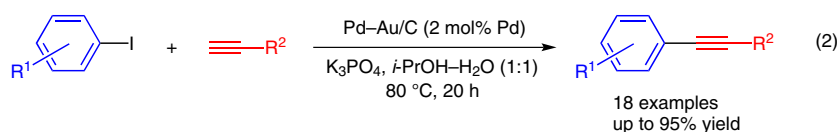
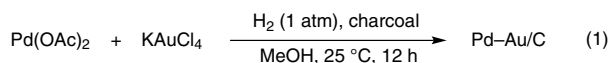
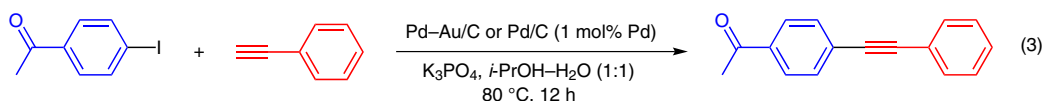
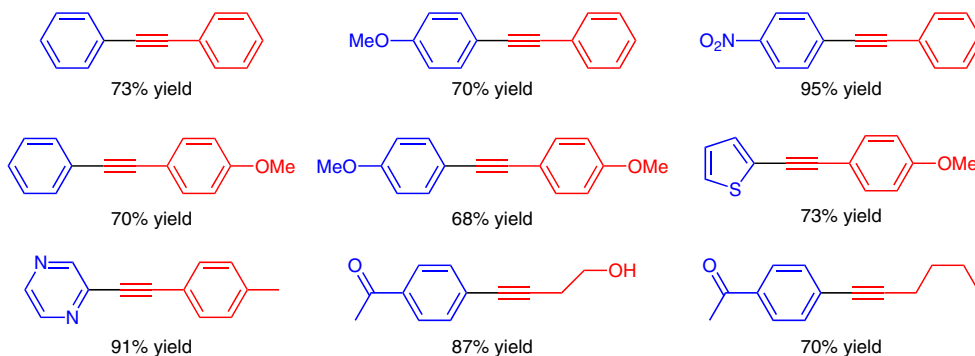


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# Sonogashira Coupling with Bimetallic Pd–Au Nanoparticles on Carbon



Selected results:



	1 <sup>st</sup> run	2 <sup>nd</sup> run	3 <sup>rd</sup> run	4 <sup>th</sup> run	5 <sup>th</sup> run
Pd–Au/C	85	74	71	68	65
Pd/C	86	68	46	50	49

**Significance:** Bimetallic palladium–gold nanoparticles on carbon (Pd–Au/C) were prepared by treatment of a mixture of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, KAuCl<sub>4</sub> and charcoal in methanol with H<sub>2</sub> (eq. 1). Pd–Au/C catalyzed the Sonogashira coupling of aryl iodides with terminal alkynes under copper-free conditions to give the corresponding diaryl alkynes in up to 95% yield (18 examples, eq. 2).

**Comment:** The Pd–Au/C nanoparticles were characterized by TEM, XRD, STEM-EDX, XPS and CV analyses. Though the catalytic activity of fresh Pd–Au/C was similar to that of fresh Pd/C, Pd–Au/C showed high stability during the recycling experiments (eq. 3). TEM analysis showed that the morphology of the recovered Pd–Au/C was unchanged after the third run.

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