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Ni(0)-Catalyzed Bismetallative Cyclization of 1,3-Diene and a Tethered Aldehyde in the Presence of Bu₃SnSiMe₃

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Ni(0)-Catalyzed bismetallative cyclization of 1,3-diene and a tethered aldehyde in the presence of Me₃SiSnBu₃ gave the corresponding cyclized product, having an allylstannyl group in the side chain, which could be used as an allylstannane in a coupling reaction with benzaldehyde.

Transition metal-catalyzed addition of a metal-metal σ -bond to carbon-carbon multiple bonds is an interesting reaction, since the resulting metal-containing compounds are useful reagents for organic syntheses. Although the intermolecular bismetallation of unsaturated organic molecules using a transition metal catalyst has been thoroughly investigated, there have been only several reports on intramolecular bismetallative cyclization. Recently, we have reported a nickel-catalyzed stereoselective cyclization of 1,3-diene and tethered carbonyl groups in the presence of silane. If Bu₃SnSiMe₃ is used in this cyclization of 1,3-diene and aldehyde instead of silane, a cyclized product 5 having an allylstannyl group would be produced, and this product could be used for a further carbon-carbon bond-forming reaction (Scheme 1).

In order to examine the feasibility of bismetallative cyclization, we investigated a reaction of $\mathbf{4a}$ using Bu₃SnSiMe₃ (1.5 equiv) in the presence of Ni(cod)₂ (20 mol%) and a phosphine ligand (40 mol%) in toluene (Scheme 2).

Although Ni(cod)₂ and PPh₃, PCy₃, or P(OEt)₃ did not promote cyclization even under reflux conditions, the use of PMe₂Ph gave a cyclized product **5a** in 23% yield in a stereoselective manner (Table 1, run 1). Encouraged by this result, we examined the effects of a solvent using PMe₂Ph as a ligand. A cyclization of **4a** in THF provided **5a** and **6a** in a ratio of 1 to 21 in 43% yield (run 2). The reaction in a polar solvent gave good results (runs 3 and 4). Interestingly, this bismetallative cyclization in DMF proceeded even in the absence of a phosphine ligand, and only E-**5a** was obtained as the sole product (run 5),

Table 1. Ni(0)-Catalyzed bismetallative cyclization of 4a with $Bu_3SnSiMe_3$ (3).

Run	Solvent	Time /h	Yield /% (5 + 6)	Ratio (5/6)	Ratio o	of <i>E/Z</i> 6
1	toluene	24	23	1 / >99		>99/1
2	THF	18	43	1 / 21	1.7/1	7.6/1
3	MeCN	4	46	2.5 / 1	3.8/1	2.5/1
4	DMF	2	66	1.5 / 1	3.6/1	3.4/1
5ª	DMF	2	55	>99 / 1	>99/1	

^aThe reaction was carried out in the absence of PMe₂Ph.

although the reason for this was not clear. When the resulting crude product, which was obtained from the reaction under the same conditions as those used in run 4, was treated with CF_3CO_2H , a protodestannylation product 7a was obtained in 78% yield. This result suggests that the yield of cyclized product 5a in this cyclization increased to 78% and that the product would be partially decomposed during purification.

The possible reaction mechanism is shown in Scheme 3.

A silyl(stannyl)nickel complex **8** is formed by oxidative addition of $Me_3SiSnBu_3$ to a zerovalent nickel complex. The insertion of a Ni-Sn bond in **8** into the diene moiety in **4a** gives π -allylnickel intermediate **9**, which reacts with the tethered aldehyde group to give **10**. The reductive elimination from **10** affords the cyclized product **5a** accompanying regeneration of a zerovalent nickel complex.

Next, cyclization of other substrates was examined (Table 2).

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{4a} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{20 mol}\% \text{ Ni(cod)}_2 \\ \frac{40 \text{ mol}\% \text{ PMe}_2\text{Ph}}{1.5 \text{ eq Me}_3\text{SiSnBu}_3 (\textbf{3})} \\ \text{solvent, rt} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{Scheme 2.} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OSiMe}_3 \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{$$

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The cyclization of **4b** gave cyclohexane derivatives **5b** and **6b** (ratio of 1 to 7.5) in 51% yield (run 1). It was found that this bismetallative cyclization was applicable to construction of a pyrrolidine ring (run 2). Thus, the reaction of **4c** and $Bu_3SnSiMe_3$ in the presence of $Ni(cod)_2$ afforded pyrrolidine derivatives **5c** and **6c** in a ratio of 1 to 1.9 in 38% yield.⁴

Table 2. Silylstannylative cyclization using Ni(cod)₂ and PMe₂Ph.

			Product					
Run ^a	Substrate	Time	Yield /% b	Ratio	Ratio of E/Z			
		/h	(5+6)	(5/6)	5	6		
1		5	51	1/7.5	E only	E only		
E OR 5b:R=SiMe ₃ 6b:R=H								
4b (E=CO ₂ Me)			─SnBu ₃					
2		2	38	1/1.9	3/1	2.4/1		
Ts	CHO 4c	Ts	OR	∾∾√Sn	Bu ₃ 5c :R:	=SiMe ₃ =H		

^aBoth reactions were carried out in DMF at room temperature using Ni(cod)₂ (20 mol%), PMe₂Ph (40 mol%) and Me₃SiSnBu₃ (1.5 equiv). ^bIsolated yield.

Next, we turned our attention to an intermolecular nickel-catalyzed three-component coupling reaction (Scheme 4). When a DMF solution of isoprene, benzaldehyde (1 equiv), $Me_3SiSnBu_3$ (1.5 equiv), and $Ni(cod)_2$ (20 mol%) was stirred at room temperature for 16 h, a coupling product 11 (E/Z=1.3/1) was obtained in 49% yield.

Scheme 4.

The products obtained by this bismetallative cyclization have an allylstannyl moiety, which could be used in further transformation. Thus, the cyclized product E-5a was reacted with benzaldehyde to give a coupling product 12 as the sole product in 54% yield (Scheme 5).

The stereochemistry of 12 was tentatively assigned on the basis of the literatures⁵ on a reaction of allylstannane and aldehyde in the presence of Lewis acid. It was also thought that benzaldehyde would attack allylstannane from the opposite side

with a trimethylsilyloxy group as in 13 due to the steric bulk, which might have controlled the stereochemistry of 12.

In conclusion, we succeeded in developing a novel bismetallative reaction of 1,3-dienes and aldehydes using a zerovalent nickel complex and Bu₃SnSiMe₃ as a bimetallic reagent to give a product having an allystannane moiety. In addition, we also succeeded in demonstrating the usefulness of this product in synthetic organic chemistry as an allystannane compound. Further studies along this line, including a study on application to asymmetric synthesis, are in progress.

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