

**Convenient and Efficient Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling Reaction  
Catalyzed by a Palladium/Diazabutadiene System**

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## General Information

- All aryl halides (Aldrich), TBAF (1.0 M in THF, Aldrich) were used as received. 1,4-Dioxane (anhydrous, Aldrich) was distilled under argon from sodium benzophenone ketyl. Cesium carbonate, potassium carbonate, sodium hydroxide, cesium fluoride, potassium fluoride, sodium methoxide, potassium methoxide, potassium *tert* butoxide, barium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, 2,2'-bipyridyl, and 1,10-phenanthroline (Aldrich) were stored in desiccators over anhydrous calcium carbonate. Palladium acetate was purchased from Strem Chemical Company. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh) (Natland International corporation).
- Diazabutadiene ligands **1** (N, N'-Dicyclohexyl-1,4-diazabutadiene), **2** (N, N'-Diadamantanyl-1,4-diazabutadiene), **3** (N, N'-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,4-diazabutadiene), **4** (N, N'-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-1,4-diazabutadiene), **5** (N, N'-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-1,4-diaza-1,3-dimethyl-butadiene), **6** (N, N'-1,2-acenaphthylidene-bis-[2,4,6-trimethyl]-benzenamine), **7** (N, N'-Bis(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1,4-diazabutadiene) were synthesized according to the literature methods: Kliegman, J. M.; Barnes, R. K. *Tetrahedron*, **1970**, 26, 2555-2560, Arduengo, A. J.; Krafczyk, R.; Schmutzler, R.; Craig, A.; Hugh, A.; Goerlich, J. R.; William, J. *Tetrahedron*, **1999**, 55, 14523-14534, tomDieck, H.; Renk, I. W.; Franz, K. D. *J. Organomet. Chem.*, **1975**, 94, 417-424, van Asselt, R.; Elsevier, C. J.; Smeets, W. J. J.; Spek, A. L.; Benedix, R. *Neth. Recl. Trav. Chim. Pays-Bas*, **1994**, 113, 88-98.
- <sup>1</sup>H NMR and spectra were recorded on a Varian-300 or Varian-400 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc.).
- All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of argon in Schlenk tubes with magnetic stirring, unless otherwise indicated.
- The identity of every product was confirmed by comparison with literature spectroscopic data: 4-methylbiphenyl,<sup>1</sup> 4-acetylbiphenyl,<sup>2</sup> 2,4,6-trimethylbiphenyl,<sup>3</sup> 4-methoxybiphenyl,<sup>1</sup> 2-cyanobiphenyl,<sup>4</sup> 2,4'-dimethylbiphenyl,<sup>5</sup> 4-chlorobiphenyl,<sup>6</sup> 4,4'-dimethylbiphenyl,<sup>7</sup> 3-cyano-4'-methylbiphenyl,<sup>8</sup> 3-methoxy-4'-methylbiphenyl.<sup>9</sup>

### **Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>/DAB-R Cross-Coupling Reactions of Aryl Halides with Phenylboronic Acid.**

**General procedure:** Under an atmosphere of argon 1,4-dioxane (3 mL), aryl halide (1 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mmol) and arylboronic acid (1.5 mmol) were added in turn to a Schlenk tube charged with Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, DAB-R, and a magnetic stirring bar. The vial was placed in a 80<sup>0</sup> C oil bath and stirred. The reaction was monitored by GC. In some cases the yields were determined by GC (HP Model 6890 using HP-5 column) using 2,2'-bipyridyl as internal standard. The mixture was then allowed to cool at room temperature. The mixture was purified either directly by flash chromatography, or filtered through a pad of celite, concentrated, and then purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane, 1: 10 per volume).

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