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Room temperature Stille cross-coupling reaction of unreactive aryl chlorides and heteroaryl chlorides

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1. General

Tributyl(p-toly)stannane and tributyl(o-toly)stannane were prepared following literature procedures.¹ All other reagents were used as received from commercial source. All manipulations were conducted under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen. ¹H, ¹³C NMR and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity Inova (400 MHz) NMR spectrometer, Bruker AM 400 (400 MHz) and FT AM 300 (300MHz), respectively. Chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to the appropriate solvent peak or 0.0 ppm for tetramethylsilane. ³¹P NMR spectra were referenced to external PPh₃ (0 ppm relative to free PPh₃). Elemental analyses (EA) were carried out using EA-110 (Thermo Finnigan, Italia). GC/GC-MS analyses were performed on an Agilent 6890N GC coupled to an Agilent 5975 Network Mass Selective Detector. The diffraction data for a single crystal of 2b were collected with a Bruker CCD diffractometer with Mo-Ka ($\lambda = 0.71073$) radiation by employing a 2 kW sealed tube X-ray source operating at 1.6 kW. The reflections were successfully indexed by using an automated indexing routine built into the SMART program. The CCD data were integrated and scaled using the Bruker SAINT program, and the structure was solved and refined by using XPREP and SHELX-97. CCDC-608595 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

2. General Procedure for the Synthesis of β-ketoimines 1



2,4-Pentanedione (11.0 mmol) and primary amines (10.0 mmol) were placed in a 10 mL glass tube. The vessel was sealed with a septum and placed into the microwave cavity. The reaction temperature was raised from r.t. to 130 °C under microwave irradiation of 150 W. The power was maintained for 5 min. After allowing the mixture to cool to r.t., the reaction mixture was vacuumed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; hexane-ethyl acetate, 4:1) to give β -ketoimine **1** as a liquid.



light yellow liquid (2.11 g, 96%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.11 (br s, 1 H), 7.23 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.91 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.99 (s, 1 H), 4.41 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 2.00 (s, 3 H), 1.92 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.4, 162.7, 156.6, 128.4, 127.6, 126.0, 120.3, 110.0, 95.3, 55.1, 42.1, 28.7, 18.6; Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NO₂ (219.28): C, 71.21; H, 7.81; N, 6.39. Found: C, 71.02; H, 7.54; N, 6.58.



light yellow liquid (1.68 g, 98%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.833 (br s), 4.96 (s, 1 H), 3.45 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.35 (s, 3 H), 3.32 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.00 (s, 3 H), 1.93 (s, 3 H), 1.83 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.6, 162.4, 94.5, 68.7, 58.0, 39.2, 29.7, 28.1, 18.1; Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₇NO₂ (171.24): C, 63.13; H, 10.01; N, 8.18. Found: C, 63.41; H, 10.18; N, 8.21.



light yellow liquid (1.34 g, 95%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.94 (br s, 1 H), 4.94 (s, 1 H), 3.20 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.97 (s, 3 H), 1.91 (s, 3 H), 1.61 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2 H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.4, 162.2, 94.2, 44.0, 28.0, 22.8, 18.1, 10.7; Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₅NO (141.21): C, 68.04; H, 10.71; N, 9.02. Found: C, 68.17; H, 10.79; N, 9.32.

3. General Procedure for the Synthesis of phosphanyl-β-ketoiminate Pd 2



Solution of EtOTI (0.3 g, 1.2 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise at r.t. to a solution of β -ketoimine **1** (1.0 mmol) in THF (10 mL). After being stirred at r.t. for 1 h, a solution of Pd₂ (μ -Cl)₂Me₂ (PPh₃)₂ or Pd₂ (μ -Cl)₂Me₂ (PEt₃)₂²(0.6 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise to the mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 h. The mixture was then filtered through celite on a frit. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was washed with hexane (30 mL). Removal of the solvent gave Pd complex **2**.



light brown solid (0.38 g, 83%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (m, 2 H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.90 (s, 1 H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 2.03 (s, 3 H), 1.85 (s, 3 H), 1.70 (m, 6 H), 1.20 (m, 9H), -0.28 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.3, 166.2, 156.2, 128.7, 127.4, 127.0, 120.6, 109.6, 98.2, 58.0, 55.4, 49.8, 27.4,

21.4, 19.3, 18.9, 18.4, 2.4; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.11; Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₃₄NO₂PPd (457.88): C, 52.46; H, 7.48; N, 3.06. Found: C, 52.44; H, 7.31; N, 3.19.



light brown solid (0.45 g, 75%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59-7.17 (m, 17 H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.83 (s, 1 H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 1.89 (s, 3 H), 1.61 (s, 3 H), -0.08 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.0, 166.7, 156.0, 134.9, 134.8, 131.4, 131.0, 129.9, 129.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.1, 126.6, 120.3, 109.2, 97.6, 55.2, 49.0, 26.4, 23.3, 23.2, -0.8; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 44.31; Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₃₄NO₂PPd (602.01): C, 63.84; H, 5.69; N, 2.33. Found: C, 63.74; H, 5.53; N, 2.10.



light brown solid (0.33 g, 80 %). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.77 (s, 1H), 3.67 (t, J = 6.0, 2H), 3.37 (t, J = 6.0, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.90 (t, J = 7.2, 2H), 1.71 (m, 6 H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.15 (m, 9H), 0.090 (d, J = 3.6, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176,6 164.6, 130.5, 96.3, 70.7, 57.8, 54.9, 53.7, 32.16, 26.8, 23.8, 21.1, 19.8, 8.9, 8.4, 3.2; ³¹P-NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.77; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₆H₃₄NO₂PPd (409.84) C, 46.89; H, 8.36; N, 3.42; Found C, 46.82; H, 8.06; N, 3.22.



brown solid (0.31 g, 81%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.70 (s, 1 H), 3.38 (m, 2 H), 1.96 (s, 3 H), 1.82 (s, 3 H), 1.73 (m, 6 H), 1.52 (s, 3 H), 1.15 (m, 11H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 3 H), 0.09 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.8, 165.0, 96.9, 55.4, 50.1, 28.3, 26.7, 22.6, 19.4, 15.4, 13.3, 8.1, 1.8; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.04. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₃₅NOPPd (382.84): C, 47.06; H, 9.21; N, 3.66. Found: C, 47.23; H, 9.71; N, 3.42.

4. General Procedure for the Stille coupling reaction

The reaction was carried out by using a glass vial equipped with a Teflon screw cap. Aryl chloride (1.0 mmol), organostannane (1.1 mmol), CsF (2.0 mmol), and a catalytic amount of Pd complex **2** were mixed in THF (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature and monitored by GC/GC-MS. GC/GC-MS analyses were performed on an Agilent 6890N GC (He carrier gas, HP-5MS column, 30 m \times 0.25 m \times 0.25 µm) coupled to an Agilent 5975 Network Mass Selective Detector. The GC yield was determined using *n*-dodecane as an internal standard and based on the amount of aryl chloride employed. The reaction mixture was diluted with ether (5 mL) or acetone (5 mL), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by short column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product. The filtered catalyst was reused without further purification.

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6. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of the coupling products

4-Methylbiphenyl



4-Cyanobiphenyl







Biphenyl



S8

4-Methoxybiphenyl



4-Phenylphenol



2-Methylbiphenyl



2-Aminobiphenyl



1-Phenylnaphthalene



9-Phenylanthracene





4, 4-Dimethylbiphenyl



2, 2-Dimethylbiphenyl





3-Phenylpyridine





4-Phenylpyridine



6-Methyl-2-phenylpyridine



4-Phenylpyrimidine



S21

2-Phenylquinoline



S22

2-Phenylthiophene



3-Phenylthiophene



S24

5-Phenylthiophene-2-caboxaldehyde



S25

2-(p-tolyl)pyridine

