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# A Bottleable Super-Electron-Donor for Catalytic Borylation of Aryl

## Halides

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# I. General Information

Super-electron-donor catalyst **G** were prepared based on previous report.<sup>1</sup> Other reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa-Aesar, TCI, Energy-Chemical or Bidepharm, and were checked for purity by GC-MS and/or <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy and used as received. HPLC grade solvents were argon saturated, dried using an Innovative Technology Inc. Solvent Purification System, and further deoxygenated by using the freeze-pump-thaw method. CDCl<sub>3</sub> was purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories. All manipulations in this paper were performed in an argon-filled glove box unless otherwise stated.

GC-MS analyses were performed using an Agilent 7820A gas chromatograph [column: HP-5MS 5% phenyl methyl siloxane, 30 m,  $\emptyset$  0.25 mm, film 0.25 µm; injector: 250 °C; oven: 60 °C (2 min), 60 °C to 280 °C (55 °C min<sup>-1</sup>), 280 °C (2 min); carrier gas: He (1.2 mL min<sup>-1</sup>)] equipped with an Agilent 5977B inert MSD with triple-axis detector operating in EI mode. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed with a Thermo Fisher Scientific Q-Exactive MS System.

All oxygen or moisture-free operation were conducted under argon atmosphere in Schlenk line or in a glove box. Automated flash chromatography was performed using a Biotage<sup>®</sup> Isolera One system on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup>. The removal of solvent was performed on a rotary evaporator in vacuo at a maximum temperature of 40 °C.

NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature using a Bruker Avance III HD 400 NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, 400 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, 101 MHz; <sup>11</sup>B, 128 MHz) spectrometers. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts are reported relative to TMS and were referenced via residual proton resonance of the corresponding deuterated solvent (CDCl<sub>3</sub>: 7.26 ppm) whereas <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra are reported relative to TMS via the carbon signal of the deuterated solvent (CDCl<sub>3</sub>: 77.00 ppm). <sup>11</sup>B NMR chemical shifts are quoted relative to BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O as the external standard. <sup>19</sup>F NMR chemical shifts are quoted relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub> as the external standard.

# **II. Detailed Optimization Studies**

#### General procedures for optimization

In a 10 mL thick-walled reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, 4-iodobiphenyl (**1a**, 1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol, 56.0 mg), catalyst (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol), B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol, 76.2 mg), base (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol), and solvent (1 mL) were added in this order. Then, the tube was sealed with a Teflon cap and stirred at a certain temperature overnight. GC yields of product **2a** were determined by GC-MS using naphthalene as the internal calibration standard. The reaction mixture was then diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and filtered through a plug of celite ( $\emptyset$  3 mm × 8 mm) in air with copious washing (Et<sub>2</sub>O). The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane: Et<sub>2</sub>O = 500:1). Isolated yields are given in parentheses.

In a 10 mL thick-walled reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, iodobenzene (**1i**, 1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol, 40.0 mg), catalyst (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol), Bpin-Bdan (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol, 88 mg), base (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol), and solvent (1 mL) were added in this order. Then, the tube was sealed with a Teflon cap and stirred at certain temperature for overnight. GC yields of product **3a** were determined by GC-MS using naphthalene as the internal calibration standard. The reaction mixture was then diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and filtered through a plug of celite ( $\emptyset$  3 mm × 8 mm) in air with copious washing (Et<sub>2</sub>O). The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane: Et<sub>2</sub>O = 500:1). Isolated yields are given in parentheses.

#### **Optimization tables**

	т	P nin	catalyst I (5 base (1.5	mol%) 5 equiv)	Bh	
Ph	Ŧ	B <sub>2</sub> pin <sub>2</sub>	MeCN, overr	80 °C night	Pn Bpin	Me <sub>2</sub> N N-[B]
				U		[B] = (dpp-bian)B
						I
			Entry	base	yield (%)	
			1	MeOK	38	
			2	EtOK	47	
			3	<sup>t</sup> BuOK	25	
			4	EtONa	4	
			5	KF	0	
			6	MeONa	31	
			7	<sup>t</sup> BuONa	13	
			8	<sup>t</sup> BuOLi	5	
			9	KOH	trace	
			10	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	7	

#### Table S1. Screening of bases for the SED-catalyzed borylation of aryl iodides





Table S3. Screening of the amount of B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> and base for the SED-catalyzed

#### borylation of aryl iodides



Table S4. Screening of the type of catalyst for the SED-catalyzed borylation of aryl iodides





		Banina —	catalyst (5 mo base (1.5 equ	l%) uiv) ₽h√	Bpin	
		Sc Sc	solvent, T, overnight			
	1a 2a				2a	
Entry	Catalyst	T (°C)	Base	Solvent	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	
1	I	80	MeOK	MeCN	38	
2	I	80	EtOK	MeCN	47	
3	I	80	<sup>t</sup> BuOK	MeCN	25	
4	I	80	EtONa	MeCN	4	
5	I	80	KF	MeCN	0	
6	I	60	EtOK	MeCN	64	
7	I	40	EtOK	MeCN	95 (86)	
8	I	rt	EtOK	MeCN	88	
9	I	40	EtOK	THF	0	
10	I	40	EtOK	toluene	0	
11	DMAP	40	EtOK	MeCN	0	
12	-	40	EtOK	MeCN	0	

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), catalyst (5 mol%), B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol, 76.2 mg), base (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol), solvent (1 mL). <sup>a</sup>Yields were determined by GC-MS using naphthalene as the internal calibration standard, and isolated yields are given in parentheses.

#### Table S6. Optimization of the SED-Catalyzed borylation of aryl bromides



Table S7. Optimization	of the SED-Cataly	zed borylation	of aryl chlorides
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## Table S8 Screening of reaction temperatures for the SED-catalyzed B(dan)installing reaction of aryl iodides



Table S9 Screening of reaction temperatures for the SED-catalyzed B(dan)installing reaction of aryl bromides



Entry	T (°C)	yield (%)
1	60	50
2	80	76
3	100	82
4	120	80

## III. Substrate Scope

#### **Experimental Procedures**

# General procedures for the SED-catalyzed borylation of (hetero)aryl iodides and alkyl iodides

In a 10 mL thick-walled reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, aryl iodides (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), catalyst I (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol, 12.7 mg), B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol, 76.2 mg), EtOK (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol, 25.2 mg), and MeCN (1 mL) were added in this order. Then, the tube was sealed with a Teflon cap and stirred at 40 °C for overnight. The reaction mixture was then diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and filtered through a plug of celite ( $\emptyset$  3 mm × 8 mm) in air with copious washing (Et<sub>2</sub>O).

Preparation of **2a**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **2b**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **2c**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane).

Preparation of **2d**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **2e**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane:  $Et_2O = 250:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **2f**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **2g**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane).

Preparation of **2h**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **2i**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **2j**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane:  $Et_2O = 250:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **2k**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane).

Preparation of **2I**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane).

Preparation of **2n**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **2o**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **2p**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **3a**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure (The reaction temperature was elevated to 100 °C). The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **3b**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure (The reaction temperature was elevated to 100 °C). The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **3c**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure (The reaction temperature was elevated to 100 °C). The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane).

Preparation of **3d**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure (The reaction temperature was elevated to 100 °C). The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

Preparation of **3e**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure (The reaction temperature was elevated to 100 °C). The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (pentane:  $Et_2O = 500:1 \text{ v/v}$ ).

#### General procedures for the SED-catalyzed borylation of aryl bromides

In a 10 mL thick-walled reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, aryl iodides (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), catalyst I (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol, 12.7 mg),  $B_2pin_2$  (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol, 76.2 mg), EtOK (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol, 25.2 mg), and MeCN (1 mL) were added in this order. Then, the tube was sealed with a Teflon cap and stirred at 60 °C for overnight. The reaction mixture was then diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and filtered through a plug of celite ( $\emptyset$  3 mm × 8 mm) in air with copious washing (Et<sub>2</sub>O).

Preparation of **2m**. The reaction was performed following the general procedure. The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane).

#### General procedures for the SED-catalyzed borylation of aryl chlorides

In a 10 mL thick-walled reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, aryl iodides (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), catalyst I (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol, 12.7 mg), B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol, 76.2 mg), EtOK (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol, 25.2 mg), and MeCN (1 mL) were added in this order. Then, the tube was sealed with a Teflon cap and stirred at 80 °C for overnight. The reaction mixture was then diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and filtered through a plug of celite ( $\emptyset$  3 mm × 8 mm) in air with copious washing (Et<sub>2</sub>O). The solvents were removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on boric acid-impregnated silica gel<sup>2</sup> (hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 500:1).

Entry	Substrate	Target product	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	Br( <b>1q</b> ')	Bpin (2q)	25%
2	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> Br ( <b>1r</b> ')	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> Bpin ( <b>2r</b> )	27%
3	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ( <b>1s</b> )	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> Bpin ( <b>2s</b> )	6%
4	N(1t)	NBpin (2t)	59% <sup>b</sup>
5	N (1u)	Bpin N (2u)	58% <sup>b</sup>

#### Table S10 SED-catalyzed borylation of heteroaryl and alkyl halides 1q'-1u

<sup>a</sup>Yields were determined by GC-MS using naphthalene as the internal calibration standard. Standard conditions: **1** or **1**' (0.2 mmol), catalyst **I** (5 or 10 mol%, 0.01 mmol), B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol), EtOK (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol), MeCN (1 mL), 40-80 °C, overnight. <sup>b</sup>Relative low yield due to incomplete conversion of halide substrate.











GC-MS spectrum for entry 3 of Table S10







#### **Compound Characterization**



2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2a)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.67–7.58 (m, 4H), 7.50–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.32 (m, 1H), 1.38 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.0, 141.2, 135.4, 128.9, 127.7, 127.4, 126.6, 84.0, 25.0.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 31.0.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2b)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.4, 131.1, 126.4, 84.2, 25.0.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 30.9.

CI-Bpin

2-(4- chlorophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2c)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s,

12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.5, 136.1, 128.0, 84.0, 24.8.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 30.6.

2-(4- (trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2d)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.1, 133.0 (C–F, q,  $J_{CF}$  = 30.3 Hz), 124.4 (C–F, q,  $J_{CF}$  = 10 Hz), 124.4 (C–F, q,  $J_{CF}$  = 10 Hz), 124.4 (C–F, q,  $J_{CF}$  = 10 Hz), 124.2 (C–F, q,  $J_{CF}$  = 272.7 Hz), 84.2, 25.0.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 30.7.

<sup>19</sup>**F**{<sup>1</sup>**H**} **NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  – 63.1.



4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzonitrile (2e)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 135.1, 131.1, 118.9, 114.5, 84.5, 24.9.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 30.6.

MeO-----Bpin

2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2f)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *δ* 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.3, 136.6, 113.4, 83.7, 55.2, 25.0.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 30.5.

Bpin

2-(p-tolyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2g)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *δ* 7.71 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.4, 134.8, 128.5, 83.6, 24.8, 21.7.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 30.8.

H<sub>2</sub>N-Bpin

4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)aniline (2h)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 1.32 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.4, 136.6, 114.2, 83.4, 25.0.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 30.8.

-Bpin

4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-phenyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2i)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 134.9, 131.4, 127.8, 83.9, 25.0.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 30.9.



2-(3-fluorophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2j)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 12H). (The peaks at 1.2 and 0.8 ppm are from the residual hexane.)

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  130.3 (C–F, d,  $J_{CF}$  = 30.3 Hz), 129.5 (C–F, d,  $J_{CF}$  = 70.7 Hz), 123.1 (C–F, d,  $J_{CF}$  = 74.7 Hz), 120.9 (C–F, d,  $J_{CF}$  = 19.2 Hz), 118.2 (C–F, d,  $J_{CF}$  = 21.2 Hz), 84.1, 24.8.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 30.7.

#### <sup>19</sup>**F**{<sup>1</sup>**H**} **NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) $\delta$ – 114.2.

MeO Bpin

2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2k)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (q, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.0, 128.9, 127.1, 118.6, 117.9, 83.8, 55.2, 24.8.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 31.0.

2-(o-tolyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2I)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.8, 135.8, 130.8, 129.8, 124.7, 83.4, 24.9, 22.2.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 31.3.



2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2m)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.37 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 3H), 7.49 (m, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.1, 134.9, 132.7, 130.3, 128.5, 127.6, 126.8, 125.7, 83.8, 24.8.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 31.2.

Bpin

4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(thiophen-3-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2n)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.5, 132.0, 125.3, 83.7, 24.8.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.1.

4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-phenethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (20)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (s, 12H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.4, 128.2, 128.0, 125.5, 83.1, 30.0, 29.7, 24.8.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 34.0.



4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2p)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 12H), 0.85 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.3, 128.9, 128.0, 125.6, 83.0, 39.0, 26.1, 24.9, 15.2.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 34.2.



2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-naphtho[1,8-*de*][1,3,2]diazaborinine (**3a**)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 (dd, *J*=1.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (dd, *J*=7.2, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.04 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.1, 136.3, 131.4, 130.3, 128.3, 127.6, 119.8, 117.8, 106.0.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.3.

**HRMS** [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>B : 245.12421 (calc.: 245.12500).

2-(p-tolyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-naphtho[1,8-*de*][1,3,2]diazaborinine (**3b**)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (dd, *J*= 0.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.2, 140.4, 136.4, 131.5, 129.1, 127.6, 119.8, 117.7, 106.0, 29.7.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.4.

HRMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>B : 259.13980 (calc.: 259.14065).



2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-naphtho[1,8-*de*][1,3,2]diazaborinine (**3c**)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.99 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.8, 135.4, 135.3, 131.8, 127.5, 126.6, 118.8, 117.0, 105.1.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.6.

HRMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>BCl : 279.08484 (calc.: 279.08603).



2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-naphtho[1,8-*de*][1,3,2]diazaborinine (**3d**)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.4, 141.2, 136.3, 133.0, 127.6, 119.6, 117.6, 113.9, 105.9, 55.2.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.1.

HRMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>B : 275.13440 (calc.: 275.13557).



2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-naphtho[1,8-*de*][1,3,2]diazaborinine (**3e**)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (dd, *J* = 20.4, 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.08 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.0, 141.1, 136.4, 135.3, 132.0, 128.9, 127.6, 127.2, 127.0, 126.5, 119.9, 117.9, 106.1.

<sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.7.

HRMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>: 321.15553 (calc.: 321.15630).

## **IV. Studies of the Reaction Mechanism**

#### **Radical trapping experiment**

In radical trapping experiments, stoichiometric TEMPO was added and largely suppressed the reaction, the aryl-TEMPO species was detected by high resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) (Table 1 entry 3, Scheme S1). Stoichiometric 9,10-dihydroanthracene was added into the reaction (Table 1 entry 7) diminished the yield of **2a** to 45% and found the formation of diphenyl. Reported the GC-MS spectra for this (Scheme S2).







Scheme S2. GC-MS spectrum for radical trapping experiments (Table 1 entry 7)

#### **Radical clock experiment**

Radical clock substrate 1v was prepared based on a reported method (Scheme S3, top). Then 1v was used as a radical substrate for testing the SED-catalyzed borylation under the general procedures (page S7). After the reaction finish, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and filtered through a plug of celite ( $\emptyset$  3 mm × 8 mm) in air with copious washing (Et<sub>2</sub>O). The solvents were removed in vacuo, and GC-MS and NMR were measured for the residue. Reported spectra for  $2v^3$  and  $2v'^4$ .



Scheme S3. The preparation of radical clock substrate 1v and radical clock experiment.



Scheme S4. GC-MS spectrum for radical clock experiment



Scheme S5. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum for radical clock experiment



Scheme S6. Another possible mechanism and the control experiment

# V. NMR Spectra of Products

































S38



10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 fl (ppm)



S40







 $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2m







# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **20**







# <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **2p**

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3a**



110 100 fl (ppm) 





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3c** 









<sup>11</sup>B NMR spectrum (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3e** 



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