## Supporting Information

## A Highly Active and Recyclable Homogeneous NHC-Palladium Catalyst with pH- and Light-Sensitive Tags for the SuzukiMiyaura Coupling Reactions of Aryl Halides with Arylboronic

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## 1. General Techniques

### 1.1. Materials

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed under an atmosphere of dry $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ with ovendried glassware and anhydrous solvents. Toluene, THF, hexane, and diethyl ether were distilled from sodium benzophenone under a $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere. $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was dried over $\mathrm{CaCl}_{2}$, and distilled prior to use. All other solvents were dried over 4-8 $\AA$ mesh molecular sieves (Aldrich). Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography on 0.20 mm Anhui Liangchen silica gel plates and spots were detected with UV light. Silica gel (200-300 mesh) (from Anhui Liang Chenchem Company, Ltd.) was used for flash chromatography. The $\left(\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{allyl}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}{ }_{2}{ }^{1}\right.$ and nitrobenzospiropyran $(\mathrm{SP}){ }^{2}$ were prepared according to literature method. Other chemicals or reagents were obtained from commercial sources.

### 1.2. Spectroscopic Procedures

NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance III 400 MHz spectrometer. UV-vis spectra were recorded with a SHIMADZU UV-2700 spectrophotometer at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Elemental analyses were determined in house using a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN elemental analyzer.

### 1.3. Synthetic Procedures

All experiments were carried out in Synthware glass round-bottom flasks, equipped with magnetic stir bars and high vacuum Teflon valves.

## 2. Preparation of 1



A $250-\mathrm{mL}$ flask was charged with $3.73 \mathrm{~mL} 40 \%$ aqueous glyoxal and 50 mL methanol. Then 4-bromo-2,6-dimethyl phenylamine ( $13.5 \mathrm{~g}, 67 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in 50 mL methanol was added dropwise at room temperature. After the mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, the resulting yellow precipitate was collected by filtration and dried in vacuum.

A suspension of the resulting yellow precipitate ( $5.5 \mathrm{~g}, 13 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in THF/methanol ( $40 \mathrm{~mL} / 60 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was stirred at room temperature in a $250-\mathrm{mL}$ round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar. Then sodium borohydride ( $7 \mathrm{~g}, 184 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was slowly added. The mixture was refluxed for 1.5 h . After cooling to room temperature, saturated ammonium chloride aqueous solution ( 20 mL ) was added.

The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was extracted with ether ( $3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), washed with water, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated under vacuum to afford a pink solid. Yield: $69 \%$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$-NMR ( 400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.05(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.07(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.19(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ (ppm): 144.7, 131.7, 131.4, 114.6, 48.7, 18.3. Analytical Data. Calcd (found) for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{Br}_{2}$ : C, 50.73 (50.86); H, 5.20 (4.98).

## 3. Preparation of 2



Under a $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere, a $50-\mathrm{mL}$ flask was charged with compound 1 ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 2.3 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), ethyl acrylate ( $1.9 \mathrm{~g}, \quad 18.8 \mathrm{mmol})$, trimethylamine (TEA) ( $1.9 \mathrm{~g}, 18.8 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), tetrakis-(triphenylphosphine)-palladium $(0.27 \mathrm{~g}, 0.23 \mathrm{mmol})$ and toluene $(2 \mathrm{~mL})$. The mixture was heated to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 36 h . After cooling to room temperature, a quantity of water was added. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was extracted with ether ( $3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), washed with water, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated under vacuum to afford a yellow solid. The product was further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column using pentanes/ethyl acetate (3:1) as the eluent .Yield: 70\%. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.29(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.29(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.28(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 1.32(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 166.9,147.5,144.0,128.6,128.1,127.3,114.9,59.7,47.9,18.3,13.8$. Analytical Data. Calcd (found) for $\mathrm{C}_{29} \mathrm{H}_{40} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ : C, 72.47 (72.34); $\mathrm{H}, 8.39$ (8.27).

## 4. Preparation of 3



A suspension of $2(200 \mathrm{mg}, 0.4 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $10 \% \mathrm{NaOH}(8 \mathrm{~mL})$ and methanol $(24 \mathrm{~mL})$ was refluxed in a $100-\mathrm{mL}$ round bottom flask for 1.5 h . After cooling to room temperature, the pH of the mixture was adjusted to 1.0 with 1 M HCl and then extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and concentrated in vacuum to give the resulting yellow solid. Yield: $90 \%{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.41$ (d, $\left.J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.23(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.26(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.33 ( $\mathrm{s}, 4 \mathrm{H}$ ), $2.20(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 167.9,148.7,144.3$,
129.0, 127.8, 125.9, 115.1, 47.5, 18.7. Analytical Data. Calcd (found) for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ : C, 70.57 (70.66); H, 6.91 (6.97).

## 5. Preparation of 4



DCC (N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide) ( $0.206 \mathrm{~g}, 1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and DMAP (4-dimethylaminopyridine) $(0.25 \mathrm{~g}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added to a solution of $3(0.20 \mathrm{~g}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $(\mathrm{R} / \mathrm{S})$-SP $(0.35 \mathrm{~g}, 1 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 5 mL anhydrous $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was then slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for another 12 h at room temperature. Then the insoluble materials were filtered out and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica using $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ as the eluent to give green product $\mathbf{4}$ as a solid. Yield: $60 \%{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.00(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.51(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.22(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.11-7.08(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.92-6.88(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.71(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.14(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.33(\mathrm{t}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.62-3.55(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.30(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H})$, $2.29(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.17(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 166.3,158.7,147.7$, $145.9,144.6,140.3,135.0,128.4,127.8,127.5,127.1,126.5,125.1,121.9,121.0,119.1,117.7$, 114.8, 113.6, 106.0, 105.7, 61.5, 52.6, 52.1, 47.6, 41.8, 25.1, 19.1, 18.1. Analytical Data. Calcd (found) for $\mathrm{C}_{64} \mathrm{H}_{64} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{10}$ : C, 71.36 (73.97); H, 5.99 (6.25).

## 6. Preparation of 5



First 4 ( $220 \mathrm{mg}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzaldehyde ( $78 \mathrm{mg}, 0.4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were dissolved in $2 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. Then, 0.5 mL acetic acid was added and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The solution was then extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL})$, washed with water, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column using pentanes $/ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(1: 1)$ as the eluent to give pure product 5 as a blue solid. Yield: $37 \%$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.04-8.02(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.96-7.90(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.41$ (d, J $=3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.21-7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.08-7.04(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.87(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 2H), 6.74-6.67 (m, 4H), 6.19 (dd, $J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 5.97 (d, $J=10.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.36-4.27 $(\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.65-3.50(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 2.39(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 1.25(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.11(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)$ $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}):-137.83(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{~F}),-150.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=15 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{~F}),-156.85(\mathrm{~d}, J=19.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{~F}),-164.24(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{~F}$ ), 164.86 (d, $J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{~F}$ ). Analytical Data. Calcd (found) for $\mathrm{C}_{71} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{10}: \mathrm{C}, 67.93$ (69.86); H, 5.06 (5.13).

## 7. Preparation of Catalyst 6



A suspension of $(\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{allyl}) \mathrm{Cl})_{2}(0.04 \mathrm{mg}, 0.03 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $5(0.022 \mathrm{mg}, 0.06 \mathrm{mmol})$ in toluene $(1$ mL ) was heated at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1.5 h under a $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere. After cooling to room temperature, petroleum ether was added. The mixture was filtered and the resulting solid was washed with petroleum ether. The product was dried under vacuum to give 6 as a light blue solid. Yield: $95 \%$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})$ : 7.99-7.97 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.19 (m, 6H), 7.09 (d, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.94-6.89(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.75-6.69(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.22(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 5.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.38-4.23(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.65-3.45(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.19-$
$3.13(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.03(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.70(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.49(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 1.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.17(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 211.4,166.7,166.4$, $159.4,146.5,144.3,143.5,141.0,140.0,139.8,137.2,135.7,134.5,131.1,128.4,127.8,125.9$, $122.7,121.8,121.8,119.9,119.1,118.5,118.2,115.6,114.4,106.6,106.4,72.7,62.6,60.5,52.9$, 51.0, 46.0, 42.4, 29.6, 25.8, 19.8, 18.8. Analytical Data. Calcd (found) for $\mathrm{C}_{68} \mathrm{H}_{67} \mathrm{ClN}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{10} \mathrm{Pd}$ : C, 64.30 (64.66); H, 5.32 (5.87). High-resolution MS analysis (ESI) $m / z:[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{Cl}]^{+}$calcd 1233.3953, found 1233.3958 .

## 8. Characterization of Complex 8



According to Ref (Org. Biomol. Chem. 2013, 11, 6047-6055.), the compound ME was converted to compound $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ in the presence of KOH in $i-\mathrm{PrOH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. We characterized them by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and the spectra are shown as follows. Judging from the spectra (base on the chemistry shift from 6.50 to 5.00 ppm ), the products are a mixture and the ratio of $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ is $1: 1$. By this way, we also
characterized $\mathbf{8 a} / \mathbf{8 b}$ by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and the products are also a mixture of $\mathbf{8 a}$ and $\mathbf{8 b}$. The ratio of $\mathbf{8 a}$ and $\mathbf{8 b}$ is $1: 4$.




9. Absorption Spectrum of Complex 6, 7 and 8

Catalyst $6\left(1 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ was dissolved in $10 \mathrm{~mL} i-\mathrm{PrOH}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1: 1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})\left(\mathrm{C}=1.0 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}\right)$. The
absorption spectrum of the resulting solution was then measured and the results are shown in Figure 1 (black line). Then, $\mathrm{KOH}\left(2 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ was added and the solution was shaken by hand. The absorption spectrum of the resulting solution is shown in Figure 1 (red line). Then, the pH of the above solution was adjusted to 7.0 with 1 M HCl . The absorption spectrum of that solution is shown in Figure 1 (blue line). The solution was then irradiated with light $(\lambda>380 \mathrm{~nm})$ at room temperature for 2 min . The results are shown in Figure 1 (green line).

## 10. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

A mixture of phenylboronic acid ( 0.25 mmol ), 4-bromotoluene ( 0.25 mmol ), and base ( 0.5 mmol ) was dissolved in different solvent $(1 \mathrm{~mL})$ and heated to $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Then catalyst $6(0.1 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for $4-12 \mathrm{~h}$. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was extracted three times with n-hexane ( 3 x 1 mL ), dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The products were further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column. The results are presented in Table S1.

Table S1 Optimizing reaction conditions for the reaction of 4-bromotoluene with phenylboronic acid. ${ }^{a}$

| base | solvent | time | yield $(\%)^{b}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | KOH | $i-\mathrm{PrOH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1: 1)$ | 4 h | 99 |
| 2 | KOH | $\mathrm{DMF} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1: 1)$ | 12 h | 0 |
| 3 | KOH | $\mathrm{THF} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1: 1)$ | 12 h | 0 |
| 4 | KOH | $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1: 1)$ | 12 h | 60 |
| 5 | KOH | $i-\mathrm{PrOH}$ | 12 h | 0 |
| 6 | KOH | DMF | 12 h | 0 |
| 7 | KOH | THF | 12 h | 0 |
| 8 | KOH | toluene | 12 h | 0 |
| 9 | KOH | $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 12 h | 0 |
| 10 | KOH | MeOH | 12 h | 70 |
| 11 | $\mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{CO} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | $i-\mathrm{PrOH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1: 1)$ | 4 h | 50 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Reactions were carried out using 4-bromotoluene ( 0.25 mmol , 1 equiv), $\mathrm{PhB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}(0.25 \mathrm{mmol}, 1$ equiv), solvent ( 1 mL ) and base ( $1 \mathrm{mmol}, 2$ equiv) at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Isolated yields.
11. Photo of Homogeneous catalyst system for Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reactions of aryl halides with arylboronic acids.


Fig.S1 Homogeneous catalyst system for Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reactions of aryl halides with arylboronic acids.

## 12. General Procedure for NHC-Pd(II) Catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling Reaction of Aryl

## halides with Arylboronic acids

A mixture of arylboronic acids ( 0.25 mmol ), aryl halides ( 0.25 mmol ), and $\mathrm{KOH}(0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in $i-\mathrm{PrOH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.5 \mathrm{~mL} / 0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and heated to $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Then catalyst $6(0.1 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h . After completion of the reaction, the mixture was extracted three times with n-hexane ( 3 x 1 mL ), dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The products were further purified by flash chromatography on a silica gel column.

## 13. General Procedure for Recycling the NHC-Pd(II) Catalyst

A mixture of $\mathrm{PhB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}(0.25 \mathrm{mmol})$, 4-bromotoluene $(0.25 \mathrm{mmol})$, and $\mathrm{KOH}(0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in $i-\mathrm{PrOH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.5 \mathrm{~mL} / 0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and heated to $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Then catalyst $6(0.5 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ was added and the mixture was stirred. After completion of the reaction, the products were separated from the reaction mixture by adding cyclohexane $(2 \times 1 \mathrm{~mL})$ as the extraction media. Then, the pH of the solution was adjusted to 7.0 with 1 M HCl and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \times 1 \mathrm{~mL})$. The $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$
solution was irradiated with visible light ( $\lambda>380 \mathrm{~nm}$ ). After the color of the purple solution disappeared, the solution was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated by vacuum to give the original catalyst $\mathbf{6}$, which was then used in another reaction cycle.

## 14. Characterization Data of the Products in Table 2 and Table 3:



4-Methyl-biphenyl (11a) ${ }^{3}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.61-7.57(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.51-7.41(\mathrm{~m}$, 4 H ), 7.37-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), $2.40(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})$ : $141.2,138.4,137.0,129.5,128.8,127.3,127.2,127.0,21.1$.


Biphenyl (11b): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.70-7.68(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.55-7.51(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.45-$ $7.42(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 141.3,128.8,127.7,127.2$.


4-Fluoro-biphenyl (11c) ${ }^{4}$ : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ ( ppm ): 7.59 ( $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 3H), $7.34(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.12(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 162.4(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=245.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{C}), 140.3,137.3,128.8,128.7,128.6,127.2,127.0,115.6$ (d, J = 21.2 Hz, 1C ).


2-Methyl-biphenyl (11d) ${ }^{5}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.40-7.33(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.32-7.26(\mathrm{~m}$, 3 H ), 7.25-7.18 (m, 4H), $2.25(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 142.0,142.0,135.3,130.3$, 129.8, 129.2, 128.1, 127.3, 126.8, 125.8, 20.5.


Biphenyl-4-carbaldehyde (11e) ${ }^{3:}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 10.06(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.75 (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.40 (m, 3H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 191.9,147.1,139.7,135.2,130.2,129.0,128.5,127.6,127.3$.


2-Phenyl-pyridine (11f): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.72-8.71(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.01-7.99(\mathrm{~m}$,

2 H ), 7.81-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ (ppm): 157.1, 149.4, 139.1, 136.5, 128.7, 128.5, 126.7, 121.8, 120.3.


4-Nitro-biphenyl (11g) ${ }^{4}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.32-8.28(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 7.76-7.72 (m, 2 H ), 7.64-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 147.6,147.0$, 138.7, 129.1, 128.9, 127.8, 127.4, 124.1


4-Methoxy-4'-methyl-biphenyl (12a) ${ }^{6}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.51(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.45$ (d, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.23(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.38(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 158.9,138.0,136.3,133.7,129.4,127.9,126.6,114.2$, 55.3, 21.0.


4-Chloro-4'-methyl-biphenyl (12b) ${ }^{4}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ (ppm): 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47$7.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.44-7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.40-7.37(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.39(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ (ppm): 139.6, 137.4, 137.1, 133.0, 129.6, 128.8, 128.1, 126.8, 21.1.


4,4'-Dimethyl-biphenyl (12c) ${ }^{7}$ : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.47(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}) 7.23$ (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.38(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 138.4,136.7,129.5,126.9$, 21.1.


2,4'-Dimethyl-biphenyl (12d) ${ }^{8:}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.30-7.27(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 2.44(\mathrm{~s}$, 3 H ), $2.31(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 141.9,139.1,136.4,135.4,130.3,129.9$, 129.1, 128.8, 127.1, 125.8, 21.2, 20.6.


4'-Methyl-biphenyl-4-ol (12e) ${ }^{9}$ : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.44$ (d, $\left.J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.22$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.75(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.38(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 154.8,137.9,136.4,134.0,129.4,128.1,126.5,115.5,21.0$.


3-Fluoro-4'-methyl-biphenyl (12f) ${ }^{10}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.49-7.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 7.42-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.09-6.99 (m, 1H), 2.40(s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR} \mathrm{(100} \mathrm{MHz} ,\mathrm{CDCl}{ }_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 163.2(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=243.9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 143.4(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 137.7,137.3,130.2(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 129.6$, $126.9,122.7(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=19.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 113.8(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 113.7(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 21.0$.


1-Methyl-4-p-tolyl-naphthalene (12g): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.06(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.56-7.52(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.45-7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.39-7.36(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.32-7.29(\mathrm{~m}$, 3H), $2.75(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.46(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 138.6,138.1,136.7,133.5$, $132.8,131.8,130.0,128.9,126.7,126.5,126.1,125.5,124.3,21.2,19.5$. Analytical Data. Calcd (found) for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{16}$ : $\mathrm{C}, 93.06$ (93.12); $\mathrm{H}, 6.94$ (6.88).


3-p-Tolyl-furan (12h) ${ }^{11}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.70(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48-7.46(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.68(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.36(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 143.5,138.1,136.7,129.4,129.4,126.8,125.7,108.8,21.1$.

## 15. NMR Spectra of Compounds





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