Addition of Methanol to Nonactivated Internal Alkynes Catalyzed by Dichloro(diphosphine)platinum(II) **Complex/Silver Salt Systems**

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Summary: Nucleophilic addition of methanol to nonactivated alkynes is catalyzed by platinum phosphine complexes derived from $PtCl_2(ligand)$ [ligand = $2PPh_3$, 2PPh₂Me, diphos, dppt (1,5-bis(diphenylphosphino)pentane)] and a silver salt $[AgPF_6 \text{ or } AgOTf \text{ (silver)}]$ trifluoromethanesulfonate)] producing ketones in high yields. The catalytic activity is influenced by the phosphine ligand as well as by the anion and the ratio of the dichloroplatinum complex to the silver salt.

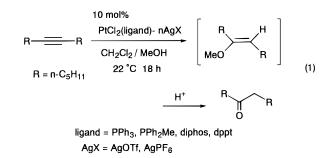
Introduction

Intermolecular addition of an alcohol to alkynes is one of the efficient routes for functionalization of a C-C triple bond.¹ Although it has been reported that intermolecular addition of alcohol to activated alkynes having electron-withdrawing groups such as an ester group is catalyzed by bases,² copper(I) triflate,³ mercury(II) chloride/triethylamine,⁴ palladium(II) complexes,⁵ or a cuboidal PdMoS₄ cluster,⁶ there have been only two reports on the intermolecular addition of an alcohol to nonactivated internal alkynes which have no electronwithdrawing substituents.7

The study of cationic palladium complexes has attracted much attention due to both enhancement of electrophilicity⁸ and supply of vacant sites⁹ on the metal center. Recently we have reported that dicationic platinum complexes prepared from PtCl₂(phosphine) (phosphine = $2PPh_3$, diphosphine) and excess $AgPF_6$ catalyze the addition of an alcohol to several alkynes. Especially high catalytic activity is observed with activated alkyne such as DMAD (dimethyl acetylene-

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dicarboxylate).¹⁰ However during the course of our recent studies of the catalytic reaction, it was found that the real activity of the dicationic platinum complexes is obscured because a silver salt such as AgPF₆ by itself also showed catalytic activity in the addition of methanol to DMAD.¹¹ These observations prompted us to reexamine the catalyzed addition of methanol to alkynes by these platinum complexes using nonactivated alkynes to which methanol was not able to add in the presence only of silver salts. We describe here that several platinum complex systems derived from PtCl₂(ligand) [ligand = $2PPh_3$, $2PPh_2Me$, diphos, dppt (1,5-bis(diphenylphosphino)pentane)] and a silver salt [AgPF₆ or AgOTf (silver trifluoromethanesulfonate)] catalyze the addition of methanol to nonactivated alkynes and that the catalytic activity is influenced by the phosphine ligand as well as by the anion and the ratio of PtCl₂-(ligand) to the silver salt.



Results and Discussion

The results of the addition of MeOH to dodec-6-yne catalyzed by several platinum species are summarized in Table 1. A mixture of dodec-6-yne (0.5 mmol) and MeOH (0.5 mL, 13 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was stirred at 22 °C for 18 h in the presence of a catalytic amount of the platinum species (10 mol %) prepared *in situ* from PtCl₂(diphos) (0.05 mmol) and AgOTf (0.05 mmol). Dodecan-6-one, the hydrolyzed product of the vinyl ether initially formed in the addition of MeOH to dodec-6-yne, was obtained in 99% yield (Table 1, run 1). The ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture did not show any sign of formation of the vinylic ether and showed only the presence of the hydrolyzed products, the respective ketones. The reaction system was so acidic that the initial products, the vinylic ethers, might be easily hydrolyzed under the reaction conditions. All platinum species derived from PtCl₂(diphos) and a silver salt

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 Table 1. Reaction of Dodec-6-yne with Methanol

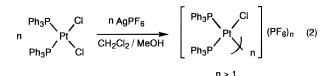
 Catalyzed by Pt(II)-Ag Systems^a

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run	catalyst system	dodecan-6-one yield/% ^b
1	PtCl ₂ (diphos) – 1AgOTf	99
2	$PtCl_2(diphos) - 3AgOTf$	83
3	$PtCl_2(diphos) - 1AgPF_6$	89
4	$PtCl_2(diphos) - 3AgPF_6$	79
5	$PtCl_2(PPh_3)_2 - 1AgOTf$	95
6	$PtCl_2(PPh_3)_2 - 3AgOTf$	3
7	$PtCl_2(PPh_3)_2 - 1AgPF_6$	6
8	$PtCl_2(PPh_3)_2 - 3AgPF_6$	18

^{*a*}Dodec-6-yne (5.0 mmol) was treated with a platinum complex (0.5 mmol) and *n* silver salts (n = 1, 0.5 mmol; n = 3, 1.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) and MeOH (0.5 mL) at 22 °C for 18 h. ^{*b*} Yield was determined by GLC using a Shimazu capillary column, CBP1-M25-025.

showed similarly high activity under these conditions regardless of the anion and the amount of silver salt employed (run 1-4). On the other hand, the catalytic activity of the platinum species derived from cis-PtCl2-(PPh₃)₂ varied considerably depending on the anion and the amount of the silver salt. When cis-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ and AgOTf were employed as a precursor of the platinum species, the catalyst system obtained by using 1 equiv of AgOTf showed high catalytic activity (run 5), whereas an excess of AgOTf reduced the catalytic activity drastically (run 6). When $AgPF_6$ was employed as the silver salt, low activities always were observed regardless of the amount of the silver salt (runs 7, 8). The catalytic system prepared from a diphosphine complex, $PtCl_2(dppt)$ [dppt = 1,5-bis(diphenylphosphino)pentane], and silver salts showed activity similar to that of the PtCl₂(diphos) system; dodecan-6-one was obtained in yields of 93% (with 1 equiv of AgOTf), 91% (with 3 equiv of AgOTf), 75% (with 1 equiv of AgPF₆), and 90% (with 3 equiv of AgPF₆). The activity of the PtCl₂(PPh₂Me)₂-silver salt system showed similar tendency to that of PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ system; dodec-6-one was obtained in yields of 97% (with 1 equiv of AgOTf), 32% (with 3 equiv of AgOTf), 33% (with 1 equiv of $AgPF_6$), and 11% (with 3 equiv of AgPF₆).

To explore the reason of the different reactivities depending on the anion of the silver salts employed in the *cis*-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ systems, the following stoichiometric reactions were carried out. Reaction of *cis*-PtCl₂-(PPh₃)₂ with 1 equiv of AgPF₆ in the presence of 3 equiv of dodec-6-yne at 22 °C in CH₂Cl₂ and MeOH (1:1) yielded a colorless precipitate. Elemental analysis of the white solid obtained after removal of AgCl from the precipitate suggested the formation of a chloride-bridged oligomer complex, $[(Ph_3P)_2PtCl]_n(PF_6)_n$ (n > 1) (eq 2).

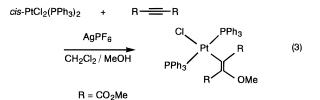


The latter was not soluble in CH_2Cl_2 and therefore did not show any catalytic activity. On the other hand, the reaction of the *cis*-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ with 1 equiv of AgOTf precipitated only AgCl, leaving the active platinum species in solution. These results indicate that a triflate anion, which has a higher coordination ability¹² but can be replaced by alkynes, prevented the formation of the insoluble platinum oligomer complex.

In order to obtain further information about the catalytically active species we have examined the ³¹P NMR spectra of the catalyst systems. The ³¹P NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture derived from *cis*-PtCl₂-(PPh₃)₂ and 1 equiv of AgOTf in a mixed solvent of MeOH- d_4 and CH₂Cl₂ (1:1) showed mainly two sets of signals [δ 4.2 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 4019$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 18$ Hz), 19.4 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 3962$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 18$ Hz) and δ 9.2 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 3554$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 18$ Hz), 13.3 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 4108$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 18$ Hz)], probably due to *cis*-(Ph₃P)₂PtCl(OTf) and *cis*-[(Ph₃P)₂PtCl(MeOH)](OTf) or *vice versa*. Although several other singlet signals are present, the signal due to the starting dichloride PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ [δ 14.8 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 3700$ Hz)] disappeared completely.

When *cis*-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ was reacted with an excess of silver salt, the chloride ligands can be removed completely judging from the disappearance of the Pt–Cl stretch in the IR spectrum of the reaction product.¹³ The ³¹P NMR spectrum also supported the removal of the chloride ligand. For example, the ³¹P NMR spectrum of *cis*-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂–3AgOTf in MeOH-*d*₄ and CH₂Cl₂ (1: 1) showed three signals at δ 4.8 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 4080$ Hz), 8.2 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 3730$ Hz), and 33.3 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 3014$ Hz). The first two signals could be assigned to *cis*-[Pt(PPh₃)₂-(MeOH)₂](OTf)₂ and *cis*-Pt(PPh₃)₂(OTf)₂ or *vice versa* and the lowest field signal to *trans*-[Pt(PPh₃)₂(MeOH)₂] (OTf)₂ according to the coupling constants between ¹⁹⁵-Pt and ³¹P.¹⁴

The reason that the catalytic activity of *cis*-PtCl₂- $(PPh_3)_2$ -3AgX (X = PF₆ or OTf) systems, despite the soluble platinum species formed, was extremely low compared to that of the PtCl₂(diphos)-3AgX systems is not clear at present. It could be due to the difference of their geometry. The bidentate diphosphine ligand (diphos) can only take *cis* configuration but triphenylphosphine can also take a trans configuration, which may be the predominant but inactive species at the key step of the catalytic process; reaction of DMAD and MeOH with cis-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ and 1 equiv of AgPF₆ in CH₂Cl₂ gave trans-PtCl(PPh₃)₂{ η^{1} -(E)-CH₃O₂CC=C- $(OMe)CO_2CH_3$ in 74% isolated yield (eq 3). Despite careful NMR investigation of the reaction mixture, we have not been able to obtain any positive information about the real catalytic species, so far; we could not observe an interaction of the alkyne with a platinum species, etc.

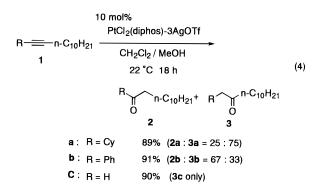


Addition of MeOH to unsymmetrical alkynes produces two regioisomeric ketones (eq 4). Both the size and electronic properties of the substituents on the alkyne influence the regioselectivity. For example, reaction of

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1-cyclohexyldodec-1-yne (1a) with MeOH in the presence of PtCl₂(diphos) and excess AgOTf in CH₂Cl₂ afforded a mixture of two regioisomeric ketones (2a:3a = 25:75) in 89% isolated yield. The major isomer was produced by addition of MeOH at the less hindered side of the C-C triple bond. In contrast, addition of MeOH to 1-phenyldodec-1-yne took place at the more sterically congested position α to the phenyl group.¹⁵ When a terminal alkyne such as dodec-1-yne was employed in this reaction, MeOH added at the sterically congested site of the C-C triple bond to yield dodecan-2-one selectively.

In conclusion, we have found that cationic platinumphosphine complexes or platinum-phosphine complexes with anions of moderate coordination ability derived from PtCl₂(ligand) and silver salts catalyze the addition of methanol to nonactivated alkynes affording the corresponding ketone. The catalytic activity of the platinum species depends upon the phosphorus ligand of the starting platinum complex and on the anion.

Experimental Section

All manipulations were conducted under argon atmosphere with standard Schlenk methods. Unless otherwise noted, materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and were used after distillation. All solvents were distilled under argon prior to use, CH₂Cl₂ from CaH, MeOH from Mg(OMe)₂, and CH₃CN from CaH. PtCl₂(diphos), cis-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂, cis- $PtCl_2(PPh_2Me)_2$, and $PtCl_2(dppt)$ (dppt = $Ph_2P(CH_2)_5PPh_2$) were prepared according to published procedures.¹⁶ 1-Cyclohexyldodec-1-yne (1a) and 1-phenyldodec-1-yne (1b) were prepared by similar methods to published procedures.^{17,18} Column chromatography was conducted by using silica gel 60 (E. Merck 9385 230-400 mesh). The melting points were recorded on a Yanaco MP-52982 and are uncorrected. IR spectra were determined on a Hitachi 295 spectrophotometer or JASCO FT/IR-230. Mass spectra were obtained on a JEOL JMS DX-303HF spectrometer or PE-Sciex API-III plus. 1H NMR spectra were recorded at 270.05 MHz on a JEOL GSX-270 spectrometer, and ³¹P NMR spectra at 109.25 MHz on a JEOL GSX-270 spectrometer. Chemical shifts of ¹H NMR are expressed in ppm downfield from Me₄Si using the δ scale (CHCl₃ was used as an internal standard, δ 7.26), and those of ³¹P NMR are referred to 85% H₃PO₄ as an external reference. Elemental analysis was carried out with a Yanaco MT-3.

General Procedure for Addition of MeOH to an Alkyne Catalyzed by the Systems Derived from PtCl₂(ligand) (Ligand = 2 Monodentate Phosphines or a Diphosphine) and a Silver Salt (AgPF₆ or AgOTf). To a solution of a platinum complex [PtCl2(ligand), 0.05 mmol] in a mixed solvent of CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) and MeOH (0.5 mL) at 22 °C was added a silver salt (AgPF₆ or AgOTf, 0.05 mmol or 0.15 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min at 22 °C, and then the alkyne (0.5 mmol) was added. After 18 h, the yield of the ketone was determined by GLC or after isolation with column chromatography.

Dodecan-6-one.¹⁹ The yield was determined by GLC. GLC conditions: Simadzu capillary column, CBP1-M25-025; column temperature, 130 °C; internal standard, tetradecane; retention time, 5.0 min (dodec-6-yne), 7.3 min (dodecan-6-one), 9.5 min (tetradecane).

1-Cyclohexyldodecan-1-one (2a) and 1-cyclohexyldodecan-2-one (3a). The two compounds (2a:3a = 26:74) could not be separated with column chromatography. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 0.80–1.04 {m, 3H (2a and 3a)}, 1.04–1.48 (m, 18H (2a) and 16H (3a)}, 1.42-1.68 {m, 4H (2a and 3a)}, 1.56-1.96 {m, 6H (**2a**) and 7H (**3a**)}, 2.26 {d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H (**3a**)}, 2.36 {t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H (3a)}, 2.41 {t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H (2a)}, 2.30-2.44 {m, 1H (2a)}. IR (neat): 2930, 2853, 1712, 1449, 1409, 1375, 1146, 721 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): m/z 266.2563 (M⁺). Calcd for C₁₈H₃₄O 266.2610.

1-Phenyldodecan-1-one (2b).¹⁹ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.2–1.5 (m, 16H), 1.74 (tt, J = 7.4, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.4–7.6 (m, 3H), 7.9–8.0 (m, 2H).

1-Phenyldodecan-2-one (3b).²⁰ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.1 - 1.4 (m, 14H), 1.4 - 1.6 (m, 2H), 2.43 (t,)J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 7.1–7.4 (m, 5H).

Synthesis of a Chloride-Bridged Oligomer Complex, $[(\mathbf{Ph}_{\mathbf{P}}\mathbf{P})_{\mathbf{P}}\mathbf{PtCl}]_{n}$ ($\mathbf{PF}_{\mathbf{6}}$)_n (n > 1). In a Schlenk flask was placed cis-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (153 mg, 0.194 mmol) under an Ar atmosphere. To the complex were added successively at 22 °C CH₂-Cl₂ (2 mL), MeOH (2 mL), and dodec-6-yne (79 mg, 0.475 mmol). AgPF₆ was added to the solution, and the mixture was stirred at 22 °C for 20 min. The resulting colorless precipitate was filtered and washed with CH2Cl2 (10 mL). To the precipitate was added a mixed solvent of nitromethane and acetonitrile (5 mL, 1:1). The insoluble, colorless solid was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. A white powder of $[(Ph_3P)_2PtCl]_n(PF_6)_n$ (n > 1)was obtained after recrystallization from CH₃CN-Et₂O. Mp: 251.4-254.8 °C (dec). The complex is soluble in CH₃CN and shows ³¹P NMR signals in CD₃CN at δ –143.1 (septet, J_{P-F} = 707 Hz, 2P, PF₆), 6.0 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 3841$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 18$ Hz, 2P, Ph₃P), and 13.5 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 3503$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 18$ Hz, 2P, Ph₃P), due to a monomeric species, cis-[(PPh₃)₂PtCl(CH₃CN)]⁺.²¹ ¹H NMR (CD₃CN): δ 7.15–7.60 (m, 60H, arom). IR (Nujol): 1550, 1440, 1315, 1100, 1000, 880, 855, 840, 760, 750, 710, 700, 560, 555, 535, 520, 505, 320 cm⁻¹. MS (ESIMS, CH₃CN solution): m/z 796 [PtCl(PPh₃)₂(CH₃CN)], 753 [PtCl(PPh₃)₂], 718 [Pt-(PPh₃)₂]. Anal. Calcd for (C₃₆H₃₀P₃ClF₆Pt)_n: C, 48.04; H, 3.36. Found: C, 48.18; H, 3.62.

trans-PtCl(PPh₃)₂{ η^1 -(*E*)-CH₃O₂CC=C(OMe)CO₂CH₃}. To a solution of cis-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (65 mg, 0.082 mmol) and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (DMAD) (36 mg, 0.25 mmol) in a mixture of CH₂Cl₂ and MeOH (5 mL, 1:1) was added AgPF₆ (21 mg, 0.082 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 20 min at 20 °C, and then the precipitated AgCl was removed by filtration. The yellow filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residual yellow semisolid was washed with two portions of ether (20 mL \times 2) and then dried under reduced

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pressure to give the pure alkenylplatinum complex as a yellow powder (57 mg, 0.061 mmol) in 74% yield. Mp: 255.2–257.8 °C (dec). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.67 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 7.31–7.48 (m, 18H), 7.70–7.84 (m, 12H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃): δ 22.2 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 2949$ Hz). MS (FAB): m/z 929, 928, 987 (M⁺). IR (Nujol): 1710, 1705, 1440, 1300, 1200, 1120, 1100, 1050, 1020, 750, 710, 525, 505, and 340 cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for C₄₃H₃₉ClP₂O₅Pt: C, 55.64; H, 4.23. Found: C, 55.39; H, 4.42.

³¹P NMR Experiment [in a Mixed Solvent of MeOH- d_4 and CH₂Cl₂ (1:1)]. *cis*-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂: δ 14.8 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 3700$ Hz).

cis-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂-1AgOTf: δ 4.2 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 4019$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 18$ Hz), 4.9 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 4080$ Hz), 8.2 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 3730$ Hz), 9.2 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 3554$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 18$ Hz), 13.3 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 4108$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 18$ Hz), 15.7 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 3843$ Hz), 19.4 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 3962$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 18$ Hz), and 33.3 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 3016$ Hz).

cis-PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂-3AgOTf: δ 4.8 (s, J_{Pt-P} = 4080 Hz), 8.2 (s, J_{Pt-P} = 3730 Hz), and 33.3 (s, J_{Pt-P} = 3014 Hz).

PtCl₂(diphos): δ 43.4 (s, J_{Pt-P} = 3638 Hz).

PtCl₂(diphos)-1AgOTf: 14.9 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 2361$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 16$ Hz), 18.4 (d, $J_{Pt-P} = 2274$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 16$ Hz), 36.5 (m, $J_{Pt-P} = 3947$ Hz), 46.4 (m, $J_{Pt-P} = 3578$ Hz), 49.8 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 2315$ Hz), 52.5 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 2367$ Hz), 56.0 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 3016$ Hz).

PtCl₂(diphos)-**3AgOTf:** 35.9 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 3620$ Hz), 39.0 (s, $J_{Pt-P} = 3935$ Hz).

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