Palladium catalyzed hydroboration reaction of unactivated alkynes with bis(pinacolato)diboron in water

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General methods

The alkynes, B₂pin₂ and acetic acid were purchased from Aldrich and used directly without purification. Some alkynes were synthesized according to the reported method (Zhang, Xiaoxia; Sarkar, Sampa; Larock, Richard C. *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, *71*, 236).

The following commercial grade solvents and reagents were also used without further purification: Pd(PPh₃)₄ (powder, 99.9%, Aldrich chemical), HOAc (Aldrich chemical).

Deionized water was used in all reactions.

The stirrer was "Mr 3001K" type, purchased from Heidolph. It was stirred at the largest speed of 1250 rpm. The stirring bar was egg-shaped in 1.6 cm \times 0.6 cm (L \times Diam.).

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness). Subsequent to elution, plates were visualized using UV radiation (254 nm) on Spectroline Model ENF-24061/F 254 nm. Further visualization was possible by staining with acidic solution of ceric molybdate.

Flash chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 with freshly distilled solvents. Columns were typically packed as slurry and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent system prior to use.

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bio-Rad FTS 165 FTIR spectrometer.

High Resolution Mass Spectra (HRMS) were obtained using Waters Q-Tof Permies Mass Spectrometer.

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR) were recorded on a Bruker Avance DPX 300, Bruker AMX 400 spectrophotometer and Bruker AMX 500 spectrophotometer (CDCl₃ as solvent). Chemical shifts for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe₄ (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-*d* (δ 7.2600, singlet). Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet); d (doublet); t (triplet); q (quartet); or m (multiplets). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated by nH. Coupling constants are reported as a *J* value in Hz. Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹³C NMR) are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe₄ (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-*d* (δ 77.0, triplet). Diastereoselectivity was determined by isolation and/or ¹H NMR analysis.

Experimental procedures

General procedure for the hydroboration reaction

To a 8 mL sample vial was added tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.01 mmol), alkyne (0.2 mmol), B_2pin_2 (0.4 mmol), water (1.5 mL) and acetic acid (0.8 mmol) sequentially, then it was stirred vigorously at 80 °C for 12 hours. After the reaction, 2 mL H₂O was added, and then it was extracted using diethyl ether (5 mL \times 4), washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and evaporated solvent under *vacuo* to give the residue. It was subjected to silica gel column chromatography using ethyl acetate and hexane as eluent to afford the desired product.

Spectroscopic data of products



(*Z*)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(oct-4-en-4-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2a): Colorless oil; Yield: 58%; $R_f = 0.55$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:10); FTIR (KBr, neat): *v* 1628 cm⁻¹ (C=C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.33 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.36 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (s, 12H), 1.33-1.44 (m, 4H), 2.08-2.14 (m, 4H), 6.30 (t, *J* = 7.08 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.0, 82.9, 30.6, 30.6, 24.7, 23.3, 22.4, 14.1, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₁₄H₂₈BO₂: 239.2182, found [M+H]⁺: 239.2189.



(*Z*)-2-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2b): White solid; Yield: 70%; $R_f = 0.55$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:10); FTIR (KBr, neat): $v \ 1636 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (C=C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta \ 1.31$ (s, 12H), 7.03-7.29 (m, 10H), 7.36 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta \ 143.1$, 140.4, 137.0, 129.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.8, 127.5, 126.2, 83.8, 24.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For $C_{20}H_{24}BO_2$: 307.1869, found [M+H]⁺: 307.1869.



(*Z*)-9-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)undec-9-en-1-ol (2c): Light yellow oil; Yield: 68%; $R_f = 0.43$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:2); FTIR (KBr, neat): v 1632 cm⁻¹ (C=C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.26 (s, 12H), 1.27-1.39 (m, 11H), 1.53-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.71 (m, 3H), 2.09-2.13 (m, 2H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 6.60 Hz, 2H), 6.30-6.42 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.6, 140.1, 83.0, 82.9, 63.1, 63.0, 32.8, 32.8, 29.8, 29.5, 29.4, 29.4, 29.4, 29.3, 28.8, 28.6, 28.0, 25.7, 25.7, 24.8, 24.7, 14.2, 13.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₁₇H₃₄BO₃: 297.2601, found [M+H]⁺: 297.2608.



(*Z*)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(6-phenylhex-2-en-3-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2d): Light yellow oil; Yield: 75%; $R_f = 0.56$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:10); FTIR (KBr, neat): $v \ 1632 \ \text{cm}^{-1}$ (C=C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta \ 1.27$ (s, 12H), 1.67-1.78 (m, 5H), 2.15-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.59-2.65 (m, 2H), 6.33-6.46 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.28 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta \ 146.0$, 143.0, 142.4, 140.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 125.6, 125.5, 83.1, 83.0, 35.7, 35.6, 31.5, 30.4, 28.2, 27.9, 24.8, 24.7, 14.2, 13.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₁₈H₂₈BO₂: 287.2182, found [M+H]⁺: 287.2185.



(*Z*)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(1-phenylbut-1-enyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2e): Light yellow oil; Yield: 85%; $R_f = 0.59$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:10); FTIR (KBr, neat): v 1620 cm⁻¹ (C=C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): (major isomer) δ 1.00 (t, J = 7.53 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (s, 12H), 2.12-2.20 (m, 2H), 6.57 (t, J = 7.29 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.33 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.8, 140.2, 128.9, 127.7, 125.8, 83.4, 24.7, 23.2, 13.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₁₆H₂₄BO₂: 259.1869, found [M+H]⁺: 259.1865.



(Z)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(1-phenylpent-1-enyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2f): Light yellow oil; Yield: 70%; $R_f = 0.31$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:10); FTIR (KBr, neat): v 1616 cm⁻¹ (C=C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): (major isomer) δ 0.87 (t, J = 7.39 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (s, 12H), 1.36-1.49 (m, 2H), 2.12 (q, J = 7.50 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (t, J = 7.26 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.33 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.3, 140.3, 129.0, 127.7, 125.8, 83.4, 32.0, 24.8, 22.6, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₁₇H₂₆BO₂: 273.2026, found [M+H]⁺: 273.2026.



(*Z*)-methyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)hex-2-enoate (2g): Light yellow oil; Yield: 68%; $R_f = 0.64$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:2); FTIR (KBr, neat): *v* 1636 cm⁻¹ (C=C), 1715 cm⁻¹ (C=O); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): (major isomer) δ 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.40 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (s, 12H), 1.39-1.52 (m, 2H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 7.65 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 6.42 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.4, 129.4, 84.0, 51.1, 31.9, 24.7, 22.8, 14.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₁₃H₂₄BO₄: 255.1768, found [M+H]⁺: 255.1772.



(*Z*)-methyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)oct-2-enoate (2h): Light yellow oil; Yield: 60%; $R_f = 0.22$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:10); FTIR (KBr, neat): *v* 1633 cm⁻¹ (C=C), 1720 cm⁻¹ (C=O); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): (major isomer) δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.70 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (s, 12H), 1.30-1.35 (m, 4H), 1.38-1.48 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.50 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 6.40 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.4, 129.2, 84.0, 51.0, 31.9, 30.0, 29.2, 24.7, 22.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₁₅H₂₈BO₄: 283.2081, found [M+H]⁺: 283.2084.



(Z)-2-(5-chloro-2-methyl-1-phenylpent-1-enyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2i): White solid; Yield: 62%; $R_f = 0.24$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:10); FTIR (KBr, neat): v 1622 cm⁻¹ (C=C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): (major isomer) δ 1.27 (s, 12H), 1.84-1.90 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.32 (m, 2H), 3.47 (t, J = 6.80 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (t, J = 7.19 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.38 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.8, 139.8, 128.8, 127.8, 126.1, 83.6, 44.5, 32.2, 27.2, 24.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₁₇H₂₅BO₂Cl: 307.1636, found [M+H]⁺: 307.1644.



(Z)-2-(1,4-diphenylbut-1-enyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2j): White solid; Yield: 74%; $R_f = 0.21$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:10); FTIR (KBr, neat): v 1616 cm⁻¹ (C=C); ¹H

NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): (major isomer) δ 1.27 (s, 12H), 2.43-2.48 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.73 (m, 2H), 6.64 (t, *J* = 7.20 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.32 (m, 10H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.0, 141.8, 139.9, 128.8, 128.3, 128.3, 127.8, 125.9, 125.8, 83.5, 35.6, 31.9, 24.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₂₂H₂₈BO₂: 335.2182, found [M+H]⁺: 335.2193.



(*Z*)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(1-phenylhept-1-enyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2k): light yellow solid; Yield: 60%; $R_f = 0.37$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:10); FTIR (KBr, neat): *v* 1616 cm⁻¹ (C=C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.84 (t, *J* = 6.84 Hz, 3H), 1.22-1.25 (m, 4H), 1.27 (s, 12H), 1.37-1.43 (m, 2H), 2.13 (q, *J* = 7.65 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (t, *J* = 7.25 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.33 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.5, 140.3, 128.9, 127.7, 125.8, 83.4, 31.6, 29.9, 29.0, 24.7, 22.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₁₉H₃₀BO₂: 301.2339, found [M+H]⁺: 301.2350.



(*Z*)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(1-(2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)hept-1-enyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2l): White solid; Yield: 61%; $R_f = 0.40$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:10); FTIR (KBr, neat): *v* 1618 cm⁻¹ (C=C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.84 (t, J = 6.90 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (s, 12H), 1.22-1.32 (m, 4H), 1.35-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.99-2.07 (m, 5H), 4.86-4.87 (m, 1H), 5.09-5.10 (m, 1H), 6.49 (t, *J* = 7.15 Hz, 1H), 6.99-7.01 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.23 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.6, 145.2, 142.2, 138.3, 129.8, 127.3, 126.3, 126.0, 116.1, 83.2, 31.7, 30.2, 28.7, 24.7, 24.1, 22.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₂₂H₃₄BO₂: 341.2652, found [M+H]⁺: 341.2661.



(Z)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(1-phenylprop-1-enyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2m): Colorless oil; Yield: 62%; $R_f = 0.44$ (Ethyl acetate/Hexane 1:10); FTIR (KBr, neat): v 1622 cm⁻¹ (C=C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): (major isomer) δ 1.31 (s, 12H), 1.99 (d, J = 1.56 Hz, 3H), 7.30-7.39 (m,

6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): (two isomers) δ 142.7, 142.3, 139.7, 137.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 125.8, 83.5, 83.4, 24.8, 24.7, 16.0, 15.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI, m/z): Calcd. For C₁₅H₂₂BO₂: 245.1713, found [M+H]⁺: 245.1716.

¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of Products

2a ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra



2b ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra



2c ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra (The NMR spectra contain isomers)



2d ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra (The NMR spectra contain isomers)



2e ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra



2f ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra



2g ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra, NOE





2h ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra (The NMR spectra contain isomers)



2i ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra



2j ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra



2k ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra (The NMR spectra contain isomers)



21 ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra



2m ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra (The NMR spectra contain isomers)



