

Synthesis of acetylenic ketones by a Pd-catalyzed carbonylative three-component coupling reaction in [bmim]PF₆¹

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Abstract: A carbonylative three-component coupling reaction of aryl iodides with terminal alkynes catalyzed by PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ was carried out using an ionic liquid, [bmim]PF₆, as the reaction medium, which resulted in good yields of α,β-acetylenic ketones. The low-viscosity ionic liquid, [bmim]NTf₂, was not suitable for this reaction, since the background Sonogashira coupling reaction, a competing reaction, also proceeded.

Key words: carbonylation, palladium, three-component coupling, ionic liquid, α,β-acetylenic ketones.

Résumé : Nous avons procédé à la préparation, avec de bons rendements, de cétones α,β-acétyléniques. Pour cela, nous avons réalisé une réaction de couplage à trois composants, catalysée par le PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ et réalisée dans un milieu liquide ionique formé de [bmim]PF₆, conduisant à la carbonylation des iodures d'aryles. La faible viscosité du liquide ionique [bmim]NTf₂ n'est pas appropriée pour cette réaction puisque la réaction de couplage de Sonogashira qui est en compétition avec se produit.

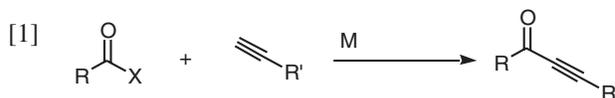
Mots clés : carbonylation, palladium, couplage à trois composants, liquide ionique, cétone α,β-acétylénique.

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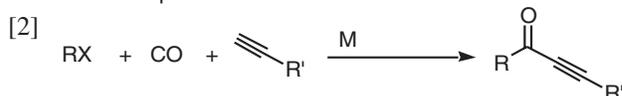
Introduction

α,β-Acetylenic ketones are useful intermediates for the synthesis of a variety of important heterocyclic and biologically active compounds (1). While traditional approaches to the synthesis of acetylenic ketones relied on the coupling of a carboxylic acid chloride with a metal acetylide, recent methods have employed Pd- and (or) Cu-catalyzed coupling reactions of acid halides and terminal alkynes (eq. [1]) (2). The carbonylative three-component coupling reaction of aryl halides with terminal alkynes has also been reported (eq. [2]) (3). Kobayashi and Tanaka (3a) reported that a three-component coupling reaction of aryl halides with terminal alkynes and CO can be achieved when PdCl₂(dppf) is used as a catalyst and Et₃N as a solvent. Alper and co-workers (3b) reported that the dimeric palladium hydroxide [(Ph₃P)Pd(Ph)(μ-OH)]₂ functions as an efficient catalyst for a similar three-component coupling reaction. Mohamed Ahmed and Mori (3c) recently reported on a three-component coupling using PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ as the catalyst and aqueous NH₃ (2 equiv.) as a base with THF as the solvent.

Two component method



Three component method



In recent years, ionic liquids have attracted broad attention in organic synthesis as alternatives to volatile organic solvents (4), and we previously reported that the Pd-catalyzed coupling reaction of aryl iodides with terminal alkynes — the Sonogashira coupling reaction — proceeds effectively in an ionic liquid, 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate ([bmim]PF₆), without the need for a copper co-catalyst (5). We also reported that a low-viscosity ionic liquid, [bmim]NTf₂, is an excellent reaction medium for Pd-catalyzed Mizoroki–Heck, Suzuki–Miyaura, and Stille coupling reactions (6). Herein we report on the carbonylative three-component coupling reaction of an aryl iodide with terminal alkynes, which proceeds smoothly when [bmim]PF₆ is used as the reaction medium (7).

Results and discussion

When iodobenzene (**1a**) was treated with phenylacetylene (**2a**, 1.2 equiv.) and pressurized CO (20 atm (1 atm = 101.325 kPa)) in the presence of 1 mol% PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ and Et₃N (3.6 equiv.) in [bmim]PF₆ at 120 °C for 1 h, the reac-

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Table 2. PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂-catalyzed carbonylative coupling reaction of aryl iodides with terminal alkynes in [bmim]PF₆.

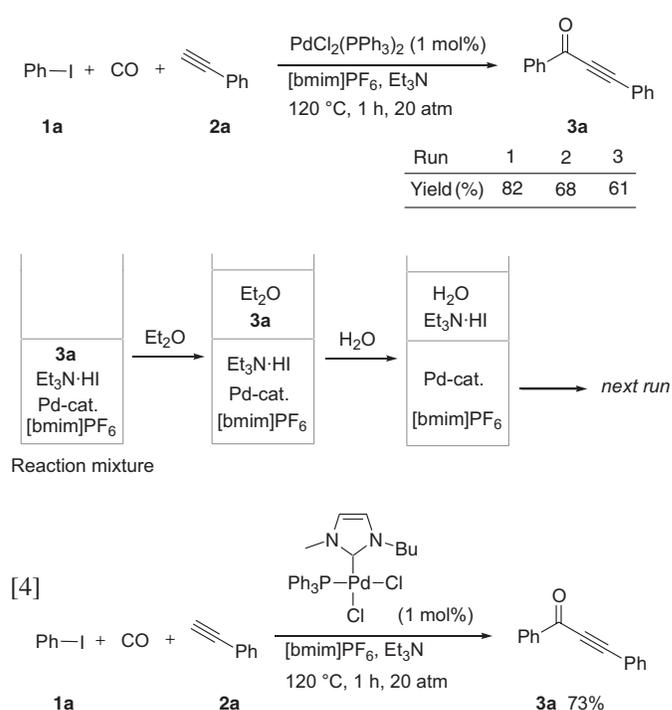
Entry	Ar-I 1	Alkyne 2	Product 3	Yield (%) ^a
1				82
2				82
3				78
4				76
5				79
6				81
7 ^b				78
8				78
9 ^b				80
10				80
11 ^c				76

Note: Reaction conditions: **1** (1 mmol), **2** (1.2 mmol), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (1 mol%), [bmim]PF₆ (3 mL), Et₃N (3.6 mmol) 120 °C, 1 h.

^aIsolated yields after chromatography on SiO₂.

^bReaction carried out under 30 atm of CO.

^c*N*-Methylpiperidine was used as the base.

Scheme 1. Recycling of the Pd catalyst and [bmim]PF₆ and workup process (1 atm = 101.325 kPa).

Conclusions

The findings herein show that when using [bmim]PF₆ as a reaction medium, the Pd-catalyzed carbonylative three-component coupling reaction of aryl iodides with terminal alkynes proceeds efficiently to give α,β-acetylenic ketones in good yields. The low-viscosity ionic liquid, [bmim]NTf₂, which is an excellent reaction medium for typical Pd-catalyzed coupling reactions, is not suitable for the present reaction because of the competing Sonogashira coupling reaction.

Experimental section

General information

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMN-AL400 (400 MHz) spectrometer in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ) downfield from internal tetramethylsilane. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL JMN-AL400 (100 MHz). Infrared spectra were obtained on a JASCO FT/IR-4100 spectrometer; absorptions are reported in reciprocal centimeters. Mass spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP 5050A instrument. High resolution mass spectra were recorded with a JEOL MS700 spectrometer. Coupling products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (nacalai tesque, Silica Gel 60, 230–400 mesh) and, if necessary, were further purified by recycling preparative HPLC (JAI LC-908) equipped with a GPC column and using CHCl₃ as eluant. All products, except for **3j**, were known compounds and were identified by comparison with literature data.

Typical procedure for the PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂-catalyzed three-component coupling reaction

A magnetic stirring bar, [bmim]PF₆ (3 mL), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (0.01 mmol, 7 mg), iodobenzene (**1a**) (1 mmol, 204 mg), Et₃N (3.6 mmol, 0.5 mL), and phenylacetylene **2a** (1.2 mmol, 122 g) were placed in a 50 mL stainless autoclave lined with a glass liner. The autoclave was closed, purged three times with 10 atm of carbon monoxide, pressurized to 20 atm with CO, and then heated at 120 °C for 1 h. Excess CO was discharged at room temperature. The product was extracted from the reaction mixture by the addition of Et₂O (5 mL), followed by decantation of the ether solution of the product. This was repeated an additional four times. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluant hexane : EtOAc = 10:1) to give 166 mg (82%) of **3a**.

Recycling of Pd catalyst and [bmim]PF₆

After the reaction, the product was extracted from the reaction mixture with Et₂O (5 × 5 mL), and ammonium salts were removed by extraction with water (5 × 5 mL). Both the Et₂O and water were degassed by N₂ bubbling prior to use. Excess Et₂O and water were removed under reduced pressure, and the remaining ionic liquid layer, containing the Pd catalyst, was used in the next run.

1,3-Diphenyl-2-propynone (**3a**) (**3b**)

A white solid. mp 46–48 °C (lit. (**3b**) value mp 46 to 47 °C). IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 2199, 1641. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.40–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.61–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.71 (m, 2H), 8.20–8.25 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 86.80, 93.01, 119.98, 128.52, 129.44, 130.70, 132.94, 134.01, 136.77, 177.86. EI-MS *m/z* (rel intensity): 206 ([M]⁺, 45), 178 (100), 129 (46), 51 (23).

1-(2-Tolyl)-3-phenyl-2-propynone (**3b**) (**11**)

A colorless oil. IR (neat) (cm⁻¹): 2197, 1638. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 2.67 (s, 3H), 7.25–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.36–7.48 (m, 5H), 7.64–7.68 (m, 2H), 8.28–8.32 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 21.81, 88.28, 91.65, 120.18, 125.77, 128.50, 130.45, 132.03, 132.75, 133.03, 135.55, 140.28, 179.54. EI-MS *m/z* (rel intensity): 220 ([M]⁺, 26), 219 (100), 191 (72), 189 (21), 131 (23), 91 (21). HR-MS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂O: 220.0888 ([M]⁺); found: 220.0894.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-2-propynone (**3c**) (**3b**)

A white solid. mp 96–98 °C (lit. (**3b**) value mp 97 to 98 °C). IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 2199, 1630. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 3.89 (s, 3H), 6.96–7.00 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.69 (m, 2H), 8.16–8.21 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 55.38, 86.74, 92.09, 113.71, 120.08, 128.47, 130.04, 130.43, 131.73, 132.73, 164.30, 176.37. EI-MS *m/z* (rel intensity): 236 ([M]⁺, 79), 209 (20), 208 (100), 193 (95), 165 (53), 129 (42), 75 (20).

1-[4-(1-Oxoethyl)phenyl]-3-phenyl-2-propynone (**3d**) (**3c**)

A white solid. mp 101 to 102 °C (lit. (**3c**) value mp 103 to 104 °C). IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 2197, 1684, 1634. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 2.66 (s, 3H), 7.42–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.72 (m, 2H), 8.06–8.10 (m, 2H), 8.28–8.32 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 26.79, 86.64,

94.11, 119.55, 128.28, 128.62, 129.50, 130.98, 133.01, 139.61, 140.62, 176.87, 197.20. EI-MS *m/z* (rel intensity): 248 ([M]⁺, 67), 233 (100), 205 (34), 177 (20), 176 (33), 129 (71), 103 (27), 75 (28).

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-phenyl-2-propynone (**3e**) (**3b**)

A white solid. mp 106 to 107 °C (lit. (**3b**) value mp 106 to 107 °C). IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 2199, 1651. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.41–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.69 (m, 4H), 8.06–8.09 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 86.68, 93.78, 119.94, 128.83, 129.65, 131.01, 131.08, 132.07, 133.20, 135.77, 176.85. EI-MS *m/z* (rel intensity): 285 ([M]⁺, 41), 284 (40), 258 (54), 256 (57), 176 (41), 129 (100), 88 (32), 75 (37), 51 (20).

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-2-propynone (**3f**) (**3b**)

A white solid. mp 104 to 105 °C (lit. (**3b**) value mp 104 °C). IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 2199, 1654. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.40–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.66–7.69 (m, 2H), 8.13–8.16 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 86.68, 93.69, 119.98, 129.04, 129.07, 130.93, 131.05, 133.16, 135.41, 140.76, 176.66. EI-MS *m/z* (rel intensity): 240 ([M]⁺, 55), 214 (31), 212 (100), 176 (33), 129 (83), 75 (43), 51 (21).

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-phenyl-2-propynone (**3g**) (**12**)

A white solid. mp 100–102 °C. IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 2206, 1634. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.15–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.69 (m, 2H), 8.22–8.27 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 86.68, 93.45, 115.97 (*J* = 22.1 Hz), 120.03, 128.81, 131.01, 132.32 (*J* = 9.6 Hz), 133.15, 133.49, 166.53 (*J* = 257.2 Hz), 176.45. EI-MS *m/z* (rel intensity): 224 ([M]⁺, 41), 196 (100), 129 (52), 75 (23).

1-(1-Naphthyl)-3-phenyl-2-propynone (**3h**) (**2c**)

A white solid. mp 94 to 95 °C (lit. (**2c**) value mp 95 °C). IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 2195, 1634. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.40–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.56–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.72 (m, 3H), 7.90–7.93 (m, 1H), 8.08–8.12 (m, 1H), 8.63–8.66 (m, 1H), 9.21–9.25 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 88.63, 91.82, 120.44, 124.60, 126.10, 126.88, 128.78, 129.07, 130.74, 130.84, 133.02, 133.05, 133.97, 134.69, 135.25, 179.83. EI-MS *m/z* (rel intensity): 256 ([M]⁺, 100), 228 (50), 226 (47), 202 (21), 129 (35), 114 (35), 113 (33), 101 (15), 75 (21), 51 (21).

3-Phenyl-1-(2-thiophenyl)-2-propynone (**3i**) (**13**)

A colorless oil. IR (neat) (cm⁻¹): 2199, 1616. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.17–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.64–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.72–7.74 (m, 1H), 8.00–8.02 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 86.34, 91.61, 119.71, 128.25, 128.56, 130.74, 132.87, 135.00, 135.18, 144.74, 169.60. EI-MS *m/z* (rel intensity): 212 ([M]⁺, 46), 184 (100), 129 (26).

3-[4-(1-Oxoethyl)phenyl]-1-phenyl-2-propynone (**3j**)

A white solid. mp 115 to 116 °C. IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 2202, 1684, 1642. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 2.64 (s, 3H), 7.51–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.76–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.98–8.02 (m, 2H), 8.20–8.23 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 26.75, 88.80, 91.23, 124.71, 128.45, 128.81,

129.65, 133.14, 134.49, 136.66, 138.15, 177.71, 197.08. EI-MS m/z (rel intensity): 248 ($[M]^+$, 72), 233 (100), 205 (53), 177 (22), 176 (48), 88 (20). HR-MS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{16}H_{12}O$: 248.0837 ($[M]^+$); found: 248.0839.

3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-2-propynone (3k) (2c)

A white solid. mp 77–79 °C (lit. (2c) value mp 81 to 82 °C). IR (KBr) (cm^{-1}): 2189, 1600. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.92–6.94 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.66 (m, 3H), 8.20–8.24 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 55.50, 86.99, 94.45, 111.92, 114.54, 128.66, 129.54, 134.00, 135.21, 137.13, 161.85, 178.08. EI-MS m/z (rel intensity): 236 ($[M]^+$, 100), 208 (53), 193 (58), 165 (31), 159 (94), 77 (20), 51 (20).

4,4-Dimethyl-1-phenyl-2-pentyn-1-one (3l) (3b)

A colorless oil. IR (neat) (cm^{-1}): 2211, 1649. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 1.38 (s, 9H), 7.44–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.62 (m, 1H), 8.10–8.14 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 28.13, 30.26, 78.19, 104.04, 128.55, 129.58, 133.90, 137.09, 178.44. EI-MS m/z (rel intensity): 186 ($[M]^+$, 25), 143 (50), 128 (30), 105 (100), 77 (35), 51 (22).

4-Hydroxy-4-methyl-1-phenyl-2-pentyn-1-one (3m) (3b)

A colorless oil. IR (neat) (cm^{-1}): 2212, 1645. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 1.67 (s, 6H), 7.46–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.64 (m, 1H), 8.10–8.14 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 30.69, 65.22, 79.81, 98.27, 128.55, 129.58, 134.22, 136.41, 178.02. EI-MS m/z (rel intensity): 188 ($[M]^+$, 8), 173 (100), 145 (22), 105 (27), 95 (22), 77 (44), 53 (70), 51 (33).

2,2-Dimethyl-5-phenyl-3(2H)-furanone (4) (14)

A yellow oil. IR (neat) (cm^{-1}): 3103, 1694. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 1.48 (s, 6H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 7.45–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.80–7.85 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 23.22, 88.99, 98.61, 127.22, 128.89, 129.20, 132.67, 183.49, 206.99. EI-MS m/z (rel intensity): 188 ($[M]^+$, 20), 102 (100).

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