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### ABSTRACT

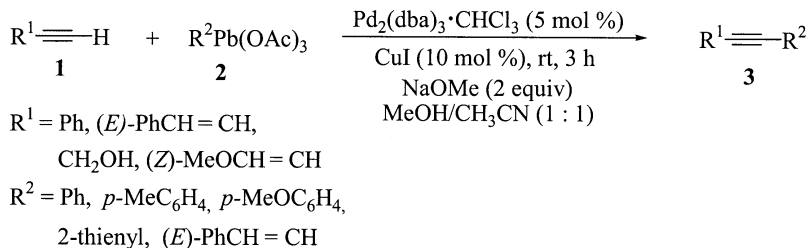
The palladium-catalyzed carbon-carbon bond formation of organolead(IV) triacetates with terminal alkynes was accomplished with  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3 \cdot \text{CHCl}_3$  (5 mol%) and  $\text{CuI}$  (10 mol%) in the presence of  $\text{NaOMe}$  (2 equiv.) in  $\text{MeOH}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1:1) at room temperature.

The palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of terminal alkynes with aryl or vinyl halides (or triflates) in the presence of cuprous iodide as co-catalyst, known as the Sonogashira coupling reaction,<sup>1–3</sup> now has become a versatile synthetic method in carbon-carbon bond formation. As an alternative to organic electrophiles, we have reported the palladium-catalyzed coupling of terminal alkynes with hypervalent iodonium salts and iodanes in aqueous medium under mild conditions.<sup>4</sup> Although Pinhey et al.<sup>5–7</sup> reported the arylation, alkenylation, and alkynylation of organolead(IV) compounds with soft carbon nucleophiles, such as active methylene compounds, no coupling of terminal alkynes by organolead(IV) compounds has been known.<sup>8</sup> In connection with our programs to utilize organolead triacetates in the cross-coupling reaction<sup>9–11</sup> we report here the palladium-catalyzed

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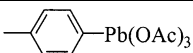

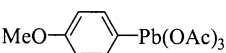
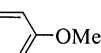
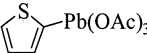


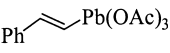


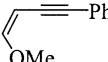
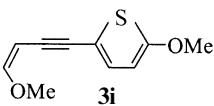
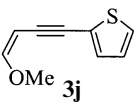
coupling of terminal alkynes with organolead(IV) triacetates using CuI as co-catalyst in the presence of sodium methoxide (Scheme 1).



*Scheme 1.*

The results of the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of terminal alkynes with organolead(IV) triacetates are summarized in Table 1. To achieve the coupling for the coupling of phenylacetylene (**1a**) with *p*-tolyllead triacetate (**2b**), we have found that the addition of 2 equivalents of NaOMe as a base was critical.<sup>12</sup> Presumably organolead methoxide intermediate  $\text{RPb(OMe)}_2\text{OAc}$  is formed from  $\text{RPb(OAc)}_3$  and NaOMe (2 equiv.), which drives facile oxidative addition with Pd(0), followed by transmetalation and reductive elimination. We examined for the reaction of **1a** with **2b**, with various catalysts, for  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3\cdot\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Pd(OAc)}_2$ ,  $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4$ , and  $\text{PdCl}_2$ .  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3\cdot\text{CHCl}_3$  was the best choice. To avoid homocoupling of organolead compounds,<sup>13</sup> it is essential to add CuI as co-catalyst. Of the solvents tested ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ , NMP, DMF, and benzene), the co-solvent MeOH/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (1:1) was the best choice for this cross-coupling. When phenylacetylene (**1a**) reacted with *p*- $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Pb(OAc)}_3$  (**2b**)<sup>14</sup> (1 equiv.) in the presence of  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3\cdot\text{CHCl}_3$  (5 mol%) and CuI (10 mol%) in with NaOMe (2 equiv.) in MeOH/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1:1) at room temperature for 3 h, the coupled product **3a** was afforded in 74% yield (entry 1 in Table 1). Under the same conditions, the reaction of **1a** with *p*- $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Pb(OAc)}_3$  (**2c**)<sup>15</sup> gave the substituted alkynes **3b** in 78% yield (entry 2). The 2-thienyllead(IV) triacetate (**2d**)<sup>13</sup> was subjected to couple with **1a** and **1b** to afford the coupled product **3c** and **3d** in 79% and 72% yields, respectively (entries 3 and 4). This coupling was also applied to alkenyllead(IV) triacetates **2e**<sup>16</sup> to provide the ynone **3e** in 80% yield (entry 5). For the propargylic alcohol **1c** without protection, organolead(IV) triacetates **2a** and **2d** were smoothly coupled to afford **3f** and **3g** in 78% and 76% yields, respectively (entries 6 and 7). It is notable that the methoxyvinyl-substituted terminal alkynes **1d** was readily coupled under mild conditions to afford the substituted alkynes **3h**, **3i**, and **3j** in moderate yields (entries 8–10).

**Table 1.** The Palladium-Catalyzed Coupling of Organolead Compounds with Terminal Alkynes

Entry	Substrate	Organolead Compounds	Product	Isolated Yield (%)
1	Ph—C≡C—H <b>1a</b>	 <b>2b</b>	Ph—C≡C—  <b>3a</b>	74
2	<b>1a</b>	 <b>2c</b>	Ph—C≡C—  <b>3b</b>	78
3	<b>1a</b>	 <b>2d</b>	Ph—C≡C—  <b>3c</b>	79
4	Ph—CH=CH—C≡C—H <b>1b</b>	<b>2d</b>	Ph—CH=CH—C≡C—  <b>3d</b>	72
5	<b>1b</b>	 <b>2e</b>	Ph—CH=CH—C≡C—CH=CH—Ph <b>3e</b>	80
6	HO—CH <sub>2</sub> —C≡C—H <b>1c</b>	PhPb(OAc) <sub>3</sub> <b>2a</b>	HO—CH <sub>2</sub> —C≡C—Ph <b>3f</b>	78
7	<b>1c</b>	<b>2d</b>	HO—CH <sub>2</sub> —C≡C—  <b>3g</b>	76
8	 <b>1d</b>	<b>2a</b>	 <b>3h</b>	76
9	<b>1d</b>	<b>2c</b>	 <b>3i</b>	77
10	<b>1d</b>	<b>2d</b>	 <b>3j</b>	77

In summary, organolead(IV) triacetate was utilized as a novel reagent for direct arylation and alkenylation of terminal alkynes under mild conditions.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Typical Procedure

#### Method A: Preparation of 1-Methoxy-4-(phenylethynyl)-benzene (**3b**)

To a stirred solution of *p*-methoxyphenyllead triacetate (**2c**) (280 mg, 0.58 mmol) and NaOMe (63 mg, 1.16 mmol) in MeOH/CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1 : 1, 5 mL) was added Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>·CHCl<sub>3</sub> (28 mg, 5 mol%) and CuI (10 mg, 10 mol%), followed by phenylacetylene (**1a**) (60 mg, 0.58 mmol) via syringe at room temperature under N<sub>2</sub> charged. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with ether (20 mL × 3) and washed with water (3 times), and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was separated by SiO<sub>2</sub> column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 1 : 10, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.52) to give coupled product **3b** (94 mg, 78%). TLC, SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc/hexanes 1 : 10, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.52. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.89 (dd, 2H, *J* = 4.2, 2.0 Hz), 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.51 (m, 4H). IR (KBr) = 3080, 2958, 1617, 1405 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): *m/e* (relative intensity) = 208(M<sup>+</sup>), 207 (100), 193 (49), 165 (52).

#### Method B: Preparation of 3-(2-thiophenyl)propyn-1-ol (**3g**)

To a stirred solution of propargyl alcohol (33 mg, 0.58 mmol) and NaOMe (63 mg, 1.16 mmol) in MeOH/CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1 : 1, 5 mL) was added Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>·CHCl<sub>3</sub> (28 mg, 5 mol%) and CuI (10 mg, 10 mol%), followed by 2-thienyllead triacetate (**2d**) (270 mg, 0.58 mmol) in one portion at room temperature under N<sub>2</sub> and stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with ether (20 mL × 3) and washed with water, and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was separated by SiO<sub>2</sub> column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 1 : 5, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.42) to give coupled product **3g** (61 mg, 76%). TLC, SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc/hexanes 1 : 5, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.42. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.50 (d, 2H, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 6.97 (m, 1H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.27 (m, 1H). IR (KBr) = 3505, 3055, 1265, 896, 950 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): *m/e* (relative intensity) = 139 (M<sup>+</sup>), 138 (100), 137 (44), 121 (22), 110 (50). HRMS calcd. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>6</sub>OS: 138.0121, found: 138.0139.

*(Z)*-(4-Methoxy-3-buten-1-ynyl)benzene (**3h**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.87 (s, 3H), 4.85 (d, 1H,  $J=6.4$  Hz), 6.40 (d, 1H,  $J=6.4$  Hz), 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.56 (m, 2H). IR (KBr) = 3075, 2950, 1615, 1410  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI):  $m/e$  (relative intensity) = 159 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 158 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 115 (83). HRMS calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$ : 158.0732, found: 158.0733.

1-Methoxy-4-(4-methoxy-3-buten-1-ynyl)benzene (**3i**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.69 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.62 (d, 1H,  $J=6.4$  Hz), 6.22 (d, 1H,  $J=6.4$  Hz), 6.72 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, 2H). IR (KBr) = 3063, 1710, 1520, 910  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI):  $m/e$  (relative intensity) = 189 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 188 (M, 100), 145 (61), 115 (15). HRMS calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$ : 188.0873, found: 188.0835.

2-(4-Methoxy-3-buten-1-ynyl)thiophene (**3j**)

Hexanes,  $R_f=0.35$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.81 (s, 3H), 4.74 (d, 1H,  $J=6.4$  Hz), 6.32 (d, 1H,  $J=6.4$  Hz), 6.95 (dd, 1H,  $J=3.7, 1.6$  Hz), 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.21 (m, 1H). IR (KBr) = 3060, 2967, 1410, 867  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI):  $m/e$  (relative intensity) = 165 (9), 164 (100), 121 (79), 63 (10).

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