Generation of diverse 2-pyrones via palladium-catalyzed site-selective Suzuki-Miyaura couplings of 3-bromo-4-tosyloxy-2-pyrone

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General experimental methods

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents and solvents were used without additional purification. All solvents were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. All reactions were performed in reaction tubes under Ar. The Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32–63 μ m, standard grade). Analytical thin–layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr (house vacuum) at 25-35°C. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane (TMS) on the δ scale.

Synthesis of 3-bromo-6-methyl-4-tosyloxy-2-pyrone **3**:¹



Br₂ (1.0 equiv) was added dropwise into a solution of 4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2pyrone (8.0 mmol) in methanol at 0 °C. The resulting white solid was appeared in the process of addition of Br₂. After completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the mixture was then concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude 3-bromo-4-hydroxy-6- methyl-2-pyrone **2**. Without purification, the crude was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂. Then Et₃N (3.0 equiv) and TsCl (1.2 equiv) were added to the suspension of compound **2** at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until the reaction was completed. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, the mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desiring product **3** in 86% yield.

General procedure for the reaction of compound 3 with arylboronic acids (*Scheme* 2):



A mixture of compound **3** (0.3 mmol), arylboronic acid (1.5 equiv), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.5 mol %), Johnphos (5 mol %), and KF (3.0 equiv) in 3.0 mL of toluene/H₂O (v/v:2/1) was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to produce the corresponding product **4**.

General procedure for the reaction of compound 4 with arylboronic acids (Table 3):



A mixture of substrate **4** (0.3 mmol), arylboronic acid (1.5 equiv), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (5 mol %), PCy_3 (10 mol %), and $K_2HPO_4 \cdot 3H_2O$ (3.0 equiv) in methanol (2.0 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to produce the corresponding product **5**.

General procedure for the Synthesis of symmetrically 3,4-diarylated 2-pyrones 5 (Scheme 3):



Following the same procedure above (increasing the amount of arylboronic acid to 3.0 equiv).



3-bromo-6-methyl-4-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyloxy)-2-pyrone **3**. White solid (86% yield), mp: 165.3-166.2 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 160.2, 158.8, 147.0, 131.9, 130.2, 128.5, 101.5, 99.8, 21.8, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₃H₁₁BrO₅SNa (M+Na), 380.9408; Found, 380.9408.



6-methyl-4-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyloxy)-3-phenyl-2-pyrone **4a**. White solid (92% yield), mp: 125.7-127.0 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.05 (m, *J* = 8 Hz, 4 Hz, 4H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2, 161.8, 156.4, 145.8, 131.5, 130.0, 129.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 116.1, 102.3, 21.69, 20.1; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₅SNa (M+Na⁺), 379.0616; Found, 379.0622.



6-methyl-4-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyloxy)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-2-pyrone **4b**. Yellow oil (83% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06-6.96 (m, 6H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 161.5, 156.2, 145.8, 138.1, 131.6, 129.9, 129.5, 128.4, 127.9, 126.0, 116.2, 102.4, 21.74, 21.34, 20.09; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈O₅SH (M+H⁺) 371.0953; Found, 371.0951.



3-(4-methoxylphenyl)-6-methyl-4-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyloxy)-2-pyrone 4c. Yellow oil (62% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2, 161.2, 159.4, 155.9, 145.7, 131.3, 129.6, 127.9, 121.1, 115.1, 113.2, 102.5, 55.2, 21.7, 20.0; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈O₆SNa (M+Na⁺) 409.0722; Found, 409.0714.



3-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-4-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyloxy)-2-pyrone **4d**. Yellow solid (59% yield), mp: 108.1-109.3 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.0, 162.3, 156.8, 146.2, 134.3, 131.5, 129.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 114.9, 102.7, 21.7, 20.2; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₅ClO₅Na (M+Na), 413.0226; Found, 413.0219.



3-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-2H-pyran-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate **4e**. Yellow solid (66% yield), mp: 134.9-136.2 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 161.8, 157.1, 157.0, 145.5, 132.0, 131.3, 130.3, 130.0, 129.7, 128.4, 127.9, 120.1, 118.3, 113.5, 110.8, 101.8, 55.4, 21.7, 20.1; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NaO₆S (M+Na), 409.0722; Found, 409.0710.



6-Methyl-2-oxo-3-*m*-tolyl-2H-pyran-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate **4f**. Yellow oil (85% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 4H), 6.91 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.3, 161.7, 156.3, 145.7, 137.3, 131.6, 130.4, 129.6, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 116.3, 102.4, 21.7, 21.3, 20.1; HRMS

(ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₉O₅S (M+H), 371.0953; Found, 371.0958.



Methyl 4-(6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(tosyloxy)-2*H*-pyran-3-yl)benzoate **4g**. Yellow solid (95% yield), mp: 152.1-153.8 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 162.8, 162.7, 157.1, 146.2, 133.9, 131.3, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 128.8, 127.8, 115.0, 102.5, 52.2, 21.6, 20.2; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈NaO₇S (M+Na), 437.0671; Found, 437.0678.



3,4-diphenyl-6-methyl-2-pyrone **5a**. Yellow solid (89% yield), mp: 130.1-130.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 152.6, 137.5, 133.8, 130.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 122.0, 107.1, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄NaO₂ (M+Na) 285.0891; Found, 285.0895.



6-methyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-3-phenyl-2-pyrone **5b**. Yellow solid (95% yield), mp: 109.2-110.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.96 (m, 4H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 159.9, 152.7, 138.8, 134.5, 134.2, 130.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.4, 121.6, 107.2, 21.3, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{19}H_{16}O_2Na$ (M+Na⁺) 299.1048; Found, 299.1044.



4-(4-methoxylphenyl)-6-methyl-3-phenyl-2-pyrone **5c**. Yellow solid (94% yield), mp: 109.3-110.0 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 159.9, 152.2, 134.3, 130.9, 130.4, 129.5, 128.1, 127.5, 121.1, 113.7, 107.1, 55.2, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₃Na (M+Na) 315.0997; Found, 315.0997.



4-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-3-phenyl-2-pyrone **5d**. Yellow solid (73% yield), mp: 120.9-122.0 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26-7.11 (m, 8H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 160.4, 151.4, 135.9, 134.8, 133.5, 130.8, 130.1, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 122.2, 106.7, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₃ClO₂Na (M+Na⁺) 319.0502; Found, 319.0495.



3,4-di(4-methylphenyl)-6-methyl-2-pyrone **5e**. Yellow oil (82% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.03-6.97 (m, 8H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 159.6, 152.3, 138.7, 137.2, 134.7, 131.1, 130.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 121.6, 107.2, 21.3, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NO₂Na (M+Na⁺) 313.1204; Found, 313.1204.



4-(4-methoxylphenyl)-6-methyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)-2-pyrone **5f**. Yellow solid (70% yield), mp: 135.7-137.1 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.05-7.29 (m, 6H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 159.8, 159.6, 151.8, 137.1, 131.2, 130.7, 130.3, 129.8, 128.8, 121.2, 113.7, 107.1, 55.2, 21.3, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈O₃Na (M+Na⁺) 329.1154; Found, 329.1160.



4-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)-2-pyrone **5g**. White solid (64% yield), mp: 131.6-132.6°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 4H), 7.01(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.5, 160.1, 150.9, 137.6, 136.1, 134.7, 130.6, 130.4, 130.1, 128.9, 128.6, 122.2, 106.7, 21.3, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₅ClO₂Na (M+Na⁺) 333.0658; Found, 333.0664.



3-(4-methoxylphenyl)-6-methyl-4-phenyl-2-pyrone **5h**. Yellow oil (55% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 159.6, 158.8, 152.1, 137.8, 132.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 125.9, 113.5, 107.1, 55.1, 19.8;

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₇O₃ (M+H⁺) 293.1178; Found, 293.1170.



3-(4-methoxylphenyl)-6-methyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-2-pyrone **5i**. Yellow oil (67% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08-6.98 (m, 6H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 159.4, 158.8, 152.1, 138.6, 134.8, 132.0, 129.0, 128.6, 126.2, 121.2, 113.5, 107.2, 55.1, 21.2, 19.8; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₉O₃ (M+H⁺) 307.1334; Found, 307.1329.



3,4-di(4-methoxylphenyl)-6-methyl-2-pyrone **5j**. Yellow oil (80% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H) 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 161.8, 158.7, 151.70, 132.0, 130.3, 128.2, 126.4, 120.8, 114.6, 113.7, 107.1, 103.2, 55.5, 55.2, 19.9. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈O₄Na (M+Na⁺), 345.1103; Found, 345.1088.



4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxylphenyl)-6-methyl-2-pyrone **5k**. Yellow oil (80% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 4H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 159.9, 159.0, 150.8, 136.2, 134.6, 132.0, 130.1, 128.6, 125.6, 121.8, 113.7, 106.7, 55.2, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₅ClO₃Na (M+Na⁺) 349.0607; Found, 349.0601.



Methyl 4-(6-methyl-2-oxo-3-phenyl-2H-pyran-4-yl)benzoate **5**I. Yellow solid (66% yield), mp: 195.0-196.1 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 163.2, 160.5, 151.5, 142.1, 133.3, 130.7, 130.1, 129.5, 128.7, 128.1, 127.8, 122.6, 106.5, 52.2, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NaO₄ (M+Na⁺) 343.0946; Found, 343.0931.



6-Methyl-3,4-di*m*-tolyl-2*H*-pyran-2-one **5m**. Yellow oil (71% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07-7.00 (m, 5H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.88-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 159.8, 152.7, 137.8, 137.4, 137.3, 133.8, 131.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 125.8, 122.0, 107.1, 21.4, 21.3, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NaO₂ (M+Na⁺) 313.1204; Found, 313.1215.



6-Methyl-3,4-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2H-pyran-2-one 5n. White crystal (60%

yield), mp: 125.8-126.8 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6, 161.6, 152.0, 140.6, 137.0, 131.5, 130.9, 129.7, 128.9, 125.6 (dd), 125.2 (dd), 122.5, 122.2, 121.2, 106.6, 20.0; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₂F₆NaO₂ (M+Na⁺) 421.0639; Found, 421.0651.



6-Methyl-2-pyrone **50**. Yellow solid (60% yield), mp: 54.9-55.9 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 166.2, 162.6, 161.3, 152.4, 141.5, 138.3, 130.9, 130.4, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 121.5, 106.6, 52.2, 52.1, 20.0; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈NaO₆ (M+Na⁺) 401.1001; Found, 401.1012.















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