# **Supporting Information**

# Potassium Methoxide/Disilane-Mediated Formylation of Aryl Iodides with DMF at Room Temperature

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# 1. General Information

All reactions were performed under argon atmosphere using flame-dried glassware unless otherwise noted. DMF was distilled over  $CaH_2$  and rigorously degassed by freeze/pump/thaw. All reagents were commercially available and used without further purification unless indicated otherwise. Thin layer chromatographies were carried out on GF254 plates. Flash chromatography was performed with 200-300 mesh silica gels. Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by fluorescence quenching or by ceric ammonium molybdate, or KMnO<sub>4</sub> stain. Yields reported were for isolated, spectroscopically pure compounds.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer . Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in ppm., and *J*-values are given in Hz. The residual solvent protons (<sup>1</sup>H) or the solvent carbons (<sup>13</sup>C) were used as internal standards. ESIMS and HRESIMS were taken on Agilent 6540 Q-TOF spectrometer.

#### 2. General Procedure for Formylation of Aryl Halides

To an oven dried 10 mL glass tube with a magnetic stirring bar was added aryl halides (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), KOMe (0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.025 mmol, 0.05 eq). Then the reaction tube was allowed to be vacuumed and purged with argon for three times. DMF (2.0 mL) were carefully added under argon and TMS-TMS (0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added dropwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 to 12 hours. The reaction was quenched by water (5 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude product was subjected to column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) on silica gel to afford the product.

#### 3. Gram-Scale reaction



To an oven dried 50 mL round-bottom flask with a magnetic stirring bar was added 1-iodo-4methoxybenzene (2.34g, 10 mmol), KOMe (0.84g, 12 mmol,) and Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.16g, 0.5 mmol). Then the reaction tube was allowed to be vacuumed and purged with argon for three times. DMF (20.0 mL) were carefully added under argon and TMS-TMS (1.2 mL, 12 mmol) were added dropwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 8 hours. The reaction was quenched by water (20 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude product was subjected to column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:30) on silica gel to afford 0.76 g of product **11** in 56% yield.

# 4. Procedures for Mechanistic Experiments





To an oven dried 10 mL glass tube with a magnetic stirring bar was added 1-tert-butyl-4iodobenzene **1** (130.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), TEMPO (78.2 mg, 0.5 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq) and KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol). Then the reaction tube was allowed to be vacuumed and purged with argon for three times. DMF (2.0 mL) were carefully added under Argon and TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol) were added dropwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours. The reaction was quenched by water (5 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude product was subjected to column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether=1:50) on silica gel to afford **2** as a colorless oil (47.0 mg, 58% yield).

#### **Intramolecular Radical Cyclization Experiment**



To an oven dried 10 mL glass tube with a magnetic stirring bar was added **27** (144.0 mg, 0.5 mmol),  $Mg(OTf)_2$  (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq) and KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol). Then the reaction tube was allowed to be vacuumed and purged with Argon for three times. DMF (2.0 mL) were carefully added under argon and TMS-TMS (122.8 µL, 0.6 mmol) were added dropwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours. The reaction was quenched by water (5 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude product was subjected to column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether=1:150) on silica gel to afford **28** as a colorless oil (59.8 mg, 63% yield).

#### Preparation of unsymmetrical disilane



To an oven dried 100 mL round-bottom flask with a magnetic stirring bar was added Iodobenzene (204 mg, 1 mmol). Then the reaction tube was allowed to be vacuumed and purged with argon for three times. THF (30.0 mL) were carefully added under argon. The *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in in hexanes, 0.6 mL, 1.5 mmol) were added dropwise at -78°C. Then chloropentamethyldisilane (166.8 mg, 1 mmol) were added dropwise after 30 min. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 12 hours. The reaction was quenched by water (10 mL), extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude product was subjected to column chromatography using hexanes on silica gel to afford 187.2 mg of product **30** in 90% yield<sup>1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMF)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 0.36 (s, 6H), 0.07 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMF)  $\delta$ 134.8, 129.6, 129.0, -1.7, -3.4. <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (119 MHz, DMF)  $\delta$  -19.42, -21.68.

#### <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>29</sup>Si NMR Spectroscopic Studies

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of TMS-TMS (14.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 0.5 mL of dried DMF-d7 in NMR tube was recorded using a Bruker AM-600NMR spectrometer at room temperature. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of KO*t*Bu (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and Me<sub>3</sub>SiSiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph (10.4 mg, 0.05 mmol) were also recorded by the same method.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of silane intermediate was conducted as following: To a NMR tube containing 0.5 mL of dried DMF-d7 were added TMS-TMS (14.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KOMe (7.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) under argon. Then the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra was recorded after 10 min, 30 min, 1 h and 4 h.

The<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of *t*-butoxytrimethylsilane (14.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 0.5 mL of dried DMF-d7 in NMR tube was recorded using a Bruker AM-600NMR spectrometer at room temperature. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of ethoxytrimethylsilane (11.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), trimethylmethoxysilane (10.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), and TMS-TMS(14.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) were also recorded by the same method.

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR analysis of silane intermediate was conducted as following: To a NMR tube containing 0.5 mL of dried DMF-d7 were added TMS-TMS (14.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KOtBu (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) under argon. Then the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra was recorded after 10 min, 30 min, 1 h and 4 h. Other alkali alkoxides KOEt, KOMe, LiOMe and NaOMe (0.1 mmol) were also recorded by the <sup>13</sup>C NMR under the same conditions.

The <sup>29</sup>Si NMR spectra of TMS-TMS (14.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 0.5 mL of dried DMF-d7 in Teflon NMR tube was recorded using a Bruker AM-600NMR spectrometer at room temperature. The <sup>29</sup>Si NMR spectra of Me<sub>3</sub>SiSiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph (10.4 mg, 0.05 mmol) were also recorded by the same method.

The <sup>29</sup>Si NMR analysis of silane intermediate was conducted as following: To a Teflon NMR tube containing 0.5 mL of dried DMF-d7 were added TMS-TMS (14.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KOMe (7.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) under argon. Then the <sup>29</sup>Si NMR spectra was recorded after 1 h using a Bruker AM-600NMR spectrometer at room temperature. Me<sub>3</sub>SiSiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph (10.4 mg, 0.05 mmol) were also recorded by the <sup>29</sup>Si NMR under the same conditions.



# TMS-TMS(<sup>29</sup>Si NMR)













TMS-TMS+ KOEt (10 min)









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## TMS-TMS + TMSOTMS + KOMe (10 min)



TMS-TMS+KOMe(<sup>29</sup>Si NMR)

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The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR NMR spectra of 4-tert-Butyliodobenzene (13.0 mg, 0.05 mmol) in 0.5 mL of dried DMF-d7 in NMR tube was recorded using a Bruker AM-600NMR spectrometer at room temperature.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR analysis of silane intermediate was conducted as following: To a NMR tube containing 0.5 mL of dried DMF-d7 were added TMS-TMS (14.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), KOMe (7.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 4-tert-Butyliodobenzene (26.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) under argon. Then the <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra was recorded after 10 min.

In situ NMR studies with the addition of substrates were helpful to provide information about the nature of the peak (2.56 ppm) which was significantly less.





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### 5. Identification of compounds

#### 4-tert-Butylbenzaldehyde (2)<sup>2</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-*tert*-butyl-4-iodobenzene **1** (130.1 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:50) to afford the product **2** as a colorless oil (56.7mg, 70% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.2, 158.6, 134.2, 129.8, 126.1, 35.5, 31.2.



# Benzaldehyde (3)<sup>3</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using iodobenzene (102.1 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:100) to afford the product **3** as a colorless oil (25.4 mg, 48% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.02 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.5, 136.6, 134.6, 129.9, 129.1.

#### 4-Methylbenzaldehyde (4)<sup>3</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-iodo-4-methylbenzene (109.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:60) to afford the product **4** as a colorless oil (37.9 mg, 63% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.2, 145.7, 134.3, 130.0, 129.9, 22.0.

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# 4-Ethylbenzaldehyde (5)<sup>4</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-iodo-4-ethylbenzene (116.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:50) to afford the product **5** as a colorless oil (45.5 mg, 67% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.97 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.06, 151.79, 134.62, 130.08, 128.66, 29.27, 15.21.

#### 4-Isopropylbenzaldehyde (6)<sup>5</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-iodo-4-isopropylbenzene (123.2 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:40) to afford the product **6** as a colorless oil (40.8 mg, 55% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.97 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.2, 156.4, 134.7, 130.2, 127.3, 34.6, 23.8.



#### 3,5-Dimethylbenzaldehyde (7)<sup>6</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 3,5-Dimethyliodobenzene (116.0 mg, 0.5 mmol),

KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:40) to afford the product 7 as a colorless oil (41.5 mg, 62% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.99 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 2H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.8, 138.8, 136.7, 136.3, 127.6, 21.2.



## 2,6-Dimethyl-4-tert-butylbenzaldehyde (8)<sup>7</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 5-tert-butyl-2-iodo-1,3-dimethylbenzene (144.1 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub>(8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:80) to afford the product **8** as a colorless oil (43.7 mg, 46% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.58 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 2H), 2.62 (s, 6H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.2, 156.8, 141.3, 130.2, 127.0, 35.0, 31.1, 21.0; HR-ESI-MS (*m/z*): calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 191.1430, found 191.1434.

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# 2-Methoxybenzaldehyd (9)<sup>8</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-iodo-2-methoxybenzene (117.1 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:40) to afford the product **9** as a colorless oil (36.0 mg, 53% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.47 (s, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J*=7.7, 1.9, 1H), 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.0, 162.0, 136.1, 128.7, 125.0, 120.8, 111.8, 55.7.



# 3-Methoxybenzaldehyde (10)<sup>9</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-iodo-3-methoxybenzene (117.1 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:40) to afford the product **10** as a colorless oil (40.1 mg, 58% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.97 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.17 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.2, 160.3, 138.0, 130.2, 123.6, 121.6, 112.2, 55.6.



## 4-Methoxybenzaldehyde (11)<sup>10</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene (117.1 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:40) to afford the product **11** as a colorless oil (X=I, 46.2 mg, 68% yield; X=Br, 31.3 mg, 46% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.88 (s, 1H), 7.89 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.9, 164.8, 132.1, 130.1, 114.5, 55.7.

#### 4-tert-Butyloxybenzaldehyde (12)<sup>11</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 4-tert-Butoxybromobenzene (114.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:50) to afford the product **12** as a colorless oil (53.4 mg, 60% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.91 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  191.2, 161.9, 131.4, 122.5, 80.1, 29.0; HR-ESI-MS (*m/z*): calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 201.0886, found 201.0888.

#### 3,5-Dimethoxybenzaldehyde (13)<sup>12</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-iodo-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (132.1 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:40) to afford the product **13** as a colorless oil (50.2 mg, 60% yield).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.89 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.1, 161.4, 138.5, 107.3, 107.3, 55.7.



#### 1,4-Benzodioxane-6-aldehyde (14)<sup>13</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 6-iodo-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine (131.1 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub>(8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:10) to afford the product **14** as a colorless oil (52.0 mg, 63% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 7.39 (m, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.8, 149.4, 144.1, 130.8, 124.3, 118.5, 117.9, 64.8, 64.2; HR-ESI-MS (*m*/*z*): calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 165.0546, found 165.0547.

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# 4-Hydroxybenzaldehyde (15)<sup>14</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-Iodo-4-hydroxybenzene (110.0 mg, 0.5 mmol),

KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:3) to afford the product **15** as a colorless oil (25.2 mg, 41% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.85 (s, 1H), 9.40 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  206.30, 191.01, 163.86, 132.80, 130.47, 116.68.



# 4-(Dimethylamino)benzaldehyde (16)<sup>15</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 4-iodo-N,N-dimethylaniline (123.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 12 hours. temperature: -10 °C. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:20) to afford the product **16** as a colorless oil (36.5 mg, 49% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.5, 154.5, 132.1, 125.3, 111.1, 40.2.



# 2-Naphthaldehyde (17)<sup>16</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 2-iodonaphthalene (127.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:40) to afford the product **17** as a colorless oil (51.5 mg, 66% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.15 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.01 – 7.87 (m, 4H), 7.61 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.3, 136.6, 134.6, 134.3, 132.8, 129.6, 129.2, 129.2, 128.2, 127.2, 122.9; HR-ESI-MS (*m/z*): calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 157.0648, found 157.0650.



# 1-Naphthaldehyde (18)<sup>17</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-iodonaphthalene (127.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:40) to afford the product **18** as a colorless oil (51.5 mg, 66% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.40 (s, 1H), 9.26 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 8.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.62, 136.75, 135.38, 133.83, 131.52, 130.64, 129.17, 128.58, 127.06, 124.98; HR-ESI-MS (*m/z*): calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 157.0648, found 157.0652.



#### 9-Phenanthrenecarboxaldehyde (19)

Prepared according to the general procedure using 9-Iodophenanthrene (152.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub>(8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:40) to afford the product **19** as a colorless oil (64.9 mg, 63% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.38 (s, 1H), 9.37 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.71, 141.35, 133.12, 130.78, 130.64, 130.50, 130.35, 130.27, 128.40, 128.36, 127.76, 127.42, 126.09, 123.05, 122.86; HR-ESI-MS (*m*/*z*): calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 207.0804, found 207.0806; for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NaO [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 229.0624, found 229.0619.



# Dibenzothiophene-4-carbaldehyde (20)<sup>18</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 4-Iododibenzothiophene (155.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl

acetate/petroleum ether 1:40) to afford the product **20** as a colorless oil (72.0 mg, 68% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.26 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.42 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  191.37, 141.72, 138.24, 137.41, 133.63, 132.98, 130.75, 127.50, 127.03, 124.89, 124.47, 123.12, 121.60; HR-ESI-MS (*m/z*): calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>OS [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 213.0369, found 213.0369.



# 4-Dibenzofurancarboxaldehyde (21)<sup>19</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 4-Iododibenzofuran (147.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub>(8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:50) to afford the product **21** as a colorless oil (59.2 mg, 60% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.58 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  188.55, 156.73, 156.04, 128.24, 127.58, 126.77, 126.14, 123.65, 123.04, 122.94, 121.39, 120.92, 112.28; HR-ESI-MS (*m*/*z*): calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 197.0597, found 197.0602; for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 219.0417, found 219.0417.



# 1-Methylindole-3-carbaldehyde (22)<sup>20</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 3-iodo-1-methyl-1H-indole (128.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:15) to afford the product **22** as a colorless oil (48.5 mg, 61% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.91 (s, 1H), 8.35 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 2.1

Hz, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.4, 139.4, 137.9, 125.2, 124.0, 122.9, 122.0, 118.0, 109.9, 33.6; HR-ESI-MS (*m/z*): calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 160.0757, found 160.0756.



#### 1-Allyl-1H-indole-5-carbaldehyde (23)

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-allyl-5-iodo-1H-indole (141.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:10) to afford the product **23** as a colorless oil (51.8 mg, 56% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.03 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (m, 1H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.6, 139.5, 132.8, 129.9, 129.6, 128.6, 126.6, 122.0, 118.0, 110.3, 103.8, 49.2; HR-ESI-MS (*m*/*z*): calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 186.0913, found 186.0916.



#### 1-Benzylindole-5-carboxaldehyde (24)<sup>21</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-5-iodo-1H-indole (166.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:10) to afford the product **24** as a colorless oil (61.1 mg, 52% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  10.03 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.5, 139.7, 136.7, 130.3, 129.7, 129.1, 128.6, 128.1, 126.9, 126.6, 122.2, 110.4, 104.0, 50.5; HR-ESI-MS (*m*/*z*): calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NONa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 258.0889, found 258.0888.



# Indole-3-carboxaldehyde (25)<sup>22</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 3-iodo-1H-indole (121.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub>(8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 12 hours. temperature: -10 °C. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:2) to afford the product **25** as a colorless oil (38.2 mg, 53% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)  $\delta$  12.16 (s, 1H), 9.94 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.24 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d6)  $\delta$  185.0, 138.5, 137.1, 124.2, 123.5, 122.2, 120.9, 118.2, 112.5.



#### 1H-Indole-5-carboxaldehyde (26)<sup>23</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 5-iodo-1H-indole (121.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 12 hours. temperature: -10 °C. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:4) to afford the product **26** as a colorless oil (36.2 mg, 50% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.04 (s, 1H), 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.9, 139.5, 129.8, 127.9, 126.5, 126.3, 122.4, 111.9, 104.6.



# 2-(3-Methylbut-2-enoxy)benzaldehyde (28)<sup>24</sup>

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-Iodo-2-(prenyloxy)benzene **27** (144.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOMe (42.1 mg, 0.6 mmol), Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mg, 0.05 eq), TMS-TMS (122.8  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol), and DMF (2.0 mL). Time of reaction: 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography S37

(ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:150) to afford the product **28** as a colorless oil (59.8 mg, 63% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.50 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 5.50 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.11, 161.51, 138.83, 135.90, 128.43, 125.34, 120.70, 119.14, 113.13, 65.64, 25.88, 18.41; HR-ESI-MS (*m/z*): calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 213.0886, found 213.0883.

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# 7. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectral Data



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**3**, 400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>





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 $\mathbf{5}$ , 100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>

















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14, 400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>











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**18**, 400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



18, 100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>







**19**, 400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>







20, 400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>





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21, 400 MHz, CDCI3



21, 100 MHz, CDCI3















