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Supporting Information

Click with a Boronic Acid Handle: A Neighboring Group-assisted Click Reaction that Allows Ready Secondary Functionalization

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Materials and Methods

All reagents and solvents were of reagent grade. All formylphenylboronic acids were Scientific Inc.: 2-aminobezothiol provided by Frontier and 2-amino-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiophenol were purchased from Alpha Aeser; and 2-amino-4chlorothiophenol was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Column chromatography was carried out on flash silica gel (Sorbent 230-400 mesh). TLC analysis was conducted on silica gel plates (Sorbent Silica G UV254). NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz for ¹H and 100 MHz for ¹³C on a Bruker instrument. Chemical shifts (δ values) and coupling constants (J values) are given in ppm and hertz, respectively, using the appropriate deuterated solvents as references.

General procedure for the preparation of compounds 3-22.



Compound 3, (2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)boronic acid:

2-Formylphenylboronic acid (120 mg, 0.8 mmol) was dissolved in 4 ml methanol. 2-Aminobenzothiol (100 mg, 85.5 µL, 0.8 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature open to air. Full consumption of the starting materials was achieved within 5 min (confirmed by TLC, DCM: EtOAc = 9:1) of stirring. The organic solvent was then evaporated and the yellow oily residue was purified via gradient silica gel flash column chromatography (eluent DCM: EtOAc = 100:1 and DCM: MeOH= 200:1; 100:1; 50:1). 170 mg off-white solid was collected as pure product **3** (85% isolated yield). ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.00 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.42 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 170.6, 149.9, 135.0, 134.6, 131.1, 130.8, 128.6, 126.9, 126.3, 125.8, 125.6, 122.3, 121.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+1]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₁₀BNO₂S 256.0598, found 256.0600.



<u>Compound 6, 2-phenylbenzo[d]thiazole:</u> Spectroscopic data matches that of literature report.¹





Isolated yield 95%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 170.7, 149.8, 141.8, 134.5, 132.5, 131.5, 129.2, 126.8, 125.8, 125.4, 122.3, 121.0, 20.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+1]⁺ calcd. for C₁₄H₁₂BNO₂S 270.0755, found 270.0757.



Compound 8, (2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)boronic acid:

Isolated yield 97%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 170.5, 152.7, 136.1, 134.9, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.2, 124.1, 123.8, 123.1, 122.5, 122.0, 120.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+1]⁺ calcd. for C₁₄H₉BF₃NO₃S 340.0421, found 340.0423.



<u>Compound 9, (2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)boronic acid</u>: Isolated yield 60%. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*6): 8.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*6): 169.7, 158.9, 153.3, 137.5, 137.3, 135.4, 135.3, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.0, 125.9, 123.1, 122.7, 116.8, 115.4, 69.7, 48.4, 48.2, 48.0, HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+1]⁺ calcd. for C₂₀H₁₆BNO₃S 362.1017, found 362.1009.



Compound 10, (2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-fluorophenyl)boronic acid:

Isolated yield 78%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.91-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H) 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 170.2, 163.9, 148.4, 134.5, 131.1, 127.7, 127.3, 125.8, 122.6, 120.7, 117.6, 117.4, 115.5, 115.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+1]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₉BFNO₂S 274.0504, found 274.0507.



Compound 11, (2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid:

Isolated yield 95%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.00 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 169.9, 160.3, 150.7, 136.5, 134.7, 132.1, 126.7, 126.3, 125.5, 122.1, 121.6, 116.4, 111.8, 54.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+1]^+$ calcd. for $C_{14}H_{12}BNO_3S$ 286.0704, found 286.0706.



Compound 12, (2-(5-chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)boronic acid: Isolated yield 84%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 7.96-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.39 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 171.9, 152.3, 134.8, 133.2, 132.6, 131.1, 131.0, 128.7, 126.7, 125.7, 123.2, 121.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+1]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₉BClNO₂S 290.0251, found 290.0215.



Compound 13, (2-(5-chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-methylphenyl)boronic acid: Isolated yield 75%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.00-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 172.0, 152.3, 142.0, 133.1, 132.6, 132.3, 131.7, 129.4, 127.1, 126.6, 125.5, 123.2, 121.1, 20.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+1]⁺ calcd. for 304.0387, found 304.0370.



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Compound 14, (4-(Benzyloxy)-2-(5-chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)boronic acid: Isolated yield 77%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.00 (d, J = 32.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.31 (m, 8H), 7.22 (d, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 171.5, 159.4, 152.7, 136.9, 136.3, 133.3, 132.5, 132.4, 128.2, 127.6, 127.2, 125.6, 123.1, 121.4, 117.5, 113.4, 69.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + 1]^+$ calcd for C₂₀H₁₅BClNO₃S 396.0622, found: 396.0632.



<u>Compound 15, (2-(5-Chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-fluorophenyl)boronic acid:</u> Isolated yield 52%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.04 (d, J = 22.0 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (dd, J = 13.0, 22.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 5.0, 22.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 171.1, 151.2, 133.2, 132.9, 131.0, 128.6, 125.8, 123.3, 120.9, 117.9, 117.7, 115.7, 115.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + 1]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₈BClFNO₂S 308.0115, found: 308.0118.



Compound 16, (2-(5-chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid:

Isolated yield 74%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 8.01 (s, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.97 (s, 1 H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (s, 1 H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 173.0, 161.8, 154.1, 137.7, 134.7, 133.9, 133.8, 127.0, 125.7, 124.5, 122.8, 117.9, 113.7, 55.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + 1]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₅BCINO₃S 320.0241, found: 320.0303.



<u>Compound 17, (2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)boronic acid:</u> Isolated yield 56%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.24 (d, 1 H), 8.22 (s, 1 H), 7.93 (d, 1 H), 7.71 (d, 1 H), 7.60-7.48 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 173.4, 153.2, 140.0, 136.0, 132.6, 132.5, 130.5, 130.2, 128.5, 124.6, 122.8, 122.8, 120.1, 120.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+1]⁺ calcd. for C₁₄H₉BF₃NO₂S 324.0399, found 324.0474.



Compound 18, (5-methyl-2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)boronic acid:

Isolated yield 56%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8 Hz), 7.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.309 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 172.0, 142.5, 138.7, 132.0, 131.9, 129.7, 128.5, 127.3, 123.1, 122.7, 121.3, 118.8, 20.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+1]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₁₁BF₃NO₂S 338.1245, found 338.0632.



Compound **19**, (5-(trifluoromethoxy)-2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]thiazol-2*vl)phenvl)boronic acid:*

Isolated yield 58%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.27 (d, 1 H), 8.24 (s, 1 H), 8.06 (d, 1 H), 7.75, (d, 1 H), 7.44 (d, 1 H), 7.38 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 171.9, 152.8, 140.2, 134.76, 132.3, 130.8, 130.5, 130.3, 126.9, 124.8, 124.6, 124.2, 123.1, 122.3, 120.5, 120.1, 120.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) $m/z [M+1]^+$ calcd. for $C_{15}H_8BF_6NO_3S$ 408.0301, found 408.0302.



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Compound **20**, (4-(benzyloxy)-2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)boronic acid:

Isolated yield 74%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.20 (s, 1 H), 8.19 (d, 1 H), 7.69 (d, 1 H), 7.47 (d, 3 H), 7.386 (t, 3 H), 7.32 (d, 1 H), 7.20 (d, 1 H), 5.184 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 173.0, 160.8, 153.4, 140.0, 138.2, 137.5, 133.9, 130.5, 130.1, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 128.6, 124.5, 124.2, 122.8, 122.7, 120.2, 120.2, 118.9, 115.2, 71.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+1]^+$ calcd. for C₂₁H₁₅BF₃NO₃S 430.0818, found 430.0895.



Compound 21, (5-fluoro-2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)boronic acid:

Isolated yield 68%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.24 (d, 1 H), 8.22 (s, 1 H), 7.98-7.95 (m, 1 H), 7.71 (d, 1 H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 171.1, 138.6, 130.9, 129.3, 123.3, 121.5, 118.4, 118.0, 117.8, 115.7, 115.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+1]⁺ calcd. for C₁₄H₈BF₄NO₂S 342.0305, found 342.0378.



Compound 22, (4-methoxy-2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)boronic acid:

Isolated yield 94%. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.24 (d, 1 H), 8.22 (s, 1 H), 7.72 (d, 1 H), 7.45 s, 1 H), 7.41 (d, 1 H), 7.165 (d, 1 H), 4.85 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 172.1, 159.6, 152.6, 139.3, 136.6, 134.9, 127.6, 127.3, 123.9, 123.0, 119.4, 119.3, 116.0, 114.1, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+1]^+$ calcd. for C₁₅H₁₁BF₃NO₃S 354.0584, found 354.0586.



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Compound **32**, 4-(benzyloxy)-2-(5-chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-N-(p-tolyl)aniline:

A 10 mL vial containing arylboronic acid 14 (20 mg, 0.0506 mmol), p-toluidine (6.5 mg, 0.0607 mmol), NiCl₂.6H₂O (1.3 mg, 0.0101 mmol), 2,2'-bipyridyl (1.5 mg, 0.0101 mmol), DBU (15.3 mg, 0.101 mmol) and acetonitrile (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature under atmospheric conditions. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC using EtOAc and n-hexane as eluent. After completion, the reaction mixture was treated with EtOAc (5 mL) and water (5 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×5 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water $(2 \times 5 \text{ mL})$, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to yield a residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate to yield a pale yellow oil (13 mg, 56%). 1H NMR (CDCl3): δ 10.1 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, 1H, J = 5.0 Hz), 7.81 (d, 1H, J = 21 Hz), 7.50 (d, 2H, J = 18 Hz), 7.43 (t, 2H, J = 18Hz), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, 1H, J = 21 Hz), 7.25-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.03 (dd, 1H, J = 7.0, 23.0 Hz), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 170.2, 154.3, 150.7, 139.2, 137.0, 132.4, 132.2, 131.7, 129.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 125.5, 122.3, 121.9, 121.7, 121.6, 120.4, 116.8, 115.8, 71.0, 20.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + 1]^+$ calcd for $C_{27}H_{21}CIN_2OS$ 457.1163, found: 457.1141.



Compound 34, *N-((2'-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5'-(trifluoromethoxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3vl*)*methvl*)-5-(2-oxohexahydro-1H-thieno[3,4-d]imidazol-4-vl)pentanamide: A flame-dried, two-neck round bottom flask was charged with compound 8 (50 mg, 0.147 mmol), aryl halide 33 (45 mg, 0.11 mmol), flame-dried CsF (49 mg, 0.323 mmol), and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (8.5 mg, 7.3×10^{-3} mmol) under argon atmosphere. Distilled DME (8 ml) was added and after immediate evacuation of the gas atmosphere in the flask via a vacuum pump, the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at reflux temperature under argon. After stirring overnight, TLC (DCM:MeOH = 20:1) showed full consumption of the starting materials. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with water (15 mL). The residue was extracted with ethyl acetate (2×50 mL) and the organic layers were combined and washed with water $(1 \times 20 \text{ mL})$, 1N NaOH solution (1 \times 5 mL), water (1 \times 30 mL), and brine (1 \times 20 mL). The organic layer was then dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vaccuo. The brown/yellow residue was purified via silica gel flash column chromatography (eluent DCM: MeOH= 200:1; 100:1; 50:1; 30:1) to give 55 mg of an off-white solid (85% yield). ¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 8.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.82(d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.38 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.21 - 7.18 (m, 1H), 4.44 (dd, $J_1 = 4.4$ Hz, J_2 = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (dd, $J_1 = 4.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 - 10.43.07 (m, Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, $J_1 = 5.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.67 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H),1.69 – 1.53 (m, 5H), 1.39 – 1.31 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD): δ 174.4, 166.6, 164.6, 152.2, 150.1, 143.9, 139.5, 138.9, 136.2, 132.1, 131.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.5, 126.2, 125.3, 122.6, 122.5, 121.8, 121.3, 119.7, 61.9, 60.2, 55.5, 42.3, 39.6, 35.2, 28.3, 28.0, 25.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+1]^+$ calcd. for $C_{31}H_{29}F_3N_4O_3S_2$ $[M+H]^+$ 627.1704, found 627.1710.

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2. NMR and MS Data

















































































































