# **Three-Component Carboboration of Alkenes under Copper Catalysis**

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**Abstract:** Three-component carboboration of alkenes takes place efficiently by the reaction with a diboron compound and carbon electrophiles with the aid of a copper–NHC catalyst. The carboboration afforded diverse multisubstituted borylalkanes via the regioselective formation of carbon–boron and carbon–carbon bonds.

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The development of new synthetic routes to organoboron compounds,<sup>1</sup> in which the carbon–boron bonds can be transformed into various functional groups and carboncarbon bonds through Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling,<sup>2</sup> the Petasis reaction,<sup>3</sup> etc., has been of great importance in modern organic synthesis. Recently, much attention has focused on unique copper catalysis for carbon-boron bond-forming reactions by the use of unsaturated hydrocarbons and organic halides,<sup>4</sup> and we have also reported the copper-catalyzed diborylation<sup>5a</sup> and borylstannylation<sup>5b</sup> of alkynes, in which  $\beta$ -borylalkenylcopper species arising from insertion of alkynes into borylcopper species<sup>6</sup> act as common intermediates. Furthermore,  $\beta$ borylalkenylcopper species are captured by carbon electrophiles leading to the catalytic three-component carboboration of alkynes,<sup>7-11</sup> which provides a direct entry to multisubstituted borylalkenes through simultaneous carbon-carbon and carbon-boron bond-forming processes. In view of the high affinity of the borylcopper species for unsaturated hydrocarbons other than alkynes,<sup>4k,12</sup> we have also applied the carboboration protocol to simple alkenes,<sup>13</sup> which should lead to a direct approach to multisubstituted borylalkanes.

Initially we carried out the reaction of styrene (1a) with bis(pinacolato)diboron [2, (pin)B–B(pin)] and benzyl chloride (3a) in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide at room temperature in the presence of copper(II) acetate–tricyclohex-ylphosphine, which produces a copper(I) complex in situ,<sup>14</sup> and potassium *tert*-butoxide, and observed the regioselective formation of a carbon–boron (at the terminal carbon of 1a) and a carbon–carbon (at the internal carbon of 1a) bond to provide 1-boryl-2,3-diphenylpropane 4aa in 57% yield (Table 1, entry 1). Although the reaction with such a bidentate phosphine ligand as Xantphos or *rac*-BINAP proceeded in similar yield (Table 1, entries 2 and 3), the use of copper–N-heterocyclic carbene (Cu–

NHC) complexes improved the efficiency of the carboboration (Table 1, entries 4–6), and chloro(1,3-dimesitylimidazolidin-2-ylidene)copper (SIMesCuCl) (Figure 1) gave the best result (77%) among the catalysts surveyed (Table 1, entry 6). A drop in basicity led to a decrease in yield: the reaction using potassium acetate or potassium carbonate afforded **4aa** in only 13% or 51% yield (Table 1, entries 7 and 8).

Table 1 Optimization of Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>

|                | + (pin)B—B(pin) +        | C<br>Bn—Cl     | u catalyst (2 mol%)<br>KO <i>t-</i> Bu (1.5 equiv) | Bn B(pin)              |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|--|------------------------|
| Pn ∖<br>1a     | 2                        | 3a             | DMF, r.t.  | Ph <b>4aa</b>          |
| (1 equiv)      | (1.3 equiv)              | (3 equiv)      | B(pin) = B   | -                      |
| Entry          | Cu Catalyst <sup>b</sup> |                | Time (h)   | Yield <sup>c</sup> (%) |
| 1              | $Cu(OAc)_2, Cy_3$        | P <sup>d</sup> | 0.5  | 57                     |
| 2              | CuI, Xantphos            |                | 0.5  | 53                     |
| 3              | CuCl, rac-BINA           | AP             | 1  | 66                     |
| 4              | IPrCuCl                  |                | 1  | 71                     |
| 5              | IMesCuCl                 |                | 0.5  | 70                     |
| 6              | SIMesCuCl                |                | 0.5  | 77                     |
| 7 <sup>e</sup> | SIMesCuCl                |                | 7  | 13                     |
| 8 <sup>f</sup> | SIMesCuCl                |                | 4  | 51                     |

 $^a$  Reaction conditions: styrene (0.30 mmol), (pin)B–B(pin) (0.39 mmol), BnCl (0.90 mmol), KOt-Bu (0.45 mmol), Cu catalyst (6.0  $\mu$ mol), DMF (0.55 mL).

<sup>b</sup> See also Figure 1.

<sup>c</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

<sup>d</sup> A copper(I) complex is produced in situ.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>e</sup> KOAc instead of KO*t*-Bu.

<sup>f</sup> K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> instead of KOt-Bu.



Figure 1 NHC ligands utilized

The optimized reaction was then examined using a range of monosubstituted alkenes (Table 2). The carboboration

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of styrene derivatives bearing an electron-donating **1b** or electron-withdrawing substituent **1c** also proceeded with high regioselectivity to afford the respective products, although the yields were lower (Table 2, entries 2 and 3).<sup>15</sup> The reaction was applied to 2-vinylpyridine (**1d**), vinylborane **1e**, and vinylsilanes **1f** and **1g** and gave borylalkanes **4da–ga** in good to high yields, in which the benzyl moiety was attached to the internal carbon of the alkene (Table 2, entries 4–7). In marked contrast, aliphatic alkenes, such as oct-1-ene (**1h**) or vinylcyclohexane (**1i**), underwent the reaction with the inverse regioselectivity to furnish **4h'** and **4i'** as the major products with the benzyl moiety at the terminal carbon of the alkene (Table 2, entries 8 and 9).

| Table 2            | Copper-Catalyzed Carboboration of Monosubstituted Al- |
|--------------------|---|
| kenes <sup>a</sup> |   |

| R 1<br>(1 equi | ≥ +<br>v) | (pin)B—B(pin)<br><b>2</b><br>(1.3 equiv)                    | + Bn<br>;<br>(3 e | —Cl<br><b>3a</b><br>equiv) |                           |                              |
|----------------|-----------|---|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                | :         | SIMesCuCl (2 mol <sup>s</sup><br>KO <i>t</i> -Bu (1.5 equiv | %)<br>/) Br       | n B(pin)                   | Bn                        | B(pin)                       |
|                |           | DMF, r.t  | F                 | 1                          |                           | R                            |
|                |           |   |                   | 4                          | 4′                        |                              |
| Entry          | Alkene    | R   | Time<br>(h)       | Product                    | Yield <sup>b</sup><br>(%) | Ratio <sup>c</sup><br>(4/4') |
| 1              | 1a        | Ph  | 1                 | <b>4</b> aa                | 65                        | >99:1                        |
| 2              | 1b        | 4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                          | 1                 | 4ba, 4ba'                  | 47                        | 88:12                        |
| 3              | 1c        | $4-ClC_6H_4$  | 1                 | 4ca                        | 12                        | >99:1                        |
| 4              | 1d        | 2-pyridyl   | 1                 | 4da, 4da'                  | 52                        | 91:9                         |
| 5              | 1e        | B(pin)  | 7                 | 4ea, 4ea'                  | 68                        | 98:2                         |
| 6              | 1f        | SiMe <sub>2</sub> Ph  | 8                 | 4fa, 4fa'                  | 85                        | 94:6                         |
| 7              | 1g        | TMS   | 1                 | 4ga, 4ga'                  | 82                        | 93:7                         |
| 8              | 1h        | (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Me                          | 1                 | 4ha, 4ha'                  | 45                        | 2:98                         |
| 9              | 1i        | Су  | 1                 | 4ia, 4ia'                  | 38                        | 17:83                        |

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: alkene (0.30 mmol), (pin)B–B(pin) (0.39 mmol), BnCl (0.90 mmol), KOt-Bu (0.45 mmol), SIMesCuCl (6.0 μmol), DMF (0.55 mL).

<sup>b</sup> Yield of isolated 4 and 4'.

<sup>c</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

As shown in Table 3, disubstituted alkenes could also participate in the carboboration; perfect regioselectivity was observed in the reaction of 1,1-disubstituted alkenes 1j-l(Table 3, entries 1–3), but a mixture of stereoisomers<sup>16</sup> was formed with 1,2-disubstituted alkenes *cis*-stilbene (1m) or norbornene (1n) (Table 3, entries 4 and 5). However, boryl and benzyl moieties were introduced into 1,2dihydronaphthalene (10) regio- and stereoselectively affording *syn*-adduct 40a in 75% yield (Table 3, entry 6).

The versatility of the carboboration was further expanded by employing various carbon electrophiles (Table 4). The reaction of para- or ortho-substituted benzyl chlorides **3b–g** with vinylsilane **1f** and diboron **2** furnished high yields of the respective products (Table 4, entries 1-6), irrespective of the electronic character of the substituents, and sterically congested 2,4,6-triisopropylbenzyl chloride (3h), 2,4,6-trimethylbenzyl chloride (3i), and 1-naphthylmethyl chloride (3j) could also act as a carbon electrophile (Table 4, entries 7-9). In addition to benzyl chlorides, the present reaction was applied to butyl bromide (3k) and methyl iodide (3l) to provide the alkylboration products in 70% and 50% yield, respectively (Table 4, entries 10 and 11). The sole formation of the cyclopropylmethylated product 4fm in the reaction with 3m suggested that a radical pathway is not operating in the carboboration (Table 4, entry 12),<sup>17</sup> and moreover chemoselective reaction with 1,5-dibromopentane (3n) or ethyl 4-bromobutanoate (30) occurred, leaving the reactive functional groups (C-Br and ester moieties) intact (Table 4, entries 13 and 14).

As was the case with the previous copper-catalyzed carboboration of alkynes,<sup>11</sup> a  $\beta$ -borylalkylcopper species **6**, generated by the addition of a borylcopper species **5** to an alkene,<sup>4h,12b,18</sup> should also serve as a key intermediate in the present reaction (Scheme 1). Subsequent reaction of **6** with potassium *tert*-butoxide produces cuprate **7**, which is then captured by a carbon electrophile to provide a carboboration product and copper(I) *tert*-butoxide.<sup>19</sup> The observed regioselectivity in the reaction of aryl-, boryl-, and silylalkenes should be ascribed to the selective formation of the carbon–copper bond at the  $\alpha$  position of these substituents in the borylcupration **5** to **6**, induced by the electronic-directing effect of the substituents.



Scheme 1 A plausible catalytic cycle for carboboration

| Table 3 | Copper-Catalyzed | Carboboration | of Disubstituted | Alkenes <sup>a</sup> |
|---------|------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|
|---------|------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|

| <b>1</b> + (1 equiv) | (pin)B—B(pin)<br><b>2</b><br>(1.3 equiv) | + Bn—Cl<br><b>3a</b><br>(3 equiv) | SIMesCuCl (2 mol%)<br>KO <i>t</i> -Bu (1.5 equiv) | 4 + 4'    |                              |                        |                           |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Entry                | Alkene                                   |                                   | Time (h)  | Product   |                              | Yield <sup>b</sup> (%) | Ratio <sup>c</sup> (4/4') |
| 1                    | 1j                                       | =<br>Ph                           | 1   | 4ja       | (pin)B                       | 34                     | >99:1                     |
| 2                    | 1k                                       | =<br>CO₂Me                        | 1   | 4ka       | (pin)B<br>CO <sub>2</sub> Me | 40                     | >99:1                     |
| 3                    | 11                                       | Ph<br>Ph                          | 0.5   | 4la       | (pin)B<br>Ph<br>Ph           | 35                     | >99:1                     |
| 4                    | 1m                                       | Ph Ph                             | 4   | 4ma, 4ma' | (pin)B Bn<br>Ph Ph           | 40                     | 77:23 <sup>d</sup>        |
| 5                    | 1n                                       |                                   | 0.5   | 4na, 4na' | Bn                           | 60                     | 62:38 <sup>d</sup>        |
| 6                    | 10                                       |                                   | ] 0.5   | 4oa       | Bn<br>B(pin)                 | 75                     | >99:1 <sup>d</sup>        |

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: alkene (0.30 mmol), (pin)B–B(pin) (0.39 mmol), BnCl (0.90 mmol), KOt-Bu (0.45 mmol), SIMesCuCl (6.0 μmol), DMF (0.55 mL).

<sup>b</sup> Yield of isolated 4 and 4'.

<sup>c</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

<sup>d</sup> Ratio of stereoisomers.

# Table 4 Copper-Catalyzed Carboboration with Various Carbon Electrophiles<sup>a</sup>

|   |                                | S            | IMesCuCl (2 mol%)<br>KO <i>t-</i> Bu (1.5 equiv) |  | oin) C E  | 8(pin)                 |  |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|--|--|-----------|------------------------|--|
| PhMe <sub>2</sub> Si <sup>2</sup><br>1f | + B(nip)—B(pin) 2 (1.2 oguity) | + C-X -      | DMF, r.t   | PhMe <sub>2</sub> Si <sup>7</sup><br>4 | + `s      | SiMe <sub>2</sub> Ph   |  |
| Entry                                   | C–X                            | (S equiv)    | 3  | Time (h)                               | Product   | Yield <sup>b</sup> (%) | Ratio <sup>c</sup> (4/4') <sup>c</sup> |
| 1                                       | R                              | <i>i</i> -Pr | 3b   | 4                                      | 4fb, 4fb' | 90                     | 92:8                                   |
| 2                                       |                                | Me           | 3c   | 3                                      | 4fc, 4fc' | 88                     | 95:5                                   |
| 3                                       |                                | Cl           | 3d   | 3                                      | 4fd, 4fd' | 85                     | 95:5                                   |
| 4                                       |                                | OMe          | 3e   | 3                                      | 4fe, 4fe' | 90                     | 97:3                                   |
| 5                                       | CI                             | Me           | 3f   | 4                                      | 4ff, 4ff' | 90                     | 96:4                                   |
| 6                                       |                                | Cl           | 3g   | 4                                      | 4fg, 4fg' | 73                     | 98:2                                   |
| 7                                       | R                              | <i>i-</i> Pr | 3h   | 2                                      | 4fh, 4fh' | 46                     | 88:12                                  |
| 8                                       | CI                             | Me           | 3i   | 2                                      | 4fi, 4fi' | 58                     | 91:9                                   |

| Table 4 | Copper-Catalyzed | Carboboration with | Various Carbon | n Electrophiles <sup>a</sup> | (continued) |
|---------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------|
|---------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------|

| PhMe <sub>2</sub> Si<br>1f<br>(1 equiv) | + B(nip)—B(pin) 2 (1.3 equiv) | + C—X<br>3<br>(3 equiv) | SIMesCuCl (2 mol%)<br>KO <i>t-</i> Bu (1.5 equiv)<br>DMF, r.t | C B(p<br>PhMe <sub>2</sub> Si<br>4 | + 4'      | B(pin)<br>SiMe₂Ph      |  |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|--|
| Entry                                   | C–X                           | R                       | 3   | Time (h)                           | Product   | Yield <sup>b</sup> (%) | Ratio <sup>c</sup> (4/4') <sup>c</sup> |
| 9                                       | CI                            |                         | 3j  | 7                                  | 4fj, 4fj′ | 72                     | 97:3                                   |
| 10                                      | BuBr                          |                         | 3k  | 10                                 | 4fk, 4fk' | 70                     | 97:3                                   |
| 11                                      | MeI                           |                         | 31  | 3                                  | 4fl       | 50                     | >99:1                                  |
| 12                                      | Br                            |                         | 3m  | 7                                  | 4fm       | 85                     | >99:1                                  |
| 13                                      | Br                            |                         | 3n  | 7                                  | 4fn, 4fn' | 70                     | 98:2                                   |
| 14                                      | EtO <sub>2</sub> CBr          |                         | 30  | 7                                  | 4fo, 4fo' | 37                     | 96:4                                   |

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: dimethyl(phenyl)vinylsilane (0.30 mmol), (pin)B–B(pin) (0.39 mmol), carbon electrophile (0.90 mmol), KO*t*-Bu (0.45 mmol), SIMesCuCl (6.0 μmol), DMF (0.55 mL).

<sup>b</sup> Yield of isolated **4** and **4'**.

<sup>c</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

Finally, the synthetic utility of the carboboration product was demonstrated by the formal total synthesis (Scheme 2) of equol, which has potential anti-osteoporosis and anti-breast cancer activity with its estrogen-like effects.<sup>20,21</sup> Thus, the carboboration using 4-methoxystyrene (**1b**), diboron **2**, and 2-bromo-4-methoxybenzyl bromide (**3p**) afforded the borylalkane **4bp**, in which the C–B bond was readily converted into a C–OH bond by oxidation with hydrogen peroxide. The resulting alcohol **8** has previously been transformed into equol (**9**) by a palladium-catalyzed intramolecular C–O bond-forming reaction and demethylation of the methoxy moieties.<sup>21a</sup>

In conclusion, we have demonstrated that the threecomponent carboboration of alkenes with a diboron compound and carbon electrophiles proceeds efficiently with the aid of a catalytic amount of a Cu–NHC complex in a straightforward approach to diverse multisubstituted borylalkanes. Moreover, the synthetic utility of the carboboration is shown by the formal total synthesis of biologically significant equal. Further studies on catalytic three-component borylation reactions using other electrophiles are in progress.

All manipulations of O<sub>2</sub>- and moisture-sensitive materials were conducted with standard Schlenk techniques under a purified argon atmosphere. NMR spectra were taken on a Varian 400-MR (<sup>1</sup>H, 400 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C, 100 MHz) spectrometer or a Varian System 500 (<sup>1</sup>H, 500 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C, 125 MHz) spectrometer using residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H,  $\delta$  = 7.26 ppm) or CDCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>13</sup>C,  $\delta$  = 77.0 ppm) as an internal standard. HRMS were obtained with a Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL. Preparative recycling gel permeation chromatography was performed with Jai LC-908 or Jai LC-9201 equipped with Jai GEL-

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Scheme 2 Formal total synthesis of equol. *Reagents and conditions*: (a) 4-methoxystyrene (1 equiv), **2** (1.3 equiv), 2-bromo-4-methoxybenzyl bromide (3 equiv), KOt-Bu (1.5 equiv), SIMesCuCl (2 mol%), DMF, r.t., 13 h; (b) 32 wt%  $H_2O_2$  (5 equiv), NaOH (5 equiv), THF, 0 °C, 0.5 h.

1H and 2H columns (CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Column chromatography was carried out using Merck Kieselgel 60. Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents were used without purification. DMF was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. 2-Bromo-4-methoxybenzyl bromide (**3p**) was prepared according to a literature procedure.<sup>21a</sup> IPrCuCl, IMesCuCl, and SIMesCuCl were prepared according to literature procedures.<sup>22</sup>

# Copper-Catalyzed Carboboration of Alkenes; General Procedure

A Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with SIMesCuCl (6.0  $\mu$ mol), alkene 0.30 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (0.39 mmol), a carbon electrophile (0.90 mmol), 1 M KOt-Bu in THF (0.45 mmol), and DMF (0.55 mL). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for the period specified in Tables 2–4, and diluted with EtOAc before filtration through a Celite plug. The organic solution was washed with brine (2 ×) and dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation of the solvent followed by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane–EtOAc or hexane–CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) or gel-permeation chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) gave the product.

In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, boron-bound carbons were not detected because of quadrupolar relaxation.

### 2-(2,3-Diphenylpropyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4aa)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 62.8 mg (0.195 mmol, 65%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.06 (s, 6 H), 1.08 (s, 6 H), 1.15–1.25 (m, 2 H), 2.84–2.93 (m, 2 H), 3.11–3.18 (m, 1 H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.12–7.24 (m, 8 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 24.53, 24.65, 43.57, 46.17, 82.89, 125.68, 125.84, 127.50, 127.90, 127.94, 129.31, 140.69, 146.41.

HRMS:  $m/z [M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{27}O_2BNa$ : 345.19963; found: 345.19992.

## 2-[2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropyl]-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4ba)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 49.7 mg (0.141 mmol, 47%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 106 (s, 6 H), 1.07 (s, 6 H), 1.24–1.37 (m, 2 H), 2.83 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.04–3.12 (m, 1 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 24.57, 24.71, 42.74, 46.38, 55.20, 82.89, 113.28, 125.63, 128.36, 129.34, 138.60, 140.80, 157.66.

HRMS:  $m/z [M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{22}H_{29}O_3BNa$ : 357.21020; found: 375.21027.

## 2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-phenylpropyl]-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4ca)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 12.8 mg (0.036 mmol, 12%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.06 (s, 6 H), 1.09 (s, 6 H), 1.13 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.21 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.86 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.11 (tdd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.12–7.21 (m, 5 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 24.56, 24.70, 43.03, 46.01, 83.03, 125.83, 127.99, 128.02, 128.90, 129.26, 131.38, 140.24, 144.85.

HRMS:  $m/z [M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{26}O_2BCINa$ : 356.17144; found: 356.17219.

## 2-[1-Phenyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2yl)propan-2-yl]pyridine (4da)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 50.4 mg (0.156 mmol, 52%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.86-0.92$ (m, 1 H), 1.05–1.09 (m, 1 H), 1.16 (s, 6 H), 1.93 (s, 6 H), 2.83 (dd, J = 13.3, 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.14 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.45 (m, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.15–7.20 (m, 4 H), 7.22–7.26 (m, 3 H), 7.68 (ddd, J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 8.59 (ddd, J = 5.1, 1.4, 1.1 Hz, 1 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 25.33, 25.59, 43.18, 44.47, 80.85, 121.99, 122.52, 125.91, 128.15, 129.20, 138.42, 140.36, 144.78, 165.51.

HRMS:  $m/z \ [M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{27}O_2NB$ : 324.21294; found: 324.21558.

## 2,2'-(3-Phenylpropane-1,2-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolane) (4ea)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 75.9 mg (0.204 mmol, 68%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.82$  (d, J = 7.9, 2 H), 1.16 (s, 6 H), 1.19 (s, 6 H), 1.22 (s, 12 H), 1.46 (m, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.60 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.79 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.18–7.24 (m, 4 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 24.74, 24.77, 24.82, 24.89, 39.48, 82.86, 82.93, 125.45, 127.91, 129.09, 142.31.

HRMS:  $m/z [M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{34}O_4B_2Na$ : 395.25354; found: 395.25458.

# Dimethyl(phenyl)[1-phenyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propan-2-yl]silane (4fa)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 97.0 mg (0.255 mmol, 85%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.23 (s, 3 H), 0.23 (s, 3 H), 0.75 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 0.89 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (s, 6 H), 1.16 (s, 6 H), 1.52–1.57 (m, 1 H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 9.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.12–7.16 (m, 3 H), 7.21–7.24 (m, 2 H), 7.33–7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.52–7.54 (m, 2 H).

 $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -4.27, -4.21, 22.10, 24.79, 24.96, 38.45, 82.79, 82.87, 125.53, 127.57, 127.98, 128.68, 129.10, 134.10, 138.60, 142.42.$ 

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BNaSi: 403.22351; found: 403.22391.

# Trimethyl[1-phenyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl]propan-2-yl]silane (4ga)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 78.3 mg (0.246 mmol, 82%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -0.07$  (s, 9 H), 0.73 (dd, J = 16.5, 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 0.83 (dd, J = 16.5, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.18 (s, 6 H), 1.19 (s, 6 H), 1.24–1.27 (m, 1 H), 2.51 (dd, J = 14.0, 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.74 (dd, J = 13.8, 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (tt, J = 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.19–7.27 (m, 4 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = -2.71, 22.68, 24.73, 24.84, 25.02, 38.67, 39.65, 82.86, 125.51, 128.01, 129.11, 142.72.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BNaSi: 341.20786; found: 341.20831.

# 4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(1-phenylnonan-3-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4ha')

Pale yellow oil; yield: 44.6 mg (0.135 mmol, 45%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 1.00–1.08 (m, 1 H), 1.23–1.31 (m, 20 H), 1.34–1.48 (m, 3 H), 1.59–1.68 (m, 1 H), 1.69–1.79 (m, 1 H), 2.59 (dt, *J* = 10.1, 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.16 (tt, *J* = 7.1, 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 14.11, 22.62, 24.80, 24.86, 29.15, 29.59, 31.26, 31.82, 33.55, 35.68, 82.89, 125.50, 128.19, 128.38, 143.12.

HRMS: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>2</sub>B: 331.28029; found: 331.28006.

#### 2-(2-Cyclohexyl-3-phenylpropyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4ia) and 2-(1-Cyclohexyl-3-phenylpropyl)-4,4,5,5tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4ia') Pale yellow oil: yield: 37 4 mg (0 114 mmol 38%)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 37.4 mg (0.114 mmol, 38%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.69$  (dd, J = 15.5, 7.7 Hz, 0.2 H), 0.78 (dd, J = 15.6, 6.5 Hz, 0.2 H), 0.91–1.24 (m, 10.4 H), 1.28 (s, 12 H), 1.37–1.45 (m, 1.3 H), 1.62–1.64 (m, 8.3 H), 1.67–1.71 (m, 4.1 H), 1.72–1.78 (m, 2.6 H), 1.81–1.86 (m, 0.3 H), 2.42 (dd, J = 13.2, 8.3 Hz, 0.2 H), 2.49 (ddd, J = 13.4, 10.7, 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.63 (ddd, J = 13.7, 11.1, 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.68 (dd, J = 13.4, 6.6 Hz, 0.2 H), 7.16 (tt, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1.1 H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2.5 H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2.1 H).

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 24.79, 24.83, 24.86, 25.10, 26.74, 26.77, 26.78, 26.85, 28.92, 30.33, 31.05, 32.42, 32.80, 36.06, 39.66, 39.92,

41.46, 41.89, 82.79, 82.91, 125.40, 125.49, 128.02, 128.18, 128.34, 129.33, 142.24, 143.19.

HRMS: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>2</sub>B: 329.26464; found: 329.26447.

## 4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-methyl-2,3-diphenylpropyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4ja)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 34.3 mg (0.102 mmol, 34%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.12$  (s, 6 H), 1.06 (s, 6 H), 1.11 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.42 (s, 3 H), 1.45 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.94 (q, J = 12.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.80 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.10–7.11 (m, 3 H), 7.14 (tt, J = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.23–7.29 (m, 4 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 24.46, 24.70, 26.37, 40.38, 52.21, 82.67, 125.40, 125.72, 126.54, 127.30, 127.61, 130.60, 138.95, 148.84.

HRMS:  $m/z [M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{22}H_{29}O_2BNa$ : 359.21528; found: 359.21536.

# Methyl 2-Benzyl-2-methyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propanoate (4ka)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 38.2 mg (0.12 mmol, 40%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.87$  (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.19 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.22 (s, 6 H), 1.23 (s, 6 H), 1.24 (s, 3 H), 2.91 (s, 2 H), 3.63 (s, 3 H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.19 (tt, J = 7.1, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.22–7.25 (m, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 24.41, 24.72, 24.84, 45.26, 46.89, 51.51, 82.96, 126.30, 127.84, 130.34, 138.87, 178.04.

HRMS:  $m/z [M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{18}H_{27}O_4BNa$ : 341.18946; found: 341.19022.

### 4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2,2,3-triphenylpropyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4la)

Pale yellow solid; yield: 41.8 mg (0.105 mmol, 35%); mp 139.7–141.0 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.02$  (s, 12 H), 1.54 (s, 2 H), 3.63 (s, 2 H), 6.61 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.04 (tt, J = 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.09 (tt, J = 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.13–7.16 (m, 6 H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 4 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 24.64, 45.13, 48.37, 82.76, 125.49, 125.67, 127.04, 127.51, 128.08, 131.03, 138.65, 149.89.

HRMS:  $m/z [M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{27}H_{31}O_2BNa$ : 421.23093; found: 421.23099.

### 4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(1,2,3-triphenylpropyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4ma, 4ma')

Pale yellow solid; yield: 47.8 mg (0.12 mmol, 40%); mp 74.4-76.5 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.83$  (s, 6 H), 0.84 (s, 6 H), 1.25 (s, 1.3 H), 1.28 (s, 1.3 H), 2.50 (dd, J = 13.4, 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.78 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.82 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 0.3 H), 2.87 (dd, J = 13.4, 11.3 Hz, 0.3 H), 2.89 (dd, J = 13.3, 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.16 (dd, J = 13.1, 3.1 Hz, 0.3 H), 3.32 (td, J = 11.4, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.44 (td, J = 11.3, 3.4 Hz, 0.4 H), 6.68 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.82 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 0.6 H), 6.91–7.11 (m, 10.3 H), 7.17 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.1 H), 7.22 (tt, J =7.2, 1.0 Hz, 1.3 H), 7.36 (tt, J = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 2.2 H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 2.2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 23.99, 24.31, 24.60, 24.75, 41.82, 43.85, 50.64, 50.71, 83.06, 83.57, 124.99, 125.32, 125.49, 125.60, 125.64, 126.05, 127.45, 127.57, 127.76, 127.80, 128.34, 128.49, 128.65, 129.06, 129.11, 129.19, 129.27, 140.50, 140.57, 141.22, 144.04.

HRMS: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub>B: 399.24899; found: 399.24899.

### 2-(3-Benzylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4na, 4na')

Pale yellow solid; yield: 56.2 mg (0.18 mmol, 60%); mp 78.7-79.7 °C.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.02-1.09$  (m, 2 H), 1.10 (s, 4.2 H), 1.10 (s, 4.2 H), 1.14–1.20 (m, 1.9 H), 1.23 (s, 6 H), 1.24 (s, 6 H), 1.33–1.57 (m, 5 H), 1.68 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1.7 H), 1.92 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.01 (ddd, J = 12.6, 9.1, 3.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.08 (t, J = 2.08 Hz, 0.7 H), 2.16–2.21 (m, 1.3 H), 2.27 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.33 (dd, J = 13.7, 11.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.58 (dd, J = 13.2, 7.9 Hz, 0.7 H), 2.65 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.3 Hz, 0.7 H), 2.77 (dd, J = 13.5, 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3.6 H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1.4 H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H).

 $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 22.14, 24.54, 24.58, 24.84, 25.01, 29.91, 31.55, 32.93, 34.89, 38.84, 39.11, 39.38, 39.70, 40.31, 40.66, 45.32, 46.75, 82.63, 82.87, 125.36, 125.49, 128.07, 128.09, 128.86, 129.01, 142.40, 142.55.

HRMS: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>B: 313.23334; found: 313.23334.

### 2-(1-Benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (40a)

Pale yellow solid; yield: 78.4 mg (0.225 mmol, 75%); mp 71.4-73.5 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.31 (s, 12 H), 1.53 (m, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.70–2.02 (m, 2 H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 10.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (m, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 3.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.21 (dt, *J* = 10.2, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.79 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.03–7.08 (m, 4 H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H).

 $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 19.71, 24.80, 25.16, 29.02, 42.24, 42.33, 83.22, 124.07, 125.70, 127.93, 129.14, 129.17, 129.77, 135.94, 140.62, 141.46.

HRMS: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>B: 349.23334; found: 349.23343.

### [1-(4-Isopropylphenyl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propan-2-yl]dimethyl(phenyl)silane (4fb) Pale yellow oil; yield: 114.1 mg (0.27 mmol, 90%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.22$  (s, 3 H), 0.22 (s, 3 H), 0.73 (dd, J = 16.2, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 0.89 (dd, J = 16.3, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.12 (s, 6 H), 1.13 (s, 6 H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6 H), 1.50–1.56 (m, 1 H), 2.44 (dd, J = 13.8, 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.73 (dd, J = 14.2, 5.8, 1 H), 2.84 (m, J = 6.9Hz, 1 H), 7.07 (s, 4 H), 7.31–7.33 (m, 3 H), 7.44–7.52 (m, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -4.38$ , -4.26, 21.97, 24.07, 24.79, 24.94, 33.65, 36.45, 38.02, 82.82, 125.99, 127.51, 128.61, 128.96, 134.08, 138.68, 139.61, 145.97.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BNaSi: 445.27046; found: 445.27017.

# Dimethyl(phenyl)[1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-(4-tolyl)propan-2-yl]silane (4fc)

Pále yellow oil; yield: 104.1 mg (0.264 mmol, 88%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.22 (s, 3 H), 0.22 (s, 3 H), 0.73 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 0.86 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.13 (s, 6 H), 1.15 (s, 6 H), 1.48–1.54 (m, 1 H), 2.29 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 9.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (s, 4 H), 7.32–7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.51–7.52 (m, 2 H).

 $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = -4.24, -4.18, 20.98, 22.09, 24.79, 24.96, 37.97, 82.85, 127.54, 128.63, 128.67, 128.96, 134.12, 134.86, 138.69, 139.22.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BNaSi: 417.23916; found: 417.23886.

### [1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propan-2-yl]dimethyl(phenyl)silane (4fd) Pale yellow oil; yield: 105.8 mg (0.255 mmol, 85%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.23 (s, 3 H), 0.24 (s, 3 H), 0.70 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 0.87 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.14 (s, 6 H), 1.15 (s, 6 H), 1.44–1.50 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 10.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.44–1.50 (m, 1 H), 1.44–1.50 (m, 1 H), 1.44–1.50 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 10.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.44–1.50 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.44–1.50 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.44–1.50 (m, 1

J = 14.0, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.33-7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.49-7.51 (m, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -4.49, -4.08, 22.16, 24.80, 24.94, 37.80,$ 82.95, 127.62, 128.03, 128.76, 130.42, 131.19, 134.04, 138.32, 140.89.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BClNaSi: 437.18454; found: 437.18442.

#### [1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propan-2-yl]dimethyl(phenyl)silane (4fe) Pale yellow oil; yield: 110.8 mg (0.27 mmol, 90%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.21$  (s, 3 H), 0.21 (s, 3 H), 0.73 (dd, J = 16.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 0.86 (dd, J = 16.4, 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.14 (s, 6 H), 1.15 (s, 6 H), 1.45-1.51 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (dd, J = 13.8, 9.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 6.76 (d, 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.32–7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.50–7.52 (m, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -4.28, -4.15, 22.31, 24.80, 24.98, 37.55,$ 55.20, 82.86, 113.44, 127.54, 128.63, 129.93, 134.10, 134.43, 138.68, 157.60.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>3</sub>BNaSi: 433.23407; found: 433.23407.

## Dimethyl(phenyl)[1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2yl)-3-(2-tolyl)propan-2-yl]silane (4ff)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 106.5 mg (0.27 mmol, 90%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.26$  (s, 3 H), 0.28 (s, 3 H), 0.75 (dd, J = 16.4, 6.8, Hz, 1 H), 0.88 (dd, J = 16.6, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.10 (s, 6 H), 1.12 (s, 6 H), 1.51–1.56 (m, 1 H), 2.20 (s, 3 H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 10.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (dd, J = 13.9, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.05–7.06 (m, 3 H), 7.08–7.10 (m, 1 H), 7.33–7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.54–7.55 (m, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -4.44, -4.25, 19.42, 20.10, 24.75, 24.83,$ 24.93, 35.78, 82.82, 125.37, 125.64, 127.56, 128.71, 129.87, 130.10, 134.10, 136.56, 138.63, 140.22.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BNaSi: 417.23916; found: 417.23914.

# [1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-**2-yl)propan-2-yl]dimethyl(phenyl)silane (4fg)** Pale yellow oil; yield: 90.9 mg (0.219 mmol, 73%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.28$  (s, 3 H), 0.30 (s, 3 H), 0.73 (dd, J = 16.4, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 0.88 (dd, J = 16.6, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.11 (s, 6 H), 1.13 (s, 6 H), 1.66 (tdd, *J* = 6.4, 4.7, 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 10.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.93 (dd, J = 13.9, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.07 (td, J = 7.4, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (td, J = 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (dd, 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.54-7.56 (m, 2 H).

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = -4.37, -4.27, 20.02, 24.82, 24.93, 35.95, 82.85, 126.19, 126.97, 127.54, 128.72, 129.39, 131.26, 134.13, 134.38, 138.43, 139.56.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BClNaSi: 437.18454; found: 437.18430.

### Dimethyl(phenyl)[1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2yl)-3-(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)propan-2-yl]silane (4fh) and Dimethyl(phenyl)[1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2yl)-3-(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)propyl]silane (4fh') Pale yellow oil; yield: 69.9 mg (0.138 mmol, 46%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.30$  (s, 0.4 H), 0.32 (s, 0.4 H), 0.34 (s, 3 H), 0.35 (s, 3 H), 0.72 (dd, J = 16.7, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 0.82 (dd, J = 16.7, 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.02 (s, 6 H), 1.07 (s, 6 H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 12 H), 1.15 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2.2 H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6 H), 1.23–1.27 (m, 2.2 H), 1.42–1.49 (m, 1 H), 2.43 (dd, J = 13.8, 9.7 Hz, 0.4 H), 2.56 (dd, J = 14.4, 12.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.65 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.81 (sept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1.2 H), 2.98 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.10 (sept, J = 6.9Hz, 0.4 H), 6.88 (s, 2 H), 6.92 (s, 0.3 H), 7.31–7.34 (m, 0.7 H), 7.36– 7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.50-7.53 (m, 0.4 H), 7.58-7.60 (m, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -5.08, -4.27, -4.15, -4.01, 21.70, 22.31,$ 23.76, 24.04, 24.07, 24.41, 24.55, 24.62, 24.83, 24.96, 25.12, 28.39, 28.70, 29.06, 33.90, 37.55, 82.69, 82.77, 113.39, 120.64, 120.71, 127.55, 128.64, 128.73, 129.94, 132.92, 133.66, 134.07, 138.86, 145.67, 146.42, 147.32.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>51</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BNaSi: 529.36436; found: 529.36395.

### [1-Mesityl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propan-2-yl]dimethyl(phenyl)silane (4fi) and [3-Mesityl-1-(4,4,5,5tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propyl]dimethyl(phenyl)silane (4fi')

Pale yellow oil; yield: 73.5 mg (0.174 mmol, 58%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.30$  (s, 0.2 H), 0.31 (s, 0.2 H), 0.33 (s, 3 H), 0.34 (s, 3 H), 0.68 (dd, J = 16.6, 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 0.81 (dd, J = 16.2, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.05 (s, 6 H), 1.06 (s, 6 H), 1.54-1.60 (m, 1 H), 2.16 (s, 6 H), 2.18 (s, 0.5 H), 2.20 (s, 3 H), 2.22 (s, 0.2 H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 12.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.63 (dd, J = 14.2, 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.74 (s, 2 H), 6.78 (s, 0.2 H), 7.30–7.32 (m, 0.3 H), 7.32–7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.50–7.52 (m, 0.2 H), 7.56–7.58 (m, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -4.69, -4.08, 19.53, 19.57, 20.44, 20.71,$ 24.78, 24.87, 24.91, 30.84, 82.71, 127.54, 128.63, 128.70, 128.84, 133.72, 134.12, 134.47, 135.52, 136.95, 138.71.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BNaSi: 445.27046; found: 445.27042.

# Dimethyl[1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-di-

oxaborolan-2-yl)propan-2-yl](phenyl)silane (4fj) Pale yellow solid; yield: 93.0 mg (0.216 mmol, 72%); mp 87.9-89.2 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.25$  (s, 3 H), 0.26 (s, 3 H), 0.82 (dd, J = 16.7, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 0.94 (dd, J = 16.5, 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.06 (s, 6 H), 1.12 (s, 6 H), 1.68–1.74 (m, 1 H), 2.90 (dd, J = 26.5, 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.20 (dd, J = 14.0, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.33–7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.37–7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 2.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -4.47, -4.17, 21.49, 24.82, 24.89, 35.97,$ 82.85, 124.41, 125.12, 125.14, 125.32, 126.48, 127.00, 127.59, 128.50, 128.76, 132.32, 133.95, 134.14, 138.22, 138.65.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BNaSi: 453.23916; found: 453.23880.

# Dimethyl(phenyl)[1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2**yl)hexan-2-yl]silane (4fk)** Pale yellow oil; yield: 72.7 mg (0.21 mmol, 70%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta = 0.26$  (s, 6 H), 0.69 (dd, J = 16.1, 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 0.82 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3 H), 0.89 (dd, J = 15.9, 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.07–1.13 (m, 1 H), 1.16–1.31 (m, 17 H), 1.43–1.48 (m, 1 H), 7.31–7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.51 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.9 Hz, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -4.42, -4.04, 14.02, 20.00, 22.98, 24.76,$ 24.97, 31.36, 32.15, 82.88, 127.49, 128.54, 134.05, 139.17.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BNaSi: 369.23916; found: 369.23938.

# Dimethyl(phenyl)[1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2yl)propan-2-yl]silane (4fl)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 45.6 mg (0.15 mmol, 50%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.24$  (s, 6 H), 0.57 (dd, J = 15.8, 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 0.94 (dd, J = 15.8, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 0.95 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.07– 1.16 (m, 1 H), 1.22 (s, 6 H), 1.23 (s, 6 H), 7.31–7.32 (m, 1 H), 7.33 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.50 (dd, J = 6.8, 2.8 Hz, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -5.45, -5.11, 14.60, 16.90, 24.68, 25.04,$ 82.94, 127.52, 128.66, 134.07, 138.48.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BNaSi: 327.19221; found: 327.19223.

# [1-Cyclopropyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propan-2-yl]dimethyl(phenyl)silane (4fm) Pale yellow oil; yield: 87.8 mg (0.255 mmol, 85%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -0.10$  (m, J = 4.6 Hz, 1 H), -0.01 (m, 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 0.26 (s, 3 H), 0.27 (s, 3 H), 0.30-0.38 (m, 2 H), 0.59-0.67 (m, 1 H), 0.83 (dd, J = 16.2, 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 0.94 (dd, J = 16.1, 5.3 Hz, 1 H), 1.10-1.12 (m, 1 H), 1.21 (s, 6 H), 1.21 (s, 6 H), 1.26-1.31 (m, 1 H), 1.36 (td, J = 6.3, 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 3 H), 7.52 (dd, J = 6.5, 2.9 Hz, 2 H).

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta\!=\!-4.41,-3.92,4.83,5.52,10.69,20.92,24.78,25.01,37.72,82.86,127.48,128.54,134.04,139.15.$ 

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BNaSi: 367.22351; found: 367.22372.

# [7-Bromo-1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)heptan-2-yl]dimethyl(phenyl)silane (4fn)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 92.3 mg (0.21 mmol, 70%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.26$  (s, 6 H), 0.69 (dd, J = 16.2, 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 0.90 (dd, J = 16.1, 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.07–1.12 (m, 1 H), 1.16–1.26 (m, 14 H), 1.28–1.37 (m, 3 H), 1.41–1.47 (m, 1 H), 1.76 (m, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.33 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.31–7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.51 (dd, J = 6.6, 2.7 Hz, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -4.60, -3.96, 19.97, 24.77, 24.99, 28.13, 28.40, 32.25, 32.68, 33.99, 82.93, 127.54, 128.63, 134.00, 138.99.$ 

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BBrNaSi: 461.16532; found: 461.16519.

### Ethyl 5-(Dimethylphenylsilyl)-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)hexanoate (4fo)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 44.9 mg (0.111 mmol, 37%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.26$  (s, 6 H), 0.69 (dd, J = 16.2, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 0.90 (dd, J = 16.3, 5.3 Hz, 1 H), 1.07–1.13 (m, 1 H), 1.18–1.25 (m, 16 H), 1.42–1.55 (m, 2 H), 1.62–1.72 (m, 1 H), 2.17 (ddd, J = 15.2, 8.7, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.23 (ddd, J = 15.2, 8.7, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.07 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.31–7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.5 (dd, J = 6.4, 3.1 Hz, 2 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -4.63$ , 4.10, 14.23, 19.69, 24.47, 24.78, 24.95, 32.02, 34.61, 60.06, 82.97, 127.57, 128.67, 134.03, 138.76, 173.73.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>4</sub>BNaSi: 427.24464; found: 427.24432.

#### **2-[3-(2-Bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propyl]-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4bp)** Pale yellow oil; yield: 147.6 mg (0.32 mmol, 32%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.02$  (s, 6 H), 1.05 (s, 6 H), 1.17 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.87 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.90 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.15 (quint, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 6.66 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.05 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H).

 $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 24.49, 24.76, 40.94, 45.40, 55.22, 55.42, 82.89, 113.07, 113.33, 117.60, 124.90, 128.38, 131.85, 132.14, 138.51, 157.75, 158.15.

HRMS: m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>4</sub>BBrNa: 483.13127; found: 483.13126.

## 3-(2-Bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1ol (8)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 62.0 mg (0.176 mmol, 84%)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.30$  (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.82–2.90 (m, 1 H), 3.10 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.13 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 3.76–3.81 (m, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 6.67 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.07 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 38.12, 47.66, 55.21, 55.44, 66.21, 113.29, 114.03, 117.82, 124.70, 129.02, 131.15, 11.56, 133.50, 158.36, 158.44.

HRMS:  $m/z [M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{17}H_{19}O_3BrNa$ : 373.04098; found: 373.04126.

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