

## ***Primary vs. Secondary Alkylpyridinium Salts: A Comparison under Electrochemical and Chemical Reduction Conditions***

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## General Information

Unless otherwise indicated, all Ni-catalyzed reactions were set up inside a nitrogen-purged glovebox and performed under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen, using Sure-seal (Sigma-Aldrich or Thermo Fisher) anhydrous solvents. NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME) was purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. (catalog number 28-1145). Pyridine-2,6-dicarboxamide dihydrochloride was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (catalog number 902047) and PharmaBlock (catalog number PBT3949-1). 4,4'-Di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine was purchased from Oakwood Chemical (catalog number 212480). All other commercial reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Fisher, TCI, Combi-Blocks, Alfa Aesar and Ambeed and used as received.

The electrochemical mediator [Ni(terpy)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> was prepared according to literature procedure.<sup>1</sup>

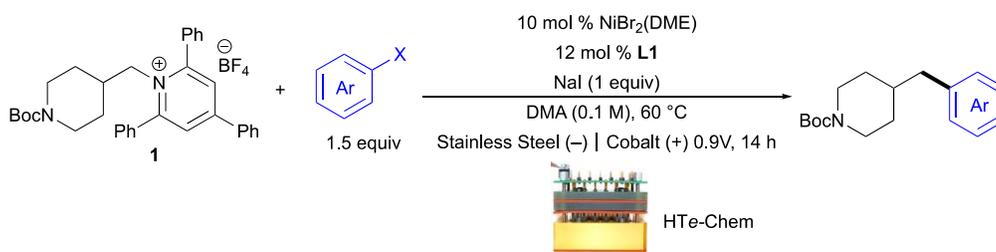
High-throughput electrochemical experimentation (HTE-Chem) optimizations and scope evaluation were conducted using a 24-well electrochemical parallel reactor from Analytical Sales and Services. Procedures for the assembly of HTE-Chem can be found at *ACS Cent. Sci.* **2021**, *7*, 1347. Cobalt electrodes were purchased from Surepure Chemicals L.L.C. (Product #10054, 1.60 mm diameter x 31.2 mm long), and stainless-steel electrodes were purchased from Analytical Sales (SKU: 700700, 1.63 mm diameter x 31.2 mm long). Within the undivided cells of the reactor, the cobalt sacrificial anode is 2 mm away from the stainless-steel cathode with a surface area of 34 mm<sup>2</sup>. Non-electrochemical HTE experiments were performed in 1-mL glass vials secured in either a 96-well or 24-well aluminum block purchased from Analytical Sales and Services. For HTE-Chem experiments, electrodes and other consumables were purchased from Surepure Chemetals (Florham Park, New Jersey, USA) or Analytical Sales and Services (Flanders, New Jersey, USA). Electrodes were sonicated briefly in 0.1 M HCl solution then hexanes/acetone (1:1 v:v) mixture prior to use.

Analysis of all high throughput experimentation experiments was completed on a Waters Acquity Arc UHPLC-MS equipped with PDA and QDa detectors. A Waters 4.6 x 50 mm CORTECS column was used. The 5-minute analysis method used was 0 min, 10% B, 1.2 mL/min; 0.5 min, 10% B, 1.2 mL/min; 3.5 min, 100% B, 1.2 mL/min; 4.5 min, 100% B, 1.2 mL/min; 4.6 min, 10% B, 1.2 mL/min, where A = 0.1% formic acid in water and B = 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile. Liquid chromatography area percentages (LCAPs) were determined from UV-Vis data collected from 210–400 nm and processed using PEAKSEL integration software. For more information visit <https://elsci.io/peaksel/index.html>.

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H NMR), carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>13</sup>C NMR), and fluorine nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>19</sup>F NMR) were recorded on a 400, 500, or 600 NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts for protons are recorded in parts per million and referenced to residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub> = δ 7.26) in deuterated chloroform. Chemical shifts for carbon are recorded in parts per million and referenced to carbon resonances of deuterated chloroform (CDCl<sub>3</sub> = δ 77.2). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, etc.), coupling constants (Hz), integration.

# High-Throughput Electrochemical (HTE-Chem) Procedures

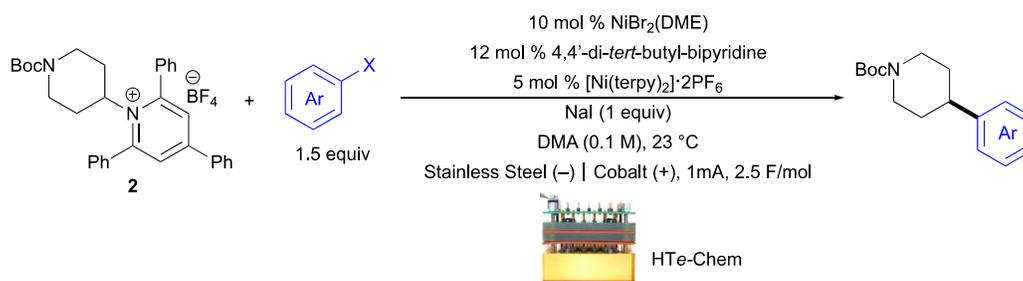
## Constant Voltage Procedure with Primary Alkylpyridinium Salt



In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, to 1-mL vials (secured in a 24-well aluminum block) equipped with PTFE-covered 5 x 2 mm magnetic stir bars was added pyridinium **1** (175  $\mu$ L, 0.2 M solution in DMA, 35  $\mu$ mol, 1 equiv), aryl halide (105  $\mu$ L, 0.5 M solution in DMA, 52.5  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (50  $\mu$ L, 0.7 M solution in DMA, 35  $\mu$ mol, 1 equiv), and pre-complexed NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME) catalyst/ligand **L1** mixture (23.3  $\mu$ L, 0.15 M solution in DMA, 3.5  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) sequentially. The electrodes were inserted, and the HTE-Chem reaction block was assembled inside the glovebox. The reactor was then connected to the external power supply inside the glovebox and heated to the appropriate temperature with 1000 RPM stirring on an IKA stir plate. Upon reaching the desired temperature, the reactions were electrolyzed under constant voltage mode ( $V = 0.9$  V) for 14 h (overnight). After electrolysis, the HTE-Chem reactor was allowed to cool to room temperature, taken outside of the glovebox, and disassembled. Samples for analysis were prepared by transferring a 5  $\mu$ L aliquot of the crude reaction mixture into a polypropylene analysis plate and diluting with 395  $\mu$ L DMSO for LC-MS analysis.

Preparation of 0.15 M stock mixture of NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME)/**L1** mixture: In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a 4-mL vial (equipped with a stir bar) was charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME) catalyst (239  $\mu$ mol, 73.6 mg) and **L1** (287  $\mu$ mol, 61.5 mg, 1.2 equiv with regard to Ni) and DMA (1340  $\mu$ L) was added to prepare the final 0.15 M stock mixture. The mixtures were stirred for ~20 minutes (resulting in a slurry) before dosing into the reaction vials. The slurry was continually stirred at 1000 rpm while dosing.

## Constant Current Procedure with Secondary Alkylpyridinium Salt



In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, to 1-mL vials (secured in a 24-well aluminum block) equipped with PTFE-covered 5 x 2 mm magnetic stir bars was added pyridinium **2** (175  $\mu$ L, 0.2 M solution in DMA, 35  $\mu$ mol, 1 equiv), aryl halide (105  $\mu$ L, 0.5 M solution in DMA, 52.5  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (50  $\mu$ L, 0.7 M solution in DMA, 35  $\mu$ mol, 1 equiv), and pre-complexed NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME) catalyst/ligand (4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-bipyridine)/mediator [Ni(terpy)<sub>2</sub>] $\cdot$ 2PF<sub>6</sub> mixture (23.3  $\mu$ L, 0.15 M solution in DMA, 3.5  $\mu$ mol NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME), 10 mol % NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME) and 5 mol % [Ni(terpy)<sub>2</sub>] $\cdot$ 2PF<sub>6</sub>) sequentially.

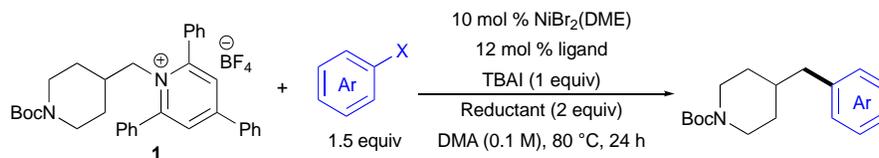
The electrodes were inserted, and the HT $e$ -Chem reaction block was assembled inside the glovebox. The reactor was then connected to the external power supply inside the glovebox and heated to the appropriate temperature on an IKA stir plate. Upon reaching the desired temperature, the reactions were electrolyzed under constant current mode ( $I = 1$  mA, 2.5 F/mol). After electrolysis, the HT $e$ -Chem reactor was taken outside of the glovebox, and disassembled. Samples for analysis were prepared by transferring 5  $\mu$ L aliquots of the crude reaction mixture into a polypropylene analysis plate and diluting with 395  $\mu$ L of DMSO for LC-MS analysis.

Preparation of 0.15 M stock mixture of NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME)/ligand mixture: In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a 4-mL vial (equipped with a stir bar) was charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME) catalyst (239  $\mu$ mol, 73.6 mg), 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (287  $\mu$ mol, 76.8 mg, 1.2 equiv with regard to NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME)), [Ni(terpy)<sub>2</sub>] $\cdot$ 2PF<sub>6</sub> (544  $\mu$ mol, 97.9 mg, 0.5 equiv with regard to NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME)), and DMA (1340  $\mu$ L) to prepare the final 0.15 M stock mixture. The mixture was stirred for ~20 minutes (resulting in a slurry) before dosing into the reaction vials. The slurry was continually stirred at 1000 rpm while dosing.

## High-Throughput Experimentation (HTE) Procedures with Chemical

### Reductants

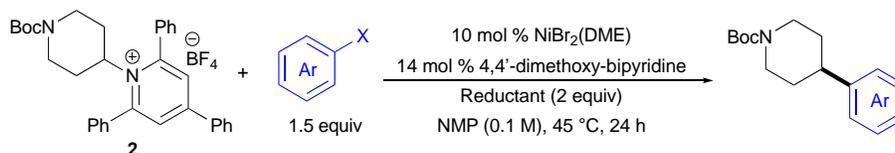
#### General Procedure A for Primary Alkylpyridinium Salt 1



In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, to 1-mL vials (secured in a 24-well aluminum block) equipped with PTFE-covered 5 x 2 mm magnetic stir bars was added pyridinium (25  $\mu$ L, 0.4 M solution in DMA, 10  $\mu$ mol, 1 equiv), aryl halide (30  $\mu$ L, 0.5 M solution in solvent, 15  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 equiv), TBAI (14.3  $\mu$ L, 0.7 M solution in solvent, 10  $\mu$ mol, 1 equiv), pre-complexed NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME) catalyst/ligand mixture (10  $\mu$ L, 0.1 M solution in solvent, 3.5  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %), and appropriate reductant (33.3  $\mu$ L, 0.6 M in solvent, 20  $\mu$ mol, 2 equiv) sequentially. For Mn<sup>0</sup> the mixture was added as a slurry stirred at 1000 rpm. The reaction block was sealed and placed on an IKA magnetic stir plate pre-heated at the appropriate temperature and stirred at 500 RPM for 24 h. The reaction block was allowed to cool to room temperature and taken out of the glovebox. Samples for analysis were prepared by transferring 5  $\mu$ L aliquots of the crude reaction mixture into a polypropylene analysis plate and diluting with 395  $\mu$ L DMSO for LC-MS analysis.

Preparation of 0.1 M stock mixture of NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME)/ligand mixture: In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a 4-mL vial (equipped with a stir bar) was charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME) catalyst (253  $\mu$ mol, 78.1 mg) and appropriate ligand (304  $\mu$ mol, 1.2 equiv regarding Ni) and solvent (2340  $\mu$ L) to prepare the final 0.1 M stock solution. The mixtures were stirred for ~20 minutes (resulting in a slurry) before dosing into the reaction vials. The slurry was continually stirred at 1000 rpm while dosing.

## General Procedure B using Mn<sup>0</sup> with Secondary Alkylpyridinium Salt 2



In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, to 1-mL vials (secured in a 24-well aluminum block) equipped with PTFE-covered 5 x 2 mm magnetic stir bars was added pyridinium (25  $\mu$ L, 0.4 M solution in NMP, 10  $\mu$ mol, 1 equiv), aryl halide (30  $\mu$ L, 0.5 M solution in NMP, 15  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 equiv), pre-complexed NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME) catalyst/ligand mixture (10  $\mu$ L, 0.1 M solution in NMP, 3.5  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %), and Mn<sup>0</sup> (47.6  $\mu$ L, 0.42 M in NMP, 20  $\mu$ mol, 2 equiv) sequentially. For Mn<sup>0</sup> the mixture was added as a slurry stirred at 1000 rpm. The reaction block was sealed and placed on an IKA magnetic stir plate pre-heated at the appropriate temperature and stirred at 500 RPM for 24 h. The reaction block was allowed to cool to room temperature and taken out of the glovebox. Samples for analysis were prepared by transferring 5  $\mu$ L aliquots of the crude reaction mixture into a polypropylene analysis plate and diluting with 395  $\mu$ L DMSO for LC-MS analysis.

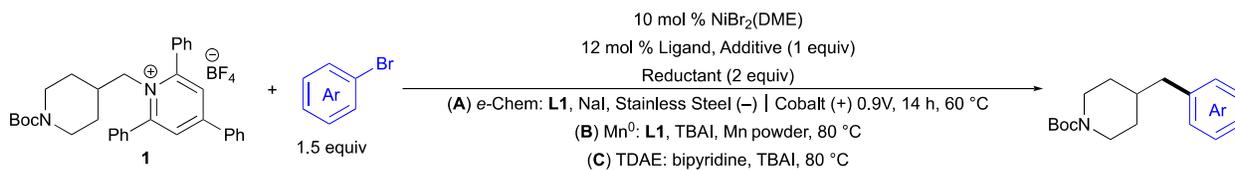
Preparation of 0.1 M stock mixture of NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME)/ligand mixture: In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a 4-mL vial (equipped with a stir bar) was charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub>(DME) catalyst (253  $\mu$ mol, 78.1 mg) and 4,4'-dimethoxy-bipyridine (354  $\mu$ mol, 76.6 mg, 1.4 equiv regarding Ni), and NMP (2340  $\mu$ L) to prepare the final 0.1 M stock solution. The mixtures were stirred for ~20 minutes (resulting in a slurry) before dosing into the reaction vials. The slurry was continually stirred at 1000 rpm while dosing.

## Reproducibility Data for Aryl Bromide Scope

Percentages reflect product LCAPs. Formation of triphenylpyridine was not considered for LCAP determinations. For chemical reduction conditions with both substrates, experiments for runs 2 and 3 were conducted at the same time.

Lowest LCAP Highest LCAP

### Primary Alkylpyridinium Salt (Scheme 2A)



#### Electrochemical Conditions (A)

ArBr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	LCAP Average
Run 1	0	2	2	4	6	10	4	25	18	22	24	22	18	15	34	19	28	35	40	29	32	54	35	38	22
Run 2	0	2	2	4	11	11	12	12	16	20	20	20	20	21	24	25	21	28	31	32	39	40	41	44	21
Run Average	0	2	2	4	9	11	8	19	17	21	22	21	19	18	29	22	25	32	36	31	36	47	38	41	

#### Mn<sup>0</sup> Conditions (B)

ArBr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	LCAP Average
Run 1	9	4	3	7	13	38	4	19	18	12	8	19	29	32	25	11	14	22	48	18	22	54	40	20	20
Run 2	21	3	4	25	10	19	6	27	17	20	3	16	10	26	28	18	27	18	40	23	36	24	43	40	21
Run 3	17	5	3	11	4	25	8	27	14	18	2	18	8	23	33	19	24	20	46	24	35	23	29	48	20
Run Average	16	4	3	14	9	27	6	24	16	17	4	18	16	27	29	16	22	20	45	22	31	34	37	36	

#### TDAE Conditions (C)

ArBr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	LCAP Average
Run 1	2	3	20	25	46	6	6	7	23	16	2	43	24	34	38	37	44	47	22	36	20	67	6	13	24
Run 2	2	3	20	21	48	26	11	12	30	12	0	34	22	32	48	38	41	45	24	38	17	56	16	17	26
Run 3	2	2	19	26	46	12	6	11	24	13	0	34	20	34	47	36	48	42	22	33	19	61	17	17	25
Run Average	2	3	20	24	47	15	8	10	26	14	1	37	22	33	44	37	44	45	23	36	19	61	13	16	

### Secondary Alkylpyridinium Salt (Scheme 2B)

#### Electrochemical Conditions (A)

ArBr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	LCAP Average
Run 1	4	0	23	5	30	7	21	10	3	11	2	12	22	4	24	17	26	29	4	28	13	13	28	23	15
Run 2	1	0	16	5	20	10	16	9	5	7	7	8	17	5	25	16	16	30	1	10	18	12	25	18	12
Run Average	3	0	20	5	25	9	19	10	4	9	5	10	20	5	25	17	21	30	3	19	16	13	27	21	

#### Mn<sup>0</sup> Conditions (B)

ArBr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	LCAP Average
Run 1	3	0	16	3	16	7	1	1	1	2	1	13	4	4	27	21	23	15	11	31	4	2	2	3	9
Run 2	4	0	13	3	15	8	3	2	1	2	1	12	3	2	22	12	24	15	12	28	3	1	1	7	8
Run 3	2	0	11	3	15	8	4	2	0	2	1	11	5	2	23	17	22	17	17	22	4	1	1	10	8
Run Average	3	0	13	3	15	8	3	2	1	2	1	12	4	3	24	17	23	16	13	27	4	1	1	7	

## Reproducibility Data for Informer Halide Scope

Percentages reflect product LCAPs. Formation of triphenylpyridine was not considered for LCAP determinations.

Lowest LCAP      Highest LCAP

### Primary Alkylpyridinium Salt (Scheme 3A)

Electrochemical Conditions (A)

Informer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	LCAP Average
Run 1	36	19	0	2	32	26	0	4	1	0	0	15	21	12
Run 2	34	20	0	2	33	31	0	4	1	0	0	8	21	12
Run Average	35	20	0	2	33	29	0	4	1	0	0	12	21	

Mn<sup>0</sup> Conditions (B)

Informer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	LCAP Average
Run 1	23	28	10	3	19	34	0	6	0	1	1	9	5	11
Run 2	30	27	9	2	18	26	0	6	0	0	1	3	4	10
Run Average	27	28	10	3	19	30	0	6	0	1	1	6	5	

TDAE Conditions (C)

Informer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	LCAP Average
Run 1	0	61	15	16	3	55	0	21	0	0	0	23	2	15
Run 2	0	72	15	7	2	56	0	8	0	0	0	26	2	14
Run Average	0	67	15	12	3	56	0	15	0	0	0	25	2	

### Secondary Alkylpyridinium Salt (Scheme 3B)

Electrochemical Conditions (A)

Informer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	LCAP Average
Run 1	13	22	4	6	23	19	0	8	25	0	0	20	12	12
Run 2	10	24	4	5	17	17	0	7	29	0	0	17	17	11
Run Average	12	23	4	6	20	18	0	8	27	0	0	19	15	

Mn<sup>0</sup> Conditions (B)

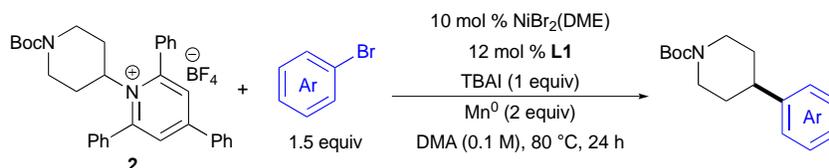
Informer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	LCAP Average
Run 1	3	14	5	0	1	22	0	3	30	0	0	5	8	7
Run 2	3	12	5	0	1	12	0	2	0	1	5	0	0	3
Run Average	3	13	5	0	1	17	0	3	15	1	3	3	4	

## Evaluation of Alternative Conditions with Mn<sup>0</sup> and TDAE for Secondary Katritzky Pyridinium Salt 2

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Lowest LCAP Highest LCAP

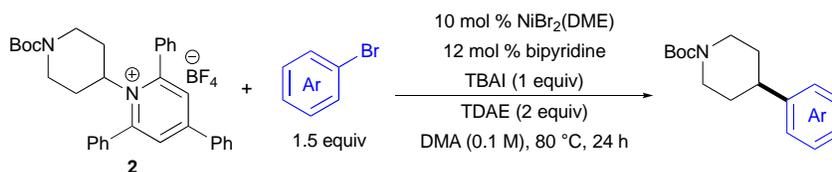
### Evaluation of Mn<sup>0</sup> Conditions Optimal for 1° Alkylpyridinium



ArBr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Average
LCAP	4	11	7	0	2	3	3	10	3	3	6	4	2	1	2	9	9	4	8	6	4	5	22	6	6

Informer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Average
LCAP	5	3	3	1	5	7	0	1	42	1	0	4	1	6

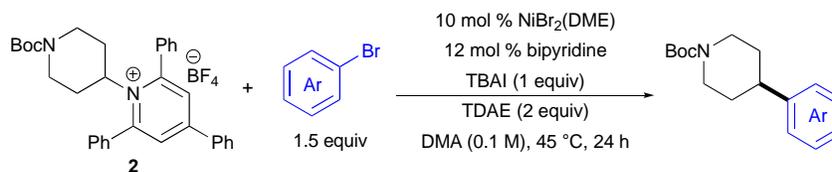
### Evaluation of TDAE Conditions Optimal for 1° Alkylpyridinium



ArBr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Average
LCAP	2	3	3	0	1	3	0	1	8	0	2	2	0	1	1	9	6	1	4	3	0	3	4	2	2

Informer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Average
LCAP	0	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1

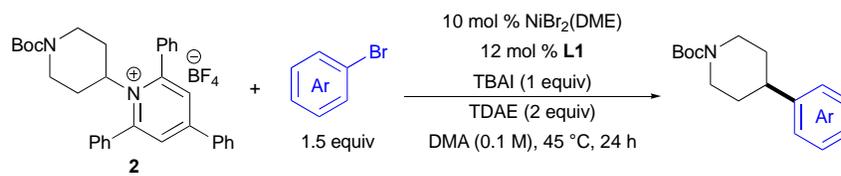
### Evaluation of TDAE Conditions at 45 °C



ArBr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	LCAP Average
Run 2	5	0	7	1	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	12	7	5	8	2	10	1	2	1	5	3
Run 3	6	0	7	1	5	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	11	6	2	8	2	9	1	2	1	5	3
Run Average	6	0	7	1	5	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	12	7	4	8	2	10	1	2	1	5	

Informer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Average
LCAP	0	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1

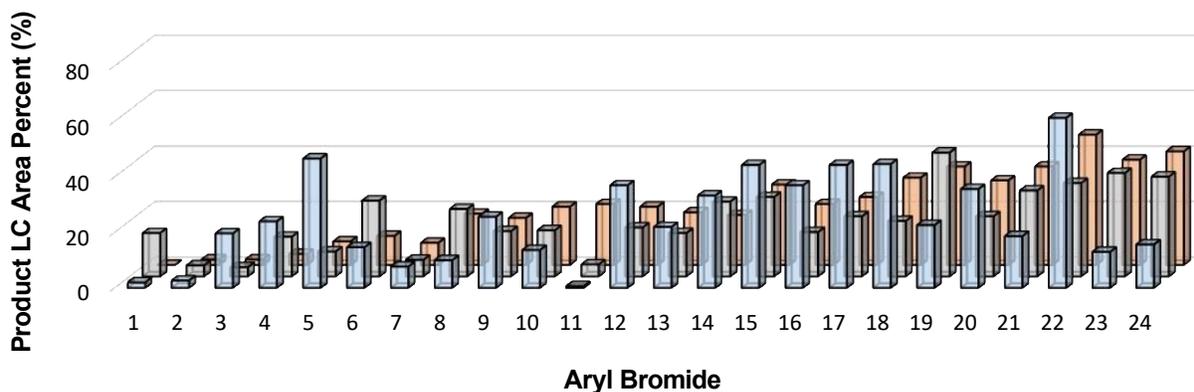
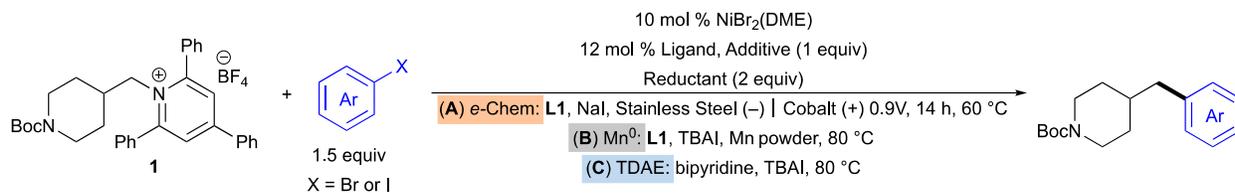
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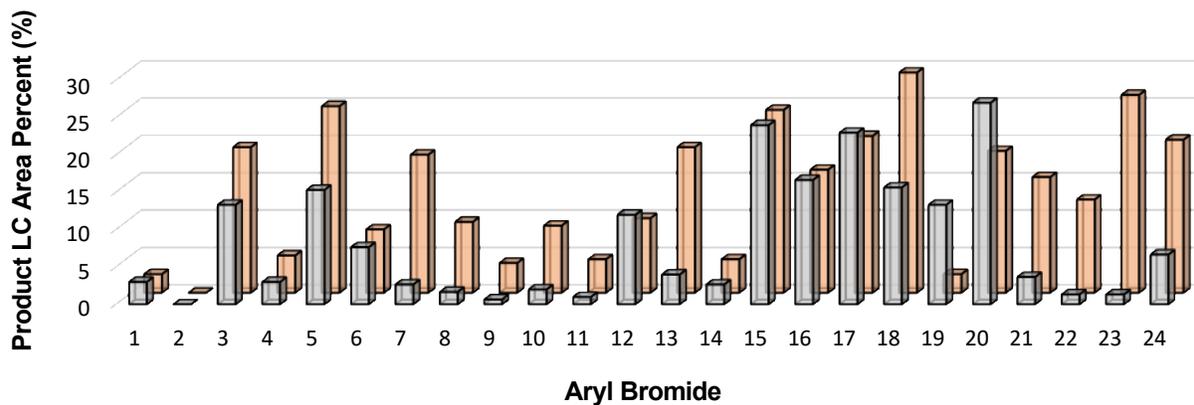
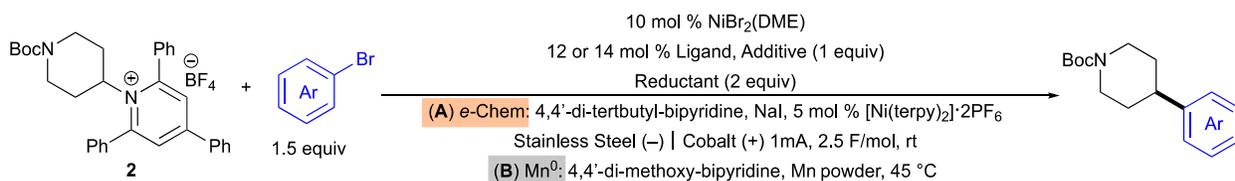
ArBr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Average
LCAP	0	4	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	4	5	1	3	2	0	2

# Comparison of Electrochemical vs. Chemical Conditions for Aryl Bromide Scope

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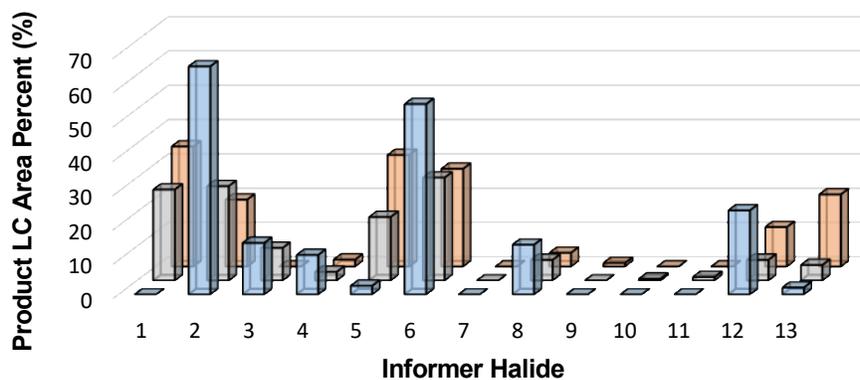
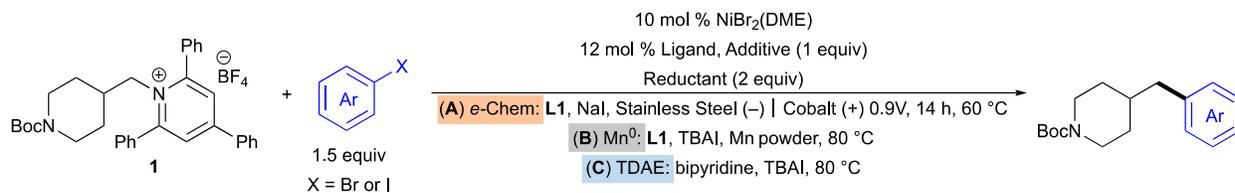


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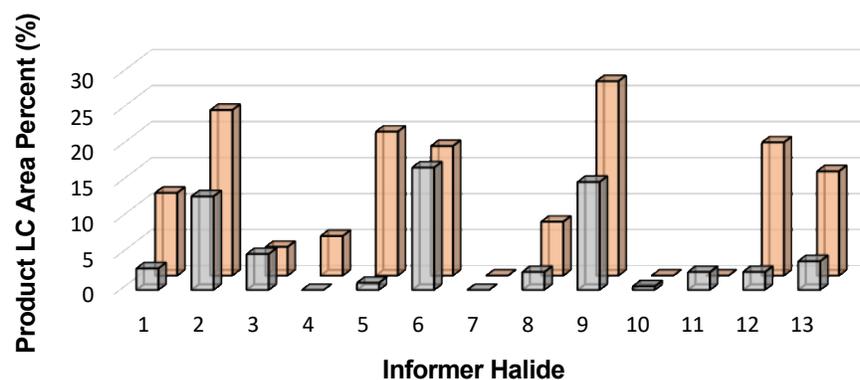
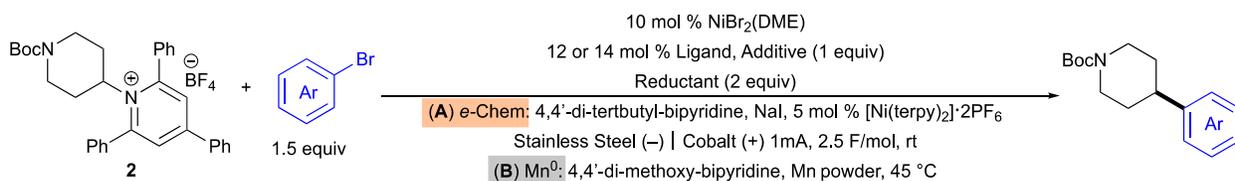


# Comparison of Electrochemical vs. Chemical Conditions for Informer Halide Scope

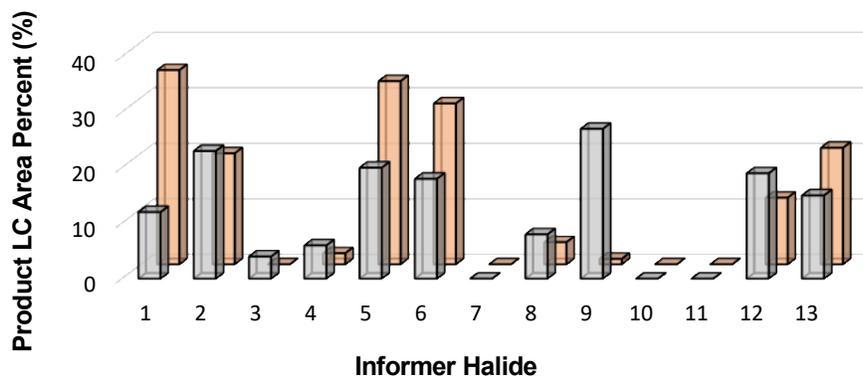
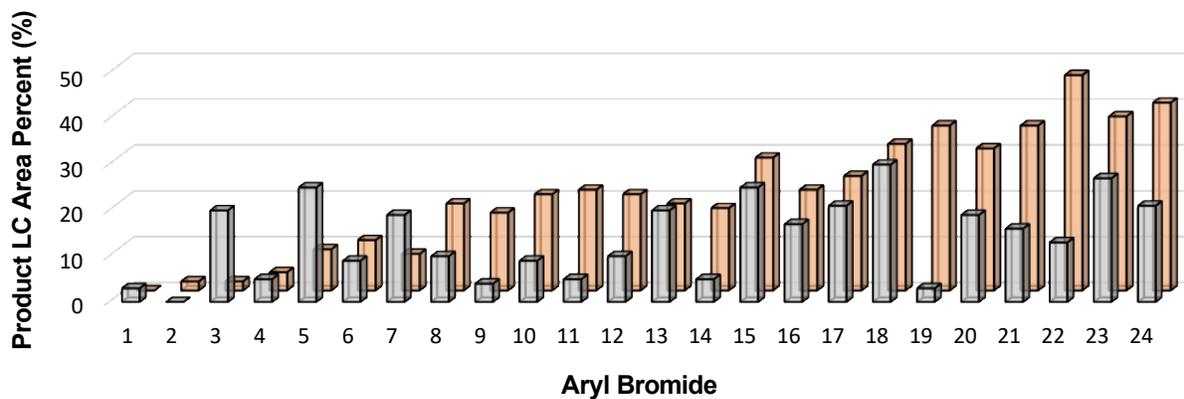
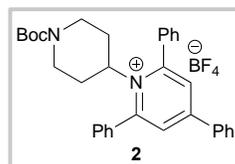
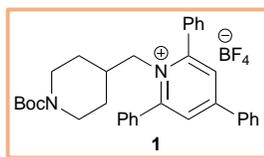
## Primary Alkylpyridinium Salt (Scheme 3A)



## Secondary Alkylpyridinium Salt (Scheme 3B)



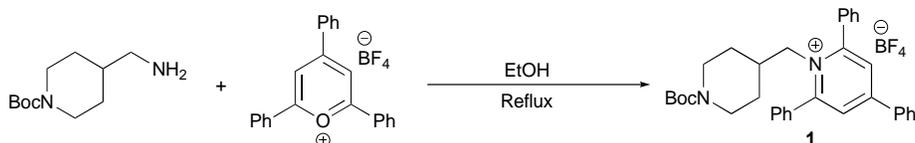
## Comparison of ArBr Scope for 1° vs. 2° Alkylpyridiniums under Electrochemical Conditions



# Preparation and Characterization of Katritzky Alkylpyridinium Salts

## Synthesis of Primary Alkylpyridinium Salt 1

Primary pyridinium **1** was prepared as previously described.<sup>2</sup>



To a mixture of 2,4,6-triphenylpyrylium tetrafluoroborate (14.5 mmol, 5.8 g, 1.0 equiv) and 4-aminomethyl-1-Boc-piperidine (14.5 mmol, 3.1g, 1.0 equiv) was added EtOH (1.0 M) in a round-bottomed flask under air. The flask was fitted with a reflux condenser. The mixture was stirred and heated at reflux in an oil bath overnight. The mixture was then allowed to cool to room temperature. The mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2–3x volume of EtOH used) and vigorously stirred for 1 h. The resulting solid pyridinium salt was filtered and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 25 mL).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 – 7.71 (m, 8H), 7.68 – 7.44 (m, 9H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 1.69 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 0.60 (qd, *J* = 12.2, 4.3 Hz, 2H).

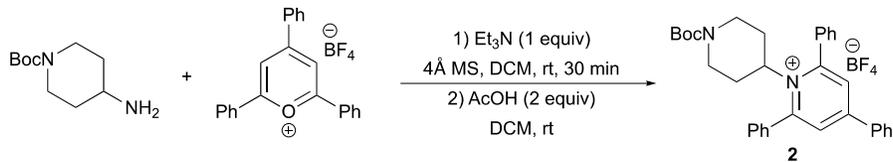
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.4, 156.3, 154.6, 133.9, 133.3, 132.5, 131.5, 129.9, 129.72, 129.68, 128.3, 126.9, 79.9, 59.5, 43.1, 36.9, 29.3, 28.5

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –153.0, –153.1.

The spectral data of **1** is consistent with that previously reported in the literature.<sup>2</sup>

## Synthesis of Secondary Alkylpyridinium Salt 2

Secondary pyridinium **2** was prepared as previously described.<sup>3</sup>



Under air, 2,4,6-triphenylpyrylium tetrafluoroborate (25 mmol, 9.9 g, 1.0 equiv), crushed activated 4Å molecular sieves (500 mg/mmol), and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 M) were added to a round-bottomed flask with a stir bar. 4-Amino-1-Boc-piperidine (25 mmol, 5 g, 1.0 equiv) was added, and the flask was fitted with a septum. A vent needle was inserted, and Et<sub>3</sub>N (25 mmol, 3.5 mL, 1.0 equiv) was added via syringe. The vent needle was removed, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The vent needle was inserted again, and AcOH (50 mmol, 2.9 mL, 2.0 equiv) was added via syringe. The vent needle was removed, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite, rinsing with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The filtrate was then washed with aq. HCl (1.0 M, 2 x 30 mL), aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (sat., 2 x 30 mL) and aq. NaCl (sat., 2 x 30 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated. Et<sub>2</sub>O was added to the residue to precipitate the alkylpyridinium salt, which was collected by filtration and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.87 (s, 2H), 7.84 – 7.71 (m, 6H), 7.64 – 7.47 (m, 9H), 4.81 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 55.6 Hz, 2H), 2.43 – 1.65 (m, 6H), 1.31 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.35, 155.70, 154.36, 134.06, 133.88, 132.23, 131.25, 129.79, 129.47, 129.17, 128.45, 80.29, 70.10, 43.8 (br), 32.8 (br), 28.38. Note: one aromatic resonance is not observed due to coincidental overlap.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –153.04, –153.09.

The spectral data of **2** is consistent with that previously reported in the literature.<sup>3</sup>

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