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## The First Report on the Transition Metal-Free Homocoupling of Aryl Halides in the presence of L-Cysteine

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## **Experimental**

## Materials

Chemicals and solvents used in this work were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich, Fluka or Merck chemical companies and used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions with a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer at 400 MHz. Melting points were measured with an Electrothermal 9100 apparatus. MS Model: 5975C VL MSD with Tripe-Axis Detector. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets on a VRTEX 70 model BRUKER FT-IR spectrophotometer. ICP-OES simultaneous, Model: Arcos EOP, Company: Spectro, Country: Germany, Torch type: quartz - axial, Detector type: 32 Linear CCD, Spray chamber: Cyclonic

## Typical experimental procedure for homocoupling of aryl halides

A mixture of aryl halide (1 mmol), L-cysteine (0.8 mmol), KOH (0.4gr),  $H_2O$  (0.1 mL), and DMSO (2mL) was stirred at 100 °C until complete consumption of starting material as judged by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were combined, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by silica gel chromatograph to yield the desired product.

**4, 4'-Dichlorobiphenyl** [1] MP(°C): 144-148. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 6.96(*J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.6(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H). MS (m/z, %): 222



**Biphenyl** [2] MP(°C): 68-70. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.4 (d, *J* =7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* =7.6 Hz, 2H), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 127.4, 127.5, 128.6, 128.9, 129.2, 141.3.



**4, 4'-Methoxybiphenyl** [3] MP(°C): 170-174. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* = 3.83(s, 3H), 6.94(d, *J* =10.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48(d, *J* = 10 Hz, 2H). MS (m/z, %): 214

**4, 4'- Methylbiphenyl** [4] MP(°C): 122-123. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 2.34(s, 3H), 7.28(d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.53(d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H). MS (m/z, %):183.



**3**, **3'-Methoxybiphenyl** [1] MP(°C): oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* = 3.90(s, 3H), 7.14(d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41(d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.54(m, 1H), 7.76-7.73(m, 1H). MS (m/z, %): 214



**3,3'-bis(trifluorometyl)biphenyl** [5] MP(°C): oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* = 7.44-7.40(m, 1H), 7.56-7.50(m, 1H), 7.65(m, 1H). MS (m/z, %): 290

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**4,4'-Diaminobiphenyl** [6] MP(°C): 125-128. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =4.46(s, 2H), 6.67(d, J =9.2, 2H), 8.11(d, J =9.2, 2H), 7.65(m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =115.7, 129.3, 141.1, 161.3. FT-IR (KBr) v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 470, 511, 676, 735, 1078, 1174, 1499, 1582, 1618, 2858, 3057, 3377, 3462.



**2,2'-Bithiophene** [7] MP(°C): 31-33. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* =7.13-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.31(m, 2H).



**3,3'-Bipyridine** [8] MP(°C): 64-68. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 1H), 8.58(d, *J*=4, 1H), 8.63(s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =124.4, 132.0, 139.2, 148.2, 151.3.

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