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A [2+2+2] cycloaddition of alkynes catalyzed by a transition-metal complex is useful for the construction of

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various aromatic rings. In recent years, arynes (e.g. benzyne) have been utilized as a substrate in the [2+2+2] cycloaddition, and we have already reported a novel method for the synthesis of biaryls via Pd(0)-catalyzed [2+2+2] cycloaddition of diynes and arynes. The reactivity of hetarynes, the analogues of arynes containing a hetero atom, has also received much attention, and Diels-Alder reactions of dienes with 2,3-pyridynes or with

- 3,4-pyridines have been already reported. However, the reactivity of hetarynes toward [2+2+2] cycloaddition has not been examined so far. Herein we report the first example of [2+2+2] cycloaddition of diynes and 3,4-pyridynes.³
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