## The Pt-Catalyzed Carboselenation of Alkynes by Selenoesters

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ABSTRACT

$$R^{1}Se \xrightarrow{R^{2}} R^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{cat. Pt}(PPh_{3})_{4}} R^{2} \xrightarrow{+} \xrightarrow{\text{cat. Pt}(PPh_{3})_{4}} R^{1}Se \xrightarrow{R^{2}} R^{1}Se \xrightarrow{R^{2}} R^{2}$$

The Pt-catalyzed carboselenation of terminal alkynes with selenoesters provided vinylselenides regio- and stereoselectively in moderate yields.

Although the transition-metal-catalyzed additions of heteroatom-containing compounds to C-C unsaturated compounds represented by hydrosilylation have been studied for more than three decades,<sup>1</sup> the utilities of organochalcogenides with Y-X bonds ( $Y = SR^1$ ,  $SeR^1$ ; X = element or functional group) have been recognized only lately.<sup>2</sup> We have recently demonstrated that basic knowledge of the ligand behavior of thiolates on Pd and Pt complexes<sup>3</sup> could be exploited to develop new reactions, that is, the Pt-catalyzed carbothiolation of alkynes RCCH (1).<sup>4</sup> The concept we have elucidated is quite simple: (1) formation of an intermediate with the S-Pt-C fragment patterned after Pd-catalyzed S-C bondforming cross-coupling reaction;<sup>5</sup> (2) insertion of 1 into the S-Pt bond to furnish a complex with a vinyl-C-Pt-Cfragment; and (3) vinyl-C-C bond-forming reductive elimination with regeneration of Pt(0) (Scheme 1,  $Y = SR^{1}$ ).

Herein we wish to report on the Pt-catalyzed carboselenation of **1**, an extension of the protocol to selenium analogues ( $Y = \text{SeR}^1$ ).<sup>6</sup>

Scheme 1. Schematic Strategy for Carbothiolation and  
Carboselenation of 1  

$$R \xrightarrow{-} Pt(0) \xrightarrow{R} -Pt(0) \xrightarrow{R} (Y = SR^{1}, SeR^{1}) \xrightarrow{R} C$$

First, the reaction of 1-octyne (**1a**) (1.2 mmol) with PhSeC-(O)Ph (**2a**) (1.0 mmol) was carried out in the presence 0.05 mmol of Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> in toluene (0.5 mL) under vigorous reflux conditions for 20 h. The crude reaction mixture was then subjected to preparative TLC. The anticipated *Z*-(*n*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>)-(PhSe)C=CH(Ph) (**3a**),<sup>7</sup> the product of *decarbonylative arylselenation*, was isolated in 89% yield (entry 1 of Table 1). Neither the regio- and stereoisomers of **3a** nor PhSePh

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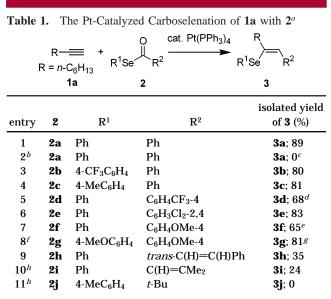
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<sup>*a*</sup> Unless otherwise noted, 1.2 mmol of **1a**, 1.0 mmol of **2**, and 0.05 mmol of Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> under toluene (0.5 mL) reflux for 20–40 h. <sup>*b*</sup> Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.05 mmol). <sup>*c*</sup> PhSePh (**4a**) 72%. <sup>*d*</sup> 2-(Phenylseleno)-1-octene (18%). <sup>*e*</sup> Z-( $n-C_{6}H_{13}$ )(R<sup>1</sup>Se)C=C(H)C(O)(R<sup>2</sup>) (**5a**) (11%). <sup>*f*</sup> 40 h. <sup>*s*</sup> **5b** (9%). <sup>*h*</sup> 7 days.

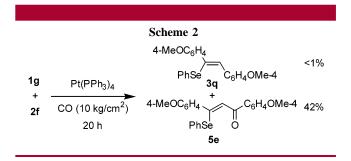
(4a) was obtained. In stark contrast, when the reaction was performed with Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> instead of Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, **3a** was hardly obtained (<1%) and the major product was 4a (72%), indicating that Se-C bond-forming reductive elimination was facile from the Pd(II) complex after decarbonylation even in the presence of **1a** (entry 2).<sup>6</sup> The results of the reactions of 1a with various  $R^1SeC(O)R^2(2)$  are summarized in Table 1. All reactions performed with electron-withdrawing or -donating groups in aromatic rings in R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> provided the desired arylselenation products as major products (entries 3-8). When PhSeC(O)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>-4 (2d) was employed, 2-(phenylseleno)-1-octene was also produced in 18% yield (entry 5). It must be noted that, in the case of  $R^2 = C_6 H_4$ -OMe-4, Z-(n-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>)(R<sup>1</sup>Se)C=C(H)C(O)(R<sup>2</sup>) (R<sup>1</sup> = Ph, 5a;  $R^1 = C_6H_4OMe-p$ , **5b**), the products of *aroylselenation*,<sup>8</sup> were also produced in 11% and 9% yields, respectively. The vinylselenation took place with use of 2h and 2i to give the corresponding dienes albeit in low yields (entries 9 and 10). On the other hand, the selenoester with *t*-Bu as  $R^2$  was totally ineffective (entry 11).

The results of reactions of some alkynes (1) with 2a are summarized in Table 2. The functionalities such as PhCH<sub>2</sub>-, HO-, and NC- were tolerant toward the arylselenation of 2a (entries 1-4). The reaction employing phenylacetylene (1f) formed 5c in 19% yield together with 61% (E/Z = 10/90) of 3o (entry 5) and the yield of 5 was increased by introducing 4-MeO in the phenyl group to furnish 5d in 31% yield (entry 6). Then, to anticipate the increment of the formation of 5, some reactions of 1g with 2f were next examined. As a result, the reaction performed under 10 kg/

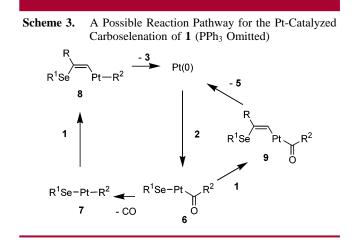
| <b>Table 2.</b> The Pt-Catalyzed Carboselenation of 1 with $2a^a$ |              |                                     |   |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|---|
|   | R-=== +<br>1 | cat. Pt(PPh <sub>3</sub> )₄<br>2a → | PhSe Ph<br>3                                |
|   |              |                                     | isolated yield                              |
| entry   | 1            | R                                   | of <b>3</b> (%)                             |
| 1   | 1b           | PhCH <sub>2</sub>                   | <b>3k</b> ; 72                              |
| 2   | 1c           | HO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>   | <b>3l</b> ; 56 <sup>b</sup>                 |
| 3   | 1d           | HO(1-cyclohexyl)                    | <b>3m</b> ;86                               |
| 4   | 1e           | NC(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>   | <b>3n</b> ; 68                              |
| 5   | 1f           | Ph                                  | <b>30</b> ; 61 <sup><i>c</i>,<i>d</i></sup> |
| 6   | 1g           | 4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>  | <b>3p</b> ; 31 <sup>e,f</sup>               |

<sup>*a*</sup> 1.2 mmol of **1**, 1.0 mmol of **2**, and 0.05 mmol of Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> under toluene (0.5 mL) reflux for 20–30 h. <sup>*b*</sup> E/Z = 5/95. <sup>*c*</sup> **3o** E/Z = 10/90. <sup>*d*</sup> **5c** (19%). <sup>*e*</sup> **3p** E/Z = 12/88. <sup>*f*</sup> **5d** (31%).

 $cm^2$  of CO afforded **5e** in 42% yield with a trace amount of **3q** (<1%) (Scheme 2).



A possible mechanism for the present carboselenation of 1 by 2 is shown in Scheme 3 (PPh<sub>3</sub> omitted). The oxidative



addition of the Se–C bond of **2** to Pt(0) would trigger the reaction to give Pt(SeR<sup>1</sup>)[C(O)R<sup>2</sup>] (**6**). The following decarbonylation produced R<sup>1</sup>Se–Pt–R<sup>2</sup> (**7**) and then stereoand regioselective insertion of **1** into the Se–Pt bond would furnish vinyl platinum **8**,<sup>9</sup> making the *C*–*C* bond-forming reductive elimination from Pt(II) possible to afford **3** with

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regeneration of Pt(0).<sup>10</sup> If **1** inserted into the Se-Pt bond of **6** prior to the decarbonylation and then reductive elimination occurred from the resultant vinyl platinum **9**, **5** would be obtained.

In conclusion, this study substantiated that the strategy for arylthiolation of **1** shown in Scheme 1 ( $Y = SR^1$ ) also can be successfully applied to arylselenation ( $Y = SeR^1$ ),

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providing a new entry for the facile preparation of functionalized vinylselenides.<sup>11</sup> Furthermore, the possibility of aroylselenation was also implicated.

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