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Palladium(II)-Catalyzed C–H Arylation of 1,4-Naphthoquinones, α-Tetralones and Benzophenones Derivatives

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ABSTRACT

The activation of C–H bonds for functionalizing organic molecules represents a contemporary platform in organic synthesis, demonstrating unparalleled efficiency in the late-stage functionalization of medicinal prototypes and marketed pharmaceuticals.¹ Consequently, new methodologies are constantly being developed to achieve highly potent synthetic techniques for forming new C–C or C–heteroatom bonds.² Transition metal catalysis (TM catalysis) is frequently employed to facilitate these transformations and has experienced exponential growth, enabling the late-stage introduction of desired substituents and the construction of complex molecular motifs.³ In this work, we developed a methodology for the selective C–H activation of 1,4-naphthoquinones, α -tetralones and benzophenones using palladium(II) salt and various aryl iodides, yielding arylsubstituted derivatives. This approach not only provides a robust tool for synthesizing structurally diverse and complex compounds but also expands the scope of palladium(II)-catalyzed C–H activation, thereby opening new avenues for the development of derivatives with bioactive potential.



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