# Recyclable Glucose-Derived Palladium(0) Nanoparticles as in situ-Formed Catalysts for Cross-Coupling Reactions in Aqueous Media 

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## I. General Experimental Information

Unless otherwise indicated, all commercially available reagents and solvents were used directly from the supplier without further purification. Solvents used for column chromatography were of technical grade. For purification procedures using column chromatography, silica gel ( $60-120$ ) mesh was used. Thin layer chromatography was carried out using Merck Kieselgel silica gel 60 F254 plates ( 0.2 mm ) and visualization was achieved using UV light followed by dipping in a potassium permanganate solution and heating. All reactions were performed in Biotage 5 mL microwave vials with Teflon coated caps.

## II. Instrumentation

Melting Point - The melting points were recorded on a Stuart Scientific SMP3 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

NMR - ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR were recorded on a Bruker AV400 (400 MHz) spectrometer, Bruker AV(III)400 (400 $\mathrm{MHz})$ spectrometer, Bruker DPX400 ( 400 MHz ) spectrometer or JOEL EX270 ( 270 MHz ) spectrometer at ambient temperature using $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ( 7.26 ppm ), DMSO- ${ }^{6}(2.50 \mathrm{ppm}),\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CO}(2.05 \mathrm{ppm})$ or $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}(3.31 \mathrm{ppm})$ as the solvent. Chemical shift values are expressed as parts per million ( ppm ) and $J$ values are in Hertz. Splitting patterns are indicated as s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet or combination there of, br.s broad singlet or m: multiplet.

FTIR - Solution IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer 1600 series FTIR-spectrophotometer.
Mass Spectrometry - Mass spectra were determined using a Bruker MicroTOF mass spectrometer.
$\mathbf{p H}$ meter - The pH measurements were recorded on a Philip Harris digital pH meter using a $\mathrm{pH}=7$ standard buffer.
Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) - TEM analysis was performed using a JEOL2100F field-emission gun microscope operating at 200 kV and equipped with a Gatan Orius camera. The $\operatorname{Pd}(0)$ nanoparticles were dispersed in water using an ultrasound bath and a suspension ( $3.5 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ ) was deposited onto a holey carbon grid (Agar Scientific), which had previously been exposed to a low temperature $\mathrm{O}_{2} / \mathrm{Ar}$ plasma for five seconds in a Fischione Model 1020 Plasma Cleaner to make them hydrophilic. TEM image simulations was carried out using spherical aberration coefficient $(C s)=1 \mathrm{~mm}$. TEM-EDS was performed in scanning TEM mode using a prototype Oxford Instruments XMAX 100 TLE, on loan from Oxford Instruments.

Nanoparticle Tracking Analysis (NTA) - NTA was performed with a Nanosight LM10-HS instrument equipped with an electron multiplication charge coupled device camera mounted on an optical microscope system to track light scattered by particles that are present in a focused $(80 \mu \mathrm{~m})$ beam generated by a single mode laser diode with a 60 mW blue laser illumination ( 405 nm ). The solution containing the palladium $(0)$ nanoparticles in a concentration of between $10^{7}$ and $10^{9}$ particles $/ \mathrm{mL}$ was injected in a sample chamber of 0.5 mL size from which a volume of $120 \times 80 \times 20$ microns was visualized under the microscope. The sample concentration was adjusted to ensure statistically significant number of particles under analysis. The Brownian motion of the nanoparticles was tracked at 30 frames/s. NTA 2.2 software was used to evaluate the mean square displacements of each visible particle (calibration $166 \mathrm{~nm} /$ pixel) and from the Strokes-Einstein equation the particle sizes were determined. All experiments were performed without filtering to ensure measurement of all particles. ${ }^{1}$

Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS) - DLS experiments were preformed on a Malvern Zetasizer ZS equipped with a He$\mathrm{Ne}(633 \mathrm{~nm}, 5 \mathrm{~mW})$ laser and an Avalanche photodiode detector at an angle of $173^{\circ}$. All DLS data were processed using a Dispersion Technology Software (Malvern Instruments). All experiments were performed without filtering to ensure measurement of all particles. ${ }^{2}$

X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) - XPS spectra were recorded on the Kratos AXIS ULTRA with a monochromated Al k $\alpha$ X-ray source ( 1486.6 eV ) operated at 15 mA emission current and 12 kV anode potential -180 W . Hybrid (magnet/electrostatic) optics ( $300 \times 700 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ aperture), hemispherical analyzer, multichannel plate and delay line detector (DLD) with a take-off angle of $90^{\circ}$ and an acceptance angle of $30^{\circ}$. All scans were acquired under charge neutralization conditions using a low energy electron gun within the field of magnetic lens. Survey scans were taken with a pass energy of 80 eV and high resolution scans with a pass energy of 20 eV . Data analysis is carried out using CASAXPS software with Kratos sensitivity factors to determine atomic \% values from the peak areas.

Scanning Ion Occlusion Sensing (SIOS) - SIOS measurements were carried out on a qNano instrument (Izon Science Ltd., Christchurch, NZ). A standard electrolyte buffer (SEB) of $0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{KCl}, 10 \mathrm{mM}$ Tris buffer, $0.01 \%$ Triton X-100, and 3 mM EDTA, pH 8.0 , filtered through a $0.22 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ filter was used in all experiments. The membrane was wetted prior to sampling by applying a voltage (typically 0.3 V ) and manually stretching the pore open (typically with a jaw stretch of 5 mm ). Once a stable background current achieved, the fluid in the top half of the cell was replaced with a solution of the palladium $(0)$ nanoparticles in the SEB $(30-70 \mu \mathrm{~L})$. The magnitude and duration of changes in the current signal were collected at a sampling frequency of 50 kHz . The instrument was calibrated using a solution of polystyrene particles ( 3000 series, 100 nm ) in SEB. ${ }^{3}$

## III. Palladium nanoparticle formation and characterization

## 1a. Synthesis of sugar derived palladium(0) nanoparticles

|  | glucose (4 mol \%) <br> $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ <br> $(2 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ | $\mathrm{MeCN} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1: 3)$ <br> $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 16 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | | aqueous |
| :---: |
| suspension |

A stirred solution of $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(10 \mathrm{mg}, 0.044 \mathrm{mmol})$, glucose ( $16 \mathrm{mg}, 0.088 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and triethylamine ( $0.4 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.8$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water ( $1: 3,4 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was heated to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h in a sealed vial. The mixture was cooled and centrifuged for 5 mins and the majority of solvent was removed. Water ( 2 mL ) was added and the mixture was centrifuged for 5 mins and the majority of solvent was removed (repeated 2 x ). The particles were isolated as an aqueous suspension, which was directly used for nanoparticle characterization.

## 1b. Solid state analysis of palladium(0) nanoparticles

Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM), Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) and X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) analysis were conducted on the sugar derived palladium(0) nanoparticles. An aqueous suspension of the nanoparticles was deposited on the requisite supports (see, Instrumentation section) for direct analysis of the solid samples. The results of the various techniques are discussed in Supplemental Figures 1-3.


Figure SF1a | Representative TEM images of sugar-derived palladium(0) nanoparticle. The images show the aggregation of the nanoparticles as well as the stabilizing role of the sugar residues. High magnification imaging shows that individual nanoparticles are in the range of $5-20 \mathrm{~nm}$ and exist in a variety of different conformations and morphologies (spheres, prisms, etc.). The existence of crystalline planes indicates that some of the species are semicrystalline. Importantly, the lighter amorphous materials at the periphery of the nanoparticles most likely contain the sugar residue.

EDS Layered Image 2



Spectrum $2 \mathrm{Wt} \% \mathrm{Wt} \%$ Sigma

| C | 72.81 | 3.78 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | 10.02 | 1.50 |
| O | 6.42 | 0.98 |
| Na | 0.61 | 0.11 |
| Al | 0.52 | 0.09 |
| Si | 1.43 | 0.21 |
| S | 0.85 | 0.13 |
| Cl | 0.79 | 0.12 |
| K | 0.30 | 0.06 |
| Ca | 0.81 | 0.13 |
| Cr | 0.41 | 0.08 |
| Fe | 1.43 | 0.22 |
| Co | 1.41 | 0.22 |
| Pd | 0.24 | 0.13 |


| I | 0.69 | 0.17 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Au | 1.26 | 0.28 |
| Total | 100.00 |  |

Figure SF1b \| Representative EDS-TEM images of sugar-derived palladium(0) nanoparticle. The image shows that the surface of the palladium nanoparticle has carbon and oxygen species on it. Importantly, the method is able to quantify the amount of carbon and oxygen on the surface. Copper has been deconvolved for the analysis, due to stray Cu signal from the supporting TEM grid. $\mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Fe}$ and Co signals may also originate from the structure of the TEM itself.


Figure SF2|EDX spectrum of sugar-derived palladium(0) nanoparticle. The Energy-dispersive X-ray spectrum confirms the presence of palladium in the sample. The Cu signal is attributed to the use of a Cu mesh support grid.


| Element | Orbital | $\mathrm{At} \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| C | 1 s | 42.3 |
| N | 1 s | 4.9 |
| Pd | 3 d | 51.2 |
| Si | 2 p | 1.7 |

Figure SF3 | XPS data of sugar-derived palladium(0) nanoparticle. The X-ray photoelectron spectrum indicates that the palladium present in the sample is in the $\operatorname{Pd}(0)$ oxidation state.

## 1c. Solution state analysis of palladium(0) nanoparticles.

Analysis of the sugar-derived palladium(0) nanoparticles was carried out on solution phase samples in order to access the size the degree of aggregation of the nanoparticles in aqueous solutions. Thus, dynamic light scattering (DLS), Nanoparticle Tracking Analysis (NTA) and Scanning Ion Occlusion Sensing (SIOS) were conducted on suspensions of the nanoparticles as described in the instrumentation section. It should be noted that these three solution phase techniques differ significantly in the way that they determine the size of the nanoparticles in solution. DLS uses the changes in the intensity of scattered light caused by the Brownian motion of the particles to determine their size distribution through the use of the Stokes Einstein equation. A hard spherical model has been used for the calculations. In contrast, NTA directly observes each nanoparticle to give an indirect measure of the size of each particle that is tracked. Again, the Brownian motion of the particles was used to determine their size distribution through the use of the Stokes Einstein equation. Finally, SIOS detects and characterizes individual molecules by nanopore resistive pulse sensing. Importantly, the qNano instrument that was used in our study allows for the rapid tuning of the pore size to allow for improved signal. The results of the various techniques are discussed in Supplemental Figures 4-6.


Figure SF4 | DLS data of sugar-derived palladium(0) nanoparticle. The dynamic light scattering spectrum suggests that numerous (semi-)stable particulate species are present in solution and that the nanoparticles aggregate in aqueous media. At $\mathrm{t}=0 \mathrm{~h}$ the suspension was trimodal with the following size distribution of: $61.6 \pm 19.2 \mathrm{~nm}, 372.8 \pm 164.7$ $\mathrm{nm}, 5032 \pm 836 \mathrm{~nm}$. After the suspension was allowed to stand for $24 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{t}=24 \mathrm{~h})$ the distribution was bimodal with the following size distribution: $66.7 \pm 10.0 \mathrm{~nm}, 281.2 \pm 50.3 \mathrm{~nm}$, as the $5 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ feature had precipitated from solution.


Figure SF5 | NTA data of sugar-derived palladium(0) nanoparticle. The nanoparticle tracking analysis data indicates that the aqueous suspension of nanoparticles aggregate with the following distribution: mean ( 151 nm ), mode ( 122 nm ) and SD ( 86 nm ).


Figure SF6 | SIOS data of sugar-derived palladium(0) nanoparticle. The scanning ion occlusion sensing spectrum indicates that the nanoparticles aggregate in the SEB buffer. The mean ( 180 nm ), median ( 75 nm ) and mode ( 70 nm ) of the filtered $(1 \mu \mathrm{M})$ suspension were calculated and suggest that the nanoparticles aggregate in the aqueous buffer

## IV. Preparation of styrene derivatives 3

## (E)-Methyl Cinnamate (3a)



3a

To a stirred solution of $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(5.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water ( $1: 3,4 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) at rt were added triethylamine ( $0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 4-iodobenzene ( $87 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and methyl acrylate $(87 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.97 \mathrm{mmol})$. The vial was sealed and the resultant mixture was heated at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled to rt and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and dichloromethane ( 10 mL ) were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol/EtOAc, 15:1) to give ( $E$ )-methyl cinnamate (3a, $112 \mathrm{mg}, 97$ \%) as a white solid. mp: 34-35 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\right.$ lit. $\left.^{4} 34-34.5\right)$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $270 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.63-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.47-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.44(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(67.5 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 167.6,145.0,134.5,130.4$, 129.0, 128.2, 117.9, 51.8; IR $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right): 3021,1712,1604,1497,1455,1361,954 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \operatorname{HRMS}(m / z):[\mathrm{M}]$ calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Na}, 185.0578$; found 185.0579 .

## (E)-3-Phenyl-2E-propenoic Acid (3b)



3b

Method 1: To a stirred solution of $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(5.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water ( $1: 3,4 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) at rt were added triethylamine ( $0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), iodobenzene ( $87 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and acrylic acid $(66 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.97 \mathrm{mmol})$. The vial was sealed and the resultant mixture was heated at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled to rt and water ( 10 mL ) and dichloromethane ( 10 mL ) were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was washed with diethyl ether to give ( $E$ )-3-phenyl-2E-propenoic acid ( $\mathbf{3 b}, 115 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \%$ ) as white crystals.

Method 2: To a stirred solution of $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and sodium erythorbate $(6.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water $(1: 3,4 \mathrm{~mL})$ at rt were added triethylamine $(0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol})$, iodobenzene ( $87 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and acrylic acid $(66 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.97 \mathrm{mmol})$. The vial was sealed and the resultant mixture was heated at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled to rt and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and dichloromethane $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was washed with diethyl ether to give ( $E$ )-3-phenyl-2E-propenoic acid ( $\mathbf{3 b}, 100 \mathrm{mg}, 87 \%$ ) as white crystals.
mp: 132-133 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\right.$ lit. $\left.^{5} 133{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CO}\right) \delta 7.71-7.66(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.45-7.43(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.54(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\left.\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CO}\right) \delta 167.8,135.5,131.1,129.8,129.0,119.3$; IR $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right): 3525,3085$, $3002,1717,1692,1635,1497,1451,1416,1284,981 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; $\operatorname{HRMS}(m / z)[M]$ calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Na}, 171.0423$; found, 171.0417.

## (E)-4-(2-Carboxyvinyl)benzoic Acid (3c)



To a stirred solution of $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(5.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water ( $1: 3,4$ mL ) at rt were added triethylamine ( $0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 4-iodobenzoic acid ( $193 \mathrm{mg}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and acrylic acid ( 66 $\mu \mathrm{L}, 0.97 \mathrm{mmol})$. The vial was sealed and the mixture heated at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled to rt and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and dichloromethane ( 10 mL ) were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give ( $E$ )-4-(2-carboxyvinyl)benzoic acid ( $\mathbf{3 c}, 149 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \%$ ) as a white powder. mp: $353-355{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\right.$ lit. $\left.{ }^{6} 352{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $270 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-\mathrm{D}^{6}$ ): $\delta 7.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.64(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.64(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $67.5 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}^{2}{ }^{6}$ ): $\delta 167.3,167.3,143.1$, $138.9,132.4,130.2,128.8,122.1$; IR $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right): 2361,2342,1602 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ) [M] calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Na}$, 215.0315; found, 215.0332.

## (E)-3-(2-Aminophenyl)acrylic Acid (3d)



3d
To a stirred solution of $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(5.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water ( $1: 3,4$ mL ) at rt were added triethylamine ( $0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 2-iodoaniline ( $170 \mathrm{mg}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and acrylic acid ( $66 \mu \mathrm{~L}$, 0.97 mmol ). The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled to rt and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and dichloromethane ( 10 mL ) were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol / EtOAc, 9:1) to give ( $E$ )-3-(2-aminophenyl) acrylic acid ( $\mathbf{3 d}, 0.72 \mathrm{mmol}, 118 \mathrm{mg}, 93 \%$ ) as a yellow solid. mp: $158-159{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{lit} .{ }^{7}{ }^{157-158}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $270 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.43(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.80(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.73(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.39(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(67.5 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right)$ : $\delta 171.2,148.6,142.5,132.5,128.6,120.8,119.3,118.2,117.9$; $\mathrm{IR}\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right): 2927,2856,2364,2339,1717,1687,1621$, 1491, 1460, 1253, 1161, 1126, $982 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS $(m / z)[M]$ calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{NO}_{2}, 164.0706$; found, 164.0713.

## ( $E$ )-stilbene ( $\mathbf{3 e}$ )



3 e
To a stirred solution of $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(5.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water $(1: 3,4$ mL ) at rt were added triethylamine ( $0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), styrene ( $111 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.97 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and iodobenzene ( $87 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.78$ $\mathrm{mmol})$. The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water ( 10 mL ) and ether ( 10 mL ) were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol / EtOAc, $9: 1)$ to give $(E)$-stilbene ( $\mathbf{3 e}, 126 \mathrm{mg}, 90 \%$ ) as a white crystalline solid. $\mathrm{mp}: 122-124{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit. ${ }^{8} 121-122{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $270 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.53(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.37(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.27(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}$; ( $67.5 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 137.3,128.7,127.6,126.5$; IR $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right): 3011,1609,1452,961,527 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})[\mathrm{M}]$ calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{12}, 180.0939$; found 180.0939.

## ( E)-4-Nitrostilbene (3f)



To a stirred solution of $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(5.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water $(1: 3,4$ mL ) at rt were added triethylamine $(0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol})$, styrene ( $87 \mu \mathrm{~L} 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 4-iodonitrobenzene ( 193 mg , 0.78 mmol ). The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water (10 $\mathrm{mL})$ and ether ( 10 mL ) were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol/ EtOAc, 30:1) to give ( $E$ )-4-nitrostilbene ( $\mathbf{3 f}, 175 \mathrm{mg}, 94 \%$ ) as a yellow solid. $\mathrm{mp}: 153-154{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\right.$ lit. ${ }^{9} 153-154{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.23(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.65(\mathrm{~d}, 8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.58-7.55(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.43-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.18-$ $7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $67.5 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 146.7,143.8,136.2,133.3,128.9,128.8,127.0,126.8,126.2,124.1$; IR $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right): 1594,1518,1343,1111,966,955,851 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ) [M] calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{2}, 225.0790$; found 225.0784.

## Ethyl (E)-3-(4-cyanophenyl)acrylate (3g)


$3 g$
To a stirred solution of $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(5.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water ( $1: 3,4$ mL ) at rt were added triethylamine ( $0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 4-iodobenzonitrile ( $178 \mathrm{mg}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and ethyl acrylate $(106 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.97 \mathrm{mmol})$. The vial was then sealed and the mixture heated at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane / EtOAc, 9:1) to give ethyl (E)-3-(4-cyanophenyl)acrylate ( $\mathbf{3 g}, 37 \mathrm{mg}, 23 \%$ ) as a white solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.69-7.59(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.51(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.28(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.0,7.19 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.34(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (400MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 166.1,142.1,138.8,132.7,128.4,121.9,118.4,113.3,61.0,14.3$; IR (neat): 2989, 2921, 2226, 1705, $1637 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS $(m / z)[M+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{NO}_{2}, 202.0863$; found, 202.0861.

## Ethyl (E)-3-(4-formylphenyl)acrylate (3h)



3h
To a stirred solution of $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(2.47 \mathrm{mg}, 0.011 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose ( $3.96 \mathrm{mg}, 0.022 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in acetonitrile / water $(1: 3,2.86 \mathrm{~mL})$ at rt were added triethylamine $(0.10 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.72 \mathrm{mmol})$, 4-iodobenzaldehyde ( $130 \mathrm{mg}, 0.56 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and ethyl acrylate ( $76 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.70 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The vial was then sealed and the mixture heated at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane / EtOAc, 9:1) to give ethyl (E)-3-(4-formylphenyl)acrylate ( $\mathbf{3 h}, 75 \mathrm{mg}, 47 \%$ ) as a white solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 10.01(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.89(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.12 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.68(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.54(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.27(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=$ $7.1,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.33(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 191.5,166.4,142.8,140.1,137.1,130.2$, 128.5, 121.5, 60.8, 14.3; IR (neat): 2980, 2847, 1693, 1633, $1602 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS $(m / z)[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{O}_{3}$, 205.0859; found, 205.0862.

## (E)-4-styrylbenzonitrile (3i)


$3 i$
To a stirred solution of $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(5.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water $(1: 3,4$ $\mathrm{mL})$ at rt were added triethylamine $(0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}), 4$-iodobenzonitrile ( $178 \mathrm{mg}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and styrene ( $112 \mu \mathrm{~L}$,
$0.97 \mathrm{mmol})$. The vial was then sealed and the mixture heated at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water ( 10 $\mathrm{mL})$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane / EtOAc, 9:1) to give (E)-3-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acrylic acid (3i, $58 \mathrm{mg}, 36 \%$ ) as a white solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.62(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.40(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=$ $7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.21(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 141.8,136.3,132.5$, 132.4, 128.9, 128.7, 127.0, 126.9, 126.7, 119.1, 110.6; IR (neat): $3022,2224,1600 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (m/z) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]+$ calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}, 206.0964$; found, 206.0973

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## Diphenyl Acetylene (6a)



6a

To a stirred solution of $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(5.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water $(1: 3,4$ mL ) at rt were added triethylamine $(0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol})$, phenyl acetylene ( $85 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and iodobenzene ( $87 \mu \mathrm{l}$, $0.777 \mathrm{mmol})$. The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water ( 10 $\mathrm{mL})$ and ether $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol / EtOAc, 9:1) to give diphenyl acetylene ( $\mathbf{6 a}, 130 \mathrm{mg}, 95 \%$ ) as a brown solid. $\mathrm{mp}: 56-58{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ( lit. ${ }^{10} 57{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 270 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.60-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.38-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(67.5 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 131.6,128.4,128.3,123.3$, 89.4; IR $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right): 3071,3004,2922,1599,1494,1432,1073,1033,920 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS $(m / z)[\mathrm{M}]$ calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{10}$, 178.0783; found 178.0775 .

## (E)-1-Nitro-4-(2-phenyl-1-ethynl)benzene (6b)



6b
To a stirred solution of $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(5.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water ( $1: 3,4$ mL ) at rt were added triethylamine ( $0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), phenylacetylene ( $85 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 4-iodonitrobenzene ( $193 \mathrm{mg}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and ether $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol / EtOAc, 9:1) to give (E)-1-nitro-4-(2-phenyl-1-ethynl)benzene ( $\mathbf{6 b}, 172 \mathrm{mg}, 60 \%$ ) as a yellow solid. mp : 119$121{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit. ${ }^{11}{ }^{119-121}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ): $\delta 8.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0,2 \mathrm{H}), 7.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0,2 \mathrm{H}), 7.60-7.58(\mathrm{~m}$, 2 H ), 7.45-7.42 (m, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ): $\delta 147.1,132.0,131.4,129.2,129.0,128.3,123.3,122.0,93.7$, 86.9; IR $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right): 2219,1597,1520,1345,1107,863$; $\mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ [M] calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{NO}_{2}, 223.0633$; found 223.0630.

## (E)-2-phenylethynylaniline (6c)



6c
To a stirred solution of $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(5.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile / water ( $1: 3,4$ mL ) at rt were added triethylamine ( $0.14 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), phenylacetylene ( $85 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 2-iodoaniline ( 170 $\mathrm{mg}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and ether $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol / EtOAc, $30: 1$ ) to give ( $E$ )-2-phenylethynylaniline ( $\mathbf{6 c}, 64 \mathrm{mg}, 44 \%$ ) as a yellow solid. mp: $86-87{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\right.$ lit. ${ }^{12} 85-87{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $270 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.59-7.51(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.43-7.33(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.16(\mathrm{td}, J=7.5,1.5,1 \mathrm{H}), 6.79-6.68(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.40$ (br.s 2H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $67.5 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta_{\mathrm{c}} 147.8,132.1,131.4,129.7,128.3,128.2,123.3,117.9,114.3,94.6,85.8$; IR $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right): 2219,1597,1520,1345,1107,863 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \operatorname{HRMS}(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})[\mathrm{M}]$ calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}, 193.0892$; found 193.0897

## VI. Preparation of biphenyl derivatives 7 and Boscalid (8)

## Biphenyl (7a)



7a

Method 1: To a stirred solution of $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose ( $14 \mathrm{mg}, 0.077 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{DMF} /$ water $(10: 1,4 \mathrm{~mL})$ at rt were added caesium carbonate ( $510 \mathrm{mg}, 1.55 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), iodobenzene ( $87 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and phenylboronic acid ( $140 \mathrm{mg}, 1.17 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated to $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and ether $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol / EtOAc, 30:1) to give biphenyl ( $7 \mathrm{a}, 120 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ ) as a white crystalline solid.

Method 2: To a stirred solution of $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose ( $14 \mathrm{mg} \mathrm{mg}, 0.077 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in DMF / water ( $10: 1,4 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) at rt were added caesium carbonate ( $510 \mathrm{mg}, 1.55 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), bromobenzene ( $82 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and phenylboronic acid ( $140 \mathrm{mg}, 1.17 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated to $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and ether $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol / EtOAc, 30:1) to give biphenyl ( $7 \mathrm{a}, 120 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ ) as a white crystalline solid.
mp: 70-72 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit. ${ }^{13} 70-72{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $270 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.75-7.67(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.61-7.50(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.50-7.41(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $67.5 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): 141.2, 128.7, 127.2, 127.1; IR $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right): 3066,1597,1485,907 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ $[\mathrm{M}]^{+}$calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{10}, 154.0783$; found 154.0772.

## 4-Nitrobiphenyl (7b)



7b
To a stirred solution of $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose ( $14 \mathrm{mg}, 0.077 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in DMF / water ( $10: 1,4 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) at rt were added caesium carbonate ( $510 \mathrm{mg}, 1.55 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene ( $190 \mathrm{mg}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and phenylboronic acid ( $140 \mathrm{mg}, 1.17 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated to $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and ether $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol / EtOAc, 15:1) to give 4-nitrobiphenyl (7b, $140 \mathrm{mg}, 94 \%$ ) as an orange crystalline solid. mp: $98-100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\right.$ lit. $\left.{ }^{14} 100-102{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.77(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 2H), 7.67-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.47 (m, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): 147.6, 138.8, 132.1, 129.1, 128.9, 127.8, 127.4, 124.1; IR $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ : 3066, 1597, 1519, 1347, $855 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS $(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ [M] calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{1} \mathrm{O}_{2}, 200.0712$; found 200.0710 .

## Biphenyl-2-amine (7c)



7c

To a stirred solution of $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose ( $14 \mathrm{mg}, 0.077 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in DMF / water ( $10: 1,4 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) at rt were added caesium carbonate ( $510 \mathrm{mg}, 1.55 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), iodoaniline ( $170 \mathrm{mg}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), phenylboronic acid ( 140 $\mathrm{mg}, 1.17 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and ether ( 10 mL ) were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol / EtOAc, 6:1) to give biphenyl-2-amine ( $7 \mathrm{c}, 66 \mathrm{mg}, 65 \%$ ) as a brown oil. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $270 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.51-7.45(\mathrm{~m}$, $4 \mathrm{H}), 7.42-7.33(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.20-7.13(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.86-6.83(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.81(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.79(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 67.5
$\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 148.7,139.5,130.4,129.0,128.8,128.7,127.2,127.1,118.6115 .5$; $\mathrm{IR}\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right): 3394,3011,1617$, $1501,1158 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS $(m / z)[M]$ calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{1}, 170.0970$; found 170.0978 .

4-Chloro-biphenyl-2-amine (7d) ${ }^{15}$


7d
To a stirred solution of $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.016 \mathrm{mmol})$ and glucose $(14 \mathrm{mg}, 0.077 \mathrm{mmol})$ in DMF / water $(10: 1,4 \mathrm{~mL})$ at rt were added caesium carbonate $(510 \mathrm{mg}, 1.55 \mathrm{mmol})$, iodoaniline ( $170 \mathrm{mg}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 4-chloro-phenylboronic acid ( $180 \mathrm{mg}, 1.17 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was cooled and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and ether $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol / EtOAc, 8:1) to give 4-chloro-biphenyl-2-amine (7d, $130 \mathrm{mg}, 88 \%$ ) as a cream oil. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 270 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) ; \delta 7.43-7.38(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.21-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.13-7.06(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.89-6.82(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.82-6.74(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.75(\mathrm{~s}$, $2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $67.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ); 143.8, 133.5, 131.5, 130.9, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 126.8, 119.2, 116.2; IR ( $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ) 1045, 1617, 1731, 2985, $3394 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{ClN}$, 204.0580. Found 204.0780.

## 2-Chloro- $N$-(4'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl) Nicotinamide (8)



To a stirred solution of 4-chloro-biphenyl-2-amine ( $7 \mathbf{d}, 90 \mathrm{mg}, 0.44 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dichloromethane ( 2.0 mL ) at rt were added 2-chloronicotoyl chloride ( $80 \mathrm{mg} \mathrm{g}, 0.45 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), triethylamine ( $0.12 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.88 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 4dimethylaminopyridine ( $5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.04 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 14 h . Dichloromethane ( 10 mL ) and water ( 10 mL ) were added. The combined organic extracts were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol / EtOAc, 6:1) to afford 2-chloro- N -(4'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl) nicotinamide ( $\mathbf{8}, 104 \mathrm{mg}, 81 \%$ ) as a white solid. mp 138$140{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\right.$ lit. $\left.{ }^{15} 142-144{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $270 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.37-8.34(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.23(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.06-8.02(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.47-$ $7.40(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.39-7.37(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.33-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.30-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.28-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 67.9 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 162.1,150.6,146.1,139.0,135.8,133.77,133.70,132.0,130.6,130.2,129.7,128.7,128.5,128.3,122.3,121.9$; IR $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 1522,1561,1581,1610,1674,3008,3402$; HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{Cl} \mathrm{l}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 343.0405$, found 343.0394 .

## VI. Molecular Efficiency Calculations

Molar efficiency calculations were calculated using the method of Watson et al. ${ }^{16}$ in which:
molar efficiency $($ Mol. $\mathrm{E} \%)=[$ moles product $/$ moles starting material + additives + catalysts + solvents $] \times 100$
The Mol. $\mathrm{E} \%$ was calculated for each step of the process and the total molar efficiency ( $\mathrm{molE}_{\text {total }}$ ) is the multiplication of these values.

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Thus, the approach presented in this report amounts to a nearly two-fold increase in molar efficiency.

## VIII. Reaction Optimization and Substrate Scope Studies

Table S1. Development of the sugar-derived PdNP-catalysed cross-coupling reaction, solvent effects and reaction times


| Entry | Solvent | Pd (mol \%) | Glucose (mol \%) | Et $_{3} \mathbf{N}$ (equiv.) | Temp. $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right)$ | Time (h) | Yield ${ }^{\mathbf{b}}$ (\%) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 |  | MeCN / Water (1:3) | 2 | 4 | 1.3 | 100 | 16 |
| 2 | DMF | 2 | 4 | 1.3 | 100 | 16 | 97 |
| 3 | THF / H ${ }_{2} \mathrm{O}(1: 3)$ | 2 | 4 | 1.3 | 100 | 16 | 13 |
| 4 | Water | 2 | 4 | 1.3 | 100 | 16 | 4 |
| 5 | MeCN / Water (1:3) | 2 | 4 | 1.3 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | MeCN / Water (1:3) | 2 | 4 | 1.3 | 100 | 1 | 22 |
| 7 | MeCN / Water (1:3) | 2 | 4 | 1.3 | 100 | 5 | 30 |
| 8 | MeCN / Water (1:3) | 2 | 4 | 1.3 | 100 | 8 | 58 |

${ }^{a}$ Reaction conditions: 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene ( $0.78 \mathrm{mmol}, 1$ equiv.), phenylboronic acid ( $1.16 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv.), base ( $1.56 \mathrm{mmol}, 2$ equiv.). Isolated yields. ${ }^{c}$ A dichloromethane stock solution was employed to load the $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ catalyst, with the dichloromethane removed in vacuo prior to the addition of other substrates.

Table S2. Development of the sugar-derived PdNP-catalysed cross-coupling reactions and substrate evaluation


| Entry | X | S.M. | Solvent | Glucose (mol \%) | Base (equiv.) | Product | Yield ${ }^{\text {b }}$ (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | I | B | MeCN / Water (1:3) | 4 | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ (1.3) | E | 97 |
| 2 | Br | B | $\mathrm{MeCN} /$ Water (1:3) | 4 | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ (1.3) | E | 8 |
| 3 | Cl | B | $\mathrm{MeCN} /$ Water (1:3) | 4 | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ (1.3) | E | 2 |
| 4 | I | C | $\mathrm{MeCN} /$ Water (1:3) | 4 | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ (1.3) | F | 90 |
| 5 | Br | C | $\mathrm{MeCN} /$ Water (1:3) | 4 | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ (1.3) | F | 5 |
| 6 | I | D | DMF / Water (10:1) | 10 | $\mathrm{Cs}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(2.0)$ | G | 98 |
| 7 | Br | D | DMF / Water (10:1) | 10 | $\mathrm{Cs}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(2.0)$ | G | 98 |
| 8 | Cl | D | DMF / Water (10:1) | 10 | $\mathrm{Cs}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(2.0)$ | G | 0 |

${ }^{a}$ Reaction conditions: 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene ( 0.78 mmol , 1 equiv.), phenylboronic acid ( 1.16 mmol , 1.5 equiv.), base ( $1.56 \mathrm{mmol}, 2$ equiv.). ${ }^{b}$ Isolated yields. ${ }^{c}$ A dichloromethane stock solution was employed to load the $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ catalyst, with the dichloromethane removed in vacuo prior to the addition of other substrates.

Table S3. Comparison of recyclable Pd-catalysed cross-coupling reactions using bio-derived supports and derivatives


| Entry | Pd Catalyst Formation / Isolation time $^{a} /$ processes $^{b}$ | Pd Catalyst (mol \%) | Cross-Coupling Conditions | Product | Yield (\%) | Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $31 \mathrm{~h} / 12$ steps | 0.1 | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}, 80{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 6 \mathrm{~h}$ | 3 a | 93 | 17 |
| 2 | $76 \mathrm{~h} / 10$ steps | 0.1 | PS-TEA ${ }^{\text {c }}, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}: \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 2 \mathrm{~h}$ | 3a | 74 | 18 |
| 3 | 80.5 h / 9 steps | 1.0 | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 2 \mathrm{~h}$ | 3 e | 99 | 19 |
| 4 | $18.5 \mathrm{~h} / 7$ steps | 10 | $\mathrm{NaOAc}, \mathrm{MeCN}: \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 16 \mathrm{~h}$ | 3 e | 87 | 20 |
| 5 | $336 \mathrm{~h} / 19$ steps | 0.01 | $\mathrm{K}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{EtOH}, 8{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 18 \mathrm{~h}$ | 7a | 89 | 21 |
| 6 | 88.5 h / 9 steps | 0.9 | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}, \mathrm{MeOH}, 100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 22 \mathrm{~h}^{\text {c }}$ | 7a | 86 | 22 |
| 7 | 224.5 h / 10 steps | 0.5 | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{EtOH}, 6{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 0.25 \mathrm{~h}$ | 7 a | 99 | 23 |
| 8 | $51 \mathrm{~h} / 8$ steps | 0.5 | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$, xylene, $143{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1 \mathrm{~h}$ | 7 a | 85 | 24 |
| 9 | $30 \mathrm{~h} / 11$ steps | 0.2 | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}:$ DMF, $90{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1.5 \mathrm{~h}$ | 7 a | 95 | 25 |

${ }^{a}$ Times were approximated from published experimental conditions and do not include work-up or isolation procedures for which no times were reported.
${ }^{b}$ The number of processes was calculated based on the sum of the chemical transformation(s), isolation(s) and purification(s).
${ }^{c}$ Chlorobenzene was used

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