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Methyl transfer reaction from monomethyltin reagent under palladium(0) catalysis: a versatile method for labelling with carbon-11

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General. All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere in flame-dried glassware. THF and dioxane were distilled under argon or nitrogen from sodium/benzophenone and calcium chloride respectively. Commercially available materials were used without further purification. Tin chloride was stored under argon before use. Non radioactive reactions were monitored by gas Chromatography (GC) analysis of worked up reaction aliquots. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) and radio TLC were carried out on aluminum or plastic silica gel 60 F-254 plates (0.1 mm), with UV detection. Flash chromatography was carried out using Si 60 (40-63 μ m) silica. Radioactive reactions were analysed by LC equipped with a UV detector (254 nm wavelength) and a β^+ -flow detector, using a C-18 column and methanol/water (75/25) as mobile phase. ^1H Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded at 400 or 250 MHz and ^{13}C nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded at 100.6 or 62.9 MHz. They were calibrated according to the chemical shift of tetramethylsilane. Chemical shift (δ) are quoted in ppm and coupling constants (J) in Hz. The following abbreviations are used to denote multiplicities: s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, double-doublet; ddd: double-double-doublet; t, triplet; td, triple-doublet; m, multiplet; b, broad.

CHEMISTRY.

Synthesis of starting aryl halides 2. Aryl halides **2a-e**, **2h-i** were commercially available and used as received. Bromoquinolines **2f** and **2g** were prepared according to ref¹.

2-Bromoquinoline 2f. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.49 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 141.8, 138.3, 130.5, 128.6, 127.7, 127.1, 126.9, 125.71.

4-Bromoquinoline 2g. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.68 (1H, d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 8.20 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.4 and 1.1 Hz), 8.11 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.78 (1H, ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9 and 1.5 Hz), 7.71 (1H, d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 7.66 (1H, ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.0 and 1.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3, 149.4, 134.6, 130.8, 130.4, 128.3, 127.3, 125.5.

Bis(*N,N*-bistrimethylsilylamino)stannylene². *n*-Butyllithium (41.3 mL of a 2.5M hexane solution) was added dropwise to a precooled (-78°C, acetone/dry ice) solution of freshly distilled hexamethyldisilazane (21.8 mL, 1 equiv.) in anhydrous Et₂O (50 mL) and THF (30 mL). The resulting mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred over a period of 1 hour. The resulting lithium amide was then added dropwise to a suspension of tin chloride(II) (10g, 1 equiv.) in anhydrous Et₂O (50 mL). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for additional 3 hours. The solution was transferred to a flask where the solvents were removed *in vacuo* to give an orange oil which was distilled under reduced pressure (0.1 mmHg, 110°C) to yield bis(*N,N*-bistrimethylsilylamino)stannylene in 89% yield (20.6 g).

Iodo-bis(*N,N*-bistrimethylsilylamino)methyltin 1. In a typical procedure, methyl iodide (106 μl, 2 mmol) was added at room temperature to a solution of bis(*N,N*-bistrimethylsilylamino)stannylene (880 mg, 2 mmol, 1 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) under an argon atmosphere. Then was an immediate fading of the reaction mixture as indication of the tin (IV) reagent formation. The solution was allowed to stir for 5 min then was concentrated *in vacuo* to yield the monomethyltin **1** in quantitative yield. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.18 (s, ²*J*_{Sn-H} = 71.7 Hz, 3H), 0.23 (s, 36H). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.8 (¹*J*_{Sn-C} = 560 Hz), 5.9 (12C). ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (74.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -170.2.

General procedure for the Stille cross-coupling.

Monomethyltin reagent **1** (1.0 mmol) was prepared following the above procedure, and TBAF (3.0 mL, 3 equiv., 1M in THF) was then added *in situ* at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* before adding anhydrous dioxane (8 mL) and then a solution of tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) palladium (5% mol) and of the electrophile **2** (0.6 equiv) in dioxane heated at reflux for 10 min. After refluxing for 2-240 min, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Removal of solvent *in vacuo* yielded an oily residue, which was chromatographed on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether) to furnish the cross-coupled product **3** and eventually the homocoupling product **4**. Structures of **3** and **4** were identified by NMR and GC analyses, by comparison of the data with those described in the literature, and with those of commercially available samples.

2-Methylnaphthalene 3a³. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.66 (bs, 1H), 7.52-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 1.7 and 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.8, 134.1, 132.1, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 126.3, 125.4, 22.1.

2,2'-Binaphthyl 4a⁴. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (s, 2H), 7.99-7.87 (m, 8H), 7.57-7.47 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.5, 133.8, 132.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 126.4, 126.2, 126.1, 125.8.

3-Methylquinoline 3b⁵. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (bt, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4, 148.3, 134.6, 130.4, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 127.1, 126.5, 18.7.

3,3'-Bisquinoline 4b⁶. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.33 (s, 2H), 8.56 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 8.28 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (td, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.1, 149.2, 135.1, 131.5, 130.6, 130.1, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9.

1-Methylnaphthalene 3c⁷. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07-8.03 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.89 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 2H), 2.75 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.4, 133.7, 132.8, 128.7, 126.7, 126.5, 126.0, 125.8, 125.7, 124.3, 19.5.

4-Nitrotoluene 3d⁷. ¹H NMR (250 MHz CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.2, 129.9, 123.4, 21.1.

p-Xylene 3e⁸. ¹H NMR (250 MHz CDCl₃) δ 7.04 (s, 4H), 2.29 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.6, 128.9, 20.9.

RADIOCHEMISTRY.

Radioactive products [^{11}C]-**3a-b,f-i** were identified by comparison with commercially available non radioactive authentic samples **3a-b,f-i**.

Production of $^{11}\text{CO}_2$. [^{11}C]- CO_2 was obtained by the nuclear reaction $^{14}\text{N}(\text{p},\alpha)^{11}\text{C}$ in a nitrogen gas target containing 0.5% oxygen, with 18 MeV protons produced by the Cyclone 18/9 IBA cyclotron at the Cyceron PET Centre.

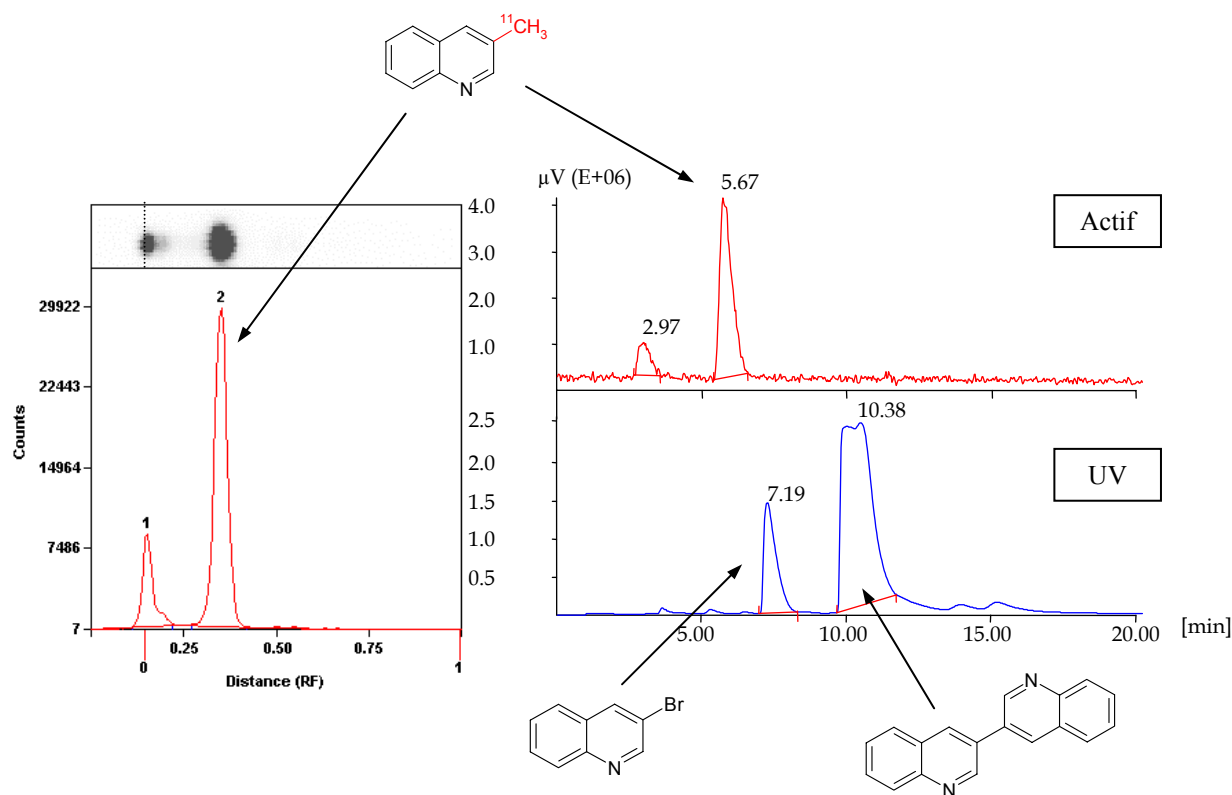
Synthesis of $^{11}\text{CH}_3\text{I}$. [^{11}C]- CO_2 was converted into [^{11}C]- CH_3I via reduction with lithium aluminium hydride (0.1 M in THF, 200 μL) at room temperature, and subsequent reaction with hydriodic acid (57% in water, 1.5 mL) at 140 $^\circ\text{C}$.

General procedure for ^{11}C -methyl transfer reaction. Under nitrogen, [^{11}C]- CH_3I was distilled into a solution of stannylene (6 mg, 15 μmol) in anhydrous THF (300 μL). After addition of TBAF (1M in THF, 41 μL , 45 μmol), THF was removed by heating at 120 $^\circ\text{C}$ under nitrogen. A mixture of Pd_2dba_3 (5 mg, 5 μmol) and of the electrophile (50-75 μmol) in dioxane (250 μL) was added onto the residue and the resulting mixture was heated at 120 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 5 min. The reaction was quenched with 100 μL of water, and analyzed by radioTLC (elution with heptane/AcOEt 70/30) and HPLC (Table 1). Radiochemical yields were calculated after HPLC purification from [^{11}C]- CH_3I and decay corrected.

Tableau 1. TLC and HPLC analyses of [^{11}C]-methylarenes [^{11}C]-**3**

Ar-X	t_R (min)	Ar- $^{11}\text{CH}_3$	t_R (min)	R_f
2a	11.0	[^{11}C]- 3a	9.3	0.65
2b	6.2	[^{11}C]- 3b	5.7	0.30
2f	14.3	[^{11}C]- 3f	9.2	0.24
2g	6.7	[^{11}C]- 3g	5.6	0.20
2h	8.4	[^{11}C]- 3h	5.4	0.28
2i	4.7	[^{11}C]- 3i	5.8	0.41

Example of TLC and HPLC chromatograms obtained for the synthesis of 3-[¹¹C]-methylquinoline [¹¹C]-3b



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