

the latter case also, attempted incorporation of the corresponding free acid, as well as the derived ethyl ester, was unsuccessful. The success of the *N*-acetylcysteamine derivative is presumably related to the ability of the thioester substrate to undergo facile exchange with a thiol residue at the active site of the macrolide synthetase.<sup>19</sup> Taken together, the results from the two laboratories have provided the first direct glimpse of the individual steps leading to generation of the macrolide carbon skeleton and open up the possibility of systematic analysis of the chain-elongation process by stepwise incorporation of successive polyketide intermediates. Further investigations along these lines are in progress.

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### A Remarkable Steric Effect in Palladium-Catalyzed Grignard Coupling: Regio- and Stereoselective Monoalkylation and -arylation of 1,1-Dichloro-1-alkenes<sup>1</sup>

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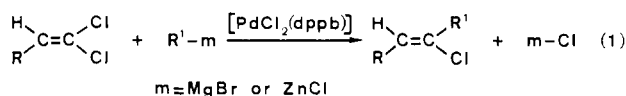
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Functionalized carbon chain elongation has been a central concern in transition-metal complex catalyzed carbon-carbon bond-forming reactions.<sup>2</sup> As part of our continued studies on the palladium-phosphine complex catalyzed selective monoalkylation of organic polyhalides,<sup>3</sup> we report here the first success in the regio- and stereoselective monoalkylation and -arylation of 1,1-dichloro-1-alkenes by Grignard or organozinc reagents in the presence of [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dppb)], dppb = Ph<sub>2</sub>P(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>PPh<sub>2</sub>, as a catalyst to produce 1-substituted (*Z*)-1-chloro-1-alkenes as shown in eq 1.



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**Table I.** Stepwise Coupling of 1,1-Dichloro-1-alkenes with Grignard and Organozinc Reagents Catalyzed by Palladium-Phosphine Complexes<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Halide	R <sup>1</sup> -m <sup>b</sup>	Product <sup>c</sup>	Yield(%) <sup>d</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> -m <sup>b</sup>	Product <sup>c</sup>	Yield(%) <sup>d</sup>
1		A		(98)	B		75
2		C		(94)			
3	1	D		(90)	B		65
4	1	E		80			
5	1	F					
6	1	G <sup>e</sup>		(81) <sup>f</sup>	H <sup>g</sup>		77
7		A		97	D		68
8	3	D		81	A		81
9		A		76			
10		A		(90)			
11		A		(55-78)			
12	6	D		90			
13	6	E		87			

<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise stated, the reactions were carried out under the following conditions. First step: dihalide/R<sup>1</sup>-m/[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dppb)] = 1/1/0.01, ether reflux, 2 h. Second step: halide/R<sup>2</sup>-MgBr/[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] = 1/1.2/0.01, ether reflux, 3 h. <sup>b</sup> A = PhMgBr; B = 4-MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>MgBr; C = PhZnCl; D = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>MgBr; E = 2-thienyl-MgBr; F = *n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>MgBr; G = *n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ZnCl; H = *n*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>MgBr. <sup>c</sup> All new compounds gave satisfactory spectral (IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and mass) data and elemental analyses and/or exact mass molecular weights. <sup>d</sup> Isolated yields; yields in parentheses were determined by GLC. <sup>e</sup> Carried out with 2.5 equiv of G in THF at 40 °C for 4 h. <sup>f</sup> Dibutyl product was formed in 11% yield. <sup>g</sup> Performed in the presence of [NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppp)] (1 mol %) under ether reflux for 6 h.

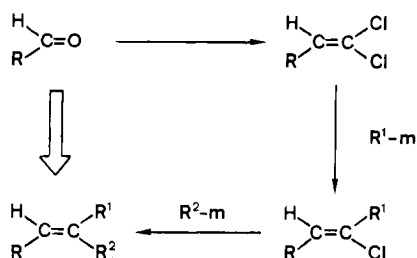
The representative results are listed in Table I. Typically, when 1,1-dichloro-2-phenylethene (**1**) was allowed to react with 1 equiv of phenylmagnesium bromide in the presence of 1 mol % of [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dppb)] under ether reflux for 2 h, monoarylation product (*Z*)-1-chloro-1,2-diphenylethene (**2**)<sup>4</sup> was obtained exclusively in 98% yield (entry 1): the structure of **2** was unambiguously characterized by converting it into (*E*)-stilbene via [Pd-(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]-catalyzed hydrogenolysis.<sup>5</sup> A variety of 1,1-dichloro-1-alkenes coupled with alkyl,<sup>6</sup> aryl, and heteroaryl Grignard and/or

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(6) Selective monobutylation occurred effectively by using organozinc reagent<sup>7</sup> instead of Grignard reagent (entry 6 compared with entry 5). The structure of the monobutylation product was also determined by reduction<sup>5</sup> and a large NOE between the olefin proton and the allylic methylene protons.

Scheme I



organozinc reagents to give the corresponding substituted (*Z*)-chloroethenes in high yields, showing the wide applicability of the reaction (entries 2-4 and 6-10). Significantly, trichloroethene underwent selective monoarylation similarly at the expected position<sup>8</sup> to give 1-substituted (*Z*)-1,2-dichloroethenes<sup>9</sup> in moderate to excellent yields (entries 11-13).

The following two points deserve comment. (1) The presence of the substituent *R* in dichloro olefin skeletons was essential for the regio- and stereoselective monocoupling, since parent 1,1-dichloroethene itself produced a comparable amount (ca. 25% yield) of diarylation product and no reaction took place with 1,1-dichloro-2,2-diphenylethene. The significant effect exerted by the vicinal-*cis* substituent *R* may be steric, since the electronically different groups, such as alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and chlorine, are equally effective. Thus, the chlorine atom *cis* to hydrogen is preferentially replaced to produce monocoupling product stereoselectively and further reaction is retarded owing to the steric effect of vicinal-*cis* substituent. (2) A further important point is that the present success depended upon choice of [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dppb)] as a catalyst,<sup>10</sup> because the use of the conventional [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] catalyst resulted mainly in the formation of diarylation products,<sup>11</sup> even when 1 equiv of Grignard reagent was used. The amazing ligand effect strongly suggested that the latter complex would be effective for further coupling reactions.

The subsequent reaction of thus obtained monohalo olefins with Grignard reagents in the presence of [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] as a catalyst indeed gave trisubstituted olefins stereoselectively (entries 1, 3, 7, and 8). The preparation of opposite stereoisomers 4 and 5 was readily attained from the same starting dihalide 3 by merely changing the order of the treatment of two Grignard reagents (entries 7 and 8). Since 1,1-dichloro-1-alkenes are readily obtainable from aldehydes by dichloromethylenation,<sup>12</sup> the present method has opened a new, general transformation of aldehydes to unsymmetrically trisubstituted olefins in a stereoselective manner (Scheme I), showing the synthetic superiority over the

Wittig olefination reaction which has almost no ability toward such a transformation.<sup>13,14</sup>

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### Theoretical Study of Structures and Relative Energies of Isomeric Metalated Acetaldoximes, Models for Metalated Oxime Ethers

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The regioselective formation of a new carbon-carbon bond in the  $\alpha$ -position to a carbonyl group is one of the fundamental reactions of modern synthetic organic chemistry.<sup>2</sup> Metalated enolate equivalents derived from *N*-derivatives of carbonyl compounds,<sup>3</sup>  $R_1R_2C=NX$ , such as imines,<sup>4-6</sup> hydrazones,<sup>7-11</sup> oximes,<sup>11-17</sup> and oxime ethers,<sup>18-22</sup> have been used for such regioselective reactions. A remarkable preference for the formation of the syn-configured<sup>23</sup> enolate intermediate is generally observed. The role of aggregated intermediates in these reactions is still not

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