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Directed Ortho Metalation Methodology. The N,N-Dialkyl Aryl O-Sulfamate as a New Directed Metalation Group and Cross-Coupling Partner for Grignard Reagents

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ABSTRACT

The ortho metalation (RLi/THF/-93 °C) of 3 followed by quench with a variety of electrophiles constitutes a new general route to substituted aryl *O*-sulfamates 4a–k. The Kumada–Corriu cross-coupling of *O*-sulfamates 4e, 4n–s, and 6a with Grignard reagents gives biaryls 9a–m, and the use of 2-halo and boron derivatives 4h, 4i, and 4k for Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling and generation of benzynes leads to naphthols 7a and 7b. A relative metalation ranking of the OSONEt₂ is reported.

The conjunction of the directed ortho metalation (DoM) strategy (Figure 1, 1)^{1,2} with various transition metal-catalyzed cross-coupling regimens³ has established a foun-

tainhead of reliable methodology for the regioselective construction of biaryls in a multitude of aryl—aryl and aryl—heteroaryl bond-forming combinations.⁴ In the context of the subsequent manipulation of directed metalation groups (DMGs), always an important part of synthetic planning, the powerful *O*-carbamate DMG⁵ and, recently, the sulfonamide

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$$E_{2}^{+} \times \text{XCoupl or } \beta - \text{H}^{-} \text{ redn}$$

$$DMG$$

$$DMG$$

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$$E_{1}^{+}$$

$$DMG = CONE_{1}^{-}$$

$$DMG = CONE_{2}^{-}$$

Figure 1.

DMG⁶ have shown the additional features of latency and cross-coupling capability (2), hence enhancing the synthetic utility especially in the context of synthesis of metasubstituted aromatics. Herein we report preliminary results that demonstrate that the *O*-sulfamate (3),⁷ derived by the union of OCONR₂^{8b} and SO₂NR₂^{8d} groups, is a new DMG and cross-coupling partner in the Kumada—Corriu reaction and that the 2-halo and boron derivatives 4h, 4i, and 4k undergo Suzuki—Miyaura cross-coupling and provide a new entry to the benzyne species. In sum, the reported work provides new methods of general utility in synthetic aromatic chemistry.

At the outset, the similarity of the O-sulfamate to OTs, 9 OMs, 10 and especially OTf 11 groups raised concerns that it would suffer, perhaps with similar propensity, ortho anion-induced benzyne formation, 12 an apprehension that was verified at the -78 °C temperatures commonly used for DoM

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chemistry. However, at -93 °C (internal temperature by thermocouple measurement), the simply prepared¹³ prototype *O*-sulfamate 3 underwent smooth ortho metalation to the intermediate lithiated species, which, upon quench with a variety of electrophiles, provided products 4 in modest to excellent yields (Table 1).¹⁴ Thus, introduction of standard

Table 1. Metalation and Electrophile Quench of Phenyl O-Sulfamate 3^a

entry	E [†]	product (E)	yield (%)
1	DMF	4a (CHO)	63
2	CICONEt ₂	4b (CONEt ₂)	70
3	PhCHO	4c (CH(OH)Ph)	85
4	MeSSMe	4d (SMe)	88
5	Me ₃ SiCl	4e (SiMe ₃)	96
6	DEAD	4f (بنز CO ₂ E N-NH EtO ₂ C	53 (t)
7	Cl ₃ CCCl ₃	4g (Cl)	45
8	Br ₂ CHCHBr ₂	4h (Br)	56
9	I_2	4i (l)	78
10	Bu ₃ SnCl	4j (SnBu ₃)	91
11	(1) B(O ⁱ Pr) ₃ , (2) pinacol	4k Jan Book	87

 a Typical procedure: (1) 1.1 equiv of s-BuLi/TMEDA/THF/-93 °C/45 min/0.2-0.5 M; (2) E+/-93 °C to room temperature.

(entries 1 and 3) and DMG (entry 2) carbon, sulfur (entry 4), silicon (entry 5), and nitrogen (entry 6) electrophiles proceeds unexceptionally; furthermore, halogen (entries 7–9), tin (entry 10), and boron (entry 11) electrophiles may be introduced, thus inviting a study of cross-coupling chemistry. In the event, the 2-iodo *O*-sulfamate 4i and, in one case, the corresponding bromo derivative 4h (entry 7), when subjected to standard Suzuki—Miyaura cross-coupling conditions with a selection of arylboronic acids 5, afforded

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Table 2. Suzuki—Miyaura Cross-Coupling 2-Bromo-, 2-Iodo-, and 2-Pinacolboronate *O*-Phenylsulfamate **4h**, **4i**, and **4k**^a

OSO₂NEt₂
+ ArB(OH)₂

$$E = I, Br, B(OR)2$$
OSO₂NEt₂

$$Ar$$
Ar
$$Ar$$
6a-i

entry	E	ArB(OH) ₂ (5)	product	yield	l (%)	
1	⊥ (4i)	Me (HO) ₂ B Me	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	6a	85	
			C ₆ H ₃ -2,3-diN	/le		
2^b	l (4i)	Me (HO) ₂ B	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	6b	56	
		Me Me	2-Mesityl			
3	I (4i)	(HO) ₂ B OtBu	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	6c	99	
			C ₆ H ₄ -(3-CH ₂	-CH ₂ OtBu)		
4	l (4i)	(HO) ₂ B	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	6d	93	
		CN	C ₆ H ₄ -4-CN			
5	l (4i)	(HO) ₂ B	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	6e	85	
		MeO	C ₆ H ₄ -2-OMe	•		
6	∐ (4i)	(HO) ₂ B OMe	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	6f	92	
			C ₆ H ₄ -3-OMe	•		
7	Br (4h)	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄ B(OH) ₂	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	6g	85	
8	B(OR) ₂ (4k)	4-Bromoanisole	C ₆ H ₄ -4-OMe	:	93	
9	I (4i)	(HO) ₂ B CI	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	6h	91	
			C ₆ H ₃ -2,3-di0	CI		
10^{b}	∐ (4i)	ĊI (HO)₂B O	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	6i	76	
			2-furyl			

 a Typical procedure: 1 equiv of ArX/5 mol % Pd(PPh₃)₄/DME/2 M Na₂— CO₃/80 °C/16 h. b Performed with 2 equiv of ArX/10 mol % Pd(PPh₃)₄/40 h.

products **6** in excellent yields (Table 2). One inverted partner combination was tested (entry 8) to demonstrate that comparable yields may be obtained from reactions of either combination of cross-coupling partners.

Reaction block experiments defined conditions for benzyne trapping of **4h** using furan as the diene to give 7-oxabenzonorbornadiene, which was converted to **7a** in 21% yield (Scheme 1). Subjection of the *ortho*-bromo *O*-sulfamates **4l** and **4m** to metal—halogen exchange at -10 °C in the presence of furan followed by catalytic HCl treatment afforded naphthols **7a** (concurrent protodesilylation) and **7b** in 50 and 31% yields, respectively. Improvement of yields was achieved by adapting the Knochel protocol for Grignard generation¹⁵ on **4i**, which, after furan trap and acid hydrolysis, furnished **7a** in 70% yield.¹⁶

Encouraged by the results of *O*-carbamate⁵ and related phenol-derived cross-coupling partners, ^{9–11} we screened a number of nickel catalysts¹⁷ on **3** using *p*-tolylmagnesium

Scheme 1

 a Knochel protocol: (1) 1.1 equiv of $i\text{-PrMgCl/Et}_2\text{O}/-78$ °C/30 min; (2) 10 equiv of furan/-78 °C to rt; (3) cat. HCl/MeOH/reflux/3 h.

bromide as a standard Grignard partner (Table 3). While using nonliganded (entries 1 and 2) and phosphine mono-(entry 3) and bidentate (entry 4) Ni catalysis already provided reasonable yields of product **8**, use of Cp-containing catalysts (entries 5–9) showed considerable enhancement in yields, with the air-stable, conveniently handled NiClCpIMes performing as a superb catalyst at low loading in ether at room temperature to afford **8** in quantitative yield.¹⁸

Table 3. Optimization of Conditions for the Ni-Catalyzed Phenyl *O*-Sulfamate **3**-*p*-Tolyl Grignard Cross-Coupling Reaction

entry	catalyst/ligand	solvent	temp (°C)	yield (%)a
1	Ni(acac) ₂	PhMe	120	29
2	$ m NiCl_2$	PhMe	120	72
3	$NiCl_2/P(t-Bu)_3$	PhMe	120	63
4	NiCl ₂ /dppf	PhMe	120	74
5	$NiClCpPPh_3$	$\mathrm{Et_{2}O}$	40	83
6	$NiClCpPPh_3$	PhMe	120	91
7	NiClCplMes	THF	40	83
8	NiClCplMes	PhMe	40	85
9	NiClCplMes	$\mathbf{Et_2O}$	40	>99

^a Determined by GC (undecane as internal standard).

Using this optimized set of conditions, cross-coupling reactions of selected aryl *O*-sulfamate—aryl Grignard reagent

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Table 4. Ni-Catalyzed Aryl Cross-Coupling of Aryl *O*-Sulfamates with Aryl Grignard Reagents^a

[NiClCnIMas]

	ArOSO ₂ NEt ₂	+	Ar'MgBr	[NiClCplMes]	Ar	-Ar'	
	4e, I-s, 6a		-	Et ₂ O	9	a-m	
entry	4, 6		Ar'MgBr	product		temp time	yield (%)
1	OSO ₂ NEt ₂ SiMe ₃	4e	BrMgC ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe) (2.5 equiv)	C ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe) SiMe ₃	9a	40°C 12 h	76
2	OSO ₂ NEt ₂ Me Me	6a	BrMgC ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe) (2.5 equiv)	C ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe) Me Me	9b	40°C 30 h	64
3	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	4n	BrMgPh (2.5 equiv)	Ph	9c	40°C 19h	47
,	OSO ₂ NEt ₂ Me	40	BrMgPh (2.0 equiv)	Ph NHCOMe	9d	rt 1 h	50
5 ^b	vie 🍆	40	BrMgC ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe) (2.0 equiv)	C ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe) NHCOMe	9e	rt 3 h	46
6	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	4p	BrMgPh (1.2 equiv)	Ph	9f	0 °C 10 mir	84 1
7		4p	BrMgC ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe) (2.0 equiv)	C ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe)	9g	rt 1 h	79
8	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	4q	2-Mesityl MgBr (2.5 equiv)	2-Mesityl	9h	40 °C 18 h	69
9		4q	BrMgC ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe) (2.5 equiv)	C ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe)	9i	rt 1 h	86
10	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	4r	p-TolylMgBr (2.5 equiv)	p-Tolyl	9j	rt 18 h	71
11		4r	BrMgC ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe) (2.5 equiv)	C ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe)	9k	rt 18 h	85
12	OSO ₂ NEt ₂	4s	p-TolylMgBr (2.0 equiv)	p-Tolyl	91	rt 8 h	82
13		4s	BrMgC ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe) (2.0 equiv)	C ₆ H ₄ (3-OMe)	9m	rt 4 h	73

 a Typical procedure: 1.2–2.5 equiv of Ar'MgBr/1–2.5 mol % NiClCpIMes/Et₂O/0–40 °C/0.1–19 h. b Deprotection/acylation: 10 equiv of hydroxylamine HCl/2 equiv of NEt₂/2:1 EtOH–H₂O/90 °C/24 h, then 1.2 equiv of acetic anhydride/2 equiv of NEt₃/CH₂Cl₂/rt/1 h.

combinations were carried out to afford biaryl products **9a-m** in synthetically useful yields (Table 4). Aside from

simple biaryls (entries 1, 3, and 5–8) and a tertaryl (completing a metal-tuned coupling sequence, entry 2), N-protected anilines (entries 3 and 4) and azabiaryls (entries 9–12) were unexceptionally obtained.^{19,20} To obtain preliminary evidence for the hierarchal position of the *O*-sulfamate vis-á-vis other DMGs,² inter- and intramolecular competition experiments were carried out (Figure 2). Thus,

Figure 2. Ratios of D-incorporation products from intra- and intermolecular DoM competition experiments.

treatment of 4-CONEt₂ phenyl *O*-sulfamate (**4t**) under the standard conditions for 10 min followed by CD₃OD quench led to the formation of **10a** and **10b** in a 17:1 ratio based on d₁-NMR. Using the same experimental protocol, a 1:1 mixture of *N*,*N*-diethyl phenyl *O*-carbamate and **3** afforded deuterated **11** and **12** in a 23:1 ratio. Thus, the *O*-sulfamate is a relatively poor DMG compared to the tertiary amide and the tertiary *O*-carbamate, which are near the top of the qualitatively assessed ranking list.²

In conclusion, we have shown that the *O*-sulfamate is a new, albeit moderate strength, DMG. *ortho*-Halo and boron products **4h**, **4i**, and **4k** participate in Suzuki-Miyaura crosscoupling, and, perhaps more significantly, the *O*-sulfamates themselves undergo Kumada-Corriu coupling, both reactions leading to functionalized and potentially bioactive biaryls (Tables 2 and 4). The new reactions extend DoM concepts and protocols for application in synthetic endeavors.

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⁽²⁰⁾ To demonstrate a further DoM—cross-coupling link of potential synthetic utility, the prototype phenyl *O*-sulfamate **3** was subjected to cross-coupling with *p*-tolylboronic acid under Suzuki conditions to afford **8** albeit in modest 64% yields (GC) using 20 mol % Ni(acac)₂/dppp and 2 equiv of *p*-TolylB(OH)₂/K₃PO₄ in PhMe at 90 °C for 24 h.