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## Electrosynthesis of Benzothiazole Derivatives Using Sacrificial Electrodes

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## **ABSTRACT**

Benzothiazole derivatives have demonstrated remarkable biological activities, including anticancer, antimicrobial, and neuroprotective properties<sup>1</sup>. Electrosynthesis has proven to be an environmentally friendly and efficient approach for the chalcogenation of organic molecules<sup>2</sup>. This project aims to develop an electrochemical methodology for the synthesis of benzothiazole derivatives (Scheme 1).

**Scheme 1.** Synthesis of Benzothiazole Derivatives using sacrificial electrodes.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} S \\ N \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} S \\ Se \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} S \\ Se \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} Pt Cu \\ 20mA \\ \frac{K_2CO_3, KI}{DMF, 110 \ ^{\circ}C, \ 2h} \end{array} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} S \\ N \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} S \\ \end{array}$$

Previous results indicated conversion yields ranging from 3% to 81%, as determined by NMR analysis. Reaction conditions were optimized (Table 1).

Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions.

Entry	Solvent	Base (mmol)	Catalyst	Electrode	T (°C)	t (h)	Yield (%)ª
1	ACN	-	-	Pt:Pt	r.t	12	-
2	DMF	-	-	Pt:Pt	120	2	-
3	DMF	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (0.75)	-	Pt:Cu	60	2	3%
4	DMF	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (0.75)	-	Pt:Cu	120	2	41%
5	DMF	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (0.75)	-	Pt:Cu	110	2	81% <sup>b</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Conversion by H NMR. <sup>b</sup>Reaction conditions: The base was added on the reaction when the temperature system was around 65°C.

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