Engaging Alkenes and Alkynes in Deaminative Alkyl–Alkyl and Alkyl–Vinyl Cross-Couplings of Alkylpyridinium Salts

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General Information

Reactions were performed in oven-dried Schlenk flasks or in oven-dried, round-bottomed flasks unless otherwise noted. Round-bottomed flasks were fitted with rubber septa, and reactions were conducted under an atmosphere of N₂. Stainless steel syringes or cannulae were used to transfer air- and moisture-sensitive liquids. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (40-63 µm, 60Å) unless otherwise noted. Commercial reagents, including 2,4,6-triphenylpyrylium tetrafluoroborate, were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Acros, AstaTech, Fisher, Strem, TCI, Combi Blocks, Alfa Aesar, AK Scientific, Bide Pharmatech, Oakwood, or Cambridge Isotopes Laboratories and used as received with the following exceptions: MeCN and CH₂Cl₂ were dried by passing through drying columns.¹ MeCN was then degassed by sparging with N₂. Oven-dried potassium carbonate was added to CDCl₃ to remove trace acid. Potassium fluoride for small scale cross-couplings was dried in the oven overnight at 115 °C, passed through a sieve (U.S. Standard Test Sieve, E-11 Standard, No. 200) to ensure uniformity throughout the powder, and then stored in a desiccator. 4Å Molecular sieves were purchased and heated at 200 °C under vacuum, then crushed and stored in a desiccator. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra, carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C NMR) spectra, and fluorine nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹⁹F NMR) were recorded on both 400 MHz and 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts for protons are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃ = δ 7.26). Chemical shifts for carbon are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the carbon resonances of the solvent (CDCl₃ = δ 77.16). Chemical shifts for fluorine were externally referenced to CFCl₃ in CDCl₃ (CFCl₃ = δ 0). Data are represented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, ddd = doublet of doublets of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, dq = doublet of quartets, dp = doubletof pentets, tt = triplet of triplets, td = triplet of doublets, h = heptet), coupling constants in Hertz (Hz), integration. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained using FTIR spectrophotometers with material loaded onto a KBr plate. The mass spectral data were obtained at the University of Delaware mass spectrometry facility. Melting points were taken on a Thomas-Hoover Uni-Melt Capillary Melting Point Apparatus.

High-Throughput Experimentation (HTE) Studies



Representative Preparation of Alkylborane. According to literature procedure, 2-vinyl-1,3-dioxalane (0.50 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane (9-BBN, 0.5 M in THF, 10 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were combined and stirred in a bomb at room temperature under a N_2 atmosphere.² The bomb was then sealed with a Teflon stopper, and moved into a N_2 -atmosphere glovebox.

General HTE Procedure. In a N₂-atmosphere glovebox, 250- μ L vials containing preplated ligands (1 μ mol of ligand in each, 12 mol %) were charged with a stir bar and placed in a 96-well reaction plate. Ni(acac)₂ (92 μ g, 0.42 μ mol, 5 mol %), Ni(cod)₂ (117 μ g, 0.42 μ mol, 5 mol %), and pyridinium salt **3a** (4.0 mg, 8.3 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) were added as stock solutions in MeCN, such that the total amount of MeCN was 40 μ L. Base was added to the solution of alkylborane. Then, a solution of alkylborane (0.5 M in THF as described above, 50 μ L, 25 μ mmol, 3.0 equiv) and base (28 μ mol, 3.3 equiv) was added to each vial. The reaction plate was sealed, and the mixtures were stirred at 60 °C in an aluminum heating block overnight in the glovebox. The plate was then removed from the glovebox. A solution of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (internal standard, 460 μ g, 2.8 μ mol, 0.33 equiv) and MeOH (100 μ L) was added to each vial. 30 μ L of each reaction mixture was then transferred to a second 96-well plate and diluted with 500 μ L of MeOH. Using a centrifuge, any solids were deposited, before GC analysis.



Figure S-1. Ligands used in HTE studies.



Figure S-2. HTE plate of 36 ligands vs. 2 bases. Ligand number denoted on each pie chart. Yields, as determined by GC analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard, are shown in pie charts for each reaction. In blue: 0–5% yield. In green: 5–13% yield. In magenta: 13–20% yield.



Figure S-3. HTE plate of 12 ligands vs. 8 bases. Yields, as determined by GC analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard, are shown in pie charts for each reaction. In blue: 0–33% yield. In green: 34–66% yield. In magenta: 67–100% yield.

Optimization Studies



General Optimization Procedure. In a N₂-atmosphere glovebox, 9borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane (9-BBN, 0.5 M in THF), KF, and alkene were stirred in an oven-dried 1-dram vial equipped with a stirbar at 80 °C in an aluminum heating block for 30 min. Meanwhile, nickel salt, ligand, and solvent were stirred for 15 min. Pyridinium salt **3a** (48.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to the vial containing 9-BBN. The nickel/ligand solution was added afterwards. The vial was capped with a Teflon-lined cap and removed from the glovebox. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C in an aluminum heating block for 24 h, unless otherwise stated. The mixture was then diluted with Et_2O (3 mL) and filtered through a plug of silica gel, which was rinsed with Et_2O (10 mL). The filtrate was concentrated. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene (internal standard) was added. CDCl₃ was added, and the yield was determined by¹H NMR analysis. Changes to this general procedure are noted in the tables below.

Effect of Nickel Precursor







Me

entry	Nickel	yield ^a
1	NiCl ₂ ·DME	65
2	NiBr ₂ ·DME	44
3	NiI ₂	76
4	Ni(acac) ₂	100
5	NiCl ₂ ·4H ₂ O	95
6	Ni(OAc) ₂	28
7	Ni(OTf) ₂	68

^a Determined by ¹H NMR analysis using

1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

9-BBN

3 equiv

Effect of Ligand







0.1 mmol

3 equiv

entry	ligand	yield ^a					
1		55					
2	Me Me N dmbpy	14					
3	Ph Ph N diphenbpy	14					
4	tBu tBu	27					
	dıbubpy						
5	H ₂ N N	6					
diaminobpy							
6	phen	15					
7	Ph N N bphen	21					
8	tBu tbu tBu	62					
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^{*a*} Determined by ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

Effect of Catalyst Loading



C + С

entry

1

2

3





80

15 95 4 5 20 99 ^a Determined by ¹H NMR analysis using

10

1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

Effect of Base

O



^a Determined by ¹H NMR analysis using

1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

Effect of Solvent



^{*a*} Determined by ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

Effect of Organoborane Stoichiometry

$ \begin{array}{c} $	X e	+ 9-BBN X equiv	NiCl ₂ ·DME (10 mol %) 1-bpp (12 mol %) KF (3.3 equiv) 3:2 THF/MeCN (0.1 M) 60 °C, 22 h	
	entry	equiv of organoborane	(X) yield ^a	
	1	2.5	49	
	2	2.6	48	
	3	2.7	47	
	4	2.8	42	
	5	2.9	46	
	6	3.0	26	
	7	3.1	15	
	8	3.2	15	
	9	3.3	28	
	10	3.4	41	
	11	3.5	15	
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a Determined by ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-

trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

Effect of Stirring KF with Solution of 9-BBN and Alkene

In these experiments, KF was stirred with the solution of 9-BBN and alkene at 80 °C for the times indicated in the table below.



^a Determined by ¹H NMR analysis using

1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

Effect of Reaction Time



^a Determined by ¹H NMR analysis using

1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

Cross-Couplings of Pyridinium Salts and Alkenes and Alkynes via

Organoboranes

General Procedure A: Alkylation of Alkyl Pyridinium Salts with Alkenes



An oven-dried, 25-mL Schlenk flask equipped with a mechanical stirbar was charged with KF (160 mg, 2.75 mmol, 2.75 equiv) and alkene (2.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv), if solid. The flask was fitted with a rubber septum, sealed with parafilm, and evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen five times. 9-BBN (0.5 M solution in THF, 2.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv, 0.50 mL) and alkene, if liquid, were added via syringe. The mixture was stirred and heated at 80 °C in an oil bath for 30 min. A second oven-dried, 10-mL Schlenk flask equipped with a mechanical stirbar was charged with Ni(acac)₂

(2.5 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1-bpp (2.6 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.12 equiv), and pyridinium salt (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The flask was fitted with a rubber septum, and evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen five times. Acetonitrile (3 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature. The catalyst solution was then transferred to the 25-mL Schlenk flask via syringe, rinsing with acetonitrile (2 mL), and then the mixture was stirred at 80 °C in an oil bath for 24 h. The mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature. For nonpolar products that might co-elute with organoborane species, H_2O_2 (0.4 mL) was added, and the mixture was vigorously stirred for 5 min to oxidize the boron species. For polar products, this oxidation step was skipped. The aqueous layer was washed with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered through a short pad of silica gel, and concentrated. The cross-coupled product was then purified via silica gel chromatography.



5-(5,5-Diethoxypentyl)-2H-1,3-benzodioxole (7). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3b**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (2% \rightarrow 20% Et₂O/hexanes) to give 7 (run 1: 149 mg, 52%; run 2: 164 mg, 58%) as an orange oil: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.63 – 6.59 (m, 1H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.58 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.43 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 147.6, 145.5, 136.6, 121.2, 109.0, 108.2, 103.0, 100.8, 61.1, 35.7, 33.6, 31.8, 24.4, 15.5; FTIR (neat) 2930, 1723, 1489, 1245, 1039, 809 cm⁻¹; HRMS (LIFDI+) [M]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₂₄O₄: 280.1675, found 280.1665.



Tert-butyl 3-(4,4-diethoxybutyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (8). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt 3c. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was not used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography ($10\% \rightarrow 25\% \rightarrow 50\%$ Et₂O/hexanes) to give 8 (run 1: 198 mg, 66%; run 2: 187 mg, 62%) as a yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.46 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.56 – 3.41 (m, 4H), 2.46 (tt, *J* = 7.9, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.62 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.34 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.6, 102.8, 79.3, 61.1, 34.4, 33.5, 31.1, 29.0, 28.6, 22.3, 15.5; FTIR (neat) 2974, 2876, 2361, 1700, 1399, 1132 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₃₂NO₄: 302.2331, found 302.2326.



2-(5,5-Diethoxypentyl)pyridine (9). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3d.** During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was not used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% \rightarrow 20% EtOAc/hexanes) to give **9** (run 1: 154 mg, 64%; run 2: 169 mg, 71%) as a yellow oil: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (m, 2H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (h, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.3, 149.2, 136.5, 122.9, 121.1, 102.9, 61.0, 38.4, 33.6, 29.9, 24.7, 15.9; FTIR (neat) 2974, 2929, 2864, 1434, 1128, 994, 749 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₄H₂₄NO₂: 238.1807, found 238.1791.



Tert-butyl 6,6-diethoxyhexanoate (10). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt 3e. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% \rightarrow 25% Et₂O/hexanes) to give 10 (run 1: 138 mg, 53%; run 2: 159 mg, 61%) as a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.47 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dq, *J* = 9.3, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.41 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.2, 102.8, 80.2, 61.0, 35.6, 33.4, 28.2, 25.1, 24.4, 15.5; FTIR (neat) 2975, 2931, 1733, 1652, 1151 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₄H₂₉O₄: 261.2066, found 261.2187.



(4,4-Diethoxybutyl)benzene (11). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt 3f. During work-up, the oxiation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (5% \rightarrow 40% Et₂O/hexanes) to give 11 (run 1: 211 mg, 78%; run 2: 222 mg, 85%) as a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 (s, 3H), 4.56 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.54 (tt, *J* = 8.6, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.88 – 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.26 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 142.5, 128.7, 128.4, 125.9, 103.0, 61.1, 35.9, 33.4, 26.8, 15.5; FTIR (neat) 2977, 2928, 1373, 1129, 1063, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (CI) [M–OEt]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₁₇O: 177.1279, found 177.1280.



2-(4,4-Diethoxybutyl)pyrimidine (12). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3g**. During work-up, the oxdation step with H₂O₂ was not used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% \rightarrow 50% EtOAc/hexanes) to give **12** (run 1: 142 mg, 63%; run 2: 153 mg, 67%) as a yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.66 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.96 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 171.3, 157.1, 118.6, 102.8, 61.0, 39.3, 33.3, 24.1, 15.5; FTIR (neat) 2973, 2875, 1560, 1425, 1129, 1061 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₂₁N₂O₂: 225.1603, found 225.1596.



1-[2-(4,4-Diethoxybutyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole (13). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3h**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was not used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (25% EtOAc/hexanes) to give **13** (run 1: 211 mg, 74%; run 2: 208 mg, 73%) as a dark red oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.31 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.42 – 4.35 (m, 1H), 3.57 (dq, *J* = 9.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (dq, *J* = 9.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.54 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.48 (m, 4H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 140.4, 138.5, 130.1, 127.9,

127.3, 126.7, 122.5, 108.8, 102.7, 61.0, 33.9, 30.9, 26.0, 15.5; FTIR (neat) 2973, 2928, 1717, 1502, 1065, 726 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-) [M-H-Et-OEt]⁻ calculated for $C_{14}H_{14}NO$: 212.1076, found 212.1070.



4-(3,3-Diethoxypropyl)oxane (6). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3a**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% MeOH, 5% Et₂O/toluene) to give **6** (run 1: 203 mg, 93%; run 2: 198 mg, 91%) as a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.46 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.00 – 3.89 (m, 2H), 3.64 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (td, *J* = 11.9, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 1.66 – 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.46 (dddt, *J* = 14.5, 10.4, 6.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.34 – 1.24 (m, 4H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 103.2, 68.3, 61.1, 35.0, 33.7, 32.0, 30.7, 15.5. FTIR (neat) 2361, 2336, 1062, 667cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₂₅O₃: 217.1804, found 217.1377.



4-(4-Phenylbutyl)oxane (14). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3a**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (5% \rightarrow 10% Et₂O/hexanes) to give **14** (run 1: 220 mg, 47%; run 2: 218 mg, 46%) as a yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 4.00 – 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.35 (td, *J* = 11.8, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.65 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.52 – 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.34 (ddd, *J* = 10.9, 8.1, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.30 – 1.18 (m, 4H);¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 142.5, 128.2, 128.1, 125.4, 68.0, 36.6, 35.8, 34.7, 33.0, 31.5, 25.8; FTIR (neat) 2926, 2852, 1094, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₂₃O: 219.1747, found 219.1736.



4-(2-{[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl}ethyl)oxane (15). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3a**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% \rightarrow 50% Et₂O/hexanes) to give **15** (run 1: 135 mg, 51%; run 2: 142 mg, 54%) as a yellow oil: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 2H), 3.97 (ddd, *J* = 12.4, 4.9, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (td, *J* = 11.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.71 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 1.68 (dt, *J* = 13.2, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.29 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 141.8, 141.2, 138.8, 128.75, 128.73, 127.10, 127.03, 127.0, 68.2, 38.9, 34.7, 33.2, 32.4; FTIR (neat) 2917, 2837, 1094, 767 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁9H₂₃O: 267.1749, found 267.1735.



4-Decyloxane (16). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3a**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (100% toluene) to give **16** (run 1: 96 mg, 43%; run 2: 112 mg, 50%) as a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.94 (dtd, *J* = 11.6, 2.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (td, *J* = 11.8, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 1.61 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.44 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.21 (m, 20H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H);¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 68.4, 37.1, 35.1, 33.4, 32.1, 31.1, 30.0, 29.82, 29.79 29.5, 26.5, 22.8, 14.3; FTIR (neat) 2954, 2923, 2852, 1465 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₃₁O: 227.2375, found 227.2368.



4-[3-(4-Fluorophenyl)propyl]oxane (17). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt 3a. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (5% \rightarrow 10% Et₂O/hexanes) to give 17 (run 1: 123 mg, 56%; run 2: 112 mg, 52%) as a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (td, *J* = 11.8, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.47 (ddt, *J* = 10.9, 7.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.31 – 1.23 (m, 5H); ¹³C

NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 243.4 \text{ Hz}$) 138.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}$), 129.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.1 \text{ Hz}$), 115.12 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.2 \text{ Hz}$), 68.3, 36.6, 35.4, 35.0, 33.3, 28.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ –118.03; FTIR (neat) 2926, 2854, 1265, 737 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₄H₂₀FO: 223.1498, found 223.1400.



4-[3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)propyl]oxane (18). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3a**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography ($2\% \rightarrow 7\% \rightarrow 15\%$ Et₂O/hexanes) to give **18** (run 1: 185 mg, 79%; run 2: 187 mg, 77%) as a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.16 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.88 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 3.94 (ddt, *J* = 11.4, 4.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.36 (td, *J* = 11.8, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.66 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.55 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.33 – 1.20 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.8, 134.8, 129.3, 113.8, 68.3, 55.4, 36.7, 35.3, 35.1, 33.3, 28.7; FTIR (neat) 2927, 2837, 1512, 1245, 1036 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₂₃O₂: 235.1698, found 235.1685.



4-(Tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-1-butanol (19). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3a**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was not used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (5% \rightarrow 50% Et₂O/hexanes) to give **19** (run 1: 158 mg, 68%; run 2: 159 mg, 69%) as a yellow oil: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.97 – 3.91 (m, 2H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (td, *J* = 11.8, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 1.62 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.47 (dtd, *J* = 14.4, 7.5, 6.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.41 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.30 – 1.24 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 68.3, 63.1, 36.9, 35.1, 33.3, 33.0, 22.7; FTIR (neat) 3344, 2922, 2849, 1095, 736 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₉H₁₉O₂: 159.1385, found 159.1374.



(6,6-Diethoxy-3-methylhexyl)benzene (20). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt 3i. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified

by silica gel chromatography (1% \rightarrow 5% Et₂O/hexanes) to give **20** (run 1: 175 mg, 65%; run 2: 188 mg, 70%) as a yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.18 (m, 3H), 4.46 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.74 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.36 (m, 7H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 143.1, 128.5, 128.4, 125.7, 103.3, 62.0, 60.9, 39.0, 33.6, 32.5, 31.7, 31.1, 19.7, 15.5; FTIR (neat) 2973, 2928, 1456, 1127, 1063, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M–OEt]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₂₃O: 219.1749, found 219.1743.



1,2-Dimethoxy-4-(3-methylbutyl)benzene (21). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3j**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (2% \rightarrow 10% EtOAc/hexanes) to give **21** (run 1: 107 mg, 51%; run 2: 107 mg, 51%) as a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.81 – 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.61 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.8, 147.0, 135.9, 120.2, 111.7, 111.2, 56.0, 55.9, 41.2, 33.6, 27.9, 22.7; FTIR (neat) 2952, 1515, 1261, 1030 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₂₁O₂: 209.1542, found 209.1530.



({[(1S)-2-(3,3-Diethoxypropyl)cyclohexyl]oxy}methyl)benzene (22). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt 3k. During work-up, the oxidation step with H_2O_2 was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% Et₂O/hexanes) to give 22a (run 1: 100 mg, 32%; run 2: 111 mg, 35%) and 22b (run 1: 100 mg, 32%; run 2: 111 mg, 35%), both as light yellow oils. The combined yield was 66% (run 1: 200 mg, 63%; run 2: 222 mg, 69%) as a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers.

22a: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.33 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (ddq, *J* = 9.3, 8.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (dt, *J* = 5.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.44 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 1.89 (dt, *J* = 14.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.59 – 1.42 (m, 6H), 1.37 – 1.17 (m, 6H), 1.12 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.5, 128.2, 127.4, 127.2, 103.3, 70.1, 60.9, 60.7, 40.8, 31.3, 31.0, 28.5, 27.5, 25.0, 21.1, 15.4; FTIR (neat) 2928, 1443, 1061, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (LIFDI+) [M–H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₃₁O₃: 319.2273, found 319.2281.

22b: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dqd, *J* = 9.3, 7.1, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (dq, *J* = 9.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (td, *J* = 9.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.91 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.49 (m, 5H), 1.45 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.19 (m, 8H), 1.01 – 0.91 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.1, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 103.4, 81.7, 70.6, 60.8, 60.7, 42.9, 31.1, 30.6, 30.3, 27.2, 25.4, 24.7, 15.4, 15.4; FTIR (neat) 2972, 2926, 2855, 1453, 1069, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M–Et+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₇O₃: 291.1960, found 291.1946.



1R,3S,5R)-2-(3,3-Diethoxypropyl)-3,6,6-trimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptane (23). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **31**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (100% toluene) to give **23** (run 1: 275 mg, 54%; run 2: 269 mg, 50%) as a single diastereomer and a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.48 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dqd, *J* = 9.2, 7.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.58 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 2.27 (dtt, *J* = 12.1, 8.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (dddd, *J* = 11.3, 9.4, 4.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (tt, *J* = 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.51 (m, 5H), 1.46 – 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.75 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 103.3, 61.0, 60.8, 48.3, 43.9, 42.1, 38.9, 36.4, 36.1, 34.8, 34.2, 31.9, 28.2, 23.1, 21.9, 15.5, 14.3. FTIR (neat) 2923, 2855, 1727, 1067, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M–OEt]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₂₇O: 223.2062, found 223.2049.



2-[(5,5-Diethoxy-2-methylpentyl)oxy]-1,3-dimethylbenzene (24). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3m**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (5% \rightarrow 30% Et₂O/hexanes) to give **24** (run 1: 122 mg, 41%; run 2: 128 mg, 43%) as a yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (m, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.58 (m, 3H), 3.52 (m, 3H), 2.27 (s, 6H), 1.96 (dp, *J* = 13.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 7.0, Hz, 6H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.0, 131.1, 128.9, 123.8, 103.3, 61.8, 61.1, 34.4, 31.4, 28.6, 17.2, 16.5, 15.5; FTIR (neat) 2973, 2927, 1473, 1203, 1062, 769 cm⁻¹; HRMS (LIFDI) [M] calculated for C₁₈H₃₀O₃: 294.2195, found 294.2181.



2-(4,4-Diethoxybutyl)-4-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]morpholine (25). Prepared via General Procedure A using pyridinium salt **3n**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was not used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (20% \rightarrow 80% Et₂O/hexanes) to give **25** (run 1: 239 mg, 69%; run 2: 225 mg, 64%) as a yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 4.46 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (ddd, *J* = 11.4, 3.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dddd, *J* = 14.2, 12.3, 5.9, 3.6 Hz, 3H), 3.51 – 3.41 (m, 5H), 2.73 – 2.58 (m, 2H), 2.12 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (t, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 1.63 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.33 (m, 4H), 1.19 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 246.4 Hz), 133.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.9 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 11.1 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.2 Hz), 102.9, 75.7, 66.9, 62.6, 61.2, 61.0, 58.7, 53.2, 33.7, 33.6, 20.8, 15.5; ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ –115.85; FTIR (neat) 2973, 2929, 2869, 1113, 1062, 850 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₃₁FNO₃: 340.2288, found 340.2271.

General Procedure B: Vinylation of Alkyl Pyridinium Salts with Alkynes



Vinylation of alkyl pyridinium salts was accomplished using a very similar procedure to General Procedure A, except that the alkene (General Procedure A) was replaced by an alkyne.



(*E*)-4-Styryltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran (26). Prepared via General Procedure B using pyridinium salt **3a**. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% Et₂O/hexanes) to give **26** (run 1:113 mg, 60%, run 2:118 mg, 63%) as a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (ddd, *J* = 11.3, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (td, *J* = 11.6, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (ddd, *J* = 11.2, 8.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.74 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.51 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 137.6, 134.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.2, 126.2, 67.9, 38.5, 32.8. The spectral data matches that previously reported in the literature.³



(*E*)-4-(4-Bromostyryl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran (27). Prepared via General Procedure B using pyridinium salt **3a**, except that KF, 9-BBN, and alkyne were stirred at 80 °C for 1 h instead of 30 min prior to addition of the other reagents. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (5% \rightarrow 10% Et₂O/hexanes) to give **27** (127 mg, 48%) as a yellow solid (mp 56–63 °C): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.35 – 6.29 (m, 1H), 6.15 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (ddd, *J* = 11.7, 4.6, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (td, *J* = 11.8, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (ddt, *J* = 10.9, 6.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.53 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 136.7,

135.6, 131.75, 127.8, 127.4, 120.9, 67.8, 38.5, 32.7. The spectral data matches that previously reported in the literature.⁴



(*E*)-4-(2-(Tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl)vinyl)benzonitrile (30). Prepared via General Procedure B using pyridinium salt 3a. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was not used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% \rightarrow 15% Et₂O/hexanes) to give 30 (164 mg, 71%) as a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.66 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (ddd, *J* = 11.6, 4.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (td, *J* = 11.7, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (dtt, *J* = 10.8, 7.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 4.1, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (dtd, *J* = 13.5, 11.6, 4.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 142.2, 138.8, 132.5, 127.1, 126.7, 119.2, 110.4, 67.7, 38.6, 32.4; FTIR (neat) 2871, 2361, 667⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₄H₁₆NO: 214.1232, found 214.1222.



(*E*)-2-(3-(Tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl)allyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (29). Prepared via General Procedure B using pyridinium salt 3a, except that KF, 9-BBN, and alkyne were stirred at 80 °C for 1 h instead of 30 min prior to addition of the other reagents. During work-up, the oxidation step with H_2O_2 was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% Et₂O/hexanes) to give 29 (106 mg, 53%) as a light yellow solid (mp 60–65 °C): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.85 (dt, *J* = 6.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 5.70 (ddt, *J* = 15.5, 6.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (dtd, *J* = 15.4, 6.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dt, *J* = 6.2, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (ddd, *J* = 11.8, 4.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (td, *J* = 11.7, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.23 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.59 (ddd, *J* = 13.3, 4.1, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (dtd, *J* = 13.4, 11.6, 4.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.1, 138.9, 134.1, 132.3, 123.4, 121.9, 67.8, 39.7, 37.6, 32.4; FTIR (neat) 2929, 2842, 1771, 1713, 1393, 720 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₁₈NO₃: 272.1287, found 272.1275.



(*E*)-3-(4-Phenylbut-2-en-1-yl)pyridine (30). Prepared via General Procedure B using pyridinium salt 30, except that KF, 9-BBN, and alkyne were stirred at 80 °C for 1 h instead of 30 min prior to addition of the other reagents. During work-up, the oxidation step with H₂O₂ was used. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (5% \rightarrow 10% Et₂O/hexanes) to give 30 (124 mg, 59%) as a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.48 – 8.43 (m, 2H), 7.51 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 5.76 – 5.60 (m, 2H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 150.1, 147.6, 140.5, 136.3, 136.1, 131.8, 129.2, 128.64, 128.60, 126.2, 123.5, 39.1, 36.2. The spectral data matches that previously reported in the literature.⁵

Preparation of Pyridinium Salts

If previously reported, the pyridinium salts were prepared as previously described: **3a**, **3c**, **3i**, **3k**, **3n**;⁶ **3e**, **3j**;⁷ **3f–3h** and **3o**;⁸ **3b** and **3n**;⁹ **3l**.¹⁰



General Procedure C: Synthesis of Pyridinium Salts



Under air, 2,4,6-triphenylpyrylium tetrafluoroborate (1.0 equiv), powdered activated 4Å molecular sieves (500 mg/mmol), and CH₂Cl₂ were added to a round-bottomed flask was a stirbar. The alkyl amine (1.0 equiv) was added, and the flask was fitted with a septum. With a vent needle, Et₃N (1.0 equiv for free-base amines; 2.0 equiv for amine hydrochloride salts) was added via syringe. The vent needle was removed, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. The vent needle was re-inserted, and acetic acid (2.0 equiv) was added via syringe. The vent needle was removed, and the mixture overnight at room temperature. The was filtered through a short Celite plug using CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was then washed with aq. HCl (1.0 M, 2 x 30 mL), sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (2 x 30 mL), and sat. NaCl (2 x 30 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Et₂O was added to the residue to precipitate the pyridinium salt. The solid pyridinium salt was then filtered and washed with Et₂O.



1-((*Trans***)-2-(benzyloxy)cyclohexyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (3k).** Prepared via General Procedure B from (*1S*,2*S*)-2-(benzyloxy)cyclohexan-1-amine HCl (2.42 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2,4,6-triphenylpyrillium tetrafluoroborate (3.96 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) to give **3k** (5.06 g, 91%) as an orange solid (mp 145 – 148 °C): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 8.09 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.51 (m, 9H), 7.49 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 10.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.40 – 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 3H), 0.74 – 0.67 (m, 3H). ; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.2, 156.8, 154.9, 138.0, 134.3, 134.0, 133.5, 132.0, 131.9, 131.0, 130.7, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 126.9, 126.4, 77.5, 74.7, 68.9, 32.4, 31.6, 25.7, 23.3, 15.3; ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -153.42, -153.37; FTIR: 2940, 1618, 1561, 1102, 975, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) [M-BF₄]⁺ calculated for C₃₆H₃₄NO: 496.2635, found 496.2640.

Mechanistic Experiments

Radical Trap Experiment



In a N₂-atmosphere glovebox, 9-BBN (0.5 M in THF, 0.5 mL, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv), KF (16 mg, 0.275 mmol, 2.75 equiv), and alkene (38 μ L, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were stirred in an oven-dried 1-dram vial fitted with a stir bar at 80 °C in an aluminum heating block for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, Ni(acac)₂ (2.6 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol %) and 1-bpp (2.5 mg, 0.012, 12 mol %) were stirred in MeCN (0.5 mL) at room temperature for 15 minutes. Then pyridinium salt **3p** (50 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and TEMPO (31 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added to the vial containing 9-BBN, alkene, and KF. The nickel/ligand solution was added, the vial was capped with a Teflon-lined cap and removed from the glovebox. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C in an aluminum heating block for 24 h. The mixture was then diluted with Et₂O (3 mL) and filtered through a plug of silica gel, which was rinsed with Et₂O (10 mL). The filtrate was concentrated. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene (internal standard) was added. The yield of the known TEMPO adduct product **31**¹¹ was determined to be 16% by¹H NMR analysis. No cross-coupled product was observed.

Radical Clock Experiment



In a N₂-atmosphere glovebox, 9-BBN (0.5 M in THF, 0.5 mL, 0.25 mmol, 2.5equiv), KF (16 mg, 0.275 mmol, 2.75 equiv), and alkene (38 μ L, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were stired in an oven-dried 1-dram vial fitted with a stir bar at 80 °C in an aluminum heating block for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, Ni(acac)₂ (2.6 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol %) and 1-bpp (2.5 mg, 0.012, 12 mol %) were stirred in MeCN (0.5 mL) at room temperature for 15 minutes. Then pyridinium salt **3q** (45 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to the vial containing 9-BBN, alkene, and KF. The nickel/ligand solution was added, the vial was capped with a Teflon-lined cap and removed from the glovebox. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C in an aluminum heating block for 24 h. The mixture was then diluted with Et₂O (3 mL) and filtered through a plug of silica gel, which was rinsed with Et₂O (10 mL). The filtrate was concentrated. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene (internal standard) was added. The yield of the known ring-opened product **32**¹² was determined to be 40% by¹H NMR analysis. No cyclopropyl product was observed.

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