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Palladium-catalyzed aerobic oxidative cross-coupling of

arylhydrazines with terminal alkynes

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1. General experimental details and materials

NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER Avence III 500MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) down field from TMS with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. Coupling constants (*J*) were reported in Hz and referred to apparent peak multiplications.

All the reagents used were purchased from Alfa Aesar or J&K. The solvents were used directly without further purification. For liber some commercially obtained arylhydrazines from their hydrochloride salt forms, 10% NaOH aqueous solution was added with stirring for 10 min, then ethyl acetate was used to for extractions. The organic phase was dried by anhydrous NaSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum to afford pure arylhydrazines.

In a typical Sonogashira coupling reaction, arylhydrazine 1 (1.75 mmol), terminal alkyne 2 (0.5 mmol), PdCl₂ (0.025 mmol, 4.4 mg), PPh₃ (0.15 mmol, 39.3 mg), AcOH (1.5 mmol, 90 mg) and 1.5 mL of DMF were added to a 25 mL Schlenk tube under 1 atm of O_2 atmosphere. Then it was sealed and the resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, water was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The organic phases were combined, dried by anhydrous NaSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was then purified by chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether to give the corresponding product.

2. Synthesis of internal alkynes and the characterization data

1,2-Diphenylethyne (3aa) (CAS Registry Number 501-65-5)



This product was obtained from the reaction of phenylhydrazine (1a) and phenylacetylene (2a) as a white solid (68 mg, 74% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.25-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.53-7.55 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 89.4, 123.3, 128.3, 128.4, 131.6.

1-(Phenylethynyl)-4-propylbenzene (3ab) (CAS Registry Number 1011301-57-7)



This product was obtained from the reaction of phenylhydrazine (1a) and 1-ethynyl-4propylbenzene (2b) as a white solid (87 mg, 79% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 0.94 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.61-1.68 (m, 2H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.53 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 13.8, 24.4, 38.0, 88.8, 89.6, 120.4, 123.5, 128.1, 128.3, 128.5, 131.5, 131.6, 143.2.

1-(tert-Butyl)-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3ac) (CAS Registry Number 29778-26-5)



This product was obtained from the reaction of phenylhydrazine (1a) and 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4ethynylbenzene (2c) as a white solid (90 mg, 77% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 1.33 (s, 9H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.46-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.53 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 31.2, 34.8, 88.7, 89.5, 120.2, 123.5, 125.4, 128.1, 128.3, 131.3, 131.6, 151.5.

4-(Phenylethynyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3ad) (CAS Registry Number 15784-39-1)



This product was obtained from the reaction of phenylhydrazine (**1a**) and 4-ethynyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**2d**) as a white solid (60 mg, 47% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.33-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.62 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 89.3, 90.1, 122.2, 123.3, 127.0, 127.6, 128.3, 128.4, 128.9, 131.6, 132.0, 140.3, 141.0.

1-(Pentyloxy)-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3ae) (CAS Registry Number 1380401-12-6)



This product was obtained from the reaction of phenylhydrazine (1a) and 1-ethynyl-4-(pentyloxy)benzene (2e) as a white solid (68 mg, 52% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 0.83-0.89 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.26-1.29 (m, 3H), 1.35-1.45 (m, 4H), 1.77-1.82 (m, 2H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.85-6.88 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 14.0, 22.5, 28.2, 28.9, 68.1, 88.0, 89.5, 114.5, 115.1, 123.7, 127.9, 128.3, 131.4, 133.0, 159.2.

1-Fluoro-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3af) (CAS Registry Number 405-29-8)



This product was obtained from the reaction of phenylhydrazine (1a) and 1-ethynyl-4-fluorobenzene (2f) as a white solid (66 mg, 67% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.02-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 88.3, 89.1, 115.5 (J_{CF} = 17.5 Hz), 119.4, 123.1, 128.3, 128.4, 131.6, 133.5 (J_{CF} = 6.6 Hz), 163.5 (J_{CF} = 198.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -111.0.

1-Chloro-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3ag) (CAS Registry Number 5172-02-1)



This product was obtained from the reaction of phenylhydrazine (1a) and 1-chloro-4ethynylbenzene (2g) as a white solid (81 mg, 76% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.32-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.54 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 88.2, 90.3, 121.8, 122.9, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 131.6, 132.8, 134.3.

1-Chloro-3-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3ah) (CAS Registry Number 51624-34-1)



This product was obtained from the reaction of phenylhydrazine (1a) and 1-chloro-3-

ethynylbenzene (**2h**) as a white solid (54 mg, 51% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.24-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.53 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 87.9, 90.6, 122.8, 125.0, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 129.6, 129.7, 131.5, 131.7, 134.2.

1-Bromo-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3ai) (CAS Registry Number 13667-12-4)

This product was obtained from the reaction of phenylhydrazine (1a) and 1-bromo-4ethynylbenzene (2i) as a white solid (80 mg, 62% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.33-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.47-7.53 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 88.3, 90.5, 122.2, 122.5, 122.9, 128.4, 128.5, 131.6, 131.6, 133.0.

1-(Phenylethynyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3aj) (CAS Registry Number 370-99-0)



This product was obtained from the reaction of phenylhydrazine (1a) and 1-ethynyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2j) as a white solid (85 mg, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.37-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.64 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 88.0, 91.8, 122.6, 122.9, 125.0, 125.3 (q, *J* = 14.1 Hz), 127.1, 128.5, 128.8, 129.8 (t, *J* = 122.2 Hz), 131.8 (d, *J* = 27.7 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.8.

4-(Phenylethynyl)benzonitrile (3ak) (CAS Registry Number 29822-79-5)



This product was obtained from the reaction of phenylhydrazine (1a) and 4-ethynylbenzonitrile (2k) as a white solid (64 mg, 63% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.35-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.61 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 87.7, 93.8, 111.5, 118.6, 122.2, 128.3, 128.5, 129.1, 131.8, 132.1, 132.1.

1-Bromo-4-(p-tolylethynyl)benzene (3bi) (CAS Registry Number 62856-42-2)



This product was obtained from the reaction of *p*-tolylhydrazine (**1b**) and 1-bromo-4ethynylbenzene (**2i**) as a white solid (96 mg, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 2.36 (s, 3H), 7.14-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 21.6, 87.7, 90.7, 119.8, 122.2, 122.5, 129.2, 131.5, 131.6, 133.0, 138.7.

1-((4-Bromophenyl)ethynyl)-3,5-dimethylbenzene (3ci)



This product was obtained from the reaction of (3,5-dimethylphenyl)hydrazine (1c) and 1-bromo-4-ethynylbenzene (2i) as a white solid (75 mg, 53% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 6.98$ (s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 2H), 7.36-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 21.1, 87.6, 90.9, 122.3, 122.4, 122.5, 129.3, 130.5, 131.6, 133.0, 138.0. GC-MS (M⁺) (*m*/*z* = 284, 286).

1-Bromo-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzene (3di) (CAS Registry Number 189099-57-8) MeO

This product was obtained from the reaction of (4-methoxyphenyl)hydrazine (**1d**) and 1-bromo-4ethynylbenzene (**2i**) as a white solid (71 mg, 50% yield).¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.86-6.89 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 55.3, 87.1, 90.6, 114.1, 115.0, 122.1, 122.6, 131.6, 132.9, 133.1, 159.8.

1,2-Bis(4-bromophenyl)ethyne (3ei) (CAS Registry Number 2789-89-1)



This product was obtained from the reaction of (4-bromophenyl)hydrazine (1e) and 1-bromo-4ethynylbenzene (2i) as a white solid (105 mg, 63% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.37-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.49 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 89.4, 121.9, 122.8, 131.7, 133.0.

1-Bromo-4-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)benzene (3eg) (CAS Registry Number 832744-28-2)



This product was obtained from the reaction of (4-bromophenyl)hydrazine (1e) and 1-chloro-4ethynylbenzene (2g) as a white solid (97 mg, 67% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.31-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 89.2, 89.4, 100.0, 121.4, 121.9, 122.7, 128.8, 131.7, 132.8, 133.0, 134.6.

1-((4-Bromophenyl)ethynyl)-3-chlorobenzene (3fi) (CAS Registry Number 832744-27-1)



This product was obtained from the reaction of (3-chlorophenyl)hydrazine (**1f**) and 1-bromo-4ethynylbenzene (**2i**) as a white solid (109 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.26-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.52 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 89.0, 89.4, 121.7, 122.9, 124.6, 128.8, 129.6, 129.7, 131.4, 131.7, 133.1, 134.3.

4-((4-Chlorophenyl)ethynyl)benzonitrile (3gg) (CAS Registry Number 54273-35-7)

This product was obtained from the reaction of 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile (**1g**) and 1-chloro-4ethynylbenzene (**2g**) as a white solid (69 mg, 58% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.34-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.65 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 88.6, 92.6, 111.7, 118.4, 120.7, 127.9, 128.9, 132.1, 132.1, 133.0, 135.3.

4-((4-Ethylphenyl)ethynyl)benzonitrile (3gl) (CAS Registry Number 62856-07-9)

This product was obtained from the reaction of 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile (**1g**) and 1-ethyl-4ethynylbenzene (**2l**) as a white solid (83 mg, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 1.25 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.67 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.58-7.64 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 15.3, 28.9, 87.2, 94.1, 111.2, 118.7, 119.4, 128.1, 128.5, 131.8, 132.0, 132.0, 145.7.

4-(3-Phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (3gm) (CAS Registry Number 851990-15-3)



This product was obtained from the reaction of 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile (**1g**) and prop-2-yn-1ylbenzene (**2m**) as a white solid (109 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.86 (s, 2H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.59 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 25.8, 81.3, 92.7, 111.2, 118.6, 126.9, 127.9, 128.7, 128.7, 132.0, 132.2, 135.9.

4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (3gn) (CAS Registry Number 312708-98-8)



This product was obtained from the reaction of 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile (**1g**) and 1-octyne (**2n**) as a light yellow liquid (30 mg, 28% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.31-1.33(m, 4H), 1.42-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.64 (m, 2H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 14.0, 19.5, 22.5, 28.4, 28.6, 31.3, 79.4, 95.7, 110.8, 118.7, 129.2, 131.9, 132.1.

3. Copies for ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra

















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