

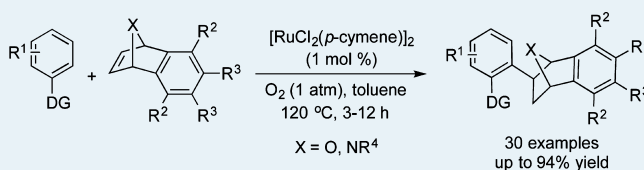
# Ruthenium-Catalyzed Hydroarylations of Oxa- and Azabicyclic Alkenes

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**ABSTRACT:** A ruthenium-catalyzed arylation reaction of oxa- and azabicyclic alkenes with (hetero)arenes by C–H bond activation has been discovered. The reaction does not require additives and utilizes dioxygen in realizing the catalytic cycle leading to monosubstituted 7-oxa and 7-azabenzonorbornane derivatives.



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Transition-metal-catalyzed C–H bond functionalization<sup>1</sup> provides an effective access to natural products<sup>2</sup> and compounds with pharmaceutical relevance.<sup>3</sup> The use of molecules with directing groups (DG) allows the site-selective construction of C–C<sup>4</sup> and C–heteroatom bonds.<sup>5–8</sup> For the former transformations, the pioneering studies of arene-to-olefin additions leading to alkylated aromatic systems by Murai,<sup>9</sup> Chatani,<sup>10</sup> Bergman, Ellman,<sup>11</sup> Ackermann,<sup>12</sup> and Fagnou<sup>13</sup> have proven most stimulating because they opened new synthetic opportunities following atom-economical strategies.

Recently, Li reported rhodium(III)-catalyzed additions of arenes onto heterobicyclic alkenes in the presence of silver salts leading to ortho-naphthylated products and *cis*-fused dihydrocarbazole derivatives (Scheme 1a).<sup>14</sup> We applied the same bicyclic starting materials and achieved sulfoximine additions across the double bonds retaining the bicyclic scaffolds.<sup>15</sup> In

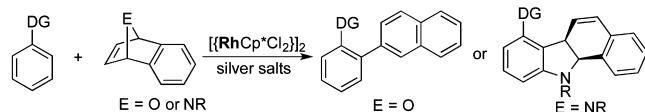
addition, those C–H functionalization reactions were rhodium(III)-catalyzed, and in this case, the presence of Fe(OAc)<sub>2</sub> proved beneficial (Scheme 1b). In light of Ackermann's recent reports on ruthenium(II)-catalyzed couplings between linear alkenes and (hetero)arenes or pyrrolidines with potassium carboxylates and BINAP as cocatalytic additives,<sup>16</sup> we wondered about the effects of such ruthenium-based catalyst systems in the aforementioned cross-coupling reactions. The results of this investigation, which led to the development of hydroarylations of strained oxa- and azabicyclic alkenes without the necessity to add a metal salt (Scheme 1c), is reported here.

For the initial reactivity study, 2-phenylpyridine (**1a**) and oxabicyclic alkene **2a** were selected as representative starting materials. Using a catalyst system consisting of [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(*p*-cymene)]<sub>2</sub> (2 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (2 equiv) in air gave a promising 10% of the desired alkylated product **3aa** (Table 1, entry 1).<sup>17</sup> The addition of AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10 mol %) (with a concomitant solvent switch from toluene to dichloroethane) inhibited the catalysis (Table 1, entry 2). Combinations of 2 mol % of [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(*p*-cymene)]<sub>2</sub> and 20 mol % of AgOAc, Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, or Fe(OAc)<sub>2</sub> led to unsatisfying results (Table 1, entries 3–5). The yield of **3aa** could be increased using Fe(OAc)<sub>2</sub> under oxygen instead of air (Table 1, entry 6).

Raising the temperature from 100 to 120 °C proved beneficial as well (Table 1, entry 7). That the ruthenium catalyst was needed was confirmed by a test experiment performed without [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(*p*-cymene)]<sub>2</sub> (Table 1, entry 8). To our surprise and contrasting previous observations made in the rhodium-catalyzed hydroarylations,<sup>15</sup> the reactions proceeded better in the absence of metal-based additives (Table 1, entries 9–13). The optimal result was obtained in a catalysis with 1 mol % of [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(*p*-cymene)]<sub>2</sub> in toluene at 120 °C under an

## Scheme 1. Metal-Catalyzed C–H Bond Functionalizations of Oxa- and Azabicyclic Alkenes

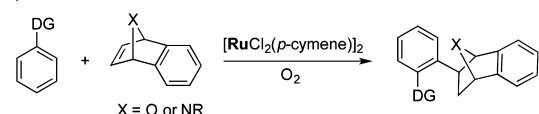
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b) Our previous work



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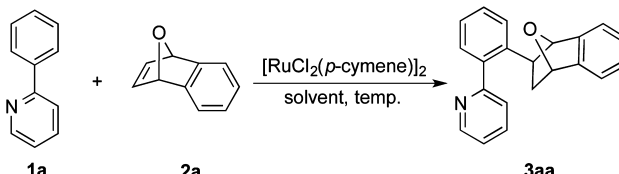


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**Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions for the Ru(II)-Catalyzed Hydroarylation<sup>a</sup>**


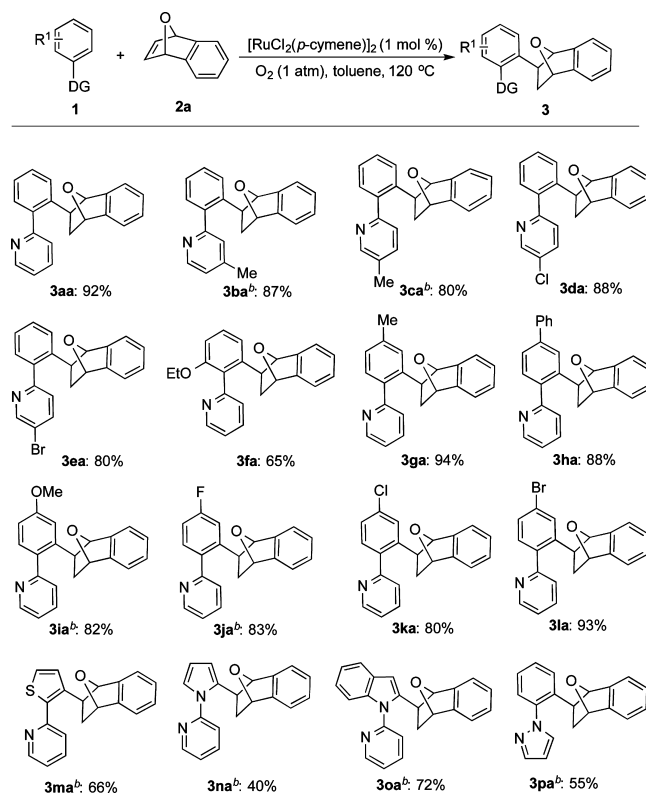
entry	catalyst loading (mol %)	oxidant	additive	temp (°C)	yield (%)
1 <sup>b</sup>	2.0	air	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	100	10
2 <sup>c</sup>	2.0	air	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O AgSbF <sub>6</sub>	100	0
3 <sup>d</sup>	2.0	air	AgOAc	100	14
4 <sup>d</sup>	2.0	air	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	100	20
5 <sup>d</sup>	2.0	air	Fe(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	100	21
6 <sup>d</sup>	2.0	O <sub>2</sub>	Fe(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	100	35
7 <sup>d</sup>	2.0	O <sub>2</sub>	Fe(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	120	48
8 <sup>d</sup>	0	O <sub>2</sub>	Fe(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	120	0
9	2.0	O <sub>2</sub>		120	61
10	5.0	O <sub>2</sub>		120	10
11	1.0	O <sub>2</sub>		120	92
12	0.5	O <sub>2</sub>		120	74
13 <sup>e</sup>	0.1	O <sub>2</sub>		120	21
14	1.0	argon		120	5
15	1.0	air		120	35

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.30 mmol), **2a** (0.60 mmol), [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(*p*-cymene)]<sub>2</sub> (*x* mol %) in dry toluene (1.5 mL) at indicated temperature for 3 h. <sup>b</sup>Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 equiv). <sup>c</sup>Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 equiv) and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10 mol %) in DCE (1.5 mL). <sup>d</sup>Reaction for 1 h with 20 mol % of additive. <sup>e</sup>Reaction time for 12 h.

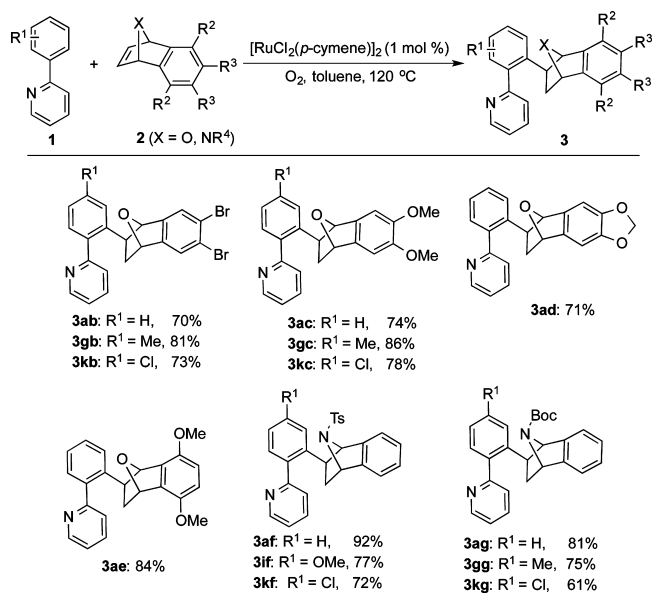
atmosphere of dioxygen, which afforded **3aa** in 92% yield (Table 1, entry 11). Both raising and lowering the catalyst amount led to a decrease in yield of **3aa**.<sup>18</sup> Notably, the dioxygen atmosphere was crucial for the progression of the reaction as shown by experiments performed under argon and air, which led to **3aa** in only 5% and 35%, respectively (Table 1, entries 14 and 15).<sup>19</sup>

Under the optimized conditions (Table 1, entry 11) the hydroarylation of a number of substituted (hetero)arenes with **2a** as olefinic partner was studied next. As shown in Scheme 2, 2-arylpyridines with both electron-donating and -withdrawing groups on the arene reacted well affording the corresponding products (**3aa**–**3la**) in yields between 65% and 94%. The substrate palette included two picoline derivatives (**3ba**, **3ca**). The moderate yield in the formation of **3fa** (65%) was attributed to a steric compression induced by the *ortho*-ethoxy group on the arene. Pyridines with thiophenyl, pyrrolyl, and indolyl substituents gave products **3ma**, **3na**, and **3oa** in yields of 66%, 40%, and 72%, respectively. The structure of **3ma** was analyzed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction, which confirmed the formation of the *exo* product (for details, see Supporting Information). Finally, *N*-phenyl pyrazole was applied, which led to addition product **3pa** in 55% yield. 7,8-Benzoquinoline did not react with **2a**.

Subsequently, the olefinic component was varied, and additions of 2-arylpyridines onto a range of oxa- and azabicyclic alkenes were examined (Scheme 3). In all cases, the reactions proceeded well affording the corresponding products in yields between 61% and 92%. Electronic effects on both the arene and the alkene were insignificant.

**Scheme 2. Scope of (Hetero)Arenes<sup>a</sup>**

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.30 mmol), **2a** (0.60 mmol), [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(*p*-cymene)]<sub>2</sub> (1 mol %) in dry toluene (1.5 mL) at 120 °C for 3–12 h. <sup>b</sup>0.80 mmol of **2a**.

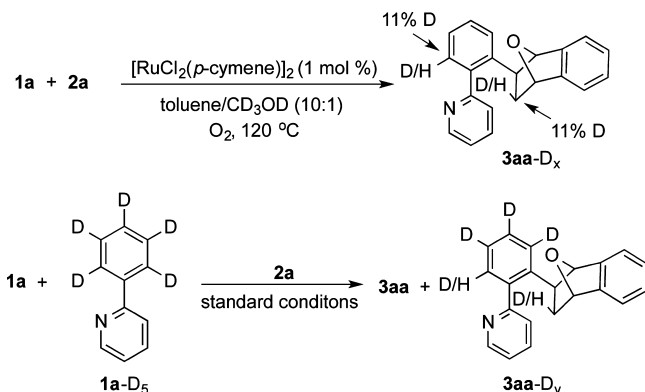
**Scheme 3. Scope of Oxa- and Azabicyclic Alkenes<sup>a</sup>**

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.30 mmol), **2a** (0.60 mmol), [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(*p*-cymene)]<sub>2</sub> (1 mol %) in dry toluene (1.5 mL) at 120 °C for 6–12 h.

To probe the reaction mechanism, two experiments were carried out. First, hypothesizing that protonation events were relevant for the catalysis, **1a** was treated with alkene **2a** in a solvent system consisting of toluene and fully deuterated methanol (in a 10:1 ratio). As a result, partially labeled **3aa** with

11% deuterium each at the arene and the newly formed alkyl substituent was obtained in 31% yield (Scheme 4, top). This

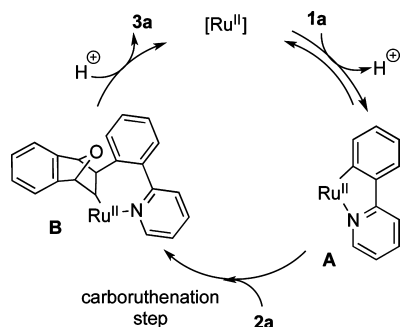
#### Scheme 4. Deuterium-Labeling Experiments



observation was interpreted as support for the proposed mechanistically relevant proton transfer and as indication for a reversible C–H bond metalation step. The latter was strengthened by an isotope analysis of the recovered starting material, which showed a significant deuterium incorporation into 1a after the catalysis (see Supporting Information for details). In a second experiment, a mixture of 2-phenylpyridine (1a) and its isotopically labeled analogue 1a-D<sub>5</sub> was subjected to the reaction with alkene 2a (Scheme 4, bottom). From this catalysis, a kinetic isotope effect (KIE) of  $k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} \approx 2.57$  was determined.<sup>20,21</sup>

On the basis of the aforementioned experimental evidence, we propose a mechanistic path as shown in Scheme 5. The

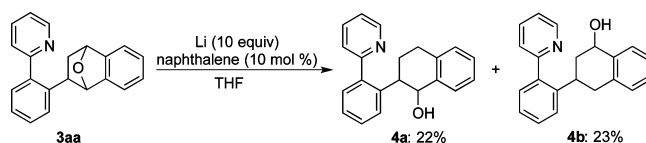
#### Scheme 5. Plausible Catalytic Cycle



ruthenium(II) catalyst inserts (reversibly) into the C–H bond of the arene, which upon loss of a proton forms ruthenacycle A.<sup>22</sup> The reaction with the bicyclic olefin (carboruthenation) leads to a new ruthenium complex B. Protonation of B provides the product and regenerates the initial ruthenium species, which reenters the catalytic cycle. This scenario explains the formation of the hydroarylation product, but a few facts remain obscure. First, it is surprising that no additive is required for the catalyst activation, as needed by Ackermann in his ruthenium-catalyzed carboxylate-assisted olefin hydroarylation reactions.<sup>16</sup> Second, the significant activation effect by dioxygen, which appears critical for the entire catalysis, is not accounted for. Both effects deserve attention in subsequent more detailed mechanistic analyses.<sup>23,24</sup>

To illustrate the synthetic applicability of the hydroarylation products, a derivatization of 3aa was conducted (Scheme 6). In

#### Scheme 6. Synthesis of 1,2,3,4-Tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ols



the presence of lithium metal and naphthalene, 3aa underwent reductive cleavage of the carbon–oxygen bond in tetrahydrofuran to give 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ols 4a and 4b in 22% and 23% yields, respectively. As partially hydrogenated naphthalenes have attracted much attention,<sup>25</sup> we can envision applications of this methodology in medicinal chemistry.<sup>26</sup>

In summary, we developed a ruthenium-catalyzed C–H bond activation leading to additions of (hetero)arenes onto bicyclic olefins. As a result, synthetically useful 7-oxa and 7-azabenzonorbornanes are obtained that can be functionalized further. Interesting features are that no additives are required for the catalyst activation and that dioxygen plays a decisive, still to be uncovered role.

#### ASSOCIATED CONTENT

##### Supporting Information

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(19) Substituting  $[\text{RuCl}_2(p\text{-cymene})_2]$  by  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (2 mol %) and  $[\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_3\text{Cl}_2]_2$  (1 mol %) gave **3a** in 38% and 21% yield, respectively. No reaction was observed with  $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . Neither acetophenone nor *N*-phenylbenzaldimine could be applied instead of **1a** as coupling partner for **2a** under standard reaction conditions.

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