

Palladium-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Cross-Coupling Reaction of Acrylic Acid with Aryl Iodide

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Supporting Information

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General. All reactions were performed in test tubes under nitrogen atmosphere. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32-63 µm, standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Solvents were re-distilled prior to use in the reactions. NMR spectra were obtained on JEOL ECA-400 systems using CDCl₃ as solvent, with proton and carbon resonances at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively.

General experimental procedure:

A mixture of acrylic acid **1** (0.30 mmol), aryl iodide **2** (0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv), Ag₂CO₃ (0.90 mmol, 247 mg, 3.0 equiv), CyJohnPhos (0.06 mmol, 21 mg, 0.2 equiv), and PdCl₂ (0.03 mmol, 5.3 mg, 0.1 equiv) in DMA (2.0 mL) was stirred at 150 °C under nitrogen for 12 h. After completion of reaction as indicated by TLC, the mixture was cooled and filtered with Celite. After adding ethyl acetate (10 mL) to the filtrate, the organic phase was washed with saturated NH₄Cl, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced vacuum. The residue was then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford product **3**.

(*E*)-1-(4-methoxystyryl)benzene (**3a**)^[1] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.49-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.88 (m 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 159.3, 137.7, 130.2, 128.7, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 126.7, 126.3, 114.2, 55.4.

(*E*)-1,2-diphenylethene (**3b**)^[2] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 137.4, 128.7, 127.7, 126.6.

(*E*)-1-fluoro-4-styrylbenzene (**3c**)^[1] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.50-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.09-6.99 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 163.8 (¹*J*_{C-F} = 248.8 Hz), 137.2, 133.6 (³*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.5, 115.7 (²*J*_{C-F} = 21.9 Hz).

(*E*)-1-(3-methoxystyryl)benzene (**3d**)^[1] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.85-6.82 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 160.0, 138.9, 137.3, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 126.6, 119.3, 113.4, 111.8, 55.3.

(*E*)-1-(4-styrylphenyl)ethanone (**3e**)^[3] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 197.6, 142.1, 136.7, 131.5, 128.9, 128.8,

128.4, 127.5, 126.9, 126.5, 26.7.

(*E*)-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)styryl)benzene (**3f**) ^[1] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 138.1, 136.7, 130.6, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.2, 127.2, 126.7, 124.1, 123.1.

(*E*)-1-methyl-4-styrylbenzene (**3g**) ^[4] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 137.6, 134.6, 129.4, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 126.5, 126.4, 21.3.

(*E*)-methyl 2-styrylbenzoate (**3h**) ^[5] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.98 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 168.0, 139.4, 137.5, 132.2, 131.5, 130.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 52.2.

(*E*)-1-(4-methoxystyryl)-4-nitrobenzene (**3i**) ^[6] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.91 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 160.3, 146.5, 144.3, 133.0, 129.0, 128.5, 126.5, 124.2, 124.1, 114.4, 55.4.

(*E*)-1-(4-methoxystyryl)-3-nitrobenzene (**3j**) ^[7] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.33-8.32 (m, 1H), 8.05-8.04 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.91 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 160.0, 148.8, 139.6, 132.0, 131.3, 129.5, 129.1, 128.2, 124.0, 121.6, 120.6, 114.3, 55.4.

(*E*)-1-(4-methoxystyryl)-4-chlorobenzene (**3k**) ^[8] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.45-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.88 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 159.5, 136.2, 132.7, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 127.8, 127.4, 125.3, 114.2, 55.4.

(*E*)-4-(4-methoxystyryl)benzotrile (**3l**) ^[1] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.61-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.90 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 160.1, 142.3, 132.5, 132.0, 129.1, 128.3, 126.6, 124.6, 119.2, 114.3, 110.1, 55.4.

(*E*)-1-(4-methoxystyryl)-4-fluorobenzene (**3m**) ^[1] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.46-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 6.91-6.89 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 162.1 (¹*J*_{C-F} = 245 Hz), 159.4, 133.7 (³*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 130.0, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 125.4, 115.6 (²*J*_{C-F} =

20.9 Hz), 114.2, 55.4.

(*E*)-1-(4-fluorostyryl)-4-methylbenzene (**3n**)^[11] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05-6.99 (m, 4H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 162.5 (¹*J*_{C-F} = 246.9 Hz), 137.6, 134.4, 129.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 126.5, 126.4, 115.6 (²*J*_{C-F} = 20.9 Hz), 21.3.

(*E*)-2-(4-methoxystyryl)furan (**3o**)^[10] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.40-7.37 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 6.40-6.39 (m, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 159.3, 153.6, 141.8, 129.9, 127.6, 126.8, 114.7, 114.2, 111.6, 107.7, 55.4.

(*E*)-1-(4-methoxystyryl)-4-methylbenzene (**3p**)^[11] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 159.1, 137.0, 134.8, 130.2, 129.3, 127.5, 127.1, 126.5, 126.1, 114.0, 55.2, 21.2.

(*E*)-methyl 2-(4-methylstyryl)benzoate (**3q**)^[11] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.95-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 168.0, 139.4, 137.8, 134.7, 132.2, 131.5, 130.7, 129.4, 128.5, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 126.4, 52.2, 21.3.

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