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Highly Regioselective Simultaneous Introduction of Phosphino and Seleno Groups into Unsaturated Bonds by the Novel Combination of (Ph₂P)₂ and (PhSe)₂ upon Photoirradiation

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A novel combination of tetraphenyldiphosphine and diphenyl diselenide under photoirradiation conditions attains simultaneous introduction of diphenylphosphino and phenylseleno groups into carbon–carbon unsaturated bonds such as terminal alkynes or allenes, regioselectively.

Highly selective introduction of different heteroatom-including functional groups into unsaturated bonds provides a useful tool to synthesize multifunctionalized heteroatom compounds in one portion.^{1–5} We have revealed that group 16 heteroatom-

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mixed systems under photoirradiation conditions realize convenient synthesis of a wide variety of group 16 heteroatom compounds, as indicated in Scheme 1.⁶ By using a (PhS)₂– (PhSe)₂ mixed system, for example, a series of unsaturated compounds such as alkynes, alkenes, allenes, and isocyanides undergo regioselective thioselenation to give the corresponding thioselenated products without formation of the dithiolated adducts or diselenated adducts. The higher reactivity of phenylthio radical compared with phenylseleno radical ($k_{\rm S}/k_{\rm Se} = 10-50$)⁷ and the higher carbon radical capturing ability of diphenyl diselenide compared with diphenyl disulfide ($k_{\rm Se}/k_{\rm S} = 160$)⁸ contribute to the excellent regioselectivity and product selectivity. In the case of enynes, the photoinduced thioselena

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tion proceeds through the 5-*exo* cyclization, affording the corresponding five-membered ring compounds bearing both thio and seleno groups. On the other hand, the thioselenation of vinylcyclopropanes takes place via the ring-opening of cyclopropane ring. Not only the thioselenation but also the thiotel-luration and selenotelluration of alkynes can be attained by using $(PhS)_2-(PhTe)_2$ mixed system and $(PhSe)_2-(PhTe)_2$ mixed system, respectively.

Very recently, we have succeeded in application of this methodology to a novel combination of group 16 heteroatom compounds and others such as group 17 and group 15 heteroatom compounds: perfluoroalkylselenation by using a $(PhSe)_2 - R_FI$ mixed system⁹ and thiophosphination by using a $(PhS)_2 - (Ph_2P)_2$ mixed system¹⁰ take place successfully with excellent regioselectivity (eqs 1 and 2).

$$R \longrightarrow + (PhSe)_{2} + R_{F} - 1 \longrightarrow R \xrightarrow{R_{F}} (1)$$

$$R \longrightarrow + (PhS)_{2} + (Ph_{2}P)_{2} \xrightarrow{h_{V}} R \xrightarrow{SPh} (2)$$

In this paper, we report novel selenophosphination of carbon-carbon unsaturated compounds by the combination of (PhSe)₂ and (Ph₂P)₂ upon photoirradiation (eq 3).

$$= + (PhSe)_2 + (Ph_2P)_2 \xrightarrow{h\nu} SePh \qquad (3)$$

1-Ethynyl-4-trifluorobenzene (**1a**, 0.5 mmol), tetraphenyldiphosphine (**2**, 0.5 mmol), and diphenyl diselenide (**3**, 0.5 mmol) in CDCl₃ (0.6 mL, degassed) were placed in an NMR ($\phi = 4$ mm, Pyrex) tube filled with nitrogen, and then the tube was sealed. Irradiation through a filter with a xenon lamp ($h\nu > 350$ nm) was conducted at room tempetature for 2 h. A novel selenophosphination successfully took place with excellent regioselectivity, affording the corresponding phosphine oxide (**5a**) by air-oxidation during workup (eq 4).



X-ray crystallographic analysis of 5a clearly indicates the regioselectivity of this selenophosphination: the seleno group and phosphine oxide group are located selectively at the terminal and the inner positions of the triple bond of 1a, respectively. In

TABLE 1. Photoinduced Selenophosphination of Alkynes with $(Ph_2P)_2$ and $(PhSe)_2$



this reaction, the corresponding regioisomer,¹¹ the diphosphination product,¹² and the diselenation product¹³ are not obtained at all, and the selenophosphination product (**5a**) is obtained with excellent selectivity.

Table 1 shows the representative results of the selenophosphination of several alkynes. When aromatic alkynes were employed as the substrates, the desired selenophosphination smoothly proceeded in good yield, regioselectively (entries 1–4). A conjugated alkyne such as 1-ethynylcyclohexene also gave the corresponding selenophosphination product in good yield (entry 5). In the case of the aliphatic alkyne such as 1-octyne, unfortunately, the desired selenophosphination did not occur. In general, the addition to aromatic alkynes proceeds via the formation of vinylic π -radical intermediate,¹⁴ whereas the addition to aliphatic alkynes involves the formation of less stable vinylic σ -radical intermediates.¹⁵ The difference of the stability between these radical intermediates may contribute to the difference of the reactivity between aromatic alkynes and aliphatic ones.

Similarly, in an NMR tube, a mixture of cyclohexylallene (**6a**, 0.5 mmol), tetraphenyldiphosphine (**2**, 0.5 mmol), and diphenyl diselenide (**3**, 0.5 mmol) was placed in CDCl_3 (0.6 mL, degassed), and then the tube was sealed. Upon irradiation with a xenon lamp

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(500 W) though the filter ($h\nu > 350$ nm) at room temperature for 1 h, the desired selenophosphination of the allene took place regioselectively at the terminal double bond, affording the adduct (**7a**) in 83% yield (eq 5). A trace amount of diselenation product¹⁶ was obtained, but no formation of the regioisomers of the selenophosphination product was detected. The selenophosphination product provided the corresponding phosphine oxide **8a** by air-oxidation during workup. The location of seleno group and phosphino group of the selenophosphination product was determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis of **8a**.



Similar conditions can be employed with several allenes (6a-e) (Table 2). In the case of aliphatic allenes (entries 1–3), selenophosphination proceeded smoothly, and Z isomers were obtained preferentially. Aromatic allene also underwent the regioselective selenophosphination (entry 4). The disubstituted terminal allene such as vinylidenecyclohexane also provided the corresponding selenophosphination product smoothly (entry 5). When the internal allene such as cyclonona-1,2-diene was employed, the selenophosphination did not proceed (entry 6). Isolation of the selenophosphination products was conducted by preparative TLC. The reason for the lower isolated yields of **8** is probably due to the relative instability of allylic phosphine.

The selenophosphination of alkynes or allenes did not proceed in the dark (eqs 6 and 7). Therefore, we assume the present selenophosphination may proceed via a radical mechanism. Diphenyl diselenide (**3**) has its absorption maximum (λ_{max}) at 340 nm ($\epsilon = 10^3$)¹⁷ and the absorption reaches to 450 nm, whereas the absorption of tetraphenyldiphosphine (**2**) ($\lambda_{max} =$ 260 nm, $\epsilon = 41.3$) reaches to 330 nm.¹⁸ Therefore, irradiation with the light of wavelength over 350 nm induces selective homolysis of diselenide (**3**) generating phenylseleno radical (PhSe•) at least in the initial stage. The seleno radical (PhSe•) can also be formed by the photoinduced homolysis of Ph₂PSePh (**9**), which is gradually generated in situ under photoirradiation conditions. In the case of alkynes, the PhSe• attacks the terminal



carbon of alkynes, generating vinyl radical intermediate, and then trapping with Ph₂PSePh¹⁹ leads to the selenophosphination





SCHEME 2. A Plausible Pathway of Selenophosphination of Alkynes or Allenes



products **4**. In the case of allenes, the PhSe• attacks the central carbon of allenes,²⁰ generating allylic radical intermediate. The subsequent S_H2 reaction of the allyl radical intermediate with Ph₂PSePh¹⁹ affords the adduct **7**, regioselectively. (Scheme 2).

We have demonstrated the first simultaneous and regioselective selenophosphination to carbon-carbon unsaturated bonds

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by using the $(Ph_2P)_2-(PhSe)_2$ mixed system upon photoirradiation under the mild reaction condition. This $(Ph_2P)_2-(PhSe)_2$ binary system is well-controlled by taking advantage of the different reactivity between phosphino atom and seleno atom in radical reactions. We are now investigating the other combinations of heteroatom compounds in radical addition reactions.

Experimental Section

General Procedure for Photoinduced Selenophosphination of Alkynes or Allenes. (Ph₂P)₂ (188 mg, 0.5 mmol), (PhSe)₂ (156 mg, 0.5 mmol), and alkyne or allene (0.5 mmol) were placed in CDCl₃ (0.6 mL) in a sealed Pyrex glass NMR tube under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was stirred for 30 s, and then the mixture was irradiated with a xenon lamp (500 W) though the filter ($h\nu >$ 350 nm) at room temperature for 1–2 h. The reaction mixture was left under air overnight. Purification of the crude was performed by preparative TLC. Acknowledgment. This work is supported by a Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research on Priority Areas (Area 444, No. 19020061) and Scientific Research (B, 19350095) from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan.

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