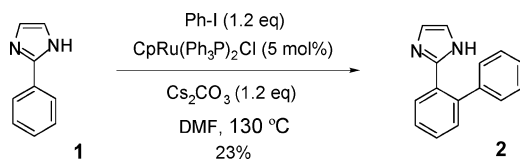


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After the departure of the first author and during a thorough re-examination of this publication, the laboratory of the corresponding author (D. Sames) has been unable to reproduce some of the key results. Specifically, the magnesium oxide method gave no arylation products (Scheme 1 and Scheme 4). The C-2' arylation procedures described in this publication (Scheme 2) did furnish the desired products, but with lower efficiency than originally claimed. Namely, 2-phenyl imidazole **1**, under the action of CpRu(Ph₃P)₂Cl catalyst and Cs₂CO₃ base, gave product **2** in 23% isolated yield (see scheme below; 84% yield was reported in the original publication). C-2' phenylation of 1,2-diphenylimidazole (Scheme 5), catalyzed by Rh(acac)(CO)₂, provided <10% of the desired product (GC yield; 81% yield was originally reported). Accordingly, the corresponding author withdraws this paper, and deeply regrets that the chemical community was misled by this publication.



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