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Supporting Information for

Efficient water-soluble surfactant-type palladium catalyst for Suzuki cross-coupling

reactions in pure water at room temperature

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1 Experiment Details

1) General Methods

All reagents including aryl bromides/iodides and $PdCl_2$ were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Co. or Alfa Aesar. ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DPX 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer at 400 MHz using CDCl₃, DMSO-*d6* or D₂O as the solvent. The chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) values. Coupling constants are reported in hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations are used to designate the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet and m = multiplet. ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DPX 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer at 100 MHz using CDCl₃, DMSO-*d6* or D₂O as the solvent. Elemental analyses were obtained on an Elementar Vario EI.

All known compounds were characterized by ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR and melting point determination (for solids); and all new compounds were characterized by ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR, elemental analysis and melting point determination (for solids). Melting points were uncorrected.

2) General procedures

(1) Procedure for ligand

[(Ph₂PCH₂)₂N(CH₂CH₂SO₃Na)₂]Br (L)

 $[Ph_2P(CH_2OH)_2]Cl (0.57 g, 2.00 mmol) and Et_3N (0.80 mL) were dissolved in EtOH/H₂O (2:1, 10 mL), H₂NC₂H₄SO₃Na (0.14 g, 1.00 mmol) was then added and stirred under reflux for 3 h. After cooling and freezing overnight, [(Ph_2PCH_2)_2NCH_2CH_2SO_3Na]^[1] was obtain as white solid (89 % yield). This compound (0.54 g, 1 mmol) and BrC₂H₄SO₃Na (0.23 g, 1.20 mmol) were added in EtOH/H₂O (2:1, 10 mL) and stirred at 50 °C for 24 h. Solvents were removed to give a viscous gum that was subsequently crystallized by washed with ethyl acetate, and L was then obtained as a white solid (84 % yield).$

(2) General procedure for the cross-coupled biaryls

PdCl₂ (0.27 mg, 1.5 μ mol, 0.15 mol %), L (4.6 mg, 6 μ mol) and 3 mL H₂O were mixed and heated at 80 °C for 5 min. After cooling to room temperature, the bromine/iodine (1.0 mmol), the boronic acid (1.5 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (212 mg, 2 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until the coupling reaction reached. Then, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo, the product was obtained by purification with silica gel flash chromatography.

(3) Procedure for the double-coupled product

The Pd catalyst (0.30 mol %), 2,5-dibromopyridine (237 mg, 1.0 mmol), 4-methoxyphenylboronic acid (152 mg, 1.0 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (318 mg, 3.0 mmol) were mixed and stirred at room temperature for 6h. Then, phenylboronic acid (122 mg, 1.0 mmol) was added and continued to be stirred at room temperature for 12h. After a routine workup including that the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo, the title product was obtained by purification with silica gel flash chromatography.

3) Characterization data

(1) Characterization data for ligands

$[(Ph_2PCH_2)_2N(C_2H_4SO_3Na)_2]Br(L).$



White solid, m.p. > 250 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.68-7.48 (m, 20H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (q, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 2.83 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, D₂O): δ 137.19, 133.11, 132.92, 130.92, 130.82, 130.65, 130.55, 129.46, 129.27, 129.14, 129.05, 128.93, 128.44, 128.36, 128.23, 122.51, 59.86, 49.40, 23.79. ³¹P-NMR (162 MHz, D₂O): δ 39.49. Calculated for C₃₀H₃₂BrNNa₂O₆P₂S₂: C, 47.75; H, 4.27; N, 1.86. Found: C, 47.55; H, 4.33; N, 1.35.

(2) Characterization data for biaryls

4-Acetylbiphenyl^[2] (1a)

H₃COC

White solid, m.p. 120.1-120.7 °C (lit. 119-120 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (q, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.76, 145.77, 139.85, 135.82, 128.93, 128.89,

128.21, 127.25, 127.20, 26.65.

4-Methoxy-4'-nitrobiphenyl^[3] (**1b**, Table 2, entry 1).

Pale yellow solid, m.p. 109.2-110.0 °C (lit. 108-110 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (q, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.42, 147.17, 146.49, 131.01, 128.54, 127.03, 124.11, 114.58, 55.40.

Biphenyl-4-carboxaldehyde^[4] (**1c**, Table 2, entry 2)

Colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.94, 147.17, 139.68, 135.17, 130.26, 129.00, 128.47, 127.66, 127.35.

4'-Fluorobiphenyl-4-propan-1-one^[5] (**1d**, Table 2, entry 3)

White solid, m.p. 86.2-86.6 °C (lit. 85-87 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.61 (t, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (t, 2H), 3.10-3.05 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.36, 164.15, 161.68, 144.45, 136.02, 135.99, 135.54, 128.92, 128.84, 128.61, 127.02, 115.98, 115.77, 31.83, 8.26.

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)phenol^[6] (1e, Table 2, entry 4).

Colorless solid, m.p. 44.2-44.4 °C (lit. 45-46 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 2H), 5.08 (s, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.62, 161.17, 152.33, 133.05, 130.92, 130.91, 130.85, 130.38, 129.22, 127.22, 120.99, 116.17, 115.93.

4-(2-Methoxyphenyl)benzoic acid^[7] (1f, Table 2, entry 5)



White solid, m.p. 251.1-252.9 °C (lit. 252-255 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d6*): δ 13.0 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d6*): δ 167.65, 156.53, 143.09, 130.81, 130.03, 129.82, 129.49, 129.44, 129.12, 121.28, 112.25, 55.93.

4'-Methoxy-2,4,6-trimethylbiphenyl^[8] (1g, Table 2, entry 6)



White solid, m.p. 75.1-76.0 °C (lit. 73-75 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.17 (q, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 4H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.23, 138.71, 136.44, 133.31, 130.34, 128.07, 113.79, 55.20, 21.06, 20.85.

Ethyl 2'-methylbiphenyl-4-carboxylate^[9] (1h, Table 2, entry 7)



Colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.14 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 4.48-4.41 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.48-1.44 (t, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.54, 146.61, 140.88, 135.15, 131.64, 131.09, 130.49, 129.53, 129.39, 129.22, 128.91, 127.82, 125.91, 60.97, 20.41, 14.39.

4-Amino-4'-methoxybiphenyl-3-carboxylic acid^[10] (1i, Table 2, entry 9)

White solid, m.p. 260.6-262.0 °C (lit. 258.8 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d6*): δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d6*): δ 158.27, 150.58, 133.25, 132.16, 131.55, 131.48, 131.13, 129.03, 128.94, 126.90, 126.57, 117.15, 114.71, 55.55.

4'-Chlorobiphenyl-2-amine^[11] (1j, Table 2, entry 10)



Light yellow oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 (s, 4H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.08 (q, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, br, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.33, 137.89, 132.56, 130.45, 130.32, 128.97, 128.82, 128.32, 126.32, 119.39, 118.80, 115.73.

2-(4, 5-Methylenedioxyphenyl)benzofuran^[12] (**2a**, Table 3, entry 1)



White solid, m.p. 102.6-103.1 °C (lit. 102-102.7 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 6.06 (s, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.74, 154.63, 148.09, 148.00, 129.33, 124.75, 123.95, 122.90, 120.66, 119.12, 111.02, 108.69, 105.45, 101.33, 100.16.

Methyl 4-oxo-2-phenyl-6-o-tolyl-4H-chromene-8-carboxylate (2b, Table 3, entry 2)



White solid, m.p. 128.6-129.3 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.89 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.10 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.83 (m, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.55, 164.73, 161.15, 153.47, 139.25, 138.06, 137.14, 135.34, 133.01, 130.58, 129.84, 129.36, 128.48, 128.13, 126.92, 126.11, 122.99, 120.27, 117.62, 114.88, 52.52, 20.42. Calculated for C₂₄H₁₈O₄: C, 77.82; H, 4.90. Found: C, 77.55; H, 4.83.

5-(Naphthalen-1-yl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde^[13] (**2c**, Table 3, entry 3)



Colorless solid, m.p. 56.7-56.9 °C (lit. 56-57 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.01 (s, 1H),

8.21 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.65-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.41 (s, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.01, 152.27, 143.49, 136.80, 133.82, 131.09, 131.06, 129.82, 128.69, 128.63, 128.37, 127.10, 126.45, 125.27, 125.08.

Methyl 6-(4-fluorophenyl)nicotinate^[14] (2d, Table 3, entry 4)



White solid, m.p. 130.1-130.9 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (t, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.74, 165.28, 162.80, 159.69, 150.89, 137.92, 134.35, 129.29, 129.20, 124.06, 119.41, 115.96, 115.75, 52.35.

5-Bromo-6'-methoxy-2, 3'-bipyridine^[15] (2e, Table 3, entry 5)

White solid, m.p.100.1-100.9 °C (lit. 100-100.5 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.72 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.21 (q, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (q, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.85, 153.51, 150.85, 145.47, 139.33, 137.08, 127.48, 120.69, 119.04, 111.00, 53.68,

5-Phenylpyridin-2-amine^[16] (**2f**, Table 3, entry 6)

Light yellow solid, m.p. 71.4-71.8 °C (lit. 72-73 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.75-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.55 (q, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37 (q, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, br, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.44, 145.91, 138.17, 136.82, 128.93, 127.43, 126.98, 126.30, 108.69.

2-(Pyridin-2-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazole^[17] (2g, Table 3, entry 7)



Light yellow solid, m.p. 138.2-139.1 °C (lit. 134 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CHCl₃): δ 8.72 (d, J =

4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.67 (q, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.26, 154.45, 149.61, 147.67, 136.76, 132.66, 127.80, 127.05, 125.87, 125.40, 122.13, 117.20.

3-(Thiophen-2-yl)quinoline^[18] (**2h**, Table 3, entry 8)



White solid, m.p.75.9-76.7 °C (lit. 70-70.3 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.22 (s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (q, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.55, 147.22, 140.68, 131.29, 129.30, 129.26, 128.41, 127.90, 127.82, 127.52, 127.22, 126.10, 124.40.

6-(Thiophen-3-yl)quinoline^[19] (2i, Table 3, entry 9)



White solid, m.p. 95.2-96.0 °C (lit. 94-98 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.94 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 8.23-8.19 (m, 2H), 8.01 (s, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.92, 147.16, 141.29, 136.43, 133.96, 129.63, 128.81, 128.59, 126.74, 126.29, 124.33, 121.52, 121.41.

5-(4-Tolyl)-1*H***-indole**^[20] (**2j**, Table 3, entry 10)

.CH3



Light yellow solid, m.p. 130.7-131.1 °C (lit. 131-133 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (s, br, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.31, (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.70, 136.06, 135.21, 133.35, 129.49, 128.41, 127.29, 124.94, 123.21, 121.84, 119.01, 112.54, 111.32, 102.93, 21.14.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylpyridine^[21] (3a)

White solid, m.p. 210.5-211.4 °C (lit. 210-211 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (t, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.04 (t, 2H), 6.99-6.95 (t, 1H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.56, 155.82, 147.64, 135.34, 129.58, 129.09, 128.30, 128.23, 127.99, 126.90, 120.42, 115.34, 114.23, 114.18, 55.36.

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3. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra















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