Supporting Information

Fused Heteroaromatic Dihydrosiloles: Synthesis and Double-Fold Modification

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General Information

GC/MS analysis was performed on a Hewlett Packard Model 6890 GC interfaced to a Hewlett Packard Model 5973 mass selective detector (15 m x 0.25 mm capillary column, HP-5MS). Column chromatography was carried out employing Silicycle Silica-P flash silica gel (40-63 µm). Precoated silica gel plates F-254 were used for thin-layer analytical chromatography. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance DRX-500 (500 MHz) or DPX-400 (400 MHz) instrument. LRMS and HRMS analyses were performed on Micromass 70 VSE mass spectrometer. All manipulations with transition metal catalysts were conducted in oven-dried glassware under inert atmosphere using a combination of glovebox and standard Schlenk techniques unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous solvents purchased from Sigma-Aldrich were additionally purified on PureSolv PS-400-4 by Innovative Technology, Inc. purification system and/or stored over calcium hydride. The starting materials were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Strem Chemicals, and AK Scientific.¹ Abbreviations used: dppe - 1,2-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane; dppf - 1,2-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene; dppbe - 1,2-Bis(diphenylphosphino)benzene; TMEDA - N-N'-N'tetramethylethylenediamine; SIPr - 1,3-Bis(2,6-di-i-propylphenyl)imidazolidin-2-ylidene; IPr - 1,3-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-imidazol-2-ylidene; IMes - 1,3-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-imidazol-2-ylidene; dtbpy - 4,4'-Di-tert-butyl-2,2'-dipyridyl; tp - 2,2':6',2"terpyridine; pnen -1,10-phenantroline.

¹ Heteroaromatic styrenes if not commercially available were synthesized from the corresponding bromides using published procedure: Nie, H.-J.; Yao, J.; Zhong, Y.-W. *J. Org. Chem.* **2011**, *76*, 4771.

Part I. Synthesis of Fused Heteroaromatic Dihydrosiloles

Part IA. Hydrosilylation Reaction

Optimization of the hydrosilylation reaction of 4-vinylpyridine 1a with diphenylsilane



In a glovebox, 1 mL Wheaton microreactor was charged with a catalyst/ligand and THF (0.1 mL, 1.0M). To the resulting solution, diphenylsilane (0.11 mmol, 1.10 equiv, 20.4 μ L) was added followed by 4-vinylpyridine (**1a**, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv, 11.5 μ L). The microreactor was capped with a Teflon pressure cap and placed into pre-heated (80°C) aluminum block. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at this temperature and after that analyzed by GC/MS.

Optimization table					
entry	ligand	2a yield, $\%^a$			
1	10% dppe	-			
2	10% dppf	-			
3	10% dppbe	47			
4	10% TMEDA	32			
5	20% SIPr	<5			
6	20% IPr	-			
7	20% IMes	-			
8	10% dtbpy	34			
9	10% tp	29			
10	20% PCy ₃	-			
11	20% PPh ₃	76			
12 ^b	20% PPh ₃	$89(83)^{c}$			
13 ^d	20% PPh ₃	65			

^aGC Yield. ^b Reaction was carried out at 90°C during 1h. ^cIsolated yield is given in paranthesis. ^dReaction was carried out at room T during 24h.

General procedure for the hydrosilylation reaction of heteroaromatic styrenes with diphenylsilane. In a glovebox, a 3 mL Wheaton microreactor vial was charged with Ni(cod)₂ (27.5 mg, 5 mol%), PPh₃ (52.4 mg, 20 mol%), and THF (1.0 mL, 1.0M). To the resulting solution, Ph₂SiH₂ (1.02 mmol, 1.02 equiv, 189 μ L) was added, followed by heteroaromatic styrene **1** (1.0 mmol, 1 equiv). The microreactor was capped with a Teflon pressure cap and placed into pre-heated (90°C) aluminum block. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature. After completion of the reaction (as determined by GC/MS analysis), microreactor, containing hydrosilylation product **2**, was cooled down and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified using flash silica gel column

chromatography.



2a: (84%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.11 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.77-2.74 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.49 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 149.7, 135.0, 133.4, 129.8, 128.1, 123.2, 29.8, 13.0. HRMS (EI+) calc.d for C₂₀H₂₀Si: 289.12868, measured: 289.12774.

2b: (86%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 6H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.72-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.51-1.46 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 153.2, 149.0, 135.1, 133.6, 129.8, 128.1, 122.8, 120.4, 29.8, 24.4, 13.1. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁SiN: 303.14433, measured: 303.14505.

2c: (86%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)

SiPh₂ Ĥ



SiPh₂ H

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 6H), 6.98 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 4.92 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.76 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.48 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 237.7$ Hz), 159.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.3$ Hz), 147.3 (d, J = 14.8 Hz), 135.1, 133.3, 130.0, 128.2, 121.1, 108.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 37.0$ Hz), 29.8, 13.0. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for $C_{19}H_{19}SiNF$: 308.1271, measured: 308.1266.

2d: (61%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.76-2.73 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.48 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3, 151.5, 149.3, 135.0, 133.1, 129.1, 128.1, 123.5, 122.1, 29.6, 12.9. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉SiNCl: 323.08970, measured: 323.08922.

2e: (95%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 6H), 6.99 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.46-1.41 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.4, 147.3, 144.5, 135.1, 133.6, 129.8, 128.1, 125.1, 25.2, 18.5, 13.0. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for $C_{20}H_{21}SiN$: 303.14433, measured: 303.14438.



H^{SiPh}2

2f: (93%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 7H), 7.05 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.48-1.44 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 146.5, 137.5, 135.5, 135.0, 133.6, 129.8, 128.1, 121.3, 27.3, 22.0, 12.5. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for $C_{20}H_{20}SiN$: 302.13650, measured: 302.13617.

2g: (90%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.74-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.46-1.43 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.3, 154.8, 136.0, 135.0, 134.0, 133.7, 129.7, 128.1, 120.7, 27.0, 24.0, 22.0, 12.7. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂SiN: 316.15215, measured: 316.15241.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.71

(m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.47-1.43 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 147.5, 138.5, 136.1, 135.0, 133.3, 129.8, 128.1, 121.4, 26.6, 21.7, 12.6. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉SiNCl: 336.09753, measured:

2h: (83%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)

336.09712.

Ph₂ H^{Si} Cl N

Me N H SiPh₂

SiPh₂

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 7H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.93-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.57 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 157.7, 136.5, 135.4, 129.6, 128.0, 120.4, 118.8, 33.0, 24.5, 12.6. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂SiN: 304.1522, measured: 304.1527.

2k: (76%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)

2j: (48%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.15 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.91-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.45 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 3H), 1.59-1.55 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 5.2$ Hz), 156.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 252.3$ Hz), 146.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 17.0$ Hz), 135.2, 134.0, 129.6, 128.0, 122.4, (d, $J_{C-F} = 19.6$ Hz), 120.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.7$ Hz), 32.3, 17.9, 12.7. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀SiNF: 321.13490, measured: 321.13408.

2I: (67%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 7H), 6.69 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.89-2.85 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.62 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 138.7, 135.2, 134.5, 129.6, 128.0, 127.8, 114.5, 107.4, 53.2, 32.4, 11.8. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂SiNO: 320.1471, measured: 320.1462.

2m: (76%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.71 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.47-1.43 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.3, 147.6 (q, $J_{C-F} = 33.2$ Hz), 137.4, 135.2, 133.7, 129.7, 128.0, 125.0, 121.6 (q, $J_{C-F} = 273.7$ Hz), 117.6, 32.8, 12.1. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₇SiNF₃: 356.10824, measured: 356.10913.



Me



2n (97%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)



Ph₂Si ._H

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.78 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.51 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.23 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.22-3.18 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.60 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3, 150.0, 148.3, 135.1, 133.5, 130.0, 129.9, 129.0, 128.2, 127.1, 126.3, 123.3, 120.0, 26.8, 13.1. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀SiN: 338.13650, measured: 338.13727.

20: (96%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.91 (m, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 1.63-1.57 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1, 146.7, 141.6, 135.7, 135.2, 134.0, 130.5, 129.8, 128.6, 128.1, 126.5, 125.2, 122.0, 30.4, 25.3, 14.1. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₃SiN: 353.15998, measured: 353.16029.

2p: (90%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 4/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.26 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 5H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 6H), 5.02 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.22-3.18 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.61 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2, 143.0, 139.6, 135.1, 134.1, 133.7, 129.8, 129.1, 128.1, 126.9, 125.9, 116.5, 26.9, 13.7. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₂SiN: 340.1522, measured: 340.1509.

2q: (94%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 4/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81-8.79 (m, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.64-7.61 (m, 5H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 6H), 4.98 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.05-3.01 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.63 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.7, 144.9, 144.1, 143.1, 141.7, 135.1, 133.6, 131.3, 129.7, 129.2, 128.1, 127.0, 30.6, 13.9. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₁SiN₂: 341.1474, measured: 341.1476.

2aa: (93%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.06 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.87-2.83 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 158.9, 143.2, 135.1, 133.3, 129.8, 128.1, 119.0, 107.2, 60.7, 23.3, 14.4, 10.5. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂SiO₃: 350.13383, measured: 350.13480.

2bb: (70%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 200/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.12 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.81-6.80 (m, 1H), 4.94 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.02-2.99 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.62 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.8, 135.1, 133.7, 129.7, 128.1, 126.6, 123.4, 122.8, 24.8, 14.8. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈SiS: 294.08985, measured: 294.09050.









2cc: (91%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 6H), 6.82 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.64-2.61 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3, 135.1, 134.2, 129.5, 127.9, 127.1, 125.6, 122.1, 116.7, 59.6, 36.5, 21.3, 14.4, 13.8. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅SiNO₂: 363.16546, measured: 363.16622.

2dd: (94%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 200/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 5.02 (t, J =3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.05-3.02 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.68 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.6, 138.6, 135.1, 133.9, 129.7, 128.5, 128.1, 124.1, 123.7, 122.9, 121.6, 120.7, 23.4, 11.9. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₀SiS: 344.10550, measured: 344.10636.

2ee: (92%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 200/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 5H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 7H), 7.30-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.98-4.96 (m, 1H), 2.95-2.92 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.60 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.5, 139.9, 137.2, 135.1, 134.2, 129.6, 128.0, 126.4, 124.9, 123.6, 122.3, 122.2, 30.4, 14.7. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₀SiS: 344.10550, measured: 344.10597.

2ff: (89%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 7H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.89-2.85 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.56 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.4, 135.2, 134.4, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 122.1, 119.4, 109.0, 100.5, 32.9, 30.5, 15.2. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₃SiN: 341.15998, measured: 341.16011.

2gg: (85%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 4/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 8H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.91-2.88 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.53 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.2, 141.0, 140.4, 138.9, 135.0, 134.6, 133.7, 130.0, 129.72, 129.67, 128.0, 127.4, 126.1, 119.4, 123.9, 30.1, 21.5, 14.4. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₈H₂₇SiN₂O₂S: 483.1563, measured: 483.1561.

2hh: (84%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 4/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.94-2.90 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.59 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.7, 136.4, 135.1, 134.1, 132.1, 129.6, 128.0 127.3, 124.2, 118.8, 108.7, 35.5, 30.3, 14.8. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₃SiN₂: 343.1631, measured: 343.1628.











Part IB. Dehydrogenative Cyclization

Optimization of the dehydrogenative cyclization reaction of 4-(2-(diphenylsilyl)ethyl)pyridine **2a**



In a 3 mL Wheaton microreactor vial, to a solution of a catalyst/ligand and 2-norbornene (nb) (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 22.6 mg) in THF (1.0 mL, 0.2M) was added a solution of 4-(2-(diphenylsilyl)ethyl)pyridine (2a, 0.2 mmol, 57.8 mg). The microreactor was capped with a Teflon pressure cap and placed into pre-heated (90°C) aluminum block. The reaction mixture was stirred at 90°C until completion as judged by GC/MS analysis.

Optimization table

entry	catalyst/ligand	T, h	2a yield, % ^a
1	5% [Ir(OMe)(cod)] ₂ /10% dtbpy	6	47
2	5% [Ir(OMe)(cod)] ₂ /10% dtbpy	24	15
3	5% [Ir(OMe)(cod)] ₂ /10% phen	6	63
4 ^b	$5\% [Ir(OMe)(cod)]_2/10\%$ phen	6	67
4	5% [Ir(OMe)(cod)] ₂ /10% phen + 20% PPh ₃	6	traces
5	$5\% [Ir(OMe)(cod)]_2/$	6	<5
6	/10% phen	6	NR
7	5% [Ir(OMe)(cod)] ₂ /20% PPh ₃	24	NR
8	5% [IrCl(cod)] ₂ /10% phen	12	51
9	5% RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃ /10% phen	4	41
10^{b}	$4\% [Ir(OMe)(cod)]_2/8\%$ phen	6	72
11 ^b	3% [Ir(OMe)(cod)] ₂ /6% phen	8	78
12 ^b	2% [Ir(OMe)(cod)] ₂ /4% phen	12	83 (79) ^b
13 ^b	1% [Ir(OMe)(cod)] ₂ /2% phen	24	81

^aGC Yield. ^b0.5 M concentration was used. ^cIsolated yield is given in paranthesis.

General procedure for dehydrogenative cyclization reaction of heteroaromatic diphenylsilanes 2. In a 3 mL Wheaton microreactor vial, to a solution of $[Ir(cod)OMe]_2$ (0.01 mmol, 2 mol%, 6.6 mg,), 1,10-phenantroline (0.02 mmol, 4 mol%, 3.6 mg), nb (0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 50.4 mg,), and THF (1.0 mL, 0.5M), heteroaromatic dihydrosilole 2 (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The microreactor was capped with a Teflon pressure cap and placed into pre-heated (90°C) aluminum block. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at this temperature. After completion of the reaction (as determined by GC/MS analysis), microreactor containing cyclization product 3, was cooled down and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified using flash silica gel column chromatography.

3a: (83%, eluent hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.88 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.24-3.21 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.54 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 154.2, 150.1, 135.0, 134.2, 132.2, 130.0, 128.2, 121.6, 31.7, 10.0. HRMS (EI) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈Si [M]+: 287.11303. Found: 287.11354.

3b: (87%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.18-3.14 (m, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.54-1.50 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 159.0, 153.8, 135.0, 134.2, 129.8, 128.6, 128.1, 121.0, 31.5, 24.5, 10.3. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉SiN: 301.12868, measured: 301.12807.

3c: (68% (5:1), eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 6H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 3.25-3.23 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.61 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.4$ Hz), 165.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 238.6$ Hz), 152.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 14.8$ Hz), 135.0, 133.5, 130.2, 129.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.7$ Hz), 128.2, 106.7 ($J_{C-F}, J = 35.1$ Hz), 31.6, 10.9. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₆SiNF: 305.10360, measured: 305.10378.

3d: (64%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 3.21-3.18 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.57 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 153.8, 153.0, 135.0, 133.3, 131.4, 130.2, 128.3, 121.8, 31.4, 10.5. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for $C_{19}H_{16}SiNCl$: 321.07405, measured: 321.07480.



iPh₂

3f: (79%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 7H), 3.20-3.17 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.54 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.0, 146.7, 146.0, 145.9, 134.9, 133.7, 129.9, 128.1, 125.2, 29.6, 22.4, 9.0. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉SiN: 301.12868, measured: 301.12914.

2g: (86%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 3.16-3.14 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.54 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 154.0, 146.5, 143.5, 134.9, 133.9, 129.9, 128.0, 124.4, 29.1, 24.0, 22.3, 9.2. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₁SiN: 315.14433, measured: 315.14347.



3h: (75%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 5H), 3.15-3.13 (m, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.59 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9, 150.8, 147.9, 145.4, 135.0, 132.9, 130.3, 128.3, 125.0, 28.9, 22.1, 9.5. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for $C_{20}H_{18}SiNCl$: 335.08970,

measured: 335.08938.

3j: (36%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.34-3.31 (m, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 1.58-1.55 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.8, 160.1, 141.8, 135.0, 134.6, 129.8, 128.1, 125.9, 121.0, 34.2, 24.7, 8.6. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀SiN: 302.1365, measured: 302.1361.

3k: (73%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56-7.51 (m, 5H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 6H), 3.30-3.27 (m, 2H), 2.54 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 3H), 1.63-1.59 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 5.2$ Hz), 157.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 253.6$ Hz), 148.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 17.7$ Hz), 134.9, 133.9, 130.1, 129.0, 128.2, 126.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 17.7$ Hz), 33.3, 18.3, 9.4. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈SiNF: 319.11925, measured: 319.11858.

3I: (72%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 6H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.28-3.25 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.55 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 165.9, 143.4, 135.1, 134.9, 129.7, 128.0, 120.3, 108.9, 53.3, 34.0, 8.6. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀SiNO: 318.1314, measured: 318.1313.

3m: (77%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 5H), 7.48-7.39 (m, 6H), 3.46-3.43 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.65 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.7, 149.4 (q, $J_{C-F} = 33.3$ Hz), 143.1, 135.0, 134.3, 133.1, 130.3, 128.3, 121.7 (q, $J_{C-F} = 274.7$ Hz), 117.7, 34.0, 8.7. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₆SiNF₃: 355.10041, measured: 355.10021.

3n: (74%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.12 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 6H), 3.69-3.65 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.67 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3, 153.4, 148.4, 135.1, 134.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.4, 128.2, 126.7, 126.5, 124.0, 29.4, 9.2. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉SiN: 337.12868, measured: 337.12800.

3o: (78%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)

Si N 2H Ph₂ N 2H



2H), 2.73 (s, 1H), 1.67-1.64 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 149.9, 146.7, 140.1, 135.9, 1351, 134.43, 134.40, 129.8, 128.0, 127.6, 122.8, 122.4, 31.4, 25.3, 11.4. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁SiN: 351.14433, measured: 351.14493.

3p: (74%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 4/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.64 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 6H), 3.66-3.62 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.69 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 150.8, 143.5, 135.0, 134.5, 133.2, 130.3, 129.8, 129.4, 128.1, 128.0, 125.7, 117.0, 29.0, 9.1. HRMS (ES+) calcd. For C₂₃H₂₀SiN: 338.1365, measured: 338.1361.

3q: (56%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 4/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.82 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 2H), 8.48 (s, H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 6H), 3.50-3.47 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.70 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9, 145.3, 144.2, 143.9, 141.8, 141.7, 135.2, 135.1, 133.7, 130.0, 128.1, 124.7, 31.7, 11.5. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₉SiN₂: 339.1318, measured: 339.1313.

3aa: (88%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 4.40 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.09-3.06 (m, 2H), 1.83-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.3, 158.9, 148.6, 134.7, 134.6, 129.9, 128.0, 120.7, 117.0, 60.8, 23.8, 14.3, 12.0. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₁SiO₃: 349.1260, measured: 349.1262.



Ph₂

3b

 δ 7.63-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.20 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.31-3.28 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.87 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8, 137.6, 135.6, 134.9, 129.6, 128.3, 127.9, 27.0, 14.7. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆SiS: 292.07420, measured: 292.07477.



3cc: (84%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)

3dd: (63%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 200/1)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 6H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.93-2.91 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5, 143.1, 141.6, 135.1, 134.2, 130.1, 129.9, 128.1, 113.4, 59.8, 37.9, 22.4, 14.4. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₃SiNO₂: 361.14981, measured: 361.15047.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 8H), 3.33-3.30 (m, 2H), 1.93-1.91 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.8, 149.2, 137.2, 135.0, 134.7, 133.9, 129.9, 124.8, 123.9, 123.2, 122.3, 25.7, 13.1. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₈SiS: 342.08985, measured: 342.08904.

3ee: (61% (10.1), eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 200/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.48 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.31 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.37-3.34 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.62 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.8, 141.5, 138.3, 135.2, 133.2, 129.7, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 123.5, 120.2, 31.4, 11.7, HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₈SiS: 342.08985, measured: 342.09064.

3ff: (94% (10:1), eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 25/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.61 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.08 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.37-3.34 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.60 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.4, 136.6, 135.9, 135.3, 131.0, 129.9, 129.4, 129.0, 127.8, 117.0, 113.6, 100.3, 32.9, 31.2, 12.1. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₁SiN: 339.14433, measured: 339.14480.

3gg: (52% (7:1), eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 4/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.31-3.28 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.66-1.63 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 145.2, 141.4, 140.2, 135.2, 134.6, 134.0, 130.0, 129.8, 129.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 117.5, 117.3, 31.2, 21.6, 11.8. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₈H₂₅SiN₂O₂S: 481.1406, measured: 481.1414.

3hh: (59%, eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 4/1)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 6H), 4.08 (s, 3H), 3.35-3.31 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.63 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.0, 139.8, 136.1, 135.2, 134.7, 132.0, 129.8, 128.0, 126.2, 116.5, 113.5, 35.6, 31.0, 12.2. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₁SiN₂: 341.1474, measured: 341.1479.





Hydrosilylation. A 10 mL Wheaton microreactor was charged with Ni(cod)₂ (68.8 mg, 2.5 mol%), PPh₃ (262.0 mg, 10 mol%), and THF (5.0 mL, 2.0M) and stirred for 5 min. To the resulting solution, Ph₂SiH₂ (10.2 mmol, 1.02 equiv, 1.89 mL) was added, followed by 4-vinylpyridine (**1a**, 10 mmol, 1.05 g, 1.08 mL). The microreactor was capped with a Teflon pressure cap and placed into pre-heated (100°C) aluminum block. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at this temperature. After completion (as determined by GC/MS analysis), microreactor, containing hydrosilylation product **2a**, was cooled down and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified using flash silica gel column chromatography (2.33-2.45g, 81-85%, eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1).

Dehydrogenative cyclization. In a 10 mL Wheaton microreactor, to a solution of $[Ir(cod)OMe]_2$ (0.25-0.5 mol%), 1,10-phenantroline (0.5-1.0 mol%), 2-norbornene (1.2 equiv), and THF (1.0M), was added pyridinosilane **2**. The microreactor was capped with a Teflon pressure cap and placed into pre-heated (100°C) aluminum block. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 2-6 days. After completion (as determined by GC/MS), microreactor, containing dihydropyridinosilole **3**, was cooled down, and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified using flash silica gel column chromatography (1.71-1.98g, 74-82%, eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1).

Part II. Further Transformations of Dihydropyridinosylole

Part IIa. Oxidation of Dihydropyridinosylole



To an ice-cooled (0°C) stirred suspension of KH (2.4 mmol, 6 equiv, 96.0 mg) in THF (4 mL), *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (2.4 mmol, 6 equiv, 0.44 mL 5.5 M in decane) was added. After 10 min, a solution of **3a** (0.4 mmol, 114.8 mg) in THF (0.5 mL) was added to the obtained slurry. To the resulted clear solution, TBAF (2.4 mmol, 6 equiv, 2.4 mL 1.0 M solution in THF) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed warm up to room temperature and stirred for 3h. After that, the reaction mixture was cooled down (ice bath) and 1.0 g of Na₂S₂O₃•5H₂O in water (5.0 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred for 30 min and 50 mL of saturated NH₄Cl was added. The resulted solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. To the crude, DCM (3mL), Piv₂O (2 mmol, 5 equiv, 189 µL) Et₃N (2 mmol, 5 equiv, 278 µL), and DMAP (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv, 4.9 mg) were added and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mH₄Cl was added and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mH₄Cl was added and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mH₄Cl was added and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic layer was separated. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic layer was separated. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic layer was separated. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. The product was purified using flash silica gel column chromatography.



4: (85%, eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 8.40 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27-4.25 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.86-2.83 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.13 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (116 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 178.1, 176.4, 146.9, 146.5, 144.1, 139.1, 125.0, 62.2, 39.3, 38.7, 28.8, 27.1, 27.0. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₁₇H₂₅NO₄: 307.17836, measured: 307.17906.

Part IIb. Double-fold Modification of Dihydropyridinosylole

1. Halogenation/Oxygenation



Halogenation. To a 3mL Wheaton vial containing NXS (X = Cl, Br, I) (1.2 equiv), AgF (1.1 equiv), and dihydropyridinosylole (**3a**, 0.4 mmol, 114.8 mg), was added toluene (2 mL, 0.2M). The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred in dark for 2h. After completion (monitored by GC/MS) reaction mixture was filtered through small silica gel column (140 mm x 15 mm) using Hexanes/EtOAc = 4/1 as eluent. Evaporation of the solvent gave **5a/5c** as colorless oil.

Oxidation. To an ice-cooled (0°C) stirred suspension of KH (1.2 mmol, 3 equiv, 48 mg) in THF (2 mL), *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (1.2 mmol, 3 equiv, 0.22 mL 5.5 M in decane over MS) was added. After 10 min, a solution of **5a/5c** in THF (0.5 mL) was added to the obtained slurry. To the resulted clear yellowish solution, TBAF (1.2 mmol, 3 equiv, 1.2 mL 1.0 M solution in THF) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 3h. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled down (ice bath) and 1.0 g of Na₂S₂O₃•5H₂O in water (5.0 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred for 30 min and 50 mL of saturated NH₄Cl was added. The resulted solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. To the crude, DCM (3mL), Ac₂O (2 mmol, 5 equiv, 189 µL) Et₃N (2 mmol, 5 equiv, 278 µL), and DMAP (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv, 4.9 mg) were added and organic layer was separated. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic layer was separated. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mL) may added and organic layer was purified using flash silica gel column chromatography.



6a: (78%, eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.32 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.09-3.06 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H).¹³C NMR (116 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 170.7, 149.4, 147.7, 144.5, 132.3, 125.2, 62.0, 32.0, 20.8. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₉H₁₀ClNO₂: 199.04000, measured: 199.03950.

6b: (75%, eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 4.9, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 4.36-4.32 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.10-3.07 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (116 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 170.7, 152.1, 148.2, 146.2, 125.5, 123.2, 62.1, 34.5, 20.8. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₉H₁₀BrNO₂: 242.98948, measured: 242.99033.

6c: (81%, eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 8.90 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.29 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.06-3.03 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (116 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 170.7, 157.6, 149.5, 148.9, 125.2, 100.2, 62.2, 38.9, 20.8. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₉H₁₀INO₂: 290.97565, measured: 290.97616.

2. Halogenation/Arylation



Halogenation. To a 3 mL Wheaton vial containing NXS (X = Cl, Br, I) (1.2 equiv), AgF (0.44 mmol, 1.1 equiv, 55.9 mg), and dihydropyridinosylole (**3a**, 0.4 mmol, 114.8 mg), was added toluene (2 mL, 0.2M). The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred in dark for 2h. After completion (monitored by GC/MS) the reaction mixture was filtered through small silica gel column (140 mm x 15 mm) with Hexanes/EtOAc = 4/1 as eluent. Evaporation of the solvent gave **5a** or **5b** as colorless oil.

Arylation. To a solution of $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (0.02 mmol, 5 mol%, 23.1 mg) in THF (0.5mL), *p*-tolyliodide (1.6 mmol, 4 equiv, 349 mg) was added. After 10 min, a solution of **7a** or **7b** in 0.5 mL of THF, followed by TBAF (1.6 mmol, 4 equiv, 1.6 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 90°C for 24h, and then cooled down. The solvent was evaporated. The product was purified using flash silica gel column chromatography.



7a: (79%, eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.06 (m, 5H), 3.04-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.92-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (116 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 149.3, 127.9, 147.6, 137.3, 135.8, 132.0, 129.1, 128.2, 124.9, 34.9, 34.3, 21.0. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₁₄H₁₅ClN: 232.0893, measured: 232.0891.

7b: (74%, eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1).



Intramolecular direct arylation of 3-bromo-4-(4-methylphenethyl)pyridine



A suspension of $Pd(OAc)_2$ (0.01 mmol, 5 mol%, 2.2 mg), 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',6'dimethoxybiphenyl (SPhos, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%, 8.2 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv, 32.6 mg), CsOPiv (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv, 23.4 mg), **7b** (0.2 mmol, 55 mg), and toluene (1.0 mL) was heated at 120°C for 18h. After completion, as determined by GC/MS analysis, the reaction mixture was cooled down, filtered through Celite and the product was purified using flash silica gel column chromatography.



8: (80%, eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 8.96 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (s, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (116 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 148.3, 145.7, 144.9, 136.8, 134.2, 131.5, 130.5, 129.0, 128.2, 124.0, 122.9, 28.4, 27.6, 21.3. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₁₄H₁₃N: 195.10480, measured: 195.10409.

Part IIc. Synthesis of Highly Functionalized Pyridine Ring through Double-Fold Modification – C-H Activation Sequence



Halogenation: To a 5 mL Wheaton vial containing NCS (1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 160.2 mg), AgF (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv, 139.7 mg), and dihydropyridinosylole (**3a**, 1.0 mmol, 287.4 mg), was added toluene (5.0 mL, 0.2M). The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred in dark for 2h. After completion (monitored by GC/MS) the reaction mixture was filtered through small silica gel column (150 mm x 18 mm) using Hexanes:EtOAc = 4:1 as an eluent. Evaporation of the solvent gave **5a** (318.2 mg, 0.93 mmol, 93%) as colorless oil.

Reduction: To an ice-cooled (0°C) stirred suspension of LiAlH₄ (0.65 mmol, 0.6 equiv, 24.7 mg) in Et₂O (5.0 mL), a solution of **5a** (0.93 mmol, 317.2 mg) in Et₂O (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up and stirred at room temperature for 2h. After completion of the reaction (determined by GC/MS), reaction mixture was cooled down (ice bath) and EtOH (0.1 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated. The product was purified using flash silica gel column chromatography.



2a': (84% (2 steps), eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.38(m, 6H), 7.14 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.87-2.84 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.48 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 149.2, 147.8, 135.1, 133.3, 131.6, 129.9, 128.1, 124.2, 27.9, 11.7. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈ClNSi: 323.08970, measured: 323.09011

Dehydrogenative Cyclization: in a 5 mL Wheaton microreactor, to a solution of $[Ir(cod)OMe]_2$ (4 mol%), 1,10-phenantroline (8 mol%), 2-norbornene (1.2 equiv), and THF (1.0 mL), was added 3-chloropyridinosilane **2a'** (161.8 mg, 0.5 mmol). The microreactor was capped with a Teflon pressure cap and placed into pre-heated (100°C) aluminum block. The reaction mixture was

stirred at this temperature for 3h. After completion (as determined by GC/MS analysis), microreactor, containing dihydropyridinosilole **3a'**, was cooled down, and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified using flash silica gel column chromatography.



3a': (73%, eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.39(m, 6H), 3.31-3.28 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.58 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 151.7, 149.2, 134.9, 134.5, 133.3, 130.8, 130.2, 128.2, 30.4, 8.8. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇ClNSi: 322.0819, measured: 322.0819.

Halogenation: To a 3 mL Wheaton vial containing NIS (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54.0 mg), AgF (0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv, 27.9 mg), and 3-chlorodihydropyridinosylole (**3a'**, 0.2 mmol, 64.3mg), was added CH₃CN (1.0 mL, 0.2M). The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred in dark for 1h. After completion (monitored by GC/MS) reaction mixture was diluted with acetone, filtered through Celite and concentrated. The product **5d** was purified using flash silica gel column chromatography (80.3 mg, 87%, eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 7/1).

Oxidation: To an ice-cooled (0°C) stirred suspension of KH (0.6 mmol, 3 equiv, 24.0 mg) in THF (1 mL), *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (0.6 mmol, 3 equiv, 0.11 mL 5.5 M in decane) was added. After 10 min, a solution of **5d** in THF (0.5 mL) was added to the obtained slurry. To the resulted clear yellowish solution, TBAF (1.2 mmol, 3 equiv, 1.2 mL 1.0 M solution in THF) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 3h. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled down (ice bath) and 1.0 g of Na₂S₂O₃•5H₂O in water (5.0 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred for 30 min and 50 mL of saturated NH₄Cl was added. The resulted solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. The product was purified using flash silica gel column chromatography.



9: (81% (2 steps), eluent Hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ ppm 8.76 (s, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 3.91-3.87 (m, 2H), 3.31-3.26 (m, 2H), 1.94 (broad, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 148.7, 147.6, 132.4, 100.7, 60.2, 41.1. HRMS (EI+) calcd. for C₇H₇ClINO [M]+: 282.92612, measured: 282.92555.



Part III. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra Copies for all Compounds

















































































































