Supporting Information

Copper-catalyzed synthesis of β -boryl cyclopropanes via 1,2-borocyclopropanation of aryl olefins with CO as the C1 source

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1. General information

Unless otherwise stated, all experiments were performed under carbon monoxide or nitrogen atmosphere. Aryl olefins were prepared according to previous references. All chemical reagents were purchased Sigma-Aldrich, TCI, ABCR, and Acros of the highest purity grade and used without purification. All solvents were dried by standard techniques. Silica gel column chromatography was carried out using silica gel (200-300 mesh) and npentane and ethyl acetate as eluent. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel (silica gel 60 DC-Platten ALUGRAM® Xtra SIL G / UV254). TLC plates were visualized with UV light, and/or submersion in KMnO₄ solution). All NMR spectra were recorded with Bruker Avance III HD 300 NMR (¹H, 300 MHz; ¹³C{¹H}, 75 MHz; ¹¹B, 96 MHz), Bruker ARX 400 NMR spectrometers (¹H, 400 MHz; ¹³C{¹H}, 101 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported as δ values relative to internal chloroform (δ 7.26 for ¹H NMR) and TMS (δ 0.00 for ¹H NMR) chloroform (δ 77.16 for ¹³C{¹H} NMR) in parts per million (ppm). The following abbreviations are used for the NMR spectra' multiplicities: s: singlet, d: doublet, dd: doublet of doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, m: multiplet, and br: broad signal for proton spectra. All ¹³C NMR spectra were broad-band ¹H decoupled. However, it is hard to observe the signals for the carbon attached to boron in the ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectra. Gas chromatography (GC) analyses were performed on an Agilent HP-7890A instrument with an FID detector and HP-5 capillary column (polydimethylsiloxane with 5% phenyl groups, 30 m, 0.32 mm i.d. 0.25 µm film thickness) using argon as carrier gas. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent 6210 system. All the reactions which used CO were performed in an autoclave. The laboratory should be well-equipped with a CO detector and alarm system.

2. Optimization of reaction conditions.

Table S1. Screening of ligand^a

1a (0.2 mmo	+ CO 10 bar I)	+ B ₂ pin ₂ – (2.5 equiv.)	CuCl (10 mol%) Ligand (10 mol%) NaO ^t Bu (2.5 equiv.) Toluene, 100 °C	Ph + Ph 2a	Ph Bpin 3a + Bpin 4a Ph Bpin 4a		\ P-۲ ۱
	Entry	Ligand	2a (%)	dr	3a (%)	4a (%)	
Ī	1	DPPP	-	-	Trace	16	
	2	DPPE	-	-	Trace	10	
	3	DPPF	29	7:1	Trace	-	
	4	Xantphos	-	-	Major ^c	-	
	5	BINAP	-	-	Major ^c	-	
	6	DPEphos	19	8:1	Trace	11	
	7 ^b	PPh ₃	-	-	Major ^c	-	
	8	IPr	-	-	-	-	
	9	IMes	-	-	-	-	
	10	DPPM	6	-	Major ^c	-	
	11	DPPB	42	8:1	Trace	-	
	12	DPPPe	13	7:1	Trace	6	
	13	DPPBz	-	-	Trace	-	
	14	BPY	-	-	-	-	

15	L1	-	-	Trace	-
[a] React	tion conditions:	1a (0.2 mmol), B ₂ Pin ₂	(2.5 equiv.)	, CuCl (10 mol%),	ligand (10
mol%), I	NaO ^t Bu (2.5 equ	iv.), Toluene (1 mL),	CO (10 Ba	r), 100 °C, 16 h.	Yields are
determin	ed by GC with h	exadecane as an interi	nal standard.	The yield of 2a is	calculated
based on	0.1 mmol styre	ne. Because two equiv	alents of 1a	are required to pr	roduce one
equivaler	nt of 2a . The valu	e of dr determined by	GC. [b] PPh3	(20 mol%). [c] 3a i	s the major
product.					

Table S2. Screening of base^a

	t CO t B pip	CuCl (10 mol%) DPPB (10 mol%)	h
	10 bar (2.5 equiv.)	Base (2.5 equiv.) Toluene, 100 °C Ph 2a	3pin
Entry	Base	2a (%)	dr
1	LiO ^t Bu	Trace	-
2	LiOMe	Trace	-
3	NaOEt	Trace	-
4	KO ^t Bu	7	4:1
5	КОМе	Trace	-
6	NaO ^t Bu	42	8:1

[a] Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), CuCl (10 mol%), DPPB (10 mol%), Base (2.5 equiv.), B_2Pin_2 (2.5 equiv.), Toluene (1 mL), CO (10 bar), 100 °C, 16 h. Yields are determined by GC with hexadecane as an internal standard. The yield of **2a** is calculated based on 0.1 mmol styrene. Because two equivalents of **1a** are required to produce one equivalent of **2a**. The value of dr determined by GC.

Table S3. Screening of solvent^a

<u> </u>	<u> </u>	+ B pip	CuCl (10 mol%) DPPB (10 mol%)	Ph
1a (0.2 mmol)	10 bar	(2.5 equiv.)	NaO ^t Bu (2.5 equiv.) Solvent, 100 °C	Ph Bpin 2a

Entry	Solvent	2a (%)	dr
1	DMAc	4	8:1
2	1,4-dioxane	2	-
3	DCE	18	8:1
4	MeCN	Trace	-
5	DMF	6	-
6	Et ₂ O	10	-
7	DMSO	4	-
8	Cyalohexane	Trace	-
9	PhF	36	11:1

10	PhCl	34	5:1
11	PhCF ₃	35	7:1
12	PhEt	39	9:1
13	Toluene	42	8:1

[a] Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), CuCl (10 mol%), DPPB (10 mol%), NaO^tBu (2.5 equiv.), B₂Pin₂ (2.5 equiv.), solvent (1 mL), CO (10 bar), 100 °C, 16 h. Yields are determined by GC with hexadecane as an internal standard. The yield of **2a** is calculated based on 0.1 mmol styrene. Because two equivalents of **1a** are required to produce one equivalent of **2a**. The value of dr determined by GC.

Table S4. Screening of copper source^a

		[Cu] (10 mol%) DPPB (10 mol%)	_ Ph
	1a (0.2 mmol)	NaO ^t Bu (2.5 equiv.) Toluene, 100 °C Ph 2a	Bpin
Entry	[Cu]	2a (%)	dr
1	CuCl ₂	39	8:1
2	CuI	26	8:1
3	CuBr	25	13:1
4	Cu(OAc) ₂	14	9:1
5	Cu(OTf)2	48	12:1
6	CuCN	4	-
7	Cu(acac) ₂	47	8:1
8	CuCl ₂ + AgBF ₄	37	11:1
9	CuCl ₂ + AgNO ₃	n.d.	-
10	Cu(PPh ₃) ₂ NO ₃	10	5:1
11	Cu(NO3)2•3H2O	29	6:1
12	Cu(TFA) ₂ •xH ₂ O	31	6:1
13	CuSO ₄	43	5:1

[a] Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), [Cu] (10 mol%), DPPB (10 mol%), NaO^tBu (2.5 equiv.), B_2Pin_2 (2.5 equiv.), Toluene (1 mL), CO (10 bar), 100 °C, 16 h. Yields are determined by GC with hexadecane as an internal standard. The yield of **2a** is calculated based on 0.1 mmol styrene. Because two equivalents of **1a** are required to produce one equivalent of **2a**. The value of dr determined by GC.

Table S5. Screening of amount of Cu(OTf)₂ and DPPB^a

	+ CO + B ₂ pin ₂	Cu(OTf) ₂ (x mol%) DPPB (y mol%)	Ph	
	1a (0.2 mmol) 10 bar (2.5 equiv.)	NaO ^t Bu (2.5 equiv.) Toluene, 100 °C	Ph Bpin 2a	
Entry	Cu(OTf)2	DPPB	2a (%)	dr
1	2.5 mol%	2.5 mol%	15	13:1
2	5 mol%	5 mol%	37	12:1
3	7.5 mol%	7.5 mol%	47	13:1
4	10 mol%	10 mol%	48	13:1
5	12.5 mol%	12.5 mol%	53	13:1
6	15 mol%	15 mol%	38	13:1
7	10 mol%	12.5 mol%	28	12:1
8	10 mol%	15 mol%	35	13:1
9	10 mol%	20 mol%	20	12:1

[a] Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), $Cu(OTf)_2$ (x mol%), DPPB (y mol%), NaO^tBu (2.5 equiv.), B_2Pin_2 (2.5 equiv.), Toluene (1 mL), CO (10 bar), 100 °C, 16 h. Yields are determined by GC with hexadecane as an internal standard. The yield of **2a** is calculated based on 0.1 mmol styrene. Because two equivalents of **1a** are required to produce one equivalent of **2a**. The value of dr determined by GC. The value of dr determined by GC.

Table S6. Screening of temperature^a

		Cu(OTf) ₂ (12.5 mol%) DPPB (12.5 mol%)	
	1a (0.2 mmol) 10 bar (2.5 equiv.)	NaO ^r Bu (2.5 equiv.) Toluene, x °C. Ph 2a	pin
Entry	Temperature	2a (%)	dr
1	80 °C	43	11:1
2	90 °C	57	10:1
3	100 °C	53	10:1
4	110 °C	33	10:1
5	120 °C	54	10:1
6	130 °C	52	10:1
7	140 °C	38	10:1

[a] Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (12.5 mol%), DPPB (12.5 mol%), NaO⁴Bu (2.5 equiv.), B₂Pin₂ (2.5 equiv.), Toluene (1 mL), CO (10 bar), $\mathbf{x} \, ^{\circ}\mathbf{C}$, 16 h. Yields are determined by GC with hexadecane as an internal standard. The yield of **2a** is calculated based on 0.1 mmol styrene. Because two equivalents of **1a** are required to produce one equivalent of **2a**. The value of dr determined by GC.

Table S7. Screening of the amount of NaO^tBu^a

	+ CO + B ₂ pin ₂	Cu(OTf) ₂ (12.5 mol%) DPPB (12.5 mol%) NaO ^I Bu (x equiv.)	.Ph
	10 bar (2.5 equiv.) 1a (0.2 mmol)	Toluene, 90 °C Ph	Ъріп
Entry	The amount of NaO ^t Bu	2a (%)	dr
1	w/o	n.d.	-
2	12.5 mol%	n.d.	-
3	1 equiv.	8	18:1
4	1.25 equiv.	31	13:1
5	1.75 equiv.	20	11:1
6	2 equiv.	29	11:1
7	2.25 equiv.	45	11:1
8	2.5 equiv.	57	12:1
9	2.75 equiv.	61	12:1
10	3.0 equiv.	63	12:1
11	3.5 equiv.	56	11:1
12	3.75 equiv.	48	10:1

[a] Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (12.5 mol%), DPPB (12.5 mol%), NaO^tBu (x equiv.), B₂Pin₂ (2.5 equiv.), Toluene (1 mL), CO (10 bar), 90 °C, 16 h. Yields are determined by GC with hexadecane as an internal standard. The yield of **2a** is calculated based on 0.1 mmol styrene. Because two equivalents of **1a** are required to produce one equivalent of **2a**. The value of dr determined by GC.

Table S8. Screening of the amount of toluene^a

1 a (0	+ CO + B ₂ pin ₂ + CO + B ₂ pin ₂ NaO 10 bar (2.5 equiv.) Toluer	Tf) ₂ (12.5 mol%) ¹ B (12.5 mol%) ¹ Bu (3.0 equiv.) ne (x mL), 90 °C Ph Ph Ph Ph Ph Ph Ph Ph Ph	pin	
Entry	The amount of toluene	2a (%)	dr	
1	0.5 mL	37	11:1	
2	1.0 mL	63	12:1	
3	2 mL	46	12:1	
4	2.5 mL	24	12:1	

[a] Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (12.5 mol%), DPPB (12.5 mol%), NaO⁴Bu (3.0 equiv.), B₂Pin₂ (2.5 equiv.), Toluene (x mL), CO (10 bar), 90 °C, 16 h. Yields are determined by GC with hexadecane as an internal standard. The yield of **2a** is calculated based on 0.1 mmol styrene. Because two equivalents of **1a** are required to produce one equivalent of **2a**. The value of dr determined by GC.

Table S9. Screening of the amount of B₂pin₂^a

	+ CO + B ₂ pin ₂ 10 bar (x equiv.)	Cu(OTf) ₂ (12.5 mol%) DPPB (12.5 mol%) NaO'Bu (3.0 equiv.) Toluene, 100 °C	∠Ph Bpin
Entry	The amount of B ₂ pin ₂	2a (%)	dr
1	1 equiv.	trace	-
2	1.5 equiv.	24	12:1
3	1.75 equiv.	62	12:1
4	2 equiv.	64	13:1
5	2.5 equiv.	63	12:1
6	3.0 equiv.	74	12:1
7	3.5 equiv.	53	13:1

[a] Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (12.5 mol%), DPPB (12.5 mol%), NaO⁴Bu (3.0 equiv.), B₂Pin₂ (x equiv.), Toluene (1 mL), CO (10 bar), 90 °C, 16 h. Yields are determined by GC with hexadecane as an internal standard. The yield of **2a** is calculated based on 0.1 mmol styrene. Because two equivalents of **1a** are required to produce one equivalent of **2a**. The value of dr determined by GC.

Table S10. Screening of the reaction time^a

	+ CO + Bapina -	Cu(OTf) ₂ (12.5 mol%) DPPB (12.5 mol%)	
	10 bar (3.0 equiv.)	NaO ^f Bu (3.0 equiv.) Toluene, 100 °C PhB 2a	pin
Entry	Reaction time	2a (%)	dr
1	16 h	74	12:1
2	20 h	77 (69 ^c)	14:1
3 ^b	20 h	62	14:1

[a] Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (12.5 mol%), DPPB (12.5 mol%), NaO⁴Bu (3.0 equiv.), B₂Pin₂ (3.0 equiv.), Toluene (1 mL), CO (10 bar), 90 °C, **x** h. Yields are determined by GC with hexadecane as an internal standard. The yield of **2a** is calculated based on 0.1 mmol styrene. Because two equivalents of **1a** are required to produce one equivalent of **2a**. The value of dr determined by GC. [b] 4Å MS (30 mg). [c] Isolated yield.

3. General procedures for synthesis of 2.



A dried vial (4 mL) was charged with $Cu(OTf)_2$ (12.5 mol%), DPPB (12.5 mol%), B_2pin_2 (3.0 equiv.), NaO^tBu (3.0 equiv.), and a stirring bar. The vial was sealed by PTFE/white rubber septum (Wheaton 13 mm Septa) and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. The vial was evacuated under vacuum and recharged with argon for three times. Then, aryl olefins (0.2 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) were added under argon by using a syringe. The vial (or several vials) was placed in an alloy plate and transferred into a 300 mL autoclave of the 4560 series from Parr Instruments. The autoclave was charged with CO (10 bar) after flushing two times with N₂ and two times with CO. The autoclave was then placed into an aluminum block on a magnetic stirrer. The reaction was performed for 20 h at 90 °C. After the reaction was complete, the autoclave was cooled down with ice water to room temperature and the pressure was released carefully. After that the residue was directly purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding products.



4. Characterization Data.



4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-phenyl-2-(2-phenylcyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2a)

The title compound was prepared from styrene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 100:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (24 mg, 69%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.05 (m, 8H), 2.39 (td, *J* = 9.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.92 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.32 (m, 3H), 1.06 (s, 6H), 1.02 (s, 6H), 0.87 – 0.77 (m, 2H).

 $^{13}\textbf{C}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.4, 143.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 126.0, 126.0, 125.2, 83.0, 46.1, 31.8, 24.7, 24.5, 23.8, 15.8.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.0.

HRMS (EI): calcd for [M]⁺ C₂₃H₂₉BO₂ 348.2255, found: 348.2259.

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-(p-tolyl)-2-(2-(p-tolyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2b)

The title compound was prepared from 1-methyl-4-vinylbenzene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (n-pentane/EA = 100:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (21 mg, 55%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 – 2.28 (m, 7H), 1.85 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (dt, *J* = 13.2, 3.4 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 12H), 0.85 – 0.73 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.4, 140.6, 135.3, 134.7, 128.8, 128.8, 127.2, 125.9, 82.9, 45.6, 31.6, 24.7, 24.6, 23.4, 21.0, 20.9, 15.5.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.2.

HRMS (EI): calcd for [M]⁺ C₂₅H₃₃BO₂ 376.2568, found: 376.2574.



2-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2c)

The title compound was prepared from 1-methoxy-4-vinylbenzene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (n-pentane/EA = 20:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (22 mg, 54%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.85 – 6.76 (m, 4H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.34 (td, *J* = 9.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dt, *J* = 9.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.30 – 1.25 (m, 3H), 1.08 (s, 6H), 1.05 (s, 6H), 0.82 – 0.67 (m, 2H).

 $^{13}\textbf{C}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 157.5, 138.7, 135.6, 128.3, 127.1, 113.6, 113.5, 83.0, 55.3, 55.2, 45.2, 31.4, 24.8, 24.6, 22.9, 15.1.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.1.

HRMS (EI): calcd for [M]⁺ C₂₅H₃₃BO₄ 408.2466, found: 408.2474.



4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-2-(2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2d)

The title compound was prepared from methyl(4-vinylphenyl)sulfane (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 30:1, Rf = 0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (18 mg, 41%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.40 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.26 (m, 3H), 1.08 (s, 6H), 1.05 (s, 6H), 0.84 – 0.74 (m, 2H).

 $^{13}\textbf{C}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.6, 140.9, 128.0, 127.4, 127.1, 126.6, 83.1, 45.5, 31.6, 24.8, 24.6, 23.3, 16.6, 16.4, 15.6.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.1.



4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-2-(2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2e)

The title compound was prepared from 1-phenoxy-4-vinylbenzene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (n-pentane/EA = 20:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (28 mg, 52%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 7.04 – 6.85 (m, 8H), 2.42 (td, *J* = 9.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.43 – 1.30 (m, 3H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 12H), 0.87 – 0.79 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 129.6, 128.6, 127.3, 122.8, 122.8, 119.1, 119.0, 118.4, 118.3, 83.1, 45.4, 31.6, 24.8, 24.5, 23.2, 15.6.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.54.



4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-(4-((trifluoromethyl)thio)phenyl)-2-(2-(4-((trifluoromethyl)thio)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2f)

The title compound was prepared from (trifluoromethyl)(4-vinylphenyl)sulfane (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (n-pentane/EA = 30:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (38 mg, 69%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 2.43 (td, *J* = 9.4, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.43 – 1.37 (m, 3H), 1.05 (s, 6H), 1.00 (s, 6H), 0.89 – 0.83 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.4, 146.9, 136.4, 131.1 (q, *J* = 309.5 Hz), 129.60 (q, *J* = 307.7 Hz), 128.6, 126.9, 83.2, 45.9, 29.7, 24.6, 24.4, 23.8, 16.5.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.9.

¹⁹**F NMR** (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -43.13, -43.22.



4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-2-(2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2g)

The title compound was prepared from 1-(trifluoromethoxy)-4-vinylbenzene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 30:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (26 mg, 51%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.13 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 3.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (s, 4H), 2.40 (td, *J* = 9.4, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (dt, *J* = 8.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (s, 6H), 1.02 (s, 6H), 0.87 – 0.84 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.0, 142.1, 128.6, 127.2, 120.9, 120.8, 120.5 (q, *J* = 256.6 Hz), 83.2, 45.5, 31.5, 24.7, 24.5, 23.3, 15.9.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.6.

¹⁹**F NMR** (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.0, -58.0.



4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-(2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1-(2-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)phenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2h)

The title compound was prepared from 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(4-vinylphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (n-pentane/EA = 50:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (23 mg, 39%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (td, *J* = 9.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.00 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.35 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 1.8 Hz, 27H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 12H), 0.91 – 0.82 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.8, 147.2, 134.8, 126.9, 125.3, 83.6, 83.1, 46.2, 32.0, 24.9, 24.9, 24.6, 24.2, 16.2. ¹¹B NMR (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.0.



2i, 57%

2-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2i)

The title compound was prepared from 1-fluoro-4-vinylbenzene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 100:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (22 mg, 39%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.89 (m, 6H), 2.38 (td, *J* = 9.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.92 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (s, 6H), 1.05 (s, 6H), 0.83 – 0.74 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3 (d, *J* = 243.1 Hz), 161.0 (d, *J* = 243.1 Hz), 142.0 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 138.9 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 128.7 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 127.5 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 114.9 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 114.8 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 83.1, 45.2, 31.5, 24.7, 24.5, 23.1, 15.4.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.5, -118.2.

HRMS (EI): calcd for [M]⁺ C₂₃H₂₇BF₂O₂ 384.2067, found: 384.2070.



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

The title compound was prepared from 1-fluoro-2-vinylbenzene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 100:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (26 mg, 67%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.99 (ddt, *J* = 7.9, 6.7, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 2.76 (td, *J* = 9.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.11 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.34 (m, 3H), 1.06 (s, 6H), 1.02 (s, 6H), 0.93 – 0.81 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7 (d, *J* = 245.3 Hz), 160.6 (d, *J* = 244.6 Hz), 133.1 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 130.2 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 128.8 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 127.4 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 126.6 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 126.5 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 123.8 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J* = 23.1 Hz), 114.9 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 83.0, 39.3, 29.5, 24.7, 24.4, 17.1 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz).14.2.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.0.

¹⁹**F NMR** (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.74 (dt, *J* = 11.3, 6.5 Hz), -119.11 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 7.4, 5.2 Hz).



2-(2-(3-Fluorophenyl)-2-(2-(3-fluorophenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2k)

The title compound was prepared from 1-fluoro-3-vinylbenzene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 100:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (23 mg, 61%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.92 – 6.73 (m, 4H), 2.39 (td, *J* = 9.2, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.96 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.28 (m, 3H), 1.10 (s, 6H), 1.06 (s, 6H), 0.89 – 0.81 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.0 (d, *J* = 244.6 Hz), 162.8 (d, *J* = 245.3 Hz), 149.0 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 146.2 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 129.6 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 129.6 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 123.0 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 121.7 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 114.3 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 112.9 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 112.7 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 112.2 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 83.2, 45.8, 31.6, 24.8, 24.6, 23.7, 16.0.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.9.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.80 - -113.86 (m), -113.99 - -114.13 (m).

HRMS (EI): calcd for [M]⁺ C₂₃H₂₇BF₂O₂ 384.2067, found: 384.2076.



4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-(*m*-tolyl)-2-(2-(*m*-tolyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2l)

The title compound was prepared from 1-fluoro-3-vinylbenzene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (n-pentane/EA = 100:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (24 mg, 64%).

¹**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.20 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 7.02 – 6.86 (m, 4H), 2.37 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.32 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 6H), 1.84 (dt, *J* = 8.6, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.37 – 1.26 (m, 3H), 1.08 (s, 6H), 1.05 (s, 6H), 0.87 – 0.78 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.4, 143.6, 137.7, 137.5, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 126.8, 126.7, 126.0, 124.4, 123.0, 82.9, 46.2, 31.7, 24.7, 24.5, 23.8, 21.5, 21.4, 15.8.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.3.

HRMS (EI): calcd for [M]⁺ C₂₅H₃₃BO₂ 376.2568, found: 376.2573.



4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-(3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)phenyl)-2-(2-(3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2m)

The title compound was prepared from (trifluoromethyl)(3-vinylphenyl)sulfane (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (n-pentane/EA = 30:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (40 mg, 73%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 2.45 (td, *J* = 9.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.38 (m, 3H), 1.05 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 12H), 0.89 – 0.85 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.8, 145.0, 135.5, 134.0, 133.9, 133.3, 129.9, 129.3, 128.4, 128.5 (q, *J* = 309.4 Hz), 128.3 (q, *J* = 309.5 Hz), 124.4, 83.2, 45.6, 31.5, 24.7, 24.5, 23.5, 15.9.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.2.

¹⁹**F NMR** (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -42.59, -42.61.



4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-(4-((2-(phenylthio)ethoxy)methyl)phenyl)-2-(2-(4-((2-(phenylthio)ethoxy)methyl)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2n)

The title compound was prepared from phenyl(2-((4-vinylbenzyl)oxy)ethyl)sulfane (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 7:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (29 mg, 43%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 8H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 3.56 (td, *J* = 6.9, 3.1 Hz, 4H), 3.07 (s, 4H), 2.32 (td, *J* = 9.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.32 – 1.21 (m, 3H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 12H), 0.79 – 0.70 (m, 2H).

 $^{13}\textbf{C NMR} \ (75 \ \text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \ \delta \ 146.0, \ 143.2, \ 135.6, \ 134.9, \ 129.4, \ 128.9, \ 127.9, \ 127.7, \ 127.5, \ 126.1, \ 126.1, \ 83.5, \ 83.0, \ 72.9, \ 45.8, \ 33.3, \ 31.8, \ 24.8, \ 24.6, \ 23.6, \ 15.9.$

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.1.



4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-(4-(((4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)-2-(2-(4-(((4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (20)

The title compound was prepared from 1-(trifluoromethyl)-4-(((4-vinylbenzyl)oxy)methyl)benzene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 20:1, Rf = 0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (39 mg, 54%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.64 – 4.54 (m, 8H), 2.46 (td, *J* = 9.1, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.46 – 1.34 (m, 3H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 12H), 0.93 – 0.80 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.2, 143.4, 142.6, 135.5, 134.8, 129.7 (q, *J* = 30.2 Hz), 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.6, 127.6, 127.6, 126.1, 125.28 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.2 (q, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 83.1, 72.4, 72.4, 71.0, 45.8, 31.9, 24.8, 24.6, 23.6, 15.9.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.5.

¹⁹**F NMR** (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.46.



2-(2-(4-((((1r,3r,5r,7r)-Adamantan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)-2-(2-(4-(((((1r,3r,5r,7r)-adamantan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2p)

The title compound was prepared from (1r,3r,5r,7r)-2-((4-vinylbenzyl)oxy)adamantane (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 20:1, Rf = 0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (24 mg, 36%).

¹**H** NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 6H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 4H), 3.45 (t, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (td, *J* = 9.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 1.84 (m, 9H), 1.81 – 1.51 (m, 19H), 1.30 – 1.22 (m, 3H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 12H), 0.79 – 0.69 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.4, 142.6, 137.1, 136.5, 127.4, 127.3, 125.9, 83.0, 80.9, 80.8, 69.1, 45.8, 37.6, 36.6, 31.9, 31.7, 31.7, 27.5, 24.8, 24.6, 23.6, 15.8.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.6.



1-(4-(2-(1-(4-((1*H*-Indol-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)ethyl)cyclopropyl)benzyl)-1*H*-indole (2q)

The title compound was prepared from 1-(4-vinylbenzyl)-1*H*-indole (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 20:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (35 mg, 57%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 6.95 (m, 12H), 6.89 (s, 4H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 2.25 (td, *J* = 9.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (dt, *J* = 9.2, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.22 – 1.16 (m, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 12H), 0.74 – 0.62 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.8, 142.9, 136.2, 135.1, 134.4, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 126.7, 126.2, 121.5, 121.5, 120.9, 120.8, 119.4, 119.4, 109.7, 109.6, 101.5, 101.4, 82.9, 49.9, 49.8, 45.7, 31.8, 24.7, 24.5, 23.4, 15.8. ¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.6.



2r, 62%

1-(4-(2-(1-(4-((1*H*-Pyrrol-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)ethyl)cyclopropyl)benzyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (2r)

The title compound was prepared from 1-(4-vinylbenzyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 20:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (31 mg, 62%).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 4H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 4H), 6.17 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 4H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 2.36 (td, *J* = 9.2, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.36 – 1.29 (m, 3H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 12H), 0.85 – 0.75 (m, 2H).

 $^{13}\mathbf{C}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.7, 135.0, 127.7, 127.0, 126.2, 121.0, 108.3, 108.2, 83.0, 53.1, 53.0, 45.7, 31.8, 25.0, 24.7, 23.4, 15.8.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.2.



2s, 37%

2-(2-(4-((Furan-2-ylmethoxy)methyl)phenyl)-2-(2-(4-((furan-2-ylmethoxy)methyl)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2s)

The title compound was prepared from 2-(((4-vinylbenzyl)oxy)methyl)furan (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 20:1, Rf = 0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (21 mg, 37%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (td, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 6H), 7.14 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.39 – 6.31 (m, 4H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 4H), 2.43 (td, *J* = 9.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 3H), 1.08 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 12H), 0.87 – 0.77 (m, 2H).

 ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.8, 146.0, 143.2, 142.7, 135.4, 134.8, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 126.0, 110.2, 109.3, 83.0, 71.8, 71.7, 63.5, 45.7, 31.8, 24.7, 24.6, 23.6, 15.8.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.3.





4-(4-(2-(1-(4-(Morpholinomethyl)phenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)ethyl)cyclopropyl)benzyl)morpholine (2t)

The title compound was prepared from 4-(4-vinylbenzyl)morpholine (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (EA/MeOH = 20:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (33 mg, 61%).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.72 – 3.68 (m, 8H), 3.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 2.46 (s, 8H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.40 – 1.28 (m, 3H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 12H), 0.87 – 0.80 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5, 142.8, 129.3, 129.3, 127.4, 125.9, 83.0, 66.8, 63.1, 53.4, 45.8, 31.9, 24.7, 24.6, 23.6, 15.9.

¹¹**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.3.



2u, 51%

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-(4-((thiophen-3-ylmethoxy)methyl)phenyl)-2-(2-(4-((thiophen-3-ylmethoxy)methyl)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2u)

The title compound was prepared from 3-(((4-vinylbenzyl)oxy)methyl)thiophene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 30:1, Rf = 0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (31 mg, 51%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 10H), 7.03 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 4.46 – 4.41 (m, 8H), 2.33 (td, *J* = 9.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.26 – 1.15 (m, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 12H), 0.79 – 0.70 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.9, 143.1, 139.5, 135.7, 135.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 127.4, 126.0, 125.9, 125.9, 122.7, 83.0, 71.9, 71.8, 67.0, 45.7, 31.8, 24.7, 24.6, 23.6, 15.8. ¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.3.



2v, 47%

2-methyl-4-(4-(((4-(2-(1-(4-(((4-(2-methylthiazol-4-yl)benzyl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)ethyl)cyclopropyl)benzyl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)thiazole (2v)

The title compound was prepared from 2-methyl-4-(4-(((4-vinylbenzyl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)thiazole (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 4:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (37 mg, 47%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 5.2, 2.8 Hz, 8H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.66 – 4.49 (m, 8H), 2.80 (s, 6H), 2.44 (td, *J* = 9.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (dq, *J* = 8.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.45 – 1.32 (m, 3H), 1.08 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 12H), 0.90 – 0.79(m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 154.9, 146.0, 143.2, 138.2, 135.8, 135.1, 133.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 126.4, 126.1, 112.2, 83.0, 75.0, 72.0, 71.9, 71.6, 45.8, 31.9, 24.9, 24.8, 24.6, 23.6, 19.3, 15.9.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 22.6.





2-(2-(4-(((2,3-Dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*][1,4]dioxin-7-yl)methoxy)methyl)phenyl)-2-(2-(4-(((2,3-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*][1,4]dioxin-7-yl)methoxy)methyl)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2w)

The title compound was prepared from 7-(((4-vinylbenzyl)oxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*][1,4]dioxine (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 5:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (38 mg, 53%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 – 7.06 (m, 8H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 4.46 – 4.42 (m, 8H), 4.12 (qq, *J* = 2.8, 1.3 Hz, 8H), 2.37 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.79 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.32 – 1.26 (m, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 12H), 0.77 – 0.70 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.9, 143.1, 141.3, 139.7, 135.7, 135.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 126.0, 113.7, 113.2, 98.9, 83.0, 75.0, 71.5, 71.5, 64.7, 64.6, 62.2, 62.2, 45.8, 31.8, 24.9, 24.8, 24.6, 15.8.
 ¹¹B NMR (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 22.6.



4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-(4-((((3aR,5R,5aS,8aS,8bR)-2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-5*H*-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-b:4',5'-*d*]pyran-5-yl)methoxy)methyl)phenyl)-2-(2-(4-((((3aR,5R,5aS,8aS,8bR)-2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-5*H*-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-b:4',5'-*d*]pyran-5-yl)methoxy)methyl)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2x)

The title compound was prepared from (3aR,5R,5aS,8aS,8bR)-2,2,7,7-tetramethyl-5-(((4-vinylbenzyl)oxy)methyl)tetrahydro-5*H*-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-b:4',5'-*d*]pyran (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 1:1, Rf = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (39 mg, 44%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 7.07 (m, 6H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.59 – 4.41 (m, 6H), 4.39 – 4.34 (m, 2H), 4.19 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.89 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 1.9, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 3.57 – 3.41 (m, 4H), 2.31 (td, *J* = 9.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 24H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 12H), 0.78 – 0.63 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.6, 142.9, 135.7, 135.0, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 125.8, 108.9, 108.5, 102.7, 102.7, 82.9, 74.9, 73.6, 73.5, 71.4, 71.4, 71.3, 71.0, 70.2, 70.2, 70.1, 60.9, 45.7, 31.7, 26.5, 25.8, 25.8, 25.4, 24.8, 24.7, 24.6, 24.5, 24.5, 24.0, 23.6, 15.8.



2-(2-(4-(((3,7-Dimethyloct-6-en-1-yl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)-2-(2-(4-(((3,7-dimethyloct-6-en-1-yl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)cyclopropyl)ethyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2y)

The title compound was prepared from 1-(((3,7-dimethyloct-6-en-1-yl)oxy)methyl)-4-vinylbenzene (0.2 mmol), according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (*n*-pentane/EA = 30:1, Rf = 0.4) to give the product as a colorless oil (29 mg, 43%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (s, 4H), 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (dddd, *J* = 7.1, 5.8, 2.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 3.47 (ddq, *J* = 6.9, 4.7, 2.4 Hz, 4H), 2.39 (td, *J* = 9.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.01 – 1.84 (m, 5H), 1.68 (s, 6H), 1.60 (s, 6H), 1.49 – 1.20 (m, 11H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 12H), 0.88 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 6H), 0.84 – 0.74 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.7, 142.9, 136.3, 135.6, 131.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 125.9, 124.8, 83.0, 72.8, 68.5, 45.7, 37.2, 36.7, 31.8, 29.6, 29.6, 25.7, 25.5, 24.7, 24.6, 23.6, 19.5, 17.6, 15.8.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 34.8.

5. Derivatization of 2a.

5.1 Oxidation of 2a.



The title compound **2aa** was synthesized according to the following literature¹: NaBO₃•4H₂O (5 equiv.) was added to a solution of boration product **2a** (0.1 mmol) in THF/H₂O (2.5 mL/2.5 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously for 2 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and then extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the corresponding product **2aa** as a colorless oil.

2-Phenyl-2-(2-phenylcyclopropyl)ethan-1-ol (2aa)

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 4.03 – 3.89 (m, 2H), 2.36 (ddd, *J* = 9.7, 7.5, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (dt, *J* = 9.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.41 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.97 (dt, *J* = 8.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.8, 141.6, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 126.9, 125.7, 125.6, 67.3, 53.2, 25.8, 23.8, 14.1.

5.2 Vinylation of **2a**.



The title compound **2ab** was synthesized according to the following literature²: a solution of **2a** (0.1 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added to an oven-dried round bottom flask containing a stirring bar. Vinylmagnesium bromide (1 M, 0.4 mL, 4.0 equiv.) was added dropwise to the mixture. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. Then the flask was cooled to -78 °C. I₂ (2.0 equiv.) in methanol (3.0 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir 0.5 h at the same temperature, followed by the dropwise addition of a solution of NaOMe (8.0 equiv.) in methanol (3 mL). Then the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for another 1.5 h, diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), and washed sequentially with 10% aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (5 mL). Then, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the corresponding product **2ab** as a colorless oil.

(2-(1-Phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)cyclopropyl)benzene (2ab)

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 – 7.01 (m, 10H), 5.66 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.97 – 4.81 (m, 2H), 2.56 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.17 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.75 (dt, *J* = 9.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 0.85 – 0.71 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.5, 143.3, 136.8, 128.3, 128.3, 127.6, 126.2, 125.7, 125.4, 116.0, 51.0, 41.0, 29.5, 24.3, 14.9.

5.3 BF₃K preparation.



The title compound **2ac** was prepared according to the following literature³: a solution of **2a** (0.1 mmol) and KHF₂ (7 equiv.) in MeOH (2 mL) was added to an oven-dried round bottom flask containing a stirring bar. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 3 h at room temperature. The resulting slurry was stirred concentrated, then placed under high vacuum. The dried solids were triturated with hot acetone and filtered to remove inorganic salts. The resulting filtrate was concentrated to a minimal volume and wash with *n*-pentane (5 x 2 mL) was added to afford **2ac** as a white solid. (There is still some **2a** that has not reacted completely, and acetone cannot wash it off completely. Therefore, there is still about 23% of the **2a**)

$Trifluoro (2-phenyl-2-(2-phenylcyclopropyl)ethyl)-\lambda^4-borane, potassium salt (2ac)$

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 2.38 (td, *J* = 9.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 0.82 – 0.80 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.4, 143.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.5, 126.0, 125.7, 46.2, 31.8, 24.8, 24.6, 23.9, 15.8.

5.4 Suzuki–Miyaura Reaction of 2ad.



The title compound **2ad** was prepared according to a modified methods³: A 4 mL screw-cap vial with a magnetic stir bar was charged was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (1 mol %), RuPhos (1 mol %), K₂CO₃ (3 equiv.), and **2ac** (0.12 mmol). The vial was closed with a Teflon septum and cap and connected to the atmosphere via a needle. Toluene (0.5 mL) was added, followed by H₂O (50 µL), and bromobenzene (1 equiv.). The vial was quickly exchanged for a Teflon-lined screw cap and the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. At this time, the reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and the reaction was then quenched upon addition of water (5 mL) and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 mL). The combined organic was dried using Na2SO4 and then concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-pentane/EA = 100/1) to afford the corresponding product **2ad** as a colorless oil.

(1-(2-Phenylcyclopropyl)ethane-1,2-diyl)dibenzene (2ad)

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 – 7.02 (m, 12H), 6.91 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.86 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 3.07 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.28 (dt, J = 9.4, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (dt, J = 9.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.29 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 0.72 (ddt, J = 29.6, 8.6, 5.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.7, 143.2, 140.3, 129.3, 128.3, 128.1, 128.1, 127.7, 126.3, 125.8, 125.7, 125.3, 53.1, 43.5, 29.5, 24.6, 15.0.

6. Mechanism studies.

6.1 ¹³C labeling experiment.



A dried vial (4 mL) was charged with $Cu(OTf)_2$ (12.5 mol%), DPPB (12.5 mol%), B₂pin₂ (3.0 equiv.), NaO^tBu (3.0 equiv.), and a stirring bar. The vial was sealed by PTFE/white rubber septum (Wheaton 13 mm Septa) and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. The vial was evacuated under vacuum and recharged with argon for three times. Then, styrene (0.2 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) were added under argon by using a syringe. The vial (or several vials) was placed in an alloy plate and transferred into a 300 mL autoclave of the 4560 series from Parr Instruments. The autoclave was charged with ¹³CO (1 bar) and CO (9 bar) after flushing two times with N₂ and two times with CO. The autoclave was then placed into an aluminum block on a magnetic stirrer. The reaction was performed for 20 h at 90 °C. After the reaction was complete, the autoclave was cooled down with ice water to room temperature and the pressure was released carefully. After that the residue was directly purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding products **2ae**.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 – 6.99 (m, 10H), 2.31 (ddt, *J* = 12.6, 6.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.34 – 1.25 (m, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 12H), 0.79 – 0.71 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.4, 143.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 126.0, 126.0, 125.3, 83.0, 46.1 (t, *J* = 21.13 Hz), 31.8, 24.7, 24.5, 23.8 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 15.8 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 15.7.

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.6.

(By the result of this reaction, we confirm that the carbon at the β -position of the benzene ring comes from this carbon monoxide.)

6.2 Deuterated Styrene as starting material.



A dried vial (4 mL) was charged with $Cu(OTf)_2$ (12.5 mol%), DPPB (12.5 mol%), B_2pin_2 (3.0 equiv.), NaO^tBu (3.0 equiv.), and a stirring bar. The vial was sealed by PTFE/white rubber septum (Wheaton 13 mm Septa) and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. The vial was evacuated under vacuum and recharged with argon for three times. Then, **1af** (0.2 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) were added under argon by using a syringe. The vial (or several vials) was placed in an alloy plate and transferred into a 300 mL autoclave of the 4560 series from Parr Instruments. The autoclave was charged with CO (10 bar) after flushing two times with N₂ and two times with CO. The autoclave was then placed into an aluminum block on a magnetic stirrer. The reaction was performed for 20 h at 90 °C. After the reaction was complete, the autoclave was directly purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding products **2af**.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 1.36 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.3 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (s, 6H), 1.02 (s, 6H), 0.81 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 7.1 Hz, 2H).

¹¹**B NMR** (96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.9.

(Compared with the 1H NMR of standard product **2a**, the hydrogen in the α -position of styrene does not undergo intramolecular transfer.)

6.3 Deuterated solvent.



A dried vial (4 mL) was charged with $Cu(OTf)_2$ (12.5 mol%), DPPB (12.5 mol%), B₂pin₂ (3.0 equiv.), NaO^tBu (3.0 equiv.), and a stirring bar. The vial was sealed by PTFE/white rubber septum (Wheaton 13 mm Septa) and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. The vial was evacuated under vacuum and recharged with argon for three times. Then, **1a** (0.2 mmol) and toluene-D₅ (1.0 mL) were added under argon by using a syringe. The vial (or several vials) was placed in an alloy plate and transferred into a 300 mL autoclave of the 4560 series from Parr Instruments. The autoclave was charged with CO (10 bar) after flushing two times

with N_2 and two times with CO. The autoclave was then placed into an aluminum block on a magnetic stirrer. The reaction was performed for 20 h at 90 °C. After the reaction was complete, the autoclave was cooled down with ice water to room temperature and the pressure was released carefully. After that the residue was directly purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding products **2ag**.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.16 – 6.99 (m, 5H), 2.32 (td, *J* = 9.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.97 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.33 – 1.20 (m, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 12H), 0.81 – 0.71 (m, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.4, 143.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 126.0, 126.0, 125.2, 83.0, 46.1, 31.8, 24.7, 24.5, 23.8, 15.8.

 ^{11}B NMR (96 MHz, CDCl3) δ 33.2.

(No peaks of deuterium atoms were found in ²H NMR spectra of **2ag**, proving that the hydrogen at the β -position of the benzene ring does not come from toluene.)





6.4 Additional deuterium water.



A dried vial (4 mL) was charged with $Cu(OTf)_2$ (12.5 mol%), DPPB (12.5 mol%), B_2pin_2 (3.0 equiv.), NaO^tBu (3.0 equiv.), and a stirring bar. The vial was sealed by PTFE/white rubber septum (Wheaton 13 mm Septa) and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. The vial was evacuated under vacuum and recharged with argon for three times. Then, **1a** (0.2 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) and D_2O (1.8 μ L, 0.5 equiv.) were added under argon by using a syringe. The vial (or several vials) was placed in an alloy plate and transferred into a 300 mL autoclave of the 4560 series from Parr Instruments. The autoclave was charged with CO (10 bar) after flushing two times with N₂ and two times with CO. The autoclave was then placed into an aluminum block on a magnetic stirrer. The reaction was performed for 20 h at 90 °C. After the reaction was complete, the autoclave was directly purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding products **2ah**.

(The hydrogen at β -position overlaps with other alkyl region hydrogens in the ¹H NMR spectra, so the specific deuteration content cannot be seen qualitatively. In this control reaction, we added about Volumetric ratio (500:1) of solvent to D₂O and obtain 53% of the product **2ah**. In the ²H NMR spectra, we can see that the deuterium peak. This result allowed us to qualitatively determine that the hydrogen at the β -position of the benzene ring comes from the trace amount of water present in the solvent.)



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