

Supporting Information for:

**Practical, environment-benign and atom economic KOAc-catalysed deprotection of aryl  
TIPS ethers under mild fluoride-free conditions.**

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**General Information.** All  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (500 MHz) unless otherwise stated. All  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (125 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), integration, and coupling constant. Melting points were uncorrected.

**Procedure for large-scale reaction without chromatography (unoptimized):**

To a solution of ethyl 4-(triisopropylsilyloxy)benzoate (15.3 g, 47.5 mmol) in DMF– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (20:1, 50 mL) was added KOAc (466 mg, 4.8 mmol) and water (0.9 mL, 1 equiv to substrate), and stirring was continued for 7 h at 25 °C. The mixture was concentrated on a rotavap (bath temp 50 °C) to remove DMF (~90% recovery). The remaining oil was bulb-to-bulb distilled (bath temp 75 °C/1–2 mmHg) to recover TIPSOH (6.5 g, 79% yield), the cooled residue was taken up in EtOAc– $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (1:1, 30 mL) and filtered to remove KOAc (reusable); the filtrate was concentrated. The crude product was triturated with hexane to afford ethyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (7.0 g, 89%) as white crystals (m.p.: 113–118 °C, lit. 115–118 °C). The recovered KOAc gave negative results for  $\text{FeCl}_3$ -test of phenols.

Optimal purification procedure for an individual product should take into consideration of the physical property and stability of the compound concerned. The above procedure is a proof-of-concept and does not recommend recovering the cheap catalyst.

**Characterization data of new compounds.**

**Compound 1c:**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.70 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 6.56 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 3.39 (s br, 2H), 1.20 (septet, 3H,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz), 1.08 (d, 18H,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.7, 140.0, 120.4, 116.3, 17.9, 12.6.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{28}\text{NOSi}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) 266.1940, Found 266.1935.

**Compound 1d:**

M.p.: 54.5–55.0 °C.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.18 (d br, 2H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 6.80 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 6.32 (s br, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.22 (septet, 3H,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz), 1.08 (d, 18H,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.1, 151.9, 131.6, 120.0 (2C), 80.1, 28.4, 17.9, 12.6

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_3\text{Si}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) 366.2464, Found 366.2438.

**Compound 1e:**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.74 (s, 2H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.30 (septet, 3H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 1.11 (d, 18H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.1, 129.9, 129.3, 127.6, 20.4, 18.1, 17.8, 14.2.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{33}\text{OSi}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) 293.2301, Found 293.2335.

**Compound 1h:**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$  7.80–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.05–6.95 (m, 2H), 1.34

(septet, 3H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 1.12 (d, 18H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  149.5, 133.5, 125.4, 121.4, 120.5, 17.8, 12.9.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{Si}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) 296.1682, Found 296.1672.

Compound **1o**:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 6.30 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.36 (septet, 3H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 1.07 (d, 18H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.8, 153.9, 152.6, 143.4, 115.4, 18.2, 14.8, 14.2.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) 283.1729, Found 283.1732.

Compound **1p**:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$  7.16 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 6.84 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 4.67 (s, 2H), 1.24 (septet, 3H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 1.10 (d, 18H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.0, 133.8, 127.4, 119.6, 64.8, 26.0, 18.4, 17.9, 12.7, -5.2.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2\text{Na}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$ ) 417.2621, Found 417.2656.

Compound **1q**:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.23 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.6$  Hz), 6.81 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.6$  Hz), 6.50 (d, 1H,  $J = 15.8$  Hz), 6.13 (dt, 1H,  $J = 15.8, 5.4$  Hz), 4.32 (d, 2H,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 1.25 (septet, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.09 (d, 18H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.6, 130.2, 129.3, 127.5, 126.9, 119.9, 64.1, 26.0, 18.5, 17.9, 12.7, -5.1.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{45}\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) 421.2958, Found 421.2945.

Compound **1r**:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71 (m, 4H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 4H), 6.96 (t, 1H,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 6.47 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 8.0, 2.0, 1.0$  Hz), 6.41 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 8.0, 2.5, 1.0$  Hz), 6.20 (t, 1H,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 1.08 (s, 9H), 0.94–0.88 (m, 21H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.7, 156.5, 135.5, 133.0, 129.8, 129.4, 127.7, 113.2, 112.8, 111.5, 26.5, 19.4, 17.8, 12.4.

Compound **1t**:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$  7.21 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 6.95–6.80 (m, 3H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.26 (septet, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 1.10 (d, 18H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.7, 156.2, 137.3, 129.4, 120.6, 119.5, 66.0, 20.9, 17.8, 12.6.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3\text{SiNa}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$ ) 345.1862, Found 345.1876.

Compound **1u**:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$  7.18 (t, 1H,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 6.95–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.80 (m, 1H), 4.76–4.46 (AB, 2H,  $J_{\text{AB}} = 12.3$  Hz), 4.69 (t-like, 1H,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.40 (m, 6H), 1.24 (septet, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 1.10 (d, 18H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.1, 139.9, 129.2, 120.2, 119.1, 118.9, 97.5, 68.4, 62.1, 30.6, 25.5, 19.3, 17.9, 12.7.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_3\text{SiNa}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$ ) 387.2331, Found 387.2346.

Compound **1v**:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.04 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.87 (m, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.12–4.06 (m, 2H), 4.05–3.98 (m, 2H), 1.26 (septet, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.09 (d, 18H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.0, 139.5, 129.3, 120.4, 118.9, 117.9, 103.5, 65.2, 17.9, 12.7.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) 323.2042, Found 323.2063.

Compound **1w**:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.10 (t, 1H,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 6.51 (dd, 2H,  $J = 8.5, 2.2$  Hz), 6.47 (m, 1H), 4.16 (dd, 1H,  $J = 10.9, 3.3$  Hz), 3.93 (dd, 1H,  $J = 10.9, 5.6$  Hz), 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.90 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.0, 4.3$  Hz), 2.75 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.0, 2.7$  Hz), 1.26 (septet, 3H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz), 1.10 (d, 18H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.6, 157.2, 129.7, 113.0, 107.1, 106.9, 68.7, 50.0, 44.8, 17.9, 12.6.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) 323.2042, Found 323.2032.

Compound **1x**:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$  7.01 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 6.79 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 3.61 (quintet, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 2.69–2.46 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.45 (m, 2H), 1.22 (septet, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 1.08 (d, 18H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 0.96 (t, 9H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 0.88 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 0.60 (q, 6H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.9, 135.0, 129.0, 119.6, 73.1, 38.6, 31.0, 29.8, 17.9, 12.7, 9.6, 7.0, 5.1.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{51}\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) 451.3428, Found 451.3461.

Compound **2x**:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.04 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 6.75 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 4.75 (s br, 1H), 3.64 (quintet, 1H,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 2.63 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 14.0, 10.0, 6.0$  Hz), 2.52 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 14.0, 10.5, 6.0$  Hz), 1.77–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.45 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, 9H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 0.61 (q, 6H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.6, 134.7, 129.3, 115.2, 73.3, 38.7, 30.9, 29.8, 9.7, 6.9, 5.1.

HR-ESI-MS  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2\text{Si}$  ( $\text{M} - \text{H}^+$ , negative ion) 293.1937, Found 293.1899.

































