Rapid Access to Substituted 2-Naphthyne Intermediates via the Benzannulation of Halogenated Silylalkynes

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A. Materials. Benzaldehydes 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, and 1i were all synthesized according to a literature procedure.¹ 18-Crown-6 which was recrystallized from anhydrous acetonitrile and dried under vacuum. $ZnCl_2$ (1 M in Et₂O) was purchased from Sigma Aldrich and used as is without further purification. Tetrahydrofuran was purchased from commercial sources and purified using a custom-built alumina-column based solvent purification system. Other solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.

Instrumentation. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Thermo Nicolet iS10 with a zinc selenide ATR attachment and are uncorrected. UV/Vis absorbance spectra were recorded on a Cary 5000 UV-Vis-NIR spectrophotometer with an Hg lamp. Photoemission spectra were recorded on a Horiba Jobin Yvon Fluorolog-3 fluorescence spectrophotometer equipped with a 450 W Xe lamp, double excitation and double emission monochromators, a digital photon-counting photomultiplier and a secondary InGaAs detector for the NIR range.

High resolution mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent 6210A LC/MS with either an electrospray ionization (ESI) or an Agilent 7890 GC with electron impact ionization time-of-flight (EI-TOF) or atmospheric pressure photoionization (APPI) sources. Matrix assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight (MALDI-TOF) mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Autoflex III with a 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid matrix and silver trifluoroacetate additive. Gel Permeation Chromatography traces were recorded using 2 PolyPore 300×7.5mm columns with 18 Angles Dawn Heleos Multi Angle Light Scattering and Optilab T-rex Differential Refractive Index detectors. Polystyrene standards (1KDa, 2KDa, 3KDa, 5KDa) were purchased from Agilent and used as is.

NMR spectra of solutions were recorded on a Varian 400 spectrometer with an ASW probe with a 20 MHz sample spin rate, 400 MHz Agilent DD MR-400 NMR equipped with AutoX probe, Bruker 500 MHz spectrometer with a DCH CryoProbe. 2D NMR were recorded on a 400 MHz Agilent DD MR-400 NMR with AutoX probe and a 600 MHz Bruker Avance III spectrometer with BBI probe. All spectra were recorded at ambient temperature.

B. Synthetic Procedures



Synthesis of S1: **1i** (10.024 g, 37.645 mmol) was transferred to a flame dried round bottom flask and dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (180 mL) at 0 °C. Boron tribromide (56 mL, 1 M in CH₂Cl₂) was slowly added to the reaction over 5 minutes. The mixture was removed from the ice bath and allowed to warm to rt. After 12 hours, the reaction was again placed in a 0 °C bath and methanol (50 mL) was slowly added to quench any unreacted boron tribromide. The mixture was washed with 2 M HCl (100 mL), extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 100 mL), dried with MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was concentrated to dryness before being redissolved in methanol (50 mL) and 1 mL CF₃CO₂H and stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The solvent was removed under vacuum and purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexanes/Ethyl Acetate, 1:1). **S1** was isolated as a white solid (8.011 g, 89 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.27 (s, 1H), 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 189.4, 151.7, 147.0, 131.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.7, 122.1, 119.0, 118.4, 113.2, 93.2, 85.2 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 3271, 2481, 2393, 1634, 1598, 1562, 1507, 1440, 1424, 1353, 1316, 1261, 1213, 1189, 1165, 1088, 984, 955, 880, 754, 746, 684, 662 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APPI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₀O₃ ([M]⁺) 238.0624, found 238.0633.



Synthesis of 1g: S1 (3.007 g, 12.62 mmol) and a 60 % dispersion of NaH in mineral oil (1.08 g, 26.9 mmol) were transferred to a flame dried flask. The reagents were dissolved in anhydrous THF (130 mL) and the reaction was allowed to stir at rt for 1 hour. Hexanoic acid chloride (3.746 g, 27.83 mmol) were then added to the mixture slowly and stirred for 1 hour at rt. The reaction was washed with 2 M HCl (50 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 50 mL). The organic layer was dried using MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated before being purified by silica gel column chromatography. Compound **1g** was isolated as a light orange oil (4.261 g, 78 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.55 (s, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 3H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.80-1.71 (m, 4H), 1.43-1.35 (m, 10H), 0.96-0.94 (t, *J* = 6.90 Hz, 6 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.9, 170.7, 170.4, 146.8, 142.9, 134.3, 131.9, 129.4, 128.7, 128.1, 125.4, 122.6, 122.1, 97.1, 83.6, 34.2, 34.0, 31.4, 31.3, 24.7, 24.6, 22.4, 14.0 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2957, 2931, 2871, 1770, 1694, 1603, 1496, 1482, 1467, 1443,

1411, 1379, 1319, 1237, 1130, 1085, 915, 852, 756, 689 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{27}H_{30}O_5$ ([M + H]⁺) 435.2166, found 435.2166.



Synthesis of 1h: Palladium(II) acetate (0.020 g, 0.089 mmol), RuPhos (0.074 g, 0.160 mmol), potassium carbonate (1.548 g, 11.20 mmol), n-butyl boronic acid (0.939 g, 9.21 mmol), and 1f (1.003 g, 3.645 mmol) were added to a 250 mL round bottom flask before being evacuated and back filled with N₂. In a separate flask, 36 mL of a 10:1 (v/v) mixture of toluene and water was sparged with nitrogen gas for one hour before being transferred to the reaction mixture. When all the solvent had been added, the reaction flask was placed in a 100 °C oil bath and allowed to stir at reflux for 6 hours. After the reaction was finished, it was cooled to rt, quenched with 2 M HCl (20 mL), and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 50 mL). The organic fractions were collected and dried using MgSO₄ before being purified by column chromatography (70% Hexanes : 30% CH₂Cl₂) to give **1h** as an orange solid (0.730 g, 63 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.57 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.37 (m, 3H) 2.66 (m, 4H), 1.64-1.56 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.38 (m, 4H), 1.00-0.95 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.9, 147.9, 142.2, 133.9, 131.8, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 124.4, 122.8, 95.2, 85.5, 33.1, 33.0, 32.7, 32.4, 22.9, 22.9, 14.1 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2955, 2927, 2870, 1684, 1601, 1494, 1464, 1441, 1430, 1393, 1378, 1315, 1260, 1206, 1171, 1152, 1103, 1067, 1025, 937, 913, 879, 758, 733, 690, 667, 654 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{26}O([M + H]^+)$ 319.2056, found 319.2056.



Synthesis of 2a: To a flame dried flask, 2c (2.9 g, 4.3 mL, 30 mmol) was dissolved in THF (50 mL) and placed in a -78 °C dry ice/acetone bath. To this solution, *n*-butyl lithium (24.5 mL, 2.5 M in THF) was added dropwise and allowed to stir for 15 minutes before a solution of I₂ (8.625 g, 33.98 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred for another 15 minutes at -78 °C before washing with saturated aqueous $Na_2S_2O_3$ (50 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl ether (3×50 mL), before being dried with sodium sulfate and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give compound 2a (6.384 g, 90 % yield). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are consistent with literature values.²

$$= TMS \xrightarrow{BuLi / Br_2} Br = TMS$$

$$2c \xrightarrow{Bf_2 \circ C} Br = TMS$$

$$2b \xrightarrow{2b}$$

Synthesis of 2b: To a flame dried flask, **2c** (4.992 g, 50.94 mmol) was dissolved in THF (50 mL) and placed in a -78 °C dry ice/acetone bath. To this solution, *n*-butyl lithium (24.5 mL, 2.5 M in THF) was added dropwise and allowed to stir for 15 minutes before Br_2 (11.443 g, 71.60 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was let to stir for another 15 minutes at -78 °C before washing with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (50 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl ether (3×50 mL), before being dried with sodium sulfate and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give compound **2b** (7.719 g, 85 % yield). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data were consistent with literature values.³



Synthesis of 3a: 2a (0.503 g, 2.24 mmol) and 1a (0.946 g, 4.59 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-DCE (5 mL). To this solution, 0.1 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture turned a light yellow color and the reaction was placed in a 90 °C oil bath for 12 hours. The reaction was then poured into hexanes and passed through a silica plug using hexanes as the eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield compound **3a** as a yellow liquid (0.558 g, 76 % yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 0.52 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.2, 138.6, 136.7, 135.2, 131.8, 128.2, 127.2, 126.6, 126.4, 99.7, 0.1 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 3050, 2951, 2891, 1620, 1567, 1482, 1405, 1288, 1246, 1196, 1137, 1091, 1017, 950, 871, 831, 742, 688 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₅ISi ([M]⁺) 325.9988, found 325.9981.



Synthesis of 3b: 2a (0.104 g, 0.464 mmol) and 1b (0.181 g, 0.635 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-DCE (4.5 mL). To this solution, 0.09 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture turned a light yellow color and the reaction was placed in an 90 °C oil bath for 12 hours. The reaction was then poured into hexanes and passed through a silica plug using hexanes as the eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield compound 3b as a clear oil (0.169 g, 93 % yield). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 1.9 Hz, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 0.51 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.6, 138.2, 135.4, 133.3, 130.4, 130.1, 127.9, 120.2, 99.8, -0.1 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2950, 1562, 1550, 1473, 1407, 1376, 1247, 1175, 1141, 1094, 1062,952,

887, 834, 798, 750, 689 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{13}H_{14}SiBrI$ ([M]⁺) 403.9093, found 403.9116.



Synthesis of 3c: 2b (0.255 g, 1.44 mmol) and 1b (0.565 g, 1.98 mmol) are dissolved in 1,2-DCE (14 mL). To this solution, 0.3 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture turned a light yellow color and the reaction was placed in an 80 °C oil bath for 12 hours. The reaction was then poured into hexanes and passed through a silica plug using hexanes as the eluent plug and eluted with hexanes. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield compound 3c a white solid (0.091 g, 18 % yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.55 (s, 2H), 0.48 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.5, 135.7, 135.7, 133.2, 132.5, 130.7, 130.2, 128.2, 127.3, 120.0, -0.2. IR (solid, ATR) 2953, 2896, 1567, 1551, 1472, 1409, 1378, 1336, 1282, 1248, 1242, 1174, 1142, 1102, 1062, 959, 907, 893, 879, 834, 800, 759, 750, 689 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄SiBr₂ ([M]⁺) 355.9232, found 355.9247.



Synthesis of 3d: 2a (0.105 g, 0.471 mmol) and **1c** (0.146 g, 0.651 mmol) are dissolved in 1,2-DCE (4.5 mL). To this solution, 0.09 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture turned a light yellow color and the reaction was placed in a 90 °C oil bath for 12 hours. The reaction was then poured into hexanes and passed through a silica plug using hexanes as the eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield compound **3d** as a light yellow solid (0.144 g, 93 % yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.32 (s, 1 H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 2H), 0.54 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.1 (J = 248.8 Hz), 141.5 (J = 2.6 Hz), 137.9 (J = 5.3 Hz), 136.4 (J = 1.2 Hz), 135.9 (J = 9.8 Hz), 130.8 (J = 9.3 Hz), 128.9 (J = 0.9 Hz), 117.0 (J = 25.3 Hz), 109.5 (J = 20.93 Hz), 101.2, 0.02 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.01 (td, J = 6.1 Hz, 9.0 Hz, 1F) ppm IR (solid, ATR) 2951, 1627, 1563, 1484, 1433, 1379, 1332, 1276, 1246, 1229, 1204, 1146, 1122, 1091, 970, 950, 931, 893, 881, 836, 801, 757, 746, 689 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄SiFI ([M]⁺) 343.9894, found 343.9897.



Synthesis of 3e: 2a (0.247 g, 1.39 mmol) and 1c (0.465 g, 1.56 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-DCE (14 mL). To this solution, 0.2 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture turned a light yellow color and the reaction was placed in a 90 °C oil bath for 12 hours. The reaction was then poured into hexanes and passed through a silica plug using hexanes as the eluent plug and eluted with hexanes. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield compound **3e** as a pale yellow oil (0.173 g, 42 % yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 5.7 Hz, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 2.3 Hz, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dt, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 0.46 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.4 (*J* = 248.6 Hz), 138.3 (*J* = 2.8 Hz), 136.6, 135.7 (*J* = 10.3 Hz), 130.7 (*J* = 9.3 Hz), 130.1 (*J* = 5.7 Hz), 128.7, 128.3f, 116.7 (*J* = 25.6 Hz), 109.8 (*J* = 21.2 Hz), -0.15 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.3 (dt, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 8.9 Hz, 1F) ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2954, 1627, 1564, 1486, 1438, 1381, 1336, 1280, 1247, 1231, 1205, 1145, 1123, 1096, 972, 947, 882, 836, 804, 755, 690 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄FSiBr ([M]⁺) 296.0032, found 296.0039.



Synthesis of 3f: 2a (0.103 g, 0.461 mmol) and **1d** (0.144 g, 0.642 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-DCE (4.5 mL). To this solution, 0.09 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture turned a light yellow color and the reaction was placed in a 90 °C oil bath for 12 hours. The reaction was then poured into hexanes and passed through a silica plug using hexanes as the eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield compound **3f** as a pale yellow oil (0.131 g, 84 % yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 5.6 Hz, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 2.2 Hz, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (td, *J* = 2.2 Hz, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H) 0.53 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.8 (*J* = 247.0 Hz), 143.5 (*J* = 0.8 Hz), 138.4 (*J* = 1.1 Hz), 135.9 (*J* = 5.5 Hz), 132.5 (*J* = 9.0 Hz), 132.2 (*J* = 0.9 Hz), 128.9 (*J* = 9.1 Hz), 117.7 (*J* = 25.6 Hz), 111.3 (*J* = 20.5 Hz), 98.4 (*J* = 3.0 Hz), 0.0 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.0 ppm (td, *J* = 5.4 Hz, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1F). IR (solid, ATR) 2952, 1628, 1570, 1489, 1387, 1335, 1277, 1246, 1197, 1144, 1122, 1093, 937, 898, 878, 835, 803, 759, 739, 688 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄SiFI ([M]⁺) 343.9894, found 343.9879.



Synthesis of 3g: 2a (0.102 g, 0.450 mmol) and **1e** (0.154 g, 0.640 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-DCE (4.5 mL). To this solution, 0.09 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture turned a light yellow color and the reaction was placed in a 90 °C oil bath for 12 hours. The reaction was then poured into hexanes and passed through a silica plug using hexanes as the eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield compound **3g** as a clear oil (0.115 g, 71 % yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dt, *J* = 1.5, *J* = 8.7, 1H), 0.53 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.7, 138.3, 135.6, 133.2, 132.3, 132.1, 128.1, 127.9, 126.9, 99.8, -0.0 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2951, 1566, 1553, 1474, 1409, 1382, 1246, 1175, 1139, 1097, 1080, 953, 953, 900, 879, 833, 800, 751, 733, 688, 667 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄SiCII ([M]⁺) 359.9598, found 359.9569.



Synthesis of 3h: 2a (0.307 g, 1.37 mmol) and 1f (0.507 g, 1.84 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-DCE (13.5 mL). To this solution, 0.54 eq of ZnCl₂ (0.4 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture turned a light yellow color and the reaction was placed in a 90 °C oil bath for 12 hours. The reaction was then poured into hexanes and passed through a silica plug using hexanes as the eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield compound **3h** as a white solid (0.370 g, 70 % yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 0.49 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): 144.3, 137.4, 135.3, 133.8, 131.6, 130.8, 130.7, 129.2, 127.3, 100.9, -0.07 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2954, 1548, 1460, 1407, 1352, 1243, 1175, 1118, 1093, 981, 972, 931, 903, 885, 825, 752, 679 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₃SiCl₂ ([M]⁺) 393.9208, found 393.9211.



Synthesis of 3i: 2a (0.105 g, 0.470 mmol) and **1i** (0.263 g, 0.605 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-DCE (4.5 mL). To this solution, 0.09 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. This reaction flask was then placed into a 90 °C oil bath and allowed to stir for 2 hours. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and product

was purified by column chromatography (1:1 Hexanes/CH₂Cl₂). Compound **3i** was isolated as a colorless oil (0.1557 g, 63 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.33, (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H) 7.48 (s, 1H), 2.57 (dt, J = 2.5, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.81-1.74 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.36 (m, 8H), 0.94 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.48, (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.3, 171.3, 143.0, 142.2, 141.7, 137.9, 136.1, 133.2, 130.0, 121.4, 119.5, 100.0, 34.3, 31.5, 24.8, 22.5, 14.1, -0.03 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2955, 2929, 2859, 1766, 1629, 1667, 1488, 1466, 1425, 1377, 1340, 1246, 1226, 1159, 1137, 1095, 949, 917, 837, 760, 689 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₃₅O₄ISiNa ([M + Na]⁺) 577.1242, found 577.1243.



Synthesis of 3j: 2a (0.300 g, 1.34 mmol) and **1h** (0.568 g, 1.78 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-DCE (30 mL). To this solution, 0.3 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) were added and the reaction was placed into a 90 °C oil bath and allowed to stir for 2 hours. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and product was purified by column chromatography with hexanes as the eluent. Compound **3j** was isolated as a colorless oil (0.347 g, 59%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 2.78-2.73 (m, 4H), 1.71-1.60 (m, 4H), 1.50-1.37 (m, 4H), 1.00-0.95 (dt, *J* = 2.8, 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.3, 140.9, 140.6, 137.8, 136.0, 134.2, 130.6, 127.2, 125.5, 98.5, 33.3, 33.3, 32.7, 23.0, 22.9, 14.2, 14.2, 0.1 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2954, 2928, 2869, 2857, 1570, 1464, 1376, 1247, 1098, 949, 909, 835, 758, 687 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₃₁SiI ([M]⁺) 438.1240, found 438.1250.



Synthesis of 31 and 3m: 2c (0.109 g, 1.11 mmol) and **1d** (0.386 g, 1.35 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-DCE (10 mL). To this solution, 0.2 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture turned a light yellow color and it was placed in a 90 °C oil bath for 12 hours. After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the product was purified by silica gel chromatography using hexanes as the eluent. The products were isolated as a 1:1 inseparable mixture to give **31** and **3m** as a white solid (0.172 g, 61 % yield). ¹H NMR of **31** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR of **31** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.6, 143.1, 132.9, 132.1, 130.4, 130.2, 129.7, 129.5, 126.9, 119.8 ppm. ¹H NMR of **3m** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 1.7 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H) ppm, ¹³C NMR of **3m** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.8, 134.8, 133.7, 131.4, 131.4, 131.0, 129.8, 129.4, 126.1, 120.3 ppm, IR (solid, ATR) 3042, 2956, 2894, 1616, 1576, 1493, 1450, 1407, 1310, 1247, 1180, 1139, 1087,

1059, 949, 882, 829, 751, 694, 652 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{13}H_{15}SiBr$ ([M]⁺) 278.0126, found 278.0139.



Synthesis of 4: 3c (0.050 g, 0.140 mmol) and ICl (0.025 g, 0.140 mmol) were dissolved in separate CH₂Cl₂ solutions (1 mL and 0.5 mL respectively), which were combined. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min, after which the solution was washed with saturated Na₂S₂O₃ (1 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 3 mL). The organic fractions were combined, dried (MgSO₄), and filtered to provide a light yellow solution. The solvent was removed, and 4 was purified using column chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes) to provide a white solid in quantitative yield (0.057 g, 100 %). 4: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.85 (1, 1H) 7.57 (d, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.6, 134.1, 132.1, 130.9, 130.9, 128.8, 128.6, 126.9, 121.1, 99.9 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2956, 1693, 1609, 1560, 1475, 1413, 1375, 1331, 1284, 1263, 1175, 1142, 1088, 1059, 943, 889, 872, 803, 795 cm⁻¹. HRMS (DART) calcd for C₁₀H₅Br₂I ([M]⁺) 409.7797, found 409.7789.



Synthesis of S3: S2 (0.598 g, 2.87 mmol), *N*-Bromosuccinimide (0.589 g, 3.31 mmol), and AgNO₃ (0.499 g, 2.98 mmol) were dissolved in acetone (15 mL) and stirred at rt for 12 h. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude reaction mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography using hexanes as the eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford S3 as a clear liquid (0.3776 g, 73 % yield). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data were consistent with literature values.⁴



Synthesis of S4: S3 (0.101 g, 0.553 mmol) and **1b** (0.210 g, 0.720 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-DCE (3 mL). To this solution, 0.1 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture turned a light yellow color and it was placed in a 90 °C oil bath for 12 hours.

After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the product was purified by silica gel chromatography using hexanes as the eluent. The product **S4** was isolated as a light yellow solid (0.107 g, 53 % yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.75 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz, *J* = 8.75 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.44 (m, 5H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.7, 140.7, 134.4, 130.7, 130.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 122.2, 121.0 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 3056, 1618, 1576, 1557, 1496, 1473, 1442, 1372, 1341, 1302, 1266, 1219, 1170, 1140, 1061, 1027, 952, 836, 802, 760 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₆H₁₀Br₂ ([M]⁺) 359.9149, found 359.9158.



Synthesis of S6: S5 (0.105 g, 0.604 mmol) and **1b** (0.214 g, 0.749 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-DCE (3 mL). To this solution, 0.11 mL of ZnCl₂ (0.2 eq, 1 M in ethyl ether) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture turned a light yellow color and it was placed in a 90 °C oil bath for 12 hours. After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the product was purified by silica gel chromatography using hexanes as the eluent. The product **S6** was isolated as a light yellow oil (0.108 g, 50 % yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 0.12 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.4, 144.1, 138.9, 134.6, 132.9, 131.7, 130.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 119.7, 0.77 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2952, 1570, 1495, 1472, 1443, 1408, 1387, 1172, 1078, 1062, 1029, 1001, 970, 898, 834, 802, 755, 732, 701 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₉BrSi ([M]⁺) 354.0439, found 354.0433.



Synthesis of 5a: Cesium fluoride (0.052 g, 0.342 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (0.107g, 0.406 mmol) were placed in a flame dried round bottom flask which was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen. Compound **3a** (0.055 g, 0.169 mmol) and furan (0.12 mL, 1.5 mmol) were then dissolved into anhydrous THF and this solution was added to the reaction flask and let to stir at rt for 12 hours. When the reaction was finished, water (2 mL) was added and it was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 3 mL). The organic fractions were collected and dried using MgSO₄ before being purified by column chromatography using CH₂Cl₂ as the eluent. Compound **5a** was isolated as a white solid (0.022 g, 68 % Yield). ¹H and ¹³C NMR were consistent with literature values.⁵



Synthesis of 5b: Cesium fluoride (0.018 g, 0.12 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (0.058 g, 0.22 mmol) were placed in a flame dried round bottom flask which was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen. Compound **3b** (0.022 g, 0.054 mmol) and furan (0.05 mL, 0.7 mmol) were then dissolved into anhydrous acetonitrile and this solution was added to the reaction flask. The reaction was stirred for 24 hours and monitored by TLC. When the reaction was finished, water (2 mL) was added and it was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 3 mL). The organic fractions were collected, dried using MgSO₄, and filtered before being purified by silica gel column chromatography (70% Hexanes : 30 % CH₂Cl₂). **5b** was isolated as a white solid (0.011 g, 81 % Yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.47 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 1.93, 8.47 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 5.80 (s, 1H) ppm, ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.6, 144.9, 141.8, 141.7, 133.3, 130.6, 130.3, 129.7, 129.5, 120.0, 118.6, 117.9, 81.9, 81.9 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 3018, 1593, 1495, 1424, 1305, 1285, 1224, 1197, 1147, 1068, 986, 907, 83, 846, 809, 731 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₁BrO ([M + H]⁺) 272.9910, found 272.9905.



Synthesis of 5c: Cesium fluoride (0.019 g, 0.13 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (0.057 g, 0.22 mmol) were placed in a flame dried round bottom flask which was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen. Compound **3h** (0.020 g, 0.051 mmol) and furan (0.05 mL, 0.7 mmol) were then dissolved into anhydrous acetonitrile and this solution was added to the reaction flask. The reaction was stirred for 24 hours and monitored by TLC. When the reaction was finished, 2 mL of water was added and it was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 3 mL). The organic fractions were collected, dried using MgSO₄, and filtered before being purified by silica gel column chromatography (70% Hexanes : 30 % CH₂Cl₂). **5c** was isolated as a white solid (0.011 g, 82 % Yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.49 (s, 2H), 7.37 (s, 2H), 6.94 (s, 2H), 5.77 (s, 2H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.64, 4H), 1.66-1.59, (m, 4H), 1.48-1.40 (m, 4H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 8.01 Hz, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3, 141.7, 139.8, 130.5, 127.7, 118.1, 82.0, 33.6, 32.7, 23.0, 14.2 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 3037, 2928, 2857, 1589, 1475, 1426, 1413, 1399, 1280, 1197, 1176, 1124, 1069, 1059, 981, 965, 910, 877, 861, 847, 737, 705, 661 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APPI) calcd for C₁₄H₇Cl₂O ([M]⁻) 260.9879, found 260.9891.



Synthesis of 5d: Cesium fluoride (0.023 g, 0.151 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (0.0508 g, 0.192 mmol) were placed in a flame dried round bottom flask which was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen. Compound **3j** (0.021 g, 0.084 mmol) and furan (0.05 mL, 0.7 mmol) were then dissolved into anhydrous acetonitrile and this solution was added to the reaction flask. The reaction was stirred for 24 hours and monitored by TLC. When the reaction was finished, 2 mL of water was added and it was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 3 mL). The organic fractions were collected, dried using MgSO₄ and filtered before being purified by silica gel column chromatography (70% Hexanes : 30 % CH₂Cl₂). **5d** was isolated as a white solid (0.012 g, 86 % Yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.49 (s, 2H), 7.37 (s, 2H), 6.94 (s, 2H), 5.77 (s, 2H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.64, 4H), 1.66-1.59, (m, 4H), 1.48-1.40 (m, 4 H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 8.01 Hz, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.3, 141.7, 139.8, 130.5, 127.7, 118.1, 82.0, 33.6, 32.7, 23.0, 14.2 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2954, 2930, 2868, 1497, 1464, 1377, 1279, 1194, 1148, 1103, 1060, 984, 913, 877, 865, 847, 828, 734, 697 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₇O ([M + H]⁺) 307.2065, found 307.2056.

General Procedure for Copper Catalyst:

Copper (I) cyanide (19.9 mg, 0.222 mmol) was transferred to a flame dried 20 mL round bottom flask, evacuated, and back filled with N₂. To this was added 20 mL of anhydrous THF and the flask was cooled to -78 °C. After *n*-BuLi (0.18 mL, 2.5 M in hexanes) was slowly added the flask was warmed to 0 °C for 30 min.



Synthesis of 6: Cesium fluoride (0.0733 g, 0.483 mmol) was transferred to a vial and flame dried under vacuum and backfilled with N₂. Once the reaction vessel was cooled to rt, anhydrous 18-crown-6 (0.243 g, 0.920 mmol) was added to the reaction vessel which was evacuated and backfilled with N₂ before being dissolved in anhydrous THF (3 mL). To this stirring solution, a 2 mL solution of **3j** (0.103 g, 0.235 mmol) in anhydrous THF and 0.1 mL of the previously prepared Lipshultz cuprate was added simultaneously. The reaction was allowed to stir for 12 hours until completion. When the reaction had finished, water (5 mL) was added and the reaction is extracted using CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 5 mL). The organic fractions were collected and dried using MgSO₄. This solution was concentrated under vacuum and **6** was precipitated into MeOH and isolated as a yellow solid (0.011 g, 19%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48 (bs, 4H), 2.76 (br, 4H), 1.46 (br, 8H), 0.98 (br, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.3, 129.8, 125.9, 32.5, 31.7, 22.0, 13.2

ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2954, 2937, 2859, 1487, 1464, 1377, 1260, 1102, 1021, 908, 837, 804, 734 cm⁻¹.



Synthesis of 7: Cesium fluoride (0.070 g, 0.461 mmol) was transferred to a vial and flame dried under vacuum and backfilled with N₂. Once the reaction vessel was cooled to rt, anhydrous 18-crown-6 (0.255 g, 0.965 mmol) was added to the reaction vessel which was evacuated and backfilled with N₂ before being dissolved in 2 mL of anhydrous THF. To this stirring solution, a 1 mL solution of **3j** (0.107 g, 0.249 mmol) in anhydrous THF and 1 mL of the previously prepared Lipshultz cuprate was added simultaneously. The reaction was allowed to stir for 12 hours until completion. When the reaction had finished, water (5 mL) is added and the reaction is extracted using CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 5 mL). The organic fractions were collected and dried using MgSO₄ before being purified by column chromatography using hexanes as the eluent. **7** was isolated as a red solid (0.027 g, 49%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.87 (s, 6H), 7.77 (s, 6H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 9.48 Hz, *J* = 7.66 Hz, 12H) 1.82-1.72 (m, 12H), 1.60-1.49 (s, 12H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.31 Hz, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.1, 131.7, 128.6, 126.9, 121.4, 33.3, 32.8, 23.1, 14.3 ppm IR (solid, ATR) 2953, 2923, 2857, 1599, 1504, 1461, 1394, 1377, 1260, 1182, 1091, 1024, 939, 892, 800, 737, 702 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APPI) calcd for C₅₄H₆₇ ([M + H]⁺) 715.5237, found 715.5241.



Synthesis of 8: Cesium fluoride (0.074 g, 0.487 mmol) was transferred to a vial and flame dried under vacuum and backfilled with N₂. Once the reaction vessel was cooled to rt, anhydrous 18-crown-6 (0.254 g, 0.962 mmol) was added to the reaction vessel which was evacuated and backfilled with N₂ before being dissolved in anhydrous THF (2 mL). To this stirring solution, a 1 mL solution of **3j** (0.106 g, 0.242 mmol) in anhydrous THF and 1 mL of the previously prepared Lipshultz cuprate was added simultaneously. The reaction is placed in a 60 °C oil bath and allowed to stir for 12 hours to completion. After the reaction has cooled to rt, water (5 mL) is added and the reaction is extracted using CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 5 mL). The organic fractions were collected and dried using MgSO₄ before being purified by silica gel column chromatography (100% hexanes to 70:30 Hexanes/CH₂Cl₂). **8** was isolated as a yellow solid (0.034 g, 60 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (s, 4H), 7.15 (s, 4H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 9.66 Hz, *J* = 6.25 Hz, 8H), 1.69-1.59 (m, 8H), 1.51-1.40

(m, 8H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.37 Hz, 12H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.9, 139.8, 133.8, 128.6, 116.2, 33.5, 32.6, 23.0, 14.2 ppm. IR (solid, ATR) 2956, 2925, 2857, 1486, 1456, 1372, 1325, 1262, 1196, 1148, 1096, 1033, 936, 900, 889, 977, 845, 802, 756, 737 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APPI) calcd for C₃₆H₄₅ ([M + H]⁺) 476.3438, found 476.3441.



Figure S2. ¹³C NMR of **S1** (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 298 K)



Figure S4. ¹³C NMR of **1g** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S6¹³C NMR of **1h** (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S8. ¹³C NMR of 3a (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S10. ¹³C NMR of **3b** (150 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S12. ¹H NMR of 3c (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S14. ¹³C NMR of 3d (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S15. ¹⁹F NMR of **3d** (375 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S17. ¹³C NMR of **3e** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S18. ¹⁹F NMR of **3e** (375 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S20. ¹³C NMR of 3f (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S21. ¹⁹F NMR of **3f** (375 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S23. ¹³C NMR of **3g** (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S25. ¹³C NMR of **3h** (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S27. ¹³C NMR of **3i** (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S29. ¹³C NMR of **3j** (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S31. ¹³C NMR of 3l and 3m (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)





Figure S32. ¹³C NMR of **4** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S34. ¹³C NMR of **S4** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S36. ¹³C NMR of S6 (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S38. ¹³C NMR of 5b (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)


Figure S40. ¹³C NMR of 5c (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S42. ¹³C NMR of 5d (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S44. ¹³C NMR of 6 (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S46. ¹³C NMR of 7 (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S48. ¹³C NMR of 8 (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S49. Partial ¹³C NMR of **3d** and **3f** showing the long range ${}^{19}F^{-13}C$ coupling between fluorine on C7 and C6 with iodo-carbon C2. The weak J coupling present for **3f** indicates the observed regioisomer was formed.⁶



Figure S50. Crude ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) of **6**, **7**, **8** after precipitation into methanol showing the selective formation of each product.

D. 2D NMR Spectroscopy



Figure S51: Full ¹H NMR spectrum (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K) of **3b**, including assignments derived from HSQC and HMBC 2D NMR experiments (see below). Chemical shift range 7.0-1.0 ppm were removed to clearly show assignments.



Figure S52: Full ¹³C NMR spectrum (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K) of **3b**, including assignments derived from HSQC and HMBC 2D NMR experiments (see below). Chemical shift range 95-15 ppm were removed to clearly show assignments.



Figure S53. Full HSQC of 3b (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S54. Partial HSQC of the aromatic region of 3b (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S55. Full HMBC of 3b (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S56. Partial HMBC of the aromatic region of 3b (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K)



Figure S57: Partial ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K) of **31** and **3m**, including assignments derived from HSQC and HMBC 2D NMR experiments (see below).

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Figure S58: Partial ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K) of **31** and **3m**, including assignments derived from HSQC and HMBC 2D NMR experiments (see below).



Figure S59: Partial band-selective HSQC spectrum of the aromatic region of **31** and **3m** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K).



Figure S60: Band-selective HMBC spectrum of 3l and 3m (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K).



Figure S61: Partial band-selective HMBC spectrum of the aromatic region of **31** and **3m** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K).



Figure S62: Partial ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K) of **S4**, including assignments derived from HSQC and HMBC 2D NMR experiments (see below).



Figure S63: Partial ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K) of **S4**, including assignments derived from HSQC and HMBC 2D NMR experiments (see below).



Figure S64: Partial band-selective HSQC spectrum of the aromatic region of S4 (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K).



Figure S65: Partial band-selective HMBC spectrum of the aromatic region of S4 (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K).



Figure S66: Partial ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K) of **S6** from, including assignments derived from HSQC and HMBC 2D NMR experiments (see below).



Figure S67: Partial ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K) of **S6**, including assignments derived from HSQC and HMBC 2D NMR experiments (see below).



Figure S68: Partial band-selective HSQC spectrum of the aromatic region of **S6** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K).



Figure S69: Partial band-selective HMBC spectrum of the aromatic region of **S6** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 295 K).

E. DFT Calculations

Discussion of Proposed Reaction Mechanism Associated Regiochemical Outcomes

Mechanistic aspects of the Cu(OTf)₂ catalyzed benzannulation of arylhaloalkynes was reported by Dichtel and coworkers in *Chem. Eur. J.* **2015**, *21*, 18122. A comprehensive discussion of experimental and computational studies related to the mechanism and evidence for route 2 can be found therein.



Figure S70 Proposed mechanism based on reported mechanistic studies of the $Cu(OTf)_2$ catalyzed benzannulation of arylhaloalkynes (see reference 1 in the Supporting Information).

Relevant Transistion States (via Route 1)



Figure S71. Regioselectivity determining transition state relevant to route 1 of mechanism proposed in Figure S57. $[M] = ZnCl_2$ or Cu(OTf)₂.

Relevant Transistion States (via Route 2)



Figure S72. Regioselectivity determining transition state relevant to route 2 of mechanism proposed in Figure **S59**. The trifluoroacetate counter-anion has been omitted from **C**, **TS-3**, **TS-4** for computational simplification.

Computational Method and Graphical Representation. Calculations were performed using the Gaussian 09 program.⁷ Default geometric and SCF convergence criteria were used. Stationary points were characterized by the presence of all positive eigenvalues of the Hessian for minima or a single negative eigenvalue of the Hessian for transition states. All DFT methods were used as their default implementations in Gaussian 09. All electronic energies reported are corrected energies with regards to zero point energy (ZPE) corrections. Cartesian coordinates for **TS-2** and **TS-4** were previously reported.¹ All molecular structures were rendered in CYLView.⁸ All CYLView generated images have the following color-coding for labeling elements: C = silver, H = white, O = light red, Zn = blue, Cl = dark green, F = light green, Si = beige, S = yellow, Br = dark red, Cu = bronze.

Table S1. Comparison of regioisomeric transition state energies calculated using B3LYP/ 6-31G(d) in the gas phase.^[a]

Substrate	Metal	Regioisomer	<i>E_{ZPE}</i> [kcal/mol]	G _{298K} [kcal/mol]	Conclusion
TMS-CC-Br	Zn	syn-TS-Zn	+1.98	+2.73	anti-isomer
	Zn	anti-TS-Zn	+0.00 (def.)	+0.00 (def.)	preferred
	none (H)	syn-TS-H	+2.35	+2.70	anti-isomer
	none (H)	anti-TS-H	+0.00 (def.)	+0.00 (def.)	preferred
TMS-CC-H	Zn	syn-TS-Zn	+2.83	+3.29	anti-isomer
	Zn	anti-TS-Zn	+0.00 (def.)	+0.00 (def.)	preferred
	none (H)	syn-TS-H	-1.83	-1.52	syn-isomer
	none (H)	anti-TS-H	+0.00 (def.)	+0.00 (def.)	preferred
Ph-CC-Br	Cu	syn-TS-Cu	-5.60	-5.69	syn-isomer
	Cu	anti-TS-Cu	+0.00 (def.)	+0.00 (def.)	preferred
	none (H)	syn-TS-H	-10.40	-10.88	syn-isomer
	none (H)	anti-TS-H	+0.00 (def.)	+0.00 (def.)	preferred

[a] E_{ZPE} is the zero-point energy corrected electronic energy, and G_{298K} is the Gibbs free energy at 298 K. For ease of comparison, the reference energy for each pairwise regioisomeric transition state comparison uses the *anti*-regioisomer as the reference energy (defined to be 0.00 kcal/mol).

Discussion of Computational Results

Based on the mechanistic scenario presented in Figures S64 & S65, a low-level DFT model of the proposed transition states leading to either the *syn-* or *anti-*regioisomer was developed. This model correctly predicts the reversal in regioselectivity observed experimentally between silylhaloalkynes and arylhaloalkynes (Table S1 & Figures S1–S2). The B3LYP/6-31G(d) calculated ZPE-corrected electronic energies of regioisomeric transition states predict a 2.0 kcal/mol preference for the *anti-*regioisomer for **phenylbromoalkyne**. An alternate mechanism in which the metal is not bound to the benzopyrylium intermediate is also plausible and transition state energies of those structures also support a reversal of regioselectivity when comparing silylhaloalkyne **2b** and **phenylbromalkyne** substrates.

Extension of this computational model towards describing the benzannulation of **trimethylsilylalkyne** results in the prediction that the pathway involving C-C bond formation with the Zn-bound benzopyrylium favors the transition state leading to the *anti*-isomer, while if C-C bond formation occurs with the metal-free benzopyrylium intermediate (i.e., protonation of the Zn-bound benzopyrylium precedes reactivity with the **trimethylsilylalkyne**) then the transition state leading to the *syn*-isomer is preferred. Experimentally, the reaction provides approximately equal amounts of the *syn*- and *anti*-isomer **31** and **3m**, respectively, when using benzaldehyde **1b**. Two plausible explanations are:

- (1) Both reaction pathways described above (*Route 1* and *Route 2* in Figure S64) are operational and the reaction pathway partitioning is a result of the concentration and pKa of the protic source in the reaction mixture (e.g., adventitious water, reactor surface bound proton). This explanation would not be surprising since previous mechanistic study of the Cu(OTf)₂ catalyzed benzannulation of arylhaloalkynes found the amount/concentration and type of Brønsted acid used could affect the regioselectivity outcome of this reaction (see *Chem. Eur. J.* 2015, *21*, 18122).
- (2) The computational model could benefit further refinement such as using a solvation model, the use a dispersion corrected functional, the use of a larger basis set, the use of diffuse functions, and the inclusion of the counter-anion in the metal free transition states. All of these refinements could improve the model, but are currently outside the scope of this study since they would require significant additional computational time to evaluate whether they had a positive, negative or lack of an effect towards refining the model.



Figure S73. DFT calculated transition-states using B3LYP/6-31G(d) potentially responsible for the regioselectivity outcome in the benzannulation of: (A,B) silylhaloalkynes, (C,D) arylhaloalkynes, & (E,F) silylalkynes, along with their relative electronic energies and bond forming interatomic distances. Element coloring scheme: C = silver, H = white, O = light red, Zn = blue, Cl = dark green, F = light green, Si = beige, S = yellow, Br = dark red, Cu = bronze.



Figure S74. DFT calculated transition-states using B3LYP/6-31G(d) potentially responsible for the regioselectivity outcome in the benzannulation of: (A,B) silylhaloalkynes, (C,D) arylhaloalkynes, & (E,F) silylalkynes along with their relative electronic energies and bond forming interatomic distances. Element coloring scheme: C = silver, H = white, O = light red, Cl = dark green, F = light green, Si = beige, S = yellow, Br = dark red.

Cartesian Coordinates of DFT Optimized Structures



Structure: *anti*-TS-1 (TMS-CC-Br Zn-major TS) Charge: 0 Spin Multiplicity: 1 Computational Method/Basis Set: B3LYP/6-31G(d) Solvation: gas phase Number of Imaginary Frequencies: 1 (Freq. = -302.30) Electronic Energy (AU): -6409.54186819 Gibbs Free Energy at 298.150 K (AU): -6409.275230

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Cl	2.767386	-0.012348	2.491202
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Si	-4.271559	-0.593386	0.168220
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Η	-4.928930	0.058490	-2.184547



Structure: *syn*-TS-1 (TMS-CC-Br Zn-minor TS) Charge: 0 Spin Multiplicity: 1 Computational Method/Basis Set: B3LYP/6-31G(d) Solvation: gas phase Number of Imaginary Frequencies: 1 (Freq. = -414.29) Electronic Energy (AU): -6409.53866341 Gibbs Free Energy at 298.150 K (AU): -6409.270880

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Structure: *anti*-TS-3 (TMS-CC-Br metal-free major TS) Charge: 1 Spin Multiplicity: 1 Computational Method/Basis Set: B3LYP/6-31G(d) Solvation: gas phase Number of Imaginary Frequencies: 1 (Freq. = -280.33) Electronic Energy (AU): -3710.31570935 Gibbs Free Energy at 298.150 K (AU): -3710.031910

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Structure: *anti*-TS-3 (TMS-CC-Br metal-free minor TS) Charge: 1 Spin Multiplicity: 1 Computational Method/Basis Set: B3LYP/6-31G(d) Solvation: gas phase Number of Imaginary Frequencies: 1 (Freq. = -391.07) Electronic Energy (AU): -3710.31184235 Gibbs Free Energy at 298.150 K (AU): -3710.027611

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Structure: *anti*-**TS-5** (TMS-CC-H Zn-major TS) Charge: 0

Spin Multiplicity: 1 Computational Method/Basis Set: B3LYP/6-31G(d) Solvation: gas phase Number of Imaginary Frequencies: 1 (Freq. = -340.79) Electronic Energy (AU): -3838.44733237 Gibbs Free Energy at 298.150 K (AU): -3838.167853

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Η	0.262348	0.584835	1.817247



Structure: *syn*-TS-5 (TMS-CC-H Zn-minor TS) Charge: 0 Spin Multiplicity: 1 Computational Method/Basis Set: B3LYP/6-31G(d) Solvation: gas phase Number of Imaginary Frequencies: 1 (Freq. = -383.43) Electronic Energy (AU): -3838.44280323 Gibbs Free Energy at 298.150 K (AU): -3838.162610

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Zn	0.118570	-1.823642	0.974918
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Structure: *anti*-TS-6 (TMS-CC-H metal-free minor TS) Charge: 1 Spin Multiplicity: 1 Computational Method/Basis Set: B3LYP/6-31G(d) Solvation: gas phase Number of Imaginary Frequencies: 1 (Freq. = -332.12) Electronic Energy (AU): -1139.21502422 Gibbs Free Energy at 298.150 K (AU): -1138.917759

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Η	2.972341	-1.677813	2.249010
Η	-0.327735	-0.681772	-2.337042



Structure: *syn*-TS-6 (TMS-CC-H metal-free major TS) Charge: 1 Spin Multiplicity: 1 Computational Method/Basis Set: B3LYP/6-31G(d) Solvation: gas phase Number of Imaginary Frequencies: 1 (Freq. = -360.07) Electronic Energy (AU): -1139.21822776 Gibbs Free Energy at 298.150 K (AU): -1138.920177

С 3.032181 -1.070805 1.657496 С 2.059428 -0.990244 0.637494 С 2.488235 -0.871518 -0.713169 С 3.858164 -0.836400 -1.033849 С 4.792154 -0.938244 -0.018164 С 4.375619 -1.050190 1.327332 Η 2.718386 -1.161740 2.693192 Η 4.174111 -0.746401 -2.069593 Η 5.851711 -0.932192 -0.253028 Η 5.123250 -1.122243 2.111293 0.653573 -1.015185 0.877527 С -0.243207 -1.208597 -0.151835 С 0 0.225398 -1.224029 -1.430226 С 1.446619 -0.698904 -1.690874 Η 1.676954 -0.816783 -2.745645 С -1.673270 -1.499752 -0.042149 С -2.515266 -1.354110 -1.161712 С -2.224241 -1.938688 1.177636 С -3.875613 -1.628746 -1.055283 Η -2.101545 -1.021423 -2.107075 С -3.585587 -2.206880 1.276762 Η -1.587609 -2.101979 2.041555 С -4.414793 -2.051732 0.162467 Η -4.516413 -1.512233 -1.923905 Η -3.997843 -2.551999 2.219856 Η -5.476039 -2.267534 0.241299 С 0.396934 1.723433 -0.833307

С	1.167014	1.238292	-1.691078
Η	0.285269	-0.984205	1.895647
Si	-0.757898	2.736450	0.262194
С	-2.492841	2.591604	-0.446279
Η	-3.180860	3.219116	0.133409
Η	-2.530942	2.932605	-1.486482
Η	-2.868551	1.563845	-0.408692
С	-0.058409	4.481359	0.090431
Η	-0.676921	5.171981	0.677412
Η	0.967768	4.549268	0.466159
Η	-0.068910	4.826453	-0.948488
С	-0.661725	2.131053	2.041845
Η	0.371892	2.050377	2.394545
Η	-1.177981	2.845846	2.694093
Η	-1.154026	1.160834	2.165436
Η	1.825864	1.545858	-2.487649
F. MALDI-TOF Mass Spectra



Figure S75: MALDI-TOF-MS of 8 using a matrix of 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid and Ag(OCOCF₃) additive.

G. Single Crystal X-Ray Structure



Figure S76: Single crystal X-ray structure of 3c taken at 100 K.					
Table S2: Crystal data and str	ucture refinement for CCDC 1539451				
Empirical formula	$C_{13}H_{14}SiBr_2$				
Formula weight	358.15				
Temperature / K	100.0				
Crystal system	monoclinic				
Space group	$P2_1/n$				
a / Å, b / Å, c / Å	7.1961(4), 7.4763(4), 26.1123(14)				
$\alpha/^{\circ}, \beta/^{\circ}, \gamma/^{\circ}$	90, 95.1754(14), 90				
Volume / Å ³	1399.12(13)				
Z	4				
$ ho_{calc}$ / mg mm ⁻³	1.700				
μ / mm^{-1}	5.852				
F(000)	704				
Crystal size / mm ³	$0.193 \times 0.06 \times 0.033$				
2Θ range for data collection	3.132 to 60.396°				
Index ranges	$-10 \le h \le 9, -10 \le k \le 10, -36 \le l \le 36$				
Reflections collected	48708				
Independent reflections	4154[R(int) = 0.0365]				
Data/restraints/parameters	4154/0/148				
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.036				
Final R indexes $[I>2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0193, wR_2 = 0.0416$				
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0256, wR_2 = 0.0431$				
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.435/-0.450				

Table S3 Fractional Atomic Coordinates (×10⁴) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($Å^2 \times 10^3$) for CCDC 1539451. U_{eq} is defined as 1/3 of of the trace of the orthogonalised U_{IJ} tensor.

Atom	x	У	z	U(eq)
Br1	-290.5(2)	5554.7(2)	6333.1(2)	22.81(4)
Br2	9648.2(2)	7293.9(2)	8442.8(2)	20.57(4)
Si1	3325.1(5)	7401.5(6)	5713.7(2)	18.60(8)
C1	2086.7(18)	6049.6(18)	6691.0(6)	17.3(3)
C2	3511.0(18)	6853.5(18)	6423.5(5)	15.6(3)
C3	5161.6(18)	7211.1(17)	6718.0(5)	14.8(2)
C4	5460.2(18)	6784.8(17)	7247.7(5)	14.5(2)
C5	7176.8(18)	7171.1(17)	7538.1(6)	16.0(3)
C6	7381.7(19)	6731.2(18)	8047.6(6)	16.6(3)
C7	5952(2)	5897.2(18)	8296.1(6)	18.7(3)
C8	4292(2)	5519.8(18)	8021.9(6)	18.4(3)
C9	3995.6(18)	5957.4(17)	7492.3(5)	15.6(3)
C10	2284.4(19)	5608.7(18)	7199.4(6)	18.0(3)
C11	1567(2)	9198(3)	5562.6(7)	30.4(4)
C12	2749(2)	5350(3)	5323.9(7)	35.8(4)
C13	5641(2)	8246(2)	5549.0(6)	20.7(3)

Table S4 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters $(Å^2 \times 10^3)$ for CCDC 1539451. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[h^2a^{*2}U_{11}+2hka^*b^*U_{12}+...]$.

Atom	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₂₃	U ₁₃	U ₁₂
Br1	12.27(6)	23.85(8)	32.01(9)	3.09(6)	0.34(5)	-1.88(5)
Br2	20.93(7)	17.95(7)	22.24(8)	2.78(5)	-1.33(5)	-3.52(5)
Si1	13.76(17)	23.9(2)	18.22(19)	-2.09(15)	1.88(14)	1.78(14)
C1	11.9(6)	12.6(6)	27.3(7)	-0.7(5)	1.5(5)	1.5(5)
C2	14.3(6)	11.8(6)	21.2(7)	0.1(5)	3.7(5)	2.9(5)
C3	13.8(6)	11.9(6)	19.5(6)	0.3(5)	5.7(5)	1.3(5)
C4	14.4(6)	9.5(5)	20.3(7)	0.2(5)	4.6(5)	1.1(4)
C5	14.8(6)	12.1(6)	21.5(7)	0.6(5)	4.6(5)	-0.7(5)
C6	16.4(6)	11.5(6)	22.1(7)	-0.9(5)	2.3(5)	0.3(5)
C7	22.1(7)	15.7(6)	19.1(7)	2.6(5)	6.3(5)	0.9(5)
C8	17.4(6)	14.8(6)	24.3(7)	3.3(5)	8.6(5)	-0.2(5)
C9	15.4(6)	11.3(6)	20.9(7)	1.1(5)	5.5(5)	1.6(5)
C10	13.7(6)	14.1(6)	26.9(7)	2.4(5)	6.5(5)	0.2(5)
C11	21.7(7)	45(1)	24.6(8)	12.1(7)	3.3(6)	11.0(7)
C12	26.3(8)	46.7(11)	35.3(10)	-18.9(8)	7.7(7)	-9.5(8)
C13	18.0(6)	26.5(7)	18.0(7)	0.0(6)	3.1(5)	1.3(6)

Table	S 5	Bond	Lenoths	for	CCDC	15394	51
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Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
Br1	C1	1.9101(14)	C3	C4	1.417(2)
Br2	C6	1.8969(14)	C4	C5	1.4196(19)
Si1	C2	1.8911(15)	C4	C9	1.4224(19)
Si1	C11	1.8632(17)	C5	C6	1.366(2)
Si1	C12	1.8664(18)	C6	C7	1.4105(19)
Si1	C13	1.8683(15)	C7	C8	1.365(2)
C1	C2	1.4244(19)	C8	C9	1.418(2)
C1	C10	1.363(2)	C9	C10	1.414(2)
C2	C3	1.3816(19)			

Table S6 Bond Angles for CCDC 1539451.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C11	Si1	C2	110.51(7)	C3	C4	C5	121.58(12)
C11	Si1	C12	111.33(9)	C3	C4	C9	118.88(13)
C11	Si1	C13	108.08(8)	C5	C4	C9	119.53(13)
C12	Si1	C2	110.44(8)	C6	C5	C4	118.93(12)
C12	Si1	C13	108.12(7)	C5	C6	Br2	119.25(10)
C13	Si1	C2	108.25(6)	C5	C6	C7	122.39(13)
C2	C1	Br1	119.61(11)	C7	C6	Br2	118.35(11)
C10	C1	Br1	116.11(10)	C8	C7	C6	119.33(14)
C10	C1	C2	124.28(13)	C7	C8	C9	120.77(13)
C1	C2	Si1	125.57(11)	C8	C9	C4	119.05(13)
C3	C2	Si1	119.00(10)	C10	C9	C4	118.80(13)
C3	C2	C1	115.42(13)	C10	C9	C8	122.15(13)
C2	C3	C4	123.16(12)	C1	C10	C9	119.45(13)

Atom	x	У	Z	U(eq)
H3	6143	7770	6558	18
H5	8167	7727	7380	19
H7	6141	5601	8651	22
H8	3326	4958	8188	22
H10	1281	5072	7356	22
H11A	329	8763	5631	46
H11B	1557	9531	5199	46
H11C	1890	10246	5778	46
H12A	3669	4416	5421	54
H12B	2773	5631	4958	54
H12C	1502	4928	5388	54
H13A	5936	9366	5734	31
H13B	5598	8460	5178	31
H13C	6605	7355	5649	31

Table S7 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($Å \times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($Å^2 \times 10^3$) for CCDC 1539451.



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Table S9 Fractional Atomic Coordinates (×10⁴) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($Å^2 \times 10^3$) for CCDC 1539450. U_{eq} is defined as 1/3 of of the trace of the orthogonalised U_{IJ} tensor.

Atom	x	У	z	U(eq)
C1	7242.7(18)	5871.2(15)	10336.7(16)	21.2(3)
C2	5985.0(17)	6981.8(15)	9815.8(15)	19.6(3)
C3	6797.0(16)	8102.7(15)	8660.3(15)	17.0(3)
C4	5584.0(16)	9125.1(14)	7947.3(14)	15.2(3)
C5	4811.2(16)	8307.1(14)	6852.6(15)	13.7(3)
C6	3272.2(16)	7752.9(14)	7295.0(14)	13.8(3)
C7	2508.4(16)	6919.6(14)	6358.8(14)	13.7(3)
C8	897.1(15)	6369.8(14)	6870.9(14)	13.9(3)
C9	263.7(15)	5580.9(14)	5889.4(15)	13.8(3)
C10	1150.3(16)	5270.4(14)	4411.9(15)	13.9(3)
C11	2673.6(16)	5754.6(14)	3894.2(14)	14.4(3)
C12	3378.5(15)	6625.1(14)	4893.2(14)	13.7(3)
C13	4946.7(16)	7220.3(14)	4450.1(14)	14.1(3)
C14	5670.3(15)	8048.0(13)	5378.6(14)	13.5(3)
C15	7339.1(15)	8697.4(14)	4859.1(14)	14.8(3)
C16	8206.6(16)	8294.8(14)	3299.7(15)	15.1(3)
C17	9920.3(16)	8907.7(14)	2906.3(15)	17.1(3)
C18	10833.4(17)	8353.3(16)	1404.9(16)	21.0(3)

Atom	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₂₃	U ₁₃	U ₁₂
C1	27.0(7)	15.0(7)	23.2(7)	0.3(5)	-7.8(6)	-4.1(5)
C2	20.8(7)	16.2(7)	21.5(7)	1.7(5)	-2.5(5)	-4.0(5)
C3	17.6(6)	15.6(6)	18.1(6)	-0.7(5)	-3.1(5)	-4.8(5)
C4	17.4(6)	11.8(6)	16.1(6)	-2.1(5)	-0.9(5)	-3.2(5)
C5	15.9(6)	7.5(6)	18.0(6)	0.2(5)	-4.0(5)	0.4(5)
C6	15.6(6)	10.5(6)	14.6(6)	-0.8(5)	-0.8(5)	0.3(5)
C7	14.6(6)	8.6(6)	17.3(6)	1.0(5)	-2.1(5)	0.5(5)
C8	14.8(6)	10.9(6)	15.1(6)	-0.2(5)	-0.3(5)	-0.6(5)
C9	13.0(6)	9.1(6)	18.6(6)	1.4(5)	-1.2(5)	-0.9(5)
C10	16.2(6)	9.0(6)	16.9(6)	-1.4(5)	-3.8(5)	-0.5(5)
C11	16.0(6)	11.0(6)	15.4(6)	-1.1(5)	-0.7(5)	-0.9(5)
C12	15.2(6)	8.1(6)	17.5(7)	0.5(5)	-2.3(5)	-0.3(5)
C13	14.9(6)	10.6(6)	15.8(6)	-0.5(5)	-0.4(5)	-0.6(5)
C14	13.4(6)	8.4(6)	18.1(7)	0.8(5)	-1.7(5)	0.0(5)
C15	15.1(6)	11.0(6)	18.2(7)	-0.8(5)	-2.2(5)	-2.9(5)
C16	15.1(6)	10.8(6)	19.0(7)	-1.2(5)	-1.5(5)	-3.2(5)
C17	16.5(7)	11.8(6)	22.2(7)	-2.4(5)	0.0(5)	-3.4(5)
C18	18.9(7)	17.9(7)	24.2(7)	-3.6(5)	3.2(5)	-4.5(5)

Table S10 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters $(\text{Å}^2 \times 10^3)$ for CCDC 1539450. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[\text{h}^2a^{*2}U_{11}+2\text{hka}^*b^*U_{12}+...]$.

Table S11 Bond Lengths for CCDC 1539450.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
C1	C2	1.5242(19)	C9	$C10^1$	1.5028(18)
C2	C3	1.5226(18)	C10	$C9^1$	1.5029(18)
C3	C4	1.5362(18)	C10	C11	1.3544(18)
C4	C5	1.5104(18)	C11	C12	1.4398(18)
C5	C6	1.3801(18)	C12	C13	1.4166(18)
C5	C14	1.4248(18)	C13	C14	1.3799(18)
C6	C7	1.4073(18)	C14	C15	1.5189(17)
C7	C8	1.4400(17)	C15	C16	1.5201(18)
C7	C12	1.4266(18)	C16	C17	1.5276(17)
C8	C9	1.3539(19)	C17	C18	1.5250(18)
C9	C10	1.4431(18)			
$1^{-X}, 1^{-X}$	$^{Y}, 1^{-Z}$				

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C3	C2	C1	111.85(11)	C9	C10	C9 ¹	89.93(11)
C2	C3	C4	114.32(11)	C11	C10	$C9^1$	147.36(13)
C5	C4	C3	112.48(10)	C11	C10	C9	122.70(12)
C6	C5	C4	119.78(12)	C10	C11	C12	116.53(12)
C6	C5	C14	119.12(12)	C7	C12	C11	120.75(12)
C14	C5	C4	121.05(11)	C13	C12	C7	118.10(12)
C5	C6	C7	122.95(12)	C13	C12	C11	121.15(12)
C6	C7	C8	120.86(12)	C14	C13	C12	122.90(12)
C6	C7	C12	118.21(12)	C5	C14	C15	119.71(11)
C12	C7	C8	120.93(12)	C13	C14	C5	118.69(12)
C9	C8	C7	116.54(12)	C13	C14	C15	121.60(11)
C8	C9	$C10^1$	147.39(12)	C14	C15	C16	116.08(11)
C8	C9	C10	122.53(12)	C15	C16	C17	112.60(11)
C10	C9	$C10^1$	90.07(11)	C18	C17	C16	111.58(11)
	$1^{-X}, 1^{-Y}, 1^{-Z}$						

Table S12 Bond Angles for CCDC 1539450.

Table S13 Torsion Angles for CCDC 1539450.

A	В	С	D	Angle/°	Α	В	С	D	Angle/°
C1	C2	C3	C4	172.70(11)	C8	C7	C12	C11	-0.72(18)
C2	C3	C4	C5	-73.99(14)	C8	C7	C12	C13	178.92(11)
C3	C4	C5	C6	97.61(14)	C8	C9	C10	C9 ¹	179.23(15)
C3	C4	C5	C14	-80.10(14)	C8	C9	C10	C11	-0.5(2)
C4	C5	C6	C7	-176.95(11)	$C9^1$	C10	C11	C12	179.69(17)
C4	C5	C14	C13	176.33(11)	C9	C10	C11	C12	-0.74(19)
C4	C5	C14	C15	-4.39(18)	$C10^1$	C9	C10	$C9^1$	0.000(1)
C5	C6	C7	C8	-179.77(11)	$C10^1$	C9	C10	C11	-179.77(15)
C5	C6	C7	C12	0.68(19)	C10	C11	C12	C7	1.33(18)
C5	C14	C15	C16	176.84(11)	C10	C11	C12	C13	-178.31(11)
C6	C5	C14	C13	-1.40(18)	C11	C12	C13	C14	-179.39(11)
C6	C5	C14	C15	177.88(11)	C12	C7	C8	C9	-0.53(18)
C6	C7	C8	C9	179.94(11)	C12	C13	C14	C5	0.51(19)
C6	C7	C12	C11	178.82(11)	C12	C13	C14	C15	-178.75(11)
C6	C7	C12	C13	-1.53(18)	C13	C14	C15	C16	-3.91(18)
C7	C8	C9	C10	1.16(18)	C14	C5	C6	C7	0.81(19)
C7	C8	C9	$C10^1$	179.73(17)	C14	C15	C16	C17	-176.24(10)
C7	C12	C13	C14	0.96(19)	C15	C16	C17	C18	174.05(11)
	1 ^{-x} ,	$1^{-Y}, 1^{-Z}$							

Atom	x	У	z	U(eq)
H1A	7742	5218	9516	32
H1B	6696	5258	11169	32
H1C	8100	6424	10660	32
H2A	5193	6422	9384	24
H2B	5364	7534	10681	24
H3A	7537	7541	7866	20
H3B	7483	8740	9136	20
H4A	4706	9534	8739	18
H4B	6170	9983	7429	18
H6	2703	7943	8276	17
H8	309	6551	7847	17
H11	3247	5531	2922	17
H13	5526	7042	3470	17
H15A	8065	8356	5565	18
H15B	7198	9806	4910	18
H16A	7532	8702	2575	18
H16B	8301	7187	3217	18
H17A	9821	10020	2879	21
H17B	10561	8587	3686	21
H18A	10243	8732	621	32
H18B	10897	7252	1416	32
H18C	11947	8720	1212	32

Table 14 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($Å \times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($Å^2 \times 10^3$) for CCDC 1539450.



Figure S78. (A) Solid-state packing of compound **8** viewed down the short molecular axis and (B) viewed down the long molecular axis. Hydrogens are omitted for clarity, thermal ellipsoids shown at the 50% probability level.

H. UV/Vis and Fluorescence Spectroscopy



Figure S79: UV/Vis absorption (solid) and photoemission (dashed) of **3j** (black), **6** (green), **7** (blue), and **8** (red) at 5.0 µg/mL in CH₂Cl₂. The spectra are normalized to the λ_{max} of each compound ($\lambda_{max} = 249$ nm and $\varepsilon = 1.0 \times 10^5$ M⁻¹cm⁻¹ for **3j**; $\lambda_{max} = 240$ nm and $\varepsilon = 3.0 \times 10^4$ M⁻¹cm⁻¹ for **6**; $\lambda_{max} = 306$ nm and $\varepsilon = 9.7 \times 10^4$ M⁻¹cm⁻¹ for **7**; $\lambda_{max} = 301$ nm and $\varepsilon = 1.3 \times 10^5$ M⁻¹cm⁻¹ for **8**). Photoemission spectrum for each compound is normalized to the λ_{em} of each compound ($\lambda_{ex} = 260$ nm for **3j**; $\lambda_{ex} = 340$ nm for **6**; $\lambda_{ex} = 330$ nm for **7**; $\lambda_{ex} = 370$ nm for **8**).

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