

**Pd-catalyzed Divergent Trifluoroethylation and Arylation of Arylboronic Acids
by Aryl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)iodonium Triflates**

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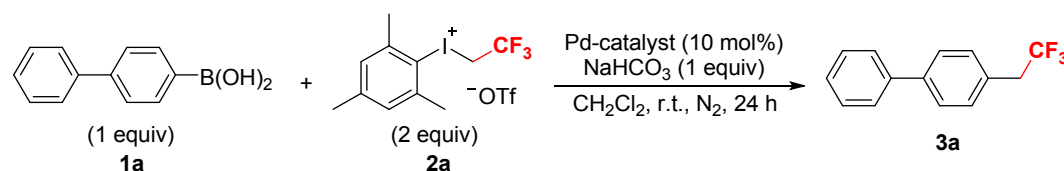
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1. General considerations

All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. Unless otherwise specified, NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ on a 500 or 400 MHz (for ¹H), 471 or 376 MHz (for ¹⁹F), or 126 or 100 MHz (for ¹³C) spectrometer. All chemical shifts were reported in ppm relative to TMS (0 ppm) for ¹H NMR and PhCF₃ (-63.5 ppm) for ¹⁹F NMR as internal or external standards. The HPLC experiments were carried out on a Waters e2695 instrument (column: J&K, RP-C18, 5 μm, 4.6 × 150 mm), and the yields of the products were determined by using the corresponding pure compounds as the external standards. Melting points of the products were measured and uncorrected. Trifluoroethylation reagents **2a**,¹ **2b**,¹ **2c**,² and **2d**³ were synthesized according to the literatures.¹⁻³ Arylboronic acids and other reagents were all purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.

2. Screening the optimized reaction conditions for Pd-catalyzed trifluoroethylation of arylboronic acids with aryl(trifluoroethyl)iodonium triflate

Table 1 Trifluoroethylation of **1a** by **2a** in the presence of various Pd-catalysts at room temperature using NaHCO₃ as the base and CH₂Cl₂ as the solvent.^a



Entry	Pd-catalyst	Yield (3a , %) ^b
1	(CH ₃ CN) ₂ PdCl ₂	0.4
2	PdCl ₂	1
3	Pd(PCy ₃) ₂	3
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	2
5	Pd(dba) ₂	9
6	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	6

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), NaHCO₃ (0.1 mmol), Pd-

catalyst (0.01 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using 4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**3a**) as the external standard (t_R = 6.7 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm, water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v)).

Table 2-1 The solvent effects on the reaction of **1a** and **2a** at room temperature using Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂ as the catalyst and NaHCO₃ as the base.^a

Entry	Solvent	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a , %) ^b
1	DMF	2%	19%
2	CH ₂ Cl ₂	3%	2%
3	1,4-dioxane	5%	10%

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂ (0.01 mmol), NaHCO₃ (0.1 mmol), solvent (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and 2,4,6-trimethyl-1,1':4',1''-terphenyl (**4a**) as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: t_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: t_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B).

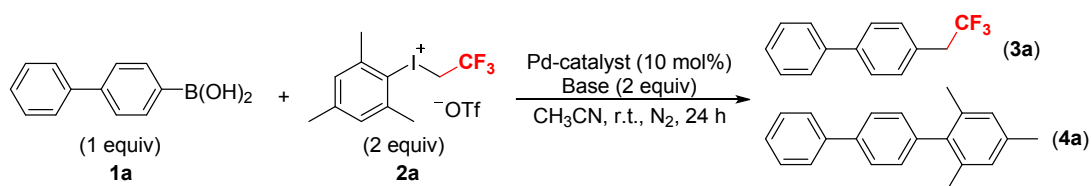
Table 2-2 The solvent effects on the reaction of **1a** and **2a** at room temperature using Pd₂(dba)₃ as the catalyst and NaHCO₃ as the base.^a

Entry	Solvent	Yield (3a , %) ^b
1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	6

2 ^c	CH ₂ Cl ₂	11
3	1,4-dioxane	8
4	CH ₃ CN	15
5	toluene	2
6	DMF	trace
7	DMSO	0
8	THF	3

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), NaHCO₃ (0.1 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (10 mol%), solvent (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** as the external standard (*t*_R = 6.7 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm, water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v)). The byproduct **4a** was not tested. ^c NaHCO₃ (0.2 mmol) was used.

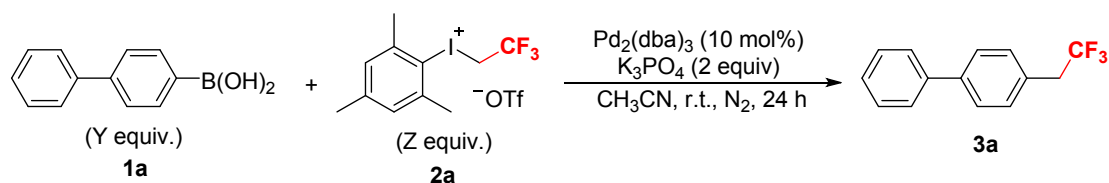
Table 3 Trifluoroethylation of **1a** with **2a** in the presence of different bases. ^a



Entry	Pd-catalyst	Base	Yield (3a , %)	Yield (4a , %)
1 ^b	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	NaHCO ₃	26	0
2 ^b	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	25	2
3^b	Pd₂(dba)₃	K₃PO₄	52	1
4 ^b	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃	2	19
6 ^c	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	NaOAc	10	—
7 ^c	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	<i>t</i> -BuOK	12	—
8 ^c	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	KF	16	—
9 ^b	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	CsF	29	0
10 ^c	Pd(dba) ₂	NaHCO ₃	30	—
11 ^c	Pd(dba) ₂	K ₂ CO ₃	47	—
12 ^c	Pd(dba) ₂	K ₃ PO ₄	45	—
13 ^c	Pd(dba) ₂	Cs ₂ CO ₃	9	—
14 ^c	Pd(dba) ₂	CsF	12	—

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), base (0.2 mmol), catalyst (0.01 mmol), CH₃CN (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: t_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: t_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B). ^c The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** as the external standard (t_R = 6.7 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm, water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v)). “–”: Not tested.

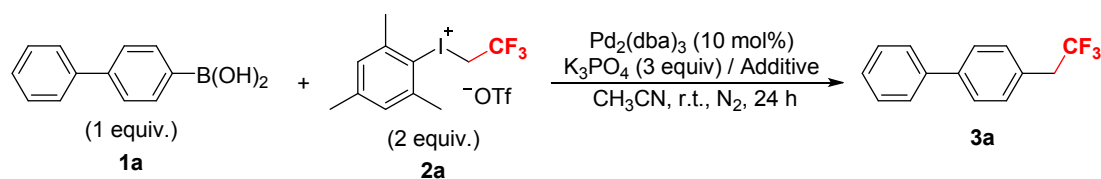
Table 4 The influence of the molar ratio of **1a** and **2a** on the reaction.^a



Entry	Y : Z	Yield (3a , %) ^b
1	1.2 : 1	31
2 ^c	1.2 : 1	34
3	1.5 : 1	29
4	1 : 1.2	42
5	1 : 1.5	48
6	1 : 2	52

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1, 0.12 or 0.15 mmol), **2a** (0.1, 0.12, 0.15 or 0.2 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.2 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (0.01 mmol), CH₃CN (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** as the external standard (t_R = 6.7 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm, water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v)). The byproduct **4a** was not tested. ^c 0.1 mmol of K₃PO₄ was used.

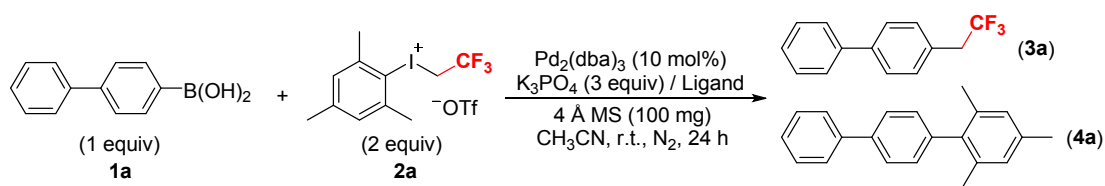
Table 5 The choice of additives for Pd-catalyzed trifluoroethylation of **1a** with **2a**.^a



Entry	Additive	Yield (3a , %) ^b
1	H ₂ O (1.8 mmol, 18 equiv)	42
2	4 Å MS (30 mg)	60
3	4 Å MS (100 mg)	67
4^c	4 Å MS (100 mg)	67
6	Na ₂ SO ₄ (100 mg)	59
8	CaSO ₄ (100 mg)	64
9	Allochroic silicagel (100 mg)	64

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (0.01 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.3 mmol), CH₃CN (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. MS: molecular sieves. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** as the external standard (*t_R* = 6.7 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm, water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v)). The byproduct **4a** was not tested. ^c 0.3 mmol of **2a** was used.

Table 6 Screening the ligands for Pd-catalyzed trifluoroethylation of **1a** with **2a**.^a



Entry	Ligand (12%)	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a , %) ^b
1	DavePhos	58	< 1
2	tBuMePhos	51	< 1
3	TrixiePhos	38	< 1
4	BrettPhos	56	< 1
5	tBuDavePhos	35	< 1
6	PhDavePhos	50	< 1

7	JohnPhos	47	< 1
8	CyJohnPhos	60	< 1
9	MePhos	51	< 1
10	RuPhos	63	< 1
11 ^c	RuPhos	56	< 1

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (0.01mmol), ligand (0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.3 mmol), 4 Å MS (100 mg), CH₃CN (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. MS: molecular sieves. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: t_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: t_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B). ^c 0.02 mmol of RuPhos was used.

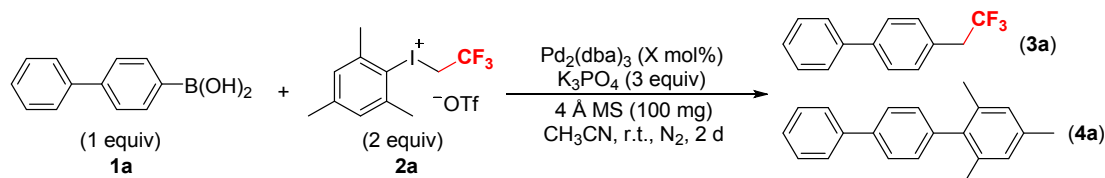
Table 7 Screening the reaction time and temperature.^a

Entry	<i>T</i> (°C)	<i>t</i> (d)	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a , %) ^b
1 ^c	r.t.	1	67	—
2 ^d	r.t.	2	78	< 1
3	r.t.	2	80	< 1
4	r.t.	3	78	< 1
5	r.t.	5	74	< 1
6	30	1	72	< 1
7	50	1	59	6

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (0.01 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.3 mmol), 4 Å MS (100 mg), CH₃CN (2 mL), N₂. MS: molecular sieves. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: t_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: t_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm;

gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B). ^c “—”: Not tested. ^d 0.2 mmol of K₃PO₄ was used.

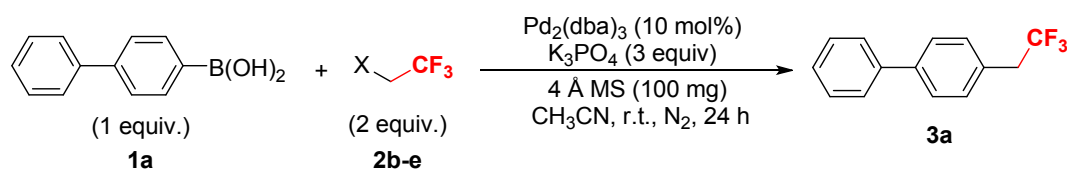
Table 8 Screening the catalyst loading of Pd₂(dba)₃.^a



Entry	X	Additive	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a , %) ^b
1	10	4 Å MS (100 mg)	80	< 1
2	7.5	4 Å MS (100 mg)	76	< 1
3	5	4 Å MS (100 mg)	70	< 1
4	10	—	58	< 1

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (X mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.3 mmol), CH₃CN (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 2 days. MS: molecular sieves. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: t_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: t_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B).

Table 9 Pd-catalyzed trifluoroethylation of **1a** by other “CH₂CF₃” reagents at room temperature.^a



Entry	CF ₃ CH ₂ X	Yield (3a , %) ^b
1	[CF ₃ CH ₂ IC ₆ H ₅][OTf] (2b)	69 ^c (50 ^d)
2	TfOCH ₂ CF ₃ (2c)	0 (0 ^d)

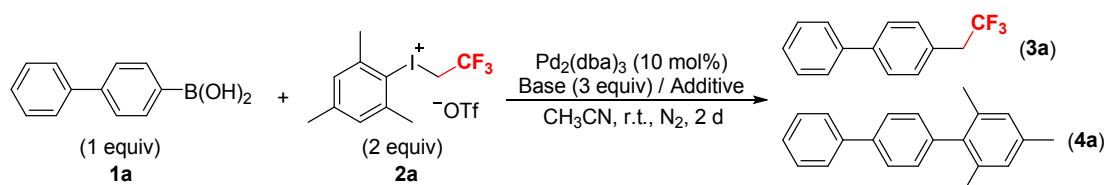
3	TsOCH ₂ CF ₃ (2d)	0 (0 ^d)
4	CF ₃ CH ₂ I (2e)	0 (0 ^d)

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2b-e** (0.2 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.3 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (10 mol%), 4 Å MS (100 mg), CH₃CN (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. MS: molecular sieves.

^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** as the external standard (*t*_R = 6.7 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm, water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v)). The byproduct **4a** was not tested.

^c 48 h. ^d Yields without using 4 Å MS (100 mg).

Table 10 The Pd-catalyzed trifluoroethylation in the absence of base and/or additive.^a



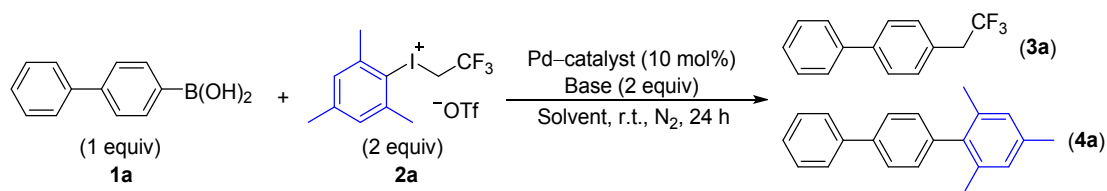
Entry	Base	Additive	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a , %) ^b
1	—	4 Å MS (100 mg)	39	< 1
2	—	—	0	0
3	K ₃ PO ₄	4 Å MS (100 mg)	80	< 1

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.3 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (10 mol%), 4 Å MS (100 mg), CH₃CN (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 2 d. MS: molecular sieves.

^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: *t*_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: *t*_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B).

3. Screening the optimized reaction conditions for Pd-catalyzed arylation of arylboronic acids with aryl(trifluoroethyl)iodonium triflate

Table 1 Arylation of **1a** by **2a** in the presence of diverse Pd-catalysts, bases and solvents



Entry	Pd-catalyst	Base	Solvent	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a , %) ^b
1	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	Na ₂ CO ₃	DCE	4	5
2	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	Na ₂ CO ₃	DMF	< 1	3
3	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	Na ₂ CO ₃	DME	1	2
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	Na ₂ CO ₃	DCE	2	7
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	Na ₂ CO ₃	DMF	< 1	21
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	Na ₂ CO ₃	DME	3	3
7	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	2	28

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), base (0.2 mmol), Pd-catalyst (0.01 mmol), solvent (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: t_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: t_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B).

Table 2 Arylation of **1a** by **2a** in the presence of different bases and equivalents.^a

Reaction scheme showing the arylation of **1a** (4-phenylphenylboronic acid, 1 equiv) with **2a** (2,4,6-trimethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)iodobenzene triflate, 2 equiv) using Pd[P(t-Bu)₃]₂ (10 mol%), base (X equiv), DMF, r.t., N₂, 24 h to produce **3a** (4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phenylboronic acid) and **4a** (4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,4,6-trimethylphenylboronic acid).

Entry	Base	X	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a , %) ^b
1	Cs ₂ CO ₃	2	2	75
2	Cs ₂ CO ₃	3	2	71
3	NaHCO ₃	2	2	34
4	NaHCO ₃	3	2	46
5	K ₃ PO ₄	2	2	55
6	K ₃ PO ₄	3	3	74

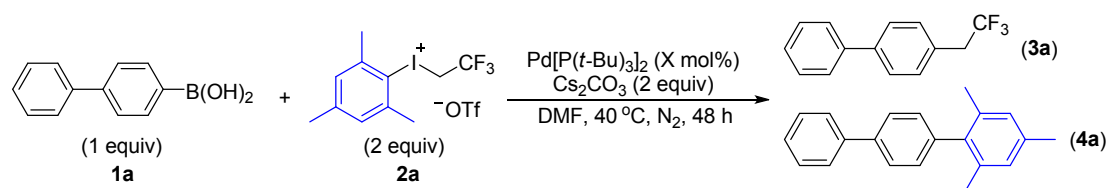
^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), base (0.2 or 0.3 mmol), Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂ (0.01 mmol), DMF (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: *t*_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: *t*_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B).

Table 3 Screening the reaction time and temperature.^a

Entry	<i>T</i> (°C)	<i>t</i> (h)	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a , %) ^b
1	r.t.	24	2	75
2	r.t.	36	2	87
3	r.t.	48	2	86
4	40	24	2	91
5	40	48	1	96 (84)
6 ^c	40	48	1	49

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂ (0.01 mmol), DMF (2 mL), N₂. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: *t*_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: *t*_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B). Isolated yield is depicted in the parentheses. ^c DMSO was used as the solvent.

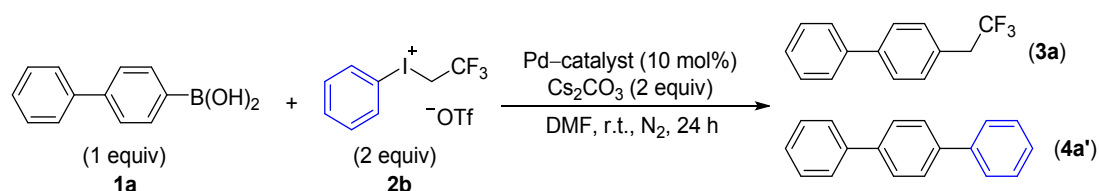
Table 4 Screening the catalyst loading of Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂.^a



Entry	X	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a , %) ^b
1	10	1	96 (84)
2	7.5	1	94 (81)
3	5	< 1	91

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂ (X mol%), DMF (2 mL), 40 °C, N₂, 48 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: *t*_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: *t*_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B). Isolated yield is depicted in the parentheses.

Table 5 Arylation of **1a** by [C₆H₅ICH₂CF₃]⁺[OTf]⁻ (**2b**) in the presence of different Pd-catalysts.^a



Entry	Pd-catalyst	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a' , %) ^b
1	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	1	77
2 ^c	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	< 1	42
3 ^d	Pd[P(<i>t</i> -Bu) ₃] ₂	4	48
4	Pd[P(<i>t</i> -Bu) ₃] ₂	2	84
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	2	65
6	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	1	9
7	Pd(PCy ₃) ₂	< 1	19

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2b** (0.2 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), Pd-catalyst (0.01 mmol), DMF (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a'** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: t_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a'**: t_R = 11.7 min, λ_{max} = 278.0 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B). ^c DMSO was used as the solvent. ^d 0.2 mmol of NaHCO₃ was used.

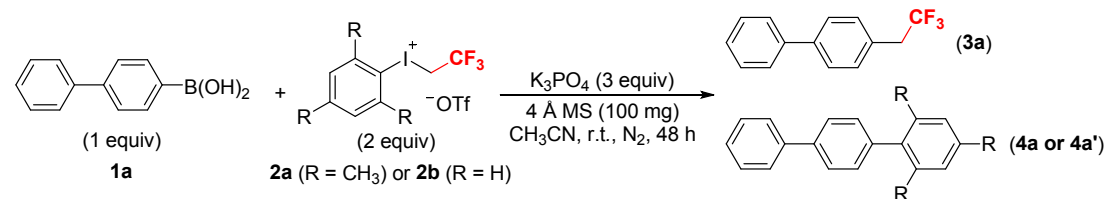
Table 6 Screening the reaction time and temperature.^a

Reaction scheme: 4-phenylphenylboronic acid (1a, 1 equiv) reacts with (2-phenyl-2-(trifluoroethyl)iodonium) triflate (2b, 2 equiv) in the presence of a Pd-catalyst (10 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2 equiv) in DMF at temperature T and time t under N₂ to yield 4-(4-(trifluoroethyl)phenyl)phenyl (3a) and 4-(4-phenylphenyl)phenyl (4a').				
Entry	T (°C)	t (h)	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a' , %) ^b
1	r.t.	24	2	84
2	r.t.	48	2	83
3	40	48	2	93

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2b** (0.2 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂ (0.01 mmol), DMF (2 mL), N₂. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a'** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: t_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a'**: t_R = 11.7 min, λ_{max} = 278.0 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B).

4. The control experiments for Pd-catalyzed trifluoroethylation and arylation of arylboronic acids with aryl(trifluoroethyl)iodonium triflate

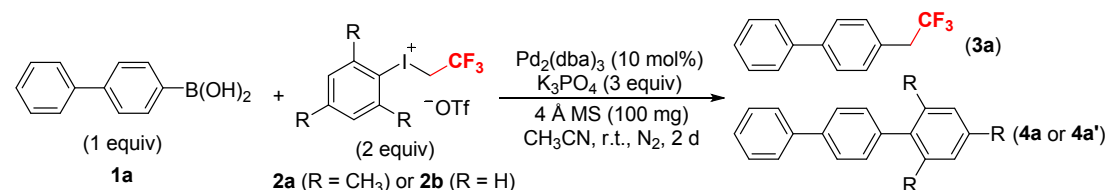
Table 1 Trifluoroethylation of **1a** by **2a** or **2b** without Pd-catalysts.^a



Entry	R	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a or 4a' , %) ^b
1	CH ₃	0	0
2	H	0	0

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** or **2b** (0.2 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.3 mmol), 4 Å MS (100 mg), CH₃CN (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 2 d. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** or **4a'** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: t_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: t_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm or **4a'**: t_R = 11.7 min, λ_{max} = 278.0 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B).

Table 2 Trifluoroethylation of **1a** by **2a** or **2b** in the presence of different additives.^a



Entry	R	Additive	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a or 4a' , %) ^b
1	CH ₃	none	80	< 1
2	H	none	69	7
3	CH ₃	TEMPO	< 1	10
4	H	TEMPO	< 1	16
5	CH ₃	styrene	84	0
6	H	styrene	79	0

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** or **2b** (0.2 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.3 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (10 mol%), 4 Å MS (100 mg), additive (2 equiv), CH₃CN (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 2 d. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** or **4a'** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: t_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: t_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm or **4a'**: t_R = 11.7 min, λ_{max} = 278.0 nm; gradient elution: eluent A:

water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B).

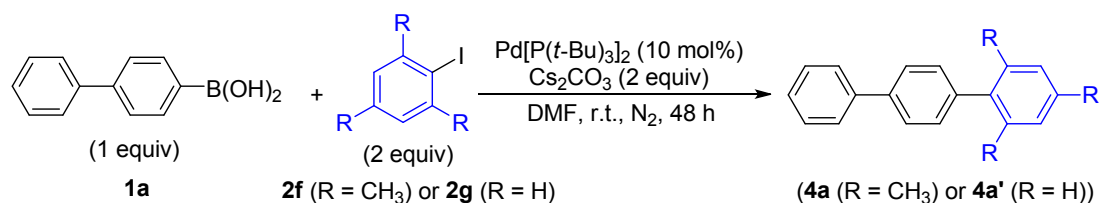
Table 3 Arylation of **1a** by **2a** or **2b** in the presence of different additives.^a

Reaction scheme: **1a** (1 equiv) + **2a** (R = CH₃) or **2b** (R = H) (2 equiv) $\xrightarrow[\text{DMF, r.t., N}_2, 48 \text{ h}]{\text{Pd[P}(t\text{-Bu)}_3]_2 \text{ (10 mol\%)} \text{ Cs}_2\text{CO}_3 \text{ (2 equiv)}}$ **3a** or **4a or 4a'**

Entry	R	Additive	Yield (3a , %) ^b	Yield (4a or 4a' , %) ^b
1	CH ₃	none	2	86
2	H	none	2	83
3	CH ₃	TEMPO	0	67
4	H	TEMPO	< 1	96
5	CH ₃	Styrene	0	44
6	H	Styrene	0	71
7 ^c	CH ₃	none	1	96
8 ^c	H	none	2	93
9 ^c	CH ₃	H ₂ O (0.1 mL)	1	77
10 ^c	H	H ₂ O (0.1 mL)	2	71

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** or **2b** (0.2 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂ (10 mol%), additive (2 equiv), DMF (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 48 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **3a** and **4a** or **4a'** as the external standards, respectively (**3a**: *t*_R = 6.5 min, λ_{max} = 250.0 nm; **4a**: *t*_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm; **4a'**: *t*_R = 11.7 min, λ_{max} = 278.0 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B). ^c 40 °C.

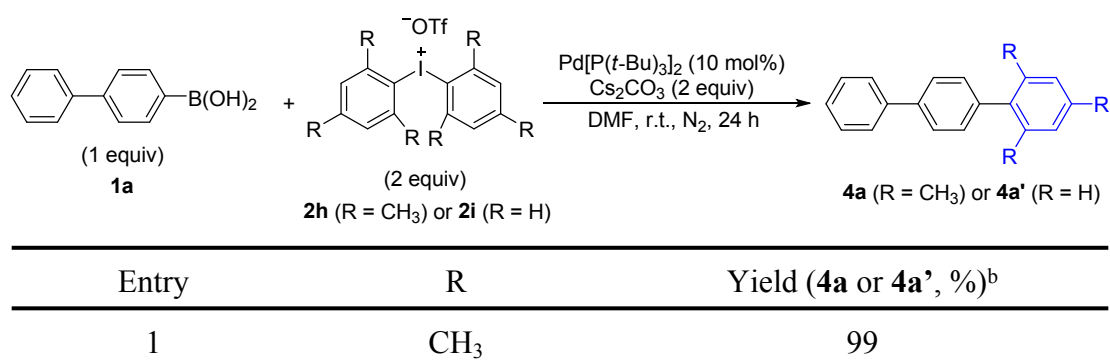
Table 4 Pd-catalyzed arylation of **1a** by **2f** or **2g** in the presence of diverse additives.^a



Entry	R	Additive	Yield (4a or 4a' , %) ^b
1	CH ₃	none	20
2	H	none	49
3	CH ₃	TEMPO	31
4	H	TEMPO	53
5	CH ₃	Styrene	18
6	H	Styrene	65
7 ^c	CH ₃	none	95
8 ^c	H	none	97
9 ^c	CH ₃	H ₂ O (0.1 mL)	67
10 ^c	H	H ₂ O (0.1 mL)	76

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2f** or **2g** (0.2 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂ (10 mol%), additive (2 equiv), DMF (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 48 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **4a** or **4a'** as the external standard (**4a**: *t*_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm or **4a'**: *t*_R = 11.7 min, λ_{max} = 278.0 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B). ^c 40 °C.

Table 5 Pd-catalyzed arylation of **1a** by **2h** or **2i** at room temperature.^a

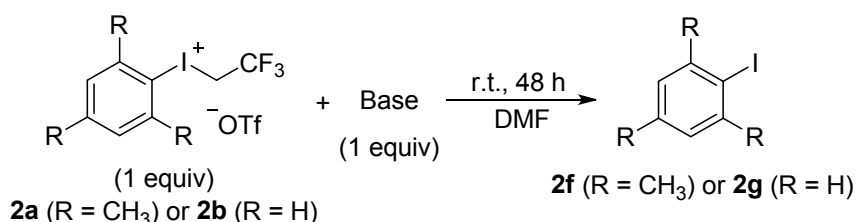


Entry	R	Yield (4a or 4a' , %) ^b
1	CH ₃	99

2	H	96
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^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2h** or **2i** (0.2 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂ (10 mol%), DMF (2 mL), r.t., N₂, 24 h. ^b The yield was determined by HPLC using **4a** or **4a'** as the external standard (**4a**: *t*_R = 13.9 min, λ_{max} = 257.1 nm or **4a'**: *t*_R = 11.7 min, λ_{max} = 278.0 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B).

Table 6 Decomposition of **2a** or **2b** by bases.^a



Entry	R	Base	Yield (2f or 2g , %) ^b
1	CH ₃	K ₃ PO ₄	92
2	CH ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃	96
3	H	K ₃ PO ₄	96
4	H	Cs ₂ CO ₃	98

^a Reaction conditions: **2a** or **2b** (0.1 mmol), base (0.1 mmol), DMF (1 mL), r.t., N₂, 48 h. ^b The yields were determined by HPLC using **2f** or **2g** as the external standard, respectively (**2f**: *t*_R = 11.2 min, λ_{max} = 230.0 nm or **2g**: *t*_R = 4.9 min, λ_{max} = 226.4 nm; gradient elution: eluent A: water/methanol = 20 : 80 (v / v), eluent B: water/methanol = 5 : 95 (v / v); 0-6 min, eluent A; 6-10 min, from eluent A to eluent B; 10-15 min, eluent B). ^c 40 °C.

Figure 1. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.3 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (10 mol%), TEMPO (0.2 mmol), 4 Å MS (100 mg), and CH₃CN (2 mL) at room temperature under N₂ for 2 days.

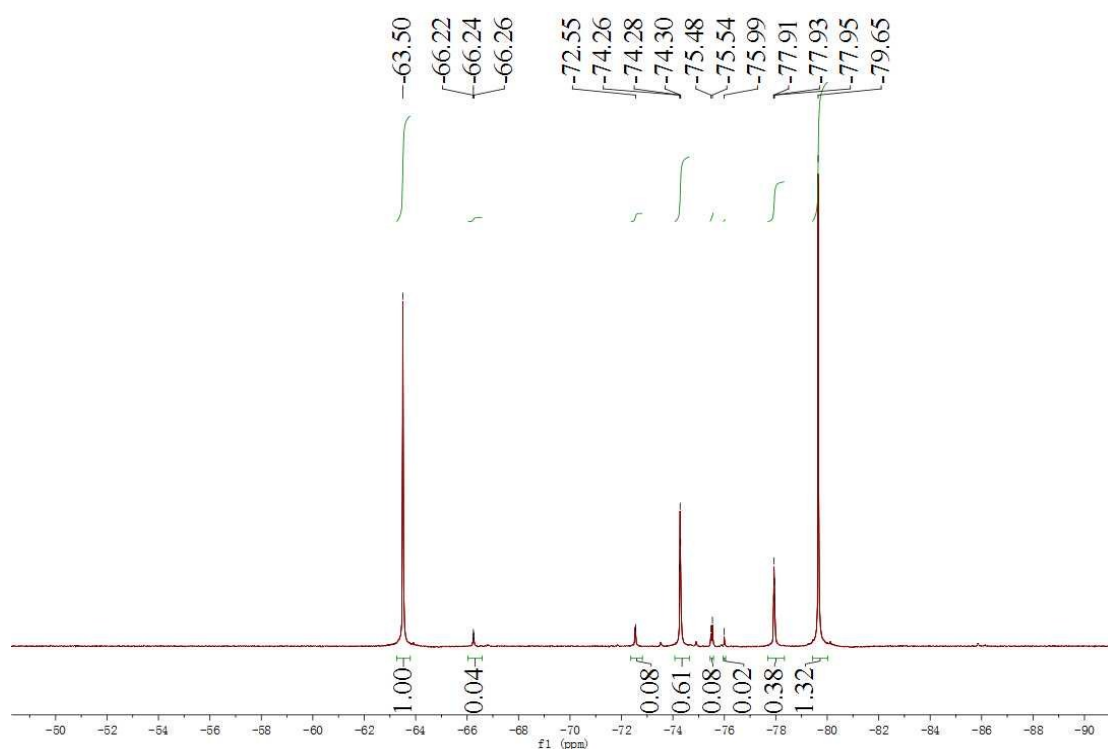


Figure 2. The combined ^{19}F NMR spectra of the reactions of **2a** (0.2 mmol) and TEMPO in the presence or absence of additives at room temperature under N_2 for 1 day. (**2a** was decomposed in the presence of TEMPO without substrate and catalyst)

1a (0.1 mmol) / $[\text{Mes}(\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_3)]\text{[OTf]}$ (0.2 mmol) / K_3PO_4 (0.3 mmol) / $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (10 mol%) / TEMPO (0.2 mmol) / 4A MS (100 mg) / CH_3CN (2 mL) / r.t. / N_2 / 2d.

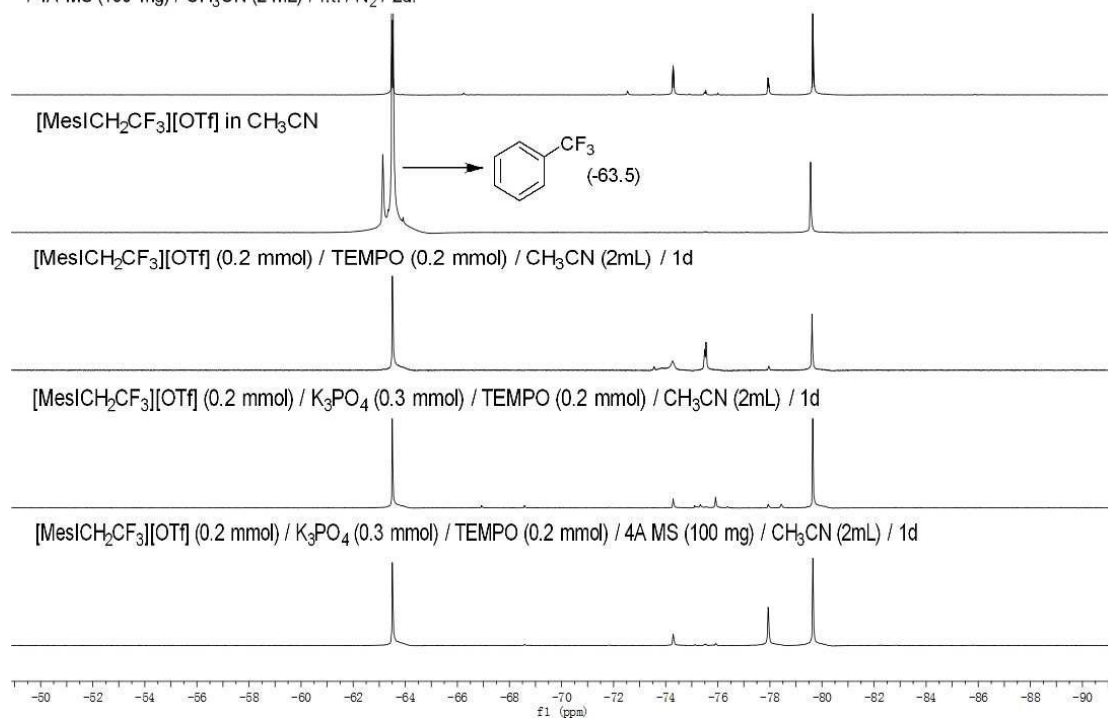


Figure 3. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), K_3PO_4 (0.3 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (10 mol%), Styrene (0.2 mmol), 4 Å MS (100 mg), and CH_3CN (2 mL) at room temperature under N_2 for 2 days.

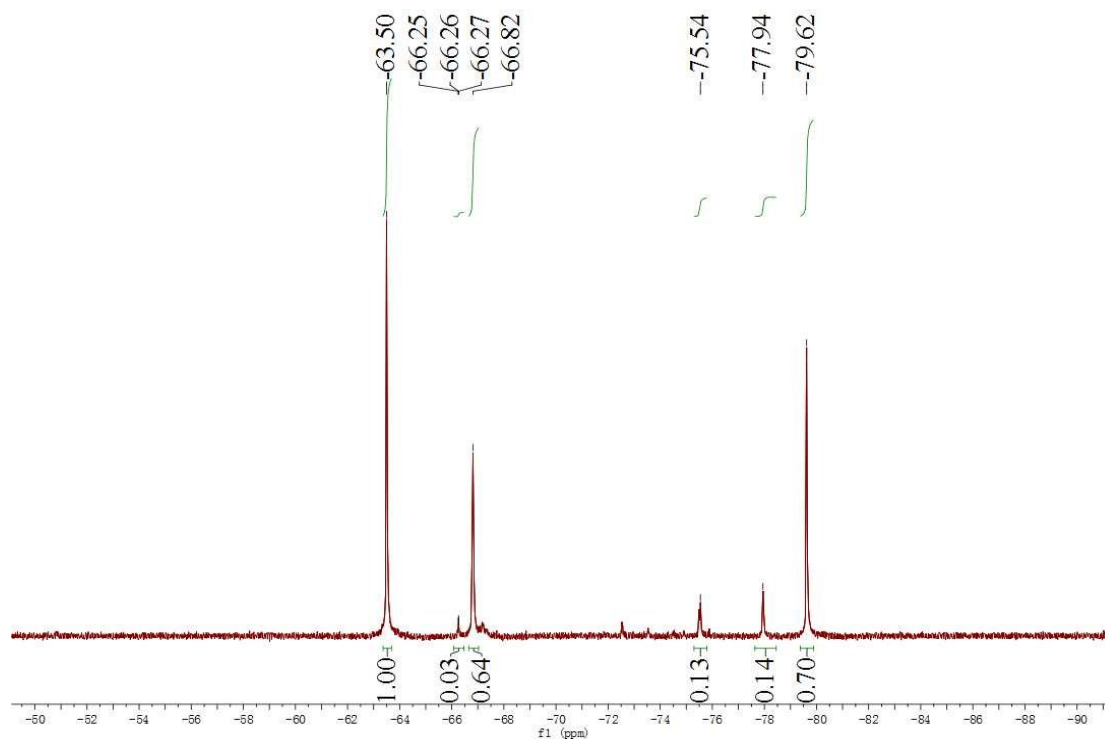


Figure 4. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{I}$ in CH_3CN

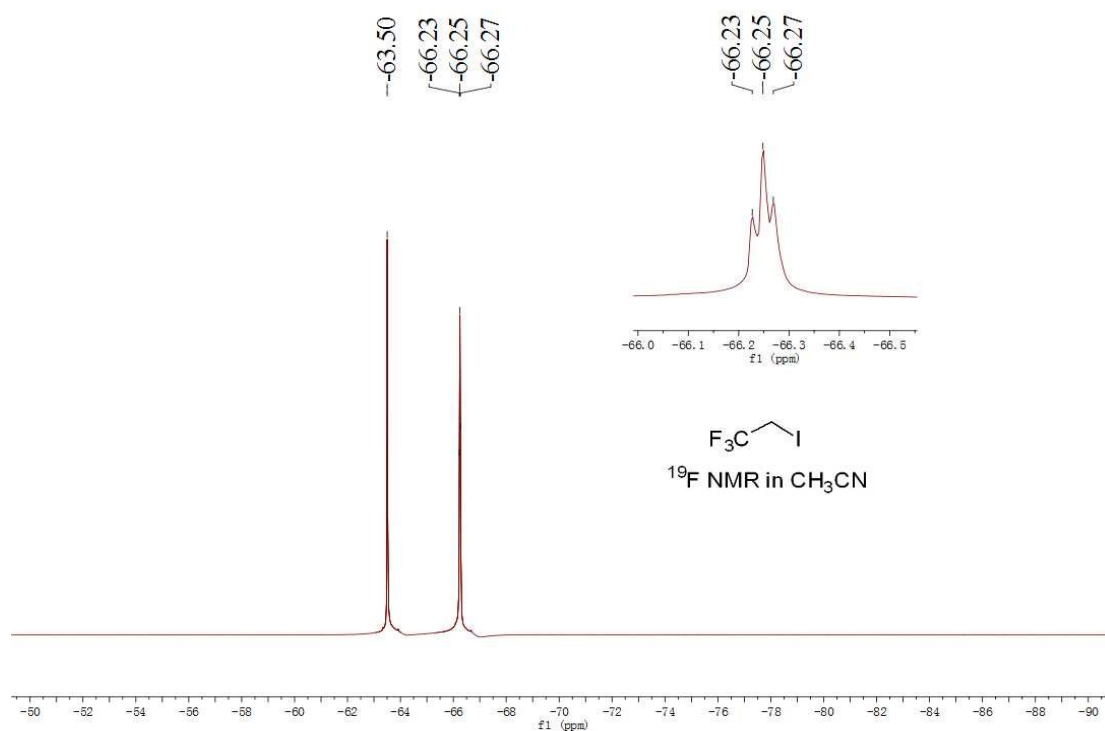


Figure 5. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (0.2 mmol), $\text{Pd}[\text{P}(t\text{-Bu})_3]_2$ (10 mol%), and DMF (2 mL) at 40 °C under N_2 for 2 days.

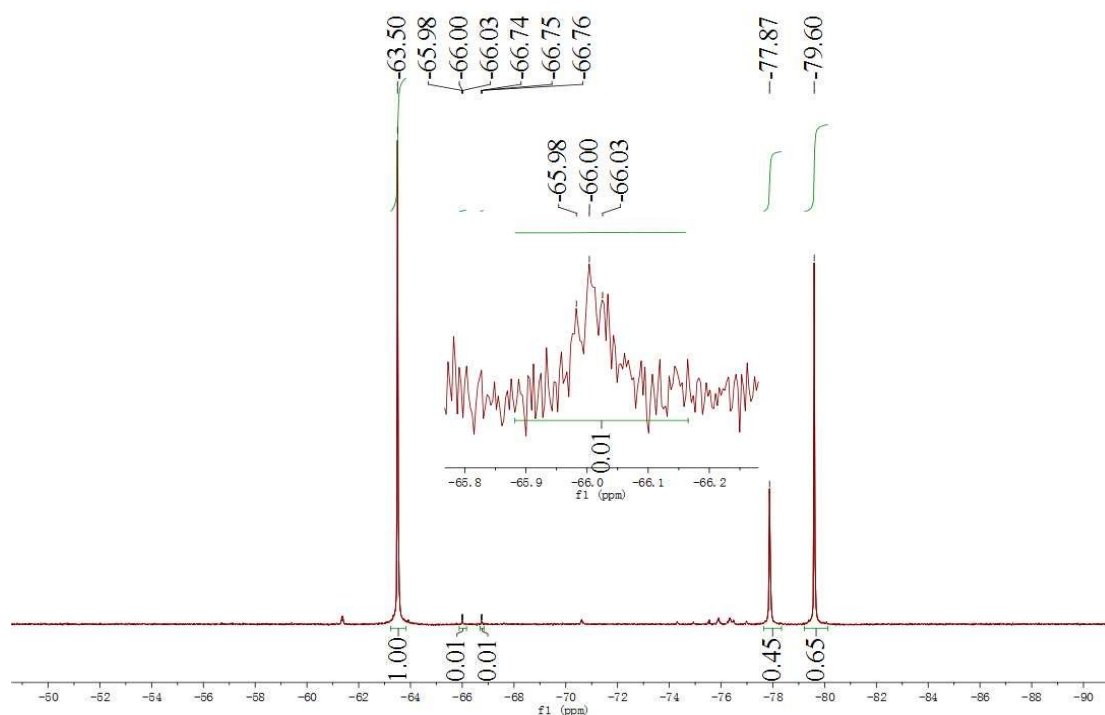


Figure 6. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{I}$ in DMF

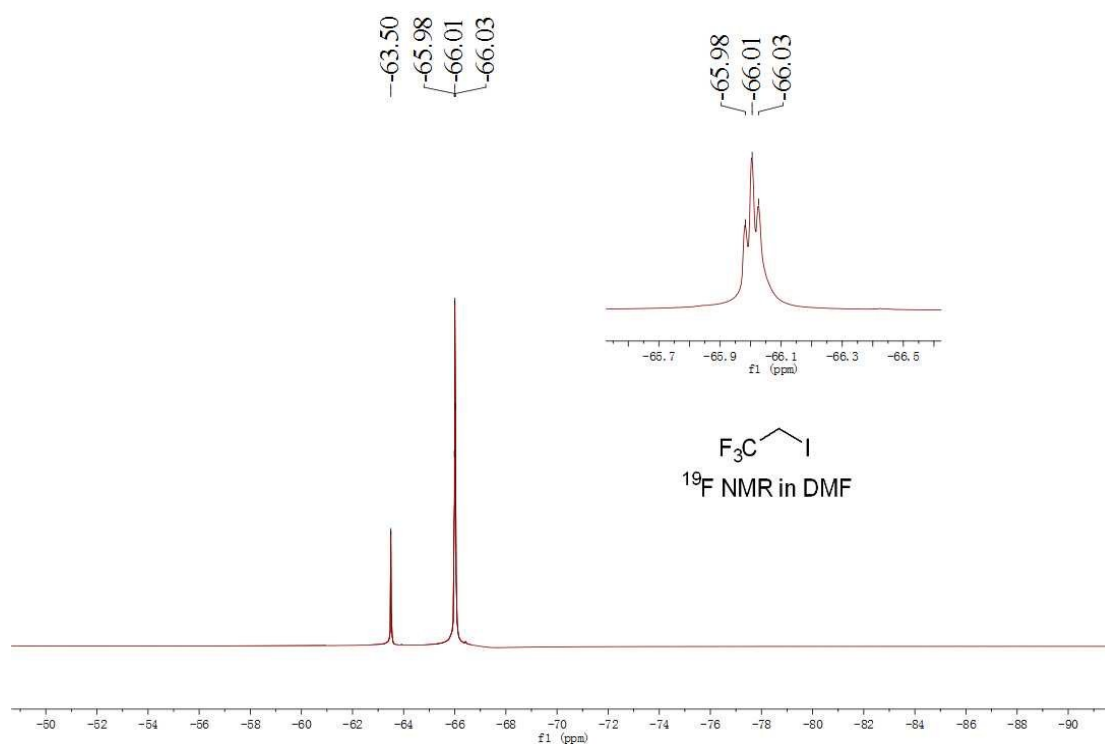
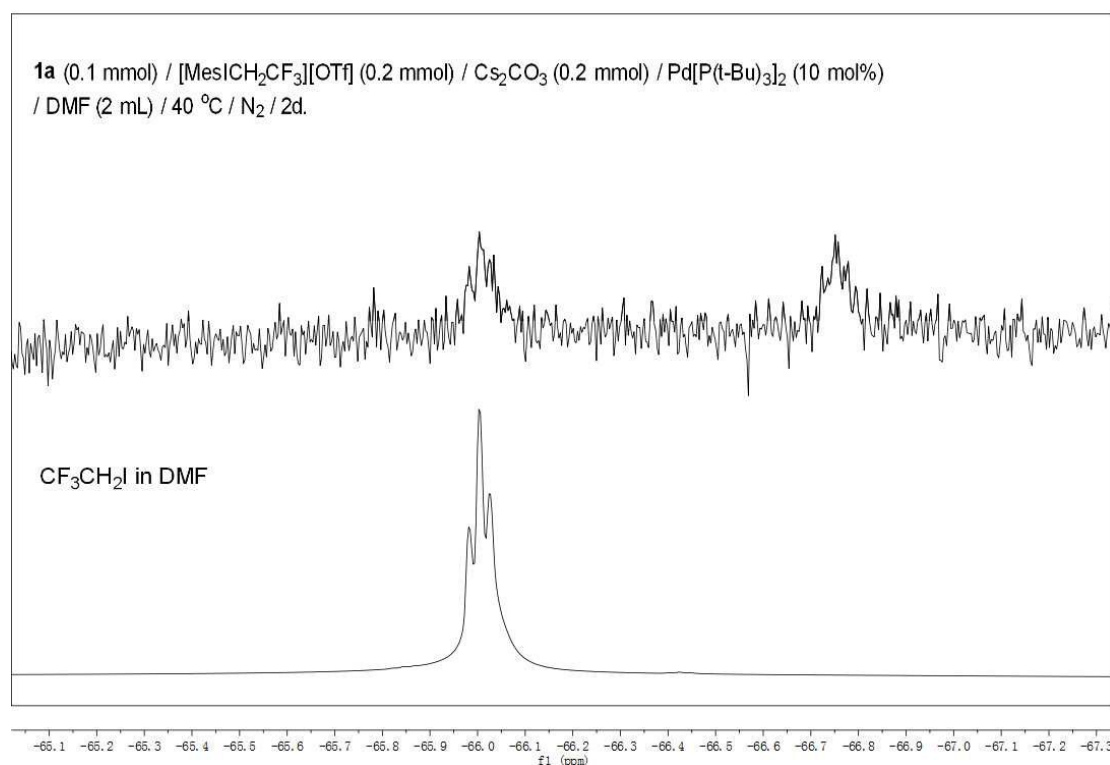


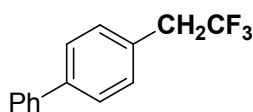
Figure 7. The combination of **Figure 4** and **Figure 5**



5. General procedure for Pd-catalyzed trifluoroethylation of arylboronic acids with aryl(trifluoroethyl)iodonium triflate.

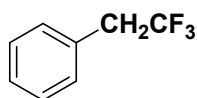
In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a sealed tube was charged with arylboronic acid (**1**, 0.4 mmol), [ArICH₂CF₃]⁺[OTf]⁻ (**2**, 0.8 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (0.04 mmol), 4 Å MS (400 mg), K₃PO₄ (1.2 mmol), and CH₃CN (8 mL) with stirring. The mixture was reacted at room temperature for 48 h, filtered, and washed with CH₃CN for three times. The combined solution was concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether or a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluents to give the trifluoroethylated product (**3**).

4-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**3a**).⁴



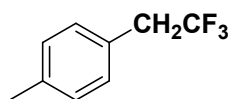
White solid, 68.9 mg, 73% yield, petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 3H), 3.45 (q, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -66.4 (t, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.1 (s), 140.5 (s), 130.6 (s), 129.1 (q, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 128.8 (s), 127.5 (s), 127.4 (s), 127.1 (s), 125.8 (q, $J = 276.4$ Hz), 39.9 (q, $J = 29.7$ Hz).

2,2,2-Trifluoroethylbenzene (**3b**).⁵



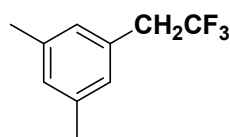
47% or 48% ^{19}F NMR yield using $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CF}_3$ as an internal standard. GC-MS (m/z): 160.0 (M^+). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz) δ -66.9 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 3F).

1-Methyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)benzene (**3c**).⁶



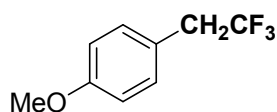
55% ^{19}F NMR yield using $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CF}_3$ as an internal standard. GC-MS (m/z): 174.0 (M^+). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz) δ -67.1 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 3F).

1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)benzene (**3d**).⁷



68% ^{19}F NMR yield using $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CF}_3$ as an internal standard. GC-MS (m/z): 188.1 (M^+). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz) δ -66.8 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 3F).

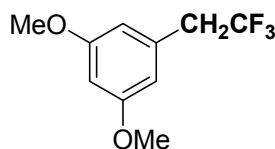
1-Methoxy-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)benzene (**3e**).⁷



67% ^{19}F NMR yield using $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CF}_3$ as an internal standard. GC-MS (m/z): 190.0 (M^+).

^{19}F NMR (471 MHz) δ -67.3 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 3F).

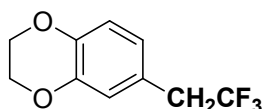
1,3-Dimethoxy-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)benzene (**3f**).⁸



27% ^{19}F NMR yield using $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CF}_3$ as an internal standard. GC-MS (m/z): 220.1 (M^+).

^{19}F NMR (471 MHz) δ -66.6 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 3F).

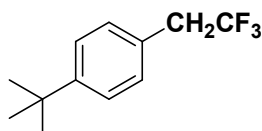
6-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine (**3g**).⁹



70% ^{19}F NMR yield using $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CF}_3$ as an internal standard. GC-MS (m/z): 217.9 (M^+).

^{19}F NMR (471 MHz) δ -67.2 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 3F).

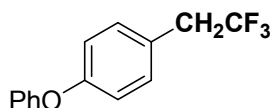
1-(*Tert*-butyl)-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)benzene (**3h**).⁹



70% ^{19}F NMR yield using $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CF}_3$ as an internal standard. GC-MS (m/z): 215.9 (M^+).

^{19}F NMR (471 MHz) δ -66.9 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 3F).

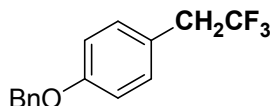
1-Phenoxy-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)benzene (**3i**).⁹



Colorless oil, 53.3 mg, 53% yield, petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (q, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -66.2 (t, J = 10.8 Hz,

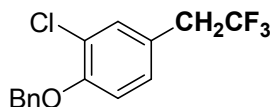
3F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.4 (s), 156.8 (s), 131.5 (s), 129.8 (s), 125.8 (q, $J = 276.5$ Hz), 124.7 (q, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 123.6 (s), 119.2 (s), 118.7 (s), 39.5 (q, $J = 29.8$ Hz).

1-(Benzyloxy)-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)benzene (**3j**).⁹



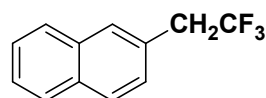
White solid, 87.5 mg, 82% yield, petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 40 : 1 (v / v) as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47–7.35 (m, 5H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.33 (q, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -66.3 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.8 (s), 136.9 (s), 131.3 (s), 128.6 (s), 128.1 (s), 127.5 (s), 125.9 (q, $J = 276.8$), 122.5 (q, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 115.0 (s), 70.1 (s), 39.4 (q, $J = 29.8$ Hz).

1-Benzyloxy-2-chloro-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)benzene (**3k**).¹⁰



Light yellow solid, 81.7 mg, 68% yield, petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 (v / v) as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 3.31 (q, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -66.2 (t, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.2 (s), 136.3 (s), 132.0 (s), 129.5 (s), 128.7 (s), 128.1 (s), 127.1 (s), 125.6 (q, $J = 277.1$ Hz), 123.5 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 123.4 (s), 114.0 (s), 70.9 (s), 39.2 (q, $J = 30.1$ Hz).

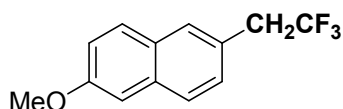
2-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)naphthalene (**3l**).⁹



White solid, 57.3 mg, 68% yield, petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89–7.87 (m, 3H), 7.81 (s, 1H),

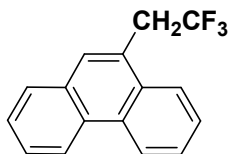
7.55–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.57 (q, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -65.6 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 133.3 (s), 132.9 (s), 129.5 (s), 128.4 (s), 127.8 (s), 127.7 (s), 127.6 (s), 127.6 (m), 126.4 (s), 126.4 (s), 125.9 (q, $J = 277.4$ Hz), 40.4 (q, $J = 29.7$ Hz).

2-Methoxy-6-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)naphthalene (**3m**).⁹



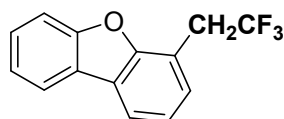
White solid, 54.4 mg, 57% yield, petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.52 (q, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -65.8 (t, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.1 (s), 134.1 (s), 129.3 (s), 129.3 (s), 128.8 (s), 128.1 (s), 127.2 (s), 126.0 (q, $J = 277.6$ Hz), 125.2 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 119.3 (s), 105.6 (s), 55.3 (s), 40.2 (q, $J = 29.6$ Hz).

9-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)phenanthrene (**3n**).⁹



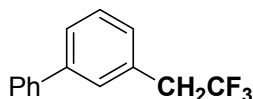
White solid, 51.6 mg, 50% yield, petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.79 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.72 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.75–7.70 (m, 3H), 7.65 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (q, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -64.3 (t, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 131.1 (s), 130.9 (s), 130.8 (s), 130.6 (s), 130.5 (s), 128.6 (s), 127.2 (s), 126.9 (s), 126.7 (s), 126.2 (q, $J = 277.6$ Hz), 124.9 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 124.4 (s), 123.3 (s), 122.6 (s), 37.2 (q, $J = 30.0$ Hz).

4-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)dibenzodibenzofuran (**3o**).



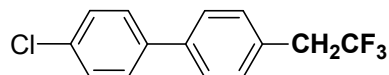
White solid, 44.1 mg, 44% yield, petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. M.p.: 73–74 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99–7.95 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 2H), 3.83 (q, J = 10.7 Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -65.3 (t, J = 10.7 Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.1 (s), 155.2 (s), 128.8 (s), 127.5 (s), 125.8 (q, J = 277.7 Hz), 124.5 (s), 124.2 (s), 123.0 (s), 122.9 (s), 120.8 (s), 120.7 (s), 114.3 (q, J = 2.9 Hz), 111.8 (s), 34.4 (q, J = 31.0 Hz). IR (KBr): 3436, 1450, 1427, 1359, 1261, 1213, 1192, 1168, 1138, 1099, 934, 893, 795, 753, 717, 678, 642, 605 cm^{-1} . HRMS-EI (m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}$ (M^+): 250.0605; Found: 250.0608.

3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**3p**).⁹



White solid, 55.3 mg, 59% yield, petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63–7.60 (m, 3H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (q, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -65.8 Hz (t, J = 10.7 Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.8 (s), 140.7 (s), 130.7 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.1 (s), 129.1 (s), 129.0 (s), 128.9 (s), 127.6 (s), 127.2 (s), 127.0 (s), 125.8 (q, J = 277.9 Hz), 40.3 (q, J = 29.7 Hz).

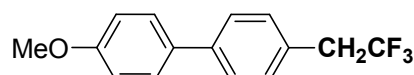
4-Chloro-4'-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**3r**)



White solid, 67.3 mg, 62% yield, petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. M.p.: 66–68 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (q, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -65.8 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 3F). ^{13}C

NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.9 (s), 138.9 (s), 133.7 (s), 130.7 (s), 129.5 (q, J = 3.1 Hz), 129.0 (s), 128.4 (s), 127.3 (s), 125.7 (q, J = 277.6 Hz), 39.9 (q, J = 29.8 Hz). IR (KBr): 3480, 3410, 2952, 1654, 1484, 1433, 1366, 1258, 1137, 1068, 907, 863, 802, 760, 664, 632 cm⁻¹. HRMS-EI (m/z) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClF₃ (M⁺): 270.0423; Found: 270.0418.

4-Methoxy-4'-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**3s**)

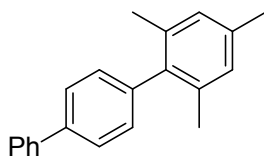


White solid, 78.0 mg, 73% yield, petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. M.p.: 98–100 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58–7.55 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.43 (q, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -65.9 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4 (s), 140.7 (s), 133.0 (s), 130.5 (s), 128.5 (q, J = 3.2 Hz), 128.1 (s), 127.0 (s), 125.8 (q, J = 277.0 Hz), 114.3 (s), 55.4 (s), 39.9 (q, J = 29.7 Hz). IR (KBr): 3450, 2967, 2840, 1640, 1501, 1459, 1368, 1278, 1153, 1073, 911, 831, 796, 739, 651, 642 cm⁻¹. HRMS-EI (m/z) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃O (M⁺): 266.0918; Found: 266.0920.

6. General procedure for Pd-catalyzed arylation of arylboronic acids with aryl(trifluoroethyl)iodonium triflate.

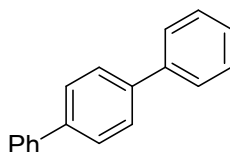
In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a sealed tube was charged with arylboronic acid (**1**, 0.4 mmol), [ArICH₂CF₃]⁺[OTf]⁻ (**2**, 0.8 mmol), Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂ (0.02, 0.03, or 0.04 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.8 mmol), and DMF (4 mL) with stirring. The mixture was reacted at 40 °C for 48 h and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 times). The organic solution was washed by water, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether or a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluents to give the arylation product (**4**).

2,4,6-Trimethyl[1,1';4',1'']terphenyl (**4a**).^{11a}



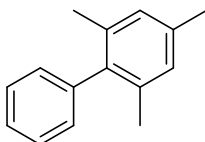
White solid, 88.2 mg, 81% yield (7.5 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72–7.69 (m, 4H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.0 (s), 140.1 (s), 139.3 (s), 138.7 (s), 136.7 (s), 136.1 (s), 129.8 (s), 128.8 (s), 128.1 (s), 127.2 (s), 127.1 (s), 21.1 (s), 20.9 (s).

1,1':4',1''-Terphenyl (**4a'**)^{11b}



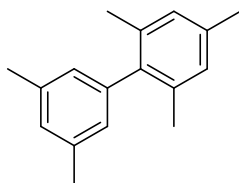
White solid, 75.1mg, 82% yield (10 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72–7.67 (m, 8H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H).

2,4,6-Trimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**4b**).¹²



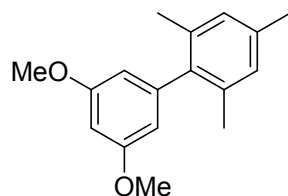
Colorless oil, 51.4 mg, 66% yield (10 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.1 (s), 139.1 (s), 136.6 (s), 136.0 (s), 129.3 (s), 128.4 (s), 128.1 (s), 126.5 (s), 21.1 (s), 20.8 (s).

2,3',4,5',6-Pentamethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**4d**).¹³



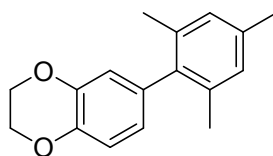
Colorless oil, 56.9 mg, 64% yield (5 mol% $\text{Pd}[\text{P}(t\text{-Bu})_3]_2$), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 6.80 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.0 (s), 139.3 (s), 137.7 (s), 136.3 (s), 135.9 (s), 128.1 (s), 128.0 (s), 127.0 (s), 21.4 (s), 21.0 (s), 20.8 (s).

3',5'-Dimethoxy-2,4,6-trimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**4f**).¹⁴



Yellow solid, 73.6 mg, 72% yield (7.5 mol% $\text{Pd}[\text{P}(t\text{-Bu})_3]_2$), petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 (v / v) as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.97 (s, 2H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.34 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.8 (s), 143.2 (s), 139.0 (s), 136.6 (s), 135.9 (s), 128.0 (s), 107.3 (s), 98.7 (s), 55.3 (s), 21.0 (s), 20.5 (s).

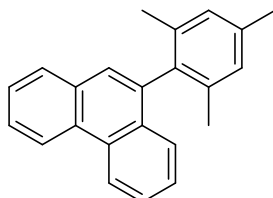
6-Mesityl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine (**4g**)



Yellow oil, 77.4mg, 76% yield (7.5 mol% $\text{Pd}[\text{P}(t\text{-Bu})_3]_2$), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (s, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.4 (s), 142.2 (s), 138.5 (s), 136.5 (s), 136.3 (s), 134.4 (s), 128.0 (s), 122.5 (s), 118.0 (s), 117.1 (s), 64.5 (s), 64.4 (s), 21.0 (s), 20.7 (s). IR (KBr): 2973, 2921, 2875, 1611, 1580, 1511, 1479, 1457, 1360, 1284,

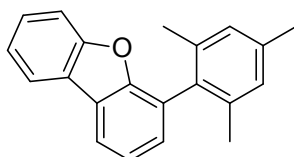
1243, 1220, 1122, 1069, 1055, 1021, 932, 892, 851, 816, 758, 732, 689, 650 cm⁻¹.
HRMS-EI (m/z) calcd for C₁₇H₁₈O₂ (M⁺): 254.1307; Found: 254.1308.

9-Mesitylphenanthrene (**4n**).¹⁵



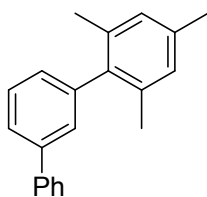
White solid, 92.2 mg, 78% yield (7.5 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.64 (m, 3H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.08 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.4 (s), 137.1 (s), 137.0 (s), 136.6 (s), 132.0 (s), 131.4 (s), 130.6 (s), 130.0 (s), 128.6 (s), 128.2 (s), 127.3 (s), 126.8 (s), 126.7 (s), 126.5 (s), 126.4 (s), 126.2 (s), 122.9 (s), 122.6 (s), 21.2 (s), 20.3 (s).

4-Mesityldibenzo[b,d]furan (**4o**)



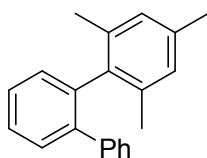
Colorless oil, 98.0 mg, 86% yield (7.5 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3 (s), 153.9 (s), 137.6 (s), 136.9 (s), 133.0 (s), 128.6 (s), 128.3 (s), 127.1 (s), 125.0 (s), 124.5 (s), 124.3 (s), 122.9 (s), 122.7 (s), 120.7 (s), 119.4 (s), 112.0 (s), 21.2 (s), 20.5 (s). IR (KBr): 3052, 2950, 2918, 2856, 1612, 1584, 1450, 1420, 1376, 1312, 1274, 1218, 1121, 1097, 1057, 1014, 932, 845, 799, 753, 684, 592 cm⁻¹. HRMS-EI (m/z) calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O (M⁺): 286.1358; Found: 286.1354.

2,4,6-Trimethyl[1,1':3',1'']terphenyl (**4p**).¹⁶



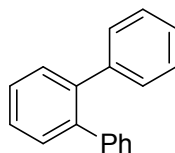
Colorless oil, 90.3 mg, 83% yield (7.5 mol% $\text{Pd}[\text{P}(t\text{-Bu})_3]_2$), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.6 (s), 141.2 (s), 141.1 (s), 139.0 (s), 136.7 (s), 136.0 (s), 128.9 (s), 128.8 (s), 128.3 (s), 128.2 (s), 128.1 (s), 127.3 (s), 127.1 (s), 125.3 (s), 21.1 (s), 20.9 (s).

2,4,6-Trimethyl[1,1':2',1'']terphenyl (**4q**).¹⁷



Colorless oil, 23.2 mg, 21% yield (7.5 mol% $\text{Pd}[\text{P}(t\text{-Bu})_3]_2$), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.20 (m, 4H), 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.83 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.5 (s), 141.0 (s), 139.1 (s), 137.9 (s), 136.3 (s), 135.9 (s), 130.7 (s), 130.2 (s), 128.8 (s), 128.0 (s), 127.6 (s), 127.3 (s), 127.3 (s), 126.5 (s), 21.1 (s), 20.7 (s).

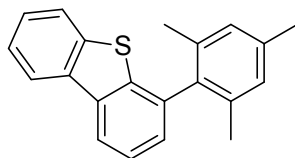
2-Phenylbiphenyl (**4q'**).¹²



Colorless oil, 85.7 mg, 93% yield (7.5 mol% $\text{Pd}[\text{P}(t\text{-Bu})_3]_2$) or 77.8 mg, 85% (10 mol% $\text{Pd}[\text{P}(t\text{-Bu})_3]_2$), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 6H), 7.20–7.19 (m, 4H). ^{13}C

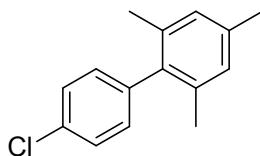
NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.6 (s), 140.6 (s), 130.6 (s), 129.9 (s), 127.9 (s), 127.5 (s), 126.5 (s).

4-Mesityldibenzo[b,d]thiophene (**4t**)



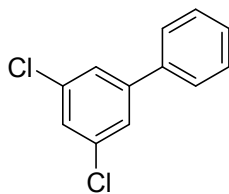
Colorless oil, 101.5 mg, 84% yield (7.5 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.1 (s), 139.8 (s), 137.6 (s), 136.7 (s), 136.3 (s), 136.2 (s), 136.1 (s), 135.7 (s), 128.4 (s), 127.3 (s), 126.7 (s), 125.0 (s), 124.3 (s), 122.9 (s), 121.8 (s), 120.1 (s), 21.2 (s), 20.0 (s). IR (KBr): 3059, 2950, 2917, 2854, 1611, 1572, 1450, 1384, 1323, 1301, 1250, 1182, 1100, 1042, 1023, 1003, 851, 812, 751, 725, 587 cm⁻¹. HRMS-EI (*m/z*) calcd for C₂₁H₁₈S (M⁺): 302.1129; Found: 302.1134.

4-Chloro-2',4',6'-trimethylbiphenyl (**4u**).¹⁶



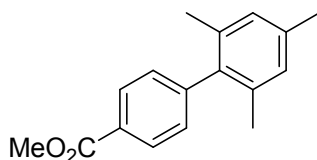
White solid, 69.8 mg, 76% yield (10 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.5 (s), 137.8 (s), 137.0 (s), 135.9 (s), 132.5 (s), 130.8 (s), 128.7 (s), 128.2 (s), 21.0 (s), 20.7 (s).

3,5-Dichlorobiphenyl (**4v'**).¹⁸



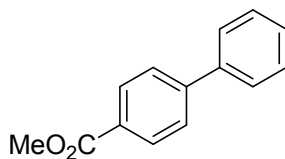
Colorless liquid, 86.1 mg, 97% yield (7.5 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂) or 85.7 mg, 96% yield (10 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.2 (s), 138.5 (s), 135.3 (s), 129.1 (s), 128.5 (s), 127.2 (s), 127.1 (s), 125.7 (s).

Methyl 2',4',6'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (**4w**).¹⁹



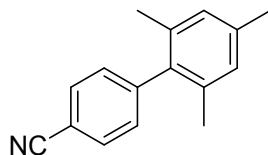
Light yellow solid, 59.2 mg, 58% (7.5 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 40 : 1 (v / v) as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2 (s), 146.3 (s), 138.0 (s), 137.1 (s), 135.5 (s), 129.8 (s), 129.5 (s), 128.6 (s), 128.2 (s), 52.1 (s), 21.0 (s), 20.6 (s).

Methyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (**4w'**).¹⁹



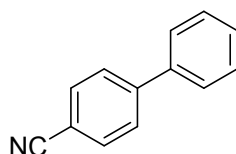
White solid, 73.0 mg, 86% yield (7.5 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂) or 73.5 mg, 87% (10 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 40 : 1 (v / v) as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.4 (s), 167.0 (s), 145.7 (s), 140.0 (s), 130.1 (s), 128.9 (s), 128.2 (s), 127.3 (s), 127.1 (s), 52.1 (s).

2',4',6'-Trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonitrile (**4x**).²⁰



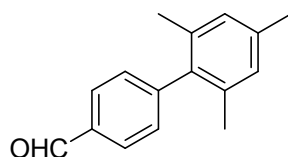
White solid, 44.6 mg, 50% yield (7.5 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂) or 64.2 mg, 73% yield (10 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 40 : 1 (v / v) as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.5 (s), 137.6 (s), 137.2 (s), 135.3 (s), 132.3 (s), 130.4 (s), 128.4 (s), 119.0 (s), 110.7 (s), 21.0 (s), 20.6 (s).

[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-carbonitrile (**4x'**).²⁰



White solid, 71.2 mg, 99% yield (7.5 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 40 : 1 (v / v) as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74–7.67 (m, 4H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.41 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.7 (s), 139.2 (s), 132.6 (s), 129.1 (s), 128.7 (s), 127.8 (s), 127.3 (s), 119.0 (s), 110.9 (s).

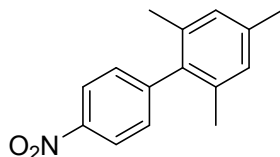
2',4',6'-Trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde (**4y**).²¹



Yellow oil, 54.5 mg, 61% yield (7.5 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂) or 75.3 mg, 84% yield (10 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 40 : 1 (v / v) as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.1 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR

(126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.1 (s), 148.2 (s), 137.8 (s), 137.3 (s), 135.4 (s), 135.0 (s), 130.2 (s), 129.9 (s), 128.3 (s), 21.0 (s), 20.6 (s).

2,4,6-Trimethyl-4'-nitro-1,1'-biphenyl (**4z**).²²



Yellow solid, 73.4 mg, 76% yield (7.5 mol% Pd[P(*t*-Bu)₃]₂), petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 (v / v) as the eluent for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.6 (s), 146.9 (s), 137.7 (s), 136.8 (s), 135.3 (s), 130.5 (s), 128.4 (s), 123.8 (s), 21.0 (s), 20.6 (s).

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