

Supporting Information for

Pd⁰-Mediated Rapid Coupling of Methyl Iodide with Excess Amounts of Benzyl- and Cinnamylboronic Acid Esters: Efficient Method for Incorporation of Positron-Emitting ¹¹C Radionuclide into Organic Frameworks by Coupling between Two sp³-Hybridized Carbons

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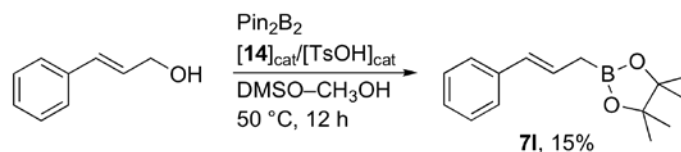
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C-[¹¹C]methylation of [¹¹C]methyl iodide and **7c**, c) HPLC (RI) chart after purification of [¹¹C]**8c**, giving [¹¹C]**8c** (retention time; 3.8 min), and d) HPLC (UV 254 nm) chart after purification of [¹¹C]**8c**:

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1. Synthesis of 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (**9**) and the rapid C-methylation of **8l**: (*E*)-2-(3-phenyl-2-propenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (**7l**):

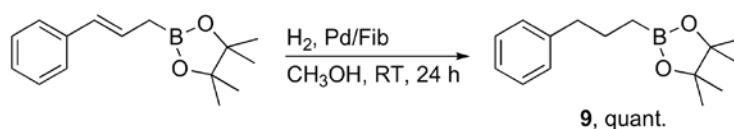
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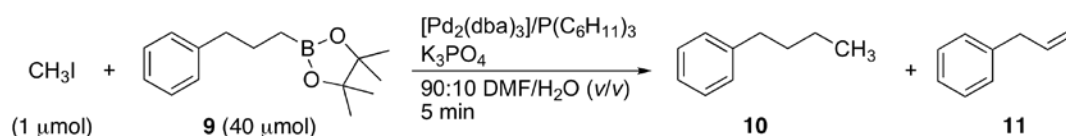
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.13\text{--}7.33$ (m, 5H), $6.23\text{--}6.38$ (m, 2H), 1.86 (d, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.25 (s, 12H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$): $\delta = 138.3, 130.3, 128.4$ (2C), $126.5, 126.4, 125.9$ (2C), 83.4 (2C), $26.2, 24.9$ (4C) ppm.

4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (9): CAS Registry Number: 329685-40-7



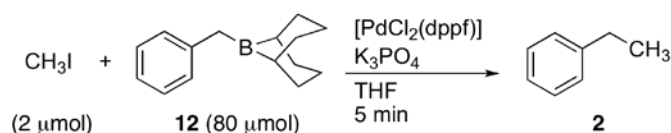
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.13–7.27 (m, 5H), 2.60 (t, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (qintet, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 0.81 (t, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 8.0 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 142.8, 128.6, 128.2, 125.6, 83.0 (2C), 38.7, 26.2, 24.9 (4C) ppm.

Synthesis of butylbenzene (10) by rapid C-methylation using methyl iodide and an excess amount of 3-phenylpropylboronic acid pinacol ester (9)



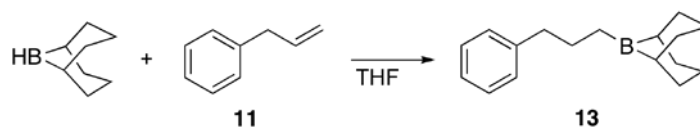
$[\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3]$ (0.5 mg, 0.5 μmol), $\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11})_3$ (0.6 mg, 2 μmol), and K_3PO_4 (2.1 mg, 10 μmol) were placed under Ar in a 2-mL Schlenk tube. Then, the solution of boronic acid ester **9** (9.8 mg, 40 μmol) in co-solvent 90:10 DMF/ H_2O (v/v) (200 μL) was added, and then, a solution of CH_3I (0.2 M DMF solution, 5 μL , 1 μmol) was added. After stirring at 60 °C for 5 min, the resulting mixture was rapidly cooled in an ice bath, filtered through a short column of silica gel (0.5 g), and eluted with ethyl ether (ca. 2 mL), followed by the addition of *n*-nonane (0.1 M DMF solution, 10 μL , 1 μmol) as an internal standard. The resulting solution was analyzed by GLC under the conditions: Shimadzu GC-2010 instrument equipped with a flame ionization detector; capillary column: GL Science TC-1701 (60 m \times 0.25 mm i.d.); carrier gas: He (flow rate: 0.57 mL min^{-1}); injector temperature: 280 °C; detector temperature: 280 °C; column temperature: initial 70 °C, final 230 °C; temperature gradient: +15 °C min^{-1} , from 5 to 9 min, and 20 °C min^{-1} from 15 to 20 min. The yield of **10** was 1% based on the starting CH_3I (retention time: 20.04 min). The yield of **11** was 3% based on the starting methyl iodide (retention time: 17.27 min), or 0.1% based on the boronic acid ester consumption. The product was identified by GC with an added authentic reference. The methylation reactions under other conditions shown in ref. 6 in the text were conducted by the same procedure.

2. The rapid C-methylation of *B*-benzyl-9-BBN (12**) and *B*-(3-phenylpropyl)-9-BBN (**13**):
Synthesis of ethylbenzene (**2**) by rapid C-methylation using methyl iodide and an excess
amount of *B*-benzyl-9-BBN (**12**) using ferrocenyl complex**



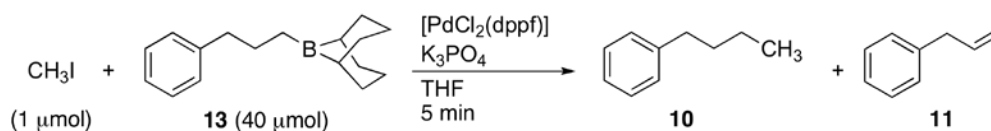
[1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene]dichloropalladium(II) ([PdCl₂(dppf)], 1.6 mg, 2 μmol) and K₃PO₄ (4.2 mg, 20 μmol) were placed under Ar in a 2-mL Schlenk tube. Then, the solution of *B*-benzyl-9-BBN (**12**) (0.5 M THF solution, 0.16 mL, 80 μmol) in THF was added, and then, a solution of CH₃I (0.1 M DMF solution, 20 μL, 2 μmol) was added. After stirring at 80 °C oil bath temperature for 5 min, the resulting mixture was rapidly cooled in an ice bath, filtered through a short column of silica gel (0.5 g), and eluted with ethyl ether (ca. 2 mL), followed by the addition of *n*-nonane (0.1 M DMF solution, 10 μL, 1 μmol) as an internal standard. The resulting solution was analyzed by GC. The yield of **2** was 30% based on the starting CH₃I.

Synthesis of butylbenzene (10**) by rapid C-methylation using methyl iodide and an excess
amount of *B*-(3-phenylpropyl)-9-BBN (**13**)¹ using ferrocenyl complex**



9-BBN (0.4 M in THF solution, 0.20 mL) was added to the solution of phenylpropene (**11**) (9.4 mg, 80 μmol) in THF (200 μL) at 0 °C in a 10-mL Schlenk tube. After addition, the mixture was stirred at RT for two hours.² The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. After the Schlenk

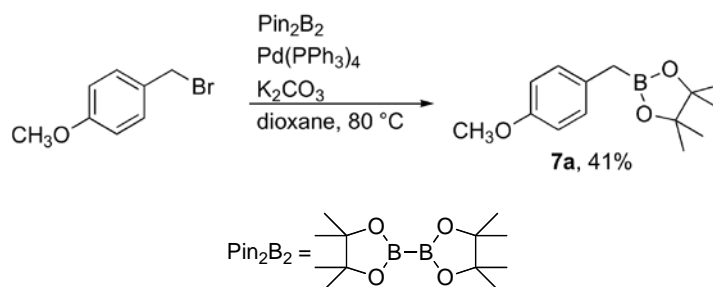
tube was filled with Ar, the residue was used as the substrate on the following reaction without further purification.



$[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{dppf})]$ (1.6 mg, 2 μmol) and K_3PO_4 (4.2 mg, 20 μmol) were placed under Ar in a 2-mL Schlenk tube. Then, the solution of *B*-(3-phenylpropyl)-9-borobicyclo[3.3.1]nonane (**13**) in THF (200 μL) was added, and then, a solution of CH_3I (0.1 M DMF solution, 20 μL , 2 μmol) was added. After stirring at 80 °C oil bath temperature for 5 min, the resulting mixture was rapidly cooled in an ice bath, filtered through a short column of silica gel (0.5 g), and eluted with ethyl ether (ca. 2 mL), followed by the addition of *n*-nonane (0.1 M DMF solution, 10 μL , 1 μmol) as an internal standard. The resulting solution was analyzed by GC. The yield of **10** was 2% based on the starting CH_3I . The yield of **11** was 235% based on the starting CH_3I , or 6% based on the alkyl 9-BBN substrate consumption.

3. Synthesis of benzylboronic acid pinacol ester derivatives **9** and the corresponding ethylbenzenes **10**: 2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-Dioxaborolane (**7a**): CAS

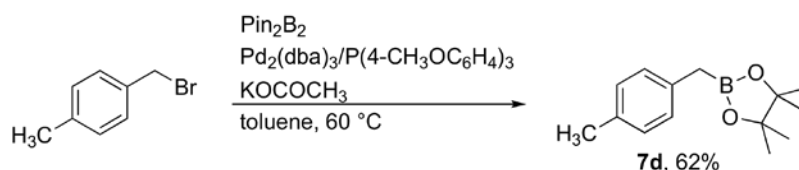
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.09–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.79–6.76 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 2H), 1.24 (s, 12H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 154.6, 149.7, 130.2, 126.9, 110.5, 109.0, 83.5 (2C), 56.2, 56.1, 37.8, 24.8 (4C) ppm.

2-(4-Methylbenzyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (7d): CAS Registry Number:

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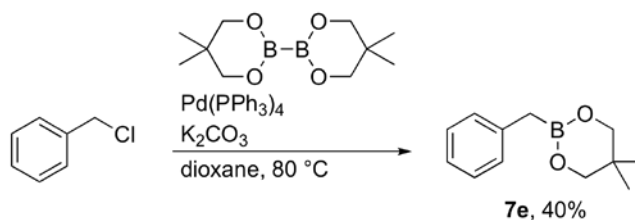


^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.03–7.08 (m, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 1.23 (s, 12H) ppm;

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 135.5, 134.2, 129.1, 128.9, 83.4 (2C), 24.8 (4C), 21.0

ppm.

2-Benzyl-5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (7e): CAS Registry Number: 162213-36-7



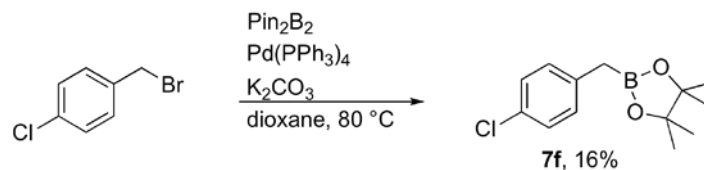
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.08–7.25 (m, 5H), 3.58 (s, 4H), 0.92 ppm (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 140.0, 129.0 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 124.7, 72.3 (2C), 31.7, 24.0, 21.9

(2C) ppm.

2-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (7f): CAS Registry Number:

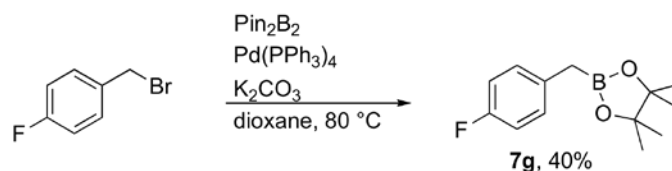
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.09\text{--}7.20$ (AA'BB', 4H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 1.23 (s, 12H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$): $\delta = 137.2$, 130.6, 130.4 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 83.6 (2C), 24.8 (4C), 19.2 ppm.

2-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (7g): CAS Registry Number:

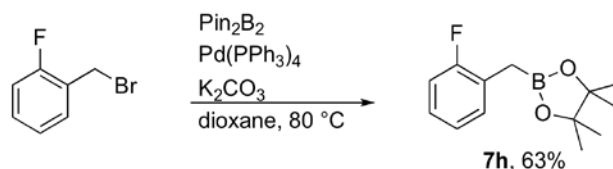
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 6.70\text{--}7.31$ (m, 4H), 2.24 (s, 2H), 1.22 (s, 12H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$): $\delta = 161.0$ (d, $^1J(\text{C},\text{F}) = 240$ Hz), 134.2, 130.2 (d, $J(\text{C},\text{F}) = 6.7$ Hz), 115.0 (d, $J(\text{C},\text{F}) = 20.9$ Hz), 83.6 (2C), 24.8 (4C), 19.3 ppm.

2-(2-Fluorobenzyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (7h): CAS Registry Number:

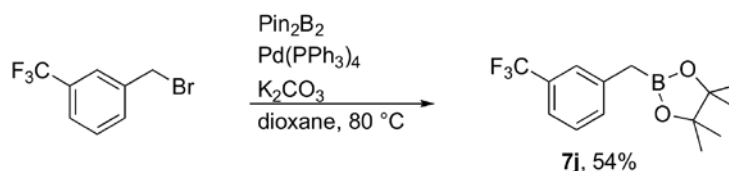
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 6.96\text{--}7.20$ (m, 4H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 1.24 (s, 12H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$): $\delta = 161.1$ (d, $^1J(\text{C},\text{F}) = 242$ Hz), 131.4, 126.7 (d, $J(\text{C},\text{F}) = 7.6$ Hz), 126.1 (d, $J(\text{C},\text{F}) = 16.2$ Hz), 123.9, 115.0 (d, $J(\text{C},\text{F}) = 22$ Hz), 83.6 (2C), 24.8 (4C), 13.2 ppm.

2-[3-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl]-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (7j): CAS Registry

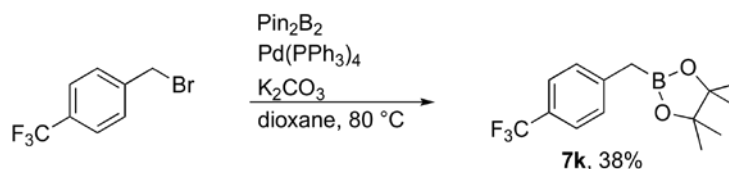
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.25\text{--}7.43$ (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 2H), 1.22 (s, 12H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25°C): $\delta = 139.7$, 132.5, 130.5 (q, $^1J(\text{C},\text{F}) = 31.5$ Hz), 128.6, 125.8, 123.1, 121.8, 83.8, (2C), 24.9 (4C), 20.3 ppm; HRMS (EI^+): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{BF}_3\text{O}_2$: 286.1352; found 286.1371.

2-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl]-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (7k): CAS Registry

Number: 475250-46-5



^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.27\text{--}7.49$ (AX, 4H), 2.35 (s, 2H), 1.23 (s, 12H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25°C): $\delta = 143.2$, 129.2 (2C), 127.3 (q, $^1J(\text{C},\text{F}) = 32.5$ Hz), 125.2, (2C), 123.3, 83.8, (2C), 24.8 (4C), 20.3 ppm.

1,2-Dimethoxy-4-ethylbenzene (8b): CAS Registry Number: 5888-51-7

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 6.71–6.81 (m, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.62 (q, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 7.7 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 148.9, 147.1, 137.1, 119.5, 111.4, 111.3, 56.0, 55.9, 28.5, 15.9 ppm.

***N*-(4-Ethylphenyl)propionamide (8c)**: CAS Registry Number: 20172-37-6

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.39 (d, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (q, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (d, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.18–1.25 (m, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 171.8, 140.3, 135.6, 128.4 (2C), 120.0 (2C), 30.8, 28.4, 15.7, 9.8 ppm; HRMS (EI^+): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$: 177.1154; found 177.1154.

1-Chloro-4-ethylbenzene (8f): CAS Registry Number: 622-98-0

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.11–7.26 (m, 4H), 2.61 (q, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 7.5 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 142.7, 131.3, 129.3 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 28.3, 15.6 ppm.

1-Ethyl-4-fluorobenzene (8g): CAS Registry Number: 459-47-2

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 6.92–7.15 (m, 4H), 2.61 (q, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, $^3J(\text{H,H})$ = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 162.4, 139.9, 129.2 (d, $^3J(\text{C,F})$ = 7.6 Hz, 2C), 115.0 (d, $^3J(\text{C,F})$ = 21.0 Hz, 2C), 28.2, 15.8 ppm.

1-Ethyl-2-fluorobenzene (8h): CAS Registry Number: 446-49-1

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 6.98–7.21 (m, 4H), 2.68 (q, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, $^3J(\text{H,H})=7.5$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 161.2 (d, $^1J(\text{C,F}) = 244$ Hz), 131.0 (d, $^2J(\text{C,F}) = 15.3$ Hz), 129.9, 127.3, 124.0, 115.1 (d, $^1J(\text{C,F}) = 20.9$ Hz), 22.5, 14.3 ppm.

4-Ethyl-benzoic acid ethyl ester (8i): CAS Registry Number: 136569-05-6

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.33–7.89 (m, 4H), 4.38 (q, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.70 (q, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, $^3J(\text{H,H})=7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, $^3J(\text{H,H})=7.5$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 166.8, 149.7, 129.7 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 60.8, 29.0, 15.3, 14.4 ppm.

1-Ethyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (8k): CAS Registry Number: 27190-69-8

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.29–7.54 (AA'BB', 4H), 2.71 (q, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, $^3J(\text{H,H})=7.5$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 148.4, 128.2, 125.3 (q, $^1J(\text{C,F}) = 3.8$ Hz), 28.8, 15.4 ppm. Full signals for aromatic carbon were not observed.

(E)-But-1-enylbenzene (8l): CAS Registry Number: 1005-64-7

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.16–7.35 (m, 5H), 6.37 (d, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dt, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 16.4$ Hz, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.22 (dq, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 6.4$ Hz, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.08 (t, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C): δ = 137.9, 132.6, 128.8, 128.4 (2C), 126.7, 125.9 (2C), 26.1, 13.7 ppm.

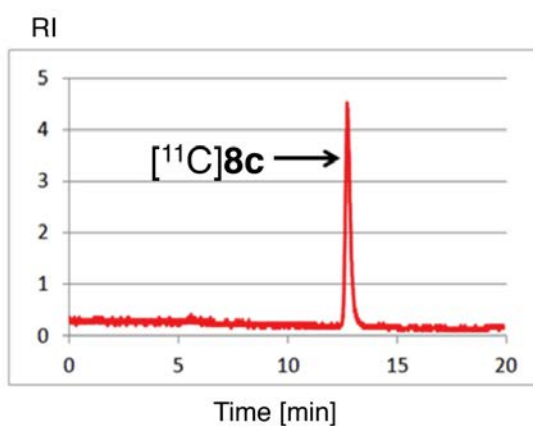
(E)-But-1-enyl-(4-methoxy)benzene (8m): CAS Registry Number: 18657-09-5

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.27 (d, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.32 (d, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dt, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 16.0$ Hz, $^3J(\text{H,H}) = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dq,

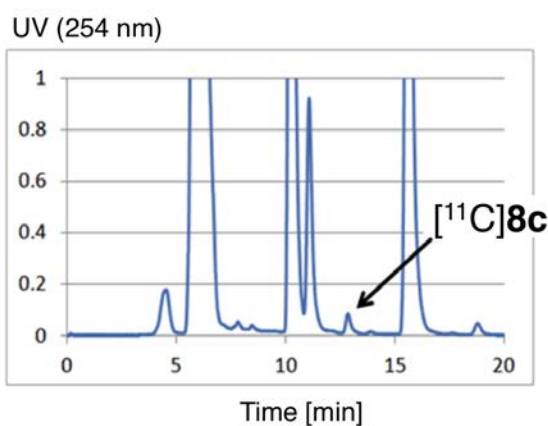
$^3J(\text{H,H}) = 6.4 \text{ Hz}, 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 1.08 \text{ (t, } ^3J(\text{H,H}) = 7.2 \text{ Hz, 3H) ppm; } ^{13}\text{C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl}_3, 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C): } \delta = 158.7, 130.9, 130.6, 128.2, 127.0 \text{ (2C), 114.0 (2C), 55.4, 26.1, 13.9 ppm.}$

4. a) HPLC (RI) chart after the rapid C-[^{11}C]methylation of [^{11}C]methyl iodide and 7c, giving [^{11}C]8c (retention time; 12.8 min), b) HPLC (UV 254 nm) chart after the rapid C-[^{11}C]methylation of [^{11}C]methyl iodide and 7c, c) HPLC (RI) chart after purification of [^{11}C]8c, giving [^{11}C]8c (retention time; 4.5 min), and d) HPLC (UV 254 nm) chart after purification of [^{11}C]8c:

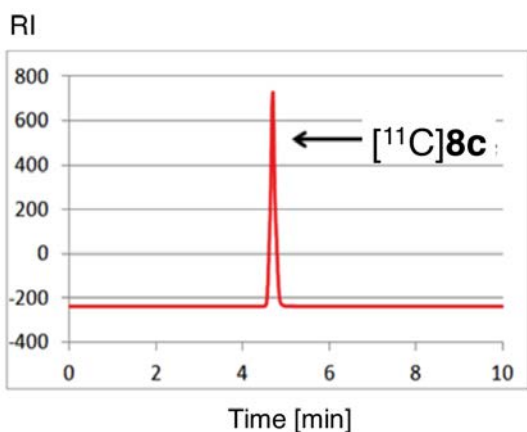
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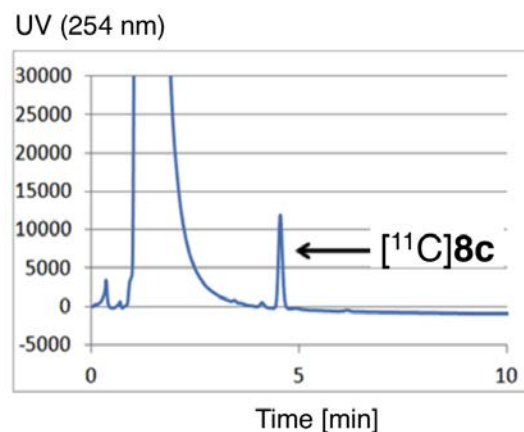
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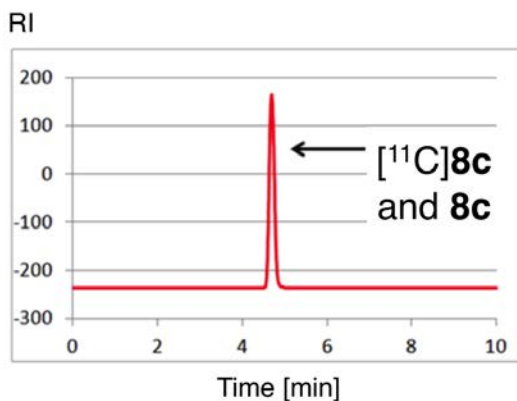


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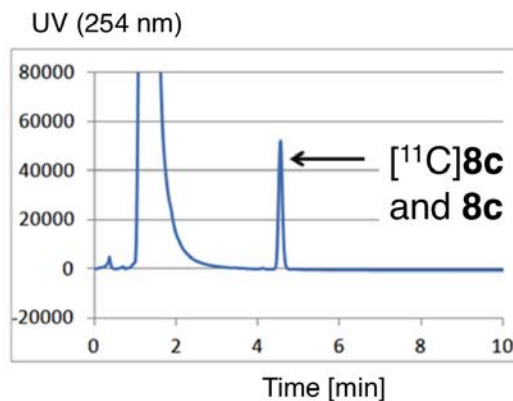


5. a) HPLC (RI) chart for co-injection of [^{11}C]8c and 8c, b) HPLC (UV 254 nm) chart for co-injection of [^{11}C]8c and 8c:

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6. References

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