

Decarboxyative Cross-Coupling Chemistry

- By definition, decarboxylative cross-coupling extrudes CO₂ and forms C-C (or C-R) bond.
- **T**suji-Trost type decarboxylative coupling / decarboxylative allylic alkylation.



Decarboxylative Tsuji-Trost Type Chemistry

Initial report of reactivity Tsuji 1980 (palladium-catalyzed Carroll rearangement).



$$R-CO_2H + \underbrace{M_T \text{ catalyst}}_{-CO_2} + H-X$$

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0.8 Eq Cu(I) oxide → Quinoline, 240 °C



50 % Yield

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This finding remained unelaborated for 35 years.

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The palladium system developed my the Myers group.



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91% Yield

61% Yield

66% Yield

QⁿBu

90% Yield

Myers, A. G. et al. *JACS*, **2002**, *124*, 11250-11251.





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Characterized by NMR





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Scope of the cyclic α , β -unsaturated ketone.

81%



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Advantage of decarboxylative Heck: electron rich arene substrates.



Same reaction using traditional conditions is challenging.



Pd(OAc)₂ (0.1) NaOAc (2.0), Bu₄NCl (1.0) DMF, 80 °C, 22 h 29%

Pd(OAc)₂ (0.1) NaHCO₃ (3.0), Bu₄NCI (1.0) DMF, 80 °C, 17 h 55%



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Disadvantage of decarboxylative Heck: ortho-substitution is needed.



■ 'Traditional' Heck conditions form product in quantitative yield.



Biaryl Synthesis via Decarboxylative Coupling

Traditional biaryl couplings use stoichiometric organometallic reagents.

 $\begin{array}{ccc} & & & & & & \\ Ar^1 & M & X & Ar^2 & & & \\ M = SnR_3, & X = halide, \\ BR_3, ZnX... & OTf... & \\ \end{array}$

Baudoin, O. Angew., 2007, 46, 1373-1375.

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Decarboxylative biaryl coupling reactions utilize aromatic acid as organometallic surrogate.



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Pd(acac)₂ Cul / phen K₂CO₃, MS-3Å NMP, 24 h



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34%



0%

0%

Gooßen, L. J. et al. JACS., 2007, 129, 4824-4833.

0%

MeO

System stoichiometric in copper.



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Synthesis of Lamellarin L

In 2000, Steglich et al. used similar chemistry to forge the final bond in Lamellarin L.



Biaryl Synthesis via Decarboxylative Coupling: Becht

Optimized system uses 30 mol % palladium and arsine ligand.



Scope of the aromatic acid.



Becht, J.-M. et al. Org.Lett., 2007, 9, 1781-1783.

Summary of Decarboxylative Biaryl Syntheses

Gooßen system is ideal for electron-poor benzoic acids.



Forgione / Bilodeau system for heteroaromatic acids.



Becht system is best for electron-rich benzoic acids.



Standard syntheses of unsymmetrically substituted diaryl alkynes utilize protected acetylenes.



Propiolic acid as TMS-acetylene substitute in a one-pot diaryl alkyne synthesis protocol.



Lee, S. et al. Org.Lett., ASAP.

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Summary of Decarboxylative Cross-Coupling Chemistry

Acids can be used (in some cases) as organometallic reagent surrogates.



Acids can also function as replacements for aryl (and potentially vinyl) halides.

