PALLADIUM-CATALYZED COUPLINGS WITH OLEFINS AND 1-ALKYNES AND CARBONYLATION OF TRIFLUOROACETIMIDOYL IODIDES

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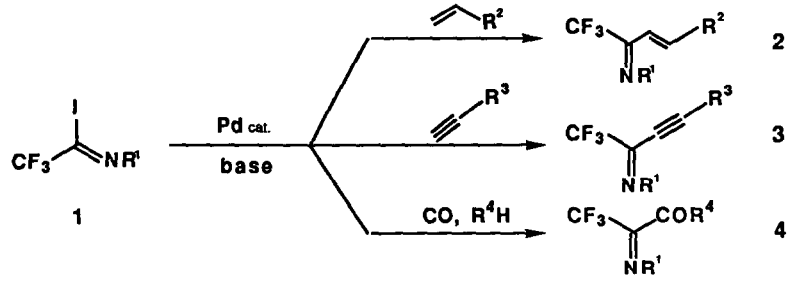
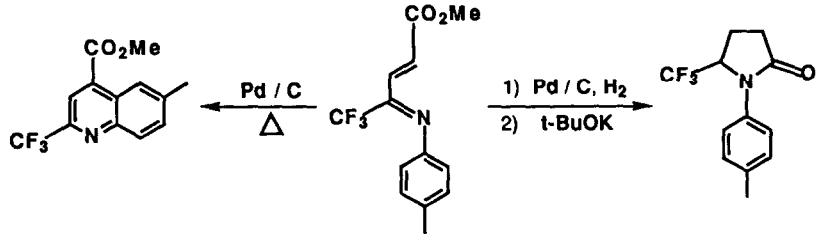
Palladium-catalyzed couplings with olefins and 1-alkynes [1] and carbonylation of trifluoroacetimidoyl iodides (**1**) proceed to give trifluoromethylated α, β-unsaturated imines (**2**, **3**) and α-carbonyl imines (**4**).



These products (**2**, **3**, **4**) are fully characterized and are potential precursors of nitrogen heterocycles and amino acids derivatives bearing CF_3-group. For examples product **2a** is transformed into **5** or **6** as described below.



Scopes and limitations of these palladium-catalyzed reactions would be described.

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