

Salicylic Acids as Readily Available Starting Materials for the Synthesis of meta-Substituted Biaryls

Supporting Information

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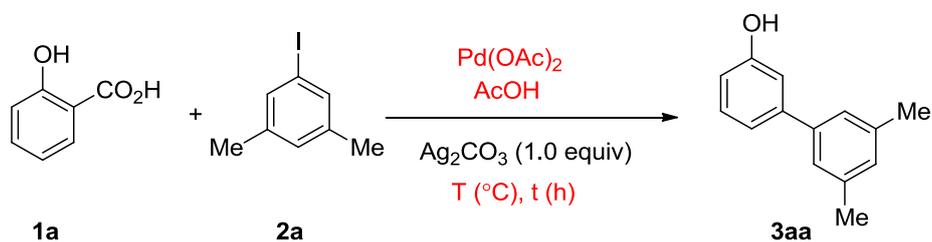
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General experimental information

All chemicals used in this work were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification, except 5-iodo-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole and 4-acetamido-2-hydroxybenzoic acid that were prepared following literature procedures.¹ Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on pre-coated Merk silica gel F₂₅₄ plates and visualized under a UV light. Melting points were obtained using a Bibby Stuart Scientific apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded using a Bruker Tensor 37 FTIR machine and are quoted in cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR spectra, recorded at 400 MHz, are referenced to the residual solvent peak at 7.26 ppm (CDCl₃) and 2.05 ppm (acetone-d₆). ¹³C NMR spectra, recorded at 101 MHz, are referenced to the residual solvent peak at 77.0 ppm (CDCl₃) and 29.8 ppm (acetone-d₆).

Optimization tables

Table 1. Systematic screening of reaction conditions.^a

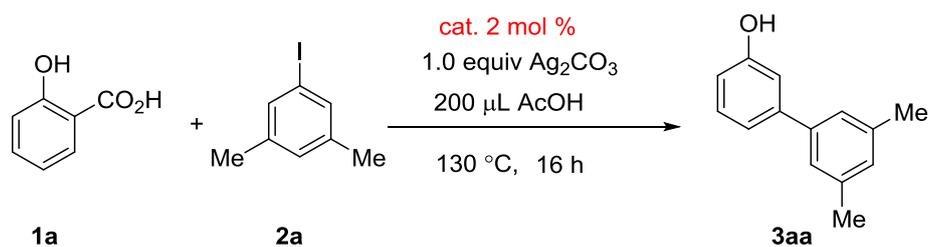


Entries	T ($^\circ\text{C}$)	t (h)	AcOH (equiv)	Pd(OAc)_2 (mol%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1	130	16	3.5	2	35
2	130	16	7.0	2	42
3	130	16	10.5	2	44
4	110	16	3.5	2	32
5	120	16	3.5	2	35
6	140	16	7.0	2	50
7	130	16	7.0	2	42
8	130	16	3.5	5	36
9	130	16	3.5	1	45
10 ^b	130	16	3.5	2	0
11 ^c	130	16	3.5	2	33
12	130	60	3.5	2	63
13	130	60	3.5	1	45

^a Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out using 1.0 equiv of **1a**, 3.0 equiv of **2a** and 1.0 equiv of silver carbonate, yields were determined by ^1H NMR analysis using mesitylene as an internal standard.

^b 200 μL of DMSO were also added.

^c 5.0 equiv of water were also added.

Table 2. Palladium catalysts screening.^a

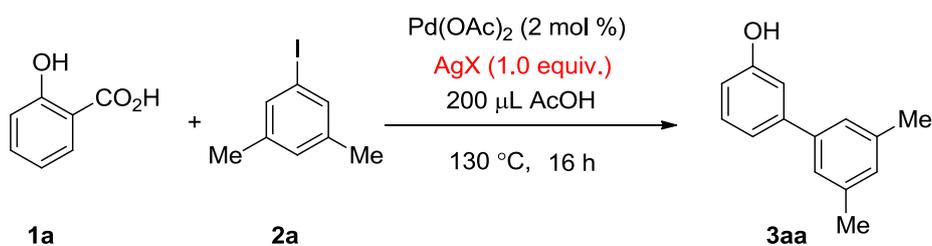
Entries	Cat. (2 mol%)	Yield of 3a (%)
14	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	42
15	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	42
16	$\text{Pd}(\text{CAN})_2\text{Cl}_2$	46
17	PEPPSI-IPr	57
18	PEPPSI-IPent	61
19	$\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3^{\text{b}}$	51
20	$\text{Pd}(\text{P}^t\text{Bu})_2$	0
21	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2^{\text{c}}$	45
22	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2^{\text{d}}$	38
23	$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$	46

^a Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out using 1.0 equiv of **1a**, 3.0 equiv of **2a**, 1.0 equiv of silver carbonate and 200 μL (7.0 equiv) of acetic acid for 16 h at the temperature of 130 °C, yields were determined by ^1H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

^b 1 mol% of $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ was used.

^c 2 mol% of IMeCl were also added.

^d 2 mol% of IPrCl were also added.

Table 3. Silver salts screening.^a

Entries	AgX (1.0 equiv)	Yield of 3a (%)
24	Ag_2CO_3	42
25	$\text{Ag}_2\text{O}^{\text{b}}$	38
26	AgOAc	41
27	AgNO_2	0

^a Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out using 1.0 equiv of **1a**, 3.0 equiv of **2a**, 2 mol% of $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$, 200 μL (7.0 equiv) of acetic acid, ran for 16 h at 130 °C, yields were determined by ^1H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

^b 0.5 equiv of silver oxide were used in the reaction.

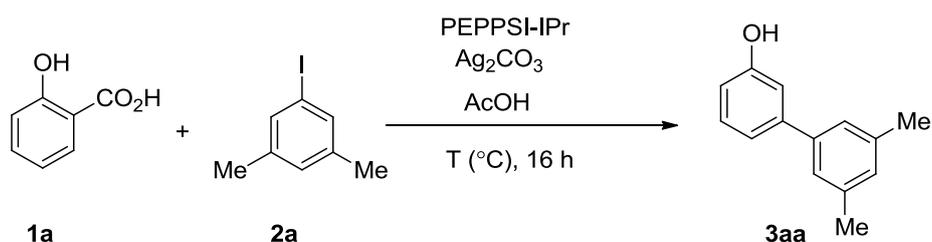
Table 4. Solvent screening.^a



Entries	Solvent (200 μL)	Yield of 3a (%)
28	Acetic acid	56
29	TFA	54
30	Pivalic acid	28

^a Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out using 1.0 equiv of **1a**, 3.0 equiv of **2a**, 2 mol% of PEPPSI-IPr and 1.0 equiv of silver carbonate, ran for 16 h at the temperature of 130 $^\circ\text{C}$, yields were determined by ^1H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

Table 5. Optimization of the formal meta-arylation using PEPPSI-IPr



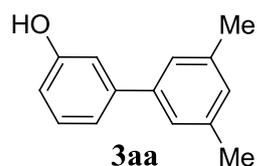
Entries	T ($^\circ\text{C}$)	Ag_2CO_3 (equiv)	AcOH (equiv)	PEPPSI-IPr (mol%)	Yield of 3a (%)
31	130	1.0	7.0	2	57
32	130	1.0	7.0	1	51
33	130	1.0	7.0	3	57
34	130	1.0	7.0	4	56
35	120	1.0	7.0	2	48
36	140	1.0	7.0	2	66
37	150	1.0	7.0	2	70
38	160	1.0	7.0	2	68
39	180	1.0	7.0	2	49
40	150	1.2	7.0	2	64
41	150	0.5	14.0	2	83
42 ^b	150	0.5	14.0	2	92
43 ^c	150	0.5	14.0	2	90

^a Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out using 1.0 equiv of **1a**, 3.0 equiv of **2a**, 2 mol% of PEPPSI-IPr, ran for 16 h, yields were determined by ^1H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

^b 0.5 equiv of K_2CO_3 were used in the reaction.

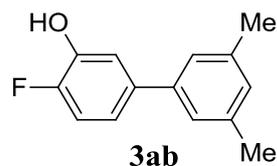
^c 0.5 equiv of Cs_2CO_3 were used in the reaction.

3',5'-Dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



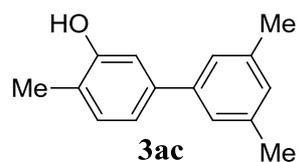
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3aa**) as a light orange oil (80.0 mg, 81%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.80 (ddd, J = 8.0, 2.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 6H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.7, 143.3, 140.8, 138.3, 129.9, 129.1, 125.1, 119.9, 114.1, 114.0, 21.4 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

4-Fluoro-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), 3-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (78.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (1.0 mL) was heated at 160 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 4-fluoro-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ab**) as a light orange oil (81.1 mg, 75%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.6 (d, J = 237.4 Hz), 143.5 (d, J = 14.6 Hz), 140.1, 138.7 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 138.3, 129.1, 125.0, 119.5 (d, J = 6.4 Hz), 116.0 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 115.5 (d, J = 18.3 Hz), 21.4 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

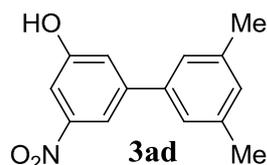
3',4,5'-Trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), 2-hydroxy-3-methylbenzoic acid (76.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (1.0 mL) was heated at 160 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered

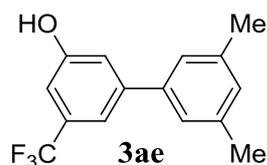
through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 3',4,5'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ac**) as an orange oil (75.3 mg, 71%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.01-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.29 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.9, 140.8, 140.8, 138.2, 131.2, 128.8, 124.9, 122.5, 119.6, 113.7, 21.4, 15.4 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

3',5'-Dimethyl-5-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



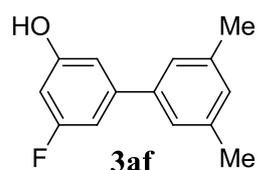
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K₂CO₃ (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), 2-hydroxy-4-nitrobenzoic acid (91.6 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 75:25) to afford 3',5'-dimethyl-5-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ad**) as a yellow solid (63.2 mg, 52%). **m. p.** 147-148 °C. **IR:** 3424, 3092, 1591, 1343, 745 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (app. t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 2H), 7.07(s, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3, 149.5, 144.5, 138.8, 138.4, 130.3, 125.0, 120.3, 114.8, 108.9, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS:** calcd for C₁₄H₁₃NO₃, 243.0895 (M⁺); found, 243.0890.

3',5'-Dimethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



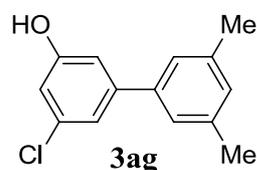
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K₂CO₃ (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), 2-hydroxy-4-(trifluoromethyl) benzoic acid (103.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 3',5'-dimethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ae**) as a brownish red oil (89.0 mg, 67%). **IR:** 3350, 2918, 1599, 1120, 699 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18 (s, 2H), 7.04 (s, 2H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0, 144.2, 139.4, 138.6, 132.3 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 129.8, 125.0, 123.9(q, *J* = 272.4 Hz), 117.4, 116.6 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 110.9 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 21.3 ppm. **HRMS:** calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃O, 266.0918 (M⁺); found, 266.0913.

5-Fluoro-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



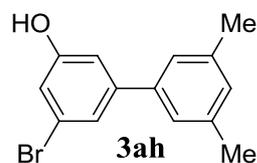
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), 4-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (78.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 5-fluoro-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3af**) as a brownish orange solid (73.1 mg, 68%). **m. p.** 95-96 $^\circ\text{C}$. IR: 3375, 2917, 1620, 1126, 840 cm^{-1} . $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.16-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.02-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.87 (ddd, $J = 9.8, 2.3, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.82 (m, 1H), 6.54 (dt, $J = 9.8, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.8 (d, $J = 244.9$ Hz), 156.8 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz), 144.6 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 139.7 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 138.4, 129.7, 124.9, 109.9 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 106.7 (d, $J = 22.3$ Hz), 101.8 (d, $J = 24.9$ Hz), 21.36 ppm. **HRMS**: calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{FO}$, 216.0959 (M^+); found, 216.0945.

5-Chloro-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



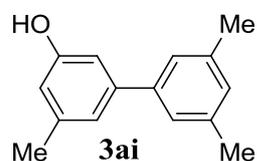
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), 4-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (86.3 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 160 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 5-chloro-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ag**) as a light orange solid (73.3 mg, 63%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.15-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.93-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.82-6.81 (m, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.3, 144.4, 139.5, 138.4, 135.1, 129.7, 124.9, 120.1, 114.4, 112.6, 21.3 ppm. **HRMS**: calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}$, 232.0655 (M^+); found, 232.0649. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

5-Bromo-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



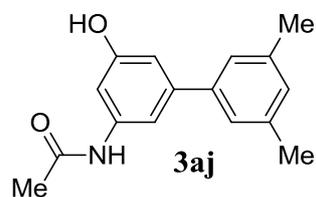
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K₂CO₃ (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), 4-bromo-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (108.5 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 5-bromo-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ah**) as a light yellow solid (92.5 mg, 67%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (app. t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.97 (app. p, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.4, 144.7, 139.4, 138.4, 129.7, 125.0, 123.0 (CH+C), 117.3, 113.1, 21.4 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

3',5,5'-Trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K₂CO₃ (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), 2-hydroxy-4-methylbenzoic acid (76.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 3',5,5'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ai**) as a light orange solid (75.2 mg, 71%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18 (s, 2H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.84 (m, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.36 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 143.1, 140.9, 139.9, 138.2, 129.0, 125.0, 120.8, 114.8, 111.3, 21.44, 21.37 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

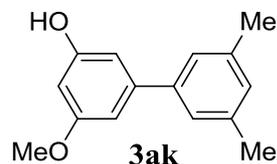
N-(5-hydroxy-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)acetamide



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), 4-acetamido-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (97.6 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by long column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 50:50) to afford *N*-(5-hydroxy-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)acetamido (**3aj**) as a light brown solid (52 mg, 41%). **m. p.** 238-240 °C. **IR:** 3355, 3098, 1746, 1626, 1656, 1592, 1552, 1268, 695 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-d₆) δ 9.09 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.79-6.78 (m, 1H), 2.33

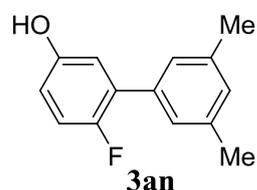
(s, 6H), 2.09 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 168.9, 158.9, 143.7, 141.9, 141.9, 138.9, 129.8, 125.5, 109.9, 109.7, 106.1, 24.4, 21.4 ppm. HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$, 255.1259 (M^+); found, 255.1254.

5-Methoxy-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



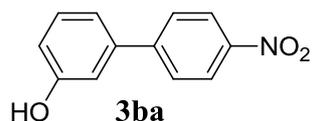
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzoic acid (84.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite $^\circledR$ with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by long column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 50:50) to afford 5-methoxy-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ak**) as a brownish orange oil (25.0 mg, 22%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.17 (s, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.71-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.64 (m, 1H), 6.39 (app. t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.1, 156.8, 144.1, 140.8, 138.2, 129.3, 125.0, 106.9, 105.7, 100.3, 55.4, 21.4 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

6-Fluoro-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



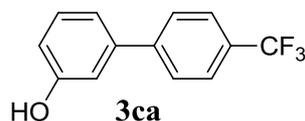
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), 5-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (78.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite $^\circledR$ with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 6-fluoro-3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3an**) as an orange solid (58.0 mg, 53%). **m. p.** 53-54 $^\circ\text{C}$. **IR:** 3352, 2916, 1420, 1204, 765 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.15 (s, 2H), 7.03-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.76-6.72 (m, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.4 (d, J = 239.9 Hz), 151.6 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 138.1, 135.6 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 130.3 (d, J = 15.5 Hz), 129.7, 126.9 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 117.1 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 116.9 (d, J = 25.1 Hz), 115.1 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 21.5 ppm. **HRMS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{FO}$, 216.0950 (M^+); found, 216.0945.

4'-Nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



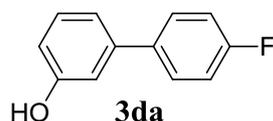
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene (374.0 mg, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 75:25) to afford 4'-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ba**) as a yellow solid (64.5 mg, 60%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.36-8.32 (m, 2H), 7.94-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.98 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.4, 0.9$ Hz, 1H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 159.0, 148.3, 148.1, 141.0, 131.2, 128.7, 124.8, 119.5, 116.8, 115.0 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

4'-(Trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 4-iodobenzotrifluoride (220 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 4'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ca**) as a pale yellow solid (79.5 mg, 67%). **m. p.** 73-75 $^\circ\text{C}$. **IR:** 3261, 1573, 1322, 840 cm^{-1} . $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd, $J = 7.7, 1.6, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.10 (m, 1H), 6.91 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.0, 144.2, 141.6, 130.3, 129.6 (q, $J = 32.5$ Hz), 124.3 (q, $J = 272.0$ Hz), 127.4, 125.7 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 119.9, 115.1, 114.3 ppm. **HRMS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}$, 238.0605 (M^+); found, 238.0600.

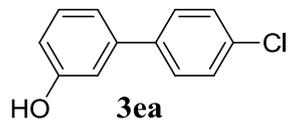
4'-Fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 1-fluoro-4-iodobenzene (173 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 4'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3da**) as an off white solid (64.9 mg, 69%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.02-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.82 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.83 (bs, 1H)

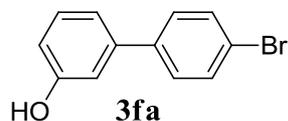
ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.6 (d, $J = 246.6$ Hz), 155.9, 142.1, 136.9 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 119.7, 115.6 (d, $J = 21.4$ Hz), 114.1 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz) ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

4'-Chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



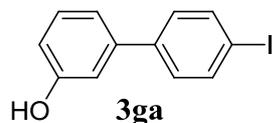
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 1-chloro-4-iodobenzene (358 mg, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 4'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ea**) as a light orange solid (69.5 mg, 68%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, $J = 7.7, 1.6, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.83 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.0, 141.8, 139.2, 133.6, 130.1, 128.9, 128.4, 119.6, 114.5, 114.0 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

4'-Bromo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (424 mg, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 4'-bromo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3fa**) as a light orange solid (74.7 mg, 60%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, $J = 7.7, 1.6, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.83 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.1, 141.9, 139.8, 132.0, 130.3, 128.8, 121.9, 119.7, 114.7, 114.1 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

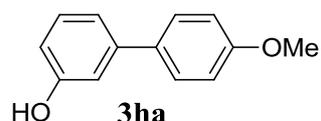
4'-Iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 1,4-diiodobenzene (495 mg, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500

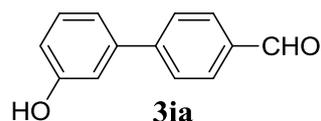
μL) was heated at 150 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 4'-iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ga**) as an orange solid (59.2 mg, 40%). **m. p.** 123-126 °C. **IR:** 3335, 1593, 1445, 1388, 1194, 1002, 878, 823, 780, 688 cm^{-1} . **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.83 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H) ppm. **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.9, 141.9, 140.2, 137.9, 130.2, 129.0, 119.6, 114.6, 113.8, 93.3 ppm. **HRMS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{IO}$, 296.9698 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$); found, 296.9771.

4'-Methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



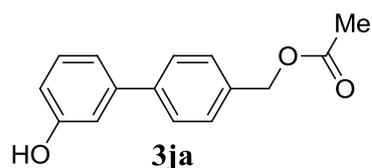
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (35.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene (39.1 mg, 0.167 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 130 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ha**) as an off white solid (27.7 mg, 83%). **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.28 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, $J = 7.7, 1.6, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.78 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 2.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H) ppm. **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.3, 155.8, 142.6, 133.3, 129.9, 128.1, 119.4, 114.2, 113.7, 113.6, 55.4 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

3'-Hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde



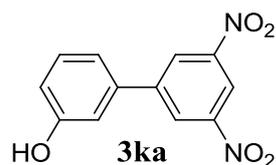
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (35.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 4-iodobenzaldehyde (38.7 mg, 0.167 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 130 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 80:20) to afford 3'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde (**3ia**) as a white solid (28.2 mg, 85%). **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.01-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.34 (app. t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.91 (m, 1H) ppm. **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 192.5, 158.9, 147.6, 142.0, 136.6, 131.1, 130.9, 128.4, 119.4, 116.4, 115.0 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

(3'-Hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)mEtOAc



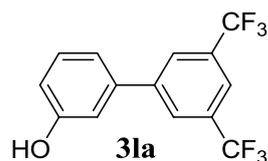
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (35.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 4-iodobenzyl alcohol (39.1 mg, 0.167 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 130 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 75:25) to afford 3'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde (**3ja**) as an off white solid (32.3 mg, 80%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.83 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.2, 156.0, 142.4, 140.9, 135.1, 130.0, 128.8, 127.3, 119.7, 114.4, 114.1, 66.1, 21.1 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

3',5'-Dinitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 1-Iodo-3,5-dinitrobenzene (441 mg, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 50:50) to afford 3',5'-dinitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ka**) as a yellow solid (82.1 mg, 63%). **m. p.** 208-210 $^\circ\text{C}$. **IR:** 3440, 3076, 1522, 1336, 727 cm^{-1} . $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 8.93 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.84 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.70 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, $J = 7.7, 1.7, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 2.4, 1.1$ Hz, 1H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 159.2, 150.0, 145.2, 138.9, 131.6, 127.6, 119.4, 117.8, 117.5, 115.0 ppm. HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$, 260.0433 (M^+); found, 260.0428.

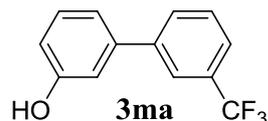
3',5'-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 1-Iodo-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (266 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The

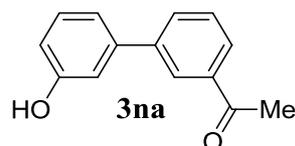
crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 85:15) to afford 3',5'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3la**) as a white solid (97.0 mg, 63%). **m. p.** 93-94 °C. **IR:** 3296, 1378, 701 cm⁻¹. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (s, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 2.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 142.8, 140.0, 132.1 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 130.6, 127.2 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 123.4 (q, *J* = 272.7 Hz), 121.1 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 3.8 Hz), 119.8, 115.8, 114.2 ppm. **HRMS:** calcd for C₁₄H₈F₆O, 306.0479 (M⁺); found, 306.0474.

3'-(Trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



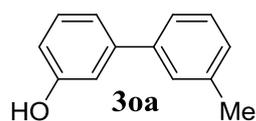
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K₂CO₃ (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 3-iodobenzotrifluoride (216 μL, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 3'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ma**) as an off white solid (80.9 mg, 68%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.87 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 2.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0, 141.5, 131.2 (q, *J* = 32.2 Hz), 130.4, 130.4, 130.3, 129.2, 124.2 (q, *J* = 272.4 Hz), 124.2 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.9 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 119.8, 115.0, 114.2 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

1-(3'-Hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)ethanone



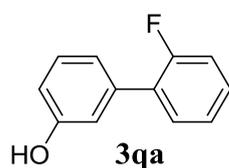
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K₂CO₃ (35.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 3'-iodoacetophenone (41.0 mg, 0.167 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 130 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 80:20) to afford 1-(3'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)ethanone (**3na**) as a light orange oil (27.3 mg, 77%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (app. t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 1.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.88 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 2.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.5, 156.2, 141.9, 141.3, 137.6, 131.8, 130.2, 129.1, 127.5, 126.9, 119.7, 114.8, 114.2, 26.8 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

3'-Methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



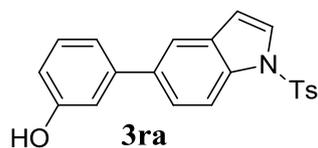
A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (35 mg, 0.25 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 3-Iodotoluene (193 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 3'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**30a**) as an orange oil (50.6 mg, 55%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.82 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 2.6, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.8, 143.2, 140.7, 138.4, 129.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 124.2, 119.8, 114.1, 114.1, 21.5 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

2'-Fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 2-fluoroiodobenzene (175 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3qa**) as a light brown solid (23.0 mg, 24%). **m. p.** 99-101 °C. **IR:** 3222, 2926, 1571, 1584, 1180, 759 cm^{-1} . $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.85 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.6, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.7 (d, $J = 248.0$ Hz), 155.5, 137.4, 130.7 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 129.7, 129.1 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 128.6 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz), 124.3 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 121.6 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 116.2 (d, $J = 17.6$ Hz), 116.0 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 114.7 ppm. **HRMS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{FO}$, 188.0637 (M^+); found, 188.0632.

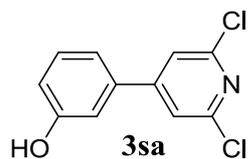
3-(1-Tosyl-1H-indol-5-yl)phenol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 5-iodo-1-tosyl-1H-indole (596 mg, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 \times 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 70:30) to afford 3-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-5-yl)phenol (**3ra**) as a brown solid (54.5 mg, 30%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.81-

7.78 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.80 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, $J = 3.7, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.9, 145.1, 143.1, 136.3, 135.3, 134.3, 131.3, 130.0, 130.0, 127.0, 126.9, 124.1, 120.0, 119.8, 114.3, 114.0, 113.7, 109.3, 21.6 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

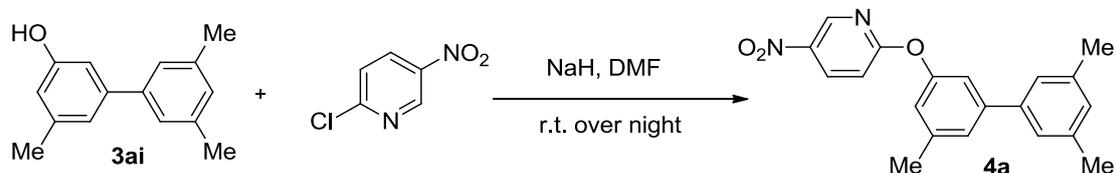
3-(2,6-Dichloropyridin-4-yl)phenol



A mixture of PEPPSI-IPr (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (69.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), K_2CO_3 (25.0 mg, 0.18 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 2,6-dichloro-4-iodopyridine (409 μL , 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (500 μL) was heated at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4×5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 85:15) to afford 3-(2,6-dichloropyridin-4-yl)phenol (**3sa**) as a pale yellow solid (84.0 mg, 70%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 (s, 2H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.95 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H) 5.01 (bs, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.4, 153.7, 151.1, 137.4, 130.7, 120.9, 119.5, 117.3, 114.1 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

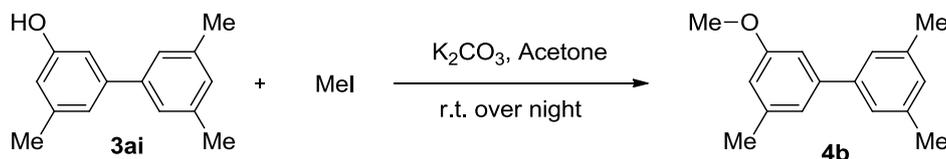
Derivatization of product 3ai

Procedure to prepare 2-((3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)methyl)-5-nitropyridine (4a).³



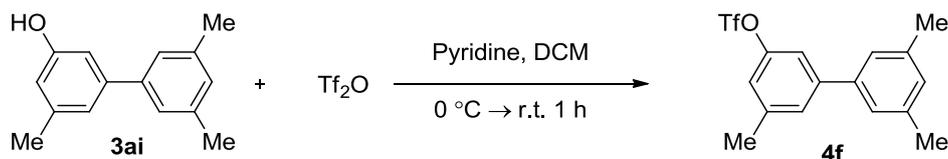
NaH (11 mg, 0.275 mmol, 60% in mineral oil) was slowly added to a solution of biaryl **3ai** (53.1 mg, 0.25 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL), at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min, 2-chloro-5-nitropyridine (40.0 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. After that time, the crude mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL), the filtrate was evaporated to dryness, and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 85:15) to afford 2-((3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)methyl)-5-nitropyridine (**4a**) as a pale brownish solid (81.0 mg, 97%). **m. p.** 93-95 °C. **IR:** 2916, 1569, 1347, 1300, 1259, 842, 684 cm⁻¹. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.07 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 6H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 153.1, 145.2, 143.4, 140.4, 140.3, 140.2, 138.4, 134.9, 129.4, 125.7, 125.1, 120.5, 117.3, 111.2, 21.6, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS:** calcd for C₂₀H₁₉N₂O₃, 335.1317 (M+H⁺); found, 335.1390.

Procedure to prepare 3-methoxy-3',5,5'-trimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (4b).⁴



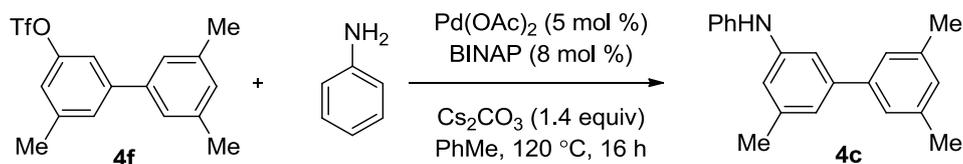
K₂CO₃ (32 mg, 0.23 mmol) was added to a solution of biaryl **3ai** (21.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in acetone (0.5 mL). After stirring for 1 min, MeI (14 μL, 0.23 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. After that time, the mixture was filtered through a small plug of silica with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL), the filtrate was evaporated to dryness, and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes) to afford 3-methoxy-3',5,5'-trimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**4b**) as a colorless oil (21.7 mg, 96%). **IR:** 2918, 1590, 1461, 1262, 1152, 1064, 836, 694 cm⁻¹. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 6H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.9, 142.9, 141.3, 139.6, 138.2, 129.0, 125.1, 120.7, 113.5, 109.9, 55.3, 21.7, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS:** calcd for C₁₆H₁₉O, 227.1358 (M+H⁺); found, 227.1430.

Procedure to prepare 3',5,5'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (4f).⁵



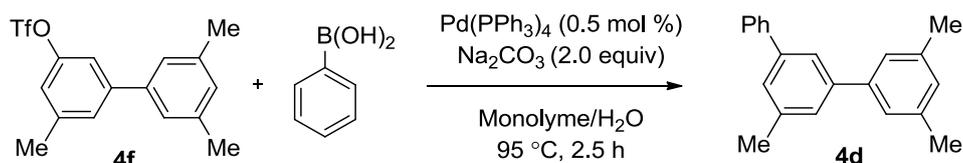
A solution of trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (245 μL , 1.44 mmol) in DCM (0.6 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of pyridine (195 μL , 2.4 mmol) and **3ai** (254 mg, 1.2 mmol) in anhydrous DCM into an ice bath. After complete addition, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and allowed to stir for 1 h. The mixture was then filtered through a small plug of silica with EtOAc (4×5 mL), the filtrate was evaporated to dryness, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes) to afford 3',5,5'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**4f**) as a colorless oil (397 mg, 96%). **IR**: 2924, 1584, 1422, 1206, 1141, 959, 828, 691, 609 cm^{-1} . **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 2H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 6H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.9, 143.9, 140.9, 139.3, 138.6, 129.8, 127.9, 125.1, 120.1, 118.8 (d, $J = 320.7$ Hz), 117.0, 21.5, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS**: calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}$, 362.1038 ($\text{M}+\text{NH}_4^+$); found, 362.1032.

Procedure to prepare 3',5,5'-trimethyl-N-phenyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-amine (4c).⁶



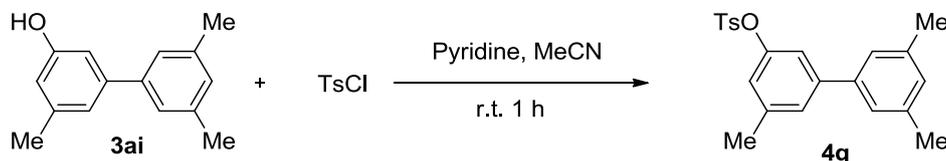
A flame-dried vial was charged with $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (1.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), BINAP (5.0 mg, 0.008 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (45.6 mg, 1.4 equiv) and **4f** (34.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) in PhMe (0.1 M). Aniline (11 μL , 0.12 mmol) was added at room temperature under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. The mixture was then filtered through a small plug of silica with EtOAc (4×5 mL), the filtrate was evaporated to dryness, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 85:15) to afford 3',5,5'-trimethyl-N-phenyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-amine (**4c**) as a brown oil (27.6 mg, 96%). **IR**: 3394, 2916, 1586, 1494, 1348, 1235, 1030, 837, 741, 691 cm^{-1} . **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.18 (s, 2H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.99-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 9H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.4, 143.3, 142.7, 141.3, 139.5, 138.2, 129.4, 128.9, 125.1, 121.1, 120.9, 117.9, 117.4, 114.0, 21.6, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS**: calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$, 288.1674 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$); found, 288.1747.

Procedure to prepare 3,5,5'-trimethyl-1,1':3',1''-terphenyl (**4d**).⁷



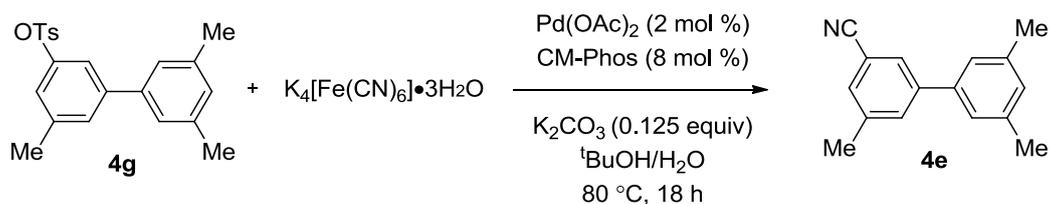
A solution of Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) in degassed H₂O (1.0 mL) was added to a mixture of Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.6 mg, 0.0005 mmol), **4f** (34.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (13.7 mg, 0.112 mmol) in degassed monolyme (1.0 mL), under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 95 °C for 2.5 h. The mixture was then filtered through a small plug of silica with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL), the filtrate was evaporated to dryness, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes) to afford 3,5,5'-trimethyl-1,1':3',1''-terphenyl (**4d**) as a colourless oil (26.3 mg, 97%). **IR**: 3030, 2917, 1560, 1459, 1032, 844, 761, 697 cm⁻¹. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 6H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.1, 141.7, 141.5, 141.4, 138.7, 138.3, 129.0, 128.8, 127.3, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 125.2, 123.5, 21.6, 21.5 ppm. **HRMS**: calcd for C₂₁H₂₁, 273.1565 (M+H⁺); found, 273.1638.

Procedure to prepare 3',5,5'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**4g**).



Et₃N (31 μL, 0.22 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of **3ai** (42.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (41.9 mg, 0.22 mmol) in MeCN (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was then filtered through a small plug of silica with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL), the filtrate was evaporated to dryness, and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes) to afford 3',5,5'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**4g**) as a colourless oil (69.5 mg, 95%). **IR**: 1598, 1358, 1189, 1178, 965, 862, 847, 790, 671 cm⁻¹. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 9H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 145.2, 142.8, 140.0, 139.8, 138.3, 132.7, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 126.6, 125.0, 121.6, 118.0, 21.7, 21.40, 21.35 ppm. **HRMS**: calcd for C₂₂H₂₆NO₃S, 384.1628 (M+NH₄⁺); found, 384.1628.

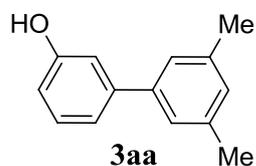
Procedure to prepare 3',5,5'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (4e**).⁸**



Et₃N (0.1 μL) was added to a mixture of Pd(OAc)₂ (0.45 mg, 0.002 mmol) and CM-Phos (3.2 mg, 0.008 mmol) in degassed anhydrous DCM (0.5 mL), under an argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was very gently heated with a heat gun with constant stirring for 5 min. The solvent was then removed under vacuum. **4g** (34.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), K₂CO₃ (1.7 mg, 0.0125 mmol) and K₄[Fe(CN)₆]•H₂O (21.1 mg, 0.05 mmol) were charged successively to the tube, and degassed tBuOH (0.25 mL) and H₂O (0.25 mL) were added as solvent. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 18 h. The mixture was then filtered through a small plug of silica with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL), the filtrate was evaporated to dryness, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 85:15) to afford 3',5,5'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (**4e**) as an offwhite solid (21.0 mg, 95%). **m. p.** 68-70 °C. **IR:** 2919, 2227, 1598, 1453, 1376, 840, 685 cm⁻¹. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 2H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 6H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.6, 139.5, 139.1, 138.7, 132.4, 130.9, 129.9, 128.0, 125.0, 119.1, 112.6, 21.4, 21.3 ppm. **HRMS:** calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N, 222.1204 (M+H⁺); found, 222.1277.

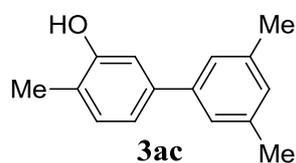
Silver free arylation of salicylic acids

3',5'-Dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



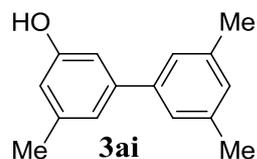
A mixture of Pd(OAc)₂ (5.6 mg, 0.025 mmol), salicylic acid (69.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), Me₄NCl (68.5 mg, 0.63 mmol), KOAc (98.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL, 1.5 mmol) and acetic acid (43 μL, 0.75 mmol) was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. The mixture was cooled down to room temperature, then extra Me₄NCl (44.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) and KOAc (39.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) were added into the mixture and heated at 120 °C for extra 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3aa**) as a light orange oil (59.5 mg, 60%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.80 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 143.3, 140.8, 138.3, 129.9, 129.1, 125.1, 119.9, 114.1, 114.0, 21.4 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

3',4,5'-Trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of Pd(OAc)₂ (5.6 mg, 0.025 mmol), 2-hydroxy-3-methylbenzoic acid (76.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), Me₄NCl (68.5 mg, 0.63 mmol), KOAc (98.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL, 1.5 mmol) and acetic acid (43 μL, 0.75 mmol) was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. The mixture was cooled down to room temperature, then extra Me₄NCl (44.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) and KOAc (39.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) were added into the mixture and heated at 120 °C for extra 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 3',4,5'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ac**) as an orange oil (59.0 mg, 56%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.01-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.29 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.9, 140.8, 140.8, 138.2, 131.2, 128.8, 124.9, 122.5, 119.6, 113.7, 21.4, 15.4 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

3',5,5'-Trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol



A mixture of Pd(OAc)₂ (5.6 mg, 0.025 mmol), 2-hydroxy-4-methylbenzoic acid (76.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), Me₄NCl (68.5 mg, 0.63 mmol), KOAc (98.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (218 μL, 1.5 mmol) and acetic acid (43 μL, 0.75 mmol) was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. The mixture was cooled down to room temperature, then extra Me₄NCl (44.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) and KOAc (39.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) were added into the mixture and heated at 120 °C for extra 16 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite® with EtOAc (4 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc 90:10) to afford 3',5,5'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ai**) as a light orange solid (74.1 mg, 70%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18 (s, 2H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.84 (m, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.36 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 143.1, 140.9, 139.9, 138.2, 129.0, 125.0, 120.8, 114.8, 111.3, 21.44, 21.37 ppm. These data are consistent with those previously reported.²

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Spectroscopic data

