Palladium-catalyzed Suzuki cross-couplings of N'-mesyl arylhydrazines via C–N bond cleavage†

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1. General procedures

The solvents were distilled from standard drying agents. Unless otherwise stated, commercial reagents purchased from Alfa Aesar, Acros and Aldrich chemical companies were used without further purification. Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash chromatography using Qing Dao Sea Chemical Reagent silica gel (200–300 mesh). ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer and referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in CDCl₃ (δ = 7.26 ppm), or with tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ = 0.00 ppm) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts were reported as parts per million (ppm) in the δ scale downfield from TMS. Multiplicity is indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quint (quintet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), bs (broad singlet). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker spectrometer with complete proton decoupling, and chemical shifts were reported in ppm from TMS with the solvent as the internal reference (CDCl₃, δ = 77.0 ppm). Analytical TLC was performed using EM separations percolated silica gel 0.2 mm layer UV 254 fluorescent sheets.

2 Typical procedure for Pd-catalyzed Suzuki cross-coupling of arylhydrazines with aryl boronic acids

A mixture of *N*²-mesyl arylhydrazines **1** (0.30 mmol), aryl boronic acid **2** (0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), K_2CO_3 (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), and $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$ (0.015 mmol, 5 mol %) was stirred at 60 °C in MeOH (2.0 mL) for 4-8 h under air. After completion of the reaction (indicated by TLC), the mixture was quenched with saturated NaCl solution, extracted by EtOAc, and dried with Na₂SO₄. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to provide the corresponding product **3**.

3. Characterization of the products

4-Methoxybiphenyl^[1]



White solid; mp: 90-91 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.57-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.19, 140.85, 133.83, 128.69, 128.13, 126.72, 126.63, 114.23, 55.33.

White solid; mp: 31-32 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.50, 138.58, 130.91, 130.78, 129.56, 128.62, 127.98, 126.92,

120.85, 111.29, 55.57. **5-phenylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxole**^[3]



Yellow solid; mp: 81-83°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.13, 147.08, 140.96, 135.65, 128.74, 126.94, 126.90, 120.64, 108.58, 107.70, 101.14.

3,5-Dimethylbiphenyl^[4]



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.58 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.53, 141.32, 138.26, 128.92, 128.66, 127.22, 127.10, 125.15, 21.43.

Biphenyl^[1]



White solid; mp: 68-69 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.23, 128.72, 127.22, 127.14.

4-Chlorobiphenyl^[5]



White solid; mp: 31-32 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (dd, J = 14.0, 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.02, 139.70, 133.41, 128.93, 128.90, 128.41, 127.61, 127.01.

3-Chlorobiphenyl^[6]



White solid; mp: 45-47 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 -7.57 (m, 3H), 7.48 - 7.34 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.11, 139.84, 134.68, 130.14, 129.99, 128.91, 127.88, 127.28, 127.13, 125.32.

3,5-Dichlorobiphenyl^[7]

White solid; mp: 61-62 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dt, J = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 5H), 7.34 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.13, 147.08, 140.96, 135.65, 128.74, 126.94, 126.90, 120.64, 108.58, 107.70, 101.14.

4-Fluorobiphenyl^[8]

White solid; mp: 72-73 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.57-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.69 (d, J = 247.45 Hz), 139.26, 136.36, 127.79, 127.71 (d, J = 8.08 Hz), 126.23, 126.00, 114.69 (d, J = 21.21 Hz).

3,5-Difluorobiphenyl^[9]

White solid; mp: 72-73 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dd, J = 16.4, 6.0 Hz, 3H), 6.87-6.78 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.66 (dd, J = 248.46 Hz), 144.61(t, J = 9.49 Hz), 138.93, 129.02, 128.46, 127.01, 110.07 (dd, J = 19.19 Hz), 102.73 (t, J = 25.25 Hz).

Biphenyl-4-carbonitrile^[3]



White solid; mp: 85-86 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 (q, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.70, 139.20, 132.60, 129.12, 128.67, 127.74, 127.24, 118.93, 110.95.

1-(Biphenyl-4-yl)ethanone^[3]

White solid; mp: 152-153 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.85, 145.82, 139.89, 135.86, 128.97, 128.93, 128.25, 127.28, 127.25, 26.67.

Methyl biphenyl-4-carboxylate^[3]



White solid; mp: 120-121 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 167.01, 145.66, 140.03, 130.10, 128.92, 128.13, 127.28, 127.05, 52.10. **3-Nitrobiphenyl**^[5]

O₂N



Yellow solid; mp: 59-60 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.75, 142.91, 138.69, 133.06, 129.72, 129.18, 128.56, 127.18, 122.05, 122.01.

1-Phenylnaphthalene^[3]



Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 6H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.84, 140.33, 133.87, 131.70, 130.13, 128.31, 127.68, 127.28, 126.97, 126.09, 126.07, 125.81, 125.42.

4-Methoxy-4'-methylbiphenyl^[1]

White solid; mp: 107-108 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.94, 137.98, 136.35, 133.76, 129.43, 127.95, 126.58, 114.17, 55.34, 21.04.

4, 4'-Dimethoxybiphenyl^[1]

White solid; mp: 168-169 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 3.84 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.72, 133.51, 127.74, 114.18, 55.35.

4'-Methoxy-2-methylbiphenyl^[2]



White solid; mp: 52-53 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26-7.22 (m, 6H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.54, 141.58, 135.50, 134.41, 130.29, 130.26, 129.91, 126.97, 125.75, 113.51, 55.30, 20.54.

4-Chloro-4'-methoxybiphenyl^[2]



White solid; mp: 110-111 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.49-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.36, 139.27, 132.66, 132.50, 128.81, 127.99, 127.91, 114.30, 55.35.

4-Fluoro-4'-methoxybiphenyl^[8]

White solid; mp: 84-86 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.10 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.35 (d, J = 246.34 Hz), 159.16, 137.02 (d, J = 3.03 Hz), 132.87, 128.26 (d, J = 8.10 Hz), 128.04, 115.64 (d, J = 21.21 Hz), 114.29, 55.35.

4-Methoxy-4'-nitrobiphenyl^[1]

Yellow solid; mp: 104-105 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.28 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.49, 147.23, 146.59, 131.11, 128.58, 127.09, 124.16, 114.64, 55.44.

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4. NMR spectra of the compounds













