Supplementary Information for

New Air-Stable Si, S-Chelating Ligand for Ir-Catalyzed Directed

ortho C-H Borylation

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1. General

General. Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out in a flame-dried, sealed Schlenk reaction tube under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass plates coated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel containing a fluorescent indicator. Visualization was accomplished by exposure to a UV lamp. All the products in this article are compatible with standard silica gel chromatography. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) using standard methods.

Structural Analysis. NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker Avance-400 spectrometer and chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm). ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz in NMR solvents and referenced internally to corresponding solvent resonance, and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz and referenced to corresponding solvent resonance. Carbons bearing boron substituents were generally not observed due to quadrupolar relaxation. Coupling constants are reported in Hz with multiplicities denoted as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), bs (broad singlet) and bq (broad quartet). Infrared spectra were collected on a Thermo Fisher Nicolet 6700 FT-IR spectrometer using ATR (Attenuated Total Reflectance) method. Absorption maxima (v max) are reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were acquired with an APCI or ESI source.

Materials. Commercial reagents and solvent were purchased from J&K, Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Acros Organics, Strem Chemicals, TCI, Adamas-beta, Energy chemicals and used as received unless otherwise stated.

2. Synthesis of diisopropyl(2-(isopropylthio)phenyl)silane



2-Bromothiophenol

1-Bromo-2-isopropylthiobenzene

Preparation of 1-Bromo-2-isopropylthiobenzene. To a suspension of K₂CO₃ (0.74 g, 5.35 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (0.24 g, 0.75 mmol) in DMF (9 ml), 2-bromothiophenol (0.5 g, 3.57 mmol) was added. After stirring for 30 min, 2-iodopropane (0.41 mL, 0.7 g, 7.49 mmol) was added and reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. Then mixture was poured into water (5 mL), extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 6 mL), combined organic phases were washed with water, brine and dried. Solvent was evaporated to dryness to obtain **5b** as a yellow oil (0.62 g, 3.39 mmol, yield 96%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:50 v/v)



Preparation of *Si*,*S*-Ligand : 1-Bromo-2-isopropylthiobenzene (245mg, 1 mmol) was dissolved in THF at -78 °C, then *n*-BuLi (0.75 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added dropwise, stirred for 30min, then raise the temperature to room temperature and added The (*i*-Pr)₂SiHCl (250 μ L, 1.2 mmol), stir for 8 hours, 5 mL of saturated sodium carbonate to quench the reaction solution, 5×3 mL of ether to extract, brine and dried. Solvent was evaporated to dryness to obtain *Si*,*S*-ligand as colorless oil (202 mg, yield 76%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:50 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (hept, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (ddp, *J* = 11.3, 7.3, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 142.6, 138.5, 137.1, 130.9, 125.5, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 38.9, 23.0, 19.4, 19.2, 11.6. HRMS (ESI+, m/Z): Calculated for 289.14222, found: 289.14170.

3. General procedure for ortho-directed borylation of methyl

benzoates.

In a nitrogen filled glovebox, $[IrOMe(cod)]_2$ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) was dissolved in 0.5 mL 2-Me-THF in a 10 mL pressure tube containing a magnetic stir bar, then the $[IrOMe(cod)]_2$ stir in advance with *Si*,*S*-ligand for 1h, Then 0.5 mmol methyl benzoate substrate and 1.2 equiv. B₂pin₂ (154 mg) were also added, and the reaction vessel was sealed and heated at 80 °C for 16h. The reaction mixture was allowed to return to room temperature and was exposed to air. Additional purifications were performed as described below.



Methyl 2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2a)

The general procedure was followed using methyl benzoate (68.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, the resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2a** was 67%, **2a** was obtained as pale yellow oil (78.6 mg, 60%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 168.4, 133.4, 132.1, 131.8, 128.9, 128.7, 84.0, 52.3, 24.8; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽¹⁾.



Ethyl 2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2b)

The general procedure was followed using ethyl benzoate (75.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, the resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2b** was 75%, **2b** was obtained as colorless oil (86.9 mg, 63%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 4.38 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (s, 12H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 168.1, 133.8, 132.1, 131.7, 128.8, 128.5, 84.0, 61.2, 24.9, 14.3; The spectral data were in accordance with literature ^{(1).}



Isopropyl 2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2c)

The general procedure was followed using isopropyl benzoate (82.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2c** was 81%. **2c** was obtained as colorless oil (101.5 mg, 70%) after purification bysilica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 5.30 (hept, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 12H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃) 167.6, 134.4, 131.9, 131.6, 128.7, 128.3, 83.9, 68.7, 24.9, 21.9; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽¹⁾.



tert-Butyl 2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2d)

The general procedure was followed using *tert*-butyl benzoate (89.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2d** was70%. **2d** was obtained as white solid (89.7 mg, 59%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 167.5, 135.9, 131.8, 131.3, 128.6, 128.1, 83.8, 81.3, 28.2, 24.9; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽¹⁾.



Methyl 4-methoxy-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2e)

The general procedure was followed using methyl *p*-anisate (83.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2d** was 65%. **2d** was obtained as white solid (86.1 mg, 59%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 168.1, 162.5, 131.0, 125.6, 117.0, 114.2, 84.1, 55.4, 52.1, 24.9. The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁴.



Methyl 5-methoxy-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2f)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 3-methoxybenzoate (83 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and

B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2f** was 62%. **2f** was obtained as yellow oil (73mg, 50%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 160.3, 135.6, 133.9, 118.0, 113.7, 83.9, 55.3, 52.3, 24.9; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽²⁾.



Ethyl 5-methoxy-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2g)

The general procedure was followed using ethyl 3-methoxybenzoate (90 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2g** was 60%. **2g** was obtained as yellow oil (75mg, 49%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, J = 2.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 12H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): 168.0, 160.3, 136.1, 133.8, 117.6, 113.7, 83.9, 61.3, 55.3, 24.9,14.3; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽⁴⁾.



Methyl 2-methyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2h)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 2-methylbenzoate (77.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2h** was 60%, **2h** was obtained as yellow oil (69 mg, 50%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 170.7, 137.5, 135.4, 132.7, 131.7, 129.4, 84.0, 52.1, 24.8, 20.0; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽¹⁾.



Methyl 4-methyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2i)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 4-methylbenzoate (82.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2i** was 71%, **2i** was obtained as white solid (85.5 mg, 59%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 12H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 142.2, 132.7, 131.0, 129.5, 128.7, 83.9, 61.0, 28.4, 24.9, 21.5, 14.4; ¹¹B NMR (128.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.2, HRMS(ESI⁺, m/Z): Calculated for 291.17622, found: 291.17576. point 135-137 °C.



Methyl 5-bromo-4-methyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2j)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 3-bromo-4-methylbenzoate (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2j** was 63%, **2j** was obtained as white solid (92mg, 52%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 142.2, 134.4, 132.8, 132.7, 125.7, 84.2, 52.4, 24.9, 23.0. ¹¹B NMR (128.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.3, HRMS(ESI⁺, m/Z): Calculated for 354.06380, found: 354.06421. Point 251-253 °C.



Methyl 2-bromo-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2k)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 2-bromo-benzoate (107.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2k** was 78%, **2k** was obtained as yellow oil (119.7mg, 70%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.8, 140.8, 135.1, 133.7, 130.2, 119.2, 84.5, 52.5, 24.8; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽³⁾.



Ethyl 2-bromo-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2l)

The general procedure was followed using ethyl 2-bromobenzoate (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80°C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2l** was 68%, **2l** was obtained as white solid (106.2mg, 60%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.0, HRMS (ESI⁺, m/Z): Calculated for 355.07108, found: 355.06957. Point 217-219 °C



Methyl 4-bromo-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2m)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 4-bromobenzoate (107.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2m** was 70%,**2m** was obtained as yellow oil (104.3mg, 61%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 135.1, 132.1(5), 132.1(4) 130.3, 127.6, 84.4, 52.5, 24.9; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽³⁾.



Methyl 5-bromo-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2n)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 3-bromobenzoate (107.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2n** was 70%, **2n** was obtained as yellow oil (99.2 mg, 58%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography. (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 135.4, 134.7, 133.8, 131.8, 123.4, 84.3, 52.6, 24.8; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽³⁾.



Methyl 2-chloro-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (20)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 2-chlorobenzoate (85.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **20** was 83%, **20** was obtained as yellow oil (101.3mg, 68%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 168.3, 138.4, 133.1, 131.9, 130.7, 130.1, 84.5, 52.5, 24.8; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽¹⁾.



Methyl 2-chloro-4-fluoro-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2p)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 2-chloro-4-fluorobenzoate (94.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2p** was 92%, **2p** was obtained as yellow oil (113.8 mg,

72%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:30 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 134.2, 120.0, 119.8, 119.3, 119.1, 84.8, 52.7, 24.8; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽¹⁾.



Methyl 2-fluoro-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2q)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 2-fluorobenzoate (77.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2q** was 70%, **2q** was obtained as yellow oil (81.8mg, 58%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:30 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.4, 158.8, 132.5, 129.1 (*J* = 3.6 Hz), 124.1, 117.9 (*J* = 21.9 Hz), 84.3, 52.7, 24.8; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽²⁾.



Ethyl 2-fluoro-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (2r)

The general procedure was followed using ethyl 2-fluorobenzoate (84.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2r** was 72%, **2r** was obtained as yellow oil (88.5mg, 60%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 1H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 161.2, 158.7, 132.2 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 129.2 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 124.8 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz), 117.9 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 84.3, 61.8, 24.9, 14.2; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽¹⁾.



Ethyl 2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (2s)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 2-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (102.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2s** was 59%, **2s** was obtained as yellow oil (86.3mg, 52%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:30 v/v).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 138.3, 137.3 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 2.3 Hz), 128.9, 128.3 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 4.5 Hz), 127.6 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 32.0 Hz), 126.4 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 274.2 Hz), 84.5, 52.6, 24.7 The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽²⁾.



Methyl 2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (2t)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (102.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2t** was 76%, **2t** was obtained as yellow oil (103 mg, 62%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:30 v/v).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 136.7, 133.3 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 32.2 Hz), 129.1 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz), 126.0 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz), 123.9 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 272.9 Hz), 84.6, 52.7, 24.9; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽¹⁾.



Methyl 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxylate (2u)

The general procedure was followed using methyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxylate (106.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **2u** was 72%, **2u** was obtained as white solid (107.1mg, 63%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:30 v/v).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (dd, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.41 (m, J = 28 Hz, 2H)7.38-7.33 (m, J = 20 Hz, 5H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 140.6, 139.6, 138.0, 133.4, 132.4, 129.0, 128.5,128.2, 127.3, 84.3, 52.0, 24.8; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽¹⁾.



Methyl 2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1-naphthoate (4a)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 1-naphthoate (93.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **4a** was 57%,**4a** was obtained as white solid (70.2 mg, 45%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.1 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 137.0, 134.5, 129.5(2), 129.4(9), 129.4(6), 128.2, 127.1, 127.0, 125.5, 84.2, 52.5, 24.9; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽²⁾.



Methyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)picolinate (4b)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 4-(trifluoromethyl)picolinate (102.5 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Methy-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **4b** was 72%, **4b** was obtained as white solid (112.5 mg, 68%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:4 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.90 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 153.9, 146.9 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 138.4 (q, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 128.1 (q, *J* = 33.1 Hz), 124.4 (q, *J* = 271.3 Hz), 121.7, 85.0, 53.5, 24.8. ¹⁹F NMR(376.5 MHz, CDCl₃), δ -62.7 (s); ¹¹B NMR (128.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.6, HRMS (ESI+, m/Z): Calculated for 331.12027 , found: 331.12730 .



Ethyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4c)

The general procedure was followed using ethyl quinoline-2-carboxylate (100.5 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **4c** was 67%, **4c** was obtained as white solid (90mg, 55%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:2 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz 2H), 1.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz 3H). 1.45(s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 167.4, 151.8, 147.5, 142.7, 130.5, 130.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 84.4, 62.5, 24.8, 24.8, 14.3.; ¹¹B NMR (128.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.6, HRMS (ESI+, m/Z): Calculated for 328.17147, found: 328.17134. Point 246-248 °C



Methyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylate (4d)

The general procedure was followed using methyl benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylate (96 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **4d** was 93%, **4d** was obtained as white solid (135.1mg, 85%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:10 v/v), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 142.5, 142.4, 137.7, 126.7, 125.9, 124.8, 122.5, 84.7, 52.5, 25.0, 24.6; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽⁴⁾.



Methyl 3,5-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxylate (4e)

The general procedure was followed using methyl thiophene-2-carboxylate (71 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Methy-THF, the resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **4e** was 84%, **4e** was obtained as pale yellow oil (94.5 mg, 80%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 12H), 1.33 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 143.9, 141.8, 84.5, 84.3, 83.1, 52.2, 24.8; The spectral data were in accordance with literature ⁽⁴⁾



Methyl 3,5-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)furan-2-carboxylate (4f)

The general procedure was followed using methyl furan-2-carboxylate (62 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Methy-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **4f** was 60%, **4f** was obtained as white solid (90.7 mg, 56%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (s, 1H), 3.89(s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 12H). 1.33(s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 159.3, 151.6, 128.8, 84.6, 84.3, 83.1, 52.0, 24.7; The spectral data were in accordance with literature ⁽⁴⁾



N,N-Dimethyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzamide (4g)

The general procedure was followed using *N*,*N*-dimethylbenzamide (74.5 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **4g** was 60%, **4g** was obtained as white solid (67.4 mg, 49%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:2 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (bs, 6H), 1.25 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.5, 142.6, 135.0, 130.9, 128.2, 125.5, 83.5, 25.0; The spectral data were in accordance with literature⁽¹⁾.



2-Bromo-N,N-dimethyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzamide (4h)

The general procedure was followed using 2-bromo-*N*,*N*-dimethylbenzamide (113.5 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **4h** was 52%, **4h** was obtained as white solid (79.4 mg, 47%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:2 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (s, 1H), 2.77 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 144.1, 135.2, 134.4, 129.1, 119.4,

84.1, 38.1, 34.4, 24.9; ¹¹B NMR (128.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺, m/Z): Calculated for 354.08706, found: 354.08711. Point 215-217 °C.



1-(2,6-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)-N,N-dimethylmethanamine (4i)

The general procedure was followed using *N*,*N*-dimethyl-1-phenylmethanamine (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, The resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **4i** was 96%, **4i** was obtained as pale yellow solid (80.1 mg, 93%) after purification by vacuum distillation and filtration of a short silica gel column (EtOAc). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 2.60 (s, 6H), 1.29 (s, 24H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.2, 134.5, 126.4, 81.6, 66.6, 45.8, 25.8, 24.8; The spectral data were in accordance with literature¹.



4,9-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-benzo[de]isoquinoline-1,3(2H)-dione (4j)

The general procedure was followed using 1H-benzo[de]isoquinoline-1,3(2H)-dione (98.5 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [IrOMe(cod)]₂ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), *Si*,*S*-ligand (4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) and B₂pin₂ (154 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in 0.5 mL of 2-Me-THF, the resulting mixture was allowed to stir 16 hours at 80 °C. The ¹H NMR yields of **4j** was 85%, **4j** was obtained as pale yellow oil (101 mg, 82%) after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1:20 v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (s, 24H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 133.2, 132.0, 129.8, 128.3, 125.3, 84.6, 24.8; ¹¹B NMR (128.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.2, HRMS (ESI+, m/Z): Calculated for 449.21810, found: 449.22831.

4 Control experiment for ortho-directed borylation using different

ligands.

In a nitrogen filled glovebox, $[IrOMe(cod)]_2$ (5 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.015 equiv.), ligand (0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv.) was dissolved in 0.5 mL 2-Me-THF in a 10 mL pressure tube containing a magnetic stir bar, in the optimized condition: the $[IrOMe(cod)]_2$ stir in advance with *Si*,*S*-ligand for 1h, then 0.5 mmol methyl benzoate substrate and 1.2 equiv. B₂pin₂ were also added, and the reaction vessel was sealed and heated at 80 °C for 16h. Standard purification were carried out and the reaction yields were listed in Table S1.





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