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## **Supplementary Information**

## Silacyclization through Palladium-Catalyzed Intermolecular Silicon-Based C(*sp*<sup>2</sup>)–C(*sp*<sup>3</sup>) Cross-Coupling

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### **1. General Information**

All reactions were set up using standard Schlenk techniques and carried out under a  $N_2$  atmosphere with dry solvents. Commercially available chemicals were obtained from Infinity Scientific, Heowns, Admas, Alfa Aesar, J&K, Sigma-Aldrich, Sinocompound, Energy Chemical, and TCI and used as received unless otherwise stated. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel 60  $F_{254}$  glass plates. TLC plates were visualized by exposure to short wave ultraviolet light (254 nm, 365 nm) and/or iodine.

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on Bruker AV 400 spectrometer at 400MHz (<sup>1</sup>H NMR), 100MHz (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) and 376MHz (<sup>19</sup>F NMR) using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. Proton and carbon chemical shifts are reported relative to the solvent used as an internal reference (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 7.26 ppm,  $\delta_{\rm C}$  = 77.16 ppm).

GC-MS spectra were obtained using electron ionization (Thermo Scientific Trace 300/GC-System and ISQ/QD). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) of product were recorded on Varian 7.0T FTMS with ESI resource or Q Exactive GC-Orbitrap MS. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) by standard techniques.

The procedures for preparation of the *o*-iodophenols were described in the literatures.<sup>1-2</sup>

### 2. Synthesis of Starting Materials

#### 2.1. General method for preparation of silacyclobutanes

The preparation of silacyclobutanes with symmetrical or non-symmetrical substitution was described following a literature procedure.<sup>3</sup>

**Procedure A**: Arylmagnesium bromide or alkylmagnesium bromide (2.83 M in THF, 30 mL, 85 mmol) was added to a solution of 1,1-dichlorosilacyclobutane (5.99 g, 42 mmol), which was prepared according to the literatures<sup>4</sup> in THF (20 mL) at -78 °C for 30 min. The cloudy suspension was stirred for another 30 min. and refluxed overnight. The reaction was quenched by water (1 mL) and slowly added brine (100 mL). The organic phase was then separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 100 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under vacuum to give the crude product as a colorless oil, which was further purified by

flash chromatography (PE) and reversed-phase column to give colorless liquid **2a-e** (40-80% yield).

**Procedure B**: Phenylmagnesium bromide (2.83 M in THF, 15 mL, 42.5 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-chloro-1-methylsiletane (5.04 g, 42 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at -78 °C for 30 min. The cloudy suspension was stirred for another 30 min. and refluxed overnight. The reaction was quenched by water (1 mL) and slowly added brine (100 mL). The organic phase was then separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 100 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under vacuum to give the crude product as a colorless oil, which was further purified by flash chromatography (PE) and reversed-phase column to give colorless liquid **2f** (70% yield).



#### 1,1-Diphenylsiletane (2a)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 7.52 g, 80% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 2.41 (p, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.81 – 1.37 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.51, 134.63,

129.80, 128.11, 18.49, 14.02. **MS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 224.1021. Found: 224.0688.

#### 1,1-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)siletane (2b)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 7.64 g, 70% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 2.26 (p, *J* = 8.4, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.29 (d, *J* = 249.4 Hz), 136.64 (d, *J* = 7.5

Hz), 131.80 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 115.44 (d, J = 19.9 Hz), 18.29, 14.21. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -110.48. **MS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>2</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 260.0833. Found: 260.0671.

#### 1,1-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)siletane (2c)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 8.35 g, 70% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.4. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 2.25 (p, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 1.53 – 1.39 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

161.03, 136.21, 127.70, 113.88, 55.20, 18.26, 14.41. **MS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 284.1233. Found: 284.0612.

#### 3,3'-(Siletane-1,1-diyl)dithiophene (2d)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 7.43 g, 75% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE): 0.7. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.50 (dd, J = 4.8, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (p, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.53 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>**C** 

**NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.14, 134.32, 132.02, 126.30, 18.56, 15.57. **MS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 236.0150. Found: 235.9756.

#### **1,1-Dibutylsiletane (2e)**



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 3.1 g, 40% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE): 0.7. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.06

(p, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 1.57 – 1.31 (m, 8H), 0.99 – 0.94 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.82 – 0.67 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.54, 26.18, 18.63, 15.02, 14.00, 12.31. MS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>24</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 184.1647. Found: 184.1602.

#### 1-Methyl-1-phenylsiletane (2f)



Following the general procedure B to give the desired product 4.76 g,
70% yield, colorless liquid. R<sub>f</sub> (PE): 0.9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ
7.71 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.50 - 7.38 (m, 3H), 2.23 (p, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.38 1.29 (m, 2H), 1.27 - 1.14 (m, 2H), 0.59 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.82, 133.63, 129.55, 128.06, 18.39, 14.49, -1.64. **MS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 162.0865. Found: 162.0860.

#### 2.2. General procedures for preparation of natural product and drug derivatives



**Procedure A**: Estrone (811 mg, 3.0 mmol) was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) and N-Iodosuccinimide (743 mg, 3.3 mmol) was added. The mixture was heated to 70 °C with stirring for 6 h. After cooling to ambient temperature, EtOAc (50 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (2% to 10% EA/PE) to give the desired product 832 mg, 70% yield, white solid. **R**<sub>*f*</sub> (PE/EA 5:2): 0.3. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.52 (s, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.39 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.26 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.11 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.05 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.63 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.60 – 1.33 (m, 6H), 0.91 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 221.01, 152.83, 139.22, 135.14, 134.66, 115.06, 82.62, 50.42, 48.07, 43.74, 38.18, 35.99, 31.55, 29.24, 26.41, 26.05, 21.70, 13.95. **HRMS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>IO<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 396.0586. Found: 396.0580.



Procedure B: SOCl<sub>2</sub> (119 mg, 1.1 mmol) was added to MeOH (2 mL) at -5 °C before the addition of 3-iodotyrosine (307 mg, 1.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to 70  $\,^{\circ}$ C with stirring for 8 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and stirred for an additional 4 h. After the addition of Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL), the formed precipitate was filtered off and dried under reduced pressure. The crude product was dissolved in MeOH (2 mL) before the addition of Boc<sub>2</sub>O (262 mg, 1.2 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (303 mg, 3.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was adjusted to pH = 3 by the addition of HCl (1 M) and organics were extracted with EtOAc (3x10) mL). The combined organics were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EA 2:1) to give the desired product as a white solid (0.30 g, 70% yield).  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$ (PE/EA 2:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 (s, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.57 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.99 (dd, J = 14.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.30, 155.27, 154.50, 139.25, 130.72, 129.70, 115.08, 84.96, 80.33, 54.55, 52.42, 36.94, 28.33. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>INNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 444.0284. Found: 444.0285.



#### 4-Hydroxy-3-iodobenzaldehyde



4-Hydroxybenzaldehyde (12.2 g, 100.0 mmol) and TsOH (17.2 g, 100.0 mmol) was dissolved in MeCN (200 mL) and N-iodosuccinimide (24.8 g, 110.0 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 h before the solvent was filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude residue as a yellow oil, which was used directly for the next

step without further purification (19.8 g, 80% yield).

#### 4-((Tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-iodobenzaldehyde



4-Hydroxy-3-iodobenzaldehyde (19.8 g, 80.0 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (12.1 g, 120.0 mmol) was dissolved in DCM (100 mL) then TBSCl (18.0 g, 120.0 mmol) was added slowly. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature

for 2 h before the solvent was filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EA 20:1) to give the desired product as yellow oil (29.0 g, 98% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.79 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.31 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  189.43, 160.58, 141.67, 131.58, 131.32, 118.21, 91.12, 25.79, 18.45, -3.96. MS (EI) calcd.

For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 362.0199. Found: 361.9253.

#### (4-((Tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-iodophenyl)methanol



4-((Tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-iodobenzaldehyde (29.0 g, 80.0 mmol) was dissolved in mixture solvent (Et<sub>2</sub>O/THF 4:1, 100 mL). LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (3.0 g, 80.0 mmol) was added slowly to the solution at ambient temperature then

 $^{CH_2OH}$  the mixture was stirred for 2 h before the solvent was filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EA 5:1) to give the desired product as yellow oil (26.2 g, 90% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 1.97 (s, 1H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 0.27 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.84, 138.47, 135.44, 128.36, 118.49, 90.62, 64.18, 25.98, 18.48, -3.88. **MS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 364.0355. Found: 364.0180.

#### (4-(Bromomethyl)-2-iodophenoxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane



(4-((Tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-iodophenyl)methanol (26.2 g, 72.0 mmol) was dissolved in  $Et_2O$  (100 mL). PBr<sub>3</sub> (19.5 g, 72.0 mmol) was added slowly to the solution at ambient temperature then the mixture was

<sup>2</sup> stirred for 1 h before the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/DCM 5:1) to give the desired product as colorless oil (30.0 g, 98% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 1.07 (s, 9H), 0.29 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.50, 140.21, 132.22, 130.29, 118.39, 90.57, 32.43, 25.94, 18.47, -3.89. MS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrIOSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 425.9511. Found: 425.8456.

**Procedure C**: Following a literature's procedure,<sup>5</sup> a 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 60 wt% NaH in mineral oil (400 mg, 10.0 mmol). The NaH was washed three times with hexanes (5 mL) and once with THF (5 mL). THF (40 mL) was added to the flask and the mixture was cooled to ambient temperature. A solution of the

alcoholic natural product (3 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. TBAI (111 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at once followed by the dropwise addition of the corresponding benzyl bromides (2.13 g, 5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80  $\degree$  for 24 h. and then the reaction was quenched with TBAF and water. The product was extracted with EA. The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography on silica gel afforded the pure product as colorless oil or white solid (50-81% yield).

#### 2-Iodo-4-((((1R,2S,5R)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl)oxy)methyl)phenol



Following the general procedure C to give the desired product 0.94 g, 81% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/EA 5:1): 0.7. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (td, J = 10.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (pd, J = 7.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (dd, J = 12.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (ddt, J = 13.1, 10.0, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 1.45 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.15 – 0.87 (m, 9H), 0.74 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.54, 138.12, 132.92, 130.00, 115.02, 85.33, 78.74, 69.17, 48.18, 40.26, 34.51, 31.59, 25.51, 23.24, 22.42, 21.10, 16.09. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>IO<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 388.0899. Found: 388.0892.

## 2-Iodo-4-(((((1*S*,2*R*,4*R*)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)phen ol



Following the general procedure C to give the desired product 0.93 g, 80% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/EA 5:1): 0.7. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (ddd, *J* = 9.4, 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.17 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.72 (tt, *J* = 7.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz,

1H), 1.36 - 1.19 (m, 2H), 1.07 (dd, J = 13.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.84 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.12, 137.24, 133.91, 129.58, 114.90, 85.63, 84.56, 70.49, 49.42, 48.04, 45.16, 36.29, 28.40, 26.90, 19.93, 19.02, 14.20. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>IO<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 386.0743. Found: 386.0739.

2-Iodo-4-((((3*R*,3a*S*,6*R*,7*R*,8a*S*)-3,6,8,8-tetramethyloctahydro-1H-3a,7-methanoa zulen-6-yl)oxy)methyl)phenol



Following the general procedure C to give the desired product 0.68 g, 50% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/EA 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (dd, J = 13.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.91 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.30 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 6H), 1.26 (s, 1H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.85 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.98, 137.49, 134.18, 129.81, 114.88, 85.70, 79.37, 61.77, 57.03, 56.56, 54.08, 43.50, 41.59, 41.43, 37.19, 33.27, 31.48, 28.96, 27.37, 25.48, 25.19, 15.74. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>31</sub>INaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 477.1266. Found: 477.1262.

2-Iodo-4-((((4*S*,5'*R*,6a*R*,6b*S*,8a*S*,8b*R*,9*S*,10*R*,11a*S*,12a*S*,12b*S*)-5',6a,8a,9-tetramet hyl-1,3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6a,6b,6',7,8,8a,8b,9,11a,12,12a,12b-icosahydrospiro[naphtho[ 2',1':4,5]indeno[2,1-b]furan-10,2'-pyran]-4-yl)oxy)methyl)phenol

Following the general procedure C to give the desired product 1.16 g, 60% yield, white solid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/EA 5:2): 0.3. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz,

1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 3H), 3.47 (dd, J = 11.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (t, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (tt, J = 10.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (ddd, J = 13.3, 4.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.33 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.93 (dtd, J = 43.7, 13.5, 12.2, 5.3 Hz, 5H), 1.81 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.56 (m, 5H), 1.48 (qd, J = 12.4, 11.7, 5.5 Hz, 5H), 1.29 (td, J = 12.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.21 – 1.04 (m, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 0.78 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.42, 140.94, 137.75, 133.20, 129.90, 121.56, 114.99, 109.47, 85.69, 80.96, 78.73, 68.84, 66.97, 62.16, 56.62, 50.18, 41.72, 40.38, 39.89, 39.19, 37.29, 37.14, 32.20, 31.94, 31.53, 31.48, 30.40, 28.89, 28.51, 20.97, 19.53, 17.27, 16.43, 14.67. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>48</sub>IO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 647.2597. Found: 647.2597.

**Procedure D**: Following a literature procedure,<sup>6</sup> natural acid (3.0 mmol) and KHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.60 g, 6.0 mmol) were placed in a 100 mL flame-dried Schlenk tube. Then 20mL of DMF was added to dissolve the mixture. The solution was warmed up to 40 °C. After half an hour later of stirring at 40 °C, the corresponding benzyl bromide (2.13 g, 5.0 mmol) was added. After 24 hours of heating at 40 °C, the reaction was quenched with TBAF and 500 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous solution was extracted with 7x100 mL of EA. The combined organic solutions were washed with 1 M NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. Removal of volatile components under reduced pressure afforded crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography to yield the pure product as colorless oil or white solid.

4-Hydroxy-3-iodobenzyl(2*S*,4a*S*,6a*S*,6b*R*,10*S*,12a*S*,12b*R*,14b*R*)-10-acetoxy-2,4a,6 a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-13-oxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13, 14b-icosahydropicene-2-carboxylate



Following the general procedure D to give the desired product 0.67 g, 41% yield, white solid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/EA 5:3): 0.3. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz,

1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dt, J = 13.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.01 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.79 (td, J = 13.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.73 – 1.53 (m, 6H), 1.43 – 1.36 (m, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 1H), 1.24 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.00 (ddd, J = 16.5, 13.9, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 0.89 – 0.83 (m, 6H), 0.78 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 0.73 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.31, 176.28, 171.22, 169.48, 155.36, 138.80, 130.74, 130.48, 128.50, 115.40, 85.47, 80.79, 65.02, 61.83, 60.55, 55.13, 48.36, 45.53, 44.04, 43.32, 41.16, 38.91, 38.17, 37.73, 37.05, 32.82, 31.89, 31.27, 28.61, 28.31, 28.17, 26.56, 23.68, 23.40, 21.44, 18.79, 16.81, 16.55, 14.32. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>53</sub>INaO<sub>6</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 767.2785. Found: 767.2788.

## 3. Pd-Catalyzed Ring Expansion Reaction between Silacyclobutanes and 2-Iodophenols

#### 3.1. Reaction condition optimization

Table S1 Optimization of reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>



| 8               | Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>    | IPr•HCl                 | Pempidine                      | MeCN           | 28      |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| 9               | PdIPr(allyl)Cl                        | -                       | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 46      |
| 10              | Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>    | $P(^{t}Bu)_{3}$         | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 43      |
| 11              | [Pd(allyl)Cl]2                        | $L_1$                   | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 35      |
| 12              | [Pd(allyl)Cl]2                        | DPPP                    | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 57      |
| 13              | [Pd(allyl)Cl]2                        | $L_2$                   | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 51      |
| 14              | [Pd(allyl)Cl]2                        | DiPPF                   | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 41      |
| 15              | [Pd(allyl)Cl]2                        | L <sub>3</sub>          | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 41      |
| 16              | [Pd(allyl)Cl]2                        | L <sub>4</sub>          | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 56      |
| 17              | [Pd(allyl)Cl]2                        | 'BuDavePhos             | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 66      |
| 18              | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>                  | 'BuDavePhos             | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 65      |
| 19              | Pd(nbd)Cl <sub>2</sub>                | 'BuDavePhos             | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 72      |
| 20              | Pd(MeCN)2Cl2                          | <sup>t</sup> BuDavePhos | Pempidine                      | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 80      |
| 21              | Pd(MeCN) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> | 'BuDavePhos             | NEt <sub>3</sub>               | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 57      |
| 22              | Pd(MeCN)2Cl2                          | <sup>t</sup> BuDavePhos | Pempidine/NEt <sub>3</sub> 1:1 | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 76      |
| 23              | Pd(MeCN) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> | <sup>t</sup> BuDavePhos | Pempidine/NEt <sub>3</sub> 1:4 | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 64      |
| 24 <sup>c</sup> | Pd(MeCN)2Cl2                          | <sup>t</sup> BuDavePhos | Pempidine/NEt <sub>3</sub> 4:1 | MeCN/DMF 10 :1 | 82 (72) |

<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were carried out by using [Pd] catalyst (5 mol%), ligand (10 mol%), base (0.20 mmol), **1a** (0.11 mmol) **2a** (0.10 mmol) in 1.0 mL solvent for 18 h at 100 °C under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. <sup>*b*</sup> Yield was determined by GC-MS analysis of the mixture, and values in parentheses indicated the isolated yield. N.P.: No product detected. <sup>*c*</sup> 20 mol% ligand was added.









 $L_4$ 

#### **3.2. General procedure**



**General procedure A**: The 25 mL Schlenk tube was added 2-iodophenols **1** (0.22 mmol), silacyclobutanes **2** (0.2 mmol), Pd(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 5 mol%), 'BuDavePhos (13.6 mg, 20 mol%), NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.08 mmol), pempidine (0.32 mmol), DMF (91  $\mu$ L) and MeCN (0.91 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 100 °C under N<sub>2</sub> for 18 h. The solution was then cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed under vacuum directly. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh) by standard technique to afford product **3-4**.

**General procedure B**: The 25 mL Schlenk tube was added 2-iodophenols 1 (0.22 mmol), silacyclobutans 2 (0.2 mmol), Pd(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 5 mol%), 'BuDavePhos (13.6 mg, 20 mol%), NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.08 mmol), pempidine (0.32 mmol), DMF (91  $\mu$ L) and MeCN (0.91 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 100 °C under N<sub>2</sub> for 8 h, then Pd(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 5 mol%) was added to Schlenk tube and heated for another 10 h. Finally the solution was cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under vacuum directly. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh) by standard techniques to afford product **3-4**.

#### 3.3. Characterization of products 3-4

#### 2,2-Diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3aa)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 45.5mg, 72% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$  (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.52 –

7.37 (m, 6H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (td, J = 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.02 (dt, J = 13.2, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.60, 135.26, 134.33, 132.23, 130.20, 128.14, 128.12, 127.88, 122.32, 120.94, 32.75, 22.88, 12.20. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 317.1362. Found: 317.1360.

#### 9-Fluoro-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ab)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 54.9 mg, 78% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.61 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.2

Hz, 4H), 7.10 (q, J = 8.6 Hz, 6H), 7.02 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 2.87 – 2.75 (m, 2H), 1.98 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.49 (d, J = 249.8 Hz), 154.27, 136.41 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 132.18, 130.79, 130.64 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 127.99, 122.57, 120.85, 115.50 (d, J = 19.8 Hz), 32.76, 22.84, 12.48. <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -112.26. **HRMS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 352.1095. Found: 352.1089.

#### 2,2-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[f][1,2]oxasilepine (3ac)



(m, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 5H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 2.93 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.31 (td, J = 7.0, 2.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.25, 154.70, 135.97, 132.42, 130.62, 127.81, 126.51, 122.19, 120.97, 113.86, 55.16, 32.82, 22.98, 12.61. **HRMS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 376.1495. Found: 376.1488.

#### 2,2-Di(thiophen-3-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ad)

Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 40.7 mg, 62% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$  (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (dd, J = 2.6, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, J = 4.8, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, J =7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.92 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 2.89 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.21 (t, J =7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.19, 136.12, 134.84, 132.66, 131.65, 130.75, 127.92, 126.26, 122.55, 121.04, 33.08, 23.00, 14.40. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 328.0412. Found: 328.0406.

#### 2,2-Dibutyl-6-fluoro-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3be)

Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 41.2 mg, 70% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$  (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.15 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dd, J =7.1, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 2.86 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 1.86 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.46 – 1.24 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 0.82 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 0.73 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.3 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.58 (d, J = 243.8 Hz), 142.40 (d, J = 12.2 Hz), 135.96, 125.21 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 121.45 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 114.35 (d, J = 19.3 Hz), 33.17, 33.15, 26.40, 24.88, 22.97, 13.75, 13.73, 12.95. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -133.99. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>FOSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 294.1815. Found: 294.1807.

#### 6-Fluoro-2-methyl-2-phenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3bf)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 34.3 mg, 63% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.7. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.25 (dtd, *J* = 7.1, 5.6, 5.2, 2.2 Hz, 3H), 6.92 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.62 – 6.43 (m, 2H),

2.60 (dt, J = 7.1, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 1.86 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 0.97 (ddd, J = 15.1, 8.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 0.83 (ddd, J = 15.1, 6.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 0.30 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.19 (d, J = 243.9 Hz), 155.47 (d, J = 11.5 Hz), 136.35, 133.47, 131.09, 131.00, 130.19, 128.16, 108.72 (d, J = 54.0 Hz), 108.50 (d, J = 28.3 Hz), 32.52, 22.99 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 14.12, -2.07. <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -115.39. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FOSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 272.1033. Found: 272.1031.

#### 6-Fluoro-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ba)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 48.1 mg, 72% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>*f*</sub> (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (td, *J* 

= 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.82 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.04 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.12 (d, J = 244.2 Hz), 155.39 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 134.70, 134.15, 130.91 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 130.25, 128.09, 127.90 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 108.87 (d, J = 20.9 Hz), 108.28 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 32.06, 22.77, 12.04. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -115.30. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FOSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 335.1267. Found: 335.1268.

#### 7-Methyl-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ca)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 42.9 mg, 65% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$  (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.44 (ddt, J = 10.7, 8.6, 4.8 Hz, 6H), 6.96 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 3H), 2.88 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.03 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.25, 135.40, 134.35, 131.84, 131.47, 131.26, 130.15, 128.29, 128.07, 120.61, 32.78, 22.93, 20.73, 12.29. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 331.1518. Found: 331.1518.

#### 7-(Tert-butyl)-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3da)

t-Bu -Si-Ph Ph 5

Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 41.7 mg, 56% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.6. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (dd, J = 7.7,

1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.48 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.16 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.00 (dt, J = 13.2, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.20, 144.90, 135.56, 134.33, 131.12, 130.12, 128.09, 127.52, 124.65, 120.13, 34.24, 33.07, 31.72, 22.91, 12.13. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>29</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 373.1988. Found: 373.1988.

#### 2,2,7-Triphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ea)

Following the general procedure B to give the desired product 56.4 mg, 72% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$  (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 9H), 7.34 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.37 (t, J =7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.27, 141.04, 135.30, 135.19, 134.31, 132.44, 130.26, 129.42, 128.79, 128.16, 126.92, 126.79, 126.53, 121.23, 32.99, 22.90, 12.22. MS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 392.1596. Found: 392.1581.

#### 7-Fluoro-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3fa)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 53.4 mg, 80% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$  (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 4H), 7.50

- 7.35 (m, 6H), 6.95 (ddt, J = 6.2, 4.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 - 6.77 (m, 2H), 2.86 - 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.11 - 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.97 (d, J = 239.4 Hz), 150.40 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 134.92, 134.31, 133.76 (d, J = 7.6

Hz), 130.32, 128.17, 121.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 116.79 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 113.93 (d, J = 22.7 Hz), 32.79, 22.68, 12.15. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -122.47. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FOSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 335.1267. Found: 335.0076.

#### 7-Chloro-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ga)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 49.0 mg, 70% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.55 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.10 (dq, J = 5.1, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 7.01 – 6.87

(m, 1H), 2.90 - 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.13 - 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.14, 134.67, 134.19, 133.94, 130.28, 130.22, 128.10, 127.56, 126.77, 122.07, 32.58, 22.58, 12.05. **HRMS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClOSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 350.0894. Found: 351.0886.

#### 2,2-Diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine-7-carbonitrile (3ha)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 42.2 mg, 62% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$  (PE/DCM 5:2): 0.3. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.22 (dt, J = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 6H),

2.94 – 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.05 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.57, 133.95, 133.50, 133.17, 130.20, 129.71, 128.05, 127.89, 127.60, 119.22, 105.57, 33.08, 22.73, 12.05. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaOSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 364.1134. Found: 364.1739.

# 7-(Tert-butoxymethyl)-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ia)



Following the general procedure B to give the desired product 56.3 mg, 70% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$ (PE/DCM 5:2): 0.3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

7.65 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.49 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.18 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 2.97 – 2.75 (m, 2H), 1.99 (tt, J = 7.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.75, 135.31, 134.35, 133.41, 131.97, 130.17, 130.14, 128.10, 127.24, 120.77, 73.40, 63.99, 32.89, 27.86, 22.77, 12.31. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 402.2015. Found: 402.2008.

#### 8-Methyl-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ja)

Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 40.3 mg, 61% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.97 (dt, J = 13.3, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.31, 137.65, 135.35, 134.19, 130.25, 130.02, 128.81, 127.98, 122.88, 121.40, 32.25, 22.86, 21.00, 12.01. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 330.1440. Found:330.1433.

# 8-(Tert-butyl)-2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3lb)

Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 61.2 mg, 75% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.6. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.66 - 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.12 - 7.05 (m, 4H), 7.04 - 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.95 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.0Hz, 1H), 2.85 - 2.72 (m, 2H), 1.96 (ddd, J = 10.7, 8.7, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.45 (d, J = 250.0 Hz), 153.79, 151.48, 136.46 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 130.68 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 130.30, 129.23, 119.30, 118.32, 115.43 (d, J = 19.9 Hz), 34.50, 32.61, 31.43, 23.08, 13.01. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 409.1799. Found: 409.1798.

# 2,2-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-8-phenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3mb)

Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 68.5 mg, 80% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$ (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 - 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.61 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dtd, J = 7.3, 5.2, 4.6, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.22 - 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.13 (dd, J = 10.0, 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.92 - 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.04 (ddd, J = 11.3, 8.9, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.38 (d, J = 249.8 Hz), 154.48, 141.13, 140.65, 136.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 134.50, 131.02, 128.74, 127.75, 127.25, 126.97, 121.13, 119.29, 115.42 (d, J = 19.9 Hz), 32.39, 22.75, 12.34. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -109.62. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 429.1486. Found: 429.2047.

#### 8-Chloro-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ka)

Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 53.9 mg, 77% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$  (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.4. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 4H), Ρh 7.50 - 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.10 - 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.86 - 2.67(m, 2H), 1.98 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 155.32, 134.79, 134.25, 132.56, 131.35, 130.76, 130.39, 128.23, 122.43, 121.18, 32.27, 22.73, 11.98. **HRMS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClOSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 350.0894. Found: 350.0887.

#### 9-Fluoro-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3nb)



mg, 63% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$  (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (tdd, J = 8.5, 7.2, 4.8 Hz, 6H), 6.96 (ddd, J = 10.0, 6.9, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 2.95 -2.78 (m, 2H), 2.03 (dq, J = 8.8, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.46 (d, J = 244.7 Hz), 142.36 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 135.23, 134.72, 134.23, 130.36, 128.18, 125.51 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 122.05 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 114.80 (d, J = 19.3 Hz), 33.12 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 22.93, 12.91. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ -132.31. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FNaOSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 357.1087. Found: 357.1080.

Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 42.0

## 2,2-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-7,8-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[f][1,2]oxasilepine (**3ob**)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 41.8 mg, 55% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$ (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.51

(dd, J = 8.4, 6.2 Hz, 4H), 7.00 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 4H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 2.73 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.86 (qd, J = 6.9, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.31 (d, J = 249.9 Hz), 151.85, 136.26 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 135.93, 131.71, 130.82 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 130.13, 128.80, 121.69, 115.30 (d, J = 19.7 Hz), 32.26, 22.86, 19.40, 18.79, 12.44. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -109.92. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 380.1408. Found: 380.1401.

# 8-Chloro-2,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxas ilepine (3pc)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 52.6 mg, 62% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:2): 0.2. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.98 – 6.91 (m,

5H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 2.81 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.95 (dt, J = 13.1, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.35, 153.17, 135.93, 132.43, 132.19, 130.93, 129.22, 126.17, 121.29, 113.94, 55.17, 32.39, 22.91, 19.19, 12.56. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClNaO<sub>3</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 447.1159. Found: 447.1158.

#### 7,8-Difluoro-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ra)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 54.2 mg, 77% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>**H** 

Ph NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.97 (dt, J = 13.3, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.8 (dd, J = 262.6, 20.2 Hz), 148.1 (dd, J = 284.82, 23.2 Hz), 144.29 (d, J = 12.4 Hz), 134.40, 134.14, 130.36, 128.14, 117.91 (d, J = 18.2 Hz), 117.90 (d, J = 17.2 Hz), 109.85 (d, J = 18.5 Hz), 32.14, 22.58, 12.03. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -139.09 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), -146.88 (d, J = 22.1 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 352.1095. Found: 352.1089.

#### 6,8-Dichloro-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3sc)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 53.3 mg, 60% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:2): 0.3. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,

J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 3.82 (s, 6H), 2.88 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.02 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 161.43, 149.61, 136.04, 135.62, 128.94, 127.99, 126.47, 126.38, 125.50, 113.88, 55.16, 33.66, 22.82, 13.10. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 467.0613. Found: 467.0611.

#### 7,9-Dimethyl-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ta)

Me Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 37.2 mg, 54% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.43 (dt, J = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 6H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 2.80 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.02 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.47, 135.58, 134.30, 131.29, 130.82, 130.02, 129.76, 128.64, 128.56, 127.92, 32.66, 22.77, 20.61, 16.91, 11.90. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 345.1675. Found: 345.1671.

#### 7,9-Dichloro-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3ua)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 51.4 mg, 67% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.4. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 4H), 7.47 - 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.22 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 2.6

Hz, 1H), 2.86 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.03 (tt, J = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.50, 135.40, 134.36, 134.26, 130.51, 128.99, 128.17, 128.09, 126.53, 126.46, 33.59, 22.69, 12.65. MS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>OSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 384.0504. Found: 384.0521.

#### 7,9-Difluoro-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (3va)

Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 50.0 mg, 71% yield, colorless liquid.  $\mathbf{R}_f$  (PE/DCM 5:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 – 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 6.70 (ddd, J = 10.7, 8.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.11 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.28 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.44 (dd, J = 276.7, 11.1 Hz), 155.04 (dd, J = 286.84, 13.1 Hz), 135.68 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 134.27, 134.09, 130.35, 128.10, 111.73 (dd, J = 22.0, 3.5 Hz), 102.89 (d, J = 26.3 Hz), 102.66 (d, J = 26.2 Hz), 33.22, 22.65, 12.78. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -119.39, -127.66. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 352.1095. Found: 352.1088.

# 7-Chloro-2,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,8-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2] oxasilepine (3wc)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 41.1 mg, 47% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>*f*</sub> (PE/DCM 5:2): 0.3. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H),

6.75 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 2.85 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.90 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.29, 153.03, 135.89, 134.91, 134.76, 128.92, 128.28, 126.45, 120.19, 113.90, 55.19, 28.02, 21.03, 20.85, 16.88, 10.85. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>ClNaO<sub>3</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 461.1316. Found: 461.1315.

(3a*S*,3b*R*,12b*S*,14a*S*)-8,8-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-14a-methyl-2,3,3a,3b,4,5,8,9,10,11, 12b,13,14,14a-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[7,8]phenanthro[3,2-*f*][1,2]oxasilepi n-1-one (4a)

4-ĖC<sub>6</sub>H₄ From estrone

Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 45.4 mg, 43% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/EA 10:1): 0.3. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 2.90 – 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.74 (q, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (dd, J = 18.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.44 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.15 (q, J = 9.7, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.88 (m, 3H), 1.72 – 1.36 (m, 7H), 1.31 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 0.92 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  221.13, 164.45 (d, J = 249.8 Hz), 152.17, 136.37 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 136.21, 133.67, 130.93 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 129.16, 127.63, 120.61, 115.47 (d, J = 19.9 Hz), 50.63, 48.15, 44.19, 38.46, 36.02, 32.71, 31.77, 29.20, 26.73, 26.07, 22.97, 21.74, 14.03, 12.33. <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -109.86. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>34</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 551.2194. Found: 551.2190.

Methyl-(*R*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobe nzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepin-7-yl)propanoate (4b)



Following the general procedure B to give the desired product 63.1 mg, 61% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>*f*</sub> (PE/EA 5:1): 0.4. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 – 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.40 (tt, *J* = 8.2, 5.8 Hz, 6H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.99 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 2.83 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 1.97 (dt, *J* = 13.1, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.65, 155.23, 153.65, 135.18, 134.30, 132.30, 131.53, 130.23, 129.70, 128.61, 128.12, 120.98, 79.99, 54.72, 52.19, 37.78, 32.81, 28.45, 22.93, 12.24. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 540.2182. Found: 540.2179.

2,2-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-7-((((1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl)oxy)met hyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (4c)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 86.3 mg, 83% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/EA 10:1): 0.3. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.2, 1.9 Hz, 4H), 7.15 – 7.04 (m, 6H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (td, J = 10.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (pd, J = 7.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (dtd, J = 12.2, 3.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (ddt, J = 13.5, 9.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 1.44 – 1.20 (m, 4H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 0.89 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 0.69 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.49 (d, J = 249.8 Hz), 153.65, 136.42 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 133.12, 131.95, 130.72, 130.62, 127.87, 120.66, 115.49 (d, J = 20.0 Hz), 78.57, 70.25, 48.41, 40.47, 34.73, 32.85, 31.74, 25.62, 23.39, 22.75, 22.53, 21.18, 16.18, 12.55. <sup>19</sup>F **NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -110.46. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>38</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 543.2507. Found:543.2505.

## 2,2-Diphenyl-7-((((1*S*,2*R*,4*R*)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)oxy)methyl )-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (4d)



From Borneol

Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 72.3 mg, 75% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/EA 10:1): 0.3. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 4H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.09 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 2.09 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.91 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (tt, *J* = 7.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H),

1.56 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.31 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.22 – 1.14 (m, 2H), 0.99 (dd, J = 12.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 0.80 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 0.77 (s, 3H), 0.75 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.64, 135.16, 134.23, 133.13, 131.81, 130.08, 129.74, 128.00, 126.88, 120.56, 84.20, 71.42, 49.26, 47.90, 45.05, 36.21, 32.76, 28.30, 26.81, 22.76, 19.84, 18.91, 14.10, 12.18. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 482.2641. Found: 482.2634.

2,2-Diphenyl-7-((((3*R*,3a*S*,6*R*,7*R*,8a*S*)-3,6,8,8-tetramethyloctahydro-1H-3a,7-met hanoazulen-6-yl)oxy)methyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (4e)



From Cedrol

Following the general procedure B to give the desired product 77.0 mg, 70% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>*f*</sub> (PE/EA 20:1): 0.5. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.10 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, J = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.86 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 1.98 (dt, J = 11.9, 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.92 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 1.85 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.45 (dt, J = 9.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.43 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.32 (m, 8H), 1.31 (s, 1H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.85 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.68, 135.37, 134.36, 133.44, 131.87, 130.28, 130.17, 128.11, 127.36, 120.71, 79.13, 62.74, 57.11, 56.59, 54.09, 43.52, 41.63, 41.48, 37.22, 33.33, 32.91, 31.54, 28.98, 27.42, 25.51, 25.24, 22.79, 15.76, 12.27. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>46</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 573.3165. Found: 573.3166.

2,2-Diphenyl-7-((((4*S*,5'*R*,6a*R*,6b*S*,8a*S*,8b*R*,9*S*,10*R*,11a*S*,12a*S*,12b*S*)-5',6a,8a,9-te tramethyl-1,3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6a,6b,6',7,8,8a,8b,9,11a,12,12a,12b-icosahydrospiro[n aphtho[2',1':4,5]indeno[2,1-*b*]furan-10,2'-pyran]-4-yl)oxy)methyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahy drobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (4f)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 117.2 mg, 79% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>f</sub> (PE/EA 5:1): 0.4. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 – 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.48 – 5.22 (m, 1H), 4.62 – 4.32 (m, 3H), 3.53 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.39 (t, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (tt, *J* = 11.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.50 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.05 – 1.83 (m, 7H), 1.83 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.56 (m, 5H), 1.58 – 1.43 (m, 5H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.30 – 1.11 (m, 4H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 0.80 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.01, 141.23, 135.24, 134.34, 132.65, 132.10, 130.36, 130.20, 128.11, 127.48, 121.38, 120.82, 109.43, 80.97, 78.71, 69.98, 66.99, 62.24, 56.68, 50.25, 41.74, 40.41, 39.94, 39.30, 37.39, 37.19, 32.87, 32.25, 32.00, 31.58, 31.53, 30.45, 28.94, 28.59, 22.79, 21.00, 19.56, 17.29, 16.44, 14.68, 12.29. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. For C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>62</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 765.4315. Found: 765.5041.

(2,2-Diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepin-7-yl)methyl(2*S*,4a*S*,6a*S*,6 b*R*,10*S*,12a*S*,12b*R*,14b*R*)-10-acetoxy-2,4a,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-13-oxo-1,2,3 ,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carboxylate (4g)



Following the general procedure A to give the desired product 87.4 mg, 52% yield, colorless liquid. **R**<sub>*f*</sub> (PE/EA 5:1): 0.6. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 – 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.39 (dtdd, *J* = 11.0, 8.5, 5.9, 2.1 Hz, 6H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.96 – 2.74 (m, 3H), 2.33 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.03 – 1.94 (m, 4H), 1.91 (t, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.53 (m, 6H), 1.52 – 1.37 (m, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.00 – 0.96 (m, 2H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 6H), 0.79 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 0.67 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.01, 176.46, 171.17, 169.31, 154.75, 135.16, 134.32, 132.34, 131.17, 130.24, 130.22, 130.08, 128.61, 128.41, 128.14, 120.99, 80.78, 66.12, 61.83, 55.16, 48.25, 45.45, 44.07, 43.30, 41.21, 38.92, 38.19, 37.78, 37.08, 32.83, 32.64, 31.85, 31.38, 29.85, 28.59, 28.37, 28.19, 26.57, 26.54, 23.72, 23.44, 22.73, 21.47, 18.82, 17.52, 16.83, 16.57, 12.05. **HRMS** (MADLI-TOF) calcd. For C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>68</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 863.4683. Found: 863.4683.



### 4. Synthetic Utilities of Products 3aa and 5b

#### 2-(3-(Fluorodiphenylsilyl)propyl)phenol (5a)

Ph. F

**Conversion of 3aa to 5a**: To a 0  $^{\circ}$ C solution of **3aa** (63.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added slowly 48% hydrofluoric acid (25  $\mu$ L, 0.60 mmol). The mixture was

allowed to warm to room temperature, stirred for 1 h and the solvent was removed with a rotary evaporator. The residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate, the combined organics were washed with water until neutral, washed with sat. NaCl, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo, the crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on reversed phase column to give **5a** as a colorless oil (66.5 mg, 99%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.71 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 2.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (q, J = 8.2, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (q, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 153.52, 134.23 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 133.48 (d, J = 16.3 Hz), 130.69, 130.50, 128.19,

127.85, 127.33, 120.85, 115.35, 33.23, 22.83, 13.93 (d, J = 14.3 Hz). <sup>19</sup>**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -171.23. **HRMS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FOSi [M-F]<sup>+</sup>: 317.1362. Found: 317.1311.

#### 2-(3-(Methyldiphenylsilyl)propyl)phenol (5b)



**Conversion of 3aa to 5b**: Following a literature procedure,<sup>7</sup> **3aa** (63.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) was dissolved in THF (2 mL) at -78 °C, MeLi (0.60 mmol) was added into

the reaction mixture, which was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min and at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction was quenched by adding saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution, then the mixture was acidified to pH 4-5 with aqueous HCl (1 M). The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic layer was washed with water and brine, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The volatiles were removed in vacuo, and the crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on reversed phase column to afford **5b** (65.1 mg, 98%). <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 4H), 7.36 (dtd, *J* = 7.0, 5.2, 2.2 Hz, 6H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (dtd, *J* = 12.4, 9.2, 8.5, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.31 – 1.10 (m, 2H), 0.55 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.44, 137.26, 134.50, 130.37, 129.15, 128.10, 127.84, 127.14, 120.76, 115.23, 33.71, 24.14, 14.11, -4.39. **HRMS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OSi [M-CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 317.1362. Found: 317.1312.

#### 2-(3-(Methoxydiphenylsilyl)propyl)phenol (5c)



**Conversion of 3aa to 5c**: **3aa** (63.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (1 mL), which was stirred at 60  $^{\circ}$ C for 24 h. and the crude mixture was purified by column

chromatography on reversed phase column to afford compound **5c** (57.8 mg, 83%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 4H), 7.50 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.16 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.86 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.70 (dd, J = 8.3, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (p, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.12, 134.88, 134.27, 130.40, 130.17, 128.12, 127.90, 127.40, 120.61, 115.73, 51.81, 32.81, 23.79, 13.07. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M-OMe]<sup>+</sup>: 317.1362. Found: 317.1311.

#### 2-(3-(Diphenylsilyl)propyl)phenol (5d)



**Conversion of 3aa to 5d**: Following a literature procedure,<sup>8</sup> a vial was charged with a DCM suspension (1 mL) of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (22.8 mg, 0.60 mmol), (<sup>*n*</sup>Oct)<sub>4</sub>NBr (11.2 mg,

0.02 mmol), **3aa** (63.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) and HMPA (3.6 mg, 0.02 mmol) was added at room temperature, and then the solution was stirred at 45 °C for 24 h. The solution was diluted with hexane (4 mL) and filtered through a silica gel pad. The volatiles were removed in vacuo, the crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on reversed phase column to afford compound **5d** (51.5 mg, 81%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 4H), 7.46 – 7.33 (m, 6H), 7.09 (ddd, J = 7.2, 4.0, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 2.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (tt, J = 9.1, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.30 – 1.19 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.54, 135.28, 134.50, 130.50, 129.69, 128.13, 128.08, 127.29, 120.89, 115.36, 33.38, 24.76, 12.16. **HRMS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSi [M-H]<sup>+</sup>: 317.1362. Found: 317.1312.

#### 7-Bromo-2,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,2]oxasilepine (5e)



**Conversion of 3aa to 5e**: **3aa** (63.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in MeCN (200 mL) and *N*-bromosuccinimide (38.7 mg, 2.2 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 h before the solvent was

filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/DCM 5:1) to give the desired product **5e** as yellow oil (56.7 mg, 72%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 4H), 7.35 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.68 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.80,

134.73, 134.59, 134.28, 133.22, 130.65, 130.38, 128.20, 122.69, 114.44, 32.62, 22.68,

12.13. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrOSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 394.0389. Found: 394.0381.

Stille coupling of 5e with tributyl(phenyl)stannane: The 25 mL Schlenk tube was added 5e (78.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), tributyl(phenyl)stannane (147.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (11.5 mg, 5 mol%), NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.4 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 110 °C under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. The solution was then cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed under vacuum directly. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh) to afford product **3ea** as yellow oil (51.0 mg, 65%).

#### 1-(2,2-Diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[f][1,2]oxasilepin-7-yl)ethan-1-one (5f)



**Conversion of 3aa to 5f**: Acetyl chloride (17.2 mg, 0.22 mmol) and AlCl<sub>3</sub> (29.3 mg, 0.22 mmol) was dissolved in DCE (1 mL) and **3aa** (63.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 h

before the solvent was filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/DCM 5:1) to give the desired product **5f** as yellow oil (58.0 mg, 81%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (dq, J = 4.5, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.00 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.34, 159.34, 134.57, 134.25, 132.49, 131.85, 131.38, 130.47, 129.04, 128.24, 121.02, 32.86, 26.56, 22.71, 12.18. **HRMS** (EI) calcd. For C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup>: 358.1389. Found: 358.1382.

#### (3-(2-Methoxyphenyl)propyl)(methyl)diphenylsilane (5g)



**Conversion of 5b to 5g:**  $K_2CO_3$  (82.8 mg, 0.60 mmol) and MeI (85.2 mg, 0.60 mmol) was dissolved in DMSO (2 mL) and **5b** (66.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 6 h before the

solvent was filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude residue **5g** as a yellow oil, which was used directly for the next step without further

purification.

#### (E)-(3-(2-Methoxyphenyl)allyl)(methyl)diphenylsilane (5h)

**Conversion of 5g to 5h**: a mixture of **5g** (69.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-bromosuccinimide (42.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and benzoyl peroxide (0.1 equiv.) in CCl<sub>4</sub> (2 mL) was stirred at 100 °C for 8 h. Then DBU (2 equiv.) was added, which were stirred at 70 °C for 12 hours under argon atmosphere. After cooling down to room temperature, the mixture was evaporated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by column chromatography on reversed phase column afforded the **5h** (59.8 mg, 87%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dt, *J* = 16.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.46 – 2.20 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 0.62 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.12, 136.67, 134.63, 129.31, 127.86, 127.55, 127.40, 127.31, 126.29, 124.42, 120.64, 110.88, 55.51, 21.91, -4.54. HRMS (EI) calcd. For C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OSi [M]<sup>+</sup>: 344.1596. Found: 344.1590.

### 5. Mechanistic Experiments



Equation 1: The 25 mL Schlenk tube was added phenol **6a** (0.22 mmol), Silacyclobutane derivatives **2a** (0.2 mmol), iodobenzene **6b** (0.22 mmol), Pd(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 5 mol%), 'BuDavePhos (13.6 mg, 20 mol%), NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.08 mmol), Pempidine (0.32 mmol), DMF (91  $\mu$ L) and MeCN (0.91 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 100 °C under N<sub>2</sub> for 18 h. The solution was then cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed under vacuum directly. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh) by standard techniques to afford product **7a** (isolated yield 84%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.60 – 7.47 (m, 6H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.20, 135.66, 133.73, 130.44, 129.45, 128.09, 121.71, 120.21.



Equation 2: The 25 mL Schlenk tube was added phenol **6a** (0.22 mmol), Silacyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 5 mol%), 'BuDavePhos (13.6 mg, 20 mol%), NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.08 mmol), Pempidine (0.32 mmol), DMF (91  $\mu$ L) and MeCN (0.91 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 100 °C under N<sub>2</sub> for 18 h. The solution was then cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed under vacuum directly. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh) by standard techniques to afford product **7b** (isolated yield 59%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 4H), 7.27 (dq, *J* = 14.0, 7.1 Hz, 6H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (h, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.19 – 1.08 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.23, 134.72, 130.07, 129.37, 127.95, 121.43, 119.89, 18.12, 16.71, 16.59.



**Equation 3:** The 25 mL Schlenk tube was added Iodobenzene **6b** (0.22 mmol), Silacyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol), Pd(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 5 mol%), <sup>*i*</sup>BuDavePhos (13.6 mg, 20 mol%), NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.08 mmol), Pempidine (0.32 mmol), DMF (91  $\mu$ L) and MeCN (0.91 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 100 °C under N<sub>2</sub> for 18 h. The solution was then cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed under vacuum directly. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh) by standard techniques to afford product **7c** (86% isolated yield).



Equation 4: The 25 mL Schlenk tube was added 2-Iodophenol 1a (0.22 mmol), 1,1-diphenylsilolane 8a (0.2 mmol), Pd(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 5 mol%), <sup>*i*</sup>BuDavePhos (13.6 mg, 20 mol%), NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.08 mmol), Pempidine (0.32 mmol), DMF (91  $\mu$ L) and MeCN (0.91 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 100 °C under N<sub>2</sub> for 18 h. The solution was then cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed under vaccum directly. The crude product was detected by GC-MS and no corresponding target product was found. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 1.78 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.13 – 0.84 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.97, 134.83, 129.25, 127.91, 27.79, 12.21.

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## 7. NMR Spectra

## **2a**


**2b** 







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**2d** 











































## **3ad**



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