Efficient and Recyclable Cu₂(BDC)₂(BPY)-Catalyzed Oxidative Amidation of Terminal

Alkynes: Role of Bipyridine Ligand

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Materials and instrumentation

All reagents and starting materials were obtained commercially from Acros, Sigma-Aldrich and Merck, and were used as received without any further purification unless otherwise noted. Nitrogen physisorption measurements were conducted using a Micromeritics 2020 volumetric adsorption analyzer system. Samples were pretreated by heating under vacuum at 150 °C for 3 h. A Netzsch Thermoanalyzer STA 409 was used for thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) with a heating rate of 10 °C/min under a nitrogen atmosphere. Scanning electron microscopy studies were performed using a JEOL JEM 1010 Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) at 80 kV. The Cu₂(BDC)₂(BPY) sample was dispersed on holey carbon grids for TEM observation. Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were obtained on a Nicolet 6700 instrument, with samples being dispersed on potassium bromide pallets. The chemisorption

programmed reduction (H₂-TPR), the sample was outgassed at 100 °C for 30 min with helium, then cooled down to room temperature, and exposed to 50 mL/min of 10% H₂/Ar as the temperature ramped at 2.5 °C/min to 600 °C. The amount of hydrogen consumption was determined from TCD signal intensities, which were calibrated using an Ag₂O reference sample. X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) patterns were recorded using a Cu K α radiation source on a D8 Advance Bruker powder diffractometer.

Gas chromatographic (GC) analyses were performed using a Shimadzu GC 2010-Plus equipped with a flame ionization detector (FID) and an SPB-5 column (length = 30 m, inner diameter = 0.25 mm, and film thickness = 0.25 μ m). The temperature program for GC analysis heated samples from 100 °C and held them at 100 °C for 1.0 min; heated them from 100 °C to 280 °C at 40 °C/min and held them at 280 °C for 2.5 min. Inlet and detector temperatures were set constant at 280 °C. Diphenyl ether was used as an internal standard to calculate reaction conversions. GC-MS analyses were performed using a Hewlett Packard GC-MS 5972 with a RTX-5MS column (length = 30 m, inner diameter = 0.25 mm, and film thickness = 0.5 μ m). The temperature program for GC-MS analysis heated samples from 60 to 280 °C at 10 °C/min and held them at 280 °C for 2 min. Inlet temperature was set constant at 280 °C. MS spectra were compared with the spectra gathered in the NIST library. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded on Bruker AV 300 spectrometers using residual solvent peak as a reference.

Preparation of MOFs

1. Cu(BDC)

The Cu(BDC) was prepared according to literature procedure [1]. In a typical preparation, a mixture of 1,4- benzenedicarboxylic acid (H₂BDC) (0.332 g, 2 mmol), and Cu(NO₃)₂.3H₂O (0.4235 g, 1.75 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (DMF = N_1N' -dimethylformamide; 45 mL),

and the resulting solution was distributed to six 20 mL vials. The vial was then heated at 130 °C in an isothermal oven for 48 h. After cooling the vial to room temperature, the solid product was removed by decanting with mother liquor and washed in DMF (3 x 10 mL) for 3 days. Solvent exchange was then carried out with dichloromethane (DCM) (3 x 10 mL) at room temperature for 3 days. The material was then evacuated under vacuum at 160 °C for 6 h, yielding 0.308 g of Cu(BDC) in the form of blue crystals (77% based on copper nitrate).





Fig S1. X – ray powder diffractogram of the Cu(BDC)



2. $Cu_3(BTC)_2$

The procedure to prepare $Cu_3(BTC)_2$ was similar to that previously reported [2, 3]. In a typical preparation, a solid mixture of $Cu(NO_3)_2.3H_2O$ (0.438 g, 1.81 mmol) and 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylic acid (H₃BTC) (0.236 g, 1.12 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of DMF (3 mL), ethanol (4 mL) and water (2 mL) in a 20 mL vial. The vial was heated at 85 °C

in an isothermal oven for 24 h, yielding light blue crystals. After cooling the vial to room temperature, the solid product was obtained by decanting with mother liquor and washed with DMF (3 x 8 mL). Solvent exchange was then carried out with ethanol (3 x 8 mL) at room temperature. The product was then dried under vacuum at 170 $^{\circ}$ C for 6 h, yielding 0.285 g of MOF-199 in the form of deep purple crystals (84% based on 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylic acid).



Fig S3. X – ray powder diffractogram of the

MOF-199



and 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylic acid (b)

3. $Ni_2(BDC)_2(DABCO)$:

The Ni₂(BDC)₂(DABCO) was readily synthesized following the procedures [4, 5]. The solution of H₂BDC (H₂BDC = 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid; 0.415 g, 2.50 mmol), DABCO (DABCO = 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane; 0.168 g, 1.50 mmol), and Ni(NO₃)₂.6H₂O (0.580 g, 2.00 mmol) in DMF (DMF = N,N'-dimethylformamide; 15 ml) was heated at 100 °C for 48 h. The solid product was collected from mother liquor, washed with copious amounts of DMF and methanol, evacuated under vacuum at 140 °C for 6 h, yielding 0.424g of

 $Ni_2(BDC)_2(DABCO)$ in the form of deep green crystalline powder (76% based on nikel nitrate).







4. $Mn_2(BDC)_2(DMF)_2$

The Mn₂(BDC)₂(DMF)₂ was prepared according to literature procedure [6]. In a typical preparation, a mixture of 1,4- benzenedicarboxylic acid (H₂BDC) (0.5457 g, 3.30 mmol), and MnCl₂.4H₂O (0.4335 g, 2.20 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (DMF = N,N'-dimethylformamide; 40 mL), and the resulting solution was distributed to eight 10 mL vials. The vial was then heated at 125 °C in an isothermal oven for 24 h. After cooling the vial to room temperature, the solid product was removed by decanting with mother liquor and washed in DMF (3 x 10 mL) for 3 days. Solvent exchange was then carried out with dichloromethane (DCM) (1 x 10 mL) at room temperature for 1 day. The material was then

evacuated under vacuum at 120 °C for 6 h, yielding 0.161g of $Mn_2(BDC)_2(DMF)_2$ in the form of white crystals (25% based on manganese chloride).





5. $Co_2(BDC)_2(DABCO)$

The Co₂(BDC)₂(DABCO) was prepared according to literature procedure [7]. H₂BDC (H₂BDC = 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid; 0.332 g, 2 mmol), DABCO (DABCO = 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane; 0.112 g, 1 mmol), and Co(NO₃)₂.6H₂O (0.58 g, 2 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (DMF = N,N'-dimethylformamide; 15 ml). The resulting solution was distributed to two 20 ml vials. The vials were then heated at 100 °C in an isothermal oven for 48 h. After cooling the vials to room temperature, the solid product was removed by decanting with mother liquor and washed in DMF (3 x 10 ml) for 3 days. Solvent exchange was carried out with methanol (3 x 10 ml) at room temperature for 3 days. The material was then evacuated under vacuum at 140 °C for 6 h, yielding 0.407 g of Co₂(BDC)₂(DABCO) in the form of purple crystals (73% yield)







Fig S10. FT-IR spectra of the Ni₂(BDC)₂(DABCO) (a) , 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid (b), and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (c))

6. $Cu_2(BDC)_2(DABCO)$

The Cu₂(BDC)₂(DABCO) was prepared according to literature procedure [8-11]. Herein, a mixture of H₂BDC (H₂BDC = 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid; 0.506 g, 3.1 mmol), DABCO (DABCO = 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane; 0.188 g, 1.67 mmol), and Cu(NO₃)₂·3H₂O (0.8 g, 3.3 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (DMF = N,N'-dimethylformamide; 80 ml). The mixture was stirred for 2 h, and the resulting solution was then distributed to eight 10 ml vials. The vial was heated at 120°C in an isothermal oven for 48 h, forming blue crystals. After cooling the vial to room temperature, the solid product was removed by decanting with mother liquor and washed with DMF (3 x 10 ml). Solvent exchange was carried out with methanol (3 x 10 ml) at room temperature. The product was then dried at 140°C for 6 h under vacuum, yielding 0.57 g of the metal-organic framework Cu₂(BDC)₂(DABCO) as light blue crystals (66% based on 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid)



of the Cu₂(BDC)₂(DABCO)

Fig S11. X – ray powder diffractogram Fig S12. FT – IR spectra of 1,4-Benzenedicarboxylic acid (a), 1.4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (b), and the Cu2(BDC)2(DABCO) (c)

7. Ni(HBTC)(BPY)

The Cu₂(BDC)₂(DABCO) was prepared according to literature procedure [12]. In the typical preparation, a solid mixture of H_3BTC ($H_3BTC = Benzene-1,3,5$ -tricarboxylic acid; 0.442 g, 2 mmol), 4,4'-bipyridyl (0.318 g, 2 mmol), and Ni(NO₃)₂.6H₂O (0.58 g, 2 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (DMF = N,N'-dimethylformamide; 15 ml). The resulting solution was distributed to two 20 ml vials. The vials were then heated at 100 °C in an isothermal oven for 48 h. After cooling the vials to room temperature, the solid product was removed by decanting with mother liquor and washed in DMF (3 x 10 ml) for 3 days. Solvent exchange was carried out with dichloromethane (3 x 10 ml) at room temperature for 3 days. The material was then evacuated

under vacuum at 140 °C for 6 h, yielding 0.592 g of Ni(HBTC)(BPY) in the form of light blue

crystals (70% yield).

8. $Fe_3O(BDC)_3$

Herein, the Fe₃O(BDC)₃ was prepared according to literature procedure [13,14].



Fig S12. X – ray powder diffractogram of the Fe₃O(BDC)₃

9. ZIP-67

In a typical preparation, a mixture of HMe-Im (HMe-Im = 2-methylimidazole; 3.284 g, 40 mmol), TEA (TEA = triethylamine; 5.6 ml, 40 mmol) was dissolved in water (10 ml). $Co(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ (0.73 g, 2.5 mmol) was dissolved in an equal volume of water. The mixture of two solutions was stirred for 10 minutes at room temperature. The purple precipitates was separated by centrifugation, washed with water (3 x 10 ml) and methanol (3 x 10 ml) at room temperature. Finally, the samples were evacuated under vacuum at 150 °C for 6 h, yielding 0.314 g of ZIF-67 in the form of purple crystals (56% yield)





Elemental analysis of the Cu₂(BDC)₂(BPY) with ICP indicated copper content of 20.83 %.

Fig S21. X-ray powder diffractograms of the $Cu_2(BDC)_2(BPY)$



Fig S22. SEM micrograph of the Cu₂(BDC)₂(BPY)



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Fig S23. TEM micrograph of the Cu₂(BDC)₂(BPY)



Fig S24. Pore size distribution of the $Cu_2(BDC)_2(BPY)$



Fig S25. Nitrogen adsorption/desorption isotherm of the $Cu_2(BDC)_2(BPY)$. Adsorption data are shown as closed circles and desorption data as vertical bars.



Fig S26. TGA analysis of the $Cu_2(BDC)_2(BPY)$



Fig S27. FT-IR spectra of the Cu₂(BDC)₂(PBY) (a); 4,4'-bipyridine (b); 1,4-

benzenedicarboxylic acid (c)



Reaction selectivity was calculated using equation: selectivity = (1)/[(1) + (2)]

Table S1. Examination of role of pyridine additive^a

Entry	Additives (amount)	Base	Conversion	Selectivity
1	Pyridine (2 equiv.)	NaHCO ₃	95	92
2	Pyridine (1 equiv.)	NaHCO ₃	85	84
3	Pyridine (0.5 equiv.)	NaHCO ₃	73	83
4	Pyridine (2 equiv.)	None	15	<2
5	Pyridine (4 equiv.)	None	21	<2

^aVolume of toluene 2 mL, 0.2 mmol scale, catalyst (10 mol %), 80 °C, 4h. Gas was supplied for first 15 minutes and then disconnected. Conversion by GC analysis. 2-oxazolidinone /phenylacetylene = 5:1.

3-(phenylethynyl)oxazolidin-2-one (1)



2-oxazolidinone (91.64 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaHCO₃ (33.60 mg, 0.4 mmol), $Cu_2(BDC)_2(4,4'-BPY)$ (10.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), phenylacetylene (20.82 mg, 0.2 mmol), pyridine (31.60 mg, 0.4 mmol) and toluene (1.7 mL) were added in a sealed vial. A stream of oxygen was supplied for 15 minutes. The vial was heated up to 80°C and stirred regularly. After 4 hours, mixture was diluted by 2x10 mL of dichloromethane. Product (1) was separated by column chromatography, 29.87 mg of white crystal solid with **80%** of yield achieved.

¹H NMR (300Hz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 3H), 4.45-4.42 (t, 2H), 3.97-3.94 (t, 2H).

¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃) δ155.85, 131.39, 128.20, 128.06, 122.06, 79.00, 7.27, 77.02, 76.76, 70.96, 63.02, 46.50.





3-(cyclohexylethynyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2)

2-oxazolidinone (91.64 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaHCO₃ (33.60 mg, 0.4 mmol), $Cu_2(BDC)_2(4,4'-BPY)$ (10.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), cyclohexylacetylene (22.06 mg, 0.2 mmol) pyridine (31.60 mg, 0.4 mmol) and toluene (1.7 mL) were added in a sealed vial. A stream of oxygen was supplied for 15 munites. The vial was heated up to 80 °C and stirred regularly. After 4 hours, mixture was diluted by 2x10 mL of dichloromethane. Product (2) was separated by column chromatography, 18.55 mg of slightly yellow oil with **48%** of yield achieved.

¹H NMR (300Hz, CDCl₃) δ 4.48-4.38 (m, 2H), 3.79-3.71 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.42 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.60 (m, 4H), 1.60-1.30 (m, 4H), 1.40-1.60 (m, 2H)



3-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3)



2-oxazolidinone (91.64 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaHCO₃ (33.60 mg, 0.4 mmol), $Cu_2(BDC)_2(4,4'-BPY)$ (10.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), 4-ethynylanisol (26.412 mg, 0.2 mmol), pyridine (31.60 mg, 0.4 mmol) and toluene (1.7 mL) were added in a sealed vial. A stream of oxygen was supplied for 15 minutes. The vial was heated up to 80°C and stirred regularly. After 6 hours, mixture was diluted by 2x10 mL of dichloromethane. Product (3) was separated by column chromatography, 36.90 mg of white crystal solid with **85%** of yield achieved.

¹H NMR (300Hz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.37 (d, 2H), 6.85-6.82 (d, 2H), 4.49-4.43 (m, 2H), 4.00-4.94 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H)



3-(octynyl)oxazolidin-2-one (4)

2-oxazolidinone (91.64 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaHCO₃ (33.60 mg, 0.4 mmol), $Cu_2(BDC)_2(4,4'-BPY)$ (10.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), 1-octyne (22.02 mg, 0.2 mmol), pyridine (31.60 mg, 0.4 mmol) and toluene (1.7 mL) were added in a sealed vial. A stream of oxygen was supplied for 15 munites. The vial was heated up to 80°C and stirred regularly. After 6 hours, mixture was diluted by 2x10 mL of dichloromethane. Product (4) was separated by column chromatography, 37.48 mg of slightly yellow oil with **96%** of yield achieved.

¹H NMR (300Hz, CDCl₃) δ 4.42-4.27 (t, 2H), 3.89-3.83 (t, 2H), 2.31-2.26 (t, 2H), 1.54-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.24 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, 3H)



N,4-dimethyl-N-(phenylethynyl)benzenesulfonamide (5)



Synthesis of N,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide.

Methylamine (8.0 mL, 8.0 mol/L in methanol, 64 mmol) was dropwised to a solution of 4methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (4.72 g, 24.757 mmol) in THF (100 mL) at 10°C for 15 minutes. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane (500 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO4. Finally, liquid was concentrated, 4.27 gram of pure sulfoamide achieved (93% of yield).

N,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (280 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaHCO₃ (33.60 mg, 0.4 mmol), $Cu_2(BDC)_2(4,4'-BPY)$ (10.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), pyridine (31.60 mg, 0.4 mmol) and toluene (0.8 mL) were added in a sealed vial. A stream of oxygen was supplied for 15 minutes. The vial was heated up to 70°C and stirred regularly. A mixture of phenylacetylene (20.82 mg, 0.2 mmol) in toluene (0.9 mL) was dropwised into vial during 4 hours and kept mixture at 70°C for another 4 hours. After totally 8 hours, mixture was diluted by 2x10 mL of dichloromethane. Product (5) was separated by column chromatography, 30.80 mg of white crystal solid with **54%** of yield achieved.

¹H NMR (300Hz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86-7.84 (d, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 3H), 3.162 (s, 3H), 2,469 (s, 3H)



(S)-(+)-4-phenyl-3-(phenylethynyl)oxazolidin-2-one (6)



(S)-(+)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (168.09 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaHCO₃ (33.60 mg, 0.4 mmol), $Cu_2(BDC)_2(4,4'-BPY)$ (10.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), pyridine (31.60 mg, 0.4 mmol) and toluene (0.8 mL) were added in a sealed vial. A stream of oxygen was supplied for 15 mimutes. The vial was heated up to 70°C and stirred regularly. A mixture of phenylacetylene (20.82 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 eqv) in toluene (0.9 mL) was dropwised into vial during 4 hours and kept mixture at 70°C for another 4 hours. After totally 8 hours, mixture was diluted by 2x10 mL of dichloromethane. Product (6) was separated by column chromatography, 16.32 mg of yellow crystal solid with **31%** of yield achieved.

¹H NMR (300Hz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.39 (m, 5H), 728.-7.21 (m, 5H), 5.18-5.12 (t, 1H), 4.82-4.76 (t, 1H), 4.35-4.29 (t, 1H).



3-(*p*-tolylethynyl)oxazolidin-2-one (7)



2-oxazolidinone (91.64 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaHCO₃ (33.60 mg, 0.4 mmol), $Cu_2(BDC)_2(4,4'-BPY)$ (10.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), *p*-tolylacetylene (23.91 mg, 0.2 mmol), pyridine (31.60 mg, 0.4 mmol) and toluene (1.7 mL) were added in a sealed vial. A stream of oxygen was supplied for 15 minutes. The vial was heated up to 80°C and stirred regularly. After 4 hours, mixture was diluted by 2x10 mL of dichloromethane. Product (7) was separated by column chromatography, 34.58 mg of white crystal solid with **86%** of yield achieved.

¹H NMR (300Hz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 2H), 4.49-4.46 (t, 2H), 4.00-3.98 (t, 2H), 2.36-2.34 (s, 3H)



1-(1-(phenylethynyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanone (8)



3-acetylindole (162 mg, 1.0 mmol), KHCO₃ (60 mg, 0.6 mmol), $Cu_2(BDC)_2(4,4'-BPY)$ (15.78 mg, 0.06 mmol, 30 mol%), phenylacetylene (20.82 mg, 0.2 mmol), pyridine (47.4 mg, 3 eqv) and toluene (1.7 mL) were added in a sealed vial. A stream of oxygen was supplied for 15 minutes. The vial was heated up to 100°C and stirred regularly. After 8 hours, mixture was diluted by 2x10 mL of dichloromethane. Product (8) was separated by column chromatography, 16.58 mg of yellow crystal solid with **32%** of yield achieved.

¹H NMR (300Hz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40-8.38 (d, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.27 (m, 5H), 2.57 (s, 1H).



3-(cyclopentylethynyl)oxazolidin-2-one (9)



2-oxazolidinone (91.64 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaHCO₃ (33.60 mg, 0.4 mmol), $Cu_2(BDC)_2(4,4'-BPY)$ (15.78 mg, 0.06 mmol, 30 mol%), cyclopentylacetylene (19.79 mg, 0.2 mmol), pyridine (47.4 mg, 3 eqv) and toluene (1.7 mL) were added in a sealed vial. A stream of oxygen was supplied for 15 minutes. The vial was heated up to 80°C and stirred regularly. The vial heated up to 70 °C and stirred regularly. After 8 hours, mixture was diluted by 2x10 mL of dichloromethane. Product (9) was separated by column chromatography, 14.2 mg of slightly oil with **40%** of yield achieved.

¹H NMR (300Hz, CDCl₃) δ 4.42-4.39 (t, 2H), 3.88-3.85 (t, 2H), 2.74-2.71 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.91 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.54 (m, 4H)





N-phenyl-N-(phenylethynyl)aniline (10)



Dipenylamine (170 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaHCO₃ (33.60 mg, 0.4 mmol), $Cu_2(BDC)_2(4,4'-BPY)$ (10.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), phenylacetylene (20.82 mg, 0.2 mmol), pyridine (47.4 mg, 3 eqv) and toluene (1.7 mL) were added in a sealed vial. A stream of oxygen was supplied for 15 minutes. The vial was heated up to 100 °C and stirred regularly. After 8 hours, mixture was diluted by 2x10 mL of dichloromethane. 100% of conversion and 70% of selectivity were achieved.

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