

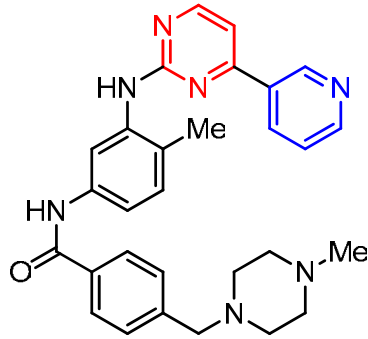
# Palladium-catalysed heterocycle synthesis

Michael Greaney

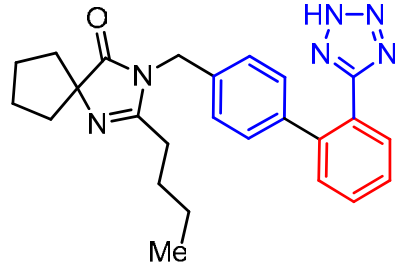


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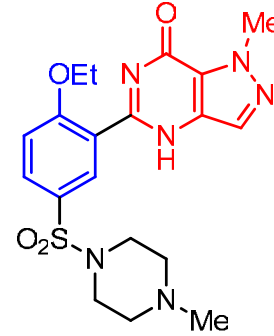
# Bi(hetero)aryl drugs



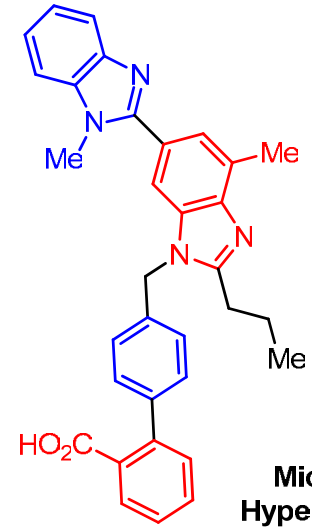
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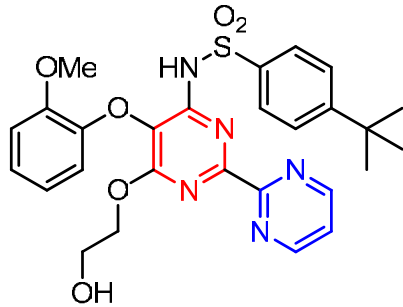
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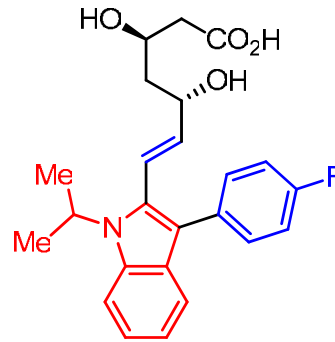
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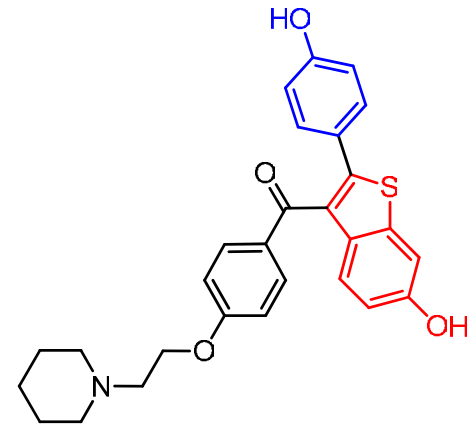
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**Tracleer**  
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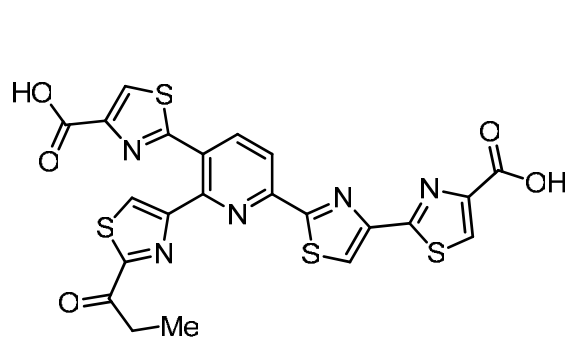


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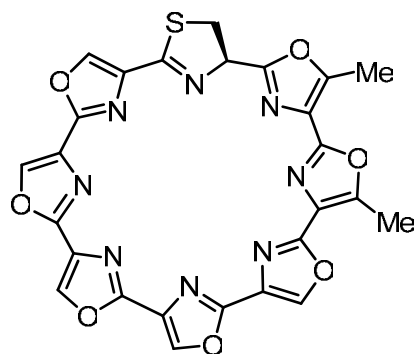


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Osteoporosis

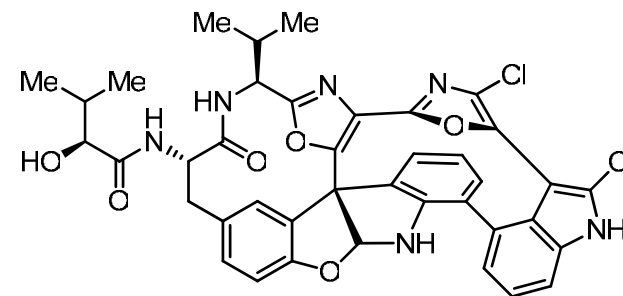
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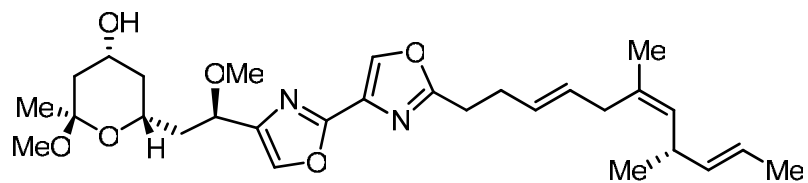
**Micrococcinic acid**



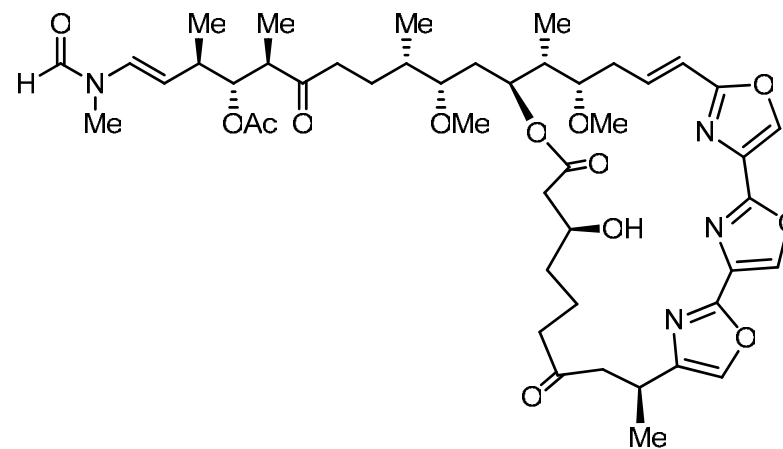
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**Diazonamide A**

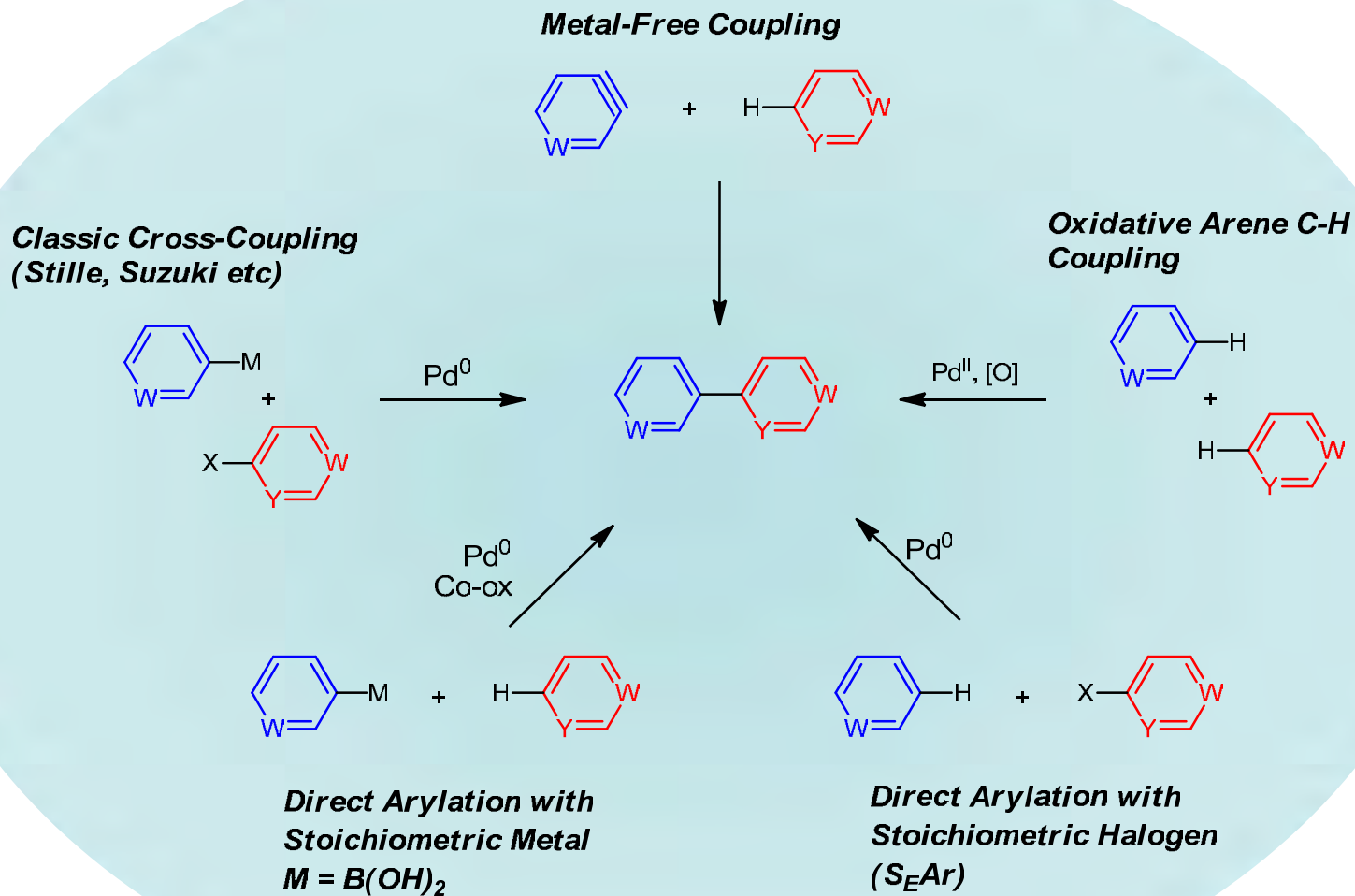


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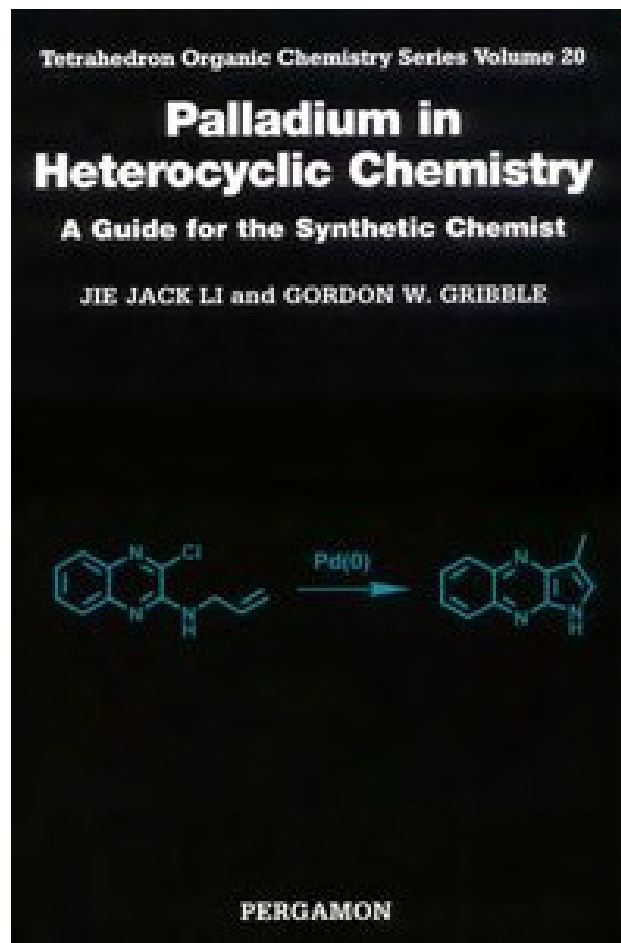


**Ulapualide A**

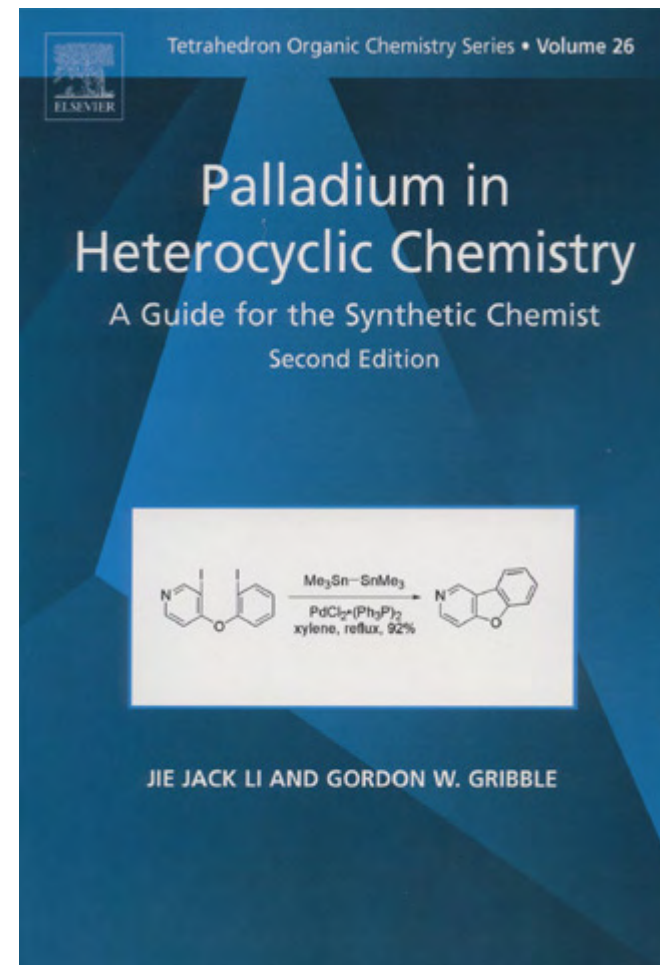
# sp<sup>2</sup> – sp<sup>2</sup> Coupling



# Texts

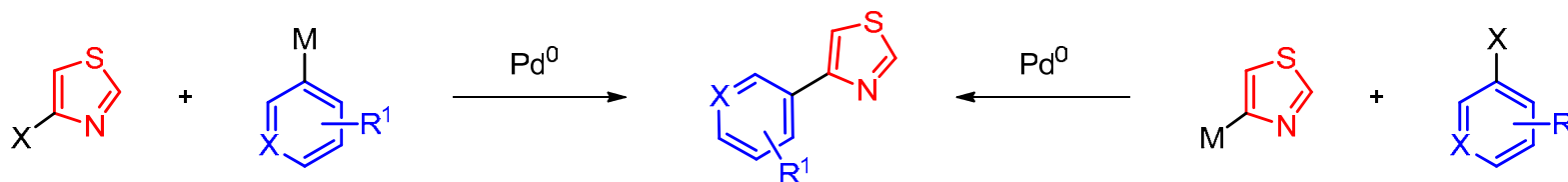


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# Heteroaryl Cross Couplings: Challenges

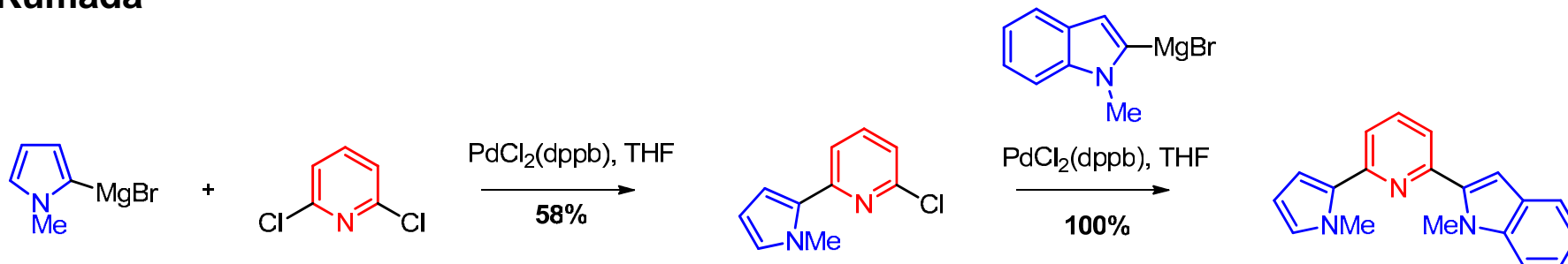


X = Cl, Br, I, OTf, OP(OR)<sub>2</sub>  
M = B(OH)<sub>2</sub>, SnR<sub>3</sub>, ZnCl *etc*

- Few heteroaryl halides commercially available, regioselective synthesis can be difficult
- Few metallated coupling partners commercially available, synthesis can be difficult (stability problems)
- Difficulties exacerbated for Het-Het coupling
- Fundamental difficulties associated with transition metal catalysed coupling of multi-heteroatom containing substrates

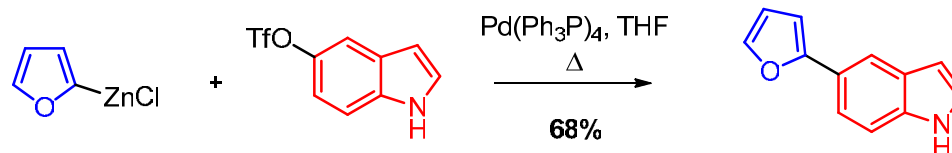
# Heteroaryl Cross Couplings

## Kumada



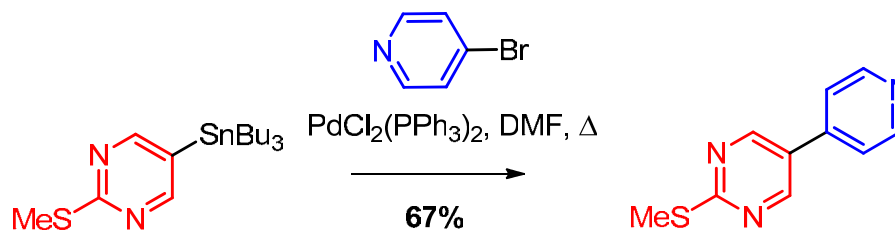
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## Negishi



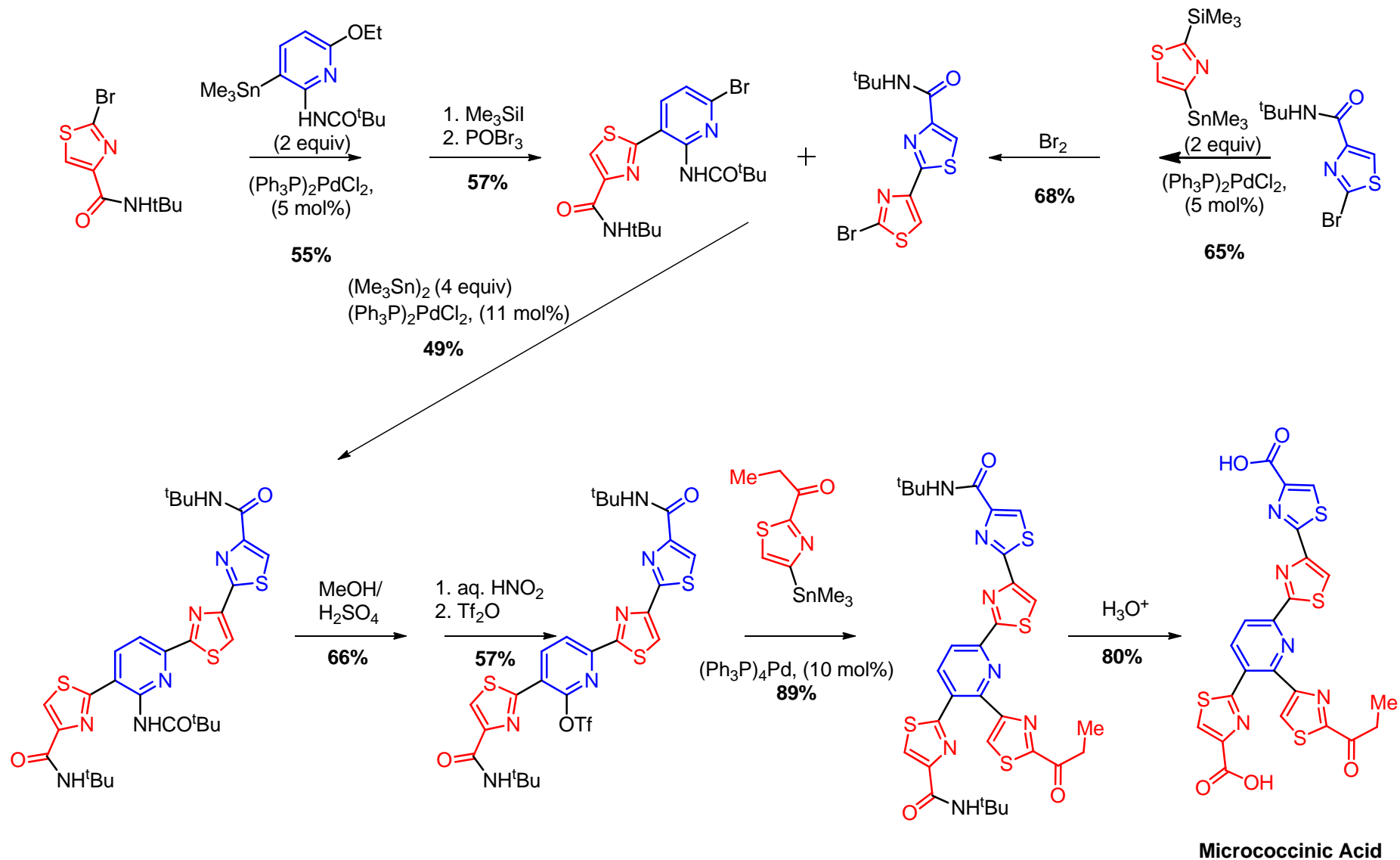
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## Stille



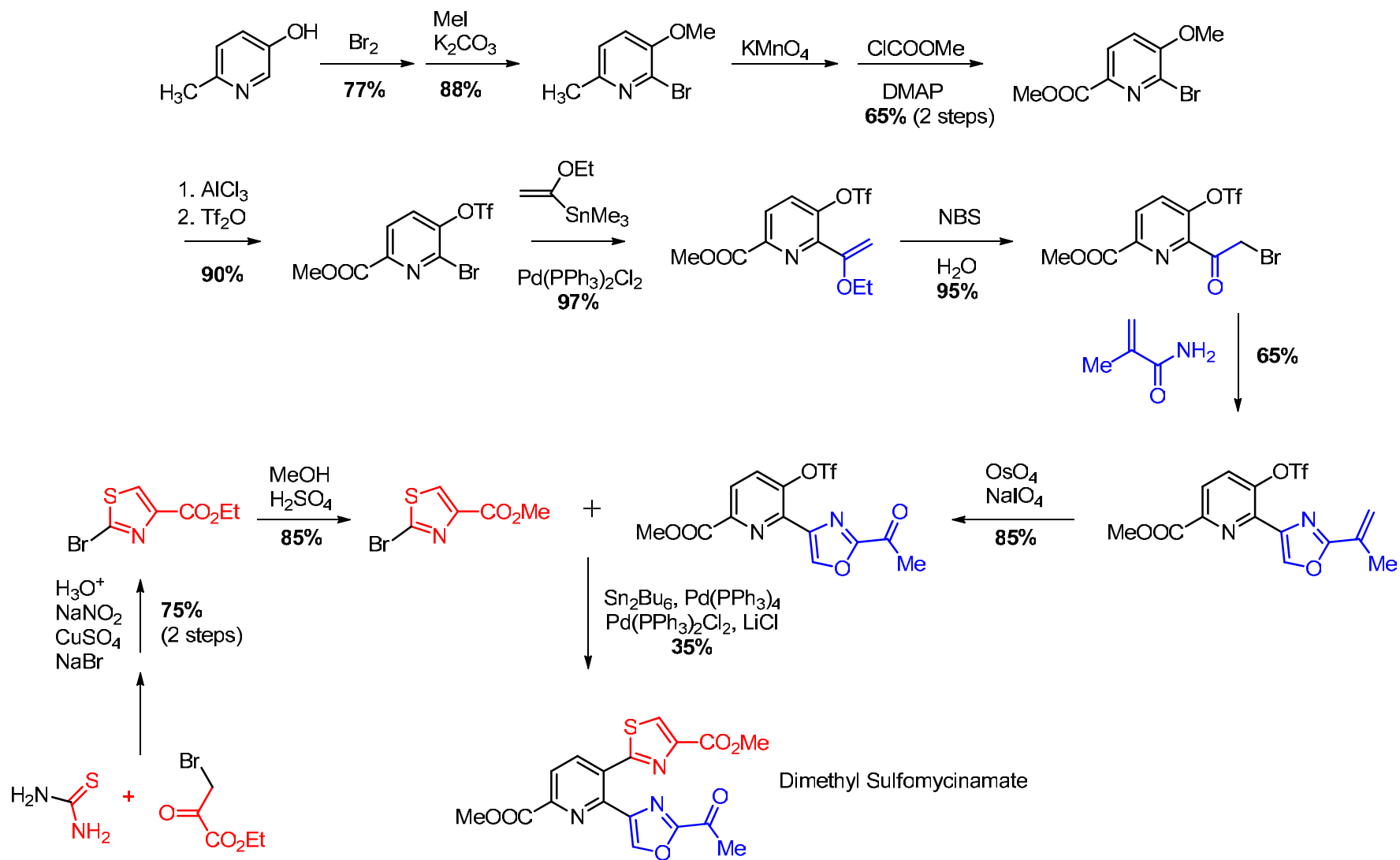
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# Kelly's Synthesis of Micrococinic Acid



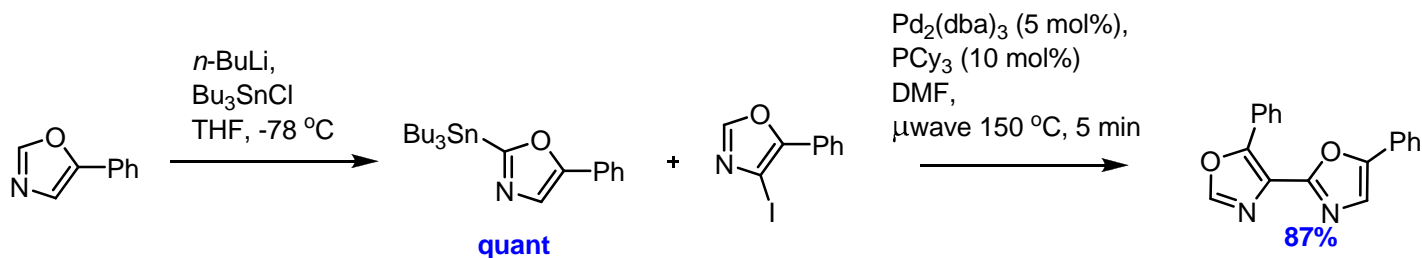
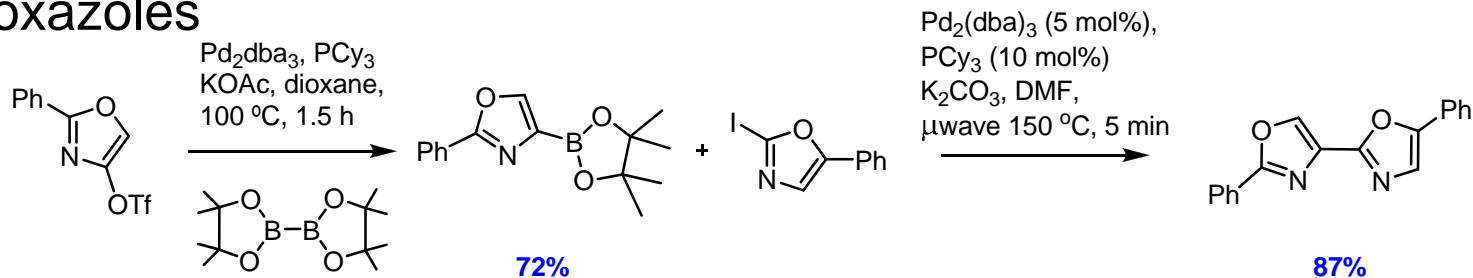


# Kelly's Synthesis of Dimethyl Sulfomycinamate

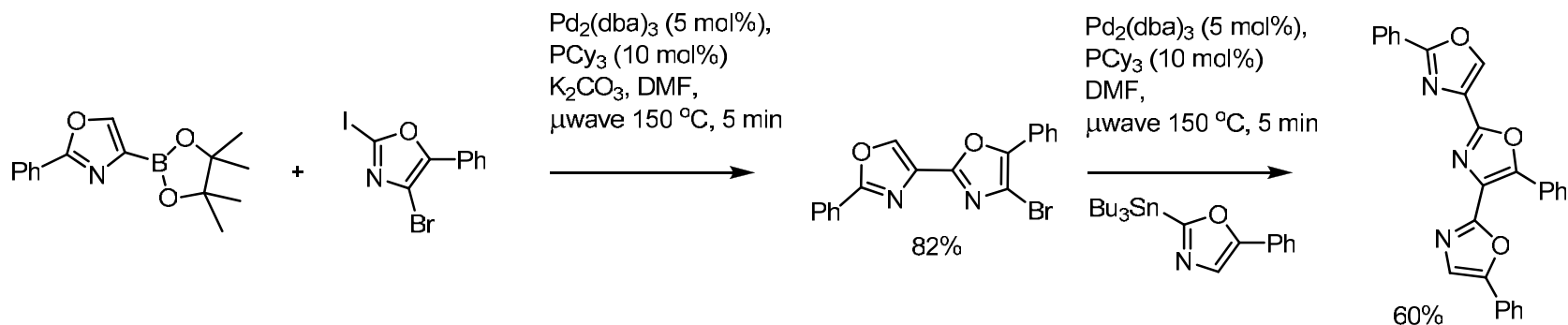


# Heteroaryl Suzuki Cross Couplings

## 2-4-Dioxazoles



## Tris-oxazoles

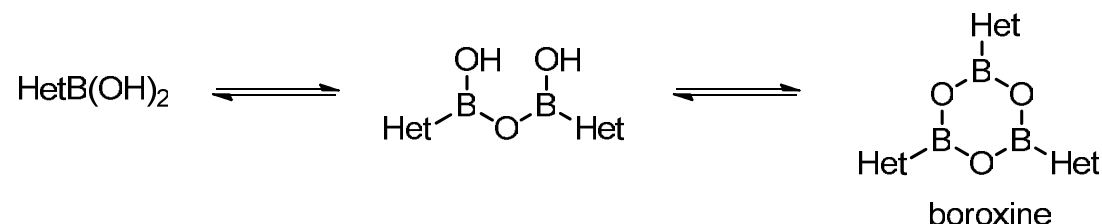


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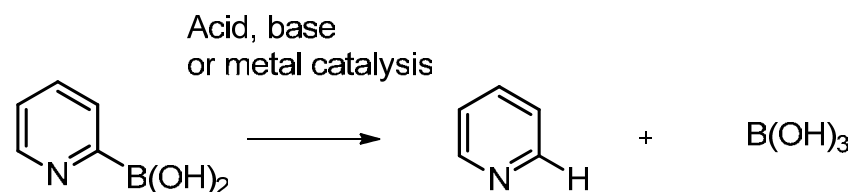
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# Heteroarylboronic acids

- Boronic acids exist as equilibrium mixtures of monomers, dimers and trimers. Can be waxy solids that are difficult to purify.

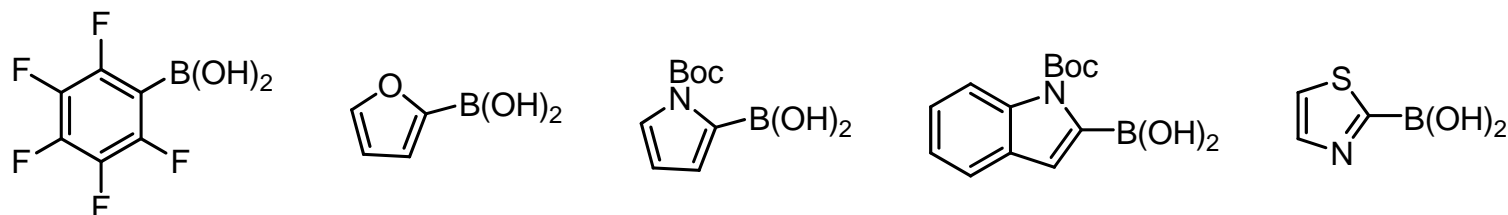


- Protodeboronation is a significant problem for electron deficient boronic acids. Occurs both in storage and in Suzuki coupling reactions (protic solvents).



- *Virtually every study focusing on heteroarylboronic acid coupling employs excess organoboron reagent (as high as 250%) to achieve satisfactory yields.*

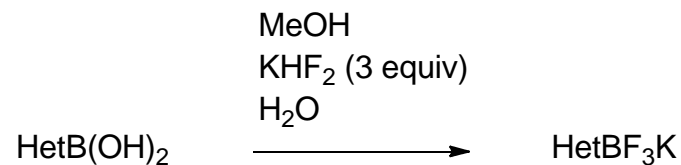
**Classic protodeboronation substrates**



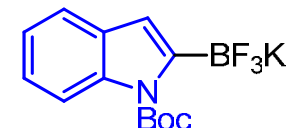
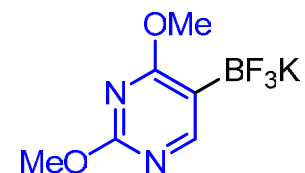
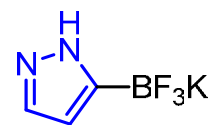
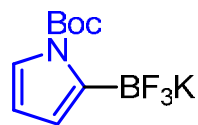
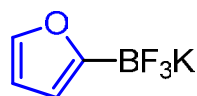
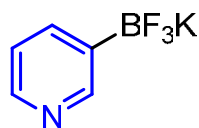
**Protodeboronation mechanism:** Kuivila, H. G.; Reuwer, J. F.; Mangravite, J. A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1964**, 86, 2666.

# Potassium trifluoroborates

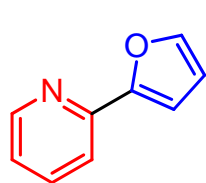
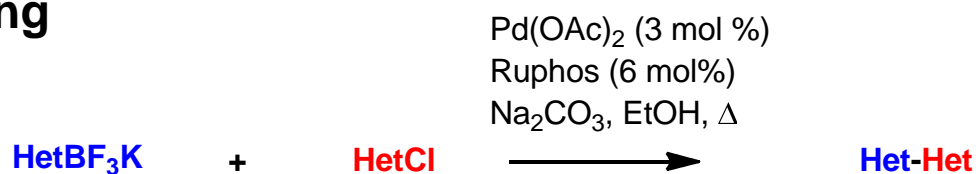
## Synthesis



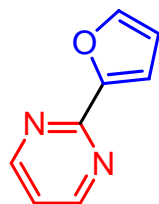
- Usually crystalline, air and moisture stable.
- Relatively resistant to protodeboration



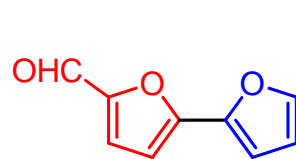
## Suzuki Coupling



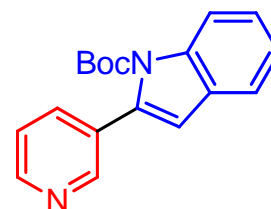
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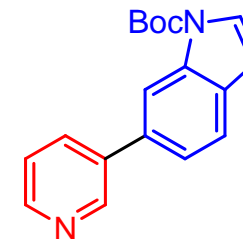
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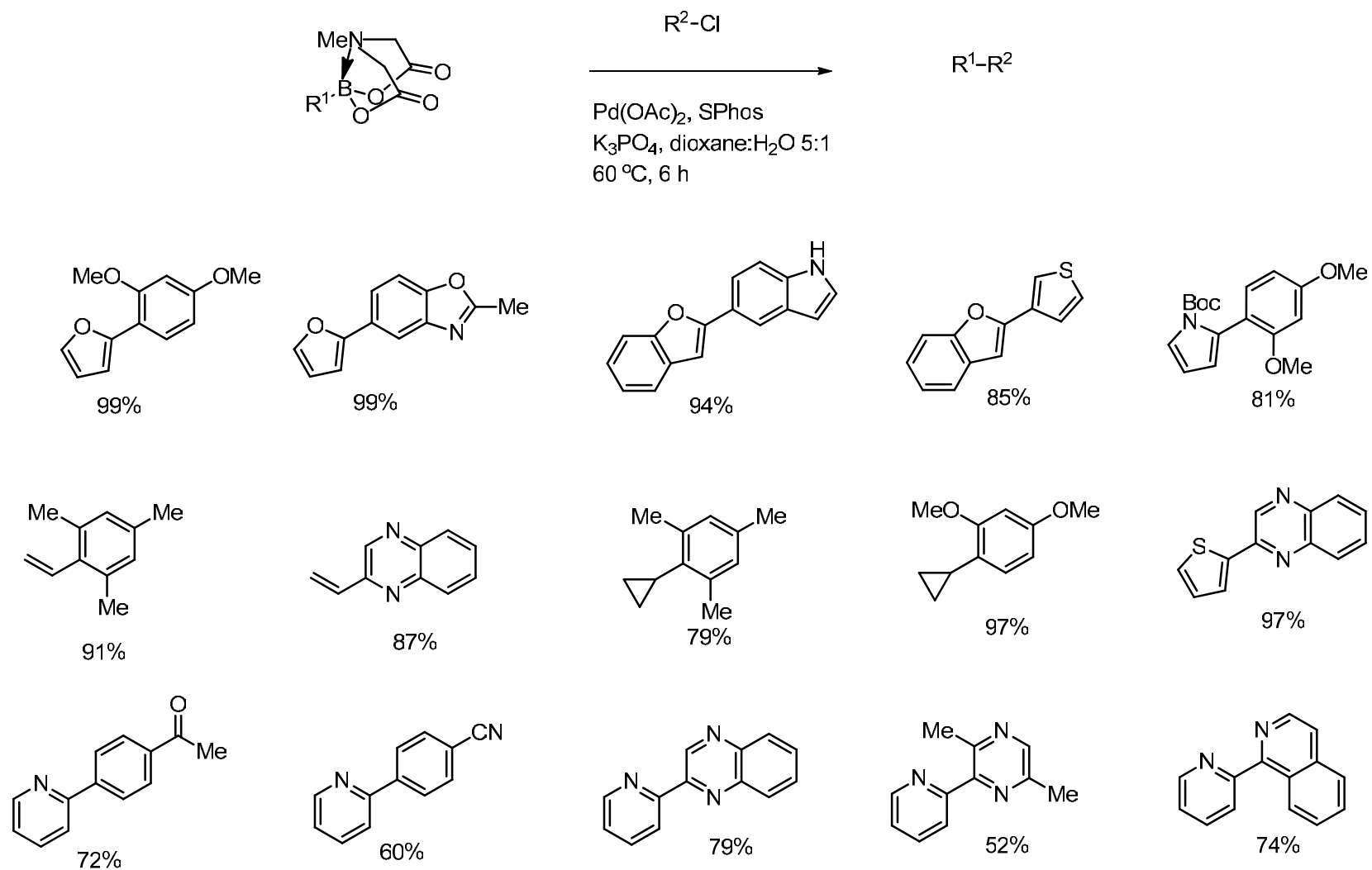
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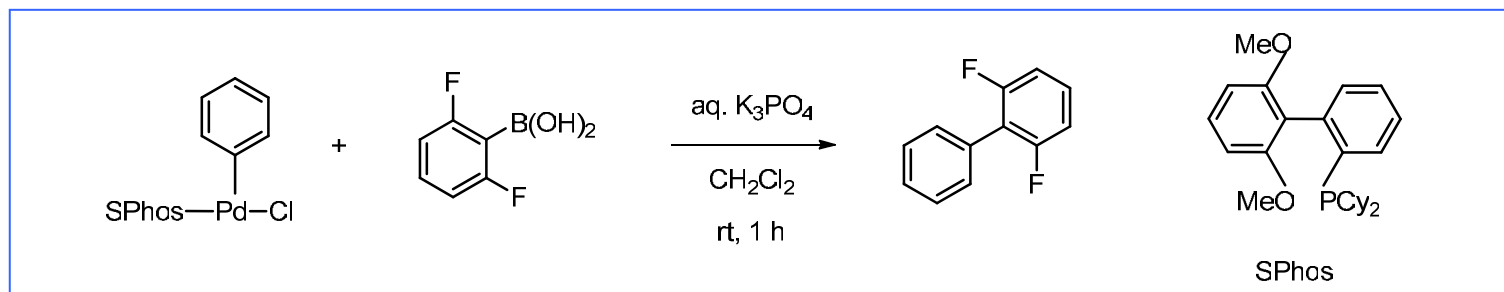
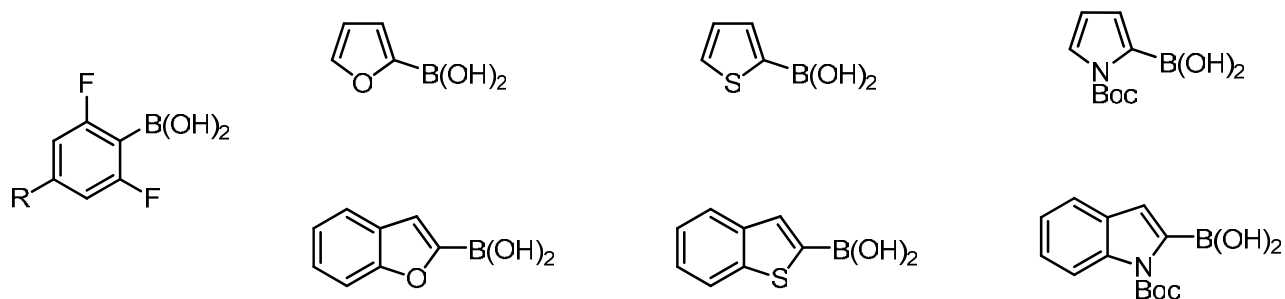


# Cross coupling using air-stable MIDA boronates

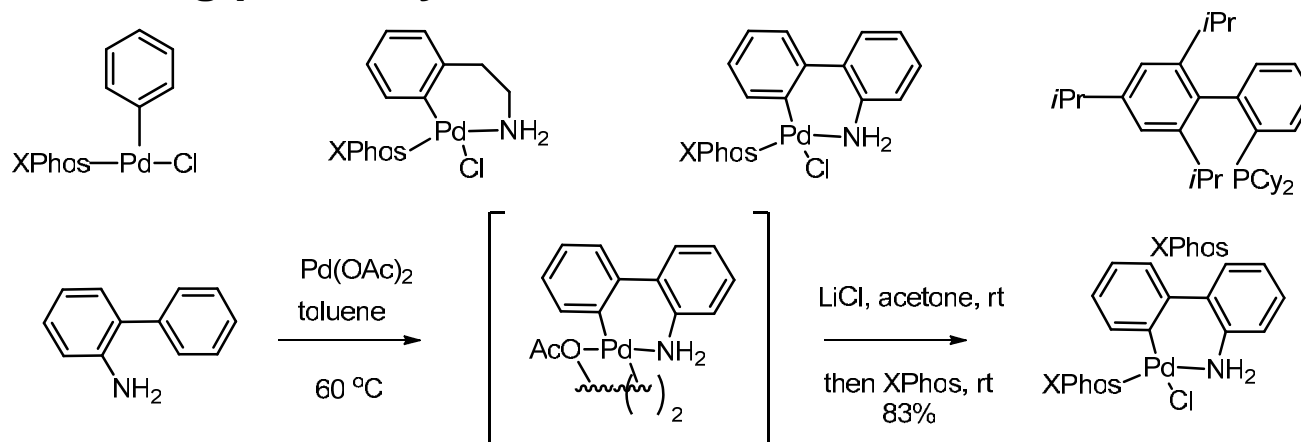


# Pd precatalysts for Suzuki coupling of unstable boronic acids

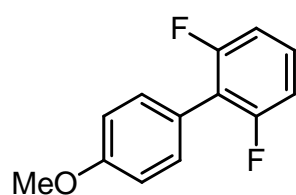
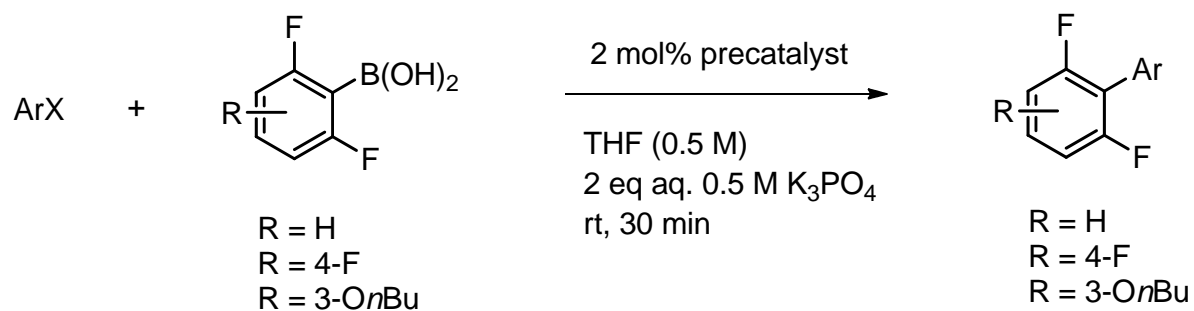
## Unstable boronic acids



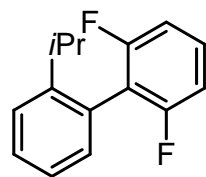
## XPhos containing precatalysts



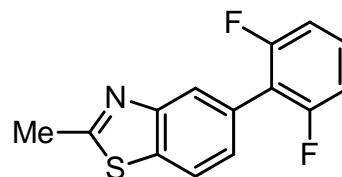
# Coupling of polyfluoroboronic acids to ArCl, ArBr and ArOTf



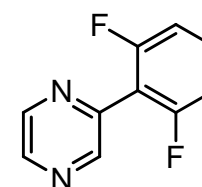
X = Cl: **95%**  
 X = Br: **92%**  
 X = OTf: **95%**



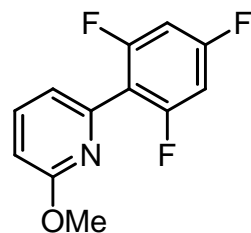
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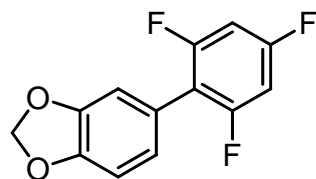
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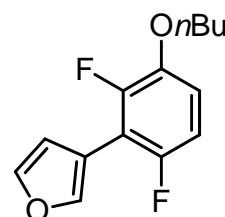
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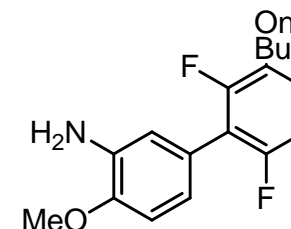
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X = Cl: **96%**



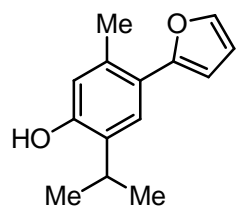
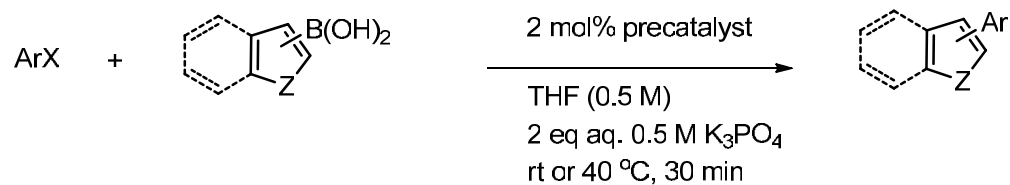
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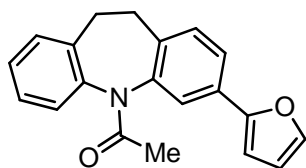
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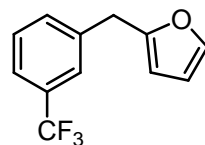
# Coupling of heterocyclic boronic acids to ArX and BzX



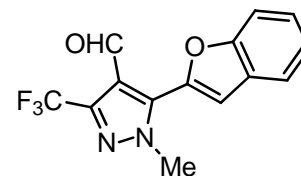
X = Cl, 40 °C  
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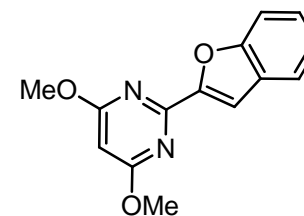
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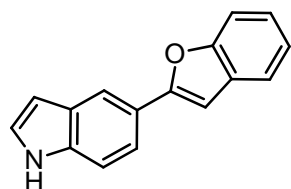
X = Cl, 40 °C  
**86%**



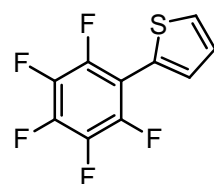
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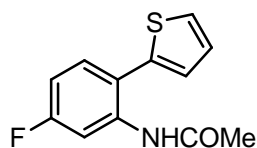
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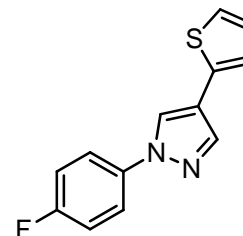
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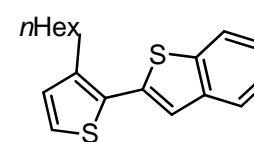
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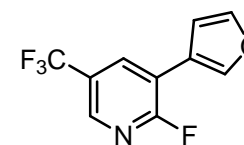
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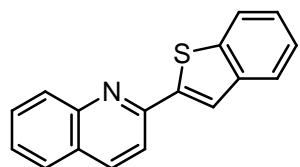
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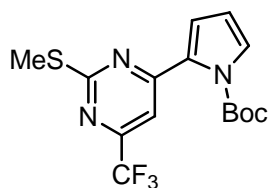
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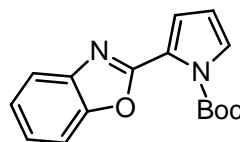
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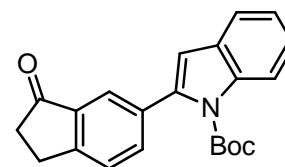
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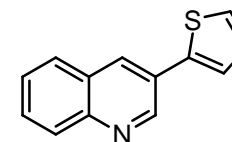
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X = Cl, 40 °C 2 h  
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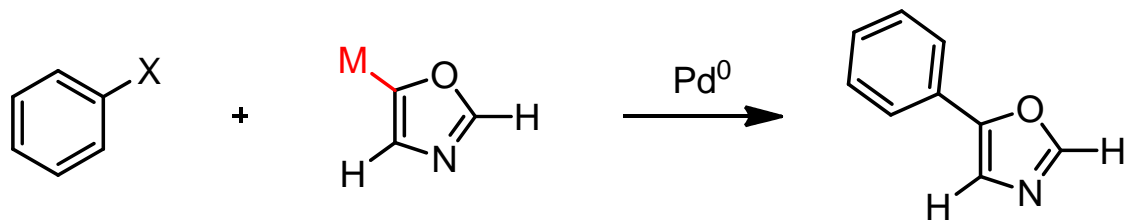
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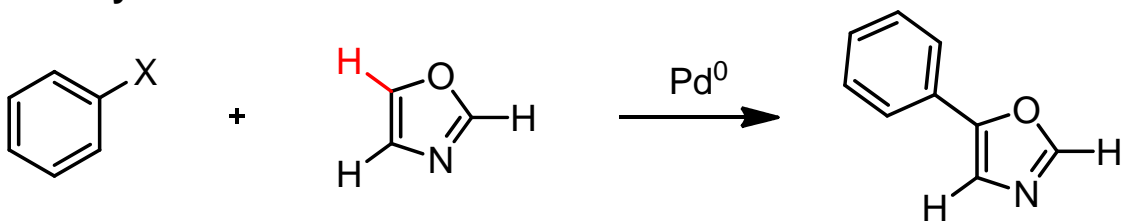
# Direct Arylation

## Classic cross-coupling



$M = \text{B}(\text{OH})_2, \text{ZnCl}, \text{SnR}_3 \text{ etc}$

## Direct Arylation



$X = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}, \text{OTf} \text{ etc}$

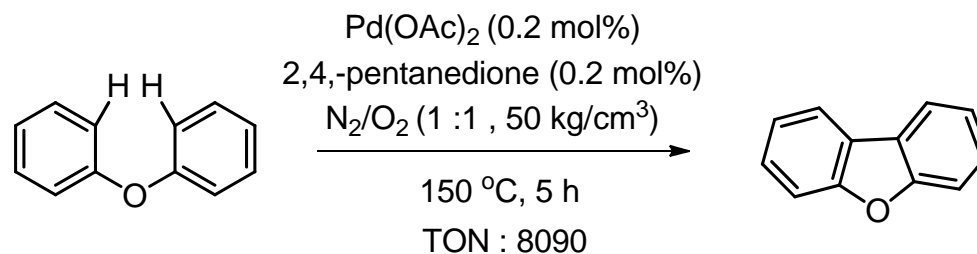
- Completely removes requirement for stoichiometric metallation
- Improved atom economy, cost, environmental benefits (waste, toxicity), streamlined synthesis
- C-H bond viewed as a functional group - Regioselectivity

D. Alberico, M. E. Scott, M. Lautens, *Chem. Rev.* **2007**, 107, 174.

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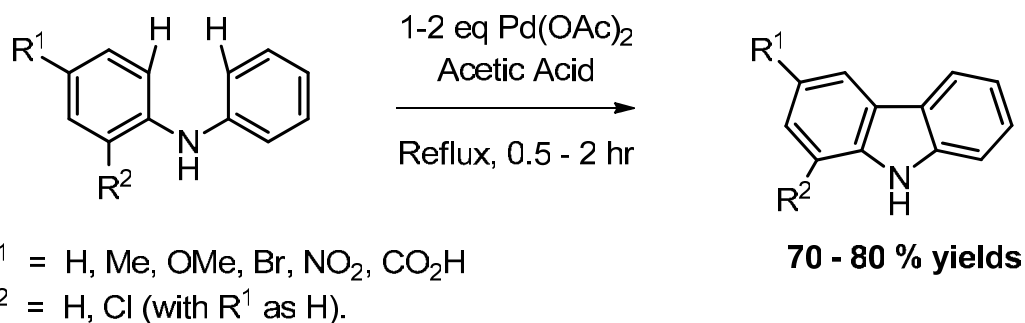
# Classic Heteroaryl C-H Activation

## Oxidative coupling (intramolecular)



Specific conditions developed to favour intramolecular ring closure.

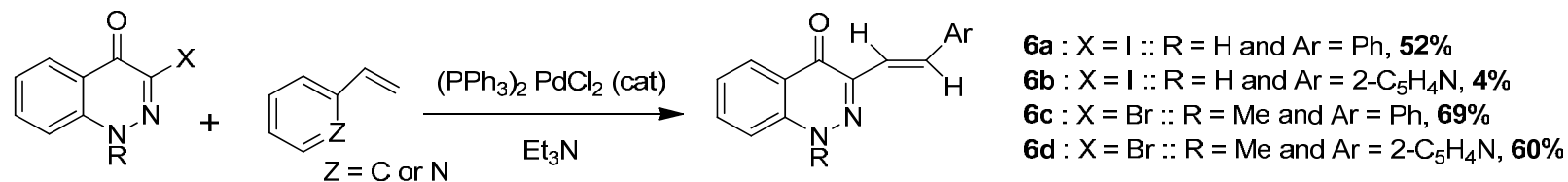
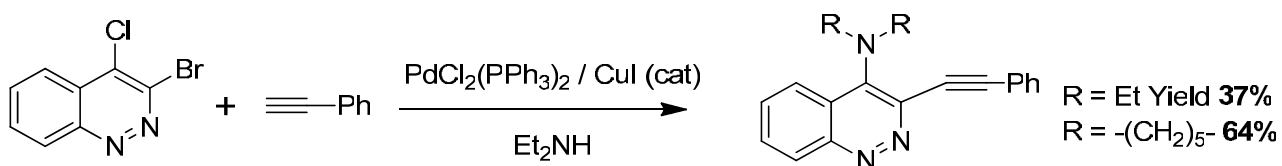
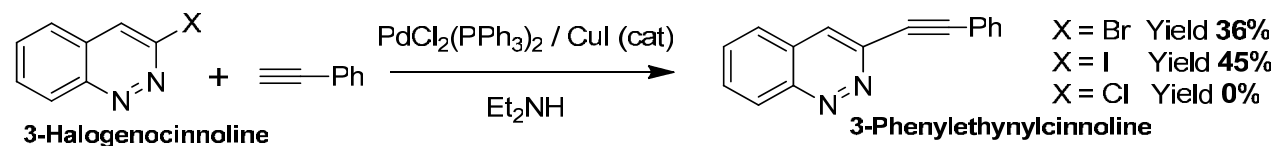
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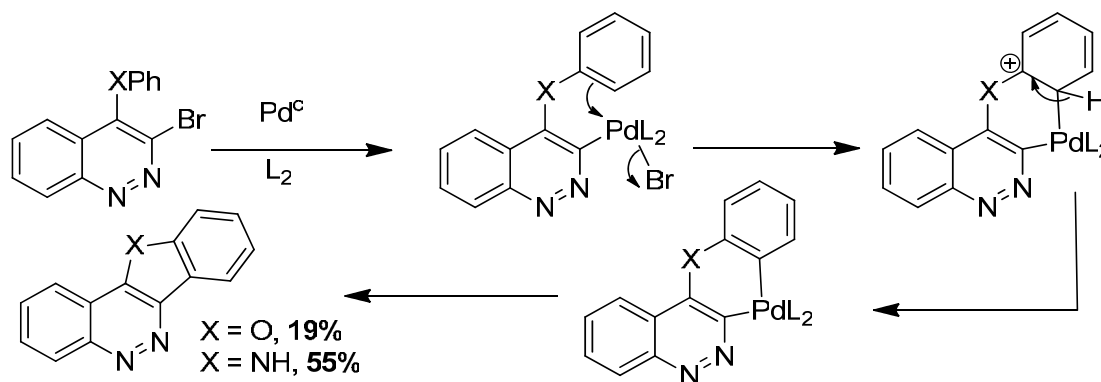
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# Classic Heteroaryl C-H Activation

## Reactions of 3-Halogenocinnolines Catalysed by Palladium Compounds

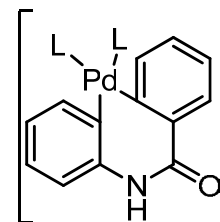
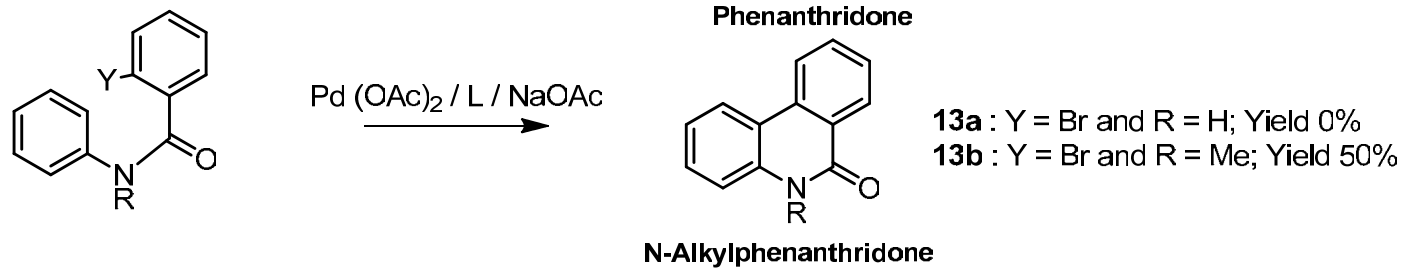
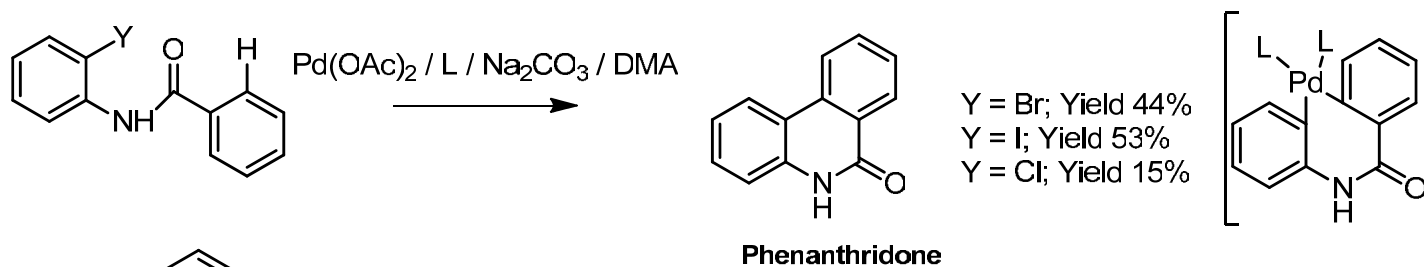
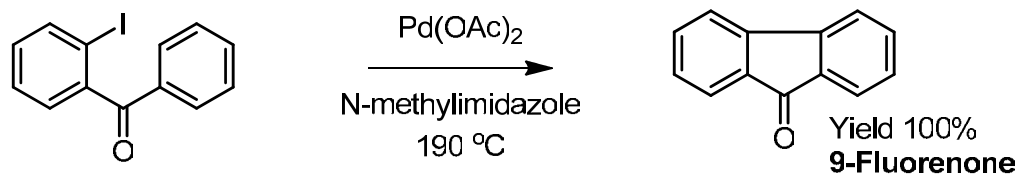
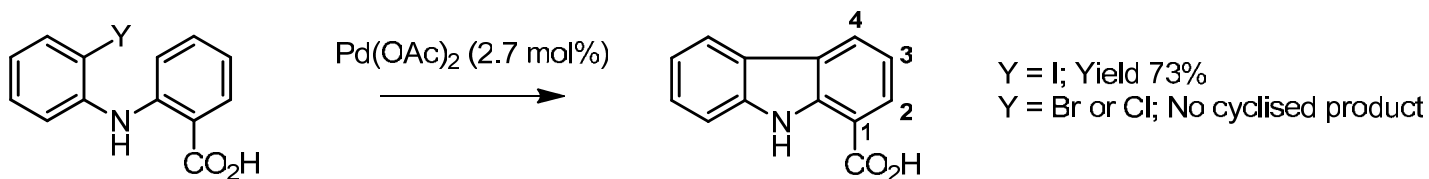


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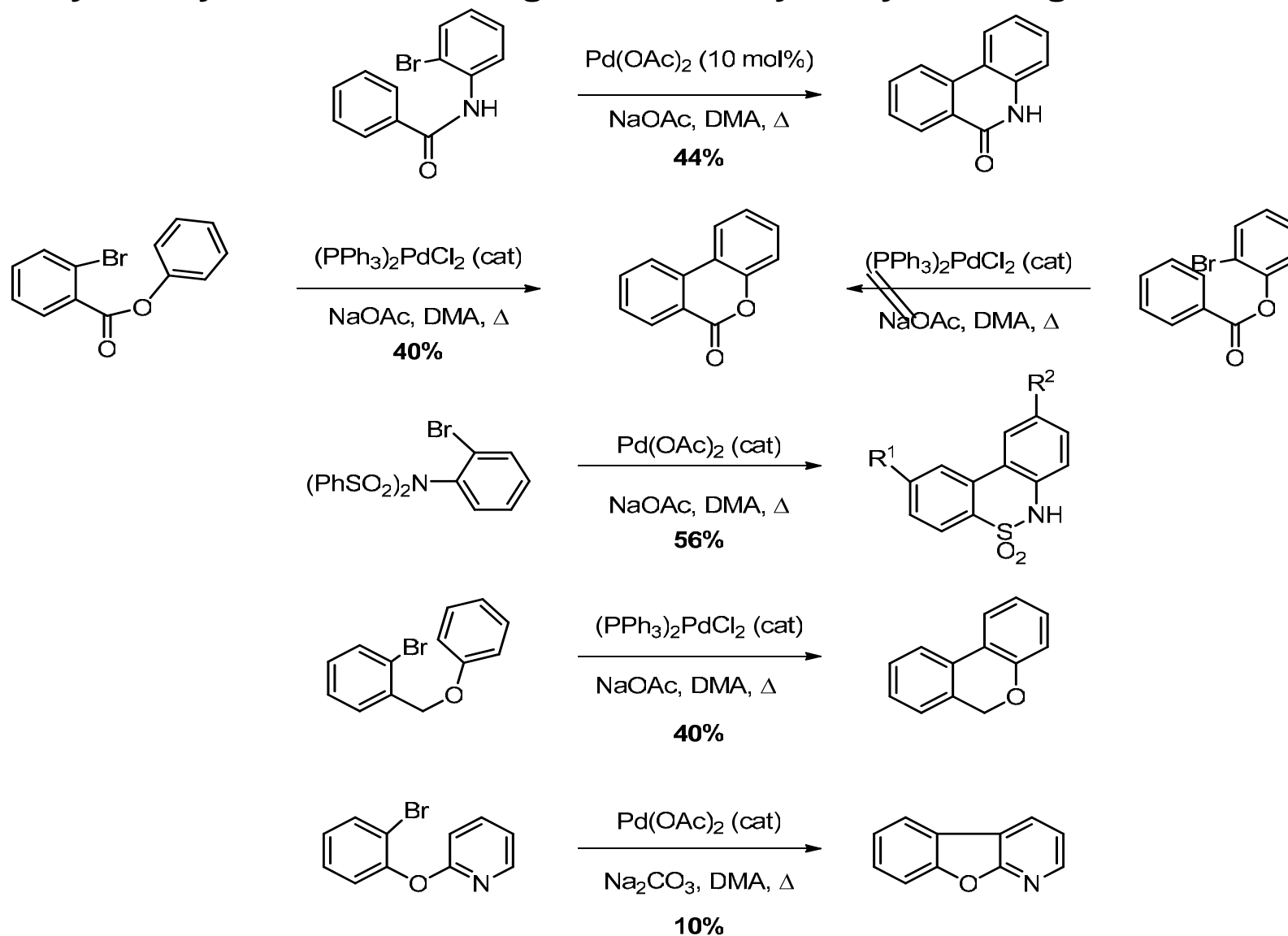
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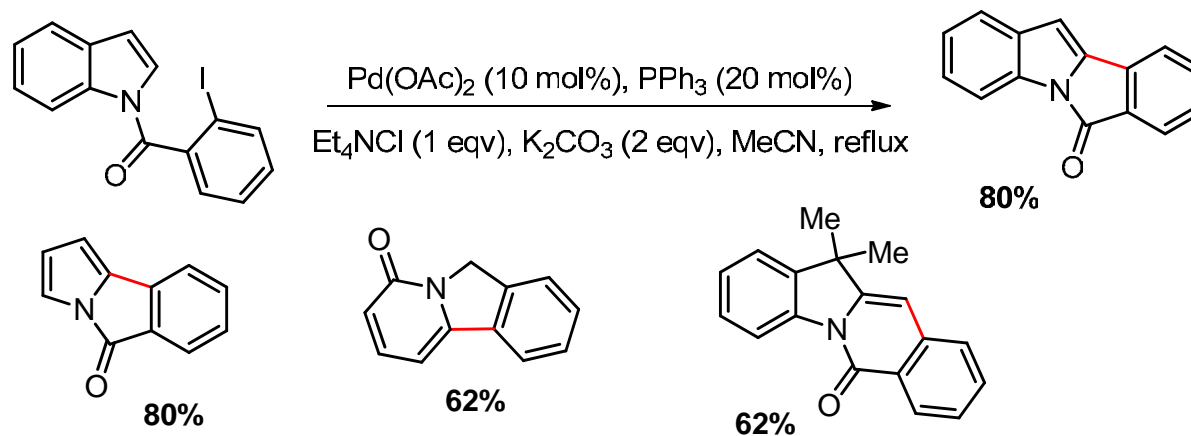
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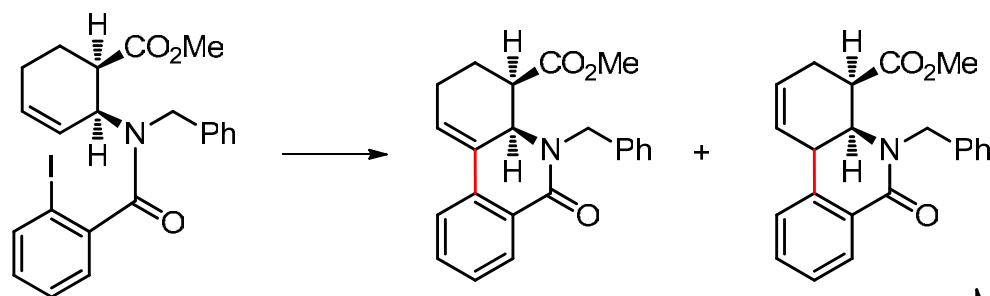


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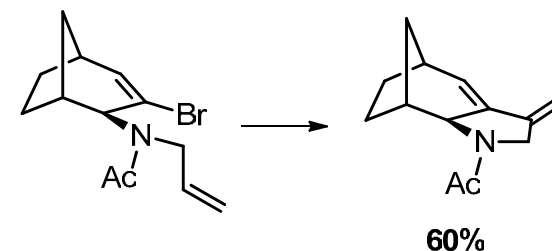
- 'Heck-type' reaction at  $sp^2$  centres:



- Double bond regioisomers can be formed



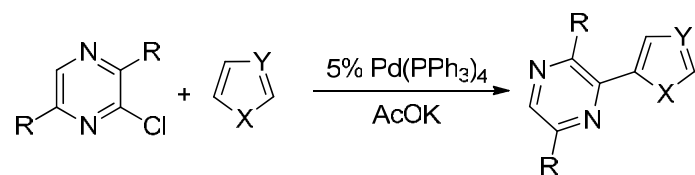
- Conditions applicable to a range of substrates:



# Pd-Catalysed Cross-Coupling of Chloropyrazines

## Reactions with 5-membered ring heterocycles

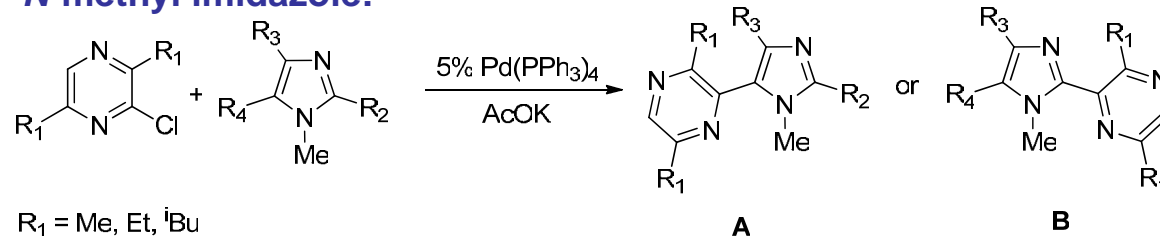
### - Single heteroatom systems and azoles:



R = Me, Et, *i*Bu  
 Y = C, N  
 X = O, S,  
 NH, NMe,

Entry	Y	X	Product (Yield %)
1	C	O	55-75
2	C	S	70-82
3	C	NH	25-29
4	C	NMe	25-28
5	N	O	68-80
6	N	S	61-73

### - *N*-methyl imidazole:



R<sub>1</sub> = Me, Et, *i*Bu

- Direct arylation via C-H bond cleavage at the 2- or 5-positions

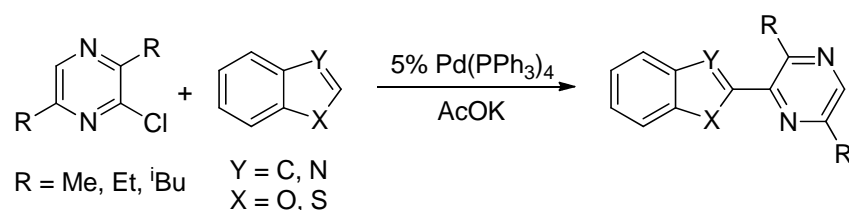
- Di-substitution possible for the rings with a single heteroatom

- Electron-rich 5-position predominantly activated for unsubstituted azoles

Entry	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>	Product (Yield %)
1	H	H	H	<b>A</b> (40-44)
2	Me	H	H	<b>A</b> (62-83)
3	H	Me	H	<b>B</b> (32-43)
4	H	H	Me	<b>B</b> (23-44)

- Substituent at either 4- or 5- position leads to arylation at the 2-position

## Reactions with Benzo-fused heterocycles



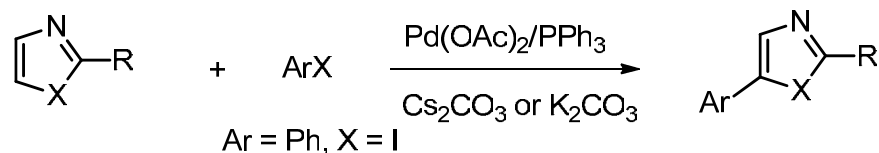
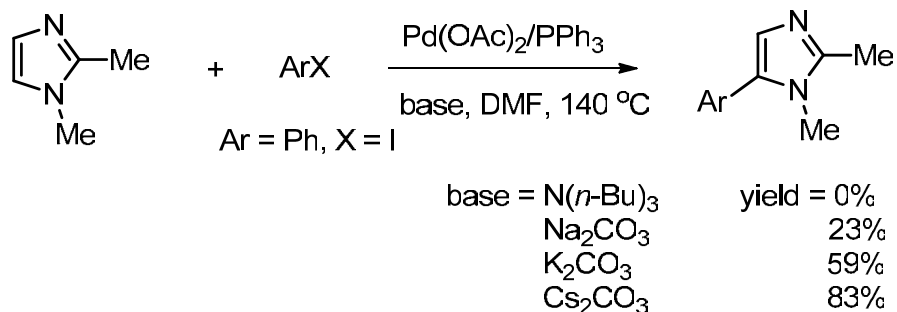
R = Me, Et, *i*Bu  
 Y = C, N  
 X = O, S

Entry	Y	X	Product (Yield %)
1	C	O	45-68
2	C	S	71-81
3	N	O	52-63
4	N	S	43-68

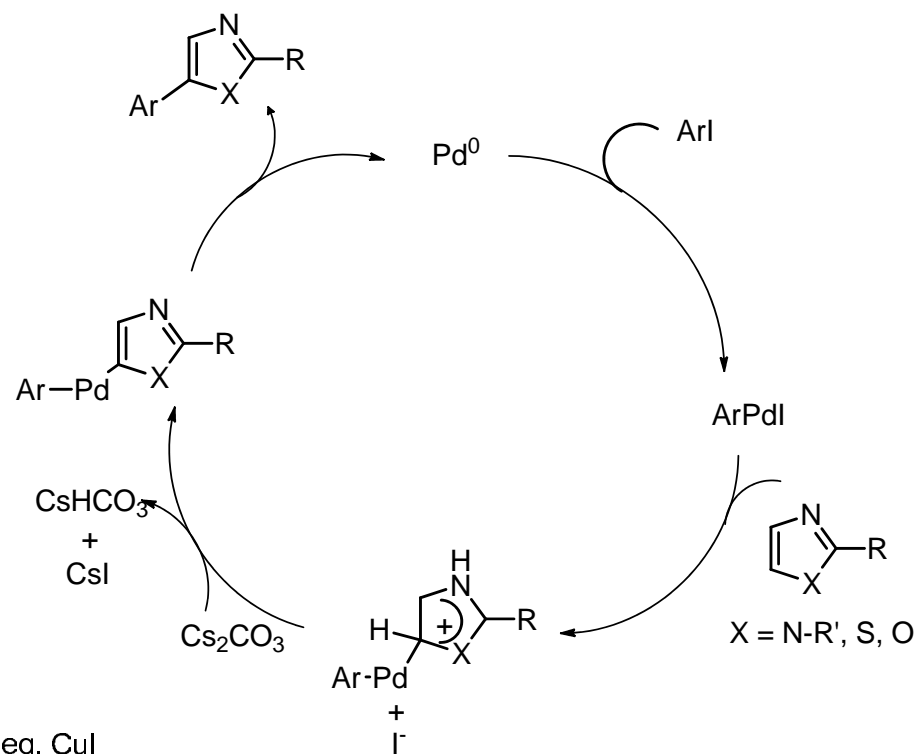
- Exclusive activation at the 2-position



# Palladium-Catalyzed Arylation of Azole Compounds

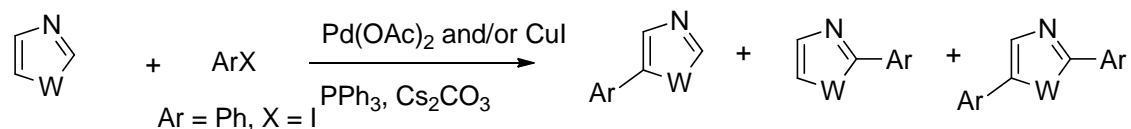


X = NCH <sub>2</sub> Ph, R = Me	base = Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	yield = 66%
	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	45%
X = O, R = Ph	base = Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	yield = 88%
	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	66%
X = S, R = Me	base = Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	yield = 43%
	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	68% with 2 eq. Cul

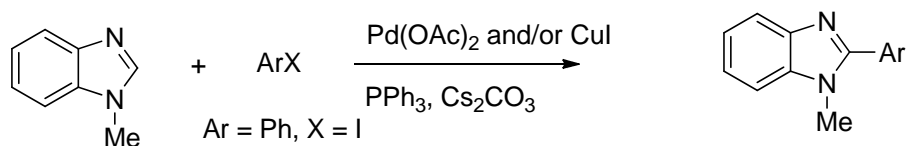


Effect of carbonate bases: Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> > K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> > Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> suggests that more soluble carbonate base in DMF may more effectively enhance the deprotonation step.

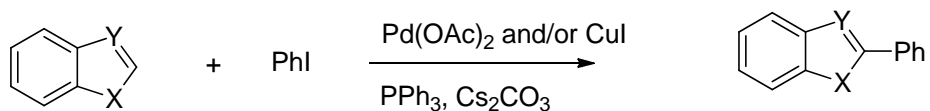
# Palladium-Catalyzed Arylation of Azole Compounds



W = NCH <sub>3</sub> ,	without CuI	yield = 54%	0%	24%
	without Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>		37%	
	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> and CuI		37%	40%
W = S	without CuI	yield = 17%	0%	35%
	without Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>		15%	
	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> and CuI			66%

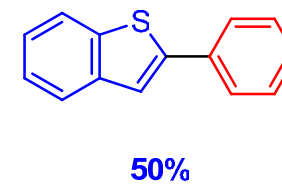
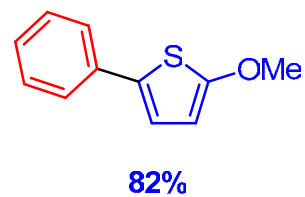
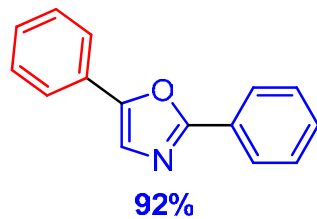
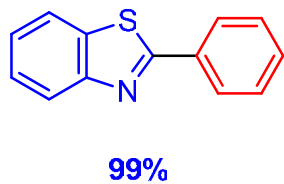
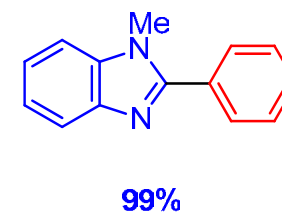
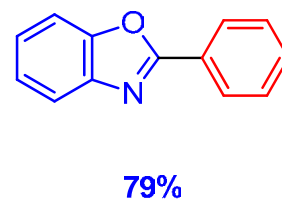
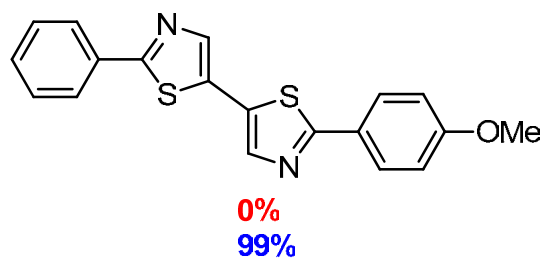
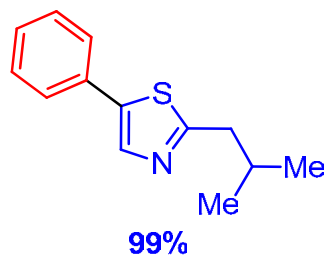
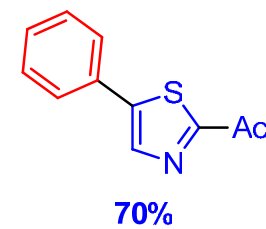
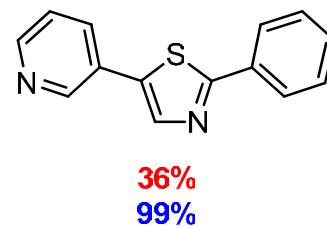
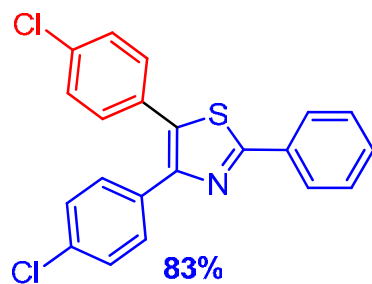
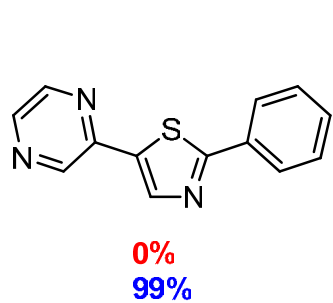
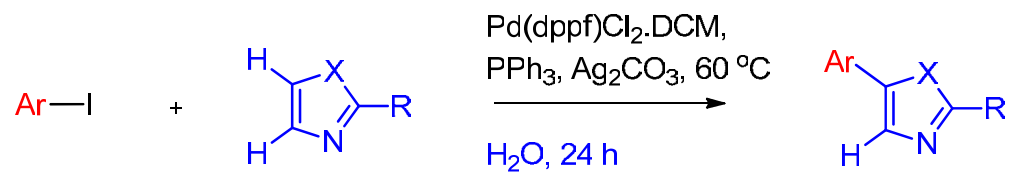


without CuI	yield = 2%
without Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	89%
Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> and CuI	91%

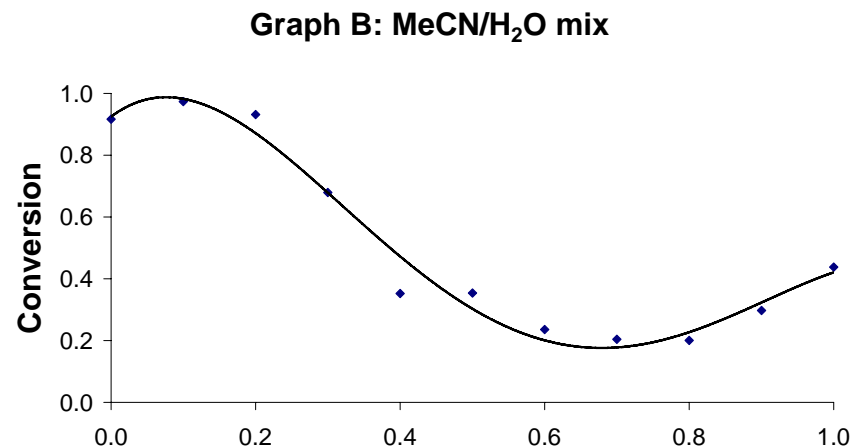
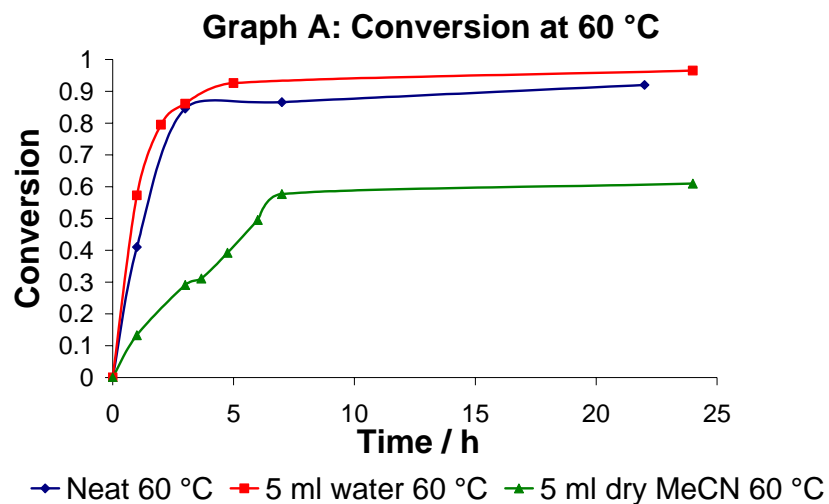
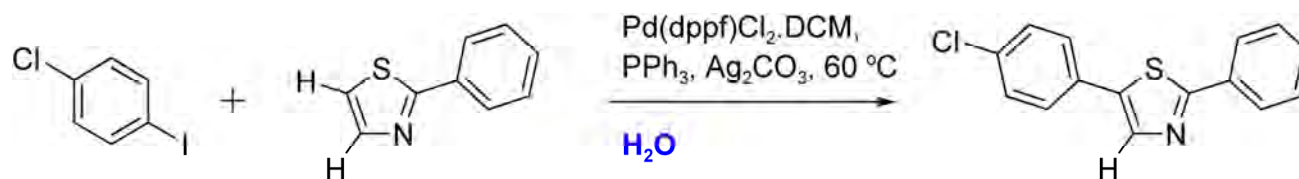


X = O, Y = N	without CuI	yield = 95%
	without Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	15%
X = S, Y = N	without CuI	yield = 40%
	without Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	15%
	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> and CuI	82%
X = S, Y = CH	without CuI	yield = 16%
	without Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	23%
	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> and CuI	41%

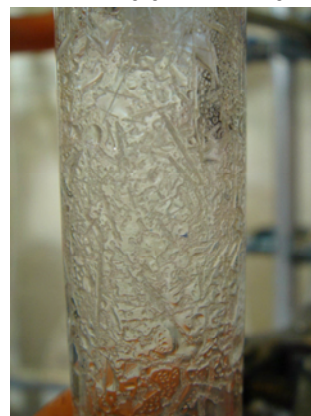
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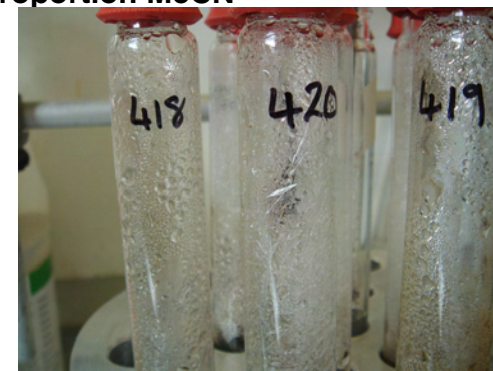
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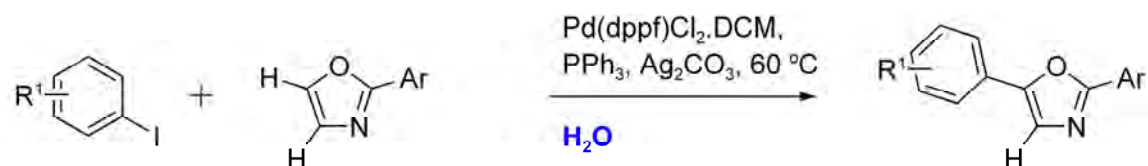
- Optimised conditions
  - Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub>.DCM (0.5 mol%)
  - Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (50 mol%)
  - 6 h, 60 °C
  - on water



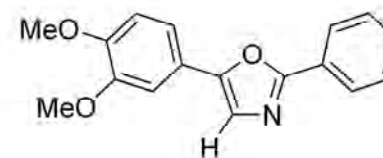
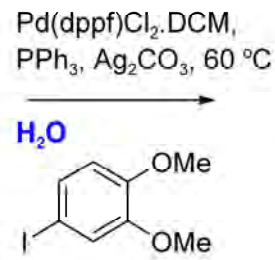
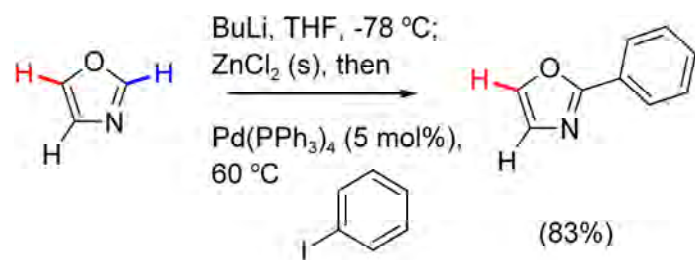
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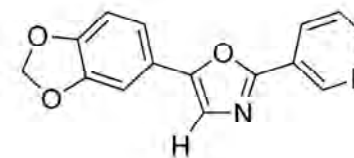
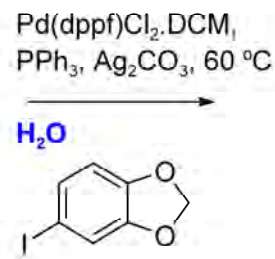
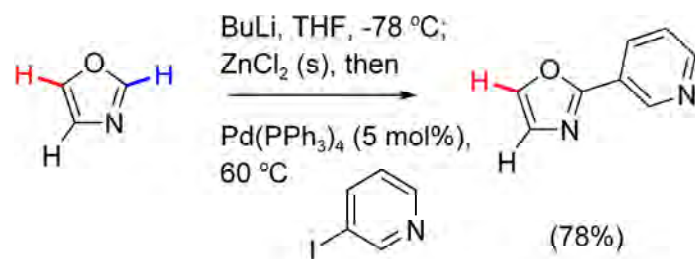
# Oxazole Arylations On Water



30 examples,  
76-92% yield  
**Average yield 84%**



Balsoxin (84%)  
cf Hodgetts and Kershaw, *Org. Lett.* **2002**, 2905  
**7 steps, 40% overall yield**

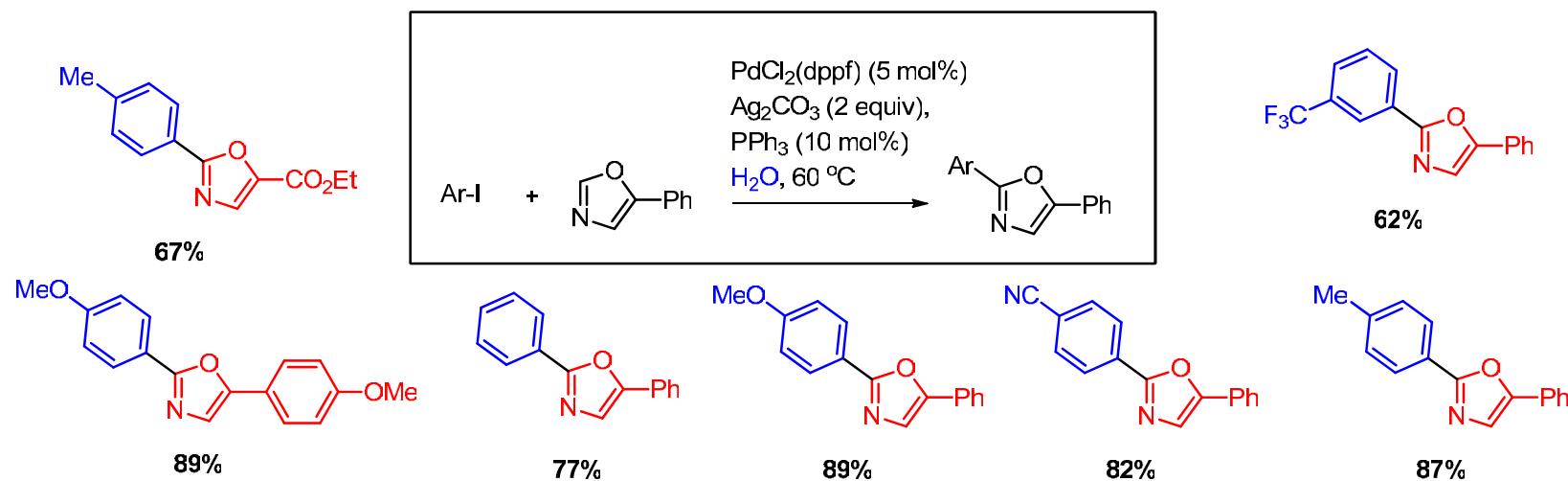


Texalin (74%)  
cf Copp et al *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2005**, 7355  
**6 steps, 4% overall yield**

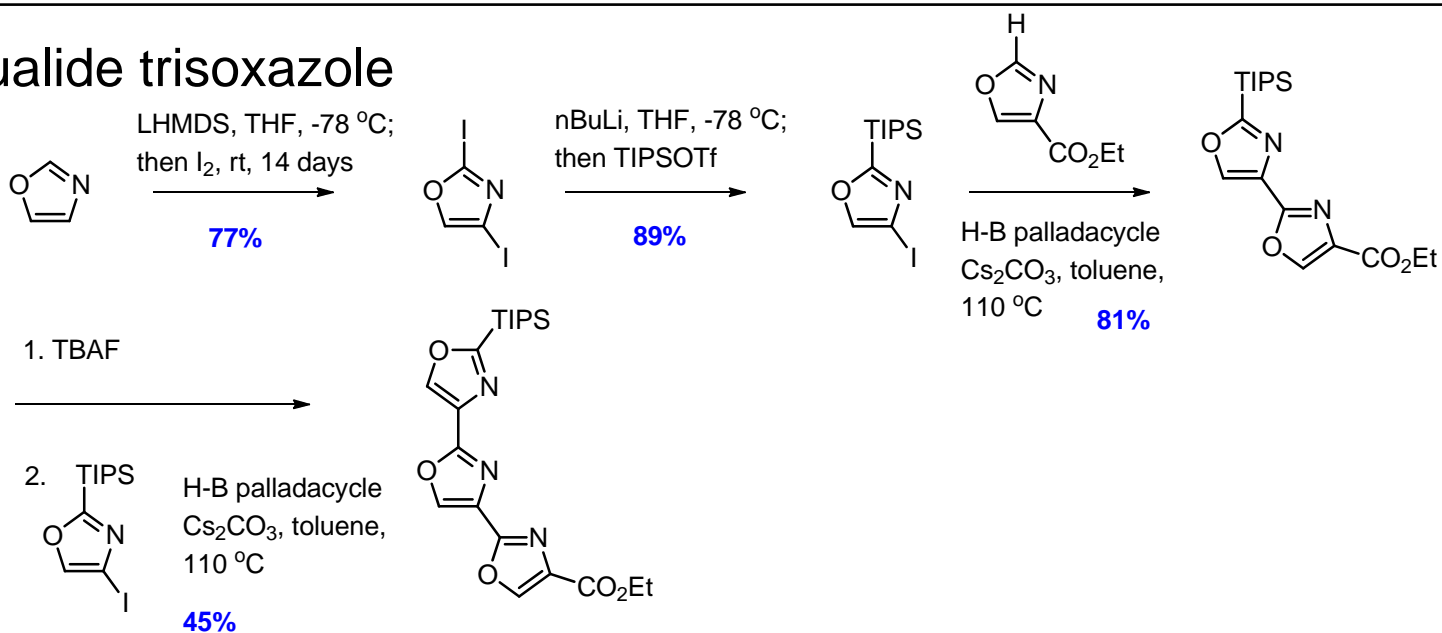
Ohnmacht, S. O.; Mamone, P.; Culshaw, A. J.; Greaney, M. F. *Chem. Commun.* **2008**, 1241-1242.

Other arylation approaches to Balsoxin: Hoarau, Piguel

# Polyoxazoles: 2-Arylation

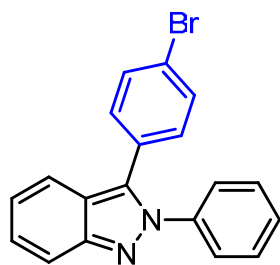
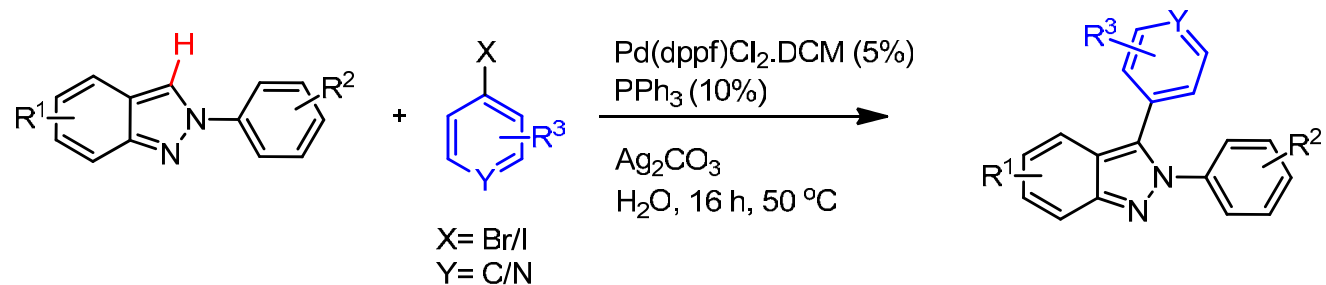


## Ulapualide trisoxazole

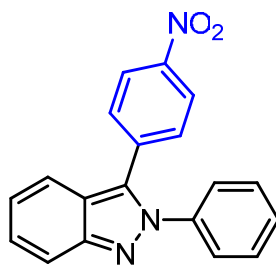


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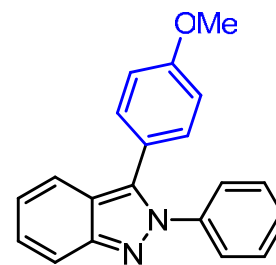
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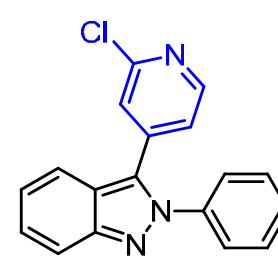
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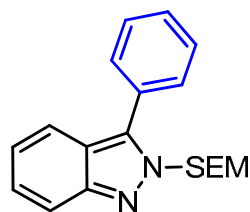
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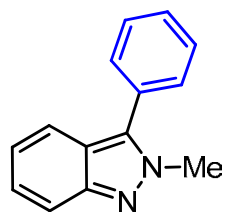
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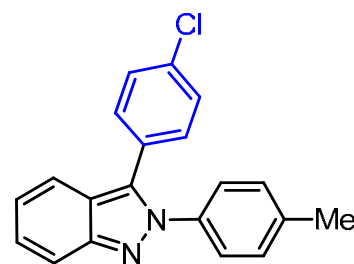
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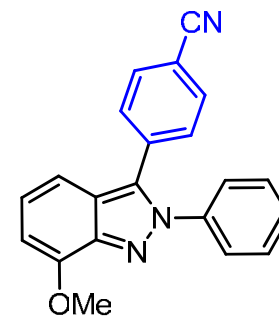
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97%

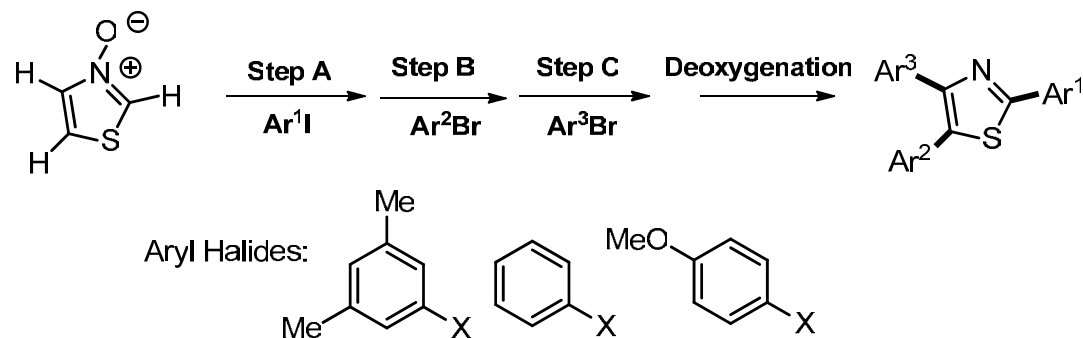


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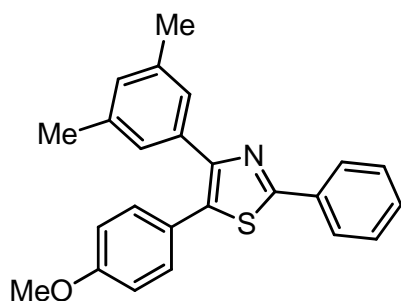
Liver X receptor  
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# Thiazole N-oxide Arylation

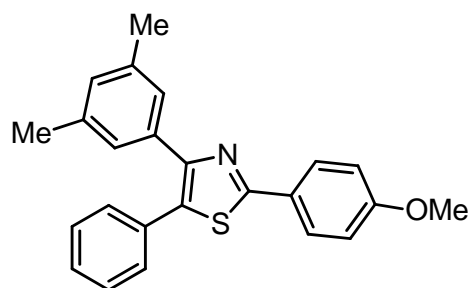
## C2, C5 and C4 Azole N-Oxide Direct Arylation Reactions.



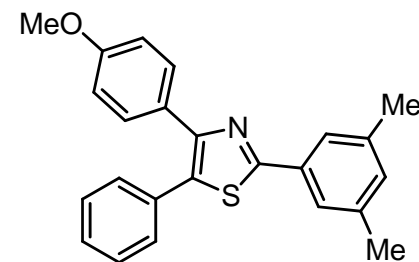
- N-oxides increases the reactivity in all positions for direct arylation.
- They also change the weak bias for C5>C2 arylation to C2>C5>C4.



Step A: 84%  
Step B: 86%  
Step C: 59%  
Deoxygenation: 72 %



Step A: 69%  
Step B: 80%  
Step C: 64%  
Deoxygenation: 66%

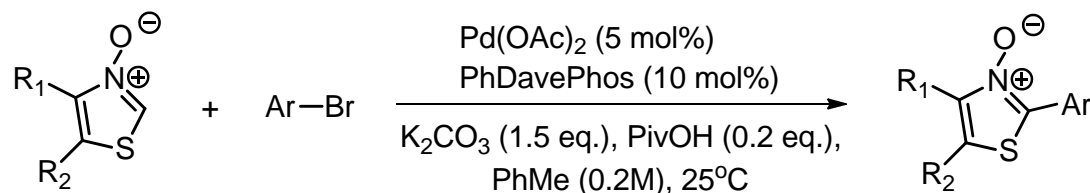


Step A: 75%  
Step B: 85%  
Step C: 84%  
Deoxygenation: 64%

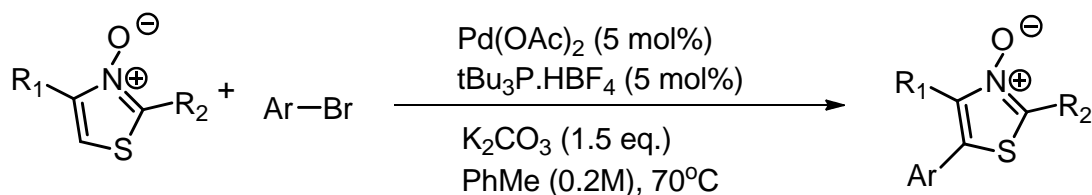


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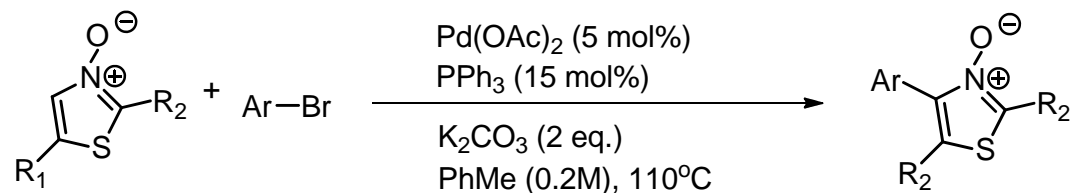
- Reactions proceed in 64-88% yields and tolerates e-withdrawing Ar, thiophene and pyridyl systems
- examples successful with R1 = R2 = H. Requires generally mild conditions



- C5 arylation is highly selective when C2 is blocked.
- Addition of pivalic acid reduces C5:C4 selectivity.

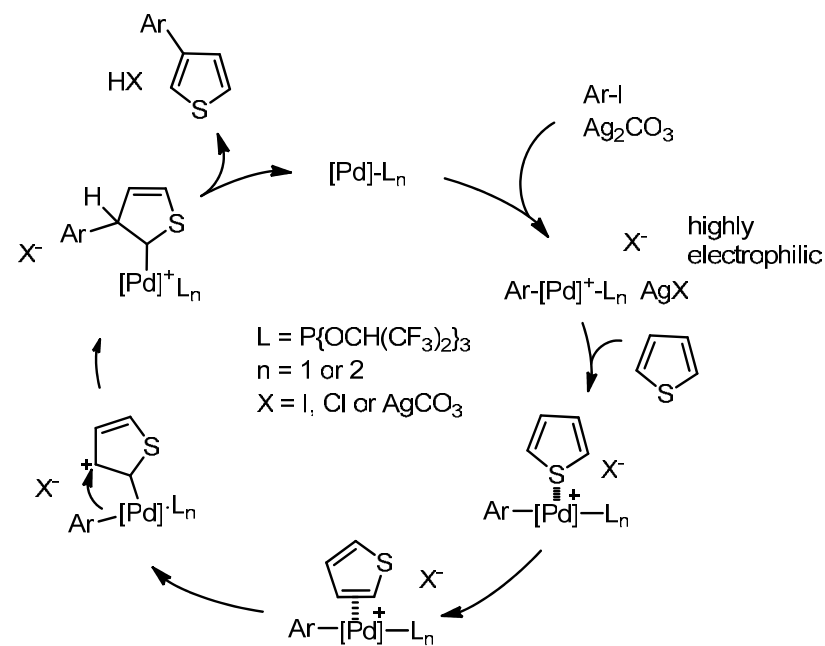
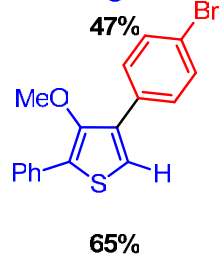
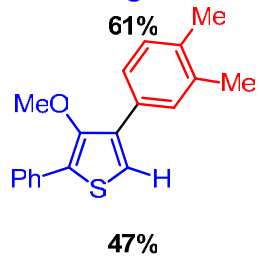
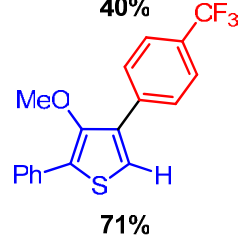
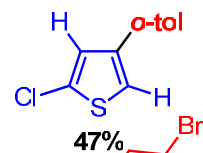
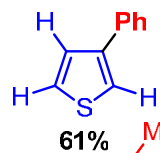
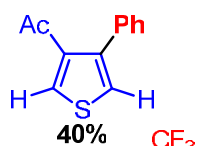
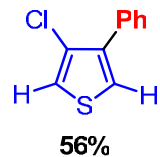
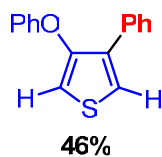
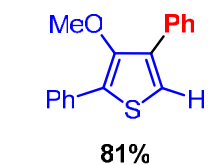
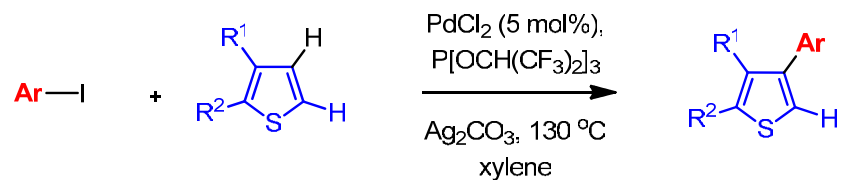


- N-Oxide moiety enables C4 arylation



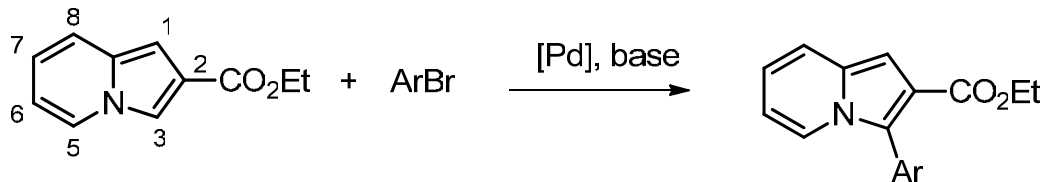


# C3 Arylation of Thiophene

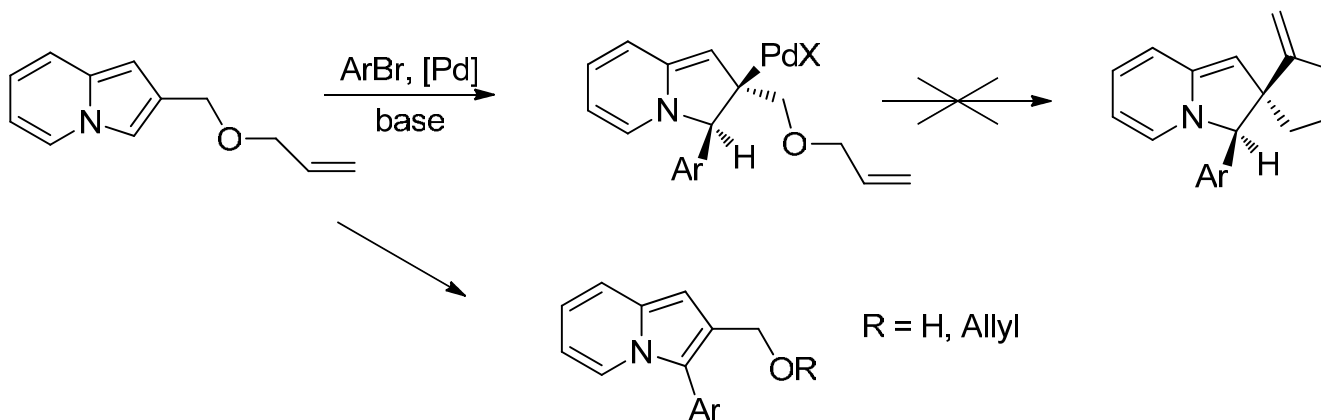


# Mechanistic Investigation for $\pi$ -Excessive Heteroarenes

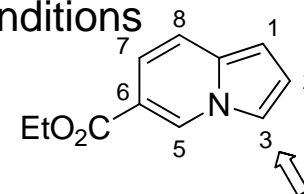
## Indolizines (Gevorgyan)



- Heck-type mechanism proposed for analogous furan reaction\*
  - Requires trans elimination or isomerisation
  - Could not be trapped in cascade Heck reaction



- Could not detect expected product under reductive Heck conditions
- 6-carboethoxy isomer gave selective arylation at C-3

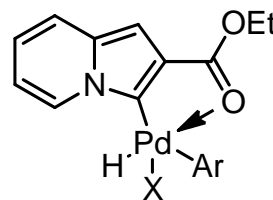


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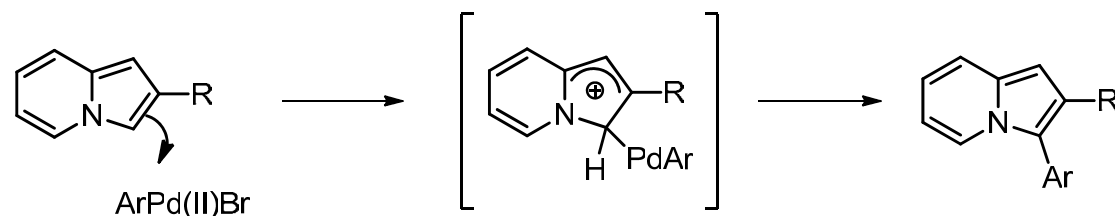
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- $k_{H/D}=1$  at C-3 disfavours direct coordination assisted C-H activation mechanism



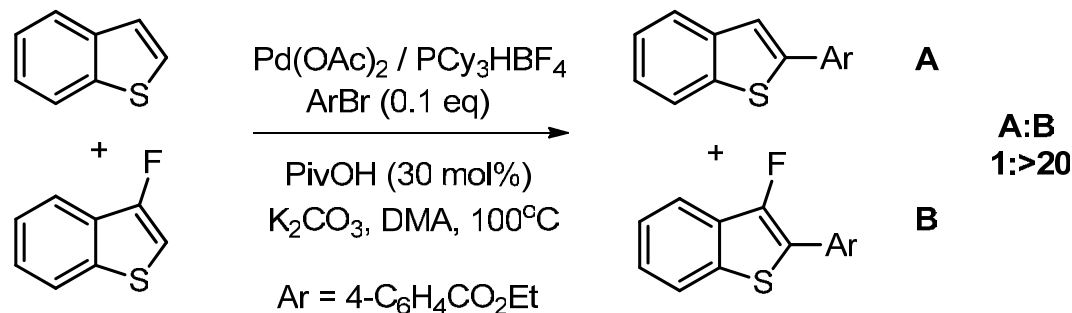
- Cross-coupling type mechanism at acidic C-H sites favoured by Cu salts, CuI impeded reaction
- $S_EAr$  mechanism consistent:



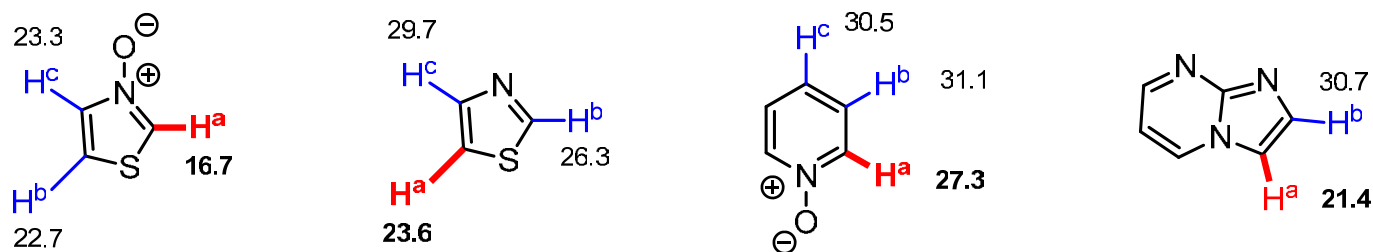
- DFT calculations indicate extended HOMO (even with EWG at C-6)
- Competition experiments, with R = H or EDG give same order as  $AlCl_3$  catalysed F/C acylation

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## Concerted Metalation-Deprotonation Mechanism (Fagnou).



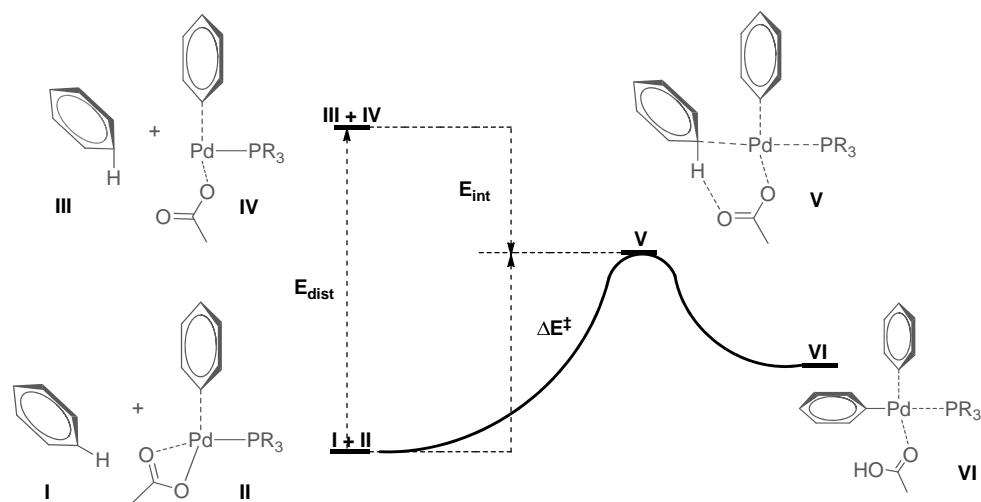
- Experimentally, 3-fluorobenzothiophene reacts preferentially over benzothiophene.
- This is predicted in DFT calculations using a concerted metalation-deprotonation (CMD) mechanism



- Values indicate the free energy of activation for direct arylation via the CMD pathway involving an acetate ligand.
- Red bonds indicate the experimentally observed site of arylation.

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## Analysis of the Concerted Metalation-Deprotonation Mechanism.

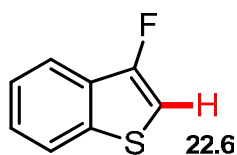
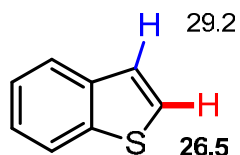


- **Edist** : the energetic cost associated with the distortion of the catalyst and arene.

- **Eint** : reflects the strength of the carboxylate-HAr and Pd-CAr interactions.

- p- e-rich arenes benefit from large negative Eint values but have large Edist penalties.

- e-deficient arenes have insignificant Eint however have more favourable Edist values.

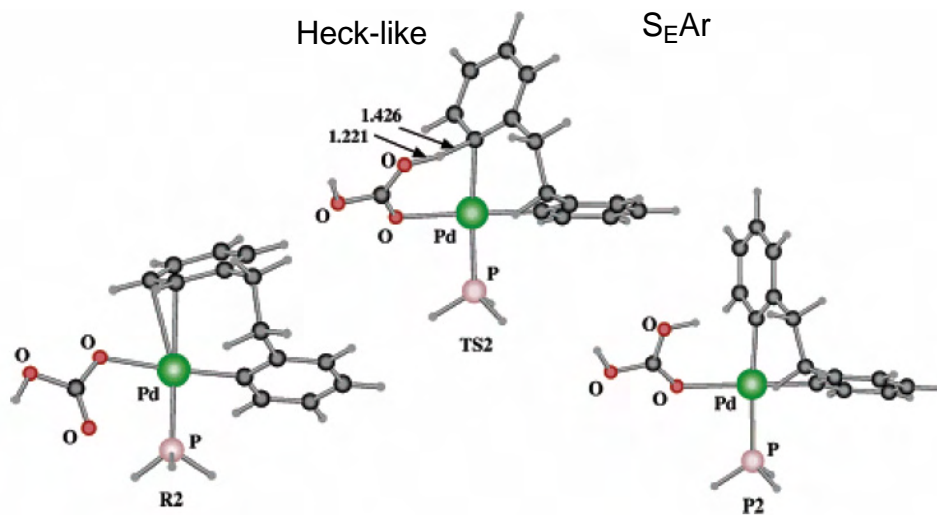
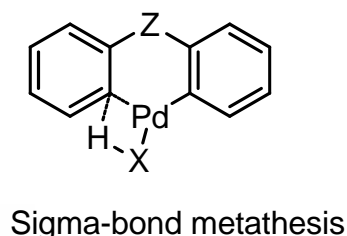
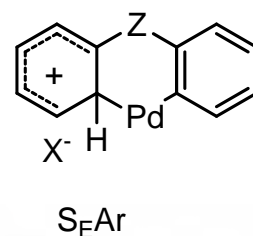
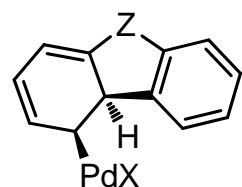
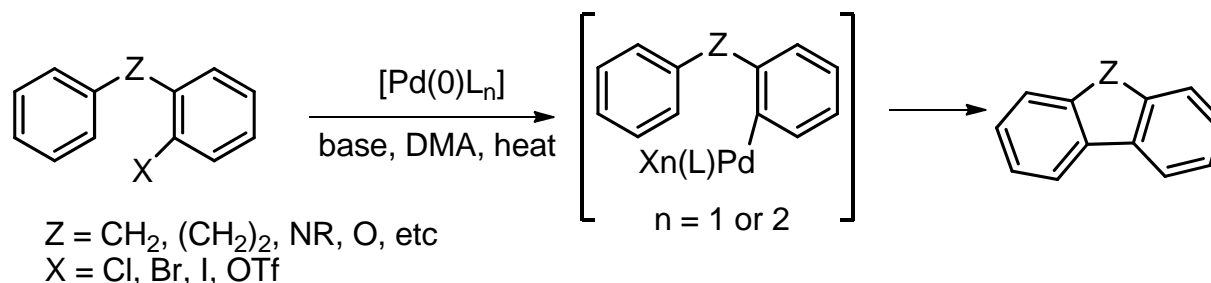


- The presence of fluorine in 3-fluorobenzothiophene has little impact on Eint

- It results in a large decrease in Edist allowing a more facile arene palladation.

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## Proton Abstraction Mechanism (Eschevarren)



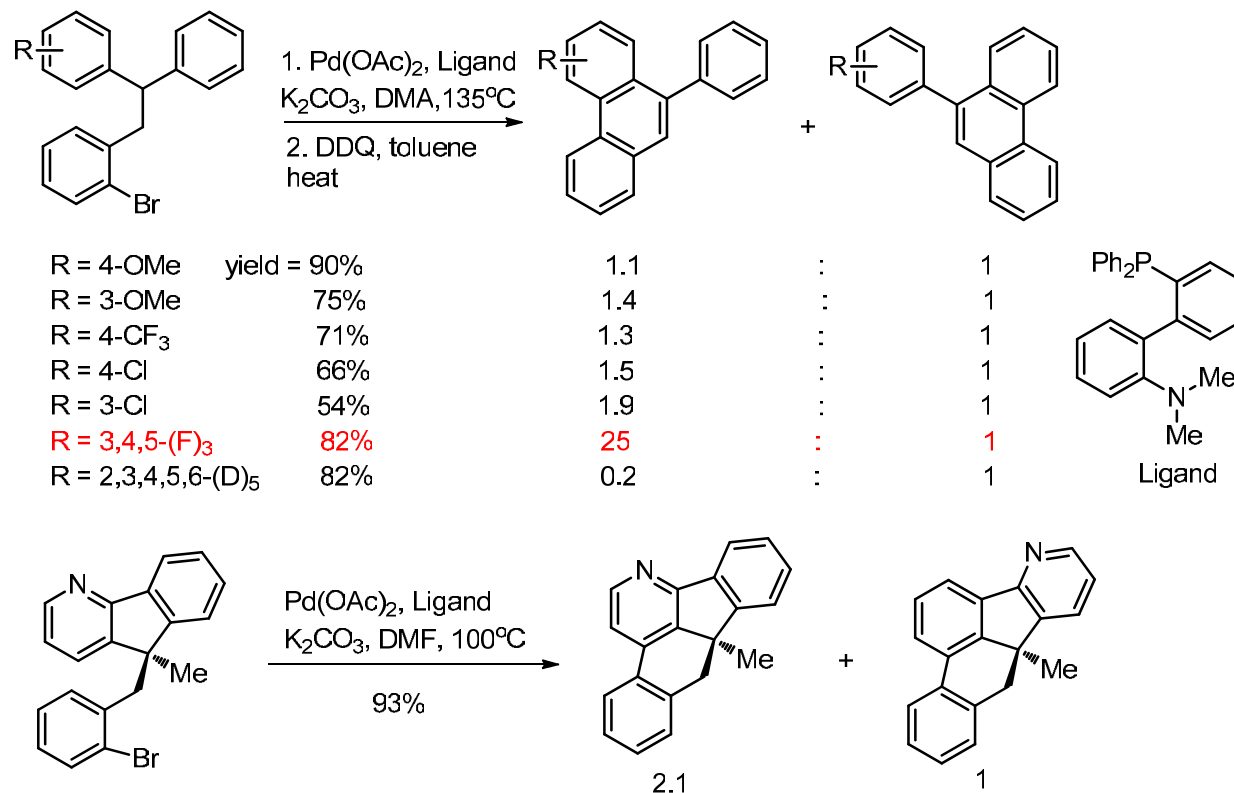
With excess of carbonate the basic anions  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  will replace  $\text{Br}^-$  the energy barrier is decreased from 43.3 to 23.5 Kcal/mol  
 $K_H/K_D = 4.3$  at 100 °C, 3.7 at 135 °C

Computational DFT study: B3LYP optimized structures of species **R2**, **TS2**, and **P2**.



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## Effect of Substituents on Pd-catalyzed Arylation



The reaction of trifluorophenyl substrate gives almost exclusively at the trifluorophenyl ring, which is incompatible with the S<sub>E</sub>Ar mechanism.

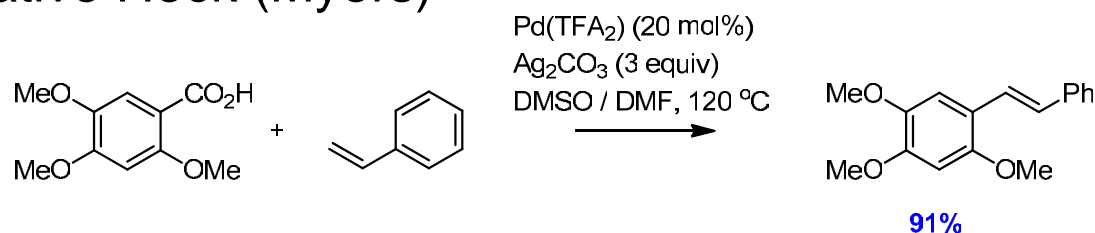
These results would fit better in a mechanism where the hydrogen from the phenyl is transferred as a proton in the step deciding the selectivity.

## Decarboxylative cross-coupling

Carboxylic acids: Cheap, readily available (both in scale and structural variation), easy to handle and store.

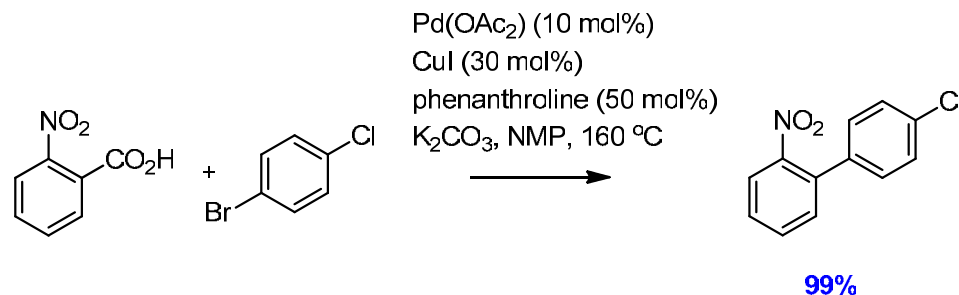
Two key reactions discovered that use carboxylic acids as functional handles for Pd-catalysed C-C bond formation:

### Decarboxylative Heck (Myers)



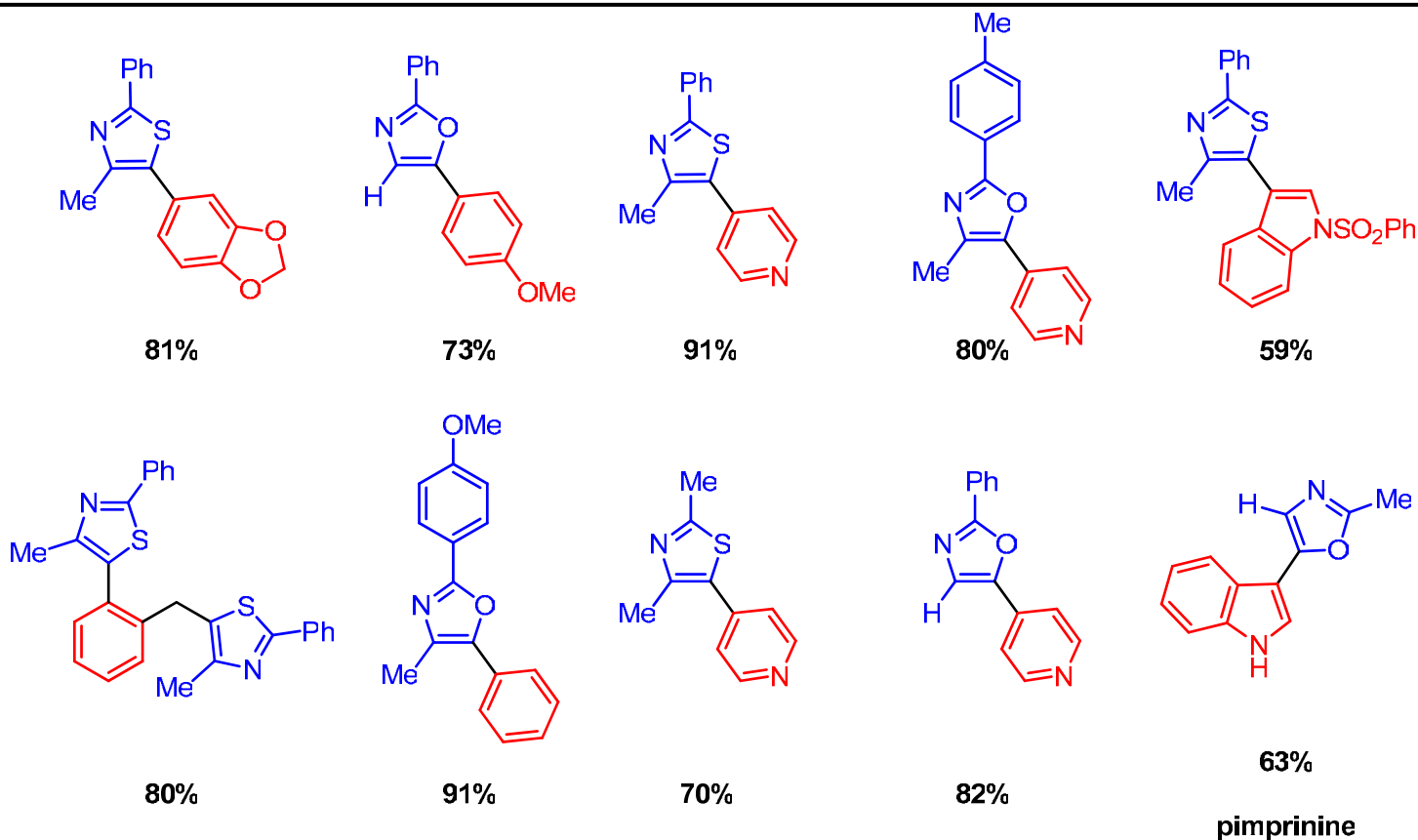
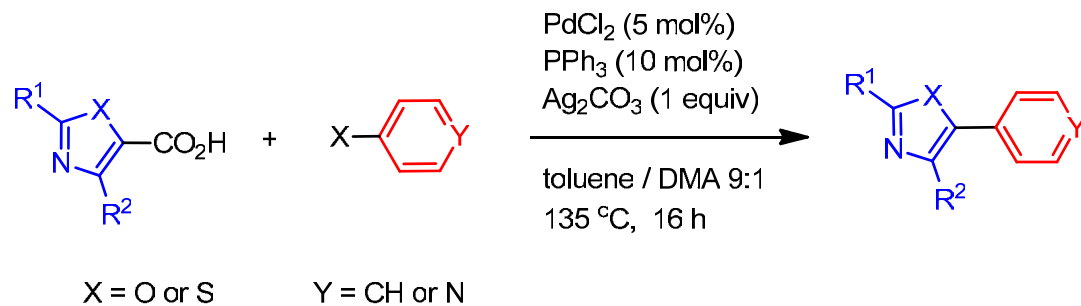
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### Decarboxylative cross coupling with aryl halides (Goossen)



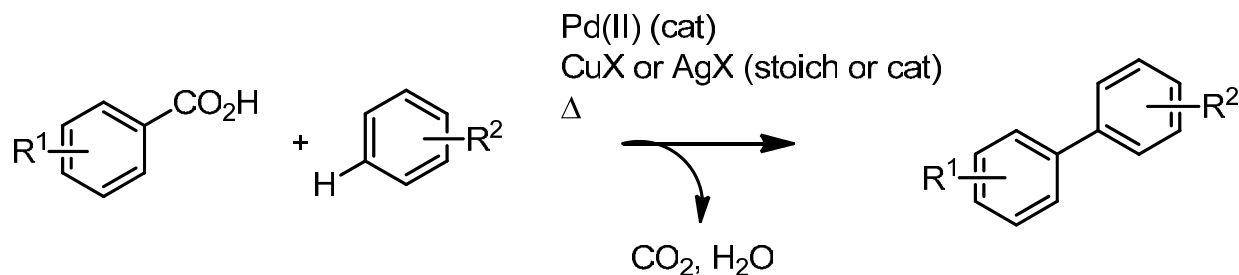
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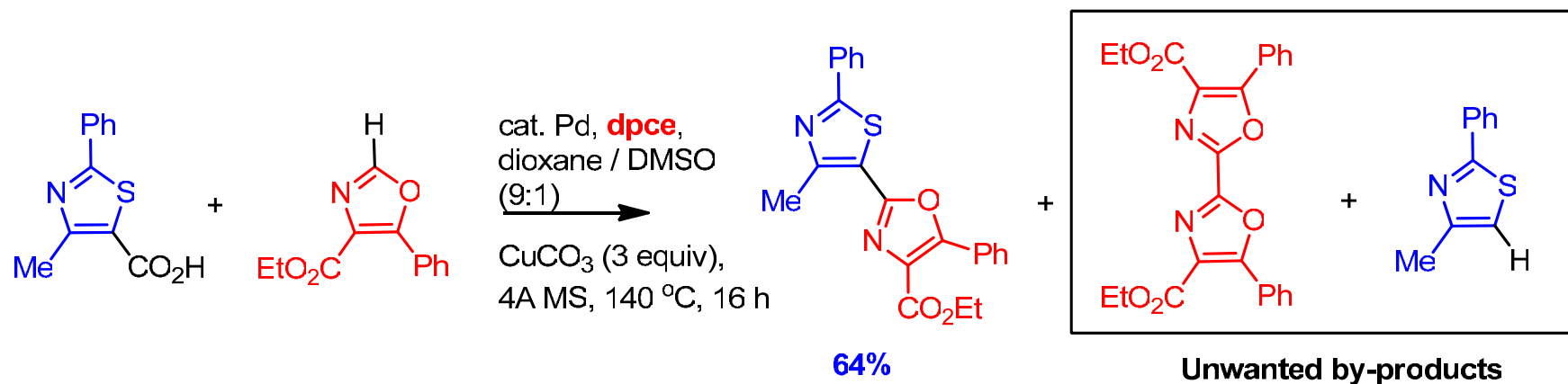


# Decarboxylative C-H cross-coupling

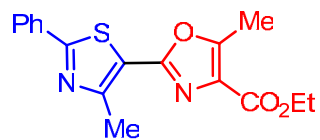
Can we harness decarboxylation for C-H activation?



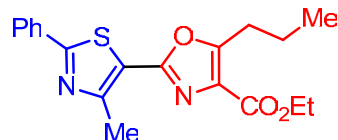
Reaction development: Proto-decarboxylation and oxidative dimerisation pathways must be suppressed.



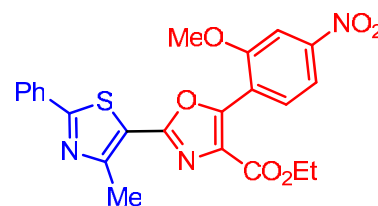
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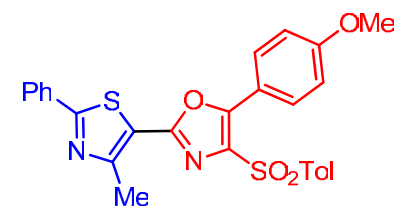
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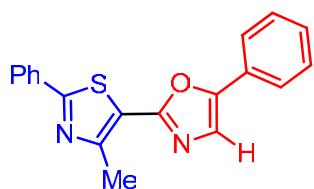
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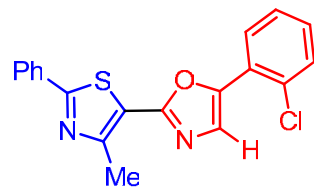
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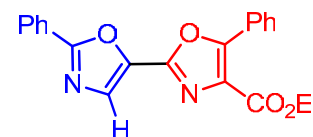
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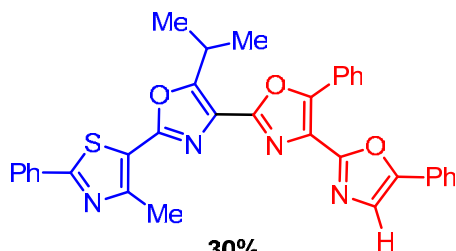
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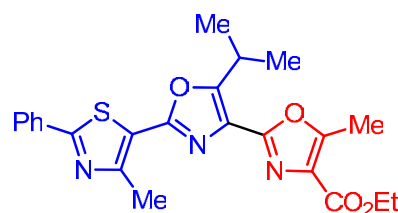
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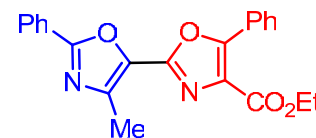
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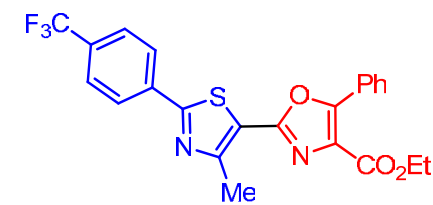
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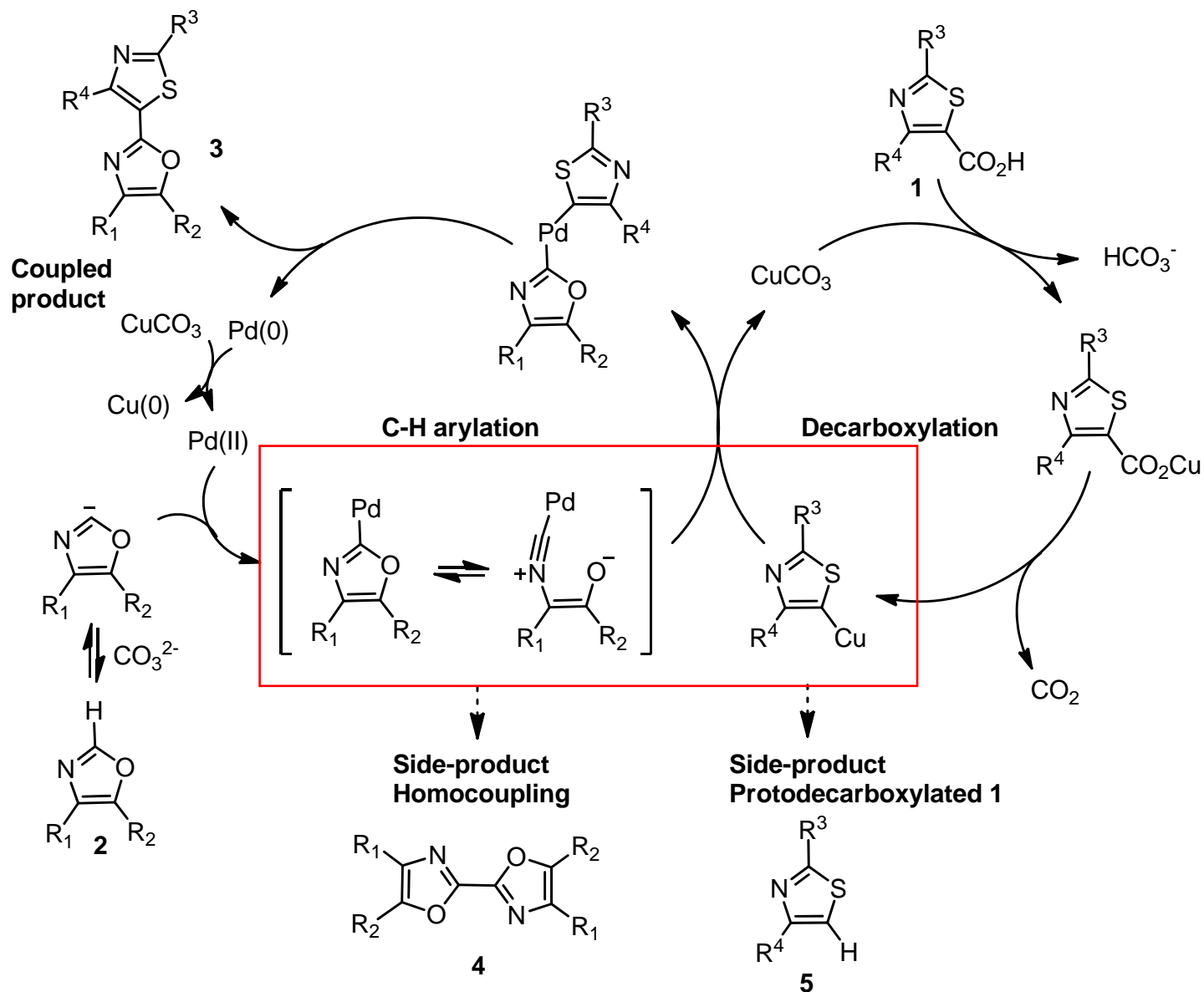
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# Mechanistic Scheme



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