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# Ruthenium Catalyzed C-H bond Borylation

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#### **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Anhydrous toluene was dispensed from a solvent purification system from Innovative Technology. Anhydrous N,N-dimethylacetamide was distilled from sodium (Na) under argon (Ar) atmosphere. Anhydrous solvents (DMF, NMP and 1,4-dioxane) were used as received. All solvents were degassed and stored in a glovebox. Catalyst syntheses were performed in an MBraun glovebox containing dry argon and less than 1 ppm oxygen or using standard Schlenk techniques.<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>31</sup>P and <sup>19</sup>F Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 or Bruker Avance II 400 Ultrashield NMR spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  ppm. Mass spectrometry was performed by the EPSRC National Mass Spectrometry Service Centre at Swansea University, Grove building, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, Wales, UK. Elemental analyses were performed at the London Metropolitan University. Bis(pinacolato)diboron was purchased from BASF and used as received. Complex 1 was synthesised according to the previously reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> Pyridines **3a-c** were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and used as received. Pyridines **3d**,<sup>2</sup> **3e**,<sup>2</sup> **3f**,<sup>2</sup> **3g**,<sup>3</sup> **3h**,<sup>2</sup> **3i**<sup>4</sup> and **3j**<sup>2</sup> were prepared according to the literature.<sup>5</sup>

#### EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES AND CHARACTERIZATION:

General procedure to the synthesis of complexes 2.



In the glovebox, complex  $1^1$  (500 mg, 0.58 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (10 ml) in a 25 ml Schlenk flask. Outside the glovebox the desired silane was added (6 equiv.). The reaction was stirred for the determined time at 100°C, then the volatiles were removed *under vacuo*. The resulting residue was washed with pentane three time, yielding **2** in the reported yield.

Complex	Silane	t (h)	Yield
2a	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH	16 h	85 %
<b>2b</b>	(EtO) <sub>3</sub> SiH	3 h	69 %
2c	PhMe <sub>2</sub> SiH	3 h	60 %
2d	Ph <sub>2</sub> MeSiH	16 h	65 %
2e	Ph <sub>3</sub> SiH	16 h	70 %

#### [RuH<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(η<sup>5</sup>-3-phenylindenyl)(SiEt<sub>3</sub>)] (2a):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.570 (m, 2H), 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.19 (m, 7H), 7.01 (m, 4H), 6.89 (m, 10H) 6.64 (m, 1H), 6.52 (m, 1H), 5.47 (m, 1H), 5.02 (m, 1H), 1.16 (t J= 8.3 Hz, 9H), 0.74 (sext. J = 7.11 Hz 3H), 0.63 (sext. J = 7.11 Hz 3H) -12.89 (bs, 1H), -13.83 (bs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, 101 MHz).

C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 138.0, 137.5, 137.4, 134.1 (d, J = 11.4 Hz), 129.3, 129.1 (d J = 1.5 Hz), 128.6, 127.5, 126.1, 125.5, 125.3, 123.4, 121.6, 108.6, 106.5, 93.0, 89.9 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 73.7 (d, J=8.8 Hz), 13.5, 9.8; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 66.2. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>43</sub>PRuSi: C, 69.72%; H, 6.45%. Found: C, 69.62%; H, 6.48%.

#### [RuH<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(η<sup>5</sup>-3-phenylindenyl)(SiOEt<sub>3</sub>)] (2b):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.56 (m, 2H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.15 (m, 7H), 7.01 - 6.83 (m, 13H) 6.66 (m, 1H), 6.42 (m, 1H), 5.69 (m, 1H), 3.89 (m, 6H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 9H) -12.26 (bs, 1H), -13.24 (bs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  138.0, 137.5, 137.0, 134.0 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 129.6, 129.2, 129.1 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 128.6, 127.6, 127.5, 126.4, 126.3, 125.9, 123.7, 121.6, 110.6, 106.5, 94.0, 89.9 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 73.1 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 57.8, 18.8; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  60.6. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>43</sub>PRuSi: C, 65.16; H, 5.89. Found: C, 65.25; H, 5.95.

#### [RuH<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(η<sup>5</sup>-3-phenylindenyl)(SiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph)] (2c):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.27 - 7.12 (m, 9H), 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.89 (m, 9H), 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.58 (m, 1H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.88 (m, 1H), 0.65 (s, 3H), 0.36 (s, 3H), -13.00 (bs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 152.1, 138.1, 137.6, 137.5, 134.5 (d, J = 11.4 Hz), 134.4, 129.7 (d, J = 4.0Hz), 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 126.4, 126.7, 126.3, 124.1, 122.0, 109.3, 107.0, 94.1, 91.2 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 76.5 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 10.7, 10.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 66.5. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>38</sub>PRuSi: C, 71.28; H, 5.54. Found: C, 71.15; H, 5.65.

### [RuH<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(η<sup>5</sup>-3-phenylindenyl)(SiMePh<sub>2</sub>)] (2d):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.82 (m, 4H), 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.17 (m, 5H) 7.04 (m, 7H), 6.99-6.75 (m, 16H), 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.50 (m, 1H), 4.96 (m, 2H), 0.60 (s, 3H), -11.81 (bs, 1H), -13.20 (bs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 149.5, 148.1, 137.4, 137.0, 136.9, 135.7, 134.8, 135.2, 134.4, 133.9, 133.8, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.7, 127.7, 127.5, 126.2, 126.0, 123.8, 121.8, 109.6, 106.7, 93.5, 92.4 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 75.5 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 8.62; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 63.3. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>40</sub>PRuSi: C, 73.24; H, 5.35. Found: C, 73.23; H, 5.43.

### [RuH<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(η<sup>5</sup>-3-phenylindenyl)(SiPh<sub>3</sub>)] (2e):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  7.66 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 8H), 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.13 (m, 18H) 6.86 (m, 9H), 6.58 (m, 7H), 5.89 (m, 1H), 4.76 (m, 1H), 4.10 (m, 1H), 4.22 (m, 1H), -11.55 (d, *J* = 30.0 Hz, 1H), -13.25 (d, J = 30.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  145.9, 137.3, 136.7, 136.7, 136.3, 136.1, 135.3, 133.8, 133.7, 130.4, 130.2, 129.5, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 126.6, 126.4, 125.9, 124.1, 122.0, 111.1, 107.4, 93.6 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 93.5, 74.1 (d, J) = 3.6 Hz),

8.8 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P (162MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  58.7. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>42</sub>PRuSi: C, 75.16; H, 5.19. Found: C, 69.88, H, 5.20.

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Entry	[Ru] (mol %)	Solvent	Conv. <sup>a</sup> 2a (%)
1	<b>2a</b> (2.5)	Toluene	20
2	<b>2a</b> (2.5)	NMP	_b
3	<b>2a</b> (2.5)	DMF	_b
4	<b>2a</b> (2.5)	DMAc	_b
5	<b>2a</b> (2.5)	1,4-dioxane	>95
6	<b>2a</b> (2.5)	1,4-dioxane <sup>c</sup>	_b
7	<b>2a</b> (2.5)	1,4-dioxane <sup>d</sup>	_b
8	<b>2b</b> (2.5)	1,4-dioxane	19
9	<b>2c</b> (2.5)	1,4-dioxane	10
10	<b>2d</b> (2.5)	1,4-dioxane	12
11	<b>2e</b> (2.5)	1,4-dioxane	27
12	<b>2a</b> (2.0)	1,4-dioxane	>95
13	2a (1.5)	1,4-dioxane	>95
14	<b>2a</b> (1.0)	1,4-dioxane	85

# **Optimization of the conditions for the borylation of 2-phenylpyridine.**

<sup>a</sup> Conversion determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy. <sup>b</sup> Starting material was recovered unchanged. <sup>c</sup> 60°C. <sup>d</sup> 80°C.

### Borylation of 2-phenylpyridine using [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.



2	AdCO <sub>2</sub> H	1,4-dioxane	68
3	AdCO <sub>2</sub> H	NMP	_b
4	KOAc	1,4-dioxane	76
5	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	1,4-dioxane	23
6	PhCO <sub>2</sub> H	1,4-dioxane	63
7	PPh <sub>3</sub>	1,4-dioxane	_b

<sup>a</sup> Conversion determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy. <sup>b</sup> Starting material was recovered unchanged.

### General procedure for the ruthenium-calayzed borylation:

In a vial fitted with a screwcap, in the glovebox, bis(pinacolato)diboron (0.25 mmol), the corresponding pyridine (**3a-3j**) (0.25 mmol) and **2a** (0.00375 mmol, 1.5 mol%) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (0.5 mL). Then, outside of the glovebox, the resulting mixture was stirred 16 h at 110°C. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by recrystallization from dichloromethane/hexane.

# 2-[2-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl]pyridine (4a):<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.67 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 7.2, 5.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 12H).

### 10-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzo[h]quinolone (4b):<sup>6</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.90 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 12H).

### 2-[4-Methyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-phenyl]-pyridine (4c):<sup>7</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.63 (ddd, J = 5.6, 1.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 7.4, 5.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 12H).

# 2-[4-Methoxy-2-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-phenyl]-pyridine (4d):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.59 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (td, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.7, 156.6, 142.9, 141.8, 129.9, 122.8, 121.4, 116.8, 116.4,

113.8, 80.2, 55.3, 27.1; **MS** (ESI): *m*/*z* 312 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 100); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>), 312.1766; found 312.1768.

### 2-[4-Fluoro-2-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-phenyl]-pyridine (4e):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.65 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 8.03-791 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 2H), 6.96 (td, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  165.6 (d, J = 252.4 Hz), 155.6, 143.1, 142.2, 132.9, 123.1 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 122.4, 118.2 (d, J = 19.9 Hz), 117.2, 115.0 (d, J = 23.8 Hz), 80.3, 27.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -110.0; **MS** (ESI): m/z 300 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 81); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BFNO<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>), 300.1567; found 300.1566.

### 2-[4-Methoxycarbonyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl]pyridine (4f):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.72 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, J = 7.5, 5.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.8, 155.5, 143.9, 142.5, 141.5, 133.0,

132.7, 130.0, 124.1, 121.5, 118.7, 80.9, 52.6, 27.4. **MS** (ESI): *m/z* 340 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 93); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BNO<sub>4</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>), 340.1715; found 340.1718.

### 2-[5-Methoxy-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl]pyridine (4g):<sup>6</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.65 (ddd, J = 5.6, 1.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, J = 7.5, 5.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 12H).

### 2-[5-Fluoro-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl]pyridine (4h):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.64 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (td, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 7.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.1 (d, J = 245.1 Hz), 155.0, 142.9, 141.9, 140.0 (d, J = 1.5

12.7 Hz), 130.3 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 123.4, 118.7 (d, J = 26.4 Hz), 117.8, 117.5 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 81.0, 27.4; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -105; **MS** (ESI): m/z 300 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 100); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BFNO<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>), 300.1567; found 300.1567.

### 2-[5-Methoxycarbonyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl]pyridine (4i):6



#### 2-(2-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-1-yl)pyridine (4j):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.77 (dd, J = 5.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.34-8.26 (m, 2H), 8.01 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.86 (m, 3H), 7.55 (ddd, J = 8.5, 6.8, 1.5Hz, 1H), 7.47 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd, J = 7.5, 5.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.8, 144.5, 142.0, 135.1, 133.9, 131.9, 130.0, 130.1, 128.8, 127.4, 125.6, 123.2, 122.2, 122.2, 81.1, 27.5. **MS** (ESI): m/z 332 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 100); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>), 300.1816; found 332.1820.

#### General procedure for the one pot borylation Suzuki-Miyaura coupling.

In a vial fitted with a screwcap, in the glovebox, bis(pinacolato)diboron (0.25 mmol), the 2phenylpyridine (**3a**) (0.25 mmol) and **2a** (0.00375 mmol, 1.5 mol%) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (0.5 mL). Then, outside of the glovebox, the resulting mixture was stirred 16 h at 110°C. Volatiles was removed under reduced pressure. Then Suzuki-Miyaura coupling was carried out following a procedure developed in our laboratory.<sup>8</sup> In the glovebox, KOH (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the mixture. A solution of the palladium pre-catalyst [Pd(IPr\*)(cinnamyl)Cl] in DME (1 mL of DME, 3.0 mol%) and the chloroanisole (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added sequentially. The reaction mixture was then stirred (800 rpm) at room temperature or 60°C during 16 h. Then the solution was cooled, quenched with water (5 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO4 and the volatiles were evaporated in vaccuo. The crude product was finally purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

#### 2-(4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)pyridine (5):9



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.64 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.82-6.72 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

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#### NMR SPECTRA:

#### 2a: <sup>1</sup>H NMR in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>



 $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR  $\text{C}_{6}\text{D}_{6}$ 



**2b**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>







 ${}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}\,\text{NMR}$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ 



**2d**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR in  $C_6D_6$ 



































**ORTEP of the molecular structure of 2a**: Thermal ellipsoids drawn at 50% probability and most hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

