

Heck Reactions Using Aryldiazonium Salts towards Phosphonic Derivatives

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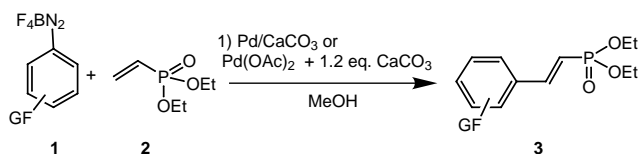
Abstract: A facile synthesis of aryl vinylphosphonates has been based on Heck reaction of aryldiazonium salts bearing electrowithdrawing or donating groups with vinylphosphonates. A one-pot procedure consisting of Heck reaction and hydrogenation permits the clean formation of useful Wadsworth-Emmons reagents.

Key words: Heck reaction, palladium, arenediazonium salts, hydrogenation, vinylphosphonates, Wadsworth-Emmons reagents

The analogues of phosphonic acids are characterized by their biological importance and have been frequently used as suitable isosteric replacements for phosphates in nucleotides, phospholipids, and sugar phosphates.¹ Furthermore, they are suitable isosters for carboxylic groups. Phosphonic acids containing amino groups in the α -, β - or γ -position have also found considerable interest for natural amino acids and are described as an important class in agricultural and medicinal chemistry.² It is known that these products can exert their biological activity as regulators, mediators, or enzyme inhibitors.^{1,2} On the other hand phosphonates have found a wide application in organic synthesis.³ In recent years substituted vinylphosphonates were beside their pharmacological activity⁴, extensively used in polymer sciences⁵ as well in organic synthesis, in particular, for preparing carbon- and heterocycles compounds.³ Due to our recent works concerning phosphonic acid analogues we were interested in the synthesis of substituted vinylphosphonates.⁶

For their preparation non-catalytic methods, such as olefination of phosphonates bearing an active methylene group and dehydration^{7,8} or dehalogenation of corresponding substituted alkylphosphonates as well as nickel catalyzed Arbusov reaction are known⁹. Currently palladium catalyzed phosphonylation with vinyl halides¹⁰ and the phosphonylation of vinylzirconium(IV) complexes¹¹ are reported. Beside these methods, Heck reactions became of greater importance.¹² Next to the classical approach employing aryl halides¹³ and vinyl halides¹⁴ only palladium-catalysed phosphonylation with aryl¹⁵ and vinyl triflates¹⁶ as pseudohalides is described for the synthesis of aryl vinylphosphonates. Although the use of aryldiazonium salts has received a major stimulus in the Heck reaction during the last two decades¹⁷ the use of these electrophiles for the preparation of arylated vinylphosphonates was not described to date. Wada and Oga have merely reported the reaction of an ethenephosphonate with aryldiazonium salts followed by a dehydrohalogenation of the resulting 1-chloro-2-arylalkanephosphonates.¹⁸ However, this pro-

cedure has the disadvantage that it involves two steps and the overall yields are quite low. We were motivated to look for a more convenient synthetic pathway for arylated vinylphosphonates using aryldiazonium salts. We now report the first aerobic Heck reaction using aryldiazonium salts for preparing aryl vinylphosphonates in the presence of Pd/CaCO₃ and Pd(OAc)₂/CaCO₃ as catalytic systems¹⁹ (Scheme 1). Compounds **3** have been prepared by using these catalytic systems (Table 1).



Scheme 1

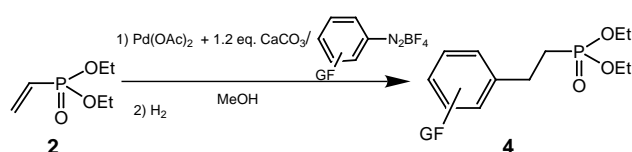
Table 1 Palladium-catalysed reaction of functionalized aryldiazonium with vinylphosphonate.

Entry	Aryldiazonium salts	Products ^a	Yield % ^b
1		 3a	98
2		 3b	96
3		 3c	99
4		 3d	93
5		 3e	81
6		 3f	92
7		 3g	99

^a Reaction conditions²⁰: 50 °C in methanol; 1 mmol arenediazonium salt; 0.85 mmol vinylphosphonate; 2 mol-% Pd-catalyst ^b Isolated yields.

We have found that the reaction is stereoselective and that the *E*-isomers are exclusively formed.²¹ According to our previous results¹⁹ of the Heck reaction using aryldiazonium salts we found an optimum of the reaction using methanol or ethanol at a temperature between 30 °C for electron deficient and 50 °C for electron rich arenediazonium salts within 5 min and 2 h. Thus, the use of aryldiazonium salts as electrophiles is itself characterized by more gentle reaction conditions compared with previously published palladium catalysed vinylations.

Beside these advantages this approach offers a second synthetic opportunity. The use of palladium as catalyst and of alcoholic solvents permits a one-pot procedure for the preparation of new Wadsworth-Emmons reagents combining Heck reaction and hydrogenation²² (Scheme 2).



Scheme 2

By using this protocol it is possible to gain in easily one-pot manner and in good yields several Wadsworth-Emmons reagents bearing different functional groups including chlorides and ester-groups (Table 2). In the case of halogenated arylvinylphosphonates bearing iodine or bromine atoms only the dehalogenated products could be obtained.

Table 2 Synthesis of phosphonates : one-pot Heck reaction-Hydrogenation procedure.

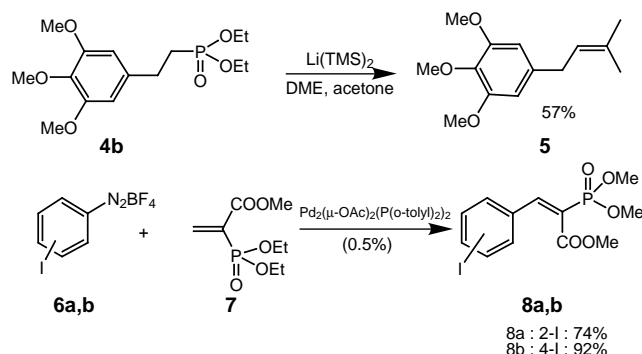
Entry	Aryldiazonium salts	Products ^a	Yields % ^b
1			99
2			83
3			98

^a Reaction conditions: 50 °C in methanol; 1 mmol arenediazonium salt; 0.85 mmol vinylphosphonate; 2 mol-% Pd-catalyst; 1 atm. H₂

^b Isolated yields.

In regard of prenylated phenolic moieties (like **4b**), which represent a widespread motif in the structure of natural

products isolated from plants and fungi²³ this strategy allows an elegant application in organic synthesis in particular for natural products²⁴ (Scheme 3).



Scheme 3

However not only unsubstituted vinylphosphonates, but also α -substituted vinylphosphonates like trimethyl 2-phosphonoacrylate **7** were reacted with arenediazonium salts.²⁵ Instead of Pd(OAc)₂/CaCO₃ or Pd/CaCO₃ as catalytic system, the use of the palladacycle^{26,27} Pd₂(μ -OAc)₂(P(o-tolyl)₂)₂ was also feasible in methanol under aerobic conditions and gave good yields (Scheme 3).

The coupling constants ³J_{PH} = 24.5 Hz in the ¹H NMR-spectra indicate that the stereochemistry corresponds to an *E*-configuration on the basis of the phosphorous-*cis* vinyl proton NMR.^{28,29} Furthermore it is very remarkable that not only iodine-substitution in *para*-position but also in *ortho*-position is completely compatible with this reaction. In the light of practicability we emphasise that this approach using Pd₂(μ -OAc)₂(P(o-tolyl)₂)₂ as catalytic system can also be carried out under aerobic conditions using not degassed solvents.²⁸

In conclusion, this protocol is characterized by the mild conditions and an excellent variety of functional groups tolerated and promises to be an useful method for the introduction of vinyl- and ethylene phosphonate functionalities into organic substrates. This method permits also the synthesis of arylated vinyl phosphonates bearing iodide and bromide functionalities via Heck reactions. Further investigations concerning phosphonic analogues are currently underway in our laboratory.

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- (21) The stereochemistry was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. In all cases the coupling constants ³J_{HH} indicate an *E*-configuration. Characteristic NMR-data:
3a: ¹H NMR δ (CDCl₃) 7.46-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.80 (dd, ³J_{HH} = 8.8 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.00 (t, ³J_{HH} = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (quint, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (CDCl₃) 161.1 (s), 148.2 (d, ²J_{CP} = 6.1 Hz, CH), 129.1 (d), 124.0 (s), 114.0 (d), 110.7 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 191.6 Hz, CH), 61.6 (t, ²J_{CP} = 5.9 Hz), 55.1 (q), 16.20 (q).
3b: ¹H NMR: δ (CDCl₃) 7.64-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, ³J_{HH} = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (t, ³J_{HH} = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (quint, ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (CDCl₃) 158.1 (s), 148.7 (d, ²J_{CP} = 6.7 Hz, CH), 136.9 (s), 129.4 (d), 124.0 (s), 113.4 (d), 112.8 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 191.3 Hz, CH), 63.4 (t, ²J_{CP} = 5.5 Hz), 56.9 (q), 16.8 (q).
3c: ¹H NMR: δ (CD₃OD) 8.85-8.74 (m, 1H), 8.53-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.10 (td, ³J_{HH} = 17.5 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (quint., ³J_{HH} = 6.2 Hz, 4H), 2.01 (t, ³J_{HH} = 6.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (CD₃OD) 154.5 (s, ¹J_{CF} = 258.9 Hz), 148.3 (d, ²J_{CP} = 8.4 Hz), 136.1 (d, ³J_{CF} = 8.6 Hz), 134.0 (s, ³J_{CF} = 8.4 Hz), 127.8 (d, ²J_{CF} = 22.6 Hz), 121.5 (s, ²J_{CF} = 22.0 Hz), 116.9 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 189.6 Hz), 64.1 (t, ²J_{CP} = 5.5 Hz), 17.9 (q).
3d: ¹H NMR δ (CDCl₃) 8.25 (t, ³J_{HH} = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 2H), 6.25 (t, ³J_{HH} = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (quint., ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 3.82 (s, 6H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (CDCl₃) 149.2 (d, ²J_{CP} = 6.9 Hz), 144.3 (s), 132.8 (s), 118.4 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 194.4 Hz), 107.3 (d), 62.4 (t, ²J_{CP} = 5.0 Hz), 56.4 (q), 52.3 (q), 13.8 (q).
3e: ¹H NMR δ (CDCl₃) 7.62 (t, ³J_{HH} = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.16 (t, ³J_{HH} = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (quint., ³J_{HH} = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.28 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (CDCl₃) 146.3 (d, ²J_{CP} = 7.6 Hz), 133.2 (d), 131.0 (d), 127.6 (d), 127.4 (d), 124.6 (s), 117.5 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 189.3 Hz), 61.9 (t, ²J_{CP} = 5.5 Hz), 16.3 (q).
3f: ¹H NMR δ (CDCl₃) 8.22 (t, ³J_{HH} = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, ³J_{HH} = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, ³J_{HH} = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (t, ³J_{HH} = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (quint., ³J_{HH} = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.39 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ (CDCl₃) 148.0 (d, ²J_{CP} = 7.0 Hz), 138.0 (d), 133.5 (s), 129.6 (d), 117.2 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 192.4 Hz), 97.4 (s), 62.1 (t, ²J_{CP} = 5.0 Hz), 14.2 (q).
3g: ¹H NMR δ (CDCl₃) 8.21 (t, ³J_{HH} = 19.9 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dd, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.40 (m, 3H), 6.16 (t, ³J_{HH} = 19.8 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (quint, ³J_{HH} = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.39 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 9H); ¹³C NMR δ (CDCl₃) 166.3 (s), 147.8 (d, ²J_{CP} = 7.0 Hz), 136.5 (s), 132.1 (d), 130.3 (d), 129.2 (d), 127.4 (d), 119.8 (s), 116.1 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 189.6 Hz), 62.1 (t, ²J_{CP} = 4.5 Hz), 60.39 (t), 16.1 (q), 13.9 (q).
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