Palladium-catalyzed three-component coupling of arynes with allylic acetates or halides and terminal alkynes promoted by cuprous iodide

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Experimental section

General. All reactions were conducted under nitrogen atmosphere on a dual-manifold Schlenk line unless otherwise mentioned and in oven-dried glass wares. All solvents were dried according to known methods and distilled prior to use.¹ Starting materials substituted benzyne precursor $1a-e^2$ were synthesized according to the literature procedures. Other reagents were commercially available and used as purchased.

Optimization studies. Various monodentate and bidentate phosphine palladium complexes were examined in the presence of CuI (3.0 mol %). The reaction conditions are: 2-trimethylsilylphenyl triflate (**1a**), allyl acetate (**2a**) and 1-heptyne (**3a**) in the presence of a Pd complex (3 mol%), and CsF (3.0 equiv.) at 50 1C for 5 h. The results show that monodentate phosphine palladium complex PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ was active for the present reaction but gave **4a** in 60% yields. Pd(PPh₃)₄ gave **4a** in very high 95% yield. Bidentate phosphine complex Pd(dba)₂/dppe (3 mol %) was equally active affording **4a** in 93% yield. Other bidentate phosphine palladium complex Pd(dba)₂/dppe, dppp and dppb were less active affording **4a** in 45, 75 and 35% yields, respectively. The studies revealed that Pd(PPh₃)₄ and Pd(dba)₂/dppe are the most suitable catalysts for the present reaction.

In the presence of $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ and CuI, various allylating reagents were tested. Allyl acetate, allyl chloride and allyl bromide were equally active for the present reaction affording **4a** in 95, 92 and 94% yields, respectively. Allyl carbonate and allyl alcohol failed to give the expected three component coupling products. The result for allyl carbonate is surprising, since this reagent is generally more reactive than allyl acetate. On the basis of these optimization studies, we chose $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ as the catalyst, CuI as promoter and CH₃CN as solvent for this palladium-catalyzed three-component coupling reaction.

General procedure for the coupling reaction of benzynes with allylic acetates or

halides and terminal alkynes. A sealed tube containing $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (0.030 mmol, 3.0 mol %), CuI (0.030 mmol, 3.0 mol %) and CsF (3.00 mmol) was evacuated and purged with nitrogen gas three times. Freshly distilled CH₃CN (3.0 mL), benzyne precursor **1** (1.00 mmol), allyl acetate or hailde **2** (1.30 mmol) and terminal alkyne **3** (1.1 mmol) were sequentially added to the system and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 5 h. The mixture was filtered through a short Celite pad and washed with dichloromethane several times. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified on a silica gel column using hexanes-ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the substituted 1-allyl-2-alkynylbenzene derivative **4**.

Spectral data and copies of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of all compounds are listed below.

1-Allyl-2-(hept-1-ynyl)benzene (4a).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 - 7.12 (m, 3 H), 6.03 – 5.96 (m, 1 H), 5.12 - 5.05 (m, 2 H), 3.56 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.42 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.62 – 1.58 (m, 2 H), 1.52 – 1.40 (m, 2 H), 1.38 -1.27 (m, 2 H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.7, 136.8, 132.1, 128.6, 127.6, 125.9, 115.6, 94.4, 79.1, 38.7, 31.1, 28.5, 22.2, 19.5, 13.9; HRMS: calcd for C₁₆H₂₀ 212.1565, found 212.1560.

1-(Hept-1-ynyl)-2-(2-methylallyl)benzene (4b).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 - 7.12 (m, 3 H), 4.80 (s, 1 H), 4.65 (s, 1 H), 3.50 (s, 2 H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.70 (s, 3 H), 1.63 - 1.57 (m, 2 H), 1.46 - 1.32 (m, 4 H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125)

MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.8, 141.4, 132.1, 128.9, 127.5, 125.9, 124.0, 111.7, 94.0, 79.3, 42.4, 31.1, 28.5, 22.3, 22.2, 19.5, 13.9; HRMS: calcd for C₁₇H₂₂ 226.1722, found 226.1725.

1-((*E*)-But-2-enyl)-4,5-dimethyl-2-(2-phenylethynyl)benzene (4c) and

1-(But-3-en-2-yl)-4,5-dimethyl-2-(2-phenylethynyl)benzene (4d).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 - 7.24 (m, 4 H), 7.02 (s, 1 H), 6.16 – 6.07 (m, 1 H), 5.70 – 5.57 (m, 2 H), 5.20 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.10 – 4.05 (m, 1 H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 2.29 (s, 3 H), 1.75 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.6, 140.4, 137.4, 134.1, 133.3, 133.1, 129.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 126.2, 123.8, 119.7, 113.1, 92.2, 88.5, 40.1, 37.3, 19.9, 19.8, 19.1, 17.9; HRMS: calcd for C₂₀H₂₀ 260.1565, found 260.1570.

1-Cinnamyl-2-(hept-1-ynyl)benzene (4e).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 - 7.25 (m, 2 H), 7.20 - 7.18 (m, 2 H), 7.17 - 7.04 (m, 4 H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.32 - 6.27 (m, 1 H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.57 - 1.53 (m, 2 H), 1.43 - 1.34 (m, 2 H), 1.30 - 1.25 (m, 2 H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.8, 137.6, 132.2, 130.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.0, 126.1, 126.0, 123.6, 94.6, 79.1, 37.9, 31.1, 28.5, 22.2, 19.5, 13.9; HRMS: calcd for C₂₂H₂₄ 288.1878, found 288.1879.

1-Cinnamyl-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (4f).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 - 7.22 (m, 14 H), 6.56 – 6.39 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.3, 137.4, 136.6, 132.1, 131.0, 130.0, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 127.1, 126.1, 126.7, 125.7, 92.9, 79.1, 36.6; HRMS: calcd for C₂₃H₁₈ 294.1409, found 294.1413.

1-Allyl-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (4g).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 3 H), 7.41 - 7.27 (m, 6 H), 6.19 – 6.02 (m, 1 H), 5.21 - 5.07 (m, 2 H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.9, 136.5, 132.2, 131.5, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.1, 123.4, 122.7, 116.0, 93.3, 88.0, 38.8; HRMS: calcd for C₁₇H₁₄ 218.1096, found 218.1097.

2-((2-Allylphenyl)ethynyl)pyridine (4h).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.59 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.64 – 7.62 (m, 1 H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 3 H), 6.09 – 6.00 (m, 1 H), 5.12 - 5.06 (m, 2 H), 3.70 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.0, 143.5, 142.5, 136.3, 136.1, 132.7, 129.2, 128.8, 127.1, 126.1, 122.6, 121.6, 116.2, 92.4, 87.8, 38.7; HRMS: calcd for C₁₆H₁₃N 219.1048, found 219.1049.

1-Allyl-2-(3-methoxyprop-1-ynyl)benzene (4i).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7. 43 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1 H)), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 3 H), 5.99-5.95 (m, 1 H), 5.09 – 5.05 (m, 2 H), 4.35 (s, 2 H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.45 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.0, 136.4, 132.4, 128.6, 128.2, 126.0, 122.1, 116.0, 88.8, 84.9, 60.4, 57.7, 38.6; HRMS: calcd for C₁₃H₁₄O 186.1045, found 186.1047.

Methyl 6-(2-allylphenyl)hex-5-ynoate (4j).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 3 H), 6.01-5.97 (m, 1 H), 5.07 – 5.00 (m, 2 H), 3.67 (s, 3 H), 3.51 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.51 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4 H), 1.96 – 1.89 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.9, 141.7, 136.6, 131.5, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 125.9, 115.7, 92.7, 79.9, 51.4, 38.6, 32.8, 24.0, 19.0; HRMS: calcd for C₁₆H₁₈O₂ 242.1307, found 242.1310.

 $1-Allyl-2-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-ynyl)-4,5-dimethylbenzene \ (4k).$



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.16 (s, 1 H), 6.93 (s, 1 H), 6.03-5.95 (m, 1 H), 5.12 – 5.03 (m, 2 H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.22 (s, 3 H), 2.18 (s, 3 H), 1.33 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.0, 137.2, 136.3, 134.0, 132.3, 129.8, 120.5, 115.3, 101.4, 77.6, 38.4, 31.1, 28.1, 19.6, 18.9; HRMS: calcd for C₁₇H₂₂ 226.1722, found 226.1723.

3-(2-Allylphenyl)prop-2-ynyl acrylate (4l).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1 H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 2 H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.18 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.00 – 5.96 (m, 1 H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.15 – 4.99 (m, 2 H), 5.01 (s, 2 H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.4, 142.4, 136.3, 132.5, 131.8, 128.9, 128.2, 127.7, 125.9, 121.5, 116.0, 86.5, 85.1, 52.9, 38.6; HRMS: calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O₂ 226.0994, found 226.0995.

Allyl 6-(2-allylphenyl)hex-5-ynoate (4m).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 – 7.12 (m, 3 H), 5.99 – 5.89 (m, 2 H), 5.32 – 5.21 (m, 2 H), 5.06 – 5.03 (m, 2 H), 4.58 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.54 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.55 – 2.47 (m, 4 H), 1.95 – 1.92 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.8, 141.7, 136.7, 132.2, 131.5, 128.2, 127.9, 125.9, 123.2, 118.2, 115.8, 92.7, 79.9, 65.1, 38.7, 32.8, 23.9, 19.0; HRMS: calcd for C₁₈H₂₀O₂ 268.1463, found 268.1465.

N-Allyl-*N*-(4-(2-allylphenyl)but-3-ynyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4n).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (600MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 – 7.10 (m, 3 H), 5.99 - 5.91 (m, 1 H), 5.68 - 5.66 (m, 1 H), 5.21 - 5.15 (m, 2 H), 5.05 – 5.02 (m, 2 H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H),

2.14 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.3, 141.7, 136.9, 136.5, 133.0, 132.2, 129.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.1, 125.9, 122.7, 119.2, 115.9, 90.3, 80.7, 51.2, 46.2, 38.6, 21.5, 20.3; HRMS: calcd for C₂₃H₂₅NO₂S 379.1606, found 379.1609.

4-(2-Allylphenyl)but-3-yn-1-ol (4o).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 3 H), 6.01-5.93 (m, 1 H), 5.08 – 5.02 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.53 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.97 (bs, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.7, 136.6, 132.2, 128.8, 128.2, 126.0, 122.8, 115.9, 90.2, 81.1, 61.2, 38.7, 23.9; HRMS: calcd for C₁₃H₁₄O 186.1045, found 186.1050.

5-(2-Allylphenyl)pent-4-yn-1-ol (4p).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 – 7.11 (m, 3 H), 6.02-5.96 (m, 1 H), 5.10 – 5.08 (m, 2 H), 3.78 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.54 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.63 (bs, 1 H), 2.55 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.88 – 1.81 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.6, 136.6, 132.1, 128.5, 127.7, 125.8, 122.6, 115.7, 93.2, 79.5, 61.4, 38.6, 31.4, 15.9; HRMS: calcd for C₁₄H₁₆O 200.1201, found 200.1202.

1-Allyl-2-(3-methylbut-3-en-1-ynyl)benzene (4q).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 - 7.13 (m, 3 H), 6.00 - 5.94 (m, 1 H), 5.37 (s, 1 H), 5.28 (s, 1 H), 5.07 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.55

(d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.98 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.3, 136.6, 132.1, 128.7, 128.4, 126.9, 126.0, 122.7, 121.6, 115.9, 94.5, 87.0, 38.8, 23.4; HRMS: calcd for C₁₄H₁₄ 182.1096, found 182.1099.

1-Allyl-2-(cyclohexenylethynyl)-4,5-dimethylbenzene (4r).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.18 (s, 1 H), 6.94 (s, 1 H), 6.19 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.97 – 5.94 (m, 1 H), 5.05 – 5.02 (m, 2 H), 3.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.14 – 2.10 (m, 4 H), 2.13 (s, 3 H), 2.11 (s, 3 H), 1.69 – 1.58 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.0, 137.1, 136.7, 134.3, 134.2, 132.9, 128.0, 121.0, 120.3, 115.4, 94.2, 85.6, 38.4, 29.3, 25.7, 22.4, 21.5, 19.7, 19.0; HRMS: calcd for C₁₉H₂₂ 250.1722, found 250.1720.

1-Allyl-2-(hept-1-ynyl)-4,5-dimethylbenzene (4s).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.18 (s, 1 H), 6.95 (s, 1 H), 6.01 – 5.97 (m, 1 H), 5.10 – 5.04 (m, 2 H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.22 (s, 3 H), 2.19 (s, 3 H), 1.64 – 1.59 (m, 2 H), 1.48 – 1.35 (m, 4 H), 0.9 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.0, 137.2, 136.3, 134.1, 133.1, 129.9, 120.7, 115.3, 93.1, 79.2, 38.3, 36.1, 28.6, 22.2, 19.6, 19.5, 19.0, 14.0; HRMS: calcd for C₁₈H₂₄ 240.1878, found 240.1881.

5-Allyl-6-(hept-1-ynyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (4t).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.24 (s, 1 H), 7.03 (s, 1 H), 6.00 – 5.95 (m, 1 H), 5.08 – 5.01 (m, 2 H), 3.50 (d, *J* = 6.6, 2 H), 2.85 – 2.81 (m, 4 H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.03 – 2.01 (m, 2 H), 1.61 – 1.58 (m, 2 H), 1.44 – 1.34 (m, 4 H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.3, 141.9, 139.7, 137.4, 127.8, 124.5, 121.1, 115.3, 93.1, 79.6, 38.7, 32.8, 32.3, 31.1, 28.0, 25.4, 22.2, 19.5, 13.9; HRMS: calcd for C₁₉H₂₄ 252.1878, found 252.1880.

5-(6-Allylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)pent-4-yn-1-ol (4u).



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.80 (s, 1 H), 6.64 (s, 1 H), 5.93 – 5.88 (m, 1 H), 5.90 (s, 2 H), 5.05 – 5.02 (m, 2 H), 3.79 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.86 – 1.81 (m, 2 H), 1.56 (bs, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.5, 145.6, 136.8, 136.5, 115.8, 111.6, 109.0, 101.1, 91.6, 79.6, 61.8, 38.5, 31.5, 16.1; HRMS: calcd for C₁₅H₁₆O₃ 244.1099, found 244.1098.

1-Allyl-2-(hept-1-ynyl)-4-methylbenzene (4v) and

2-allyl-1-(hept-1-ynyl)-4-methylbenzene (4v').



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 2 H), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 4 H), 6.07 – 5.95 (m, 2 H), 5.17 – 5.01 (m, 4 H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4 H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4 H), 2.23 (s, 3 H), 2.21 (s, 3 H), 1.64 – 1.62 (m, 4 H), 1.46 – 1.42 (m, 4 H), 1.39 – 1.31 (m, 4 H), 0.94 – 0.89 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.5, 138.7, 137.5, 137.1, 136.9, 135.4, 132.6, 131.9, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 126.9, 126.7, 115.5, 115.4, 93.9, 93.5, 77.5, 77.3, 38.7, 38.3, 31.1, 30.9, 28.6, 28.0, 22.2, 22.1, 21.3, 20.7, 19.5, 19.1, 14.0, 13.9; HRMS: calcd for C₁₇H₂₂ 226.1722, found 226.1725.

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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4a**.



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4b**.



¹H NMR spectrum of compounds **4c** and **4d**.







¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4e**.





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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4h**.



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4i**.



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4j**.



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 1 H and 13 C NMR spectra of compound **4k**.



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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4m**.



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4n**.







¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4p**.



1 H and 13 C NMR spectra of compound **4q**.



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4r**.



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4s**.



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4t**.



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **4u**.



¹H NMR spectrum of compounds **4v** and **4v**'.

