## Pd-CATALYSED ARYLATION OF rac-(E)-3-ACETOXY-1,3-DIPHENYPRO-1-ENE WITH ARYLBORONIC ACIDS UNDER NON-CLASSICAL CONDITIONS

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Pd-Catalysed arylation of rac-(E)-3-acetoxy-1,3-difenylprop-1-ene with arylboronic acids was studied. Reactions were performed under different conditions like ultrasonic irradiation, thermal heating as well as microwave irradiation. Several solvents, including ionic liquids, were tested as the reaction media. Arylation was accompaned also with aryl homocoupling reaction (Scheme).



From the all tested methods as the best conditons were found microwave irradiation using  $Pd_2(dba)_3CHCl_3 / PPh_3$  as the catalytic system,  $K_3PO_4$  as the base and toluene as the solvent in the case of arylboronic acids with electron-withdrawing as well as electron-donating substituents. Moderate to high yields of the desired products were isolated under these conditions.

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