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Benzimidazolylidene Carbene Ligated Palladium Catalysis of the Heck Reaction in Aqueous Media

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<u>Abstract:</u> A highly effective, easy to handle and environmentally benign process for a palladium mediated Heck reaction was developed. The in situ prepared 3-component system, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> / 1,3-dialkylbenzimidazolium chlorides (LHX = 1a-g) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, catalyzes quantitatively the Heck coupling of aryl bromides under mild conditions in aqueous media.



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