

## Supporting Information

### Room temperature nickel-catalyzed borylation/cyclization synthesis of benzoxaboroles and benzodiazaborines

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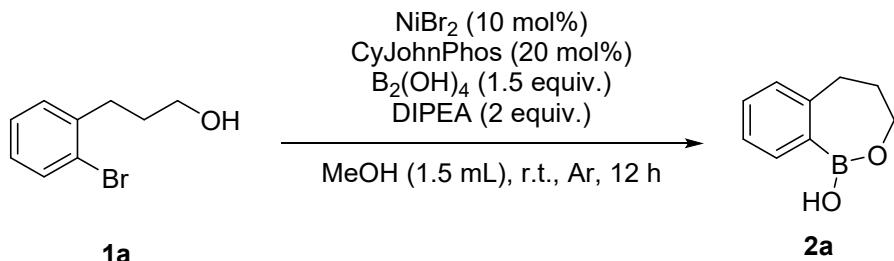
## 1. General Information

Chemicals were purchased from Shanghai Haohong Scientific Co., Ltd and used without further purification unless otherwise mentioned. All commercially available reagents and solvents were used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 Ultra Shield spectrometer (400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 101 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C, 376 MHz for <sup>19</sup>F, and 128 MHz for <sup>11</sup>B) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> and Chloroform-*d*. Data are reported as follows: chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) reported in parts per million (ppm), multiplicity, coupling constants ( $J$ ) reported in Hertz (Hz), and integration. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on precoated plates (silica gel 60 F254), and spots were visualized under ultraviolet light. Liquid chromatography was performed on Agilent 2060. High-resolution mass spectra (HR-MS) were recorded under electron impact (EI-TOF) (70 eV) condition using a Micro Mass GCT CA 055 instrument.

## 2. Experimental Procedures

### 2.1 Representative Procedures for Substrates 2a-2g

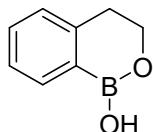
#### 4,5-dihydrobenzo[c][1,2]oxaborepin-1(3H)-ol (2a)<sup>1</sup>



3-(2-Bromo-phenyl)-propan-1-ol (**1a**, 0.5 mmol, 107.5 mg), NiBr<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol, 10.9 mg), CyJohnPhos (0.1 mmol, 35.0 mg), B<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub> (0.75 mmol, 67.2 mg) and DIPEA (1 mmol, 129.2 mg) were added in a reaction tube with MeOH (1.5 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h under argon atmosphere. The reaction was extracted with saturated NaCl (aq) and ethyl acetate, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (9:1) to afford 4,5-dihydrobenzo[c][1,2]oxaborepin-1(3H)-ol **2a** as a colorless oil (70.5 mg; 87% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.40 (s, 1H), 7.52 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 3.74 (t,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (p,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  144.69, 133.91, 130.53, 128.41, 125.82, 62.77, 32.06, 30.20. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  30.37. HRMS (EI<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 162.0847; found, 162.0855.

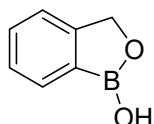
#### Analytical Data for Other Substrates:

#### 3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c][1,2]oxaborinin-1-ol (2b)<sup>1</sup>



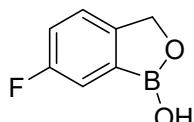
Petroleum ether/ acetone (3:1). White solid (62.1 mg; 84% yield). M.p.: 60.9–62.3°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.43 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 4.07 (t,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  146.28, 133.33, 131.39, 127.21, 126.34, 63.64, 32.43. HRMS (EI<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 148.0690; found, 148.0698.

#### benzo[c][1,2]oxaborol-1(3*H*)-ol (2c)<sup>1</sup>



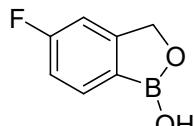
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (9:1). White solid (51.6 mg; 77% yield). M.p.: 99.4-100.7°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.16 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  154.35, 130.97, 130.95, 127.27, 121.80, 70.41. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{BO}_2$  ( $M^+$ ) 134.0534; found, 134.0538.

#### **6-fluorobenzo[c][1,2]oxaborol-1(3H)-ol (2d)<sup>2</sup>**



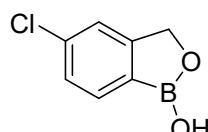
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (9:1). White solid (54.7 mg; 72% yield). M.p.: 122.0-123.2°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.30 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  162.18 (d,  $J$  = 242.1 Hz), 150.03 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz), 123.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz), 118.51 (d,  $J$  = 23.4 Hz), 116.41 (d,  $J$  = 20.2 Hz), 70.16.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -110.35 (td,  $J$  = 9.6, 5.6 Hz). HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{FBO}_2$  ( $M^+$ ) 152.0439; found, 152.0444.

#### **5-fluorobenzo[c][1,2]oxaborol-1(3H)-ol (2e)<sup>2</sup>**



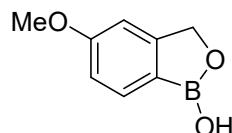
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (9:1). White solid (53.2 mg; 70% yield). M.p.: 129.4-130.6°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.25 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd,  $J$  = 9.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.2, 8.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.73 (d,  $J$  = 247.3 Hz), 157.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz), 133.15 (d,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz), 115.00 (d,  $J$  = 22.0 Hz), 108.98 (d,  $J$  = 22.2 Hz), 70.05 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -116.74 (td,  $J$  = 8.8, 4.4 Hz). HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{FBO}_2$  ( $M^+$ ) 152.0439; found, 152.0446.

#### **5-chlorobenzo[c][1,2]oxaborol-1(3H)-ol (2f)<sup>2</sup>**



Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (9:1). White solid (53.0 mg; 63% yield). M.p.: 144.6-145.9°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.35 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  156.60, 136.17, 132.75, 127.59, 122.15, 70.02. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{B}^{35}\text{ClO}_2$  ( $M^+$ ) 168.0144; found, 168.0151;  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{B}^{37}\text{ClO}_2$  ( $M^+$ ) 170.0114; found, 170.0123.

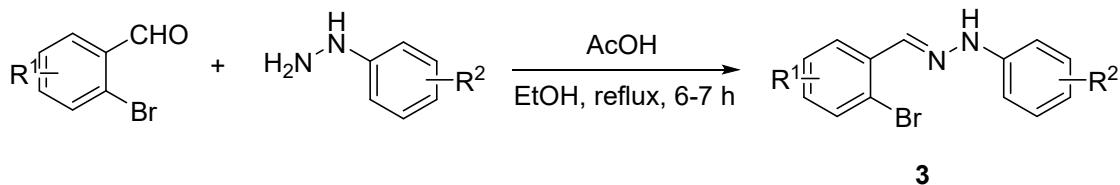
#### **5-methoxybenzo[c][1,2]oxaborol-1(3H)-ol (2g)<sup>2</sup>**



Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (9:1). White solid (71.3 mg; 87% yield). M.p.: 114.3-115.5°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.01 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 2H),

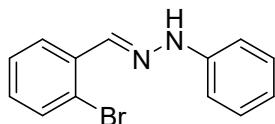
3.79 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  162.25, 156.91, 132.19, 114.80, 106.25, 70.18, 55.63. HRMS (EI<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 164.0639; found, 164.0647.

## 2.2 Synthesis of the Starting Material Hydrazones 3



Substrate obtained according to literature method<sup>3</sup>: In a solution of 2-bromobenzaldehyde or several substituted-2-bromobenzaldehyde derivatives (1.0 mmol), aryl-hydrazine (1.0 mmol) and a trace of acetic acid were refluxed in ethanol (8-10 mL) for approximately 6-7 h at 80 °C in an oil bath. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Then, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel to afford hydrazones **3**. As a representative example, compound **3a** was synthesized as described above while its substituted analogues were obtained following the same general methodology.

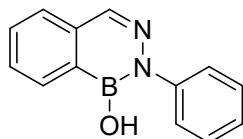
**3a:**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.04 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.95 – 6.85 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  144.35, 135.87, 134.19, 133.02, 129.50, 129.43, 127.57, 127.04, 122.73, 120.54, 112.93. MS (GC-MS): m/z 274.0, 276.0 (M<sup>+</sup>).

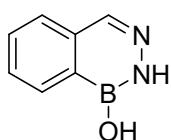
## 2.3 Representative Procedures for Substrates 4a-4r

### 2-phenylbenzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol (**4a**)<sup>4</sup>



3-(2-Bromo-phenyl)-propan-1-ol (**3a**, 0.5 mmol, 137.6 mg), NiBr<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol, 10.9 mg), CyJohnPhos (0.1 mmol, 35.0 mg), B<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub> (0.75 mmol, 67.2 mg) and DIPEA (1 mmol, 129.2 mg) were added in a reaction tube with MeOH (1.5 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h under argon atmosphere. The reaction was extracted with saturated NaCl (aq) and ethyl acetate, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (3:1) to afford 2-phenylbenzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol **4a** as a pale yellow solid (83.3 mg; 75% yield). M.p.: 133.8–135.3°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.94 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.82 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.65 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  146.83, 139.66, 135.50, 132.17, 131.97, 129.52, 128.66, 127.49, 125.38, 125.08.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  27.55. HRMS (EI<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 222.0959; found, 222.0966.

### benzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol (**4b**)<sup>5</sup>



Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (3:1). Yellow solid (62.8 mg; 86% yield). M.p.: 235.0-236.5°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.94 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.58 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 5.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 139.03, 136.26, 131.40, 131.39, 128.75, 127.16. HRMS (EI<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 146.0646; found, 146.0654.

**6-methyl-2-phenylbenzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol (4c)**



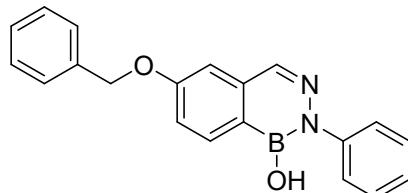
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (83.8 mg; 71% yield). M.p.: 137.1-138.2°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 146.86, 141.73, 139.60, 135.78, 132.24, 130.84, 128.62, 127.27, 125.25, 124.97, 21.86. HRMS (EI<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 236.1115; found, 236.1124.

**6-methoxy-2-phenylbenzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol (4d)<sup>6</sup>**



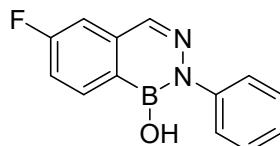
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (93.3 mg; 74% yield). M.p.: 137.6-139.0°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.62 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dt, *J* = 14.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 162.22, 146.89, 139.43, 137.59, 134.07, 128.60, 125.19, 124.93, 118.37, 109.32, 55.76. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 27.59. HRMS (EI<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 252.1065; found, 252.1073.

**6-(benzyloxy)-2-phenylbenzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol (4e)**



Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (5:1). Pale yellow solid (111.6 mg; 68% yield). M.p.: 170.7-171.3°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 161.30, 146.84, 139.37, 137.53, 137.16, 134.15, 129.01, 128.62, 128.52, 128.42, 125.23, 124.92, 118.85, 110.48, 69.85. HRMS (EI<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 328.1378; found, 328.1380.

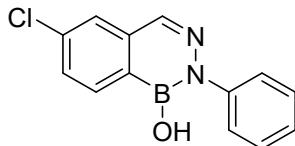
**6-fluoro-2-phenylbenzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol (4f)**



Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (5:1). Brown solid (99.6 mg; 83% yield). M.p.: 206.6-208.1°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.53 – 8.42 (m, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.53 (d, *J* = 249.5 Hz), 146.59, 138.64 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 137.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 135.53 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 128.70, 125.56, 125.11, 117.79 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 112.57 (d, *J* = 20.2 Hz).

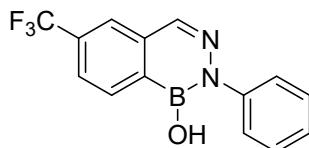
Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -108.01 (td,  $J = 9.7, 6.2$  Hz). HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{BFN}_2\text{O}$  ( $M^+$ ) 240.0865; found, 240.0872.

**6-chloro-2-phenylbenzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol (4g)**



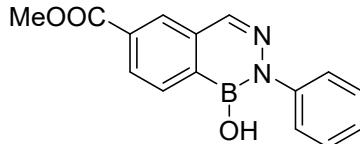
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (5:1). Pale yellow solid (96.2 mg; 75% yield). M.p.: 146.4–147.6°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.11 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  146.55, 138.38, 136.99, 136.82, 134.53, 129.58, 128.69, 128.75, 125.59, 125.09. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{B}^{35}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$  ( $M^+$ ) 256.0569; found, 256.0579;  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{B}^{37}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$  ( $M^+$ ) 258.0540; found, 258.0549.

**2-phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol (4h)**



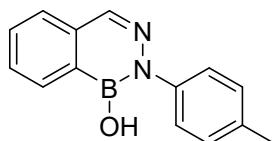
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (5:1). Brown solid (110.2 mg; 76% yield). M.p.: 143.9–145.3°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.28 (s, 1H), 8.62 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  146.42, 138.89, 135.44, 133.63, 131.93 (q,  $J = 32.0$  Hz), 128.71, 125.73, 125.12, 124.52 (q,  $J = 273.9$  Hz), 124.48 (q,  $J = 4.1$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -61.30. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{BF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ( $M^+$ ) 290.0833; found, 290.0835.

**methyl 1-hydroxy-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydrobenzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinine-6-carboxylate (4i)**



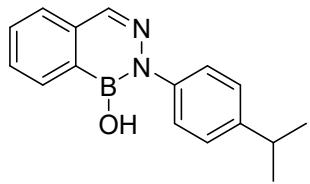
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (107.8 mg; 77% yield). M.p.: 138.6–139.9°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.11 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  166.45, 146.56, 139.45, 135.45, 132.92, 132.62, 128.85, 128.72, 128.66, 125.65, 125.12, 52.96. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $M^+$ ) 280.1014; found, 280.1022.

**2-(*p*-tolyl)benzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol (4k)**



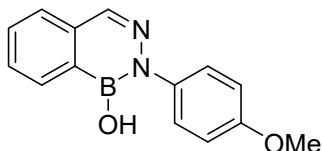
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (10:1). Pale yellow solid (89.7 mg; 76% yield). M.p.: 146.1–147.6°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.93 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.66 (td,  $J = 7.2, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  144.38, 139.39, 135.51, 134.36, 132.23, 131.86, 129.40, 129.11, 127.41, 124.93, 21.04. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{BN}_2\text{O}$  ( $M^+$ ) 236.1115; found, 236.1124.

**2-(4-isopropylphenyl)benzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol (4l)**



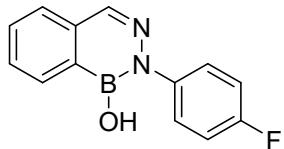
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (10:1). Pale yellow solid (99.1 mg; 75% yield). M.p.: 149.6–151.0°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 8.89 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.79 (dd,  $J$  = 13.1, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (hept,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 145.41, 144.63, 139.41, 135.49, 132.11, 131.86, 129.41, 127.42, 126.43, 124.96, 33.48, 24.51. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{BN}_2\text{O}$  ( $M^+$ ) 264.1428; found, 264.1436.

**2-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzo[d][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2H)-ol (4m)**



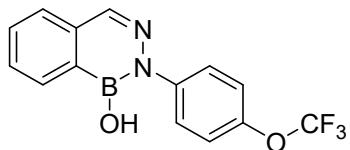
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (3:1). Yellow solid (102.1 mg; 81% yield). M.p.: 150.0–151.5°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.66 (td,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 157.11, 139.96, 139.17, 135.51, 132.16, 131.78, 129.34, 127.38, 126.24, 113.82, 55.74. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $M^+$ ) 252.1065; found, 252.1072.

**2-(4-fluorophenyl)benzo[d][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2H)-ol (4n)**



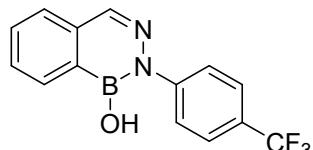
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (106.8 mg; 89% yield). M.p.: 212.6–214.0°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.41 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.85 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.68 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 159.99 (d,  $J$  = 241.4 Hz), 143.15 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 139.69, 135.48, 132.15, 131.98, 129.57, 127.54, 126.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 115.24 (d,  $J$  = 23.2 Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ -118.44 (tt,  $J$  = 8.7, 4.3 Hz). HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{BFN}_2\text{O}$  ( $M^+$ ) 240.0865; found, 240.0873.

**2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2H)-ol (4o)**



Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (125.5 mg; 82% yield). M.p.: 136.3–137.5°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 9.19 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.85 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.69 (td,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 145.92, 145.63 (q,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz), 140.16, 135.44, 132.26, 132.14, 129.73, 127.65, 126.30, 121.42, 120.70 (q,  $J$  = 257.2 Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ -56.88. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{BF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $M^+$ ) 306.0782; found, 306.0784.

**2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2H)-ol (4p)<sup>7</sup>**



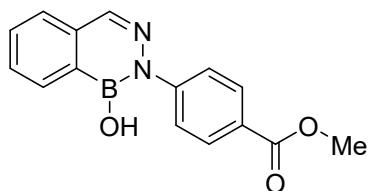
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (4:1). Pale purple solid (134.9 mg; 93% yield). M.p.: 157.5–159.8°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.39 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.86 – 7.76 (m, 4H), 7.70 (td,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  150.29, 140.65, 135.33, 132.37, 132.25, 129.85, 127.70, 125.80 (q,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz), 125.29 (q,  $J$  = 31.6 Hz), 124.97 (q,  $J$  = 272.5 Hz), 124.79.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -60.38. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{BF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$  290.0833; found, 290.0840.

#### 4-(1-hydroxybenzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-2(1*H*)-yl)benzonitrile (4q)<sup>7</sup>



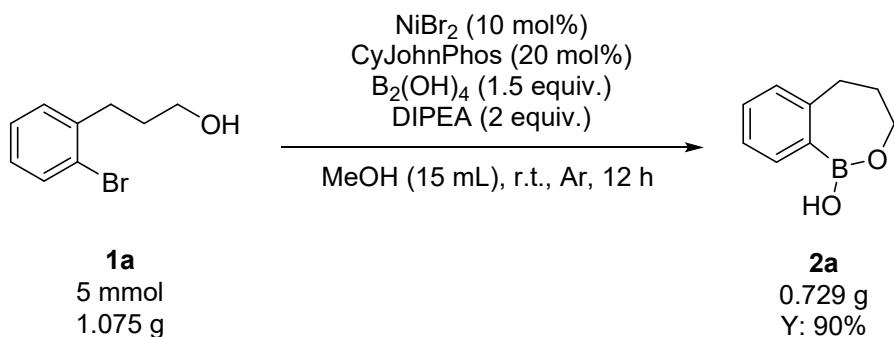
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (3:1). Orange solid (125.5 mg; 91% yield). M.p.: 237.1–238.6°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.52 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.93 – 7.84 (m, 5H), 7.81 (td,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (td,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  150.92, 141.03, 135.27, 133.00, 132.43, 132.39, 130.00, 127.81, 124.77, 119.63, 107.08. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{BN}_3\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$  247.0911; found, 247.0914.

#### methyl 4-(1-hydroxybenzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-2(1*H*)-yl)benzoate (4r)



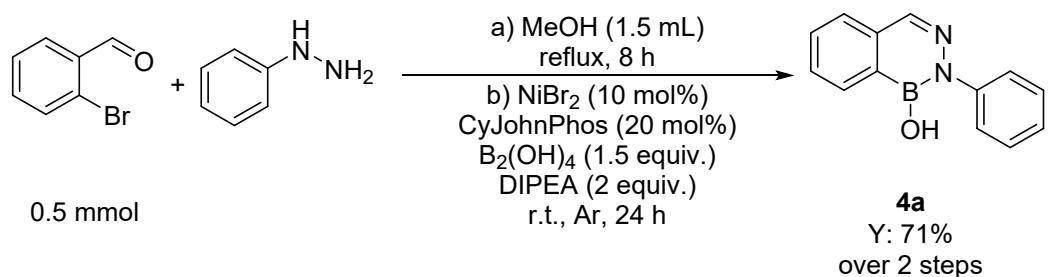
Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (131.6 mg; 94% yield). M.p.: 154.5–156.8°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.39 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.04 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.86 – 7.78 (m, 4H), 7.70 (td,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  166.74, 151.33, 140.84, 135.53, 132.61, 132.48, 130.15, 127.91, 126.12, 124.43, 52.72.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  27.49. HRMS (EI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_3 (\text{M}^+)$  280.1014; found, 280.1016.

## 2.4 Gram-Scale Amplification Experiments



3-(2-Bromo-phenyl)-propan-1-ol (**1a**, 5 mmol, 1.075 g), NiBr<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mmol, 109.3 mg), CyJohnPhos (1 mmol, 350.5 mg), B<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub> (7.5 mmol, 672.4 mg) and DIPEA (10 mmol, 1292.4 mg) were added in a reaction tube with MeOH (15 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h under argon atmosphere. The reaction was extracted with saturated NaCl (aq) and ethyl acetate, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (9:1) to afford 4,5-dihydrobenzo[*c*][1,2]oxaborepin-1(3*H*)-ol **2a** as a colorless oil (729.0 mg; 90% yield).

## 2.5 One-pot Two-step Procedure



A solution of 2-bromobenzaldehyde (0.5 mmol) and aryl-hydrazine (0.5 mmol) were refluxed in methanol (1.5 mL) for 8 h. Then NiBr<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol, 10.9 mg), CyJohnPhos (0.1 mmol, 35.0 mg), B<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub> (0.75 mmol, 67.2 mg) and DIPEA (1 mmol, 129.2 mg) were added in the reaction tube, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h under argon atmosphere. The reaction was extracted with saturated NaCl (aq) and ethyl acetate, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with Petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (3:1) to afford 2-phenylbenzo[*d*][1,2,3]diazaborinin-1(2*H*)-ol **4a** as a pale yellow solid (78.8 mg; 71% yield).

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#### 4. NMR Spectrums

