Supporting Information

Biaryl Formation via Base-Promoted Direct Coupling Reactions of Arenes with Aryl Halides

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1. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR charts of products



Figure S1: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3aa** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S2: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3aa** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S3: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3ab** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S4: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3ab** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S5: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3ac** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S6: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3ac** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S7: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3ad** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S8: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3ad** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S9: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3ae** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S10: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3ae** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S11: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3af** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S12: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3af** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S13: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3ba** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S14: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3ba** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S15: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3bb** (600 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S16: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3bb** (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S17: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3bc** (600 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S18: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3bc** (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S19: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3bd** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S20: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3bd** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S21: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3be** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S22: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3be** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S23: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3cc** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S24: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3cc** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S25: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3da** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S26: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3da** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S27: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3db** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S28: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3db** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S29: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3dc** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S30: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3dc** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S31: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3ea** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S32: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3ea** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S33: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3eb** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S34: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3eb** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S35: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3fa** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S36: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3fa** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S37: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3fd** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S38: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3fd** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S39: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **5af** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S40: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **5af** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S41: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **5bf** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S42: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **5bf** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S43: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **5cf** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S44: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **5cf** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S45: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **5df** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S46: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **5df** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S47: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **5ef** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S48: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **5ef** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S49: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **5ff** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S50: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **5ff** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S51: ¹H-NMR spectrum of **5gf** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S52: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **5gf** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



2. Computational energies and cartesian coordinates of molecules

The computational studies of the interaction between cesium carbonate, and 2iodonitrobenzene were calculated on Gaussian $09^{[1]}$ by using M06/def2-TZVP, and thermal correction at 373.15 K^[2-4]. The structures are visualized by using CYLview^[5].

(1) PhNO₂I-d-relaxed



Name: PhNO2I-d-relaxed Charge: -1 Multiplicity: 2 E(UM06) = -733.912188958 Ha Zero Point Energies: -733.822529 Ha Thermal Energies: -733.809806 Ha Thermal Enthalpies: -733.808624 Ha Thermal Free Energies: -733.871123 Ha

C	-2 670232	-0 141881	-0.000126
C	-2.070252	-0.141001	-0.000120
С	-2.919910	-1.490760	0.000061
С	-1.867776	-2.403795	0.000344
С	-0.567981	-1.918500	0.000351
С	-0.286278	-0.561213	0.000152
С	-1.352600	0.376767	-0.000027
N	-1.207163	1.756571	-0.000056
Ι	1.774449	-0.117006	-0.000129
0	-0.050136	2.276999	0.000333
0	-2.248699	2.485388	-0.000078
Н	-3.477785	0.577051	-0.000341
Н	-3.946852	-1.840868	-0.000016
Н	-2.049543	-3.471842	0.000523
Н	0.257892	-2.621839	0.000492

(2) PhNO₂I-s-ground



Name: PhNO2I-s-ground Charge: 0 Multiplicity: 1 E(UM06) = -733.802581488 Ha Zero Point Energies: -733.710378 Ha Thermal Energies: -733.697918 Ha Thermal Enthalpies: -733.697936 Ha Thermal Free Energies: -733.755949 Ha Imaginary Frequencies: -32.0997 cm-1

С	-2.664414	-0.129761	-0.000053
С	-2.928616	-1.480248	0.000062
С	-1.873515	-2.377051	0.000212
С	-0.570849	-1.918256	0.000220
С	-0.277836	-0.558062	0.000067
С	-1.354029	0.332334	-0.000033
Ν	-1.195714	1.795534	-0.000095
Ι	1.771036	-0.119720	-0.000031
0	-0.077057	2.261889	0.000332
0 0	-0.077057 -2.203091	2.261889 2.472678	0.000332 -0.000472
О О Н	-0.077057 -2.203091 -3.470004	2.261889 2.472678 0.591137	0.000332 -0.000472 -0.000125
О О Н Н	-0.077057 -2.203091 -3.470004 -3.953232	2.261889 2.472678 0.591137 -1.830058	0.000332 -0.000472 -0.000125 0.000047
О О Н Н Н	-0.077057 -2.203091 -3.470004 -3.953232 -2.060339	2.261889 2.472678 0.591137 -1.830058 -3.444491	0.000332 -0.000472 -0.000125 0.000047 0.000324

(3) PhNO₂I-vert-d



Name: PhNO2I-vert-d Charge: -1 Multiplicity: 2 E(UM06) = -733.900538311 Ha Zero Point Energies: -733.811127 Ha Thermal Energies: -733.798758 Ha Thermal Enthalpies: -733.797576 Ha Thermal Free Energies: -733.862192 Ha Imaginary Frequencies: -198.2927 cm-1

[the same as (2) PhNO2I-s-ground]

С	-2.664414	-0.129761	-0.000053
С	-2.928616	-1.480248	0.000062
С	-1.873515	-2.377051	0.000212
С	-0.570849	-1.918256	0.000220
С	-0.277836	-0.558062	0.000067
С	-1.354029	0.332334	-0.000033
N	-1.195714	1.795534	-0.000095
Ι	1.771036	-0.119720	-0.000031
0	-0.077057	2.261889	0.000332
0	-2.203091	2.472678	-0.000472
Н	-3.470004	0.591137	-0.000125
Н	-3.953232	-1.830058	0.000047
Н	-2.060339	-3.444491	0.000324
Н	0.245424	-2.630451	0.000332

(4) PhNO₂I-s-vib-excited



Name: PhNO2I-s-vib-excited Charge: 0 Multiplicity: 1 E(UM06) = -733.791997231 Ha Zero Point Energies: -733.700429 Ha Thermal Energies: -733.688479 Ha Thermal Enthalpies: -733.687297 Ha

[the same as (1) PhNO2I-d-relaxed]

С	-2.670232 -0.141881 -0.000126
С	-2.919910 -1.490760 0.000061
С	-1.867776 -2.403795 0.000344
С	-0.567981 -1.918500 0.000351
С	-0.286278 -0.561213 0.000152
С	-1.352600 0.376767 -0.000027
N	-1.207163 1.756571 -0.000056
Ι	1.774449 -0.117006 -0.000129
0	-0.050136 2.276999 0.000333
0	-2.248699 2.485388 -0.000078
Н	-3.477785 0.577051 -0.000341
Н	-3.946852 -1.840868 -0.000016
Н	-2.049543 -3.471842 0.000523
Н	0.257892 -2.621839 0.000492

(5) Cs₂CO₃-d-relaxed

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Name: Cs2CO3-d-relaxed Charge: 1 Multiplicity: 2 E(UM06) = -304.054911050 Ha Zero Point Energies: -304.042094 Ha Thermal Energies: -304.030696 Ha Thermal Enthalpies: -304.029515 Ha Thermal Free Energies: -304.100798 Ha

0	1.065561	2.152613	-0.017246
С	0.001111	1.459191	-0.003254
0	-1.062512	2.154092	0.022286
0	-0.000463	0.212606	-0.013494
Cs	3.057421	-0.408448	0.001793
Cs	-3.057918	-0.408091	-0.000208

(6) Cs₂CO₃- s-ground



Name: Cs2CO3- s-ground Charge: 0 Multiplicity: 1 E(UM06) = -304.213866509 Ha Zero Point Energies: -304.198312 Ha Thermal Energies: -304.188201 Ha Thermal Enthalpies: -304.187020 Ha

0	-1.110398	1.923284	0.114821
С	0.000431	1.298168	-0.002882
0	1.111857	1.923981	-0.111412
0	-0.000226	-0.005659	-0.011901
Cs	-2.861268	-0.350083	-0.005615
Cs	2.861042	-0.350314	0.007164

(7) Cs₂CO₃-vert-d



Name: Cs2CO3-vert-d Charge: 1 Multiplicity: 2 E(UM06) = -304.042692650 Ha Zero Point Energies: -304.031598 Ha Thermal Energies: -304.022459 Ha Thermal Enthalpies: -304.021277 Ha Thermal Free Energies: -304.080212 Ha Imaginary Frequencies: -393.6309 cm-1

[the same as (6) Cs2CO3- s-ground]

0	-1.110398	1.923284	0.114821
С	0.000431	1.298168	-0.002882
0	1.111857	1.923981	-0.111412
0	-0.000226	-0.005659	-0.011901
Cs	-2.861268	-0.350083	-0.005615
Cs	2.861042	-0.350314	0.007164

(8) Cs₂CO₃- s-vib-excited



Name: Cs2CO3- s-vib-excited Charge: 0 Multiplicity: 1 E(UM06) = -304.197948122 Ha Zero Point Energies: -304.182649 Ha Thermal Energies: -304.175211 Ha Thermal Enthalpies: -304.174030 Ha Thermal Free Energies: -304.230375 Ha Imaginary Frequencies: -197.6198 cm-1

[the same as (5) Cs2CO3-d-relaxed]

0	1.065561	2.152613	-0.017246
С	0.001111	1.459191	-0.003254
0	-1.062512	2.154092	0.022286
0	-0.000463	0.212606	-0.013494
Cs	3.057421	-0.408448	0.001793
Cs	-3.057918	-0.408091	-0.000208

3. Kinetic isotopic effect (KIE) experiment



The GCMS of 1b/1b-d₆



GCMS of 2-phenylnitrobenzene 3bb obtained from the above reaction



KIE value = 1.06

	PhH				KIE
Н	78.05	422805	100		
D	84.1	412595	97.59	1.024695	
	2-phenyln	itrobenzene			
Н	2-phenyln 199.05	itrobenzene 8443	13.79		

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