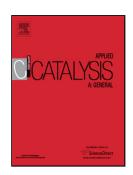
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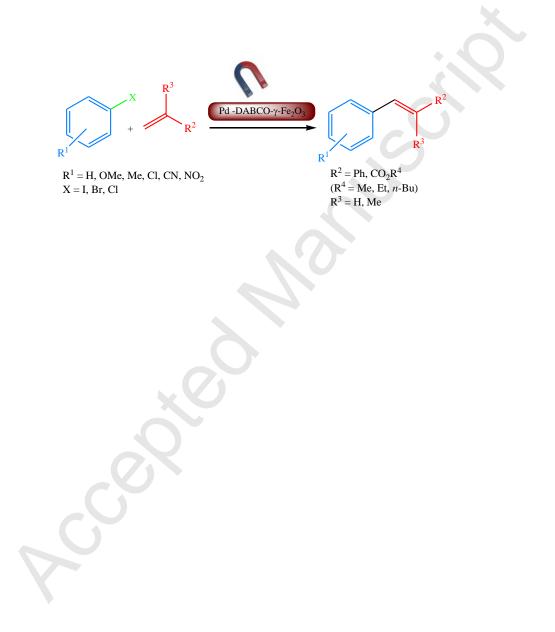
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- Palladium-DABCO complex supported on  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) was synthesized.
- Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is a new phosphine-free palladium catalyst.
- Pd-DABCO-γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was successfully applied in Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reaction.
- Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was isolated from the reaction mixture by magnetic decantation.

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# Palladium-DABCO complex supported on γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> magnetic nanoparticles: A new catalyst for C-C bond formation *via* Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reaction

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#### Abstract

In this paper, palladium-DABCO complex supported on  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> magnetic nanoparticles (Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) was synthesized and characterized by HRTEM, SEM, XRD, XPS, ICP, FT-IR, TGA, VSM and elemental analysis. The synthesized catalyst was successfully applied as a new magnetically recyclable heterogeneous catalyst in Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reaction of aryl halides with alkyl acrylates and styrene under solvent-free conditions.

Keywords: Palladium, Magnetic nanoparticle, Heterogeneous catalyst, Mizoroki-Heck, DABCO

#### **1. Introduction**

Palladium is one of the most crucial metals in catalysis and it is commonly used to catalyze a large variety of carbon–carbon (Csp<sup>2</sup>-Csp<sup>2</sup>) bond forming reactions [1-4]. Among these reactions, palladium-catalyzed arylation of olefins, the Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reaction, is an extremely useful and general technique for the synthesis of biologically active functionalized olefins [5-8]. These cross-coupling reactions are commonly catalyzed by homogeneous palladium complexes containing phosphine ligands. However, the soluble palladium phosphine complexes suffer from problems associated with the separation, recovery, and instability at high temperatures. Moreover, most of phosphine ligands are expensive, toxic, not easily available, sensitive to air and moisture [9-11]. Consequently, the development of new heterogeneous phosphine-free palladium catalysts is an ongoing challenge in this field of study [12-16].

1,4-Diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO) is a medium-hindrance tertiary amine with cage-like structure, which used as an inexpensive, eco-friendly, highly reactive and non-toxic ligand or catalyst for various organic transformations [17-20]. DABCO was also appeared as a substitute to phosphine ligands for the palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura and Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reactions. Due to the importance of using heterogeneous catalysts, recently, palladium-DABCO complex supported on polymer, silica or SBA-15 was synthesized and used as solid catalysts for cross-coupling reactions [21-24]. Despite the high catalytic activity of these heterogeneous palladium catalysts, their separation techniques were energy and time consuming and caused loss of the catalyst. Immobilization of palladium-DABCO complex on magnetic nanoparticles (MNPs) offers a solution to this problem due to the ease of catalyst separation by applying an appropriate magnetic field. Magnetic separation of MNPs, which is an alternative to

filtration or centrifugation, prevents loss of the catalyst, facilitates its recycling and saves time and energy. To benefit the valuable applications of MNPs and unique properties of DABCO as a ligand, and in continues of our recent works on the development of new heterogeneous catalysts [25-32], herein, we report the synthesis of palladium-DABCO complex supported on  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> magnetic nanoparticles (Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). We have also used the synthesized Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as a new magnetically recyclable heterogeneous catalyst for Mizoroki-Heck crosscoupling reactions under solvent-free conditions.

#### 2. Experimental

Chemicals were purchased from Merck Chemical Company. NMR spectra were recorded in ppm in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Bruker Avance DPX-400 instrument using TMS as internal standard. The purity of the products and the progress of the reactions were accomplished by TLC on silica-gel polygram SILG/UV254 plates. HRTEM analysis were performed using HRTEM microscope (Philips CM30). The morphology of the products was determined by using Hitachi Japan, model s4160 Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) at accelerating voltage of 15 KV. FT-IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT-IR 460 plus spectrophotometer. Thermo gravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed using a Shimadzu thermo gravimetric analyzer (TG-50). Elemental analysis was carried out on a Costech 4010 CHNS elemental analyzer. Power X-ray diffraction (XRD) was performed on a Bruker D8-advance X-ray diffractometer or on a X'Pert Pro MPD diffractometer with Cu  $K_{\alpha}$  ( $\lambda = 0.154$  nm) radiation. Surface analysis spectroscopy of the catalyst were performed in an ESCA/AES system. This system was equipped with a concentric hemispherical (CHA) electron energy analyzer (Specs model EA10 plus) suitable for X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS). Room temperature magnetization

isotherms were obtained using a vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM, LakeShore 7400). The content of Pd in the catalyst was detemined by OPTIMA 7300DV ICP analyzer.

#### 2.1. Synthesis of $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> MNPs

 $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> MNPs were synthesized by a reported chemical co-precipitation technique of ferric and ferrous ions in alkali solution with minor modifications [33,34]. FeCl<sub>2</sub>.4H<sub>2</sub>O (1.99 g) and FeCl<sub>3</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O (3.25 g) were dissolved in deionized water (30 mL) under Ar atmosphere at room temperature. A NH<sub>4</sub>OH solution (0.6 M, 200 mL) was then added drop wise (drop rate = 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>) to the stirring mixture at room temperature to reach the reaction pH to 11. The resulting black dispersion was continuously stirred for 1 h at room temperature, and heated to reflux for 1 h to yield a brown dispersion. The magnetic nanoparticles were subsequently separated by a magnetic bar and washed with deionized water until it was neutralized. The assynthesized sample was heated at 2 °C.min<sup>-1</sup> up to 250 °C and then kept in the furnace for 3 h to give a reddish-brown powder.

#### 2.2. Synthesis of chloro-functionalized $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

The prepared  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (3.6 g) was sonicated in dry toluene (50 mL) for 30 min. 3chloropropyltrimethoxysilane (4 mL) and triethylamine (as a catalyst, 0.4 mL) was added to the dispersed  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in toluene, slowly heated to 105 °C and stirred at this temperature for 48 h. The resulting chloro-functionalized  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was separated by an external magnet and washed with toluene, ethanol-water mixture, deionized water and ethanol in turn, and dried under vaccum.

2.3. Synthesis of  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> supported with DABCO (DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)

DABCO (2 g) was added to a magnetically stirred mixture of chloro-functionalized  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (3.6 g) in dry acetone (100 mL). After refluxing for 36 h, the mixture was cooled to room temprature. The resulting DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was separated by an external magnet, washed with acetone and dried in oven under vaccum.

#### 2.4. Synthesis of palladium-DABCO complex supported on $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)

DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (3.3 g) was added to a solution of palladium acetate (0.11 g) in dry acetone (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After stirring, the solid was separated by an external magnet, and washed with acetone, ethanol and ether. It was then dried in an oven at 90 °C overnight to furnish Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

#### 2.5. General procedure for heterogeneous Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reaction

A mixture of aryl halid (1 mmol), olefin (1.1 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (2 mmol) and catalyst (0.06 g, 1 mol%) was stirred at 100 °C for an appropriate time (Table 2). The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc. The catalyst was separated by an external magnet, washed with EtOAc, dried and re-used for a consecutive run under the same reaction conditions. Evaporation of the solvent of the filtrate under reduced pressure gave the crude products. The pure products were isolated by chromatography on silica gel eluted with *n*-hexane:EtOAc (50:1).

#### (E)-Methyl cinnamate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.74 (s, 3H), 6.38 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 16.4 Hz), 7.31-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 16.4 Hz) ppm.

(E)-n-Butyl cinnamate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  0.88 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.33-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.65 (m, 2H), 4.13 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz), 6.36 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 16.0 Hz), 7.29-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 16.4 Hz) ppm.

#### (E)-n-Butyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl) acrylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  0.90 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.34-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.64 (m, 2H), 4.14 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz), 6.64 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 16.0 Hz), 7.45 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.63 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 16.0 Hz), 7.74 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 8.0 Hz) ppm.

#### 3. Results and discussion

#### 3.1. Catalyst synthesis and characterization

At first,  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs were synthesized by a chemical co-precipitation technique of ferric and ferrous ions in alkali solution [33,34]. The magnetic nanoparticles were then allowed to react with an appropriate concentration of 3-chloropropyl trimethoxysilane to give chlorofunctionalized  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The obtained chloro-functionalized  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was reacted with DABCO to produce  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> supported with DABCO (DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). To this end, the reaction of DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> in dry acetone led to the formation of palladium-DABCO complex supported on  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> MNPs (Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) (Scheme 1).

#### Scheme 1

The size and structure of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were evaluated using scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and high resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM). The SEM image and HRTEM (Figure 1) showed uniformity and spherical-like morphology of nanoparticles with an average diameter from ~50 to 60 and 17±5 nm, respectively.

#### Figure 1

FT-IR spectra of γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, DABCO-γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Pd-DABCO-γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were shown in Figure 2. The band at around 627–648 cm<sup>-1</sup> was assigned to the stretching vibrations of Fe-O bond in these compounds [35]. The peaks positioned at 2910, 2930 and 1475 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the FT-IR spectrum of DABCO-γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Pd-DABCO-γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were related to the stretching and bending of the CH<sub>2</sub> bonds, respectively [18]. Si–O stretching bond was observed at about 1000– 1110 cm<sup>-1</sup> [18]. The anchoring of DABCO on γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was evidenced by the presence of C–N<sup>+</sup> stretching at 1615 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the spectra of DABCO-γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Pd-DABCO-γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [18]. In the spectrum of Pd-DABCO-γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, new peaks appeared at 1360 and 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup> for COO (in acetate) [36], and at 1400 and 1640 cm<sup>-1</sup> for COO (in bridged acetate) and confirmed the presence of Pd in the catalyst [37].

#### Figure 2

The reflection planes of (2 2 0), (3 1 1), (4 0 0), (4 2 2), (5 1 1) and (4 4 0) at around  $2\theta = 30.4^{\circ}$ , 35.8°, 43.6°, 53.7°, 57.6°, 63.2° were readily recognized from the XRD pattern of  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (Figure 3). The observed diffraction peaks agree with the cubic structure of maghemite (JCPDS file No 04-0755). The same set of characteristic peaks was observed in the XRD pattern of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, which indicates the stability of the crystalline phase of nanoparticles during the subsequent surface modification. The average crystallite size of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (16 nm) was estimated using the Debye-Scherrer formula. It is important to note that XRD results gave little meaningful data for palladium immobilization on  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> due to the low palladium loading on the support [38].

#### Figure 3

In the X-ray photoelectron spectrum (XPS) of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, binding energies at 338.5 and 343.0 eV corresponding to Pd 3*d*<sub>5/2</sub> and Pd 3*d*<sub>3/2</sub>, respectively, confirmed the presence of Pd (II) in the catalyst (Figure 4). XPS analysis of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> after the Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reaction showed almost identical patterns of Pd (II) in Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (Figure 5). No peaks corresponding to Pd (0) in the metallic state was detected.

#### Figure 4

#### Figure 5

The Pd content of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was determined by inductively coupled plasma (ICP). The ICP analysis showed that 0.16 mmol of Pd was anchored on 1.0 g of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

The thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was used to determine the thermal stability and content of organic functional groups on the surface of MNPs (Figure 6). The small amount of weight loss around 100 °C was attributed to the desorption of adsorbed water. Another mass loss appeared at around 220 °C and the organic parts decomposed completely at 380 °C. According to the TGA profile, the amount of organic components supported on  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is estimated to be 0.14 mmol.g<sup>-1</sup>. These results are in good agreement with the elemental analysis data (N = 0.40% and C = 2.42%).

#### Figure 6

The magnetization curves of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were measured at room temperature using a vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM). No reduced remanence and coercivity were detected, indicating both unmodified and Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> are superparamagnetic (Figure 7). The value of saturation magnetic moments of  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> are 68.5 and 60.3 emu/g, respectively.

#### Figure 7

## 3.2. Evaluation of catalytic activity of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in the Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reaction

Initially, the Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reaction of iodobenzene with *n*-butyl acrylate in the presence of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (1 mol%) was chosen as a model for optimizing reaction parameters such as the base and solvent at 100 °C (Scheme 2, Table 1). Among the examined bases, triethylamine  $(Et_3N)$  showed the best results for this reaction in terms of reaction time and yield (Entries 1-4). The importance of the base was shown by performing the reaction in the absence of the base. The results showed that under these conditions, a trace amount of the desired cross-coupling product was obtained after 24 h (Entry 5). The model reaction was also examined in several solvents including DMF, H<sub>2</sub>O, EtOH, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, CHCl<sub>3</sub> and toluene (Entries 6-11) and the best yield was obtained in DMF as solvent (Entry 6). To avoid the use of toxic and expensive organic solvents, the reaction was studied under solvent-free conditions. It was observed that the coupling reaction gave excellent yield of the product in 0.5 h (Entry 1). The yield of the product in a similar reaction at 80 °C was decreased to 80% (Entry 12). Coupling reactions did not take place in the absence of the catalyst or in the presence of  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> even after 24 h (Entries 13-15). The catalytic activity of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was also higher than that of Pd-supported  $\gamma$ - $Fe_2O_3$  (Pd/ $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) as a catalyst (Entry 16).

#### Scheme 2

#### Table 1

The reaction of aryl halides with olefins in the presence of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> under the best reaction conditions was then investigated (Table 2).

#### Table 2

The catalyst was effective for coupling reactions of olefins and iodobenzene to give the corresponding products in excellent yields (Table 2, Entries 1-4). Iodobenzene functionalized with electron-withdrawing or electron-donating substituents reacted with olefins rapidly and generated the corresponding products in high yields (Entries 5 and 6). This catalytic system was also successfully applied for the coupling reaction of substituted aryl bromides with *n*-butyl acrylate (Entries 7-10). Various aryl chlorides underwent the coupling reactions with *n*-butyl acrylate and gave the desired products in relatively good yields. However, the reaction proceeded in longer reaction time compared with aryl bromides and iodides (Entries 11-15).

It is worth to note that  ${}^{3}J_{\text{H-H}}$  value of 16 Hz for vinyllic hydrogens of (E)-methyl cinnamate, (E)-*n*-butyl cinnamate and (E)-*n*-butyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl) acrylate was obtained using <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and showed an excellent selectivity for the formation of *trans* isomer of the products. The Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reactions of aryl halides with styrene were also examined. The corresponding products were obtained in 61-87% yields in 1–8 h (Entries 16-21).

The magnetic property of Pd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> facilitates efficient recovery of the catalyst from the reaction mixture during work-up procedure. After performing the cross-coupling reaction of iodobenzene with *n*-butyl acrylate under the present conditions, EtOAc was added to the reaction mixture. The catalyst was separated by an external magnet from the reaction mixture (Figure 8b), washed with EtOAc, dried 30 min at 100 °C and reused for a consecutive run under the same reaction conditions. The average isolated yield of the product for five consecutive runs was 90%, which clearly demonstrates the practical reusability of this catalyst (Figure 9).

#### Figure 8

#### Figure 9

#### 4. Conclusions

In summary, palladium-DABCO complex supported on  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> magnetic nanoparticles as a new phosphine-free palladium catalyst was synthesized and applied as a magnetically recyclable heterogeneous catalyst for Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reaction of aryl halides with olefins under solvent-free conditions. The catalyst was easily isolated from the reaction mixture by an external magnet and reused at least five times without significant degradation in its activity.

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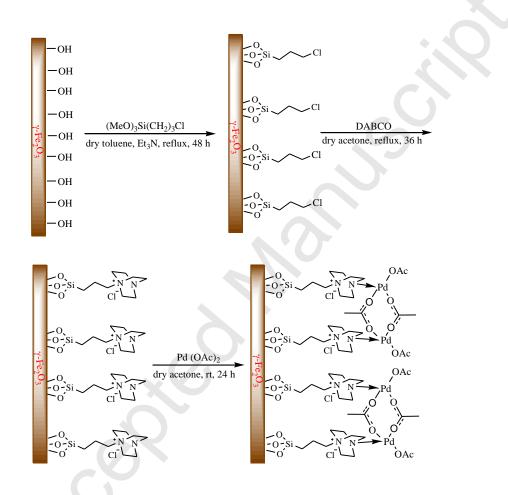
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Scheme 1. Synthesis of Pd-DABCO-γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

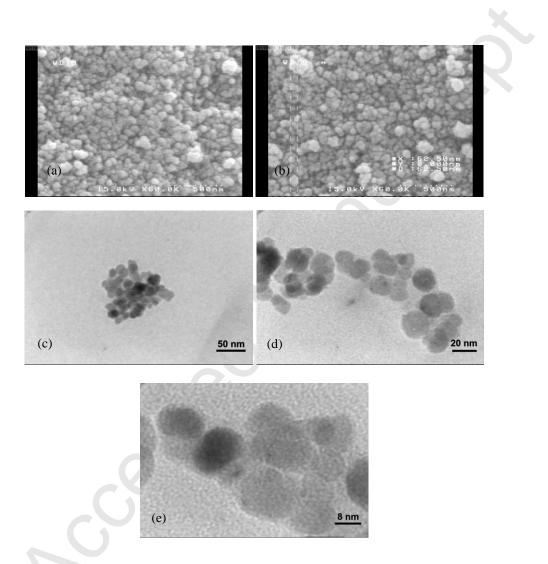


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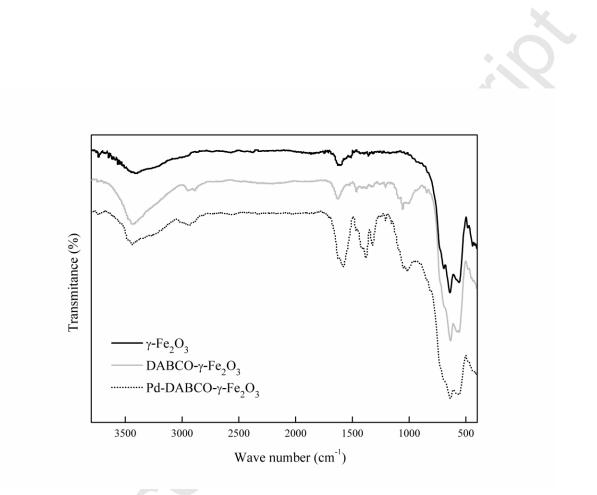


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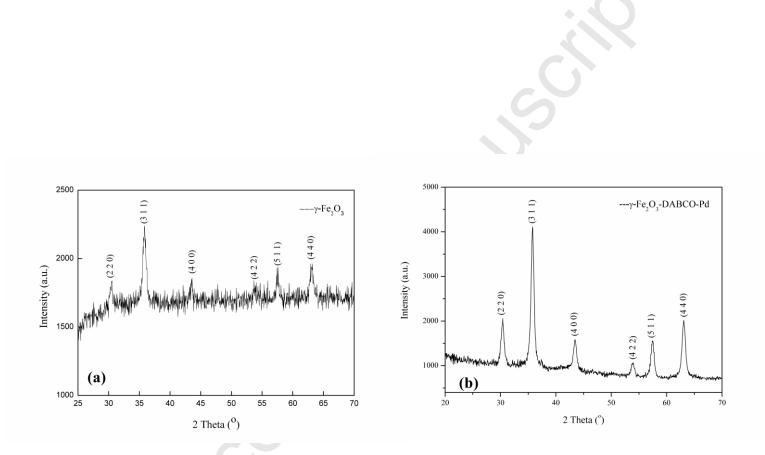


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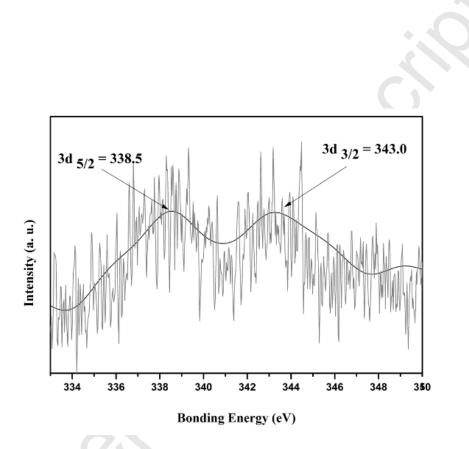


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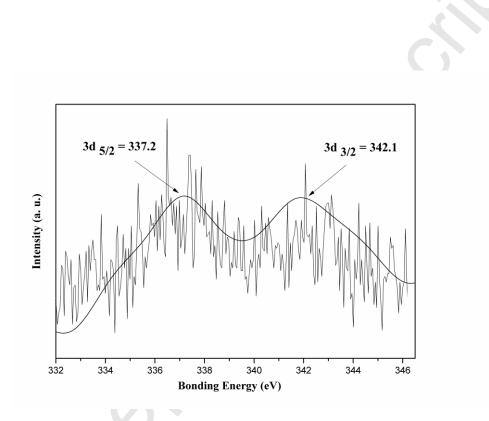


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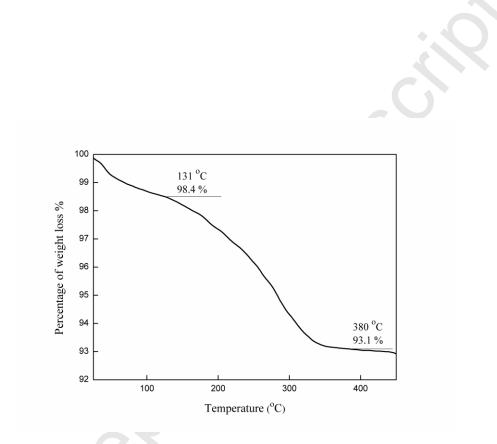


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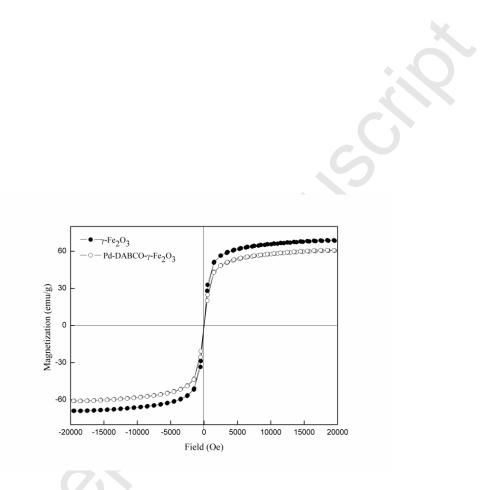
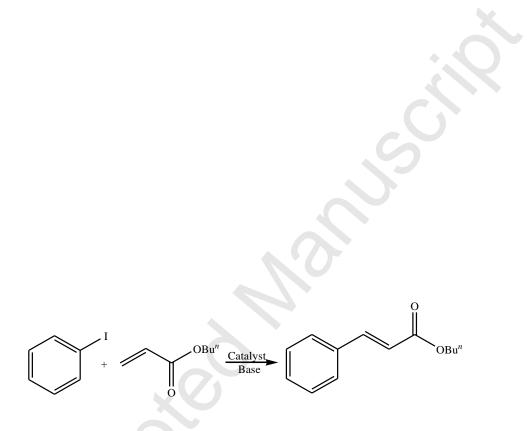


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Scheme 2. Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reaction of iodobenzene with *n*-butyl acrylate

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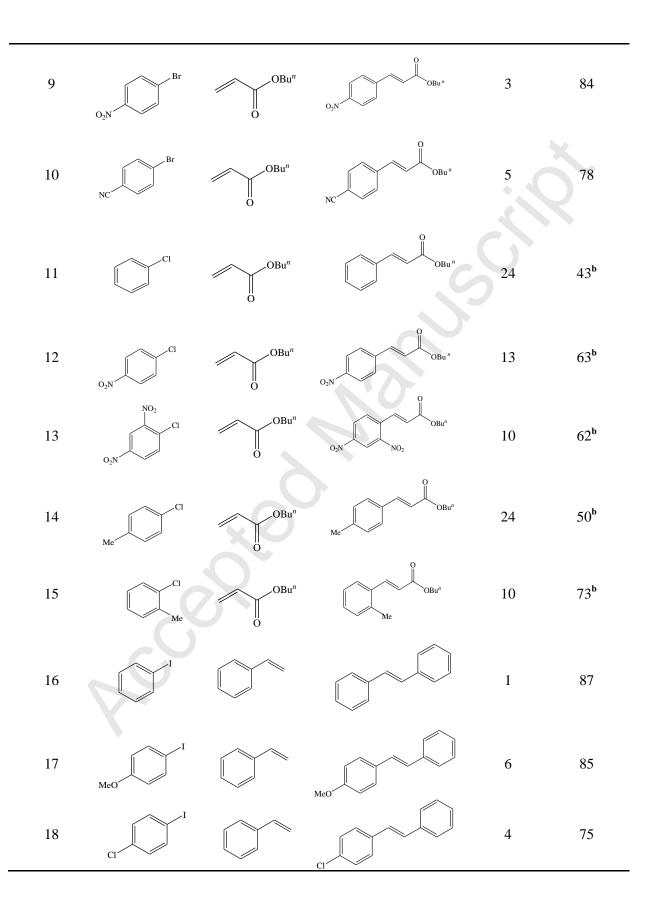
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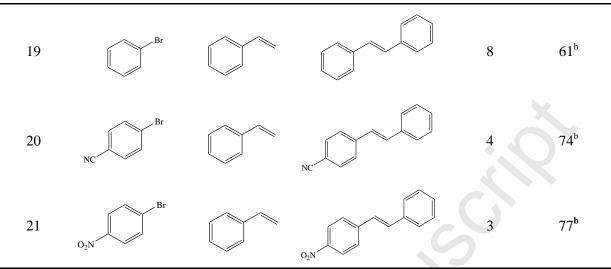
Entry	Iodobenzene: <i>n</i> -Butyl acrylate	Base	Solvent	Time (h)	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	-	0.5	92
2	1:1.1	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	-	2	70
3	1:1.1	КОН		2	81
4	1:1.1	NaOAC		2	74
5	1:1.1	-	-	24	Trace
6	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	DMF	0.5	96
7	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	H <sub>2</sub> O	3	49
8	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	EtOH	3	41
9	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	3	53
10	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	3	34
11	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	toluene	3	26
12 <sup>b</sup>	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	-	0.5	80
13 <sup>c</sup>	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	-	24	Trace
14 <sup>d</sup>	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	-	24	Trace
15 <sup>e</sup>	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	-	24	Trace
16 <sup>f</sup>	1:1.1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	-	1	64

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield. Reaction conditions: Et<sub>3</sub>N (2 equivalents), Pd-DABCO-γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (1 mol%, except for entries 12-14), temperature = 100 °C. <sup>b</sup>Temperature: 80 °C. <sup>c</sup> No catalyst. <sup>d</sup> Catalyst:  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0.04 g). <sup>e</sup> Catalyst: DABCO-  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (1 mol%). <sup>f</sup> Catalyst: Pd/ $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (1 mol%).

**Table 2** Mizoroki-Heck cross-coupling reaction of olefins with aryl halides in the presence ofPd-DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as a catalyst at 100 °C.

Pu-DADCU	DABCO- $\gamma$ -Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> as a catalyst at 100 °C.						
Entry	Arylhalide	Olefin	Product	Time (h)	Yield $(\%)^a$		
1		OBu <sup>n</sup>	O OBu <sup>n</sup>	0.5	92		
2		OMe	OMe	0.5	90		
3		OMe	OMe	0.5	84		
4		OEt	OEt	0.5	88		
5	MeO	OBu <sup>n</sup>	MeO Bu <sup>n</sup>	4	82		
6	CI	OBu <sup>n</sup>	O OBu <sup>n</sup>	4	86		
7	Br	OBu <sup>n</sup> O	O OBu <sup>n</sup>	7	83 <sup>b</sup>		
8	Br	OBu <sup>n</sup> O	O Me	8	65 <sup>b</sup>		

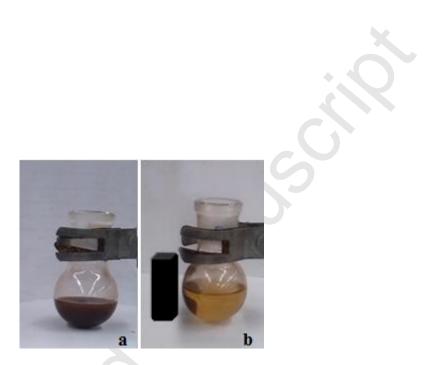




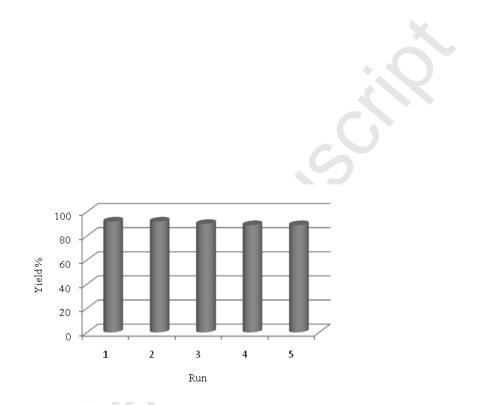
<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield. Reaction conditions: aryl halide (1 mmol), olefin (1.1 mmol),  $Et_3N$  (2 mmol), catalyst (1 mol%, except for entries 7, 8, 11-15, 19-21). The products were characterized by comparison of their physical properties with the authentic samples [39-54].

<sup>b</sup> Catalyst =  $3 \mod \%$ .

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