

SYNTHESIS OF 5-SUBSTITUTED PYRIMIDINE NUCLEOSIDES  
THROUGH A PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CROSS-COUPLING OF  
ALKENYLHALOSILANES

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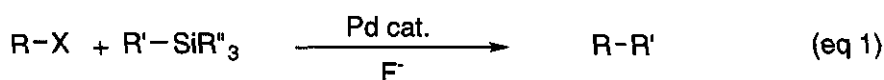
*Dedicated to the memory of late professor Yoshio Ban.*

**Abstract-** Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of alkenylhalosilanes with 5-iodouracil and 5-iodouridine derivatives was described. 5-Iodo-1,3-dimethyluracil coupled with alkenylfluorodimethylsilanes to give the corresponding cross-coupled products in good yield. Fully protected 5-iodo-2'-deoxyuridine derivative also underwent the cross-coupling reaction. Noteworthy is that unprotected 5-iodo-2'-deoxyuridine could be converted into the corresponding cross-coupled products in good yields using alkenyl(difluoro)methylsilanes.

## INTRODUCTION

Derivation of purine and pyrimidine nucleosides has attracted much attention because of potent antitumor or antiviral activity.<sup>1</sup> Modification of the nucleosides is well studied regarding to sugar and pyrimidine moiety. In particular, introduction of organic functional group to C5 and/or C6 position has been shown to be fruitful. Straightforward method for the synthesis of such derivatives is transition metal catalyzed cross-coupling reaction<sup>2</sup> by means of an organometallic reagent of mercury,<sup>3</sup> stannane,<sup>4</sup> boron,<sup>4b</sup> or aluminum.<sup>5</sup>

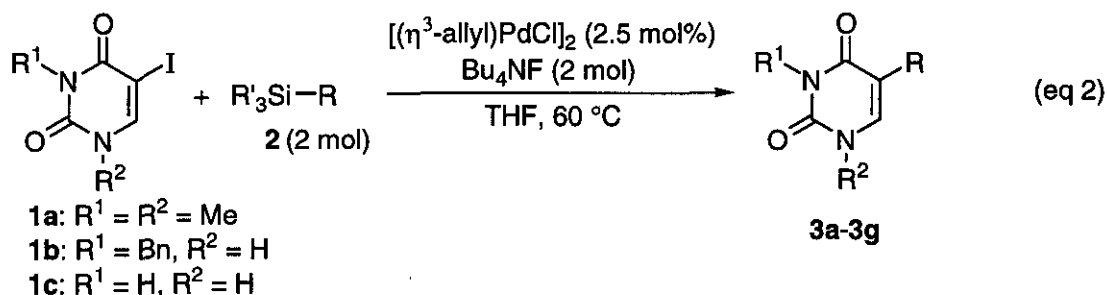
Palladium-catalyzed coupling of C5-mercuriouracil or -uridine with an organic halide or an alkene is well investigated by Bergstrom.<sup>3</sup> More recently, organostannanes are reported to undergo palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling with 5-iodouracil or -uridine derivatives.<sup>4</sup> However, these organometals are toxic to be used in large scale synthesis.



We have studied the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of organofluorosilanes with organic electrophiles mediated by fluoride ion (eq 1).<sup>6</sup> Organosilicon compounds have some advantages over other metal reagents: Low toxicity, thermal and moisture stability, readily availability, and inexpensiveness. Thus we have applied this reaction to the synthesis of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor.<sup>7</sup> In this article, we describe a convenient synthesis of 5-substituted uracil derivatives and 5-substituted 2'-deoxyuridines through a palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of organofluorosilanes with 5-iodouracil and uridine derivatives.

## RESULTS and DISCUSSION

At first, we studied the reaction with 5-iodo-1,3-dimethyluracil (**1a**) to optimize the structure of organofluorosilanes and a catalyst, and found that the reaction successfully proceeded in tetrahydrofuran (THF) at 60 °C with  $[(\eta^3\text{-allyl})\text{PdCl}]_2$  catalyst and tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) (eq 2). Another Pd catalyst like  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  or  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  was less effective.



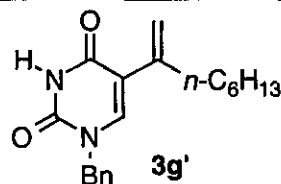
The results are summarized in Table 1. Alkenylfluorodimethylsilanes (**2a-2c**) smoothly reacted with **1a** to provide the cross-coupled products in moderate to good yields with retention of olefin geometry (runs 1, 2, and 3). It is worth to note that sterically congested alkenylsilane (**2c**) was reactive enough (run 3). We

found that alkenylchlorodimethylsilane (**2d**) and (**2e**) also exhibited enough reactivity in the presence of an excess amount of TBAF.<sup>7</sup> Mono protected substrate (**1b**) successfully coupled with alkenyl-(difluoro)methylsilane (**2f**) and (**2g**) to give the expected products. The reaction of **1b** and **2g** gave the desired cross-coupled product (**3g**) with considerable amount of regioisomer (**3g'**) (run 7). The isomerization process is not clear at this stage. Unfortunately, non-protected 5-iodouracil (**1c**) did not react under these reaction conditions.

Table 1. Cross-coupling of organosilanes with uracil derivatives

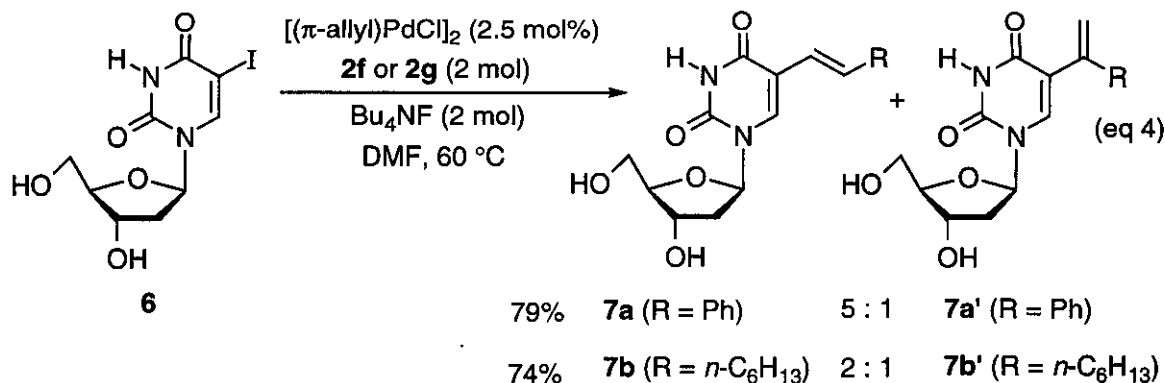
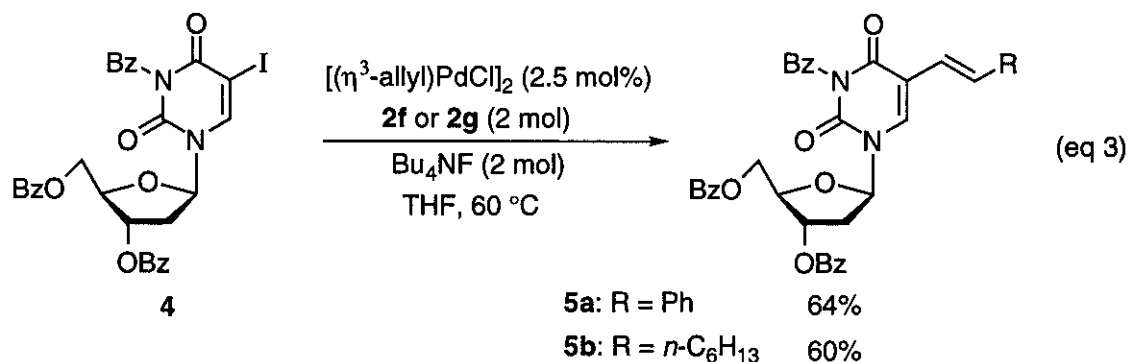
run	substrate	R <sub>3</sub> Si-R	time(h)	yield(%)
1	<b>1a</b>	Me <sub>2</sub> FSi-CH=CH-Ph ( <b>2a</b> )	16	<b>3a</b> (69)
2		Me <sub>2</sub> FSi-CH=CH- <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub> ( <b>2b</b> )	14	<b>3b</b> (70)
3		Me <sub>2</sub> FSi-CH(Pr)=CH-Pr ( <b>2c</b> )	11	<b>3c</b> (63)
4 <sup>a)</sup>		Me <sub>2</sub> ClSi-CH=CH <sub>2</sub> ( <b>2d</b> )	14	<b>3d</b> (82)
5 <sup>a)</sup>		Me <sub>2</sub> ClSi-CH=CH-Ph ( <b>2e</b> )	14	<b>3a</b> (70)
6	<b>1b</b>	MeF <sub>2</sub> Si-CH=CH-Ph ( <b>2f</b> )	48	<b>3f</b> (58)
7		MeF <sub>2</sub> Si-CH=CH- <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub> ( <b>2g</b> )	44	<b>3g</b> (53) <sup>b)</sup>
8	<b>1c</b>	<b>2a</b>	72	no reaction

a) TBAF (4 eq.) was used. b) Regio isomer (**3g'**) was also obtained in 2 : 1 ratio of **3g** : **3g'**.



We next studied the reaction of 3,3',5'-tribenzoyl-5-iodo-2'-deoxyuridine (**4**) with alkenylfluorodimethylsilanes (**2a** or **2b**), but all attempts failed. However, alkenyl(difluoro)methylsilanes (**2f** or **2g**) was found to couple with **4** to give **5a** or **5b** (eq 3). Worthy to note is that non-protected 5-iodo-2'-deoxyuridine (**6**) also reacted with **2f** or **2g** in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) (eq 4). The reaction in

THF was very slow due to low solubility of the substrate. Both **2f** and **2g** reacted with **6**, giving undesirable regioisomers (**7a'**) and (**7b'**) in fair amounts.



## CONCLUSION

We found that 5-iodouracil derivatives reacted with alkenylfluorosilanes and alkenylchlorosilanes in the presence of a Pd catalyst and TBAF. It should be noted that the cross-coupling reaction of non-protected 5-iodo-2'-deoxyuridine was achieved for the first time with alkenyl(difluoro)methylsilanes. The substituent at Si atom was found to be extremely important for the success of the cross-coupling: Alkenyl(difluoro)methylsilanes are potent agent for the cross-coupling of 5-iodouracil derivatives.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

THF and ether were distilled from benzophenone/Na prior to use. Dichloromethane, DMF, DMSO, and hexane were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub> and stored over Molecular Sieves 4A. All the reactions were carried out under an Ar atmosphere in a flame dried glass ware unless otherwise noted. Flash column chromatography

was performed using Merck Kieselgel (230-400 mesh). All the temperatures were uncorrected. Melting points were measured with a Yanagimoto Micro Melting Point apparatus. Ir spectra were recorded on a Hitachi Ir 260-10 or JASCO FT-IR 3A spectrometers.  $^1\text{H}$  Nmr spectra were measured with a Bruker AC-200 (200.1 MHz) or JEOL EX-400 (400.1 MHz) spectrometers;  $^{13}\text{C}$  nmr spectra with a Bruker AC-200 (50.3 MHz) or JEOL EX-400 (100.4 MHz). Mass spectra were measured by electron ionization method with a Hitachi M-80 spectrometer. Substrates 1-benzyl-5-iodouracil (**1b**)<sup>9</sup> and 3,3',5'-tribenzoyl-5-iodo-2'-deoxyuridine (**4**)<sup>4c</sup> were prepared according to the literature.

#### *5-Iodo-1,3-dimethyluracil (1a)*

Sodium hydride (60% oil dispersion, 0.24 g, 6.0 mmol) was washed with dry hexane for 3 times and suspended in DMF (7 ml). A solution of 5-iodouracil (0.48 g, 2.0 mmol) in DMF (5 ml) was added dropwise to NaH suspension, and the resultant mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Methyl iodide (0.37 ml, 6.0 mmol) was added dropwise to the mixture and stirring was continued for additional 30 min. The reaction was quenched with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (20 ml) and extracted with dichloromethane for 2 times. Combined organic layer was washed with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After filtration, the filtrate was concentrated to give **1a** (0.47 g) as pale yellow powder. Pure **1a** (0.40 g) was obtained in 76% yield by recrystallization from ethyl acetate.

#### *Cross-coupling reaction of 1a-c and 4: A General Procedure.*

To a solution of a substrate (0.20 mmol) and  $[(\eta^3\text{-allyl})\text{PdCl}]_2$  (1.8 mg, 5.0  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in THF (1 ml) were added an alkenylsilane (0.40 mmol) and TBAF (1 M THF sol., 0.40 ml, 0.40 mmol) at room temperature in a glass tube. The reaction tube was sealed and heated at 60  $^\circ\text{C}$  until the substrate was consumed. THF was removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by a short column chromatography on a silica gel (Wakogel C-200) to give a crude coupled product. Further purification was performed by flash column chromatography.

#### *1,3-Dimethyl-5-[(E)-2-phenylethenyl]uracil (3a)*

Purification by short column (hexane-ethyl acetate 1 : 1) followed by flash chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate 2 : 1) provided **3a** as a colorless crystals. mp 149-152  $^\circ\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  Nmr ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.42 (s, 3 H), 3.47 (s, 3 H), 6.84 (dd,  $J = 1.0, 16.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.20-7.49 (m, 7 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  Nmr ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  28.12, 37.19, 111.47, 119.92, 126.36, 127.64, 127.80, 128.63, 129.32, 137.31, 139.20, 151.03, 162.24. Ir (KBr) 3058, 1694, 1657, 1643, 1622, 1597, 1574, 1484, 1454, 1089, 973, 962, 792, 745, 687  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Ms (70

eV, rel intensity)  $m/z$  242 ( $M^+$ , 19), 157 (23), 115 (34), 108 (53), 77 (6.8), 42 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{14}H_{14}N_2O_2$ : C, 69.41; H, 5.82; N, 11.56. Found: C, 69.39; H, 5.78; N, 11.54.

*1,3-Dimethyl-5-[(E)-1-octenyl]uracil (3b)*

Purification by short column (hexane-ethyl acetate 1 : 1) followed by flash chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate 2 : 1) provided **3b** as a colorless viscous oil.  $R_f$  0.29 (hexane-ethyl acetate 2 : 1)  $^1H$  Nmr ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.26 (m, 6 H), 1.38 (m, 2 H), 2.13 (dt,  $J = 7.0, 7.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.35 (s, 3 H), 3.40 (s, 3 H), 6.10 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1 H), 6.33 (dt,  $J = 16.0, 7.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (s, 1 H).  $^{13}C$  Nmr ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.03, 22.54, 27.95, 28.83, 29.19, 31.66, 33.37, 111.82, 120.64, 132.43, 137.92, 151.19, 162.42. Ir (neat) 2920, 2850, 1705, 1655, 1460, 1350, 1090, 970, 915, 755, 730  $cm^{-1}$ . Ms (70 eV, rel intensity)  $m/z$  251 ( $M^+ + 1$ , 14), 222 (3.0), 180 (28), 166 (4.2), 154 (37), 123 (12), 81 (14), 42 (32), 32 (100).

*1,3-Dimethyl-5-(1-propyl-1-pentenyl)uracil (3c)*

Purification by short column (hexane-ethyl acetate 1 : 1) followed by flash chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate 3 : 1) provided **3c** as a colorless viscous oil.  $R_f$  0.30 (hexane-ethyl acetate 3 : 1)  $^1H$  Nmr ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.87 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H), 0.94 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3 H), 1.22-1.52 (m, 4 H), 2.11 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2 H), 2.41 (br t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2 H), 3.35 (s, 3 H), 3.40 (s, 3 H), 5.46 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1 H), 6.98 (s, 1 H).  $^{13}C$  Nmr ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  30.04, 30.86, 36.79, 117.42, 131.59, 134.68, 139.14, 151.73, 162.64. Ir (neat) 3005, 2940, 2850, 1680, 1630, 1440, 1320, 1250, 1215, 1180, 1065, 765, 715, 680  $cm^{-1}$ . Ms (70 eV, rel intensity)  $m/z$  250 ( $M^+$ , 47), 221 (54), 207 (95), 193 (45), 153 (56), 96 (22), 42 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{14}H_{22}N_2O_2$ : C, 67.17; H, 8.86; N, 11.19. Found: C, 67.05; H, 9.01; N, 11.28.

*1-Benzyl-5-[(E)-2-phenylethenyl]uracil (3f)*

Purification by short column ( $CH_2Cl_2$ -ethyl acetate 5 : 1) followed by flash chromatography ( $CH_2Cl_2$ -ethyl acetate 8 : 1) provided **3f** as a colorless crystals. mp 189-192 °C.  $^1H$  Nmr ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  4.97 (s, 2 H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.25-7.44 (m, 12 H), 8.85 (br s, 1 H).  $^{13}C$  Nmr ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  51.40, 112.97, 119.21, 126.41, 127.77, 128.01, 128.61, 129.19, 130.31, 135.06, 137.13, 140.02, 150.08, 162.06. Ms (10 eV, rel intensity)  $m/z$  304 ( $M^+$ , 27), 213 (2.5), 128 (2.3), 115 (7.9), 91 (100), 65 (10). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}N_2O_2$ : C, 74.98; H, 5.30. Found: C, 74.91; H 5.20.

*1-Benzyl-5-[(E)-1-octenyl]uracil (3g)*

Chromatography through a short column ( $CH_2Cl_2$ -ethyl acetate 5 : 1) followed by flash column chromatography ( $CH_2Cl_2$ -ethyl acetate 10 : 1) provided an inseparable mixture of **3g** and **3g'** as a pale yellow viscous oil.  $R_f$  0.26 ( $CH_2Cl_2$ -ethyl acetate 10 : 1)  $^1H$  Nmr ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.87 (m, 3 H), 1.27 (m, 6

H), 1.40 (m, 2 H), 2.11 (dt,  $J = 6.5, 6.5$  Hz, 2 H), 4.93 (s, 2 H), 6.02 (dd,  $J = 0.5, 16.0$  Hz, 1 H), 6.39 (td,  $J = 6.5, 16.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (s, 1 H), 7.26-7.43 (m, 5 H), 8.73 (br s, 1 H). Ms (70 eV, rel intensity)  $m/z$  312 ( $M^+$ , 20), 255 (9.3), 243 (7.5), 229 (17), 221 (12), 151 (22), 91 (100), 65 (8.3).

*3,3',5'-Tribenzoyl-5-[(E)-2-phenylethenyl]-2'-deoxyuridine (5a)*

Purification by short column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate 1 : 1) followed by flash column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate 2 : 1) provided **5a** as a colorless amorphous solid.  $R_f$  0.30 (hexane-ethyl acetate 3 : 1)  $^1H$  Nmr ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  2.44 (ddd,  $J = 6.5, 9.0, 14.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.85 (ddd,  $J = 1.5, 5.5, 14.0$  Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (m, 1 H), 4.77 (dd,  $J = 4.0, 12.5$  Hz, 1 H), 4.87 (dd,  $J = 3.0, 12.5$  Hz, 1 H), 5.69 (brd,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1 H), 6.48 (d,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 1 H), 6.49 (dd,  $J = 5.5, 9.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.14-7.71 (m, 15 H), 7.78 (s, 1 H), 7.92-8.12 (m, 6 H).  $^{13}C$  Nmr ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  38.83, 64.69, 75.24, 83.51, 86.03, 113.40, 119.23, 126.76, 128.08, 128.61, 128.76, 128.90, 129.14, 129.34, 129.52, 129.78, 130.05, 130.75, 131.50, 131.66, 134.08, 134.17, 135.10, 135.49, 137.24, 148.58, 161.24, 166.26, 166.34, 168.77. Ir (neat) 3060, 1745, 1710, 1660, 1600, 1450, 1375, 1315, 1270, 1175, 1110, 1100, 1075, 1025, 735, 710, 690  $cm^{-1}$ . Ms (10 eV, rel intensity)  $m/z$  642 ( $M^+$ , 0.9), 422 (1.0), 318 (18), 214 (17), 105 (90), 81 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{38}H_{30}N_2O_8$ : C, 71.02; H, 4.71; N, 4.36. Found: C, 70.72; H, 4.61; N, 4.33.

*3,3',5'-Tribenzoyl-5-[(E)-1-octenyl]-2'-deoxyuridine (5b)*

Purification by short column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate 1 : 1) followed by flash column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate 3 : 1) provided **5b** as a pale yellow amorphous solid.  $R_f$  0.30 (hexane-ethyl acetate 3 : 1)  $^1H$  Nmr ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.25 (m, 8 H), 1.92 (m, 2 H), 2.41 (ddd,  $J = 6.5, 9.0, 14.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.79 (ddd,  $J = 1.5, 5.5, 14.0$  Hz, 1 H), 4.58 (m, 1 H), 4.72 (dd,  $J = 3.5, 12.5$  Hz, 1 H), 4.83 (dd,  $J = 3.0, 12.5$  Hz, 1 H), 5.68 (br d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1 H), 5.74 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1 H), 6.35 (dt,  $J = 15.5, 6.5$  Hz, 1 H), 6.47 (dd,  $J = 5.5, 8.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.41-7.69 (m, 10 H), 7.90-8.10 (m, 6 H).  $^{13}C$  Nmr ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.05, 22.52, 28.87, 28.94, 31.63, 33.48, 38.25, 64.33, 74.90, 82.93, 85.39, 113.49, 119.67, 128.54, 128.66, 128.79, 128.87, 129.12, 129.18, 129.49, 129.71, 130.36, 131.44, 133.29, 133.69, 134.46, 135.03, 148.45, 161.03, 165.90, 165.94, 168.61. Ir (neat) 2930, 1750, 1720, 1665, 1600, 1450, 1315, 1270, 1105, 735, 710, 685  $cm^{-1}$ . Ms (10 eV, rel intensity)  $m/z$  326 ( $M^+ - 324$ , 12), 222 (1.5), 122 (2.3), 105 (50), 81 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{38}H_{38}N_2O_8$ : C, 70.14; H, 5.89; N, 4.30. Found: C, 70.04; H, 6.01; N, 4.29.

*Cross-coupling of 1a with alkenylchlorodimethylsilanes (2d) and (2e).*

To a solution of **1a** (53.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) and  $[(\eta^3\text{-allyl})\text{PdCl}]_2$  (1.8 mg, 5.0  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in THF (1 ml) was added TBAF (1 M THF sol., 0.80 ml, 0.80 mmol) at room temperature in a glass tube. Then **2d** or **2e** (0.40 mmol) was added dropwise to this solution, the tube was sealed, and the reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C for 14 h. Workup and a short chromatography on a silica gel (Wakogel C-200, hexane-ethyl acetate 1:1) gave a pale yellow solid, which was further purified by flash column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate 1 : 1) to provide **3a** (33.9 mg, 70% yield) or **3d** (27.1 mg, 82% yield) respectively.

*5-Ethenyl-1,3-dimethyluracil (3d)*

Colorless crystal. mp 72-75 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  Nmr ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.38 (s, 1 H), 3.44 (s, 3 H), 5.22 (dd,  $J = 1.5, 11.5$  Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (dd,  $J = 1.5, 17.5$  Hz, 1 H), 6.46 (ddd,  $J = 0.5, 11.5, 17.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (s, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  Nmr ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.96, 37.05, 111.53, 115.00, 128.12, 139.39, 151.17, 162.18. Ir (KBr) 1709, 1697, 1662, 1630, 1509, 1485, 1454, 1364, 1344, 902, 785, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Ms (70 eV, rel intensity)  $m/z$  166 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 135 (42), 93 (7.1), 81 (64), 57 (22). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : C, 57.82; H, 6.07; N, 16.86. Found: C, 57.71; H, 6.18; N, 16.86.

*Cross-coupling reaction of 6 with 2f or 2g.*

**2f** or **2g** (0.40 mmol) and TBAF (1 M THF sol., 0.40 ml, 0.40 mmol) were added to a solution of **6** (70 mg, 0.20 mmol) and  $[(\eta^3\text{-allyl})\text{PdCl}]_2$  (1.8 mg, 5.0  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in DMF (1 ml) and the reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C until all of **6** was consumed. Removing all solvents in vacuo followed by a short column chromatography (Wakogel C-200,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH 5 : 1) gave a crude brown oil, which was further purified by flash column chromatography ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH 9 : 1) to give a desired and undesired isomer as inseparable mixture.

*5-[(E)-2-Phenylethenyl]-2'-deoxyuridine (7a)*

Pale yellow amorphous solid.  $R_f$  0.16 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH 10 : 1). Following spectrum was assigned to **7a** and **7a'** respectively: **7a**  $^1\text{H}$  Nmr (acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  2.35 (m, 2 H), 3.86 (dd,  $J = 3.0, 3.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.99 (dt,  $J = 3.0, 3.0$  Hz, 1 H), 4.56 (m, 1 H), 6.34 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1 H), 6.89 (dd,  $J = 0.5, 16.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.15-7.48 (m, 5 H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 1 H), 8.35 (s, 1 H). Protons of NH and OH could not be detected. **7a'**  $^1\text{H}$  Nmr (acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  2.37 (m, 2 H), 3.62 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.93 (m, 1 H), 4.53 (m, 1 H), 5.45 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1 H), 5.66 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1 H), 6.32 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.15-7.48 (m, 5 H), 7.93 (s, 1 H). The ratio was determined by vinyl proton integration: **7a** ( $\delta$  6.89) : **7a'** ( $\delta$  5.45) = 5 : 1. Ms (10 eV, rel intensity)  $m/z$  330 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 1.2), 215 (14), 214 (100), 143 (65), 116 (10), 73 (12).



*5-[(E)-1-Octenyl]-2'-deoxyuridine (7b)*

Pale yellow viscous oil.  $R_f$  0.33 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH 9 : 1). Following spectrum was assigned to **7b** and **7b'** respectively: **7b**  $^1\text{H}$  Nmr (acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.22-1.50 (m, 8 H), 2.11 (m, 2 H), 2.29 (m, 2 H), 2.81 (br s, 1 H), 3.31 (br s, 1 H), 3.82 (br d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.95 (dd,  $J = 3.0, 6.0$  Hz, 1 H), 4.53 (m, 1 H), 6.09 (br d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1 H), 6.32 (dd,  $J = 7.0, 7.0$  Hz, 1 H), 6.51 (dt,  $J = 6.5, 16.0$  Hz, 1 H), 8.09 (s, 1 H), 9.94 (br s, 1 H). **7b'**  $^1\text{H}$  Nmr (acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.22-1.50 (m, 8 H), 2.29 (m, 2 H), 2.42 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2 H), 2.81 (br s, 1 H), 3.31 (br s, 1 H), 3.82 (m, 2 H), 3.97 (m, 1 H), 4.53 (m, 1 H), 5.01 (m, 1 H), 5.53 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1 H), 8.05 (s, 1 H), 9.94 (br s, 1 H). The ratio was determined by vinyl proton integration: **7b** ( $\delta$  6.51) : **7b'** ( $\delta$  5.53) = 2 : 1. Ms (10 eV, rel intensity)  $m/z$  338 ( $M^+$ , 1.4), 223 (13), 222 (67), 179 (6.2), 152 (51), 138 (42), 117 (100), 99 (41), 73 (29).

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