## **Supporting Information**

# Generation and alkylation of 2-boryl allylic sulfone anions

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#### General

All glassware and needles were oven-dried and allowed to cool in a desiccator prior to use. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was purchased from Fisher Scientific and distilled from sodiumbenzophenone prior to use. Diisopropylamine and dichloromethane were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. Organolithium bases *n*-butyl lithium (*n*BuLi) and lithium hexamethyldisilazid (LiHMDS) were purchased from Aldrich. *n*BuLi was titrated with freshly recrystallized diphenylacetic acid prior to use. The starting material, 2-isopropenyl boronic acid pinacol ester, was donated from Frontier Scientific and used as received. Alkyl halides were purchased from commercial sources or prepared from corresponding alcohols and distilled prior to use. Alkylation products were purified by flash chromatography using 230-400 mesh silica purchased from Aldrich and, if crystalline, were recrystallized from hexane-diethyl ether until a constant melting point was observed. All compounds were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H, and <sup>13</sup>C Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy using a 500 MHz Bruker instrument. Proton spectra were reported in  $\delta$ units, parts per million (ppm), relative to trimethylsilane internal standard (0.00 ppm). Carbon spectra were recorded in ppm relative to deuterated chloroform peak (77.16 ppm) or (39.52 ppm) where DMSO was used. Samples were further characterized using mass spectroscopy on a Bruker Apex-Qe instrument. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Thermo Nicolet NEXUS 670 FT-IR instrument

#### **Experimental Procedures**

Synthesis of Borylated Allylic Sulfone



#### 2-(2-iodo-1-(phenylsulfonyl)propan-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (10):

Benzenesulfinic acid (6.44 g, 39.2 mmol) was dissolved in 200 mL water and treated with a saturated solution of iodine (10.0 g, 39.3 mmol) dropwise. Once the addition was complete, the organic layer was separated and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> for 2 h in the dark. The red solution of sulfonyl iodide was added dropwise to a solution of 2-isopropenyl boronic acid pinacol ester (6.0 g, 35.7 mmol) dissolved in 100 mL dry dichloromethane and stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was washed with Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, brine and the organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under rotary evaporator and the remaining solid was recrystallized from hexanes-diethyl ether (13.2 g, 77%). mp = 106 – 107 °C; <sup>-1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.5, 2H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 13 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 13 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 12H); <sup>-13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.16, 133.88, 129.46, 127.81, 84.90, 69.56, 29.48, 24.57, 24.50; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BIO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 459.0268; Found: 459.0266.



#### 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (7): A

solution **15** (13.6 g, 31.3 mmol) in dry chloroform (125 mL) was treated with triethylamine (8.7 mL, 62.5 mmol) and heated to reflux for four days. The reaction mixture washed with 0.5 M HCl, water and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO4 and concentrated to give a solid which was recrystallized from hexanes-diethyl ether (7.3 g, 76%). mp = 105- 107 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 1.15 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.90, 138.68, 133.54, 129.14, 128.97, 84.26, 60.76, 24.78; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 2996, 2983, 1613, 1446, 1440, 1392, 1383, 1332, 1304, 1245, 1168, 1139, 1123, 1084, 979, 861, 768, 702, 690, 651 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 331.1145; Found: 331.1140.

#### Alkylation of 3



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-methyl-3-tosylbut-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane** (6): Borylated allylic sulfone **3** (100 mg, 0.310 mmol) was added to a 10 mL flask under argon atmosphere and dissolved in 3.0 mL dry THF. The solution was cooled to -78°C in a dry-ice/acetone bath and treated with 4.2 equivalents of LiHMDS (~1 M in hexanes, 1.30 mL, and 1.30 mmol). The solution was allowed to stir for 1 h before addition of methyl iodide (184 mg, 1.30 mmol). Once

the addition was complete, the reaction as allowed to warm to room temperature over 3 hours. The reaction was quenched with a saturated solution of aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified on a flash column (20% EtOAc in Hexanes) affording **6** as a colorless semisolid (60 mg, 55% yield). mp = 102 - 103 °C ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5. 48 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 6H), 1.29 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.21, 132.43, 131.38, 130.99, 128.98, 83.79, 67.13, 24.86, 21.74, 21.52 ; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 2977, 2935, 1488, 1415, 1380, 1297, 1233, 1214, 1009 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 373.1615; Found: 373.1610.

#### General Procedure for the Alkylation of 7

To a solution of diisopropylamine (60  $\mu$ L , 0.42 mmol) in THF (2.2 mL) was added *n*butyl lithium (2.04 M in THF, 174  $\mu$ L, 0.35 mmol) at -78 °C and stirred for one hour. The solution of lithium diisopropylamine was then treated with a solution of 7 (100 mg, 0.324mmol) in 1.0 mL THF and stirred for an additional hour before addition of electrophile (0.356 mmol). After dropwise addition of electrophile, the reaction was removed from cold bath and allowed to warm to room temperature over 3 h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated solution of aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was absorbed onto silica and purified via flash chromatography (20% EtOAc in Hexanes) affording the corresponding mono-alkylated product.



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)but-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane** (**8a**): mp = 104 - 105 °C ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.70, 135.03, 133.44, 129.86, 18.74, 84.11, 62.62, 24.87, 24.77, 13.30 ; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 2963, 2929, 1490, 1423, 1383, 1373, 1300, 1249, 1215, 1002, 975 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 345.1302 ; Found: 345.1297.



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)pent-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8b):** mp = 145 - 146 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (dq, *J* = 7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (dq, *J* = 11.5, 7 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 12H), 0.915 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.41, 136.33, 133.30, 129.75, 128.71, 83.98, 24.77, 24.73, 20.57, 11.55; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 2977, 2936, 1447, 1423, 1380, 1372, 1317, 1305, 1249, 1215, 1081,969, 862, 840,755, 720, 689, 671, 651 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 359.1458; Found: 359.1454.



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)hex-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8c):** mp = 84 – 85 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8 Hz), 6.14 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.3 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 12H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.47, 136.51, 133.28, 129.79, 128.70, 83.96, 67.63, 28.93, 24.79, 24.68, 20.07, 13.73; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 2976, 2933, 1447, 1422, 1380, 1372, 1316, 1306, 1141, 1083, 968, 852, 719, 689, 650 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 373.1615; Found: 373.1611.



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)hept-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8d):** mp = 51 – 52 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 12 Hz, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.27 (m, 4H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 12H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.50, 136.51, 133.27, 129.79, 128.70, 83.97, 67.96, 28.92, 26.62, 24.81, 24.69, 22.40, 13.92; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 2977, 2957, 2931, 2860, 1447, 1423, 1372, 1306, 1268, 1213, 1145, 1084, 967, 848, 756, 720, 689, 650 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for

(C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 387.1778; Found: 387.1766.



4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)non-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8e):

mp = 40 - 43°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 1 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 3.5 Hz, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.17 - 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.02 - 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.29 - 1.23 (m, 8H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 12H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.51, 136.51, 133.26, 129.78, 128.70, 83.96, 67.95, 31.62, 28.90, 26.87, 26.70, 24.81, 24.69, 22.66, 14.17; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 2955, 2927, 2857, 1722, 1467, 1447, 1423, 1380, 1372, 1306, 1144, 1084, 967, 720, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>33</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 415.2084; Found: 415.2079.



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)hexa-1,5-dien-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8f)**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, J = 1 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (dddd, J = 7 Hz, J = 7 Hz, J = 10 Hz, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 1.5 Hz, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, J = 1.5 Hz, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dd, J = 3.5 Hz, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.96 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.79 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 3 Hz, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.15, 136.80, 133.73, 133.45, 129.78, 128.78, 117.90, 84.02, 67.68, 31.42, 24.80, 24.70; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 3077, 2978, 2931, 1639, 1480, 1447, 1419, 1379, 1372, 1355, 1305, 1259, 1144, 1082, 1025, 998, 917, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 371.1458; Found: 371.1455.



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(4-phenyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)but-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8g):** mp =112 – 113 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 - 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 4.24 (dd, *J* = 3.5 Hz, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 3.5 Hz, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 12 Hz, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 12H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.49, 137.41, 137.24, 133.40, 129.63, 129.36, 128.80, 128.39, 126.52, 83.97, 68.97, 33.03, 24.77, 24.49 ; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 3060, 3015, 2922, 1620, 1506, 1473, 1450, 1421, 1382, 1301, 1275, 1244, 1145, 1112, 1082 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 421.1615; Found: 421.1610.



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**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)hepta-1,6-dien-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8h):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (d, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.76 – 5.68 (m, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 3.93 (dd, J = 3.5 Hz, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.13 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.32, 136.96, 136.79, 133.31, 129.71, 128.68, 115.98, 83.91, 67.32, 30.71, 26.13, 24.76, 24.70, 24.61; IR (film)  $v_{max} = 3077, 2978, 2931, 1639, 1480, 1447, 1419, 1390, 1379, 1372, 1355, 1305, 1259, 1214, 1144, 1082, 1025, 998, 967, 917, 867, 845, 753, 818, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 385.1615; Found: 385.1610.$ 



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)octa-1,7-dien-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8i):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (s, IH), 5.73 (dddd, *J* = 6.5 Hz, *J* = 6.5 Hz, *J* = 10 Hz, *J* = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 1.5 Hz, *J* = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, *J* = 1 Hz, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, *J* = 3.5 Hz, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (dddd, J = 3.5 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, J = 10 Hz, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.09 - 1.96 (m, 3H), 1.44 - 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.36 - 1.30 (m, 1H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.46, 138.12, 136.63, 133.31, 129.78, 128.73, 115.14, 84.01, 67.77, 33.37, 26.47, 26.11, 24.82, 24.70; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 3072, 2977, 2931, 1640, 1447, 1423, 1380, 1372, 1306, 1213, 1143, 1085, 1024, 968, 913, 849, 720, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 399.1771; Found: 399.1767.



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)nona-1,8-dien-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8j):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (s, IH), 5.73 (dddd, J = 6.5 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, J = 10 Hz, J = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, J = 1.5 Hz, J = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, J = 1 Hz, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, J = 3.5 Hz, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.95 (m, 3H), 1.41 – 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.28 – 1.22 (m, 1H), 1.13 (d, J = 4 Hz, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.66, 138.42, 136.54, 133.28, 130.62, 130.04, 129.71, 128.69, 114.63, 83.95, 67.83, 33.47, 28.44, 26.72, 26.19, 24.77, 24.64, 22.79; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 3072, 2977, 2931, 1640, 1447, 1423, 1380, 1372, 1306, 1213, 1143, 1085, 1024, 968, 913, 849, 720, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 413.1928; Found: 413.1923.



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(E)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)deca-1,7,9-trien-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8k): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (ddd, J = 10.5, J = 10.5, J = 17 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, J = 2 Hz, IH), 6.01 (dd, J = 10.5 Hz, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 5.62 (ddd, J = 7 Hz, J = 7 Hz, J = 15 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, J = 3.5 Hz, J = 11.5, 1H), 2.04 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 1.97 (m, 3H), 1.45 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.31 (m, 1H), 1.13 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.36, 137.17, 136.60, 134.23, 133.31, 131.63, 129.40, 128.70, 115.21, 83.97, 67.81, 32.14, 26.50, 26.41, 24.78, 24.67; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 3072, 2977, 2931, 1640, 1447, 1423, 1380, 1372, 1306, 1213, 1143, 1085, 1024, 968, 913, 849, 720, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 425.1925; Found: 425.1925.



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(5-phenyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)pent-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8l):** mp = 98 - 99°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 (d, *J* = 7.5, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.5, 1 H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 3.5 Hz, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.72 - 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.53 - 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.38 - 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.85, 138.20, 136.96, 133.36, 129.77, 128.74, 128.60, 128.56, 126.28, 84.03, 68.03, 32.92, 28.62, 24.87, 24.74; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 3063, 3027, 2933, 1604, 1495, 1479, 1447, 1422, 1372, 1305, 1267, 1242, 1146, 1112, 1085, 720, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 435.1771; Found: 435.1770.



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(6-phenyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)hex-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (8m):** mp = 65 - 66°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (d, *J* = 7.5, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7 Hz), 6.12 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 3.5 Hz, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 - 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.34 - 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.08 - 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.68 - 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.60 - 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.13 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.66, 138.10, 136.39, 133.09, 129.53, 128.49, 128.40, 128.23, 128.15, 125.74, 83.77, 67.68, 35.36, 29.60, 28.49, 26.38, 24.56, 24.50; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 3062, 3025, 2975, 2932, 2860, 1603, 1496, 1453, 1446, 1416, 1390, 1372, 1355, 1304, 1141, 1078, 1029, 966, 849, 749, 732, 700, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 449.1928; Found: 449.1928.



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**2-(6-(2-iodophenyl)-3-(phenylsulfonyl)hex-1-en-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolane (8n):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H) 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 4 Hz, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.27 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.42, 139.52, 138.11, 136.56, 133.36, 129.76, 129.46, 128.71, 128.43, 127.89, 100.53, 83.98, 68.22, 40.47, 27.40, 26.38, 24.80, 24.75; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 3062, 3025, 2975, 2932, 2860, 1603, 1496, 1453, 1446, 1416, 1390, 1372, 1355, 1304, 1141, 1078, 1029, 966, 849, 749, 732, 700, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>BIO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 575.0894; Found: 575.0894.



trimethyl(1-(phenylsulfonyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)allyl)silane (80): mp = 122 – 123 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 1H), 1.05 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 12H), 0.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.75, 134.95, 132.38, 128.47, 128.35, 84.11, 24.61, 24.54; IR (film)  $\nu_{max}$  = 2977, 2926, 1446, 1422, 1380, 1372, 1359, 1316, 1305, 1250, 1137, 1112, 1085, 958, 848, 757, 714, 689, 646 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>SSi)Na+ 403.1541; Found: 403.1538. **Ring Closing Metathesis of 8h** 



4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(5-(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (11):

Alkylation product **8h** (64 mg, 0.176 mmol) was dissolved in 880 µL dry dichloromethane (0.2M) that was degassed with argon prior to use. The solution was added to a sealed tube under argon atmosphere and treated with Grubbs 2<sup>nd</sup> generation catalyst (7.5 mg, 5 mol %). The tube was sealed with Teflon coated cap and heated to 45 °C for 2 h. Solvent was evaporated and the crude black residue was purified on a flash column (20% EtOAc/Hexanes) affording **11** as a solid (53 mg, 92%). mp = 92 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 8, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 1 Hz, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 244. (dd, *J* = 8 Hz, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.29 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3060, 2996, 2919, 1957, 1700, 1613, 1447, 1426, 1392, 1365, 1331, 1266, 1168, 1085, 980, 897 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 357.1302; Found: 357.1297.

Conversion of 11 to potassium trifluoroborate



#### Potassium (5-(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)trifluoroborate (17): Boronic ester 11 (126

mg, 0.376 mmol) was dissolved in 3.75 mL methanol (0.1M) and treated with an aqueous solution of potassium bifluoride (206 mg, 2.63 mmol). After stirring for 3 h at 25 °C, the aqueous solution was removed under vacuum and the resulting white residue was dissolved in hot acetonitrile and hot filtered. The acetonitrile was removed under vacuum and the crude solid was washed with EtOAc to remove any remaining impurities (100 mg, 85%). mp = 105 °C; <sup>1</sup>H MR (500 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  7.87 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 2.13 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.97 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.39 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  138.26, 138.10, 132.83, 129.31, 128.04, 75.30, 31.32, 27.56; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BF<sub>3</sub>KO<sub>2</sub>S)Na+ 337.0054; Found: 337.0054.

SM cross-coupling of 17 and 2-iodopyridine



**3-(5-(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)pyridine (16):** A sealed tube was purged with argon and charged with 2.0 mL of a (3:1) toluene/water. To the solvent was added 3-iodopyridine (47 mg, 0.228 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dppf) (15.5 mg, 19  $\mu$ mol), **17** (60 mg, 0.190 mmol) and cesium carbonate (185 mg, 0.570 mmol). The vessel was purged with argon balloon for an additional five minutes before being sealed with a teflon cap and heated to 80 °C for 9 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and the organic layer was separated and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The MgSO<sub>4</sub> was and the solvent was removed in *vacuo*. The residue was absorbed onto silica and purified via flash chromatography (100% EtOAc) affording the coupled product **16** (38 mg, 70%). mp = 91 °C; <sup>1</sup>H MR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.56 (s, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 4, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dd, J = 5 Hz, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 4.72 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, J = 13 Hz, 1H), 2.48 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.34- 2.44 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.64, 147.80, 138.28, 137.70, 134.87, 133.90, 133.77, 130.49, 129.27, 128.93, 123.18, 71.69, 31.74, 27.32; IR (film)  $v_{max} = 3095$ , 3060, 2975, 2931, 1868, 1623, 1446, 1399, 1317, 1138, 1081, 934 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S)Na+ 308.0715; Found: 308.0714.

#### Alkylation of 11 with 3-phenylpropyl triflate



**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(2-(3-phenylpropyl)-5-(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-1,3,2dioxaborolane (14):** To a solution of diisopropylamine (176  $\mu$ L , 1.25 mmol) in THF (7.6 mL) was added *n*butyl lithium (2.04 M in THF, 566  $\mu$ L, 1.15 mmol) at -78 °C and stirred for one hour. To the lithium diisopropylamine was added a solution of **11** (322 mg, 0.963mmol) in 2.0 mL THF which was stirred for an hour before addition of 3-phenylpropyl triflate (0.963 mmol). After dropwise addition of electrophile, the reaction was removed from cold bath and allowed to warm to room temperature over 3 h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated solution of aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was absorbed onto silica and purified via flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in Hexanes) affording the corresponding alkylated product **13/14** as a 1:1.73 mixture of isomers (274 mg, 63%). In a flask containing isomers **13/14** (82 mg, 0.181 mmol) and 2.0 mL AcOH/water (3:1) was added benzenesulfinate (207 mg, 1.26 mmol). The flask was heated to 95 °C at which point the mixture became homogenous. After stirring for 7 h at 95 °C, the reaction was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO4 and concentrated in *vacuo*. The resulting solid was recrystallized from hexanes/Et2O (3:1) affording **14** as a white solid (60 mg, 73%).mp = 130 °C ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 7.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.48 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.25 (d, J = 12 Hz, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 169.18, 142.30, 137.68, 133.33, 129.80, 128.71, 128.52, 128.41, 125.88, 83.57, 76.01, 36.30, 35.89, 31.14, 30.02, 26.33, 25.16, 24.69; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> = 3062, 3027, 2977, 2931, 1636, 1601, 1447, 1372, 1305, 1144, 1085 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for (C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>33</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>S)Na+ 475.2084; Found: 475.2079.

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