Supporting Information:

Iron-catalysed Alkene and Heteroarene H/D Exchange by Reversible Protonation of Iron-hydride Intermediates

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1. General Experimental

Reaction Setup: All reactions were performed in oven (185 °C) and/or flamed-dried glassware under an atmosphere of anhydrous nitrogen or argon, unless otherwise indicated. All air- and moisture sensitive reactions were carried out using standard vacuum line and Schlenk techniques, or in a glovebox with a purified argon atmosphere. All glassware was cleaned using base (KOH, ^{*i*}PrOH) and acid (HCl_{aq}) baths. All reported reaction temperatures correspond to external bath temperatures. Room temperature (r.t) was approximately 16-19 °C. "Brine" refers to a saturated solution of sodium chloride in H₂O.

NMR Spectroscopy: ¹H, ²H, ¹¹B, ¹³C, ¹⁹F and ²⁹Si NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III 400 and 500 MHz; Bruker AVI 400 MHz; Bruker Avance I 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to the residual solvent peak (CHCl₃: 7.27 ppm, 77.00 ppm; CH₂Cl₂: 5.32 ppm, 54.00 ppm; *d*₈-THF: 1.73 ppm, 25.37; CD₃CN: 1.94 ppm, 1.39 ppm). Multiplicities are indicated by app. (apparent), br. (broad), s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quin. (quintet), sext. (sextet), sept. (septet), non. (nonet). Coupling constants, *J*, are reported in Hertz and rounded to the nearest 0.1 Hz. Integration is provided and assignments are indicated. ¹H and ¹³C assignments are corroborated through 2-D NMR experiments (COSY, HSQC, HMBC).

Infrared Spectroscopy: Infra-red (IR) spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IRAffinity-1 spectrometer (model no. A213749) spectrometer. Relevant peaks are reported in cm⁻¹.

Mass Spectrometry: Mass spectrometry (MS) was performed by the University of Edinburgh, School of Chemistry, Mass Spectrometry Laboratory. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a VG autospec, or Thermo/Finnigan MAT 900, mass spectrometer. Electron Impact (EI⁺) spectra were performed at 70 eV using methane as the carrier gas, with either a double focusing sector field (DFSF) or time-of-flight (TOF) mass analyzer. Chemical Ionization (CI⁺) spectra were performed with methane reagent gas, with either a double focusing sector field (DFSF) or time-of-flight (TOF) mass analyzer. Electrospray Ionization (ESI⁺) spectra were performed using a time-of-flight (TOF) mass analyzer. Data are reported in the form of m/z (intensity relative to the base peak = 100).

Melting Points: Melting points (mp) were determined on a Stuart Scientific SMP10 melting point apparatus in capillary tubes and are uncorrected.

Chromatography: Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on aluminium-backed silica plates (Merck 60 F_{254}). Pet. ether refers to petroleum ether 40-60. Product spots were visualised by UV light at 254 nm, and subsequently developed using potassium permanganate solution if appropriate. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (Merck Kielselgel 60, 40-63 μ m) unless otherwise stated.

Solvents: All solvents for air- and moisture sensitive techniques were obtained from an anhydrous solvent system (Innovative Technology). Anhydrous d_8 -tetrahydrofuran was distilled from sodium/benzophenone. d_4 -Methanol was purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories and used as received. d_3 -Methanol (CD₃OH) and d_1 -methanol (CH₃OD) were purchased from Euriso-top and used as received. Reaction solvents tetrahydrofuran (THF) (Fisher, HPLC grade), ether (Et₂O) (Fisher, BHT stabilized ACS grade), and dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂) (Fisher, unstabilized HPLC grade) were dried by percolation through two columns packed with neutral alumina under a positive pressure of argon. Reaction solvent toluene (ACS grade) was dried by percolation through a column packed with Q5 reactant (supported copper catalyst for scavenging oxygen) under a positive pressure of argon. Reaction solvents for filtration, transfers, chromatography, and recrystallization were dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂) (ACS grade, amylene stabilized), ether (Et₂O) (Fisher, BHT stabilized ACS grade), ethyl acetate (EtOAc) (Fisher, ACS grade), hexane (Optima), methanol (MeOH) (ACS grade), pentane (ACS grade), and petroleum ether (40–60°C, ACS grade).

Chemicals: All reagents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Acros organics, Tokyo Chemical Industries UK, Fluorochem and Apollo Scientific or synthesised within the laboratory. Iron(II) chloride was purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. (UK); anhydrous iron(II) chloride, 98% (product number 93-2631. Lot 19226800, 44.00000% Fe, expect 44.059%). 1,2-Bis(dimethylphosphino)ethane (dmpe) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Inc. (261939).

Lamp: Kessil A160WE LED Aquarium Light - Tuna Blue

2. Table S1 - Choice of Pre-catalyst

	С	Catalyst (2 NaO ^t Bu (5 HBpin (5 THF, Cl 60 °C, 15 <i>Blue</i>	.5 mol%) 5 mol%) mol%) D ₃ OD 5 h, Ar <i>light</i>	D D	
$\begin{array}{c} & CI \\ & P_{M_{1}} \\ P \\ P \\ & P \\ & CI \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ $	Et Et CI Et Et P'''', Fe Et Et CI Et Et $depe_2FeCl_2$	$\begin{array}{c} & CI \\ & P_{M_{1}} \\ P_{1} \\ & F_{1} \\ $	Cy, Cy P ^r / _m , Fe ⁻ Cl Cy Cy dcypeFeCl ₂	$\begin{array}{c c} & CI \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & $	Print Ferrier H Print Ferrier H dmpe ₂ FeH ₂
Entry		Catalyst		Deuterium inco	prporation (%) ^a
1		-			0
2		dmpe ₂ FeCl ₂		9	97
3	dm	pe2FeCl2 (2.0 mol	%)	9	92
4	drr	pe ₂ FeCl ₂ (1.0 mol ⁴	%)	9	92
5	dmpe ₂ FeH ₂		8	38	
6		dmpe (no Fe)			0
7		FeCl ₂ (no dmpe)			0
8		depe ₂ FeCl ₂			0
9		dmpm ₂ FeCl ₂			0
10		dcypeFeCl ₂			0
11		tmeda ₂ FeCl ₂			0

^aReaction conditions: 2-methylfuran **3a** (0.33 mmol), [Fe] **1** (2.5 mol%), NaO^tBu (5 mol%), HBpin (5 mol%), THF (0.2 mL), *d*₄-CD₃OD (0.2 mL), blue-light irradiation, 15 h.

Procedure: A 1.75 mL sample vial with screw-cap lid was loaded with [*Catalyst*] (8.2 µmol, 2.5 mol%) and NaO^tBu (1.6 mg, 16.4 µmol, 5 mol%) before the addition of HBpin (1 drop, *ca*. 5 µL, 5 mol%), THF (0.2 mL) and CD₃OD (0.2 mL). Any remaining HBpin at this stage was destroyed by reaction with CD₃OD, releasing HD. 2-Methylfuran (30 µL, 0.33 mmol) was added and the vial sealed and irradiated. On completion, the vial was opened, diluted with Et₂O (0.5 mL), the mixture filtered (SiO₂ plug) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 300 to 10 mbar) to give the deuterated product. Deuterium incorportation was determined by integration of residual proton 'H' resonances in the ¹H NMR spectra.

3. Table S2 - Choice of "D" Source

¥°,	dmpe ₂ FeCl ₂ 1 (2.5 mol%) NaO ^t Bu (5 mol%) HBpin (5 mol%)	$\sum_{i=0}^{i}$	
Ц Д С Н	THF, <i>"D"</i> 60 °C, 15 h, Ar <i>Blue light</i>	D	/∖ │ /∖ Cl dmpe₂FeCl₂ 1
Entry	"D" source		Deuterium incorporation (%) ^a
1	-		0
2	CD ₃ OD		97
3	CD₃OH		0
4	CH₃OD		90
5	d ₁ -EtOD		75
6	<i>d</i> ₁ -EtOD: CD ₃ OD 95:5		80
7	<i>d₈-ⁱ</i> PrOD		38
8	<i>d</i> ₁- ^{<i>t</i>} BuOD		0
9	<i>d</i> ₂ -D ₂ O		18
10	d ₆ -acetone		0
11	d ₆ -benzene		0
12	d ₃ -acetonitrile		0
13	d ₈ -THF		5
14	d ₆ -DMSO		0

^aReaction conditions: 2-methylfuran **3a** (0.33 mmol), [Fe] **1** (2.5 mol%), NaO^tBu (5 mol%), HBpin (5 mol%), THF (0.2 mL), *deuterium source* (0.2 mL), blue-light irradiation, 15 h.

Procedure: A 1.75 mL sample vial with screw-cap lid was loaded with [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (3.5 mg, 8.2 μ mol, 2.5 mol%) and NaO^tBu (1.6 mg, 16.4 μ mol, 5 mol%) before the addition of HBpin (1 drop, *ca.* 5 μ L, 5 mol%), THF (0.2 mL) and *deuterium source* (0.2 mL). 2-Methylfuran **3a** (30 μ L, 0.33 mmol) was added and the vial sealed and irradiated. On completion, the vial was opened, diluted with Et₂O (0.5 mL), the mixture filtered (SiO₂ plug) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 300 to 10 mbar) to give the deuterated product. Deuterium incorportation was determined by integration of residual C-H resonances in the ¹H NMR spectra.

4. Table S3 - Choice of Activator

$\sum 0$	dmpe ₂ FeCl ₂ 1 (2.5 mol%) Activator (5 mol%) HBpin (5 mol%)	$\sum_{i=0}^{i}$	
Ц — н	THF, CD ₃ OD 60 °C, 15 h, Ar <i>Blue light</i>	D	└┐ │ ́́́∖ dmpe₂FeCl₂ 1
Entry	Activator		Deuterium incorporation (%) ^a
1	none		11
2	NaO [#] Bu		97
3	NaHMDS		30
4	KF		74
5	TMPLi		45
6	Na(2-ethylhexanoate)		0
7	KOʻBu		90
8	LiOMe		95
9	NaBHEt₃ (no HBpin)		45
10	LiH (no HBpin)		79
11	LiAlH₄ (no HBpin)		50

^aReaction conditions: 2-methylfuran **3a** (0.33 mmol), [Fe] **1** (2.5 mol%), activator (5 mol%), HBpin (5 mol%), THF (0.2 mL), *d*₄-CD₃OD (0.2 mL), blue-light irradiation, 15 h.

Procedure: A 1.75 mL sample vial with screw-cap lid was loaded with [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (3.5 mg, 8.2 μ mol, 2.5 mol%) and '*Activator*' (16.4 μ mol, 5 mol%) before the addition of HBpin (1 drop, *ca.* 5 μ L, 5 mol%), THF (0.2 mL) and CD₃OD (0.2 mL). 2-Methylfuran **3a** (30 μ L, 0.33 mmol) was added and the vial sealed and irradiated. On completion, the vial was opened, diluted with Et₂O (0.5 mL), the mixture filtered (SiO₂ plug) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 300 to 10 mbar) to give the deuterated product. Deuterium incorportation was determined by integration of residual proton 'H' resonances in the ¹H NMR spectra.

С	dmpe ₂ FeCl ₂ 1 (2.5 mol%) NaO ^t Bu (5 mol%) HBpin (5 mol%) THF, CD ₃ OD 60 °C, 15 h, Ar Blue light	$P_{I_{I_{I_{I_{I_{I_{I_{I_{I_{I_{I_{I_{I_$
Entry	Variation from standard conditions	Deuterium incorporation (%) ^a
1	none	97
2	No [dmpe ₂ FeCl ₂] 1	0
3	No CD ₃ OD	0
4	dmpe (no FeCl ₂)	0
5	FeCl ₂ (no dmpe)	0
6	No light (60 °C)	0
7	No THF	94
8	No HBpin	80
9	No HBpin and no THF	82
10	No NaO′Bu	11
11	[dmpe ₂ FeCl ₂] 1 (2 mol%)	92
12	[dmpe ₂ FeCl ₂] 1 (1 mol%)	94
13	[dmpe ₂ FeH ₂] 2	88

5. Table S4 - Overview of Control Reactions for Arene Deuteration

^aReaction conditions: 2-methylfuran (0.33 mmol), [Fe] (2.5 mol%), activator (5 mol%), HBpin (5 mol%), THF (0.2 mL), *d*₄-CD₃OD (0.2 mL), blue-light irradiation, 15 h.

	dmpe ₂ FeCl ₂ 1 (2.5 mol%) NaO ^t Bu (5 mol%) HBpin (5 mol%) THF, CD ₃ OD 60 °C, 15 h, Ar <i>monochromatic LED</i>		$\frac{P_{IIII}}{P_{CI}} = \frac{P_{IIII}}{P_{CI}}$ $\frac{P_{IIIII}}{P_{CI}} = \frac{P_{IIIII}}{P_{CI}}$ $\frac{P_{IIIIII}}{P_{CI}} = \frac{P_{IIIIII}}{P_{CI}}$
Entry	Wavelength (nm)	Current (mA)	Deuterium incorporation (%) ^a
1	365	100	46
2	365	200	58
3	365	350	66
4	420	100	69
5	420	200	75
6	420	350	95
7	450	100	50
8	450	200	72
9	450	350	>99
10	525	100	58
11	525	200	72
12	525	350	94

6. Table S5 - Choice of Irradiation Wavelength

^aReaction conditions: 2-methylfuran **3a** (0.33 mmol), [Fe] **1** (2.5 mol%), activator (5 mol%), HBpin (5 mol%), THF (0.2 mL), *d*₄-CD₃OD (0.2 mL), LED-light irradiation, 20 h.

Procedure: A 1.75 mL sample vial with screw-cap lid was loaded with $[dmpe_2FeCl_2]$ **1** (3.5 mg, 8.2 µmol, 2.5 mol%) and NaO'Bu (1.6 mg, 16.4 µmol, 5 mol%) before the addition of HBpin (1 drop, *ca.* 5 µL, 5 mol%), THF (0.2 mL) and CD₃OD (0.2 mL). *n.b* Any remaining HBpin at this stage is destroyed by reaction with CD₃OD, releasing HD. 2-Methylfuran **3a** (30 µL, 0.33 mmol) was added and the vial sealed and irradiated. Irradiation was conducted using a Pacer Photochemistry LED illuminator (Pacer International). On completion, the vial is opened, diluted with Et₂O (0.5 mL), the mixture filtered (SiO₂ plug) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 300 to 10 mbar) to give the deuterated product. On completion, the vial was opened, diluted with Et₂O (0.5 mL), the mixture filtered (SiO₂ plug) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 300 to 10 mbar) to give the deuterated product. Deuterium incorportation was determined by integration of residual C-H resonances in the ¹H NMR spectra.



7. Table S6 - Overview of Control Reactions for Alkene Deuteration

^aReaction conditions: 2-methylfuran (0.33 mmol), [Fe] (2.5 mol%), activator (5 mol%), HBpin (5 mol%), THF (0.2 mL), d_4 -CD₃OD (0.2 mL), blue light irradiation, 15 h.

8. Preparation of Pre-catalysts

dmpe₂FeCl₂ 1



Following the reported procedure,¹ 1,2-bis(dimethylphosphino)ethane (dmpe, 800 mg, 5.3 mmol, 2 equiv.) was added dropwise (over *ca.* 30 seconds) to a stirred solution of iron(II) dichloride (340 mg, 2.7 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (30 mL). The mixture was stirred for 18 hours, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 400 to 20 mbar) and the solid dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (8 mL), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (1.08 g, 2.5 mmol, 93%) as a light green amorphous solid.

³¹P NMR: (162 MHz, *d*₈-THF)

59.5.

Data were in accordance with those previously reported.¹⁻²

$dmpe_2FeH_2 2$



According to a modification of the procedure reported by Darcel,³ a lithium triethylborohydride solution (1.7 M in THF, 0.91 mL, 1.54 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of dmpe₂FeCl₂ **1** (300 mg, 0.70 mmol) in anhydrous diethyl ether (15 mL). The mixed was stirred for 2 hours with an observed colour change to yellow/orange. Conversion was monitored by ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy to ensure full conversion of dmpe₂FeHCl intermediate. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the resultant solid extracted with pentane (3 x 10 mL). The solution was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo*. The crude product was sublimated (40 – 80 °C, 1 x 10⁻² mbar for several hours) to yield [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** as a pale yellow precipitate in high purity (186 mg, 0.52 mmol, 74%).

¹H NMR: (500 MHz, THF)

-14.06 (ddq, J = 57.7, 37.9, 18.9 Hz, 1H). *Hydride region only.*

³¹P NMR: (202 MHz, THF)

77.18 (t, J = 26.6 Hz), 67.51 (t, J = 26.6 Hz).

Data were in accordance with those previously reported.⁴

9. Air- and Moisture-Stability of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] 1





a) Freshly prepared [dmpe₂FeCl₂] 1 and corresponding ³¹P NMR spectra (162 MHz, THF).



b) after 1 day in air



e) after 5 days in air



c) after 2 days in air



f) after 6 days in air



-60 -70

-20

-40

d) after 3 days in air



g) after 10 days in air





h) after 14 days in air and corresponding ³¹P NMR spectra (162 MHz, THF).



10. Table S7 - Use of [dmpe2FeCl2] 1 Stored in Air

Procedure: A 1.75 mL sample vial with screw-cap lid was loaded with $[dmpe_2FeCl_2]$ **1** (3.5 mg, 8.2 µmol, 2.5 mol%) and NaO'Bu (1.6 mg, 16.4 µmol, 5 mol%) before the addition of HBpin (1 drop, *ca.* 5 µL, 10 mol%), THF (0.2 mL) and CD₃OD (0.2 mL). *n.b* Any remaining HBpin at this stage is destroyed by reaction with CD₃OD, releasing HD. 2-Methylfuran **3a** (30 µL, 0.33 mmol) is added and the vial sealed and irradiated. On completion, the vial is opened, diluted with Et₂O (0.5 mL), the mixture filtered (SiO₂ plug) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 300 to 10 mbar) to give the deuterated product. On completion, the vial was opened, diluted with Et₂O (0.5 mL), the mixture filtered (SiO₂ plug) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 300 to 10 mbar) to give the deuterated product. Deuterium incorportation was determined by integration of residual C-H resonances in the ¹H NMR spectra.



11. Table S8 - Base-mediated (Background) H/D Exchange

A 1.75 mL sample vial with screw-cap lid was loaded with NaO'Bu (1.6 mg, 16.4 µmol, 5 mol%) before the addition of CD₃OD (0.2 mL). Substrate (arene/alkene, 0.33 mmol) was added and the vial sealed and irradiated under the same reaction conditions that were used with iron-catalyst present. Background base-mediated H/D exchange was observed for some *N*-heterocyclic arenes, values presented are %D incorporation. Deuterium incorportation was determined by integration of residual proton 'H' resonances in the ¹H NMR spectra. *n.b. When dmpe*₂*FeCl*₂ *is used in combination with NaO'Bu and HBpin, the NaO'Bu is consumed and converted into 'BuOBpin and NaCl*.⁵

12. Mechanistic investigations

I) Activation studies



a) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] 1 with pinacolborane (HBpin) and NaO^tBu in d₈-THF:

In a J-Young's NMR tube, pinacolborane (10 μ L, 70 μ mol) was added to a mixture of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (10 mg, 24 μ mol) and sodium *tert*-butoxide (5 mg, 50 μ mol) in anhydrous *d*₈-THF. The tube was shaken and the mixture immediately turned yellow.

b) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] 1 with NaO^tBu and NaOMe in THF.



In a J-Young's NMR tube, sodium *tert*-butoxide (1.4 mg, 14 μ mol) was added to a mixture of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (3 mg, 8 μ mol) in anhydrous THF (0.4 mL). The tube was shaken and the mixture remained green. Sodium methoxide (0.6 mg, 14 μ mol) was subsequently added to the tube and shaken, no change was observed.

c) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] 1 with CH₃OH in THF.



In a J-Young's NMR tube, anhydrous CH₃OH (0.2 mL) was added to a mixture of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (3 mg, 8 μ mol) in anhydrous THF (0.2 mL). The tube was shaken and the mixture turned pale yellow.⁶

c) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** with NaO^tBu and CH₃OH in THF.



In a J-Young's NMR tube, anhydrous CH₃OH (0.2 mL) was added to a mixture of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (3 mg, 8 µmol) and sodium *tert*-butoxide (1.4 mg, 14 µmol) in anhydrous THF (0.2 mL). The tube was shaken and the mixture immediately turned yellow/orange with the formation of [dmpe₂FeHCl] observed by ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy. Upon blue light irradiation the formation of [dmpe₂FeH₂] 2 and an uncharacterised iron-hydride species was observed by ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy.

d) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] 1 with NaO⁴Bu and CD₃OH in THF.



In a J-Young's NMR tube, anhydrous CD₃OH (0.2 mL) was added to a solution of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (3 mg, 8 µmol) and sodium *tert*-butoxide (1.4 mg, 14 µmol) in anhydrous THF (0.2 mL). The tube was shaken and the mixture immediately turned yellow/orange with the formation of [dmpe₂FeDCl] observed by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy. Upon standing the iron deuterides exchanged with *d*₃-methanol to give iron hydrides and *d*₄-MeOD.

e) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** with BnOH and NaO^tBu in THF.



In a J-Young's NMR tube, benzyl alcohol (0.2 mL, 1.90 mmol) was added to a solution of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (3 mg, 8 µmol) in anhydrous THF (0.2 mL). The tube was shaken and the solution remained pale green. Upon addition of sodium *tert*-butoxide (1.4 mg, 14 µmol) the solution became orange and an insoluble precipitate was formed. The formation of [dmpe₂FeHCl] was observed by ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy. The formation of benzaldehyde was observed by ¹³C NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry.

MS: $(HRMS - EI^+)$

Found 106.041029 (C₇H₆O₁), requires 106.04132.

f) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** with PhOH and NaO⁴Bu in THF.



In a J-Young's NMR tube, phenol (0.56 g, 6.00 mmol) was added to a solution of $[dmpe_2FeCl_2]$ **1** (3 mg, 8 µmol) in anhydrous THF. The tube was shaken and the solution remained pale green. Upon addition of sodium *tert*-butoxide (1.4 mg, 14 µmol) the solution became orange and an insoluble beige precipitate was formed. No difference could be observed in the solution by ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy.

g) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** with ^tBuOH and NaO^tBu in THF.



In a J-Young's NMR tube, *tert*-butanol (0.44 g, 6.00 mmol) was added to a mixture of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (3 mg, 8 μ mol) in anhydrous THF (0.2 mL). The tube was shaken and the mixture remained green. No difference could be observed in the solution by ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy.

II) Iron-hydride exchange studies, C-H metallation, and catalyst turnover.

a) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** and [dmpe₂FeHCI] with CD₃OD:



CD₃OD (50 μ L, 1.25 mmol) was added to a reaction mixture containing [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** and [dmpe₂FeHCI] in *d*₈-THF (*ca.* 25 μ mol [Fe]). The mixture was shaken and left to react for 1 hour at room temperature before removing the solvent *in vacuo* (20 °C, 0.1 mbar). Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (0.5 mL) was added before the acquisition of NMR spectra.

b) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] 2 with 2-methylfuran 3a:



2-Methylfuran **3a** (15 μ L, 160 μ mol) was added to a reaction mixture containing [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** in *d*₈-THF (*ca.* 25 μ mol [Fe]). The mixture was shaken and irradiated with blue light (Kessil Tuna Blue A160WE) for 2 hours. Yellow like crystals were produced from slow cooling a saturated pentane solution at -30 °C.

[trans-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] trans-5

MS:	(HRMS – EI⁺)
	Found 438.12041 ($C_{17}H_{38}O_1^{56}Fe_1P_4$), requires 438.12171.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, <i>d</i> ₈ -THF)
	5.44 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), −18.9 (quin. <i>J</i> = 45 Hz, 1H).
¹³ C NMR:	(151 MHz, <i>d</i> ₈ -THF) <i>furyl ligand only</i>
	150.0, 120.5, 104.5, 13.4. (resonance for C-Fe not observed)
³¹ P NMR:	(202 MHz, <i>d</i> ₈ -THF)
	77.9-75.9 (m).

c) Reaction of [trans-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] trans-5 with CD₃OD:



Anhydrous CD₃OD (50 μ L, 1.25 mmol) was added to [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] *trans*-**5** (30 μ mol) in *d*₈-THF (0.5 mL).

[trans-dmpe₂Fe(D)(2-methylfuryl] [D]-trans-5

MS:	(HRMS – EI⁺)
	Found 439.12855 (C ₁₇ H ₃₇ D ₁ O ₁ ⁵⁶ Fe ₁ P ₄), requires 439.12799.
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, THF)
	−18.5 (q, <i>J</i> = 6.9 Hz, 1D).
³¹ P NMR:	(202 MHz, <i>d</i> ₈ -THF)
	77.3 (t, <i>J</i> = 6.4 Hz).

d) Reaction of [trans-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] trans-5 with CH₃OH to produce 3a:



A solution of [*trans*-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] *trans*-**5** (30 μ mol) and CH₃OH (approx. 100 equiv) in *d*₈-THF (0.5 mL) was left at room temperature and monitored for 12 h.

e) Reaction of [trans-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] trans-5 with CD₃OD to produce [D]-3a:



A solution of [*trans*-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] *trans*-**5** (30 μ mol) and CD₃OD (approx. 250 equiv) in *d*₈-THF (0.5 mL) was left at room temperature and monitored for 26 h.

f) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** with Caffiene **3s**:



Caffiene **3s** (31 mg, 160 μ mol) was added to a reaction mixture containing [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** in *d*₈-THF (*ca.* 25 μ mol [Fe]). The mixture was shaken and irradiated with blue light (Kessil Tuna Blue A160WE) for 3 hours. Yellow block crystals were produced from slow cooling a saturated pentane solution at -30 °C.

[cis-dmpe₂Fe(H)(caffeine)] cis-6

MS:	(HRMS – EI⁺)
	Found 550.16387 ($C_{20}H_{42}N_4O_2{}^{56}Fe_1P_4$), requires 550.16022.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, THF) hydride region only
	-13.14-13.60 (m, 1H).
³¹ P NMR:	(202 MHz, THF)
	78.1-77.1 (m), 71.1-70.1 (m), 62.4-61.5 (m), 58.4-57.6 (m).

g) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** with 2,3-dihydrofuran **4g**:



2,3-Dihydrofuran 4**g** (8 μ L, 105 μ mol) was added to a reaction mixture containing [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** (20 mg, 76 μ mol) in *d*₈-THF. The mixture was shaken and irradiated with blue light (Kessil Tuna Blue A160WE) for 3 hours. Yellow block-like crystals were produced from slow cooling a saturated pentane solution at -30 °C.

[trans-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] trans-7

MS:	(HRMS – EI⁺)
	Found 426.12171 (C ₁₆ H ₃₈ O ₁ ⁵⁶ Fe ₁ P ₄), requires 426.12171.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, C ₆ D ₆)
	4.02 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, furyl-C <i>H</i> ₂), 3.99 (t, J = 1.8 Hz ,1H, furyl-C <i>H</i>), 2.62 (td, J = 8.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H, furyl-C <i>H</i> ₂), 1.89 (m, 4H, PC <i>H</i> ₂), 1.46 – 1.43 (m, 4H, PC <i>H</i> ₂), 1.41 (s, 12H, PC <i>H</i> ₃), 1.20 (s, 12H, PC <i>H</i> ₃), -18.30 (p, J = 45.6 Hz, 1H, Fe- <i>H</i>).
¹³ C NMR:	(151 MHz, C ₆ D ₆)
	105.9 (furyl-CH), 67.5 (furyl-CH ₂), 32.3-32.8 (PCH ₂ , furyl-CH ₂), 26.2 (PCH ₃), 17.8 (PCH ₃). (<i>resonance for C-Fe not observed</i>)
³¹ P NMR:	(202 MHz, C ₆ D ₆)
	76.6 (d, J = 38.8 Hz).

h) Reaction of [*trans*-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] *trans*-7 with CD₃OD:



Anhydrous CD₃OD (0.25 mL) was added to [*trans*-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] *trans*-**7** (30 μ mol) in *d*₈-THF (0.25 mL).

[trans-dmpe₂Fe(D)(2,3-dihydrofuryl] [D]-trans-7

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 427.120297 ($C_{16}H_{37}D_1O_1^{56}Fe_1P_4$), requires 427.12798.
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, THF)
	−18.3 (q, <i>J</i> = 6.9 Hz, 1D).
³¹ P NMR:	(202 MHz, <i>d</i> ₈ -THF)
	76.8 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz).

i) Reaction of [trans-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] trans-7 with CH₃OH to produce 4g:



A solution of [*trans*-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] *trans*-**7** (30 μ mol) and CH₃OH (approx. 100 equiv) in *d*₈-THF (0.5 mL) was left at room temperature and monitored for 18 h.

j) Reaction of [trans-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] trans-7 with CD₃OD to produce [D]-4g:



A solution of [*trans*-dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] *trans*-**7** (30 μ mol) and CD₃OD (approx. 250 equiv) in *d*₈-THF (0.5 mL) was left at room temperature and monitored for 48 h.

III) Protodedeuteration of d₄-furan



Following an altered version of the general deuteration procedure, d_4 -furan (24µL, 0.33 mmol) was reacted with CH₃OH to give d_23D , 4D-furan. Deuterium incorporation was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

 d_2 -[3D, 4D]-furan

 MS:
 (HRMS [M+H]+ - CI+)

 Found 70.038421 (C₄H₂D₂O₁), requires 70.03822

 ¹H NMR:
 (500 MHz, CDCI₃)

 (s, 0.89H), 6.39 (s, 0.01H).

 ¹³C NMR:
 (126 MHz, CDCI₃)

 13C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI3) δ 142.47, 109.18 (t, J = 27.2 Hz).

IIII) Alkene isomerisation studies



Following the general deuteration procedure, 'alkene' (0.33 mmol) was reacted to give the isomerised alkene. Extent of isomerisation and deuterium incorporation were determined by ¹H and ²H NMR spectroscopy.

a) 2,5-Dihydrofuran



2,3-Dihydrofuran-d₃

¹H NMR: $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$

6.33 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 0.63H), 4.90 (dd, J = 4.3, 2.5 Hz, 0.61H), 4.31 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 2.65 – 2.58 (m, 1.85H).

²H NMR: (77 MHz, CDCl₃)

6.37 (s), 5.01 (s), 2.62 (m).

b) Allyl benzyl ether



*Deuterium incoporation could not be quantified due to overlapping signals with 'hydrogenated' product, propylbenzylether (9%).

Allyl benzyl ether- α , β , β - d_3

¹H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

7.40 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.97 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.4, 5.6 Hz, 0.87H), 5.32 (dq, J = 17.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dq, J = 10.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.04 (dt, J = 5.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H).

²H NMR: (77 MHz, CDCl₃)

6.00 (m).

- (E)-((Prop-1-en-1-yloxy)methyl)benzene-d
- ¹H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

7.41 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 6.04 (dq, J = 6.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 4.48 – 4.42 (m, 0.94H), 1.63 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.7 Hz, *H).

²H NMR: (77 MHz, CDCl₃)

4.50 (m), 1.65 (m).

(Z)-((Prop-1-en-1-yloxy)methyl)benzene-d

¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCI ₃)
	7.48 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 6.32 (dq, J = 12.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dq, J = 12.4, 6.7 Hz, 0.9H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 1.57 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.6 Hz, *H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CDCl ₃)

4.94 (m), 1.58 (m).

Data were in accordance with those previously reported.7

c) 4-Allylanisole



*Deuterium incoporation could not be quantified due to overlapping signals with 'hydrogenated' product, 4-*n*-propylanisole (5%). Deterium peaks for the (*Z*)-anethole product couldn't not be observed due to the low level of isomerisation. No (*E*)-anethole product was observed.

Allylanisole-d³

¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCI ₃)			
	7.12 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (ddt, J = 16.8, 10.1, 6.7 Hz, 0.86H), 5.15 – 5.01 (m, 1.86H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.39 – 3.31 (m, 2H).			
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CHCl ₃)			
	6.00 (m), 5.09 (m), 0.95.			
(Z)-Anethole-d				
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCl ₃)			
	7.26 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (dd, J = 11.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (dq, J = 11.5, 7.1 Hz, 0.91H), 3.83 (s, 3H) 1.89 (d, *H).			

Data were in accordance with those previously reported.8

IV) On/Off experiments

In a glove box with a purified argon atmosphere, $[dmpe_2FeH_2]$ **2** (2.0 mg, 0.008 mmol, 2.5 mol%) and anhydrous THF (0.2 mL) were added to a Young's tap NMR tube. After addition of 2-methylfuran **2a** (30 µL, 0.33 mmol) *or* 4-*tert*-butylstyrene **4a** (60 µL, 0.33 mmol) and CD₃OD (0.2 mL), the tube was sealed, removed from the glove box and irradiated with blue light on and off. Deuterium incorporation was determined by reference to non-exchangable hydrogen atoms within the substrates using ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

a) 2-Methyl furan 3a



b) 4-*tert*-Butylstyrene 4a



			Deuterium incorporation (%)		
Entry	Total time (minutes)	Increment	х	У	Z
1	0	N/A	0	0	0
2	30	+ 30 minutes dark	0	0	0
3	60	+ 30 minutes light	15	7	7
4	90	+ 30 minutes dark	15	7	7
5	120	+ 30 minutes light	24	12	14
6	150	+ 30 minutes dark	24	12	14



V) Iron-hydride protonation studies

a) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] 2 with CD₃OH:



Anhydrous CD₃OH (200 µL) was added to [dmpe₂FeH₂] 2 (5.0 mg, 14 µmol) in THF (0.2 mL).

b) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] 2 with d₅-EtOH:



Anhydrous d_5 -ethanol (200 µL) was added to [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** (5.0 mg, 14 µmol) in THF (0.2 mL).

c) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** with ^{*i*}PrOH:



Anhydrous isopropanol (200 µL) was added to [dmpe₂FeH₂] 2 (4.5 mg, 14 µmol) in THF (0.2 mL).

d) Reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** with ^tBuOH:



Anhydrous *tert*-butanol (200 µL) was added to [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** (4.5 mg, 14 µmol) in THF (0.2 mL).

13. Substrate synthesis and characterisation

N-(Furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline 3c



Aniline (5.40 mL, 60 mmol) was added dropwise (over *ca*. 1 minute) to a stirred solution of furfural (5.0 mL, 60 mmol) and magnesium sulfate (17.40 g, 144 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (50 mL). The reaction was stirred for 15 hours at room temperature, filtered (to remove magnesium sulfate) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 500 to 100 mbar) before the addition of methanol (80 mL) and sodium borohydride (4.50 g, 118 mmol, 3 *x* portions at 0 °C). *n.b Caution addition of sodium borohydride is exothermic.* The reaction was warmed to room temperature, stirred for 2 hours and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 500 to 20 mbar). The product was purified by Kugelrohr distillation (170 °C, 2.0 mbar) to give *N*-(furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline **3c** (6.75 g, 39 mmol, 65%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR: (600 MHz, CDCl₃)

7.40-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.79-6.75 (m, 1H), 6.71 (app. d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.35 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.27-6.25 (m, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (br. s, $\Delta v_{1/2} = 22.1$ Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR: $(150 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$

152.8, 147.7, 142.0, 129.3, 118.1, 113.2, 110.4, 107.0, 41.5.

Data were in accordance with those previously reported.9

(1R)-N-(Furan-2-ylmethylidene)-1-phenylethanamine 3d



(*R*)- α -Methylbenzylamine (7.63 mL, 60 mmol) was added to a stirred mixture of furfural (5.0 mL, 60 mmol), potassium carbonate (15.13 g, 109 mmol) and magnesium sulfate (20.0 g, 167 mmol) in anhydrous diethylether (180 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours, filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 500 to 200 mbar). The product was purified by Kugelrohr distillation (170 °C, 1.0 mbar) to give (1*R*)-*N*-(furan-2-ylmethylidene)-1-phenylethanamine **3d** (3.55 g, 17.8 mmol, 30%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

8.17 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR: $(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$

151.6, 148.4, 144.8, 144.6, 128.5, 127.0, 126.8, 114.3, 111.6, 69.9, 24.5.

Data were in accordance with those previously reported.¹⁰

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(furan-2-ylmethoxy)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane 3e



Furfural (4.31 mL, 52.0 mmol) was added to a stirred mixture of sodium *tert*-butoxide (50 mg, 0.52 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (100 mL). Pinacolborane (8.7 mL, 60 mmol) was added portionwise (4 at 20 minute intervals) – *n.b* caution, addition of pinacolborane is exothermic. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, the solvent removed *in vacuo* (40 °C, 400 to 30 mbar) and the product purified by Kugelrohr distillation (60 °C, 0.3 mbar) to give 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(furan-2-ylmethoxy)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane 3e (10.6 g, 47.3 mmol, 91%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.40 (dd, J = 1.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.35-6.30 (m, 2H), 4.85 (s, 2H), 1.29 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR: (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 152.5, 142.5, 110.3, 108.3, 83.1, 59.2, 24.6. ¹¹B NMR: (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 22.0 (br. s, $\Delta v_{1/2} = 93.5$ Hz)

Data were in accordance with those previously reported.¹¹

Allylbenzyl ether



According to a modification of the procedure reported by Williams,¹² a solution of benzyl alcohol (3.1 mL, 30 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) was added slowly to a stirring solution of sodium hydride (1.30 g, 33 mmol, 60% dispersion in oil) in anhydrous THF (30 mL) at 0 °C under an N₂ atmosphere. The solution was stirred at 0 °C for 1 hour. Allyl bromide (2.85 mL, 33 mmol) was then added to the solution dropwise. After stirred at 0 °C for 1 hour, the reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and subsequently stirred for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into a saturated ammonium chloride solution (100 mL) and the product extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturate sodium bicarbonate (50 mL) and brine (100 mL), then dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give allylbenzyl ether as a colourless oil (2.67 g, 18 mmol, 60%).

¹H NMR: $(500 \text{ MHz, CDCI}_3)$ 7.38 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.96 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dq, J = 17.2, 1.7 Hz, f1H), 5.21 (dq, J = 10.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 4.04 (dt, J = 5.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR: $(126 \text{ MHz, CDCI}_3)$ 138.5, 134.9, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 117.3, 72.3, 71.3.

Data were in accordance with those previously reported.¹²

14. General reaction Procedure: Iron-catalysed Deuteration

A 1.75 mL sample vial with screw-cap lid is loaded with $[dmpe_2FeCl_2]$ **1** (3.5 mg, 8.2 µmol, 2.5 mol%) and NaO'Bu (1.6 mg, 16.4 µmol, 5 mol%) before the addition of HBpin (1 drop, *ca.* 5 µL, 5 mol%), THF (0.2 mL) and CD₃OD (0.2 mL). *n.b* Any remaining HBpin at this stage is destroyed by reaction with CD₃OD, releasing HD. Substrate (arene/alkene, 0.33 mmol) is added and the vial sealed and irradiated. On completion, the vial is opened, diluted with Et₂O (0.5 mL), the mixture filtered (SiO₂ plug) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 300 to 10 mbar) to give the deuterated product. Deuterium incorportation was determined by integration of residual C-H resonances in the ¹H NMR spectra.

Volatile substrates/products: The general procedure was altered to avoid loss of material. Product recovery/yield was determined by the addition of an internal standard (1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene).



a) Schematic overview of reaction setup



b) Side-on view

c) Aerial view

15. Product data

2-Methyl-5D-furan [D]-3a



Following the general deuteration procedure, 2-methylfuran **3a** (27 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give 2-methyl-5D-furan **[D]-3a**. Trimethoxybenzene was added as an internal standard to quantify recovery (87%, *5D*-97% incorporation).

MS:	(HRMS – EI⁺)
	Found 83.04674 (C ₅ H ₅ D ₁ O ₁), requires 83.04759.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	7.32-7.30 (m, 0.03 H), 6.26 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.99-5.97 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH ₃ OH)
	7.34 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD/CDCl ₃)
	155.9, <u>144.4 (t, <i>J</i> = 31 Hz)</u> , 113.9, 109.2, 17.1.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)
2,5D-furan **[D]-3b**

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Following the general deuteration procedure, furan **3b** (23 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give 2,5-D-furan **[D]-3b**. Trimethoxybenzene was added as an internal standard to quantify recovery (54%, *2,5D*-91% incorporation).

MS:	(HRMS [M+H] ⁺ – CI ⁺)
	Found 71.04532 ($C_4H_3D_2O_1$), requires 71.04605.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	7.51 (s, 0.09H), 6.42 (s, 2H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH _{3p} OH)
	7.50 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	142.4, <u>142.3, 142.1 (t, <i>J</i> = 31 Hz), 142.0 (t, <i>J</i> = 31 Hz)</u> .
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

N-(5D-Furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline [D]-3c



Following the general deuteration procedure, *N*-(furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline **3c** (57 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *N*-(*5D*-furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline **[D]-3c** (50 mg, 87%, D-incorporation: 87%) as a yellow oil.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 174.08804 (C ₁₁ H ₁₀ D ₁ O ₁ N ₁), requires 174.08979.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	7.39 (dd, <i>J</i> = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 0.13H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.79-6.75 (m, 1H), 6.73-6.68 (m, 2H), 6.34 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.27-6.25 (m, 1H), 4.35 (d, <i>J</i> = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (br. s, 1H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	7.33 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	152.7, 147.7, <u>141.9, 141.7 (t, <i>J</i> = 31.6 Hz)</u> , 129.2, 118.0, 113.2, 110.3, 110.1, 107.1, 41.5.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

(1R)-N-(5D-Furan-2ylmethylidene)-1-phenylethanamine [D]-3d



Following the general deuteration procedure, (1*R*)-*N*-(furan-2ylmethylidene)-1-phenylethanamine **3d** was reacted to give (1*R*)-*N*-(5*D*-furan-2ylmethylidene)-1-phenylethanamine **[D]-3d** (66 mg, >95%, D-incorporation: 44%) as a yellow oil.

MS: $(HRMS - EI^{+})$ Found 200.10498 (C₁₃H₁₂D₁O₁N₁), requires 200.10544. ¹H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 0.56H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.26 (tt, J = 7.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ²H NMR: (77 MHz, CHCl₃) 7.59 (s). ¹³C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 151.6, 148.4, 144.8, 144.6, 144.5 (t, J = 31.3 Hz), 128.5, 127.0, 126.8, 114.3, 111.6, 69.9, 24.5. n.b underlined ¹³C resonances denote labelled position(s)

2-(Hydroxymethyl)-5D-furan [D]-3e



Following the general deuteration procedure, 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(furan-2-ylmethoxy)-1,3,2dioxaborolane **3e** (74 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *2-(hydroxymethyl)-5D-furan* **[D]-3e** (29 mg, 91%, *5D*-80% incorporation) as a colourless oil.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 99.04247 ($C_5H_5D_1O_2$), requires 99.04251.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	7.43 (dd, <i>J</i> = 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 0.2H), 6.36 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (app. d, <i>J</i> = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 1.74 (br. s, 1H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CHCl ₃)
	7.48 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	154.0, 153.9, <u>142.6, 142.4 (t, <i>J</i> = 31 Hz)</u> , 110.4, 110.2, 107.8, 57.6.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

2-[(2,3-Epoxypropoxy)methyl]-5D-furan [D]-3f



Following the general deuteration procedure, 2-[(2,3-epoxypropoxy)methyl]furan **3f** (51 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *2-[(2,3-epoxypropoxy)methyl]-5D-furan* **[D]-3f** (31.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 61%, 58% D-incorporation) as a colourless oil.

MS:	(HRMS – EI⁺)
	Found 155.06842 (C ₈ H ₉ D ₁ O ₃), requires 155.06872.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	7.50 (s, 0.42H), 6.41-6.37 (m, 2H), 4.57-4.47 (m, 2H), 3.78 (dd, <i>J</i> = 11.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, <i>J</i> = 11.4, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.16-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.78 (t, <i>J</i> = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	7.52 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	151.6, 151.5, <u>142.8, 142.6 (t, <i>J</i> = 31.1 Hz)</u> , 109.9, 109.7 (t, <i>J</i> = 2.0 Hz), 109.2, 70.4, 64.4, 50.3, 43.3.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

1D-Benzofuran [D]-3g

Following the general deuteration procedure, benzofuran **3g** (39 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *1D*-benzofuran **[D]-3g** (38.0 mg, 0.32 mmol, 97%, 92% D-incorporation) as a yellow oil.

By a modification of the general deuteration procedure, the reaction was conducted using benzofuran **g** (1.10 g, 9.3 mmol), [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (98.0 mg, 230 µmol, 2.5 mol%), NaO^{*t*}Bu (44.0 mg, 460 µmol, 5 mol%), pinacolborane (66 µL, 460 µmol, 5 mol%), tetrahydrofuran (5 mL) and CD₃OD (5 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated for 48 h, filtered (10 g SiO₂ plug, EtOAc) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 400 to 20 mbar) to give *1D*-benzofuran **[D]-**3g as a yellow oil. Trimethoxybenzene was added as an internal standard to quantify recovery (84%, 85% incorporation).

MS:	(HRMS – EI⁺)
	Found 119.04599 (C ₈ H ₅ D ₁ O ₁), requires 119.04759.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	7.74 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.2 Hz, 0.08 H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.49 (dq, <i>J</i> = 8.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 1H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH ₃ OH)
	7.74 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	155.0, <u>144.9, 144.7 (t, <i>J</i> = 31.1 Hz)</u> , 127.5, 123.8, 122.4, 120.8, 110.7, 106.1, 105.9 (t, <i>J</i> = 2.0 Hz).

2D-Imidazole [D]-3h

Following the general deuteration procedure, imidazole **3h** (22 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *2D-imidazole* **[D]-3h** (22 mg, 0.33 mmol). Trimethoxybenzene was added as an internal standard to quantify recovery (>95%, *2D*-84% incorporation).

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 69.04310 ($C_3H_3D_1N_2$), requires 69.04318.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	7.69 (s, 0.16H), 7.07 (s, 2H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	7.87 (br. s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	<u>134.9, 134.7 (t, <i>J</i> = 32 Hz)</u> , 121.2 (br. s, Δ <i>v</i> _{1/2} = 36 Hz).
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

2D-N-Methylimidazole [D]-3i



Following the general deuteration procedure, *N*-methylimidazole **3i** (27 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *2D-N-methylimidazole* **[D]-3i**. Trimethoxybenzene was added as an internal standard to quantify recovery (>95%, *2D*-92% incorporation).

MS:	(HRMS – EI⁺)
	Found 84.06789 ($C_4H_6D_1N_2$), requires 84.06665.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	7.59 (s, 0.08H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH ₃ OH)
	7.60 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	<u>137.7, 137.5 (t, <i>J</i> = 33.0 Hz)</u> , 127.6, 120.4, 32.1.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

2D-Oxazole [D]-3j

Following the general deuteration procedure, oxazole **3j** (23 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *2D*oxazole **[D]-3j**. Trimethoxybenzene was added as an internal standard to quantify recovery (79%, *2D*-70% incorporation).

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 71.03537 ($C_3H_3D_1O_1N_1$), requires 71.03502.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	8.25 (s, 0.3), 8.00-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.18 (m, 1H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	8.24 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	<u>152.2, 152.0 (t, <i>J</i> = 35.2 Hz)</u> , 139.6, 139.5, 125.6.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

2D-Thiazole [D]-3k



Following the general deuteration procedure, thiazole **3k** (28 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *2D*-*thiazole* **[D]-3k**. Trimethoxybenzene was added as an internal standard to quantify recovery (90%, *2D*-76% incorporation).

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 87.01212 ($C_3H_3D_1N_1^{32}S_z$), requires 87.01217.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	9.06 (s, 0.24H), 8.00-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.64 (m, 1H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	9.08 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	<u>153.9, 153.6 (t, J = 32.3 Hz)</u> , 142.5, 142.4 (t, J = 2.1 Hz), 119.2.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

2D-Benzoxazole [D]-3I

Following the general deuteration procedure, benzoxazole **3I** (27 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *2D-benzoxazole* **[D]-3I** (25 mg, 96%, 40% D-incorporation) as a yellow oil.

¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD₃OD)
	8.48 (s, 0.6H), 7.78-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.41 (m, 2H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH ₃ OH)
	8.43 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	<u>153.7, 153.5 (t, <i>J</i> = 34.9 Hz)</u> , 149.9, 139.4, 125.6, 124.6, 119.6.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

Data were in accordance with those previously reported⁷.

1D-Benzimidazole [D]-3m



Following the general deuteration procedure, benzimidazole **3m** (39 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *1D*-benzimidazole **[D]-3m** (33.5 mg, 0.28 mmol, 85%, 86% D-incorporation) as a colourless amorphous solid.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 119.05805 ($C_7H_5D_1N_2$), requires 119.05883.
MPt:	173-176 °C (CD ₃ OD)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	8.16 (s, 0.07 H), 7.65-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.27 (dt, <i>J</i> = 9.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	8.15 (br. s), 7.84 (s, N <i>D</i>).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	<u>141.1, 140.9 (t, $J = 32.6 \text{ Hz}$)</u> , 122.4, 114.8 (br. s, $\Delta v_{1/2} = 226.5 \text{ Hz}$).
	1 x ¹³ C resonance not observed
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

1-Methyl-2-d1-benzimidazole [D]-3n



Following the general deuteration procedure, 1-methylbenzimidazole **3n** (44 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *1-methyl-2-d*₁-*benzimidazole* **[D]-3n** (32 mg, 82%, D-incorporation: 2-D = 92%) as a yellow oil.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 133.07605 ($C_8H_7D_1N_2$), requires 133.07448.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	8.11-8.08 (m, 0.08H), 7.68 (d, <i>J</i> = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.34 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH₃OH)
	8.12 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	<u>143.8, 143.6 (t, <i>J</i> = 32 Hz)</u> , 142.5, 134.4, 122.8, 122.0, 118.6, 109.7, 29.9.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

2,4,6-*d*₃-Pyrimidine **[D]-30**



Following the general deuteration procedure, pyrimidine **3o** (26 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give $2,4,6-d_3$ -pyrimidine **[D]-3o**. Trimethoxybenzene was added as an internal standard to quantify recovery (90%, D-incorporation: 2-D = 36%, 4,6-D = 18%).

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 81.04116 ($C_4H_3D_1N_2$), requires 81.04318. (<i>mono-deutero</i>)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD₃OD)
	9.18 (s, 0.69H), 8.81 (d, <i>J</i> = 4.8 Hz, 1.64H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 1H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH ₃ OH)
	9.20 (s), 8.85 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	<u>158.0, 157.7 (t, J = 32.0 Hz)</u> , <u>157.0, 156.7 (t, J = 27 Hz)</u> , 122.0-121.9.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

4-Phenyl-2,5-*d*₂-pyrimidine **[D]-3p**



Following the general deuteration procedure, 4-phenylpyrimidine **3p** (51 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *4-phenyl-2,5-d*₂-*pyrimidine* **[D]-3p** (49 mg, 95%, D-incorporation: 2-D = 77%, 5-D = 31%) as a yellow amorphous solid.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 159.08591 ($C_{10}H_5D_3N_2$), requires 159.08758.
MPt:	65-66 °C (CD ₃ OD)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	9.19 (s, 0.23H), 8.79 (d, <i>J</i> = 5.5 Hz, 0.69H), 8.20-8.14 (m, 2H), 8.00-7.97 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 3H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH ₃ OH)
	9.20 (s), 8.81 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	164.3, <u>158.2, 157.9 (t, <i>J</i> = 31.3 Hz)</u> , <u>157.2, 156.9 (t, <i>J</i> = 26.5 Hz)</u> , 136.1, 131.0, 128.8, 127.0, 117.3-117.1.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

2,6-Bis(1-imidazolyl)pyridine-d₂ [D]-3q



Following the general deuteration procedure, 2,6-bis(1-imidazolyl)pyridine **3q** (69 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give 2,6-bis(1-imidazolyl)pyridine- d_2 **[D]-3q** (51 mg, 72%, D-incorporation: 80%) as a yellow amorphous solid.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 213.09757 (C ₁₁ H ₇ D ₂ N ₅), requires 213.09780.
MPt:	98-100 °C (CD ₃ OD)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD₃OD)
	8.66 (s, 0.41H), 8.13 (t, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 2H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH₃OH)
	8.70 (br. s, $\Delta v_{1/2} = 4.7$ Hz).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD₃OD)
	148.1, 142.8, <u>135.3, 135.1 (t, <i>J</i> = 31.0 Hz)</u> , 129.4, 116.6, 110.3.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

7H-Purine-2,8-*d*₂**[D]-3r**



Following the general deuteration procedure, purine 3r (40 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give 7Hpurine-2,8-d₂ [D]-3r (34 mg, 84%, D-incorporation: 2-position 80%, 8-position 22%) as an off-white amorphous solid.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 121.05016 ($C_5H_3D_1N_4$), requires 121.04932.
MPt:	208-210 °C (CD ₃ OD)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	9.11 (br. s, 0.78H), 8.95 (s, 1H), 8.57 (br. s, 0.2H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH₃OH)
	9.08 (br. s), 8.53 (br. s)
¹³ C NMR:	(150 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	<u>156.2 (br. s), 153.4, 147.6 (br. s), 146.3 (br. s)</u> , 131.3 (br. s).
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

Caffeine-d1 [D]-3s



Following the general deuteration procedure, caffeine **3s** (65 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *caffeine*- d_1 **[D]-3s** (58.8 mg, 90%, 68% D-incorporation) as an off-white amorphous solid.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 197.09973 ($C_8H_{11}D_1O_2N_4$), requires 197.10175.
MPt:	236-238 °C (CDCl ₃)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCI ₃)
	7.51 (s, 0.32H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH ₃ OH)
	7.86 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CDCI ₃)
	155.5, 151.8, 148.7, <u>141.4, 141.2 (t, <i>J</i> = 32 Hz)</u> , 107.6, 33.6, 29.7, 27.9.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

Cimetidine-d₁[D]-3t



Following the general deuteration procedure, cimetidine **3t** (83 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *cimetidine-d*₁ **[D]-3t** (49.7 mg, 82%, D-incorporation: 76%) as a colourless microcrystalline solid.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 253.12360 ($C_{10}H_{15}D_1N_6{}^{32}S_1$), requires 253.12145.
MPt:	159-161 °C (CD ₃ OD)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	7.50 (s, 0.24H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.37 (t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (s, 3H), 2.63 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH ₃ OH)
	7.50 (br. s)
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	160.6, <u>133.3, 133.1 (t, J = 33 Hz)</u> , 118.6, 40.7, 30.2, 27.3, 25.9, 8.7. <i>(2 x resonances not observed)</i>
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

Miconazole-*d*₁ [D]-3u



Following the general deuteration procedure, miconazole 3u (136 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *miconazole*- d_1 [D]-3u (121 mg, 88%, D-incorporation: 99%) as a colourless amorphous solid.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 414.99083 ($C_{18}H_{13}D_1O_1N_2^{35}Cl_4$), requires 414.99175.
MPt:	59-62 °C (CDCI ₃)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	7.54 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.30 (s, 2H), 7.09 (br. s, $\Delta v_{1/2} = 64$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (br. s, $\Delta v_{1/2} = 66$ Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 (ABq, $\Delta v_{AB} = 50.0$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 12.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.37 (br. s, 1H), 4.32 (br. s, $\Delta v_{1/2} = 36$ Hz, 1H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH ₃ OH)
	7.60 (br. s, $\Delta v_{1/2} = 8.5$ Hz).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	134.7, 134.2, 134.1, 133.9, 133.8, 133.5, 130.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 127.6, 127.0, 120.0 (br. $\Delta v_{1/2}$ = 100 Hz), 77.2, 67.7, 50.8 (br. $\Delta v_{1/2}$ = 60 Hz). (deuterated carbon not observed)

Ketoconazole-d1 [D]-3b



Following the general deuteration procedure, ketoconazole 3v (175 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *ketoconazole-d*¹**[D]-3v** (166 mg, 94%, D-incorporation: 99%) as a colourless amorphous solid.

MS:	(HRMS – EI⁺)
	Found 531.15535 ($C_{26}H_{27}D_1O_4N_4{}^{35}Cl_2$), requires 531.15449.
MPt:	135-138 °C (CD ₃ OD)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	7.67 (d, <i>J</i> = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, <i>J</i> = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.77-4.50 (m, 2H), 4.42-4.32 (m, 1H), 3.91 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81-3.64 (m, 6H), 3.52 (dd, <i>J</i> = 9.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (t, <i>J</i> = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, <i>J</i> = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH₃OH)
	7.74 (br. s, $\Delta v_{1/2} = 10$ Hz).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	170.3, 153.3, 145.8, 135.5, 134.9, 133.0, 130.8, 129.9, 127.0, 118.7, 115.0, 108.0, 75.0, 67.8, 66.8, 50.9, 50.5, 46.2, 41.4, 19.8.

Imazalil-d1[D]-3w



Following the general deuteration procedure, imazalil **3w** (98 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *imazalil-d*₁ **[D]-3w** (121 mg, 88%, D-incorporation: 90%) as a viscous yellow oil.

¹H NMR: $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CD}_3\text{OD})$

7.58-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.41 (m, 0.5H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.1, 0.3H), 7.36 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1.5H), 7.31 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 0.4H), 7.10-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.92 (m, 1H), 5.90-5.75 (m, 1H), 5.17 (qq, J = 17.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 5.06 (dd, J = 7.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (ABq, $\Delta v_{AB} = 50.0$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 12.3$ Hz, 0.4H), 4.38-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.89 (ABqddt, $\Delta v_{AB} = 76.0$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 13.0$, 4.9, 1.7 Hz, 1.6H). *(mixture of rotamers)*

²H NMR: $(77 \text{ MHz}, \text{ CH}_{3}\text{OH})$

7.57 (br. s, $\Delta v_{1/2} = 4.6$ Hz).

¹³C NMR: (125 MHz, CD₃OD)

<u>137.6 (t, *J* = 32Hz)</u>, 134.7, 134.4, 134.2, 134.1, 133.8, 133.5, 133.3, 130.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 120.2, 120.0, 116.3, 77.1, 76.3, 70.0, 67.7, 50.7. (*mixture of rotamers*)

4-*tert*-Butylstyrene-α,β,β-d₃ [D]-4a



Following the general deuteration procedure, 4-*tert*-butylstyrene **4a** (53 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *4-tert-butylstyrene-* α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-4a** (34 mg, 85%, D-incorporation: α -82%, *ca.* β -84%) as a yellow oil.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 163.14391 (C ₁₂ H ₁₃ D ₃), requires 163.14348.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	7.37 (s, 4H), 6.76-6.69 (m, 0.18H), 5.76-5.68 (m, 0.16H), 5.23-5.18 (m, 0.16H), 1.35 (s, 9H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CHCl ₃)
	6.76 (br. s), 5.76 (br. s), 5.25 (br. s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	150.9, <u>136.6, 136.5, 136.4</u> , 134.9, 134.8, 127.5, 126.0, 125.9, 125.5, 125.2 <u>, 113.0</u> , <u>112.9, 112.8, 112.6, 112.4</u> , 31.3.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

4-Methoxystyrene-α,β,β-d₃[D]-4b



Following the general deuteration procedure, 4-methoxystyrene **4b** (44 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give 4-methoxystyrene- α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-4b** (27 mg, 62%, D-incorporation: α -71%, β -71%) as a yellow oil.

¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	7.40-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.60 (m, 0.28H), 5.61-5.56 (m, 0.29H), 5.14-5.09 (m, 0.29H), 3.81 (s, 3H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, THF/CD₃OD)
	6.74 (br. s), 5.68 (br. s), 5.14 (br. s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	159.8, <u>136.4, 136.3, 136.1, 135.9,</u> 130.8, 127.8, 114.3, <u>111.8, 111.7, 111.6, 111.4,</u> 55.7.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

4-Aminostyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4c



Following the general deuteration procedure, 4-aminostyrene **4c** (39 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *4-aminostyrene-* α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-4c** (36 mg, 89%, D-incorporation: α -69%, β -61%) as a yellow oil.

MS: $(HRMS - EI^+)$

Found 122.09106 (C₈H₆D₃N₁), requires 122.09178.

¹H NMR: $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$

7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.70-6.64 (m, 2H), 6.65-6.60 (m, 0.31H), 5.60-5.53 (m, 0.39H), 5.09-5.03 (m, 0.39H), 3.72 (br. s, 2H).

²H NMR: (77 MHz, CHCl₃)

6.76-6.63 (m), 5.67-5.57 (m), 5.18-5.01 (m).

¹³C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl₃)

146.2, <u>136.6, 136.5, 136.4</u>, <u>128.6, 128.4</u>, 127.3, 115.0, 110.0, <u>109.9, 109.8, 109.6</u>, <u>109.4</u>.

4-Fluorostyrene- α,β,β - d_3 [D]-4d



Following the general deuteration procedure, 4-fluorostyrene **4d** (40 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *4-fluorostyrene-* α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-4d** (24 mg, 58%, D-incorporation: α -63%, *ca.* β -53%) as a volatile colourless liquid.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 125.07070 ($C_8H_4D_3F_1$), requires 125.07146.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	7.43-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.67 (m, 0.37H), 5.72-5.65 (m, 0.47H), 5.27-5.20 (m, 0.47H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CHCl ₃)
	6.75 (br. s), 5.73 (br. s), 5.29 (br. s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	162.5 (d, <i>J</i> = 246.3 Hz), <u>135.7</u> , <u>135.6</u> , <u>135.5</u> , <u>135.4</u> , <u>135.2</u> , <u>135.0</u> , <u>133.8</u> , <u>133.7</u> , <u>127.8</u> (d, <i>J</i> = 7.9 Hz), <u>127.7</u> (d, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz), <u>115.4</u> (d, <i>J</i> = 21.7 Hz), <u>113.5</u> , <u>113.4</u> , <u>113.3</u> , <u>113.0</u> , <u>112.9</u> .
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

4-Vinylbiphenyl-α,β,β-d₃ [D]-4e



Following the general deuteration procedure, 4-vinylbiphenyl **4e** (59 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give 4-*vinylbiphenyl*- α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-4e** (59 mg, 97%, D-incorporation: α -78%, *ca*. β -75%) as an off-white amorphous solid.

MS: $(HRMS - EI^+)$ Found 183.11204 (C₁₄H₉D₃), requires 183.11218. MPt: 102-105 °C (CDCl₃) ¹H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.66-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.37 (tt, *J* = 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82-6.75 (m, 0.22H), 5.85-5.77 (0.25H), 5.33-5.27 (m, 0.25H). ²H NMR: (77 MHz, CHCl₃) 6.83 (s), 5.86 (s), 5.34 (s). 3-Methoxystyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4f



Following the general deuteration procedure, 4-methoxystyrene **4f** (46 μ L, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *3-methoxystyrene-* α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-4f** (38 mg, 86%, D-incorporation: α -45%, *ca.* β -45%) as a colourless liquid.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 137.09168 (C ₈ H ₇ D ₃ O ₁), requires 125.137.09145.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	7.24 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (ddq, J = 7.6, 1.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 zp(p, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (ddd, J = 8.1, 2.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.77 – 6.67 (m, 0.55 H), 5.79 – 5.70 (m, 0.55 H), 5.29 – 5.22 (m, 0.55 H), 3.83 (s, 3H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	6.74 (m), 5.80-5.78 (m), 5.30 (m).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CDCl₃)
	159.96, 139.19, 139.17, <u>139.12, 136.93, 136.85, 136.83, 136.80, 136.74, 136.69,</u>
	<u>136.61, 136.52, 136.42, 136.34,</u> 129.64, 119.06, 119.04, <u>114.26, 114.11, 114.04,</u>
	<u>113.85, 113.82, 113.66, 113.63</u> , 113.58, 113.57, 111.68, 111.65, 55.35.

2,3-Dihydro-4D,5D-furan [D]-4g



Following the general deuteration procedure, 2,3-dihydrofuran **4g** (23 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *2,3-dihydro-4D,5D-furan* **[D]-4g**. Trimethoxybenzene was added as an internal standard to quantify recovery (77%, *3D*-62%, *4D*-62% incorporation).

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 72.05629 (C ₄ H ₄ D ₂ O ₁), requires 72.05542.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	6.34 (s, 0.37 H), 4.97 (s, 0.37 H), 4.26 (t, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, <i>J</i> = 9.7 Hz, 2H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	6.38 (s), 5.03 (s).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	<u>145.3, 145.2, 145.1, 145.0, 144.9, 144.8, 99.1, 98.9, 98.7, 98.5,</u> 97.4, 29.7.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

2,3-Dihydro-5D-pyran [D]-4h



Following the general deuteration procedure, 2,3-dihydropyran **4h** (28 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *2,3-dihydro-5D-pyran* **[D]-4h**. Trimethoxybenzene was added as an internal standard to quantify recovery (84%, *5D*-40% incorporation).

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 86.07169 (C₅H ₈ D ₁ O ₁), requires 86.07107.
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	6.35-6.29 (m, 1H), 4.66 (dt, <i>J</i> = 6.7, 3.5 Hz, 0.59H), 3.95 (t, <i>J</i> = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.04-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.82 (m, 2H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	4.73-4.68 (m).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	143.7, <u>100.3, 100.0 (t, <i>J</i> = 24.8)</u> , 65.3, 22.5, 19.1.
	n.b underlined ¹³ C resonances denote labelled position(s)

Undecene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4i



Following the general deuteration procedure, undecene **4i** (68 µL, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give undecene- α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-4i** (30.0 mg, 61%, D-incorporation: α -50%, *ca.* β -37%) as a pale yellow oil. Traces of (*E*)-undec-2-ene and undecane were observed by ¹H, ²H, and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy.

- ¹H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 5.82 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.3, 6.7 Hz, 0.5H), 5.04 – 4.85 (m, 1.2H), 2.08 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.45 - 1.20 (m, 14H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).
- ²H NMR: $(77 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$

5.86 (m), 5.03 (m), 4.97 (m).

¹³C NMR: $(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$

<u>139.43, 139.34, 139.31, 139.28, 139.22, 139.10, 138.91, 114.22, 114.13, 114.08,</u> <u>113.95, 113.81, 113.76, 113.62,</u> 33.98, 32.05, 29.63, 29.45, 29.33, 29.12, 22.83, 14.25.

Toluene-4-sulfonic acid pent-4-enyl ester- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4j



Following the general deuteration procedure, toluene-4-sulfonic acid pent-4-enyl ester **4j** (79 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *toluene-4-sulfonic acid pent-4-enyl ester-* α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-4j** (75.0 mg, 95%, D-incorporation: α -48%, β -20%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl₃)
7.84-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 2H), 5.77-5.67 (m, 0.52), 5.01-4.93 (m, 1.59H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.14-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.73 (m, 2H).
²H NMR: (77 MHz, CHCl₃)
5.83-5.52 (m), 5.05-4.92 (m).
¹³C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl₃)
144.7, <u>136.6</u>, 133.3, 129.8, 127.9, <u>115.9, 115.7</u>, 66.8, 29.4, 28.0, 21.6.

Linalool- $\alpha, \beta, \beta - d_3$ **[D]-4k**



Following the general deuteration procedure, linalool **4k** (51 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *linalool-* α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-4k** (49.7 mg, 96%, D-incorporation: α -36%, *ca.* β -10%) as a yellow oil.

MS:	(HRMS – EI⁺)
	Found 155.14185 (C ₁₀ H ₁₇ D ₁ O ₁), requires 155.14149. (<i>mono-deutero</i>)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	5.94 (dd, <i>J</i> = 17.6, 11.3 Hz, 0.64H), 5.26-5.21 (m, 0.91H), 5.18-5.12 (m, 1H), 5.10-5.06 (m, 0.89H), 2.12-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.61-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH₃OH)
	5.92 (app. t, $J = 2.2$ Hz). (β -D's not observed)
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	<u>145.1-144.5</u> , 132.0, 131.7, 124.6, 124.3, <u>111.7, 111.6</u> , 73.5-73.3, 42.1, 42.0, 27.9, 27.8, 25.7, 22.8, 22.6, 17.7,17.6.

(S)-5-Allyl-2-oxabicyclo[3.3.0]oct-8-ene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4I



Following the general deuteration procedure, (*S*)-5-allyl-2-oxabicyclo[3.3.0]oct-8-ene **4I** (50 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give (*S*)-5-allyl-2-oxabicyclo[3.3.0]oct-8-ene- α , β , β - d_3 [**D**]-**4I** (47.7 mg, 94%, D-incorporation: α -62%, β -48%) as a colourless oil.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 151.11020 (C ₁₀ H ₁₃ D ₁ O ₁), requires 151.11019. (<i>mono-deutero</i>)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	5.96-5.86 (m, 0.38H), 5.16-5.05 (m, 1.05H), 4.52-4.45 (m, 2H), 4.31 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.73-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.37 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 14.5, 8.5, 3.7, 1H), 2.30-2.19 (m, 2H), 2.03-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.63 (m, 2H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH₃OH)
	5.98-5.83 (m), 5.16-5.03 (m).
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CDCl ₃)
	168.4, <u>135.5-134.8 (m)</u> , <u>116.5-115.8 (m)</u> , 87.9, 75.8, 54.0, 38.2-37.8 (m), 35.1, 34.4, 32.3.

Sclareol- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4m



Following the general deuteration procedure, sclareol **4m** (101 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give sclareol- α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-4m** (70 mg, 98%, D-incorporation: α -47%, *ca.* β -12%) as a colourless amorphous solid.

MS:	(HRMS – EI ⁺)
	Found 309.27643 (C ₂₀ H ₃₅ D ₁ O ₂), requires 309.27726. (<i>mono-deutero</i>)
MPt:	78-81 °C (CDCl ₃)
¹ H NMR:	(500 MHz, CDCI ₃)
	5.95 (dd, <i>J</i> = 17.0, 10 Hz, 0.53H), 5.27-5.20 (m, 0.89H), 5.10-5.00 (m, 0.86H), 1.86 (dt, <i>J</i> = 12.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.71-1.48 (m, 7H), 1.48-1.32 (m, 4H), 1.28-1.24 (m, 3H), 1.21-1.11 (m, 5H), 1.02-0.91 (m, 2H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.83-0.78 (m, 6H).
² H NMR:	(77 MHz, CH ₃ OH)
	5.95 (m). (β -D's not observed)
¹³ C NMR:	(125 MHz, CD ₃ OD)
	<u>145.2, 145.1, 144.9 (t, $J = 24.4 \text{ Hz}$), 144.5, 111.0, 110.9, 110.4, 110.3, 73.9, 72.8, 72.7, </u>
	61.2, 61.0, 60.8, 55.3, 55.2, 44.2, 43.9, 43.6, 43.3, 41.2, 38.9, 38.5, 32.6, 32.4, 31.1,
	30.8, 28.9, 28.6, 28.2, 26.4, 24.0, 23.7, 23.4, 20.7, 19.7, 18.3, 17.6, 14.6, 14.5.

Quinine- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4n



By a modification of the general deuteration procedure, the reaction was conducted using quinine **4n** (1.10 g, 3.4 mmol), [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** (36.0 mg, 85 µmol, 2.5 mol%), NaO^tBu (16.0 mg, 170 µmol, 5 mol%), pinacolborane (24 µL, 170 µmol, 5 mol%), tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) and CD₃OD (2 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated for 48 h, filtered (5 g SiO₂ plug, CH₂Cl₂) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* (30 °C, 400 to 20 mbar). The product was recrystallized from petroleum ether/MeOH (*ca.* 20:1) to give *quinine-α,β,β-d*₃ **[D]-4n** (1.0 g, 91%, D-incorporation: *α*-79%, *β*-29%) as an off-white amorphous solid.

MS: $(HRMS - EI^+)$

Found 325.19124 (C₂₀H₂₃D₁O₂N₂), requires 325.18951. (*mono-deutero*)

MPt: 180-184 °C (petroleum ether/MeOH)

¹H NMR: $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$

8.76 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.85-5.75 (m, 0.21H), 5.56 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 5.03-4.94 (m, 1.43H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.45-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.18 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.34-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.62 (m, 4H).

²H NMR: (77 MHz, CHCl₃)

5.87-5.70 (m), 5.03-4.90 (m).

¹³C NMR: $(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCI}_3)$

157.8, 147.8, 147.2, 144.5, <u>142.0, 141.7 (t, *J* = 24 Hz)</u>, 131.9, 126.8, 121.6, 118.4, <u>114.2</u>, 101.3, 72.5, 60.0, 57.1, 55.7, 43.2, 40.0, 27.9, 27.8, 22.3.
Quinidine- α , β , β - d_3 [**D**]-40



Following the general deuteration procedure, quinidine **4o** (107 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted to give *quinidine-\alpha*, β , β - d_3 [**D**]-**4o** (104 mg, 96%, D-incorporation: α -67%, β -23%) as a colourless amorphous solid.

MS: $(HRMS - EI^+)$

Found 325.18926 (C₂₀H₂₃D₁O₂N₂), requires 325.18951. (mono-deutero)

MPt: 175-180 °C (CH₃OH)

¹H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

8.65 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 9.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.09-5.99 (m, 0.33H), 5.59 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 5.07-5.02 (m, 1.55H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.33 (ddd, J = 13.6, 9.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (td, J = 9.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.95-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.78 (dt, J = 12.3, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.27-2.21 (m, 1H), 2.08-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.2-1.13 (m, 1H).

²H NMR: $(77 \text{ MHz}, \text{CH}_3\text{OH})$

6.15-6.00 (m), 5.12-4.97 (m).

¹³C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl₃)

157.7, 147.6, 144.2, <u>140.6, 140.3 (t. *J* = 27 Hz)</u>, 131.5, 126.6, 121.5, 118.4, <u>114.4</u>, 101.2, 72.0, 59.7, 55.6, 50.2, 49.6, 40.0, 28.2, 26.4, 21.1.

n.b underlined ¹³C resonances denote labelled position(s)



Experimental. Single pale yellow plate crystals of *trans*-**5** recrystallised from pentane by slow cooling. A suitable crystal with dimensions $0.62 \times 0.20 \times 0.07 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and mounted on a MITIGEN holder in Paratone oil. on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer. The crystal was kept at a steady *T* = 119.99(10) K during data collection. The structure was solved with the olex2.solve 1.3-beta solution program using iterative methods and by using Olex2 as the graphical interface. The model was refined with ShelXL 2018/3 using full matrix least squares minimisation on *F*².

Crystal Data. $C_{17}H_{38}FeOP_4$, $M_r = 438.20$, triclinic, *P*-1 (No. 2), a = 8.9533(2) Å, b = 10.1488(3) Å, c = 13.3681(4) Å, $\alpha = 90.181(2)^\circ$, $\beta = 106.444(3)^\circ$, $\gamma = 106.680(2)^\circ$, $V = 1111.27(6) Å^3$, T = 119.99(10) K, Z = 2, Z' = 1, μ (Mo K $_{\alpha}$) = 0.969, 28848 reflections measured, 7639 unique (R_{int} = 0.0347) which were used in all calculations. The final wR_2 was 0.0743 (all data) and R_1 was 0.0390 (I≥2 σ (I)).

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Formula	C ₁₇ H ₃₈ FeOP ₄
<i>D_{calc.}</i> / g cm ⁻³	1.310
μ/mm^{-1}	0.969
Formula Weight	438.20
Colour	pale yellow
Shape	plate
Size/mm ³	0.62×0.20×0.07
T/K	119.99(10)
Crystal System	triclinic
Space Group	<i>P</i> -1
a/Å	8.9533(2)
b/Å	10.1488(3)
c/Å	13.3681(4)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90.181(2)
β/°	106.444(3)
γ/°	106.680(2)
V/Å ³	1111.27(6)
Ζ	2
Ζ'	1
Wavelength/Å	0.71073
Radiation type	Mo K $_{\alpha}$
$\Theta_{min}/^{\circ}$	3.329
$\Theta_{max}/^{\circ}$	32.850
Measured Refl's.	28848
Indep't Refl's	7639
Refl's I≥2 <i>σ</i> (I)	6581
R _{int}	0.0347
Parameters	360
Restraints	0
Largest Peak	0.517
Deepest Hole	-0.325
GooF	1.094
<i>wR</i> 2 (all data)	0.0743
wR_2	0.0707
<i>R</i> 1 (all data)	0.0503
R_1	0.0390

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Compound

Structure Quality Indicators

Reflections:	d min (Mo)	0.66 ^{I/σ(I)}	24.7 Rint	3.47% [Somplete 100% (IUCr)	100%
Refinement:	^{Shift} -(0.001 Max Peak	0.5 Min Peak	-0.3 Goof	1.094

A pale yellow plate-shaped crystal with dimensions $0.62 \times 0.20 \times 0.07 \text{ mm}^3$ was mounted on a MITIGEN holder in Paratone oil. Data were collected using a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems Cryostream 700+ low-temperature device operating at T = 119.99(10) K.

Data were measured using ω scans using Mo K_{α} radiation. The diffraction pattern was indexed and the total number of runs and images was based on the strategy calculation from the program CrysAlisPro. The maximum resolution that was achieved was Θ = 32.850° (0.66 Å).

The diffraction pattern was indexed and the total number of runs and images was based on the strategy calculation from the program CrysAlisPro. The unit cell was refined using CrysAlisPro on 11006 reflections, 38% of the observed reflections.

Data reduction, scaling and absorption corrections were performed using CrysAlisPro. The final completeness is 99.80 % out to 32.850° in Θ . A gaussian absorption correction was performed using CrysAlisPro 1.171.40.61a. Numerical absorption correction based on gaussian integration over a multifaceted crystal model Empirical absorption correction using spherical harmonics, implemented in SCALE3 ABSPACK scaling algorithm. The absorption coefficient μ of this material is 0.969 mm⁻¹ at this wavelength ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) and the minimum and maximum transmissions are 0.546 and 1.000.

The structure was solved and the space group *P*-1 (# 2) determined by the olex2.solve 1.3-beta structure solution program using using iterative methods and refined by full matrix least squares minimisation on F^2 using version 2018/3 of ShelXL 2018/3. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated geometrically and refined using the riding model.

_refine_special_details: H atoms were identified from a difference Fourier map and freely refined.

_exptl_absorpt_process_details: CrysAlisPro 1.171.40.61a. Numerical absorption correction based on gaussian integration over a multifaceted crystal modelEmpirical absorption correction using spherical harmonicsas implemented in SCALE3 ABSPACK.

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Experimental. Single yellow block crystals of *cis*-**6** recrystallised from pentane by slow cooling. A suitable crystal with dimensions $0.50 \times 0.37 \times 0.23$ mm³ was selected and mounted on a MITIGEN holder in Paratone oil. on a Bruker D8 VENTURE diffractometer. The crystal was kept at a steady *T* = 100.0 K during data collection. The structure was solved with the ShelXT solution program using dual methods and by using Olex2 as the graphical interface. The model was refined with ShelXL 2018/3 using full matrix least squares minimisation on *F*².

Crystal Data. $C_{20}H_{42}FeN_4O_2P_4$, $M_r = 550.30$, monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ (No. 14), a = 10.4604(6) Å, b = 17.5579(11) Å, c =

14.6107(9) Å, $\beta = 91.861(2)^{\circ}$, $\alpha = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$, V = 2682.0(3) Å³, T = 100.0 K, Z = 4, Z' = 1, μ (MoK $_{\alpha}$) = 0.825, 241200 reflections measured, 11736 unique (R_{int} = 0.0279) which were used in all calculations. The final wR_2 was 0.0932 (all data) and R_1 was 0.0403 (I≥2 σ (I)).

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Compound

Formula $C_{20}H_{42}FeN_4O_2P_4$ Dcalc./g cm⁻³ 1.363 0.825 μ/mm^{-1} Formula Weight 550.30 Colour yellow Shape block Size/mm³ 0.50×0.37×0.23 T/K100.0 Crystal System monoclinic Space Group $P2_1/n$ a/Ă 10.4604(6) b/Å 17.5579(11) 14.6107(9) c/Å 90 $\alpha/^{\circ}$ $\beta/^{\circ}$ 91.861(2) 90 $\gamma/^{\circ}$ V/Å³ 2682.0(3) Ζ 4 Z'1 0.71073 Wavelength/Å Radiation type MoK_α 2.267 $\Theta_{min}/^{\circ}$ 35.598 $\Theta_{max}/^{\circ}$ Measured Refl's. 241200 Indep't Refl's 11736 Refl's I $\geq 2 \sigma(I)$ 10664 0.0279 Rint Parameters 429 Restraints 262 Largest Peak 0.558 Deepest Hole -0.558 GooF 1.196 wR_2 (all data) 0.0932 wR_2 0.0911 R_1 (all data) 0.0453 0.0403 R_1

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Reflections:	d min (Mo)	0.61 ^{I/σ(I)}	73.6 Rint	2.79% complete	100%
Refinement:	Shift	0.001 Max Peak	0.6 Min Peak	-0.6 Goof	1.196

A yellow block-shaped crystal with dimensions 0.50 × 0.37 × 0.23 mm³ was mounted on a MITIGEN

holder in Paratone oil. Data were collected using a Bruker D8 VENTURE diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems Cryostream 800 low-temperature device operating at T = 100.0 K.

Data were measured using ϕ and ω scans using MoK_{α} radiation. The maximum resolution that was achieved was Θ = 35.598° (0.61 Å).

The unit cell was refined using SAINT (Bruker, V8.40A, after 2013) on 9509 reflections, 4% of the observed reflections.

Data reduction, scaling and absorption corrections were performed using SAINT (Bruker, V8.40A, after 2013). The final completeness is 100.00 % out to 35.598° in Θ . A multi-scan absorption correction was performed using SADABS-2016/2 (Bruker, 2016/2) was used for absorption correction. wR_2 (int) was 0.1129 before and 0.0479 after correction. The Ratio of minimum to maximum transmission is 0.8873. The $\lambda/2$ correction factor is Not present. The absorption coefficient μ of this material is 0.825 mm⁻¹ at this wavelength (λ = 0.71073Å) and the minimum and maximum transmissions are 0.663 and 0.747.

The structure was solved and the space group $P2_1/n$ (# 14) determined by the ShelXT structure solution program using using dual methods and refined by full matrix least squares minimisation on F^2 using version 2018/3 of ShelXL 2018/3. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated geometrically and refined using the riding model. Most hydrogen atoms were refined freely.

_refine_special_details: The dmpe ligands were modelled as disodered (approx 2:1 ratio) consistent with peaks in a difference map. Displacement ellipsoid and geometric restraints were used. Despite this, some of the minor component ellipsoids remain rather ======#>>> The Following Improvement and Query ALERTS were generated - (Acta-Mode) === Format: alert-number_ALERT_alert-type_alert-level text213_ALERT_2_B Atom C1A has ADP max/min Ratio 4.2 prolat220_ALERT_2_B NonSolvent Resd 1 C U_{eq}(max)/U_{eq}(min) Range 6.6 RatioSee above for а comment on disorder and ======213_ALERT_2_C Atom C3 has ADP max/min Ratio 3.1 prolat213_ALERT_2_C Atom C2A has ADP max/min Ratio 3.5 prolat213_ALERT_2_C Atom C3A has ADP max/min Ratio 3.8 prolat213_ALERT_2_C Atom C4A has ADP max/min Ratio 3.1 prolat213_ALERT_2_C Atom C6A has ADP max/min Ratio 3.2 prolat222_ALERT_3_C NonSolvent Resd 1 H U_{iso}(max)/U_{iso}(min) Range 6.7 Ratio906 ALERT 3 C Large K Value in the Analysis of Variance 3.123 CheckSee above for a comment on disorder and ellipsoids918_ALERT_3_C Reflection(s) with I(obs) much Smaller I(calc) . 1 Density Check977_ALERT_2_C Negative Difference Check on H19C -0.31 eA-=

_exptl_absorpt_process_details: SADABS-2016/2 (Bruker, 2016/2) was used for absorption correction.*wR*₂(int) was 0.1129 before and 0.0479 after correction.The Ratio of minimum to maximum transmission is 0.8873.The $\lambda/2$ correction factor is Not present.

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trans-7

Submitted by:Luke BrittonSolved by:Gary S Nichol

Crystal Data and Experimental



Experimental. Single translucent dark yellow blockshaped crystals of *trans*-**7** recrystallised from a mixture of pentane and THF by slow cooling. A suitable crystal with dimensions $0.33 \times 0.19 \times 0.19$ mm³ was selected and mounted on a MITIGEN holder in Paratone oil on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer. The crystal was kept at a steady *T* = 120.01(10) K during data collection. The structure was solved with the ShelXT 2018/2 (Sheldrick, 2018) solution program using dual methods and by using Olex2 1.5-beta (Dolomanov et al., 2009) as the graphical interface. The model was refined with ShelXL 2018/3 (Sheldrick, 2015) using full matrix least squares minimisation on *F*².

Crystal Data. $C_{16}H_{38}FeOP_4$, $M_r = 426.19$, monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ (No. 14), a = 14.6983(3) Å, b = 17.3967(3) Å, c = 17.9529(4) Å, $\beta = 108.957(2)^\circ$, $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$, V = 4341.61(16) Å³, T = 120.01(10) K, Z = 8, Z' = 2, μ (Mo K $_{\alpha}$) = 0.990, 114056 reflections measured, 13141 unique (R_{int} = 0.0487) which were used in all calculations. The final wR_2 was 0.0754 (all data) and R_1 was 0.0336 (I≥2 σ (I)). THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH Crystal Structure Service

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 $R_1 = 3.36$

Compound	trans-7
Formula	C ₁₆ H ₃₈ FeOP ₄
D_{calc} / g cm ⁻³	1.304
μ/mm^{-1}	0.990
Formula Weight	426 19
Colour	translucent dark
	vellow
Shape	block-shaped
Size/mm ³	0.33×0.19×0.19
T/K	120.01(10)
, Crystal System	monoclinic
Space Group	$P2_1/n$
a/Å	14.6983(3)
b/Å	17.3967(3)
c/Å	17.9529(4)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90
$\beta/^{\circ}$	108.957(2)
γI°	90
V/Å ³	4341.61(16)
Z	8
Ζ'	2
Wavelength/Å	0.71073
Radiation type	Μο Κα
$\Theta_{min}/^{\circ}$	3.156
$\Theta_{max}/^{\circ}$	31.324
Measured Refl's.	114056
Indep't Refl's	13141
Refl's I≥2 σ(I)	10498
R _{int}	0.0487
Parameters	727
Restraints	153
Largest Peak	0.671
Deepest Hole	-0.487
GooF	1.043
wR2 (all data)	0.0754
wR_2	0.0689
R_1 (all data)	0.0494
R_1	0.0336

Structure Quality Indicators

Reflections:	d min (Mo) 2⊝=62.6°	0.68	I/σ (I)	30.8	Rint	4.87%	Full 50.5° 92% to 62.6°	99.8
Refinement:	Shift	0.001	Max Peak	0.7	Min Peak	-0.5	GooF	1.043

A translucent dark yellow block-shaped-shaped crystal with dimensions $0.33 \times 0.19 \times 0.19$ mm³ was mounted on a MITIGEN holder in Paratone oil. Data were collected using a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems Cryostream 700+ low-temperature device operating at T = 120.01(10) K.

Data were measured using ω scans with Mo K_{α} radiation. The diffraction pattern was indexed and the total number of runs and images was based on the strategy calculation from the program CrysAlisPro 1.171.41.99a (Rigaku OD, 2021). The maximum resolution that was achieved was Θ = 31.324° (0.68 Å).

The unit cell was refined using CrysAlisPro 1.171.41.99a (Rigaku OD, 2021) on 34876 reflections, 31% of the observed reflections.

Data reduction, scaling and absorption corrections were performed using CrysAlisPro 1.171.41.99a (Rigaku OD, 2021). The final completeness is 99.80 % out to 31.324° in Θ . A multi-scan absorption correction was performed using CrysAlisPro 1.171.41.99a (Rigaku Oxford Diffraction, 2021) Empirical absorption correction using spherical harmonics, implemented in SCALE3 ABSPACK scaling algorithm. The absorption coefficient μ of this material is 0.990 mm⁻¹ at this wavelength (λ = 0.71073Å) and the minimum and maximum transmissions are 0.864 and 1.000.

The structure was solved and the space group $P2_1/n$ (# 14) determined by the ShelXT 2018/2 (Sheldrick, 2018) structure solution program using using dual methods and refined by full matrix least squares minimisation on F^2 using version 2018/3 of ShelXL 2018/3 (Sheldrick, 2015). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated geometrically and refined using the riding model. Most hydrogen atom positions were calculated geometrically and refined using the riding model, but some hydrogen atoms were refined freely.

_refine_special_details: Atoms 051 to C54 were modelled as disordered, corresponding with a 180 degree rotation about the Fe51-C51 bond. Displacement ellipsoid and geometric restraints were used on the disorder components (roughly 2:1 disorder ratio). Disordered H atoms were placed using HADD in Olex2. All other H atoms were identified from a difference map and freely refined.

The value of Z' is 2. This means that there are two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit.

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17. NMR spectra – Pre-catalysts





³¹P NMR (162 MHz, d_8 -THF) of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1**.



-11.8 -12.0 -12.2 -12.4 -12.6 -12.8 -13.0 -13.2 -13.4 -13.6 -13.8 -14.0 -14.2 -14.4 -14.6 -14.8 -15.0 -15.2 -15.4 -15.6 -15.8 -16.0 -16.2 f1 (ppm)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, THF) of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2**.



³¹P NMR (202 MHz, THF) of [dmpe₂FeH₂] 2.

NMR spectra - Activation studies



¹H NMR (500 MHz, d^{8} -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** + HBpin + NaO^tBu.



³¹P NMR (202 MHz, d^{8} -THF) of the reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** + HBpin + NaO^tBu.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, THF) for the reaction of $[dmpe_2FeCl_2]$ **1** + CH₃OH in THF. (1) Before the addition of NaO^tBu. (2) After the addition of NaO^tBu. (3) after 30 minutes of blue light irradiation – hydride region only.



³¹P NMR (126 MHz, THF) for the reaction of $[dmpe_2FeCl_2]$ **1** + CH₃OH in THF. (1) Before the addition of NaO^tBu. (2) After the addition of NaO^tBu. (3) After 30 minutes of blue light irradiation.



²H NMR (77 MHz, THF) for the reaction of (1) [dmpe₂FeCl₂] $\mathbf{1}$ + CD₃OH + NaO^tBu in THF.





³¹P NMR (126 MHz, THF) for the reaction of (1) [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** + CD₃OH + NaO^tBu in THF.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** + 'alcohol' + NaO^{*t*}Bu in THF. (1) Methanol. (2) Ethanol. (3) Benzyl alcohol (4) Phenol. (5) *tert*-Butanol – hydride region only.



³¹P NMR (126 MHz, THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** + 'alcohol' + NaO'Bu in THF. (1) Methanol. (2) Ethanol. (3) Benzyl alcohol (4) Phenol. (5) *tert*-Butanol.



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂FeCl₂] **1** + benzyl alcohol + NaO^tBu in THF, generation of benzldehyde.



²H NMR (77 MHz, THF) of the reaction of $[dmpe_2FeH_2]$ **2** and $[dmpe_2FeHCI]$ with CD₃OD.





¹H NMR (400 MHz, a^{e} -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** and [dmpe₂FeHCI] with 2-methylfuran **3a**.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, d^8 -THF) stacked comparison for the reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** and [dmpe₂FeHCI] with 2-methylfuran **3a**. Top = before irradiation, bottom = post-irradiation.

NMR spectra – Fe arene C-H metallation



³¹P NMR (162 MHz, *d*⁸-THF) of the reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** and [dmpe₂FeHCI] with 2-methylfuran **3a**.



¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d^{8} -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** and [dmpe₂FeHCI] with 2-methylfuran **3a**.



¹H-¹H COSY NMR (600 MHz, *d*⁸-THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** and [dmpe₂FeHCI] with 2-methylfuran **3a**.



¹H-¹³C HSQC NMR (600, 151 MHz, *d*⁶-THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂FeH₂] **2** and [dmpe₂FeHCI] with 2-methylfuran **3a**.



²H NMR (77 MHz, THF) of [dmpe₂Fe(D)(2-methylfuryl)] [D]-trans-5. Deuteride region only



³¹P NMR (202 MHz, *d*⁸-THF) of [dmpe₂Fe(D)(2-methylfuryl)] **[D]**-*trans*-**5**. (*) denotes residual ¹H isotopologue - dmpe₂FeH(2-methylfuryl) S101

NMR spectra – Fe-aryl turnover



¹H NMR (500 MHz, d_8 -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] *trans*-**5** + CH₃OH in d_8 -THF (1) Before addition of CH₃OH. (2) After the addition of CH₃OH (approx. 250 equiv.). (3) after 4 h at rt. (4) after 12 h at rt. – hydride region only.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, d_8 -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] *trans*-**5** + CH₃OH in d_8 -THF (1) Before addition of CH₃OH. (2) After the addition of CH₃OH (approx. 250 equiv.). (3) after 4 h at rt. (4) after 12 h at rt.



³¹P NMR (202 MHz, d_8 -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] *trans*-**5** + CH₃OH in d_8 -THF (1) Before addition of CH₃OH. (2) After the addition of CH₃OH (approx. 250 equiv.). (3) after 4 h at rt. (4) after 12 h at rt.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, d_8 -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] *trans*-**5** + CD₃OD in d_8 -THF (1) After the addition of CH₃OH (approx. 250 equiv.). (2) after 4 h at rt. (3) after 12 h at rt. (4) after 18 h at rt. (5) after 26 h at rt.





¹H NMR (500 MHz, d_8 -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2-methylfuryl)] *trans*-**5** + CD₃OD in d_8 -THF (1) After the addition of CH₃OH (approx. 250 equiv.). (2) after 4 h at rt. (3) after 12 h at rt. (4) after 18 h at rt. (5) after 26 h at rt.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, THF) of [dmpe₂Fe(H)caffeine] *cis*-6.



³¹P NMR (202 MHz, THF) of [dmpe₂Fe(H)caffeine] *cis*-6.
NMR spectra – Fe alkene C-H metallation



¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] *trans*-7.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] *trans*-**7** – *Hydride region only*.



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C_6D_6) of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] trans-7.



¹H-¹³C HSQC NMR (500, 126 MHz, C₆D₆) with DEPT editing of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] *trans*-7.



85 84 83 82 81 80 79 78 77 76 75 74 73 72 71 70 69 68 67 66 65 64 63 62 61 60 59 58 57 56 55 54 53 52 51 50 49 48 47 46 45 44 f1 (ppm)

³¹P NMR (202 MHz, C_6D_6) of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] trans-7.

NMR spectra – Fe-alkenyl H/D exchange





²H NMR (77 MHz, THF) of [dmpe₂Fe(D)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] **[D]**-*trans*-**7** – *Deuteride region only*.



³¹P NMR (202 MHz, *d*⁸-THF) of [dmpe₂Fe(D)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)] **[D]**-*trans*-**7**. (*) denotes residual ¹H isotopologue - [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrofuryl)].

NMR spectra – Fe-alkenyl turnover



¹H NMR (500 MHz, d_8 -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrolfuryl)] *trans*-**7** + CH₃OH in d_8 -THF (1) Before addition of CH₃OH. (2) After the addition of CH₃OH (approx. 100 equiv.). (3) after 4 h at rt. (4) after 18 h at rt. – hydride region only.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, d_8 -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrolfuryl)] *trans*-**7** + CH₃OH in d_8 -THF (1) Before addition of CH₃OH. (2) After the addition of CH₃OH (approx. 100 equiv.). (3) after 4 h at rt. (4) after 18 h at rt.



³¹P NMR (202 MHz, d_8 -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrolfuryl)] *trans*-**7** + CH₃OH in d_8 -THF (1) Before addition of CH₃OH. (2) After the addition of CH₃OH (approx. 100 equiv.). (3) after 4 h at rt. (4) after 18 h at rt.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, d_8 -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrolfuryl)] *trans*-**7** + CD₃OD in d_8 -THF (1) Before addition of CD₃OD. (2) After the addition of CD₃OD (approx. 100 equiv.). (3) After 4 h at rt. (4) After 18 h at rt.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, d_8 -THF) for the reaction of [dmpe₂Fe(H)(2,3-dihydrolfuryl)] *trans*-**7** + CD₃OD in d_8 -THF (1) Before addition of CD₃OD. (2) After 18 h at rt.

NMR spectra – Fe-catalysed alkene isomerisation



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2,5-dihydrofuran and 2,3-dihydrofuran-*d*₃.





²H NMR (77 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2,3-dihydrofuran-*d*₃.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of allyl benzyl ether- α , β , β - d_3 and (*E*)-((prop-1-en-1-yloxy)methyl)benzene-*d* and (*Z*)-((prop-1-en-1-yloxy)methyl)benzene-*d*.





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²H NMR (77 MHz, CDCl₃) of allyl benzyl ether- α , β , β - d_3 and (*E*)-((prop-1-en-1-yloxy)methyl)benzene-*d* and (*Z*)-((prop-1-en-1-yloxy)methyl)benzene-*d*.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of allylanisole- d_3 and (Z)-anethole-d.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CDCl₃) of allylanisole- d_3 and (Z)-anethole-d.

NMR spectra – Substrate characterisation



¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of *N*-(furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline **3c**.



¹H NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) of *N*-(furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline **3c**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of (1R)-N-(furan-2ylmethylidene)-1-phenylethanamine **3d**.



 ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of (1*R*)-*N*-(furan-2ylmethylidene)-1-phenylethanamine **3d**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(furan-2-ylmethoxy)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane **3e**.



 ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) of 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(furan-2-ylmethoxy)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane 3e.



¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(furan-2-ylmethoxy)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane **3e**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of allybenzyl ether.



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of allybenzyl ether.

NMR spectra – product characterisation



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2-methyl-5D-furan **[D]-3a**.





¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD/CDCl₃) of 2-methyl-5D-furan **[D]-3a**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2,5-D-furan **[D]-3b**.



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¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2,5-D-furan **[D]-3b**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of *N*-(5D-furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline **[D]-3c**.



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 ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of N-(5D-furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline [D]-3c.


¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of (1*R*)-*N*-(5D-furan-2ylmethylidene)-1-phenylethanamine **[D]-3d**.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CHCl₃) of (1*R*)-*N*-(5D-furan-2ylmethylidene)-1-phenylethanamine [D]-3d.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of (1*R*)-*N*-(5D-furan-2ylmethylidene)-1-phenylethanamine **[D]-3d**.

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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(hydroxymethyl)-5D-furan **[D]-3e**.



²H NMR (500 MHz, CHCl₃) of 2-(hydroxymethyl)-5D-furan **[D]-3e**.



 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(hydroxymethyl)-5D-furan **[D]-3e**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2-[(2,3-epoxypropoxy)methyl]-5D-furan [D]-3f.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2-[(2,3-epoxypropoxy)methyl]-5D-furan **[D]-3f**.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2-[(2,3-epoxypropoxy)methyl]-5D-furan **[D]-3f**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of *1D*-benzofuran **[D]-3g**.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CH₃OH) of *1D*-benzofuran **[D]-3g**.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of *1D*-benzofuran**[D]-3g**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2*D*-imidazole **[D]-3h**.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CH₃OH) of 2*D*-imidazole [D]-3h.



 ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CD_3OD) of 2D-imidazole [D]-3h.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2*D*-*N*-methylimidazole **[D]-3i**.



²H NMR (500 MHz, CH₃OH) of 2*D*-*N*-methylimidazole **[D]-3i**.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2*D*-*N*-methylimidazole **[D]-3i**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2D-thiazole **[D]-3j**.



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¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2D-oxazole **[D]-3j**. (*) Denotes resonances from 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2D-thiazole **[D]-3k**. (*) Denotes resonances from 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2D-thiazole**[D]-3k**.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2D-thiazole **[D]-3k**. (*) Denotes resonances from 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2D-benzoxazole **[D]-3I**.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CH₃OH) of 2D-benzoxazole **[D]-3I** – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2D-benzoxazole **[D]-3I**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of *1D*-benzimidazole **[D]-3m**.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CH₃OH) of 1D-benzimidazole **[D]-3m** – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of *1D*-benzimidazole **[D]-3m**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 1-methyl-2- d_1 -benzimidazole **[D]-3n**.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CH₃OH) of 1-methyl-2- d_1 -benzimidazole [D]-3n.



 ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of 1-methyl-2- d_1 -benzimidazole **[D]-3n**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2,4,6-*d*₃-pyrimidine **[D]-30**.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2,4,6-*d*₃-pyrimidine **[D]-30**.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2,4,6-*d*₃-pyrimidine **[D]-30**.


¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 4-phenyl-2,5-*d*₂-pyrimidine **[D]-3p**.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CH₃OH) of 4-phenyl-2,5- d_2 -pyrimidine **[D]-3p** – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.

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¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of 4-phenyl-2,5-*d*₂-pyrimidine **[D]-3p**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2,6-bis(1-imidazolyl)pyridine- d_1 [D]-3q.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CH₃OH) of 2,6-bis(1-imidazolyl)pyridine- d_1 [D]-3q – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.

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¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2,6-bis(1-imidazolyl)pyridine- d_1 [D]-3q.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of of 7H-purine-2,8-*d*₂ [D]-3r.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CH₃OH) of of 7H-purine-2,8- d_2 [D]-3r – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.



¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃OD) of 7H-purine-2,8-*d*₂ [D]-3r.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of Caffeine- d_1 [D]-3s.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CHCl₃) of Caffeine- d_1 [D]-3s – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.

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¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of Caffeine- d_1 [D]-3s.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of Cimetidine- d_1 [D]-3t.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CH₃OH) of Cimetidine- d_1 [D]-3t – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.

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¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of Cimetidine- d_1 [D]-3t.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of Miconazole- d_1 [D]-3u.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) stacked comparison of Miconazole **3u** (top) and Miconazole- d_1 [D]-**3u** (bottom).



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) downfield region, superimposed comparison of Miconazole **3u** (maroon) and Miconazole-*d*₁**[D]-3u** (blue).



²H NMR (77 MHz, CH₃OH) of Miconazole- d_1 [D]-3u – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of Miconazole- d_1 [D]-3u.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) stacked comparison of Miconazole **3u** (top) and Miconazole- d_1 [D]-**3u** (bottom).



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) downfield region, superimposed comparison of Miconazole **3u** (cyan) and Miconazole-*d*₁**[D]-3u** (maroon).



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of Ketoconazole- d_1 [D]-3v.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) stacked comparison of Ketoconazole 3v (top) and Ketoconazole $-d_1$ [D]-3v (bottom).



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) downfield region, superimposed comparison of Ketoconazole **3v** (blue) and Ketoconazole-*d*₁ **[D]-3v** (maroon).



²H NMR (77 MHz, CH₃OH) of Ketoconazole- d_1 [D]-3v – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of Ketoconazole- d_1 [D]-3v.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) stacked comparison of Ketoconazole 3v (top) and Ketoconazole- d_1 [D]-3v (bottom).





¹³C NMR (141 to 103 ppm, 125 MHz, CD₃OD) superimposed comparison of Ketoconazole 3v (cyan) and Ketoconazole $-d_1$ [D]-3v (maroon) – showing 3 unobserved imidazole ¹³C resonances.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of Imazalil- d_1 [D]-3w.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) stacked comparison of Imazalil **3w** (top) and Imazalil-*d*₁**[D]-3w** (bottom).



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) superimposed comparison of Imazalil **3w** (blue) and Imazalil-*d*₁**[D]-3w** (maroon).



²H NMR (500 MHz, CH₃OH) of Imazalil- d_1 [D]-3w – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of Imazalil- d_1 [D]-3w.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of stacked comparison of Imazalil **3w** (top) and Imazalil- d_1 [D]-**3w** (bottom).



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4-*tert*-butylstyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4a.


²H NMR (77 MHz, CHCl₃) of 4-*tert*-butylstyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4a.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CHCl₃) of 4-*tert*-butylstyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4a.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃/THF/CD₃OD) of 4-methoxystyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4b.



²H NMR (77 MHz, THF/CD₃OD) of 4-methoxystyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4b.



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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4-aminostyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4c.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CHCl₃) of 4-aminostyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4c.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4-aminostyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4c.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4-fluorostyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4d.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CHCl₃) of 4-fluorostyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4d.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4-fluorostyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4d.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4-vinylbiphenyl- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4e.





¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-methoxystyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4f.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-methoxystyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4f.



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-methoxystyrene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4f.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2,3-dihydro-*3D,4D*-furan **[D]-4g.**



²H NMR (77 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2,3-dihydro-*3D,4D*-furan **[D]-4g.**



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of 2,3-dihydro-*3D,4D*-furan **[D]-4g**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of *5D*-3,4-dihydropyran **[D]-4h.**



²H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of *5D*-3,4-dihydropyran **[D]-4h.**



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of *5D*-3,4-dihydropyran **[D]-4h**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of undecene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4i.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CDCl₃) of undecene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4i.



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of undecene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4i.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of toluene-4-sulfonic acid pent-4-enyl ester-d₃ [D]-4j.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CHCl₃) of toluene-4-sulfonic acid pent-4-enyl ester-d₃ [D]-4j.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of toluene-4-sulfonic acid pent-4-enyl ester-d₃ [D]-4j.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of Linalool- α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-4k**.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CDCl₃) of Linalool- α , β , β - $d^{=}$ [D]-4k.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of Linalool- α , β , β - $d^{=}$ **[D]-4k**.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) of (S)-5-Allyl-2-oxabicyclo[3.3.0]oct-8-ene- $\alpha,\beta,\beta-d^{=}$ [D]-4I.





¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) of (*S*)-5-Allyl-2-oxabicyclo[3.3.0]oct-8-ene- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4I.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of Sclareol- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4m.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CDCl₃) of Sclareol- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4m.


¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of Sclareol- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4m.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) superimposed comparison of Sclareol **4m** (maroon) and Sclareol- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4m (green/cyan).



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of Quinine- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4n.



²H NMR (77 MHz, CDCl₃) of Quinine- α , β , β - d_3 [**D**]-4**n** – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of Quinine- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4n.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of Quinidine- α , β , β - d_3 **[D]-40**.



²H NMR (500 MHz, CH₃OH) of Quinidine- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-4o – containing residual d_4 -MeOD.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of Quinidine- α , β , β - d_3 [D]-40.

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