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# **REUSABLE MESOPOROUS SOLID-BASED PD CATALYSTS FOR C-C BOND FORMATION IN WATER**

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nvironmentally benign, operationally simple, and robust reactions, particularly those employing reusable solid catalysts and water as a solvent, are of significant interest to the chemical industry. Here, heterogeneous palladium catalysts supported on ordered mesoporous carbonaceous nanocomposites including carbon-silica, CoO-C and quaternary ammonium phase transfer agent modified mesoporous carbonaceous resins, were applied to the water-mediated C-C bonds formation. The mesoporous Pd/CoO-C catalyst showed a high yield of biphenyl (49%) in the water-mediated Suzuki coupling reaction of chlorobenzene and phenylboronic acid. Product yields in the reaction of aryl chlorides containing electron-withdrawing groups attached to their benzene ring can reach approximately 90%. Very small Pd clusters consisting of approximately 3 atoms and Pd-O bonds formed on the interface between CoO and Pd nanoparticles. The unsaturated coordinative Pd may be responsible for the activation of chlorobenzene in the absence of any additives or ligands. A nitrogen-containing functional group modified and ordered mesoporous resin material was also used to support a reusable solid Pd catalyst. The grafted guaternary N coordination with highly dispersed Pd NPs creates an electronically rich environment for surface atoms and causes a distinct enhancement in the stabilization and accessibility of these particles to organic substances in aqueous solution. The mesoporous Pd catalysts are active in the C-2 arylation of N-methylindole when water is used as the solvent without any other additive or the exclusion of air. The catalysis likely occurs on the Pd surface rather than in solution. thiol-functionalized mesoporous silica, which can trap soluble Pd species, was



used to confirm the negligible leaching in solution and therefore heterogeneous reaction. These heterogeneous catalyst are stable, showing unobvious activity loss after ten catalytic runs. Additionally, uniform mesopores and the hydrophobic nature of the carbon support may also facilitate the mass transfer of the reactant molecules and enrichment inside pores.

### **Recent Publications**

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