

Pd(II)-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Cross-Coupling of Potassium Aryltrifluoroborates with α -Oxocarboxylic Acids at Room Temperature

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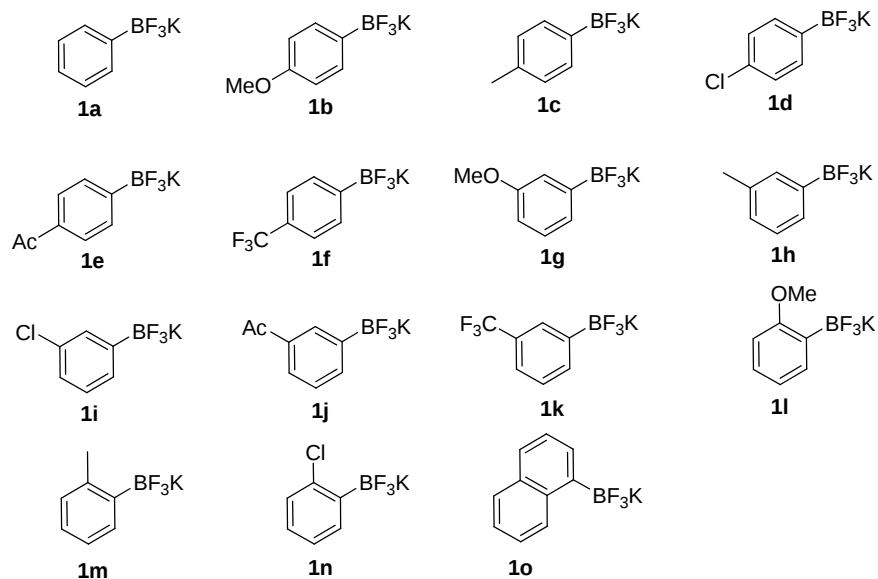
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I. General Information

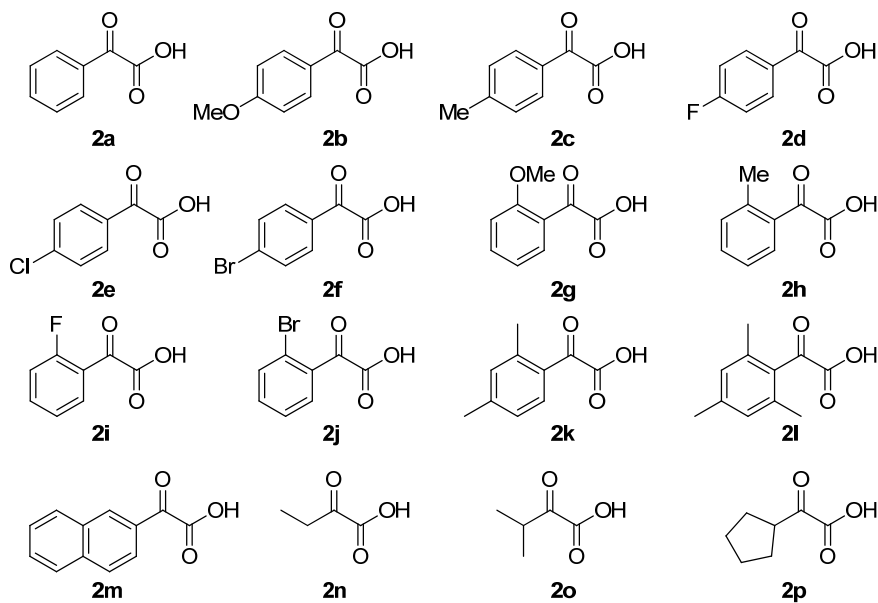
All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware. Pd (II) catalysts, $K_2S_2O_8$ and $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$ were purchased from Acros or Sigma-Aldrich. Anhydrous dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used directly. All other solvents and commercially available reagents (SeO_2 , boronic acids and KHF_2) were purchased from Fisher, Sigma-Aldrich, Acros or TCI and used directly. For TLC analysis, precoated plates (w/h F254, Dynamic Adsorbents Inc, 0.25 mm thick) were used; for air-flashed column chromatography, Flash Silica Gel (Dynamic Adsorbents Inc, 32-63 μm) was used. The 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker 500 MHz NMR Fourier transform spectrometer. 1H NMR data was reported as: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), and integration. ^{13}C NMR data was reported in terms of chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, and coupling constant (Hz). Analytical gas chromatography (GC) was performed on an Agilent 6890-5975 GC-MS system with electron impact (EI) ionization detector, using diphenyl ether as internal standard to determine the crude yields.

II. Experimental Section

Preparation of starting materials:



Aryltrifluoroborates (**1**)

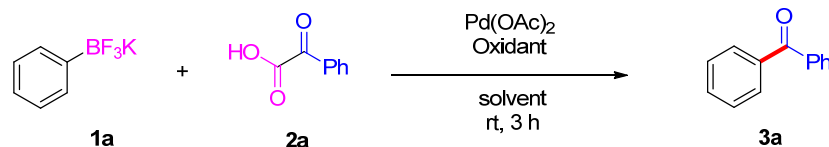


α -Oxocarboxylic acids (**2**)

Potassium aryltrifluoroborate (**1a**, **1d**, and **1g**), and α -oxocarboxylic acids (**2a**, **2l**, and **2n**) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, TCI or Acros. Other potassium aryltrifluoroborates were

prepared from boronic acids with KHF_2 according to the reported procedure¹. Other α -oxocarboxylic acids were prepared from oxidation of corresponding methyl ketones with SeO_2 according to the reported procedure.²

General procedure of reaction conditions screening

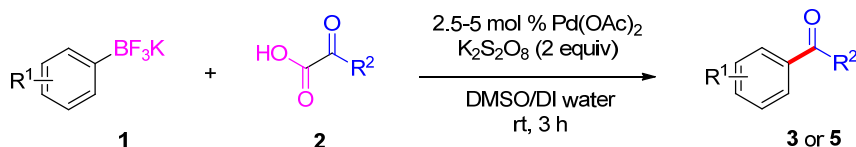


An 8 mL vial was charged with magnetic stir bar, PhBF_3K (**1a**, 0.3 mmol), phenylglyoxylic acids (**2a**, 0.6 mmol), oxidant (0.6 mmol), Pd source, followed by DMSO and DI water (3 mL in total). After stirring at room temperature for 3 h, diphenyl ether (48 μL , 0.3 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was quenched with NaOH (1 N, 3 mL), extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 , and analyzed on GC-MS for GC yields. The isolated yield was obtained by flash chromatography column on silica gel (gradient eluent of EtOAc in Hexanes: 0 ~ 2%, v/v) (entry 12, table 1).

GC Method

The samples were analyzed on an Agilent 6890-5973 GC-MS system. The mass detector is the 5973 mass spectrum operating with electron impact (EI) ionization. Column is an Agilent J & W GC column, 30 m long, 0.250 mm I. D., 0.25 μm film. Method details: A 1 μL injection using a 100:1 split and a 280 degree split/splitless injector. Oven temperature: starting at 50 degrees, holding for 2 min, ramping 20 degrees/min to 280, passing through a 280 degree transfer line to the MS which scanned from 50-500 m/z.

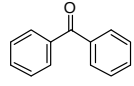
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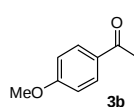


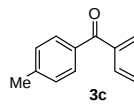
An 8 mL vial was charged with magnetic stir bar, ArBF_3K (**1**, 0.3mmol), α -oxocarboxylic acids (**2**, 0.6 or 0.9 mmol, 2 or 3 equiv), $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (0.6 mmol, 2 equiv), followed by $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$

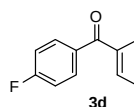
(DMSO solution, 0.0075 mmol/1.2 mL, 2.5 mol % or 0.015 mmol/1.2 mL, 5 mol %, 1.2 mL) and DI water (1.8 mL, DMSO: DI water = 1/1.5, v/v, 3 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 3 hours, the reaction was quenched with NaOH (1 N, 3 mL), extracted with EtOAc. Then the combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography column on silica gel (gradient eluent of EtOAc in Hexanes: 0 ~ 5%, v/v) to yield the product **3** or **5**.

NMR Data of Products

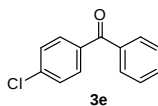
Benzophenone³

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.47-7.50 (m, 4 H), 7.58-7.61 (m, 2 H), 7.80-7.82 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 128.3, 130.1, 132.4, 137.6, 196.8.

4-Methoxybenzophenone⁴

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 3.89 (s, 3 H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 2 H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 1 H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.82-7.84 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 55.5, 113.8, 128.2, 129.8, 130.2, 131.9, 132.6, 138.3, 163.2, 195.6.

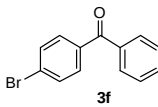
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4-Fluorobenzophenone⁵

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.14-7.19 (m, 2 H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.60 (m, 1 H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.83-7.86 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 115.5 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 21.3 Hz), 128.4, 129.9, 132.5, 132.6 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 20.0 Hz), 133.8 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 2.5 Hz), 137.5, 165.4 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 252.5 Hz), 195.3.

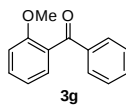
4-Chlorobenzophenone⁴

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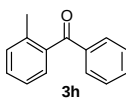
4-Bromobenzophenone⁶

^{3f} ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.48-7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.59-7.64 (m, 3 H), 7.67-7.69 (m, 2 H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 8.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 127.5, 128.4, 129.9, 131.5, 131.6, 132.6, 136.3, 137.2, 195.6.

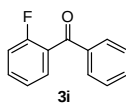
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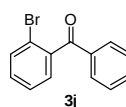
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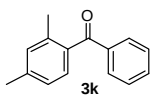
2-Fluorobenzophenone⁷

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2-Bromobenzophenone⁸

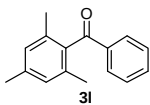
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2,4-Dimethylbenzophenone⁵



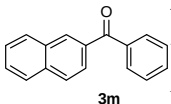
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2,4,6-Trimethylbenzophenone⁹



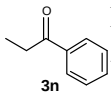
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2-Naphthylphenone¹⁰



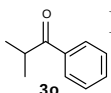
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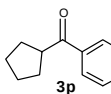
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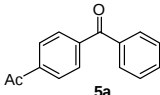
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Cyclopentylphenone¹¹

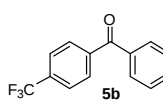


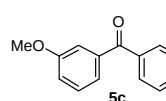
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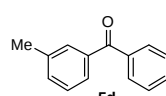
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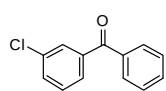


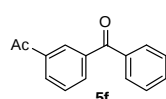
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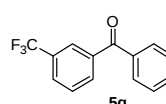
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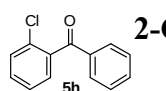
 **3-Methoxybenzophenone**¹² ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 3.86 (s, 3 H), 7.12-7.15 (m, 1 H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 3 H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.57-7.60 (m, 1 H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 8.5 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 55.5, 114.3, 118.9, 122.9, 128.3, 129.2, 130.1, 132.4, 137.6, 138.9, 159.6, 196.5.

 **3-Methylbenzophenone**⁹ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 2.42 (s, 3 H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.57-7.63 (m, 3 H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.2 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 21.4, 127.4, 128.1, 128.3, 130.1, 130.5, 132.4, 133.2, 137.6, 137.8, 138.2, 197.0.

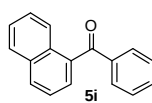
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 **3-Acetobenzophenone**⁶ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 2.65 (s, 3 H), 7.47-7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.59-7.62 (m, 2 H), 7.79-7.81 (m, 2 H), 7.98-8.00 (m, 1 H), 8.17-8.19 (m, 1 H), 8.36-8.37 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 26.8, 128.5, 128.8, 129.7, 130.1, 131.8, 132.9, 134.3, 137.0, 137.2, 138.1, 196.9, 197.4.

 **3-Trifluoromethylbenzophenone**⁷ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.79-7.86 (m, 3 H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 8.07 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 123.7 (q, *J*_{C,F} = 271.3 Hz), 126.7 (q, *J*_{C,F} = 3.8 Hz), 128.6, 128.8 (q, *J*_{C,F} = 3.8 Hz), 129.0, 130.0, 131.1 (q, *J*_{C,F} = 33.1 Hz), 133.0, 133.1, 136.8, 138.3, 195.2.

 **2-Chlorobenzophenone**⁷ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.37-7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.44-

7.62 (m, 4 H), 7.59-7.59 (m, 1 H), 7.81-7.83 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 126.7, 128.3, 128.6, 129.1, 130.1, 131.1, 131.3, 133.7, 136.5, 138.6, 195.3.



1-Naphthylphenone ^{13}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.45-56 (m, 5 H), 7.59-7.62 (m, 2 H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.93 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1 H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 8.09 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 124.3, 125.7, 126.5, 127.3, 127.8, 128.4, 128.5, 129.7, 130.4, 131.3, 133.2, 133.7, 136.4, 138.3, 195.6.

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