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#### STEREOSELECTIVE NICKEL-CATALYZED **1,4-HYDROBORATION OF 1,3-DIENES** [(Z)-Dec-2-en-1-ol]⊕ ⊕ Ph<sub>3</sub>PCH<sub>3</sub>Br, *t*-BuOK Α. hexvl hexyl 1 2.5 mol% Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> $H_2O_2$ Β. 2.5 mol% PCy<sub>3</sub> Me NaOH -Me HB(pin) hexyl OH hexy hexyl toluene, rt Me THE 1 2 Me 3

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# 1. Procedure

A. *(E)-deca-1,3-diene* (1). In a glove box, a flame-dried one-necked 500-mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar (40 mm x 15 mm) is charged with methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (18.97 g, 53.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv) (Note 1) and potassium *tert*-butoxide (5.96 g, 53.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv) (Note 2). The flask is sealed with a septum, removed from the glove box and transferred to a fume hood. A nitrogen inlet (Note 3) is then attached to the flask and the flask is cooled to 0-5 °C in an ice bath.

Tetrahydrofuran (160 mL via syringe) (Note 4) is added and the solution turns yellow immediately. After 5 min, the ice bath is removed, and the suspension is allowed to warm to room temperature with stirring over 20–30 min. The suspension is then stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The suspension is then cooled to 0-5 °C in an ice bath, and *trans*-2-nonenal (8.0 mL, 48.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) (Note 5) is added dropwise via syringe over 5 min. After 5 min, the ice bath is removed, and the suspension is allowed to warm to room temperature with stirring over 20–30 min. The suspension is then stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction can be monitored by TLC analysis on SiO<sub>2</sub> (30:1 hexanes:EtOAc as the eluent; visualization with a KMnO<sub>4</sub> stain; the starting material aldehyde has a  $R_f = 0.16$ , and the product diene has a  $R_f = 0.72$ ) (Note 6). The light brown heterogeneous solution is concentrated by rotary evaporation (10 mmHg, 25 °C) to approximately 1/3 of the original volume (Note 7), and Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) is added to form a white precipitate. The mixture is filtered over a pad of SiO<sub>2</sub> (8.5 cm diameter x 2.5 cm height, 52 g) in a sintered glass funnel (medium porosity). The flask is rinsed with  $Et_2O$  (2 x 50 mL), and the SiO<sub>2</sub> is washed with additional Et<sub>2</sub>O (300 mL) (Note 8). The filtrate is concentrated to a slurry by rotary evaporation (10 mmHg, 25 °C), and pentane (50 mL) is added to form a white precipitate. The mixture is filtered over a pad of  $SiO_2$ (8.5 cm diameter x 2.5 cm height, 52 g) in a sintered glass funnel (medium porosity). The flask is rinsed with pentane (2 x 50 mL), and the  $SiO_2$  is washed with additional pentane (300 mL). The filtrate is concentrated by rotary evaporation (10 mmHg, 25 °C) to a yellow oil. The oil is transferred to a 50-mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and short-path distillation head (Note 9). The residue is distilled under vacuum (bp 55–58 °C at 12 mmHg, receiver flask cooled in a dry ice/acetone bath throughout the distillation) (Note 10), which provides the desired diene 1 as a clear, colorless oil (5.3–5.8 g, 80–87% yield) (Note 11).

B. (Z)-dec-2-en-1-ol (**3**). In a glove box, a flame-dried one-necked 500-mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar (40 mm x 15 mm) is charged with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (259 mg, 0.94 mmol, 0.025 equiv) (Note 12), tricyclohexylphosphine (264 mg, 0.94 mmol, 0.025 equiv) (Note 13), toluene (120 mL via syringe) (Note 14), 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (5.73 mL, 39.5 mmol, 1.05 equiv) (Note 15) via syringe, and (*E*)-deca-1,3-diene (**1**) (5.2 g, 37.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) via syringe. The flask containing the diene is rinsed with toluene (30 mL), which is then transferred to the reaction flask. The resulting orange homogeneous solution

is capped with a septum, taken out of the glove box, and transferred to a fume hood. A nitrogen inlet is added, and the mixture is stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction can be monitored by TLC analysis on SiO<sub>2</sub> (40:1 hexanes:EtOAc as the eluent; visualization with a KMnO<sub>4</sub> stain; the starting material diene has a  $R_f = 0.76$ , and the allylic boronate ester has a  $R_f = 0.16$ ). The stir bar is removed with a magnetic wand and rinsed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL), which turns the solution black. The mixture is concentrated by rotary evaporation (10 mmHg, 25 °C) to a black oil. The intermediate allylic boronate ester (2) can be easily purified (Note 16), or oxidized in the same flask. A stir bar is added and the flask is cooled to 0-5 °C in an ice bath followed by the addition of THF (72 mL) (Note 17), 3 M NaOH (8.0 mL via syringe) (Note 18), and 30 wt. % chilled hydrogen peroxide in water (8.0 mL dropwise over 3 min via syringe; exothermic reaction) (Notes 19 and 20). Following addition, the ice bath is removed and the solution is allowed to warm to room temperature over 10–15 min. The cloudy solution is then stirred vigorously at room temperature for 4.5 h. The oxidation can be monitored by TLC analysis on  $SiO_2$  (7:1 hexanes:EtOAc as the eluent; visualization with a KMnO<sub>4</sub> stain; the starting material allylboronate ester has a  $R_f = 0.55$ , and the product alcohol has a  $R_f = 0.23$ ). The solution is cooled to 0-5 °C in an ice bath and the excess hydrogen peroxide is quenched with a saturated solution of sodium thiosulfate (8.0 mL via syringe, dropwise over 3 min) (Notes 21 and 22). The reaction is diluted with deionized water (100 mL), and transferred to a 500-mL separatory funnel, rinsing the flask with EtOAc (2 x 25 mL). The layers are separated, and the aqueous layer is extracted with EtOAc (2 x 80 mL). The combined organic layers are dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  (65 g), filtered, and concentrated by rotary evaporation (10 mmHg, 25 °C) to afford a clear, colorless oil. The crude oil is purified by flash chromatography on  $SiO_2$  (Note 23), eluting with 7:1 hexanes: EtOAc to afford 2 as a clear, colorless oil (5.58–5.61 g, 95–96% yield) (Note 24).

#### 2. Notes

1. Methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (98%) was purchased from Aldrich and dried under vacuum (1.70 mmHg, 110 °C) 12 h before use.

2. Potassium *tert*-butoxide (95%) was purchased from Aldrich and used as received.

3. All "nitrogen inlet" references are defined as inserting a 16-gauge needle attached to a positive flow of nitrogen through the top of a rubber septum.

4. The submitters used THF (HPLC grade) that was purchased from Fisher Scientific and purified using a Pure Solv MD-4 solvent purification system, from Innovative Technology, Inc., by passing the solvent through two activated alumina columns after being purged with argon. The checkers used THF (HPLC grade) that was purchased from Fisher Scientific and purified by passing the solvent through two activated alumina columns under argon.

5. *trans*-2-Nonenal (97%) was purchased from Aldrich and used as received.

6. The submitters performed thin layer chromatography using 0.25 mm silica gel glass backed plated from Silicycle, with visualization performed with either potassium permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>) or phosphomolybdic acid (PMA). The checkers performed thin layer chromatography using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated glass plates (0.25 mm), with visualization performed with potassium permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>).

7. Evaporation of all the solvent will cause the triphenylphosphine oxide to occlude the product, and the yield will be reduced.

8. The submitters reported that occasional stirring of the top layer of the  $SiO_2$  is needed to keep the triphenylphosphine oxide from clogging the filter. The checkers found that this problem could be circumvented by using a filter with a larger diameter.

9. The short-path distillation head and receiver flask were both dried in an oven for 12 h before distillation of compound **1**.

10. The submitters reported distillation of compound 1 at 3.5 mmHg (bp 27–30 °C). The checkers found that somewhat higher yields could be obtained by increasing the pressure to 12 mmHg (bp = 55–58 °C) and cooling the receiver flask in a dry ice/acetone bath for the duration of the distillation.

11. Compound **1** has the following properties: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>, 3 H), 1.22–1.45 (m, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, 8 H), 2.08 (dt, J = 6.9, 6.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH, 2 H), 4.95 (ddd, J = 10.1, 1.1, 0.6 Hz, CH=CH<sub>cis</sub>H<sub>trans</sub>, 1 H), 5.09 (ddd, J = 17.0, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, CH=CH<sub>cis</sub>H<sub>trans</sub>, 1 H), 5.71 (dt, J = 15.0, 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH, 1 H), 6.05 (dd, J = 15.2, 10.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH, 1 H), 6.32 (dddd, J = 17.0, 10.3, 10.3, 2.0 Hz, CH=CH<sub>cis</sub>H<sub>trans</sub>,

1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 14.1, 22.6, 28.9, 29.2, 31.7, 32.6, 114.5, 130.8, 135.6, 137.4; IR (neat) 2958 (m), 2926 (s), 2856 (m), 1001 (s), 895 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>18</sub> [M] <sup>+</sup>: 138.1408, found 138.1423; Anal. calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>18</sub>: C, 86.88; H, 13.12. Found: C, 87.02; H, 12.78. The spectral data are in agreement with the reported values.<sup>2</sup>

12.  $Ni(cod)_2$  (98%) was purchased from Strem and used as received.

13. Tricyclohexylphosphine (97%) was purchased from Strem and used as received.

14. The submitters used toluene (HPLC grade) that was purchased from Fisher Scientific and purified using a Pure Solv MD-4 solvent purification system, from Innovative Technology, Inc., by passing the solvent through two activated alumina columns after being purged with argon. The checkers used toluene (HPLC grade) that was purchased from Fisher Scientific and was purified by passing the solvent through two activated alumina columns under argon.

15. The submitters reported that 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolane was generously donated by BASF containing 0.06% dimethyl sulfide, and was used as received. The submitters also noted that 4,4,5,5tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (97%) purchased from Aldrich can also be used as received. The checkers purchased 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolane (97%) from Aldrich and used it as received.

16. The checkers performed the hydroboration on a 1.45 mmol (200 mg) scale of diene: after the catalyzed reaction is complete, the stir bar (15 mm x 5 mm) is removed using a magnetic wand, and rinsed with  $Et_2O$  (2) mL; rinsing with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> causes the solution to turn black and reduces the vield for an unknown reason). The brown residue is then filtered through a short SiO<sub>2</sub> plug (8.2 g, 4.5 cm diameter x 1.0 cm height) eluting with 40:1 hexanes:EtOAc (80 mL hexanes, 2 mL EtOAc). The filtrate is then concentrated by rotary evaporation (10 mmHg, 25 °C) and then at 1.70 mmHg to provide the boronate as a clear, colorless oil (359 mg, 93% yield). Compound 2 has the following properties: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, 3 H), 1.15–1.41 (m, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, 22 H), 1.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>B, 2 H), 2.01 (dt, J = 6.9 Hz, 6.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH, 2 H), 5.39 (dtd, J = 8.5 Hz, 7.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz, CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>B, 1 H), 5.49 (dtd, J = 9.5 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1.5 Hz, CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>B, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 14.1, 22.7, 24.7, 27.1, 29.3, 29.3, 29.6, 31.9, 83.2, 123.9, 130.0; IR (neat) 2978 (m), 2957 (m), 2926 (s), 2855 (m), 1325 (s), 1145 (s), 968 (w), 848 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) m/z calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BO<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 266.2417, found

266.2419; Anal. calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BO<sub>2</sub>: C, 72.18; H, 11.74. Found: C, 72.51; H, 12.01.

17. THF (HPLC grade) for oxidation is purchased from Fisher Scientific and used as received.

18. Sodium hydroxide pellets (A.C.S. grade) are purchased from Fisher Scientific.

19. During the addition of the  $H_2O_2$  solution, an internal thermometer was used to monitor the temperature of the reaction. Over the course of the addition, the checkers observed that the internal temperature of the reaction increased from 5 °C to 30 °C.

20. Hydrogen peroxide (30% wt. in  $H_2O$ ) is purchased from Aldrich and is stored and used chilled (~4 °C).

21. The submitters reported that quenching of excess peroxide with sodium thiosulfate solution was exothermic. However, the checkers used an internal thermometer to monitor the temperature of the reaction and found no evidence of an exotherm during quenching.

22. Sodium thiosulfate pentahydrate (99.5%) is purchased from Fisher Scientific and is added to deionized water until saturated.

23. Flash chromatography was performed using Silia*Flash* P60 Academic Silica gel (SiO<sub>2</sub>, particle size 0.040–0.063 mm) purchased from Silicycle (wet packed in 7:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate, 2.5 cm diameter x 25 cm height, 186 g), eluting with 7:1 hexanes:EtOAc (2.21 L hexanes, 0.29 L EtOAc; 300 mL was passed through, then 200 mL fractions were taken). Fractions 4–9 were collected, concentrated by rotary evaporation (10 mmHg, 25 °C) and then dried under vacuum at 1.70 mmHg to provide a clear, colorless oil.

24. Compound **3** has the following properties: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, 3 H), 1.16-1.48 (m, CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, 8 H), 2.07 (dt, J = 7.3 Hz, 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH, 2 H), 4.22 (dd, J = 6.3 Hz, 0.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH, 2 H), 4.74–5.42 (m, CH=CH, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 14.1, 22.6, 27.4, 29.1, 29.2, 29.6, 31.8, 58.6, 128.3, 133.3; IR (neat): 3325 (m br), 2956 (m), 2922 (s), 2855 (m), 1465 (m), 1032 (s), 723 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 156.1514, found 156.1549; Anal. calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O: C, 76.86; H, 12.90. Found: C, 76.86; H, 13.28. The spectral data are in agreement with the reported values.<sup>3</sup>

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### 3. Discussion

Allyboronates are synthetically useful intermediates, specifically (Z)crotylboronate esters. They are commonly used for the allylation of carbonyl compounds to furnish syn-homoallylic alcohols, or directly oxidized to provide stereodefined (Z)-allylic alcohols.<sup>4</sup> Current methods to synthesize (Z)-crotylboronates include the trapping of allylic anions using Schlosser's method, but can only be applied to simple crotylboronates.<sup>5</sup> Transmetalation of allylmetal reagents or Matteson homologation of alkenylmetal precursors can provide substituted crotylboronates, but both require the use of a stoichiometric amount of transition metal, and the precursors can be difficult to synthesize.<sup>4</sup> One useful method that has been described in the literature is the 1,4-hydroboration of conjugated dienes. Suzuki and Miyaura found that 1,4-hydroboration can be accomplished with Pd and Rh catalysis.<sup>6</sup> This is an excellent reaction with 2-substituted and 2,3-disubstituted butadienes, but for terminally substituted dienes is limited to cyclic substrates (i.e., cyclohexadiene). Recently, Ritter described an iron catalyst that exhibits remarkable selectivity in the 1,4-hydroboration of 2-substituted dienes, but it is less general for terminally substituted diene substrates that lack substitution at the 2-position.<sup>7</sup> The procedure described here is the only method that is general for terminally substituted dienes.<sup>8</sup>

The Ni-catalyzed 1,4-hydroboration of 1,3-dienes allows for the operationally convenient synthesis of (*Z*)-crotylboronates and derived (*Z*)-allylic alcohols. The catalyst is composed of inexpensive and commercially available Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> and PCy<sub>3</sub>. The stoichiometric reagent, pinacolborane, is commercially available and bench-top stable. The hydroboration is completely regio- and stereoselective for terminal dienes (Table 1), and tolerates several synthetically common functional groups including silyl ethers, benzyl ethers, pthalimides, esters and unprotected alcohols (entries 7-11). Internal dienes are also competent substrates exhibiting high regioselectivity (Table 2).

The Ni-catalyzed 1,4-hydroboration of 1,3-dienes conveniently

provides (Z)-allylboronates that would be difficult to synthesize by other methods. The allyboronate can be used to synthesize homoallylic alcohols by allylation to carbonyl compounds, or directly oxidize to the stereodefined allylic alcohol.

# Table 1.

//	2.5 mol% Ni(cod) <sub>2</sub> 2.5 mol% PCy <sub>3</sub> 1.05 equiv pinBH toluene, rt, 3 h	$ \begin{array}{c} R \\ \swarrow B(pin) \end{array} \xrightarrow{NaOH} \\ H \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R \\ H_2O_2 \\ H \end{array} \xrightarrow{H_2O_2} \\ THF \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R \\ \swarrow \\ H \end{array} $	∽он
entry	substrate	product	yield (%)
1	hexyl	hexyl—OH	85
2	Ph Me	PhOH	91 <sup>a</sup>
3	hexyl	hexyl—OH Me	93
4	pentyl Me	pentyl OH	81
5	Me Me Me	Me Me OH Me Me	29 <sup>b</sup>
6	Me Me Me	Me Me Me	63 <sup>c</sup>
7	TBDPSO		56
8	BnO Me Me		89
9	EtO <sub>2</sub> C	EtO <sub>2</sub> C-/OH	81 <sup>d</sup>
10 (	ohthal)N	(phthal)NOH	61 <sup>d</sup>
11	но	но_/ОН	72 <sup>e</sup>
12		ОН	60

<sup>(</sup>a) 1 mol % catalyst Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> and 1 mol % PCy<sub>3</sub> employed for this experiment. (b) Reaction 12 h at 60 °C. Product isolated with an equimolar quantity of 4,8-dimethyl-3,7-nonadien-2-ol. (c) Reaction for 12 h at 25 °C. (f) Oxidation with buffered (pH=7)  $H_2O_2$ . (d) 2.1 equiv pinBH employed.

Table 2.



(a) Reaction for 12 h. (b) 1 mol % Ni(cod)\_2 and 1 mol % PCy\_3 employed for this experiment. (c) 2.1 equiv pinBH employed.

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# Appendix Chemical Abstracts Nomenclature; (Registry Number)

Methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide; (1779-49-3)
Potassium tert-butoxide: 2-Propanol, 2-methyl-, potassium salt (1:1); (865-47-4)
(*E*)-Deca-1,3-diene: 1,3-Decadiene, (3*E*)-; (58396-45-5)
(*Z*)-Dec-2-en-1-ol: 2-Decen-1-ol, (2*Z*)-; (4194-71-2)
Hydrogen peroxide; (7722-84-1) *trans*-2-Nonenal: 2-Nonenal, (2*E*)-; (18829-56-6)
Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>Bis(cyclooctadiene)nickel(0); (1295-35-8)
Tricyclohexylphosphine; (2622-14-2)
4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane; (25015-63-8)



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