

Highly Active, Air-Stable Versatile Palladium Catalysts for the C–C, C–N, and C–S Bond Formations via Cross-Coupling Reactions of Aryl Chlorides

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The transition-metal-catalyzed carbon–carbon and carbon–heteroatom bond-forming reactions are important fundamental transformations in synthetic chemistry.^{1,2} These reactions have been widely used for a variety of cross-coupling reactions of aryl halides in the processes of C–C (Suzuki,³ Kumada,⁴ Stille,⁵ Heck cross-coupling⁶),

C–N,^{7,8} and C–S⁹ bond-forming reactions. Moreover, promising catalytic systems for the unactivated aryl chlorides have been developed.^{3–7,10,11} However, to the best of our knowledge, no separable air-stable homogeneous catalysts¹² have ever been reported involving unactivated aryl chlorides and olefins, amines, and thiols. This is partly due to the unstabilized active catalytic species, and a mechanism that active catalytic species are derived from the in situ reduction of Pd(II) by free phosphine ligands to Pd⁰,¹³ leading to difficulties in separating and purifying these complexes.

Herein, we report the first example of simple, readily accessible, and air-stable palladium(II) complexes (POPd, POPd1, and POPd2) that serve as catalyst precursors for the efficient cross-coupling reactions of aryl chlorides in the processes of C–C, C–N, and C–S bond-forming reactions to access a variety of such architec-

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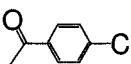
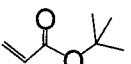
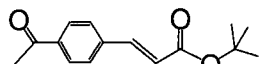
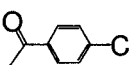
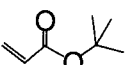
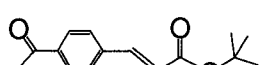

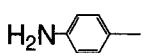
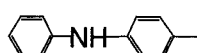
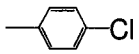
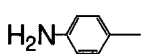
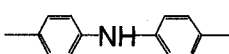
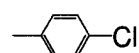
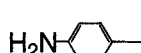
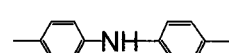


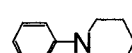

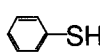
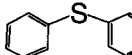


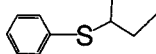
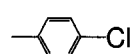

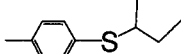
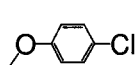

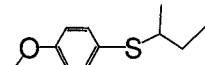
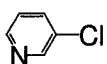

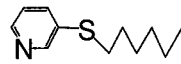
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Table 1. Air-Stable Palladium Complex-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Results of Aryl Chlorides

Entry	Halide	Coupling Partner	Catalyst	Base (Solvent)	Product	Yield (%) (Isolated)
1			POPd (3 % mol)	NaOAc (DMF)		66 ^a
2			POPd1 (1.5 % mol)	K ₂ CO ₃ (DMF)		77 ^a
3			POPd (5.0 % mol)	NaO(<i>t</i> -Bu) (Toluene)		97 ^b
4			POPd (5.0 % mol)	NaO(<i>t</i> -Bu) (dioxane)		97 ^b
5			POPd2 (2.5 % mol)	NaO(<i>t</i> -Bu) (dioxane)		76 ^b
6			POPd2 (3 % mol)	NaO(<i>t</i> -Bu) (Toluene)		43 ^b
7			POPd (2.8 % mol)	NaO(<i>t</i> -Bu) (Toluene)		66 ^c
8			POPd (5 % mol)	NaO(<i>t</i> -Bu) (DMSO)		60 ^c
9			POPd (5 % mol)	NaO(<i>t</i> -Bu) (DMSO)		70 ^c
10			POPd (10 % mol)	NaO(<i>t</i> -Bu) (DMSO)		30 ^c
11			POPd1 (2.5 % mol)	NaO(<i>t</i> -Bu) (Toluene)		97 ^c

Reaction conditions (not optimized): ^a 1.0 equiv of aryl chloride, 1.4 equiv of olefin, 1.1 equiv of base, 135 °C/5–24 h. ^b 1.0 equiv of aryl chloride, 1.2 equiv of amine, 1.4 equiv of Base, 110 °C/4 h. ^c 1.0 equiv of aryl halide, 1.0 equiv of thiol, 2 equiv of base, 110 °C/16–24 h.

species are possibly derived from the cleavage of POPd1 in the presence of nucleophiles followed by the reduction to yield an anionic mononuclear complex Pd(0) for the catalytic cycle (Scheme 1).²¹

In summary, we have discovered practical new catalysts for a variety of cross-coupling reactions of aryl chlorides with olefins, amines, and thiols. Our results demonstrate that palladium complexes possessing phosphinous acid ligands are competent for the generating catalytically active electron-rich anionic species in the presence of bases and that such anionic complexes can be incorporated into catalytic oxidative addition and

reductive elimination processes for cross-coupling reactions of aryl halides by facilitating the rate-limiting oxidative addition of unactivated aryl chlorides to palladium complexes. Noteworthy are the efficiency for unactivated aryl chlorides and simplicity of use, low cost, air-stability, and ready accessibility of these separable complexes. Future work regarding these air-stable palladium complexes will be directed on additional cross-coupling reactions and catalytic transformations.

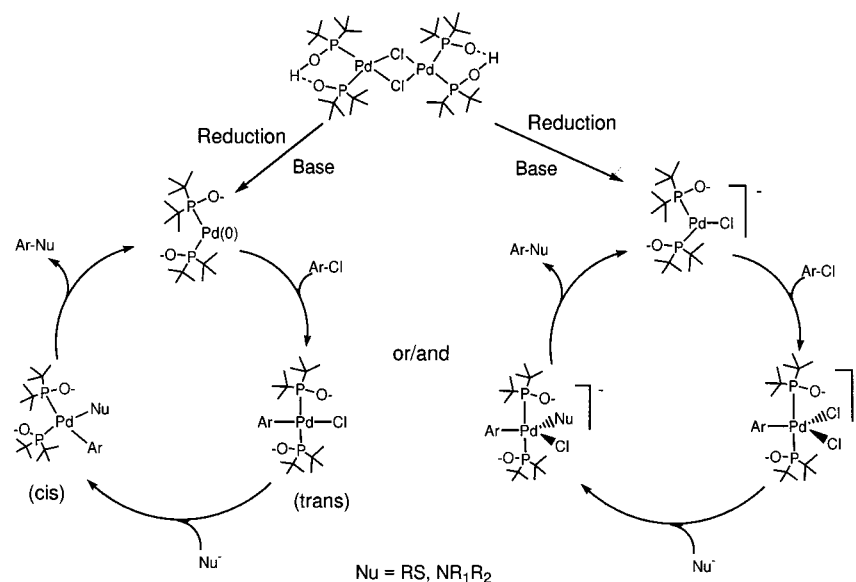
Experimental Section

All reagents were used as supplied commercially without further purification. Dihydrogen dichlorobis(di-*tert*-butylphosphinito- κ -*P*)palladate(2-) [(*t*-Bu)₂POH]₂PdCl₂ referred as POPd], dihydrogen di- μ -chlorotetrakis(di-*tert*-butylphosphinito- κ -*P*)dipalladate(2-) [(*t*-Bu)₂POH]₂[μ -Cl]₂[(*t*-Bu)₂P(OH)]₂ referred as POPd1), and dihydrogen di- μ -chlorodichlorobis(di-*tert*-butylphosphinito- κ -*P*)dipalladate(2-) [(*t*-Bu)₂P(OH)]₂[μ -Cl]₂ referred as POPd2) were purchased from CombiPhos Catalysts, Inc., or prepared according to our reported procedures.^{10,11,14} NMR

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(21) A reaction of POPd2 (100 mg, 0.147 mmol, ³¹P NMR (CD₃OD) δ 148.0 (singlet) ppm) and CsF (50.0 mg, 0.329 mmol) in 1.0 mL of CD₃OD at room temperature for 5 min generates an insoluble mixture.

Scheme 1. Plausible Catalytic Cycle for the Cross-Coupling Reactions of Aryl Chlorides with Amines and Thiols



spectra were recorded on either a Nicolet NMC-300 wide-bore (FT, 300 MHz, ¹H; 75 MHz, ¹³C, 121 MHz, ³¹P) or a GE QM-300 narrow-bore (FT, 500 MHz, ¹H) instrument. Chemical shifts (δ) for ¹H, ¹³C are referenced to internal solvent resonances and reported relative to SiMe₄. ³¹P NMR shifts are reported relative to external phosphoric acid.

2-Propenoic Acid, 3-[4-Acetylphenyl]-*tert*-butyl Ester.²²

Method A. [(*t*-Bu)₂POH]₂PdCl₂ (POPd, 468.0 mg, 0.933 mmol, 5.6 mol %), 4-chloroacetophenone (2.58 g, 16.7 mmol), anhydrous tetrabutylammonium bromide (1.07 g, 3.33 mmol), anhydrous sodium acetate (1.51 g, 18.4 mmol), and *tert*-butylacrylate (2.99 g, 23.3 mmol) were weighed in air and transferred to a 50 mL reactor equipped with a magnetic stir bar and 10 mL of DMF. The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred and heated to 135–140 °C for 24 h before the mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with 25 mL of H₂O. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and diluted with 300 mL of diethyl ether. The layers were separated, the organic layer was washed with H₂O (2 × 100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and filtered, and the solvents were removed from the filtrate by rotary evaporation. The product was isolated by bulb-to-bulb distillation. The final product was obtained as a colorless solid (2.73 g, 66% yield). It was >95% pure by ¹H NMR and GC/MS: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.28 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (m, 3H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 16.01 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.2, 165.7, 141.9, 139.0, 137.8, 128.8, 128.0, 122.8, 80.9, 28.1, 26.6 ppm.

Method B. {[(*t*-Bu)₂POH]·H·OP(*t*-Bu)₂}PdCl₂ (POPd1, 233.0 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.5 mol %), 4-chloroacetophenone (2.58 g, 16.7 mmol), anhydrous tetrabutylammonium bromide (1.07 g, 3.33 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (2.53 g, 18.3 mmol), *tert*-butylacrylate (2.99 g, 23.3 mmol) were weighed in air and transferred to a 50 mL reactor equipped with magnetic stir bar and 10 mL of DMF. The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred and heated to 135–140 °C for 5 h before the mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with H₂O. The reaction was transferred to a separatory funnel and diluted with 300 mL of hexane and 100 mL of H₂O. The layers were separated; the organic layer was washed with H₂O (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and filtered; and the solvents were removed from the filtrate by rotary evaporation. The crude product was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford 3.2 g (77% yield) of the final product.

General Procedure for the Reaction of Amines with Aryl Chlorides. A 50 mL reactor equipped with magnetic stir bar was charged with 250 mg (0.50 mmol) of [(*t*-Bu)₂POH]₂PdCl₂,

1.27 g (10.0 mmol) of 4-chlorotoluene, 1.29 g (12.0 mmol) of 4-methylaniline, and 1.35 g (14.0 mmol) of NaO(*t*-Bu) in 15.0 mL of dioxane. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 4 h before the reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with 50 mL of H₂O. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, and diluted with 300 mL of diethyl ether. The layers were separated, and the organic layer was washed with H₂O (2 × 30 mL) and brine (30 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. The crude product was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

***N*-Phenyl-*p*-toluidine.**²³ The general procedure gave 1.78 g (97% yield) of a white solid: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.91 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.89 (m, 4H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.32 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (s, br. 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 140.3, 130.8, 129.8, 129.2, 120.2, 118.9, 116.8, 20.6 ppm.

4-Methyl-*N*-(4-methylphenyl)benzenamine.²³ The general procedure using 2.5 mol % of [(*t*-Bu)₂P(OH)PdCl₂]₂ (POPd2) gave 1.50 g (76% yield) of a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.35 Hz, 4H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.35 Hz, 4H), 5.31 (s, br. 1H), 2.12 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2, 130.2, 129.8, 117.9, 20.6 ppm.

1-Phenylpiperidine.²⁴ The general procedure using 3.0 mol % of [(*t*-Bu)₂P(OH)PdCl₂]₂ (POPd2), 1.12 g (10.0 mmol) of chlorobenzene, 1.02 g (12.0 mmol) of piperidine, and 1.35 g (14.0 mmol) of NaO(*t*-Bu) in 20.0 mL of toluene afforded 700 mg (43% yield) of *N*-phenylpiperidine: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.72 (m, 1H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 5.48 Hz, 4H), 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.48 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3, 129.0, 119.2, 116.5, 50.7, 25.9, 24.4 ppm.

General Procedure for the Reaction of Aryl Halides with Thiols. A 50 mL reactor equipped with magnetic stir bar was charged with 450 mg (0.897 mmol, 5.0 mol %) of [(*t*-Bu)₂P(OH)PdCl₂]₂, 2.03 g (18.0 mmol) of chlorobenzene, 1.63 g (18.0 mmol) of 1-methyl-1-propanethiol, and 3.46 g (36.0 mmol) of NaO-*t*-Bu in 20.0 mL of DMSO. The resulting mixture was heated to 100 °C for 20 h before the mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with 100 mL of H₂O. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 200 mL). The layers were separated, the organic layer was washed with H₂O (100 mL) and brine (150 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and filtered, and the solvents were removed from the filtrate by rotary evaporation. The final product was chromatographed on silica gel using *tert*-butylmethyl ether/hexane (1% volume ratio) as eluant.

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1-Methyl-1-propylphenyl Sulfide.²⁵ The general procedure gave 1.78 g (60% yield) of the titled compound: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.03 (m, 3H), 3.00 (m, 1H), 1.55–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.74 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.38 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.5, 131.7, 128.9, 126.6, 44.8, 29.4, 20.6, 11.3 ppm.

Phenyl Sulfide.²⁶ The general procedure using 252 mg (0.50 mmol, 2.8 mol %) of [(*t*-Bu)₂P(OH)]₂PdCl₂ (POPd), 2.90 g (18.47 mmol) of bromobenzene, 1.98 g (18.0 mmol) of PhSH, and 3.46 g (36.0 mmol) of NaO-*t*-Bu in 20.0 mL of toluene gave 2.24 g (66% yield) of the title product: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.45 Hz, 4H), 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.38 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.7, 130.9, 129.1, 126.9 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₁S 187.0581, found 187.0582.

1-Methyl-1-propyl-4-methylphenyl Sulfide.²⁷ The general procedure using 5 mol % [(*t*-Bu)₂P(OH)]₂PdCl₂ (POPd) gave 2.27 g (70% yield) of the titled compound: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.09 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.93 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.7, 132.7, 131.5, 129.4, 45.3, 29.4, 21.0, 20.5, 11.4 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₆S 180.0973, found 180.0976.

1-Methyl-1-propyl-4-methoxyphenyl Sulfide.²⁸ The general procedure using 895 mg (1.78 mmol, 10 mol %) of [(*t*-Bu)₂P-

(OH)]₂PdCl₂ (POPd), 2.57 g (18.0 mmol) of 4-chloroanisole, 1.62 g (18.0 mmol) of 1-methyl-1-propenethiol, and 3.46 g (36 mmol) of Na-O(*t*-Bu) in 20 mL of DMSO gave 1.05 g (30% yield) of the titled compound: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.3 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.8 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.7 (s, 3H), 2.9 (m, 1H), 1.5 (m, 2H), 1.1 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 135.6, 125.3, 114.3, 55.3, 46.2, 29.4, 20.5, 11.5 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₆OS 196.0922, found 96.0921.

3-Hexylthiopyridine. The general procedure using 232.5 mg (0.25 mmol, 2.5 mol %) of {[(*t*-Bu)₂PO···H···OP(*t*-Bu)₂]PdCl₂}₂ (POPd1), 1.36 g (12.0 mmol) of 3-chloropyridine, 1.18 g (10.0 mmol) of 1-hexanethiol, and 1.92 g (20 mmol) of Na-O(*t*-Bu) in 15 mL of toluene gave 1.9 g (97% yield) of the titled compound: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 1.95 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (m, 1H), 7.56–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.09 (m, 1H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 7.34 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.37–1.68 (m, 6H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 6.83 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.7, 146.5, 136.3, 133.9, 123.2, 33.4, 31.0, 28.8, 28.1, 22.2, 13.7 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₇NS 196.1158, found 196.1160.

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