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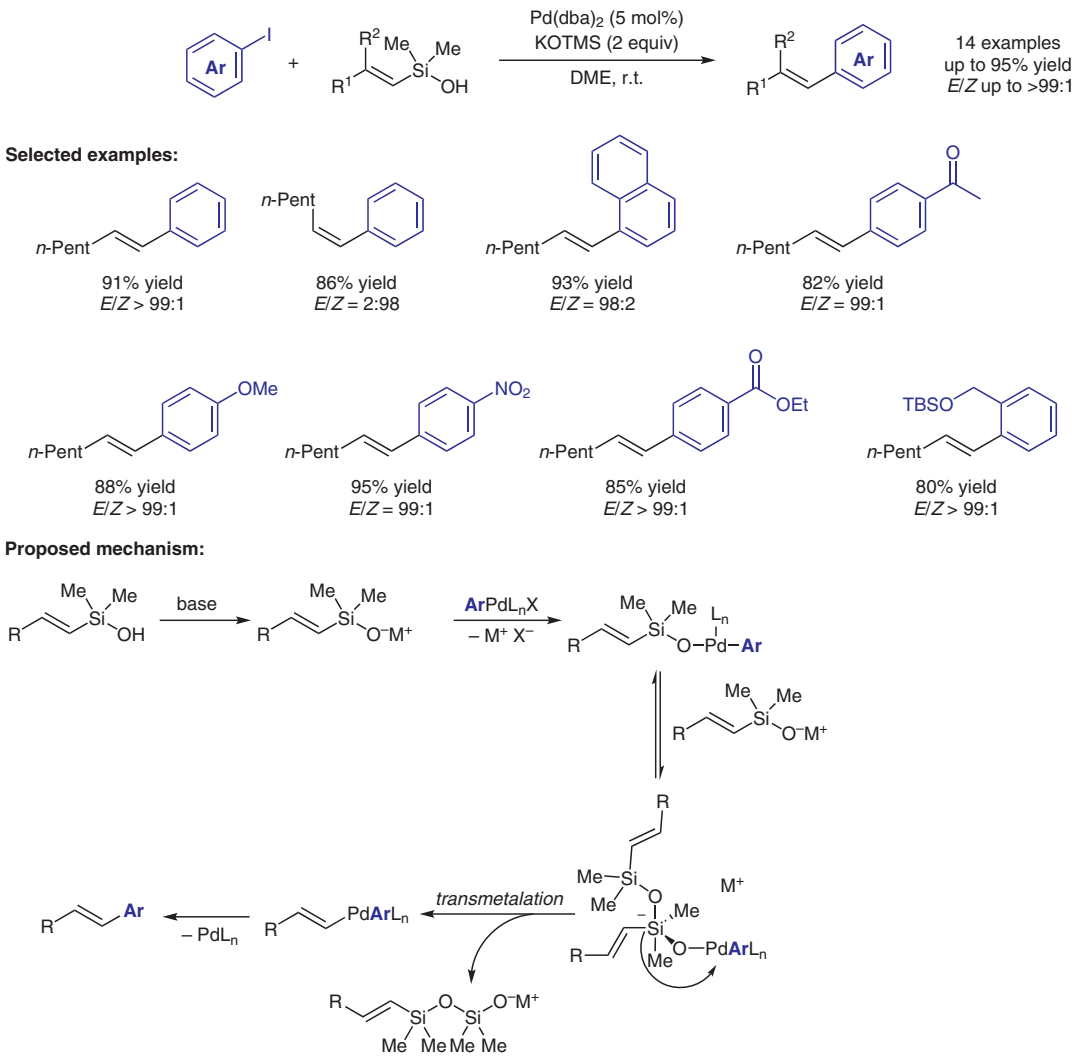

Significance: The authors reported a fluoride-free palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of organosilanols with iodoarenes. Previous conditions for palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of organosilanes required high temperatures and long reaction times.

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Comment: Various iodoarenes reacted with an organosilanol to provide the cross-coupled products in high yields. The authors propose that a second molecule of silyloxide binds to the arylpalladium silyloxide to generate a pentacoordinate silicon intermediate, which can undergo a facile transmetalation.

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