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## Palladium catalyzed Br/D exchange of arenes: Selective deuterium incorporation with versatile functional group tolerance and high efficiency

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## **Supporting Information**

General: Proton and carbon NMR spectra for all compounds were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on Varian VNMRS 500 MHz NMR spectrometer, operating at 499.717 MHz for proton. Chemical shifts were determined relative to residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> (7.26 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and 77.2 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C-NMR). All yields reported refer to isolated yields unless otherwise indicated. GC-MS experiments were carried out using an Agilent 6890 series GC and a 5973 Mass Selective Detector System. All the solvents were degassed by purging with dry nitrogen for 2 h before use. All the reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received.

General Procedure for Br/D exchange with Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>/t-Bu<sub>3</sub>P as catalyst and DCOONa as deuterium source: In an argon glovebox, to an 8 mL vial containing Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (18.3 mg, 0.02 mmol), t-Bu<sub>3</sub>P (12 mg, 0.06 mmol), DCOONa (138 mg, 2 mmol), and aryl bromide (1 mmol) was added DMSO (1 mL). Then the sealed vial was brought out of the glovebox and put into an oil bath with pre-set to the reaction temperature. The reaction was performed at 80 °C until the GC/MS showed the reaction was completed. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The product was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of solvents under vacuum, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) using the appropriate binary solvent system (vol/vol).

**2a**<sup>1</sup>: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 95% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 8.02 (d, J= 10.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.41 (d, J= 10.2 Hz, 2 H), 4.36 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.38 (t, J= 7.8 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 166.6, 132.5 (t, J= 23.75 Hz), 130.5, 129.5, 128.2, 60.9, 14.3;

COOEt

**2b**<sup>1</sup>: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 91% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 8.02 - 8.04 (m, 2 H), 7.53 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, J = 9.6 Hz, 3 H), 4.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 166.6, 132.7, 130.5, 129.5, 129.4, 128.3, 128.0 (t, J = 23.7 Hz), 60.9, 14.3;

COOEt

**2c**<sup>2</sup>: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 90% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.41 (t, J= 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.00 (m, 2 H), 6.94 (s, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 166.6, 132.8, 130.4, 129.5, 129.2 (t, J= 23.7 Hz), 128.3, 128.2, 60.9, 14.3

**2d**<sup>3</sup>: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 90% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.78 - 7.80 (m, 4 H), 7.57 (t, J= 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 - 7.48 (m, 4 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 196.8, 137.7, 132.5, 132.2 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 130.1, 128.4, 128.2;

**2e**<sup>1</sup>: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 82% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.64 (d, J= 9.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.46 (d, J= 9.6 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 132.5 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 132.2, 129.0, 118.9, 112.4;

D—NO<sub>2</sub> 2**f**<sup>4</sup>: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 94% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 8.21 (d, J= 0.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.53 (d, J= 9.6 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 148.4, 134.5 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 129.4, 123.6;

**2g**<sup>4</sup>: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 2:1, Rf = 0.4), Yield: 80% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  7.30 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.81 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.00 (s, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  150.8, 129.1, 116.6 (t, J = 25.0 Hz), 112.9, 40.8;

OOEt

**2h**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 10:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 93% white solid.  $^{1}$ H NMR: δ 7.28 (dd, J= 10.2 Hz, J= 18.6 Hz, 4 H), 4.13 (q, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.59 (s, 2 H), 1.23 (t, J= 8.4 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR: δ 171.6, 134.1, 129.2, 128.4, 126.7 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 60.8, 41.4, 14.1; HRMS (ESI): calc. for  $C_{10}H_{11}DO_{2}$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 165.0895; found 165.0894.

D  $\rightarrow$  **2i**<sup>4</sup>: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 10:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 87% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  9.96 (s, 1 H), 7.82 (d, J= 9.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.47 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  192.3, 136.4, 134.1 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 129.7, 128.8;

**2j**<sup>5</sup>: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1, Rf = 0.4), Yield: 82% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 9.02 (d, J= 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.81 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.73 (d, J= 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.43 ~ 7.46 (m, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 155.4, 129.6, 120.6 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 115.3;

**2k**<sup>6</sup>: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1, Rf = 0.4), Yield: 94% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.35 (s, 4 H), 4.67 (s, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 140.9, 128.6, 127.5 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 127.1, 65.5;

**2l**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 40:1, Rf = 0.7), Yield: 89% colorless oil.  $^1$ H NMR: δ 7.50 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 4 H), 7.33 - 7.36 (m, 4 H), 7.20 ~ 7.26 (m, 1 H), 7.10 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR: δ 137.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.4 (t, J = 25.0 Hz), 126.6; HRMS (ESI): calc. for  $C_{14}H_{11}D$  [M] $^+$  181.1002; found 181.0998.

**2m**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 97% white solid.  $^{1}$ H NMR:  $\delta$  8.59 (s, 1 H), 8.04 (d, J= 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (d, J= 9.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.83 - 7.85 (m, 2 H), 7.50 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR:  $\delta$  167.4, 135.6, 132.6, 131.2, 129.5, 128.3, 128.0 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 127.8, 127.5, 125.6, 125.3, 52.3; HRMS (ESI): calc. for  $C_{12}H_{9}DO_{2}$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 187.0744; found 187.0961.

COOMe

**2n**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 2:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 95% white solid.  $^{1}$ H NMR: δ 7.98 (d, J= 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.55 (s, 1 H), 7.51 (t, J= 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.41 (t, J= 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (t, J= 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (t, J= 9.0 Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR: δ 138.5, 135.0, 134.0, 130.8, 129.4, 126.9, 126.4, 124.8, 123.6, 121.6, 113.7, 109.2 (t, J= 25.0 Hz); HRMS (ESI): calc. for  $C_{14}H_{11}DNO_{2}S$  [M+H] $^{+}$  259.0646; found 259.0640.

CN **20**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 1:1, Rf = 0.4), Yield: 80% white solid.  $^{1}$ H NMR:  $\delta$  8.70 - 8.72 (m, 1 H), 7.82 (d, J= 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (dd, J= 6.0 Hz, J= 9.0 Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR:  $\delta$  151.4, 137.1, 134.2, 128.4 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 127.1, 117.3;

General Procedure for synthesis of deuterium-labeled aryl chloride with DCOONa as

**deuterium source:** In an argon glovebox, to an 8 mL vial containing Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (18.3 mg, 0.02 mmol), *t*-Bu<sub>3</sub>P (12 mg, 0.06 mmol), DCOONa (138 mg, 2 mmol), and aryl bromide (1 mmol) was added DMSO (1 mL). Then the sealed vial was brought out of the glovebox and put into an oil bath with pre-setting temperature. The reaction was performed at 80 °C until the GC/MS showed the reaction was completed. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The product was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of solvents under vacuum, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel).

D—CI

CF<sub>3</sub> **3a**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 20:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 73% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.68 (s, 1 H), 7.45 ~ 7.50 (m, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 132.9, 132.5, 131.6, 128.6 (q, J= 30.4 Hz), 127.6 (q, J= 4.8 Hz), 126.6 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 124.1, 121.9;

**3b**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 40:1, Rf = 0.7), Yield: 81% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.42 ~ 7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.18 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 132.5, 130.5, 130.4, 127.6, 127.4 (t, J = 25.0 Hz);

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Cl **3c**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 1:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 92% white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.25 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.84 (d, J= 10.2 Hz, 2 H), 4.91 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 151.1, 144.5, 136.4 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 133.5, 129.8, 129.6, 127.0, 126.7, 121.9; HRMS (ESI): calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>DClN [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 165.0324; found 165.0323.

General Procedure for synthesis of deuterium-labeled aryl boronic acid ester with NaBD<sub>4</sub> as deuterium source: In an argon glovebox, to 8 mL vial containing Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (18.3 mg, 0.02 mmol), *t*-Bu<sub>3</sub>P (12 mg, 0.06 mmol), NaBD<sub>4</sub> (80 mg, 2 mmol), and aryl bromide (1 mmol) was added DMSO (2 mL). The reaction was performed at 80 °C until the GC-MS showed the reaction was completed. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The product was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of solvents under vacuum, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel).

D—3d: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 74% colorless oil.  $^{1}$ H NMR: δ 7.79 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.34 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.33 (s, 12 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR: δ 134.8, 131.2 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 127.7, 83.9, 25.0; HRMS (ESI): calc. for  $C_{12}H_6DBO_2$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 205.1379; found 205.1382.

**3e**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 88% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.79 ~ 7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.44 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (t, J= 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.33 (s, 12 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 134.8, 134.7, 131.2, 127.8, 127.5 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 83.9, 25.0; HRMS (ESI): calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>6</sub>DBO<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 205.1379; found 205.1380.

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D **3f**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 76% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.79 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.33 (s, 12 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 134.8, 134.6 (t, J = 25.0 Hz), 131.4, 127.8, 127.7, 83.9, 25.0; HRMS (ESI): calc. for  $C_{12}H_6DBO_2$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 205.1379; found 205.1374.

D—BO

**3g**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 90% white solid.  $^1$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 8.43 (d, J= 9.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.97 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.41 ~ 7.48 (m, 4 H), 1.57 (s, 12 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 136.0, 131.1, 129.2 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 128.8, 128.4, 125.9, 124.9, 84.4, 25.2; HRMS (ESI): cald. For  $C_{20}$ H<sub>21</sub>DBO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 306.1770; found 306.1778

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*n*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub> *n*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub> **3h**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 4:1, Rf = 0.4), Yield: 95% white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 8.00 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (s, 1 H), 7.00 (dd, J = 10.2 Hz, J = 12.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (s, 1 H), 7.30 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.94 ~ 1.99 (m, 4 H), 1.38 (s, 12 H), 0.98 ~ 1.10 (m, 12 H), 0.74 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 6 H), 0.55 ~ 0.59 (m, 4 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 151.4, 150.0, 144.2, 141.0, 133.8, 128.9, 127.4 (t, J = 25.0 Hz), 126.7, 122.9, 120.2, 119.1, 55.2, 40.3, 31.6, 30.4, 29.8, 25.0, 23.8, 22.7, 14.1; HRMS (ESI): calc. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>45</sub>DBO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 462.3648; found 462.3653.

General Procedure for synthesis of perdeuterium-labeled aryl compounds: In an argon glovebox, to 8 mL vial containing Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (18.3 mg, 0.02 mmol), *t*-Bu<sub>3</sub>P (12 mg, 0.06 mmol), DCOONa or NaBD<sub>4</sub> (2 equivalent to bromide), and aryl bromide (1 mmol) was added DMSO (1 mL). The reaction was performed at 80 °C until the GC-MS showed the reaction was completed. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The product was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of solvents under vacuum, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel).

D **4a**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 95% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  7.79 (d, J= 10.2 Hz, 4 H), 7.46 (d, J= 9.6 Hz, 4 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  197.0, 137.8, 132.3 (t, J = 25.0 Hz), 128.4; HRMS (ESI): calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>D<sub>2</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 184.0852; found 184.0859.

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OC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>21</sub> **4b**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 6:1, Rf = 0.4), Yield: 95% white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 6.80 (s, 2 H), 3.87 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4 H), 1.70 ~ 1.76 (m, 4 H), 1.39 ~ 1.43 (m, 4 H), 1.25 ~ 1.33 (m, 24 H), 0.86 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 153.3, 115.5, 115.3 (t, J = 25.0 Hz), 68.8, 32.1, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 26.2, 22.9, 14.3; HRMS (ESI): calc. for  $C_{26}H_{25}D_2O_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 393.3696; found 393.3704.

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D 4c: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 5:1, Rf = 0.5), Yield: 74% colorless oil.  $^{1}$ H NMR: δ 7.79 (s, 2 H), 7.43 (s, 1 H), 1.32 (s, 12 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR: δ 134.6, 131.0, 127.4 (t, J = 25.0 Hz), 83.7, 24.8; HRMS (ESI): calc. for  $C_{12}H_5D_2BO_2$  [M]+ 206.1442; found 206.1437.

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**4d**: Purified by column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 10:1, Rf = 0.6), Yield: 65% colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.29 (s, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 159.4, 129.2, 120.3 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 113.6 (t, J= 25.0 Hz), 55.1;

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