

Rhodium(III) Catalyzed Arylation of Boc-Imines via C-H Bond Functionalization
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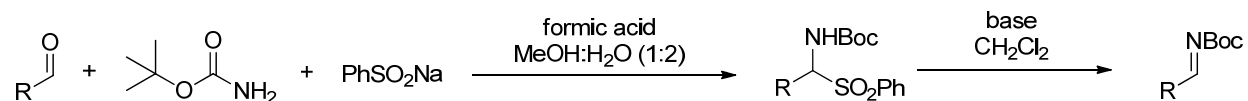
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I. General Methods. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Substituted 2-phenylarenes were synthesized according to published procedures.^{1,2} Benzene, dichloromethane, and tetrahydrofuran were passed through a column of activated alumina under nitrogen. All reactions of air- and moisture-sensitive materials were carried out using syringe, cannula and/or inert atmosphere box techniques. All glassware was dried overnight at 150 °C or flame-dried under vacuum immediately prior to use. During workup procedures, organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure with a rotary evaporator. Chromatography was performed on Merck 60 230-240 mesh silica gel. NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to CHCl₃ (7.26 ppm for ¹H, and 77.23 ppm for ¹³C NMR) or CD₂Cl₂ (5.32 ppm for ¹H, and 53.84 ppm for ¹³C NMR). IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet Avatar 360 FTIR spectrometer equipped with an attenuated total reflectance accessory or a Nicolet 6700 FT-IR equipped with an attenuated total reflectance accessory, and only partial data are listed. Melting points were determined on a Mel-Temp apparatus and are reported uncorrected. Mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained by the University of California at Berkeley Mass Spectrometry Facility or the Keck Center of Yale University.

II. Synthesis of Starting Materials

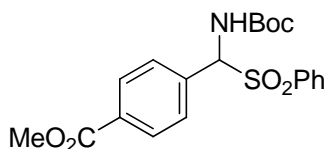
IIa. Synthesis of Sulfonyl Carbamates



In a 25 mL round bottom flask was combined aldehyde (13.5 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl carbamate (0.850 g, 7.25 mmol, 1 equiv), sodium benzenesulfonic acid (2.90 g, 18.1 mmol, 2.5 equiv), formic acid (0.52 mL, 13.5 mmol, 2 equiv), MeOH (8 mL), and water (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 24 h during which time it becomes heterogeneous. The

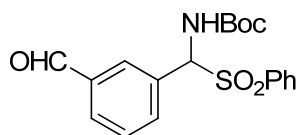
reaction mixture was filtered and the precipitate was washed with water and Et₂O to yield the sulfonyl carbamate as a white powder.

The synthetic procedures and characterization have previously been reported for the following sulfonyl carbamates: *N-tert*-butyl((2-methylphenyl)(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate (R = 2-MeC₆H₄),³ *N-tert*-butyl((4-methoxyphenyl)(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate (R = 4-OMeC₆H₄),³ *N-tert*-butyl((2-thienyl)(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate (R = 2-thienyl),³ *N-tert*-butyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate (R = 4-CF₃C₆H₄),⁴ *N-tert*-butyl(4-chlorophenyl(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate (R = 4-ClC₆H₄),⁵ *N-tert*-butyl(2-chlorophenyl(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate (R = 2-ClC₆H₄),⁵ *N-tert*-butyl *N*-(4-nitrophenyl(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate (R = 4-NO₂C₆H₄),⁴ *N-tert*-butyl(4-methylphenyl(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate (R = 4-MeC₆H₄),⁵ *N-tert*-butylphenyl(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate (R = C₆H₅).⁵

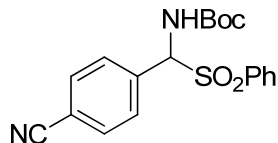


***N-tert*-Butyl(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate** The synthesis was performed according to the general procedure using 4-methoxycarbonylbenzaldehyde (2.79 g, 17.0 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl carbamate (1.02 g, 8.71 mmol, 1 equiv), sodium benzenesulfinic acid (3.55 g, 21.6 mmol, 2.5 equiv), formic acid (0.60 mL, 16 mmol, 2 equiv), MeOH (10 mL), and water (18 mL) yielded the sulfonyl carbamate as a white powder (1.37 g, 3.38 mmol, 39% yield). mp: 176 °C (decomp.). IR (neat): 1726 (s), 1694 (s), 1506 (m), 1505 (m), 1308 (s), 1270 (s), 1248 (m), 1161 (w), 1142 (s), 1104 (m), 1085 (m), 1018 (w), 764 (w), 726 (m), 710 (m), 689 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, *J* =

8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 6.04 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.36, 153.50, 136.66, 134.72, 134.19, 131.38, 129.84, 129.48, 129.17, 129.01, 81.48, 73.63, 52.34, 28.01. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_6\text{NaS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 428.1138; Found 428.1131.



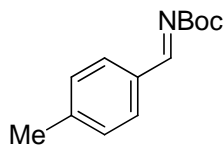
N-tert-Butyl(3-carboxyphenyl(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate The synthesis was performed according to the general procedure using isophthalaldehyde (1.15 g, 8.57 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl carbamate (0.50 g, 4.3 mmol, 1 equiv), sodium benzenesulfinic acid (1.76 g, 10.7 mmol, 2.5 equiv), formic acid (0.3 mL, 8 mmol, 2 equiv), MeOH (5 mL), and water (9 mL). The obtained solid was heated at reflux for 10 min in Et_2O (20 mL) and filtered hot to remove excess isophthalaldehyde. The sulfonyl carbamate was isolated as a white solid (0.67 g, 1.8 mmol, 42% yield). mp: 160 °C (decomp). IR (neat): 1715 (m), 1688 (s), 1526 (m), 1448 (w), 1307 (m), 1169 (m), 1145 (s), 1084 (m), 800 (m), 715 (m), 686 (s) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.08 (s, 1H), 8.06 – 7.93 (m, 4H), 7.82 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 6.09 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.92 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.53, 153.56, 153.40, 136.64, 136.50, 135.07, 134.30, 131.20, 131.01, 129.85, 129.57, 129.31, 81.66, 73.21, 28.03. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5\text{NaS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 398.1033; Found 398.1024.



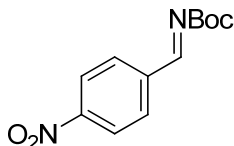
***N*-tert-Butyl(4-cyanophenyl(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)carbamate** The synthesis was performed according to the general procedure using 4-cyanobenzaldehyde (1.19 g, 9.08 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl carbamate (0.51 g, 4.3 mmol, 1 equiv), sodium benzenesulfinic acid (1.73 g, 10.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv), formic acid (0.3 mL, 8 mmol, 2 equiv), MeOH (5 mL), and water (9 mL). The obtained solid was heated at reflux for 10 min in Et₂O (20 mL) and filtered hot to remove excess 4-cyanobenzaldehyde. The sulfonyl carbamate was isolated as a white solid (0.665 g, 1.79 mmol, 41% yield). mp: 158 °C (decomp.). IR (neat): 2231 (w), 1695 (m), 1498 (m), 1447 (w), 1305 (m), 1247 (m), 1138 (s), 1078 (m), 797 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.65 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 6.04 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.41, 136.35, 135.12, 134.44, 132.34, 129.75, 129.46, 129.30, 118.09, 113.71, 81.76, 73.29, 27.98. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀N₂O₄NaS [M+Na]⁺ 395.1036; Found 395.1034.

IIb. General Synthesis Procedure I for the Preparation of Boc-Imines

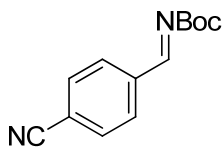
In a typical experiment sulfonyl carbamate (0.5 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) and 1.4 M K₂CO₃ (8 mL) was added. The biphasic solution was stirred vigorously at rt for 4 h. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was washed two times with 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The combined organics were concentrated *in vacuo* at rt to yield the Boc-imine.



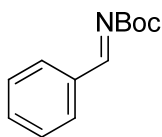
***N*-tert-Butyl-4-methylbenzylidenecarbamate** was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure I using 1 mmol of sulfonyl carbamate and was obtained as a colorless oil (182 mg, 0.830 mmol, 83% yield). Characterization of this compound has been reported previously.³



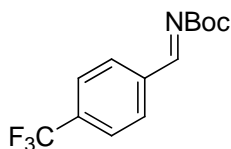
***N*-tert-Butyl-4-nitrobenzylidenecarbamate** was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure I and was obtained as a white solid (109 mg, 0.437 mmol, 87% yield). Characterization of this compound has been reported previously.⁴



***N*-tert-Butyl-4-cyanobenzylidenecarbamate** was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure I and was obtained as a white solid (73 mg, 0.32 mmol, 63% yield). mp: 85-87 °C. IR (film): 2230, 1698, 1631 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.7, 161.9, 137.7, 132.5, 130.2, 117.9, 116.4, 83.1, 27.8. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅N₂O₂ [MH]⁺ 231.1129; Found 231.1128.



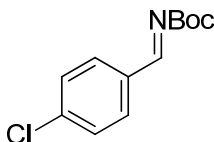
***N*-tert-Butyl-benzylidenecarbamate** was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure I and was obtained as a colorless oil (57 mg, 0.28 mmol, 51% yield). Characterization of this compound has been reported previously.⁵



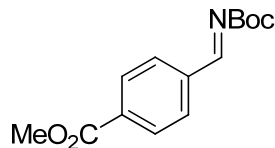
***N*-tert-Butyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidenecarbamate** was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure I and was obtained as a white solid (80 mg, 0.30 mmol, 59% yield). Characterization of this compound has been reported previously.⁴

IIc. General Synthesis Procedure II for the Preparation of Boc-Imines II

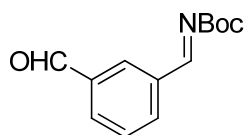
In a typical experiment the sulfonyl carbamate (0.75 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and dry Cs₂CO₃ (2.4 g, 7.5 mmol, 10 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred vigorously at rt for 1 h. The slurry was filtered and the organic phase concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the desired pure Boc-imine.



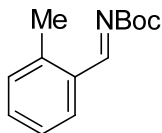
***N*-tert-Butyl-4-chlorobenzylidenecarbamate** was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure II using of 0.37 mmol sulfonyl carbamate and was obtained as a white solid (54 mg, 0.225 mmol, 72% yield). Characterization of this compound has been reported previously.⁵



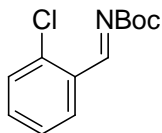
N-tert-Butyl-4-methoxycarbonylbenzylidene carbamate was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure II and was obtained as a white solid (129 mg, 0.430 mmol, 55% yield). Characterization of this compound has been reported previously.⁶



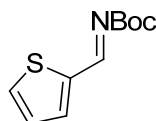
N-tert-Butyl-3-carbonylbenzylidene carbamate was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure II and was obtained as a colorless oil (90 mg, 0.39 mmol, 50% yield). IR (neat): 1699 (s), 1633 (m), 1603 (w), 1368 (m), 1240 (s), 1138 (s), 984 (w), 851 (w), 802 (w), 682 (m) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.08 (s, 1H, CHO), 8.92 (s, 1H, CHN), 8.47 – 8.34 (m, 1H), 8.25 – 8.14 (m, 1H), 8.09 (dt, $J = 7.7, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.18, 167.78, 162.12, 136.96, 135.29, 135.10, 133.41, 131.51, 129.71, 82.84, 27.93. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 256.0944; Found 256.0946.



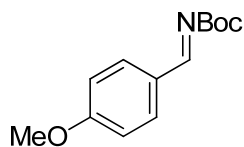
N-tert-Butyl-2-methylbenzylidene carbamate was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure II using 0.29 mmol of sulfonyl carbamate and was obtained as a colorless oil (11 mg, 0.050 mmol, 17% yield). Characterization of this compound has been reported previously.³



N-tert-Butyl-2-chlorobenzylidene carbamate was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure II using 0.6 mmol of the sulfonyl carbamate and was obtained as a colorless oil (132 mg, 0.551 mmol, 92% yield). Characterization of this compound has been reported previously.⁵

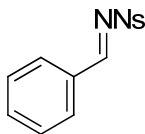


N-tert-Butyl-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene) carbamate was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure II using 0.58 mmol of the sulfonyl carbamate and was obtained as a slightly orange solid (112 mg, 0.530 mmol, 92% yield). Characterization of this compound has been reported previously.³

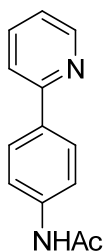


N-tert-Butyl-4-methoxybenzylidene carbamate was synthesized according to the general synthesis procedure II using 0.99 mmol of the sulfonyl carbamate and was obtained as a white solid (87 mg, 0.38 mmol, 37% yield). Characterization of this compound has been reported previously.⁵

IId. Synthesis of Other Starting Materials.



***N*-Benzylidene-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide.** In a 50 mL round flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar, FeCl₃ (15 mg, 0.092 mmol, 0.04 equiv) was dissolved in EtOH (25 mL) and 4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (506 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1 equiv) and freshly distilled benzaldehyde (0.51 mL, 5.0 mmol, 2 equiv) were subsequently added. The solution was stirred vigorously at rt for 16 h. All volatiles were then removed *in vacuo* and the resulting solid was crystallized from hot AcOEt/hexanes (1:3). The product was obtained as an off-white powder (360 mg, 1.24 mmol, 50%). Characterization of this compound has been reported previously.⁷

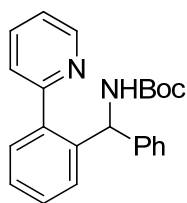


***N*-(4-(Pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)acetamide.** In a 10 mL round bottom flask was combined 4-(pyridin-2-yl)aniline¹ (200 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1 equiv), K₂CO₃ (490 mg, 3.5 mmol, 3 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). A solution of acetyl chloride in dichloromethane (1 M, 1.7 mL, 1.7 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 20 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ and the resulting mixture was extracted 3 x with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organics were concentrated and purified by chromatography (1:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a yellow solid (220 mg, 1.03 mmol, 88% yield) mp: 130-132 °C. IR (film): 3249, 1664, 1590, 1532, 1466 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 8.71-8.64 (m, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80

(d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 169.2, 156.9, 149.4, 139.2, 136.9, 134.9, 127.5, 121.9, 120.3, 120.0, 24.4. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{MH}]^+$ 213.1028; Found 213.1023.

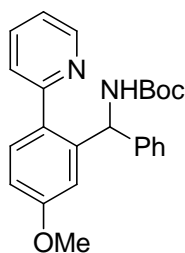
III. General Procedure for C–H Activation Experiments Monitored by NMR. In a nitrogen-filled inert atmosphere box, in a vial was combined $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$, AgSbF_6 , 2-phenylpyridine, *tert*-butyl benzylidenecarbamate, 2,6-dimethoxytoluene and solvent (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to thin-walled NMR tube. The tube was fitted with a Cajon adapter, frozen with liquid nitrogen, and flame-sealed under vacuum. The tube was then placed in an oil bath set to the desired temperature. Periodically, the tube was removed from the bath, cooled to room temperature, and analyzed by ^1H -NMR spectroscopy to monitor the progress of the reaction based on integration relative to 2,6-dimethoxytoluene as an internal standard. All optimization reactions were carried out via this procedure by varying temperature, ligand, and catalyst loading

IV. Rh(III) Catalyzed Hydroarylation of Imines

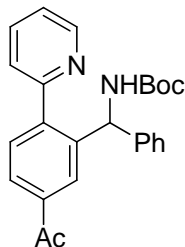


***N*-tert-Butyl (phenyl(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3a).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (15.5 mg, 0.0250 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF_6 (34.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (77.5 mg, 0.500 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl benzylidene carbamate (51 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a 5 mL Schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20 h. Reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by

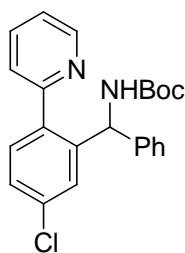
chromatography (5:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (73.8 mg, 0.205 mmol, 82% yield) mp: 146-148 °C. IR (film): 3253, 1690 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.27 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.07-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.85 (m, 4H), 6.85-6.75 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.59 (m, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.0, 155.4, 148.4, 142.2, 141.2, 140.6, 136.5, 130.9, 130.1, 128.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.4, 126.3, 124.3, 121.9, 79.3, 57.2, 28.6. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₅N₂O₂ [MH]⁺ 361.1916; Found 361.1909.



***N*-tert-Butyl ((5-methoxy-2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3b).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp**Rh*Cl₂]₂ (9.3 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (20.6 mg, 0.060 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyridine (55.5 mg, 0.300 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butylbenzylidene carbamate (31 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a 5 mL Schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20 h. Reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (5:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (37 mg, 0.095 mmol, 63% yield) mp: 135-137 °C. IR (film): 3335, 1703 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.04-6.97 (m, 2 H), 6.97-6.87 (m, 4H), 6.87-6.80 (m, 3H), 6.80-6.73 (m, 1H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.8, 154.3, 147.2, 141.5, 140.8, 135.3, 132.0, 131.2, 127.2, 126.6, 125.1, 123.1, 120.3, 114.7, 113.3, 111.5, 78.2, 56.3, 54.4, 27.5. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₇N₂O₃ [MH]⁺ 391.2022; Found 391.2003.

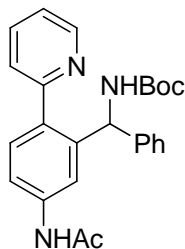


***N*-tert-Butyl ((5-acetyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3c).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (15.5 mg, 0.0250 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (34.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 1-(4-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone (106 mg, 0.500 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl benzylidenecarbamate (51 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a 5 mL Schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20h. Reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (2:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (87 mg, 0.22 mmol, 87% yield) mp: 47-49 °C. IR (film): 3350, 1690, 1681 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.08-8.02 (m, 1H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.89 (m, 3H), 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.55-6.49 (m, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.7, 158.7, 155.1, 148.5, 144.7, 141.6, 141.4, 137.0, 136.5, 131.2, 129.2, 127.9, 127.4, 126.5, 126.3, 124.1, 122.3, 79.5, 56.8, 28.4, 26.8. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₃ [MH]⁺ 403.2022; Found 403.2006.



***N*-tert-Butyl ((5-chloro-2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3d).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (9.3 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (20.6

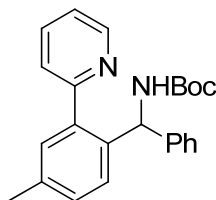
mg, 0.060 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-(4-chlorophenyl)pyridine (57 mg, 0.30 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl benzylidenecarbamate (31 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a 5 mL Schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20 h. Reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (5:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (30 mg, 0.075 mmol, 50% yield) mp: 145-147 °C. IR (film): 3347, 1703, 1500, 1020 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 4H), 6.85-6.78 (m, 2H), 6.49-6.38 (m, 1H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.0, 155.5, 148.9, 143.1, 141.6, 139.1, 136.8, 134.9, 132.4, 129.8, 128.2, 127.9, 126.8, 126.6, 124.5, 122.3, 79.8, 56.9, 28.8. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₄ClN₂O₂ [MH]⁺ 395.1526; Found 395.1507.



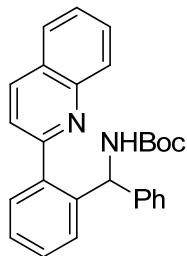
***N*-tert-Butyl ((5-acetamido-2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3e).**

To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp**Rh*Cl₂]₂ (15.5 mg, 0.0250 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (34.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 0.4 equiv), *N*-(4-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)acetamide (106 mg, 0.500 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl benzylidenecarbamate (51 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a 5 mL Schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20 h. Reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (1:2 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (70 mg, 0.17 mmol, 67% yield) mp: 127-130 °C. IR (film): 3281, 1690, 1671 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.45

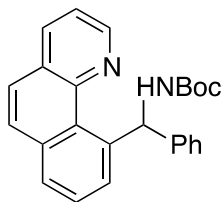
(d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.29-8.25 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.04-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.83 (m, 5H), 6.83-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.08 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 169.0, 159.3, 155.5, 148.2, 141.6, 141.3, 138.6, 136.5, 135.8, 131.7, 127.7, 126.3, 126.2, 124.2, 121.6, 120.8, 119.2, 79.4, 57.0, 28.5, 24.4 . HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{MH}]^+$ 418.2131; Found 418.2125.



***N*-tert-Butyl ((4-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3f).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (9.3 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF_6 (20.6 mg, 0.060 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-(*m*-tolyl)pyridine (50.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl benzylidenecarbamate (31 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a 5 mL Schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20 h. Reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (5:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (50 mg, 0.13 mmol, 89% yield) mp: 53-56 °C. IR (film): 3312, 1697 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.52-8.42 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.10-6.76 (m, 8H), 6.76-6.54 (m, 1H), 6.07 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H) . $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.3, 155.6, 148.8, 142.7, 140.7, 138.5, 137.7, 136.7, 132.0, 130.3, 129.8, 128.1, 126.6, 126.5, 124.6, 122.1, 79.5, 57.2, 28.9, 21.4 . HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{MH}]^+$ 375.2073; Found 375.2066.

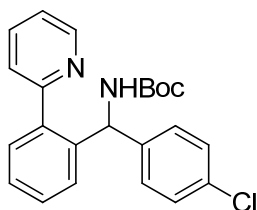


***N*-tert-Butyl (phenyl(2-(quinolin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3g).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp**RhCl*₂]₂ (9.3 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (20.6 mg, 0.060 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-phenylquinoline (61.5 mg, 0.300 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl benzylidene-carbamate (31 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a 5 mL Schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20 h. Reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (5:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (46 mg, 0.11 mmol, 75% yield) mp: 61-63 °C. IR (film): 3286, 1704, 1487 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.80 (m, 1H) 6.80-6.62 (m, 4H), 6.1 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.5, 155.8, 147.0, 142.5, 142.2, 141.1, 136.9, 131.5, 131.1, 130.3, 129.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.0, 126.9, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 122.5, 79.4, 58.4, 28.9. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₇H₂₇N₂O₂ [MH]⁺ 411.2073; Found 411.2061.



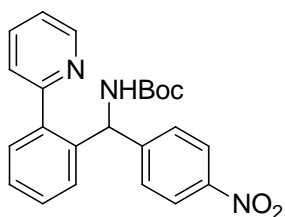
***N*-tert-Butyl (benzo[*h*]quinolin-10-yl(phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3h).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp**RhCl*₂]₂ (6.4 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (15.9 mg, 0.0463 mmol, 0.4 equiv), benzo[*h*]quinolin (37.9 mg, 0.189 mmol, 1.9 equiv), *N*-*tert*-butyl-

benzylidenecarbamate (21.7 mg, 0.106 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (1.4 mL). The slurry was transferred to a reaction tube, which was sealed and then placed into an oil bath preheated to 75 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (85:15 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (28.2 mg, 0.0733 mmol, 70% yield). mp: 140 °C. IR (neat): 1707 (s), 1475 (m), 1454 (m), 1430 (m), 1362 (m), 1161 (s), 1119 (w), 1043 (w), 1019 (m), 839 (s), 729 (s), 696 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, 328 K, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (s, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 2H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 1.52 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, 328 K, CDCl₃) δ 155.92, 146.90, 146.84, 146.63, 144.07, 136.01, 135.54, 129.38, 129.00, 128.39 – 127.75 (broad signal), 127.67, 127.61, 125.66, 120.89, 108.00 – 117.00, 79.01, 28.53. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₂ [MH]⁺ 385.1911; Found 385.1908.



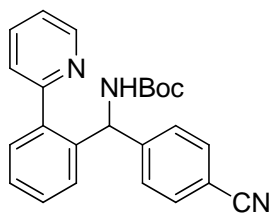
***N*-tert-Butyl ((4-chlorophenyl)(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3i).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.3 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (6.8 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (15.4 mg, 0.0992 mmol, 2 equiv), 2,4-dimethoxytoluene (15.4 mg, 0.101 mmol, 2 equiv) *N*-tert-butyl-4-chlorobenzylidenecarbamate (12.8 mg, 0.0530 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL). The slurry was transferred to an NMR tube equipped with a sealed capillary containing C₆D₆. The tube was closed with a Cajon adapter, removed from the glovebox, flame sealed and then placed into an oil bath preheated to 75 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by

chromatography (85:15 hexanes:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (16.0 mg, 0.0410 mmol, 77% yield) mp: 60 °C. IR (neat): 1699 (s), 1588 (w), 1488 (s), 1365 (m), 1247 (m), 1163 (s), 1090 (m), 1043 (w), 1014 (s), 752 (s) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44 (td, 1H, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz), 7.41 (td, 1H, $J = 7.2, 1.5$ Hz), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.15 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, CHN Boc), 1.46 (s, 9H, CMe_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.88, 155.39, 148.34, 140.92, 140.73, 140.46, 136.72, 131.92, 131.12, 130.39, 128.99, 128.00, 127.82, 127.41, 124.31, 122.05, 79.49 (Ar_2CHN), 57.04 (CMe_3), 28.61 (CMe_3). HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$ $[\text{MH}]^+$ 395.1521; Found 395.1530.

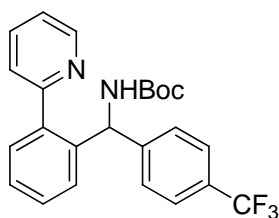


***N*-tert-Butyl ((4-nitrophenyl)(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3j).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (15.5 mg, 0.0250 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF_6 (34.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (77.5 mg, 0.500 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl 4-nitrobenzylidene carbamate (62.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a 5 mL Schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20 h. Reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (5:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (78 mg, 0.19 mmol, 77% yield) mp: 51-53 °C. IR (film): 3306, 1701, 1514 1342 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.55 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.05 (m, 3H), 7.05-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.25 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.5, 155.4, 150.2, 148.1, 146.1, 140.0, 139.8, 136.9, 131.3, 131.0, 121.1,

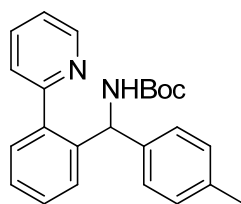
128.3, 126.7, 124.2, 122.6, 122.1, 79.7, 57.7, 28.4. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₄N₃O₄ [MH]⁺ 406.1762; Found 406.1768.



***N*-tert-Butyl ((4-cyanophenyl)(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3k).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (25.5 mg, 0.0413 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (56.7 mg, 0.165 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (128 mg, 0.826 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl 4-cyanobenzylidencarbamate (95.0 mg, 0.413 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (4.1 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a 5 mL Schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20 h. Reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (3:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (85 mg, 0.21 mmol, 50% yield) mp: 55-57 °C. IR (film): 3299, 2226, 1695, 1472 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 1.47 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.5, 155.3, 148.1, 148.0, 140.1, 140.0, 136.7, 131.3, 131.2, 131.0, 129.1, 128.3, 126.6, 124.1, 122.0, 118.9, 109.7, 79.6, 57.7, 28.5 HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₄N₃O₂ [MH]⁺ 386.1864; Found 386.1866.

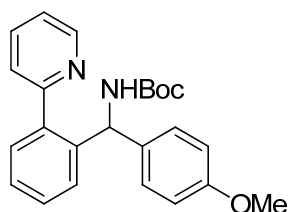


***N*-tert-Butyl ((2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3l).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (13.6 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (30.2 mg, 0.088 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (68 mg, 0.44 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidencarbamate (60 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (2.2 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a 5 mL Schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20 h. Reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (5:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (89 mg, 0.21 mmol, 95% yield) mp: 52-54 °C. IR (film): 3260, 1693, 1325 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.55 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (d, 2H), 7.14-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.08-6.94 (m, 4H), 6.3 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 9.25 (s, 9H) ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.7, 155.3, 148.1, 146.4, 140.4, 140.3, 136.6, 131.0, 130.7, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 31.1 Hz) 126.3, 124.5 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.1 Hz), 124.2, 124.1 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 270.2 Hz) 121.9, 79.5, 57.4, 28.5. ¹⁹F NMR (375 Mhz, CDCl₃): δ -60.2 HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₄F₃N₂O₂ [MH]⁺ 429.1785; Found 429.1790.



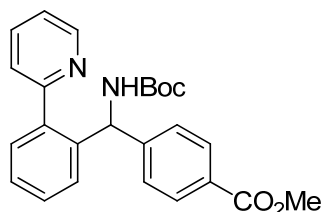
***N*-tert-Butyl ((2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)(p-tolyl)methyl)carbamate (3m).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (15.5 mg, 0.0250 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (34.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (77.5 mg, 0.499 mmol, 2 equiv), *tert*-butyl 4-methylbenzylidencarbamate (54.8 mg, 0.250 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a 5 mL Schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20 h. Reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by

chromatography (5:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (65 mg, 0.18 mmol, 70% yield) mp: 49-51 °C. IR (film): 3299, 1696, 1472 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.58 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.30 (m, 4 H), 7.18-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.72 (m, 4 H), 6.53-6.34 (m, 1H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.7, 155.1, 148.4, 140.9, 140.3, 139.1, 136.2, 135.7, 130.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 126.2, 124.2, 121.7, 79.1, 56.5, 28.4, 20.9. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₇N₂O₂ [MH]⁺ 375.2068; Found 375.2076



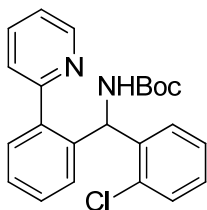
***N*-tert-Butyl((4-methoxyphenyl)(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3n).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp**Rh*Cl₂]₂ (3.0 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (3.7 mg, 0.011 mmol, 0.2 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (15.5 mg, 0.100 mmol, 2 equiv), 2,4-dimethoxytoluene (15.4 mg, 0.101 mmol, 2 equiv) a solution of *N*-tert-butyl-4-methoxybenzylidene carbamate in CH₂Cl₂ (0.13 mL, 0.42 M, 0.055 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL). The slurry was transferred to an NMR tube equipped with a sealed capillary containing C₆D₆. The tube was closed with a Cajon adapter, removed from the glovebox, flame sealed and then placed into an oil bath preheated to 75 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (85:15 hexanes:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (15.1 mg, 0.039 mmol, 70% yield). mp: 50 °C. IR (neat): 2160 (m, broad), 2027 (m, broad), 1698 (s), 1586 (w), 1508 (m), 1468 (w), 1364 (m), 1245 (s), 1161 (s), 1025 (m), 752 (s) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.13 (m,

1H), 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.61 (m, 2H), 6.53 (m, 1H), 6.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, $CHNBoc$), 3.72 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.47 and 1.48 (rotamers of CMe_3 , 9H, coalescence at 323K). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.83, 157.94, 155.13, 148.41, 141.04, 140.42, 136.34, 134.36, 130.76, 129.29, 128.66, 127.47, 124.17, 121.75, 113.95, 113.22, 79.27 (Ar_2CHN), 56.37 (CMe_3), 55.21 (OMe), 28.47 and 28.24 (rotamers of CMe_3 , coalescence at 323 K). HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for $C_{24}H_{27}N_2O_3$ $[MH]^+$ 391.2016; Found 391.2030.

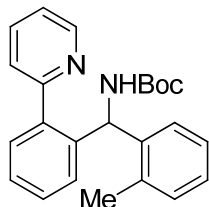


***N*-tert-Butyl ((4-methylbenzoato)(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3o).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.006 mmol, 0.1 equiv), $AgSbF_6$ (8.5 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.5 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (15.4 mg, 0.099 mmol, 2 equiv), 2,4-dimethoxytoluene (15.4 mg, 0.101 mmol, 2 equiv) *N*-tert-butyl-4-methoxycarbonylbenzylidene-carbamate (13.2 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL). The slurry was transferred to an NMR tube equipped with a sealed capillary containing C_6D_6 . The tube was closed with a Cajon adapter, removed from the glovebox, flame sealed and then placed into an oil bath preheated to 75 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (85:15 hexanes:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (14.6 mg, 0.035 mmol, 70% yield). mp: 71 °C. IR (neat): 1705 (s), 1610 (w), 1470 (m), 1365 (w), 1276 (s), 1161 (s), 1103 (m), 1043 (w), 1017 (m), 753 (s) cm^{-1} . 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.60 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.27 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H, $CHNBoc$), 3.88 (s, 3H, CO_2Me), 1.51 (s, 9H, CMe_3). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.01, 159.73, 155.40,

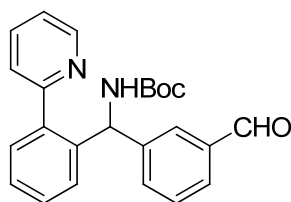
148.17, 147.68, 140.57, 140.51, 140.33, 136.67, 131.14, 131.09, 130.80, 128.95, 128.02, 125.99, 124.21, 121.98, 79.65 (Ar₂CHN), 57.62 (CMe₃), 51.98 (OMe), 28.51 (CMe₃). HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₄ [MH]⁺ 419.1965; Found 419.1969.



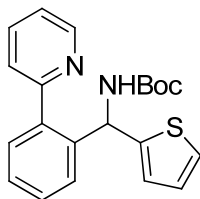
***N*-tert-Butyl((2-chlorophenyl)(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3p).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp**RhCl*₂]₂ (3.0 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (4.8 mg, 0.014 mmol, 0.2 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (16.1 mg, 0.104 mmol, 2 equiv), 2,4-dimethoxytoluene (15.8 mg, 0.104 mmol, 2 equiv) a solution of *N*-tert-butyl-2-chlorobenzylidene carbamate in CH₂Cl₂ (0.25 mL, 0.20 M, 0.05 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (0.45 mL). The slurry was transferred to an NMR tube equipped with a sealed capillary containing C₆D₆. The tube was closed with a Cajon adapter, removed from the glovebox, flame sealed and then placed into an oil bath preheated to 75 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (85:15 hexanes:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (17.7 mg, 0.047 mmol, 76% yield). mp: 82 °C. IR (neat): 1697 (s), 1468 (m), 1364 (m), 1255 (m), 1160 (s), 1017 (m), 749 (s) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.35 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 1.47 and 1.48 (rotamers of CMe₃, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.56, 148.94, 140.77, 139.44, 138.60, 136.46, 133.14, 130.45, 129.62, 129.15, 128.22, 128.53, 128.12, 127.87, 127.74, 126.26, 123.79, 121.98, 79.50 (Ar₂CHN), 54.65 (CMe₃), 28.41 and 28.33 (rotamers of CMe₃). HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₃N₂O₂Cl [MH]⁺ : 395.1521; Found 395.1527.



***N*-tert-Butyl((2-methylphenyl)(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3q).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (3.8 mg, 0.011 mmol, 0.2 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (16.7 mg, 0.108 mmol, 2 equiv), 2,4-dimethoxytoluene (15.4 mg, 0.101 mmol, 2 equiv) a solution of *N*-tert-butyl-2-methylbenzylidene-carbamate in CH₂Cl₂ (0.17 mL, 0.30 M, 0.051 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL). The slurry was transferred to an NMR tube equipped with a sealed capillary containing C₆D₆. The tube was closed with a Cajon adapter, removed from the glovebox, flame sealed and then placed into an oil bath preheated to 75 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (85:15 hexanes:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (17.7 mg, 0.047 mmol, 92% yield). mp: 55 °C. IR (neat): 1696 (s), 1485 (m), 1426 (w), 1364 (m), 1250 (m), 1162 (s), 1017 (m), 751 (s) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.04 (m, 4H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, *CHNHBoc*), 5.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, *NHBoc*), 2.01 (s, 3H, *ArMe*), 1.54 – 1.37 (rotamers, 9H, *CMe*₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.51, 149.07, 140.72, 140.11, 139.55, 136.26, 135.78, 130.37, 130.32, 128.55, 128.38, 127.50, 126.84, 126.08, 125.56, 124.26, 123.75, 121.88, 79.30 (*Ar*₂CHN), 53.61 (*CMe*₃), 28.44 and 28.26 (rotamers *CMe*₃), 19.43 (*ArMe*). HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₇N₂O₂ [MH]⁺ 375.2067; Found 375.2072.

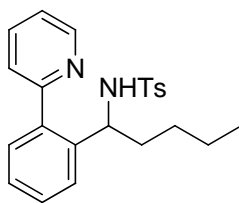


***N*-tert-Butyl ((3-carbonylphenyl)(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3r).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.5 mg, 0.006 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (7.7 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (15.5 mg, 0.100 mmol, 2 equiv), 2,4-dimethoxytoluene (15.4 mg, 0.101 mmol, 2 equiv) *N*-tert-butyl-3-carbonylbenzylidenecarbamate (14.5 mg, 0.062 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL). The slurry was transferred to an NMR tube equipped with a sealed capillary containing C₆D₆. The tube was closed with a Cajon adapter, removed from the glovebox, flame sealed and then placed into an oil bath preheated to 75 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (85:15 hexanes:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (16.9 mg, 0.050 mmol, 81% yield). mp: 52 °C. IR (neat): 1694 (s), 1488 (m), 1365 (w), 1246 (m), 1157 (s), 1044 (w), 1018 (m), 794 (m), 752 (s) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.79 (s, 1H, ArCHO), 8.56 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (bs, 9H, CMe₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.24 (ArCHO), 159.78, 155.40, 148.17, 143.56, 140.49, 140.27, 136.58, 135.75, 132.36, 131.11, 130.75, 129.01, 128.29, 128.06, 127.61, 127.01, 124.09, 121.89, 79.52 (Ar₂CHN), 57.39 (CMe₃), 28.48 (CMe₃). HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₃ [MH]⁺ 389.1860; Found 389.1866.



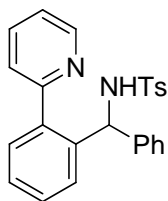
***N*-tert-Butyl(thiophene-2-yl)(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)carbamate (3s).** To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.3 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (9.0 mg, 0.026 mmol, 0.5 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (15.8 mg, 0.102 mmol, 1 equiv), 2,4-dimethoxy-

toluene (15.5 mg, 0.102 mmol, 1 equiv) a solution of *N-tert-butyl-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-* carbamate in CH₂Cl₂ (0.30 mL, 0.27 M, 0.08 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (0.40 mL). The slurry was transferred to an NMR tube equipped with a sealed capillary containing C₆D₆. The tube was closed with a Cajon adapter, removed from the glovebox, flame sealed and then placed into an oil bath preheated to 75 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (85:15 hexanes:EtOAc) to yield an orange solid (21.1 mg, 0.057 mmol, 71% yield). mp: 110 °C. IR (neat): 1694 (s), 1470 (s), 1364 (m), 1246 (m), 1160 (s), 1043 (w), 1014 (m), 751 (s), 694 (s) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 1H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (bs, 9H, CMe₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.71, 155.03, 148.47, 147.32, 140.42, 136.53, 130.98, 129.31, 128.85, 128.03, 126.26, 124.48, 124.30, 124.22, 123.97, 121.82, 79.45 (Ar₂CHN), 54.11 (CMe₃), 28.47 and 28.34 (rotamers of CMe₃). HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₃N₂O₂S [MH]⁺: 367.1475; Found 367.1480.



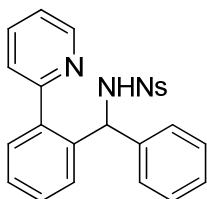
4-Methyl-*N*-(1-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)pentyl)benzenesulfonamide (3u). To a vial in a glovebox was combined [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (6.5 mg, 0.011 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF₆ (8.9 mg, 0.026 mmol, 0.3 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (14.8 mg, 0.0953 mmol, 1 equiv), 2,4-dimethoxytoluene (14.6 mg, 0.0959 mmol, 1 equiv), 4-methyl-*N*-pentylidenebenzenesulfonamide⁸ and CH₂Cl₂ (0.70 mL). The slurry was transferred to an NMR tube equipped with a sealed capillary containing C₆D₆. The tube was closed with a Cajon adapter, removed from the glovebox, flame

sealed and then placed into an oilbath preheated to 75 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (75:25 hexanes:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (26.4 mg, 0.069 mmol, 72% yield). mp: 105 °C. IR (neat): 3060 (w), 1588 (w), 1469 (m), 1323 (s), 1157 (s), 1147 (s), 1092 (s), 1053 (m), 997 (w), 951 (m), 754 (s), 658 (s) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.72 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.84 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (ddd, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, ArCH(NHTs)Bu), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.48 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.23 – 1.10 (m, 2H, CH_2Pr), 1.11 – 0.98 (m, 2H, CH_2Et), 1.00 – 0.84 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 0.68 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H, CH_2CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.61, 148.29, 142.21, 139.53, 138.82, 138.69, 137.65, 131.48, 130.41, 129.04, 128.37, 127.30, 127.03, 124.82, 122.46, 59.59 (*n*BuCHNTs), 35.17 (CH_2Pr), 28.69 (CH_2Et), 22.14 (Ar-Me), 21.49 (CH_2Me), 13.87 (CH_2Me). HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{MH}]^+$: 395.1788; Found 395.1786.



4-Methyl-N-(phenyl(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)benzenesulfonamide (3v). To a vial in a glovebox was combined $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (15.5 mg, 0.0250 mmol, 0.1 equiv), AgSbF_6 (34.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 0.4 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (39 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), *N*-benzylidene-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (65 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), and CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL). The reaction was transferred to a 5 mL schlenk tube, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 75 °C for 20 h. Reaction was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (5:1 hex:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (42 mg, 0.10 mmol, 40% yield) mp: 152-154 °C. IR (film):

3260, 1330, 1148, 1048 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.78 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.45 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.06-6.90 (m, 5H), 6.90-6.78 (m, 6H), 5.63 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.8, 147.5, 142.3, 140.7, 139.9, 139.4, 138.7, 137.0, 131.4, 131.1, 129.1, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 126.9, 126.2, 125.9, 124.4, 121.9, 61.4, 21.4. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{MH}]^+$ 415.1480; Found 415.1478.



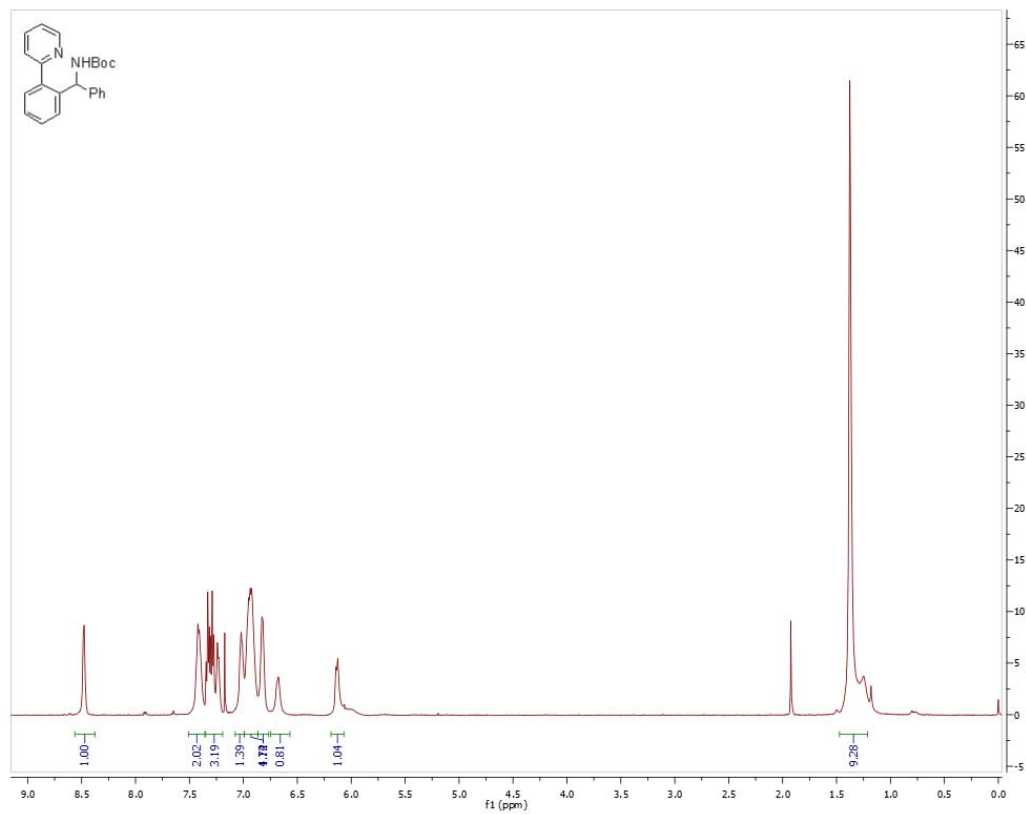
4-Nitro-*N*-(phenyl-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)benzenesulfonamide (3w). To a vial in a glovebox was combined $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (1.6 mg, 0.003 mmol, 0.05 equiv), AgSbF_6 (5.0 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.3 equiv), 2-phenylpyridine (15.8 mg, 0.102 mmol, 2 equiv), 2,4-dimethoxytoluene (15.5 mg, 0.102 mmol, 2 equiv), 4-nitro-*N*-benzylidenebenzenesulfonamide, and CH_2Cl_2 (0.60 mL). The slurry was transferred to an NMR tube equipped with a sealed capillary containing C_6D_6 . The tube was closed with a Cajon adapter, removed from the glovebox, flame sealed and then placed into an oilbath preheated to 75 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by chromatography (85:15 hexanes:EtOAc) to yield a white solid (16.6 mg, 0.028 mmol, 51% yield). mp: 130 $^\circ\text{C}$. IR (neat): 2160 (m, broad), 2028 (m, broad), 1526 (s), 1347 (s), 1301 (m), 1162 (s), 1091 (m), 1027 (w), 854 (m) 794 (w), 745 (s), 734 (s), 697 (m), 685 (s) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.74 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 6H), 5.77 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (151 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 159.59, 149.31, 147.70, 147.35, 139.74, 139.24, 139.18, 137.44, 131.91, 131.20, 128.30, 128.29, 128.05, 127.52, 126.53, 125.75, 124.79, 123.63, 122.24, 62.17. HRMS (ESI+) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀N₃O₄S [MH]⁺: 446.116; Found 446.116

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