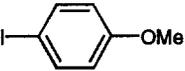
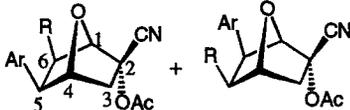
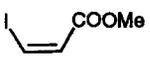
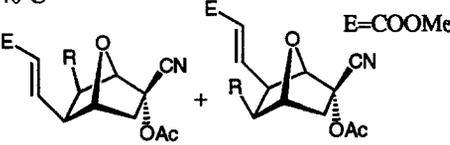


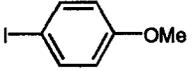
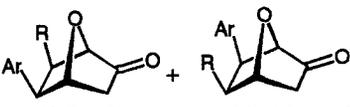
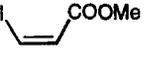
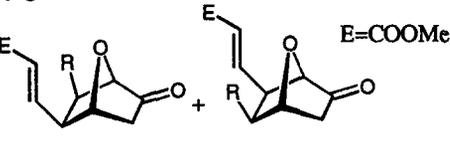
25%). The latter reaction could be run in $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ using TPPTS (0.1 eq., trisodium triphenylphosphine-metatrifluoroborate) instead of Ph_3P and $(i\text{-Pr})_2\text{NEt}$ (2.5 eq.) instead of Et_3N without any CuI promoter.^{8a} This led to a 79:21 mixture of **8** and **9** with a 50% yield (after separation by flash chromatography). Under similar conditions (Table 2), the arylpalladation of enone (\pm)-**2** provided a 80:20 mixture of **10**¹⁵ and **11** (66%, trapping with HCOOH) and a 78:22 mixture of products of three component coupling **12** and **13** (73%, trapping with $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CH}$ in THF).¹⁶

Table 1. Carbapalladation of bicyclic alkene **1b**

Iodide	Trapping agent	Catalyst	Conditions	Products	(Yield)	Product ratio
	\equiv A					
A + HCOOH (3eq.)		10% $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ 40% PPh_3	2.5 eq. NEt_3 THF, 40°C	6 R = H	7 (74%)	84:16
A + $\text{TMSC}\equiv\text{CH}$ (3eq.)	idem		+ CuI (10%)	8 R = $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{C}$	9 (43%)	83:17
A + $\text{TMSC}\equiv\text{CH}$ (3eq.)		5% $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ 10% TPPTS	2.5 eq. $(i\text{-Pr})_2\text{NEt}$ $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$, 40°C	8	9 (50%)	79:21
	\equiv B					
B + HCOOH (3eq.)		10% $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ 40% PPh_3	2.5 eq. NEt_3 THF, 50°C	14 R = H	15 (49%)	26:74 ^{a)}
B + $\text{TMSC}\equiv\text{CH}$ (3eq.)	idem		+ CuI (10%)	16 R = $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{C}$	17 (50%)	25:75 ^{b)}

a) **14** was a 1:1 mixture of the (E)- and (Z)-acrylate; **15** was a 97:3 mixture of the (E)- and (Z)-acrylate
b) separated by flash chromatography on silica gel; only (E)-acrylates.

Table 2. Carbapalladation of bicyclic alkene (\pm)-**2**

Iodide	Trapping agent	Catalyst	Conditions	Products	(Yield)	Product ratio
	\equiv A					
A + HCOOH (3eq.)		10% $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ 40% PPh_3	2.5 eq. NEt_3 THF, 40°C	10 R = H	11 (66%)	80:20
A + $\text{TMSC}\equiv\text{CH}$ (3eq.)	idem		+ CuI (10%)	12 R = $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{C}$	13 (73%)	78:22
A + $\text{TMSC}\equiv\text{CH}$ (3eq.)		5% $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ 10% TPPTS	2.5 eq. $(i\text{-Pr})_2\text{NEt}$ $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$, 40°C	12	13 (60%)	75:25
	\equiv B					
B + HCOOH (3eq.)		10% $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ 40% PPh_3	2.5 eq. NEt_3 THF, 50°C	18 R = H	19 (49%)	54:46 ^{a)}
B + $\text{TMSC}\equiv\text{CH}$ (3eq.)	idem		+ CuI (10%) 60°C	20 R = $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{C}$	21 (67%)	40:60

a) **18** was a 63:37 mixture of (E)- and (Z)-acrylate; **19** was pure (E)-acrylate

When the bicyclic alkene **1b** was treated with methyl (Z)-2-iodoacrylate (3 eq.), HCOOH (3 eq.), Et_3N (2.5 eq.), PPh_3 (0.4 eq.) and $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.1 eq.) in THF (50°C, 12 h) a 26:74 mixture of the products of *exo*

vinylation **14** and **15** (49%) was obtained. Under similar conditions and using $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CH}$ instead of HCOOH , the products of vinylation and acetylenation **16** and **17**¹⁷ were obtained with the same regioselectivity (Table 1). With enone (\pm)-**2** (Table 2) the same type of products were observed with somewhat lower regioselectivities. The vinylation coupled with the hydrogenation (HCOOH) gave a 54:46 mixture of (E)-acrylates **18** and **19** (49%). As for the vinylation of **1b** that gave **14** + **15**, incomplete (Z) \rightarrow (E) isomerisation of the acrylate moieties of **18** + **19** was seen.¹⁰ Using $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CH}$ as trapping agent, the vinylation of (\pm)-**2** with methyl (E)-2-iodoacrylate provided a 40:60 mixture of **20** and **21** (67%).¹⁸ All the compounds **6-21** were fully characterized by their spectral data and their structures were established by their 2D-NOESY ¹H-NMR spectra (400 MHz).

Steric factors are not expected to play a role on the regioselectivity of the carbapalladations of **1b** and **2** since the *exo* face of these bicyclic alkenes interact with the Pd complexes. Both the cyanoacetate and carbonyl moieties act as remote electron-withdrawing groups¹⁹ and this favors the arylpalladations of C(5), the center the most remote from them.⁷ The reversal of the regioselectivity between the aryl and vinylpalladations cannot be explained before it is established whether the product determining step is the β -insertion from the alkene-Pd complexes to the corresponding alkyl-Pd species or the subsequent quenching of the latter species with HCOOH or $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CH}$. Alternatively, the regioselectivities could parallel the relative stabilities of these intermediates. Work is underway in our laboratories to put these hypotheses on firmer ground. Our preliminary results, however, demonstrate that remote substituents can control the regioselectivity of Heck carbapalladations and can be used to construct asymmetric polyfunctional systems. All the compounds described here can be prepared optically pure in both their enantiomeric forms.¹

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- [15] Data for **10**: $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (200 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} : 7.22-7.28, 6.84-6.91 (2m, 4 H), 4.75 (d, $^3J=5.8$, HC(4)), 4.58 (d, $^3J=6$, HC(1)), 3.82 (s, MeO), 3.11 (dd, $^3J=9.1$, $^3J=4.9$, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}\text{C}(5)$), 2.56 (dd, $^2J=17.4$, $^3J=5.8$, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}\text{C}(3)$), 2.31 (dd, $^2J=13.4$, $^3J=9.1$, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}\text{C}(6)$), 2.16 (d, $^2J=17.4$, $\text{H}_{\text{endo}}\text{C}(3)$), 1.84 (m, $\text{H}_{\text{exo}}\text{C}(6)$); HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$: 218.094292; Found 218.094370.
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