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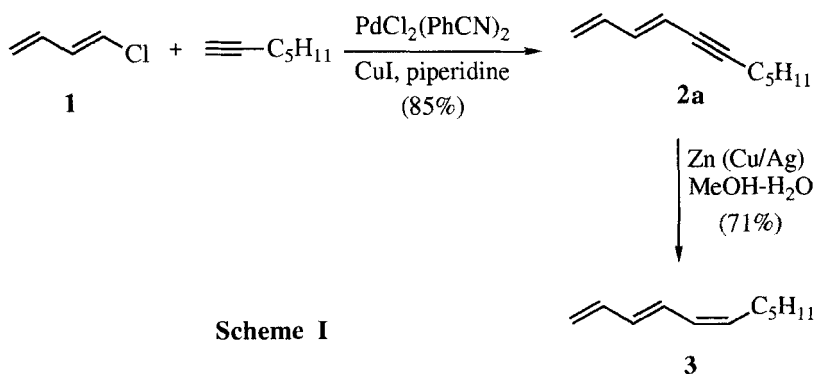
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Abstract: A short synthesis of (3E,5Z)-1,3,5-undecatriene (cis-galbanolene) is described. The key step is the Pd/Cu-catalyzed coupling reaction of (E)-1-chloro-1,3-butadiene with 1-alkynes followed by stereoselective zinc reduction of the triple bond.

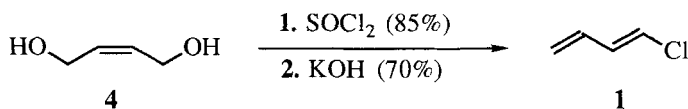
As part of our continuing studies in stereoselective polyene synthesis via palladium catalysis,¹ we recently showed that vinyl chlorides react efficiently and rapidly with terminal alkynes in the presence of a catalytic amount of bis(benzonitrile)palladium chloride in piperidine.² We now wish to report a short synthesis of cis-galbanolene **3** by using this coupling reaction which is experimentally simple and takes place under mild conditions (room temperature).

(3E,5Z)-1,3,5-Undecatriene **3** (cis-galbanolene), isolated from essential oils of galbanum³ and seaweed^{4,5} is known to act as the sexual pheromone on male gametes of the Australian brown alga *Cystophora siliquosa*.⁵ It is also known to display interesting olfactive properties^{3,6} and is therefore used in the perfume industry.

Several syntheses of this compound have been described.⁷ However, few of them are short and high yielding at the same time. In our approach (scheme I), based on the coupling of (1E)-1-chloro-1,3-butadiene **1** with 1-heptyne followed by stereoselective zinc reduction, cis-galbanolene **3** was obtained (90% isomeric purity) in 60% overall yield (2 steps).

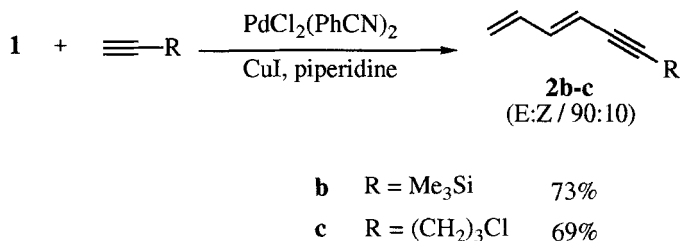


Chlorodiene **1** was easily prepared from (2Z)-butene-1,4-diol **4** according to the literature procedure⁸ in a 90% E purity.

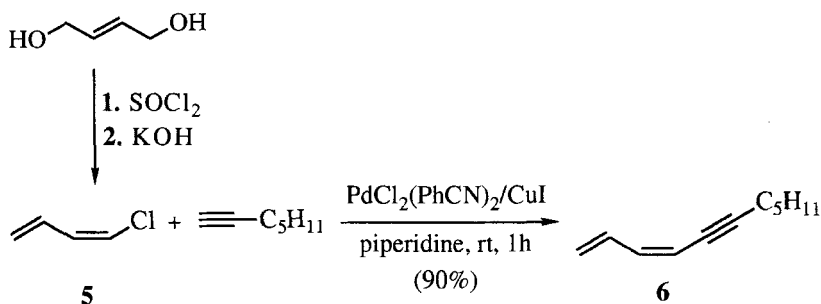


The cross-coupling of 1-heptyne and chlorodiene **1** in the presence of bis(benzonitrile)palladium chloride and copper iodide in piperidine proceeded very

rapidly (30 min) at room temperature and gave terminal dienyne **2a** (90% isomeric purity) in 85% distilled yield (scheme I). Cis-galbanolene **3** was obtained in 71% yield (90% E purity) by stereoselective reduction with activated zinc.^{9, 1c-e} Chlorodiene **1** can also be used as an efficient starting material for the preparation of terminal dienynes **2** by coupling with different 1-alkynes.



In a similar way, (1Z)-1-chloro-1,3-butadiene **5** (90% Z purity), obtained from (2E)-butene-1,4-diol, was coupled with 1-heptyne under Pd-catalysis to give the terminal (Z)-dienyne **6** in good yield.



In conclusion, the Pd-catalyzed coupling reaction of (E) or (Z)-1-chloro-1,3-butadiene with 1-alkynes has proven to be an efficient and practical route to terminal dienynes and cis-galbanolene.

EXPERIMENTAL

(3E)-1,3-Undecadien-5-yne (2a): Under an argon atmosphere, a suspension of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PhCN})_2$ (3.5 mmol, 1.34 g), (1E)-1-chloro-1,3-butadiene **1** (70 mmol, 6.16 g) and piperidine (70 ml) was stirred at room temperature. After 15 min, was added successively 1-heptyne (84 mmol, 8.06 g) and CuI (7 mmol, 1.33 g). The reaction was exothermic and the temperature was maintained between 15-20 °C (30 min) by using a water-ice bath. Stirring was continued at room temperature until GLC analysis indicated complete consumption of the chlorodiene **1** (30 min) and the reaction mixture was then treated with a saturated solution of NH_4Cl (60 ml). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether (2 x 50 ml), the combined organic layers were washed successively with aqueous HCl (0.2 M, 15 ml), NaHCO_3 (10 ml) and H_2O (2 x 30 ml), dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated under vacuum. Purification by distillation through a 10 cm vigreux column bp 60-62 °C (0.1 mmHg) provided **2a** (colorless liquid) 8.81 g (85%) as a mixture (90:10) of E:Z isomers assigned by GLC (SGE 50 QC 2 / BP5 0.25). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.45 (1H, dd, $J = 15.0, 10.5$ Hz), 6.26 (1H, ddd, $J = 17.0, 10.0, 10.5$ Hz), 5.54 (1H, dt, $J = 15.0, 2.2$ Hz), 5.15 (1H, dd, $J = 17.0, 1.5$ Hz), 5.03 (1H, dd, $J = 10.0, 1.5$ Hz), 2.24 (2H, td, $J = 7.0, 2.2$ Hz), 1.46 (2H, quint, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.15 to 1.36 (4H, m), 0.89 (3H, t, $J = 7.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.90, 136.35, 118.50, 112.65, 93.65, 79.50, 31.10, 28.45, 22.20, 19.60, 13.95; CIMS (NH_3) m/e (relative intensity) 166 ($(\text{M}+\text{NH}_4)^+$, 100), 148 (M^+ , 18), 105 (18), 91 (21).

The spectral properties of **2a** were in good agreement with those reported in the literature.^{10b}

(3E)-1-Trimethylsilyl-3,5-hexadien-1-yne (2b): prepared from **1** and trimethylsilyl acetylene according to the procedure described for **2a**. Yield 73%, bp 85-86 °C (15 mmHg), E isomeric purity 90%. IR (neat) cm^{-1} 2210, 1820, 1620; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.64 (1H, dd, $J = 15.7, 10.0$ Hz), 6.35 (1H, ddd, $J = 16.9, 10.0$ Hz), 5.64 (1H, dd, $J = 15.7, 0.6$ Hz), 5.31 (1H, dd, $J = 17.0, 1.4$ Hz), 5.20 (1H, dd, $J = 10.0, 1.4$ Hz), 0.21 (9H, s); ^{13}C NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.00, 136.00, 120.00, 111.80, 104.05, 97.25, -0.15; MS m/e 150 (M^+), 135 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_3$); Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{Si}$: C, 71.96; H, 9.40 Found: C, 71.64; H, 9.63.

(3E)-9-Chloro-1,3-nonadien-5-yne (2c): prepared from **1** and 5-chloro-1-pentyne according to the procedure described for **2a**. Yield 69%, bp 82-83 °C (0.5 mmHg), E isomeric purity 90%. IR (neat) cm^{-1} 3090, 3010, 2210, 1820, 1620, 1000; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.34 (1H, dd, $J = 15.0, 11.0$ Hz), 6.16 (1H, ddd, $J = 16.7, 10.0$ Hz), 5.42 (1H, dt, $J = 16.0, 2.0$ Hz), 5.08 (1H, dd, $J = 17.0, 1.3$ Hz), 5.01 (1H, dd, $J = 10.0, 1.3$ Hz), 3.47 (2H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 2.34 (2H, td, $J = 7.0, 2.0$ Hz), 1.49 (2H, quint, $J = 6.5$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.25, 136.00, 118.80, 112.00, 90.95, 80.25, 43.45, 31.24, 16.85; MS m/e 156 ($\text{M}^+ ^{37}\text{Cl}$), 154 ($\text{M}^+ ^{35}\text{Cl}$); Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}$: C, 70.10; H, 7.20 Found: C, 70.54; H, 7.33.

(3Z)-1,3-Undecadien-5-yne (6): prepared from **5** and 1-heptyne according to the procedure described for **2a**. Yield 90%, bp 60-61 °C (0.1 mmHg), Z isomeric purity 90%. IR (neat) cm^{-1} 3080, 3020, 2205, 1825, 1620, 1430, 1000, 730, 675; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.80 (1H, ddd, $J = 17.0, 10.0$ Hz), 6.25 (1H, t, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 5.38 (1H, dt, $J = 10.0, 2.0$ Hz), 5.30 (1H, br d, $J = 17.0$ Hz), 5.16

(1H, br d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 2.30 (2H, td, $J = 7.0, 2.3$ Hz), 1.39 (2H, quint, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.29 to 1.01 (4H, m), 0.80 (3H, t, $J = 7.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.05, 134.10, 119.25, 110.60, 97.10, 77.40, 31.05, 28.45, 22.15, 19.60, 13.90; MS m/e 148 (M^+), 119 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{C}_2\text{H}_5$), 105 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{C}_3\text{H}_7$), 91 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{C}_4\text{H}_9$), 77 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}$); Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}$: C, 89.11; H, 10.89 Found: C, 89.64; H, 10.68.

(3E,5Z)-1,3,5-Undecatriene (3): Activated zinc dust was prepared from zinc Merck (zinc powder for analysis > 230 mesh ASTM, 60 μm) as previously described.^{9,1c-e} A solution of compound **2a** (2 mmol, 297 mg) in 10 ml H_2O -MeOH (1/1) was added to the suspension of activated Zn (1 g) and stirred at 35 °C. After 2 h, the mixture was filtered on a pad of celite and concentrated. Ether was added (20 ml) and the organic layer washed with H_2O (2 x 10 ml), dried over MgSO_4 and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (R_f (pentane) 0.60) afforded cis-galbanolene **3** in 71% yield (213 mg) as a mixture (90:10) of 3E:3Z isomers assigned by GLC analysis (SGE 50 QC 2 / BP5 0.25). IR (neat) cm^{-1} 3080, 3020, 2960-2860, 1620, 1575, 1005, 940, 900, 760; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.49 (1H, dd, $J = 14.9, 11.0$ Hz), 6.42 (1H, ddd, $J = 16.8, 11.0, 10.6$ Hz), 6.21 (1H, dd, $J = 14.9, 10.6$ Hz), 6.03 (1H, dd, 11.0 Hz), 5.50 (1H, dt, $J = 11.0, 7.0$ Hz), 5.20 (1H, d, $J = 16.8$ Hz), 5.09 (1H, d, $J = 11.0$ Hz), 2.20 (2H, q, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.45 to 1.20 (6H, m), 0.90 (3H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.25, 133.60, 132.90, 128.70, 128.25, 116.80, 31.45, 29.30, 27.85, 22.55, 14.05; CIMS (NH_3) m/e (relative intensity) 151 ($(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$, 100), 150 (M^+ , 23), 92 (19), 93 (34), 80 (83), 79 (33).

The spectral properties of **3** were in good agreement with those reported in the literature.^{7a,8c,10}

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