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# Visible-Light-Induced Copper Catalyzed C-C and C-N Cross Coupling Reactions

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# Abstract

We have demonstrated the visible light induced copper catalyzed process for C-C/C-N cross coupling and C-H annulation reactions. We hypothesized that the copper(I) acetylide acts as a photocatalyst under visible light irradiation and undergoes photo-induced single electron transfer (SET) with  $O_2$  as oxidant to achieve essential coupling reactions.

# Research Work

1. Copper(I) chloride catalyzed room temperature Csp-Csp homocoupling of terminal alkynes mediated by visible light

2. Visible light copper photoredox-catalyzed aerobic oxidative coupling of phenols and terminal alkynes: Regioselective synthesis of functionalized ketones via C-C triple bond cleavage

OH + = Ph 
$$\frac{5 \text{ mol}\% \text{ CuCl}}{\text{ACN, RT}}$$
 Visible light -CO  $\frac{180}{74-95\%}$ 

3. Visible light-mediated copper(I)-catalysed aerobic oxidation of ynamides/ynamines at room temperature: A sustainable approach to the synthesis of  $\alpha$ -ketoimides/ $\alpha$ -ketoamides

4. Visible-light induced copper(I)-catalyzed denitrogenative oxidative coupling of hydrazinylpyridines with terminal alkynes

CuCl

N:NH<sub>2</sub> + =-R'

R'= alkyl, aryl MeOH, rt

$$O_2$$
 $O_2$ 

CuCl

Visible light

 $O_2$ 
 $O_2$ 
 $O_2$ 
 $O_2$ 
 $O_3$ 
 $O_4$ 
 $O_4$ 
 $O_4$ 
 $O_5$ 
 $O_7$ 
 $O_8$ 
 $O$ 

5. Visible-light-driven copper-catalyzed aerobic oxidative cascade cyclization of N-Tosylhydrazones and terminal alkynes: Regioselective synthesis of 3-arylcoumarins

### Conclusion

- We have demonstrated the first visible-light-induced coppercatalyzed C-C and C-N cross-coupling reactions without using external photocatalyst
- These reactions use simple, inexpensive copper chloride as a catalyst and O<sub>2</sub> as oxidant.
- These reactions are highly efficient, environmentally benign, and economically feasible.

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