



Synthesis and catalytic applications of sulfonate β -ketoimine and β -diimine in the Suzuki reaction in aqueous phase

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ABSTRACT

A series of sulfonated β -ketoimine and β -diimine compounds were synthesized and characterized. As supporting ligands they were used in the Suzuki cross-coupling reaction in aqueous phase with PdCl_2 as catalyst. The new catalytic system can tolerate a wide range of substrates.

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1. Introduction

The homogeneous palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of aryl halides with aryl boronic acids in the presence of base, the Suzuki reaction, has become an important method for generating carbon–carbon bond, in particular for a convenient formation of biaryls, because of its higher stability, wide range functional group tolerance in the reaction partners [1–10]. Most of these reactions were performed in traditional organic solvents and resulted in considerable environmental pollution. Therefore, the replacement of organic solvents by water has received remarkable attention in catalysis. Some water-soluble catalysts for the Suzuki reaction have been developed [11–17]. But most of the water-soluble catalysts are palladium complexes with polar or ionic phosphorus-ligand [18].

Instead of phosphorus-containing ligands, some nitrogen-containing ligands in combination with palladium compounds were used in the Suzuki reaction. A family of sulfonamide-based palladium complexes and phenylhydrazine-based palladacycles have been applied in the Suzuki reaction [19]. Liu et al. found that the cyclopalladated complex $[\text{Pd}(\text{Cl})(\kappa^2\text{N,C-CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{Me})_2\text{-CH=NC}_6\text{H}_3(\text{Pr}^i)_2)_2]$ is an excellent catalyst for Suzuki cross-coupling reactions in aqueous medium under aerobic conditions [20]. Zhang et al. developed a $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2/\text{guanidine}$ aqueous system for

the room-temperature Suzuki cross-coupling reaction with good to excellent yields and high turnover numbers [21].

β -Ketoimine and β -diimine can be also used as supporting ligands in the olefin polymerization [22,23]. Kirchner reported an efficient synthesis of *N,N*-diaryl and dialkyl β -diimines with the central carbon atom as part of five- and six-membered ring systems. At the same time, the catalytic activity of palladium(II) compounds with these ligands has been studied in *N*-methyl-2-pyrrolidone as a solvent for C–C coupling reactions [24].

In this paper we report on the synthesis, characterization and some applications of β -ketoimines and β -diimines as supporting ligands in the palladium-catalyzed Suzuki reaction in aqueous phase. Reaction conditions were optimized for catalytic performance. This catalytic system was also examined using different substrates.

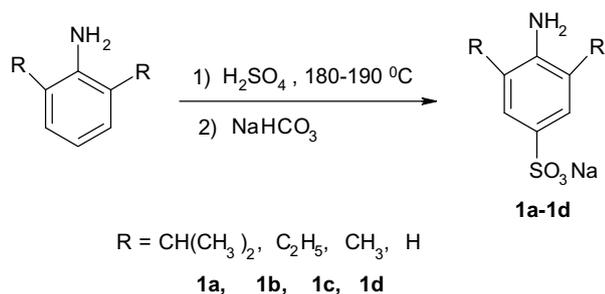
2. Results and discussion

2.1. Synthesis of sulfonated β -ketoimines and β -diimines

2,6-Dialkyl anilines were sulfonated at 180–190 °C with concentrated sulfuric acid in yields of 65–75% (Scheme 1) [25,26].

The condensation of acetylacetone with the sulfonated 2,6-dialkyl anilines (**1a–d**) in the ratio of 1:1.1 in the presence of catalytic amounts of formic acid affords β -ketoimines (**2a–d**) in yields of 80–90% (Scheme 2). The sulfonated β -diimines (**3a–d**) were obtained by reaction of sulfonated anilines (**1a–d**) with acetylacetone (2:1.05) in the presence of hydrochloric acid in yields of 60–65%

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Scheme 1.

(Scheme 3). The formation of β -ketoimines (**2a–d**) and β -diimines (**3a–d**) were monitored by UV-spectroscopy using the C=N absorption band of the β -ketoimines (**2a–d**) at 317 nm which is separated from that of the anilines (at about 250 nm). Similarly, for the C=N group in the β -diimines the UV-absorption is shifted to 343 nm from that of 250 nm for the anilines (**1a–d**).

All β -ketoimine and β -diimine compounds were characterized by IR, ¹H NMR, MS, and elemental analysis. The molecular and crystal structure of the β -diimine **3b** was determined through X-ray diffraction [27].

2.2. The Suzuki reaction

The reaction of bromobenzene with phenyl boronic acid in aqueous phase was selected to study the catalytic conditions (Scheme 4). The results are collected in Table 1. The yields with the ratio of ligand/palladium (1:1) are higher than those with a ratio (1.5:1) (Table 1, entry 4 and 3; entry 6 and 5). This conclusion is consistent with the catalytic system of phosphine ligands where the yields under aerobic conditions are lower than under inert atmosphere (N₂) (Table 1, entry 2 and 3) [28–30].

In these catalytic conditions the presence of tetrabutylammonium bromide (TBAB) is crucial, possibly because it not only

Table 1
Ligand optimization in aqueous Suzuki coupling reaction^a

Entry	Ligand	L: Pd	Yield ^b (%)
1	No		46
2	2c	1:1	92 ^c
3	2c	1:1	96
4	2c	1.5:1	81
5	3a	1:1	93
6	3a	1.5:1	73

^a Reaction conditions: 1.0 mmol bromobenzene, 1.5 mmol phenylboronic acid, 1% Pd, 80 °C, 2 ml water, 1.5 mmol KOH, 0.5 mmol tetrabutylammonium bromide.

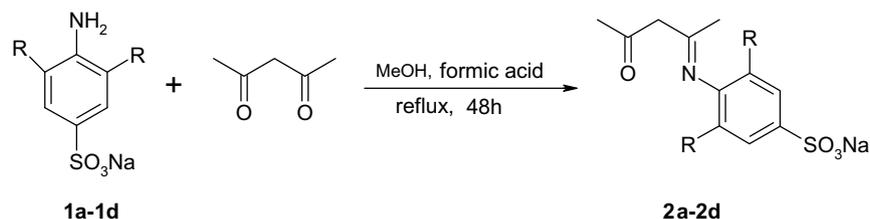
^b GC yield after 2 h.

^c Under aerobic conditions.

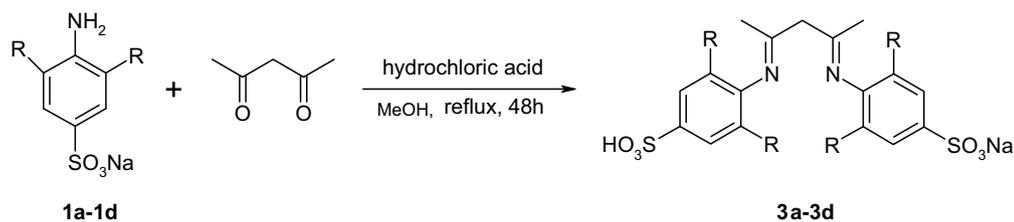
acts as phase-transfer agent, but also forms PhB(OH)₃[−]Bu₄N⁺ [31–33].

Under same catalytic conditions, different bases were investigated in the experiments (Table 2). Here potassium hydroxide gave the best catalytic result. K₂CO₃, an effective base for the cyclopalladated-imine catalyst in the Suzuki reaction [34], proved to be slightly inferior to KOH, leading to a 92% isolated yield (Table 2, entry 5). Na₂CO₃ and NaHCO₃ are slightly inferior to K₂CO₃ (Table 2, entry 1 and 2). Other bases such as KO^tBu, N(CH₂CH₃)₃, NaOMe, and NaOAc, proved to be less effective for the cross-coupling of bromobenzene with phenylboronic acid (Table 2, entries 3, 6–8).

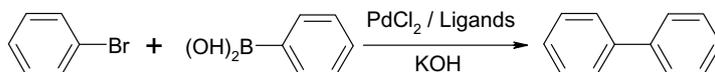
In Table 3 the results with different ligands are compared. We observed that the coupling of bromobenzene and phenylboronic acid in the presence of 1 mol% of PdCl₂ and KOH in water at 80 °C without any supporting ligand, gave 42% isolated yield (Table 3, entry 1). The addition of the β -ketoimine or the β -diimine ligands in the catalytic system remarkably improved the yields (Table 3, entries 2–9). With different substituents in 2, 6-positions of the phenyl ring different trends of the sulfonated Pd/ β -ketoimine system and the sulfonated Pd/ β -diimine system were observed. For the sulfonated Pd/ β -ketoimine system, ligand **2c** gave the highest yield (Table 3, entry 4); while ligand **3a** brought the highest



Scheme 2.



Scheme 3.



Scheme 4.

Table 2
Effect of base in water Suzuki coupling reaction^a

Entry	Base	Yield ^b (%)
1	Na ₂ CO ₃	76
2	NaHCO ₃	84
3	K(O ^t Bu)	35
4	KOH	96
5	K ₂ CO ₃	92
6	N(CH ₂ CH ₃) ₃	33
7	NaOMe	29
8	NaOAc	31

^a Reaction conditions: 1.0 mmol bromobenzene, 1.5 mmol phenylboronic acid, 1% PdCl₂, 1% **2c**, 80 °C, 2 ml water, 1.5 mmol base, 0.5 mmol tetrabutylammonium bromide (TBAB).

^b GC yield after 2 h.

Table 3
Influence of ligands on the palladium-catalyzed Suzuki reaction of bromobenzene with phenylboronic acid^a

Entry	Ligand	Yield ^b
1	No L	42 ^c
2	2a	91
3	2b	93
4	2c	96
5	2d	87
6	3a	93
7	3b	90
8	3c	88
9	3d	84

^a Reaction conditions: 1.0 mmol bromobenzene, 1.5 mmol phenylboronic acid, 80 °C, 2 ml water, 1.5 mmol base, 0.5 mmol tetrabutylammonium bromide.

^b Isolated yields, all reactions were monitored by GC, yields are average of two runs.

^c A large amount of palladium black was observed.

yield (Table 3, entry 6) for the sulfonated Pd/β-diimine system. We conclude that both steric and electronic effects of these ligands play a role in the catalytic system. A detailed analysis of these trends is presently not feasible. In the Pd/β-diimine system steric effects are decisive, because ligand **3a** with the more bulky *iso*-propyl groups gives superior yields.

From Table 4 we conclude that the palladium-catalyzed Suzuki reaction with the sulfonated β-ketoimines and β-diimines as supporting ligands can not only be carried out in neat water but also in mixed media such as H₂O/CH₃CN, H₂O/C₂H₅OH, H₂O/CH₃COCH₃ giving high yields (Table 4, entries 1–3, 8–9). Surprisingly, with smaller amounts of catalyst (less than 0.05 mol%) the addition of TBAB is not essential (Table 4, entries 5–6, 10–12). In these cases the prolonged reaction times and/or raised reaction temperatures are needed in order to increase the yields. Moreover, no palladium black appeared as by-product. Under optimized conditions (0.01 mol% catalyst/100 °C/without TBAB) the Suzuki reaction with the supporting ligand **2c** could be completed after 9 h with 95% yield (Table 4, entry 7).

With the optimized conditions, we screened a representative range of aryl halides for the reaction (Scheme 5). The results are summarized in Table 5.

As illustrated in Table 5, the palladium catalyst with the sulfonated β-ketoimines and β-diimines ligands for the Suzuki reaction

Table 4
Aqueous Suzuki coupling reaction of bromobenzene and phenylboronic acid^a

Entry	L (mol%)	Solvent (1:1)	TBAB (equiv.)	t (h)	Yield ^b
1	2c (0.1)	H ₂ O/CH ₃ CN	0.5	3	95
2	2c (0.1)	H ₂ O/C ₂ H ₅ OH	0.5	3	95
3	2c (0.1)	H ₂ O/CH ₃ COCH ₃	0.5	3	94
4	2c (0.05)	H ₂ O	0.5	3	96
5	2c (0.03)	H ₂ O		6	78
6	2c (0.03)	H ₂ O		3	96 ^c
7	2c (0.01)	H ₂ O		9	95 ^c
8	3a (0.1)	H ₂ O/CH ₃ CN	0.5	3	94
9	3a (0.05)	H ₂ O/CH ₃ CN	0.5	3	93
10	3a (0.05)	H ₂ O		3	91
11	3a (0.03)	H ₂ O		6	72
12	3a (0.03)	H ₂ O		2	92 ^c

^a Reaction conditions: 1.0 mmol bromobenzene, 1.5 mmol phenylboronic acid, 80 °C, 2 ml solvent, 1.5 mmol base.

^b Isolated yields, all reactions were monitored by GC, yields are average of two runs.

^c At 100 °C.

Table 5
Suzuki coupling reactions of arylbromides with various arylboronic acids^a

Entry	X	Y	Z	t (h)	Yield(%) ^b
1	Br	H	H	3	93 ^c
2	Br	H	4-Me	3	97
3	Br	H	4-OMe	2	95
					93 ^c
4	Br	H	4-Cl	2	97
5	Br	4-Me	H	6	95
6	Br	4-Me	4-Me	4	95
7	Br	4-Me	4-OMe	3	94
8	Br	4-Me	4-Cl	4	94
					92 ^c
9	Br	4-OMe	H	4	90
10	Br	4-OMe	4-Me	5	94
11	Br	4-OMe	4-OMe	4	93
12	Br	4-OMe	4-Cl	3	92
					91 ^c
13	Br	4-COMe	H	3	99
					96 ^c
14	Br	2-CHO	4-Me	2	99
15	Br	2-CHO	H	2	98
					96 ^c
16	Br	3-NO ₂	H	2	96
17	Br	3-NO ₂	4-Me	3	99
					96 ^c
18	Br	4-C ₆ H ₅	H	5	90
19	Br	1-naphthalene	H	5	95
20	Br	4-NH ₂	H	3	98
21	Br	2-NH ₂	H	3	98
22	Cl	2-NO ₂	H	12	89 ^d
23	Cl	4-NO ₂	4-CH ₃	9	90 ^d
24	Cl	H	H	24	33 ^d

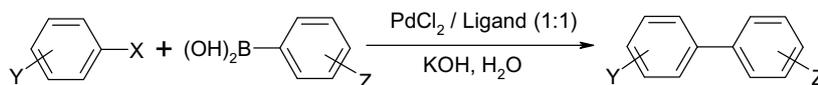
^a Reaction conditions: 1.0 mmol bromobenzene, 1.5 mmol phenylboronic acid, 0.03 mol% PdCl₂/complex **2c**, 100 °C, 2 ml water, 1.5 mmol KOH.

^b Isolated yields, all reactions were monitored by GC, yields are average of two runs.

^c 0.03 mol% PdCl₂/**3a** complex.

^d TBAB (0.1 equiv.) as the additive. 1.0 mol% complex was used.

proved exceptionally active. Regardless of phenyl halides and phenyl boronic acids with the electron-donating or electron-withdraw-

**Scheme 5.**

ing groups in different positions of the phenyl rings, these catalytic systems always gave good to excellent yields of products. The catalytic combinations tolerate a wide range of sensitive functional groups, such as CHO, NO₂, OMe, Me, NH₂, Cl, and COMe in both substrates. Even without TBAB addition the Suzuki reaction could be catalyzed by less than 0.05 mol% catalyst without by-product or palladium black. It is also worthy to be mentioned that the system is effective for the coupling of un-activated aryl chlorides (Table 5, entries 22–23), but more catalyst and a small amount of TBAB were required to improve the yield. The coupling of chlorobenzene with phenyl boronic acid gave moderate yield (Table 5, entry 24).

3. Conclusion

In conclusion, a series of water-soluble sulfonated β -ketoimine and β -diimine ligands were synthesized and characterized. As supporting ligands they can be used in the palladium-catalyzed Suzuki reaction of phenyl bromide and phenyl boronic acid in the presence of TBAB in aqueous phase. This catalytic system tolerates a wide range of substrates, including not only phenyl halides but also phenyl boronic acids. These results provide environmentally benign preparations of diaryl compounds. Further studies on the reaction mechanism with this catalytic system and further applications are currently under investigation.

4. Experimental

4.1. Synthesis of sulfonated 2,6-dialkyl anilines (1a–d)

The sulfonated 2,6-dialkyl anilines (1a–d) were prepared according to the literature [25,26].

4.2. Synthesis of the β -ketoimines (2a–d)

Synthesis of 2a: A mixture of sulfonated 2,6-diisopropyl aniline (1a) (5.58 g, 20 mmol) and acetylacetone (2.20 g, 22 mmol) in refluxing anhydrous methanol (40 ml) was kept stirring, and 0.3 ml of formic acid was added to the reaction solution. Ultraviolet spectra were recorded to monitor the reaction process. When the 317 nm peak reached its maximum, the reaction was stopped. After cooling, anhydrous ether was added dropwise to the reaction solution until a white solid appeared. Stirring was continued at room-temperature until a large amount of white solid had formed. Filtration and evaporation of the solvent afforded 2a as a white solid (6.50 g, 90%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.58 (s, 2H, Ar), 5.30 (s, 1H, CH), 2.79–2.93 (heptet, J = 6.9, 2H, CH), 1.96 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.54 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.11–1.13 (d, J = 6.9, 6H, CH₃), 0.99–1.01 (d, J = 6.9, 6H, CH₃). MS (APCI-MS): m/z : 338.4 [M–Na]⁺. Elemental Anal. Calc. for C₁₇H₂₄NNaO₄S (361.44 g/mol): C: 56.49%; H: 6.69%; N: 3.88%. Found: C: 56.36; H: 6.60; N: 3.91%.

Compounds 2b, 2c, and 2d were obtained with the same method as for 2a.

Compound 2b: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.49 (s, 2H, Ar), 5.29 (s, 1H, CH), 2.46–2.38 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H, CH₂), 2.12 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.54 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.10–0.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H, CH₃). MS (APCI-MS): m/z : 310.3 [M–Na]⁺. Elemental Anal. Calc. for C₁₅H₂₀NNaO₄S (333.38 g/mol): C: 54.04; H: 6.05; N: 4.20. Found: C: 53.98%; H: 5.99%; N: 4.10%.

Compound 2c: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.50 (s, 2H, Ar), 5.34 (s, 1H, CH), 2.13 (s, 6H, CH₃), 1.99 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.16 (s, 3H, CH₃). MS (APCI-MS): m/z : 282.1 [M–Na]⁺. Elemental Anal. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₆NNaO₄S (305.33 g/mol): C: 51.14; H: 5.28; N: 4.59. Found: C: 51.32; H: 5.28; N: 4.75%.

Compound 2d: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.66–7.63 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.16–7.13 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, Ar), 5.217 (s, 1H,

CH), 1.92 (s, 6H, CH₃). MS (APCI-MS): m/z : 254.1 [M–Na]⁺. Elemental Anal. Calc. for C₁₁H₁₂NNaO₄S (277.28 g/mol): C: 47.65; H: 4.36; N: 5.05. Found: C: 47.48; H: 4.28; N: 5.10%.

4.3. Synthesis of the β -diimines (3a–d)

Synthesis of 3a: A mixture of sulfonated 2,6-diisopropyl aniline (1a) (5.58 g, 20 mmol) and acetylacetone (1.05 g, 10.5 mmol) in anhydrous methanol was stirred under reflux (40 ml). 0.82 ml of concentrated HCl (10 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was monitored by recording UV spectra. When the 343 nm peak reached its maximum, the reaction was stopped. After cooling, anhydrous ether was added dropwise until a small amount of white solid had formed. Stirring was continued at room-temperature until precipitation was complete, filtration and evaporation of the remaining solvent afforded 3a as a white solid (3.60 g, 59%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.41 (s, 4H, Ar), 4.21 (s, 1H, CH), 2.65–2.58 (heptet, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H, CH), 2.56 (s, 6H, CH₃), 0.94–0.92 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 12H, CH₃), 0.74–0.71 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 12H, CH₃). MS (APCI-MS): m/z : 577.5 ([M–Na]⁺, 100%), 288.4 ([M–Na–H]/2, 42%). Elemental Anal. Calc. for C₂₉H₄₁N₂Na₂O₆S₂ (600.78 g/mol): C: 57.98; H: 6.88; N: 4.66. Found: C: 57.92; H: 6.48; N: 4.65%.

Compound 3b, 3c, and 3d were obtained with the same method as for 3a.

Compound 3b: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.28 (s, 4H, Ar), 4.133 (s, 1H, CH), 2.53 (s, 6H, CH₃), 2.16 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 8H, CH₂), 0.82–0.77 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 12H, CH₃). MS (APCI-MS): m/z : 521.2 ([M–Na]⁺, 48%), 260.1 ([M–Na–H]/2, 100%). Elemental Anal. Calc. for C₂₅H₃₃N₂Na₂O₆S₂ (544.67 g/mol): C: 55.13; H: 6.11; N: 5.14. Found: C: 55.26; H: 6.00; N: 5.50%.

Compound 3c: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.20 (s, 4H, Ar), 4.06 (s, 1H, CH), 2.52 (s, 6H, CH₃), 1.79 (s, 12H, CH₃). MS (APCI-MS): m/z : 465.0 ([M–Na]⁺, 25%), 232.1 ([M–Na–H]/2, 100%). Elemental Anal. Calc. for C₂₁H₂₅N₂Na₂O₆S₂ (488.56 g/mol): C: 51.63; H: 5.16; N: 5.73. Found: C: 51.88; H: 5.19; N: 6.00%.

Compound 3d: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.74–7.71 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz, Ar), 7.33–7.30 (d, 2H, J = 7.8, Ar), 5.52 (s, 1H, CH), 2.36 (s, 6H, CH₃). MS (APCI-MS): m/z : 409.1 ([M–Na]⁺, 65%), 204.1 ([M–Na–H]/2, 100%). Elemental Anal. Calc. for C₁₇H₁₇N₂Na₂O₆S₂ (432.45 g/mol): C: 47.22; H: 3.96; N: 6.48. Found: C: 47.38; H: 4.20; N: 6.59%.

4.4. General procedure for the Suzuki coupling reaction

Under nitrogen, a round bottom flask equipped with a reflux condenser, was charged with bromobenzene (0.157 g, 1 mmol), phenyl boronic acid (0.183 g, 1 mmol), KOH (0.0842 g, 1.5 mmol), a stock solution of 2 c/PdCl₂ complex in water (0.001 M, 1 ml), and 1 ml water. The mixture was stirred in a preheated 100 °C oil bath for 3 h, and then allowed to cool to room-temperature. After the addition of water (8 ml) and extraction with ether (3 × 10 ml), the organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, passed over silica gel by flash chromatography and analyzed by GC and GC-MS. All products were characterized by NMR [35].

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