Nickel-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of amides

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"Generalized" Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling Mechanism



"The mechanism of the oxidative addition-transmetallation-reductive elimination process is very complex and the exact details depend on solvents, ligands, the transition metals, and additives." – From *Transition Metals in the Synthesis of Complex Organia* Modeoutles, by Hegedus L. S. and Söderberg B. C. G., 3rd ed., 2010. 12/29/2015

Ni vs. Pd

Nickel	Palladium
-1, 0 , +1 , +2 , +3 , + 4	0 , +1, +2 , +3, +4
Smaller atomic radius	Larger atomic radius
Less electronegative	More electronegative
Harder	Softer
Facile oxidative addition	Facile reductive elimination
Facile β-migratory insertion	Facile β-hydride elimination
Radical pathways more accessible	
Less expensive	

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Screening of amide substitutions



• Yields determined by ¹H NMR.

• More details on screening in SI.

Scope of cross-coupling of amides



* Yields determined by 'H NMR. Screening for functional group compatibility in SI.

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Applications of cross-coupling



Some alternative methods for making diaryl ketones



Conclusions

- New application of nickel catalysis with potential for great utility, especially in med chem.
- □ Amides are relatively stable and widely accessible.
- □ Very good yields (but by NMR and most purifications by prep TLC)
- □ Limited scope (only aromatic amides).
- □ Synthetic advantage over traditional acylations not clear.
- Future Outlook:
 - If the Garg group can demonstrate the coupling of aliphatic amides with chiral aliphatic boronic esters, then this methodology could have a major impact.





Gibbs free energy profile of Ni-catalyzed Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of phenyl *N*,*N*-dimethyl *O*-carbamate **15** with phenylboronic acid. PCy3 was used as ligand in the calculations. For clarity, the cyclohexyl groups on the ligand are not shown.

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Gibbs free energy profile of the Ni-catalyzed Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of *N*,*N*-dimethyl phenyl *O*-sulfamate with phenylboronic acid. PCy3 was used as ligand in the calculations. For clarity, the cyclohexyl groups on the ligand are not shown.

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Transition-state structures of Ni-catalyzed oxidative additions of (a) *N*,*N*-dimethyl phenyl *O*-carbamate and (b) *N*,*N*-dimethyl phenyl *O*-sulfamate. PCy3 was used as ligand in the calculations. For clarity, the cyclohexyl groups on the ligand are not shown.

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Computational study of catalytic cycle.



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Acyl C–N Bond Cleavage of Carbamate (Disfavored Pathway)



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Possible catalytic cycle.

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