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I. Experimental Section

Part 1. General Information

Commercial reagents were purchased from Adamas, Bide, Aldrich, Leyan, TCI and Energy Chemical. NiBr₂(dtbbpy),¹ NiCl₂(Py)₄,² Katritzky pyridinium salts³ and CEBO (2-chloro 3-ethylbenzoxazolium tetrafluoroborate)⁴ was prepared according to literature procedures. THF was distilled under a nitrogen atmosphere from sodium-benzophenone. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 200-300 mesh (purchased from Qingdao-Haiyang Co., China) as the solid support. All NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL (400 MHz) spectrometers and Bruker Avance (600 MHz) spectrometer at STP. Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz) and integration. NMR spectra are internally referenced to residual proton solvent signals (note: CDCl₃ referenced at 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR and 77.0 ppm for ¹³C NMR). Coupling constants were reported in Hz, and multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet); t (triplet); q (quartet); quint (quintet); m (multiplet); dd (doublet of doublets); dd (doublet of doublets); dt (doublet of triplets); td (triplet of doublets). GC chromatograms were recorded on a GCMS-QP2010 SE (SHIMADZU) using an Agilent column CP7502 and Rxi-5 ms (Restek).

Part 2. Optimization experiments

1. General procedure of optimization experiments: To a flame-dried tube equipped with a stir bar was added the appropriate ligand, B₂Pin₂ and methyl 4-bromobenzoate (21.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The tube was transferred into a N₂-filled glovebox, nickel catalyst, base and additives were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with the solvent. The mixture was stirred at 800 rpm, ensuring that the solid reagents were uniformly suspended. Then (3-bromopropyl)benzene (23.9 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to the tube with a syringe, the mixture was stirred vigorously (800 rpm) at 60 °C for 24 h. After that, the mixture was quenched with water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica

gel (eluted with 0-3% EtOAc/Petroleum ether) to give the target molecule, the yield was determined by ¹H NMR (using 2,5-dimethylfuran as the internal standard).



Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions

Entry	Ligand	Nickel catalyst	Solvent	Additive (equiv.)	Base	Reductant	T(°C)	Yield% ^a
1	L1	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K ₂ CO ₃	B_2Pin_2	60	96
2	L2	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	91
3	L3	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	19
4	L4	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	88
5	L5	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	14
6	L6	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	32
7	L7	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	94
8	L8	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	84
9	L9	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	95
10	L10	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	19
11	L11	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	89
12	L12	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	75
13	-	NiBr ₂₍ DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	ND
14	L2	NiCl ₂ (DME)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	94
15	L2	Ni(COD)₂	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	80
16	L2	Ni(ClO4) ₂	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	78
17	L2	NI(acac) ₂	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	Trace
18	L2	Ni(OTf)₂	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	81
19	L2	NICl ₂ (Py) ₄	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	86
20	L2	NiBr ₂	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	90
21	L2	Nil ₂	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	89
22	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	97(95) ^b

23	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	NMP	Nal	K ₂ CO ₃	B ₂ Pin ₂	60	91
24	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMF	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	88
25	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	Dioxane	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	35
26	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DME	Nal	K ₂ CO ₃	B_2Pin_2	60	55
27	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	MeCN	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	78
28	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMSO	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	79
29	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	EtOAc	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	26
30	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	PhCF ₃	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	12
31	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	96
			(1 mL)					
32	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	60	93
			(0.2 mL)					
33	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	KI	K ₂ CO ₃	B_2Pin_2	60	95
34	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Lil	K₂CO₃	B_2Pin_2	60	96
35	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	NaBr	K ₂ CO ₃	B_2Pin_2	60	35
36	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	TBAI	K ₂ CO ₃	B_2Pin_2	60	95
37	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	TBAB	K₂CO₃	B_2Pin_2	60	27
38	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K₂CO₃	B_2Pin_2	60	97
				(1 eq)				
39	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	-	K ₂ CO ₃₃	B_2Pin_2	60	82
40	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	Li ₂ CO ₃	B_2Pin_2	60	27
41	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K ₃ PO ₄	B_2Pin_2	60	54
42	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	AcOK	B_2Pin_2	60	8
43	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	LiOMe	B_2Pin_2	60	54
44	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	<i>t</i> BuOK	B_2Pin_2	60	32
45	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K ₂ HPO ₄	B_2Pin_2	60	39
46	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	DIPEA	B_2Pin_2	60	18
47	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	NaOH	B_2Pin_2	60	31
48	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	-	B_2Pin_2	60	ND
49	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K ₂ CO ₃	B2	60	97
50	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K ₂ CO ₃	B3	60	69
51	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K ₂ CO ₃	B4	60	26
52	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K ₂ CO ₃	B5	60	41
53	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K ₂ CO ₃	B6	60	34
54	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K ₂ CO ₃	B_2Pin_2	60	86
						(1 eq)		
55	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K ₂ CO ₃	B_2Pin_2	60	96
						(2 eq)		
56	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbpy)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	-	60	ND
57	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K ₂ CO ₃	B ₂ Pin ₂	80	90
58	-	NiBr ₂ (dtbbpy)	DMA	Nal	K_2CO_3	B_2Pin_2	40	92



^a NMR yield using 2,5-dimethylfuran as the internal standard. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Not detected.

2. Initial trial for the reaction of S1 and S2 using the method developed for alkyl-alkyl



Part 3. Cross-Coupling Reactions and Product Characterization

coupling:

Standard method A for the coupling of electron deficient aryl bromides with primary alkyl bromides: To a flame-dried tube with a stir bar was added aryl halide (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (4 mg, 8 mol %). The tube was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, $B_{2}pin_{2}$ (38 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (7.5 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and $K_{2}CO_{3}$ (25 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.8 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously, alkyl bromide (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to the tube. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 60 °C for 24 h. After that, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 10 mL), dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to give the target molecular. Note:

(1) for the coupling of heteroaryl bromides with primary alkyl halides, a similar procedure to the standard method A was used, except that dtbbpy (2.7 mg, 10 mol %) and NiCl₂(Py)₄ (3.6 mg, 8 mol %) displaced NiBr₂(dtbbpy), and NaI (30 mg, 2 equiv), TBAI (18 mg, 0.5 equiv) were employed.

(2) for the coupling of electron rich aryl iodides with primary alkyl bromides, a similar procedure to the standard method A was used except that NaI (30 mg, 2 equiv), TBAI (18 mg, 0.5 equiv) and alkyl bromide (1.5 equiv) were employed.

(3) for the coupling of aryl halides with secondary alkyl bromides, a similar procedure to the standard method A was used, except that Ni(OTf)₂ (4 mg, 8 mol %), dtbbpy (2.7 mg, 10 mol %) displaced NiBr₂(dtbbpy), and NaI (30 mg, 2 equiv), TBAI (18 mg, 0.5 equiv) and alkyl bromide (1.5 equiv) were employed.

(4) for the coupling of alkyl-pyridinium salts, a similar procedure to the standard method A was used, except NaI (18 mg, 1 equiv), and alkyl-pyridinium salt (1.5 equiv) were employed.

Method C for the coupling of alcohols with aryl halides: In a N₂ filled glove box, a mixture of a secondary alcohol (0.15 mmol, 150 mol%), 2-chloro-3-ethylbenzoxazolium tetrafluoroborate (CEBO) (40.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 150 mol%) and Bu₄NBr (48.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 150 mol%) in MeCN (0.2 mL) was stirred in a Schlenk tube for 5 minutes (unless otherwise noted) at room temperature. To the reaction mixture, pyridine (12.1 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), aryl halide (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (4 mg, 8 mol %), B₂pin₂ (38 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (30 mg, 2mmol, 2 equiv), K₂CO₃ (25 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.8 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (0.4 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously at 60 °C for 24 h. After that, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 10 mL), dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to give the target molecular.

Methyl 4-(3-phenylpropyl)benzoate (1a)⁴

This compound was prepared according to method A using methyl 4bromobenzoate and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column

chromatograph to afford 1a as a colorless oil (24.1 mg, 95% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (s, 2H), 7.20 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.72 - 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (tt, J = 9.2, 6.7 Hz, 2H).

Gram-scale synthesis: To a dry 100 mL flask equipped with a teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was added 4bromobenzoate (1.08 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (98 mg, 4 mol %). The flask was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (1.91 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (374 mg, 0.5 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (1.24 g, 1.8 equiv) were added. The flask was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (25 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously, (3-bromopropyl)benzene (1.19 g, 1.2 equiv) was added to the flask. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 60 °C for 48 h (detected by GCMS). After that, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (100 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 x 50 mL), dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to give the target molecular **1a** (1.1g, 86%).

Methyl 4-dodecylbenzoate (1b)

 $\begin{array}{c} & \text{This compound was prepared according to method A using methyl 4-} \\ & \text{MeO}_2 \text{C} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{MeO}_2 \text{C} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{MeO}_2 \text{C} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{Description} \text{Desc$

Ten Gram-scale synthesis: To a dry 250 mL flask equipped with a teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was added 4-bromobenzoate (10.75 g, 50.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (974 mg, 2.0 mmol, 4 mol %). The flask was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (14.95 g, 60.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv), NaI (3.75 g, 25.0 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (10.37 g, 75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added. The flask was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (125 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously, 1-bromododecane (14.95 g,

60.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to the flask. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 60 °C for 48 h (detected by GCMS). After that, the reaction mixture was guenched with water (700 mL), extracted with EtOAc (4 x 300 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 x 300 mL), dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to give the target molecular 1b (12.8 g, 84%).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.65 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.65 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.65 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.65 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.65 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.65 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.65 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.31 – 1.24 (m, 18H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 148.7, 129.8, 128.6, 127.7, 52.1, 36.2, 32.1, 31.3, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 22.8, 14.3.

HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₃₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 305.2475, found 305.2463.

Methyl 3-(3-phenylpropyl)benzoate (2)⁷



This compound was prepared according to method A using methyl 3-bromobenzoate and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford 2 as a colorless oil (14 mg, 55% yield).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.91 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J =8.5, 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.68 (dt, *J* = 26.3, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.98 (tt, *J* = 9.3, 6.8 Hz, 2H).

4-(3-phenylpropyl)benzonitrile (3)⁷



This compound was prepared according to method A using methyl 4bromobenzonitrile and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **3** as a colorless oil (19.9 mg, 94% yield).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 2.68 (dt, J = 28.1, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.97 (tt, J = 9.4, 6.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) & 148.1, 141.7, 132.3, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 126.1, 119.3, 109.8, 35.6, 35.4, 32.6.

2-(3-Phenylpropyl)benzonitrile (4)⁸



This compound was prepared according to method A using 2-bromobenzonitrile and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **4** as

a colorless oil (17.0 mg, 77% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.62 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 - 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25 - 7.17 (m, 3H), 2.95 - 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.06 - 1.95 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, <u>CDCl</u>₃) δ 146.4, 141.7, 133.0, 132.9, 129.6, 128.5, 126.6, 126.1, 118.2, 112.5, 35.6, 34.3, 32.6.

Diethyl (4-(3-phenylpropyl)phenyl)phosphonate (5)



This compound was prepared according to method A using diethyl (4bromophenyl)phosphonate and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **5** as a colorless oil (29.9 mg, 90%

yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 3H),

4.18 – 4.03 (m, 4H), 2.67 (dt, J = 22.4, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.02 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, <u>CDCl</u>₃) δ 147.3, 142.0, 132.1, 132.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 62.1, 35.6, 35.5,

32.7, 16.5.

HRMS calcd for $C_{19}H_{26}O_{3}P [M+H]^+ 333.1614$, found 333.1616.

4-(3-Phenylpropyl)benzaldehyde (6)⁴



This compound was prepared according to method A using diethyl 4bromobenzaldehyde and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **6** as a colorless oil (19.9 mg, 89% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 2.75 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (tt, *J* = 9.4, 6.7 Hz, 2H).

Isopropyl 2-methyl-2-(4-(4-(3-phenylpropyl)benzoyl)phenoxy)propanoate (7)



This compound was prepared according to method A using diethyl isopropyl 2-(4-(4-bromobenzoyl)phenoxy)-2methylpropanoate and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **7** as

a colorless oil (40.9 mg, 92% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.78 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 5.09 (hept, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dt, J = 30.0, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.10 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 6H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, <u>CDCl</u>₃) δ 195.5, 173.3, 159.5, 147.1, 142.1, 135.9, 132.1, 131.0, 130.2, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 126.0, 117.3, 79.5, 69.4, 35.5, 35.5, 32.8, 25.5, 21.6.

HRMS calcd for C₂₉H₃₂NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 467.2193, found 467.2182.

8-(3-Phenylpropyl)quinoline (8)⁹



This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 8-bromoquinoline and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **8** as a pale yellow oil (14.1 mg, 57% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3</u>) δ 8.95 (dd, *J* = 4.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.81 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.15 (tt, *J* = 9.8, 6.7 Hz, 2H).

4-(3-Phenylpropyl)quinoline (9)¹⁰



This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 4-bromoquinoline and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **9** as a pale yellow oil (18.1 mg, 73% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3)</u> δ 8.80 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.16 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.95 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (ddd, J = 11.1, 7.1, 3.6 Hz, 4H), 3.17 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (tt, J = 9.6, 6.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, <u>CDCl3</u>) δ 150.3, 148.4, 148.4, 141.7, 130.3, 129.2, 128.6, 127.7, 126.4, 126.2, 123.6, 120.9, 35.8, 31.7, 31.6.

3-(3-Phenylpropyl)quinoline (10)¹¹

This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 3-bromoquinoline and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **10** as a pale yellow oil (22.7 mg, 92% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 8.79 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td, J = 7.5, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.11 – 2.04 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, <u>CDCl</u>₃) δ 152.1, 146.9, 141.8, 134.9, 134.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 127.4, 128.3, 126.7, 126.1, 35.4, 32.7, 32.7.

2-(3-Phenylpropyl)quinoline (11)¹⁰



This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 2-bromoquinoline and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **11** as a pale yellow oil (16.3 mg, 66% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.06 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.78
(d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 3.4 Hz, 3H), 7.24 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 3.06 - 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.21 - 2.11 (m, 2H).

4-(3-Phenylpropyl)pyridine (12)¹¹



This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 4-bromopyridine and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column

chromatograph to afford 12 as a pale yellow oil (14.8 mg, 75% yield)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.54 – 8.42 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 2.65 (dt, *J* = 10.8, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.97 (tt, *J* = 9.3, 6.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.4, 149.7, 141.7, 128.5, 128.5, 126.1, 124.1, 35.4, 34.7, 31.9.

4-(3-Phenylpropyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (13)

 $F_{3}C$ NThis compound was prepared according to t method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 4-bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine and (3-bromopropyl)benzene.

Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford 13 as a pale yellow oil (13.5 mg, 51% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3)</u> δ 8.61 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.3 Hz, 3H), 7.24 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19 - 7.15 (m, 2H), 2.71 (dt, *J* = 26.0, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.01 (tt, *J* = 9.4, 6.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³<u>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl3)</u> δ 153.2, 149.8, 148.2 (q, *J* = 34.2 Hz), 141.1, 128.5, 128.4, 126.4, 126.1, 121.6 (q, *J* = 274.2 Hz), 120.5 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 35.2, 34.6, 31.6.

HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{15}F_3N [M+H]^+ 266.1151$, found 266.1148.

3-(3-Phenylpropyl)pyridine (14)¹¹

This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 3-bromopyridine and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **14** as a pale yellow oil (14.0 mg, 71% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 8.45 (s, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 14.1, 7.4 Hz, 4H), 2.66 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.97 (p, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, <u>CDCl</u>₃) δ 150.0, 147.4, 141.8, 137.5, 135.9, 128.5, 126.0, 123.4, 35.4, 32.7, 32.6.

2-fluoro-5-(3-Phenylpropyl)pyridine (15)¹²



This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 5-bromo-2-fluoropyridine and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by

flash column chromatograph to afford 15 a colorless oil (11.2 mg, 52% yield).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.05 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.59 (td, *J* = 8.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 - 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dt, J = 14.8, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.95 (tt, J = 9.1, 6.9 Hz, 2H).

4-(5-(3-Phenylpropyl)pyridin-2-yl)morpholine (16)



This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 4-(5-bromopyridin-2-yl)morpholine and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford 16 as a pale yellow

oil (24.8 mg, 88% yield).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.05 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.77 (m, 4H), 3.49 – 3.38 (m, 4H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (tt, J = 9.1, 6.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 147.4, 142.2, 138.1, 128.5, 128.5, 127.5, 125.9, 107.1, 66.9, 46.2,

35.3, 33.0, 31.6.

HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{23}N_2O [M+H]^+ 283.1805$, found 283.1804

2-(3-Phenylpropyl)pyridine (17)¹¹



This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 2-bromopyridine and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford 17 as a colorless oil (16.2 mg, 82% yield).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.53 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 7.5, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.86 -2.79 (m, 2H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (tt, J = 9.7, 6.7 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, <u>CDCl</u>₃) δ 162.1, 149.3, 142.2, 136.4, 128.6, 128.4, 125.9, 122.9, 121.1, 38.0, 35.7, 31.6.

2-Methyl-6-(3-phenylpropyl)pyridine (18)¹¹



This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 2-bromo-6-methylpyridine and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **18** as a colorless oil (13.9 mg, 66% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.95 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.83 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.71 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.07 – 2.02 (m, 2H).
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5, 157.9, 142.4, 136.7, 128.6, 128.4, 125.9, 120.6, 119.7, 38.2, 35.8, 32.0, 24.7.

5-Methyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)pyridine (19)

This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 2-bromo-5-methylpyridine and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **19** as a pale yellow oil (16.5 mg, 78% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.71 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.08 – 2.01 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 149.7, 142.2, 137.1, 130.3, 128.6, 128.4, 125.9, 122.4, 37.5, 35.7, 31.7, 18.2.

HRMS calcd for C15H18N [M+H]+ 212.1434, found 212.1430

5-Phenyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)pyridine (20)

This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 2-bromo-5-phenylpyridine and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **20** as a pale yellow solid (24.6 mg,

90% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 8.77 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 2.92 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (tt, J = 9.4, 6.9 Hz, 2H).

¹³<u>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 160.9, 147.8, 142.2, 138.1, 134.9, 134.1, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.1, 125.9, 122.8, 37.6, 35.7, 31.6.

HRMS calcd for $C_{20}H_{20}N \ [M+H]^+ 274.1588$, found 274.1590.

4-Methyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)pyridine (21)¹²

This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 2-bromo-4-methylpyridine and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **21** as a colorless oil (19.0 mg, 91% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.82 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.09 – 2.02 (m, 2H).
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8, 149.1, 147.4, 142.3, 128.6, 128.4, 125.9, 123.8, 122.2, 37.9, 35.7, 31.6, 21.1.

2-(3-Phenylpropyl)-1*H*-indene (22)¹³



This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using 2-bromo-1*H*-indene and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **22** as a colorless oil (13.1 mg, 56% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.38 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.10 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 2H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (p, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H).

(E)-1,2-Dimethoxy-4-(5-phenylpent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (23)



This compound was prepared according to method A (for heteroaryl halides) using (*E*)-4-(2-bromovinyl)-1,2-dimethoxybenzene and (3-

bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **23** as colorless oil (15.5 mg, 55% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3)</u> δ 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dt, *J* = 15.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.72 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.29 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.77 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl3) δ 149.1, 148.4, 142.5, 131.1, 129.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 125.8, 118.9, 111.3, 108.6, 56.1, 55.9, 35.6, 32.6, 31.3.

HRMS calcd for $C_{19}H_{23}O_2$ [M+H]⁺ 283.1693, found 283.1700.

1-Methoxy-4-(3-phenylpropyl)benzene (24)⁴

This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **24** as a colorless oil (17.7 mg, 78% yield). **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 7.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.91 –

6.78 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.63 (dt, J = 25.5, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.98 – 1.89 (m, 2H).

Methyl(4-(3-phenylpropyl)phenyl)sulfane (25)

MeS

This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using (4-iodophenyl)(methyl)sulfane and (3-bromopropyl)benzene.

Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford 25 as a colorless oil (11.4 mg, 80% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (dt, *J* = 17.4, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.99 – 1.90 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.3, 139.6, 135.3, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 127.3, 125.9, 35.5, 35.0, 33.0, 16.5.

HRMS calcd for C_{16} H₁₉ S [M+H]⁺ 243.1202, found 243.1188.

1-(4-(3-Phenylpropyl)phenyl)piperidin-2-one (26)



This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using 1-(4-iodophenyl)piperidin-2-one and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford

26 as a colorless oil (15.0 mg, 51% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.28 (dd, J = 8.3, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 2H),

3.62 (td, *J* = 5.7, 5.1, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.71 – 2.61 (m, 4H), 2.60 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.90 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, <u>CDCl</u>₃) δ 170.2, 142.3, 141.2, 141.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 126.2, 125.9, 51.9, 35.6, 35.1, 33.0, 32.9, 23.7, 21.6.

HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₂₄NO [M+H]⁺ 294.1852, found 294.1851.

1-Chloro-4-(3-phenylpropyl)benzene (27)⁴

This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using 1-chloro-4-iodobenzene and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **27** as a colorless oil (18.9 mg, 82% yield). <u>**1**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3)</u> δ 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (dt, *J* = 12.5, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.97 – 1.91 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2, 140.8, 131.6, 129.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 126.0, 35.4, 34.9, 33.0.

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-(3-phenylpropyl)phenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (28)⁷



This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using 2-(4-iodophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column

chromatograph to afford 28 as a colorless oil (27.7 mg, 86% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.78 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.28 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 2.65 (dt, J = 15.1, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.00 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.9, 142.4, 135.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 125.9, 83.8, 35.8, 35.5, 32.9, 25.0.

1-Methoxy-2-(3-phenylpropyl)benzene (29)⁴



This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using 1-iodo-2-methoxybenzene and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash

column chromatograph to afford 29 a colorless oil (19.0 mg, 84% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.14 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H),
6.89 (td, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.72 – 2.62 (m, 4H), 1.99 – 1.88 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, <u>CDCl</u>₃) δ 157.6, 142.8, 130.8, 129.9, 128.6, 128.4, 127.1, 125.7, 120.4, 110.4, 55.4, 35.9, 31.5, 30.1.

2-Methoxy-6-(3-phenylpropyl)naphthalene (30)

This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using 2-iodo-6-methoxynaphthalene and (3bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **30** a colorless oil (15.5 mg, 56% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 - 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.23 - 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.72 - 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.05 (tt, *J* = 9.2, 6.9 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 142.5, 137.6, 133.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.8, 126.4, 125.9, 118.8, 105.8, 55.4, 35.6, 35.5, 33.1.

HRMS calcd for $C_{20}H_{21}O [M+H]^+ 277.1587$, found 277.1572.

2-Methoxy-6-(3-phenylpropyl)quinoline (31)

This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using 6-iodo-2-methoxyquinoline and (3bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **31** as a pale yellow oil (21.6 mg, 78% yield). ¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.80 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.72 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.09 – 2.00 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 145.3, 142.3, 138.4, 138.1, 130.9, 128.6, 128.5, 127.2, 126.3, 125.9, 125.2, 113.1, 53.5, 35.6, 35.3, 33.1.

HRMS calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}NO [M+H]^+ 278.1539$, found 278.1542.

tert-Butyl 6-(3-phenylpropyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (32)



This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using *tert*-butyl 6-iodo-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **32** as a pale yellow oil (22.8)

mg, 68% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.58 – 6.44 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.70 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.08 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 150.0, 142.5, 138.9, 132.1, 128.6, 128.4, 125.8, 125.5, 123.7, 120.7, 115.0, 107.3, 83.6, 36.2, 35.7, 33.7, 28.4.

HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₆NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 336.1958, found 336.1955.

tert-Butyl 3-(3-phenylpropyl)-9H-carbazole-9-carboxylate (33)



This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using *tert*-butyl 3-iodo-9*H*-carbazole-9-carboxylate and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to

afford 33 as an off-white solid (35.5 mg, 92% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H),

7.35 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 4.3, 2.3 Hz, 3H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.76 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.11 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.77 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.3, 142.4, 138.9, 137.2, 137.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.0, 126.0, 125.9, 125.9, 123.0, 119.6, 119.2, 116.4, 116.2, 83.9, 35.6, 35.4, 33.6, 28.5.

HRMS calcd for $C_{26}H_{27}NNaO_2$ [M+Na]⁺ 408.1934, found 408.1941.

5-(3-Phenylpropyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (34)¹¹

This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using 5-iodo-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **34** as a colorless oil (18.6 mg, 70% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u>δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 7.4 Hz, 3H), 2.71 (dt, *J* = 25.8, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.00 (p, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H).

1-(3-Phenylpropyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (35)⁴



This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using 1-iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene and (3-bromopropyl)benzene.

Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford 35 as a colorless oil (24.0 mg, 91% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (tt, *J* = 9.3, 6.9 Hz, 2H).

Ethyl 2-methyl-2-(4-(3-phenylpropyl)phenoxy)propanoate (36)



This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using ethyl 2-(4-iodophenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate and (3-bromopropyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph

to afford 36 as a colorless oil (22.7 mg, 85% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.27 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.81 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (dt, J = 27.1, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.91 (tt, J = 9.4, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (s, 6H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.6, 153.5, 142.5, 136.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 125.8, 119.4, 61.5, 35.5, 34.7, 33.2, 25.5, 14.2.

HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₆NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 349.1774, found 349.1774.

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-(2-methyl-5-(3-phenylpropyl)benzyl)thiophene (37)

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.94 (m, 5H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 2.63 (dt, *J* = 13.1, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.94 (tt, *J* = 9.2, 6.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.0, 161.4, 143.9, 142.5, 140.3, 138.1, 133.7, 130.6, 129.8, 128.6, 128.4,
 127.2, 127.2, 127.1, 126.0, 125.8, 122.8, 115.9, 115.7, 35.5, 35.1, 34.3, 33.2, 19.2.

HRMS calcd for $C_{27}H_{26}FS \ [M+H]^+ 401.1734$, found 401.1738.

Methyl 4-phenethylbenzoate (38)¹⁴



This compound was prepared according to the method A using methyl 4bromobenzoate and (2-bromoethyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **38** as a pale yellow solid (22.3 mg, 93% yield).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.91 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.09 –

7.05 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.94 – 2.82 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, <u>CDCl</u>₃) δ 167.3, 147.3, 141.3, 129.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 126.2, 52.1, 38.0,
37.6.

Methyl 4-(3-phenoxypropyl)benzoate (39)



This compound was prepared according to method A using methyl 4bromobenzoate and (3-bromopropoxy)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **39** as an off-white solid (22.8 mg, 88%

yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 3.8 Hz, 4H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.19 – 2.07 (m, 2H). ¹³<u>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 167.3, 159.0, 147.2, 129.9, 129.6, 128.7, 128.1, 120.8, 114.6, 66.6, 52.1, 32.4, 30.7.

HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_{19}O_3$ [M+H]⁺ 271.1329, found 271.1323.

Methyl 4-(4-methoxy-4-oxobutyl)benzoate (40)¹⁵



This compound was prepared according to method A using methyl 4bromobenzoate and methyl 4-bromobutanoate. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **40** as a colorless oil (18.7 mg, 79% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s,

3H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.8, 167.2, 147.0, 129.9, 128.6, 128.2, 52.1, 51.7, 35.2, 33.4, 26.2.

Methyl 4-(3-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)propyl)benzoate (41)



This compound was prepared according to method A using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and (3-bromopropyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfane. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **41** as an off-

white solid (25.9 mg, 82% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.97 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.84 – 2.75 (m, 4H), 1.90 (dq, *J* = 8.8, 6.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 159.1, 147.1, 133.5, 129.9, 128.7, 128.1, 126.3, 114.7, 55.5, 52.1, 35.3, 34.7, 30.5.

HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₀NaO₃S [M+Na]⁺ 339.1025, found 339.1024.

Methyl 4-(3-(((8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H

-cyclopenta[a] -phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)propyl)benzoate (42)



This compound was prepared according to method A using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and (8*R*,9*S*,13*S*,14*S*)-3-(3bromopropoxy)-13-methyl-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16decahydro-17*H*-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one.

Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford 42 as

an off-white solid (34.8 mg, 78% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.92 – 2.81 (m, 4H), 2.55 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.25 (td, J = 10.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.18 – 1.94 (m, 6H), 1.65 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.41 (m, 4H), 0.91 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 221.1, 167.3, 157.1, 147.3, 137.9, 132.2, 129.9, 128.7, 128.1, 126.5, 114.7,
112.3, 66.6, 52.1, 50.6, 48.2, 44.1, 38.5, 36.0, 32.4, 31.7, 30.7, 29.8, 26.7, 26.1, 21.7, 14.0.
HRMS calcd for C₂₉H₃₅O₄ [M+H]⁺ 447.2530, found 447.2532.

Methyl 4-((1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl)benzoate (43)¹⁶



This compound was prepared according to method A using methyl 4bromobenzoate and 2-(bromomethyl)-1,3-dioxolane. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **43** as a colorless oil (18.7 mg, 84% yield).

<u>**1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl**</u>) δ 7.97 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H),

3.91 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 5H), 3.87 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 141.6, 130.0, 129.7, 128.7, 104.2, 65.2, 52.2, 40.9.

Methyl 4-(3-(4-bromophenyl)propyl)benzoate (44)

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This compound was prepared according to method A using methyl 4r bromobenzoate and 1-bromo-4-(3-iodopropyl)benzene. Purification by

flash column chromatograph to afford 44 as a colorless oi (29.5 mg, 89% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.97 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.71 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.61 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.91 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 147.6, 141.0, 131.5, 130.3, 129.9, 128.6, 128.0, 119.7, 52.1, 35.4,

34.8, 32.5.

HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₈BrO₂ [M+H]⁺ 333.0485, found 333.0477.

Methyl 4-(4-phenylbutan-2-yl)benzoate (45)⁴



This compound was prepared according to method A (for secondary alkyl bromides) using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and (3-bromobutyl)benzene. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **45** as a colorless oil (23.1

mg, 86% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 8.02 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.78 (h, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3 , 152.9 , 142.3 , 130.0 , 128.5 , 128.1 , 127.3 , 125.9 , 52.1 , 39.8 ,
 39.7, 33.9 , 22.4 .

Methyl 4-cyclohexylbenzoate (46)¹⁷



This compound was prepared according to method A (for secondary alkyl bromides) using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and bromocyclohexane. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **46** as a colorless oil (12.2 mg, 56% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 8.04 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.56 (tt, *J* = 11.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (ddt, *J* = 12.3, 6.4, 2.4 Hz, 4H), 1.76 (dtt, *J* = 12.9, 3.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.48 – 1.35 (m, 4H), 1.30 – 1.22 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 152.8, 129.0, 127.1, 126.2, 51.3, 44.0, 33.5, 26.1, 25.4.

Methyl 4-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl)benzoate (47)¹⁷



This compound was prepared according to t method A (for secondary alkyl bromides) using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and 4-bromotetrahydro-2H-pyran. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **47** as an off-white solid (16.7

mg, 76% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 - 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 4.09 (ddt, J = 11.6, 4.4, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.53 (td, J = 11.7, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (tt, J = 11.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 151.2, 130.0, 128.4, 126.9, 68.3, 52.2, 41.8, 33.7.

Methyl 4-(1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)benzoate (48)⁴

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This compound was prepared according to method A (for secondary alkyl bromides) using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and 4-bromo-1-tosylpiperidine. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **48** as an off-white solid

(18.7 mg, 50% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H),
7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.98 – 3.92 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 4H), 2.35 (td, *J* = 11.7, 3.3 Hz, 2H),
1.87 (qd, *J* = 12.3, 10.8, 4.9 Hz, 4H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.04, 150.3, 143.72, 133.2, 130.09, 129.80, 128.7, 127.90, 126.89,
 52.21, 46.82, 42.05, 32.40, 21.69.

Methyl 4-(oxetan-3-yl)benzoate (49)¹⁷



This compound was prepared according to method A (for secondary alkyl bromides) using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and 3-bromooxetane. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **49** as an off-white solid (12.5 mg, 65% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (dd, J = 8.3, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.34 – 4.22 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 146.9, 130.3, 129.1, 127.0, 78.56, 52.3, 40.4.

Methyl 4-(2-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)ethyl)benzoate (50)



This compound was prepared according to method A (for pyridinium salts) using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and 1-(2-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)ethyl)-2,4,6 triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate. Purification by flash column

chromatograph to afford 50 as a colorless oil (12.7 mg, 52% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 5.39 (tt, *J* = 3.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H),

3.90 (s, 3H), 2.82 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.23 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (dq, *J* = 6.5, 4.0, 3.0 Hz, 4H), 1.66 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.51 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 148.3, 136.8, 129.7, 128.6, 127.8, 121.9, 52.1, 39.7, 34.6, 28.6,

25.4, 23.1, 22.6.

HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺267.135, found 267.1331.

Methyl 4-(2-(6-(2-(tert-butoxy)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxan-4-yl)ethyl)benzoate (51)



This compound was prepared according to method A (for pyridinium salts) using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and 1-(2-(6-(2-(tert-butoxy)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxan-4-yl)ethyl)-

2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate. Purification by

flash column chromatograph to afford 51 as an off-white solid (33.7 mg, 86% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.99 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 4.20 (dtd, *J* = 11.5, 6.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.78 (dddd, *J* = 11.0, 8.1, 4.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 9.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dt, *J* = 13.9, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (dtd, *J* = 13.8,

8.6, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (dddd, *J* = 13.5, 9.1, 7.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (dt, *J* = 12.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.21 (dt, *J* = 12.7, 11.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 167.3, 147.7, 129.8, 128.7, 128.0, 98.9, 80.76, 67.7, 66.3, 52.1,
 42.8, 37.6, 36.7, 31.3, 30.3, 28.2, 19.9.

HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₃₂NaO₆ [M+Na]⁺ 415.2091, found 415.2091.

Methyl 4-((2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl)benzoate (52)

MeO₂C

This compound was prepared according to method C using (2,2-dimethyl-1,3dioxolan-4-yl)methanol (1.5 equiv), CEBO, TBAB (1.5 equiv) in CH₃CN (0.2 mL). After 5 min, to the crude mixture of alkyl bromide was added methyl 4-

bromobenzoate. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **52** as a colorless oil (12.8 mg, 51% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃.)</u> δ 8.07 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 5.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 3.63 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 6.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³<u>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 167.2, 143.2, 129.9, 129.4, 128.7, 109.5, 69.0, 52.2, 40.2, 27.1, 25.8. HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₉O₄ [M+H]⁺251.1278, found 251.1281.

Sec-butyl 2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenethyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (53)⁴

This compound was prepared according to method C using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and sec-butyl 2-(2-



hydroxyethyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **53** as a colorless oil (16.3 mg, 47% yield).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H),

7.25 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (dtt, *J* = 12.5, 6.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (s, 1H), 4.04 (d, *J* = 20.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.72 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.05 (tq, *J* = 15.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.81 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.48 (m, 7H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 155.9, 129.9, 128.5, 128.5, 128.0, 73.0, 52.1, 50.5, 39.0, 33.0, 31.6,
 29.3, 28.6, 25.7, 20.0, 19.2, 9.8.

Methyl 4-(cyclopentylmethyl)benzoate (54)¹⁷

This compound was prepared according to method C using MeO_2C MeO_2C This compound was prepared according to method C using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and cyclopentylmethanol. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **54** as a colorless oil (15.1 mg, 69% yield). ¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)</u> δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.14 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.56 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.23 – 1.13 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.4, 148.1, 129.7, 128.9, 127.7, 52.1, 42.3, 41.9, 32.6, 25.0.

Methyl 4-(2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)ethyl)benzoate (55)¹⁸



This compound was prepared according to method C using methyl 4bromobenzoate and N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **55** as an off-white solid (20.7 mg, 62% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3)</u> δ 8.00 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.76 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 4.42 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.24 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

Methyl 4-(heptan-4-yl)benzoate (56)⁴

This compound was prepared according to method C using methyl 4-bromobenzoate and heptan-4-ol. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **56** as a colorless oil (10.8 mg, 46% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.98 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.59 (tt, J = 9.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (dddd, J = 13.5, 10.0, 6.3, 5.3 Hz, 3H), 1.53 (dtd, J = 13.5, 9.5, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 1.21 – 1.05 (m, 3H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 152.2, 129.7, 127.9, 127.9, 52.1, 45.8, 39.1, 20.8, 14.2.

Methyl 4-(3-hydroxypropyl)benzoate (57)⁴

MeO₂C OH This compound was prepared according to method C using methyl 4bromobenzoate and propane-1,3-diol. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **57** as a colorless oil (7.8 mg, 40% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 8.02 - 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.17 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.67 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.98 - 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.72 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 147.6, 129.9, 128.6, 128.0, 62.1, 52.1, 33.9, 32.2.

Methyl 4-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyl)benzoate (58)⁴



This compound was prepared according to method C using methyl 4bromobenzoate and 3-methylbutane-1,3-diol. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **58** as an off-white solid (13.3 mg, 60% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.86 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 148.3, 129.9, 128.5, 127.9, 71.0, 52.1, 45.4, 31.0, 29.5.

Methyl 4-(((3aR,4R,5R,6aS)-5-hydroxy-2-oxohexahydro-2H-cyclopenta[b]furan-4-yl)methyl) -

benzoate (59)

This compound was prepared according to method C using methyl 4-bromobenzoateand(3aR,4S,5R,6aS)-5-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)hexahydro-2H-cyclopenta[b]furan-2-one Purification by

flash column chromatograph to afford 59 as an off-white solid (16.5 mg, 57% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3)</u> δ 8.02 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 4.94 (td, *J* = 7.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.50 (m, 3H), 2.37 (ddd, *J* = 15.0, 6.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.22 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.03 (ddd, *J* = 15.0, 5.5, 2.7 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.2, 170.0, 144.6, 130.2, 129.1, 128.8, 83.4, 55.1, 52.3, 42.4, 40.5, 38.8, 35.6.

Methyl 4-(((3aR, 4R, 6R, 6aR)-6-(2, 4-dioxo-3, 4-dihydropyrimidin-1(2H)-yl)-2, 2-dimethyltetrahydro furo[3, 4-d][1, 3]dioxol-4-yl)methyl)benzoate (60)⁴



This compound was prepared according to method C using methyl 4bromobenzoate and 1-((3aR,4R,6R,6aR)-6-(hydroxymethyl)-2,2dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)pyrimidine-2,4(1H,3H)dione. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **60** as a colorless oil (14.5 mg, 36% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3)</u> δ 8.10 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, *J* = 4.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (td, *J* = 11.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (ddd, *J* = 13.7, 11.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.5, 166.5, 150.6, 137.5, 130.7, 130.6, 129.7, 113.3, 86.1, 83.6, 81.2, 80.0, 54.8, 52.5, 51.0, 31.8, 26.0, 24.9.

Methyl 4-((3aR,5S,6S,6aR)-5-((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-2,2-dimethyltetrahydrofuro[2,3-d][1,3]dioxol-6-yl)benzoate (61)⁴



This compound was prepared according to method C using methyl 4bromobenzoate and (3aR,5S,6S,6aR)-5-((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-2,2dimethyltetrahydrofuro[2,3-d][1,3]dioxol-6-ol. Purification by flash column chromatograph to afford **61** as an off-white solid (22.3 mg, 59% yield).

 $\label{eq:main_state} \frac{^{1}\text{H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)}}{^{3}}\delta~7.99 - 7.90~(\text{m}, 2\text{H}),~7.36 - 7.29~(\text{m}, 2\text{H}),~6.00$

(d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90

(s, 3H), 3.71 (ddd, J = 10.0, 7.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 14.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 2H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.33 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 6H), 1.13 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 144.0, 129.6, 129.4, 128.4, 112.4, 106.5, 101.1, 84.2, 83.2, 75.1,

72.5, 52.1, 39.8, 27.4, 26.7, 24.1, 23.8.

1-Dodecyl-2-methylbenzene (64)²⁰



This compound was prepared according to method A (for electron-rich aryl iodides) using 1-iodo-2-methylbenzene and 1-bromododecane. Purification by flash column

chromatograph to afford 64 a colorless oil (22.5 mg, 86% yield)

<u>¹H-NMR (600 MHZ, CDCl₃)</u> δ 7.19 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 2.62 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.62 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.21 (m, 19H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.1, 135.9, 130.0, 128.7, 125.8, 125.7, 33.3, 31.9, 30.3, 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.6, 29.4, 22.7, 19.3, 14.1.

Unsuccessful Examples:



Part 4. Homogeneous Reaction conditions



Method B for homogeneous reaction of S1 and S2: To a flame-dried tube charged with a stir bar was added 4-bromobenzoate (43 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NiBr₂(DME) (5.0 mg, 8 mol %) and dtbbpy (4.3 mg, 8 mol %). The flask was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B_2pin_2 (152.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv), TBAI (74 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and LiOMe (22.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) were added. The flask was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA/THF (v/v=1:1, 2 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously, alkyl bromide (59.7 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the flask. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 50 °C for 24 h (detected by GCMS). After that, the mixture was quenched with water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluted with 0-3% EtOAc/Petroleum ether) to give product **1a** (46 mg, 91%).



Part 5. Initial Test of a Three-Component Reaction of Alkyl Halide/Alkene/Aryl Halides



To a flame-dried tube charged with a stir bar was added 4-bromobenzoate (22 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (4.0 mg, 8 mol %). The flask was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (50.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2 equiv), TBAI (37 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), NaI (30 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (49.5 mg, 0.35 mmol, 3.5 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with dioxane (1.0 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously, but-3-en-1-ylbenzene (19.9 mg, 0.15mmol, 1.5 equiv) and alkyl bromide (41.8 mg, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to the tube. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 60 °C for 48 h. After that, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 10 mL), dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to give **1c** (28.4 mg, 80% yield).

Methyl 4-(6-ethoxy-6-oxo-1-phenylhexan-3-yl)benzoate(1c)



128.3, 128.3, 127.8, 125.8, 60.3, 52.0, 44.9, 38.1, 33.5, 32.2, 31.6, 14.1.

Part 6. Mechanistic consideration

1. Suzuki coupling with method A



To a flame-dried tube charged with a stir bar was added methyl 4-bromobenzoate (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (4 mg, 8 mol %). The tube was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (38 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (7.5 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (25 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.8 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously, 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to the tube. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 60 °C for 24 h. After that, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (2 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2 mL) and analyzed by GCMS. Trace of **1** was detected.



To a flame-dried tube with a stir bar was added methyl 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-di oxaborolan-2 - yl)benzoate (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (4 mg, 8 mol %). The tube was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (38 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (7.5 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (25 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.8 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously, (4-bromobutyl)benzene (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to the tube. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 60 °C for 24 h. After that, the reaction was quenched with water (2 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2 mL) and analyzed by GCMS. Trace of **1** was detected.

2. Radical clock reaction



To a flame-dried tube charged with a stir bar was added methyl 4-bromobenzoate (21.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0

equiv), NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (4 mg, 8 mol %). The tube was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (38 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (7.5 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (25 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.8 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously, (bromomethyl)cyclopropane (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to the tube. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 60 °C for 24 h. After that, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 10 mL), dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to give the target molecular. The yield was determined by ¹H NMR (using 2,5-dimethylfuran as the internal standard).



3. Radical-chain experiment

Figure S0. Linear Dependence of the ratio of L/C on the concentration of (dtbbpy)NiBr₂.

(1) Similar to the literature procedure, ⁵⁻⁶ the following solution was prepared.

Solution 1: NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (48.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in 2 mL of DMA giving a Ni solution of 0.05 M. For each catalyst loading, namely 1 mol %, 3.0 mol %, 5 mol %, 8 mol %, 10 mol % and 15 mol %, the corresponding volumes of solution **1** were 20 μL, 60 μL, 100 μL, 160 μL, 200μL and 300 μL, respectively. (2) To a flame-dried tube equipped with a stir bar was added a methyl 4-bromobenzoate (21.5 mg, 0.1 mmol,
1.0 equiv). The tube was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, to which B₂pin₂ (38 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (7.5 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (25 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.8 equiv) were added. After a measured volume of solution **1** containing NiBr₂(dtbbpy) in DMA was injected via a syringe, didodecane (internal standard, 22 μ L, 0.1 mmol) and 6-bromohex-1-ene (0.13 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were injected via syringes. The reaction mixture was adjusted to 0.5 mL by addition of corresponding volumes of DMA. Then the mixture was allowed to stir at 60 °C for 24 h under N₂ atmosphere. The reaction was quenched by 2 mL of H₂O, followed by exaction with 2 mL of diethyl ether. The organic layer was taken and transferred to a GC sampling tube via a pipette, and analyzed by GC.

Following the reaction conditions for method A on a 0.10 mmol scale using different catalyst loading (1 mol%, 3 mol%, 5 mol, 8 mol%, 10 mol% and 15 mol%). The results are in favor of a radical chain mechanism as a linear dependence of ratios of L/C on the catalyst loading was observed.

4. Reduction of (dtbbpy)Ni(II)Br2 (Ni-a) to Ni(0) and preparation of Ni-b

- (1) In situ formation of Ni-b
- a. In the presence of alkyl-Br:



To a flame-dried tube with a stir bar was added NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (9.7 mg, 20 mol %). The tube was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (25 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NaI (15 mg, 1.0 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (18 mg, 1.2 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously, methyl 1-iodo-2-methylbenzene (21.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-bromododecane (1.2 equiv) were added to the tube. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 40 °C for 3 h. After that, the reaction mixture was filtered through a syringe filter in N₂-filled glovebox and the resultant homogenous solution was used to obtain a non-deuterated solvent (non-D) ¹H NMR spectrum (Figure S1-a).

b. in the absence of alkyl-Br

To a flame-dried tube with a stir bar was added NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (9.7 mg, 0.02 mmol). The tube was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (25 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NaI (15 mg, 1.0 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (18 mg, 1.2 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously, methyl 1-iodo-2-methylbenzene (4.4 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv) was added to the tube. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 40 °C for 3 h. After that, the reaction mixture was filtered through a syringe filter in N₂-filled glovebox and the resultant homogenous solution was used directly to obtain a non-deuterated solvent (non-D) ¹H NMR spectrum (Figure S1-b).

c. preformed Ni-b in DMA

Based on the ¹H NMR spectrum, **Ni-b** is formed whose characteristic peaks are in agreement with those for the pre-prepared **Ni-b** complex in non-D DMA (Figure S1-c).⁶



Figure S1 ¹H NMR spectra of the reaction mixture of (dtbbpy)NiBr₂, B₂Pin₂, Ar¹–I, in the presence or albescence of $nC_{12}H_{25}Br$. (a) in the presence of $nC_{12}H_{25}Br$; (b) in the absence of $nC_{12}H_{25}Br$; (c) preprepared **Ni-b** in DMA. Note: Full spectra of the reaction mixture and Ni complexes are available on Page S115-S116.

We also attempted to quantify the yields of Ni-b using triazine as the internal standard. A characteristic peak of triazine in DMA using non-D NMR technique was set at 9.96 ppm (Figure S2). The molar ratio of triazine to **Ni-b** was determined by the ratio of the peak of triazine at 9.96 to that of the doublet of Ni-b from 9.2-9.3 ppm (Figure S3). Accordingly, the yields for the reactions at Figure 5e (also as below in Figure S3) were determined to be 12% (with $nC_{12}H_{25}Br$) and 51% (without $nC_{12}H_{25}Br$), respectively. Full spectra of the reaction mixture and Ni complexes of Figures S2-S4 are available on Page S116-S118.

.0 10.8 10.6 10.4 10.2 10.0 9.8 9.6 9.4 9.2 9.0 8.8 8.6 8.4 8.2 8.0 7.8 7.6 7.4 7.2 7. f1 (ppm)

Figure S2. The ¹H NMR peak of trazine in DMA obtained with a non-D NMR technique.



Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectra of the reaction mixture of (dtbbpy)NiBr₂, B₂Pin₂, Ar¹–I, in the presence or albescence of $nC_{12}H_{25}Br$. Note: 1,3,5-triazine was added after reaction the reaction was run for 3 hours.



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectra of the reaction mixture of (dtbbpy)NiBr₂, B₂Pin₂, Ar¹–I, in the presence or albescence of $nC_{12}H_{25}Br$. Note: 1,3,5-triazine was added after reaction the reaction was run for 3 hours.

(2) In situ formation of Ni-c in the presence or absence of alkyl-Br



To a flame-dried tube with a stir bar was added 4-bromobenzoate (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (9.7 mg, 20 mol %). The tube was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (25 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NaI (15 mg, 1.0 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (18 mg, 1.2 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from glovebox and charged with DMA (0.5 mL). After 1-bromododecane (1.2 equiv if applicable) was added to the tube, the mixture was stirred vigorously at 40 °C for 3 h. After that, a solution was obtained for (non-D) ¹H NMR studies upon filtering the reaction mixture through a syringe filter in glovebox.



Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectra of the reaction mixture of (dtbbpy)NiBr₂, B₂Pin₂, Ar²–Br, in the presence $nC_{12}H_{25}Br$. (a) pre-prepared **Ni-c** in DMA; (b) 0.2 equiv of **S2** and $nC_{12}H_{25}Br$; (c) 1 equiv of **S2** and 1.2 equiv of $nC_{12}H_{25}Br$. Note: Full spectra of the reaction mixture and Ni complexes are available on Page S118-S119

Based on the ¹H NMR spectrum, **Ni-c** formed in the absence (Figure S5-a) and presence (Figure S5-b) of alkyl bromide whose characteristic peaks are in agreement with those for the pre-prepared **Ni-c** complex (Figure S2-c) in non-D DMA.

(3) Reduction of (dtbbpy)Ni(II)Br₂ (Ni-a) to Ni(0)

To a flame-dried tube equipped with a stir bar was added NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (9.7 mg, 20 mol %). The tube was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (25 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NaI (15 mg, 1.0 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (18 mg, 1.2 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously. After COD (1.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture, it was stirred vigorously at 40 °C for 3 h. After that, the reaction mixture was filtered through a syringe filter in N₂-filled glovebox and the resultant homogenous solution was used directly to obtain a non-deuterated solvent (non-D) ¹H NMR spectrum.



Figure S6 Reduction of (dtbbpy)NiBr₂ with B_2Pin_2 in the absence of Ar¹–I. (a) reaction of (dtbbpy)NiBr₂ with B_2Pin_2 and COD; (b) reaction of (dtbbpy)Ni(0)(COD) with B_2Pin_2 ; (c) (dtbbpy)Ni(0)(COD) in DMA; (d) dtbbpy in DMA. Note: Full spectra of the reaction mixture and Ni complexes are available on Page S119-S121.



Figure S7. Similar to the conditions run in Figure S6. (a) reaction of (dtbbpy)NiBr₂ with B₂Pin₂, MeOLi, NaI and COD; (b) reaction of (dtbbpy)NiBr₂ with B₂Pin₂, K₂CO₃ and COD; (c) (dtbbpy)Ni(0)(COD) in DMA; (d) dtbbpy in DMA.

5. Stoichiometric competition reaction





To a flame-dried tube with a stir bar was added NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (4 mg, 8 mol %). The tube was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (38 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (30 mg, 2.0 equiv), Ni-b (27.2 mg, 0.05 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (25 mg, 1.8 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously, 1-iodo-2,4-dimethylbenzene (11.6 mg, 0.05 mmol) and 1-bromohexane (1.2 equiv) were added to the tube. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 40 °C for 2 h or 4 h. The reaction was quenched by 2 mL of H₂O, followed by exaction with 2 mL of diethyl ether. The organic layer was taken and transferred to a GC sampling tube via a pipette, and analyzed by GC.

6. The stability of Ni-b in DMA in the presence of B₂Pin₂



To a flame-dried tube with a stir bar was transferred into an N₂-filled glovebox, B₂pin₂ (39 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (30 mg, 2.0 equiv), Ni-b (27.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), NiBr₂(dtbbpy) (4 mg, 8 mol %, if needed) and K₂CO₃ (25 mg, 1.8 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed, removed from the glovebox and charged with DMA (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously at 40 °C for 4 h. After that, the reaction mixture was filtered through a syringe filter in N₂-filled glovebox and the resultant homogenous solution was used directly to obtain a non-deuterated solvent (non-D) ¹H NMR spectrum.



Figure S8. ¹H NMR spectra of the stability of **Ni-b** in DMA in the presence of $B_2Pin_2/K_2CO_3/NaI$. (a) without (dttbpy)NiBr₂; (b) with (dttbpy)NiBr₂; (c) **Ni-b** in DMA for 2 hours at 40 °C; (d) **Ni-b** in DMA for 10 min at rt. Note: Full spectra of the reaction mixture and Ni complexes are available on Page S121-S122.

7. ¹H NMR spectra of the reaction mixture of [Ni-d]₂ with Ar¹-I and B₂Pin₂



Figure S9 Reduction of Ni(I) complex $[Ni-d]_2$ with B_2Pin_2 in the presence of Ar^1 –I. (a) A mixture of $[Ni-d]_2$ and B_2Pin_2 and Ar^1 –I; (b) Ni-b in DMA. Note: Full spectra of the reaction mixture and Ni complexes are available on Page S106-S114.

We observed that the reaction of $[(dtbbpy)Ni^{I}Cl]_{2}$ (**Ni-d**) with Ar¹I produced the complex **Ni-b** in detectable NMR yield (Figure S5). Although the detail of this transformation is not clear, it suggests that L_nNi^{I} can be consumed upon treatment with ArX in the presence of B₂Pin₂.

Part 7. Kinetic studies¹⁹

1. General Method for Kinetic Studies:



- (a) Tube 1: To a flame-dried tube equipped with a stir bar was loaded with 4-bromobenzoate (86 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv), B₂pin₂ (152.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv), K₂CO₃ (99.5 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.8 equiv), and sodium iodide (30 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.5 equiv). The tube was sealed with a rubber septum, purged with N₂.
- (b) Tube 2: To a second flame-dried flask equipped with a stir bar were added Ni(COD)₂ (44 mg, 0.16 mmol) and dtbbpy (53.7 mg, 0.2 mmol). The tube was sealed with a rubber septum, and purged with N₂, to which anhydrous DMA (10 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 h.

(c) To the tube 1 was added to 2 mL of the Ni solution by a syringe, followed by addition of S2 (95.6 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and dodecane (47 μL) as an internal standard. The tube was slowly shaken twice to wash down any solids from the walls then placed on a stir plate (at a rate of 1500 rpm). At the appropriate time points, approximately 50 μL of the solution was taken by a syringe (Note: the syringe and its needle were pre-flushed with N₂), which was loaded onto a short silica plug (~ a height of 1 cm) in a plastic pipette packed with cotton, washed with EtOAc (~2 mL) to give a solution that was directly used for GC-MS analysis.

(d) All data runs obtained from the GC-FID instrument were appropriately integrated for the product and the dodecane standard. The integrated data points were further processed by normalizing each product area value by its corresponding standard area value. The normalized areas were then converted to concentration by using calculated response factors obtained from preparing known mixtures of the standard and purified reaction product. Each reaction was analyzed and graphed to show the product concentration (M) as a function of reaction time (min). All data points were plotted with black markers (•) as shown below, while only the data points included in the linear fit are shown with red markers (•). The best-fit linear regression line is shown and the y=mx+b equation is given.

Note: The molar ratio of [K₂CO₃] /[B₂Pin₂] is 6:5 throughout the kinetic studies.



(e) Tracking the reaction progress for the coupling of S1 and S2 with method A:

Figure S10. Results of standard reaction conditions runs with linear fit regions highlighted: $[S1]_0 = 0.2M$, $[S2]_0 = 0.24$ M, $[L \cdot Ni] = 0.016$ M, $[B_2Pin_2] = 0.3$ M.

2. Variation of the concentrations of [L_n-Ni]



Figure S11. $[S1]_0 = 0.2 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.24 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.08 \text{ M}, [B_2\text{Pin}_2] = 0.3 \text{ M}.$



Figure S12. $[S1]_0 = 0.2 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.24 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.32 \text{ M}, [B_2\text{Pin}_2] = 0.3 \text{ M}.$



Figure S13. Reaction order of [Ni] for the C(sp³)–C(sp²) coupling reaction.



3. Variation of the concentrations of [B₂Pin₂ + K₂CO₃]

Figure S14. $[S1]_0 = 0.2 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.24 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.16 \text{ M}, [B_2\text{Pin}_2] = 0.2 \text{ M}.$



Figure S15. $[S1]_0 = 0.2 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.24 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.16 \text{ M}, [B_2\text{Pin}_2] = 0.4 \text{ M}.$



Figure S16. $[S1]_0 = 0.2 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.24 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.16 \text{ M}, [B_2\text{Pin}_2] = 0.6 \text{ M}.$



Figure S17. [S1]₀ = 0.2 M, [S2]₀ = 0.24 M, [L·Ni] = 0.16 M, [B₂Pin₂] = 0.8 M.



Figure S18. Reaction order of $[B_2Pin_2]$ for the $C(sp^3)$ - $C(sp^2)$ coupling reaction.

4. Variation of the concentrations of [S1]



Figure S19. $[S1]_0 = 0.3 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.24 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.16 \text{ M}, [B_2\text{Pin}_2] = 0.3 \text{ M}.$



Figure S20. $[S1]_0 = 0.4 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.24 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.16 \text{ M}, [B_2\text{Pin}_2] = 0.3 \text{ M}.$



Figure S21. $[S1]_0 = 0.6 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.24 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.16 \text{ M}, [B_2\text{Pin}_2] = 0.3 \text{ M}.$



Figure S22. $[S1]_0 = 0.8M$, $[S2]_0 = 0.24 M$, $[L \cdot Ni] = 0.16 M$, $[B_2Pin_2] = 0.3 M$.



Figure S23. Reaction order of [S1] for the C(sp³)–C(sp²) coupling reaction.

5. Variation of the concentrations of [S2]



Figure S24. $[S1]_0 = 0.2 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.36 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.16 \text{ M}, [B_2\text{Pin}_2] = 0.3 \text{ M}.$



Figure S25. $[S1]_0 = 0.2 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.48 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.16 \text{ M}, [B_2\text{Pin}_2] = 0.3 \text{ M}.$



Figure S26. $[S1]_0 = 0.2 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.72 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.16 \text{ M}, [B_2\text{Pin}_2] = 0.3 \text{ M}.$



Figure S27. $[S1]_0 = 0.2 \text{ M}, [S2]_0 = 0.96 \text{ M}, [L \cdot \text{Ni}] = 0.16 \text{M}, [B_2 \text{Pin}_2] = 0.3 \text{M}.$



Figure S28. Reaction order of [S2] for the C(sp³)–C(sp²) coupling reaction.

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III. NMR Data





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7, ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)

















12, ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)





13, ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)





14, ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)














18, 13C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)































































35, ¹H-NMR (600 MHZ, CDCl₃)





36, 13C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl3)













^{40, &}lt;sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHZ, CDCl₃)



















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58, ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)







60, ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)





61, ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)





1c, ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)





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Full spectrum of Figure S1-c, ¹H-NMR (400 MHZ, DMA)



Full spectrum of Figure S3, ¹H-NMR (with 1,3,5-triazine 400 MHZ, DMA)







Full spectrum of Figure S5-a, ¹H-NMR (400 MHZ, DMA)



Full spectrum of Figure S5-c, ¹H-NMR (400 MHZ, DMA)



Full spectrum of Figure S6-b, ¹H-NMR (400 MHZ, DMA)

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Full spectrum of Figure S6-d, ¹H-NMR (400 MHZ, DMA)



Full spectrum of Figure S8-b, ¹H-NMR (400 MHZ, DMA)