Supporting Information for

Palladium(0)-Catalyzed Intramolecular Dearomative Arylation of Pyrroles

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General Methods. Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a dry argon atmosphere. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian instrument (300 MHz and 75 MHz, 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to tetramethylsilane signal or residual protio solvent signals. ¹⁹F NMR spectra was recorded on a Varian instrument (376 MHz and 282 MHz respectively) and internally referenced to trichlorofluoromethane signal. Data for ¹H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad singlet, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). Data for ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm).

General procedure for synthesis of substrates 1a-1i.



Substrates **1a-1i** were synthesized from their corresponding *o*-bromoaryl vinyl ketones¹ via $InCl_3$ catalyzed Friedel-Crafts type Michael addition² and Wolff-Kishner-Huang reduction³.

General method for synthesis of substrates 1j-1l.



To a 50 mL flask cooled with an ice-bath containing $1ja^4$ (1.43 g, 5.0 mmol) in THF (10.0 mL), NaH (144 mg, 6.0 mmol) was added in several portions. After stirred for 20 min at room temperature, the flask was cooled with an ice-bath and *o*-bromo benzylbromide (1.50 g, 6.0 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h until the consumption of 1ja (monitored by TLC), then quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc (3 X 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1) to afford compound 1j (1.51 g, 66% yield).

Syntheses of 1k and 1l were carried out according to the procedure above.



1a, pink solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.41 (appt. J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 2.78 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.00-1.90 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2, 133.3, 132.8, 132.7, 130.5, 130.4, 128.7, 127.6, 127.3, 125.6, 124.4, 123.3, 107.1, 106.0, 35.6, 29.4, 27.3; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3430, 2929, 2860, 1603, 1565, 1512, 1470, 1456, 1438, 1348, 1300, 1263, 1211, 1144, 1109, 1042, 1020, 895, 754, 692, 659, 518; ESI-MS (m/z): 340 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉NBr [M+H]⁺: 340.0695. Found: 340.0688.



1b, pink solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.81 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.02-1.94 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 141.3, 132.8, 132.6, 130.7, 130.4, 127.6, 127.4, 126.1, 124.8, 124.4, 114.2, 106.9, 104.8, 55.3, 35.7, 29.5, 27.3; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3433, 2934, 2860, 2834, 2040, 1882, 1614, 1522, 1470, 1438, 1386, 1250, 1180, 1113, 1027, 831, 767, 657, 537; EI-MS (m/z): 371 (9), 290 (12), 186 (100), 171 (8), 143 (15); HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀NOBr [M]⁺: 369.0728. Found: 369.0724.



1c

1c, pink oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 5.2, 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.34 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.03-1.95 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2 (d, J = 243.5 Hz), 141.2,

133.4, 132.8, 130.4, 129.9, 129.3 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 127.6, 127.4, 125.0 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 124.4, 115.7 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 107.2, 105.9, 35.7, 29.6, 27.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.0 (m); IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3443, 3054, 2934, 2860, 1578, 1522, 1518, 1482, 1471, 1439, 1231, 1158, 1098, 1039, 831, 769, 753, 658, 522; EI-MS (m/z): 357 (9), 278 (18), 187 (13), 174 (100); HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇NFBr [M]⁺: 357.0528. Found: 357.0532.



1d, yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (brs, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 1H), 5.82 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.97-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.4, 132.7, 130.4, 127.5, 127.3, 124.4, 104.8, 103.9, 35.7, 29.6, 27.3, 20.8, 13.6; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3435, 3367, 2964, 2931, 2863, 1682, 1590, 1567, 1511, 1471, 1439, 1326, 1179, 1023, 941, 750, 658, 515, 444; EI-MS (m/z): 291 (5), 276 (3), 212 (24), 108 (100), 106 (20), 93 (18); HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈NBr [M]⁺: 291.0623. Found: 291.0620.



1e, dark-brown oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (brs, 1H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dt, J = 2.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 2.75 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.89-1.81 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.4, 132.8, 130.2, 127.5, 127.3, 126.0, 124.9, 124.4, 114.1, 107.7, 35.8, 30.2, 25.4, 12.9, 10.8; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3438, 3367, 2925, 2859, 1683, 1604, 1567, 1540, 1471, 1438, 1397, 1383, 1148, 1104, 1024, 788, 751, 658, 636, 518, 447; ESI-MS (m/z): 292 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₅H₁₉NBr [M+H]⁺: 292.0695. Found: 292.0697.



1f, pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (brs, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.02-1.95 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 142.2, 133.34, 133.28, 132.9, 130.7, 128.8, 125.7, 123.3, 116.1, 114.9, 113.1, 107.2, 106.1, 55.4, 35.9, 29.5, 27.4; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3432, 2935, 2862, 2835, 1684, 1604, 1571, 1514, 1472, 1415, 1278, 1240, 1162, 1043, 1012, 803, 756, 693, 600, 518; ESI-MS (m/z): 370 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁NOBr [M+H]⁺: 370.0801. Found: 370.0791.



1g

1g, pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (brs, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.42 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.75 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.01-1.93 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 147.8, 133.4, 133.2, 132.8, 130.6, 128.8, 125.6, 123.3, 115.5, 114.0, 113.0, 107.2, 106.0, 56.1, 56.0, 35.3, 29.8, 27.3; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3378, 2934, 2840, 1604, 1509, 1439, 1383, 1338, 1256, 1215, 1162, 1073, 1031, 855, 780, 757, 736, 694, 592, 517; ESI-MS (m/z): 400 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃NO₂Br [M+H]⁺: 400.0907. Found: 400.0895.



1h, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (brs, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dt, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.43 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.01-1.94 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.8, 133.1, 132.9, 132.3, 131.0, 130.8, 128.8, 128.4, 127.6, 125.7, 124.6, 123.4, 107.3, 106.1, 35.1, 29.5, 27.3; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3440, 3055, 2935, 2862, 1605, 1585, 1557, 1514, 1470, 1396, 1212, 1098, 1040, 867, 811, 755, 692, 517; EI-MS (m/z): 375 (4), 294 (9), 169 (10), 156 (100), 84 (42); HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇NCIBr [M]⁺: 373.0233. Found: 373.0226.



Ii, dark-brown solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (brs, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dt, J = 0.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.5, 133.4, 133.2, 132.9, 132.6, 130.7, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 125.9, 125.7, 123.7, 123.4, 107.3, 106.1, 36.9, 29.8, 27.5; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3417, 3042, 2924, 1679, 1604, 1514, 1455, 1400, 1328, 1253, 1041, 968, 912, 899, 818, 767, 754, 742, 691, 545, 527; EI-MS (m/z): 389 (2), 310 (69), 174 (11), 169 (16), 156 (100), 141 (16); HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀NBr [M]⁺: 389.0779. Found: 389.0776.



1j, yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.04 (brs, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.34 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 6H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 3.21 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9, 136.1, 133.0, 132.9, 131.6, 131.2, 128.8, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 126.2, 125.7, 123.3, 110.2, 105.4, 60.7, 52.7, 39.5, 33.3; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3439, 3064, 2951, 2842, 1724, 1605, 1512, 1474, 1436, 1337, 1263, 1205, 1177, 1071, 1044, 950, 909, 859, 756, 733, 693; ESI-MS (m/z): 456 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₃H₂₃NO₄Br [M+H]⁺: 456.0805. Found: 456.0797.



1k, yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.14 (brs, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.07 (dt, J = 1.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.14-4.04 (m, 4H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 3.20 (s, 2H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 136.4, 133.1, 132.9, 131.6, 131.3, 128.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.3, 126.3, 125.6, 123.4, 110.4, 105.3, 61.7, 60.5, 39.4, 33.3, 13.6; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3435, 3065, 2981, 2936, 1717, 1605, 1513, 1474, 1441, 1368, 1333, 1260, 1194, 1071, 1044, 907, 861, 779, 756, 693; ESI-MS (m/z): 484 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₅H₂₇NO₄Br [M+H]⁺: 484.1118. Found: 484.1112.



11, yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.31 (brs, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 1.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dt, J = 1.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 3.13 (s, 2H), 1.33 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 137.1, 133.2, 132.9, 131.4, 131.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.1, 126.4, 125.4, 123.2, 110.7, 105.0, 82.3, 61.1, 39.5, 33.4, 27.6; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3435, 2978, 2932, 1713, 1605, 1585, 1514, 1474, 1393, 1368, 1338, 1273, 1218, 1145, 1071, 1028, 910, 845, 756, 692, 592; ESI-MS (m/z): 540 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₉H₃₅NO₄Br [M+H]⁺: 540.1744. Found: 540.1754.

General procedure for Pd-catalyzed dearomative arylation reaction (1a as an example).



To a dry 25 mL Schlenk flask was added $[Pd(C_3H_5)Cl]_2$ (1.5 mg, 0.004 mmol), *rac*-L1 (6.5 mg, 0.012 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (82.9 mg, 0.6 mmol) under argon. A solution of 1a (136.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) in toluene (2.0 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was heated to reflux (at 120 °C) and stirred until the consumption of the starting material (monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite, washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford product 2a.



2a, viscous colorless oil, 93.3 mg, 90% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.03-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.32-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.04-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.89 (ddd, J = 2.4, 8.0, 12.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.2, 162.8, 137.0, 133.9, 132.1, 130.5, 129.8, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 126.0, 125.8, 123.7, 84.0, 32.1, 30.0, 21.9; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3059, 2934, 2864, 1604, 1597, 1575, 1516, 1489, 1447, 1359, 1275, 1024, 907, 880, 750, 725, 694; ESI-MS (m/z): 260 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈N [M+H]⁺: 260.1434. Found: 260.1439.



2b, viscous colorless oil, 107.6 mg, 93% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.97-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.23-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.09 (ddd, J = 2.8, 10.0, 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.95-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.80 (ddd, J = 2.4, 8.0, 12.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 162.3, 161.5, 137.0, 132.4, 129.8, 129.4, 127.1, 126.5, 126.0, 125.8, 123.6, 114.0, 83.7, 55.3, 32.2, 29.9, 21.9; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3059, 3015, 2932, 2837, 1608, 1574, 1503, 1448, 1360, 1307, 1254, 1173, 1026, 839, 759; ESI-MS (m/z): 290 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺: 290.1539. Found: 290.1530.



2c, viscous colorless oil, 100.4 mg, 91% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (dd, J = 5.2, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 4H), 6.96 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.07-2.92 (m, 2H), 2.32-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.11 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.90 (ddd, J = 2.4, 4.2, 12.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 164.2 (d, J = 249.0 Hz), 163.0, 137.0, 132.0, 130.1 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.89, 129.88, 129.81, 127.2, 125.9 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 123.5, 115.7 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 84.1, 32.1, 29.9, 21.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -109.8 (m); IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3061, 2933, 2865, 1603, 1585, 1520, 1502, 1448, 1412, 1352, 1261, 1225, 1156, 1098, 1014, 844, 809, 758, 617; ESI-MS (m/z): 278 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇FN [M+H]⁺: 278.1340. Found: 278.1332.



2d, viscous colorless oil, 35.3 mg, 84% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.98-2.91 (m, 2H), 2.64 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.25-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.7, 161.8, 137.1, 132.2, 129.7, 127.0, 125.9, 125.7, 125.6, 82.8, 31.8, 29.9, 26.0, 21.8, 11.4; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3061, 2934, 2868, 1698, 1611, 1526, 1488, 1449, 1360, 1272, 1204, 1101, 1017, 904, 880, 759, 727; ESI-MS (m/z): 212 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈N [M+H]⁺: 212.1434. Found: 212.1432.



2e, viscous colorless oil, 30.8 mg, 73% yield (Xphos was used as the ligand). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (q, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.98-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 5.6, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.03-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.52-1.47 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.4, 171.0, 137.7, 133.1, 129.6, 127.0, 126.1, 125.8, 125.6, 83.0, 32.3, 30.1, 21.0, 18.8, 13.4; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3384, 3058, 3018, 2933, 2864, 1634, 1556, 1489, 1438, 1380, 1331, 1272, 1214, 1181, 1003, 939, 907, 879, 827, 790, 763, 735, 599; ESI-MS (m/z): 212 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈N [M+H]⁺: 212.1434. Found: 212.1439.



2f, viscous colorless oil, 103 mg, 89% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.47 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.98-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.06 (ddd, *J* = 2.4, 9.6, 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.96-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.82 (ddd, *J* = 2.4, 8.4, 12.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 162.8, 158.6, 138.5, 133.9, 130.4, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 124.2, 123.5, 114.0, 112.5, 83.7, 55.2, 32.2, 30.4, 21.9; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3060, 2933, 2863, 2836, 1606, 1575, 1498, 1447, 1358, 1324, 1278, 1256, 1241, 1174, 1133, 1039, 881, 811, 755, 694; ESI-MS (m/z): 290 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺: 290.1539. Found: 290.1530.



2g, viscous colorless oil, 120 mg, 94% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.47 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.96-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.09 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.87 (ddd, *J* = 2.8, 8.8, 12.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.0, 162.9, 148.3, 147.2, 133.8, 130.5, 129.5, 128.6, 127.8, 123.9, 123.6, 112.1, 108.5, 83.8, 55.78, 55.76, 32.2, 29.6, 22.1; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3061, 2998, 2934, 2847, 1605, 1575, 1513, 1464, 1447, 1358, 1256, 1219, 1129, 1030, 952, 882, 856, 778, 755, 696; ESI-MS (m/z): 320 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 320.1645. Found: 320.1635.



2h, viscous colorless oil, 102 mg, 87% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.09 (s, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 3.00-2.88 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, *J* = 2.4, 9.6, 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.03-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.86 (ddd, *J* = 2.4, 8.0, 12.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 162.1, 135.4, 134.2, 133.5, 131.3, 131.1, 130.7, 128.7, 127.9, 127.3, 125.8, 124.3, 83.6, 31.8, 29.4, 21.7; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3063, 2936, 2865, 1693, 1604, 1575, 1517, 1485, 1447, 1358, 1262, 1186, 1168, 1092, 1024, 882, 864, 811, 799, 754, 693, 645; ESI-MS (m/z): 294 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇NCl [M+H]⁺: 294.1044. Found: 294.1038.



2i, viscous colorless oil, 193 mg, 79% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18-3.12 (m, 2H), 2.32-2.27 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.78 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 166.4, 136.7, 134.2, 133.4, 132.7, 130.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 125.8, 124.5, 124.4, 124.3, 85.0, 38.8, 32.4, 22.7; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3060, 2933, 2864, 1694, 1603, 1502, 1448, 1412, 1352, 1261, 1225, 1156, 1099, 1013, 907, 881, 844, 810, 758, 728; ESI-MS (m/z): 310 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀N [M+H]⁺: 310.1590. Found: 310.1587.



2j, viscous colorless oil, 139 mg, 93% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.67 (AB, $J_{AB} = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.30 (BA, $J_{BA} = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (AB, $J_{AB} = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.53 (BA, $J_{BA} = 13.2$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 171.2, 170.3, 160.8, 134.0, 133.6, 130.6, 130.5, 129.4, 128.6, 127.9, 126.5, 125.7, 125.4, 82.3, 52.80, 52.78, 52.6, 35.8, 34.9; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3060, 3028, 2952, 1736, 1604, 1575, 1519, 1493, 1447, 1360, 1328, 1256, 1216, 1119, 1043, 759, 695, 614; ESI-MS (m/z): 376 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₃H₂₂NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 376.1543. Found: 376.1535.



2k, viscous colorless oil, 148 mg, 92% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31-4.14 (m, 4H), 3.63 (AB, $J_{AB} = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.32 (BA, $J_{BA} = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.63 (AB, $J_{AB} = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 (BA, $J_{BA} = 14.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 170.9, 170.5, 161.0, 134.1, 133.6, 130.63, 130.59, 129.4, 128.5, 127.8, 126.4, 125.6, 125.1, 82.4, 61.6, 61.5, 52.7, 35.7, 34.9, 14.0, 13.9; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3061, 2980, 2935, 1732, 1605, 1576, 1519, 1492, 1447, 1360, 1324, 1252, 1213, 1191, 1155, 1118, 1043, 1018, 862, 758, 695; ESI-MS (m/z): 404 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₅H₂₆NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 404.1856. Found: 404.1845.



21, viscous colorless oil, 159 mg, 87% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 2.77 (AB, *J*_{AB} = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (BA, *J*_{BA} = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 170.9, 170.2, 161.4, 134.6, 133.7, 131.1, 130.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 126.3, 125.3, 123.8, 82.8, 81.7, 81.5, 54.0, 35.4, 35.0, 27.9, 27.8; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3061, 2977, 2926, 2851, 2360, 1728, 1606, 1576, 1519, 1492, 1449, 1393, 1368, 1326, 1275, 1257, 1168, 1118, 1077, 1025, 980, 910, 847, 756, 694; ESI-MS (m/z): 460 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₉H₃₄NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 460.2482. Found: 460.2486.

Transformation of product 2a.



Under argon, to a 25 mL round-bottom flask was added **2a** (52.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), MeOH (2.0 mL) and Pd/C (10 mg, 0.01 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred under H₂ atmosphere at room temperature until the consumption of the starting material (monitored by TLC), filtered through a pad of celite and then washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1) to afford viscous colorless oil **3a** (31.5 mg, 61% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 1H), 3.19-3.10 (m, 2H), 2.93-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.30 (ddd, *J* = 4.4, 9.2, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.13-2.05 (m, 3H), 1.95-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.75 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 142.6, 136.1, 134.6, 130.5, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.1, 126.4, 126.2, 78.0, 38.8, 35.3, 35.0, 29.6, 20.7; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3058, 3025, 2931, 2863, 1954, 1814, 1614, 1575, 1489, 1448, 1342, 1328, 1210, 1075, 1024, 1009, 758, 726, 693, 556; ESI-MS (m/z): 262 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀N [M+H]⁺: 262.1590. Found: 262.1587.



To a 25 mL round-bottom flask was added **2a** (52.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and AcOH (2.0 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature, and then NaBH₃CN (36 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added in portions. The reaction mixture was stirred until the consumption of the starting material (monitored by TLC), quenched by saturated aqueous Na₂CO₃ solution and then extracted with EtOAc (3 X 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*.

The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 30/1 then petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1) to afford viscous colorless oil **3b** (30.2 mg, 58% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dt, J = 1.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, J = 7.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.78 (m, 2H), 2.34-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.02 (m, 3H), 1.98-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.77 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.03, 145.00, 136.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 126.8, 126.7, 126.2, 126.1, 62.5, 61.1, 41.9, 37.9, 35.7, 29.8, 20.8; IR (film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3331, 3059, 3024, 2927, 2863, 1947, 1602, 1486, 1448, 1394, 1341, 1293, 1233, 1155, 1086, 1066, 1027, 941, 908, 878, 753, 697, 644; ESI-MS (m/z): 264 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₉H₂₂N [M+H]⁺: 264.1747. Found: 264.1744.

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