

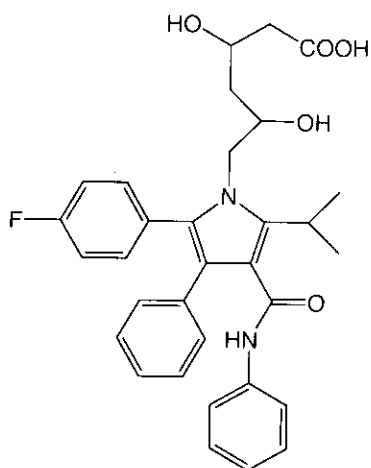
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## Palladium-Catalyzed Multicomponent Coupling of Alkynes, Imines, and Acid Chlorides: A Direct And Modular Approach to Pyrrole Synthesis

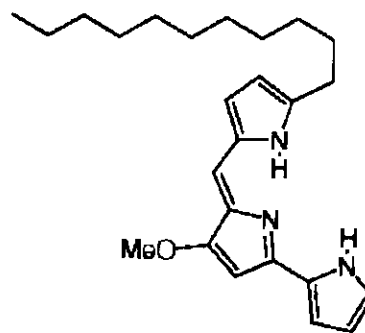
R. Dhawan and B. A. Arndtsen, JACS, 2003, ASAP

Pyrrole derivatives found in:

- natural products
- bioactive molecules
- conjugated polymers



Atorvastatin (Lipitor)



undecylprodigiosin

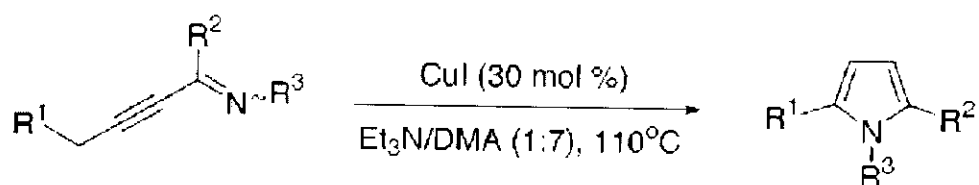
# Synthetic routes to pyrroles

## *Traditional route*

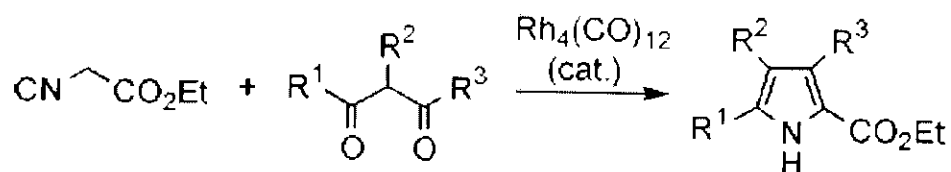
- Cyclization of amines with 1,4-diketones (Paal-Knorr, 1885)

## *Metal-based routes*

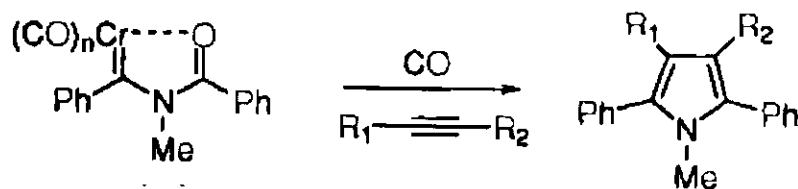
- Isomerization of alkynyl imines (Gevorgyan, et al. JACS 2001)



- Isonitrile/ketone couplings (Murahashi, et al. Org. Lett. 2001)

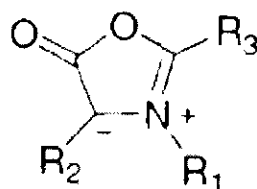


- Alkyne additions to chromium carbenes (Merlic, et al. JACS 2000)



\* formation of a Münchnone intermediate

## Münchnones as 1,3-dipolar substrates

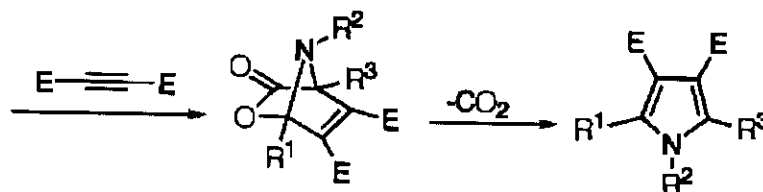
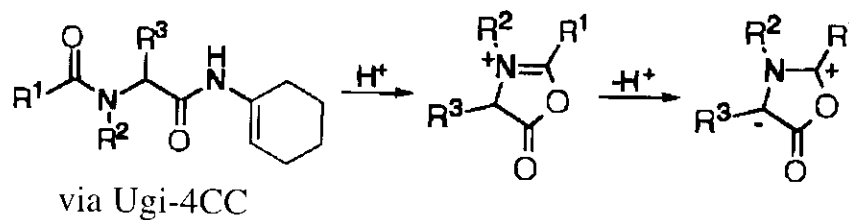


1,3-oxazolium-5-oxide

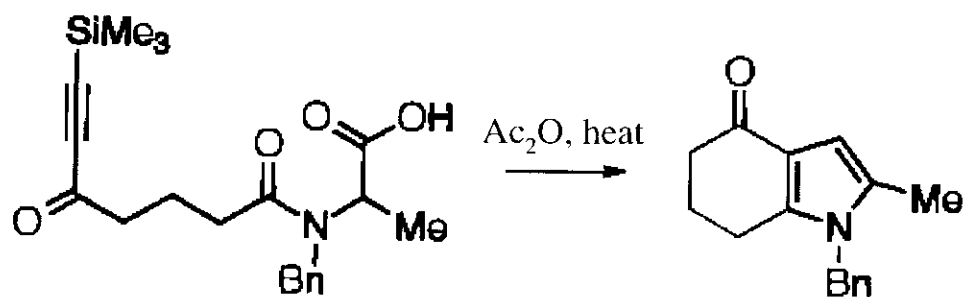
-Typically formed from in-situ amino acid derivs.

-Used to synthesize:

- **pyrroles**
- imidazoles
- pyrrolidines
- indole derivatives



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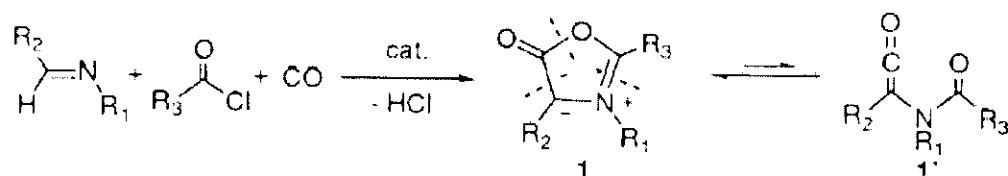


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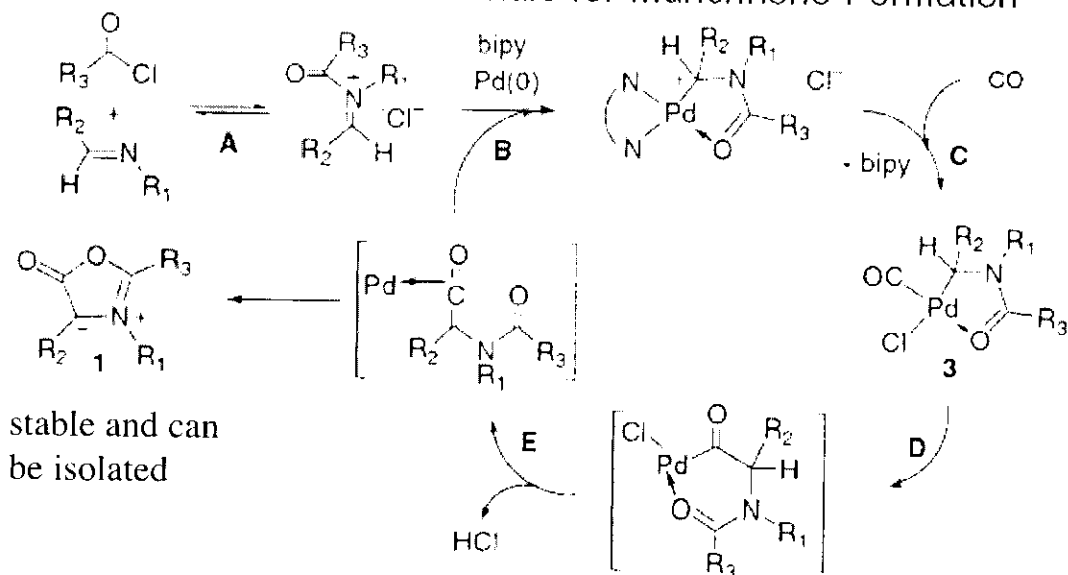
# One-pot catalytic synthesis of Münchnones

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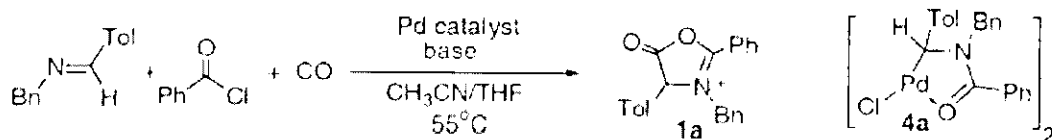
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**Scheme 1.** Mechanistic Rationale for Münchnone Formation



**Table 1.** Catalytic Synthesis of **1a**<sup>a</sup>

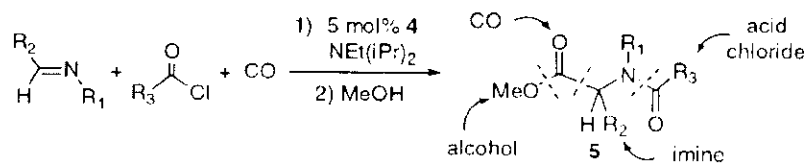


#	[CO]	Pd catalyst	base	additive	% <b>1a</b> (% <b>2</b> ) <sup>b</sup>
1	1 atm	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub>	NEt( <sup>t</sup> Pr) <sub>2</sub>	bipy, 5%	5% (—) <sup>c</sup>
2	1 atm	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub>		bipy, 5%	— (82%) <sup>c</sup>
3	1 atm	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub>	NEt( <sup>t</sup> Pr) <sub>2</sub>		10%
4	4 atm	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub>	NEt( <sup>t</sup> Pr) <sub>2</sub>		13%
5	4 atm	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub>	NEt( <sup>t</sup> Pr) <sub>2</sub>	LiCl	30%
6	4 atm	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub>	NEt( <sup>t</sup> Pr) <sub>2</sub>	LiBr	50%
7	4 atm	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub>	NEt( <sup>t</sup> Pr) <sub>2</sub>	Bu <sub>4</sub> NBr	69%
8	4 atm	<b>4a</b>	NEt( <sup>t</sup> Pr) <sub>2</sub>	Bu <sub>4</sub> NBr	83%

<sup>a</sup> 0.48 mmol of imine and additive, 0.67 mmol of acid chloride, 0.74 mmol of base, and 5 mol % catalyst for 24–30 h at 55 °C. <sup>b</sup> NMR yield. <sup>c</sup> 4 days.

Lessons learned:

- Bipy inhibits Münchnone formation
- stabilize Pd to keep from precipitating



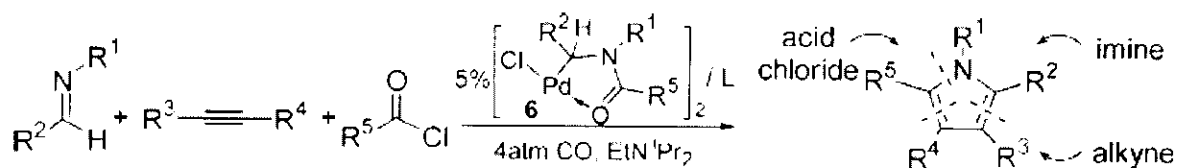
**Table 2.** Scope of Palladium-Catalyzed Münchnone Synthesis<sup>a</sup>

Cpd	Imine	Acid Chloride	Münchnone 1 (% yield) <sup>b</sup>	Amido Ester 5 (% yield)
a,b		PhCOCl	 (a: 83%) (b: 85%)	 (a: 75%) (b: 82%)
c		PhCOCl	 (93%)	 (91%)
d		PhCOCl	 (63%)	 (57%)
e		PhCOCl	 (88%)	 (85%)
f			 (59%)	 (49%)
g		PhCOCl	 (32%) <sup>c</sup>	 (31%) R = OCO(p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )
h		PhCOCl	 (85%)	 (75%)
i		PhCOCl	 (55%) <sup>d</sup>	 (53%) R = p-CH <sub>3</sub> OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>

<sup>a</sup> Analogous to Table 1, # 8.<sup>13</sup> <sup>b</sup> NMR. <sup>c</sup> Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>·CHCl<sub>3</sub> cat. <sup>d</sup> 96 h.

# One-pot catalytic synthesis of pyrroles

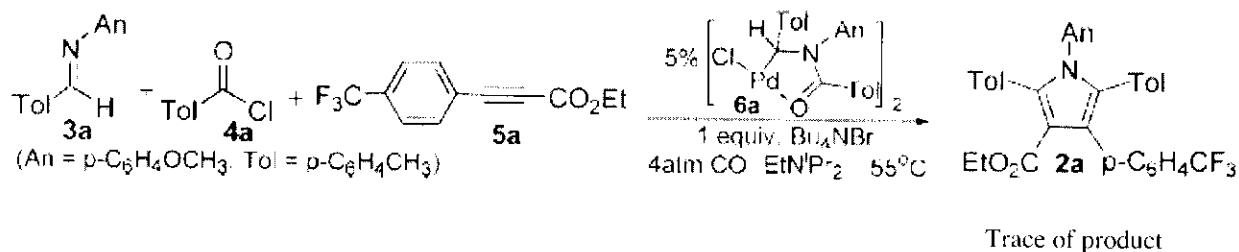
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Why is this work novel?

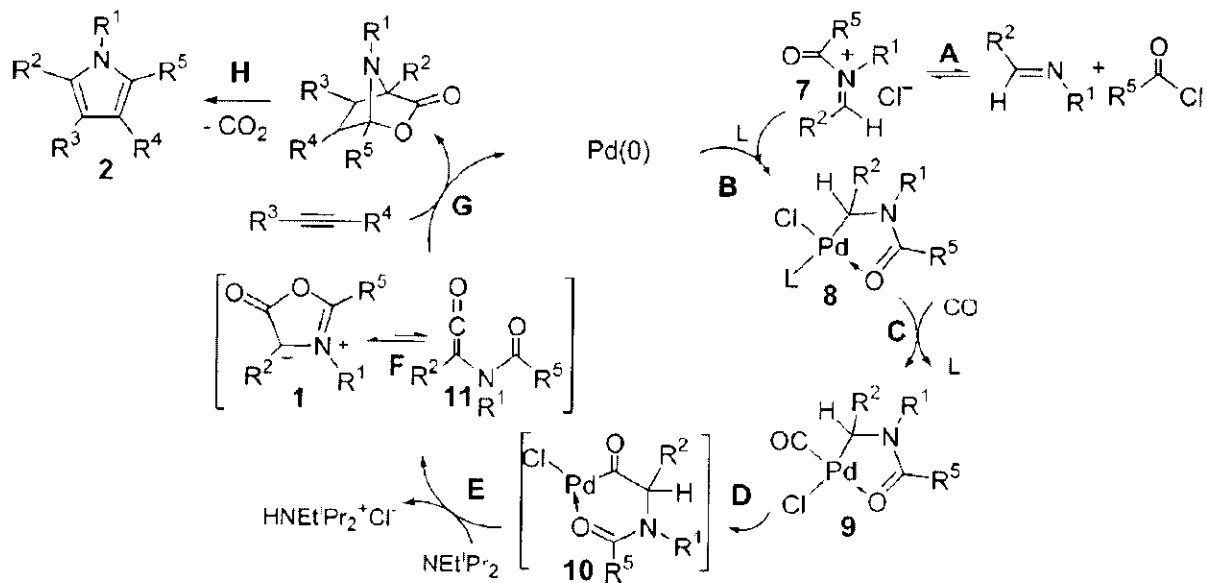
- one step
- simple, readily available and easily varied substrates

*An initial attempt to synthesize a pyrrole deriv.  
(via the in-situ generated Münchnones)*

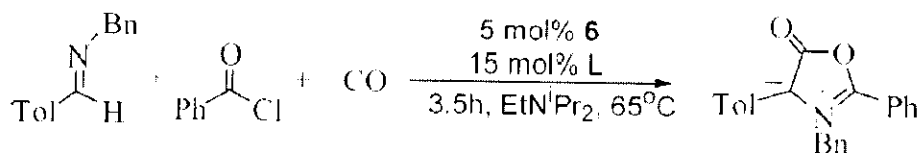




**Scheme 1.** Potential Mechanism for a Catalytic Pyrrole Synthesis



**Table 1.** Ligand Influence on Münchnone Formation<sup>a</sup>



entry	ligand	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	entry	ligand	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	c	33	5	P <sup>t</sup> Bu <sub>3</sub>	29
2	PCy <sub>3</sub>	0	6	P <sup>t</sup> Bu <sub>2</sub> (2-biphenyl)	31
3	PPh <sub>3</sub>	0	7	P(1-naphthyl) <sub>3</sub>	51
4	dppe	0	8	P(o-tolyl) <sub>3</sub>	78

<sup>a</sup> See Supporting Information for details. <sup>b</sup> NMR yield. <sup>c</sup> One equivalent of Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr.

P(o-tolyl)<sub>3</sub> - a sterically encumbered phosphine

**Table 2.** Palladium-Catalyzed Pyrrole Synthesis (Eq 1)<sup>a,b</sup>

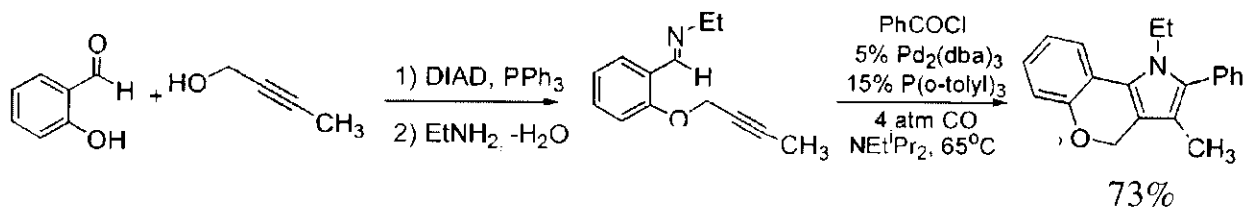
cpd	imine	acid chloride	alkyne	2 (% yield)
a		TolCOCl		 <b>2a</b> , 81%
b <sup>c</sup>		PhCOCl		 <b>2b</b> , 71%
* c <sup>d</sup>		PhCOCl		 <b>2c</b> , 80% <sup>e</sup>
d				 <b>2d</b> , 63%
c				 <b>2e</b> , 73%
f <sup>c</sup>		PhCOCl		 <b>2f</b> , 77%
g		TolCOCl		 <b>2g</b> , 56%
h		TolCOCl		 <b>2h</b> , 65%
* i <sup>d</sup>		PhCOCl		 <b>2i</b> , 56%
j		TolCOCl		 <b>2j</b> , 95%
k		TolCOCl		 <b>2k</b> , 74%
l		PhCOCl		 <b>2l</b> , 66%
m <sup>c</sup>		PhCOCl		 <b>2m</b> , 81%
n <sup>c</sup>		PhCOCl		 <b>2n</b> , 88%

<sup>a</sup> Imine (0.7 equiv), acid chloride, alkyne (1.4 equiv), EtN<sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>, CO (4 atm), 5% **6**, and 15% P(*o*-tolyl)<sub>3</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/THF, 16 h, 65 °C.

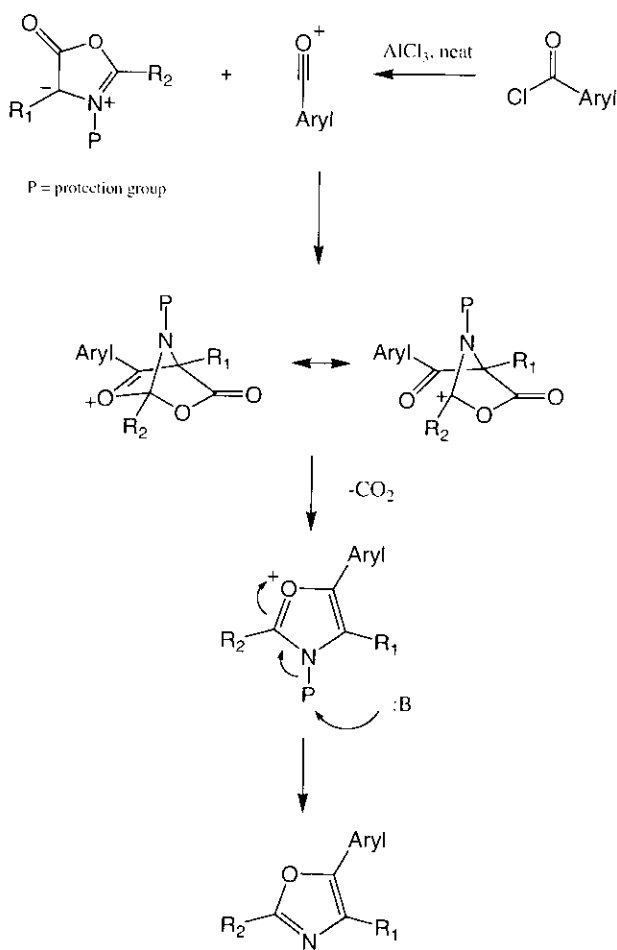
<sup>b</sup> Pd<sub>2</sub>dba<sub>3</sub>·CHCl<sub>3</sub> or [Pd(allyl)Cl]<sub>2</sub> are viable catalysts at ca. 10% lower yield.

<sup>c</sup> Alkyne added to preformed **1**. <sup>d</sup> 75 °C, 1 equiv of LiOTf in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, **6f** catalyst. <sup>e</sup> Major isomer (5:1 ratio).

## Use of catalytic method to generation a complex product with minimal steps



## Future extension of work?



2,3,5-trisubstituted oxazole