

Supporting Information

Ligand-Free Highly Effective Iron/Copper Co-catalyzed Formation of Dimeric Aryl Ethers or Sulfides

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Experimental Section

General experimental: All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere condition. Solvents were dried and degassed by the standard methods and all aryl halides were purchased from Aldrich or Alfa. Various alkynes, iron and copper salts were purchased from Aldrich, Acros or Alfa. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (300–400 mesh). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 200–300 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ on a Varian Inova-400 NMR spectrometer (400 MHz) with TMS as an internal reference. Products were characterized by comparison of ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and TOF-MS data in the literatures.

General procedure for iron/copper co-catalyzed formation of aryl ethers or sulfides: A mixture of aryl halide (0.5 mmol), phenol (2.5 mmol), Fe(acac)₃ (5 mol %), CuI (5 mol %), K₂CO₃ (2 equiv), and DMSO (2 mL) in a Schlenk tube was stirred under argon atmosphere at 140 °C for the desired time until complete consumption of starting material as monitored by TLC. After the reaction, the mixture was poured into ether, then washed with water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried by anhydrous Na₂SO₄, then filtered and evaporated under vacuum, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether or petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding coupling products.

Copy of Certificate of Analysis of CuI and Fe(acac)₃:

Certificate of Analysis

SIGMA-ALDRICH®

Product Name	Copper(I) iodide, 99.999% trace metals basis
Product Number	215554
Product Brand	ALDRICH
CAS Number	7681-65-4
Molecular Formula	CuI
Molecular Weight	190.45

TEST	SPECIFICATION	LOT MKBB2521 RESULTS
Appearance (Color): Grey to Tan	Conforms to Requirements	Beige
Appearance (Form): Powder/Chunks	Conforms to Requirements	Powder
Complexometric EDTA: % Cu	31.0 - 34.0 %	33.7 %
ICP: Confirms Copper Component	Confirmed	Conforms
Trace Metal Analysis	≤20.0 ppm	3.7 ppm
Cesium (Cs)	ppm	0.4 ppm
Calcium (Ca)	ppm	2.1 ppm
Silver (Ag)	ppm	0.2 ppm
Zinc (Zn)	ppm	0.4 ppm
Lead (Pb)	ppm	0.3 ppm
Cobalt (Co)	ppm	0.2 ppm
Europium (Eu)	ppm	0.1 ppm
Purity	Meets Requirements 99.999% Based On Trace Metals Analysis	Meets Requirements
Specification Date:		MAR 2009
Date of QC Release:		SEP 2009
Print Date:		SEP 02 2009



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Certificate of Analysis

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Product Name	Iron(III) acetylacetonate, ≥99.9% trace metals basis
Product Number	517003
Product Brand	ALDRICH
CAS Number	14024-18-1
Molecular Formula	Fe(C ₅ H ₇ O ₂) ₃
Molecular Weight	353.17

TEST

Appearance (Color)
Appearance (Form)
Infrared spectrum
Titration by Na₂S₂O₃: % Fe
ICP: Confirms Iron Component
Trace Metal Analysis
Aluminum (Al)
Calcium (Ca)
Chromium (Cr)
Lead (Pb)
Lithium (Li)
Magnesium (Mg)
Manganese (Mn)
Sodium (Na)
Tin (Sn)
Titanium (Ti)
Vanadium (V)
Zinc (Zn)
Purity

SPECIFICATION

Red to Dark Red
Powder
Conforms to Structure
15.3 - 16.4 %
Conforms
≤1000.0 ppm
ppm
ppm
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Meets Requirements
≥99.9% Based On Trace Metals
Analysis

LOT MKBD1863 RESULTS

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Powder
Conforms
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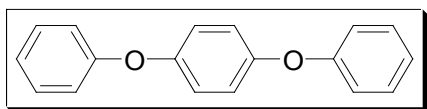
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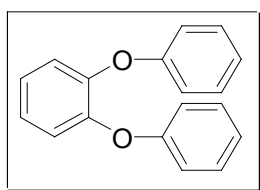


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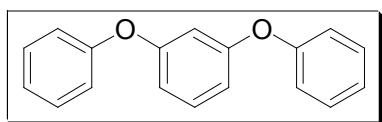
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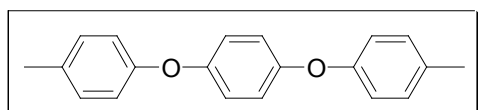
Sticky oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm) 7.00 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 8H), 7.07–7.11 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.35 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm) 118.5, 120.7, 123.2, 129.9, 152.9, 158.0; HRMS (ESI^+): calcd. for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2]^+$ requires m/z 262.0994, found 262.0994.



Sticky oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm) 6.89 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.02 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.04–7.11 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm) 117.2, 121.2, 122.4, 124.3, 129.0, 147.3, 157.0; HRMS (ESI^+): calcd. for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2]^+$ requires m/z 262.0994, found 262.0995.

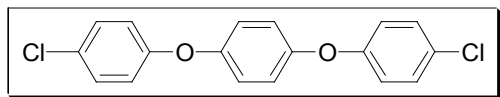


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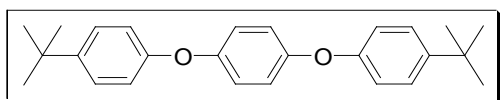


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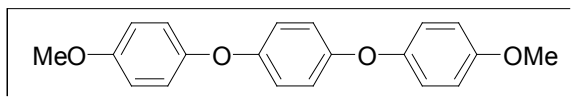
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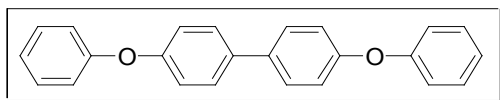
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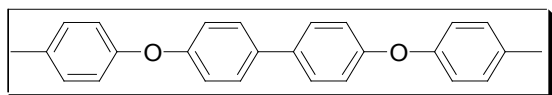
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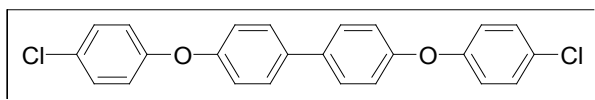
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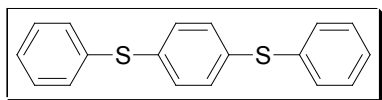
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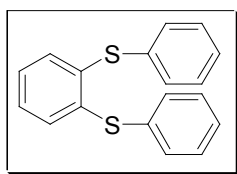
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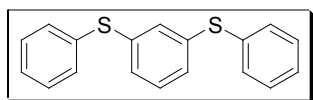
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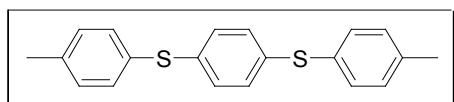
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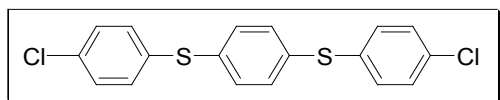
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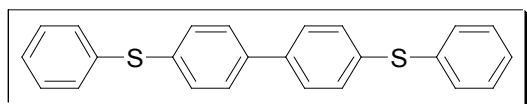
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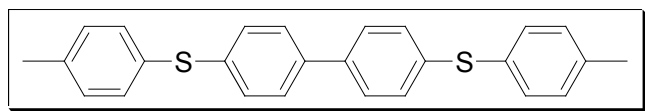
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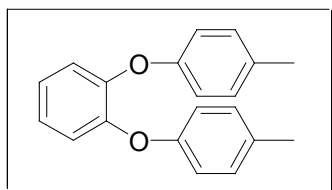
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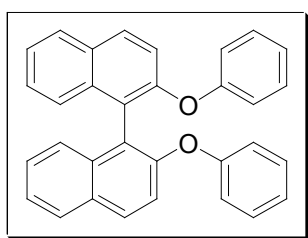
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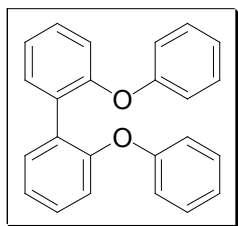
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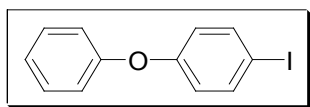
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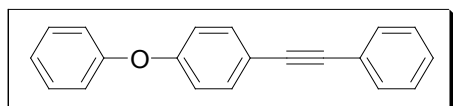
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Sticky oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm) 6.81 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.04–7.07 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm) 86.1, 119.3, 121.0, 124.0, 130.1, 138.8, 156.7, 157.6; HRMS (ESI^+): calcd. For $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{OI}]^+$ requires m/z 295.9698, found 295.9699.



Sticky oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm) 6.97 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.39 (m, 5H), 7.48–7.54 (t, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm) 88.9, 89.1, 118.0, 118.6, 119.6, 123.5, 124.0, 128.3, 128.5, 130.1, 131.7, 133.4, 156.6, 157.8; HRMS (ESI^+): calcd. For $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}]^+$ requires m/z 270.1045, found 270.1046.

Copy of HRMS and NMR Spectra for desired products:

