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Recent development of peptide coupling reagents in organic synthesis So-Yeop Han* and Young-Ah Kim

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This review evaluates the advantages, disadvantages, and effectiveness of newly developed peptide coupling reagents used in organic synthesis. Each reagent is classified into one of eight types including phosphonium, uronium, immonium, carbodiimide, imidazolium, organophosphorous, acid halogenating and other coupling reagents, according to the structural similarity.

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R = alkyl, aryl or protecting group

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$$PhSO_{2} \xrightarrow{CI} + R_{1} \xrightarrow{NO_{2}} + R_{3} \xrightarrow{NO_{2}} + R_{4} \xrightarrow{DMF-40^{\circ}C} R_{2} \xrightarrow{NO_{2}} + R_{3} \xrightarrow{NO_{2}} + R_{4} \xrightarrow{SO_{2}Ph} + R_{3} \xrightarrow{NO_{2}} + R_{4} \xrightarrow{SO_{2}Ph} + R_{4} \xrightarrow{SO_{2}Ph} + R_{5} \xrightarrow{NO_{2}} + R_$$

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