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N,S-Chelating triazole-thioether palladium for the one-pot synthesis of biaryls

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1. General Information

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 400 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts were recorded in CDCl₃, or DMSO- d_6 solutions referenced to tetramethylsilane (TMS) (0.00 ppm) or CDCl₃ (7.26 ppm), DMSO- d_6 (2.50 ppm) for ¹HNMR, CDCl₃ (77 ppm) and DMSO- d_6 (39.5 ppm) for ¹³CNMR. Flash chromatography was carried out with silica gel (200-300 mesh). Analytical TLC was performed with silica gel GF254 plates. All other reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

2. Experimental Procedure

2.1 Ligand syntheses

we developed a highly efficient one-pot synthesis Previously, of NH-1,2,3-triazoles^[1]. With these NH-1,2,3-triazoles in hand, a series of N-substituted sulfur-containing 1,2,3-triazoles L1-L2 were designed as ligands^[2]. We also designed and synthesized ligand а large steric 4-phenyl-2-((p-tolylthio)methyl)-2H-1,2,3-triazole L3. Derivation of 1,2,3-triazole-thioether was realized by our work to form $L4^{[3]}$.

2.1.1 The synthesis of 1,2,3-triazole-thioether ligands:



In a 250 mL round-bottomed flask, *NH*-1,2,3-triazole (10.0 g) was accurately added, and then dried solvent DMSO (100 mL) was added. P₂O₅ (24 g) was added slowly. The resulting mixture was stirred at 70 °C in a sealed vessel under air. After disappearance of the reactant (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled and added water (500 mL) slowly, and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 × 100 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/Petroleum ether as eluent) to yield the product. The small polarity N^2 -substitution product was 9.5 g (yield 67%), and the large polarity N^1 - substitution product was 3.0 g (yield 21%). The total yield was 88%.

2.1.2 The synthesis of 4-phenyl-2-((p-tolylthio) methyl)-2H-1,2,3-triazole ligands:



To a 250 mL round-bottomed flask, *NH*-1,2,3-triazoles (5.0 g), 1-methyl-4-(methylsulfinyl)benzene (50 mL) and P_2O_5 (12 g) were accurately added in turn. Then, the mixture was stirred at 70 °C in a sealed vessel under air. After the

reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the mixture was cooled and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL × 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/Petroleum ether as eluent) to yield the product. The small polarity N^2 -substitution product was 4.8 g (yield 50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (s, 2H), 2.33 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 138.5, 133.0, 131.9, 130.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 126.0, 59.3, 21.2.HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N₃S: 282.1059, found 282.1063.

2.1.3 The synthesis of 2-((methylsulfinyl) methyl)-4-phenyl-2H-1,2,3-triazole ligands:

In a 250 mL round-bottomed flask, 5.0 g N^2 -substitution product 2-((methylsulfinyl)methyl)-4-phenyl-2H-1,2,3-triazole was added, 8 mL of hydrogen peroxide with 30% concentration, TsOH (0.2 mL) and ethanol (50 mL) were added, and the reaction temperature was 70 °C. The reaction was basically completed in about 8 hours through TLC monitoring. After the reaction was completed, sodium bisulfite was added to remove excess hydrogen peroxide and solvent ethanol was decompressed. The residues were added with 150 mL of water, and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 × 50 mL). The obtained organic layer was dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and ethyl acetate was removed by decompression to obtain 5.2 g white solid with a yield of 90%.

2.2 One-pot coupling procedure

An oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with bis(pinacolato)diboron (1 mmol), $Pd(CH_3CN)_2Cl_2$ (1 mol %), L2(1 mol %), anhydrous *t*-BuOK (2.5 mmol). The

Schlenk tube was backfilled with argon for three times. Then, DMF (3 mL) was added by syringe, followed by addition of arylhalides (2.2 mmol) in a similar manner (solids were added with other reagents before evacuation). The reaction was stirred in 50 °C and was monitored by TLC. After 4 hours, the reaction mixture was added water (50 mL), and then extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL \times 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether as eluent) to yield the product.

3. Cross-coupling Product Characterization Data

4,4'-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3a) ^[4]

White solid. Mp: 125 °C. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 2.40 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.6(s), 137.0 (s), 129.7 (s), 127.1 (s), 21.4 (s).

4,4'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3b)^[5]

White solid. Mp: 92 °C. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 131.0, 128.2, 126.7, 126.1.

2,2'-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3c) [4]



Light yellow liquid. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 6H). ¹³CNMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.9 (s), 138.9 (s), 129.2 (s), 128.6 (s), 128.5 (s), 124.9 (s), 22.2 (s).

[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyldimethanol (3d)^[6]

HOH₂C-CH₂OH

White solid. Mp: 188 °C. Eluent: EtOAc/Petroleum ether (V/V = 1:10). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 5.26 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 4.53 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 141.9, 138.8, 127.3, 126.5, 62.9.

3,3',5,5'-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3e)^[7]



White solid. Mp: 68 °C. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (s, 4H), 7.99 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.4, 133.4, 133.0, 132.7, 132.4, 127.5, 124.4, 122.6, 121.6.

2,2'-binaphthalene (**3***f*) ^[7]



White solid. Mp: 188 °C. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (s, 2H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 4H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4, 133.7, 132.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 126.4, 126.1, 126.0, 125.7.

2,2'-bithiophene (3g) ^[5]



White solid. Mp: 33 °C. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.02 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.7(s), 128.1(s), 124.7(s), 124.1(s).

5,5'-bibenzo[d][1,3]dioxole (3h)^[8]



White solid. Mp: 145 °C. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 5.99 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.7, 146.4, 135.0, 119.9, 108.2, 107.2, 100.8. *4,4'-dihexyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3i)* ^[9]



Colorless liquid. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 2.68 – 2.62 (m, 4H), 1.65 (m, 4H), 1.42 – 1.26 (m, 12H), 0.91 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.1, 138.8, 129.1, 127.1, 35.9, 32.1, 31.8, 29.4, 22.9, 14.4.

1,1'-biphenyl (3j) ^[4]

White solid. Mp: 69 °C. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2, 128.7, 127.2, 127.2.

4,4'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (3k) ^[4]



White solid. Mp: 175 °C. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 6.97 – 6.95 (m, 4H), 3.85 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 134.5, 128.7, 115.1, 56.3.

4,4'-dichloro-1,1'-biphenyl (31) ^[5]

CI-CI

White solid. Mp: 149 °C. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.1, 133.4, 128.7, 127.9.

3, 3', 4, 4'-tetramethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3m) ^[10]



White solid. Mp: 76 °C. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (s, 2H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.8Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 2.30 (s, 6H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.9, 136.8, 135.3, 129.9, 128.2, 124.3, 19.9, 19.4.

4, 4'-dinitro-1, 1'-biphenyl (3n) ^[5]

Orange yellow solid. Mp: 240 °C. Eluent: Petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 6.66 – 6.53 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.6 (s), 129.7 (s), 123.8 (s), 116.8 (s).

4-bromoaniline (**4n**) [11]

Yellow solid. Mp: 55 $^{o}\text{C}.$ Eluent: Petroleum ether. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25 -

7.21 (m, 2H), 6.57 – 6.54 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 2H).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.0, 132.6, 117.3, 110.8).

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5. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR Spectra





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