

Supporting Information

2-Pyridylmethyl ether: a readily removable and efficient directing group for amino acid ligand accelerated *ortho*-C–H olefination of phenols

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I. General remarks

The ^1H NMR (400 MHz or 600 MHz) chemical shifts were measured relative to TMS, CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ as the internal reference. The ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) chemical shifts are given using CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ as the internal standard. High resolution mass spectra (HR-MS) were recorded by ESI-TOF. Melting points were determined with XRC-1 and are uncorrected. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. L-Val-OH, L-Leu-OH and L-Ile-OH were used to synthesize the *N*-protected amino acid ligands according to known procedures.^{1,2,3} Solvents were dried by refluxing for at least 24 h over CaH_2 (DMF, DCE, DCM) and freshly distilled prior to use. *t*-AmylOH was obtained from commercial suppliers and used directly without further purification. Py = 2-pyridyl, ^4Py = 4-pyridyl.

II. Optimization of the reaction condition

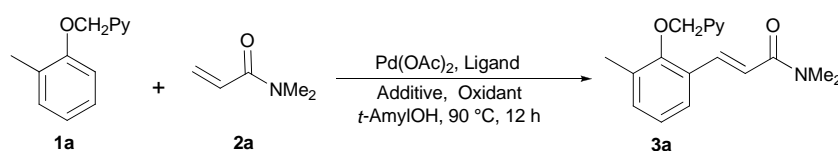


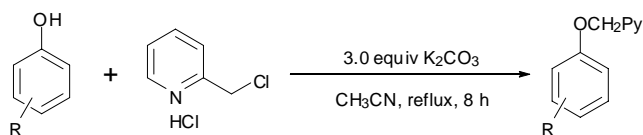
Table 1 Optimization of the reaction conditions.^a

Entry	Ligand	Oxidant	Additive	Yield (%) ^b
1 ^c	Boc-Val-OH	O ₂	KHCO ₃	17
2	Boc-Val-OH	O ₂	KHCO ₃	90
3	Ac-Val-OH	O ₂	KHCO ₃	77
4	Ac-Leu-OH	O ₂	KHCO ₃	82
5	Ac-Ile-OH	O ₂	KHCO ₃	80
6	-	O ₂	KHCO ₃	9
7	Boc-Val-OH	Air	KHCO ₃	63

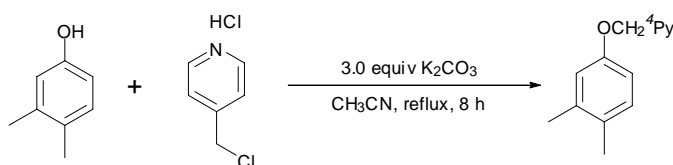
8 ^d	Boc-Val-OH	O ₂	KHCO ₃	29
9	Boc-Val-OH	O ₂	-	-
10 ^e	-	AgOAc	KHCO ₃	67
11 ^e	-	AgOAc	Li ₂ CO ₃	71
12 ^e	-	AgOAc	-	50
13 ^e	-	Cu(OAc) ₂	-	-
14 ^e	-	PhI(OAc) ₂	-	Trace
15 ^e	-	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈	-	Trace

^a Reactions were carried out using **1a** (0.5 mmol) and **2a** (0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), ligand (20 mol%) and additive (2.0 equiv) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) for 12 hours under 1 atm O₂. ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c 10 mol% BQ used. ^d At 60 °C. ^e Reaction was carried out using **1a** (0.5 mmol) and **2a** (0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), additive (2.0 equiv) and oxidant (1.0 mmol) in DCE (2 mL) at 110 °C for 24 hours under N₂. DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane, *t*-AmylOH = tert-amyl alcohol, Py = 2-pyridyl.

III. Preparation of starting materials and characterization

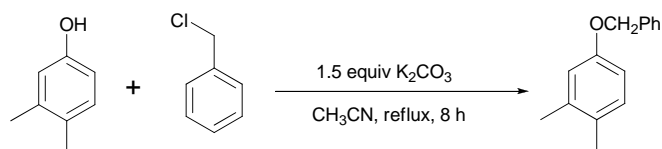


A mixture of phenols (10.0 mmol), 2-(chloromethyl)pyridine hydrochloride (10.0 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (4.14 g, 30.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH₃CN (20 mL) and heated to reflux under nitrogen for 8 hours. After being cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered and washed with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product.

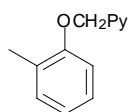


A mixture of 3,4-dimethylphenol (10.0 mmol), 4-(chloromethyl)pyridine hydrochloride (10.0 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (4.14 g, 30.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH₃CN

(20 mL) and heated to reflux under nitrogen for 8 hours. After being cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered and washed with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product 1,2-dimethyl-4-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)benzene.

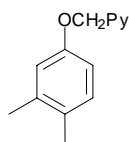


A mixture of 3,4-dimethylphenol (10.0 mmol), Benzyl chloride (10.0 mmol), and K_2CO_3 (2.07 g, 15.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH_3CN (20 mL) and heated to reflux under nitrogen for 8 hours. After being cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered and washed with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product.



2-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)toluene

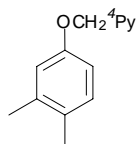
The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (1.8 g, 90%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.34 (s, 3H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 6.85-6.90 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.5, 70.5, 111.5, 120.9, 121.0, 122.6, 126.9, 127.0, 130.9, 136.9, 149.2, 156.5, 157.9 ppm.



1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene

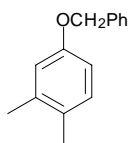
The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (1.9 g, 89%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s,

1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 18.9, 20.1, 70.7, 111.8, 116.5, 121.3, 122.6, 129.2, 130.5, 136.9, 137.9, 149.2, 156.6, 157.8$ ppm.



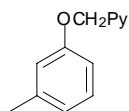
1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)benzene

The title compound was obtained as a white solid (1.77 g, 83%). M.p.: 44-46 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.20$ (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 6.66 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.59 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 18.9, 20.2, 68.3, 111.7, 116.5, 121.6, 129.6, 130.5, 138.1, 146.8, 150.1, 156.5$ ppm.



4-(Benzyloxy)-1,2-dimethylbenzene

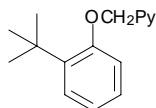
The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (1.8 g, 85%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.22$ (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.46 (m, 5H), ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 18.9, 20.2, 70.2, 111.9, 116.6, 127.6, 127.9, 128.7, 129.0, 130.4, 137.5, 137.9, 157.1$ ppm.



3-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)toluene

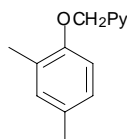
The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (1.75 g, 88%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.32$ (s, 3H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 6.78-6.82 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d,

$J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 21.6, 70.6, 111.7, 115.8, 121.3, 122.1, 122.6, 129.4, 136.9, 139.7, 149.3, 157.6, 158.5$ ppm.



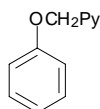
tert-Butyl-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene

The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (2.2 g, 91%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.50$ (s, 9H), 5.32 (s, 2H), 6.94-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.64 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 30.0, 35.0, 71.0, 112.9, 121.0, 121.3, 122.6, 126.9, 127.3, 137.0, 138.4, 149.3, 157.2, 157.9$ ppm.



1,3-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene

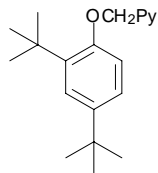
The title compound was obtained as a slight yellow solid (2.0 g, 94%). M.p.: 60-62 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.26$ (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 6.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 16.5, 20.6, 70.8, 111.6, 121.1, 122.6, 126.7, 127.2, 130.2, 131.8, 137.0, 149.1, 154.5, 158.1$ ppm.



Pyridin-2-ylmethoxybenzene

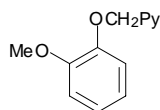
The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (1.7 g, 92%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 5.21$ (s, 2H), 6.95-7.00 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.31 (m,

2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H) ppm.
 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 70.6, 115.0, 121.3, 121.4, 122.7, 129.7, 137.0, 149.3, 157.5, 158.5$ ppm.



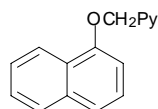
1,3-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene

The title compound was obtained as a white solid (2.6 g, 88%). M.p.: 78-80 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.31$ (s, 9H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 30.1, 31.7, 34.4, 35.2, 71.1, 112.2, 121.3, 122.5, 123.6, 124.2, 137.0, 137.5, 143.2, 149.2, 155.0, 158.2$ ppm.



2-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)anisole

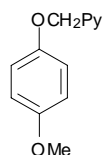
The title compound was obtained as a white solid (1.8 g, 84%). M.p.: 50-52 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 3.91$ (s, 3H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 6.85-6.93 (m, 4H), 7.19 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 56.1, 71.6, 112.1, 114.0, 121.0, 121.4, 121.7, 122.7, 137.0, 148.0, 149.2, 149.7, 157.6$ ppm.



1-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)naphthalene

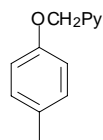
The title compound was obtained as a white solid (1.9 g, 81%). M.p.: 46-48 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 5.40$ (s, 2H), 6.85 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz,

1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.82 (m, 1H), 8.39 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 70.9, 105.5, 120.9, 121.2, 122.1, 122.7, 125.4, 125.8, 126.0, 126.6, 127.7, 134.7, 137.0, 149.3, 154.1, 157.5$ ppm.



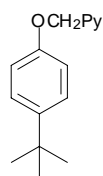
4-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)anisole

The title compound was obtained as a white solid (1.75 g, 81%). M.p.: 39-41 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 3.76$ (s, 3H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 55.8, 71.4, 114.8, 115.9, 121.4, 122.7, 136.9, 149.3, 152.7, 154.2, 157.7$ ppm.



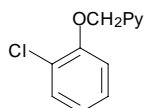
4-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)toluene

The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (1.7 g, 85%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.28$ (s, 3H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 20.6, 70.8, 114.8, 121.4, 122.6, 130.1, 130.5, 136.9, 149.3, 156.4, 157.7$ ppm.



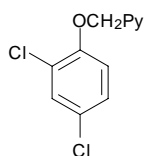
tert-Butyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene

The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (2.0 g, 83%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.30 (s, 9H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 31.6, 34.2, 70.8, 114.4, 121.4, 122.7, 126.4, 136.9, 144.0, 149.3, 156.3, 157.8 ppm.



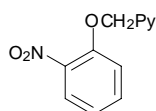
4-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)chlorobenzene

The title compound was obtained as a white solid (1.9 g, 88%). M.p.: 54-56 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 5.28 (s, 2H), 6.90 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 71.3, 113.9, 121.3, 122.0, 122.8, 123.2, 127.9, 130.5, 137.1, 149.2, 154.0, 157.0 ppm.



1,3-Dichloro-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene

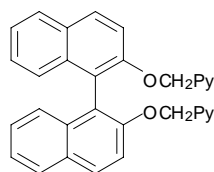
The title compound was obtained as a white solid (2.3 g, 91%). M.p.: 100-102 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 5.25 (s, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 71.7, 114.7, 121.3, 123.0, 124.0, 126.4, 127.8, 130.2, 137.2, 149.3, 152.8, 156.5 ppm.



2-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)nitrobenzene

The title compound was obtained as a slight yellow solid (2.0 g, 87%). M.p.: 76-78 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 5.34 (s, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4

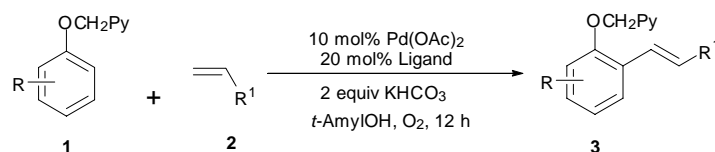
Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 71.6, 115.0, 121.0, 121.4, 123.1, 126.0, 134.5, 137.3, 140.1, 149.2, 151.8, 156.0$ ppm.



2,2'-Bis(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-1,1'-binaphthyl

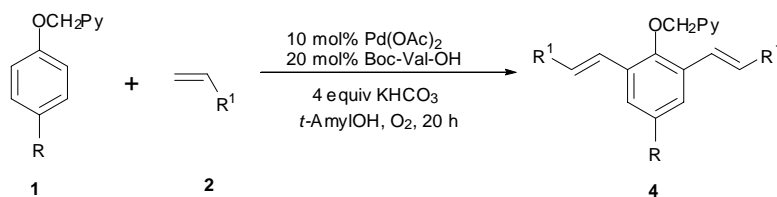
The title compound was obtained as a white solid (3.2 g, 71%). M.p.: 124-126 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 5.20$ (s, 4H), 6.69 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.31-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.42 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 71.6, 115.2, 120.3, 120.9, 122.3, 124.0, 125.6, 126.6, 128.1, 129.5, 129.7, 134.3, 136.6, 148.7, 153.8, 157.8$ ppm.

IV. General procedure for 2-pyridylmethoxy directed C–H *ortho*-olefination of phenols

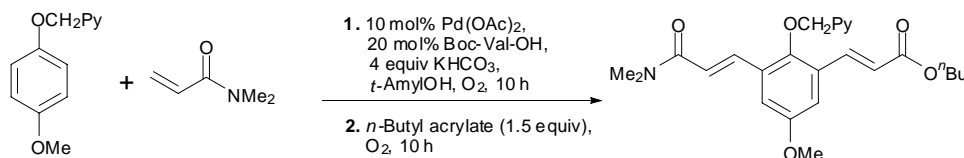


A mixture of phenol ethers **1** (0.5 mmol), alkenes **2** (0.75 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (11.2 mg, 10 mol%), KHCO_3 (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) and ligand (20 mol%) was dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) in a 50 mL Schlenk-type sealed tube. The reaction tube was filled with O_2 . Subsequently, the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature, and then heated at 90 °C for 12 h. After being cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 , filtered through a plug of celite, and washed with 10-20 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic extracts

were concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product **3**.



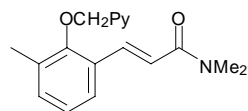
A mixture of phenol ethers **1** (0.5 mmol), alkenes **2** (2.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 10 mol%), KHCO₃ (200 mg, 2.0 mmol) and Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 20 mol%) was dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) in a 50 mL Schlenk-type sealed tube. The reaction tube was filled with O₂. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature, and then heated at 90 °C for 20 h. After being cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂, filtered through a plug of celite, and washed with 10-20 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts were concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product **4**.



A mixture of 4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)anisole (0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (0.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 10 mol%), KHCO₃ (200 mg, 2.0 mmol) and Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 20 mol%) was dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) in a 50 mL Schlenk-type sealed tube. The reaction tube was filled with O₂. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature, and then heated at 90 °C for 10 h. After being cooled to room temperature, *n*-butyl acrylate was added into the mixture under the oxygen environment, and then the mixture was heated at 90 °C for another 10 h. After being cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂, filtered through a plug of celite, and washed with 10-20 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts were concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired

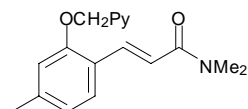
product.

V. Experimental data for the described substances



(*E*)-*N,N*-Dimethyl-3-(3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl)acrylamide (**3a**)

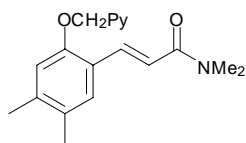
2-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)toluene (100 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (134 mg, 90% yield). M.p.: 104-106 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 16.3, 36.0, 37.4, 75.7, 119.4, 121.8, 122.9, 124.6, 126.5, 129.2, 132.2, 132.6, 137.0, 137.7, 149.3, 156.1, 157.2, 167.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₈H₂₀N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 297.1603, found 297.1609.



(*E*)-*N,N*-Dimethyl-3-(4-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl)acrylamide (**3b**)

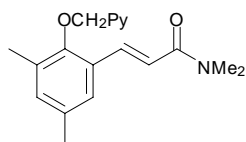
3-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)toluene (100 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (126 mg, 85% yield). M.p.: 132-134 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.33 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 6.79-6.80 (m,

2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 21.9, 36.0, 37.4, 70.8, 113.4, 117.6, 121.7, 122.0, 122.1, 122.9, 129.1, 137.4, 137.8, 141.4, 149.0, 156.9, 167.5$ ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ [M+H]⁺ 297.1603, found 297.1615.



(E)-3-(4,5-Dimethyl-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl)-N,N-dimethylacrylamide
(3c)

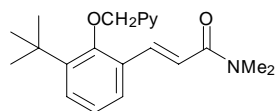
1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (106 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO_3 (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O_2 . Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (143 mg, 92% yield). M.p.: 108-110 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.20$ (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 18.9, 20.4, 36.0, 37.5, 71.2, 114.3, 117.5, 121.6, 122.1, 122.8, 129.2, 130.3, 137.1, 138.0, 139.8, 149.2, 155.2, 157.3, 167.7$ ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ [M+H]⁺ 311.1760, found 311.1756.



(E)-3-(3,5-Dimethyl-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl)-N,N-dimethylacrylamide
(3d)

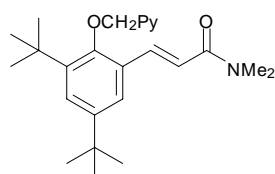
1,3-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (107 mg, 0.5 mmol),

N,N-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded colorless oil (141 mg, 91% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 16.1, 20.8, 35.9, 37.3, 75.6, 118.9, 121.8, 122.8, 126.5, 128.5, 131.6, 133.4, 133.9, 137.1, 137.7, 149.0, 153.8, 157.0, 166.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₉H₂₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 311.1760, found 311.1764.



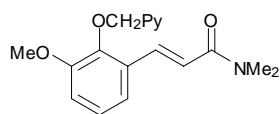
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tert-Butyl-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (121 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded colorless oil (159 mg, 94% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.39 (s, 9H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 30.9, 35.2, 35.9, 37.4, 76.7, 119.0, 121.3, 122.7, 124.1, 126.8, 128.7, 130.0, 137.2, 138.5, 143.5, 148.9, 157.0, 157.3, 166.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₁H₂₆N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 339.2073, found 339.2069.



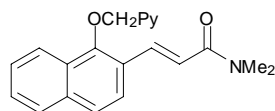
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1,3-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (149 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (188 mg, 95% yield). M.p.: 106-108 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.89 (m, 3H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 31.1, 31.6, 34.7, 35.4, 35.9, 37.4, 76.2, 118.8, 121.4, 122.7, 123.9, 126.1, 129.1, 137.5, 139.3, 142.5, 146.4, 148.6, 154.6, 157.4, 166.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₅H₃₄N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 395.2699, found 395.2690.



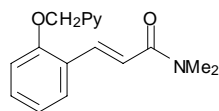
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2-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)anisole (108 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded colorless oil (125 mg, 80% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.98 (s, 3H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 35.7, 37.2, 55.7, 75.2, 113.1, 119.4, 119.8, 121.9, 122.5, 124.3, 129.5, 136.8, 137.0, 146.5, 148.7, 153.0, 157.3, 166.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₈H₂₀N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺ 313.1552, found 313.1553.



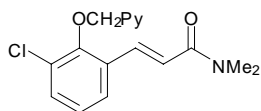
(E)-N,N-Dimethyl-3-(1-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)naphthalen-2-yl)acrylamide (3h)

1-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)naphthalene (118 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (146 mg, 88% yield). M.p.: 120-122 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.06 (s, 3H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.89 (m, 3H), 8.15-8.19 (m, 2H), 8.63 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 36.0, 37.5, 77.4, 119.1, 122.2, 122.9, 123.2, 124.3, 124.4, 124.9, 126.8, 127.3, 128.1, 128.3, 135.5, 136.8, 137.5, 149.1, 154.1, 156.7, 166.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 333.1603, found 333.1601.



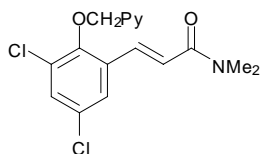
(E)-N,N-Dimethyl-3-(2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl)acrylamide (3i)

Pyridin-2-ylmethoxybenzene (93 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (88 mg, 62% yield). M.p.: 108-110 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.06 (s, 3H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 5.31 (s, 2H), 6.96-7.00 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.81 (m, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 36.0, 37.5, 70.9, 112.6, 118.8, 121.3, 121.7, 123.0, 124.8, 129.2, 130.8, 137.4, 137.8, 149.1, 156.86, 156.93, 167.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 283.1447, found 283.1443.



(E)-3-(3-Chloro-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl)-N,N-dimethylacrylamide (3j)

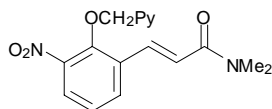
2-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)chlorobenzene (110 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Ac-Ile-OH (17.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) or Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded colorless oil (124 mg, 78% yield) or (81 mg, 51% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.02 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 35.9, 37.3, 75.6, 120.8, 122.2, 123.0, 125.4, 127.4, 129.0, 131.25, 131.29, 136.5, 137.1, 149.0, 153.3, 156.4, 166.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇ClN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 317.1057, found 317.1054.



(E)-3-(3,5-Dichloro-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl)-N,N-dimethylacrylamide (3k)

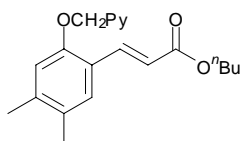
1,3-Dichloro-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Ac-Ile-OH (17.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) or Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (126 mg, 72% yield) or (47 mg, 27% yield). M.p.: 108-110 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.83 (m,

3H), 8.56 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 36.0, 37.5, 75.9, 121.9, 122.3, 123.2, 126.8, 129.9, 130.2, 130.8, 132.4, 135.3, 137.3, 149.0, 152.1, 156.1, 166.1$ ppm. HRMS (ESI^+): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 351.0667, found 351.0669.



(E)-N,N-Dimethyl-3-(3-nitro-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl)acrylamide (3l)

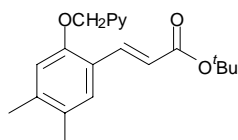
2-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)nitrobenzene (115 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (75 mg, 0.75 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Ac-Ile-OH (17.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) or Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO_3 (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O_2 . Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (98 mg, 60% yield) or (50 mg, 31% yield). M.p.: 110-112 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 3.04$ (s, 3H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.86 (m, 4H), 8.56 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 36.1, 37.4, 77.5, 122.5, 123.4, 124.9, 125.9, 132.6, 133.4, 135.3, 137.5, 145.2, 148.88, 148.93, 150.3, 155.6, 166.1$ ppm. HRMS (ESI^+): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 328.1297, found 328.1296.



(E)-Butyl 3-(4,5-dimethyl-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl)acrylate (3m)

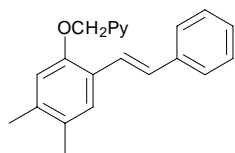
1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (106.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), butyl acrylate (96.0 mg, 0.75 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO_3 (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O_2 . Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded colorless oil (146 mg, 86% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.94$ (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.39-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.72 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s,

3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 4.18 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 6.49 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.73 (m, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 13.9, 18.9, 19.4, 20.5, 30.9, 64.3, 71.0, 114.3, 117.7, 121.2, 121.3, 122.8, 129.4, 129.6, 137.3, 139.8, 140.9, 149.1, 155.2, 157.2, 167.9$ ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 340.1913, found 340.1914.



(E)-tert-Butyl 3-(4,5-dimethyl-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl)acrylate (3n)

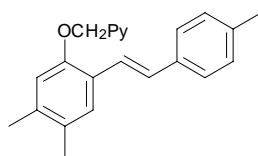
1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (106 mg, 0.5 mmol), *tert*-butyl acrylate (96 mg, 0.75 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO_3 (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O_2 . Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (128 mg, 75% yield). M.p.: 70-72 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.53$ (s, 9H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 6.41 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.74 (m, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 18.9, 20.5, 28.4, 71.0, 80.2, 114.3, 119.5, 121.3, 122.8, 129.4, 137.3, 138.7, 140.6, 149.0, 155.1, 157.3, 167.1$ ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 340.1913, found 340.1909.



(E)-4,5-Dimethyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-2-styrylbenzene (3o)

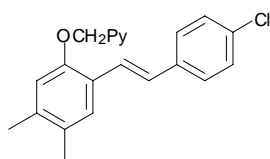
1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (106 mg, 0.5 mmol), styrene (78 mg, 0.75 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO_3 (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O_2 .

Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (131 mg, 83% yield). M.p.: 70-72 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.24 (s, 6H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.1, 20.2, 71.2, 114.5, 121.3, 122.7, 123.5, 124.2, 126.5, 127.3, 127.8, 128.3, 128.7, 129.3, 137.2, 137.5, 138.3, 149.0, 153.9, 157.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₂H₂₁NO [M+H]⁺ 316.1701, found 316.1704.



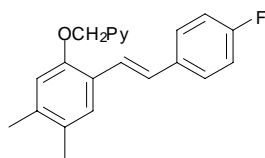
(E)-4,5-Dimethyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-2-(4-methylstyryl)benzene (3p)

1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (106 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-methylstyrene (89 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (147 mg, 89% yield). M.p.: 116-118 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.1, 20.2, 21.3, 71.2, 114.5, 121.3, 122.5, 122.7, 124.4, 126.5, 127.7, 128.3, 129.3, 129.4, 135.5, 137.1, 137.2, 149.0, 153.8, 157.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₃H₂₃NO [M+H]⁺ 330.1858, found 330.1856.



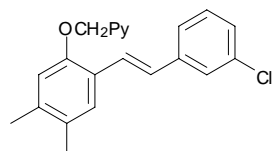
(E)-4,5-Dimethyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-2-(4-chlorostyryl)benzene (3q)

1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (106 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-chlorostyrene (104 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (152 mg, 87% yield). M.p.: 124-126 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.23 (s, 6H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37(s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.1, 20.2, 71.3, 114.5, 121.3, 122.8, 123.8, 124.2, 127.0, 127.7, 127.8, 128.9, 129.4, 132.8, 136.8, 137.2, 137.8, 149.2, 154.0, 157.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₂H₂₀ClNO [M+H]⁺ 350.1312, found 350.1312.



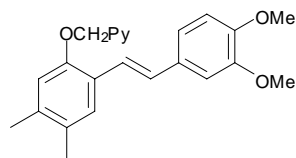
(E)-4,5-Dimethyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-2-(4-fluorostyryl)benzene (3r)

1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (106 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-fluorostyrene (92 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (130 mg, 78% yield). M.p.: 114-116 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.23 (s, 6H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 7.02-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37(s, 1H), 7.43-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.1, 20.2, 71.3, 114.5, 115.5, 115.7, 121.3, 122.7, 123.32, 123.34, 124.0, 127.1, 127.7, 127.9, 128.0, 129.4, 134.45, 134.49, 137.1, 137.5, 149.1, 153.9, 157.7, 161.0, 163.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₂H₂₀FNO [M+H]⁺ 334.1607, found 334.1606.



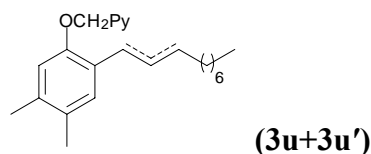
(E)-4,5-Dimethyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-2-(3-chlorostyryl)benzene (3s)

1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (106 mg, 0.5 mmol), 3-chlorostyrene (276 mg, 2.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (126 mg, 72% yield). M.p.: 104-106 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.23 (s, 6H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.1, 20.3, 71.4, 114.6, 121.3, 122.8, 123.7, 124.8, 125.1, 126.3, 126.8, 127.1, 127.9, 129.4, 129.9, 134.7, 137.2, 138.0, 140.2, 149.2, 154.1, 157.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₂H₂₀ClNO [M+H]⁺ 350.1312, found 350.1307.

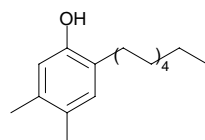


(E)-4,5-Dimethyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-2-(3,4-dimethoxystyryl)benzene (3t)

1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (106 mg, 0.5 mmol), 3,4-dimethoxystyrene (123 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (141 mg, 75% yield). M.p.: 58-60 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.22 (s, 6H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.22 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.1, 20.2, 55.9, 56.1, 71.3, 108.9, 111.4, 114.5, 119.7, 121.3, 121.7, 122.7, 124.4, 127.6, 128.1, 129.4, 131.5, 137.1, 148.7, 149.1, 149.2, 153.8, 157.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₄H₂₅NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 376.1913, found 376.1914.

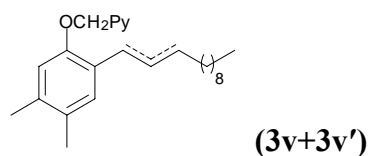


1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (106 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-decene (105 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a mixture as colorless oil (132 mg, 75% yield). The two products could not be isolated by silica gel column chromatography, but a single *ortho*-alkyl phenol **3ua** could be obtained by catalytic hydrogenation of the mixture (**3u+3u'**, 1:1.5).



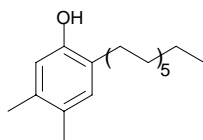
2-Decyl-4,5-dimethylphenol (**3ua**)

To a stirred solution of the mixture (**3u+3u'**, 0.3 mmol) and absolute EtOH (6.0 mL) was added Pd/C (100 mg, 10% Pd). After being stirred under an atmosphere of H₂ (balloon) for overnight, the mixture was filtered over a pad of celite with EtOAc (20 mL) and concentrated under reduce pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel to give desired product **3ua** as colorless oil (71 mg, 90% Yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.32 (m, 14H), 1.56-1.61 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (br. s., 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.3, 18.9, 19.45, 19.48, 22.8, 29.5, 29.7, 29.8, 29.9, 30.0, 30.3, 32.1, 116.8, 125.7, 128.6, 131.4, 135.2, 151.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₈H₃₀O [M+Na]⁺ 285.2194, found 285.2196.



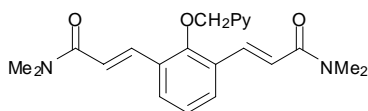
1,2-Dimethyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (106 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-dodecene (126

mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a mixture as colorless oil (125 mg, 66% yield). The two products could not be isolated by silica gel column chromatography, but a single *ortho*-alkyl phenol **3va** could be obtained by catalytic hydrogenation of the mixture (**3v**+**3v'**, 1:2.5).



2-Dodecyl-4,5-dimethylphenol (**3va**)

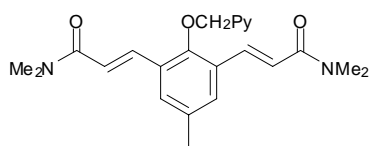
To a stirred solution of the mixture (**3v**+**3v'**, 0.3 mmol) and absolute EtOH (6.0 mL) was added Pd/C (100 mg, 10% Pd). After being stirred under an atmosphere of H₂ (balloon) for overnight, the mixture was filtered over a pad of celite with EtOAc (20 mL) and concentrated under reduce pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel to give desired product **3va** as colorless oil (75 mg, 86% Yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.32 (m, 18H), 1.54-1.59 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.50 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (br. s., 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.3, 18.9, 19.45, 19.48, 22.8, 27.9, 29.5, 29.71, 29.77, 29.80, 29.83, 30.0, 30.3, 32.1, 116.7, 125.7, 128.6, 131.4, 135.2, 151.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₀H₃₄O [M+Na]⁺ 313.2507, found 313.2510.



(*2E,2'E*)-3,3'-(2-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-1,3-phenylene)bis(*N,N*-dimethylacrylamide) (**4a**)

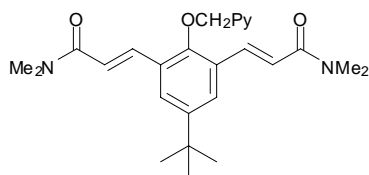
Pyridin-2-ylmethoxybenzene (93 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (248 mg, 2.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (200 mg, 2.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂.

Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% acetone in petroleum ether afforded a slight yellow solid (139 mg, 73% yield). M.p.: 38-40 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.01(s, 6H), 3.05 (s, 6H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.73-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 36.0, 37.4, 76.8, 120.3, 122.2, 123.1, 125.1, 130.0, 130.1, 137.0, 137.2, 149.2, 156.3, 156.4, 166.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₂H₂₅N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 380.1974, found 380.1967.



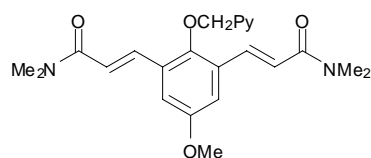
(2*E*,2'*E*)-3,3'-(5-Methyl-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-1,3-phenylene)bis(*N,N*-dimethylacrylamide) (4b)

4-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)toluene (100 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (248 mg, 2.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (200 mg, 2.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% acetone in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (142 mg, 72% yield). M.p.: 152-154 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.37 (s, 3H), 3.02 (s, 6H), 3.08 (s, 6H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.35 (s, 2H), 7.83-7.87 (m, 4H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.0, 36.0, 37.4, 76.5, 120.0, 122.4, 123.2, 129.6, 130.4, 134.5, 137.0, 137.7, 148.7, 154.2, 156.2, 166.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₃H₂₇N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 394.2131, found 394.2130.



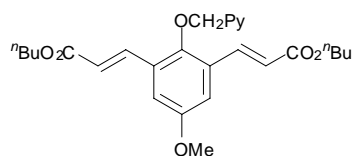
(2*E*,2'*E*)-3,3'-(5-*tert*-Butyl-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-1,3-phenylene)bis(*N,N*-dimethylacrylamide) (4c)

tert-Butyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzene (121 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (248 mg, 2.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (200 mg, 2.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% acetone in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (164 mg, 75% yield). M.p.: 162-164 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.35 (s, 9H), 3.02 (s, 6H), 3.06 (s, 6H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 2H), 7.80-7.87 (m, 4H), 8.56 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 31.4, 34.6, 36.0, 37.4, 76.0, 120.0, 122.2, 123.1, 127.5, 129.2, 137.6, 137.7, 147.7, 148.8, 154.1, 156.4, 166.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₆H₃₃N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 436.2600, found 436.2603.



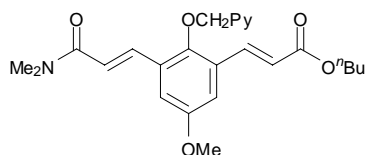
(2*E*,2'*E*)-3,3'-(5-Methoxy-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-1,3-phenylene)bis(*N,N*-dimethylacrylamide) (4d)

4-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)anisole (108 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (248 mg, 2.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (200 mg, 2.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 20 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% acetone in petroleum ether afforded a slight yellow solid (143 mg, 70% yield). M.p.: 167-170 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.02 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 6H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (s, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.89 (m, 4H), 8.55 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 36.0, 37.4, 55.9, 76.5, 114.7, 120.5, 122.5, 123.2, 130.7, 136.9, 137.9, 148.5, 150.2, 156.2, 166.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₃H₂₇N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 410.2080, found 410.2075.



(2*E*,2'*E*)-Di-Butyl 3,3'-(5-methoxy-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-1,3-phenylene) diacrylate (4e)

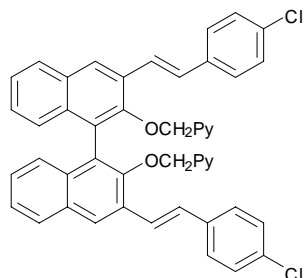
4-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)anisole (108 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-butyl acrylate (320 mg, 2.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (200 mg, 2.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a slight yellow solid (187 mg, 80% yield). M.p.: 60-62 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.33-1.43 (m, 4H), 1.60-1.67 (m, 4H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (s, 2H), 7.26-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.9, 19.3, 30.8, 55.8, 64.6, 78.2, 114.4, 120.7, 122.2, 123.2, 130.0, 137.4, 138.5, 149.1, 150.7, 156.1, 156.3, 166.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₇H₃₅NO₆ [M+H]⁺ 468.2386, found 468.2384.



(*E*)-Butyl 3-(3-(*E*)-3-(dimethylamino)-3-oxoprop-1-enyl)-5-methoxy-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenylacrylate (4f)

4-(Pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)anisole (108 mg, 0.5 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (50 mg, 0.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (200 mg, 2.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 10 h under 1 atm O₂. Subsequently, butyl acrylate (96.0 mg, 0.75 mmol) was added for another 10 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (105 mg, 48% yield). M.p.: 64-66 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.31-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.64 (m, 2H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.12 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.08 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.83 (m, 3H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =

13.9, 19.3, 29.8, 36.1, 37.5, 55.9, 64.6, 77.8, 112.9, 116.4, 120.5, 120.7, 122.2, 123.1, 129.9, 130.9, 136.9, 137.1, 138.8, 149.4, 150.6, 156.2, 156.4, 166.7, 166.9 ppm.
HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₅H₃₀N₂O₅ [M+H]⁺ 439.2233, found 439.2232.

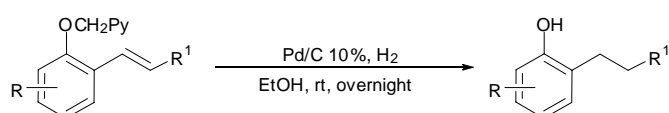


(*E*)-3,3'-Bis(4-chlorostyryl)-2,2'-bis(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-1,1'-binaphthyl (**4g**)

2,2'-Bis(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-1,1'-binaphthyl (234 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-chlorostyrene (345 mg, 2.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), Boc-Val-OH (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and KHCO₃ (200 mg, 2.0 mmol) in *t*-AmylOH (2 mL) at 90 °C for 12 h under 1 atm O₂. Purification via silica gel column chromatography using 15% EtOAc in petroleum ether afforded a white solid (204 mg, 55% yield). M.p.: 110-112 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.70 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.30 (m, 10H), 7.38-7.41 (m, 8H), 7.49 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (s, 2H), 8.30 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 76.3, 121.4, 122.4, 124.6, 125.6, 125.8, 125.9, 126.4, 126.9, 128.0, 128.2, 129.0, 129.7, 131.1, 133.5, 133.8, 136.1, 136.7, 136.8, 148.3, 153.8, 157.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₄₈H₃₄Cl₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 741.2076, found 741,2071.

VI. Deprotection of *ortho*-alkenylated phenols and characterization

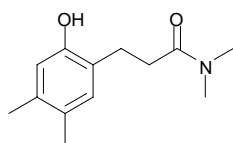
General procedure for deprotection by catalytic hydrogenation



Method A (H₂, 1 atm): To a stirred solution of *ortho*-alkenyl phenol ethers (0.3 mmol) in absolute EtOH (6.0 mL) was added Pd/C (100 mg, 10% Pd). After being stirred under an atmosphere of H₂ (balloon) for overnight, the mixture was filtered over a pad

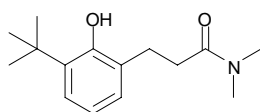
of celite with EtOAc (20 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel to give corresponding phenols.

Method B (H₂, 15 atm): To a stirred solution of *ortho*-alkenyl phenol ethers (0.3 mmol) in absolute EtOH (6.0 mL) was added Pd/C (10 mg, 10% Pd). After being stirred under 15 atm H₂ for overnight, the mixture was filtered over a pad of celite with EtOAc (20 mL) and concentrated under reduce pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel to give the corresponding phenols.



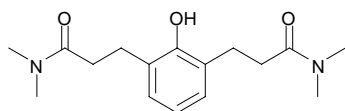
3-(2-Hydroxy-4,5-dimethylphenyl)-*N,N*-dimethylpropanamide (3ca)

The product **3ca** was synthesized according to **Method A** (60 mg, 90% yield) or **Method B** (61 mg, 92% yield) as a white solid. M.p.: 122-124 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.66-2.69 (m, 2H), 2.86-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 9.40 (br. s., 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 18.8, 19.6, 24.3, 35.7, 36.0, 37.2, 119.3, 125.6, 127.9, 131.7, 136.3, 153.4, 174.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₃H₁₉NO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 244.1313, found 244.1317.



3-(3-*tert*-Butyl-2-hydroxyphenyl)-*N,N*-dimethylpropanamide (3ea)

The product **3ea** was synthesized according to **Method A** as colorless oil (63 mg, 83% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.42 (s, 9H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 2.92-2.95 (m, 8H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 9.79 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 24.7, 29.9, 35.1, 35.8, 36.1, 37.2, 119.4, 125.2, 128.6, 129.5, 138.6, 154.6, 174.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₅H₂₃NO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 272.1626, found 272.1625.



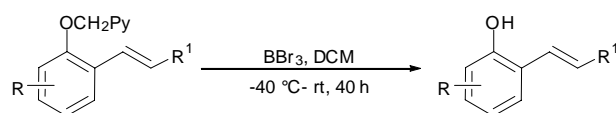
3,3'-(2-Hydroxy-1,3-phenylene)bis(*N,N*-dimethylpropanamide) (**4aa**)

The product **4aa** was synthesized according to **Method A** as a white solid (75 mg, 85% yield). M.p.: 148-150 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.66 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 2.93-2.99 (m, 16H), 6.73 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 9.87 (s, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 26.2, 34.9, 35.8, 37.4, 119.9, 128.9, 129.2, 153.8, 173.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI^+): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 315.1685, found 315.1683.

General procedure for deprotection by Mg in methanol

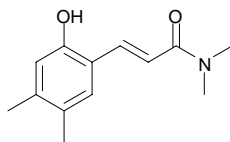
To a stirred solution of (*E*)-3-(4,5-dimethyl-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl)-*N,N*-dimethylacrylamide (**3c**, 0.3 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was added Mg turnings (50.4 mg, 2.1 mmol) at 0 °C. The suspension then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. The mixture was filtered over a pad of celite with EtOAc (20 mL). The filtrate was successively washed with aqueous saturated solution of NaHCO_3 (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4) and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the corresponding product **3ca** as a white solid (47 mg, 70%). M.p.: 122-124 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.66-2.69 (m, 2H), 2.86-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 9.40 (br. s., 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 18.8, 19.6, 24.3, 35.7, 36.0, 37.2, 119.3, 125.6, 127.9, 131.7, 136.3, 153.4, 174.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI^+): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 244.1313, found 244.1317.

General procedure for deprotection by BBr_3



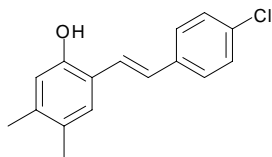
To a solution of *ortho*-alkenyl phenol ethers (2 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (40 mL) at -40 °C was slowly added BBr_3 (3 mL, 4.0 M solution in CH_2Cl_2 ; 12 mmol) under a

nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was stirred for 15 min at the same temperature and then allowed to warm to room temperature and further stirred 40 h. The reaction was quenched with excess amount of H₂O. Then the mixture was neutralized by NaHCO₃. Subsequently, the mixture was worked up by an appropriate method to give the desired products.



(E)-3-(2-Hydroxy-4,5-dimethylphenyl)-N,N-dimethylacrylamide (3cb)

The crude product was precipitated after neutralization by NaHCO₃, and was purified by flash chromatography to give the corresponding product **3cb** as a white solid (341 mg, 78% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 9.62 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 18.3, 19.5, 35.3, 36.8, 115.8, 117.1, 119.2, 126.7, 128.7, 136.6, 139.1, 154.2, 166.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 242.1157, found 242.1153.



(E)-2-(4-Chlorostyryl)-4,5-dimethylphenol (3qb)

After the neutralization, the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the desired products as a white solid (319 mg, 62% Yield). M.p.: 118-120 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 4.70 (br. s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.2, 20.2, 118.9, 122.3, 128.85, 128.89, 129.00, 129.5, 131.07, 131.10, 133.0, 139.1, 144.4, 150.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₆H₁₅ClO [M+Na]⁺ 281.0709,

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VII. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra

