

## SYNTHESIS OF 2-FUNCTIONALIZED 1-CHLORO-1-iodo-1-ALKENES FROM 1-CHLORO-1-ALKYNES AND $\text{IPy}_2\text{BF}_4$

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**Abstract:** 1-Chloro-1-alkynes react with bis(pyridine)iodine(I)tetrafluoroborate (**1**) and nucleophiles (AcOH, HCOOH, Cl, Br, I) to give, in a regio- and stereoselective addition, 2-functionalized 1-chloro-1-iodo-1-alkenes.

Vinyl iodides have been of interest in recent years due to their versatility in organic synthesis<sup>1</sup> and photochemistry,<sup>2</sup> and because they can be transformed in the presence of less reactive vinyl halides.<sup>1a,3</sup> In this way, chloroiodoalkenes presents a high importance to carry out these kind of processes. Some procedures have been described to prepare 1-chloro-1-iodo-1-alkenes but the scope is very limited: the addition of hydrogen chloride to iodopropiolic acid yields the two stereoisomers in equimolecular amounts,<sup>4</sup> the exchange reaction between 1,1-dichloro-1-alkenes and sodium iodide is achieved in dichlorovinylethyl sulfone<sup>5</sup> but, in general, vinyl chlorides are unsatisfactory substrates because of their reluctance towards exchange,<sup>6</sup> and finally, the halogen addition to chloroacetylenes, but this process often leads to the diaddition products.<sup>7</sup>

We have recently described the iodofunctionalization of alkynes with bis(pyridine)iodine(I) tetrafluoroborate (**1**) as an electrophilic reagent.<sup>8,9</sup> We now report the electrophilic addition of **1** to 1-chloro-1-alkynes,<sup>10</sup> in the presence of two equivalents of tetrafluoroboric acid and different nucleophiles, to obtain 2-functionalized 1-chloro-1-iodo-1-alkenes. The reaction occurs at room temperature in good to moderate yields (see Table) with the formation of a single stereoisomer (see Scheme 1) except for 1-chloro-2-phenylethyne and sodium iodide as nucleophile in which a mixture of stereoisomers is observed (see Scheme 2).



Table: Iodofunctionalization of 1-chloro-1-alkynes with 1

Product	Nucleophile	Solvent	Time (h)	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
2	AcOH	AcOH/CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (2:1)	14	75
3	HCOOH <sup>b</sup>	HCOOH/CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (2:1)	14	90
4	LiCl <sup>c</sup>	MeCN/H <sub>2</sub> O (5:1)	80	60
5	LiBr <sup>c</sup>	MeCN/H <sub>2</sub> O (5:1)	70	57
6	AcOH	AcOH/CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (2:1)	14	63
7	HCOOH <sup>b</sup>	HCOOH/CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (2:1)	14	59
8	LiCl <sup>c</sup>	MeCN/H <sub>2</sub> O (5:1)	80	54
9	LiBr <sup>c</sup>	MeCN/H <sub>2</sub> O (5:1)	70	51
10	NaI <sup>c</sup>	MeCN/H <sub>2</sub> O (5:1)	30	35
11/12 <sup>d</sup>	NaI <sup>c</sup>	MeCN/H <sub>2</sub> O (5:1)	20	42 (4.5/1) <sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Yield of isolated products, relative to starting 1 and not optimized. <sup>b</sup>Aqueous 85% solution. <sup>c</sup>Mole ratio Nu:1 = 10:1. <sup>d</sup>E- and Z- isomers could not be separated. <sup>e</sup>Isomer ratio, determined by <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the crude reaction.

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- 11.- Typical procedures for iodofunctionalization of 1-chloro-1-alkynes: To a solution of the nucleophile in the appropriate solvent (15 ml) (see Table), HBF<sub>4</sub> (10 mmol, 1.40 ml of ethereal 54% solution), **1** (5 mmol, 1.86 g), and the corresponding chloroalkyne (5 mmol) were added at room temperature. After stirring, the red solution was hydrolized with water (50 ml), extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 25 ml), washed with 5% aqueous solution of sodium thiosulfate (25 ml) (and twice with 5% aqueous solution of sodium hydrogencarbonate -25 ml- when the nucleophile was acetic or formic acid), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated in vacuo. Reaction products were purified by washing with hexane through a short column packed with silica.
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