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Palladium-Catalyzed β -Arylation of α -Amino Esters

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline PCy_2 & PCy_2 \\ \hline \hline Me_2N & Me_2N & Me_2N \\ \hline L1 & L2 & L3 \\ \hline ligands & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Selected examples:

Significance: A novel general β -arylation of protected alanine esters to yield synthetically useful (hetero)aryl alanine building blocks has been disclosed. The protocol utilizes a lithium amide to form an enolate that undergoes a palladium-catalyzed C–C coupling with various aromatic bromides.

Comment: Interestingly, the reaction could be extended to α -amino acids bearing other linear alkyl chains. Arylation occurs preferentially at the terminal Csp³–H bond, thus providing δ -, ϵ - and even ζ -arylated products. All products could be deprotected via hydrogenolysis to give the respective amines.

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