Supporting Information

Palladium-Catalyzed Electrooxidative Double C–H Arylation

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1 General Remarks

Catalytic reactions were carried out in a divided electrochemical cell using pre-dried glassware, arenes 1 or 2, and ligands (L1-L4) were used as obtained by commercial sources, if not noted otherwise. Other chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and were used without further purification. Platinum electrodes ($10 \text{ mm} \times 15 \text{ mm} \times 0.25 \text{ mm}$, 99.9%; obtained from ChemPur[®] Karlsruhe, Germany) and Graphite felt (GF) electrodes ($10 \text{ mm} \times 15 \text{ mm} \times 6 \text{ mm}$, SIGRACELL[®]GFA 6 EA, obtained from SGL Carbon, Wiesbaden, Germany) were connected using stainless steel adapters. Electrocatalysis was conducted using a Metrohm MULTI AUTOLAB M204 potentiostat or ROHDE & SCHWARZ HMP4040 Potentiostat in twoelectrode constant current mode. Yields refer to isolated compounds, estimated to be >95% pure as determined by ¹H-NMR. Chromatography: Merck silica gel 60 (40–63 µm). NMR: Spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity 300, Mercury 300, Inova 500 or Bruker Avance III 300, Bruker Avance III HD 400 and Bruker Avance III HD 500 in the solvent indicated; chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to the residual solvent peak. All IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR Alpha device. MS: EI-MS- and ESI-MS-spectra were recorded with Finnigan MAT 95, 70 eV and Finnigan LCQ; High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) with APEX IV 7T FTICR. M. p.: Stuart melting point apparatus SMP3, Barloworld Scientific, values are uncorrected. Cyclic voltammograms were recorded on Metrohm Autolab PGSTAT204 potentiostat.

2 General Procedure A: Electrochemical Cross Dehydrogenative Coupling

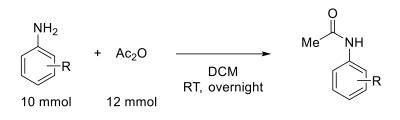
The electrocatalysis was carried out in a pre-dried divided cell, with a GF anode (10 mm \times 15 mm \times 6 mm) and a platinum cathode (10 mm \times 15 mm \times 0.25 mm). arene **1** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), arene 2 (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 10 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (7.2 mg, 10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (4.6 µL, 20 mol %) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40.0 mg, 0.61 equiv.) were placed in the anodic chamber and dissolved in AcOH (2.6 mL) and HFIP (1.3 mL). arene 2 (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40.0 mg, 0.61 equiv.) were placed in the cathodic chamber and dissolved in AcOH (2.6 mL) and HFIP (1.3 mL). Electrocatalysis was performed at 100 °C with a constant current of 1.0 mA and a stirring rate of 500 rpm for 20 h. At ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (5.0 mL). The GF anode was washed with EtOAc $(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$ in an ultrasonic bath and the washings were added to the reaction mixture. The resulting mixture was loaded in a separating funnel with 50 mL sat. Na₂CO₃ solution and extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL), then the combined organic phase was washed with brine (2 \times 30 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. CH₂Br₂ (14.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added as the internal standard to determine the NMR yield. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to yield the products 3–50.

3 General Procedure B: Electrochemical Cross Dehydrogenative Coupling

The electrocatalysis was carried out in a pre-dried divided cell, with a GF anode (10 mm \times 15 mm \times 6 mm) and a platinum cathode (10 mm \times 15 mm \times 0.25 mm). arene **1** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), arene 2 (1.0 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 10 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (7.2 mg, 10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (4.6 µL, 20 mol %) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 3.0 equiv.) were placed in the anodic chamber and dissolved in AcOH (2.0 mL), HFIP (1.0 mL) and TFA (0.50 mL). arene 2 (1.0 mL) and nBu_4NBF_4 (200 mg, 3.0 equiv.) were placed in the cathodic chamber and dissolved in AcOH (2.0 mL), HFIP (1.0 mL) and TFA (0.50 mL). Electrocatalysis was performed at 90 °C with a constant current of 1.0 mA and a stirring rate of 500 rpm for 20 h. At ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (5.0 mL). The GF anode was washed with EtOAc $(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$ in an ultrasonic bath and the washings were added to the reaction mixture. The resulting mixture was loaded in a separating funnel with 50 mL sat. Na₂CO₃ solution and extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL), then the combined organic phase was washed with brine (2 \times 30 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. CH₂Br₂ (14.0 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added as the internal standard to determine the NMR yield. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to yield the products 3–50.

4 Starting Material Syntheses

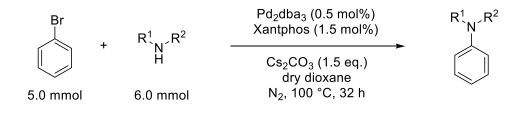
4.1 Acetylation of Aniline Derivatives



Supplementary Figure 1 Acetylation of Aniline

Aniline (10.0 mmol), DCM (20 mL) were loaded to a dry flask. Then acetic acid anhydride (12.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. At ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ solution (30 mL) and extracted with DCM (3×20 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and removed the solvent in *vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel provided the product.

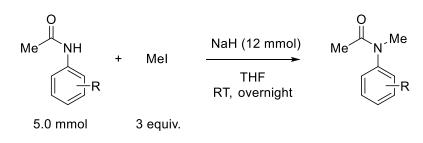
4.2 Buchwald-Hartwig Amination



Supplementary Figure 2 Buchwald-Hartwig Coupling

The Buchwald-Hartwig aminations were conducted following the procedure described in the literature.¹ Amide (6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), Pd_2dba_3 (22.9 mg, 0.5 mol %), Xantphos (21.7 mg, 1.5 mol %), and Cs_2CO_3 (2.5 g, 1.5 equiv.) were charged in a flame-dried resealable Schlenk tube. The Schlenk tube was capped with a rubber septum. Then the Schlenk tube was evacuated and refilled with N_2 twice. Bromobenzene (0.53 mL, 5 mmol) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (5 ml) were added by syringe through the septum. The Schlenk tube was sealed with an additional layer of Parafilm. Then the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 32 hours until the starting aryl halide had been completely consumed as judged by GC-MS analysis. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and diluted with dichloromethane (10 mL), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. Purification of the crude material by flash chromatography on silica gel furnished the desired product.

4.3 Syntheses of *N*-methylacetanilide



Supplementary Figure 3 Methylation of *N*-acetanilide

The syntheses of N-methylacetanilide were conducted following the procedure described in the literature.² To a solution of acetanilides (5.0 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL) were added NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 300 mg, 1.5 equiv.) portion-wise. Then MeI (1.0 mL, 3.0 equiv.) was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (30 mL) in an ice bath and then the product was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the *N*-methylacetanilide.

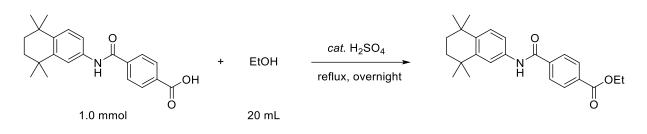
4.4 Syntheses of N-arylbenzamide



Supplementary Figure 4 Syntheses of *N*-arylbenzamide

The syntheses of *N*-arylbenzamide were implemented following the procedure described in the literature.³ The aniline (5.0 mmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (30 mL) in the presence of Et₃N (900 μ L, 1.2 equiv.). A solution of the benzoyl chloride (698 μ L, 1.2 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (10 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the reaction, the solvent was removed in *vacuo*. The residue was directly purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the corresponding *N*-arylbenzamide.

4.5 Esterification of Tamibarotene



Supplementary Figure 5 Esterification of Tamibarotene

To a solution of Tamibarotene (1.0 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL), a drop of concentrated H_2SO_4 was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed overnight. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give Tamibarotene ethyl ester.

5 Reaction Set-up



Supplementary Figure 6 Reaction Set-up



Supplementary Figure 7

Proceeding Reaction Set-up

6 Supplementary Reaction Information

6.1 Effect of Cu Salt and Lutidine

Supplementary Table 1Effect of Cu(OTf)2 Concentration in Presence of 1.0 mLXylene

H Ac	+ Me	GF	Me Me Ac
1a 0.2 mmol	Me 2a 1.0 mL	AcOH:HFIP, <i>n</i> Bu ₄ NBF ₄ CCE @ 1.0 mA, 100 °C divided cell	3
Entry	Amount	: of Cu(OTf) ₂	Yield 3 (%)
1	20	mol %	89%
2	10	mol %	88%
3	5.0	93%	
4	0	mol %	40%

Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂, nBu_4NBF_4 (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.0 mL : 2.0 mL), cathodic chamber: **2a** (1.0 mL), nBu_4NBF_4 (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.0 mL : 2.0 mL), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, 20 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), isolated yield.

Although the presence of $Cu(OTf)_2$ is not necessary to achieve catalytic turnover, its use could enable superior turnover numbers and reproducibility due to its ability to avoid generation of Pd black.

Supplementary Table 2Effect of Cu(OTf)2 Concentration in Presence of 1.0 mmolXylene

H Ac N	H H	GF ☐ Pt Pd(OAc) ₂ (10 mol%) 2,6-Lutidine (20 mol%) Cu(OTf)₂	Me Me Ac
1a 0.2 mmol	Me 2a 1.0 mmol	AcOH:HFIP, <i>n</i> Bu ₄ NBF ₄ CCE @ 1.0 mA, 100 °C divided cell	3
Entry	Amount	c of Cu(OTf) ₂	Yield 3 (%)
1	20	mol %	78%
2	10	72%	
3	5.0 mol %		46%ª
4	01	mol %	44% ^a

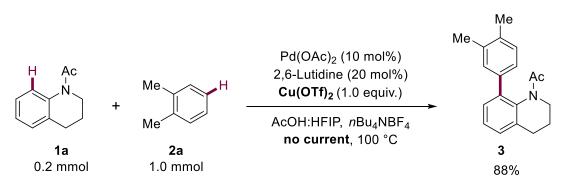
Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂, nBu_4NBF_4 (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), cathodic chamber: **2a** (1.0 mmol), nBu_4NBF_4 (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, 20 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), isolated yield. a. Yields are determined by crude H-NMR analyses with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard.

6.2 Role of Electricity

H A N N 1a 0.2 mmo	+ Me Me 2	H 2,6-Lutidin Cu(AcOH:HFIF no curre	M((10 mol%) e (20 mol%) OTf)₂ ► P, <i>n</i> Bu₄NBF₄ nt , 100 °C	
Entry	2a (mmol)	Cu(OTf)₂ (mol %)	SM (%)	Yield 3 (%)
1 ^a	1.0	5.0		< 5%
2	1.0	10		< 5%
3	1.0	20	83%	8%
4	8.3 (1 mL)	20		22%

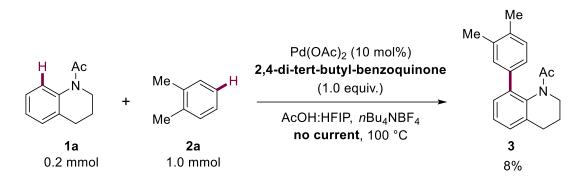
Supplementary Table 3 Reactions without Electricity

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (1.0–8.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂, nBu_4NBF_4 (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), 100 °C, 20 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), yields were determined by crude NMR measurement with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard. a. 80 °C.



Supplementary Figure 8

Reaction Using Stoichiometric Cu(OTf)2





6.3 Role of Divided Cell

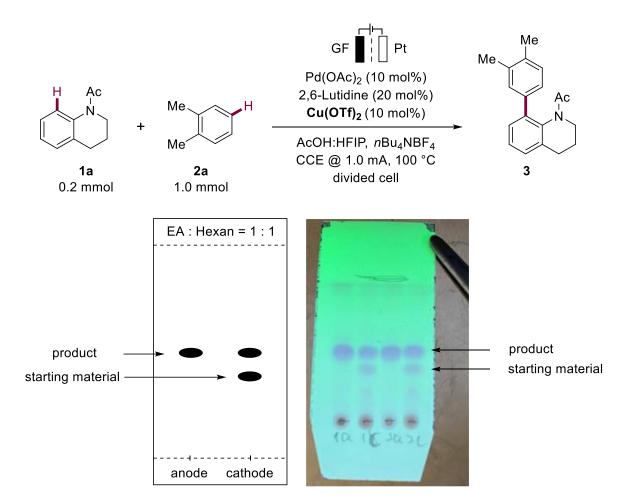
H Ac N 1a 0.2 mmol	+ Me H	$GF \prod_{i=1}^{n} Pt$ $Pd(OAc)_{2} (10 mol\%)$ $2,6-Lutidine (20 mol\%)$ $Cu(OTf)_{2} (5-10 mol\%)$ $AcOH:HFIP, nBu_{4}NBF_{4}$ $CCE @ 1.0 mA, 100 °C$ $undivided cell$	Me Ac N 3	+ OAc Ac N SP1	+ Me OAc SP2
Entry	Amount of Cu(OTf) ₂	SM (%)	TON of 3	TON of SP1	TON of SP2
1	10 mol %	29%	3.4	1.4	1.7
2 ^a	5 mol %	45%	2.2	3.0	4.1

Supplementary Table 4 Chemoselectivity-Dependence on Reactor

Reaction conditions: undivided cell, **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂, *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, 18 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Ptplate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm). Starting material and product **3** were quantified via crude NMR measurement with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard. Turnover numbers (TON) of **SP1** and **SP2** were determined by GC using dodecane as internal standard. a. 80 °C.

Low yield and chemoselectivity were observed when using an undivided cell to carry out the electrolysis.

6.4 Quality of Divided Cell



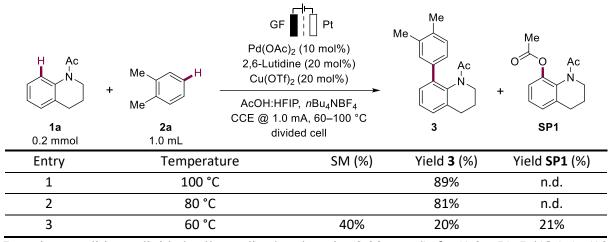
Supplementary Figure 10 Starting Material and Product Distribution on Both Chamber

Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), cathodic chamber: **2a** (1.0 mmol), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, 20 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), isolated yield.

Approximately, an average of 10% of starting material could be isolated from the cathodic chamber, depending on the quality of the membranes.

6.5 Role of Temperature

Supplementary Table 5 Effect of Temperature



Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (20 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.0 mL : 2.0 mL), cathodic chamber: **2a** (1.0 mL), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.0 mL : 2.0 mL), 60–100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, 20 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), isolated yield.

6.6 Role of Xylene Stoichiometry

Supplementary Table 6

Yields Depending on the Amount of Xylene

	$\begin{array}{c} Ac \\ N \\ H \\ 1a \\ 2 \text{ mmol} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} Me \\ Me \\ Me \\ 2a \\ 0.2-8.3 \text{ mmol} \end{array}$	GF ☐ Pt Pd(OAc) ₂ (10 mol%) 2,6-Lutidine (20 mol%) Cu(OTf)₂ (5–20 mol%) AcOH:HFIP, <i>n</i> Bu ₄ NBF ₄ CCE @ 1.0 mA, 100 °C divided cell	Me Ac N 3
Entry	Amount of Cu(OTf) ₂	2a (mmol)	Yield 3 (%)
1	20 mol %	8.3 (excess)	89%
2	20 mol %	1.0 (5.0 eq.)	78%
3	20 mol %	0.2 (2.0 eq.)	31% ª
4	10 mol %	8.3 (excess)	88%
5	10 mol %	1.0 (5.0 eq.)	72%
6	10 mol %	0.6 (3.0 eq.)	32% ^a
7	5.0 mol %	1.0 (5.0 eq.)	46% ^a
8	5.0 mol %	0.6 (3.0 eq.)	28% ^a
9	5.0 mol %	0.2 (2.0 eq.)	12% ^a

Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (0.2–8.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (5–20 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.0 mL : 2.0 mL), cathodic chamber: **2a** (0.2–8.3 mmol), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.0 mL : 2.0 mL), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, 20 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), isolated yield. a. Yields are determined by crude H-NMR analyses with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard.

6.7 Role of HFIP

Supplementary Table 7Effect of Solvent with Low Concentration of *n*Bu₄NBF₄Using Electricity

H Ac N 1a 0.2 mmol	+ Me H Me 2a 1.0 mmol	GF Pt Pd(OAc) ₂ (10 mol%) 2,6-Lutidine (20 mol%) Cu(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%) AcOH:HFIP, <i>n</i> Bu ₄ NBF ₄ CCE @ 1.0 mA, 100 °C divided cell	Me Ac N 3
Entry	AcOH (mL)	HFIP (mL)	Yield 3 (%)
1	2.0	1.0	72% ^{isolated}
2	2.5	0.5	56%
3	3.0	0.3	52%
4	3.0	0	14%

Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH, cathodic chamber: **2a** (1.0 mmol), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH, 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, 20 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm). Yields are determined by crude H-NMR analyses with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard.

Supplementary Table 8Effect of Solvent with High Concentration of *n*Bu4NBF4Using Electricity

H Ac N N 1a 0.2 mmo	+ Me Me 2a I 1.0 mmol	GF ☐ Pt Pd(OAc) ₂ (10 mol%) 2,6-Lutidine (20 mol%) Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol%) AcOH:HFIP, <i>n</i> Bu₄NBF₄ CCE @ 1.0 mA, 100 °C divided cell	Me Ac N 3
Entry	AcOH (mL)	HFIP (mL)	Yield 3 (%)
1	2.0	1.0	78%
2	2.5	0.5	45%
3	3.0	0.3	52%
4	3.0	0	36%

Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH,

cathodic chamber: **2a** (1.0 mmol), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH, 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, 20 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm \times 15 mm \times 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm \times 15 mm \times 0.25 mm). Yields are determined by crude H-NMR analyses with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard.

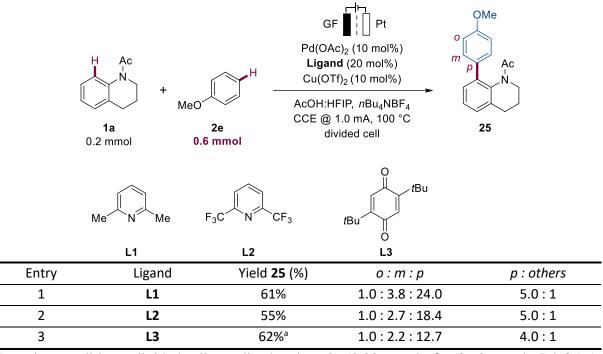
Supplementary Table 9Effect of Solvent with Low Concentration of *n*Bu4NBF4Using Stoichiometric Cu(OTf)2

H Ac N	H +	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10 mol%) 2,6-Lutidine (20 mol%) Cu(OTf) ₂ (100 mol%)	Me Me Ac
1a	Me ^r 2a	AcOH:HFIP, <i>n</i> Bu ₄ NBF ₄ no current , 100 °C, 20 h	3
0.2 mmol	1.0 mmol		
Entry	AcOH (mL)	HFIP (mL)	Yield 3 (%)
1	2.0	1.0	88%
2	2.5	0.5	60%
3	3.0	0.3	48%
4	3.0	0	40%

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), $Cu(OTf)_2$ (10 mol %), nBu_4NBF_4 (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH, 100 °C, 20 h, yields were determined by crude NMR measurement with CH_2Br_2 as internal standard.

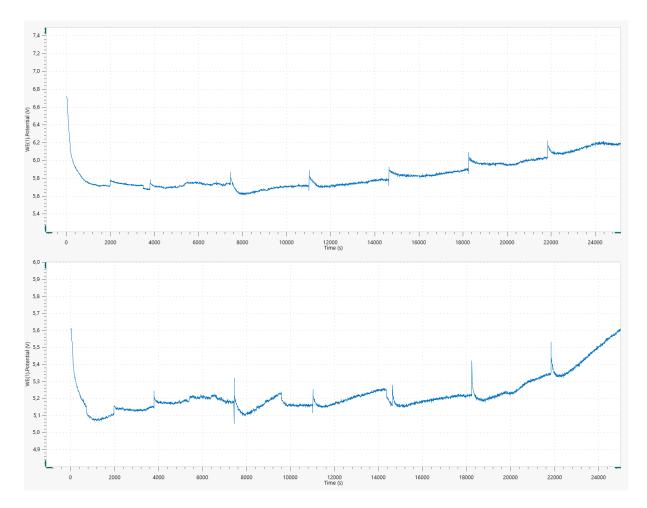
6.8 Role of Ligand

Supplementary Table 10 Effect of Ligand on Regioselectivity



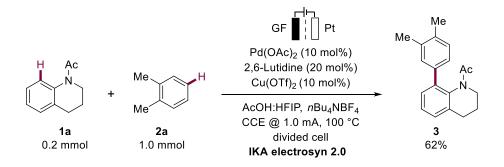
Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2e** (0.60 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), Ligand (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), cathodic chamber: **2e** (0.60 mmol), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, 20 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), isolated yield. a. no Cu(OTf)₂ was used.

6.9 Reaction Cell Voltage

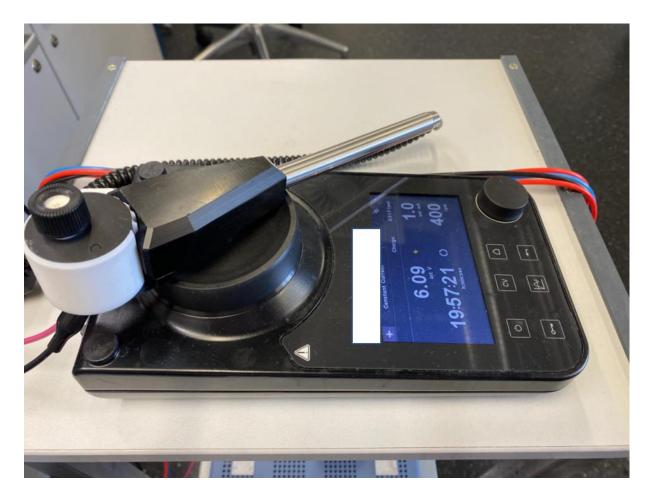


Supplementary Figure 11 Reaction Cell Voltage Using 200 mg *n*Bu₄NBF₄

6.10 Reaction Using IKA Potentiostat



Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), cathodic chamber: **2a** (1.0 mmol), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA for 20 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), isolated yield.

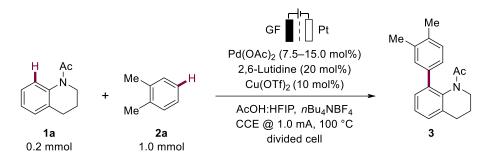


Supplementary Figure 12 Reaction Run with IKA Electrasyn 2.0. The potentiostat was connected to the divided cell reactor through two cables.

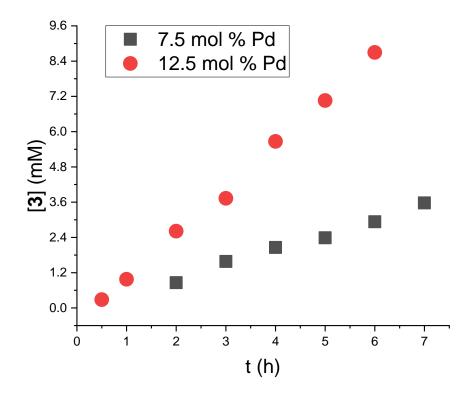
7 Supplementary Mechanistic Studies

7.1 VTNA

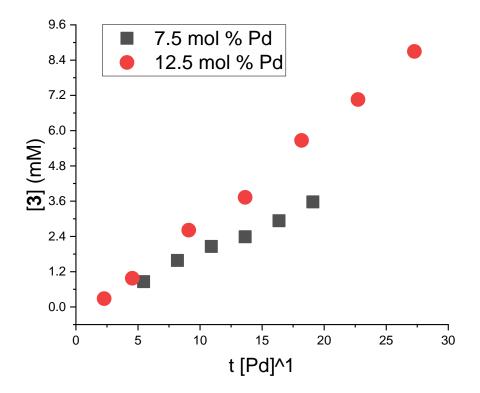
7.1.1 VTNA Studies on [Pd]



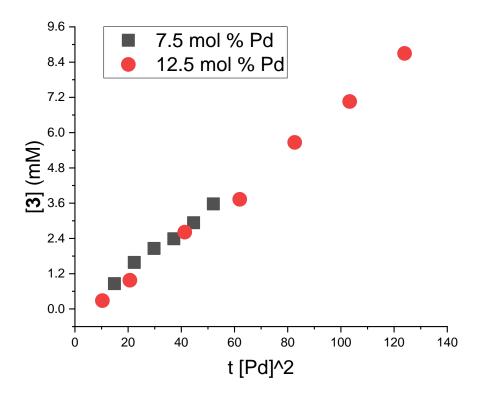
Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (7.5–15.0 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (5.4 mL, 1 : 2), cathodic chamber: **2a** (1.0 mmol), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (5.4 mL, 1 : 2), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), GC yield. At specific intervals shown on the horizontal axis, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture (0.05 mL) was taken, filtered through a small silica gel column, added with 0.05 mL internal standard stock solution (0.2 mmol dodecane in 5.5 mL EtOAc), and analyzed by GC. To obtain a reliable result, data was generated by using the same reactor, potentiostat, heating plate, and GC.



Supplementary Figure 13 Reaction Profile

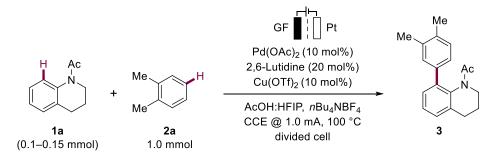


Supplementary Figure 14 First Order Correlation



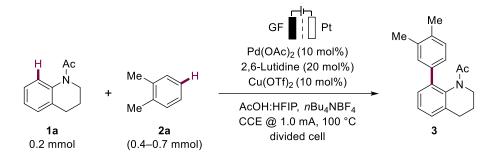
Supplementary Figure 15 Second Order Correlation

7.1.2 VTNA Studies on [1a]



Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.1–0.15 mmol), **2a** (1.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (5.4 mL, 1 : 2), cathodic chamber: **2a** (1.0 mmol), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (5.4 mL, 1 : 2), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), GC yield. At specific intervals shown on the horizontal axis, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture (0.05 mL) was taken, filtered through a small silica gel column, added with 0.05 mL internal standard stock solution (0.2 mmol dodecane in 5.5 mL EtOAc), and analyzed by GC. To obtain a reliable result, data was generated by using the same reactor, potentiostat, heating plate, and GC.

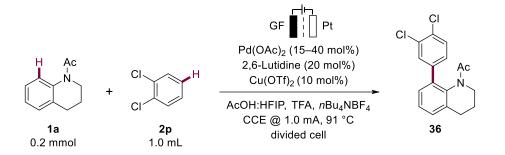
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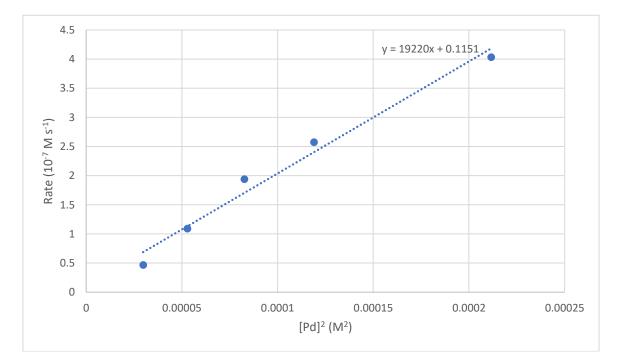
Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (0.4–0.7 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂, 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (5.4 mL, 1 : 2), cathodic chamber: **2a** (0.4–0.7 mmol), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (5.4 mL, 1 : 2), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), GC yield. At specific intervals shown on the horizontal axis, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture (0.05 mL) was taken, filtered through a small silica gel column, added with 0.05 mL internal standard stock solution (0.2 mmol dodecane in 5.5 mL EtOAc), and analyzed by GC. To obtain a reliable result, data was generated by using the same reactor, potentiostat, heating plate, and GC.

7.2 Initial Rate Analysis

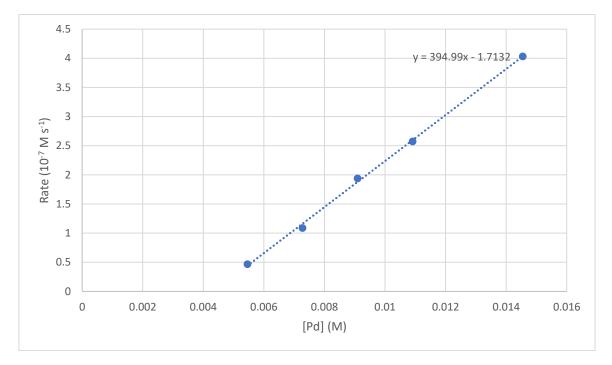
7.2.1 Kinetic Dependence of Initial Rate on [Pd]



Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2p** (1.0 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (15–40 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (4.0 mL, 1 : 2), TFA (0.5 mL), cathodic chamber: **2p** (1.0 mL), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (4.0 mL, 1 : 2), TFA (0.5 mL), 91 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), GC yield. At specific intervals shown on the horizontal axis, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture (0.1 mL) was taken, filtered through a small silica gel column, added with 0.1 mL internal standard stock solution (0.2 mmol dodecane in 5.5 mL EtOAc), and analyzed by GC. Only the β -isomer was quantified for the kinetics studies. To obtain a reliable result, data was generated by using the same reactor, potentiostat, heating plate, and GC.

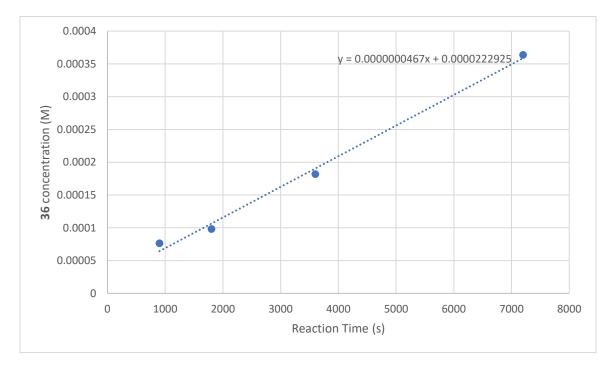


Supplementary Figure 16 Second Order Correlation on [Pd]

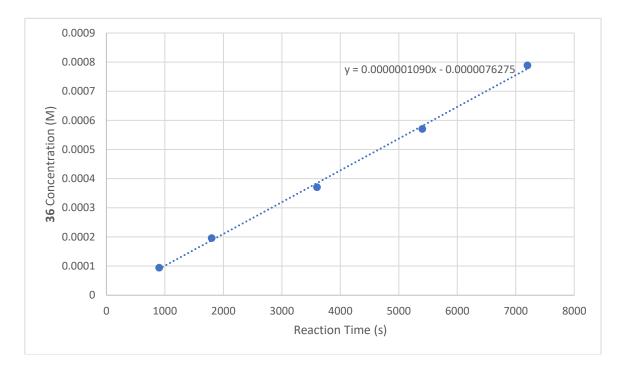


Supplementary Figure 17 First Order Correlation on [Pd]

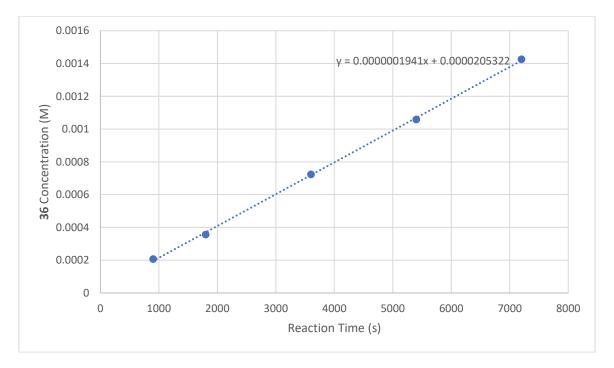
Although both first-order and second-order correlations gave linear plot, we could easily exclude first-order on [Pd] due to the negatively large intercept on the plot.



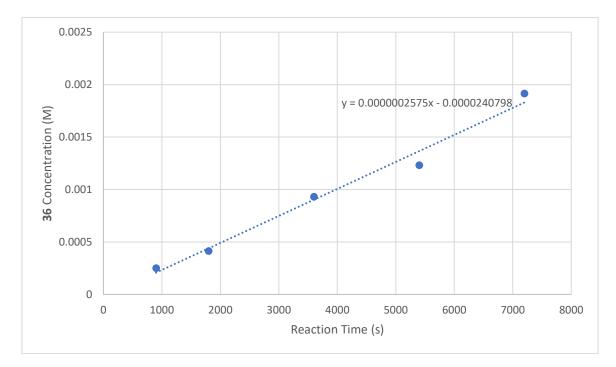
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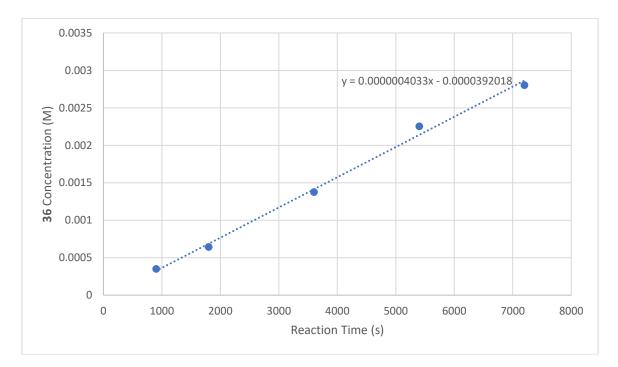
Supplementary Figure 19 Reaction Rate Using 20 mol % Pd



Supplementary Figure 20 Reaction Rate Using 25 mol % Pd

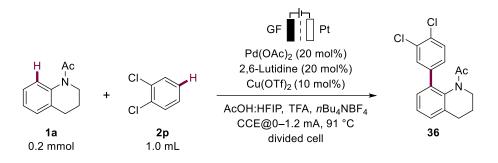


Supplementary Figure 21 Reaction Rate Using 30 mol % Pd

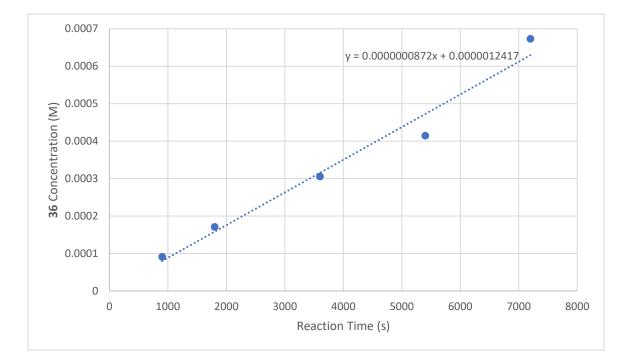


Supplementary Figure 22 Reaction Rate Using 40 mol % Pd

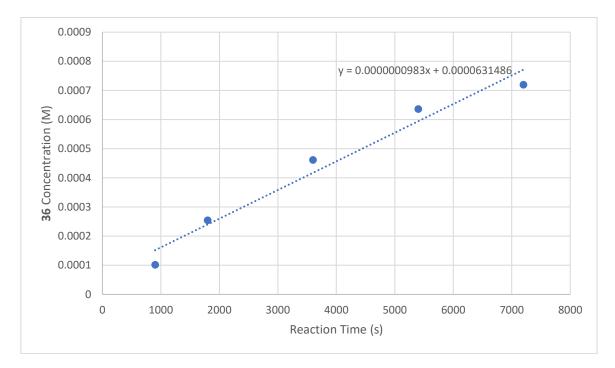
7.2.2 Kinetic Dependence of Initial Rate on Electricity



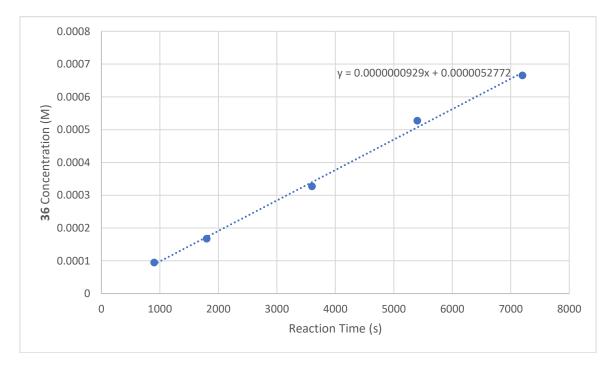
Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2p** (1.0 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (20 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (4.0 mL, 1 : 2), TFA (0.5 mL), cathodic chamber: **2p** (1.0 mL), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (4.0 mL, 1 : 2), TFA (0.5 mL), 91 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 0–1.2 mA, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), GC yield. At specific intervals shown on the horizontal axis, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture (0.1 mL) was taken, filtered through a small silica gel column, added with 0.1 mL internal standard stock solution (0.2 mmol dodecane in 5.5 mL EtOAc), and analyzed by GC. Only the β -isomer was quantified for the kinetics studies. To obtain a reliable result, data was generated by using the same reactor, potentiostat, heating plate, and GC.



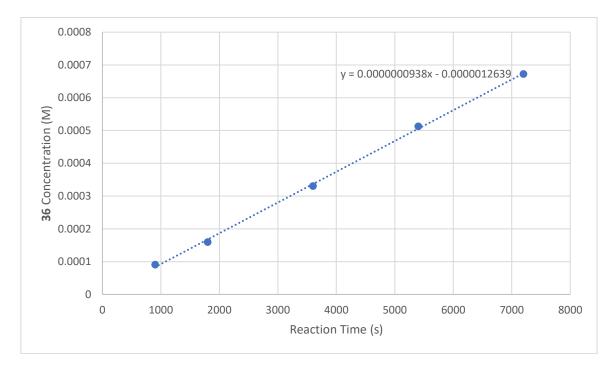
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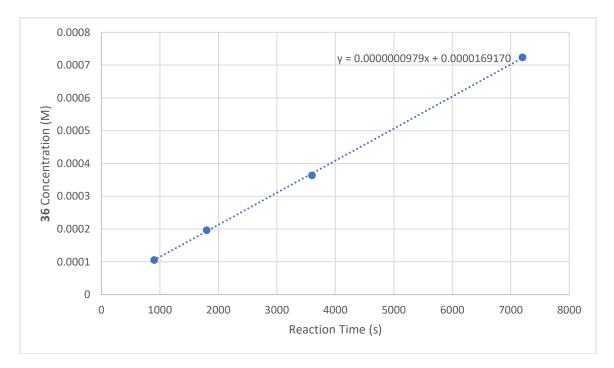
Supplementary Figure 24 Reaction Rate Using 0.8 mA



Supplementary Figure 25 Reaction Rate Using 1.0 mA

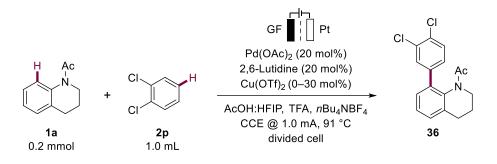


Supplementary Figure 26 Reaction Rate Using 1.1 mA

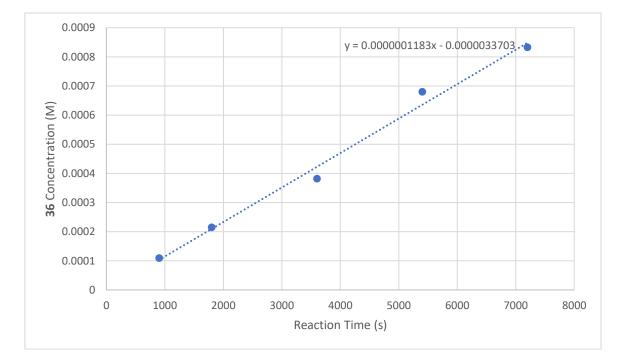


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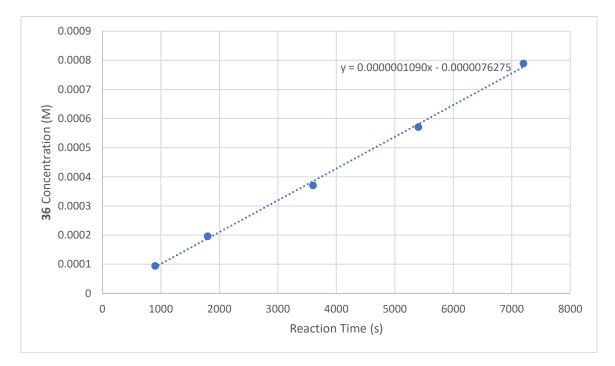
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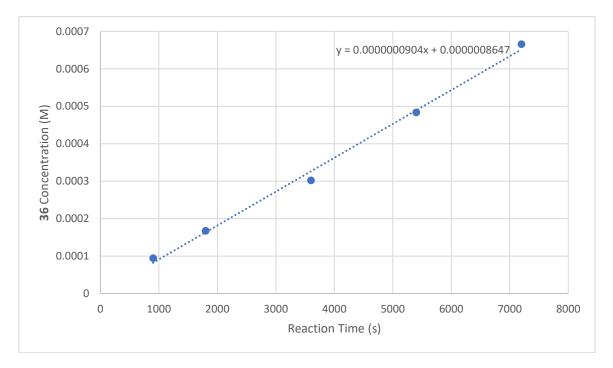
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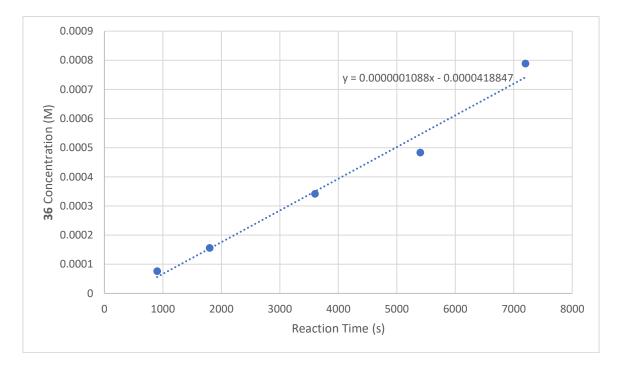
Supplementary Figure 28 Reaction Rate Using 0 mol % Cu



Supplementary Figure 29 Reaction Rate Using 10 mol % Cu

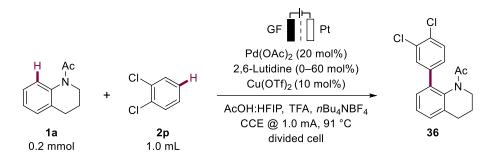


Supplementary Figure 30 Reaction Rate Using 20 mol % Cu

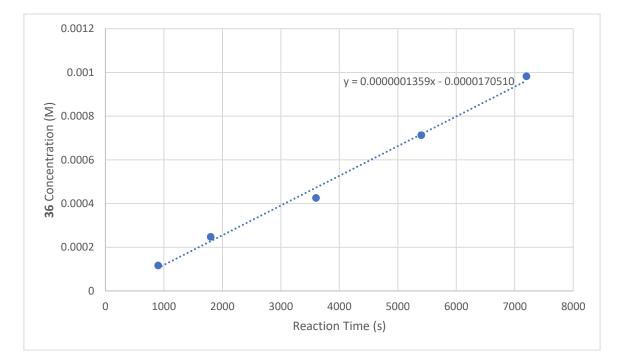


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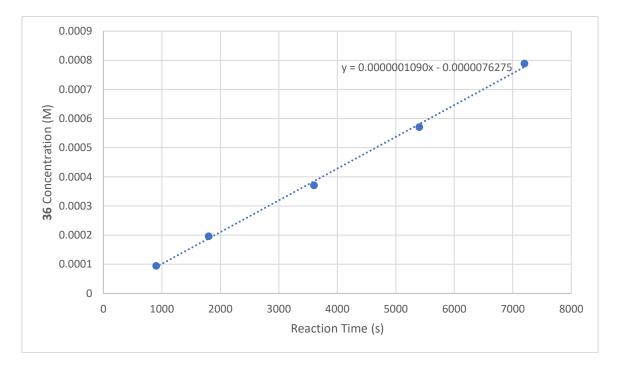
7.2.4 Kinetic Dependence of Initial Rate on [Lutidine]



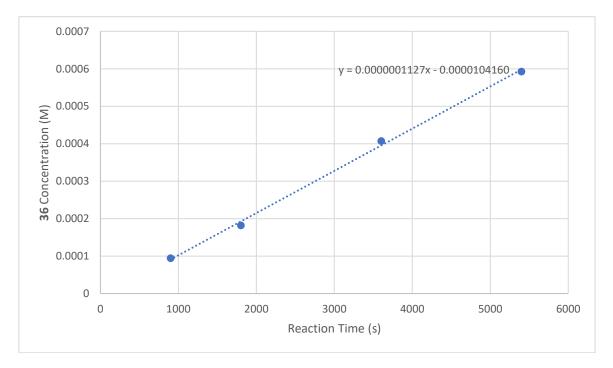
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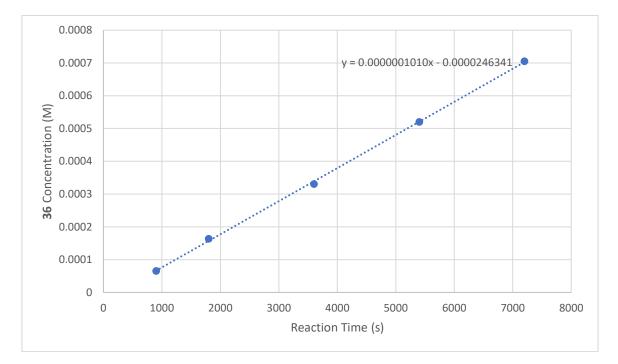
Supplementary Figure 32 Reaction Rate Using 0 mol % Lutidine



Supplementary Figure 33 Reaction Rate Using 20 mol % Lutidine

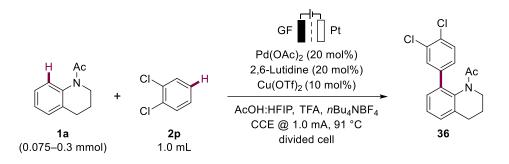


Supplementary Figure 34 Reaction Rate Using 40 mol % Lutidine

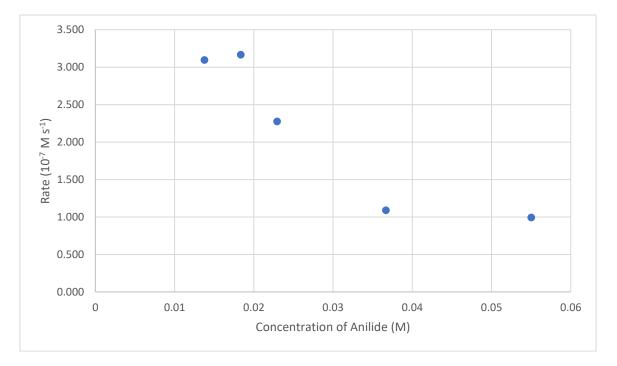


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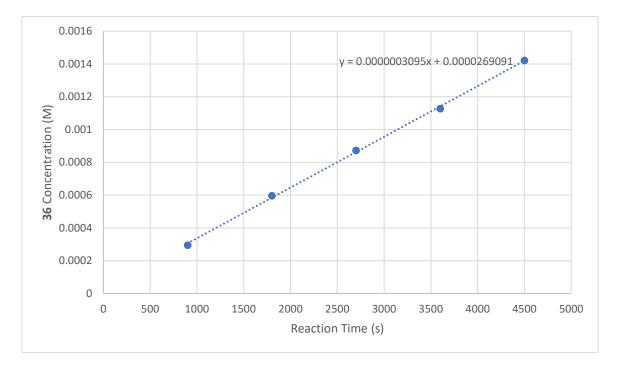
7.2.5 Kinetic Dependence of Initial Rate on [1a]



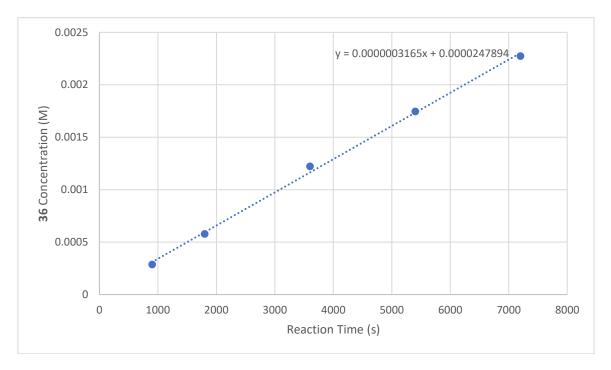
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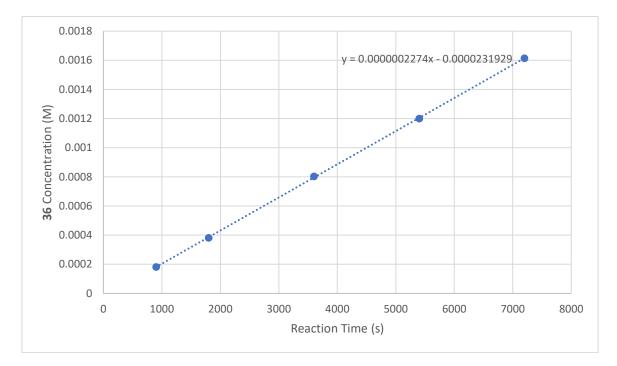
Supplementary Figure 36 Reverse Order on [1a]



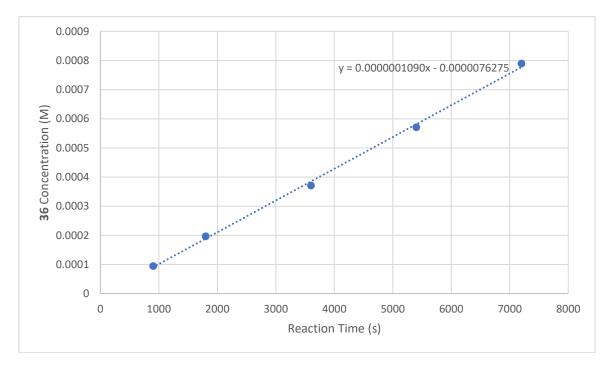
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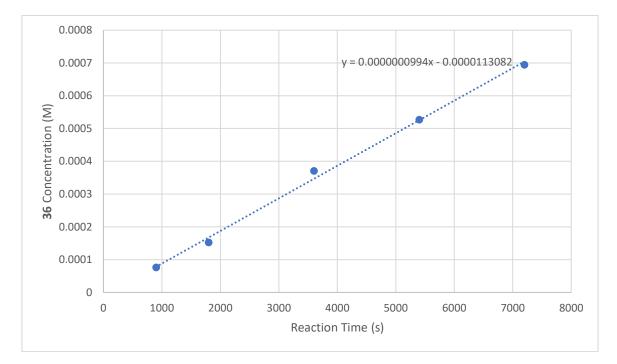
Supplementary Figure 38 Reaction Rate Using 0.1 mmol 1a



Supplementary Figure 39 Reaction Rate Using 0.125 mmol 1a

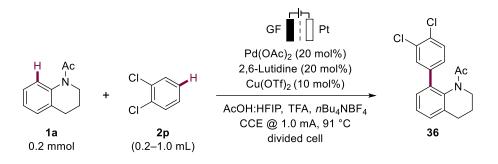


Supplementary Figure 40 Reaction Rate Using 0.2 mmol 1a

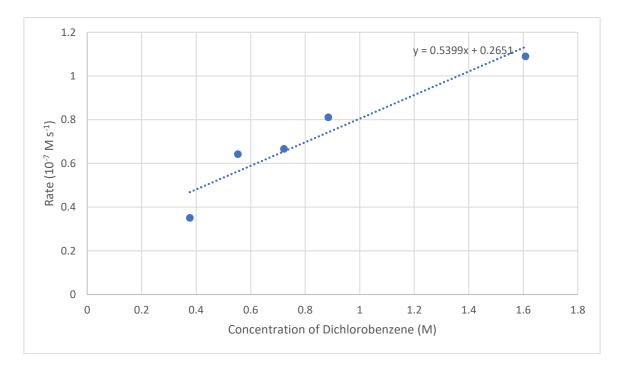


Supplementary Figure 41 Reaction Rate Using 0.3 mmol 1a

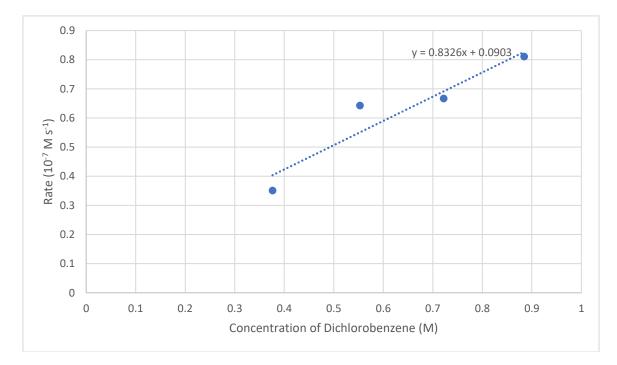
7.2.6 Kinetic Dependence of Initial Rate on [2p]



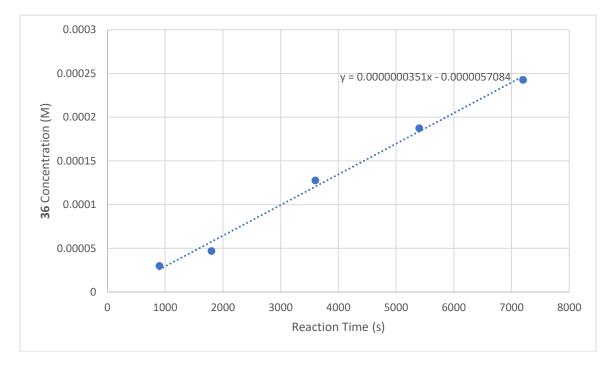
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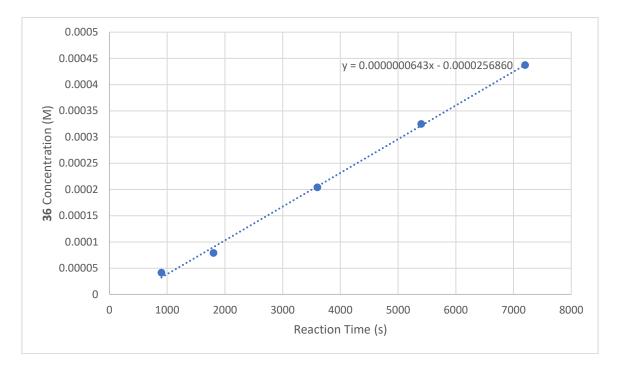
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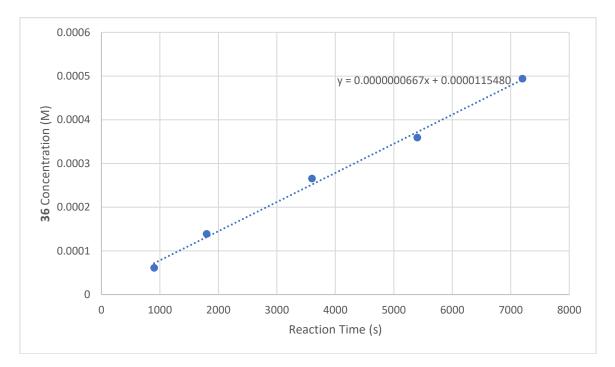
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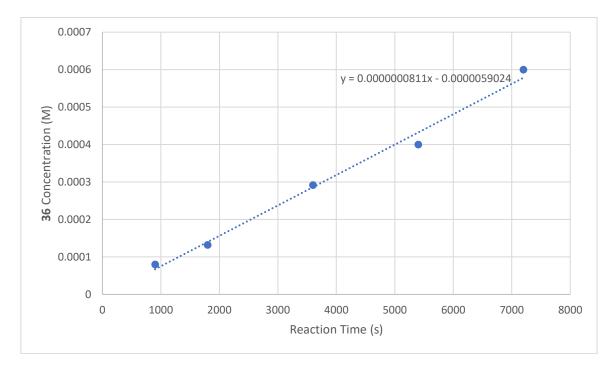
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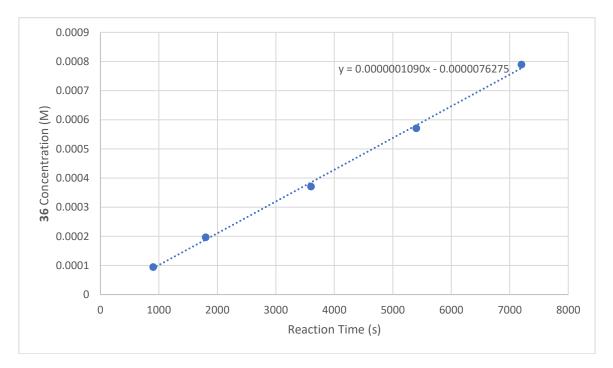
Supplementary Figure 45 Reaction Rate Using 0.3 mL 2p



Supplementary Figure 46 Reaction Rate Using 0.4 mL 2p

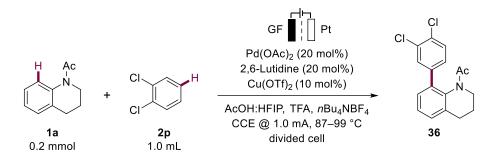


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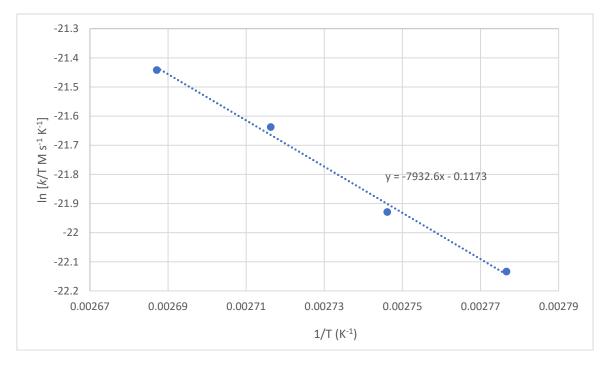


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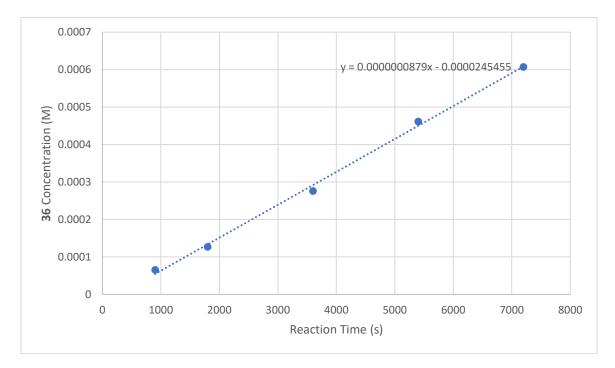
7.2.7 Kinetic Dependence of Initial Rate on Temperature



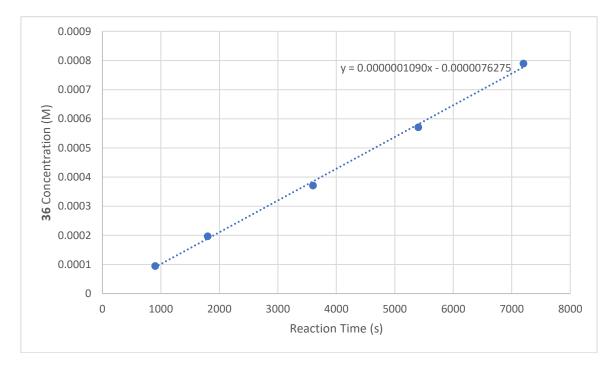
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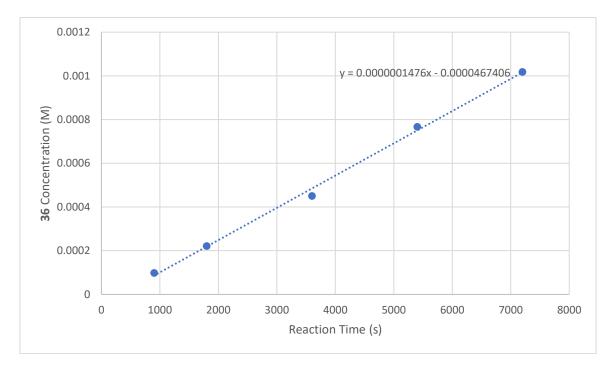
Supplementary Figure 49 Eyring Plot



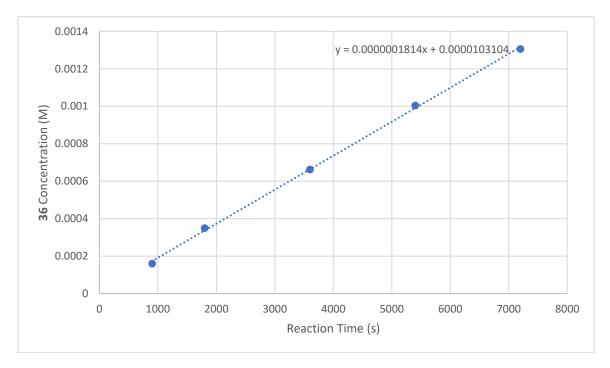
Supplementary Figure 50 Reaction Rate at 87 °C



Supplementary Figure 51 Reaction Rate at 91 °C

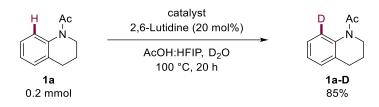


Supplementary Figure 52 Reaction Rate at 95 °C

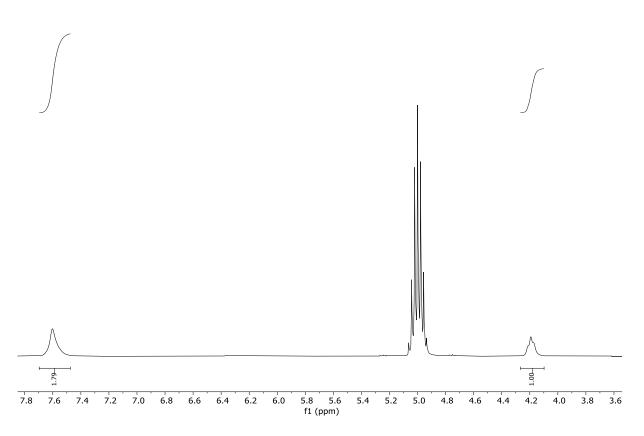


Supplementary Figure 53 Reaction Rate at 99 °C

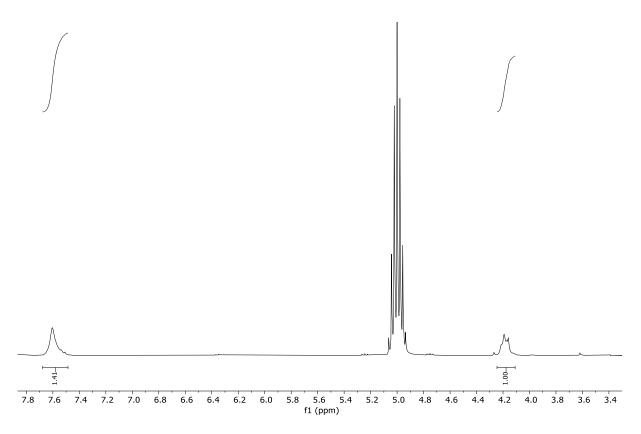
Higher temperature did bring about faster initial rate, however, due to the boiling point of TFA, losing TFA at higher temperature conditions during the course of the reaction could lead to a lower overall yield.



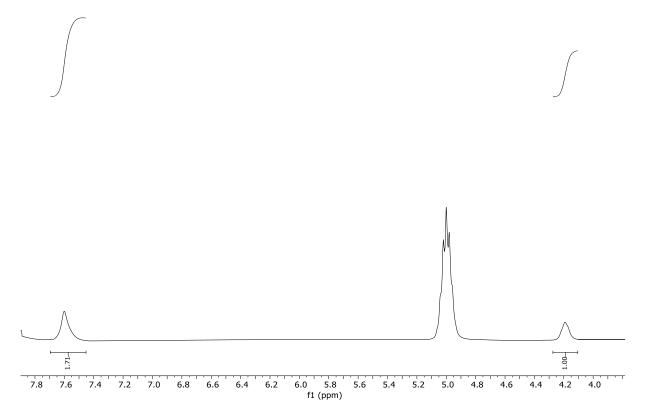
Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.20 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (10 mol %) or $Cu(OTf)_2$ (10 mol %), 2,6lutidine (20 mol %, HFIP:AcOH (0.3 mL : 0.6 mL) were added to a 10 mL glass vial, 100 °C, 20 h. After the reaction, the reaction solution was filtered and transferred to NMR tube for crude H-NMR analysis.



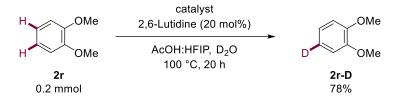
Supplementary Figure 54 H/D Exchange of 1a without Catalyst



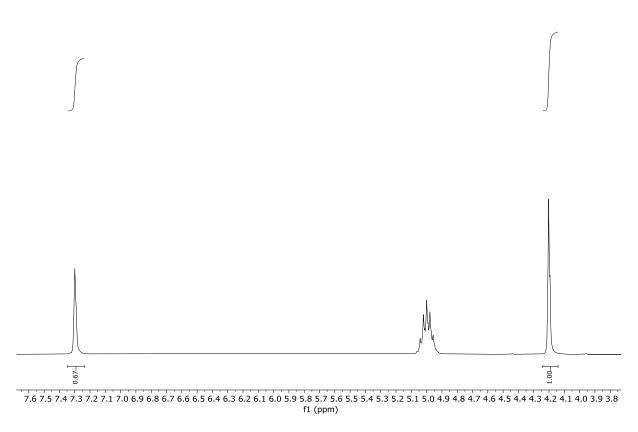
Supplementary Figure 55 H/D Exchange of 1a with 10 mol % Pd(OAc)₂



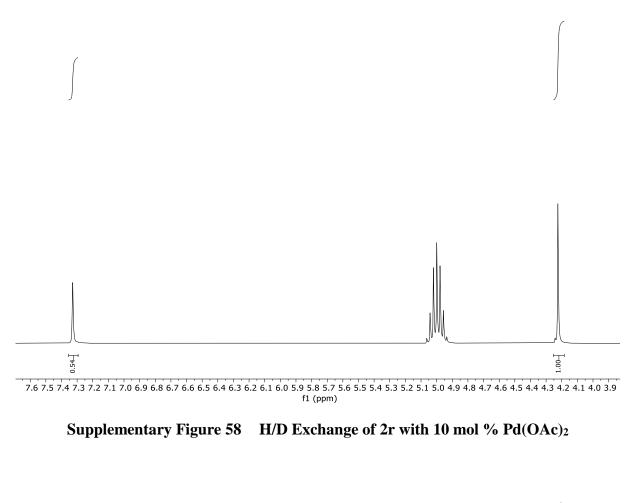
Supplementary Figure 56 H/D Exchange of 1a with 10 mol % Cu(OTf)₂

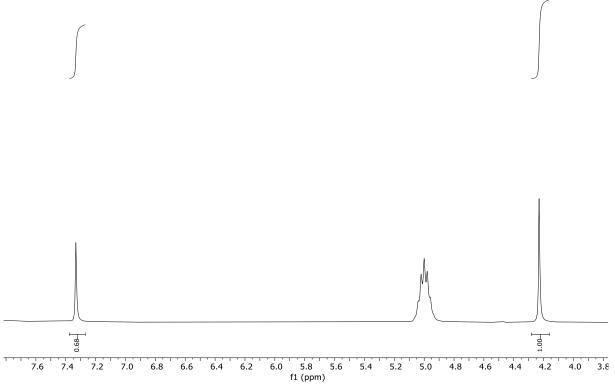


Reaction conditions: **2r** (0.20 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (10 mol %) or $Cu(OTf)_2$ (10 mol %), 2,6lutidine (20 mol %, HFIP:AcOH (0.3 mL : 0.6 mL) were added to a 10 mL glass vial, 100 °C, 20 h. After the reaction, the reaction solution was filtered and transferred to NMR tube for crude H-NMR analysis.



Supplementary Figure 57 H/D Exchange of 2r without Catalyst

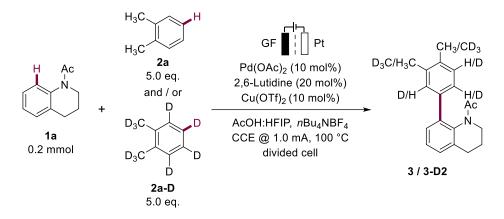




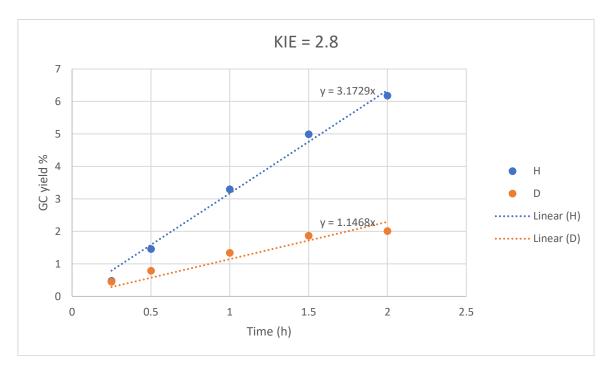
Supplementary Figure 59 H/D Exchange of 2r with 10 mol % Cu(OTf)₂

7.4 Kinetic Isotope Effect

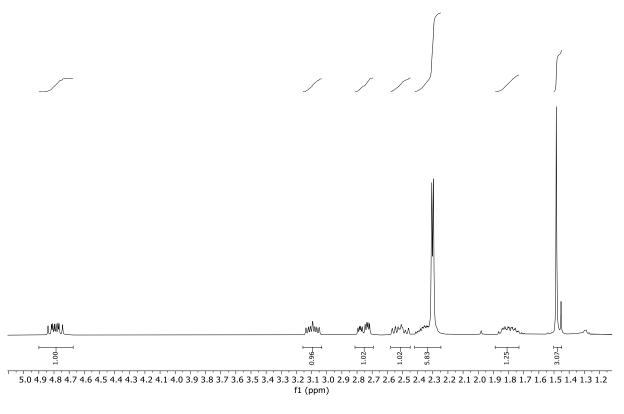
7.4.1 KIE for 2a



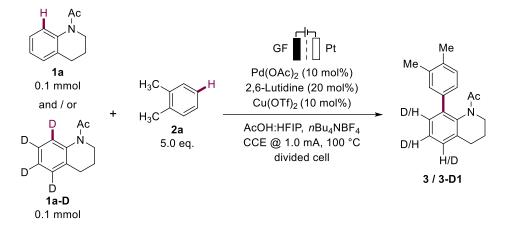
Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (5.0 eq.) and/or **2a-D** (5.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), cathodic chamber: **2a** (5.0 eq.) and/or **2a-D** (5.0 eq.), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, 20 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm). For intermolecular competition experiment, KIE results were obtained from the H-NMR analysis for the isolated product. For initial rate analysis, the KIE results were based on the GC yield. At specific intervals shown on the horizontal axis, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture (0.1 mL) was taken, filtered through a small silica gel column, added with 0.1 mL internal standard stock solution (0.2 mmol dodecane in 5.5 mL EtOAc), and analyzed by GC. To ensure reliable results, the same reactor was utilized.



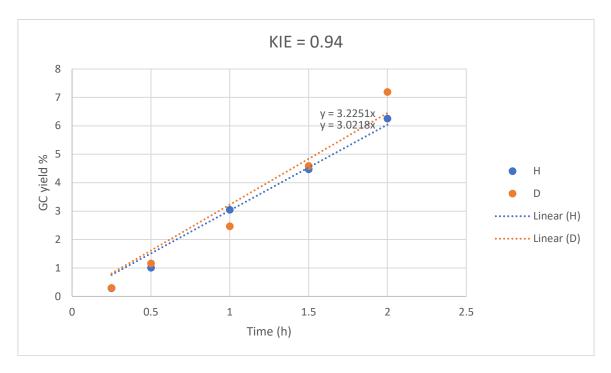
Supplementary Figure 60 Initial Rate KIE for 2a_KIE=2.8



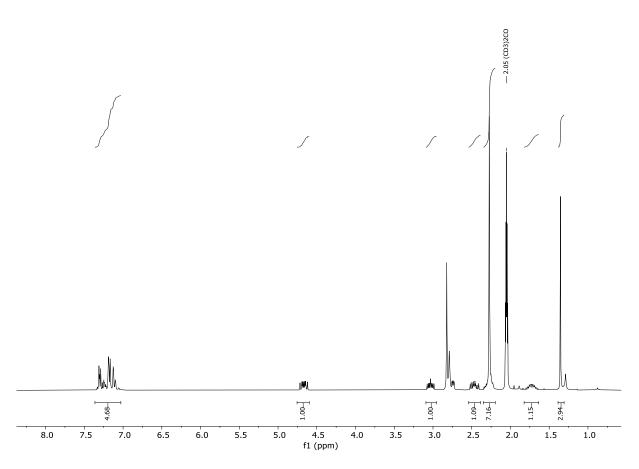
Supplementary Figure 61 Intermolecular KIE for 2a_KIE=3.5



Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol) or **1a-D** (0.20 mmol), or **1a** (0.10 mmol) and **1a-D** (0.10 mmol) for intermolecular experiment, **2a** (5.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), cathodic chamber: **2a** (5.0 eq.), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL), 100 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, 4 h, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm). For intermolecular competition experiment, KIE results were obtained from the H-NMR analysis for the isolated product. For initial rate analysis, the KIE results were based on the GC yield. At specific intervals shown on the horizontal axis, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture (0.1 mL) was taken, filtered through a small silica gel column, added with 0.1 mL internal standard stock solution (0.2 mmol dodecane in 5.5 mL EtOAc), and analyzed by GC. To ensure reliable results, the same reactor was utilized.



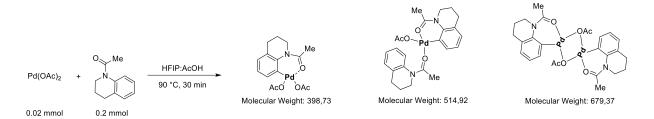
Supplementary Figure 62 Initial Rate KIE for 1a_KIE=0.94



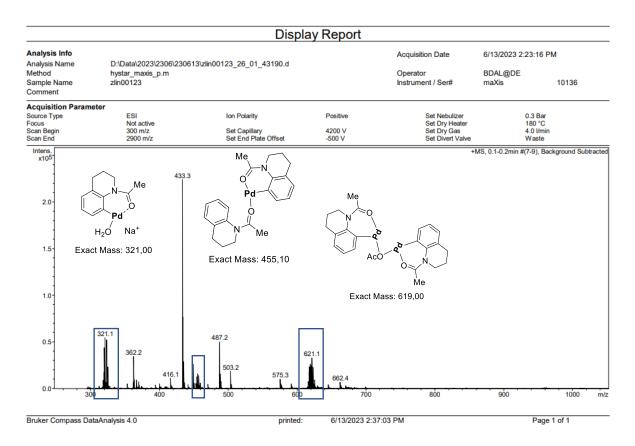
Supplementary Figure 63 Intermolecular KIE for 1a_KIE=1.24

7.5 Organopalladium Complex

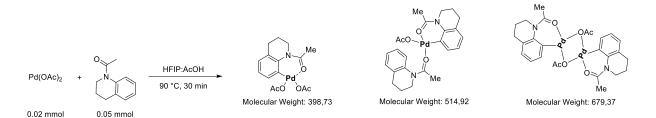
7.5.1 Intermediates under Catalytic Conditions



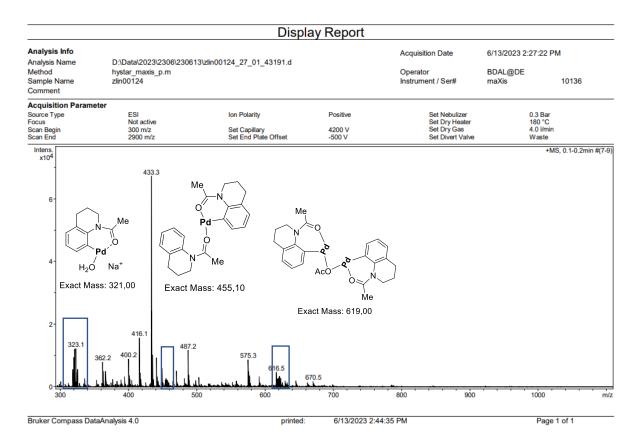
Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (10 mol %), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL) were added to a 10 mL glass vial at 90 °C for 30 min. After the reaction, the reaction solution was filtered and measured by HRMS.



Supplementary Figure 64 Possible Intermediates under Catalytic Reaction Using 0.2 mmol 1a



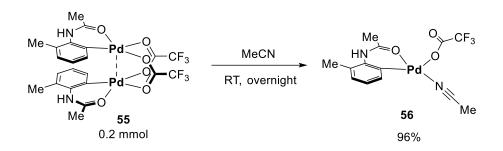
Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.05 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (10 mol %), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL) were added to a 10 mL glass vial at 90 °C for 30 min. After the reaction, the reaction solution was filtered and measured by HRMS.



Supplementary Figure 65 Possible Intermediates under Catalytic Reaction Using 0.05 mmol 1a

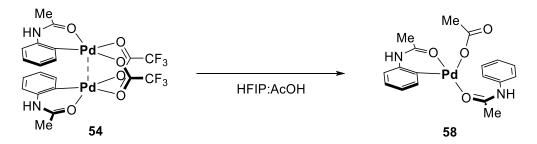
7.5.2 Synthesis of Palladium Complex

The syntheses of complex **54** and **55** were carried out according to the procedure described in the literature (figure 3b in the manuscript).⁴ To a 10 mL glass vial, substrate **1b** or **1f** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), TFA (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 2 mL DCM were loaded and sealed with a cap. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with DCM (1 mL) and hexane (5 mL), and dried in *vacuo* to afford product **54** or **55**.

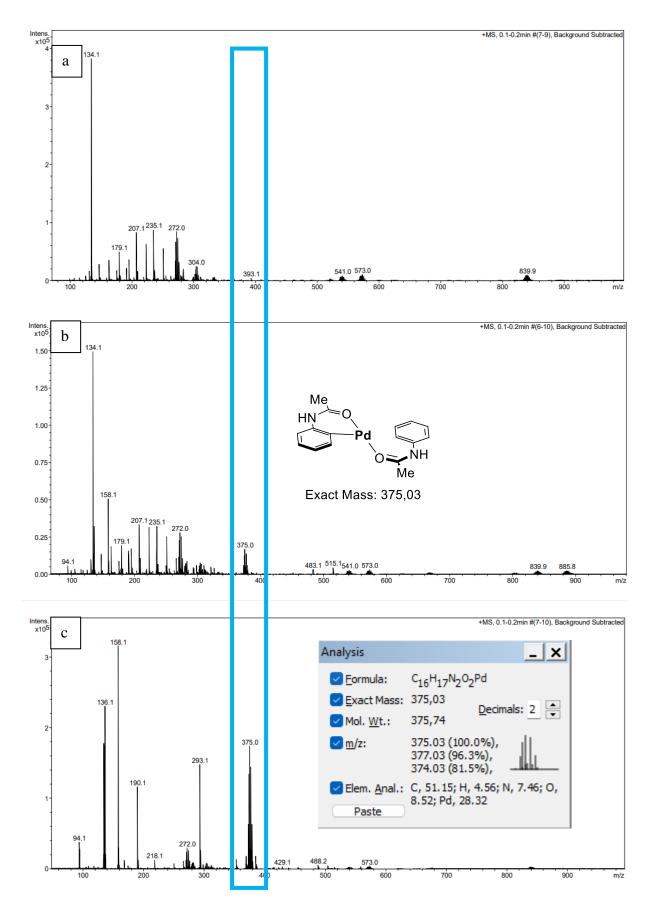


The synthesis of complex **56** was carried out according to the procedure described in the literature.⁵ To a 10 mL glass vial, **55** (0.2 mmol) and 2 mL MeCN were loaded and sealed with a cap. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed in *vacuo* to afford product **56** in 96% yield.

7.5.3 Intermediates in Stoichiometric Organopalladium Reaction



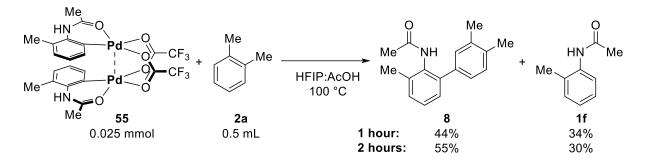
Reaction conditions: **54** (5.0 mg), without or with **1b** (0.2 mmol), HFIP:AcOH (0.3 mL : 0.6 mL) were added to a 10 mL glass vial at RT or 90 °C for 15 min. After the reaction, the reaction solution was analyzed by HRMS.



Supplementary Figure 66 Evolution of Complex 54. a) 54 at rt; b) 54 at 90 °C; c) 54 at 90 °C; c) 54 at 90 °C with 0.2 mmol 1b.

7.5.4 Stoichiometric Organopalladium Reaction with Substrate 2a

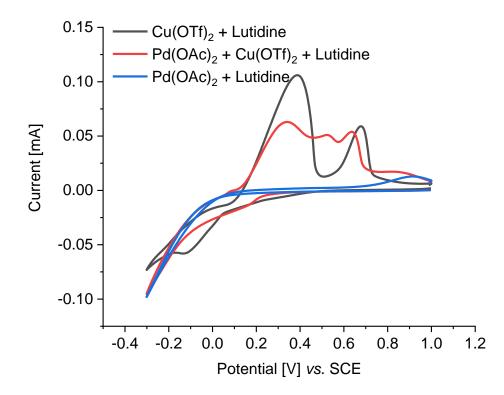
Reaction conditions: **55** (0.025 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mL), HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL : 2.6 mL) were added to a 10 mL glass vial and heated to 100 °C. After the reaction, the solvent was removed in *vacuo* and the residue was directly purified by column chromatography on silica gel.



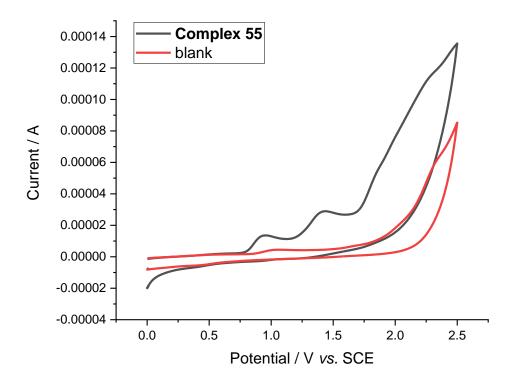
Supplementary Figure 67 Reaction of Complex 55

7.6 Cyclic Voltammograms

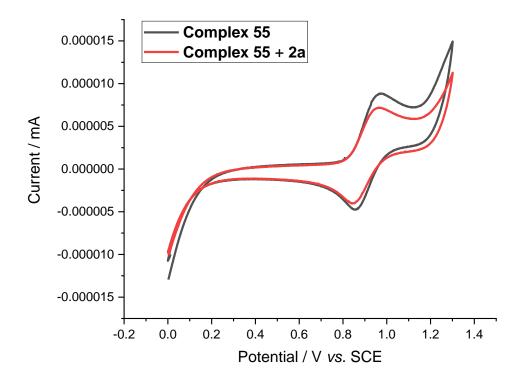
CV measurements were conducted with a Metrohm Autolab PGSTAT204 potentiostat and Nova 2.1 software. A glassy carbon (disk, diameter: 3 mm), a coiled platinum wire counter electrode and a saturated calomel (SCE) reference electrode were employed. The voltammograms were recorded at room temperature in HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL:2.6 mL) with 0.1 M nBu_4NBF_4 as supporting electrolyte under N₂ atomsphere. The scan rate is 100 mV/s. Deviations from the general experimental conditions are indicated in the respective figures and descriptions. nBu_4NBF_4 was recrystallized from EtOAc and n-hexane before use.



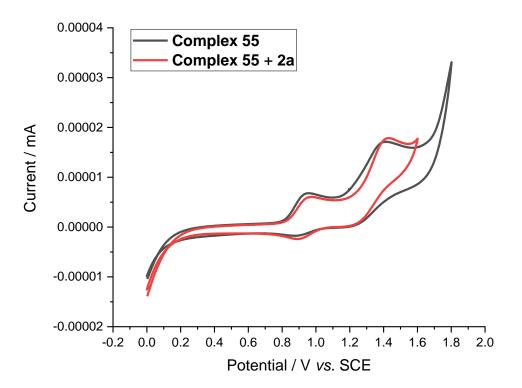
Supplementary Figure 68 CV Studies for the Role of Pd(OAc)₂, Cu(OTf)₂ and Lutidine. Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mM), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mM) and Lutidine (20 mM).



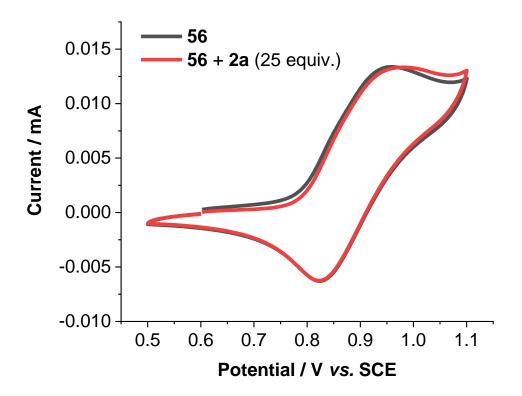
Supplementary Figure 69 CV Studies of Complex 55. 55 (2 mM).



Supplementary Figure 70 CV Studies of Complex 55 and 2a. 55 (2 mM), 2a (830 mM).



Supplementary Figure 71 CV Studies of Complex 55 and 2a with Larger Potential Window. 55 (2 mM), 2a (830 mM).



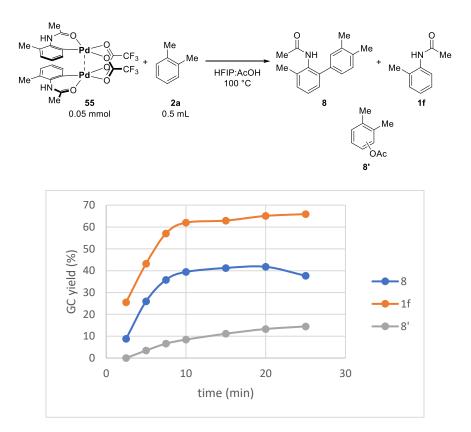
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7.7 Organometallic Reaction Profile

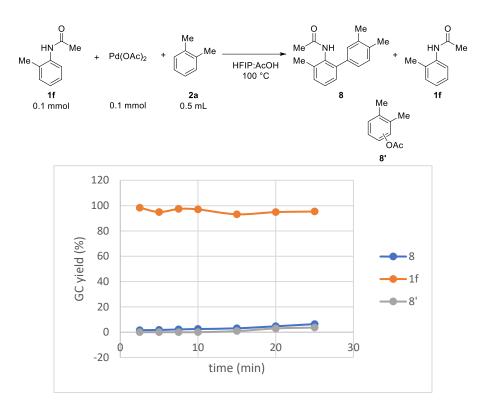
7.7.1 Pre-experiments

Reaction conditions: 10 mL glass vial, **55** (0.05 mmol), **2a** (0.1–0.5 mL), HFIP:AcOH (5.0 mL, 1 : 2), 80-100 °C. At specific intervals shown on the horizontal axis, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture (0.05 mL) was taken, filtered through a small silica gel column, added with 0.05 mL internal standard stock solution (0.1 mmol dodecane in 5.5 mL EtOAc), and analyzed by GC. The GC yields were calibrated with a calibrating curve.

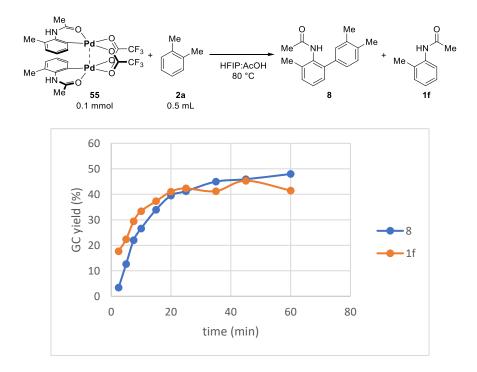
Reaction conditions: 10 mL glass vial, $Pd(OAc)_2$ (0.10 mmol), **1f** (0.10 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mL), HFIP:AcOH (5.0 mL, 1 : 2), 100 °C. At specific intervals shown on the horizontal axis, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture (0.05 mL) was taken, filtered through a small silica gel column, added with 0.05 mL internal standard stock solution (0.1 mmol dodecane in 5.5 mL EtOAc), and analyzed by GC. The GC yields were calibrated with a calibrating curve.



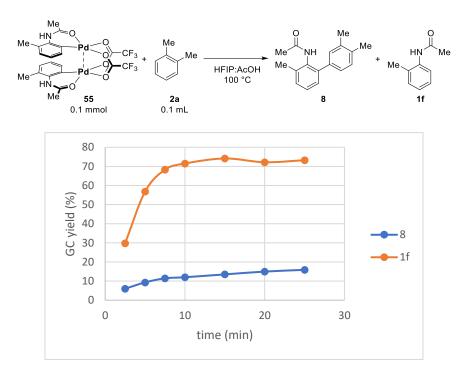
Supplementary Figure 73 Organometallic reaction of 0.05 mmol 55 at 100 °C. The profile was obtained from ex-situ GC analysis. Yields were calculated on amount of Pd.



Supplementary Figure 74 Stoichiometric reaction using analogous concentration of Pd and 1f to the organometallic reaction in Supplementary Figure 72. The profile was obtained from ex-situ GC analysis. Yields were calculated on amount of Pd.



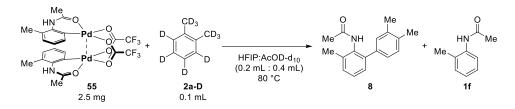
Supplementary Figure 75 Organometallic reaction of 0.05 mmol 55 at 80 °C. The profile was obtained from ex-situ GC analysis. Yields were calculated on amount of Pd.



Supplementary Figure 76 Organometallic reaction of 0.05 mmol 55 with 0.1 ml 2a at 100 °C. The profile was obtained from ex-situ GC analysis. Yields were calculated on amount of Pd.

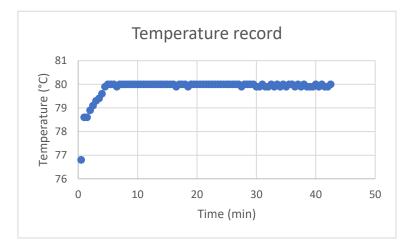
We did several pre-experiments using ex-situ GC analysis for monitoring the process of organometallic reaction of **55**. The rate of the organometallic reaction using stoichiometric amount of **55** is faster than that with the same concentration of $Pd(OAc)_2$ and **1a** (Supplementary Figure 73 & 74), indicating that **55** might be the on-cycle species or the precatalyst. Changing the temperature or the stoichiometric amount of **2a** influenced the rate of formation of **8**. Strikingly, we found the yield of **1a** was larger than that of **8** in first 2.5 minutes and the rate of the formation of **8** in the next few minutes seems faster (Supplementary Figure 73, 75 & 76). However, it is difficult to conclude the involvement of an induction period in the first 2–3 minutes for lacking of temperature information.

7.7.2 In-situ NMR Analysis

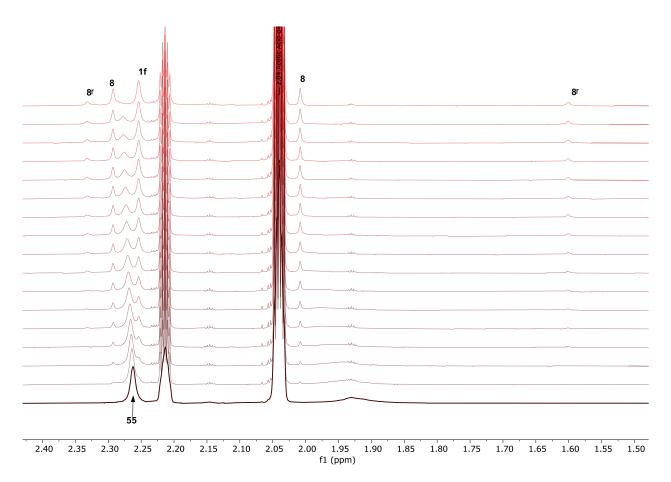


Supplementary Figure 77 Reaction Scheme for In-situ NMR Studies

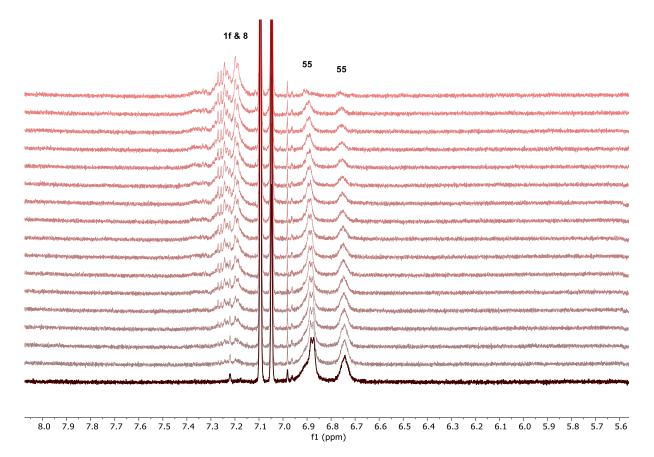
Based on the pre-experiments, we further designed the VT-NMR studies in HFIP : AcOD-d4 : o-xylene-d10 (0.4 mL : 0.2 mL : 0.1 mL) at 80 °C. The amount of dimeric palladium species **55** used in the reaction is 2.5 mg. The use of o-xylene-d10 instead of o-xylene could enlarge the induction period for the convenience of detection. To reduce the dead time of the monitoring, we prepared a reference NMR sample with the same NMR tube, the same filling volume and the same solvent for the shimming. After the shimming, the reference sample was quickly replaced with the experimental sample. Despite these measures, it takes 3 minutes to get a good shimming. The inferior shimming in the first 3 minutes could be explained by the too rapid temperature variation, which was recorded in Supplementary Figure 78. Peaks with good resolutions were observed on the 3 minutes' spectrum, indicating that the reaction temperature has reach 79 °C homogeneously before 3 minutes. At 5 minutes, the reaction temperature was heated to 80 °C in a steady manner.



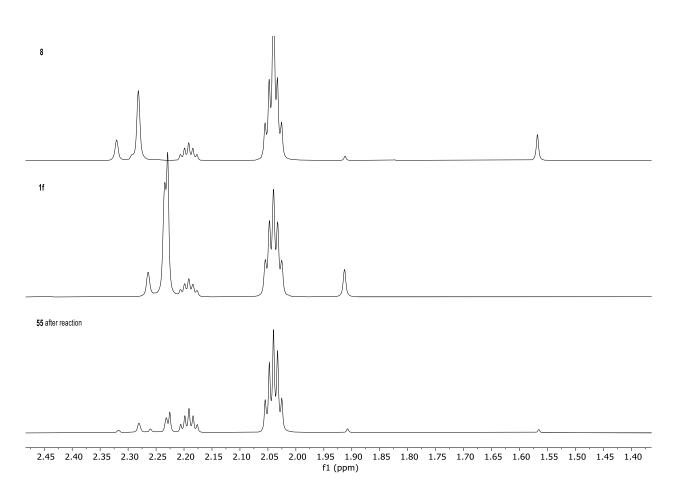
Supplementary Figure 78 Temperature record of the in-situ NMR measurement



Supplementary Figure 79 ¹**H-NMR spectrum 1 obtained from In-situ NMR detection at 80** °**C.** 600 MHz. The shown spectrum started from 2.5 min with an interval of 2.5 min (from bottom to top).

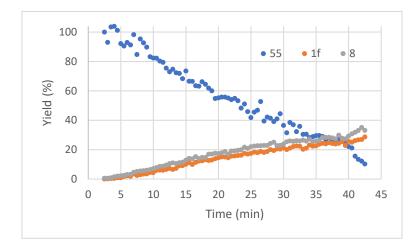


Supplementary Figure 80 ¹**H-NMR spectrum 1 obtained from In-situ NMR detection at 80** °**C. 600 MHz.** The shown spectrum started from 2.5 min with an interval of 2.5 min (from bottom to top).



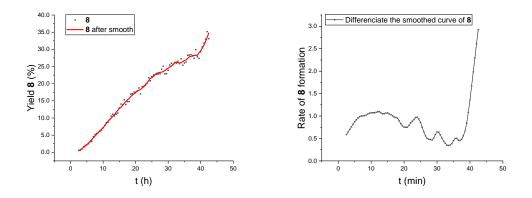
Supplementary Figure 81 NMR spectrum used as reference. Room temperature, 300 MHz.

Supplementary Figure 79–81 exhibited the chemical shifts of the key compounds, which could be used as references.



Supplementary Figure 82 Organometallic reaction profile from In-situ NMR analysis at 80 °C.

In the reaction profile monitored by NMR at 80 °C (Supplementary Figure 82), a relative method was used to quantified the compounds. The concentration of complex 55 decreased monotonically, indicating that it was converted to the desired product or the reaction intermediates. The yield of **1f** should be underestimated due to excessive background subtraction, leading to an overall reaction mass balance of 70%. Notably, an induction period was observed on the profile of **8**, suggesting that complex **55** is not the on-cycle species.



Supplementary Figure 83 Data processing for curve 8. a) Smooth the curve of 8. b) The rate of 8 formation derived from the differentiation of curve 8.

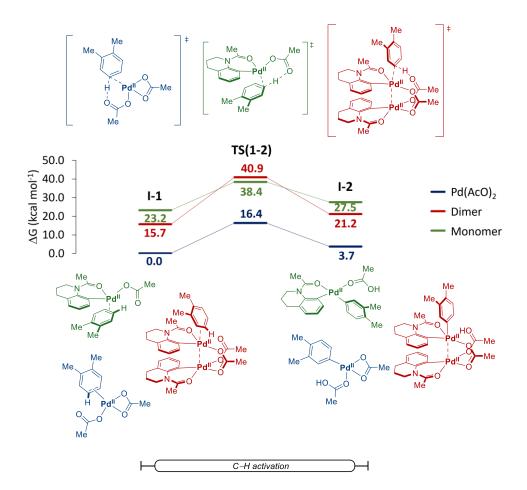
We smoothed and differentiated the curve of **8**, thus obtaining a rate profile of **8** formation (Supplementary Figure 83). If the intermediates **55** is the on-cycle species, the reaction rate should decrease monotonically as **55** did. However, the variation of the reaction rate exhibited a much more complicated pattern, which undergoes sequential rising, steading, descending and rising, indicating a more sophisticated mechanism. The rising at the end of the reaction monitoring might attributed to the unknown interference outside the reaction system. Therefore, our proposal of transmetalation is more plausible according to these results.

7.7.3 Ex-situ GC Measurements

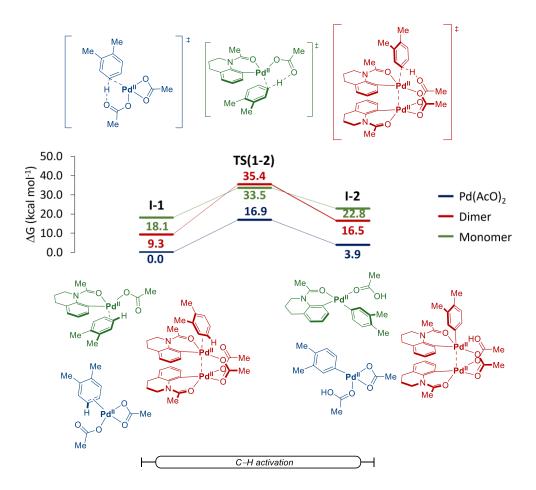
Reaction conditions: 10 mL glass vial, **55** (0.05 mmol) or **56** (0.10 mmol), **2d** (0.5 mL), HFIP:AcOH (5.0 mL, 1 : 2), 80 °C. At specific intervals shown on the horizontal axis, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture (0.05 mL) was taken, filtered through a small silica gel column, added with 0.05 mL internal standard stock solution (0.1 mmol dodecane in 5.5 mL EtOAc), and analyzed by GC. The GC yields were calibrated with a calibrating curve. To obtain a reliable result, data was generated by using the same reactor, heating plate, and GC. The reactions of **55** and **56** and the respective samplings were performed at the same time.

7.8 Computational Studies

All calculation were performed using Gaussian 16, Revision A.03 package.⁶ All structures were optimized at the B3LYP⁷ level of theory in combination with D3 dispersion corrections with Becke-Johnson damping scheme (D3(BJ)).⁸ All atoms were described with the 6-31G(d,p) basis set, whereas palladium was described with a LANL2DZ basis set with a Los Alamos effective core potential.⁹ Analytical frequencies were carried out at the same level of theory in order to identify each stationary point as either an intermediate or a transition. These also provided thermal and non-thermal corrections to the Gibbs free energy at 373.15 K. The electronic energy was then refined through B3LYP⁷ single-point calculations on the optimized geometries in combination with a standalone version of Grimme's most recent dispersion correction D4,¹⁰ with a 6-311+G(2d,p) basis set for all atom, expect for palladium, which was described with a SSD basis set and corresponding pseudo-potential.¹¹ Solvent effects for acetic acid of HFIP were included implicitly through the use of the SMD model.¹² The parameters for acetic acid were used as implemented in the Gaussian 16, whereas for HFIP the parameters were taken from Liu, Engle and coworkers.¹³ Energies reported are based on gas-phase Gibbs free energies with 6-31G(d,p)-LANL2DZ basis set for which the electronic energies were refined to B3LYP-D4 with 6-311+G(2d,p)-SDD basis set and solvent effects.



Supplementary Figure 84 Computed relative Gibbs free energies ($\Delta G_{373.15}$) in kcal mol⁻¹ for three possible pathways for the C–H activation elementary step at the B3LYP-D4/6-311+G(2d,p)-SDD+SMD(AcOH)/B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p)-LANL2DZ level of theory.



Supplementary Figure 85 Computed relative Gibbs free energies ($\Delta G_{373.15}$) in kcal mol⁻¹ for three possible pathways for the C–H activation elementary step at the B3LYP-D4/6-311+G(2d,p)-SDD+SMD(HFIP)/B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p)-LANL2DZ level of theory.

Supplementary Table 11 Calculated electronic energies at the B3LYP-D4/6-311+G(2d,p)-SDD + SMD(AcOH)/B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p)-LANL2DZ level of theory and Gibbs free Energies with dispersion corrections for all structures in the present work (all in Hartree).^a

Structure	Electronic Energy	Total Gibbs Free Energy
I-1 ^{ac}	-896.126976	-895.938161
TS(1-2) ^{ac}	-896.095500	-895.912088
I-2 ^{ac}	-896.121661	-895.932271
I-1 ^m	-1224.171942	-1223.832046
TS(1-2) ^m	-1224.142170	-1223.807919
I-2 ^m	-1224.161996	-1223.825277
I-1 ^d	-2137.377550	-2136.806734
TS(1-2) ^d	-2137.336093	-2136.766506
I-2 ^d	-2137.371416	-2136.797935
Pd(AcO) ₂	-585.102829	-585.052172
Pd-1a-dimer (53)	-1826.376072	-1825.945686
Pd-1a-monomer	-913.161195	-912.962627

^a Superscripts ac, m and d correspond to the pathways C–H activation where palladium acetate, one palladium center or a palladium dimer is involved, respectively.

Supplementary Table 12 Calculated electronic energies at the B3LYP-D4/6-311+G(2d,p)-SDD +SMD(HFIP)/B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p)-LANL2DZ level of theory and Gibbs free Energies with dispersion corrections for all structures in the present work (all in Hartree).^a

Structure	Electronic Energy	Total Gibbs Free Energy
I-1 ^{ac}	-896.130453	-895.941638
TS(1-2) ^{ac}	-896.098055	-895.914643
I-2 ^{ac}	-896.124775	-895.935385
I-1 ^m	-1224.179231	-1223.839335
TS(1-2) ^m	-1224.148955	-1223.814704
I-2 ^m	-1224.168574	-1223.831855
I-1 ^d	-2137.391124	-2136.820308
TS(1-2) ^d	-2137.348272	-2136.778685
I-2 ^d	-2137.382413	-2136.808932
Pd(AcO) ₂	-585.102021	-585.051364
Pd-1a-dimer (53)	-1826.376072	-1825.945686
Pd-1a-monomer	-913.165556	-912.966988

^a Superscripts ac, m and d correspond to the pathways for C–H activation where palladium acetate, one palladium center or a palladium dimer is involved, respectively.

I-1^{ac}

Lowest frequency = 28.0416 cm^{-1}

Charge = 0, Multiplicity = 1

Pd	0.629904	-0.326560	0.235218
С	-0.123291	1.754453	-0.579777
С	-1.268330	1.472153	-1.354549
С	-0.229678	1.738349	0.834203
С	-2.482128	1.159602	-0.763828
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Н	-3.993054	-0.222148	-1.422233
Н	-4.530277	1.455661	-1.399836
С	-3.896576	0.786857	1.315889
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Н	-4.189495	-0.237512	1.058691
Н	-3.822457	0.852977	2.403598
0	2.419958	0.421717	0.710743
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0	2.776143	0.916263	-1.463626
0	0.929719	-2.464320	0.174968
С	-0.312808	-2.605354	-0.057144
0	-1.038850	-1.548491	-0.111303
С	-0.912078	-3.958894	-0.291695
Н	-0.705136	-4.265237	-1.322449
Н	-0.451732	-4.690212	0.375831
Н	-1.992405	-3.926333	-0.142448
С	4.584885	1.143014	0.121023
Н	5.123514	0.207198	0.301062
Н	5.084535	1.698148	-0.673622
Н	4.594879	1.713125	1.052996
Н	0.800292	2.049748	-1.063765

TS(1-2)^{ac}

Lowest frequency = $-933.5161 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Charge = 0, Multiplicity = 1

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.	4 400550	0 076440	0 070707
Pd	1.122552	-0.076118	0.070707
C	-0.859509	0.651576	-0.075705
С	-1.666964	-0.042268	-1.005248
С	-1.423785	0.973749	1.177769
С	-2.982145	-0.398591	-0.725886
Н	-1.245347	-0.306933	-1.971064
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Н	-3.161796	0.871490	2.438993
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Н	-4.144676	-2.106158	-1.371161
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Н	3.297122	-4.060500	-0.261914
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Н	1.603056	-4.463158	-0.705153
C	2.336826	4.053860	-0.216966
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н	3.013676	4.036886	0.637335
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I-2^{ac}

Lowest frequency = 26.0884 cm^{-1}

Charge = 0, Multiplicity = 1

Pd	1.446333	0.081494	0.205365
С	1.355866	2.058497	0.161466
С	0.605583	2.783473	1.096919
С	2.106264	2.748744	-0.795028
С	0.586341	4.183007	1.090048
Н	0.024160	2.257157	1.849515
С	2.079580	4.145098	-0.812241
Н	2.722059	2.203010	-1.502439
С	1.332449	4.877190	0.115232
Н	2.660916	4.678927	-1.560263
С	-0.226006	4.933048	2.116073
Н	-0.740018	4.244684	2.791743
Н	0.404713	5.591232	2.725336
Н	-0.982861	5.571486	1.644445
С	1.329961	6.384597	0.074843
Н	0.318967	6.784302	-0.070417
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0	-0.611969	-0.109578	0.671222
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0	-1.325069	1.271112	-0.966249
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0	3.427974	-0.073093	-0.334513
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Н	4.602557	-3.115711	-0.739627
Н	5.254602	-1.590019	-1.424901
Н	5.429177	-1.929033	0.299310
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Н	-3.520066	0.871384	0.511887
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Н	-0.377547	1.551056	-0.946455

I-1^m

Lowest frequency = 18.9211 cm^{-1}

Charge = 0, Multiplicity = 1

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С	0.788896	1.608515	-0.358103
С	1.934433	-0.131022	-1.571459
С	1.968215	2.375782	-0.303055
Ν	-0.414962	2.182222	0.185437
С	3.103669	0.635192	-1.562587

Н	1.928398	-1.099450	-2.058029
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С	-1.616407	1.976944	-0.405376
С	-0.217157	3.115931	1.297019
Н	3.997870	0.270941	-2.060864
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Н	2.578612	4.436270	-0.201689
Н	2.652494	3.573413	1.321047
Н	4.034200	2.452431	-0.876744
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С	-2.832104	2.748174	0.036560
Н	0.263016	2.564117	2.113910
Н	-1.180987	3.461258	1.661754
Н	0.781529	5.012712	1.618324
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Н	-2.642204	3.801022	0.251517
Н	-3.570685	2.662444	-0.759793
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С	-0.164757	-1.887453	1.377798
С	1.017720	-1.337041	1.899393
С	-0.083480	-2.799709	0.299832
С	2.263131	-1.663150	1.377645
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Н	4.360455	-3.387977	0.473188
Н	3.584591	-3.674802	-1.091696
С	3.503226	-0.988413	1.898584
Н	4.278865	-1.709363	2.178619
Н	3.928511	-0.335074	1.127084
Н	3.278215	-0.372974	2.772907
0	-2.795274	-1.662938	-0.473245
С	-3.467679	-1.065559	0.454257
0	-3.014473	-0.196371	1.224676
Н	-1.123489	-1.642960	1.822050
C	-4.928626	-1.489855	0.552247
H	-5.020561	-2.575262	0.462240
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Lowest frequency = -1038.4158 cm⁻¹

Charge = 0, Multiplicity = 1

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С	0.658201	-0.776728	-0.485125
С	1.996384	-0.992277	-0.102210
C	-0.058544	-1.862543	-1.002017
С	2.587376	-2.272859	-0.184520
Ν	2.840912	0.085384	0.365719
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C	4.007484	-2.570550	0.267715
C	1.822233	-3.331595	-0.679272
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Н	-0.067543	-3.958153	-1.496928
С	4.825974	-1.318710	0.583892
H	4.512688	-3.179334	-0.489689
Н	3.954985	-3.194184	1.170950
Н	2.274321	-4.318286	-0.742199
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Н	5.685497	-1.563940	1.216041
Н	5.212424	-0.861760	-0.334868
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н	3.895897	2.659239	1.125712
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С	-4.541707	-3.228587	-0.281045
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Н	-2.032937	1.497161	0.714521
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H	-2.967239	5.158671	0.098099
H	-1.974784	5.284703	1.548609
Н	-1.241550	5.583806	-0.060721

I-2^m

Lowest frequency = 16.6584 cm^{-1}

Charge = 0, Multiplicity = 1

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C	1.026284	-0.878986	-0.557269
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c	0.565475	-2.072032	-1.132759
C	3.196471	-1.983228	-0.188299
Ň	2.943818	0.332158	0.509296
C	1.380806	-3.197801	-1.237700
H	-0.453359	-2.120190	-1.495251
C	4.624942	-2.025305	0.331731
c	2.684574	-3.150179	-0.761592
C	2.709062	1.591292	0.064418
C	3.991022	0.060647	1.501396
H	0.995734	-4.109001	-1.687234
С	5.143193	-0.674302	0.826167
Н	5.284463	-2.429539	-0.444029
Н	4.662632	-2.742896	1.162735
Н	3.329061	-4.023004	-0.833141
0	1.781254	1.887229	-0.715235
С	3.609578	2.722348	0.525037
Н	3.548493	-0.563845	2.286297
Н	4.310340	0.989394	1.967128
Н	5.979441	-0.806871	1.520471
Н	5.503316	-0.062453	-0.009425
Н	4.671617	2.495106	0.400068
Н	3.351274	3.595201	-0.072861
Н	3.432694	2.961568	1.578925
С	-1.751254	-0.267618	-0.269114
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Н	-1.149287	-1.313765	1.516029
С	-4.006882	-0.811602	-1.012993
Н	-2.707931	0.568163	-2.021656
С	-4.200450	-1.684655	0.062179
Н	-4.811048	-0.678408	-1.733915
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Н	-5.353106	-3.514961	0.213136
Н	-5.994037	-2.188225	1.172821
Н	-6.198370	-2.181241	-0.584765
С	-3.313146	-2.782871	2.167367
Н	-4.149416	-2.484348	2.811646
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Н	-2.407413	-2.799125	2.778990
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0	-2.598736	2.240571	1.103957
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С	-2.556849	4.482646	0.358630
Н	-3.601709	4.495761	0.033464
Н	-2.534659	4.813873	1.400196
Н	-1.965760	5.149219	-0.267397

I-1^d

Lowest frequency = 11.0197 cm^{-1}

Charge = 0, Multiplicity = 1

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Pd	-2.088481	-1.260752	0.581858
0	-3.357314	0.110680	1.585328
С	-4.138789	0.991493	1.058828
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Н	-3.928797	0.221994	-3.958637
Н	-4.756682	-1.129613	-3.108786
Н	-4.896407	0.526625	-2.489036
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Н	-4.584809	1.929262	2.964955
Н	-5.651151	2.444950	1.618695
Н	-5.838830	0.842480	2.378985
0	-1.206320	-1.520347	2.392067
С	-0.004199	-1.792949	2.609328
С	2.295163	-2.271272	2.101241
С	0.463359	-2.842725	0.423381
С	3.236854	-2.657595	0.977754
Н	2.432404	-2.977538	2.928181
Н	2.537542	-1.270078	2.460533
С	1.374073	-3.717340	-0.214951
С	2.747759	-3.959002	0.357579
Н	4.245374	-2.745598	1.396242
Н	3.257778	-1.870632	0.219431
Н	3.421506	-4.308285	-0.430966
Н	2.728885	-4.744236	1.127415
Ν	0.865490	-2.280008	1.695136
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С	2.191836	-0.458526	-2.032049
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C	5.222715	0.409438	-0.529043
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C	0.688991	4.248681	0.267037
Н	-0.386159	4.492602	2.112602
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Н	1.770173	5.327400	1.790147
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н	1.669083	3.329637	-2.889407
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TS(1-2)^d

Lowest frequency = -1173.2108 cm⁻¹

Charge = 0, Multiplicity = 1

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Ри 0	-3.571624	-1.320234	0.936949
C	-4.223604	-1.019073	-0.098781
0	-3.795657	-0.331255	-1.085944
	-1.951164	-2.872792	-0.978609
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	-1.854154	-2.237691	-2.084646
0	-1.318413	-1.123334	-2.282597
C	-2.515075	-2.915489	-3.270434
Н	-1.988406	-2.666809	-4.193287
Н	-2.563958	-3.996222	-3.129309
H	-3.535137	-2.523472	-3.342052
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Н	-6.120337	-1.541913	0.773254
Н	-6.227825	-0.948477	-0.919850
Н	-5.602132	-2.574738	-0.562179
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C	0.159671	-0.488656	2.787688
С	2.495751	0.041511	2.475247
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С	3.757411	-0.390286	1.751120
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Н	4.892522	-2.236113	1.508307
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Lowest frequency = 20.5461 cm^{-1}

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Pd-1a-dimer (50)

Lowest frequency = 21.4715 cm^{-1}

Charge = 0, Multiplicity = 1

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Pd-1a-monomer

Lowest frequency = 21.3953 cm⁻¹

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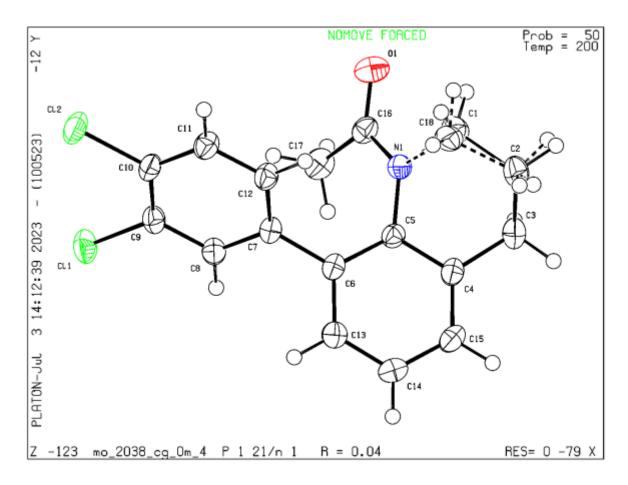
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8 Crystallographic Data

Supplementary Table 13 Crystal data and structure refinement for 36

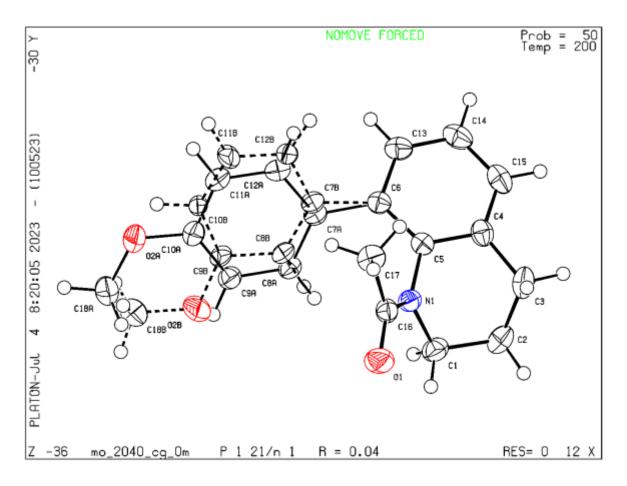
CCDC number	2281047
Empirical formula	C17H15Cl2NO
Formula weight	320.20
Temperature [K]	200.00
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group (number)	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> (14)
a [Å]	8.6706(8)
b [Å]	15.0012(14)
c [Å]	12.2862(9)
α [°]	90
β [°]	110.160(2)
γ [°]	90
Volume [Å ³]	1500.2(2)
Z	4
$ ho_{calc}$ [gcm ⁻³]	1.418
$\mu [\text{mm}^{-1}]$	0.430
F(000)	664
Crystal size [mm ³]	0.552×0.285×0.176
Crystal colour	colourless
Crystal shape	block
Radiation	Mo <i>K</i> α (λ=0.71073 Å)
2θ range [°]	4.45 to 61.06 (0.70 Å)
Index ranges	–12 ≤ h ≤ 10
	0 ≤ k ≤ 21
	0≤ ≤17
Reflections collected	4515
Independent reflections	4515
	<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0449
	R _{sigma} = 0.0260
Completeness to	100.0 %
θ = 25.242°	
Data / Restraints /	4515/2/202
Parameters	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.050
Final R indexes	$R_1 = 0.0391$
[<i>l</i> ≥2σ(<i>l</i>)]	$wR_2 = 0.0991$
Final R indexes	$R_1 = 0.0451$
[all data]	$wR_2 = 0.1038$
Largest peak/hole [eÅ ⁻³]	0.38/-0.30



Supplementary Figure 86 Crystal Structure of 36

Supplementary Table 14 Crystal data and structure refinement for 25

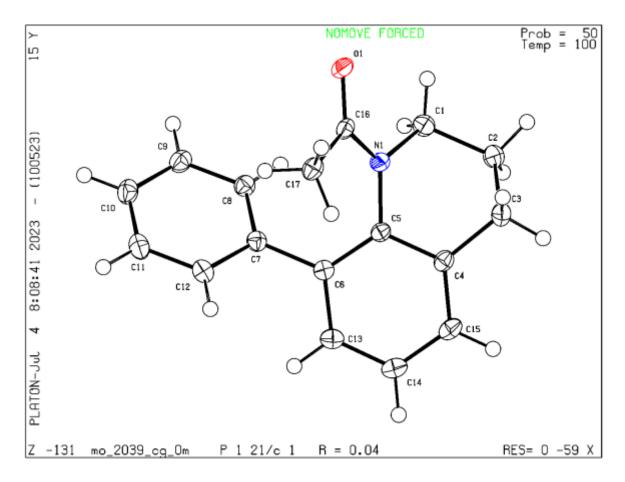
	2224242
CCDC number	2281048
Empirical formula	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ NO ₂
Formula weight	281.34
Temperature [K]	200.00
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group (number)	$P2_1/n$ (14)
a [Å]	8.4396(11)
b [Å]	9.1461(14)
c [Å]	19.060(3)
α [°]	90
β[°]	101.813(5)
γ [°]	90
Volume [ų]	1440.1(4)
Ζ	4
$ ho_{ m calc} [m g cm^{-3}]$	1.298
μ [mm ⁻¹]	0.084
F(000)	600
Crystal size [mm ³]	0.671×0.321×0.064
Crystal colour	colourless
Crystal shape	plate
Radiation	Mo <i>K</i> α (λ=0.71073 Å)
2θ range [°]	4.37 to 61.16 (0.70 Å)
Index ranges	–11 ≤ h ≤ 11
	-13 ≤ k ≤ 12
	–27 ≤ l ≤ 24
Reflections collected	38513
Independent reflections	4354
	<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0434
	<i>R</i> _{sigma} = 0.0203
Completeness to	100.0 %
θ = 25.242°	
Data / Restraints /	4354/69/259
Parameters	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.057
Final R indexes	$R_1 = 0.0433$
[<i>I</i> ≥2σ(<i>I</i>)]	$wR_2 = 0.1182$
Final R indexes	$R_1 = 0.0530$
[all data]	$wR_2 = 0.1266$
Largest peak/hole [eÅ ⁻³]	0.31/-0.18



Supplementary Figure 87 Crystal Structure of 25. A disorder where the methoxy group sits in *meta* position (ca. 7%) instead of *para* was found during the crystallographic analysis.

Supplementary Table 15 Crystal data and structure refinement for 22

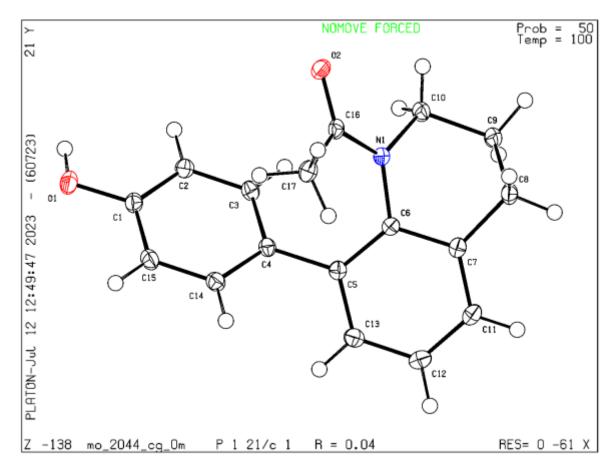
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CCDC number	2281049
Empirical formula	C17H17NO
Formula weight	251.31
Temperature [K]	100.00
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group (number)	$P2_{1}/c$ (14)
a [Å]	8.3205(6)
b [Å]	9.6385(6)
<i>c</i> [Å]	16.4100(11)
α [°]	90
β [°]	97.311(2)
γ[°]	90
Volume [ų] –	1305.34(15)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}} [\text{gcm}^{-3}]$	1.279
μ [mm ⁻¹]	0.079
F(000)	536
Crystal size [mm ³]	0.517×0.424×0.317
Crystal colour	colourless
Crystal shape	block
Radiation	Mo <i>K</i> _α (λ=0.71073 Å)
2θ range [°]	4.91 to 65.27 (0.66 Å)
Index ranges	–12 ≤ h ≤ 12
	$-14 \le k \le 14$
	–24 ≤ l ≤ 24
Reflections collected	52821
Independent reflections	4750
	$R_{\rm int} = 0.0319$
	$R_{sigma} = 0.0144$
Completeness to	100.0 %
θ = 25.242°	
Data / Restraints /	4750/0/173
Parameters	
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.048
Final R indexes	$R_1 = 0.0377$
[/≥2σ(/)]	$wR_2 = 0.1107$
Final R indexes	$R_1 = 0.0389$
[all data]	$wR_2 = 0.1121$
Largest peak/hole [eÅ ⁻³]	0.45/-0.23



Supplementary Figure 88 Crystal Structure of 22

Supplementary Table 16 Crystal data and structure refinement for 26

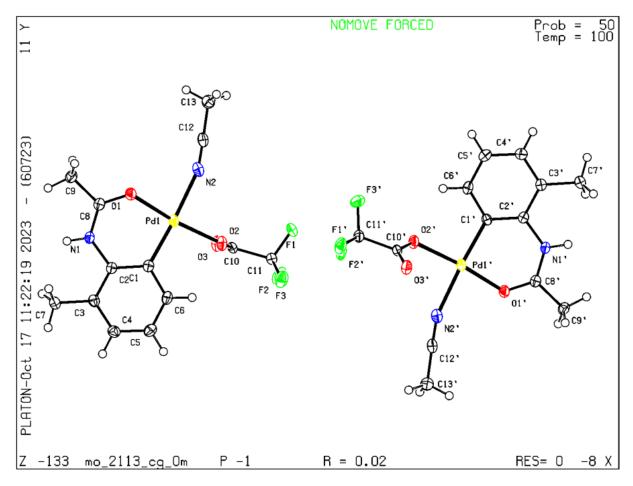
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CCDC number	2285982
Empirical formula	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ NO ₂
Formula weight	267.31
Temperature [K]	100.00
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group (number)	$P2_{1}/c$ (14)
a [Å]	8.6183(4)
b [Å]	9.5414(9)
<i>c</i> [Å]	16.0190(13)
α [°]	90
β[°]	92.995(3)
γ [°]	90
Volume [ų]	1315.45(17)
Ζ	4
$ ho_{ m calc} [m g cm^{-3}]$	1.350
μ [mm ⁻¹]	0.088
F(000)	568
Crystal size [mm ³]	0.428×0.206×0.182
Crystal colour	colourless
Crystal shape	block
Radiation	Mo <i>K</i> α (λ=0.71073 Å)
2θ range [°]	4.73 to 59.20 (0.72 Å)
Index ranges	–11 ≤ h ≤ 10
	-13 ≤ k ≤ 12
	-22 ≤ ≤ 22
Reflections collected	34011
Independent reflections	3651
	R _{int} = 0.0279
	$R_{sigma} = 0.0140$
Completeness to	100.0 %
θ = 25.242°	
Data / Restraints /	3651/0/186
Parameters	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.044
Final R indexes	$R_1 = 0.0371$
[/≥2σ(/)]	$wR_2 = 0.0964$
Final <i>R</i> indexes	$R_1 = 0.0400$
[all data]	$wR_2 = 0.0989$
Largest peak/hole [eÅ ⁻³]	0.44/-0.21
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Supplementary Figure 89 Crystal Structure of 26

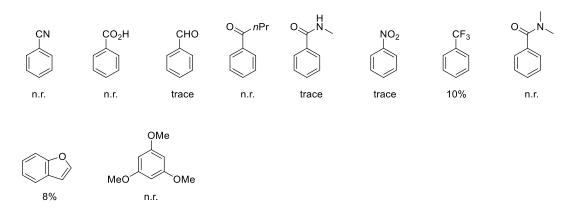
Supplementary Table 17 Crystal data and structure refinement for 56

CCDC number	2302226
Empirical formula	$C_{13}H_{13}F_3N_2O_3Pd$
Formula weight	408.65
Temperature [K]	100.00
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group (number)	P1 (2)
a [Å]	9.5709(5)
b [Å]	11.3898(5)
c [Å]	14.4554(9)
α [°]	75.640(2)
β[°]	76.595(2)
γ [°]	79.334(3)
Volume [Å ³]	1471.30(14)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}} [\text{gcm}^{-3}]$	1.845
$\mu \text{ [mm^{-1}]}$	1.307
F(000)	808
Crystal size [mm ³]	0.341×0.156×0.153
Crystal colour	yellow
Crystal shape	block
Radiation	Mo <i>K</i> _α (λ=0.71073 Å)
2θ range [°]	4.23 to 61.09 (0.70 Å)
Index ranges	$-12 \le h \le 13$
index ranges	$-15 \le k \le 16$
	$-20 \le \le 20$
Reflections collected	14923
Independent reflections	14923
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	$R_{sigma} = 0.0157$
Completeness to	99.8 %
θ = 25.242°	55.670
Data / Restraints /	14923/0/412
Parameters	14525/0/412
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.066
Final R indexes	$R_1 = 0.0203$
[<i>I</i> ≥2σ(<i>I</i>)]	$wR_2 = 0.0559$
Final R indexes	$R_1 = 0.0217$
[all data]	$wR_2 = 0.0570$
Largest peak/hole [eÅ ⁻³]	0.75/-0.71
	0.757 0.71



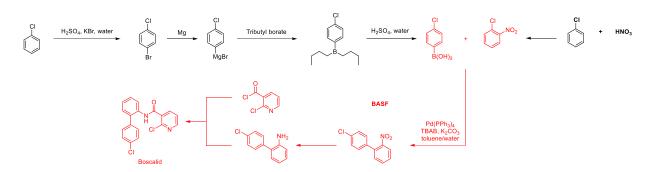
Supplementary Figure 90 Crystal Structure of 56

9 Unsuccessful Simple Arenes

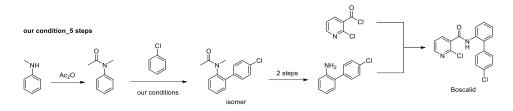


Supplementary Figure 91 Failed arene scope

10 Boscalid 10.1 Synthetic Route

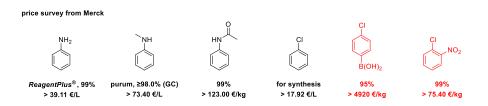


Supplementary Figure 92 Synthetic route of Boscalid in industry. The route was obtained from the literature.¹⁴



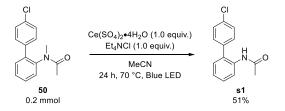
Supplementary Figure 93 Our synthetic route

10.2 Prices of the chemicals



Supplementary Figure 94 The prices of the chemical offered by the Merck online website

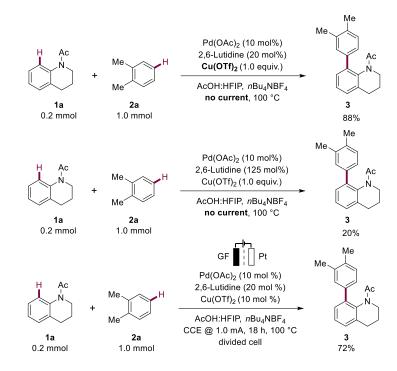
10.3 N-demethylation



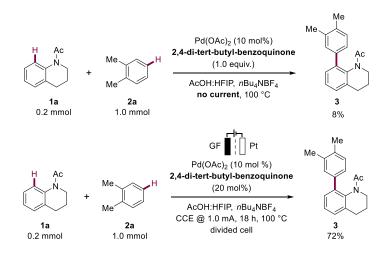
The *N*-demethylation of amide was conducted following the procedure reported previously.¹⁵ To a 10 mL vial contained a magnetic stir bar, amide **50** (0.2 mmol), Et₄NCl (1.0 equiv.), Ce(SO₄)₂·4H₂O (1.0 equiv.), and CH₃CN (1.0 mL) were added under atmosphere of air. The

mixture was stirred at 1400 RPM for 24 h under irradiation by blue LEDs at 70 °C. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) to afford demethylated amide **s1** in 51% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3 (C_q), 136.7 (C_q), 134.6 (C_q), 134.2 (C_q), 130.6 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 122.3 (CH), 24.6 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3416, 3272, 3028, 1663, 1518, 1476, 1444, 1370, 1288, 1090 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 268 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 246 (10) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₄H₁₂ClNO + Na]⁺ 268.0500 found 268.0503.

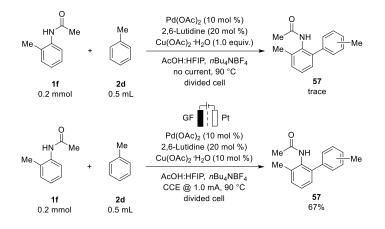
11 Additional Studies for the Role of Copper **11.1 CV studies**



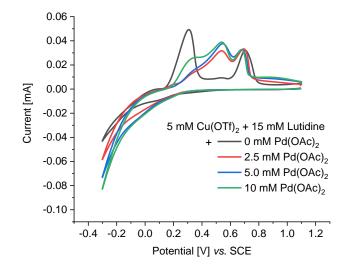
Supplementary Figure 95 Reaction using stoichiometric Cu(OTf)₂ or electricity



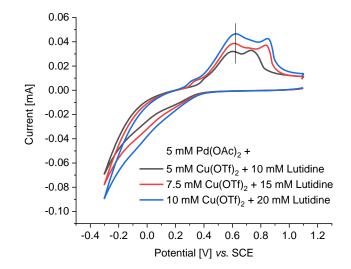
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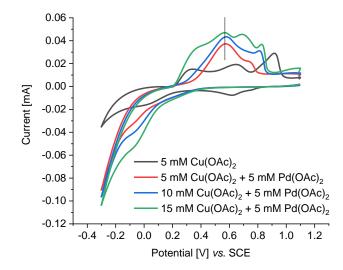
Supplementary Figure 97 Reaction using stoichiometric Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O or electricity.



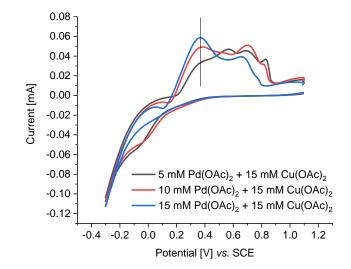
Supplementary Figure 98 Cyclic voltammetry titration experiments. $Pd(OAc)_2$ (0–15 mM), $Cu(OTf)_2$ (5 mM) and Lutidine (15 mM). The voltammograms were recorded at room temperature in HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL:2.6 mL) with 0.1 M nBu₄NBF₄ as supporting electrolyte under N₂ atmosphere. The scan rate is 100 mV/s.



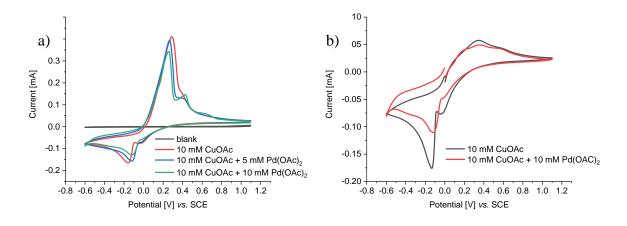
Supplementary Figure 99 Cyclic voltammetry titration experiments. $Pd(OAc)_2$ (5 mM), $Cu(OTf)_2$ (5–10 mM) and Lutidine (10–20 mM). The voltammograms were recorded at room temperature in HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL:2.6 mL) with 0.1 M nBu₄NBF₄ as supporting electrolyte under N₂ atmosphere. The scan rate is 100 mV/s.



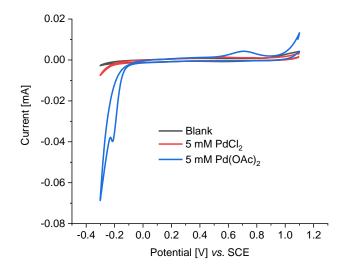
Supplementary Figure 100 Cyclic voltammetry titration experiments. $Pd(OAc)_2$ (5 mM), $Cu(OAc)_2$ H_2O (5–15 mM). The voltammograms were recorded at room temperature in HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL:2.6 mL) with 0.1 M nBu₄NBF₄ as supporting electrolyte under N₂ atmosphere. The scan rate is 100 mV/s.



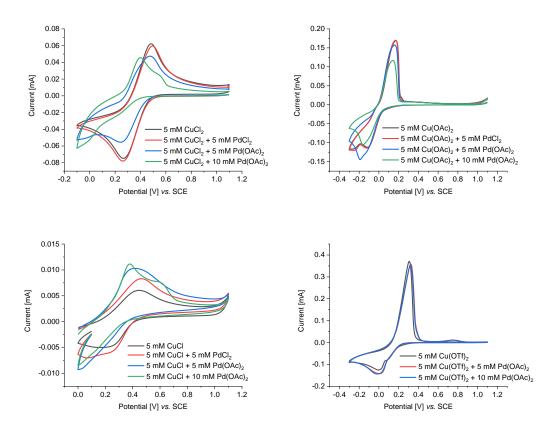
Supplementary Figure 101 Cyclic voltammetry titration experiments. $Pd(OAc)_2$ (5–15 mM), $Cu(OAc)_2$ H₂O (15 mM). The voltammograms were recorded at room temperature in HFIP:AcOH (1.3 mL:2.6 mL) with 0.1 M nBu₄NBF₄ as supporting electrolyte under N₂ atmosphere. The scan rate is 100 mV/s.



Supplementary Figure 102 Cyclic voltammetry titration experiments. a) Starting voltage at 1.1 V; b) starting potential at 0 V. $Pd(OAc)_2$ (5–10 mM), CuOAc (10 mM). The voltammograms were recorded at room temperature in MeOH (4 mL) with 0.1 M nBu₄NBF₄ as supporting electrolyte under N₂ atmosphere. The scan rate is 100 mV/s.

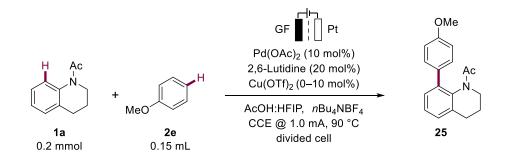


Supplementary Figure 103 Cyclic voltammetry. The voltammograms were recorded at room temperature in MeOH (4 mL) with 0.1 M nBu₄NBF₄ as supporting electrolyte under N_2 atmosphere. The scan rate is 100 mV/s.



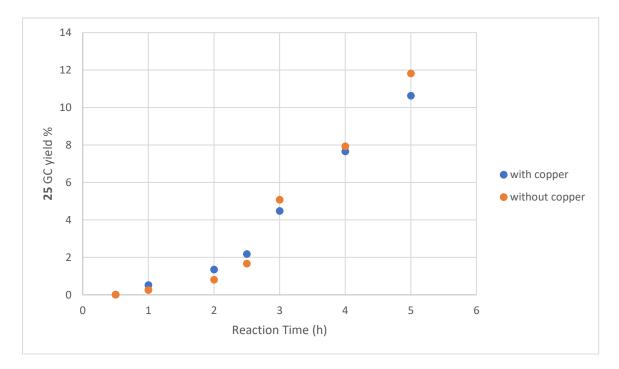
Supplementary Figure 104 Cyclic voltammetry titration experiments. The voltammograms were recorded at room temperature in MeOH (4 mL) with 0.1 M nBu_4NBF_4 as supporting electrolyte under N₂ atmosphere. The scan rate is 100 mV/s.

11.2 Reaction Profiles

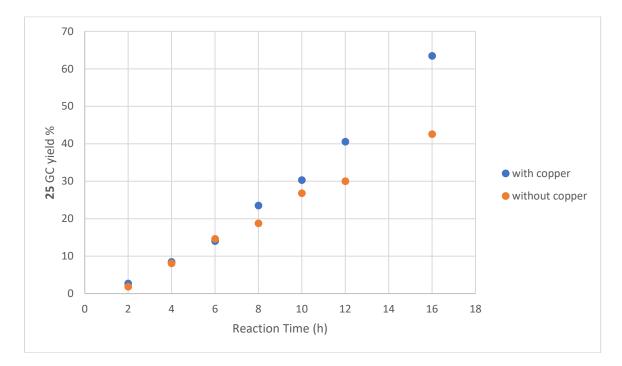


Reaction conditions: divided cell, anodic chamber: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2e** (0.15 mL), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), 2,6-lutidine (20 mol %), Cu(OTf)₂ (0–10 mol %), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (5.4 mL, 1 : 2), cathodic chamber: **2e** (0.15 mL), *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg), HFIP:AcOH (5.4 mL, 1 : 2), 90 °C, electrolysis (CCE) at 1.0 mA, graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm), Pt-plate cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), GC yield. At specific intervals shown on the horizontal axis, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture (0.05 mL) was

taken, filtered through a small silica gel column, added with 0.05 mL internal standard stock solution (0.2 mmol dodecane in 5.5 mL EtOAc), and analyzed by GC. Only the *para*-isomer was quantified for the kinetics studies. To obtain a reliable result, data was generated by using the same reactor, potentiostat, heating plate, and GC.

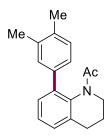


Supplementary Figure 105 Reaction profiling for the role of copper 1



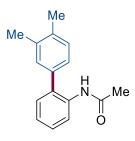
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12 Characterization



1-(8-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (3)

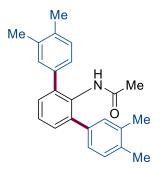
The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (120.6 µL, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu4NBF4 (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **3** (40.1 mg, 72%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.¹⁶ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 3.12 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.77 – 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.22 (m, 7H), 1.83 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3 (Cq), 138.0 (Cq), 137.8 (Cq), 137.5 (Cq), 137.0 (Cq), 136.5 (Cq), 135.9 (Cq), 130.2 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 41.6 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₃), 19.9 (CH₃), 19.4 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2939, 2877, 1655, 1448, 1374, 1338, 1260, 1208, 1025, 791 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 302 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 280 (30) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₀NO + Na]⁺ 302.1515 found 302.1520.



N-(3',4'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (4)

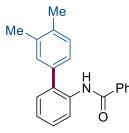
The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-phenylacetamide (**1b**) (27.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (1.0 mL, 8.3 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 100 °C for 18 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) yielded **4** (mono-arylated product 21.3 mg, 45% and di-arylated product 14.5 mg, 21%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.¹⁷ Mono-arylated product, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR

(101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2 (C_q), 137.5 (C_q), 136.5 (C_q), 135.6 (C_q), 134.8 (C_q), 132.1 (C_q), 130.5 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 24.7 (CH₃), 19.9 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3415, 3279, 2923, 1663, 1583, 1518, 1444, 1367, 1296, 760 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 262 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 240 (10) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₇NO + Na]⁺ 262.1202 found 262.1204.



N-(3,3'',4,4''-tetramethyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-yl)acetamide (di-4)

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 12H), 1.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3 (C_q), 140.6 (C_q), 137.4 (C_q), 136.4 (C_q), 135.6 (C_q), 131.2 (C_q), 130.0 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 23.0 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3242, 3018, 2970, 2920, 1660, 1507, 1445, 1368, 1294, 797 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 366 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 344 (50) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₅NO + Na]⁺ 366.1828 found 366.1819.



N -(3',4'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)benzamide (5)

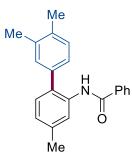
The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-phenylbenzamide (**1c**) (39.5 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (1.0 mL, 8.3 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 10:1) yielded **5** (monoarylated product 20.5 mg, 34% and di-arylated product 30.0 mg, 37%). Mono-arylated product, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.73 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.0 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 136.7 (C_q), 135.5 (C_q), 135.0 (C_q), 132.3 (C_q), 131.7 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.6 (CH₃). IR (ATR):

3421, 3059, 3030, 2920, 1677, 1582, 1519, 1444, 1302, 758 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 324 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 302 (30) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₁H₁₉NO + Na]⁺ 324.1359 found 324.1367.



N-(3,3'',4,4''-tetramethyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-yl)benzamide (di-5)

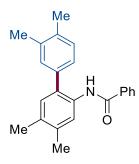
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (s, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (m, 3H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 2.22 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3 (C_q), 140.6 (C_q), 137.3 (C_q), 136.4 (C_q), 135.6 (C_q), 135.4 (C_q), 131.3 (C_q), 131.2 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3278, 3260, 3238, 1640, 1520, 1488, 1451, 1304, 1240, 795 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 428 (90) [M + Na]⁺, 406 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₂₉H₂₇NO + H]⁺ 406.2165 found 406.2155.



N-(3',4,4'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)benzamide (6)

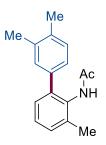
The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-(*m*-tolyl)benzamide (**1d**) (42.3 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (1.0 mL, 8.3 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 10:1) yielded **6** (55.0 mg, 87%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.0 (C_q), 138.3 (C_q), 137.6 (C_q), 136.4 (C_q), 135.6 (C_q), 135.0 (C_q), 134.8 (C_q), 131.6 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.6 (C_q), 128.7 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.1 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 21.6 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.6 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3420, 3058, 3020, 2918, 1677, 1577, 1530, 1464, 1294, 706 cm⁻

¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 338 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 316 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₁NO + H]⁺ 316.1696 found 316.1690.



N-(3',4,4',5-tetramethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)benzamide (7)

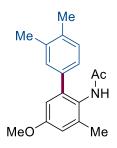
The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)benzamide (**1e**) (45.0, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (1.0 mL, 8.3 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 10:1) yielded **7** (51.1 mg, 78%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9 (C_q), 137.5 (C_q), 136.7 (C_q), 136.3 (C_q), 135.6 (C_q), 135.1 (C_q), 132.7 (C_q), 132.5 (C_q), 131.5 (CH), 131.1 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 130.1 (C_q), 128.7 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 122.4 (CH), 19.9 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.6 (CH₃), 19.3 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3421, 3308, 2970, 2918, 1673, 1578, 1520, 1493, 1452, 1292 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 352 (80) [M + Na]⁺, 330 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₂₃H₂₃NO + H]⁺ 330.1852 found 330.1850.



N-(3,3',4'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (8)

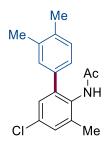
The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-(*o*-tolyl)acetamide (**1f**) (29.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (120.6 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **8** (44.3 mg, 87%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.¹⁷ Rotamers in a ratio of 5:1 could be found on ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR.¹⁸ For the major rotamer, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.14

(m, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 2.32 – 2.28 (m, 9H), 2.02 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3 (C_q), 139.3 (C_q), 137.1 (C_q), 136.7 (C_q), 136.6 (C_q), 135.8 (C_q), 132.6 (C_q), 130.1 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 23.1 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃), 18.7 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3278, 3019, 2922, 1655, 1522, 1508, 1465, 1368, 1289, 1247 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 276 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 254 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₉NO + Na]⁺ 276.1359 found 276.1359.



N-(5-methoxy-3,3',4'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (9)

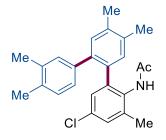
The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-(4-methoxy-2-methylphenyl)acetamide (**1g**) (35.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (120.6 µL, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **9** (30.1 mg, 53%). Rotamers in a ratio of 5:1 could be found on ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR. For the major rotamer, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.32 – 2.25 (m, 9H), 2.01 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8 (C_q), 158.3 (C_q), 140.8 (C_q), 138.2 (C_q), 137.2 (C_q), 136.6 (C_q), 135.9 (C_q), 130.0 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 125.6 (C_q), 115.2 (CH), 113.1 (CH), 55.4 (CH₃), 23.0 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃), 18.9 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2994, 1770, 1759, 1654, 1600, 1457, 1374, 1245, 1206, 1055 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 306 (90) [M + Na]⁺, 284 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₈H₂₁NO₂ + H]⁺ 284.1645 found 284.1645.



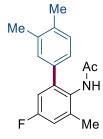
N-(5-chloro-3,3',4'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (10)

The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-(4-chloro-2-methylphenyl)acetamide (**1h**) (36.7 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (120.6 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg,

0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **10** (mono-arylated product 39.0 mg, 68% and di-arylated product 6.2 mg, 8%). Rotamers in a ratio of 10:1 could be found on ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR of mono-arylated product. For the major rotamer, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 2.31 – 2.25 (m, 9H), 2.00 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4 (C_q), 140.8 (C_q), 138.6 (C_q), 136.9 (C_q), 136.4 (C_q), 132.6 (C_q), 131.3 (C_q), 129.9 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 23.0 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃), 18.7 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3241, 3017, 2971, 2921, 1655, 1578, 1522, 1464, 1369, 1289 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 310 (50) [M + Na]⁺, 288 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₈ClNO + H]⁺ 288.1150 found 288.1150.

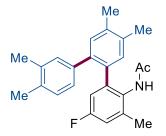


N-(5-chloro-3,3'',4',4'',5'-pentamethyl-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (di-10) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1 (C_q), 141.1 (C_q), 138.4 (C_q), 138.2 (C_q), 137.5 (C_q), 136.9 (C_q), 136.9 (C_q), 136.0 (C_q), 135.7 (C_q), 134.1 (C_q), 132.5 (CH), 132.5 (C_q), 131.3 (C_q), 130.8 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 23.0 (CH₃), 19.7 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃), 19.4 (CH₃), 19.4 (CH₃), 18.5 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3277, 2972, 2926, 2859, 1660, 1578, 1519, 1492, 1451, 1368 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 414 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 392 (15) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₂₅H₂₆ClNO + Na]⁺ 414.1595 found 414.1594.



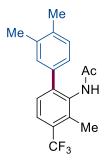
N-(5-fluoro-3,3',4'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (11)

The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-(4-fluoro-2-methylphenyl)acetamide (**1i**) (33.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (120.6 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **11** (mono-arylated product 36.1 mg, 66% and di-arylated product 9.0 mg, 12%). Rotamers in a ratio of 7:1 could be found on ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR of mono arylated product. For the major rotamer, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6 (C_q), 161.1 (d, *J* = 246.3 Hz, C_q), 141.3 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, C_q), 139.2 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, C_q), 136.7 (Cq), 136.3 (Cq), 136.1 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, Cq), 129.8 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 128.6 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, C_q), 126.0 (CH), 116.2 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz, CH), 114.4 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz, CH), 2.9 (CH₃), 19.7 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃), 18.8 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.5 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz). IR (ATR): 3256, 3031, 2924, 1655, 1597, 1524, 1470, 1370, 1236, 1152 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 294 (60) [M + Na]⁺, 272 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₈FNO + H]⁺ 272.1445 found 272.1440.



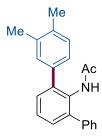
N-(5-fluoro-3,3'',4',4'',5'-pentamethyl-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (di-11)

Di-arylated product, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.93 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 9.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3 (C_q), 161.1 (d, J = 245.6 Hz, C_q), 141.6 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, C_q), 138.8 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, C_q), 138.5 (C_q), 137.5 (C_q), 136.9 (C_q), 136.8 (C_q), 135.9 (C_q), 135.6 (C_q), 134.4 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, C_q), 132.4 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 128.7 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, C_q), 126.2 (CH), 116.0 (d, J = 21.9 Hz, CH), 115.4 (d, J = 22.3 Hz, CH), 23.0 (CH₃), 19.7 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃), 19.4 (CH₃), 19.4 (CH₃), 18.7 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.72 (t, J = 9.0 Hz). IR (ATR): 3279, 3016, 2922, 2859, 1759, 1656, 1597, 1522, 1468, 1246 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 398 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 376 (20) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₂₅H₂₆FNO + Na]⁺ 398.1891 found 391.1887.



N-(3,3',4'-trimethyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (12)

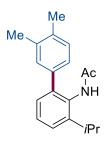
The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-(2-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (**1j**) (33.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (120.6 µL, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 18 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **12** (32.5 mg, 51%). Rotamers in a ratio of 10:1 could be found on ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR. For the major rotamer, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5 (Cq), 143.1 (Cq), 137.0 (Cq), 136.7 (Cq), 136.1 (Cq), 136.0 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz, Cq), 134.4 (Cq), 129.6 (CH), 129.1 (q, *J* = 29.9 Hz, Cq), 126.0 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 124.9 (q, *J* = 5.8 Hz, CH), 124.3 (q, *J* = 273.6 Hz, Cq), 23.1 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.6 (CH₃), 14.6 (q, *J* = 2.5 Hz, CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.8. IR (ATR): 3238, 3018, 2972, 2925, 1657, 1524, 1424, 1319, 1174, 1118 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 344 (70) [M + Na]⁺, 322 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₈H₁₈F₃NO + H]⁺ 322.1413 found 322.1412.



N-(3,4-dimethyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-yl)acetamide (13)

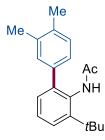
The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (**1k**) (42.3 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (120.6 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 10:1) yielded **13** (mono-arylated product 36.0 mg, 57% and di-arylated product 14.0 mg, 17%). Rotamers in a ratio of 3:1 could be found on ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR of mono-arylated product. For the major rotamer, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.29 (m, 8H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 1.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3 (C_q), 140.9 (C_q),

140.7 (C_q), 140.0 (C_q), 137.2 (C_q), 136.5 (C_q), 135.7 (C_q), 131.2 (C_q), 130.0 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 23.0 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃). Di-arylated product is a mixture of isomer, pure NMR spectrum were not able to obtained. IR (ATR): 3237, 3019, 2971, 2920, 1769, 1659, 1495, 1452, 1374, 1285 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 338 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 316 (10) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₁NO + Na]⁺ 338.1515 found 338.1513.



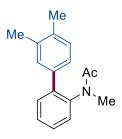
N-(3-isopropyl-3',4'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (14)

The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-(2-isopropylphenyl)acetamide (**1**) (35.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (120.6 µL, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 10:1) yielded **14** (mono-arylated product 42.0 mg, 75% and di-arylated product 4%). Rotamers in a ratio of 3.6:1 could be found on ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR. For the major rotamer, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 3.13 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1 (C_q), 147.1 (C_q), 140.0 (C_q), 137.5 (C_q), 136.5 (C_q), 135.7 (C_q), 131.2 (C_q), 130.2 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 28.7 (CH₃), 23.7 (CH₃), 23.1 (CH), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃). NMR spectrum for di-arylated product were not able to obtained. IR (ATR): 3235, 2961, 2926, 1770, 1759, 1653, 1523, 1456, 1366, 1246 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 304 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 282 (40) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₃NO + Na]⁺ 304.1672 found 304.1682.



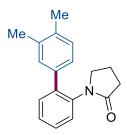
N-(3-(*tert*-butyl)-3',4'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (15)

The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-(2-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)acetamide (**1m**) (38.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (120.6 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 100 °C for 18 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 10:1) yielded **15** (32.1 mg, 54%). Rotamers in a ratio of 1.4:1 could be found on ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 2.33 – 2.23 (m, 6H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.48 – 1.40 (m, 9H+3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6 (C_q), 169.5 (C_q), 147.9 (C_q), 147.8 (C_q), 143.5 (C_q), 143.2 (C_q), 138.3 (C_q), 137.1 (C_q), 136.6 (C_q), 136.0 (C_q), 135.7 (C_q), 135.1 (C_q), 133.5 (C_q), 132.7 (C_q), 130.8 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 35.7 (C_q), 35.5 (C_q), 31.2 (CH₃), 30.9 (CH₃), 23.5 (CH₃), 20.7 (CH₃), 19.9 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3280, 2992, 2962, 1770, 1758, 1660, 1518, 1366, 1245, 1059 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 318 (70) [M + Na]⁺, 296 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₅NO + H]⁺ 296.2009 found 296.2002.



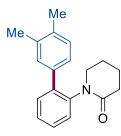
N-(3',4'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-*N*-methylacetamide (16)

The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (**1n**) (29.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (120.6 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **16** (36.1 mg, 71%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.¹⁶ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 6H), 1.79 (s, 3H).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7 (C_q), 142.0 (C_q), 139.9 (C_q), 136.9 (C_q), 136.2 (C_q), 131.5 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 37.1 (CH₃), 22.4 (CH₃), 20.0 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3020, 2968, 2921, 1659, 1484, 1444, 1375, 1349, 1299, 761 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 276 (90) [M + Na]⁺, 254 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₉NO + H]⁺ 254.1539 found 254.1538.



1-(3',4'-Dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)pyrrolidin-2-one (17)

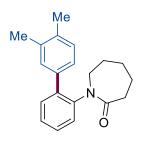
The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-phenylpyrrolidin-2-one (**10**) (32.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (1.0 mL, 8.3 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) yielded **17** (27.0 mg, 51%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.⁴ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.88 (tt, *J* = 7.8, 6.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.6 (C_q), 139.5 (C_q), 136.6 (C_q), 136.6 (C_q), 136.1 (C_q), 135.9 (C_q), 130.9 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 50.0 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃), 19.0 (CH₂). IR (ATR): 2972, 2920, 2877, 1694, 1485, 1446, 1406, 1301, 1231, 759 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 288 (90) [M + Na]⁺, 266 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₈H₁₉NO + H]⁺ 266.1539 found 266.1543.



(1-(3',4'-Dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)piperidin-2-one (18)

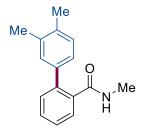
The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-phenylpiperidin-2-one (**1p**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (1.0 mL, 8.3 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) yielded **18** (50.8 mg, 92%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 3.27 – 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.97 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.48 – 2.25 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 6H), 1.79 – 1.48 (m, 3H), 1.38 – 1.22 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9 (Cq), 140.8 (Cq), 139.5 (Cq), 136.5 (Cq), 136.4 (Cq), 135.8 (Cq), 131.0 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 51.0 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 23.2 (CH₂), 21.2 (CH₂), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3058, 2943, 2865, 1649, 1484, 1444, 1413, 1346,

1166, 759 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 302 (60) [M + Na]⁺, 280 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₁NO + H]⁺ 280.1696 found 280.1700.



1-(3',4'-Dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)azepan-2-one (19)

The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-phenylazepan-2-one (**1q**) (37.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (1.0 mL, 8.3 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) yielded **19** (37.0 mg, 63%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 3.26 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.68 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.65 (m, 3H), 1.57 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.21 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9 (C_q), 142.5 (C_q), 139.2 (C_q), 137.0 (C_q), 136.5 (C_q), 135.8 (C_q), 131.1 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 52.9 (CH₂), 37.5 (CH₂), 29.9 (CH₂), 27.8 (CH₂), 23.2 (CH₂), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.6 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3019, 2925, 2856, 1653, 1481, 1467, 1443, 1411, 1200, 758 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 316 (40) [M + Na]⁺, 294 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₃NO + H]⁺ 294.1852 found 294.1846.



N,3',4'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide (20)

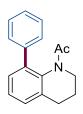
The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*-methylbenzamide (**1r**) (27.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (1.0 mL, 8.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (9.2 mg, 20 mol %) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) yielded **20** (mono-arylated product 20.5 mg, 43% and di-arylated product 3.5 mg, 5%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.^{19 1}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 3H), 2.30 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4 (C_q), 139.4 (C_q), 137.6 (C_q), 136.9 (C_q), 136.2 (C_q), 135.3 (C_q), 130.1 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 26.7 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃). NMR spectrum for di-arylated product were not able to obtained. IR (ATR): 3258, 2914, 1770, 1759, 1638, 1519, 1487, 1245, 1052, 793 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 262 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 240 (80) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₇NO + Na]⁺ 262.1202 found 262.1210.



N,*N*,3',4'-tetramethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide (21)

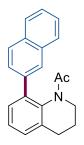
The general procedure **A** was followed using *N*,*N*-dimethylbenzamide (**1s**) (29.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (1.0 mL, 8.3 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) yielded **21** (8.2 mg, 16%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 2.29 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7 (C_q), 138.9 (C_q), 137.6 (C_q), 136.6 (C_q), 136.0 (C_q), 135.6 (C_q), 129.7 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 38.1 (CH₃), 34.7 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3019, 2936, 2879, 1769, 1758, 1632, 1507, 1393, 1246, 1051 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 276 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 254 (60) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₉NO + Na]⁺ 276.1359 found 276.1363.



1-(8-Phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (22)

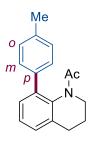
The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 μ L, 0.20 mmol) and benzene (**2b**) (1.0 mL, 11.2 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **22** (39.0 mg, 78%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.¹⁶ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.22 –

7.18 (m, 1H), 4.86 - 4.72 (m, 1H), 3.14 - 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.79 - 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.57 - 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.41 - 2.26 (m, 1H), 1.87 - 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2 (C_q), 139.1 (C_q), 138.2 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 129.0 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 41.7 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2948, 2877, 1770, 1759, 1656, 1463, 1430, 1375, 1246, 759 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 274 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 252 (10) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₇NO + Na]⁺ 274.1202 found 274.1204.



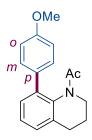
1-(8-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (23)

The general procedure A was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (1a) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and naphthalene (2c) (77.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (nhexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded 23 (38.5 mg, 64%). Isomers could not be separated and identified. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 – 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.57 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 4.92 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 3.31 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.61 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.44 - 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.90 - 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.60 - 1.28 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7 (C_a), 170.7 (C_a), 170.3 (C_a), 139.3 (C_a), 139.2 (C_a), 138.6 (C_a), 138.3 (C_a), 138.0 (C_q), 137.8 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 136.9 (C_q), 136.8 (C_q), 135.9 (C_q), 135.6 (C_q), 134.6 (C_q), 133.8 (C_q), 133.5 (C_q), 132.6 (C_q), 131.1 (C_q), 131.0 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 125.1 (CH), 41.9 (CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 27.2 (CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.7 (CH₂), 24.5 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 22.4 (CH₃), 22.1 (CH₃), 22.0 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2996, 2948, 1769, 1758, 1656, 1456, 1374, 1245, 1060, 795 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 324 (100) $[M + Na]^+$, 302 (70) $[M + H]^+$. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{21}H_{19}NO + Na]^+$ 324.1359 found 324.1361.



1-(8-(p-Tolyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (24)

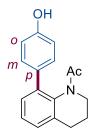
The general procedure A was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl) ethan-1-one (1a) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and toluene (2d) (1.0 mL, 9.4 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 100 °C for 18 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded 24 (35.6 mg, 67%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.¹⁶ The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, m : p = 1.0 : 1.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.15 (m, 7H), 4.94 – 4.76 (m, 1H), 3.21 – 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.88 - 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.64 - 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.47 - 2.32 (m, 4H), 1.94 - 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.51 (s, 3H^m), 1.51 (s, 3H^p). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3 (C_a), 170.3 (C_a), 139.0 (C_a), 138.5 (C_a), 138.1 (C_a), 138.1 (C_a), 137.8 (C_a), 137.7 (C_a), 137.6 (C_a), 137.6 (C_a), 137.3 (C_a), 136.1 (C_a), 129.7 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 41.7 (CH₂), 41.7 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃), 21.1 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2947, 2873, 1770, 1758, 1658, 1456, 1374, 1246, 1060, 779 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 288 (60) $[M + Na]^+$, 266 (100) $[M + H]^+$. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{18}H_{19}NO +$ H]⁺ 266.1539 found 266.1536.



1-(8-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (25)

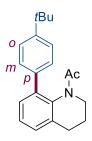
The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 μ L, 0.20 mmol) and anisole (**2e**) (65.2 μ L, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 100 °C for 18 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) and gel permeation chromatography yielded **25** (37.7 mg, 67%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.²⁰

The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, m : p = 1 : 10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 4.86 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.11 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3 (C_q), 159.0 (C_q), 138.1 (C_q), 137.6 (C_q), 137.3 (C_q), 131.3 (C_q), 129.4 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 114.5 (CH), 55.2 (CH₃), 41.6 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2996, 2947, 1770, 1759, 1655, 1513, 1456, 1375, 1247, 1031 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 304 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 282 (90) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₈H₁₉NO₂ + Na]⁺ 304.1308 found 304.1305.



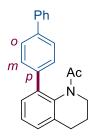
1-(8-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (26)

The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and triisopropyl(phenoxy)silane (**2f**) (282.0 µL, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **26** (35.0 mg, 65%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, *m* : *p* = 1 : 4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.83 – 4.70 (m, 1H), 3.25 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.80 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.53 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9 (Cq), 156.9 (Cq), 138.1 (Cq), 137.7 (Cq), 136.7 (Cq), 129.8 (Cq), 129.3 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 116.2 (CH), 42.3 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2990, 2956, 1770, 1758, 1622, 1458, 1385, 1245, 1106, 1059 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 290 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 268 (50) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₇NO₂ + Na]⁺ 290.1150 found 290.1150.



1-(8-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (27)

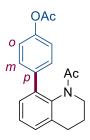
The general procedure A was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl) ethan-1-one (1a) (31.7 μ L, 0.20 mmol) and *tert*-butylbenzene (**2g**) (153.0 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded 27 (44.5 mg, 72%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, m : p = 1.0 : 1.3. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 4.87 – 4.70 (m, 1H), 3.15 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.80 -2.68 (m, 1H), 2.59 - 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.41 - 2.26 (m, 1H), 1.87 - 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, $3H^p$), 1.42 (s, 3H^m), 1.33 (s, 9H^p), 1.33 (s, 9H^m). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5 (C_q), 170.2 (C_q), 151.8 (C_q), 150.6 (C_q), 138.7 (C_q), 138.3 (C_q), 138.1 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 137.6 (C_q), 136.0 (C_a), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 41.7 (CH₂), 41.6 (CH₂), 34.7 (C_q), 34.6 (C_q), 31.3 (CH₃), 31.3 (CH₃), 27.0 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2958, 2872, 1770, 1759, 1660, 1456, 1437, 1373, 1246, 1060 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 330 (70) [M + Na]⁺, 308 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{21}H_{25}NO + H]^+$ 308.2009 found 308.2009.



1-(8-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (28)

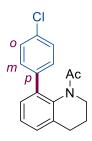
The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 μ L, 0.20 mmol) and 1,1'-biphenyl (**2h**) (154.0 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **28** (33.5 mg, 51%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.¹⁶ The regioselectivity was

determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.95 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 3.19 – 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.84 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3 (C_q), 140.4 (C_q), 140.3 (C_q), 138.2 (C_q), 138.0 (C_q), 137.8 (C_q), 137.3 (C_q), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 41.7 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3059, 2938, 1770, 1758, 1655, 1457, 1374, 1245, 1061, 764 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 350 (90) [M + Na]⁺, 328 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₂₃H₂₂NO + H]⁺ 328.1696 found 328.1696.



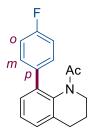
4-(1-acetyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)phenyl acetate (29)

The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and phenyl acetate (**2i**) (1.0 mL, 7.9 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) yielded **29** (39.0 mg, 63%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR spectrum, *m* : *p* = 1 : 4. A phenol derivative derived from *p*-arylated product was observed. For *p*-**29**, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.01 (m, 7H), 4.87 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 3.20 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.26 (m, 4H), 1.86 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3 (C_q), 169.4 (C_q), 150.1 (C_q), 138.2 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 136.8 (C_q), 136.7 (C_q), 129.4 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 122.3 (CH), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₃), 21.2 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2948, 2877, 1757, 1650, 1458, 1369, 1191, 1015, 910, 728 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 332 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 310 (10) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₉NO₃ + Na]⁺ 332.1257 found 332.1258.



1-(8-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (30)

The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and chlorobenzene (**2j**) (1.0 mL, 9.9 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **30** (38.4 mg, 67%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, *m* : *p* = 1.0 : 1.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.18 (m, 7H), 4.86 – 4.69 (m, 1H), 3.09 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.80 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.56 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H^m), 1.46 (s, 3H^p). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1 (Cq), 170.1 (Cq), 141.0 (Cq), 138.4 (Cq), 138.3 (Cq), 137.8 (Cq), 137.7 (Cq), 137.6 (Cq), 136.5 (Cq), 136.4 (Cq), 134.9 (Cq), 133.7 (Cq), 130.3 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₃), 21.9 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2948, 2876, 1769, 1759, 1657, 1457, 1374, 1338, 1247, 782 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 308 (10) [M + Na]⁺, 286 (100) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₆NO + H]⁺ 286.0993 found 286.0992.



1-(8-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (31)

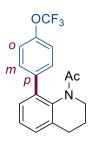
The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 μ L, 0.20 mmol) and fluorobenzene (**2k**) (1.0 mL, 10.7 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **31** (47.7 mg, 89%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.¹⁶ The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, *m* : *p* = 1.0 : 1.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.25 (m, 4H),

7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 4.86 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 3.12 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H^{*m*}), 1.46 (s, 3H^{*p*}). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2 (C_q), 170.1 (C_q), 163.1 (d, *J* = 246.7 Hz, C_q), 162.3 (d, *J* = 247.6 Hz, C_q), 141.3 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, C_q), 138.3 (C_q), 138.3 (C_q), 137.8 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 136.7 (C_q), 136.5 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, C_q), 135.1 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, C_q), 130.6 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, CH), 130.0 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 124.0 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, CH), 116.1 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, CH), 115.4 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz, CH), 114.5 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz, CH), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -111.98 (td, *J* = 9.3, 6.0 Hz, 1F^{*m*}), -114.43 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 8.6, 5.3 Hz, 1F^{*p*}). IR (ATR): 2948, 2878, 1770, 1656, 1509, 1468, 1374, 1237, 840, 792 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 292 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 270 (90) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₆NO + Na]⁺ 292.1108 found 292.1110.



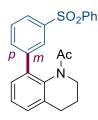
Ethyl 3-(1-acetyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)benzoate (32)

The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and ethyl benzoate (**2l**) (1.0 mL, 7.0 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) yielded **32** (28.9 mg, 45%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of GC spectrum, m : p = 7 : 1. For *m*-**32**, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.00 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 4.86 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 4.38 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.13 – 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.80 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.56 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.47 – 1.36 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0 (Cq), 166.3 (Cq), 139.4 (Cq), 138.4 (Cq), 137.8 (Cq), 136.8 (Cq), 132.6 (CH), 131.4 (Cq), 129.6 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 61.2 (CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₃), 14.3 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2979, 2945, 1717, 1660, 1457, 1371, 1248, 1114, 1023, 755 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 346 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 324 (10) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₁NO₃ + Na]⁺ 346.1414 found 346.1423.



1-(8-(4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (33)

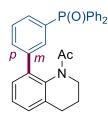
The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl) ethan-1-one (1a) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and (trifluoromethoxy)benzene (2m) (1.0 mL, 7.6 mmol) and nBu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (nhexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **33** (11.2 mg, 17%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of GC spectrum, m: p = 1.0: 1.2.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H^m), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H^p), 7.31 - 7.17 (m, $6H^{m}+5H^{p}$), 4.85 - 4.73 (m, $1H^{m+p}$), 3.10 - 2.99 (m, $1H^{m+p}$), 2.81 - 2.71 (m, $1H^{m+p}$), 2.56 – 2.45 (m, $1H^{m+p}$), 2.39 – 2.28 (m, $1H^{m+p}$), 1.85 – 1.72 (m, $1H^{m+p}$), 1.46 (s, $3H^{m+p}$). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2 (C_q), 170.1 (C_q), 149.7 (q, J = 1.6 Hz, C_q), 148.7 (q, J =1.9 Hz, C_a), 141.2 (C_a), 138.4 (C_a), 138.3 (C_a), 137.8 (C_a), 137.7 (C_a), 136.3 (C_a), 136.2 (C_a), 130.4 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 120.5 (q, J = 257.4 Hz, C_q), 120.5 (q, J = 257.6 Hz, C_q), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.7, -57.7. IR (ATR): 3069, 2928, 2878, 2852, 1660, 1459, 1375, 1256, 1220, 1163 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 358 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 336 (40) $[M + H]^+$. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{18}H_{16}F_3NO_2 + Na]^+$ 358.1025 found 358.1037.



1-(8-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)phenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (34)

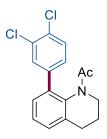
The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 μ L, 0.20 mmol) and sulfonyldibenzene (**2n**) (1.0 g, 4.6 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) yielded **34** (20.2 mg, 26%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR spectrum, *m* : *p* = 4 : 1. An unseperatable impurity by column chromatography was

observed. For *m*-**34**, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.90 (m, 3H), 7.86 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.47 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 4.81 – 4.68 (m, 1H), 3.09 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.56 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6 (C_q), 142.5 (C_q), 141.3 (C_q), 140.5 (C_q), 138.4 (C_q), 137.8 (C_q), 135.7 (C_q), 133.3 (CH), 132.9 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 24.2 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3069, 2947, 2875, 1655, 1447, 1375, 1306, 1154, 1098, 732 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 414 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 392 (10) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₂₃H₂₁NO₃S + Na]⁺ 414.1134 found 414.1135.



$1-(8-(3-(0x0(phenyl)-\lambda^4-phosphaneyl)phenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one$ (35)

The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl) ethan-1-one (1a) $(31.7 \,\mu\text{L}, 0.20 \,\text{mmol})$ and triphenylphosphine oxide (20) (1.0 g, 3.6 mmol) and $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (n-DCM/acetone = 2:1) yielded **35** (36.0 mg, 40%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR spectrum, m : p = 2 : 1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 – 7.60 (m, 6H), 7.61 – 7.43 (m, 8H), 7.37 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 4.85 – 4.55 (m, 1H), 3.12 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.56 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.37 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0 (C_a), 169.9 (C_a), 142.9 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, C_a)^p, 139.5 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, C_a)^m, 138.4 (C_a) , 138.2 (C_a) , 137.8 (C_a) , 137.8 (C_a) , 136.7 (C_a) , 136.5 (C_a) , 133.8 $(d, J = 102.9 \text{ Hz}, C_a)^m$, 132.8 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, CH), 132.3 (d, J = 104.3 Hz, C_q), 132.2 (CH), 132.2 (CH), 132.2 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, CH), 132.2 (d, 104.6 Hz, C_q), 132.2 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 132.1, 132.1 (d, *J* = 104.6 Hz, C_q), 132.1 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 131.2 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, CH), 129.4 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, CH), 128.7 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, CH, CH), 128.7 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, CH), 128.6 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, CH), 128.5 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 41.8 (CH₂), 41.7 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 24.2 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₂). The coupling constands for the peaks between 131.7–132.5 can't be identified. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.1, 29.0. IR (ATR): 3441, 3058, 2941, 1654, 1454, 1437, 1375, 1190, 1120, 723 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 474 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 452 (10) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₉H₂₆NO₂P + Na]⁺ 474.1593 found 474.1589.



1-(8-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (36)

The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and 1,2-dichlorobenzene (**2p**) (1.0 mL, 8.8 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **36** (32.7 mg, 51%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹H NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, $\alpha : \beta = 1 : 10.$ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.84 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 3.11 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0 (C_q), 139.1 (C_q), 138.4 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 135.3 (C_q), 133.2 (C_q), 131.9 (C_q), 131.0 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2947, 2930, 1770, 1759, 1661, 1458, 1373, 1246, 1061, 1028 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 342 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 320 (40) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₅Cl₂NO + Na]⁺ 342.0423 found 342.0413.



1-(8-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (37)

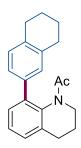
The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 μ L, 0.20 mmol) and 1,2-difluorobenzene (**2q**) (1.0 mL, 10.2 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **37** (27.0 mg, 47%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR,

 α : β = 1 : 10. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 4.87 – 4.70 (m, 1H), 3.10 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.84 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1 (C_q), 150.6 (dd, J = 249.1, 12.8 Hz, C_q), 149.9 (dd, J = 250.0, 12.7 Hz, C_q), 138.4 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 136.1 (dd, J = 5.9, 4.1 Hz, C_q), 135.6 (C_q), 128.6 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 124.5 (dd, J = 6.2, 3.6 Hz, CH), 118.0 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, CH), 117.4 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, CH), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -136.4 (ddd, J = 20.2, 11.3, 8.1 Hz), -138.9 (dddd, J = 21.6, 10.0, 7.5, 4.3 Hz). IR (ATR): 2948, 2880, 1770, 1657, 1518, 1459, 1374, 1267, 1240, 771 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 310 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 288 (70) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₅F₂NO + Na]⁺ 310.1014 found 310.1008.

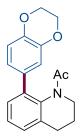


1-(8-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (38)

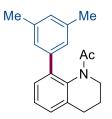
The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and veratrole (**2r**) (76.5 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.61 equiv.) at 100 °C for 18 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) and gel permeation chromatography yielded **38** (43.4 mg, 70%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dt, *J* = 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.81 – 4.74 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.08 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.76 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.53 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.37 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4 (C_q), 149.1 (C_q), 148.5 (C_q), 138.3 (C_q), 137.5 (C_q), 137.3 (C_q), 131.6 (C_q), 128.4 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 120.6 (CH), 111.6 (CH), 111.4 (CH), 55.9 (CH₃), 55.8 (CH₃), 41.5 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2995, 2947, 2837, 1770, 1653, 1518, 1458, 1376, 1249, 1025 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 334 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 312 (80) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₁NO₃ + Na]⁺ 334.1414 found 334.1417.



1-(8-(5,6,7,8-Tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-**yl**)**ethan-1-one (39)** The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 μL, 0.20 mmol) and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (**2s**) (136.0 μL, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **39** (30.4 mg, 50%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 4.84 – 4.68 (m, 1H), 3.14 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.85 – 2.68 (m, 5H), 2.56 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.70 (m, 5H), 1.48 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4 (C_q), 138.1 (C_q), 138.0 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 136.6 (C_q), 136.2 (C_q), 129.8 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 41.7 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.1 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 23.2 (CH₂), 22.1 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2929, 2876, 1656, 1456, 1404, 1373, 1339, 1260, 1246, 791 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 328 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 306 (10) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₂₁H₂₃NO + Na]⁺ 328.1672 found 328.1673.

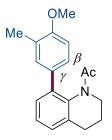


1-(8-(2,3-Dihydrobenzo[*b*][**1,4**]**dioxin-6-yl**)-**3,4-dihydroquinolin-1**(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**40**) The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 μ L, 0.20 mmol) and 2,3-dihydrobenzo[*b*][1,4]dioxine (**2t**) (136.2 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) yielded **40** (33.5 mg, 54%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.76 (m, 3H), 4.81 – 4.67 (m, 1H), 4.27 (s, 4H), 3.09 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.79 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.37 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8 (C_q), 143.8 (C_q), 143.2 (C_q), 138.2 (C_q), 137.4 (C_q), 137.3 (C_q), 132.3 (C_q), 128.7 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 117.9 (CH), 117.1 (CH), 64.4 (CH₂), 64.4 (CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2983, 2946, 2880, 1770, 1653, 1508, 1471, 1377, 1246, 1064 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 332 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 310 (55) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₉NO₃ + Na]⁺ 332.1257 found 332.1257.



1-(8-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (41)

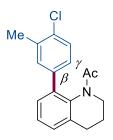
The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and *m*-xylene (**2u**) (123.4 µL, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **41** (28.6 mg, 51%). The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.¹⁶ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.94 (s, 2H), 4.88 – 4.69 (m, 1H), 3.15 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.24 (m, 7H), 1.86 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3 (Cq), 139.1 (Cq), 138.4 (Cq), 138.2 (Cq), 138.0 (Cq), 137.7 (Cq), 129.2 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 41.7 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₃), 21.5 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2948, 1759, 1658, 1602, 1459, 1417, 1374, 1339, 1246, 1061 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 302 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 280 (60) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₁NO + Na]⁺ 302.1515 found 302.1519.



1-(8-(4-Methoxy-3-methylphenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (42)

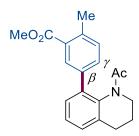
The general procedure **A** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 μ L, 0.20 mmol) and 1-methoxy-2-methylbenzene (**2v**) (124.7 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **42** (41.7 mg, 71%) as a mixture of isomer. The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of NOESY NMR, the ratio of the isomers

was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, $\beta : \gamma = 1 : 5$. For γ -arylated product, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (ddd, J = 7.8, 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.83 – 4.69 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.13 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.77 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.37 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.82 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4 (C_q), 157.2 (C_q), 138.1 (C_q), 137.6 (C_q), 137.5 (C_q), 130.9 (C_q), 130.5 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.2 (C_q), 126.8 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 110.2 (CH), 55.3 (CH₃), 41.6 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₃), 16.4 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2995, 2948, 1770, 1655, 1507, 1459, 1375, 1246, 1138, 792 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 318 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 296 (20) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₁NO₂ + Na]⁺ 318.1465 found 318.1468.



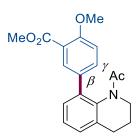
1-(8-(4-chloro-3-methylphenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (43)

The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl) ethan-1-one (1a) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and 1-chloro-2-methylbenzene (2w) (1.0 mL, 8.6 mmol) and nBu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (nhexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded 43 (37.1 mg, 62%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of HMBC NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, β : $\gamma = 1.2 : 1.0.$ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H^{β}), 7.35 (s, 1H^{γ}), 7.30 – 7.17 (m, $4H^{\beta+\gamma}$), 7.10 (dt, J = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, $1H^{\beta+\gamma}$), 4.82 - 4.70 (m, $1H^{\beta+\gamma}$), 3.12 - 2.97 (m, $1H^{\beta+\gamma}$), 2.80 - 2.68 (m, $1H^{\beta+\gamma}$), 2.55 - 2.43 (m, $1H^{\beta+\gamma}$), 2.42 - 2.26 (m, $4H^{\beta+\gamma}$), 1.85 - 1.69 (m, $1H^{\beta+\gamma}$), 1.48 (s, $3H^{\gamma}$), 1.47 (s, $3H^{\beta}$). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2 (C_a), 170.2 (C_a), 138.3 (C_a), 138.3 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 137.6 (C_q), 136.7 (C_q), 136.4 (C_q), 135.4 (C_q), 134.9 (C_q), 133.9 (Cq), 131.5 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₃), 22.0 (CH₃), 20.3 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2947, 2876, 1653, 1457, 1371, 1334, 1261, 1193, 1047, 730 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 322 (100) $[M + Na]^+$, 300 (10) $[M + H]^+$. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{18}H_{18}CINO + Na]^+$ 322.0969 found 322.0979.



Methyl 5-(1-acetyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)-2-methylbenzoate (44)

The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(*2H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and methyl 2-methylbenzoate (**2x**) (0.5 mL, 3.6 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) yielded **44** (27.1 mg, 42%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of HMBC NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, $\beta : \gamma = 4 : 1$. For β -arylated product, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 4.82 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.12 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.79 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.54 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2 (Cq), 167.7 (Cq), 139.7 (Cq), 138.3 (Cq), 137.7 (Cq), 136.7 (Cq), 136.7 (Cq), 132.5 (CH), 131.6 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 130.3 (Cq), 128.6 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 52.0 (CH₃), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2950, 2852, 1722, 1658, 1456, 1436, 1374, 1291, 1080, 780 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 346 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 324 (20) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₁NO₃ + Na]⁺ 346.1414 found 346.1415.



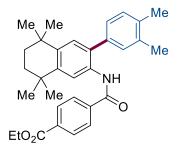
Methyl 5-(1-acetyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)-2-methoxybenzoate (45)

The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**1a**) (31.7 μ L, 0.20 mmol) and methyl 2-methoxybenzoate (**2y**) (1.0 mL, 7.0 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) yielded **45** (29.4 mg, 43%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of NOESY NMR. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* =

7.2, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.83 – 4.70 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.10 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.77 – 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2 (C_q), 166.4 (C_q), 158.7 (C_q), 138.3 (C_q), 137.6 (C_q), 136.3 (C_q), 133.2 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 131.0 (C_q), 128.5 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 120.5 (C_q), 112.6 (CH), 56.1 (CH₃), 52.2 (CH₃), 41.7 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 2951, 2848, 1731, 1656, 1610, 1504, 1436, 1375, 1275, 1235 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 362 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 340 (20) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₁NO₄ + Na]⁺ 362.1363 found 362.1364.

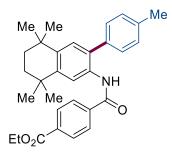


1-(8-(4-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one (46) The general procedure **B** was followed using 1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (1**a**) (31.7 µL, 0.20 mmol) and trifluorotoluene (2z) (1.0 mL, 8.1 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (nhexane/EtOAc = 1:1) yielded 46 (24.0 mg, 36%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of HSQC NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, β : $\gamma = 3$: 1. For β -arylated product, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 4.82 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 3.11 - 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.80 - 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.56 - 2.45 (m, 4H), 2.40 - 2.29 (m, 1H), 1.84 - 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 3H).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2 (C_q), 138.4 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 136.9 (C_q), 136.4 (C_q), 136.0 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz, C_q), 132.7 (CH), 131.3 (CH), 129.7 (q, *J* = 29.9 Hz, C_q), 128.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 125.8 (q, J = 5.6 Hz, CH), 124.4 (q, J = 273.7 Hz, C_q), 41.8 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₃), 19.1 (q, *J* = 2.1 Hz, CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.5, -61.7. IR (ATR): 2946, 2877, 1660, 1458, 1374, 1315, 1269, 1120, 1055, 1041 cm^{-1} . MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 356 (100) $[M + Na]^+$, 334 (20) $[M + H]^+$. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{19}H_{18}F_{3}NO + Na]^{+}$ 356.1233 found 356.1232.



Ethyl 4-((3-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2yl)carbamoyl)benzoate (47)

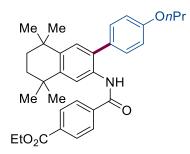
The general procedure **A** was followed using Tamibarotene ester (**1t**) (76.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (**2a**) (1.0 mL, 8.3 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 10:1) yielded **47** (90.0 mg, 93%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.14 – 8.02 (m, 3H), 7.75 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 4H), 1.44 – 1.37 (m, 9H), 1.30 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7 (C_q), 164.0 (C_q), 145.3 (C_q), 141.5 (C_q), 138.9 (C_q), 137.6 (C_q), 136.5 (C_q), 135.7 (C_q), 133.1 (C_q), 132.2 (C_q), 130.6 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 130.0 (C_q), 129.9 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 118.9 (CH), 61.4 (CH₂), 35.1 (C_q), 34.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₃), 31.8 (CH₃), 19.9 (CH₃), 19.6 (CH₃), 14.3 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3414, 2958, 2924, 1720, 1679, 1516, 1271, 1107, 1019, 724 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 506 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 484 (50) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₃₂H₃₇NO₃ + Na]⁺ 506.2666 found 506.2660.



Ethyl 4-((5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2yl)carbamoyl)benzoate (48)

The general procedure **A** was followed using Tamibarotene ester (**1t**) (76.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and toluene (**2d**) (1.0 mL, 9.4 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 10:1) yielded **48** (89.0 mg, 95%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, m : p = 1.0 : 1.1. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 8.11 – 8.00 (m, 3H), 7.74 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 4.39 (q, J

= 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.44 – 2.41 (m, 3H), 1.75 (s, 4H), 1.46 – 1.35 (m, 9H), 1.31 (s, 6H^{*m*}), 1.30 (s, 6H^{*p*}). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7 (C_q), 165.7 (C_q), 164.2 (C_q), 164.1 (C_q), 145.5 (C_q), 145.4 (C_q), 141.6 (C_q), 141.6 (C_q), 139.0 (C_q), 138.8 (C_q), 138.2 (C_q), 137.9 (C_q), 135.3 (C_q), 133.1 (C_q), 132.1 (C_q), 130.2 (C_q), 130.2 (CH), 130.1 (C_q), 130.0 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 119.1 (CH), 61.4 (CH₂), 35.1 (C_q), 34.6 (CH₂), 34.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₃), 31.8 (CH₃), 21.5 (CH₃), 21.3 (CH₃), 14.3 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3423, 2959, 2925, 1720, 1678, 1569, 1517, 1473, 1273, 1108 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 492 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 470 (80) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₃₁H₃₅NO₃ + Na]⁺ 492.2509 found 492.2503.



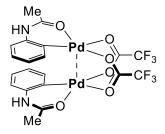
Ethyl 4-((5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-3-(4-propoxyphenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2yl)carbamoyl)benzoate (49)

The general procedure **A** was followed Tamibarotene ester (**1t**) (76.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and propoxybenzene (**2a'**) (0.5 mL, 3.5 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 100 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) yielded **49** (21.0 mg, 20%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, m : p = 1 : 3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.08 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.43 – 1.37 (m, 9H), 1.30 (s, 6H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7 (Cq), 164.1 (Cq), 159.0 (Cq), 145.2 (Cq), 141.5 (Cq), 138.9 (Cq), 135.2 (Cq), 132.3 (Cq), 130.5 (CH), 130.1 (Cq), 130.0 (CH), 129.9 (Cq), 128.2 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 119.1 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 69.7 (CH₂), 61.4 (CH₂), 35.2 (Cq), 34.6 (CH₂), 34.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₃), 31.8 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₂), 14.3 (CH₃), 10.6 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3421, 2962, 2932, 1720, 1678, 1514, 1472, 1273, 1246, 1108 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 536 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 514 (30) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₃₃H₃₉NO₄ + Na]⁺ 536.2771 found 536.2768.



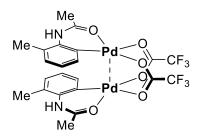
N-(4'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-*N*-methylacetamide (50)

The general procedure **B** was followed using *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (**1n**) (29.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) and chlorobenzene (**2j**) (1.0 mL, 9.9 mmol) and *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (200 mg, 0.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 90 °C for 20 h. Isolation by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) yielded **50** (34.0 mg, 65%). The regioselectivity was determined by the analysis of ¹³C NMR, the ratio of the isomers was determined by the integration of ¹H NMR, *m* : *p* = 1.0 : 1.2. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 3.02 (s, 3H^{*m*}), 3.01 (s, 3H^{*p*}), 1.80 (s, 3H^{*m*}), 1.79 (s, 3H^{*p*}). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5 (C_q), 170.5 (C_q), 142.0 (C_q), 141.9 (C_q), 140.5 (C_q), 138.4 (C_q), 138.4 (C_q), 137.1 (C_q), 134.6 (C_q), 134.0 (C_q), 131.3 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 37.1 (CH₃), 37.0 (CH₃), 22.4 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3060, 2984, 2935, 1660, 1477, 1375, 1350, 1244, 1090, 757 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 282 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 260 (40) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₄NOCl + Na]⁺ 282.0656 found 282.0661.



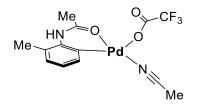
Dimeric organopalladium complex (54)

The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.²¹ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ 10.80 (s, 2H), 7.11 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 6.96 – 6.75 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ 167.1 (C_q), 165.0 (q, *J* = 37.1 Hz, C_q), 132.6 (CH), 131.1 (C_q), 125.4 (CH), 122.9 (CH), 116.0 (CH), 115.8 (C_q), 115.4 (q, *J* = 287.6 Hz, C_q), 19.3 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ -75.2. IR (ATR): 3319, 1669, 1616, 1541, 1463, 1199, 1153, 854, 753, 732 cm⁻¹.



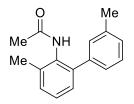
Dimeric organopalladium complex (55)

The product is known and the characterization is in consistence with that reported in the literature.²² ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ 9.30 (s, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 1.59 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ 169.2 (C_q), 165.8 (q, *J* = 33.6 Hz, C_q), 131.5 (CH), 129.9 (C_q), 128.6 (CH), 124.3 (C_q), 123.6 (CH), 117.1 (C_q), 116.3 (q, *J* = 287.6 Hz, C_q), 20.5 (CH₃), 18.9 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ -75.3. IR (ATR): 3440, 1659, 1618, 1537, 1445, 1192, 1149, 851, 766, 731 cm⁻¹. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₀F₆N₂O₆Pd₂ + Na]⁺ 755.9204 found 755.9193.



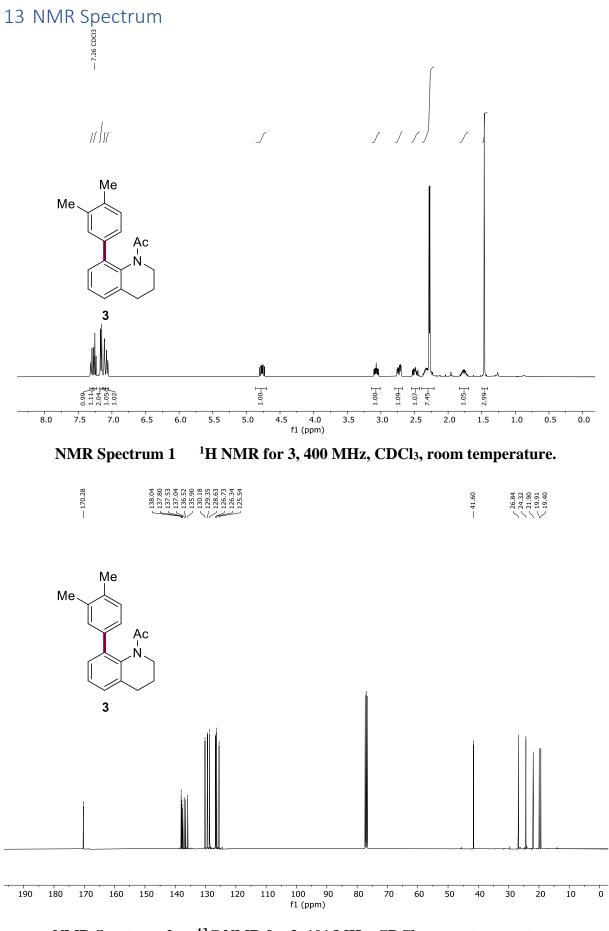
Monomeric organopalladium complex (56)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ 169.3 (C_q), 165.8 (q, J = 38.1 Hz, C_q), 131.5 (CH), 130.0 (C_q), 128.6 (CH), 124.4 (C_q), 123.7 (CH), 117.7 (C_q), 117.2 (C_q), 116.3 (q, J = 287.7 Hz, C_q), 20.6 (CH₃), 19.0 (CH₃), 1.1 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ -70.0. IR (ATR): 3436, 2924, 1668, 1618, 1539, 1444, 1375, 1197, 1150, 852 cm⁻¹. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₃H₁₃F₃N₂O₃Pd – CO₂CF₃]⁺ 295.0062 found 295.0071.

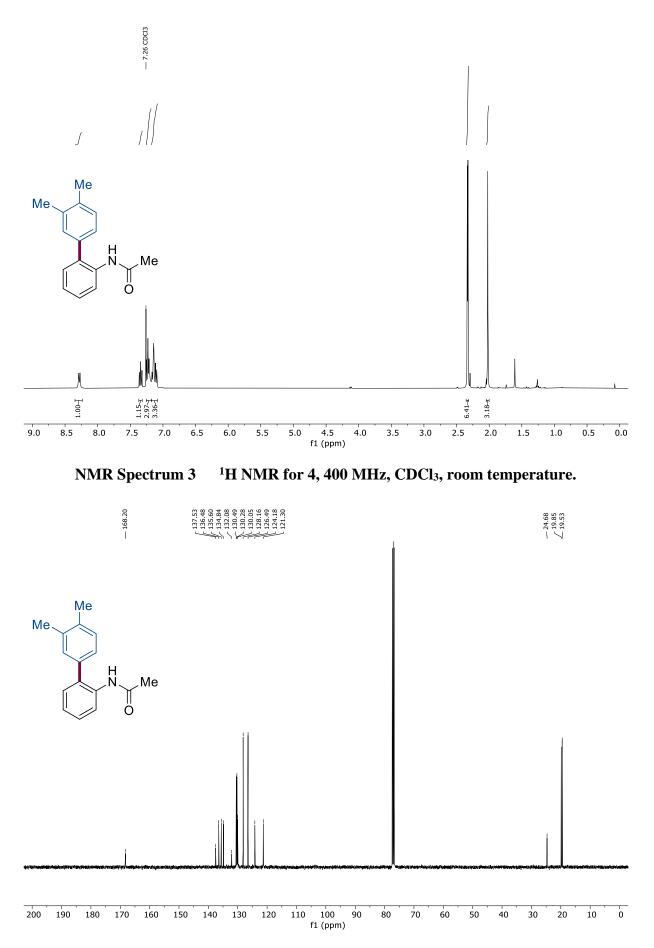


N-(3,3'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (57)

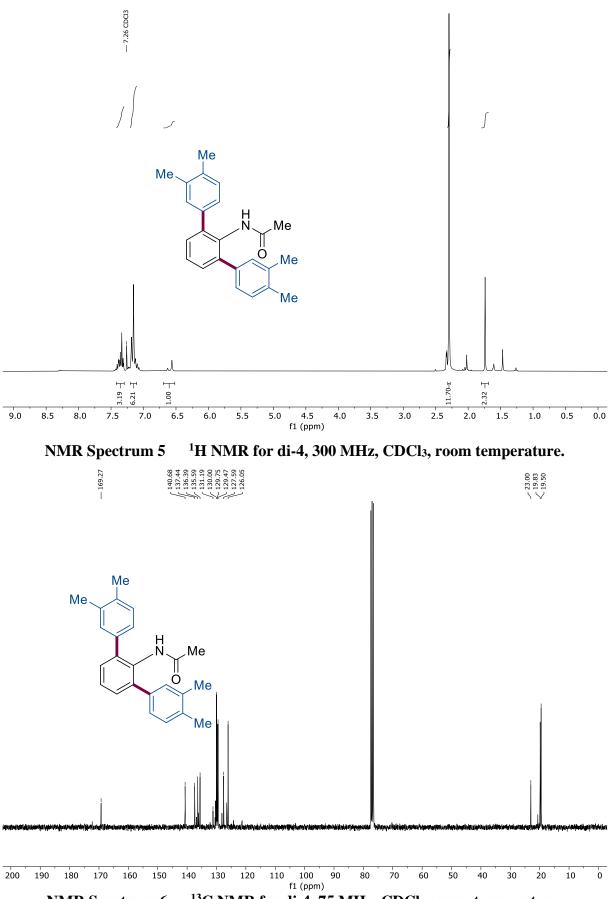
The position-selectivity was determined by the ¹³C NMR, m : p = 2 : 1. For m-**57**, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.00 (m, 7H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3 (C_q), 139.5 (C_q), 139.5 (C_q), 138.1 (C_q), 136.8 (C_q), 132.6 (C_q), 130.1 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 23.1 (CH₃), 21.5 (CH₃), 18.7 (CH₃). IR (ATR): 3244, 3022, 2975, 2920, 1651, 1519, 1461, 1369, 1289, 776 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 262 (100) [M + Na]⁺, 240 (10) [M + H]⁺. HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₇NO + Na]⁺ 262.1202 found 262.1208.

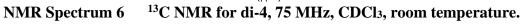


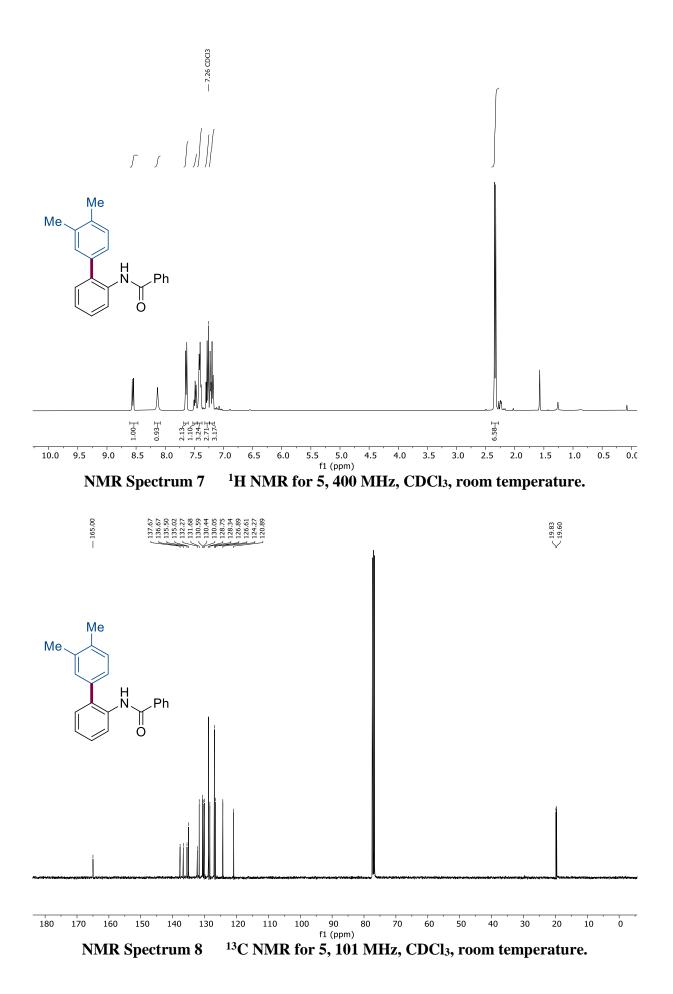
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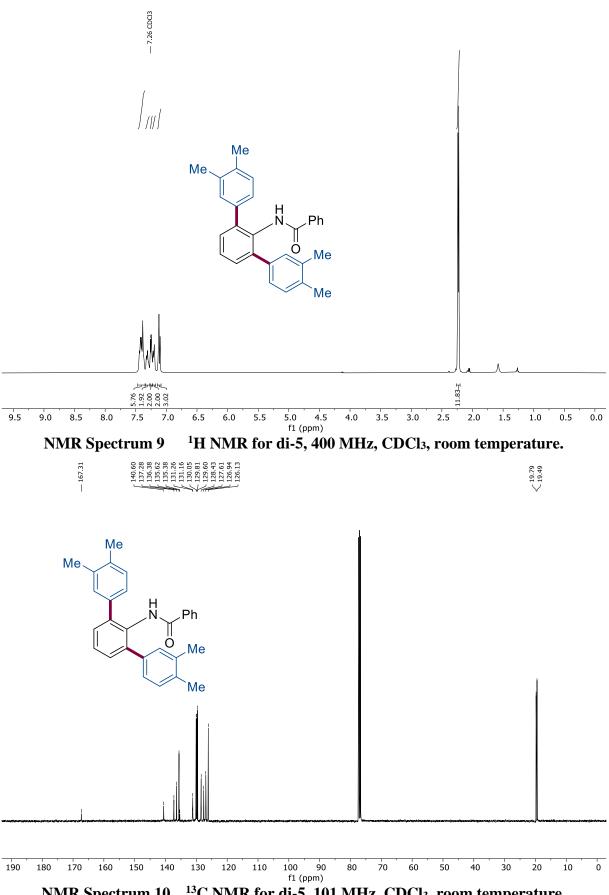


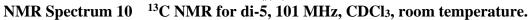
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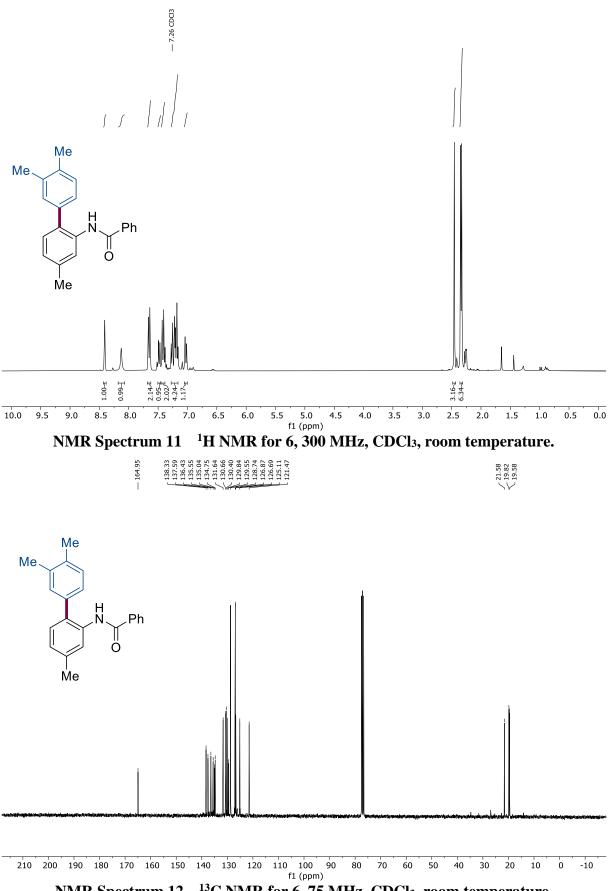


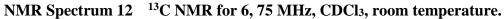


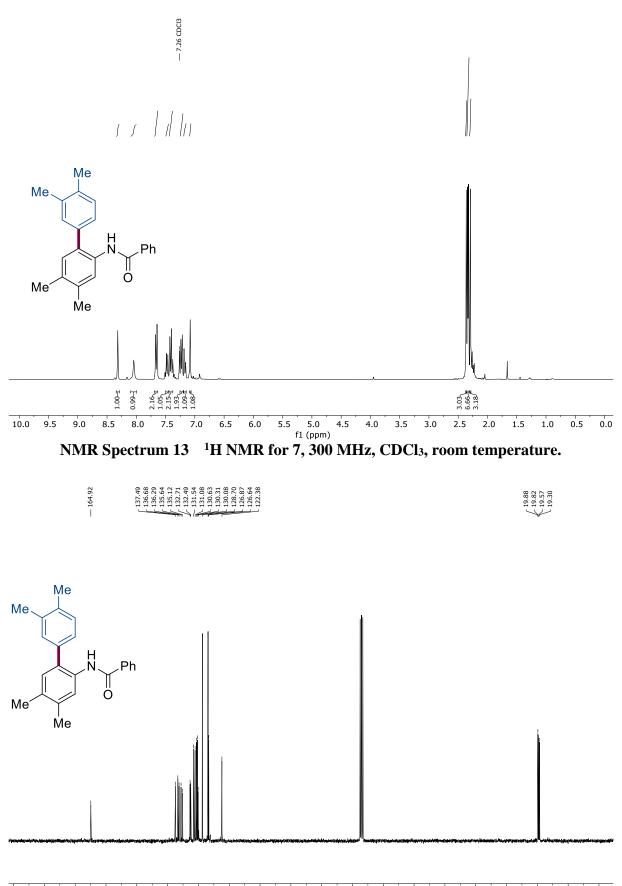


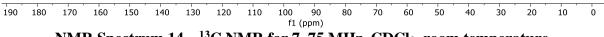


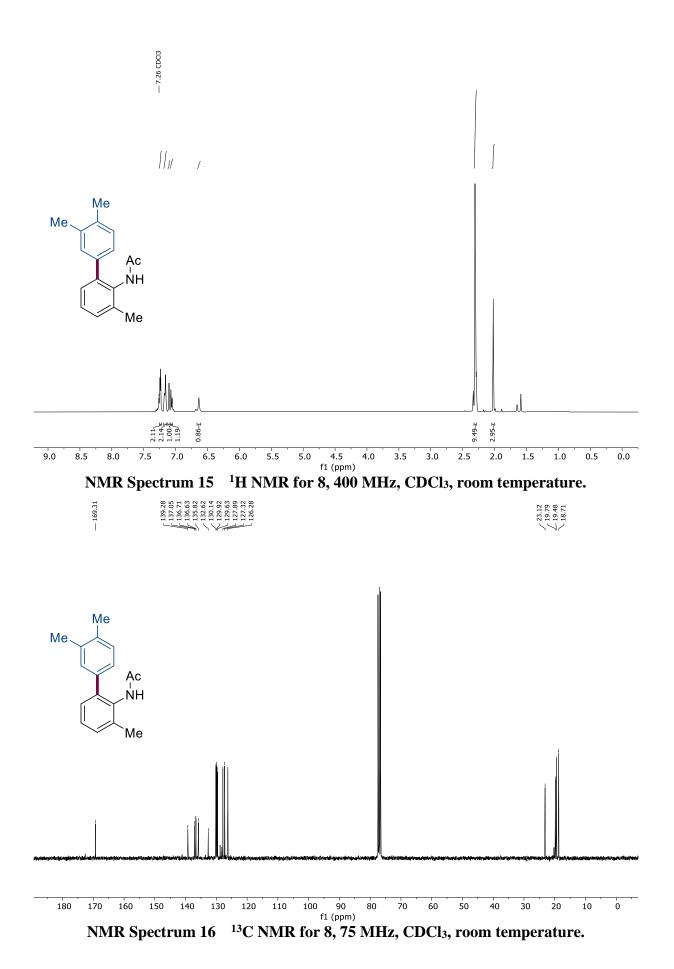




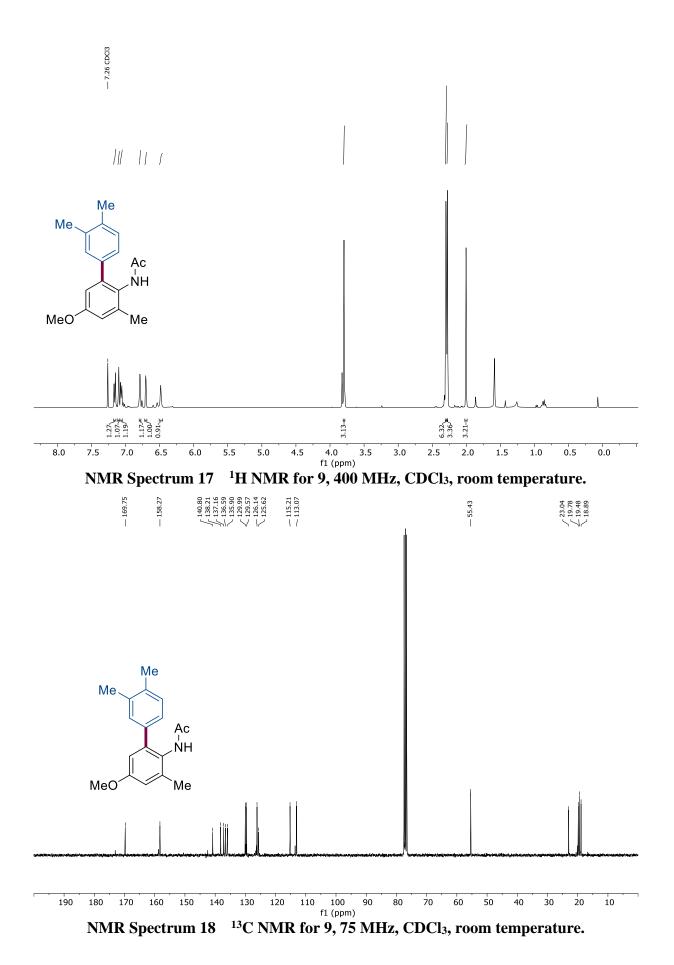




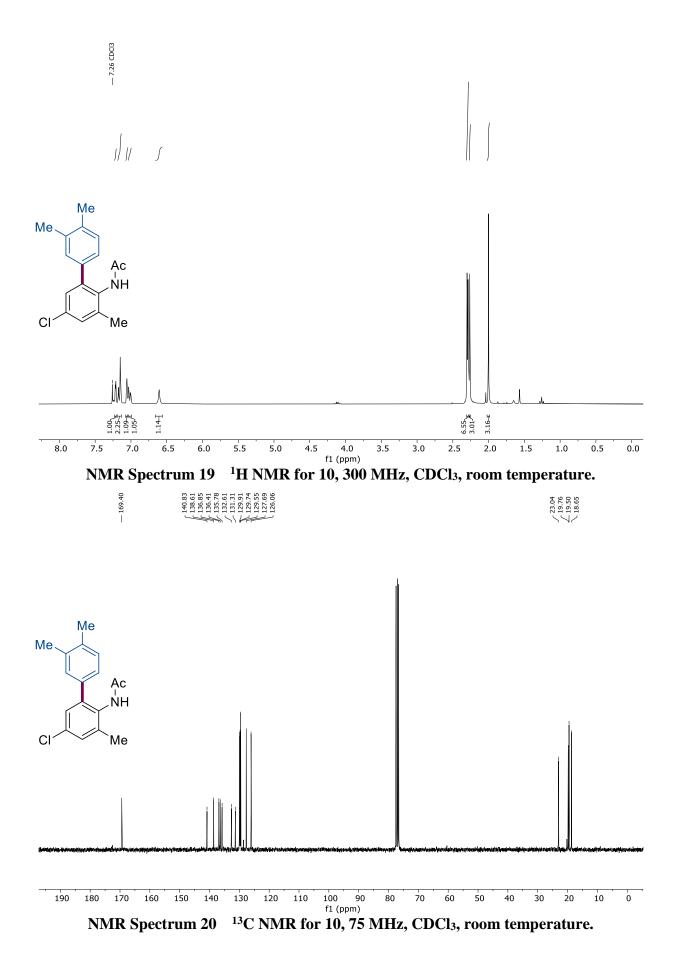


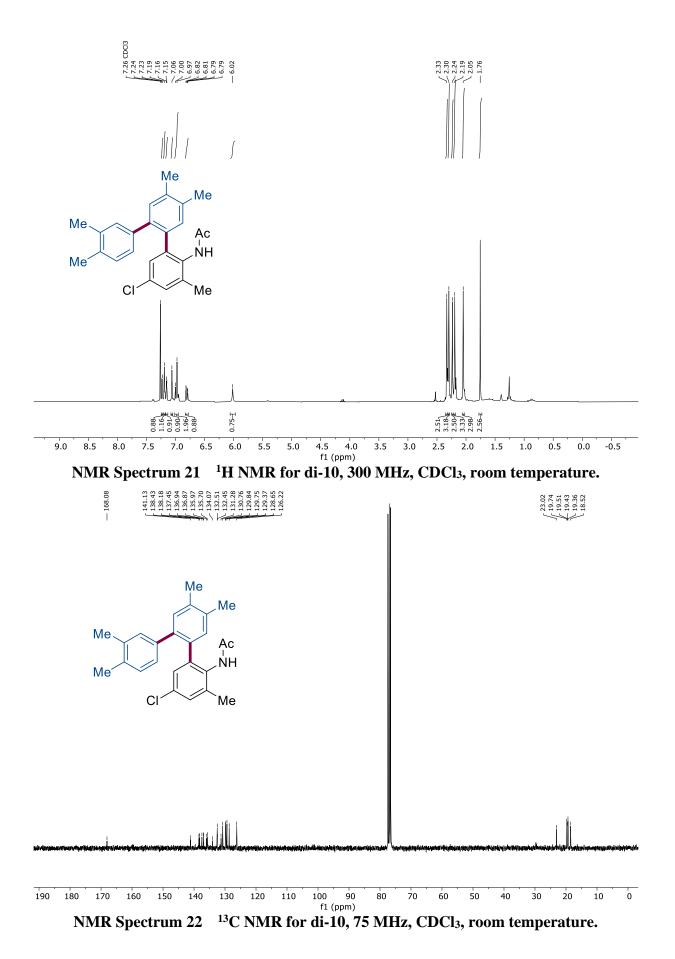


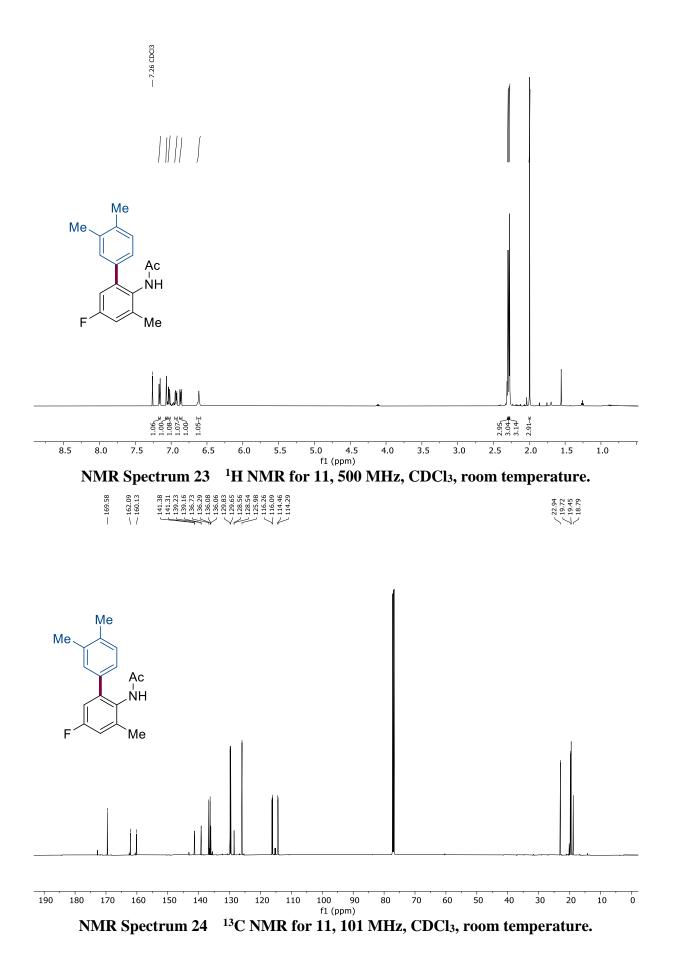




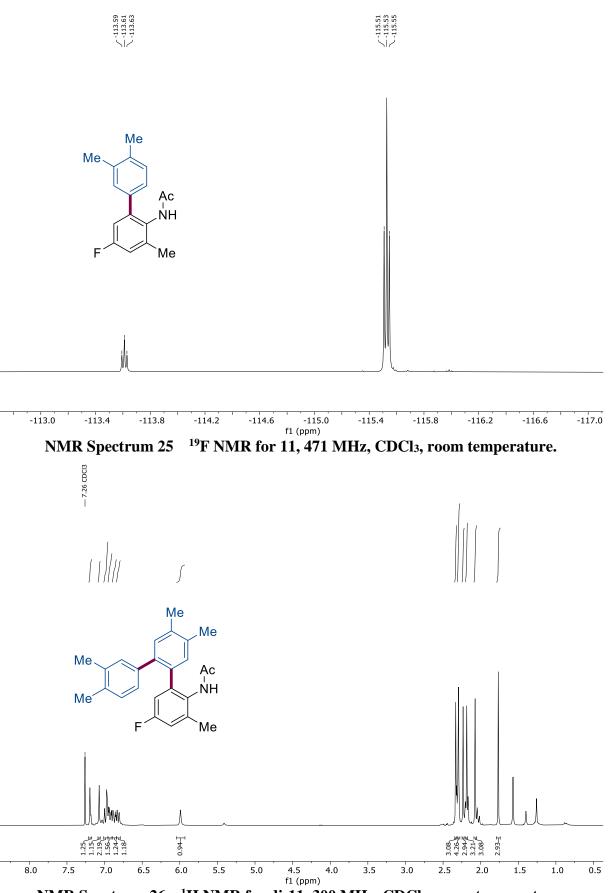


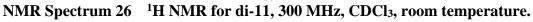


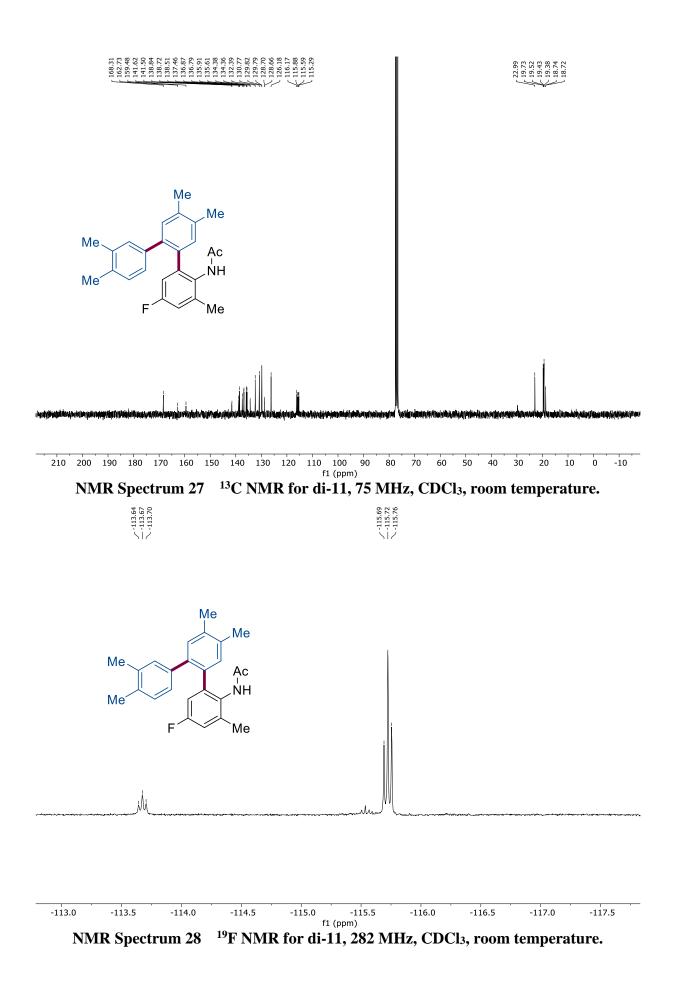


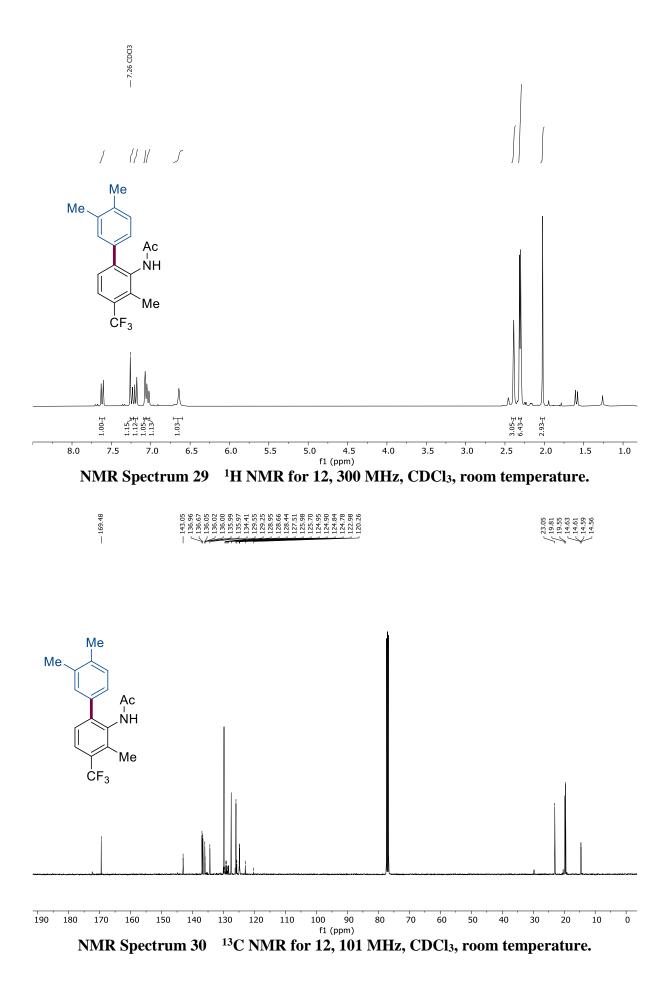


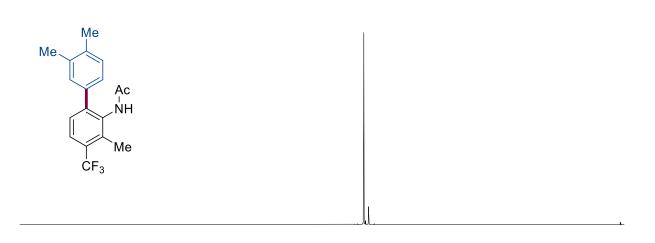




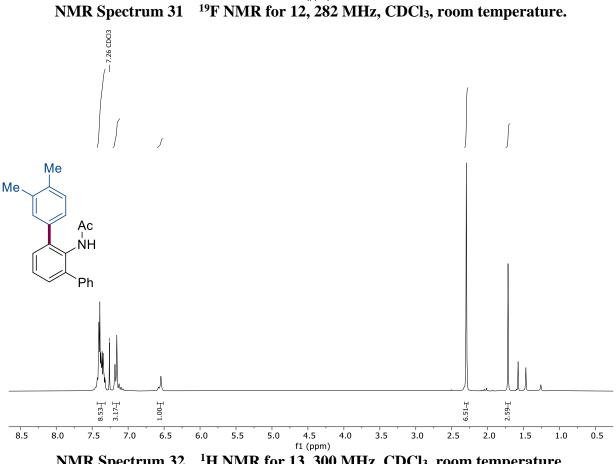




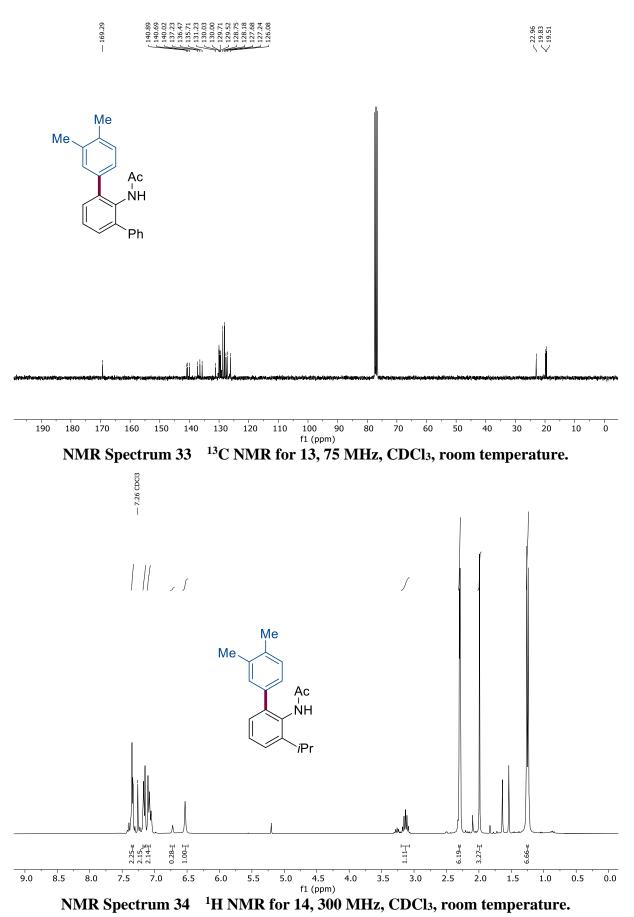


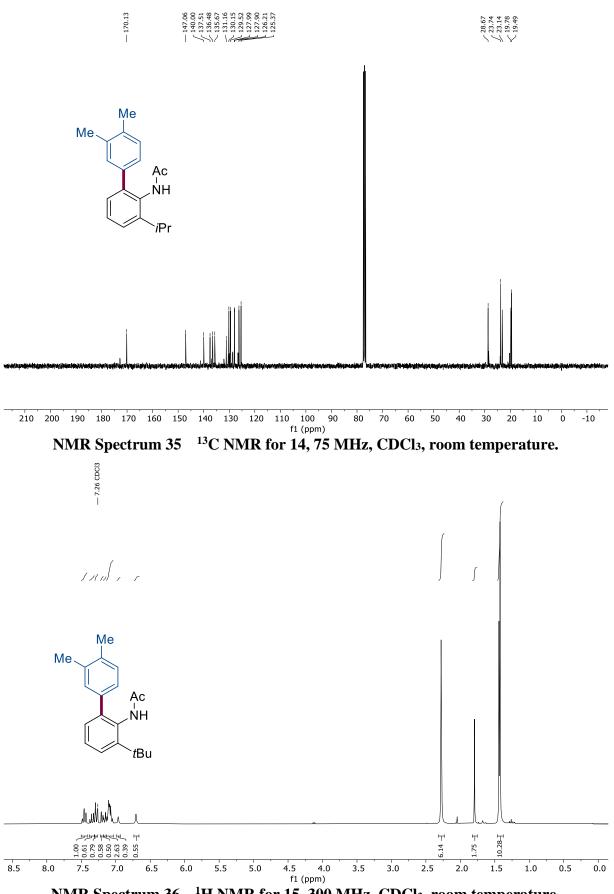


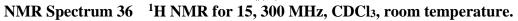
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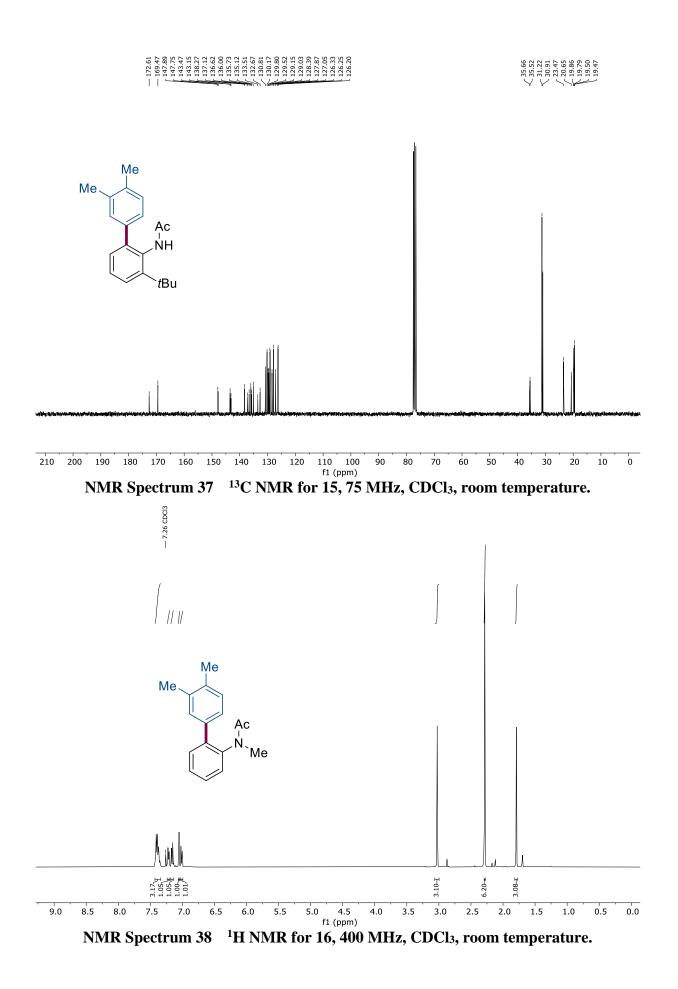


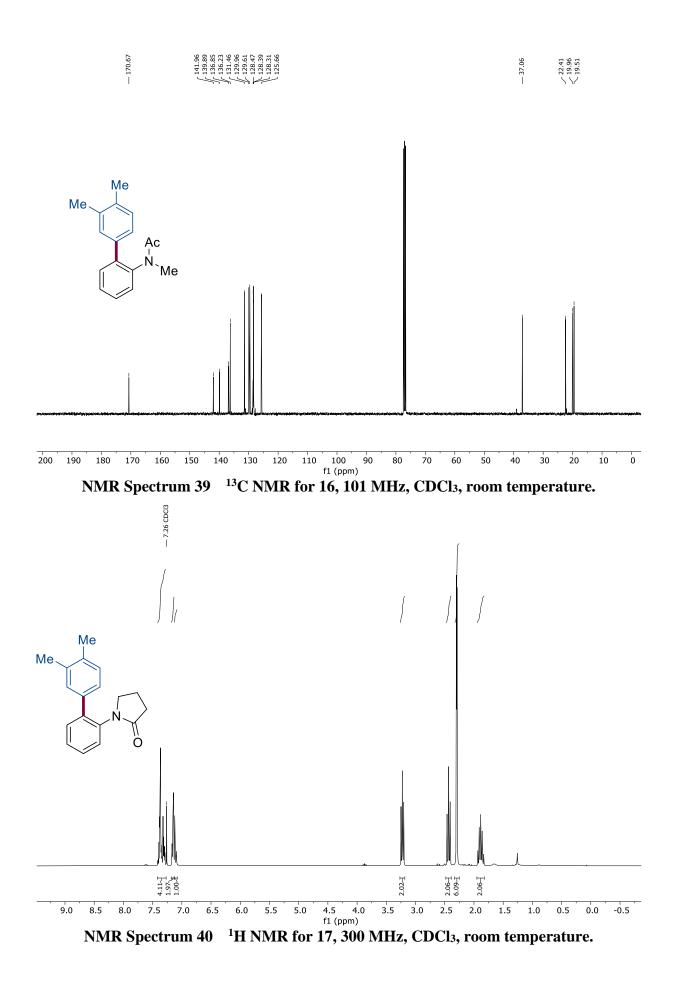
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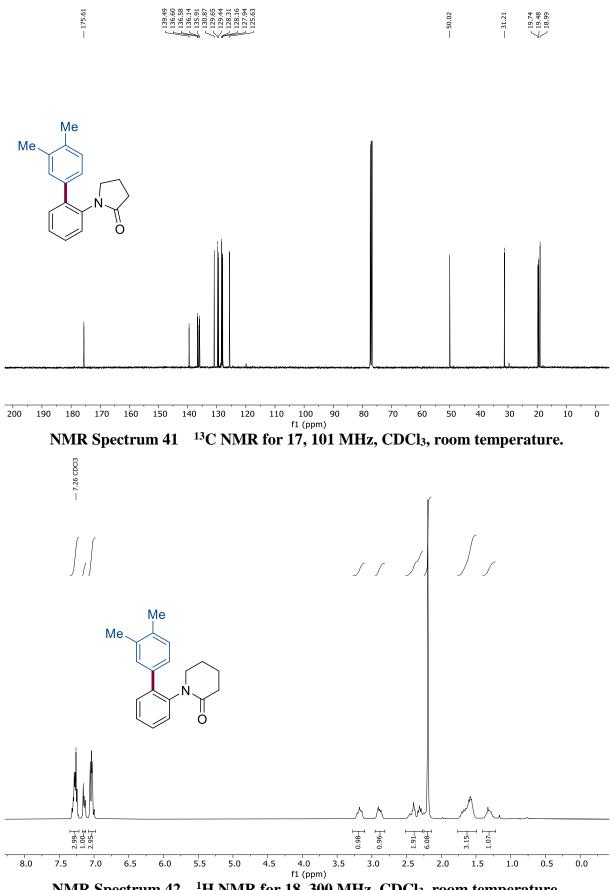


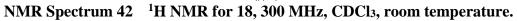


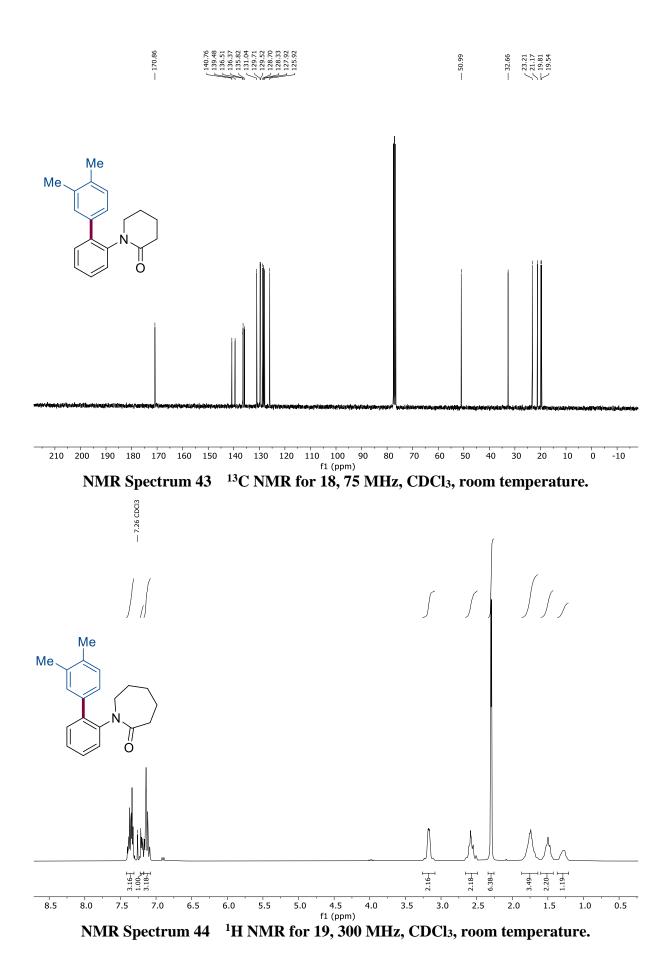


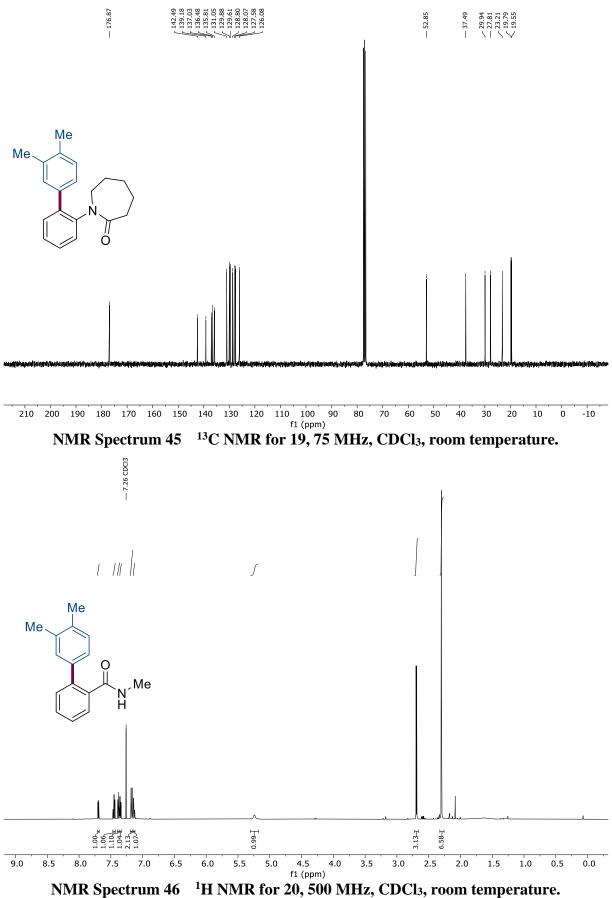


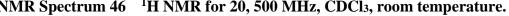


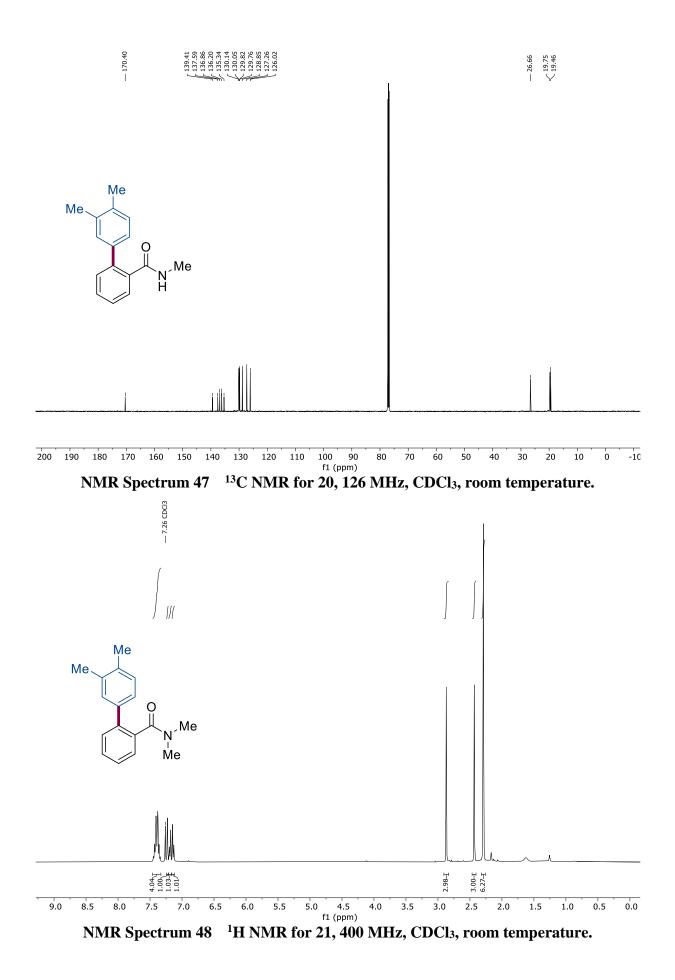


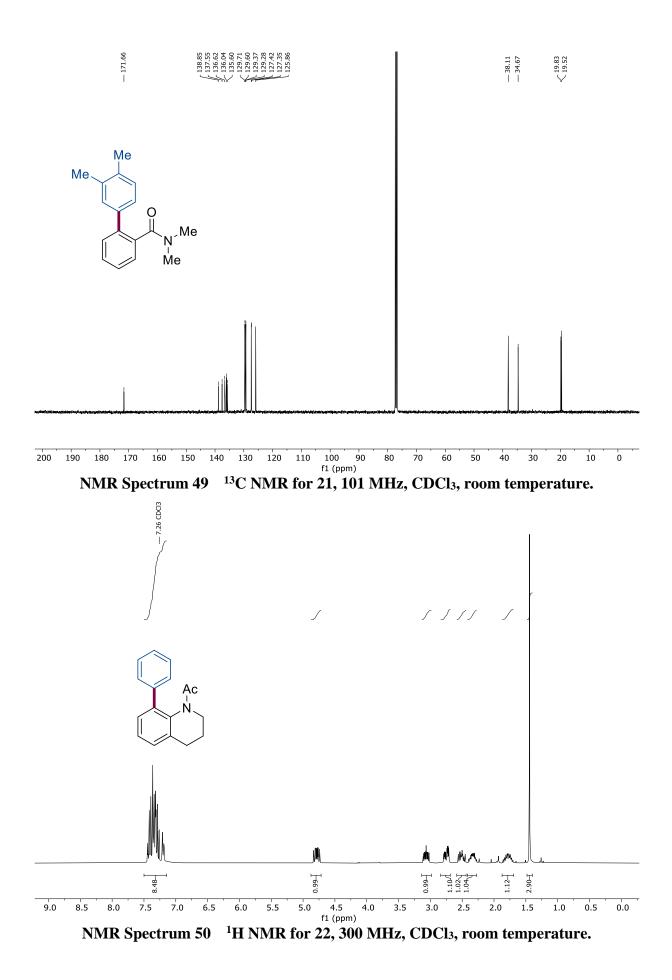


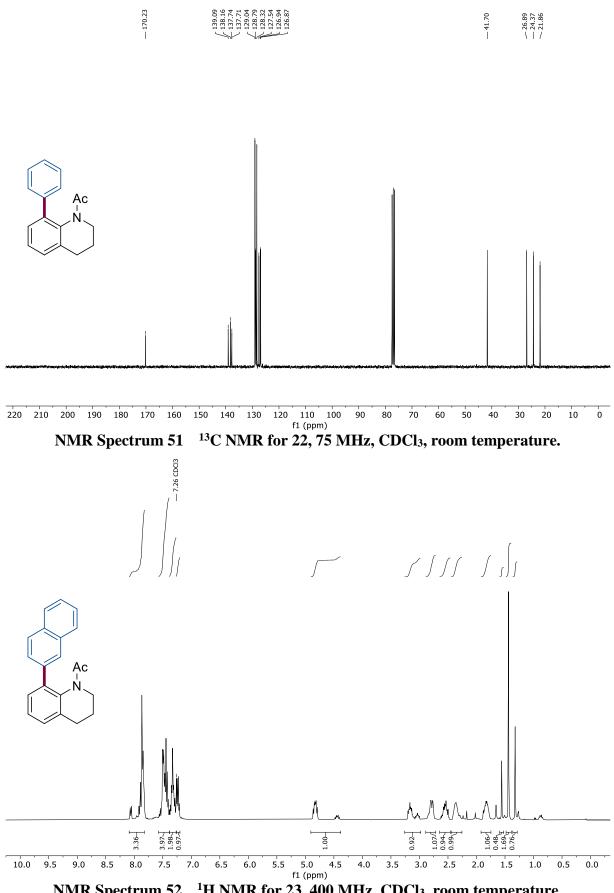




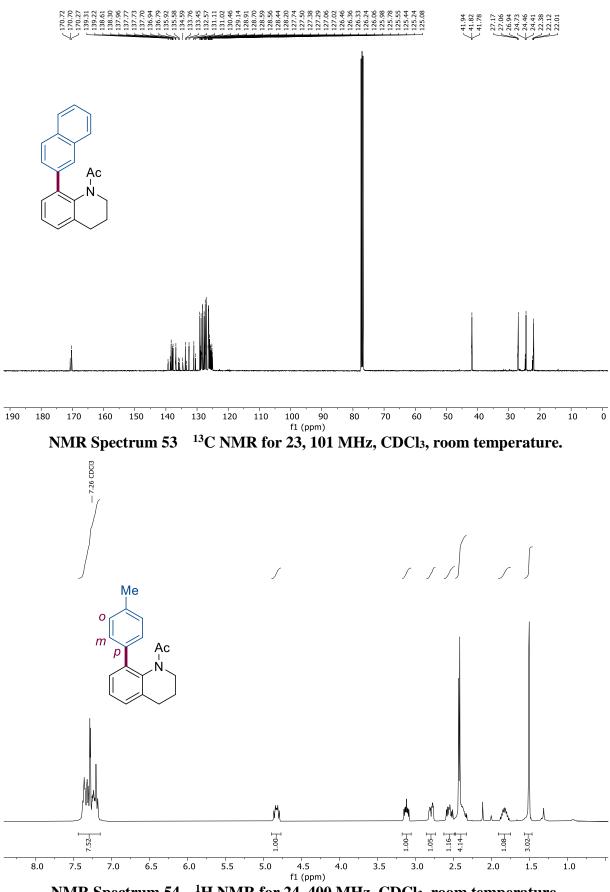


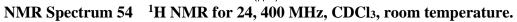


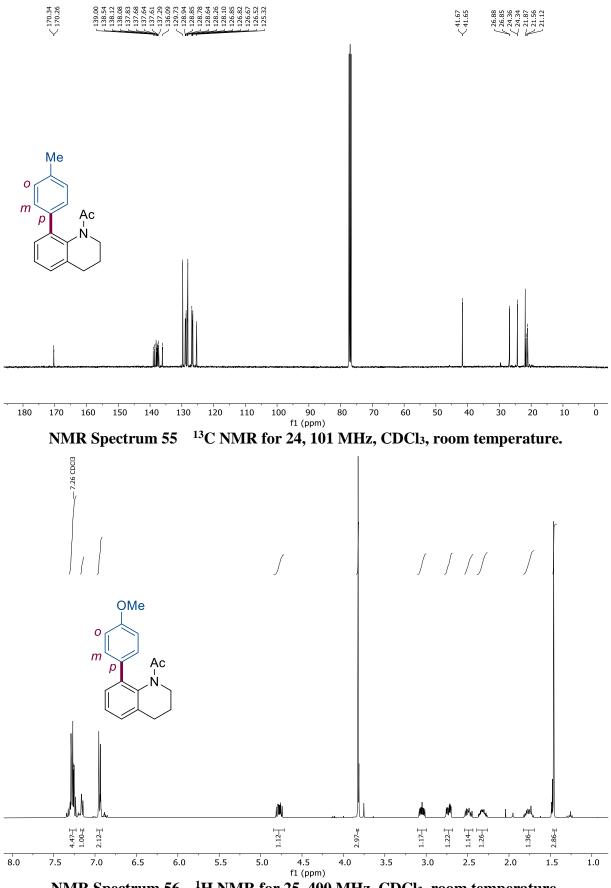


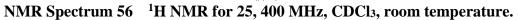


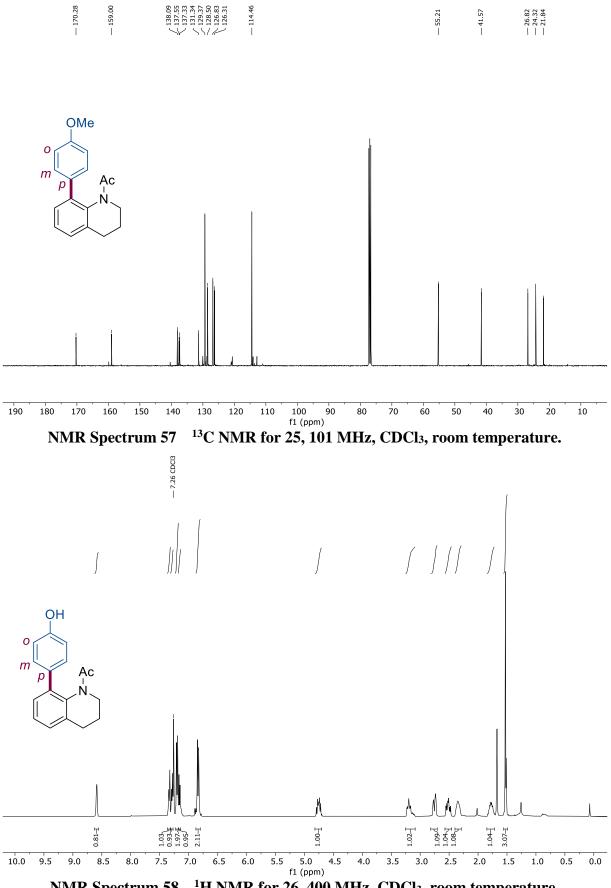
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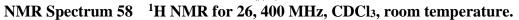


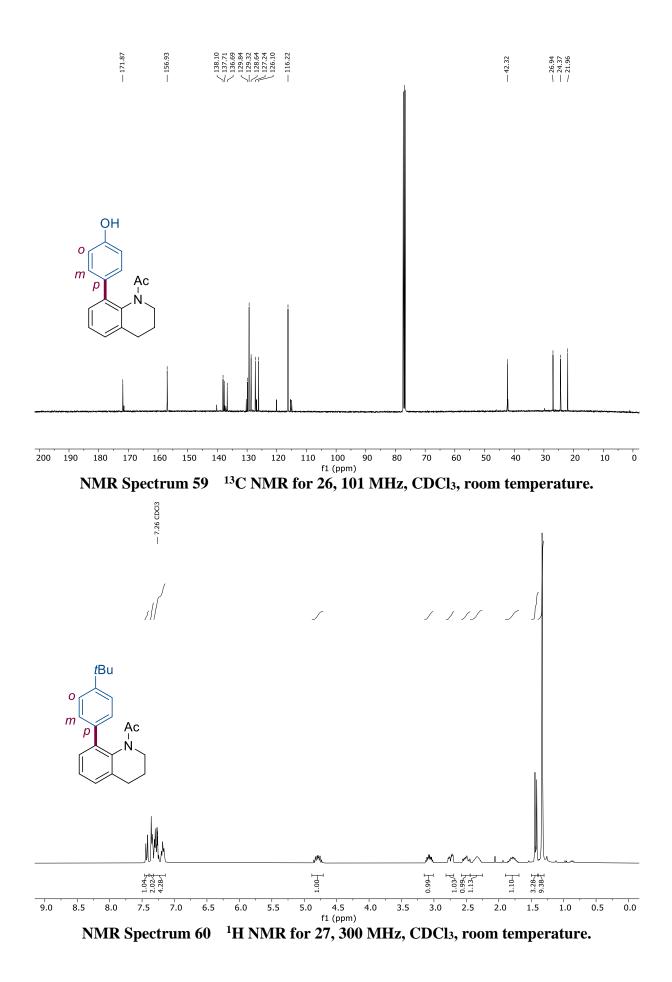


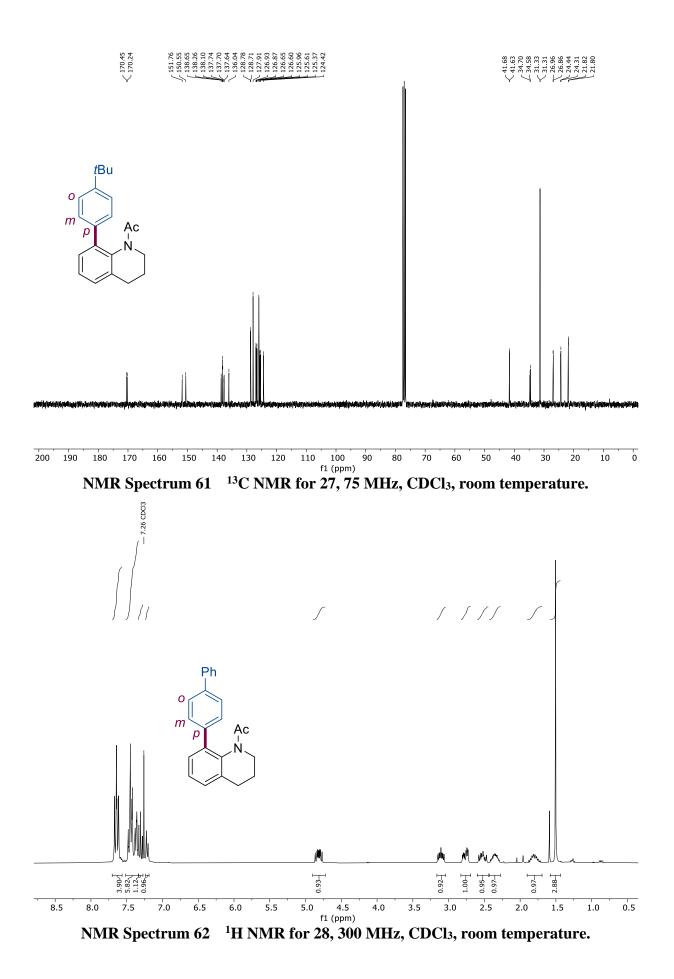


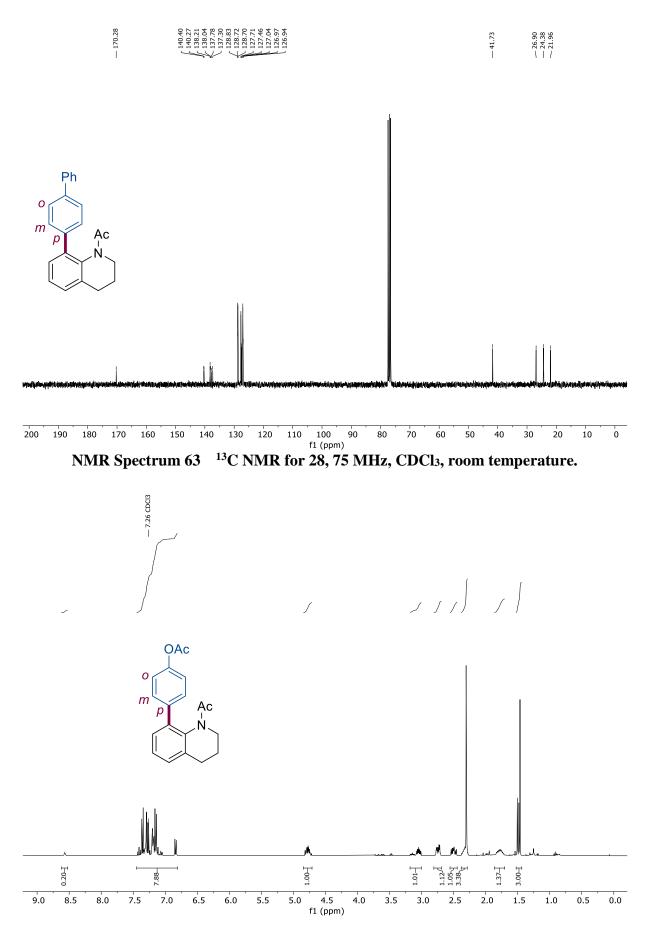




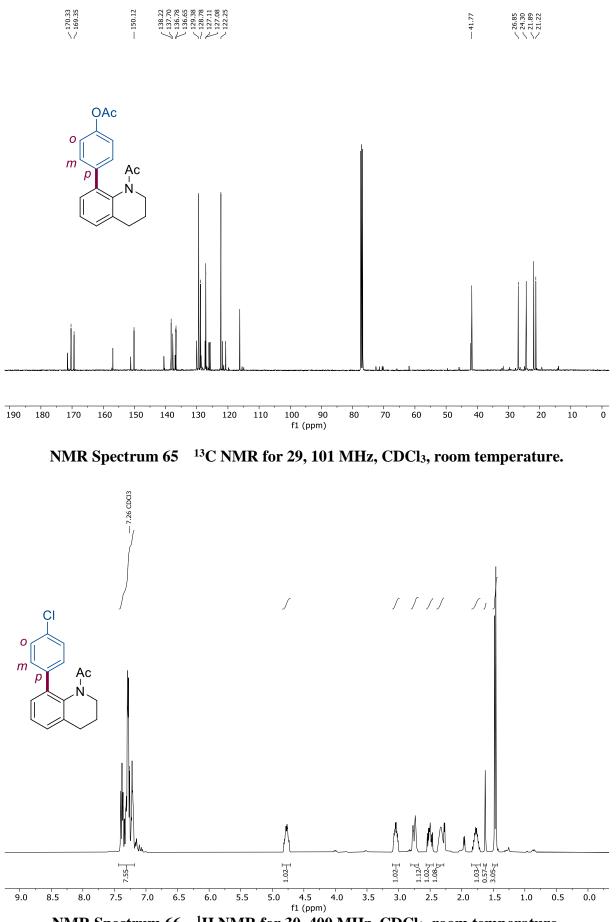


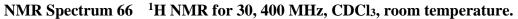


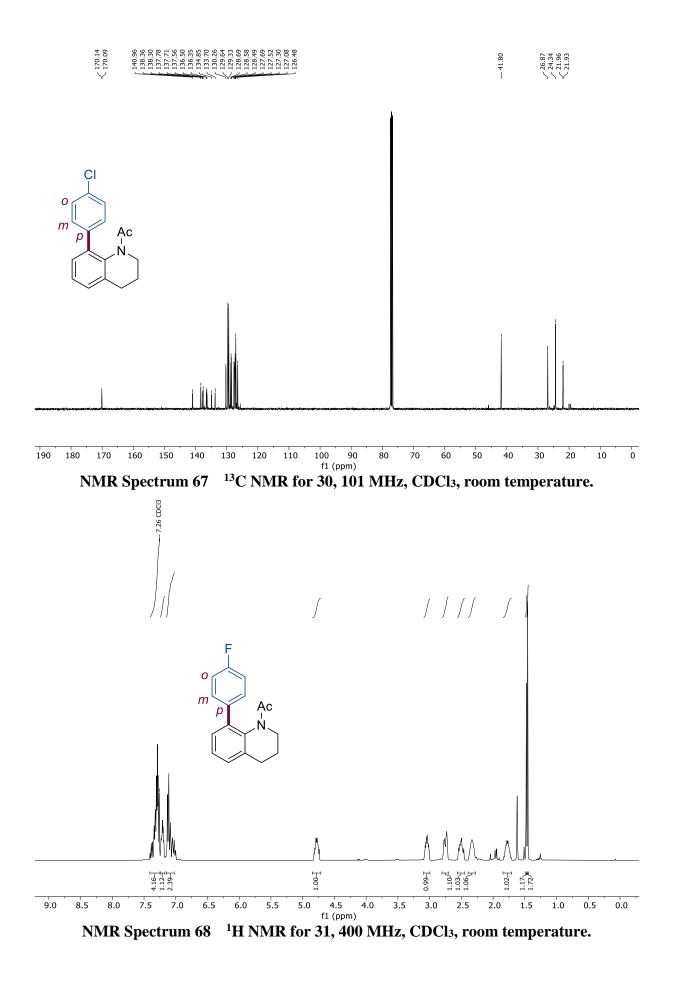


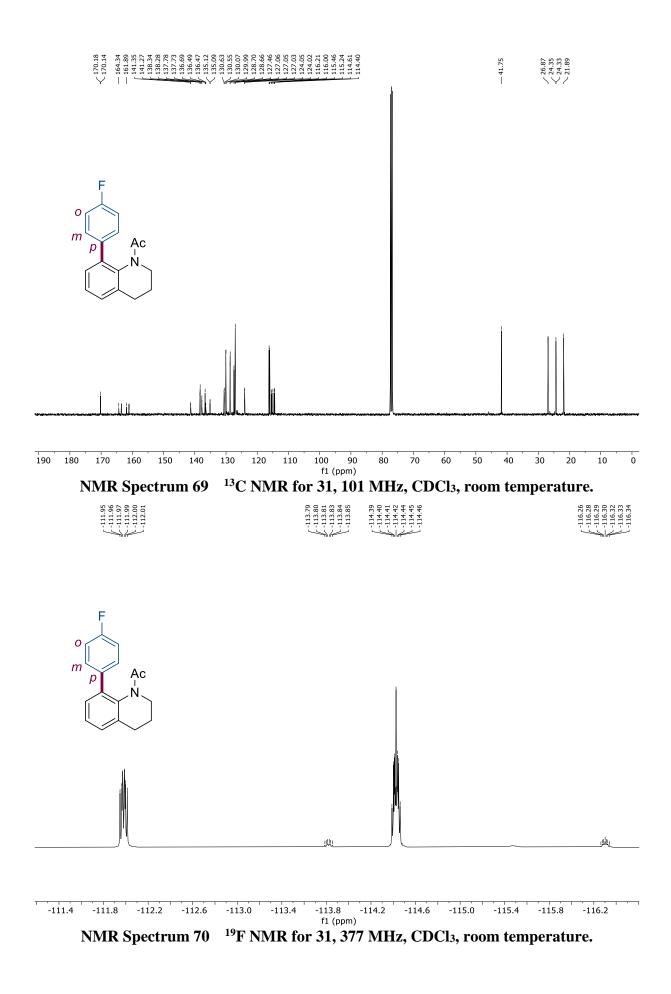


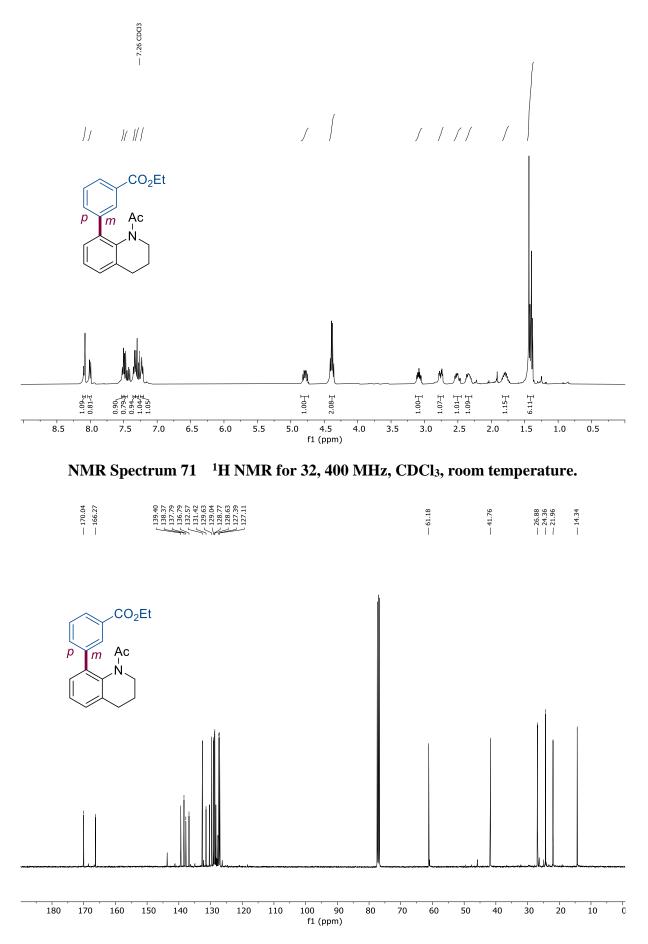
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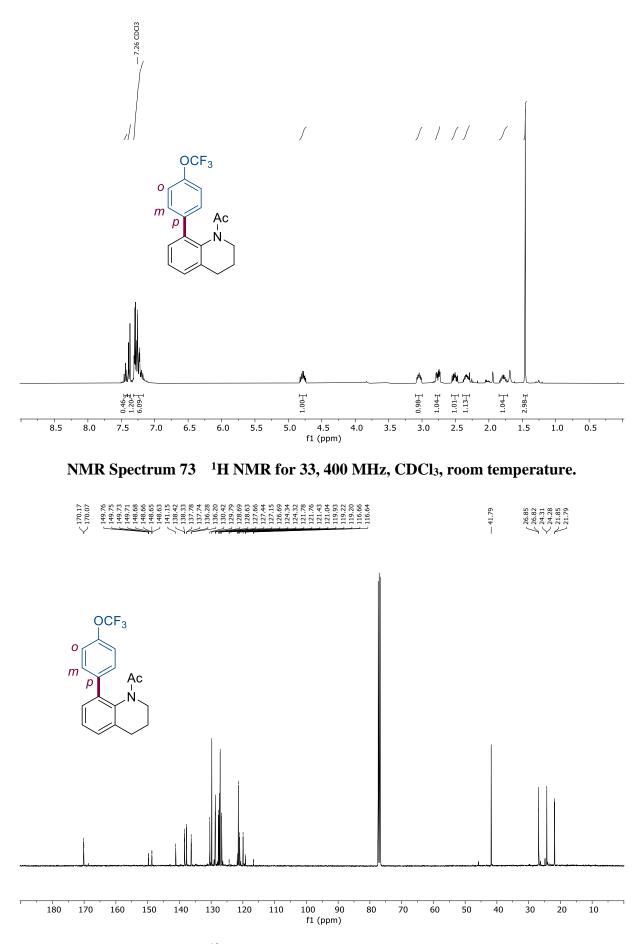




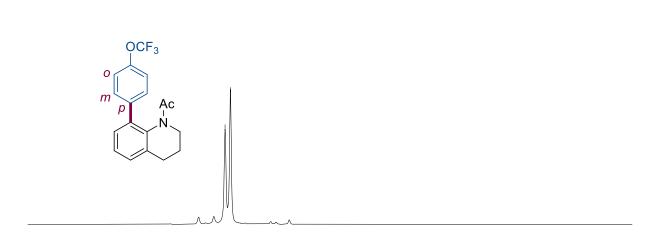




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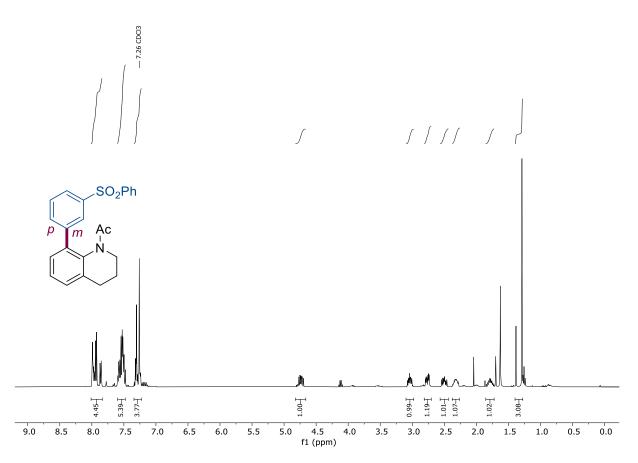
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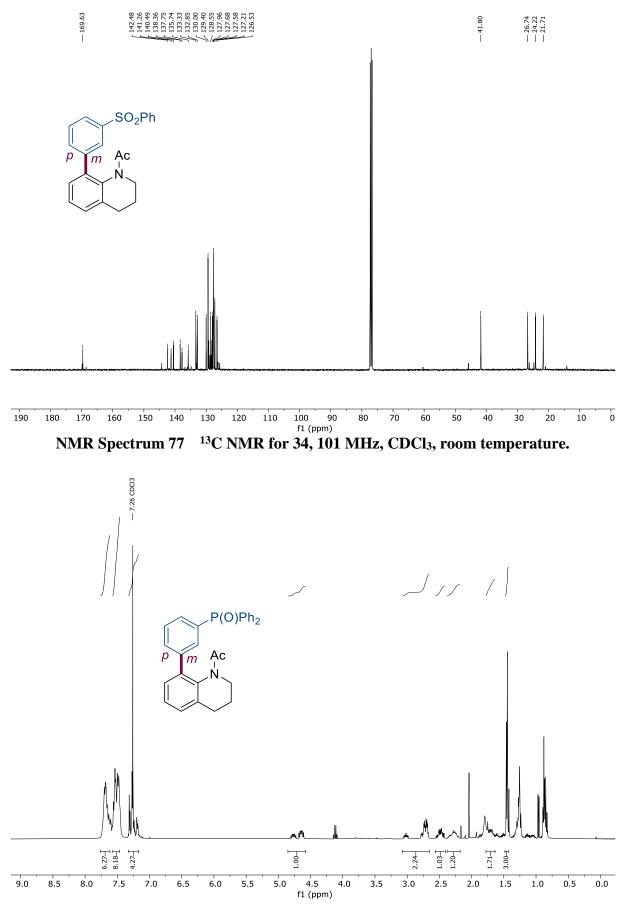
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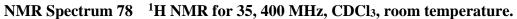
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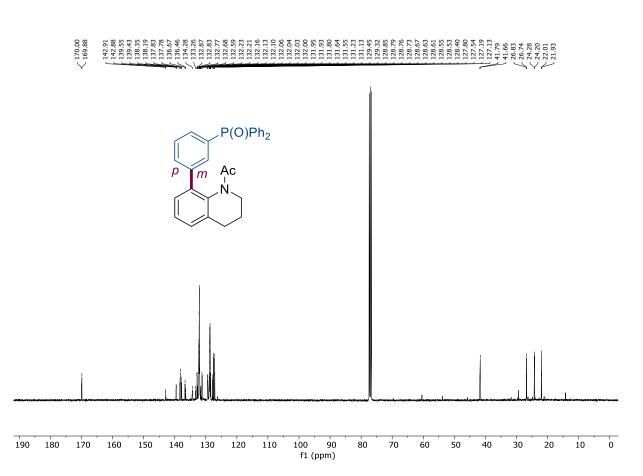
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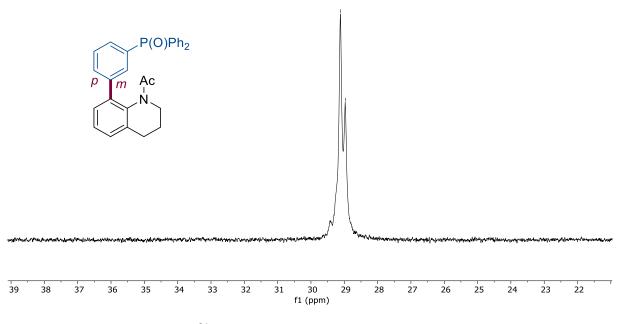




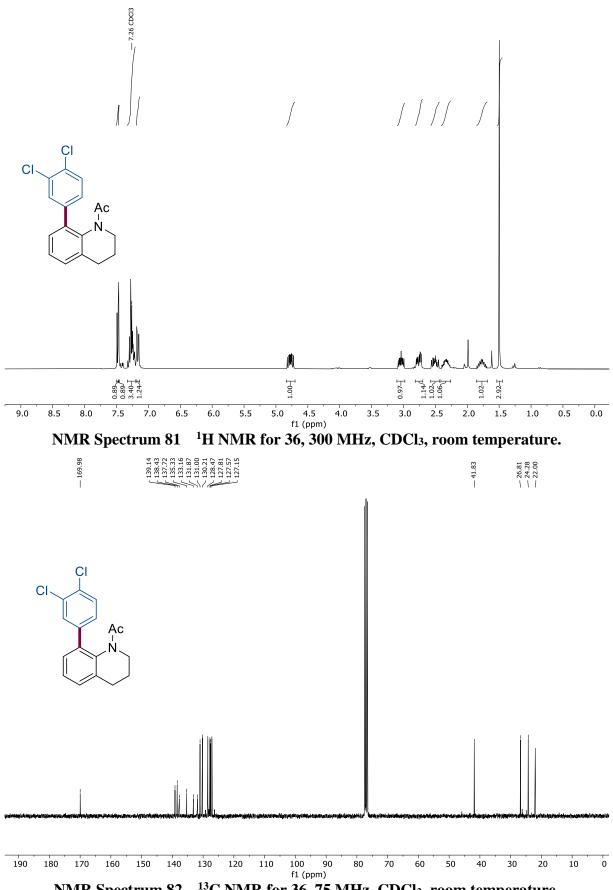


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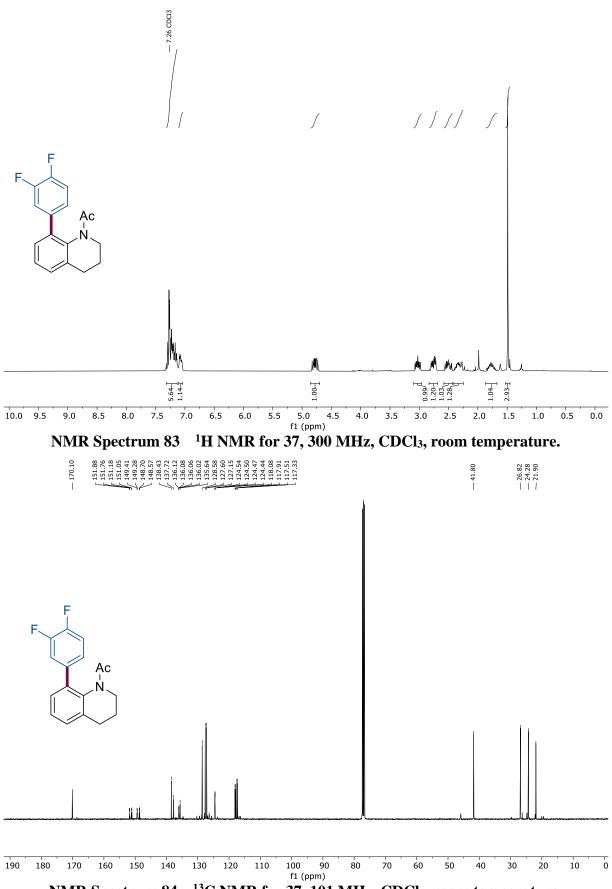




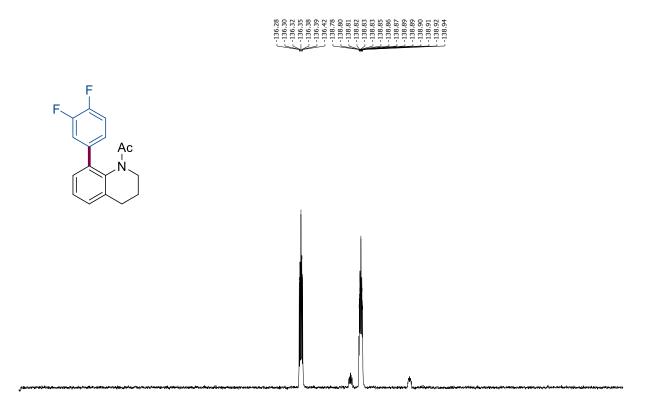
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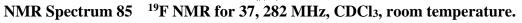
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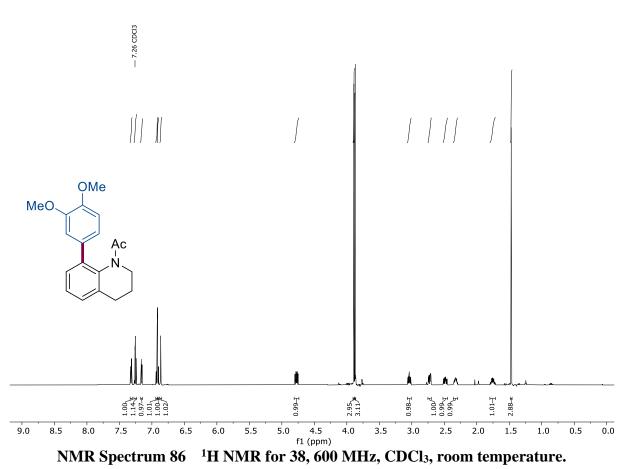


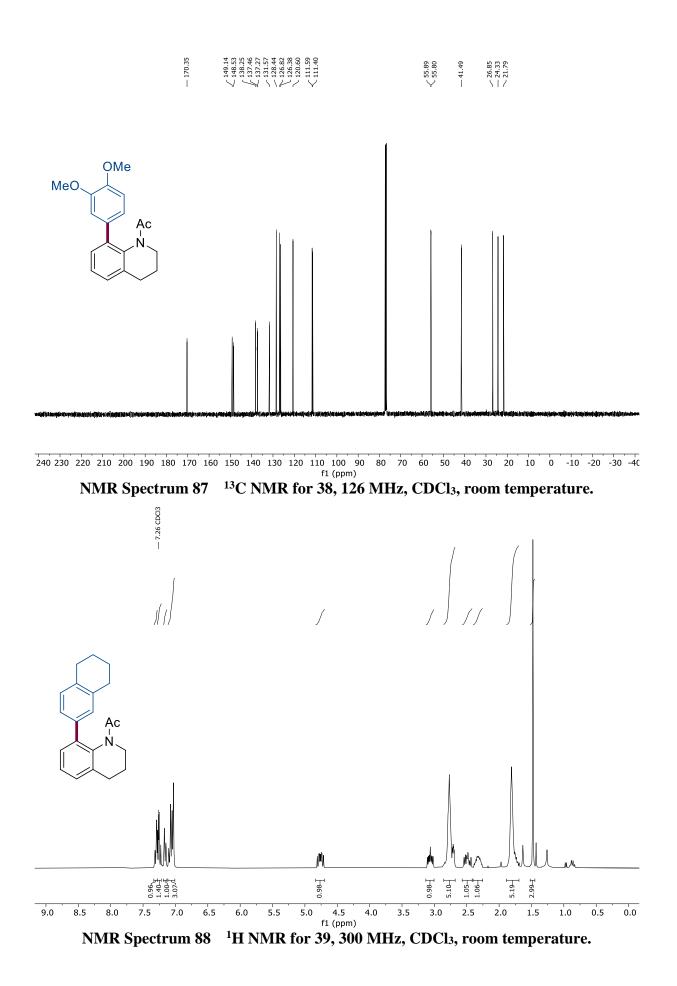
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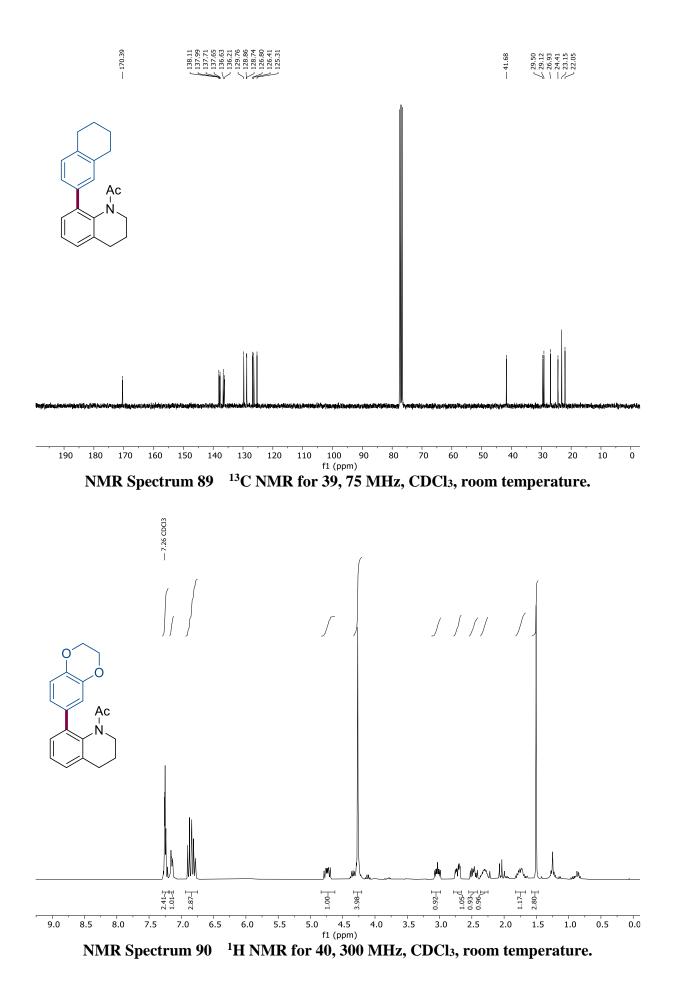


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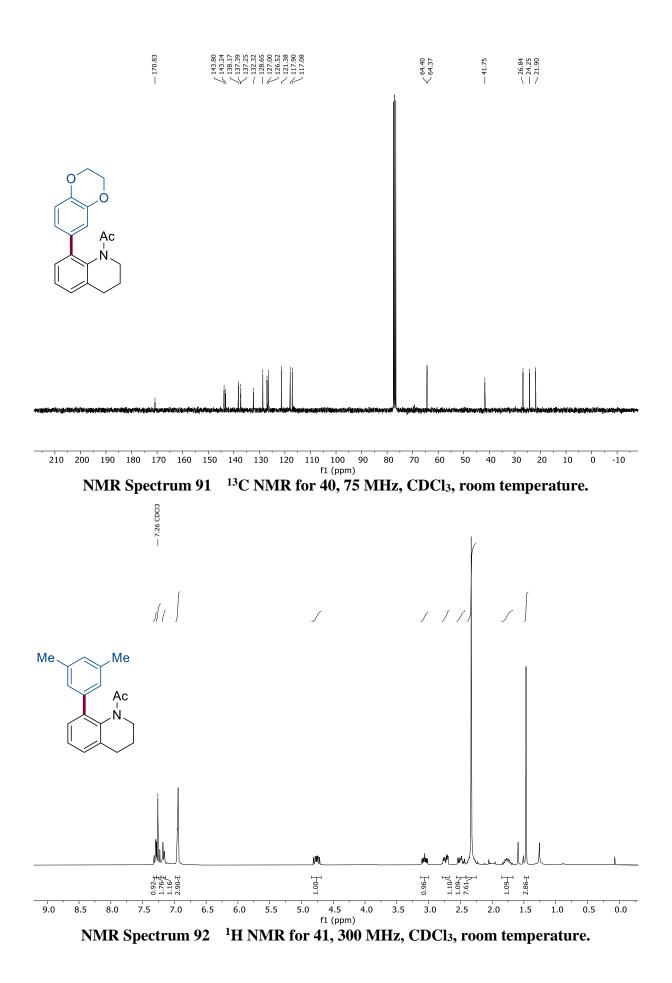


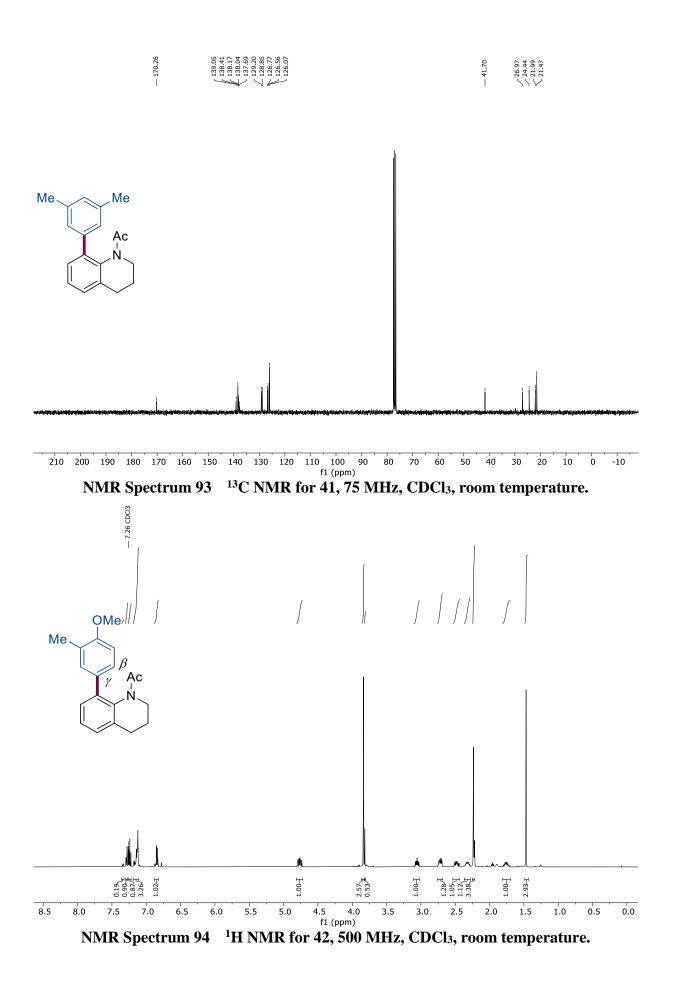


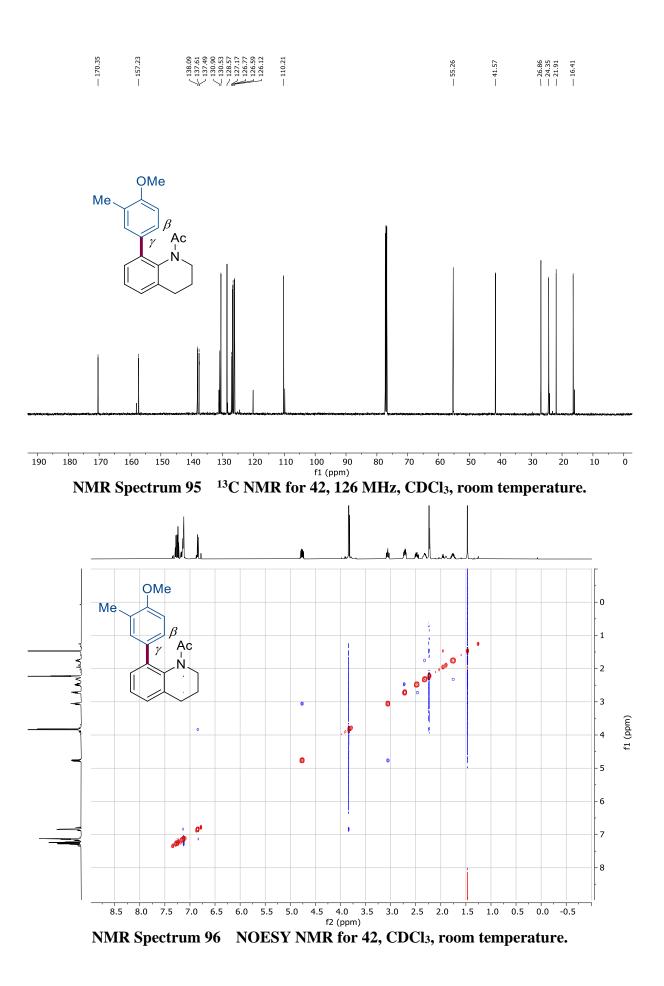


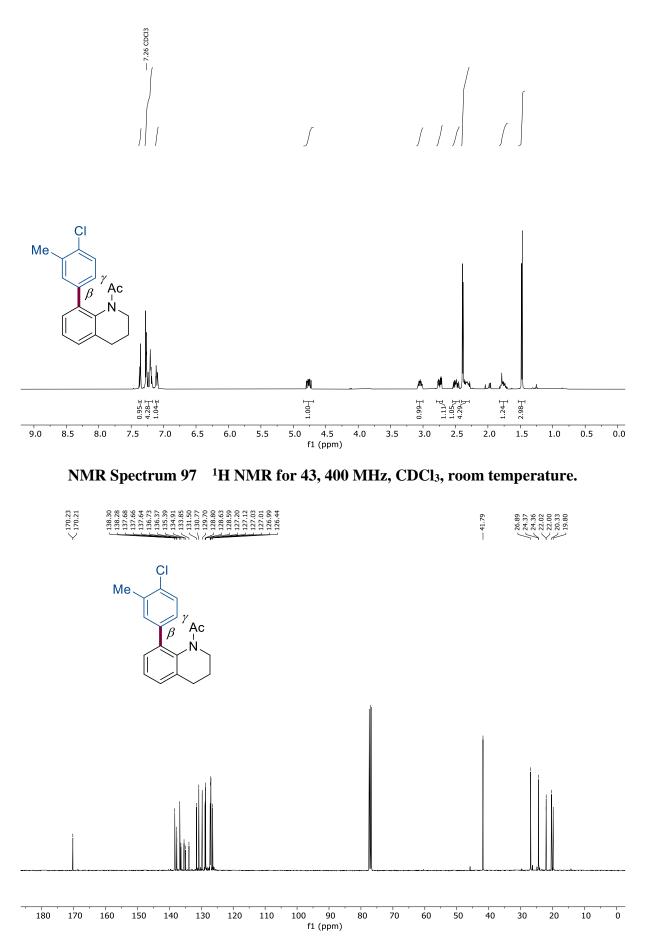




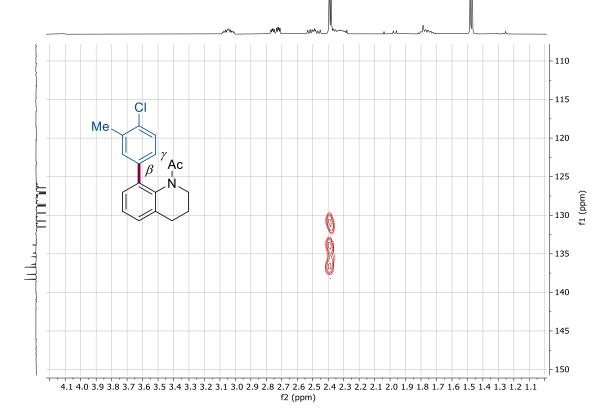




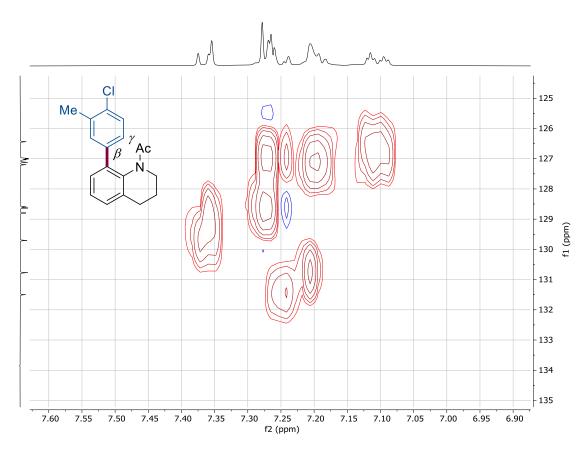




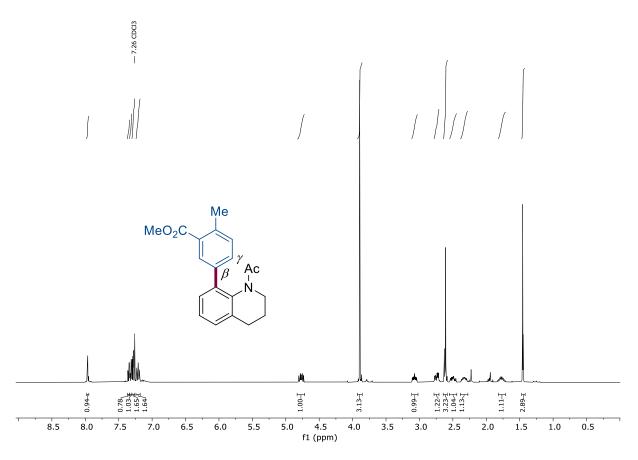
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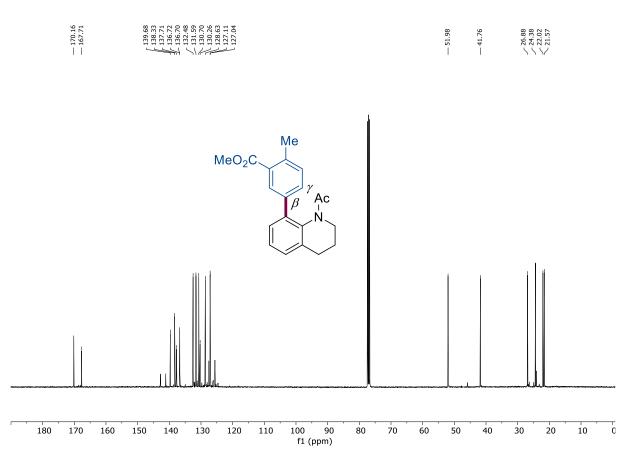
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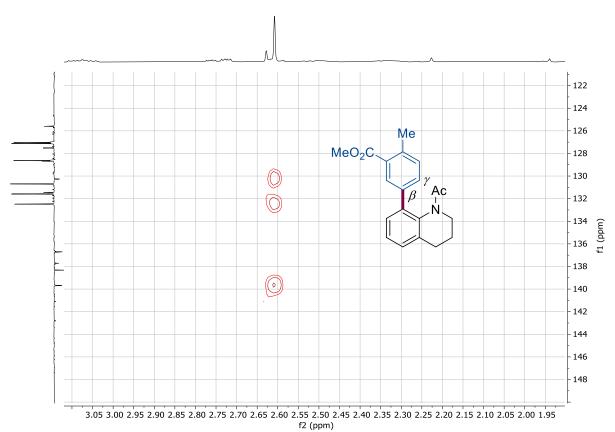
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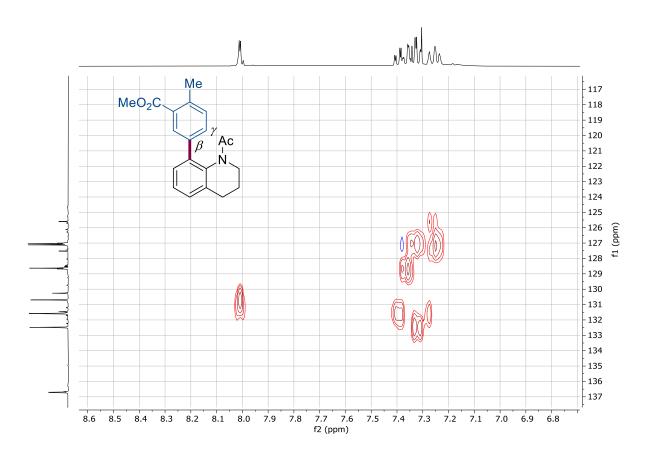
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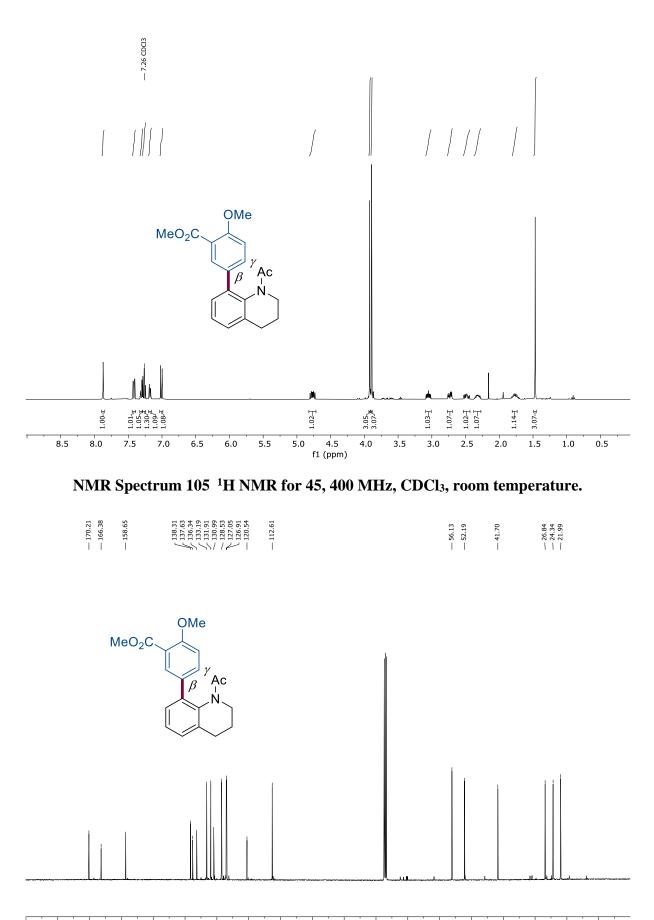
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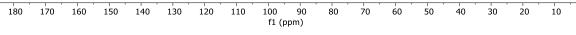


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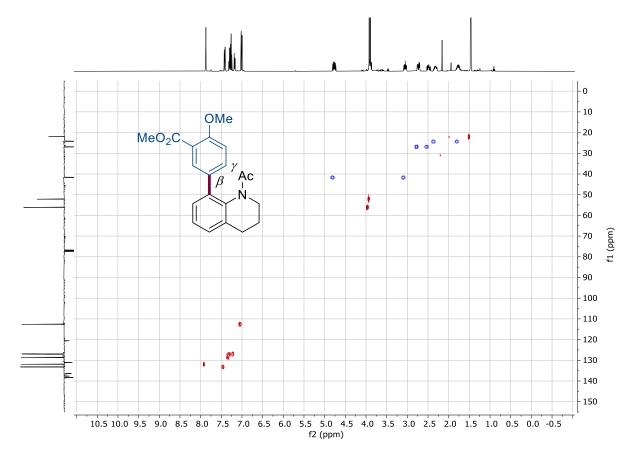


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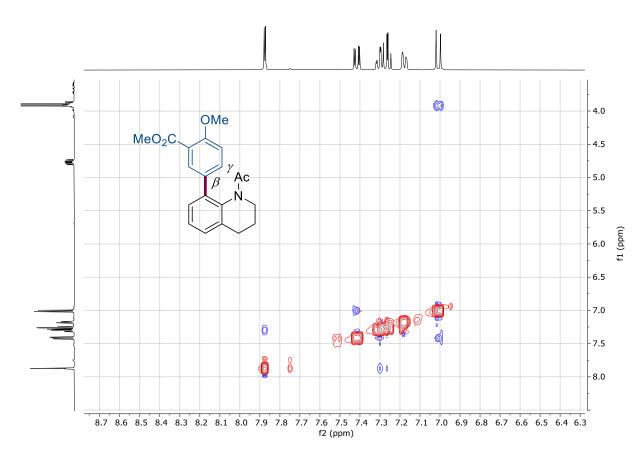




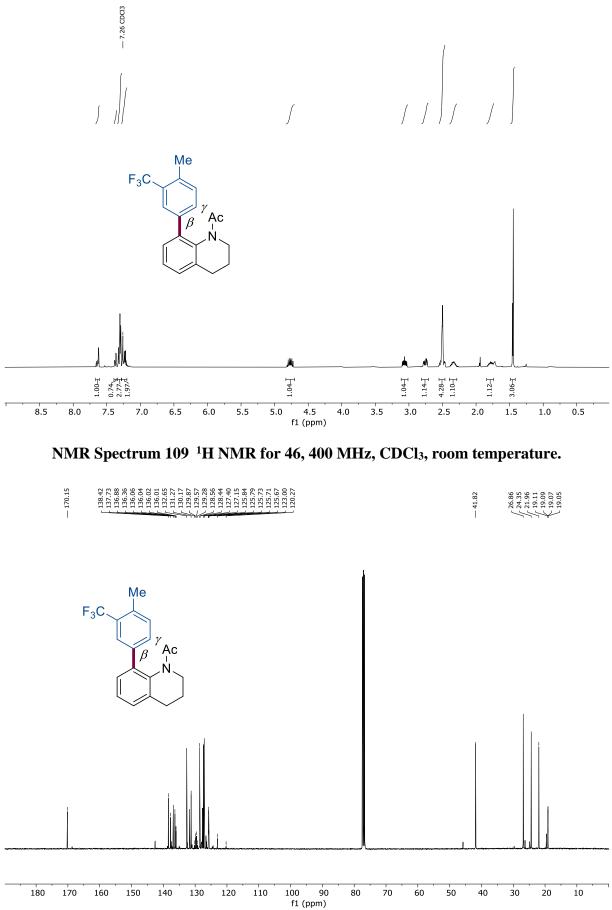
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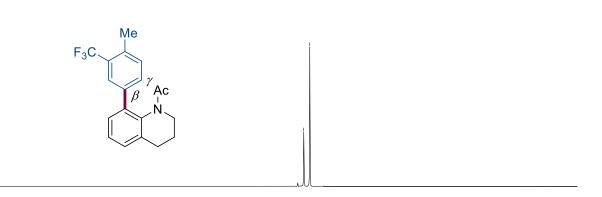
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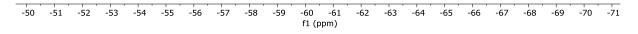


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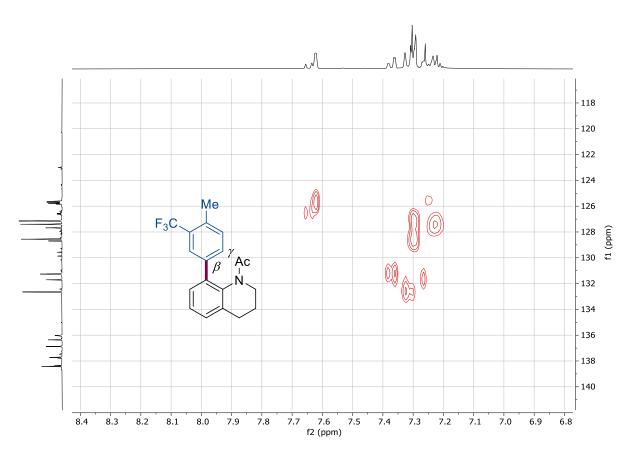


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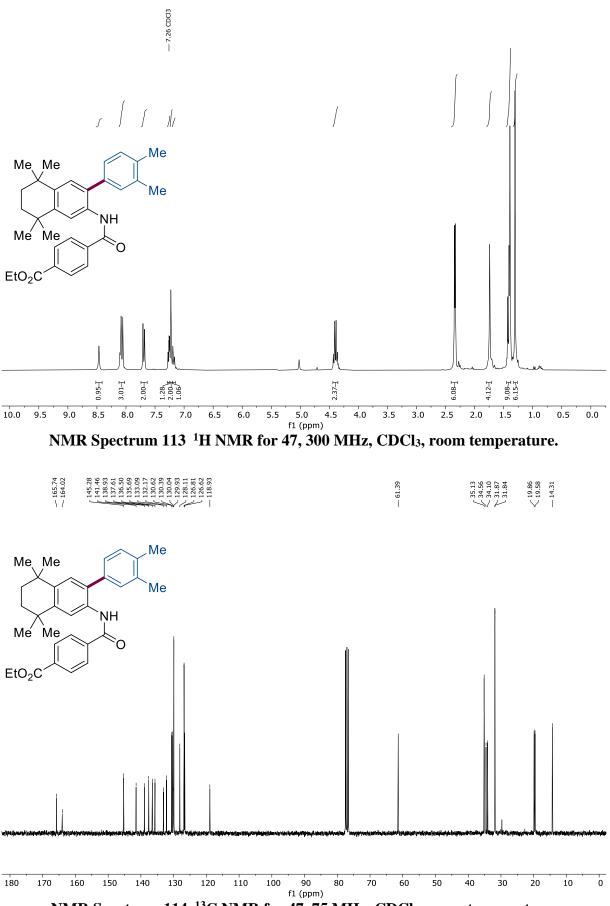


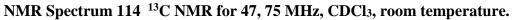


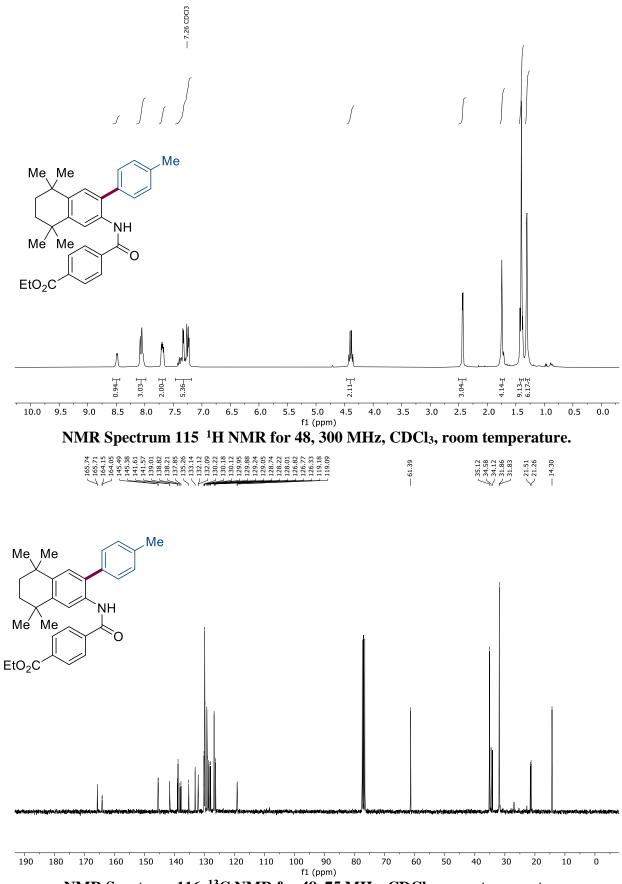
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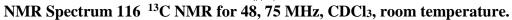


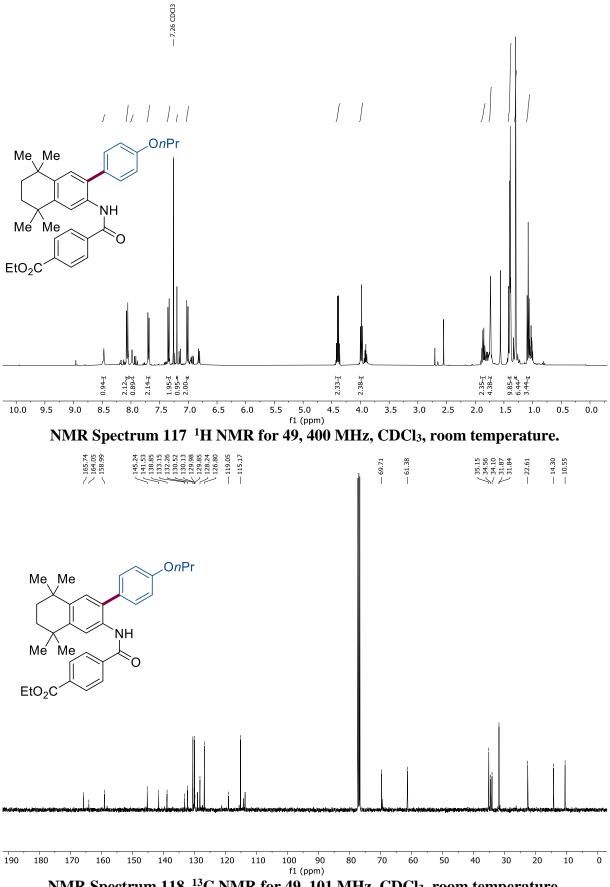
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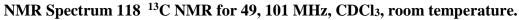


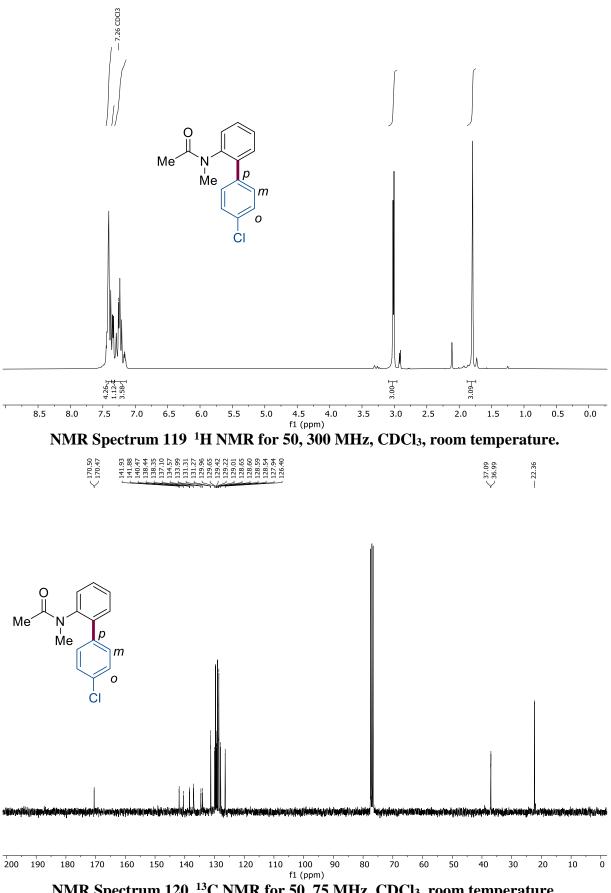


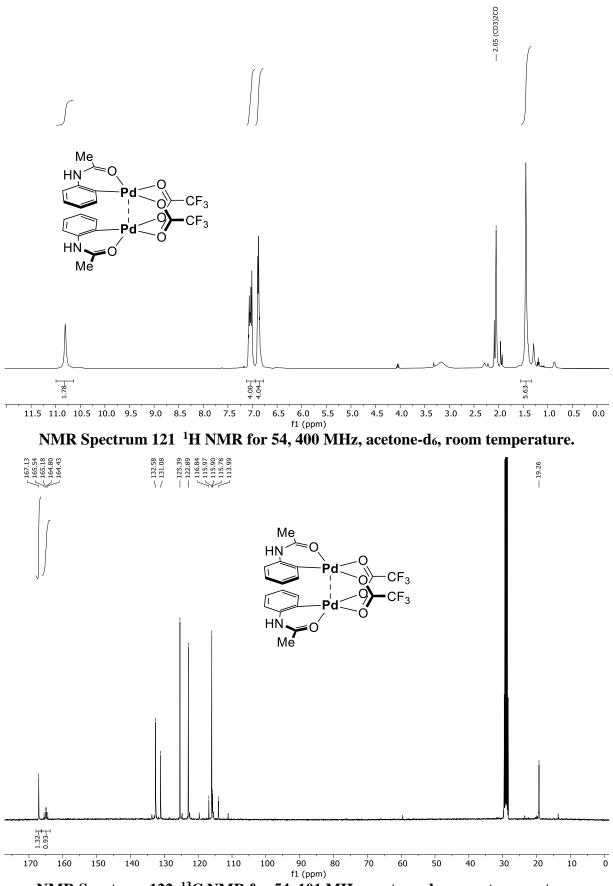


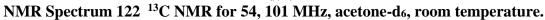


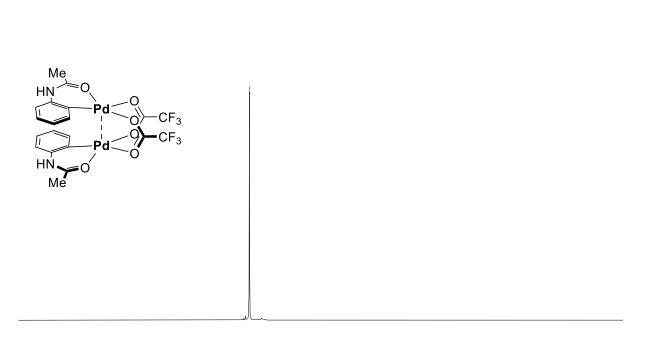


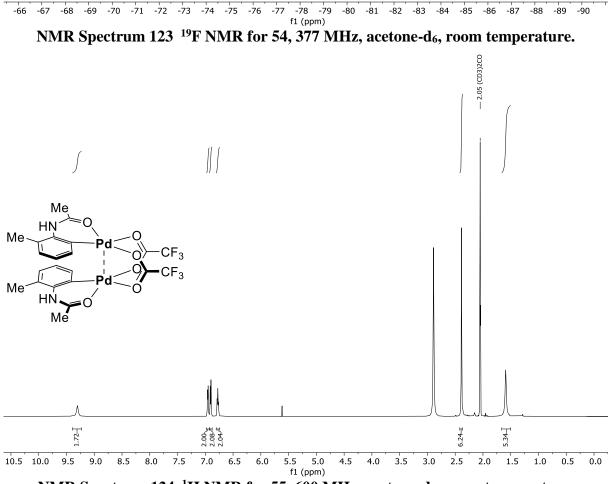




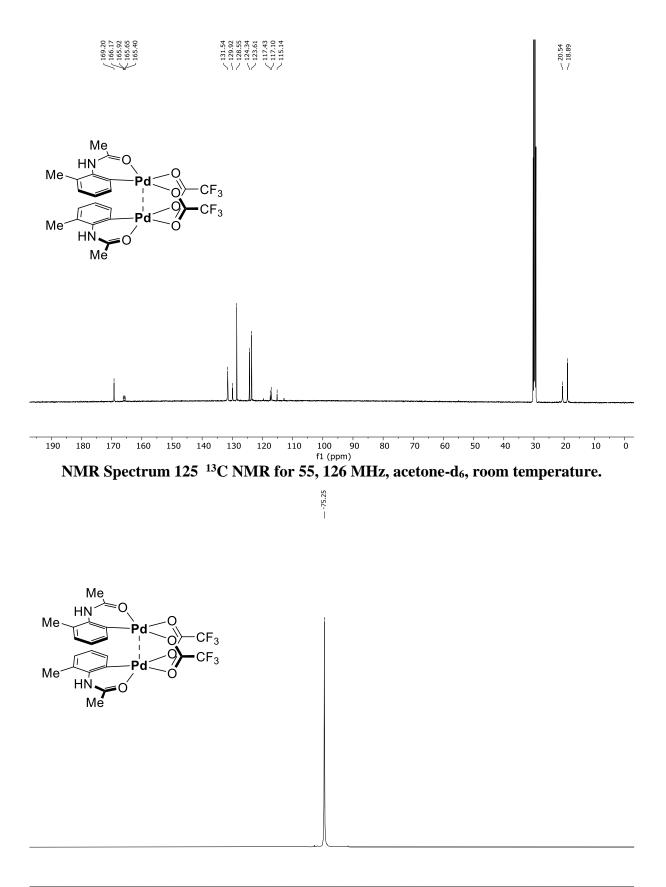






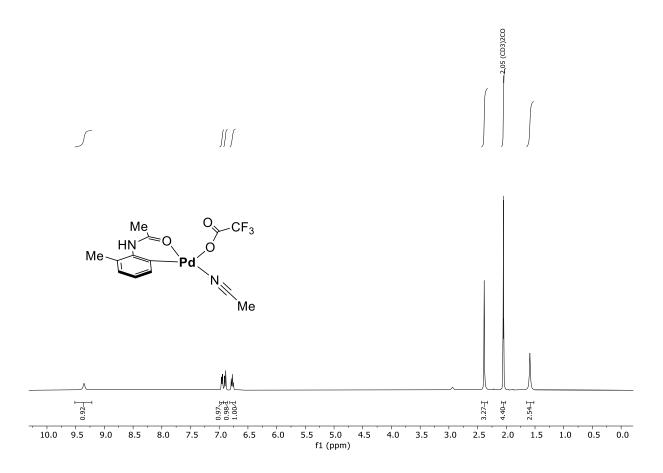




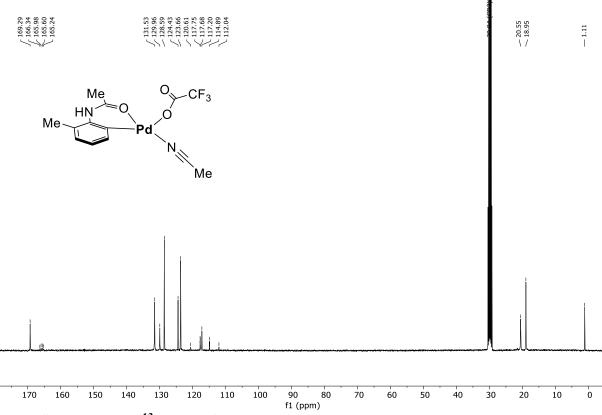


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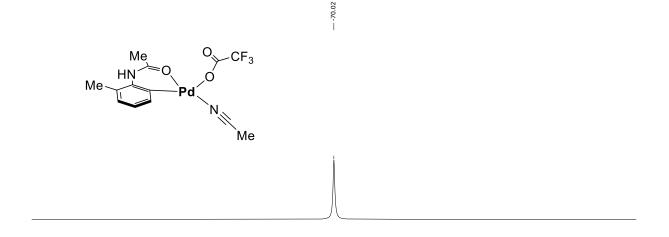
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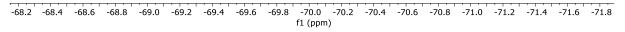




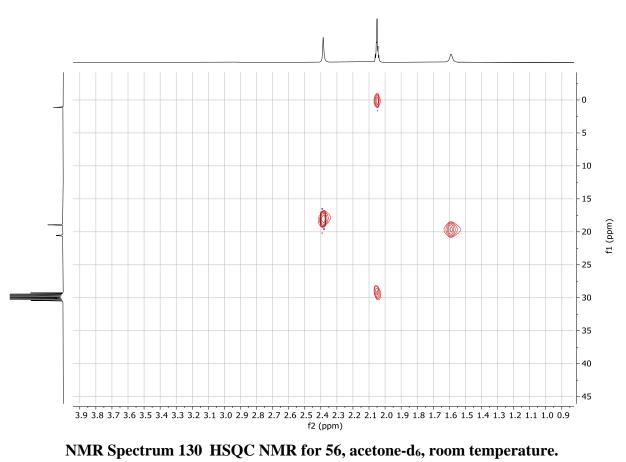


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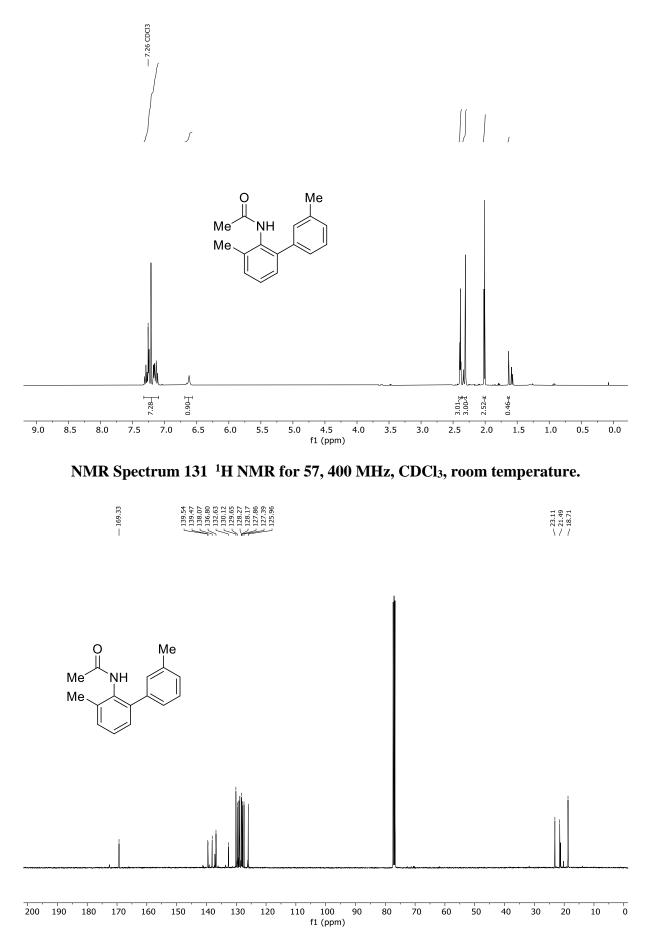




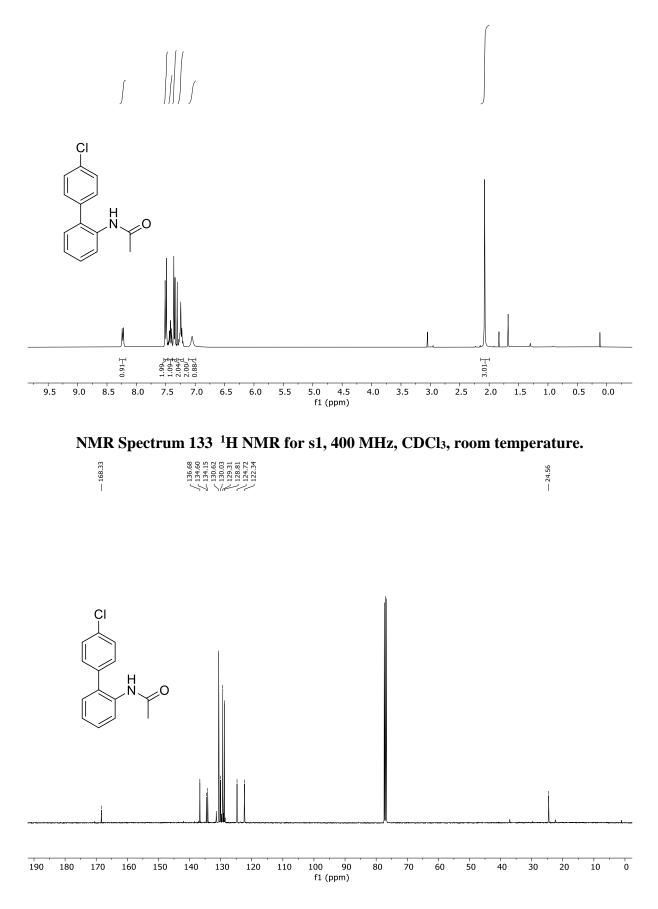
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NMR Spectrum 132 ¹H NMR for 57, 400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature.



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