# Cu-Catalyzed Synthesis of Diaryl Thioethers and S-Cycles by reaction of Aryl Iodides with Carbon Disulfide in the Presence of DBU.

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# Diarylthioethers

- Diarylthioethers have shown activity against cancer, HIV, Alzheimer's disease, inflammation, and asthma.
- Electronegativity and Bonding



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# Palladium Catalyzed S-Arylation



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# **Cu Catalyzed S-Arylation**



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## Cu Catalyzed S-Arylation



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#### **Other Metal Catalyzed S-arylation**



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#### Is it Fe or Cu?



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### Nanoparticles



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# Optimization

l) 1a	I + CS <sub>2</sub> — Bas	Cul 10 mol% se, Solvent, Ten	6 np, 12 h	2a S
entry	base	solvent	temp (°C)	yield $(\%)^b$
1	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	toluene	100	NR
2	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	100	NR
3	KOH	toluene	100	NR
4	<sup>t</sup> BuONa	toluene	100	NR
5	Et <sub>3</sub> N	toluene	100	NR
6	DABCO	toluene	100	NR
7	DBU	toluene	100	91 (85)
8	DBU	dioxane	100	89 (81)
9	DBU	THF	100	16
10	DBU	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	100	68
11	DBU	DMF	100	3
12	DBU	toluene	80	21
13	DBU	toluene	100	$NR^{c}$
14	DBU	toluene	100	65 <sup>d</sup>
15	DBU	toluene	100	49 <sup>e</sup>
16	DBU	toluene	100	27 <sup>f</sup>
17	DBU	toluene	100	61 <sup>g</sup>

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#### Catalytic Cycle 2 CS<sub>2</sub> + (DBU) DBUH<sup>+</sup> I<sup>-</sup> Arl CuSH 7 DBUH⁺ HS⁻ S 5 Ar-ĊuSH 6 8 Cul Ar-S-Ar ArSH 2 ArSCu–Ar DBU 10 ArSCu 9 DBUH<sup>+</sup> I<sup>-</sup> Arl



R	Yield	R	Yield	R	Yield	R	Yield
н	85%	2-NMe <sub>2</sub>	78%	2-OMe	83%	4-Ph	56%
4-OMe	80%	2-OH	81%	2-Me	75%	2,4-Me	70%
3-Me	65%	4-Me	68%	2-Br	65%	2,5-Me	68%
4-Br	74%	3-CO <sub>2</sub> Me	65%	4-CO <sub>2</sub> Me	65%	2,4,6-Me	50%
4-Cl	70%	4-CF <sub>3</sub>	78%	1-Nap	84%	4-Pyr	75%
2-Pyr	66%	2-Thiophene	70%				

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#### Intramolecular C-S-C formation



# Conclusions

- Intramolecular coupling of two aryl iodides to form a diaryl • thioether.
- Functional group tolerant.
- Cul \$.23/g, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> \$94/g, FeCl<sub>3</sub> \$.26/g
- Homocoupling application
- CS<sub>2</sub> inexpensive and easy to use

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#### Previous work:



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#### Palladium catalytic cycle



#### Chan Lam Catalytic cycle



# **Cobalt Catalyzed**



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