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Preparation of 1-Monoacylglycerols via the Suzuki-Miyaura Reaction: 2,3-Dihydroxypropyl (Z)-tetradec-7-enoate

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1. Procedure

A. (2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl 5-Hexenoate (2). A flamedried, 250-mL, three-necked round-bottomed flask equipped with a ovalshaped magnetic stir bar (4 cm x 1.5 cm) and three rubber septa is charged via plastic syringe with 5-hexenoic acid (5.30 mL, 5.09 g, 44.6 mmol), dichloromethane (70 mL), and DL-1,2-isopropylideneglycerol (5.60 mL, 5.95 g, 45.0 mmol, 1.01 equiv) (Note 1). A septum is removed, solid 4-

(dimethylamino)pyridine (55 mg, 0.45 mmol, 0.01 equiv) (Note 1) is added through the open neck, the septum is replaced, and the flask is evacuated (<1 mmHg) and refilled with nitrogen before a septum is quickly replaced with a thermometer inlet adapter containing a low temperature thermometer. The flask is submersed in an ice/water bath, and the reaction mixture is allowed to stir gently until its temperature reaches 3–4 °C. Concurrently, a flame-dried. 100-mL recoverv flask is charged with N.N'dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (9.28 g, 45.0 mmol, 1.01 equiv) (Note 1). The flask is sealed with a rubber septum, evacuated (<1 mmHg) and refilled with nitrogen, then charged with dichloromethane (15 mL) using a 20-mL plastic syringe, and swirled gently to dissolve the solid. The resulting solution is added dropwise over 15 min to the stirred reaction mixture using a 20-mL plastic syringe (Note 2). A white precipitate appears about 5 min into the addition. At no point does the internal temperature rise above 6 °C. To achieve quantitative transfer, the recovery flask is rinsed with approximately 5 mL dichloromethane, and the resulting solution is added to the reaction mixture in one portion via a 20-mL plastic syringe. Upon completion of the addition, the reaction mixture is allowed to stir for 5 min before the cold bath is removed. After 3.5 h, the precipitate is removed via vacuum filtration (150 mmHg) through a Büchner funnel. The reaction flask is rinsed with an additional 50 mL of dichloromethane, which is poured into the Büchner funnel. The filtrate is concentrated by rotary evaporation (<30 °C, 20 mmHg) to give a clear, colorless oil that contains a small amount of white solid. The crude product is purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Note 3) to give 9.25 g (91%) of ester 2 as a clear, colorless oil (Note 4).

B. *1-Iodo-1-octyne* (4). A flame-dried, 500-mL, three-necked roundbottomed flask under an atmosphere of nitrogen and equipped with a ovalshaped magnetic stir bar (4 cm x 1.5 cm), a 250-mL pressure-equalizing addition funnel, a low temperature thermometer, and a rubber septum is charged via 20-mL plastic syringes with 1-octyne (3) (14.75 mL, 11.02 g, 100.0 mmol) and hexanes (125 mL) (Notes 5 and 6). The resulting opaque solution is cooled with gentle stirring in an acetone/dry ice bath to an internal temperature of -52 °C (Note 7). The stirring rate is increased, and a solution of 2.5 M *n*-butyllithium in hexanes (40.0 mL, 100 mmol, 1.0 equiv) (Note 5) is added dropwise over 20 min via a 20-mL plastic syringe. A white precipitate begins to form less than 1 min into the addition. Upon completion of the addition, the flask is fully submersed in the dry ice bath to bring the internal temperature to -70 °C. The viscous reaction mixture is

stirred vigorously at this temperature for 1.5 h. On occasion, the stir bar stops stirring in the thick slurry and is dislodged using the thermometer. During this time, a flame-dried, 500-mL pear-shaped flask is charged with iodine (25.4 g, 100 mmol, 1.0 equiv) (Note 5). The flask is sealed with a rubber septum, evacuated (<1 mmHg) and refilled with nitrogen, and diethyl ether (100 mL) (Note 5) is added via a 20-mL plastic syringe. The resulting suspension is swirled vigorously by hand for approximately 5 min before the deep red supernatant is transferred to the pressure-equalizing addition funnel via cannula. The residual solid iodine is taken up with vigorous stirring in 30 mL of diethyl ether, which is again transferred to the addition funnel via cannula. Finally, the sides of the addition funnel are rinsed with approximately 10 mL of ether using a 20-mL plastic syringe, and the ethereal solution of iodine is added dropwise over 25 min (Note 8) to the stirring slurry of acetylide. Upon completion of the addition, a substantial mass of iodine is scraped from the tip of the addition funnel into the reaction vessel using a spatula. The cold bath is removed, and the solution is allowed to warm to 20 °C over 2.5 h. A septum is removed, and distilled water (100 mL) is added cautiously through the open neck. The resulting biphasic mixture is transferred to a 1-L separatory funnel, and the organic phase is isolated. The aqueous phase is extracted with hexanes (100 mL), and the combined organic phases are washed with two 200-mL portions of water, followed by 50 mL of saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate. The organic phase is dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate (20 g), filtered through a Büchner funnel (150 mmHg), and concentrated by rotary evaporation (< 30 °C, 20 mmHg) to give a clear, light yellow oil that is transferred to a 50-mL round-bottom flask and distilled under vacuum using a short-path still (Note 9) to give 19.9 g (84%) of iodoalkyne 4 as a clear, colorless liquid (Note 10).

C. (Z)-1-Iodo-1-octene (5). A flame-dried, 250-mL, three-necked round-bottomed flask under an atmosphere of nitrogen, containing an oval-shaped magnetic stir bar (4 cm x 1.5 cm), and fitted with three rubber septa is charged via plastic syringes with borane dimethyl sulfide complex (7.51 mL, 6.02 g, 79.2 mmol, 1.06 equiv) and diethyl ether (75 mL) (Note 11). The resulting stirred solution is submersed in an ice-bath for 10 min before cyclohexene (16.0 mL, 13.0 g, 158 mmol, 2.11 equiv) (Note 11) is added dropwise over 10 min via a 20-mL plastic syringe. A white precipitate appears within the final minute of the addition. After 15 min, the ice bath is removed and stirring is continued for 1 h. The reaction flask is again placed in an ice bath and, after 5 min, treated with iodoalkyne 4 (75 mmol, 17.7 g),

added dropwise over 10 min via a 10-mL plastic syringe. The solution is stirred for 30 min, the ice bath is removed, and stirring is continued for 1.25 h. The flask is once more immersed in the ice bath, and the mixture is allowed to stir for 15 min before a septum is removed and glacial acetic acid (30 mL) (Note 11) is added slowly via a 100 mL graduated cylinder. After replacing the septum, the ice bath is removed and the mixture is stirred for 2.25 h. Finally, the mixture is diluted with diethyl ether (30 mL) (Note 11) and deionized water (50 mL). The resulting biphasic mixture is transferred to a 500-mL separatory funnel, shaken, and the aqueous phase is discarded. The organic phase is washed with water (3 x 50 mL), and dried over magnesium sulfate (5 g). The drying agent is removed by vacuum filtration (150 mmHg), and the filtrate is concentrated by rotary evaporation ($< 30 \, ^{\circ}$ C, 20 mmHg) to give a clear oil, containing small amounts of a white precipitate. This suspension is applied to a silica plug and eluted with hexanes (Note 12). Fractions containing the product are concentrated by rotary evaporation (< 30 °C, 20 mmHg) and the resulting yellow oil is distilled under vacuum using a short-path still to give 14.28 g (80%) of iodoalkene 5 as a clear, pale-yellow liquid (Note 13).

D. (2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl (Z)-tetradec-7-enoate (6). A flame-dried, 500-mL, three-necked round-bottomed flask equipped with a cylindrical-shaped magnetic stirbar (4 cm x 1 cm) and 2 rubber septa is charged through the open neck with ester 2 (5.0 g, 21.9 mmol). A third septum is added, the flask is evacuated (< 1 mmHg) and refilled with nitrogen by piercing a septum with a needle connected to a Schlenck manifold. Tetrahydrofuran (70 mL) (Note 14) is added via a 20-mL plastic syringe. The flask is submersed in an ice bath, and the solution is stirred for with a 0.5 M solution of 5 min before it is treated 9borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane [9-BBN] in THF (46 mL, 23.0 mmol, 1.05 equiv) (Note 14), added dropwise over 12 min via a 20-mL plastic syringe. Upon completion of the addition, the cold bath is removed and the reaction mixture is stirred for 2.5 h, then guenched with deionized water (70 mL), added slowly through an open neck via a 100 mL graduated cylinder. The septum is replaced, and the flask is evacuated (< 1 mmHg) and refilled with nitrogen. The resulting suspension is stirred for 2.5 h, after which time it is sparged with argon for 15 min (Note 15).

A separate flame-dried, 1-L, 3-necked round-bottomed flask equipped with a oval-shaped magnetic stir bar (4 cm x 1.5 cm) and two rubber septa is charged through the open neck with vinyl iodide 5 (6.25 g, 26.3 mmol, 1.2

equiv), cesium carbonate (7.14 g, 21.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and triphenylarsine (0.67 g, 2.2 mmol, 0.10 equiv) (Note 14). A third septum is added, the flask is evacuated (> 1 mmHg) and refilled with nitrogen, and DMF (130 mL) (Note 14) is added via a 20-mL plastic syringe. The resulting suspension is argon for 15 min (Note Dichloro[1,1'sparged with 15). bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene]palladium(II)•dichloromethane adduct (Pd(dppf)Cl₂•CH₂Cl₂) (0.80 g, 1.1 mmol, 0.05 equiv) (Note 14) is added quickly to the flask through an open neck, the septum is quickly replaced, and the resulting red suspension is sparged with argon for 15 min (during this time, the color of the solution changes from red-orange to brown). The resulting degassed suspension is then treated with the aforementioned hydroboration mixture via cannula over 10 min (Note 16). Upon completion of the cannula transfer, the reaction vessel is evacuated (< 1 mmHg) and refilled with nitrogen, and the dark brown reaction mixture is stirred for 5 h before it is poured onto 500 mL saturated NaCl in a 2 L separatory funnel. The organic phase is isolated, and the aqueous phase is extracted with ether (3 x 300 mL). The combined organic phases are dried over magnesium sulfate (40 g), and the drying agent is removed via vacuum filtration through a Büchner funnel (150 mmHg). The filtrate is concentrated by rotary evaporation (< 30 °C, 20 mmHg) to give the product as a dark oil containing some residual DMF. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (Note 17) gives 7.12 g (88%) (Note 18) of acetonide 6 as a brown oil containing 7% (w/w) cyclooctanone (Note 19).

E. 2,3-Dihydroxypropyl (Z)-tetradec-7-enoate (7). A 250-mL roundbottomed flask equipped with a oval-shaped magnetic stir bar (4 cm x 1.5 cm) is charged with acetonide **6** (4.80 g, 14.1 mmol), methanol (60 mL), and 2.0 M hydrochloric acid (4.0 mL). (Note 20) The flask is sealed with a rubber septum and the reaction mixture is allowed to stir for 6 h. After this time, the reaction mixture is poured into a 1-L separatory funnel containing a mixture of ether (350 mL) and saturated sodium bicarbonate (350 mL). The funnel is swirled gently to release carbon dioxide. The organic phase is separated, and the aqueous phase is extracted with ether (3 x 150 mL). The combined organic phases are dried over magnesium sulfate (20 g), which is removed by vacuum filtration through a Büchner funnel (150 mmHg). The filtrate is concentrated by rotary evaporation at (< 30 °C, 20 mmHg) to give an orange oil that is purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Note 21) to give 3.02 g (71%) of monoacylglycerol 7 as an orange oil. This sample is a 20:1 mixture of 1-monoacylglycerol (1-MAG) 7 and the corresponding 2MAG, respectively (Notes 22, 23, and 24). If desired, the sample can be enriched further in the desired 1-MAG by recrystallization (Note 25).

2. Notes

1. 5-Hexenoic acid (98%) was purchased from TCI Americas and used as received. DL-1,2-Isopropylideneglycerol ("solketal," 98%), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (99%), and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (99%) were purchased from Aldrich and used as received. Dichloromethane was purchased from Fisher (Certified ACS, stabilized), and dried by passage over activated alumina (Innovative Technology Inc. Pure SolvTM solvent purification system). The submitters purchased dichloromethane from Mallinckrodt (ACS reagent grade) and used as received. Submitters used glass syringes in experiments where checkers used plastic syringes.

2. The submitters used a 50-mL addition funnel equipped with a Newman stopcock.

3. Silica gel was purchased from Zeochem (ZEOprep 60, 40-63 micron particle size). A flash column is prepared by wet-packing a 7.5 cm diameter column with a slurry of 200 g silica in 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes [ethyl acetate and hexanes (both Certified ACS) were purchased from Fisher or Mallinckrodt and used as received]The crude compound is loaded neat, and eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes. Fractions (50 mL) are collected and analyzed by TLC (Whatman 0.25 mm 60 Å silica gel plates; 4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate eluent; potassium permanganate stain). The desired ester (**2**) begins to elute after ~180 mL of eluent is collected and continues to elute over ~1 L.

4. Ester **2** exhibits the following spectral properties: IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 1740; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ : 1.24 (s, 3 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H), 1.57 (quintet, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 1.86 (quartet, J = 7 Hz, 2 H), 2.07 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2 H), 3.45 (dd, J = 8 Hz, 6 Hz, 1 H), 3.66 (dd, J = 8 Hz, 6 Hz, 1 H), 3.95–4.05 (m, 3 H), 4.91–4.96 (m, 2 H), 5.56–5.64 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ : 24.6, 25.9, 27.3, 33.6, 33.7, 65.0, 66.7, 74.3, 110.0, 115.8, 138.3, 173.0; Exact mass calcd for (C₁₂H₂₀O₄)₂Na⁺: 479.2615; found (electrospray) *m/z*: 479.2615; Anal calcd for C₁₂H₂₀O₄: C, 63.14; H, 8.83; found: C, 62.94; H, 8.70.

5. 1-Octyne (97%) and iodine crystals (ACS reagent grade, \geq 99.8%) were purchased from Aldrich and used as received. The *n*-butyllithium solution was purchased from Aldrich, transferred to a Schlenck flask upon

receipt, and titrated immediately prior to use by the method of Kofron (Kofron, W.G. and Baclawski, L.M. *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**. *41* (10), 1879). Anhydrous diethyl ether (Certified ACS, BHT stabilized) was purchased from Fisher and purified using the solvent purification system described in Note 1. Hexanes were purchased from Fisher (Certified ACS) and dried over microwave-activated 4 Å beaded molecular sieves (5 g/100 mL) for at least 12 h. The submitters purchased anhydrous diethyl ether (Certified ACS) and hexanes (ACS reagent grade) from Fisher and distilled them from sodium.

6. The submitters used 70 mL hexanes.

7. The checkers achieved the desired internal temperature by adjusting the depth of the flask in the dry ice/acetone bath. The submitters used a chloroform/dichloromethane-dry ice bath.

8. The submitters reported an addition time of 45 min.

9. The distillation must be carried out below 100 °C. On one occasion when the bath temperature exceeded 150 °C, the contents of the flask changed from light yellow to dark red in color, bumped vigorously, and poured over into the receiving flask. Submitters performed the distillation at 0.85 mmHg and recorded a bp of 63-65 °C.

10. The submitters reported a yield of 77%, and that the product turns pink on standing at room temperature due to residual iodine (color can be removed by an additional aqueous sodium thiosulfate wash). The checkers found the product to remain colorless over a period of several months when stored in a refrigerator under a nitrogen atmosphere. Iodoalkyne **4** exhibits the following properties: bp: 70–72 °C (2 mmHg); IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 2187; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.89 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3 H), 1.30–1.40 (m, 6 H), 1.50 (quintet, J = 7 Hz, 2 H), 2.35 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -7.4, 14.3, 21.0, 22.7, 28.7, 31.5, 95.0; Anal calcd for C₈H₁₃I: C, 40.70; H, 5.55; found: C, 40.54; H, 5.44.

11. BH₃•Me₂S complex (purity not indicated) was purchased from Aldrich and used as received. Cyclohexene (inhibitor-free, 99%) was purchased from Aldrich and distilled prior to use. Acetic acid (ACS reagent grade) was purchased from Fisher and used as received. Anhydrous diethyl ether (Certified ACS, BHT stabilized) was purchased from Fisher and purified as described in Note 1. The submitters purchased anhydrous diethyl ether (Certified ACS, BHT stabilized) from Fisher and distilled it from sodium prior to use.

12. The checkers prepared the silica plug by wet-packing a 7.5-cm diameter column with a slurry of 100 g silica gel (purchased from Zeochem, ZEOprep 60, 40-63 micron particle size) in hexanes. The crude product is loaded neat, and eluted with hexanes. Fractions (50 mL) are collected and analyzed by TLC (Whatman 0.25 mm 60 Å silica gel plates; hexanes eluent; potassium permanganate stain). This procedure removed most, but not all, of the dicyclohexylborinic acid. The submitters used a 2-cm diameter column containing 30 g of silica gel, and eluted with pentanes. For an alternate method of removing the dicyclohexylborinic acid via precipitation, see Brown, H.C. *et al. J. Org. Chem.* **1989**. *54*, 6064-6067.

13. The submitters obtained a yield of 86%. Iodoalkene **5** exhibits the following properties: bp: 77–78 °C (3 mmHg); IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 1609; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ : 0.86 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3 H), 1.14–1.23 (m, 8 H), 2.02 (quartet, *J* = 7 Hz, 2 H), 5.75 (quartet, *J* = 7 Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (dt, *J* = 7 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ : 14.6, 23.3, 28.6, 29.4, 32.3, 35.3, 82.7, 141.8; Anal calcd for C₈H₁₅I: C, 40.35; H, 6.35; found: C, 40.47, 6.38.

14. The 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane [9-BBN] solution, cesium carbonate (99%) and triphenylarsine (97%) were purchased from Aldrich and used as received. Dichloro[1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene]-palladium(II)-dichloromethane adduct (Pd(dppf)Cl₂•CH₂Cl₂) was purchased from Strem and used as received. THF (Optima, Inhibitor-free) was purchased from Fisher and purified using the solvent purification system described in Note 1. DMF (99.8%, extra dry over molecular sieves) was purchased from Acros Organics and purified using the solvent purification system described in Note 1.

15. Sparging is accomplished as follows: one of the septa is pierced with a 1.5 inch, 16.5 gauge needle, and a second with a 8 inch, 20 gauge needle connected to an argon cylinder. Gentle stirring is maintained as argon is bubbled through the suspension.

16. The transfer is accomplished by partially evacuating the receiving flask, with the hydroboration flask under a slightly positive pressure of nitrogen.

17. A flash column is prepared by wet-packing a 7.5-cm diameter column with a slurry of 400 g of silica gel (purchased from Zeochem, ZEOprep 60, 40-63 micron particle size) in 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes. The column is eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes; 50 mL fractions are collected and analyzed by TLC (Whatman 0.25 mm 60 Å silica gel plates; 19:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate eluent; potassium permanganate stain). The

desired compound begins to elute after ~900 mL, and elutes over 2.5 L. The submitters performed a second flash purification in order to obtain the product as pale yellow oil. The checkers found that a second purification yielded the product as a clear, light orange oil, in 81% yield.

18. The submitters reported a yield of 64% of **6** (twice chromatographed). The checkers found that when new bottles of Pd(dppf)Cl₂•CH₂Cl₂, Cs₂CO₃, and AsPh₃ were used, yields were reproducibly ~90%. If these reagents were used after being opened and stored for several weeks, however, yields dropped to as low as 50%. The use of fresh 9-BBN is also required. Ester **2** was recovered as the major side product in these low-yielding cases.

19. The presence of cyclooctanone⁴ is inferred from ${}^{1}H$ NMR multiplets at 1.55, 1.87, and 2.40 ppm, and ¹³C NMR signals at 24.9, 25.8, 27.4, and 42.1 ppm (the expected carbonyl resonance was not observed). The ratio of ester 6 to cyclooctanone is determined by integration of the resonances at 1.63 ppm (ester 6, 2H) and 1.55 ppm (cyclooctanone, 4H). The percent yield of **6** takes into account the presence of cyclooctanone. An analytically pure sample of 6 was prepared by chemical reduction as follows: a 25-mL round-bottomed flask is charged with 500 mg of the ester/cyclooctanone mixture and 20 mg of sodium borohydride. Ethanol (10 mL) (Fisher, denatured) is added, and the resulting suspension is allowed to stir for 3 h. Saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 mL) is added, the aqueous phase is extracted three times with ether, and the combined organic layers are dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. TLC analysis of the oil [silica gel, ethyl acetate-hexanes, 1:3 by volume] indicated the presence of three products with R_f values of 0.06, 0.40 and 0.60. The lowest R_f spot had the same TLC mobility as an authentic sample of cyclooctanol. This material was purified by chromatography over 30 g of silica gel, eluted with ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:15 by volume) to give (Z)-ethyl 7-tetradecenoate ($R_f =$ 0.60) and pure ester 6, which exhibits the following spectral properties: IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 1742; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.87 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3 H), 1.2–1.5 (m, 18 H), 1.63 (quintet, J = 7 Hz, 2 H), 2.01 (quintet, J = 7 Hz, 4 H), 2.34 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2 H), 3.73 (dd, J = 8 Hz, 6Hz, 1 H), 4.05–4.10 (m, 3 H), 4.31 (quintet, J = 6 Hz, 1 H), 5.29–5.38 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 14.3, 22.9, 25.0, 25.6, 26.9, 27.2, 27.5, 29.0, 29.2, 29.6, 29.9, 32.0, 34.3, 64.8, 66.6, 74.9, 110.1, 129.6, 130.5, 173.8; Exact mass calcd for $C_{20}H_{36}O_4Na^+$: 363.2506; found (electrospray) *m/z*: 363.2503; Anal calcd for C₂₀H₃₆O₄: C, 70.55; H, 10.66; found: C, 70.21; H, 10.51.

20. Methanol (HPLC grade) and hydrochloric acid (Certified ACS) were purchased from Fisher and used as received.

21. A flash column is prepared by wet-packing a 7.5-cm diameter column with a slurry of 400 g of silica gel (purchased from Zeochem, ZEOprep 60, 40-63 micron particle size) in 37% ethyl acetate/hexanes. The column is eluted with 1 L of 37% ethyl acetate in hexanes, followed by 50% ethyl acetate in hexanes. Fractions (50 mL) are collected and analyzed by TLC (Whatman 0.25 mm 60 Å silica gel plates; 1:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate eluent; potassium permanganate stain). The desired compound begins to elute after ~1.95 L, and elutes over 1.4 L.

22. The submitters reported a yield of 78% using 6 that had been purified twice by column chromatography (see Note 17).

23. Purified 7 (containing 5% of the corresponding 2-MAG) exhibited the following spectral properties: IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 1740; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.88 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3 H), 1.26–1.35 (m, 12 H), 1.64 (quintet, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 2.02 (quintet, *J* = 7 Hz, 4 H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 12 Hz, 6 Hz, 1 H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 12 Hz, 4 Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (quintet, *J* = 6 Hz, 1 H), 4.11–4.20 (m, 2 H), 5.35 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 14.3, 22.8, 25.0, 27.1, 27.4, 28.9, 29.1, 29.5, 29.9, 31.9, 34.3, 63.5, 65.3, 70.4. Signals at 3.82 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 4 H) and 4.92 (quintet, *J* = 5 Hz, 1 H) in the ¹H spectrum and at 62.3, 75.1 in the ¹³C spectrum are attributed to the 2-MAG; Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₃₂O₄Na⁺: 323.2193; found (electrospray) *m/z*: 323.2189; Anal calcd for C₁₇H₃₂O₄: C, 67.96; H, 10.74; found: C, 67.97; H, 10.59.

24. The submitters utilized DMSO-d₆ for the acquisition of NMR spectra. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ : 0.86 (t, J = 7, 3 H), 1.26–1.30 (m, 12 H), 1.53 (quintet, J = 7, 2 H), 1.98–2.01 (m, 4 H), 2.38 (t, J = 7, 2 H), 3.31–3.38 (m, 2 H), 3.63 (m, 1 H), 3.91 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.5, 1 H), 4.04 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.5, 1 H), 4.59 (t, J = 5.5, 1 H, CH₂O<u>H</u>), 4.82 (d, J = 5.5, 1 H, CHO<u>H</u>), 5.33, (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ : 14.4, 22.2, 24.8, 27.0, 27.1, 28.6, 28.8, 29.3, 29.6, 31.6, 33.9, 63.1, 66.0, 69.8, 129.9, 130.1, 173.3.

25. A sample of a mixture of 1-monoacylglycerol and 2-monoacylglycerol (1-MAG and 2-MAG) (3.3 g, 11.0 mmol) is added to an oven-dried 50 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a sidearm, magnetic stir bar, and two rubber septa. The flask is evacuated and refilled with nitrogen, and a 1:9 solution of diethyl ether:petroleum ether (27 mL) is added via a 10-mL plastic syringe. The flask is submersed in a dry ice/acetonitrile bath, and the solution is allowed to stir for 10 min, during

which time a white solid forms. The solid is allowed to settle for 5 min before the flask is tilted to one side (approximately 30 °C), and as much supernatant as possible is removed via syringe. The residual white suspension is washed 3 times with a 9:1 solution of ether:petroleum ether pre-cooled in an ice/water bath (8 mL) (each time, the suspension is stirred for \sim 1 min, and allowed to settle for 5 min before withdrawing as much supernatant as possible through the side arm via syringe). Finally, the cold bath is removed (the precipitate dissolves quickly upon removal of the bath), and the resulting solution is concentrated to give 1.55 g (47%) of 7 as a clear, light yellow oil.

Safety and Waste Disposal Information

All hazardous materials should be handled and disposed of in accordance with "Prudent Practices in the Laboratory"; National Academies Press; Washington, DC, 2011.

3. Discussion

The use of unsaturated 1-monoacylglycerols (1-MAGs) of type **8** (Figure 1) for crystallizing membrane proteins by the *in meso* method has steadily increased.⁵⁻⁷ Whereas several 1-MAGs of type **8** are commercially available, many 1-MAGs of interest for protein crystallization studies cannot be purchased.⁸ Thus, there is a need for reliable methods for the preparation of 1-MAGs of type **8**.⁹





Figure 1. Neck (N) and Tail (T) represent the number of carbon atoms on either side of the double bond in the acyl chain. The neck and tail of 7.7-MAG (7) each have seven carbons.

Several procedures for preparing fatty acids that appear in **8** have been described. For example, hydrogenation of alkynoic acids,¹⁰ or Wittig reactions between aldehydes and phosphoranes,¹¹ have been used to prepare fatty acids that might be useful for the preparation of commercially unavailable 1-MAGs.

An issue in any general synthetic approach to 1-MAGs of type **8** is preparation of the Z-olefin with good control of stereochemistry. The Suzuki-Miyaura reaction is a reliable method for the preparation of either *E*or Z-olefins.¹² This reaction involves hydroboration of an alkene followed by Pd-mediated coupling of the intermediate borane with a 1-halogenated alkene with retention of haloalkene stereochemistry. This procedure describes use of the Suzuki-Miyaura reaction in a modular approach to 1-MAGs of type **8** (Figure 2) within the context of a synthesis of 7.7-MAG (7).





The coupling partners used in this synthesis of 1-MAGs are 1iodoalkenes (10) and esters (9) derived from terminal alkenoic acids and solketal. Iodoalkenes can be prepared by a variety of methods.¹³ This procedure uses the method of Brown involving conversion of a terminal alkyne to the corresponding 1-iodoalkyne, followed by a hydroborationprotonolysis to afford the terminal Z-1-iodoalkene.¹⁴ We note that the preparation of Z-1-iodooctene presented here is modeled directly after the Denmark synthesis of Z-1-iodoheptene that appears in Volume 81 of Organic Syntheses.¹⁵ The esters (9) can be prepared by DCC-mediated coupling of the corresponding unsaturated acid with solketal.³ The Suzuki-Miyaura coupling is accomplished using $Pd(dppf)Cl_2 \cdot CH_2Cl_2$ as the catalyst with triphenylarsine as an additive (the "Johnson-Braun" modification).¹⁷ This affords the 1-MAG acetonide (11), which is then hydrolyzed to the corresponding 1-MAG. Whereas the 1-MAG acetonides can be obtained in pure form from this procedure, the hydrolysis results in some isomerization of the 1-MAG to the corresponding 2-MAG (5-10%) in which the acyl group resides at the 2-position of glycerol.¹⁶ The final 1-MAG, however, can usually be recrystallized to provide material contaminated with no more than 5% of the 2-MAG. Table 1 shows a variety of 1-MAG acetonides (11) and 1-MAGs (8) that have been prepared using this procedure.¹⁸

1-MAG [N, T]	Yield 1-MAG Acetonide (11)	Yield 1-MAG ^a (8)
[5.7]	45%	8a 70% ^b
[5.9]	40%	8b 56% ^b
[5.13]	78%	8c 45% ^b
[6.7]	63%	8d 85% ^b
[6.12]	34%	8e 58%
[7.7]	64%	8f 78% ^b
[7.9]	77%	8g 45%
[7.10]	70%	8h 58%
[7.11]	76%	8i 85%
[8.7]	68%	8j 78% ^b
[8.8]	68%	8k 46%
[8.9]	64%	8I 63% ^b
[8.10]	53%	8m 53% ^c
[9.10]	68%	8o 53% ^c
[10.8]	61%	8p 55%
[11.9]	47%	8q 76%
[12.6]	53%	8r 64%
[13.5]	52%	8s 48%

Table 1. Preparation of 1-Monoacylglycerols 8 via Scheme 1

^aYield of colorless recrystallized material unless noted otherwise. ^bYield of 1-MAG from chromatography. The amount of 2-MAG in the 1-MAG follows: **8a** (6%), **8b** (5%), **8c** (0%), **8d** (trace), **8f** (7-9%), **8j** (0%), **8l** (0%). ^cRecrystallized 1-MAG contaminated with 2-MAG: **8m**, (3%), **8o** (5%).

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Appendix Chemical Abstracts Nomenclature; (Registry Number)

(2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl 5-hexenoate: 5-Hexenoic acid, (2,2dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl ester; (749266-07-7) 5-Hexenoic acid; (1577-22-6) 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridine: 4-Pyridinamine, N,N-dimethyl-; (1122-58-3) *N*,*N*'-Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide; (538-75-0) DL-1,2-Isopropylideneglycerol: 1,3-Dioxolane-4-methanol, 2,2-dimethyl-; (100-79-8)1-Iodo-1-octyne; (81438-46-2) 1-Octyne; (629-05-0) Iodine; (7553-56-2) *n*-Butyllithium; (106-72-8) (Z)-1-Iodo-1-octene; (52356-93-1) Borane dimethyl sulfide complex: Boron, trihydro[thiobis[methane]]-, (T-4)-; (13292-78-0) Cyclohexene; (110-83-8) (2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl (Z)-tetradec-7-enoate: 7-Tetradecenoic acid, (2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl ester, (7Z)-; (749266-24-8) 9-Borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane: 9-BBN; (280-64-8) Cesium carbonate; (534-17-8) Triphenylarsine; (603-32-7) Dichloro[1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene]palladium(II)• dichloromethane; (95464-05-4) 2,3-Dihydroxypropyl (Z)-tetradec-7-enoate: 7-Tetradecenoic acid, 2,3dihydroxypropyl ester, (7*Z*)-; (749266-35-1)



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