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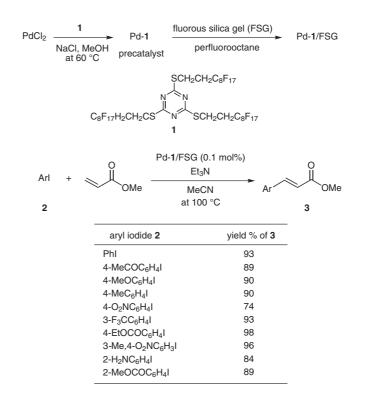
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Heck Reaction with Silica Gel Supported Palladium Nanoparticles



Significance: Phosphine-free perfluoro-tagged palladium nanoparticles (Pd-1), which were obtained by reduction of PdCl₂ with methanol at 60 °C in the presence of NaCl and compound 1, were immobilized on fluorous silica gel (FSG) by addition of FSG to a perfluorooctane solution of Pd-1. The nano composite Pd-1/FSG (0.1 mol% Pd) catalyzed the Heck reaction of various aryl iodides 2 with methyl acrylate at 100 °C to give the corresponding methyl cinnamates in 74–98% yield (10 examples). The catalyst was recovered by filtration and reused 14 times without loss of catalytic activity.

Comment: TEM analysis of Pd-**1**/FSG showed that spherical Pd particles dispersed in the silica matrix. The reactions of various aryl iodides with methyl acrylate and recovery of Pd-**1**/FSG were carried out in the presence of air, without any particular precaution. The catalytic efficiency of Pd-**1**/ FSG was significantly high. Thus, a small amount of the catalyst (0.001 mol% Pd) promoted the reaction of iodobenzene with methyl acrylate at 140 °C to afford methyl cinnamate in 100% yield.

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