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PALLADIUM-CATALYZED DEHYDRATIVE ALLYLATION OF HYPOPHOSPHOROUS ACID WITH ALLYLIC ALCOHOLS. PREPARATION OF CINNAMYL-*H***-PHOSPHINIC ACID**

 Ph ₂ OH cat. Pd(OAc)₂/xantphos ph \gg P H_3PO_2 \overline{DMF} , 85 °C \overline{PMF} , 85 °C OH

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1. Procedure

A 1-L, round-bottomed flask (Note 1) equipped with a magnetic stirring bar is charged under air, with a solution of concentrated hypophosphorous acid (19.80 g, 300 mmol, 2.0 equiv) (Note 2) in *N,N*dimethylformamide (300 mL, via a graduated cylinder) (Note 3). Mesitylene (20.9 mL, 18.03 g, 150 mmol, 1.0 equiv) (Note 4) and cinnamyl alcohol (19.7 mL, 20.57 g, 153 mmol, 1.0 equiv) (Note 5) are added via syringe (Note 6). The flask is then fitted with a rubber septum and placed on a magnetic stir plate. After stirring for 5 min, $Pd(OAc)_2$ (0.067 g, 0.300) mmol, 0.002 equiv) (Note 7), and 9,9-dimethyl-4,5 bis(diphenylphosphino)xanthene (0.190 g, 0.330 mmol, 0.0022 equiv) (Note 8) are added by temporarily removing the septum. Material adhering to the sides of the reaction flask is rinsed into the reaction mixture with 5 mL of *N,N*-dimethylformamide, resulting in a clear, brown solution. Stirring is maintained and the reaction flask is equipped with a Claisen adapter fitted with a reflux condenser with nitrogen inlet, and a thermocouple temperature probe adapter. Under a nitrogen atmosphere, the system is placed in a heating mantle filled with sand (Note 9) and the thermocouple is inserted through the adapter. The solution is heated at 85 \degree C (internal temperature) for 7 h (Notes 10, 11). Heating and stirring are then interrupted, and the resulting solution is allowed to cool to room temperature (Notes 12, 13). After removing the nitrogen inlet and the water condenser, the reaction mixture is concentrated for 1 h by rotary evaporation (50 $^{\circ}$ C, 0.5 mmHg). The residue is diluted with ethyl acetate (150 mL) and treated with activated charcoal (3.0 g) (Note 14). The resulting heterogeneous mixture is stirred

for 30 min and filtered in vacuo through a Celite pad (Note 15) in a Büchner funnel. The Celite is carefully washed with three 100-mL portions of ethyl acetate (Note 16) and the combined washings are transferred to a 1-L separatory funnel. The organic layer is washed with aqueous HCl (2 M, 250 mL) (Note 17) and the aqueous phase is separated and extracted with two 125 mL portions of ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers are washed with 200 mL of brine, then are retreated with charcoal (1.0 g) and $MgSO₄$ (20 g) (Notes 18, 19), then are filtered through a second Celite pad in a Büchner funnel (Notes 15, 20), and concentrated under reduced pressure (45 $°C$, 150 mmHg). The resulting pale-yellow solid (around 26 g, 95% yield) (Note 21) is dissolved in 80 mL of hot dichloromethane (35–38 °C), and about 140 mL of hexane (38 °C) is added until a light-yellow, homogeneous solution is obtained. The solution is cooled at -15 °C for 2 h and the resulting white crystals (21.8 g) are collected by suction filtration on a Büchner funnel, and are washed with ice-cold hexane (100 mL). The filtrate is concentrated under reduced pressure $(45 \degree C, 150 \text{ mmHg})$ and the residue is dissolved in 20 mL of dichloromethane (35 °C), and 30 mL of hexane (35 $^{\circ}$ C). The solution is cooled at -15 $^{\circ}$ C overnight and a second crop of crystals is collected by suction filtration, and are washed with ice-cold hexane (20 mL). The two crops of crystals are combined and dried overnight at 0.1 mmHg to provide 23.2 g of cinnamyl-*H*-phosphinic acid (83%) as white crystals (Note 22).

2. Notes

1. The success of the reaction does not depend on having previously dried the glassware, or on adding the reagents under a nitrogen atmosphere.

2. Aqueous hypophosphorous acid (50 wt.%) was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc. and concentrated before reaction, according to the following procedure. The 1-L round-bottomed reaction flask was charged with 39.6 g of 50% aqueous hypophosphorous acid. The acid was concentrated for 30 min by rotary evaporation (40 $^{\circ}$ C, 0.3 mmHg).

3. Reagent grade *N,N*-dimethylformamide (299.8%) was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc. and used as received.

4. Mesitylene (standard for GC , \geq 99.8%) was purchased from Fluka and used as received. This reagent does not interfere with the reaction; it works only as internal standard for GC-monitoring of the reaction progress and can be omitted. The checkers omitted the use of mesitylene.

5. Cinnamyl alcohol (98%) was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc. and used without further purification.

6. Due to the low melting point of cinnamyl alcohol $(30-33 \degree C)$, the reagent was immersed in a water bath at 45 °C for 30 min before use to facilitate its addition via syringe. A preheated $(45-50 \degree C)$ 20-mL glass syringe fitted with a short needle (50 mm) was used in order to avoid solidification of the reagent during the addition.

7. Palladium (II) acetate, min. 98% (99.9+%-Pd) was purchased from Strem Chemicals, Inc. and used as received.

8. 9,9-Dimethyl-4,5-bis(diphenylphosphino)xanthene (Xantphos) (97%) was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc. and used as received. The checkers purchased Xantphos (min 98%) from Strem Chemicals, Inc. and used it as received.

9. The surface of the solution was below the sand level and good stirring was maintained along the process.

10. A J-KEM Scientific, Inc. temperature controller model 150 with a Teflon-coated thermocouple was used with the heating mantle. The thermocouple was placed inside the solution (1-2 inches) and the temperature was set to 85° C. The reaction time was measured once the internal temperature of the solution was stabilized at 85 ± 3 °C, which took about 20-30 min. The checkers used a mercury thermometer to monitor the internal temperature of the reaction.

 11. The reaction was terminated when TLC analysis indicated that all the cinammyl alcohol was consumed. TLC was conducted using Merck silica gel 60 F-254 plates (elution with hexanes/ethyl acetate, 7:1; visualization by UV, and by immersion in anisaldehyde stain (by volume: 93% ethanol, 3.5% sulfuric acid, 1% acetic acid, and 2.5% anisaldehyde) followed by heating; R_f cinnamyl alcohol = 0.13, blue spot on anisaldehyde. The progress of the reaction was also monitored by gas chromatography. GC analysis was performed on a HP5890 Gas Chromatograph equipped with a HP5 capillary column (30-m x 0.32-mm x 0.25-µm) and FID detector, under the following conditions: flow(He) = 0.9 mL/min at 60 $^{\circ}$ C, under constant pressure at 5 psi; inlet temp 200 °C; oven temp 60 °C, 1 min; ramp1 5 °C/min; final temp1: 160 °C, final time1: 0 min; then ramp2: 25 °C/min; final temp2: 280 \degree C, final time2: 20 min; detector 280 \degree C; split mode with constant make-up. For GC analysis, 3 drops of sample was diluted in 1 mL of diethyl ether. The solution was washed with 1 mL of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution and 1- μ L of the organic solution was injected into the GC;

 t_R (cinnamyl alcohol), 18.72 min; t_R (mesitylene). 8.69 min. The checkers monitored the reaction by TLC only.

12. The submitters removed the sand bath and replaced it with a water bath. The checker removed the reaction mixture from the sand bath, continued stirring for 30 min and subsequently removed the solvent under reduced pressure as described in the procedure. The reaction mixture was not fully cooled to room temperature in a water bath prior to evaporation of the solvent.

13. One mL of the reaction mixture at room temperature was placed in an NMR tube for analysis. ³¹P NMR (121.47 MHz, DMF) δ : 28.35, ~ 118% (dt, J_{HP} = 529 Hz, $J = 19$ Hz, Product), 4.70, ~ 48% (t, J_{HP} = 526 Hz, H₃PO₂), 3.02, ~ 34% (d, $J_{HP} = 641$ Hz, H₃PO₃). The ³¹P NMR yields were determined by integration of all the resonances in the ${}^{31}P$ NMR spectra. The checkers did not perform this analysis.

14. Activated charcoal (Purum p.a.) was purchased from Fluka and used as received.

15. Celite 545 was purchased from Fischer Scientific Co. A slurry mixture of 40 g of Celite in ethyl acetate (about 50 mL) was placed in a Büchner funnel (7 cm diameter, $10-15 \mu$). The checkers used technical grade Celite from ACP Chemicals Inc.

16. A milky suspension was obtained with some dark, gel-like precipitate.

17. The submitters observed an emulsion with some black precipitate is formed at the interphase, which can be broken by using a stirring rod. Some black precipitate goes into the organic phase. The checkers did not observe the formation of an emulsion with black precipitate.

18. Magnesium sulfate (anhydrous, $\geq 97\%$) was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc.

19. The mixture was stirred with activated charcoal (Note 15) for 15 min, then $MgSO₄$ was added and stirring was continued for another 15 min.

20. The Celite pad was washed with two 50-mL portions of ethyl acetate.

21. Cinnamyl-*H*-phosphinic acid was pure according to the melting point (84–85 °C), and NMR analysis $(^{31}P, ^{1}H, ^{13}C)$. The material was recrystallized to remove any traces of Pd.

22. Full characterization of the product was as follows: mp 83–85 $^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz,CDCl₃) δ : 2.75 (dd, *J*_{HP} = 19.4, 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.04– 6.13 (m, 1 H), 6.51 (dd, $J = 15.8$, 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.01 (d, $J_{HP} = 558.7$ Hz, 1

H), 7.20–7.35 (m, 5 H), 11.90 (bs, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 34.7 (d, J_{PC} = 90.9 Hz, CH₂), 116.8 (d, J_{PCC} = 10.1 Hz, CH), 126.5 (d, $J_{\text{PCCCC}} = 2.2$ Hz, CH), 128.0 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 136.2 (d, $J_{\text{PCC}} = 14.6$ Hz, CH), 136.7 (d, $J_{\text{PCCC}} = 4.1 \text{ Hz}$, C); ³¹P NMR (161.82 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 35.51 (d, J_{PH} = 557.9 Hz); IR (thin film, NaCl), cm⁻¹: 2619 and 1682 (P-O-H); 2422, 2326 and 2177 (P-H); 1217 (P=O); 970 and 728; UV (EtOH, $c \approx 8 \mu M$) $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 255 \text{ nm}$; MS m/z (relative intensity): 182 (28), 118 (19), 117 (100), 116 (13), 115 (41), 91 (19). HRMS (EI) m/z Calcd for C₉H₁₁O₂P: 182.0497. Found: 182.0497. Anal. Calcd. for $C_9H_{11}O_2P$: C, 59.34; H, 6.09. Found: C, 58.89; H, 6.10. Analysis by Reverse Phase Ion-Pairing HPLC:² t_R 1.43 min. Agilent Zorbax® Eclipse XDB-C8 column (4.6 x 150 mm, 5µm) with a guard column (Agilent Zorbax® ODS, 4.6 x 12.5 mm, 5µm), 1 mL/min flow (isocratic), using as mobile phase a buffer (5 mM hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide, 50 mM ammonium acetate, and 2% MeOH. pH 4.85, adjusted with acetic acid). Injection volume: 5 μ L, C \approx 0.24 mg/mL (EtOH). The checkers did not verify the HPLC data.

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3. Discussion

Palladium-catalyzed dehydrative substitutions of allylic alcohols with carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur nucleophiles have started to emerge as efficient and atom-economical processes in organic synthesis.^{3,4} These reactions directly use allylic alcohols instead of activated esters or halides, which are prepared from the corresponding allylic alcohols. Though attractive, this type of allylic substitution is generally slow, and often requires the addition of catalytic or stoichiometric amounts of activating agents.³ Metal-catalyzed C-P bond formation through allylation processes are by far less developed and just a couple of examples involving the use of allylic acetates or carbonates as electrophiles, in presence of stoichiometric amounts of base or silylating agent, are known.⁵ This approach is not practical due to the formation (P(III) species) and/or manipulation of air sensitive compounds (nickel(0) catalysts). Hypophosphorous compounds

 $(ROP(O)H₂)$ exist in a tautomeric equilibrium between the $P(V)$ and $P(III)$ forms due to the presence of labile hydrogen atoms. Under the influence of transition metals they are known to undergo transfer hydrogenation reactions, but their reactivity can be harnessed through adequate selection of catalysts.⁶ The challenge to overcome the reductive pathway in palladiumcatalyzed allylation reactions was initially addressed by the development of a cross-coupling reaction of allylic halides, acetates, benzoates and carbonates with amine salts of esters of hypophosphorous acid.^{7,8} Subsequently, a palladium-catalyzed dehydrative allylation of H_3PO_2 with allylic alcohols *in the absence of any additives* was successfully achieved.⁹ The present procedure describes a sound and environmentally friendly approach for the preparation of allylic-*H*-phosphinic acids, having water as byproduct (Table 1). In most cases, primary *H*-phosphinic acids can be isolated in moderate to good yields after a simple extractive workup (>95% purity). Since substrates that possess a terminal double bond and secondary or tertiary alcohols in the allylic position undergo rearrangement to form a primary C-P bond, the reaction is considered to proceed via π -allylpalladium intermediates. When using low molecular weight allylic alcohols (3-4 carbons), an *in situ* esterification with alkoxysilanes to the corresponding *H*phosphinate esters improves the yield significantly. The reaction is highly selective towards formation of the *E*-isomers. Secondary allylic alcohols react successfully in this reaction, although they require more concentrated conditions and slightly higher catalyst loading. The reaction is water and air tolerant, and requires as little as 0.2 mol% of Pd $(Pd_2dba_3, Pd(OAc_2)$ or PdCl₂), with Xantphos as a ligand. *N*,*N*-Dimethylformamide (85 $^{\circ}$ C) is required as a solvent. Good yields of products are obtained even with equimolar amounts of H_3PO_2 and allylic alcohols, but 2 equivalents of H_3PO_2 appear to improve the yield.

Allylic *H*-phosphinic acids have been prepared previously from the reaction of an allylic halide with $(TMSO)_2PH$.¹⁰ However, this method requires wasteful silylation, a halide-containing electrophile, and it is difficult to prevent the formation of symmetrically disubstituted products.¹¹

Another synthetic approach to allylic-*H*-phosphinate esters is a basepromoted direct alkylation of alkyl phosphinates, 12 or a Michaelis-Becker reaction of masked hypophosphorous synthons.¹³

This novel catalytic phosphorous-carbon bond formation reaction is a powerful and atom-economical entry into allylic organophosphorus compounds from readily available allylic alcohols.

Entry	Alcohol		H-phosphinic acid	isolated yield $\%$
1a 1 _b 1 _c 1d 1e	R OН	$R = E-Pr$ $R = E-Pr$ $R = Me$ $R = CH2OBn$ $R = CO2Et$	PO ₂ H ₂ R	62 92 50 $(88)^d$ 67 ^d 77 ^d
2a 2 _b 2c	Н ОH	$R = E-Pr$ $R = E-Pr$ $R = Me$	H 2H ₂	52 100 86
$\ensuremath{\mathsf{3}}$	Ph [*]	OН	Ph PO ₂ H ₂	68
$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$		ÒН	PO ₂ H ₂	74
5a 5b	н OH	$R = Et$ $R = p$ -FC ₆ H ₄	PO ₂ H ₂ R	92 96
6a 6b	х ÒΗ	$R = CH2$ $R = NCO2Et$	х PO ₂ H ₂	78 73
7a 7b 7c	R ÒΗ	$R = H$ $R =$ prenyl $R =$ geranyl	R. PO ₂ H ₂	82 93 ^c $98^{\rm C}$
8		ЮH	O_{H} OBu	$43^{\mathrm{c,d}}$
9a 9b	$\mathsf R$ R R ² ÒН	$R = H$ $R = Me$	Ŗ R B, PO ₂ H ₂	$45^{d,e}$ 52^e

Table 1. Scope of the Pd-Catalyzed Allylation^a

a See Reference 9 for details. Reactions were conducted in DMF over 4Å sieves (0.2 M) at 85 °C, with 0.5 mol% Pd/xantphos, and n equiv H_3PO_2 . n = 1, entries 1a-c, 2-3, 7; n = 2, entries 4-6; n = 2.5, entries 1d-e; n = 3, entries 8-9. Reaction times: 2-8 h. b Isolated yield after extractive work-up. c 1:1 mixture of isomers. d After esterification and chromatographic purification. e Conditions: 2 mol% Pd/xantphos, 3 equiv H_3PO_2 , 85 °C, DMF (2 M).

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Appendix Chemical Abstracts Nomenclature; (Registry Number)

Hypophosphorous acid: Phosphinic acid; (6303-21-5) Cinnamyl alcohol: 3-Phenyl-2-propen-1-ol; (104-54-1) Palladium(II) acetate: $Pd(OAc)_2$; (3375-31-3) 9,9-Dimethyl-4,5-bis(diphenylphosphino)xanthene: Xantphos; (161265-03- 8) Cinnamyl-H-phosphinic acid: [(2*E*)-3-phenyl-2-propenyl]-Phosphinic acid; (911128-46-6)

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