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Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of aryl chlorides with O, N-chelate stabilized diarylborinates





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ABSTRACT

A series of O, N-chelated diarylborinates have been prepared and tested as arylboron counterpart alternative to oxygen-labile diarylborinic acids in palladium catalyzed Suzuki coupling of aryl chlorides. 3-Dimethylaminopropyl diarylborinates (B-5a), featuring a six-membered O, N-chelated boron ring that was confirmed by single crystal X-ray diffraction, displayed a delicately balanced stability and reactivity. Their cross-coupling with structurally various aryl chlorides could be effected as efficiently as that of the parent diarylborinic acids by using 0.1~1mol% Pd(OAc)₂/IPr/P(OPh)₃ as catalyst system, to provide the corresponding biaryls in good to excellent yields.

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1. Introduction

Four-coordinate diarylborinates, in particular those bearing an intramolecular B-N coordinate bond, are much more stable than the corresponding three-coordinate ones [1]. In fact, the former, as stable derivatives of diarylborinic acids, has been increasingly found in pharmaceutical reagents [2] and advanced materials [3] while the later has been proposed as active intermediates in borinic acid catalyzed processes, e.g. aldol condensation [4], Mannichtype reaction [5] and amidation [6]. More recently, the parent fivemembered O, N-chelated diarylborinate, 2-aminoethyl diphenylborinate (2-APB), has been identified as a universal blocker of transient receptor potential channels [7]. We have recently reported that diarylborinic acids could be used as a cost-effective aryl source in palladium and nickel catalyzed cross-coupling reactions with aryl (pseudo)halides [8], carboxylic acids [9] and amides [10]. However, the coordinatively unsaturated diarylborinic acids are sometimes oxygen-labile and prone to dehydration and protodeboronation, complicating their long-term storage, stoichiometry

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and applications as arylation reagents. Inspired by the great successes achieved by Burke et al. [11] in finely tuning the stability and reactivities of arylboronates via coordinative, electronic and steric properties of boron center, we anticipate that it should be possible to develop storage-stable and easy-to-handle diarylborinates to replace diarylborinic acids as arylation reagents in transition metalcatalyzed cross-couplings. Herein, we report palladium catalyzed cross-coupling of aryl chlorides, which are the least reactive but most practical aryl halides due to their low cost and wide availability, with a series of O, N-chelate stabilized diarylborinates, among them 3-dimethylaminopropyl diarylborinates performed as efficiently as diarylborinic acids.

2. Results and discussion

The cross-coupling of 4-acetylchlorobenzene (Cl-1) with 2aminoethyl diphenylborinate (2-APB, B-1) was tested at first under the conditions that we had developed for N,N'-bis(2,6diisopropylphenyl) imidazol-2-ylidene (IPr) palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of aryl halides with free diarylborinic acids, 0.1mol % Pd(OAc)₂/IPr/P(OPh)₃ (1/1/2, mol/mol) in the presence of 2equiv. K₃PO₄.3H₂O in *t*BuOH at 80 °C by using a slightly excess aryl source (B/Cl = 0.55 mol/mol, 1.1 equiv. with respect to phenyl group) [8b]. The desired cross-coupling product, 4-acetylbiphenyl (P-1), was



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obtained in a low but promising yield (27%) (Scheme 1). Encouraged by the preliminary result, a couple of five/six-membered, O, N-chelate stabilized diarylborinates (**B-2~B-8**) [1b,12-15] were prepared by reaction of diarylborinic acids with representative Ncontaining alcohols or acids, e.g. dimethylaminoethanol, glycine, dimethyl glycine, pyridin-2-ylmethanol, picolinic acid, 3-(dimethylamino)propanol and quinolin-8-ol. Resonances at 4.45–11.92 ppm in ¹¹B NMR spectra of these diarylborinates are consistent with the O, N-chelated four-coordinate boron center [1b,2c]. The characteristic absorption of B-N (1350-1310cm-¹) in IR spectra also confirmed the formation of O, N-chelated fourcoordinate boron center in these diarylborinates [16].

Reactivities of these diarylborinates in the model cross-coupling reaction were investigated. The biaryl product **P-1** could be obtained in 91% and 98% yields, respectively, with 2-dimethylaminoethyl diphenylborinate (**B-2**) and 3-dimethylaminopropyl diphenylborinate (**B-5a**) as the aryl source in the model reaction while the analogues **B-2-B4** and **B-6-B-8** performed poorly.

In fact, excellent yields for **P-1** could still be obtained when the catalyst loading was reduced to 0.3mol% or even 0.1mol% provided that P(OPh)₃ was increased to 5equiv. (0.5mol%) with respect to Pd/ IPr (0.1mol%) (Scheme 2). The high reactivity of the six-membered O, N-chelated diphenylborinate (**B-5a**) may be attributed to the steric hindrance and/or the so-called through-bond interactions [1b].

Crystal structure of the most reactive diphenylborinate **B-5a** was determined and confirmed the presence of the six-membered N, O-chelate stabilized boron center (Fig. 1). The N \rightarrow B coordinate bond distance is 1.7095(17)Å in **B-5a** is significantly longer than previously reported data for the related five/six-membered O, N-chelated diphenylborinates **B-1**, **B-2** and 3-aminopropyl diphenylborinate where the bond lengths range from 1.61 to 1.65 Å while the B-O (1.4542(16)Å) bond length is in the normal range from 1.35 to 1.48 Å [1b,17]. The B-C_{Ph} bond lengths (1.6425(18) and 1.6265(18) Å) are slightly longer than those in **B-1** (1.620 and 1.613 Å), **B-2** (1.627 and 1.614 Å) and 3-aminopropyl diphenylborinate (1.620 and 1.626 Å). The angles around the tetra-coordinated boron atom are between 102.9(9)° and 113.8(10)° closed to tetrahedral angle values.

Scope and limitation of the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of aryl chlorides with 3-dimethylaminopropyl diarylborinates have



Scheme 1. The coupling of 4-acetylchlorobenzene with O, N-chelate stabilized diarylborinates.



Scheme 2. The coupling of 4-acetylchlorobenzene with B-5a.

been explored (Table 1). Similar to the reaction of free diarylboronic acids, a large electronic effect was observed from aryl chlorides. For example, aryl chlorides bearing an electron-deficient benzene ring reacted smoothly with **B-5a** to give biaryl products in excellent yields (Entries 1–9).

However, reaction of electron-rich 4-(benzyloxy)phenyl chloride (Cl-11) with B-5a became rather sluggish under the model reaction conditions to offer biaryl **P-11** in just 11% yield although the high yields could be restored in the reaction of electron-rich aryl chlorides by using 1mol% catalyst loading under the otherwise identical conditions (Entries 10-19). Obviously, steric hindrance from a small ortho-substituent in these electron-deficient aryl chlorides could be overcome since the yields of biaryl products just slightly decreased compared with those with a substituent at para- or meta-positions. Compared with electron-deficient ones, steric hindrance of electron-rich aryl chlorides affected their coupling remarkably. For example, o-tolylchloride and o-methoxylphenyl chloride reacted to give biaryl products 2-methylbiphenyl (P-13, 72%) and 2-phenylanisole (P-16, 62%), in significantly lower yields than their para-isomers (Entries 12 and 15). The yield further decreased to 42% in the reaction of 2,6-dimethylphenyl chloride (Entry 13).



Fig. 1. An ORTEP view of the molecular structure of **B-5a**. B(1)-O(1) 1.4542(16)Å, B(1)-N(1) 1.7095(17)Å, B(1)-C(1) 1.6425(18)Å, B(1)-C(7) 1.6265(18)Å; O(1)-B(1)-C(7) 108.84(10)°, O(1)-B(1)-C(1) 112.19(10)°, C(7)-B(1)-C(1) 110.97(10)°, O(1)-B(1)-N(1) 102.86(9)°, C(7)-B(1)-N(1) 107.80(10)°, C(1)-B(1)-N(1) 113.76(10)°.

Table 1

Scope of the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of aryl halides with 3-dimethylaminopropyl diarylborinates.^a



Entry	R ¹	R ²	Cat (%)	Yield (%) ^b
1	o-Ac(Cl-2)	H(B-5a)	0.1	83(P-2)
2	<i>m</i> -Ac(Cl-3)	H(B-5a)	0.1	99(P-3)
3	o-CN(Cl-4)	H(B-5a)	0.1	92(P-4)
4	m-CN(Cl-5)	H(B-5a)	0.1	96(P-5)
5	p-CN(Cl-6)	H(B-5a)	0.1	95(P-6)
6	p-CO2Me(Cl-7)	H(B-5a)	0.1	97(P-7)
7	p-CHO(Cl-8)	H(B-5a)	0.1	87(P-8)
8	p-NO ₂ (Cl-9)	H(B-5a)	0.1	90(P-9)
9	o-NO ₂ (Cl-10)	H(B-5a)	0.1	87(P-10)
10	p-OBn(Cl-11)	H(B-5a)	1	98(11) ^c (P-11)
11	p-Me(Cl-12)	H(B-5a)	1	97(P-12)
12	o-Me(Cl-13)	H(B-5a)	1	72(P-13)
13	2,6-Me ₂ (Cl-14)	H(B-5a)	1	42(P-14)
14	p-OMe(Cl-15)	H(B-5a)	1	95(P-15)
15	o-OMe(Cl-16)	H(B-5a)	1	62(P-16)
16	p-NH ₂ (Cl-17)	H(B-5a)	1	91(P-17)
17	o-NH ₂ (Cl-18)	H(B-5a)	1	85(P-18)
18	2-Cl-Py(Cl-19)	H(B-5a)	1	83 (P-19)
19	3-Cl-Py(Cl-20)	H(B-5a)	1	85 (P-20)
20	p-Ac(Cl-1)	<i>p</i> -Me(B-5b)	0.1	91(P-21)
21	p-Ac(Cl-1)	p-F(B-5f)	0.1	80(P-22)
22	p-Ac(Cl-1)	p-OMe(B-5j)	0.1	93(P-23)
23	p-OBn(Cl-11)	<i>p</i> -Me(B-5b)	1	99(P-24)
24	p-OBn(Cl-11)	<i>m</i> -Me(B-5c)	1	95(P-25)
25	p-OBn(Cl-11)	o-Me(B-5d)	1	96(P-26)
26	p-OBn(Cl-11)	m-F(B-5e)	1	82(P-27)
27	p-OBn(Cl-11)	p-F(B-5f)	1	88(P-28)
28	p-OBn(Cl-11)	o-Et(B-5g)	1	92(P-29)
29	p-OBn(Cl-11)	<i>p</i> -CF ₃ (B-5h)	1	70(P-30)
30	p-OBn(Cl-11)	o-OMe(B-5i)	1	94(P-31)
31	<i>p</i> -OBn(Cl-11)	p-OMe(B-5j)	1	94(P-32)

^a Reaction conditions: aryl chloride 1 mmol; diarylborinate 0.55 mmol; $K_3PO_4 \cdot 3H_2O$, 2 mmol (2equiv.); *t*BuOH, 5 mL.

^b Isolated yields.

^c 0.1mol% cat used.

The electronic and steric influence of 3-dimethylaminopropyl diarylborinates on their cross-coupling with aryl halides were also investigated. The steric influence from a small orthosubstituent on the benzene ring of diarylborinates **B-5** was negligible. For example, diarylborinates bearing an ortho-methyl (**B-5d**). ethyl (**B-5g**) and methoxyl (**B-5i**) group reacted with 4-(benzyloxy) phenyl chloride (Cl-11) similarly to their para-isomers (Entries 23, 25, 28, 30 and 31), giving the corresponding biaryl products P-26, P-29 and P-31 in comparable yields. Although electronically various diarylborinates (B-5) could react smoothly with both electron-rich (Cl-11) and -deficient (Cl-1) aryl chlorides to offer biaryls P-21~23 and P-24~P-32 in good to excellent yields (Entries 20-31), a larger electronic effect was observed from the diarylborinates in reaction with electron-rich aryl chlorides compared with the free diarylborinic acids, which displayed a negligible electronic influence on their coupling with aryl chlorides under similar conditions [8b]. For example, the electron-deficient diarylborinates (**B-5e, B-5f** and **B-5h**) reacted with **Cl-11** to give biaryls in obviously lower yields (70-88%) than the electron-neutral and -rich analogues (B-5b, B-5c and B-5j) (94-99%) (Entries 26, 27, 29 vs 23, 24, 31).

3. Conclusion

In summary, a series of O, N-chelated diarylborinates with typical N-containing alcohol or acid ligands have been prepared and fully characterized by spectroscopy including ¹¹B NMR and single crystal X-ray diffraction, aiming to develop an easy-tohandle and storage-stable alternative to free diarylborinic acids in palladium-catalyzed Suzuki coupling of aryl chlorides. Although a slightly larger electronic effect of diarylborinates was observed 3dimethylaminopropyl diarylborinates, in which the sixmembered O, N-chelate-stabilized boron ring appeared to be crucial to delicately balance their stability and reactivity, performed comparably to diarylborinic acids in cross-coupling with a wide range of aryl chlorides. A variety of biaryls could be obtained in good to excellent yields via the cross-coupling of 3dimethylaminopropyl diarylborinates with aryl chlorides catalyzed by 0.1~1mol% Pd(OAc)₂/IPr/P(OPh)₃. These results clearly indicated that diarylborinates with well-balanced stability and reactivity could be effected by carefully tuning the structure of the chelate ligand.

4. Experimental section

General information: All reactions were carried out under nitrogen by using standard Schlenk techniques unless otherwise stated. Commercially available chemicals were used as received. Diarylboronic acids [8b]. O. N-chelated diarylborinates [12,13,18] and IPr·HCl [19], were prepared according to previously reported procedures. Column chromatograph was performed on 200-300 mesh silica gal. ¹H, ¹³C and ¹¹B NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ or DMSO- d_6 at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts in NMR are reported in ppm (δ), relative to the internal standard of tetramethylsilane (TMS). The signals observed are described as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (double doublet), m (multiplets). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated as nH. Coupling constants are reported as [in Hz. The organic compounds were identified by ¹H and ¹³C NMR (see Supporting Information) [8a,8b,20-27]. All new compounds were further characterized by HRMS.

4.1. Synthesis of O, N-chelated diarylborinates

General procedure **A**: Diarylboronic acid (10 mmol) in EtOAc (20 mL) was added ethanolamine (0.61 g, 10 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Precipitates were collected by filtration and dried to give O, N-chelated diarylborinates (**B-1**, **B-2** and **B-4-B-8**).

Procedure for **B-3**: To a solution of the diarylboronic acid (10 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL) was added glycine (0.75 g, 10 mmol) in H_2O (5 mL). The mixture was stirred for 4 h at reflux before cooling down to room temperature. Precipitates were collected by filtration and dried in vacuum to give **B-3**.

4.1.1. 3-((Bis(4-methylphenyl)boranyl)oxy)-N,N-dimethylpropan-1amine (**B-5b**)

White solid (2.83 g, 96% yield), mp 104–105 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 3.74 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 6H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 1.78–1.72 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 135.1, 133.3, 128.0, 126.8, 60.2, 58.5, 46.1, 24.6, 20.2. ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 14.38. HRMS (EI) m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₆BNO 295.2107, found 295.2104. IR (KBr) ν (N \rightarrow B) 1310 cm⁻¹.

4.1.2. 3-((Bis(3-methylphenyl)boranyl)oxy)-N,N-dimethylpropan-1-amine (**B-5c**)

White solid (2.86 g, 97% yield), mp 132–134 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.42 (s, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 6H), 2.31 (s, 6H), 1.86–1.81 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 136.2, 135.0, 131.4, 127.7, 127.0, 61.1, 59.5, 47.1, 25.6, 21.8. ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 11.27. HRMS (EI) m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₆BNO 295.2107, found 295.2106. IR (KBr) ν (N \rightarrow B) 1310 cm⁻¹.

4.1.3. 3-((Bis(2-methylphenyl)boranyl)oxy)-N,N-dimethylpropan-1-amine (**B-5d**)

Yellow liquid (2.78 g, 94% yield), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 1.74 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 141.9, 134.1, 129.8, 129.5, 124.9, 64.4, 58.3, 45.1, 28.3, 22.6. ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 11.67. HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₆BNO 295.2107, found 295.2104. IR (KBr) ν (N \rightarrow B) 1340 cm⁻¹.

4.1.4. 3-((Bis(3-fluorophenyl)boranyl)oxy)-N,N-dimethylpropan-1amine (**B-5e**)

White solid (2.94 g, 97% yield), mp 130–131 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.27–7.16 (m, 6H), 6.87–6.82 (m, 2H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 6H), 1.92–1.87 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 162.5 (d, *J* = 242.9 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 128.4 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 120.1 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 112.6 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 60.25, 59.9, 47.9, 24.6. ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 6.34. HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₀BF₂NO 303.1606, found 303.1608. IR (KBr) ν (N \rightarrow B) 1310 cm⁻¹.

4.1.5. 3-((Bis(4-fluorophenyl)boranyl)oxy)-N,N-dimethylpropan-1-amine (**B-5f**)

White solid (2.97 g, 98% yield), mp 122–123 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.49 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 6.94 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 3.77 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (s, 6H), 1.88–1.83 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 161.9 (d, J = 240.0 Hz), 135.5 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 113.7 (d, J = 18.9 Hz), 60.4, 59.7, 47.8, 24.9. ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.87. HRMS (EI) m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₀BF₂NO 303.1606, found 303.1605. IR (KBr) ν (N \rightarrow B) 1310 cm⁻¹.

4.1.6. 3-((Bis(2-ethylphenyl)boranyl)oxy)-N,N-dimethylpropan-1amine (**B-5g**)

Yellow liquid (3.17 g, 98% yield), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.33–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 2.73 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 1.77–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 148.4, 134.3, 129.5, 128.3, 128.2, 124.9, 64.4, 58.9, 45.3, 29.1, 28.3, 16.7. ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.99. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* [M+1]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₃₁BNO 324.2499, found 324.2499. IR (KBr) ν (N \rightarrow B) 1330 cm⁻¹.

4.1.7. 3-((Bis(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)boranyl)oxy)-N,Ndimethylpropan-1-amine (**B-5h**)

Yellow liquid (3.87 g, 96% yield), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.78 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (s, 2H), 2.59 (s, 6H), 1.91–1.86 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 134.9, 133.6, 127.7 (q, J = 31.5 Hz), 124.9 (q, J = 270.0 Hz), 123.4 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 60.8, 59.7, 45.5, 25.0. ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 5.79. HRMS (EI) m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₀BF₆NO 403.1542, found 403.1543. IR (KBr) ν (N \rightarrow B) 1330 cm⁻¹.

4.1.8. 3-((Bis(2-methoxyphenyl)boranyl)oxy)-N,N-dimethylpropan-1-amine (**B-5i**)

Yellow liquid (3.21 g, 98% yield), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.31–7.25 (m, 4H), 6.95–6.87 (m, 4H), 5.67 (s, 2H), 3.96 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 3.76 (s, 6H), 3.08–3.01 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 136.4, 129.4, 120.9, 113.8, 109.7, 58.8, 55.2, 55.1, 45.4, 27.6. ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 13.31. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+1]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₆BNO₃ 328.2084, found 328.2084. IR (KBr) ν (N \rightarrow B) 1330 cm⁻¹.

4.1.9. 3-((Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)boranyl)oxy)-N,N-dimethylpropan-1-amine (**B-5***j*)

White solid (3.11 g, 95% yield), mp 114–115 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 3.83 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 6H), 1.85–1.80 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 159.5, 135.9, 129.5, 112.8, 55.1, 55.0, 46.5, 26.5, 18.3. ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 12.86. HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₆BNO₃ 327.2006, found 327.2012. IR (KBr) ν (N \rightarrow B) 1310 cm⁻¹.

4.2. General procedure for Suzuki coupling reaction of aryl chlorides with O, N-chelated diarylborinates

Under a N₂ atmosphere, to a 10 mL dry flask were added aryl chloride (1.0 mmol), O, N-chelated diarylborinates (0.55 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.1~1 mol%), IPr·Cl (0.1~1 mol%), P(OPh)₃ (0.5~5 mol%), K₃PO₄. H₂O (2 mmol), and *t*BuOH (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for a given time or monitored by TLC until the starting material was completely consumed. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL), followed by washing with H₂O (2 × 10 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give crude product, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford product.

4.2.1. 4-Benzyloxy-3'-fluorobiphenyl (P-27)

White solid (228 mg, 82% yield), mp 103–104 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.51–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.95 (m, 1H), 5,10 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 161.3 (d, *J* = 244 Hz), 158.8, 143.1 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 136.9, 132.7 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 130.2 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 122.3 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 115.3, 113.7 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 113.4 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 70.1. HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₅FO 278.1107, found 278.1108.

4.3. X-ray crystallographic data

The X-ray diffraction measurements of compound **B-5a** was carried out using SC-XRD D8 VENTURE area-detector diffractometer and using CuK α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178$ Å). The structure was solved by SHELXT followed by successive refinements using the ϕ - ω scans method on F2 using SHELXL-2014.

4.4. Crystal data of B-5a

 $C_{17}H_{22}BNO,\ M=267.17,\ Monoclinic,\ a=9.1048(2),\ b=23.7982(6),\ c=7.2326(2)$ Å, $\beta=112.1410(10)^\circ,\ V=1451.58(6)$ Å³, Space group P2₁/n, Z=4, $D_{calc}=1.223\ Mg/m^3.$ Crystal size $0.05\times0.04\times0.03\ mm^3,\ \theta_{max}=66.68^\circ,\ 11623\ reflections\ measured,\ 2555\ unique\ (R_{int}=0.0220),\mu=0.568\ mm^{-1}.$ The final R1 and wR2 were 0.0414 and 0.1210 (I $>2\ \sigma$ (I)), for 183 parameters.

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