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One-step synthesis of (1-iodovinyl) arenes from trimethylsilyl ethynylarene through iodotrimethylsilane-mediated hydroiodation

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ABSTRACT

One-step access to (1-iodovinyl) arenes from trimethylsilyl ethynylarenes is described. The method is superior to a conventional multi-step approach, and is enhanced by the Sonogashira reaction that provides ready access to a variety of trimethylsilyl ethynylarenes.

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Vinyl halides are important building blocks in organic synthesis. They are readily converted into various functional groups by halogen–metal exchange and are significant for carbon–carbon bond forming reactions by way of transition-metal catalyzed cross-coupling reactions. Variously iodides are especially important; the sterically unhindered terminal-olefin and weakly bonded iodine are highly reactive and incredibly useful toward the synthesized complex molecules. Despite the utility of α -vinyl iodides, their synthetic availability still remains a challenge, because of the inherent difficulty in hydroiodation. The stoichiometric addition of hydrogen iodide (HI) to terminal alkynes is one way to prepare α -vinyl iodides; however, the generation and transfer of hygroscopic and gaseous HI are inconvenient and difficult to perform. As an alternative hydrometalation exists, although it requires several reaction steps.

The pioneering work for synthesis of α -vinyl iodides from alkynes via addition of HI was reported by Ishii and co-workers: HI was generated in situ from mixing of chlorotrimethylsilane, sodium iodide, and water in acetonitrile. And continuous efforts have aimed to refine this initial method. More recently, Ogawa and co-workers developed a novel hydroiodation of alkynes using an iodine/hydrophosphine binary system. However, there is still room for improvement, especially in terms of its scale; the system worked using 0.2 mmol of starting alkynes.

Recently we have developed the synthesis of unsymmetrically functionalized pyrene derivatives.¹⁶ In the course of our study,

we encountered the unforeseen reaction (Eq. 1). Although we intended the demethylation of the ethereal methyl group, instead α -vinyl iodide was isolated in high yield. We immediately began exploring the scope and utility of this transformation. Herein we report a simple synthesis of (1-iodovinyl)arenes from both ethynylarenes as well as trimethylsilyl ethynylarenes (Scheme 1). Commercially available TMSI was useful for the direct transformation of both of these functional groups into styrene-type α -vinyl iodide units in high yield and in one step. Our synthetic protocol does not require operations for desilylation, which is superior to the conventional step-by-step approach. 6,11,14 To the best of our knowledge, so far such a direct synthesis has not been reported. In addition, the protocol is enhanced by Sonogashira reaction that readily makes trimethylsilyl ethynylarenes from aryl halides. 17 Thus, it provides a rapid access to (1-iodovinyl) arenes.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{H}_{3}\text{CO} \\ \text{(CH}_{2})_{3}\text{CH}_{3} \\ \text{1) (CH}_{3})_{3}\text{Sil, CH}_{2}\text{Cl}_{2}, 0 \ ^{\circ}\text{C} \\ \text{2) H}_{2}\text{O, 0 \ ^{\circ}\text{C}} \\ \text{80\%} \\ \text{Si(CH}_{3})_{3} \end{array}$$

The hydroiodation of 1-ethynyl-4-methylbenzene ($\mathbf{1}$) is examined in Table 1.^{18,19} TMSI was employed as a 1 M CH₂Cl₂ solution, utilization of neat TMSI was not successful.²⁰ To the mixture of the alkyne (1 mmol) and TMSI (1.2 equiv) was added H₂O (20 equiv) at

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$$R^{1} - R^{2} - R^{2$$

Scheme 1. Synthesis of (1-iodovinyl)arenes from 1 and 2.

low temperature, the reaction was allowed to warm to 0 $^{\circ}$ C. 21 Entry 1 illustrates a high yielding transformation when the reaction was carried out at -78 °C. The resulting 1-(1-iodovinyl)-4-methylbenzene was isolated in 88% yield and the Markovnikov addition product's structure was confirmed by ¹H NMR. Over the course of the reaction the starting alkyne completely disappeared in TLC monitoring, additionally the corresponding isomer of β-vinyl iodide was not observed. For entries 2-4, the reaction at -45 °C gave a comparable 87% yield, but decreased at $-20\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $0\,^{\circ}\text{C}.^{22}$ The concentration of the reaction was increased in entries 5 (3.3 mL CH₂Cl₂) and 6 (1 mL) and gave comparable yields to entry 1 (8 mL). For entry 7, use of CH₃OH instead of H₂O resulted in only 20% yield. For entry 8, addition of H₂O (20 equiv) to the solvent in advance gave 70% yield. Other solvents were explored in entries 9–13, the hydroiodation in toluene and hexane properly occurred with 81% and 71% yields, respectively. On the other hand, methanol, acetonitrile, and THF were not successful giving multi-spots on TLC monitoring. In marked contrast to the pioneering work, 12,23 it is presumed that the non-polar and non-coordinated solvents are best for this transformation.

Next, we examined the reaction of ((4-tert-butylphenyl)ethynyl)trimethylsilane (2) with TMSI to give α -vinyl iodides (Table 2). Alkyne 2 was prepared via Sonogashira reaction. For entries 1-5, the equivalent of TMSI was varied, 1.5 equiv proved appropriate to consume all of 2 and to achieve a high yielding transformation (entry 3). For entry 2, unreacted alkyne was recovered in 3% when 1.2 equiv TMSI was used. For entries 6–8, the elevated temperatures to $-45,\,-20,$ and 0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ were not successful. Other solvents were explored in entries 9-11, toluene, hexane, and acetonitrile gave 74%, 70%, and 30%, respectively. Thus, the optimum conditions in Table 2 are close to those in Table 1.

Table 3 illustrates different trialkylsilyl patterns tested. Like trimethylsilyl ethynylarene, triethyl-, and triisopropylsilyl substrates

Table 1 Evaluation of the reactivity of 1 conducted via Scheme 1a

Entry	Solvent	Temp. (°C)	Yield ^b (%)
1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-78	88
2	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-45	87
3	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-20	74
4	CH ₂ Cl ₂	0	49
5 ^c	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-78	82
6 ^d	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-78	74
7 ^e	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-78	20
8	CH_2Cl_2/H_2O (4% v/v)	-78	70
9	Toluene	-78	81
10	Hexane	-78	71
11	CH ₃ CN	-20	24
12	CH₃OH	-78	0
13	THF	-78	0

Reaction conditions: alkyne 1 (1 mmol), solvent (8 mL), 1 M (CH₃)₃SiI in CH₂Cl₂ (1.2 mmol), H₂O (20 mmol), All reactions were performed in accordance with the representative procedure in Ref.²¹, unless otherwise stated.

Table 2 Evaluation of the reactivity of 2 via Scheme 1a

Entry	Solvent	(CH ₃) ₃ SiI (equiv)	Temp. (°C)	Yield (%)
1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1.0	-78	58
2 ^b	CH_2Cl_2	1.2	-78	88
3	CH_2Cl_2	1.5	-78	88
4	CH_2Cl_2	2.0	-78	64
5	CH_2Cl_2	4.0	-78	60
6	CH_2Cl_2	1.5	-45	66
7	CH_2Cl_2	1.5	-20	63
8	CH_2Cl_2	1.5	0	58
9	Toluene	1.5	-78	74
10	Hexane	1.5	-78	70
11	CH₃CN	1.5	-20	30

^a Reaction conditions: alkyne **2** (1 mmol), solvent (8 mL), 1 M (CH₃)₃SiI in CH₂Cl₂, H₂O (20 mmol).

underwent α -vinyl iodation, yet the yields decreased in 80% and 54% (entries 2 and 3); presumably due to the sterically hindered alkyl groups for desilylation process. For entries 2 and 3, unreacted alkynes were recovered in 13% and 45%, and the prolonged reaction time did not increase the yields.

Preliminary mechanistic investigations were performed through deuteration experiments. Deuterioiodation of 1 was carried out with D₂O, and the deuterium was incorporated under several conditions (Table 4). In each case the major product was (E)-adduct^{5b} (entries 1-3). For entry 4, when D₂O was added in advance, a similar selectivity to entry 1 was observed. As a matter of form, deuterium and iodine add to the alkyne with anti-selectivity. Interestingly, this result is the opposite selectivity to Ishii's pioneering work which reported that DI adds to alkynes with complete syn-selectivity. 12 Sub-

Table 3 Effect of the trialkylsilyl groups on the hydroiodation of 2°

Entry	R	Yield (%)	Recovered alkyne (%)
1	CH ₃	88	0
2	CH ₂ CH ₃	80	13
3 ^b	CH(CH ₃) ₂	54	45

^a Reaction conditions: alkyne (1 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL), 1 M (CH₃)₃Sil in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mmol), H₂O (20 mmol).

Table 4 Deuterioiodation of 1a

Entry	Solvent	Yield ^b (%)		% D ^b
		(E)- 3	(Z)- 3	
1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	59	23	87
2	Toluene	62	16	80
3	Hexane	71	2	89
4	CH_2Cl_2/H_2O (4% v/v)	53	12	86

Reaction conditions: alkyne 1 (1 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ as a solvent (8 mL), 1 M (CH₃)₃Sil in CH₂Cl₂ (1.2 mmol), D₂O (20 mmol).

Purified yields after silica gel column chromatography (hexane containing 5% v/v triethylamine).

^{3.3} mL of CH₂Cl₂ as a solvent was used.

 $^{^{\}rm d}$ 1.0 mL of CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ as a solvent was used.

 $^{^{\}rm e}$ CH $_{
m 3}$ OH was added instead of H $_{
m 2}$ O.

b The starting alkyne was recovered in 3%.

^b Prolonged reaction time did not increase the yield.

Determined by ¹H NMR in Ref.12,5b

Table 5Deuteration experiments of **2**^a

Entry	Solvent	Yield ^b (%)		
		4	(E)- 5	(Z)- 5
1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	83	2	2
2	Toluene	71	3	3
3	Hexane	61	3	3

a Reaction conditions: alkyne 2 (1 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ as a solvent (8 mL), 1 M (CH₃)₃Sil in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mmol), D₂O (20 mmol). The deuterium was incorporated better than 95%.

^b Determined by ¹H NMR in Ref..^{12,5b}

sequently, deuteration experiments of 2 were carried out, and the results are summarized in Table 5. For entries 1-3, 4 was formed along with the same and small amounts of (E)-5 and (Z)-5. The proportions of (E) to (Z) between Tables 4 and 5 make a sharp contrast: thus α -vinyl iodations of 1 and 2 were treated with the blends of D₂O and H₂O (each 10 equiv) (Schemes 2 and 3). There is clearly a difference between **1** and **2**: the (*E*) isomer was preferred to (*Z*) in $\mathbf{1}$, while an equal mixture of (E) and (Z) was observed in $\mathbf{2}$. In addition, protonation preferentially occurred in 1, while deuteration in 2. Although it is difficult to give the details of the mechanism in 2 at the present moment, these outcomes indicate that 2 considerably differs from **1** in the reaction pathway to α -vinyl iodation. As for the plausible pathway in Scheme 3, initial addition of HI to 2 would give hydroiodinated iodotrimethylsilylalkene with 1:1(E)/(Z) ratio. This intermediate could then undergo desilylation reaction with another HI, finally giving the desired compound.^{25–27}

Table 6 represents outcomes of this method for several alkynes listed in Figure 1. For entries 1-6, the commercially available ethynylarenes were employed, 14,28 and converted into the corresponding α -vinyl iodides in moderate to good yields. Generally, α -vinyl iodides are not stable; 5a,11a 1-(1-iodovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene in entry 5 immediately decomposed at ambient temperature in ca. 15 min. 14 We made attempts to evaluate this method for other alkynes, however, unfortunately, other alkynes gave unstable products (these are described in Supplementary data). ²⁹ For entries 6 and 7, different starting alkynes gave the identical products, and interestingly the former resulted in 45% yield and the latter in 92 %. These would reflect the individual mechanism of α -vinyl iodation which was implied in deuterium experiments in Schemes 2 and 3, and it is a great advantage to approach α -vinyl iodides from another synthetic route. For entry 8, 15 was successfully prepared in 93% yield. For entry 9, the reaction at 1 mmol scale gave the product in 71% isolated yield, and entry 10 was conducted at 5 mmol scale (1.02 g) of alkyne 16 giving 68% yield: this is a valuable process because the product of 1-(1-iodovinyl)-3-methoxybenzene cannot be prepared through hydroiodation. ^{5a,10e,11a,12} For entry 11, pyrene **17** leads to 18 in 82% yield, in which TMSI easily cleaved trimethylsilyl group at R¹ substituent. For entry 12, pyrene **19** bearing trimethylsilyl ethynyl groups at 3,8-positions gave the corresponding vinyl

$$H_{3}C \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array}} = \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 1) \text{ 1M } (CH_{3})_{3}SiI \\ CH_{2}CI_{2} \\ \hline \\ 2) D_{2}O/H_{2}O \\ \text{ (each 10 eq)} \end{array}}_{\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array}} H_{3}C \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array}} H_{3}C \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array}} H_{3}C \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array}} H_{3}C \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array}} H_{3}C \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array}} H_{3}C \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array}} H_{3}C \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array}} H_{3}C \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c$$

Scheme 2. α -Vinyl iodation of **1** with a mixture of D_2O (10 equiv) and H_2O (10 equiv).

Scheme 3. α -Vinyl iodation of **2** with a mixture of D_2O (10 equiv) and H_2O (10 equiv).

20 in 70% yield. Both vinyl compounds **18** and **20** are solid materials, and likely to be more stable than liquids. For entry 13, the desired 2-(1-iodovinyl)biphenyl was observed in 57% yield, however the corresponding isomers that are 3-(1-iodovinyl)biphenyl and 4-(1-iodovinyl)biphenyl were too unstable to isolate. For entry 14, the reaction did not proceed²⁹ and the starting **22** was recovered in >90%. The influence of representative functional groups was also checked, however, 1-ethynyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene, 1-chloro-4-ethynylbenzene, 1-bromo-4-ethynylbenzene, and 2,5-bis((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)pyridine were not successful for the

Table 6 Evaluation of the reactivity of several alkynes for the α -vinyl iodation^a

Alkyne	Product	Yield ^b (%)
8	(1-Iodovinyl)benzene	78
9	1-(1-iodovinyl)-4-pentylbenzene	72
10	1-(1-Iodovinyl)-2-methoxybenzene	71
11	1-(1-Iodovinyl)-3-methoxybenzene	60
12	1-(1-Iodovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene	78
13	1,4-Bis(1-iodovinyl)benzene	45
14	1,4-Bis(1-iodovinyl)benzene	92
15	1,3-Bis(1-iodovinyl)benzene	93
16	1-(1-Iodovinyl)-3-methoxybenzene	71
16	1-(1-Iodovinyl)-3-methoxybenzene	68
17	18	82
19	20	70
21	2-(1-Iodovinyl)biphenyl	57 ⁱ
22	3-(1-Iodovinyl)benzenamine	0
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- a Reaction conditions: alkyne **1** (1 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL), 1 M (CH₃)₃Sil in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL), H₂O (20 mmol).
 - ^b Isolated yields, unless otherwise noted.
 - $^{c}\,$ The reactions were conducted at $-20\,^{\circ}\text{C}.$
 - d 3 mL of 1 M (CH₃)₃SiI in CH₂Cl₂ was used.
 - e 5 mmol (1.02 g) of the starting alkyne was used.
 - f The reactions were conducted at 0 °C.
 - ^g The reactions were conducted at room temperature.
 - h The starting alkyne was recovered in 39%.
 - ^j The starting alkyne was recovered in >90%.

Determined by ¹H NMR.

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Figure 1. Compounds 8-22.

hydroiodination. In addition, unfortunately, several attempts to transform alkyl-substituted terminal and internal alkynes did not give the corresponding α -vinyl iodides.³⁰

In summary, commercially available TMSI was found to convert trimethylsilyl ethynylarenes into (1-iodovinyl)arenes in one-step. Under the optimized reaction conditions, the reaction occurred quickly under routine conditions, and was readily amenable to scale up. Deuteration experiments suggest that the reaction pathway of α -vinyl iodation is different between **1** and **2**. This approach afforded a wide variety of new and potentially useful (1-iodovinyl)arenes. The synthetic utility of (1-iodovinyl)arenes is clear and we hope that our straightforward and versatile methodology finds widespread use in organic synthesis. Application and complete mechanistic elucidation are ongoing for further development of this reaction and will be reported in due course.

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- 21. The representative procedure for the α-vinyl iodation: To a solution of alkyne (1 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) at −78 °C was added appropriate amount of TMSI (1 M in CH₂Cl₂) dropwise over 8 min. After 15 min stirring, H₂O was added, and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C over 50 min, and followed by additional stirring for 10 min. The reaction was quenched at 0 °C with saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate, stirred for 30 min, and allowed to warm to ambient temperature. To the mixture was added CH₂Cl₂ and organic phases were washed with brine, and then dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to give a crude product. Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane containing 5 % v/v triethylamine) gave a desired (1-iodovinyl)arene. Analytcal Data for 10 in Table 6, entry 11; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.41 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.34–3.29 (m, 4H), 1.86–1.80 (m, 4H), 1.53–1.47 (m, 4H), 1.02–0.98 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 138.3, 137.8, 136.9, 131.7, 130.0, 129.6, 129.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 125.9, 125.82, 125.80, 125.2, 124.8, 123.2, 122.8, 104.0, 34.4, 34.2, 33.8, 33.7, 23.3, 23.2, 144. MS (FAB) m/z = 339 [M-I]*. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₇!: C, 66.96; H, 5.84. Found: C, 67.02; H, 5.65.
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