PPh₃)₂ with **1** in CH₂Cl₂, followed by treatment with NH₄PF₆, afforded a good yield of **7-cis**¹³ exclusively.

Increasing attention has been paid to unique roles of Pd catalysts bearing activated olefins but not bearing ordinary phosphine ligands in accomplishing some selective couplings of organic electrophiles with nonstabilized carbanions.¹⁴ Following the above-mentioned observation of syn addition under certain conditions, we carried out catalytic coupling of **1** with some organometallics using a catalyst, olefin/Pd(η³-CH₂CHCH₂)Cl (olefin = maleic anhydride, dimethyl fumarate), to find high-yield formation of net retention products (eq 2)¹⁵ as the result of oc-



(10) Authentic samples of **5-trans** and **5-cis** were prepared from both of **2-cis** **2-trans** and with 1 equiv of PPh₃ and well characterized spectrally. The most diagnostic aspect was that the proton α to COOMe in the trans isomer resonated at much lower field with two moderate J_H values [δ 3.21 (tt, J = 6.8, 8.3 Hz)] than that in the cis isomer showing one moderate J_H value and one large J_H value [δ 1.99 (tt, J = 5.5, 10.8 Hz)].

(11) Via reductive elimination of Pd(η³-CH₂CHCH₂)(C₆H₃Cl₂-2,5)(PPh₃) in the presence of 4 equiv of (*E*)-MeOOCCH=CHCOOMe.^{9b}

(12) **6-trans**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.54 (br m, 2 H), 2.12 (ddd, J = 3.5, 6.2, 15.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.27 (br, 1 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H), 4.72 (v br, 2 H), 4.84 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1 H). **6-cis**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.87-1.99 (m, 3 H), 2.25 (dt, J = 16.5, 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.69 (s, 3 H), 4.94 (br, 3 H).

(13) Compared spectrally with samples prepared from **6**, 2 equiv of PPh₃ and NH₄PF₆. In particular, **7-cis** showed a triplet of triplets at δ 1.90 (J = 5.5, 11.2 Hz), while **7-trans** showed one at δ 2.71 (J = 6.2, 9.4 Hz).

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currence of two consecutive syn transformations (oxidative addition and reductive elimination).¹⁶ The cis isomer of **1** also gave a higher amount of the net retention products than of the inversion products.¹⁵ Further studies are in progress to elucidate electronic and/or steric factors for affecting the stereochemical course of the attack of metallic nucleophiles at allylic systems and to develop application of this key step.

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(15) To a CH₂Cl₂ solution (2 mL) of **1** (0.4 mmol), Pd(η³-CH₂CHCH₂)Cl (0.02 mmol), and dimethyl fumarate (0.07 mmol) was added drop by drop under argon a THF solution (1 mL) of NaBPh₄ (0.4 mmol). After the mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature, the solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure and crude products were analyzed by GLC and ¹H NMR spectroscopy (yield 95%, **3-trans**/**3-cis**, 90/10). Similarly, **1** and Bu₃SnPh or Bu₃SnCH=CH₂ in the presence of Pd(η³-CH₂CHCH₂)Cl (5 mol % based on **1**) and maleic anhydride (20 mol %) in benzene at room temperature for 48 h afforded **3** (80%, **3-trans**/**3-cis**, 98/2) and **8**^{2b} (92%, **8-trans**/**8-cis**, 92/8), respectively. A trans/cis mixture (mole ratio 2/1) of **1** was also allowed to react with these tin reagents under the same conditions except for longer reaction periods employed for converting almost all of the allyl chlorides into the products. On the basis of the total isomer ratio of the products determined (**3-trans**/**3-cis**, 3.1/1; **8-trans**/**8-cis**, 2.75/1) and the reaction selectivity exhibited by the trans chloride described above, it was deduced that the cis isomer of **1** afforded a mixture of the products in the ratio **3-trans**/**3-cis**, 30/70, and **8-trans**/**8-cis**, 36/64.

(16) The stereochemistry of the attack of Pd(0) maleic anhydride complex at allylic acetates in THF has been deduced as anti from the result of the catalytic alkylation.^{14d}

Synthesis and Characterization of a Substituted η²-Pyridine Complex of Tantalum Prepared by [2 + 2 + 2] Cycloaddition Chemistry

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Understanding the interactions between aromatic hydrocarbons and metal surfaces,¹ atoms,² and coordination complexes³ has proven essential for elucidating the mechanistic details of aromatic C-H bond activation,⁴ arene hydrogenation,⁵ and alkyne cyclo-trimerization.⁶ Interconversions between the various arene-metal structural forms (e.g., η⁶ = η⁴ = η²) may be of considerable importance to such processes.^{3b,7} While several transition-metal

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