

Palladium-catalyzed Heck coupling of 2-vinylpyridine with aryl chlorides

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An efficient $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ -catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of 2-vinylpyridine with aryl chlorides to afford *trans*-2-styrylpyridines with a variety of functional groups on the benzene ring is described. Copyright © 2008 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

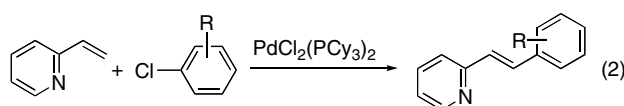
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Introduction

The palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of aryl halides with alkenes, known as the Heck reaction, is a powerful C–C bond forming process.^[1–4] *trans*-Styrylpyridines can be synthesized by the Heck reaction of styrenes with halopyridines (Scheme 1). Although efficient catalytic systems for the Heck reactions of *para*- and *meta*-halopyridines such as 3-iodopyridines and 3,4-bromopyridines with styrene to afford *trans*-3- or 4-styrylpyridines in good to high yields have been developed,^[5–11] reports on the cross-coupling reactions of *ortho*-halopyridines with styrene are few due to the low reactivity of *ortho*-halopyridines under the Heck reaction conditions.^[12–14] Only two references have been found in which *trans*-2-styrylpyridine could be obtained by the palladium-catalyzed reaction of styrene (Scheme 1, R = H) with 2-iodopyridine [$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2 + 2\text{PPh}_3$, in Et_3N at 100 °C for 24 h, 11%],^[11] and 2-chloropyridine (oxime-derived palladacycle, in DMF at 160 °C for 30 h, 70%).^[12] 2-Bromopyridine showed no reactivity^[7,8] or a very low reactivity^[5,14] for the similar coupling reaction in the tested catalytic systems. In addition, all the coupling reactions mentioned above were limited to styrene: there have been no reports on the reaction of halopyridines with substituted styrenes so far.

Recently, *trans*-2-styrylpyridine was used as a ligand in metal complexes,^[15–17] photoreactive group in polymers,^[18–20] and valuable material for the synthesis of physiological and biological active compounds.^[21,22] The structural unit of 2-styrylpyridine also exists in biological active compounds.^[23,24] Therefore development of an efficient method for the synthesis of *trans*-2-styrylpyridines is interesting and valuable.

Our previous work disclosed that $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ is an efficient catalyst for Sonogashira^[25] and Heck^[26] cross-coupling reactions of aryl chlorides. In continuation of our interest in applications of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ as a catalyst in C–C bond formation reaction, in this paper, we report $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ -catalyzed cross-coupling reactions of 2-vinylpyridine with aryl chlorides as an alternative efficient

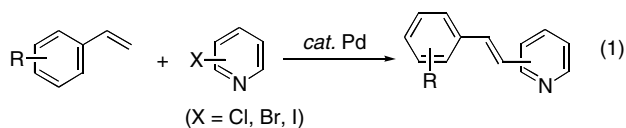


Scheme 2. Heck reaction of 2-vinylpyridine with aryl chlorides.

catalytic system for the synthesis of *trans*-2-styrylpyridines with a variety of functional groups on the benzene ring (Scheme 2).^[27]

Results and Discussion

The results on examining the catalytic activity of palladium complexes in the reaction of 2-vinylpyridine with chlorobenzene (**1a**) using Cs_2CO_3 as base are described in Table 1. It was found that zero-valent palladium complexes such as $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ and $\text{Pd}(\text{dppe})_2$ could not catalyze the cross-coupling reaction in toluene at 130 °C (sealed tube, oil bath temperature): in both cases, only trace amounts of 2-styrylpyridine (**2a**) were detected by GC and GC-MS analyses of the reaction mixture: the starting materials were recovered in almost quantitative yields (Table 1, entries 1 and 2). Palladium(II) complexes such as $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ and $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ showed low catalytic activities under the same reaction conditions to give **2a** in fair yields (Table 1, entries 3 and 4). In the presence of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2/\text{dppp}$ (1 : 2), **2a** was formed in 38% GC yield (Table 1, entry 5). At a lower reaction temperature (120 °C), $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ catalyzed the coupling reaction to afford **2a** in 38% GC yield (Table 1, entry 6); at 130 °C, it showed a higher catalytic activity to furnish **2a** in 64% GC yield (Table 1, entry 7). The addition of an additional PCy_3 molecule resulted in a significant decrease of the catalytic activity (Table 1, entry 8). Increasing the reaction temperature to 140 °C could significantly enhance the reaction, in this case **2a** was formed in 95% GC yield

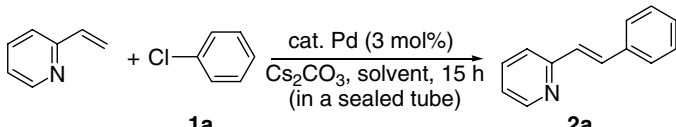


Scheme 1. Heck reaction of styrenes with halopyridines.

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Table 1. Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of 2-vinylpyridine with chlorobenzene under different conditions^a

				
Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Temperature (°C)	Yield (%) ^b
1	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	Toluene	130	<5
2 ^c	Pd(dppe) ₂	Toluene	130	<5
3	PdCl ₂ (PEt ₃) ₂	Toluene	130	26
4	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	Toluene	130	27
5 ^d	PdCl ₂ (CH ₃ CN) ₂ + dppp (1 : 2)	Toluene	130	38
6	PdCl ₂ (PCy ₃) ₂	Toluene	120	38
7	PdCl ₂ (PCy ₃) ₂	Toluene	130	64
8	PdCl ₂ (PCy ₃) ₂ + PCy ₃ (1 : 1)	Toluene	130	9
9	PdCl ₂ (PCy ₃) ₂	Toluene	140	95 (87)
10	PdCl ₂ (PCy ₃) ₂	<i>o</i> -Xylene	140	92
11	PdCl ₂ (PCy ₃) ₂	DMSO	140	<5
12	PdCl ₂ (PCy ₃) ₂	Dioxane	140	18

^a Reactions were carried out with 2-vinylpyridine (0.5 mmol), chlorobenzene (0.6 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.7 mmol) and catalyst (0.015 mmol) in solvent (1.0 ml).
^b Determined by GC based on 2-vinylpyridine used. Number in parenthesis is isolated yield.
^c DPPE = 1, 2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane.
^d DPPP = 1, 3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane.

(Table 1, entry 9), and a similar result could be obtained in *o*-xylene (Table 1, entry 10). In addition, it was disclosed that the effects of solvents were obvious for the present cross-coupling reaction. Whereas our previous reports showed that DMSO and dioxane were good solvents for PdCl₂(PCy₃)₂-catalyzed Sonogashira^[25] or Heck^[26] reactions of aryl chlorides with terminal alkynes or styrenes, respectively, PdCl₂(PCy₃)₂ showed a very low catalytic activity when the present cross-coupling reaction was carried out in either DMSO or dioxane (Table 1, entries 11 and 12).

Moreover, it should be noted that the catalytic activity of PdCl₂(PCy₃)₂ also depends on the nature of the used bases in the present cross-coupling reaction. The use of K₂CO₃, Bu₄N and pyridine to replace Cs₂CO₃ as bases led to almost no reaction product or low conversions.

Table 2 summarizes the results of the cross-coupling of 2-vinylpyridine with a variety of aryl chlorides in the presence of PdCl₂(PCy₃)₂. As can be seen from Table 2, the cross-coupling reactions of 2-vinylpyridine with both neutral and electron-rich (deactivated) aryl chlorides proceeded smoothly at 140 °C to afford the corresponding coupling products in high isolated yields after 10–25 h (Table 2, entries 1–4). Surprisingly, the electron-deficient aryl chlorides, which are commonly considered to be the activated ones in Heck cross-coupling reaction with alkenes, showed a lower reactivity than electron-rich aryl chlorides. For example, the reactions of 2-vinylpyridine with 1,2-dichlorobenzene (**1e**) and 1,4-dichlorobenzene (**1f**) at 140 °C for 25 h afforded the expected cross-coupling products **2e** and **2f** in 56 and 30% yields, respectively (Table 2, entries 5 and 6). Prolonging the reaction time up to 25 h could not increase the yield considerably. Under these conditions, the reactions of 2-vinylpyridine with 2-chlorothiophene (**1g**), methyl 3-chlorobenzoate (**1h**), 4-chlorobenzophenone (**1i**) and 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (**1j**) furnished only small amounts of the desired coupled products; repeating these reactions in the

presence of Bu₄NBr as additive, which is considered to be a stabilizer of palladium catalysts in palladium-catalyzed Heck cross-coupling reactions,^[28–30] resulted in the formation of products in fair yields (Table 2, entries 7–11).

Since electron-deficient aryl chlorides showed a low reactivity for the cross-coupling reaction with 2-vinylpyridine, we then investigated the reaction using electron-deficient aryl bromides; however the coupled products were also obtained in moderate yields only. For example, methyl 2-bromobenzoate (**1k**) reacted with 2-vinylpyridine to afford the corresponding product **2k** in 46% yield (Scheme 3). When PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ was employed as catalyst, the yield of **2k** was decreased to 15%.

Recently, polypyridyl ligand-coordinated transition metal complexes have been found to have potential applications for synthesizing the functional materials with interesting electrochemical, photochemical and photophysical properties.^[31,32]

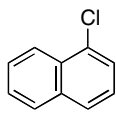
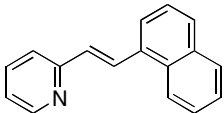
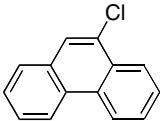
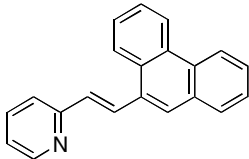
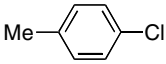
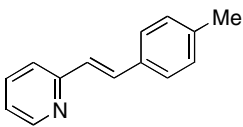
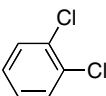
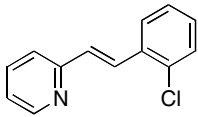
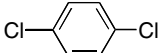
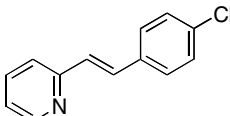

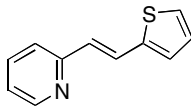
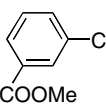
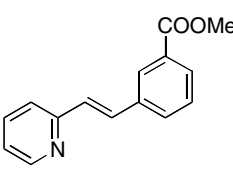
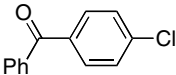
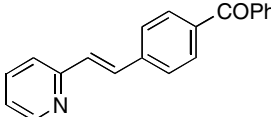
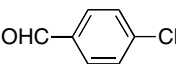
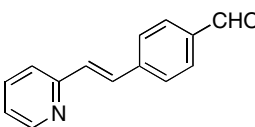
trans-1,2-Di(2-pyridyl)ethene (**2l**) is one of the basic starting materials for preparation of such type of ligands.^[33] Therefore, we also examined the cross-coupling reaction of 2-vinylpyridine with 2-bromopyridine (**1l**); unfortunately, **2l** was obtained in only 20% and 16% yields in the presence of PdCl₂(PCy₃)₂ and PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂, respectively (Scheme 4).

The present cross-coupling reaction of 2-vinylpyridine with aryl chlorides is considered to take place following an essentially similar mechanism to that of the Heck reaction of alkenes with aryl halides, which has been well documented.^[34–37] In the present catalyst system, the most likely reducing agent for the reduction of Pd(II) to the crucial catalytically active Pd(0) would be CO₃^{2–}.^[38]

Conclusions

In this paper, *trans*-2-styrylpyridines could be obtained by the cross-coupling reaction of 2-vinylpyridine with aryl chlorides in

Table 2. PdCl₂(PCy₃)₂-catalyzed cross-coupling of 2-vinylpyridine with aryl chlorides^a

Entry	Aryl-Cl		Time (h)	Product		Yield (%) ^b
1		1b	10		2b	70
2		1b	25		2b	92
3		1c	25		2c	92
4		1d	10		2d	78
5		1e	25		2e	56
6		1f	25		2f	30
7		1g	10		2g	<5
8 ^c		1g	10		2g	37
9 ^c		1h	10		2h	34
10 ^c		1i	10		2i	40
11 ^c		1j	10		2j	13

^a Reactions were carried out with 2-vinylpyridine (1.0 mmol), aryl chloride (1.2 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (1.3 mmol) and PdCl₂(PCy₃)₂ (0.03 mmol) in toluene (2.0 ml) at 140 °C.

^b Isolated yield based on 2-vinylpyridine used.

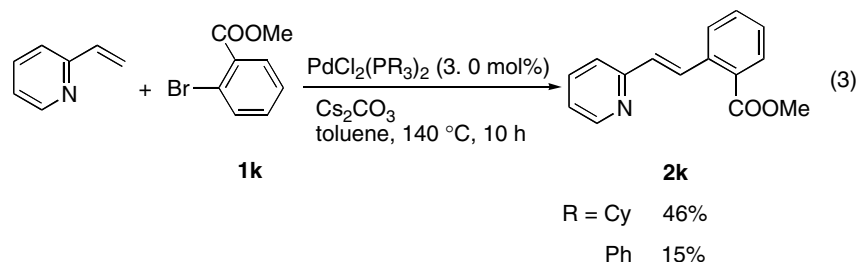
^c Bu₄NBr (10–80%) was added as additive.

the presence of catalytic amounts of PdCl₂(PCy₃)₂ in toluene with the use of Cs₂CO₃ as base. The high catalytic activity in the reactions of neutral and electron-rich aryl chlorides is one of the important features of this catalytic system. This catalytic procedure provides a direct and convenient route to *trans*-2-styrylpyridines with various functional groups on the benzene ring.

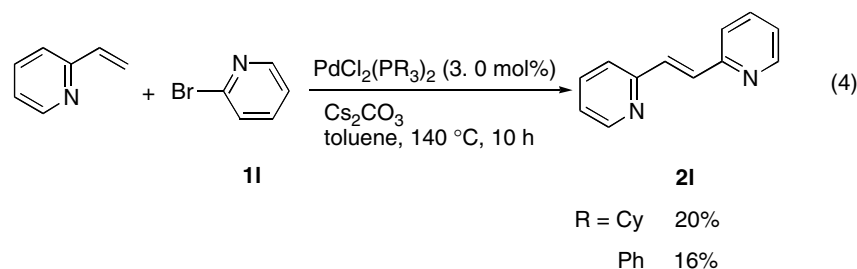
Experimental Section

General methods

All organic starting materials were analytically pure and used without further purification. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Jeol JNM-ECA300 spectrometers at 300 and 75 MHz,



Scheme 3. Heck reaction of 2-vinylpyridine with methyl 2-bromobenzoate.



Scheme 4. Heck reaction of 2-vinylpyridine with 2-bromopyridine.

respectively. ^1H chemical shifts (δ) were referenced to TMS and ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts (δ) were referenced to the internal solvent resonance. GC analyses of organic compounds were performed on an Agilent Technologies 1790 GC (with a TC-WAX capillary 25m column) instrument. Mass spectra were obtained on a Hewlett Packard 5890 Series II GC/MS spectrometer with a PEG-25M column. Elemental analyses were obtained with a Flash EA 1112 Element Analyzer in the Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Typical experimental procedure for the cross-coupling of 2-vinylpyridine with chlorobenzene (1a), affording (E)-2-styrylpyridine (2a)

A mixture of 2-vinylpyridine (52.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), **1a** (67.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (228.0 mg, 0.7 mmol) and $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ (11.0 mg, 0.015 mmol) in toluene (1.0 ml) under nitrogen in a screw-capped thick-walled Pyrex tube was heated with stirring at 140°C (oil bath temperature) for 15 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 to 4.0 ml and octadecane (76.2 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added as internal standard for GC analysis. After GC and GC-MS analyses, removing the solvents and volatiles under vacuum, the residue was subjected to preparative TLC isolation (silica gel, eluted with a mixture solvent of ethyl acetate and petroleum ether; 60–90 $^\circ\text{C}$, 1 : 4) to give **2a** as a pale yellow solid (80.0 mg, 0.44 mmol, 87%). The results of GC analysis of the reaction mixture revealed that **2a** was formed in 95% GC yield (Table 1, entry 9).

All cross-coupling products were isolated and gave satisfactory spectral and analytical data. **2a**,^[12] **2b**,^[39] **2c**,^[40] **2d**,^[41] **2e**,^[42] **2f**,^[41] **2g**,^[43] **2j**,^[18] and **2l**^[44] are known compounds which were characterized by ^1H , ^{13}C -NMR and mass spectra; **2h**, **2i** and **2k** are new compounds, their spectroscopic data are given below.

(E)-2-(3-Methoxycarbonylstyryl)pyridine 2h

Yellow solid, m.p. $97\text{--}98^\circ\text{C}$ (recrystallization with CH_2Cl_2 –cyclohexane). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.61 (d,

1H, $J = 3.1$ Hz, CHN); 8.28 (s, 1H, 1H of benzene ring); 7.95 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H of benzene ring); 7.74–7.16 (m, 7H, CH=CH, 3H of pyridinyl and 2H of benzene ring); 3.94 (s, 3H, OCH_3). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.9 (CO); 155.2 [$\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$, (i)]; 149.7 ($\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$, adjacent to N); 137.0 [C_6H_4 , (i), linked CH=CH]; 136.6, 131.6, 131.5, 130.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 127.9, 122.4(2C) (CH=CH, 5C of benzene ring and 3C of pyridinyl); 52.2 (OCH_3). GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 239 (M^+ , 33), 238(100), 224(11), 206(11), 178(15), 152(9), 127(2), 104(2), 89(4). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$: C, 75.31; H, 5.44; N, 5.86. Found: C, 75.01; H, 5.58; N, 5.71.

(E)-2-(4-Benzoylphenylstyryl)pyridine 2i

Yellow solid, m.p. $142\text{--}143^\circ\text{C}$ (recrystallization with CH_2Cl_2 /cyclohexane). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.64 (d, 1H, $J = 4.1$ Hz, CHN); 7.85–7.18 (m, 14H, CH=CH, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{COC}_6\text{H}_5$ and 3H of pyridinyl). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.1 (CO); 155.0 [$\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$, (i)]; 149.8 ($\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$, adjacent to N); 140.7 [C_6H_4 , (i), linked CH=CH]; 137.7, 136.9, 136.7 (2C), 132.4 (2C), 131.6, 130.7 (2C), 130.3, 129.9 (2C), 128.3 (4C), 126.9 (4C), 122.6 (2C) (CH=CH, 17C of benzene ring and 3C of pyridinyl). GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 285 (M^+ , 31), 284(100), 207(1), 180(7), 152(5), 12 (2), 105(5), 89(1), 77 (10). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$: C, 84.21; H, 5.26; N, 4.91. Found: C, 84.48; H, 5.44; N, 4.75.

(E)-2-(2-Methoxycarbonylstyryl)pyridine 2k

Yellow viscous oil. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.61 (d, 1H, $J = 4.8$ Hz, CHN); 8.40 (d, 1H, $J = 16.1$ Hz, CH=CH); 7.95 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H of benzene ring); 7.73–7.05 (m, 7H, CH=CH, 3H of pyridinyl and 3H of benzene ring); 3.93 (s, 3H, OCH_3). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.7 (CO); 155.6 [$\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$, (i)]; 149.1 ($\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$, adjacent to N), 138.4 [C_6H_4 , (i), linked CH=CH]; 136.9, 132.3, 132.2, 130.7, 130.5, 129.0, 127.9, 127.4, 122.3, 121.7 (CH=CH, 5C of benzene ring and 3C of pyridinyl), 52.2 (OCH_3). GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 239 (M^+ , 1), 238(4), 224(9), 214(15), 206(3), 180(100), 167(3), 152(8), 127(2), 101(2), 89(4), 77(4). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$: C, 75.31; H, 5.44; N, 5.86. Found: C, 75.09; H, 5.67; N, 5.70.

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