# Efficient and convenient preparation of 3-aryl-2,2dimethylpropanoates via Negishi coupling

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Supplementary Material;

1. General procedure for pyridine and pyrimidine substrates.

2. Spectral data of all the new compounds.

3. Experimental procedure for compound 5

4. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, HRMS, FT-IR for all new compounds (Note: All the compounds below were > 95% by HPLC unless described otherwise.)



General procedure for the Negishi coupling; Preparation of 3: A suspension of Zn-Cu (3.45 g) couple in toluene / DMA (13:1, 30 mL) was degassed by bubbling N<sub>2</sub> into the system for 15 min. Iodide 1 (2.21 g, 9.14 mmol) was added to the suspension, and the resulting mixture heated to 110 °C for 6 hr. The rxn was allowed to cool to 70 °C and 2-bromo-4-methyl pyridine (751 uL, 6.77 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (235 mg, 0.203 mmol) were added. The reaction was maintained at 70 °C for 22 hr. Upon cooling, the mixture was filtered,

and the filter cake rinsed with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The filtrate was extracted with 1N HCl (2x75 mL). The acidic extracts were basified by addition of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and the resulting solution extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2x75 mL). The combined organics were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent evaporated to yield **3** (1.31 g, 6.32 mmol, 93%) as an oil which was pure by NMR and HPLC.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.19 (s, 6 H) 2.32 (s, 3 H) 3.00 (s, 2 H) 3.63 (s, 3 H) 6.94 (s, 1 H) 6.99 (d, *J*=4.93 Hz, 1 H) 8.32 (d, *J*=5.05 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 21.23 (s) 25.51 (s) 43.46 (s) 48.54 (s) 51.99 (s) 122.84 (s) 125.46 (s) 147.51 (s) 149.13 (s) 158.86 (s) 178.17 (s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M + H]+ calculated for C12H18NO2, 208.1338; found, 208.1336.



**Compound 4:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.19 (s, 6 H) 2.96 (s, 2 H) 3.64 (s, 3 H) 3.81 (s, 3 H) 6.61 (d, *J*=2.53 Hz, 1 H) 6.67 (dd, *J*=5.75, 2.46 Hz, 1 H) 8.28 (d, *J*=5.81 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 150.56 (s) 160.72 (s) 166.24 (s) 178.14 (s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M + H]+ calculated for C12H18NO3, 224.1287; found, 224.1282.

Compound 5: To a stirred solution of methyl 3-iodo-2,2-

dimethylpropanoate (145mg, 0.599 mmol) in Toluene (3 ml) and DMA (0.5 ml) were added Zinc-Copper couple (157 mg, 2.396 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 2 hrs at 100 °C and cooled to 70 °C. 3-bromobenzaldehyde (166 mg, 0.899 mmol) and PalladiumTetrakis (20.77 mg, 0.018 mmol) were added and the reaction was stirred for overnight. The reaction was cooled to rt and diluted with EtOAc (20 ml). It was filtered to remove the insolubles and the filtrate was washed with 1N-HCl (15 ml) and brine. The separated organic layer was dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the volatiles were removed in vacuo.

The resulting crude oil was purified by column chromatography (heptane and ethylacetate gradient) to provide 103 mg (78%, 0.468 mmol) of the product. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.15 (s, 6 H) 2.90 (br. s., 2 H) 3.61 (s, 3 H) 7.36 (br. s., 1 H) 7.42 (br. s., 1 H) 7.58 (s, 1H) 7.70 (br. s., 1 H) 9.95 (s, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 25.04 (s) 43.89 (s) 46.20 (s) 51.90 (s) 128.30 (s) 129.01 (s) 131.24 (s) 136.45 (s) 136.72 (s) 139.85 (s) 177.51 (s) 192.59 (s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]+ calculated for C13H16O3, 221.1178; found, 221.1169.



**Entry 1:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.21 (s, 6 H) 3.06 (s, 2 H) 3.65 (s, 3 H) 3.87 (s, 3 H) 6.60 (d, *J*=8.21 Hz, 1 H) 6.72 (d, *J*=7.33 Hz, 1 H) 7.55 (t, *J*=7.83 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 25.74 (s) 42.96 (s) 47.98 (s) 51.96 (s) 108.47 (s) 117.01 (s) 139.02 (s) 157.03 (s) 163.87 (s) 178.28 (s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]+ calculated for C12H18NO3, 224.1287; found, 224.1279.



**Entry 2:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.19 (s, 6 H) 3.06 (s, 2 H) 3.61 (s, 3 H) 3.79 (s, 3 H) 7.03 - 7.19 (m, 2 H) 8.04 (dd, *J*=3.79, 2.40 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 25.66 (s) 41.85 (s) 42.62 (s) 51.91 (s) 55.64 (s) 117.01 (s) 122.41 (s) 140.48 (s) 149.13 (s) 154.59 (s) 178.55 (s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]+ calculated for C12H18NO3, 224.1287; found, 224.1282.



**Entry 3:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.19 (s, 6 H) 3.00 (s, 2 H) 3.64 (s, 3 H) 7.09 - 7.19 (m, 2 H) 8.38 (d, *J*=5.31 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 25.53 (s) 43.46 (s) 48.22 (s) 52.12 (s) 122.28 (s) 124.88 (s) 150.28 (s) 160.93 (s) 177.84 (s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]+ calculated for C11H15CINO2, 228.0791; found, 228.0785.

**Entry 5:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.21 (s, 6 H) 2.42 (s, 3 H) 3.14 (s, 2 H) 3.63 (s, 3 H) 6.97 (d, *J*=5.05 Hz, 1 H) 8.44 (d, *J*=5.18 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 24.43 (s) 25.67 (s) 42.61 (s) 49.70 (s) 51.99 (s) 118.54 (s) 156.74 (s) 167.14 (s) 168.37 (s) 178.22

(s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]+ calculated for C11H17N2O2, 209.1290; found, 209.1283.

**Entry 6:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.24 (s, 6 H) 3.13 (s, 2 H) 3.64 (s, 3 H) 3.88 (s, 3 H) 6.53 (d, *J*=5.81 Hz, 1 H) 8.29 (d, *J*=5.81 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 25.82 (s) 42.23 (s) 49.31 (s) 52.00 (s) 54.16 (s) 105.98 (s) 157.32 (s) 168.73 (s) 169.62 (s) 178.23 (s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]+ calculated for C11H17N2O3, 225.1239; found, 225.1234.

**Entry 7:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE- $d_2$ )  $\delta$  ppm 1.26 (s, 6 H) 3.32 (s, 2 H) 3.64 (s, 3 H) 7.48 (d, *J*=5.05 Hz, 1 H) 8.90 (d, *J*=5.05 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE- $d_2$ )  $\delta$  ppm 25.68 (s) 42.66 (s) 49.45 (s) 52.10 (s) 114.82 (q, *J*=2.56 Hz) 121.15 (q, *J*=274.80 Hz) 155.51 (q, *J*=35.86 Hz) 159.85 (s) 170.18 (s) 177.74 (s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]+ calculated for C11H14F3N2O2, 263.1007; found, 263.1004.

**Entry 8:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE- $d_2$ )  $\delta$  ppm 1.22 (s, 6 H) 2.99 (s, 2 H) 3.67 (s, 3 H) 7.09 (d, *J*=5.05 Hz, 1 H) 8.47 (d, *J*=5.05 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, ACETONITRILE- $d_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm 25.48 (s) 43.40 (s) 47.65 (s) 52.43 (s) 121.73 (s) 160.60 (s) 161.29 (s) 172.13 (s) 177.67 (s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]+ calculated for C10H14CIN2O2, 229.0744; found, 229.0741.

**Entry 9:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>) δ ppm 1.22 (s, 6 H) 3.03 (s, 2 H) 3.48 - 3.57 (m, 4 H) 3.60 (s, 3 H) 3.68 - 3.75 (m, 4 H) 6.31 (d, *J*=6.19 Hz, 1 H) 8.11 (d, *J*=6.19 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-*d*<sub>2</sub>) δ ppm 25.88 (s) 41.98 (s) 44.65 (s) 49.43 (s) 51.91 (s) 66.97 (s) 100.62 (s) 155.95 (s) 162.16 (s) 167.73 (s) 178.46 (s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]+ calculated for C14H22N3O3, 280.1661; found, 280.1658.



**Entry 10:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE- $d_2$ )  $\delta$  ppm 1.21 (br. s., 6 H) 3.28 (s, 2 H) 3.64 (s, 3 H) 7.27 (s, 1 H) 7.37 (s, 1 H) 7.77 (br. s., 1 H) 7.85 (br. s., 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE- $d_2$ )  $\delta$  ppm 25.47 (s) 43.64 (s)







44.33 (s) 52.26 (s) 121.76 (s) 122.97 (s) 125.13 (s) 126.14 (s) 135.90 (s) 153.56 (s) 167.83 (s) 177.21 (s); HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]+ calculated for C13H15CINO2S, 250.0902; found, 250.09019.



**Entry 11:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANEd2)  $\delta$  ppm 1.21 (s, 6 H) 3.08 (s., 2 H) 3.59 (s, 3 H) 7.19 (m, 2 H) 7.38 (m., 1 H) 7.54(m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-d2)  $\delta$  ppm 25.26 (s) 38.86 (s) 42.31 (s) 52.23 (s) 110.51 (s) 119.83 (s) 124.28 (s) 124.80 (s) 141.66 (s) 151.00 (s) 164.53 (s) 176.90 9s); HRMS-ESI

(m/z): [M+H]+ calculated for C13H15NO3, 234.1130; found, 234.11234. Compound 3

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR

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1H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-d<sub>2</sub>) δ ppm 1.19 (s, 6 H) 2.32 (s, 3 H) 3.00 (s, 2 H) 3.63 (s, 3 H) 6.94 (s, 1 H) 6.99 (d, J=4.93 Hz, 1 H) 8.32 (d, J=5.05 Hz, 1 H)











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13C NMR (101 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-d\_)  $\delta$  ppm 25.56 (s, 1 C) 43.47 (s, 1 C) 48.74 (s, 1 C) 52.04 (s, 1 C) 55.55 (s, 1 C) 108.02 (s, 1 C) 110.49 (s, 1 C) 150.56 (s, 1 C) 160.72 (s, 1 C) 166.24 (s, 1 C) 178.14 (s, 1 C)







### Compound 5

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR

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 Sweep Width (Hz)
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 Temperature (degree C) 27.000

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Spectrum Offset (Hz) 2470.9668









FT-IR





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1H NMR (400 MHz, DICHLOROMETHANE-d<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.19 (s, 6 H) 3.06 (s, 2 H) 3.61 (s, 3 H) 3.79 (s, 3 H) 7.03 - 7.19 (m, 2 H) 8.04 (dd, J=3.79, 2.40 Hz, 1 H)

Spectrum Offset (Hz) 2455.7830



<sup>13</sup>C NMR







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<sup>13</sup>C NMR













## Entry 11

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