# **Supporting Information**

## Ligand-controlled regiodivergent Ni-catalyzed trans-

## hydroboration/carboboration of internal alkynes with B2pin2

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### **General information**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>11</sup>B NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Ascend<sup>TM</sup> 400M spectrometer at ambient temperature in chloroform-*d* and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard unless otherwise noted, the chemical shifts of <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR are referenced to signals at 7.26 and 77.0 ppm, respectively. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm), multiplicity, integration, and coupling constant (Hz). Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm), multiplicity, and coupling constant (Hz). Data for <sup>11</sup>B NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm). Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), td (triplet of doublets), dt (doublet of triplets), ddd (doublet of doublet of doublets). The data of HRMS were carried out on a high-resolution mass spectrometer (LCMS-IT-TOF). Melting points were determined with Büchi Melting Point B-545 instrument. The data of X-ray were performed on a BRUKER Single Crystal X-Ray Diffractometer, Germany (model of the instrument-AXS D8 Quest System). TLC was performed by using commercially prepared 200-300 mesh silica gel plates and visualization effected at 254 nm. Unless stated otherwise, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

### General procedure for the synthesis of reaction substrates

Synthetic methods and spectral data for  $1a^1$ ,  $1b^2$ ,  $1c^1$ ,  $1d^3$ ,  $1e^1$ ,  $1f^4$ ,  $1g^2$ ,  $1h^2$ ,  $1i^5$ ,  $1j^3$ ,  $1k^1$ ,  $1l^2$ ,  $1m^5$ ,  $1n^5$ ,  $1o^6$ ,  $1p^7$ ,  $1q^8$ ,  $1r^9$ ,  $1s^{10}$ ,  $1t^{11}$  were consistent with the methods and data reported in the literatures.





To a 25 mL sealed tube with magnetic stirrer bar, 2-(2-bromophenyl)acetonitrile (**SM1**, 5 mmol), alkyne(1.2 equiv), Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (9 mol %), CuI (1 mol %), and Et<sub>3</sub>N (15 mL) were successively added and vigorously stirred together in 80 °C oil bath under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq. and extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 25$  mL). The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with brine (25 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) on silica gel to afford the product **S1**.



**Step 1:** In a 100 mL round-bottom flask with magnetic stirrer bar, 2-(2-bromophenyl)acetonitrile (**S2**, 5 mmol), DMSO (15 mL) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.1 equiv) were successively added, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 minutes, then iodomethane (1.1 equiv) was slowly added to the reaction, the reaction was stopped when **S2** disappeared. After the reaction, the reaction was quenched with water and extracted with dichloromethane ( $3 \times 25$  mL). The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with brine (25 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate=20/1) on silica gel to afford the product **S3**.

**Step 2:** The second synthesis step is performed in the same way as the general procedure for the synthesis of substrates.



**2-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)propanenitrile (1u)** yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.60 – 7.53 (m, 5H), 7.37 (td, J = 6.2, 5.4, 2.6 Hz, 4H), 4.48 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  138.7, 132.7, 131.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 126.7, 122.6, 121.8, 121.5, 95.0, 86.0, 30.0, 20.5. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 222.0953, found, 222.0969.



**2-(2-((4-butylphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (1v)** yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 13.3, 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 2.70 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  144.2, 133.1, 132.3, 131.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 123.0, 119.60, 117.6, 96.0, 35.7, 33.4, 22.8, 22.4, 14.0. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 274.1596, found, 274.1596.



**2-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylethynyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (1w)** white solid, m.p. = 128-130 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.63 – 7.57 (m, 7H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 3.99 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  141.6, 140.2, 132.4, 132.1, 131.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 127.1, 122.9, 121.4, 117.5, 95.7, 86.7, 22.9. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 294.1283, found, 294.1271.



**2-(2-((2-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (1x)** white solid, m.p. = 92-94 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.58 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 10.4, 7.9, 6.3 Hz, 3H), 6.95 (dd, J = 17.3, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  160.2, 133.1, 132.0, 131.9, 130.3, 128.8, 128.0, 128.0, 123.2, 120.6, 117.8, 111.8, 110.6, 92.2, 90.3, 55.8, 22.6. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ON, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 248.1075, found, 248.1091.



**2-(5-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (1y)** light yellow solid, m.p. = 43-45 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.80 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  160.1, 133.8, 133.3, 133.3, 131.5, 128.5, 122.9, 117.5, 114.8, 113.9, 113.8, 94.1, 86.0, 55.6, 23.0. HRMS-ESI (m/z): C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ON, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 248.1075, found, 248.1091.



**2-(5-fluoro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (1z)** white solid, m.p. = 59-61 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.58 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.8 Hz, 3H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.06 (td, *J* = 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ 162.5 (d, *J* = 251.7 Hz), 161.2, 134.3, 134.2, 131.6, 129.0, 128.6, 122.3, 118.9 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 116.9, 115.7 (dd, *J* = 22.9, 16.4 Hz),  $\delta$  95.4 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 85.0, 22.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  - 108.89. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 236.0876, found, 236.0880.



**2-(2-(4-phenylbut-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)acetonitrile (1aa)** yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.19 (m, 9H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 2.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  140.31, 132.17, 131.78, 128.58, 128.51, 128.36, 127.92, 127.81, 126.57, 123.25, 117.65, 96.02, 78.52, 34.72, 22.36, 21.45. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 246.1283, found, 246.1287.



**2-(2-(4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)but-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)acetonitrile (1ab)** yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 3.83 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  132.28, 131.73, 128.44, 128.00, 127.89, 123.26, 117.63, 94.09, 78.53, 61.73, 25.90, 23.97, 22.67, 18.36, -5.23. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NOSi, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 300.1784, found, 300.1798.



**2-(2-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)acetonitrile (1ac)** yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  132.3, 131.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 123.6, 117.7, 92.6, 76.8, 22.7, 4.5. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 156.0813, found, 156.0800.



**2-(2-(cyclohex-1-en-1-ylethynyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (1ad)** yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.44 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (pd, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (tt, J = 3.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 2.24 (ddq, J = 6.0, 4.6, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (qd, J = 6.3, 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (dddt, J = 24.3, 7.9, 5.8, 2.9 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  136.3, 132.1, 131.4, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 123.3, 120.3, 117.6, 97.8, 83.5, 29.1, 25., 22.7, 22.3, 21.4. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 222.1283, found, 222.1270.



tert-butyl (3-(2-(cyanomethyl)phenyl)prop- 2-yn-1-yl)carbamate (1ae) yellow soild. m. p. =  $51-53^{\circ}$ C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.46 (dd, J = 7.3, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.19 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  155.4, 132.5, 132.0, 129.1, 128.1, 122.3, 117.5, 92.1, 80.2, 79.9, 28.4, 22.7. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N, [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>:293.1266, found, 293.1270.

### Optimization of the trans-hydroboration reaction conditions



entry <sup>a</sup>	catalyst	ligand	base	solvent	yield of 2 (%)
1	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	88 (85)
2	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	bpy	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	N.D.
3	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	DAF	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	70
4	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	1,10-phen	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	22
5	$Ni(acac)_2$	terpy	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	60
6	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	terpy	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	62
7	$Pd(OAc)_2$	terpy	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	N.D.
8	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	N.D.
9	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	$K_2CO_3$	cyclohexane	41
10	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	MeOK	cyclohexane	20
11	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	<sup>t</sup> BuOK	cyclohexane	42
12	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	$K_3PO_4$	toluene	68
13	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	acetone	<5
14	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF	15
15	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	$K_3PO_4$	MTBE	40
$16^{b}$	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	53
$17^{c}$	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	50
$18^{d}$	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpy	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	65

<sup>*a*</sup> Unless otherwise specified, the reactions were carried out with **1** (0.2 mmol),  $B_2pin_2$  (1.5 equiv), catalyst (5 mol %), ligand (10 mol %), base (1.5 equiv), solvent (2.0 mL) under  $N_2$  atmosphere in oil bath (130 °C) for 24 h in seal tube; Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with  $CH_2Br_2$  as internal

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entry <sup>a</sup>	catalyst	ligand	base	solvent	yield of 3 (%)
1	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	79 (74)
2	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	dppp	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	25
3	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Brettphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	31
4	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Cy <sub>3</sub> P	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	20
5	$Ni(acac)_2$	Xantphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	35
6	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	Xantphos	$K_3PO_4$	toluene	28
7	$Pd(OAc)_2$	Xantphos	$K_3PO_4$	toluene	N.D.
8	$Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$	Xantphos	$K_3PO_4$	toluene	N.D.
9	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	Li <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	N.D.
10	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	toluene	32
11	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	$Cs_2CO_3$	toluene	10
12	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	<sup>t</sup> BuOK	toluene	45
13	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	cyclohexane	58
14	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	MTBE	50
15	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	DME	41
16	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF	38
17	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	N.D.
$18^{b}$	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	$K_3PO_4$	toluene	42
19 <sup>c</sup>	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	$K_3PO_4$	toluene	30
$20^d$	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	$K_3PO_4$	toluene	55
21 <sup>e</sup>	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	78
22 <sup>f</sup>	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	<5

### Optimization of the *trans*-carboboration reaction conditions

<sup>*a*</sup> Unless otherwise specified, the reactions were carried out with 1 (0.2 mmol),  $B_2pin_2$  (1.5 equiv), catalyst (5 mol %), ligand (7.5 mol %), base (1.5 equiv), solvent (2.0 mL) under  $N_2$  atmosphere in oil bath (130 °C) for 24 h in seal tube; Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as internal standard; N.D. = not detected; Isolated yield is in the parentheses; <sup>*b*</sup> Under air atmosphere; <sup>*c*</sup> Under 80 °C; <sup>*d*</sup> Under 110 °C; <sup>*e*</sup> absolute dry toluene; <sup>*f*</sup> absolute dry toluene, H<sub>2</sub>O (5 equiv).

#### General procedure for the synthesis of products 2 and 3



To a 25 mL sealed tube with magnetic stirrer bar, 2-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (S1, 0.2 mmol),  $B_2pin_2$  (1.5 eq), Ni(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %), terpy (10 mol %) or Xantphos (7.5 mol %),  $K_3PO_4$  (1.5 equiv), cyclohexane or toluene (2.0 mL) were successively added and vigorously stirred together in 130 °C oil bath under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq. and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with brine (15 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) on silica gel to afford the product S2 or S3.

### Gram-scale reaction and the transformation of alkenyl boronate

**Gram-scale reaction:** To a 50 mL sealed tube with magnetic stirrer bar, 2-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (**S1**, 5 mmol),  $B_2pin_2$  (1.5 equiv), Ni(PPh\_3)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mol %), terpy (6 mol %), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (1.5 equiv), cyclohexane (35 mL) were successively added and vigorously stirred together in 130 °C oil bath under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 24 hours. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, the reaction was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq. and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 60 mL). The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with brine (30 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = (12/1 - 10/1) on silica gel to afford product **2** as pale solid (1.24 g, 72% yield).

 $H_2O_2$  oxidation of alkenyl boronate: To a 20 mL sealed tube with magnetic stirrer bar, alkenyl boronate 2 (0.5 mmol), THF (6 mL) and 30%  $H_2O_2$  aq. (3.0 equiv) were successively added and vigorously stirred together in 75 °C oil bath under air atmosphere for 16 hours. Then the reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> aq.. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) on silica gel to afford the product **46**.

**Suzuki cross-coupling:** To a 20 mL sealed tube with magnetic stirrer bar, alkenyl boronate **2** (0.5 mmol), 4-Iodotoluene (1.5 equiv),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (5 mol %), 'Bu<sub>3</sub>P·HBF<sub>4</sub> (5 mol %), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv), dioxane (5 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) were successively added and vigorously stirred together in 100 °C oil bath under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 24 hours. Then the reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq.. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) on silica gel to

afford the product 47.

Synthesis of 3-phenyl isoquinoline: To a 20 mL sealed tube with magnetic stirrer bar, alkenyl boronate 2 (0.5 mmol), CuSO<sub>4</sub> (0.6 equiv), MeOH (6 mL) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv) were successively added and vigorously stirred together in 50 °C oil bath under air atmosphere for 20 hours. Then the reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) on silica gel to afford the product **48**. The proposed mechanism for the formation of **48** was shown as follows:

Proposed mechanism for the formation of 48:



Figure S1 The proposed mechanism for the formation of 48

Synthesis of 2-phenyl-3-naphthylamine: To a 20 mL sealed tube with magnetic stirrer bar, alkenyl boronate 2 (0.5 mmol),  $[Rh(COD)Cl]_2$  (5 mol %),  $K_3PO_4$  (1.5 equiv), dioxane (5 mL) and  $H_2O$  (2 mL) were successively added and vigorously stirred together in 80 °C oil bath under  $N_2$  atmosphere for 8 hours. Then the reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq.. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) on silica gel to afford the product **49**.

#### Synthesis of d-50

To a 50 mL sealed tube with magnetic stirrer bar, 2-(2-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)acetonitrile (**50**, 1.0 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.2 equiv), anhydrous toluene (8 mL) and D<sub>2</sub>O (10 equiv) were successively added and vigorously stirred together in 130 °C oil bath under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 24 hours. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, the reaction was filtrated with celite and washed by EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = (12/1 - 10/1) on silica gel to afford product *d*-**50** (0.18 g, 90% yield) with 75% proportion deuterium.

#### Mechanism study with meta-CH<sub>2</sub>CN diphenyl acetylene as substrate

We obtained the hydroboration products (**oil**) of *meta*-CH<sub>2</sub>CN diphenyl acetylene **53** in 34% yield under Ni(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/terpy catalysis system (Figure S2). The ratio of two isomers was 16:84 (minor isomer: major isomer) determined by the integral value of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. However, the absolute configuration (*trans-* or *cis-*,  $\alpha$ - or  $\beta$ -site) of hydroboration products couldn't be confirmed by NMR spectrum, and single crystals was also hard to form for the oily state. In the other hand, the mixed products (**solid**, 1:2 ratio) were produced under CuCl or CuCl(IMes) as catalyst, that were different with isomers producing under Ni(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/terpy catalysis system (Figure S3). Fortunately, the single crystals of isomers producing under CuCl(IMes) as catalyst were acquired from the wall and bottom of EP tube and confirmed as  $\alpha$ -*cis*-isomer (CCDC: 2312562) and  $\beta$ -*cis*-isomer (CCDC: 2312563), the ratio of  $\alpha$ -*cis*-isomer and  $\beta$ -*cis*-isomer is 1:2 (Figure S4). Logically, isomers producing under Ni(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/terpy catalysis system were  $\alpha$ *trans*-isomer and  $\beta$ -*trans*-isomer. Therefore, directing group was crucial for the regioselectivity and reactivity of internal alkynes.



Figure S2 The hydroboration reaction of 53



**ure S3** <sup>1</sup>HNMR of  $\alpha/\beta$ -*cis*-isomers with  $\alpha/\beta$ -*trans*-isomers



Figure S4 <sup>1</sup>HNMR of α-*cis*-isomer (CCDC: 2312562) and β-*cis*-isomer (CCDC: 2312563)

## Primary DFT calculation on the *cis*-to-*trans* isomerization

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All electronic structure calculations in this work were performed using Gaussian 09 program. A combination of the PBE functional, along with the def2TZVP basis set (for the metal atom of Ni), and the def2SVP basis set (for the non-metals of C, N, B, O, H, Cl), was employed for the full parameter optimization of all stationary points (intermediates) and saddle points (transition states) studied in this work. This includes reactants, intermediates, transition states, and products. Subsequently, frequency analysis was carried out to ensure that all intermediates have no imaginary frequencies, while transition states (saddle points) have one and only one imaginary frequency. The SMD solvent model was used in the calculations to obtain results that are closer to experimental conditions, with cyclohexane as the solvent. Furthermore, to obtain more accurate relative energies, we performed single-point energy calculations using the M06-2X/Def2-TZVPP method on the above optimized geometries. Through these calculations, the Gibbs free energy reaction potential surface shown in Figure S3 was obtained. Two transient states TS-A (zwitterionic carbene-type species) and TS-B (metallacyclopropene) from cis-Int-2 were evaluated via the comparison of free energy barrier. The calculated results demonstrate that cis-Int-2 are prone to undergo zwitterionic carbene-type species TS-A cis-to-trans isomerization, achieving carbon-carbon double bond rotation. And trans-Int-3 is more stable than cis-Int-2 due to removal of the huge steric-hindrance between Bpin and tpy ligand, that may be the inherent driving force for selective formation of the trans-isomer.



### Figure S3 Free energy profile of the synthesis of *cis*-to-*trans* isomerization



Table S4 Cartesian coordinates and energies of optimized structures

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# X-ray Crystallographic data of compounds 10, 24, 36, $\alpha$ - and $\beta$ -cishydroboration of 53

Crystal of compound 10, 24 and 36 were prepared in a solvent mixture of DCM and petroleum ether (v/v = 1/1) respectively. 10 (30 mg), 24 (30 mg) and 36 (27 mg) were firstly dissolved in DCM (1 mL) in a vial, then petroleum ether (1 mL) was added dropwise to it. The vial was not fully screwed down and the sample was carefully setting in room temperature. The crystal was obtained in about 96 h. The single crystals of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -cis-hydroboration of 53 were acquired from the wall and bottom of EP tube, respectively.

The X-ray crystallographic structure for **10**. ORTEP representation with 50% probability thermal ellipsoids. Crystal data have been deposited to CCDC number 2265346.



Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinements for 10

Identification code	10
Empirical formula	$C_{23}H_{26}BNO_2$
Formula weight	359.26
Temperature/K	149.99(10)
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	7.0732(3)
b/Å	12.8154(5)
c/Å	12.8838(5)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	109.101(4)
β/°	103.862(4)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	102.475(4)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1014.75(8)
Z	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.176
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.573
F(000)	384.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.15  imes 0.12  imes 0.1
Radiation	Cu Ka ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	7.708 to 143.196
Index ranges	$-8 \le h \le 6,  15 \le k \le 15,  15 \le l \le 15$
Reflections collected	10644
Independent reflections	$3847 [R_{int} = 0.0683, R_{sigma} = 0.0677]$
Data/restraints/parameters	3847/0/249
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.037
Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0838, wR_2 = 0.2317$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0884, wR_2 = 0.2377$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.58/-0.41

The X-ray crystallographic structure for **24** ORTEP representation with 50% probability thermal ellipsoids. Crystal data have been deposited to CCDC number 2265348.



Table S2 Crystal data and structure refinements for 24

Identification code	24
Empirical formula	$C_{20}H_{28}BNO_2$
Formula weight	325.24
Temperature/K	166(20)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
a/Å	14.9832(5)
b/Å	9.6904(4)
c/Å	13.4858(4)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90
β/°	100.376(3)
$\gamma^{/\circ}$	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1926.03(12)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.122
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.548
F(000)	704.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.14 \times 0.12 \times 0.1$
Radiation	Cu Ka ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	5.996 to 142.71
Index ranges	$-17 \le h \le 18, -11 \le k \le 11, -16 \le l \le 16$
Reflections collected	10323
Independent reflections	$3658 [R_{int} = 0.0404, R_{sigma} = 0.0455]$
Data/restraints/parameters	3658/0/226
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.086
Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0634, wR_2 = 0.1697$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0795, wR_2 = 0.1779$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	0.50/-0.22

The X-ray crystallographic structure for **36** ORTEP representation with 50% probability thermal ellipsoids. Crystal data have been deposited to CCDC number 2265345.



Table S3 Crystal data and structure refinements for 36

Identification code	36
Empirical formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>23</sub> BFNO <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	363.22
Temperature/K	169.99(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
a/Å	9.8733(9)
b/Å	11.5417(10)
c/Å	17.0581(17)
$\alpha'^{\circ}$	90
β/°	95.130(9)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1936.1(3)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.246
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.085
F(000)	768.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.14 \times 0.12 \times 0.11$
Radiation	Mo Ka ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	4.266 to 49.992
Index ranges	$\textbf{-9} \le h \le 11,  \textbf{-11} \le k \le 13,  \textbf{-20} \le \textbf{l} \le 17$
Reflections collected	8907
Independent reflections	3417 [ $R_{int} = 0.0250, R_{sigma} = 0.0340$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	3417/0/249
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.045

Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0475, wR_2 = 0.1094$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0627, wR_2 = 0.1198$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.23/-0.21

The X-ray crystallographic structure for  $\alpha$ -*cis*-hydroboration of 53 ORTEP representation with 50% probability thermal ellipsoids. Crystal data have been deposited to CCDC number 2312562.



Table S4 Crystal data and structure refinement for α-cis-hydroboration of 53

Identification code	a-cis-hydroboration of 53	
Empirical formula	$C_{22}H_{24}BNO_2$	
Formula weight	345.23	
Temperature/K	150.00(10)	
Crystal system	triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
a/Å	10.1597(2)	
b/Å	10.2937(2)	
c/Å	11.2498(3)	
a/°	79.933(2)	
β/°	89.723(2)	
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	76.120(2)	
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1123.73(4)	
Z	2	
$ ho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.020	
$\mu/mm^{-1}$	0.501	
F(000)	368.0	
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.15 \times 0.13 \times 0.11$	
Radiation	Cu Ka ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )	
20 range for data collection/° 7.988 to 153.098		
Index ranges	$-12 \le h \le 12, -12 \le k \le 12, -14 \le l \le 14$	
Reflections collected	13108	
Independent reflections	4524 [ $R_{int} = 0.0166, R_{sigma} = 0.0139$ ]	
Data/restraints/parameters	4524/0/239	

 $\begin{array}{ll} Goodness-of-fit \ on \ F^2 & 1.065 \\ Final \ R \ indexes \ [I>=2\sigma \ (I)] & R_1 = 0.0649, \ wR_2 = 0.1629 \\ Final \ R \ indexes \ [all \ data] & R_1 = 0.0665, \ wR_2 = 0.1641 \\ Largest \ diff. \ peak/hole \ / \ e \ Å^{-3} \ 0.66/-0.56 \end{array}$ 

The X-ray crystallographic structure for  $\beta$ -*cis*-hydroboration of 53 ORTEP representation with 50% probability thermal ellipsoids. Crystal data have been deposited to CCDC number 2312563.



Table S5 Crystal data and structure refinement for β-cis-hydroboration of 53

Identification code	β- <i>cis</i> -hydroboration of 53	
Empirical formula	$C_{22}H_{24}BNO_2$	
Formula weight	345.23	
Temperature/K	150.00(10)	
Crystal system	triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
a/Å	9.6547(10)	
b/Å	10.2621(13)	
c/Å	10.6861(15)	
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	102.169(11)	
β/°	105.217(10)	
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	103.684(10)	
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	949.7(2)	
Z	2	
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.207	
$\mu/mm^{-1}$	0.076	
F(000)	368.0	
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.16 \times 0.14 \times 0.11$	
Radiation	Mo Ka ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )	
2@ range for data collection/° 4.128 to 49.996		
Index ranges	$-11 \le h \le 10, -11 \le k \le 12, -8 \le l \le 12$	
Reflections collected	7165	

 Independent reflections
  $3351 [R_{int} = 0.0254, R_{sigma} = 0.0415]$  

 Data/restraints/parameters
 3351/0/239 

 Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup>
 1.076 

 Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$  (I)]
  $R_1 = 0.0498, wR_2 = 0.1141$  

 Final R indexes [all data]
  $R_1 = 0.0626, wR_2 = 0.1232$  

 Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å<sup>-3</sup> 0.53/-0.27

### Characterization data for all products



(E)-2-(2-(2-phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (2)

White solid (53.8 mg, 78%), m.p. = 141-143 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 1.14 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 141.2, 138.3, 136.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.55, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 126.9, 117.9, 84.1, 24.6, 22.0. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 30.51. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $C_{22}H_{24}BNO_2$ , [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 346.1978, found, 346.1963.



(E)-2-(2-(2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (10)

White solid (53.2 mg, 74%), m.p. = 142-144 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.41 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 138.4, 138.4, 137.3, 135.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 126.8, 117.9, 84.0, 24.7, 22.0, 21.2. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 30.30. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 360.2135, found, 360.2140.



(E)-2-(2-(2-(4-butylphenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (11)

Yellow solid (56.2 mg, 70%), m.p. = 81-83 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.39 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 2.56 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.08 (s, 12H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  142.4, 138.5, 138.4, 135.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 126.8, 118.0, 84.0, 35.4, 33.6, 24.66, 22.4, 22.0, 14.0. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  31.24. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 402.2604, found, 402.2605.



(E)-2-(2-(2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (12)

Yellow solid (57.8 mg, 72%), m.p. = 130-132 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.40 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 5H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H), 1.06 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  150.5, 138.5, 138.2, 135.9, 129.5, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 126.6, 125.6, 117.9, 84.0, 34.6, 31.4, 24.7, 22.0. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  30.40. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 402.2604, found, 402.2605.



(E)-2-(2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

### dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (13)

Light yellow solid (51.8 mg, 69%), m.p. = 167-169 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.38 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, *J* = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.86 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 1.07 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  159.2, 138.5, 134.9, 133.8, 129.5, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 128.0, 127.8 118.0, 114.1, 84.0, 55.3, 24.7, 22.0. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  30.72. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:376.2084, found, 376.2097.



(E)-2-(2-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

#### dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (14)

Light yellow solid (40.7 mg, 56%), m.p. = 145-147 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.38 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 1.06 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  162.41 (d, *J* = 246.6 Hz), 138.1, 137.3 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 136.9, 136.9, 129.5, 128.5,

128.46, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 117.8, 115.6, 115.4, 84.1, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8, 24.6, 22.1. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  31.50. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -115.00. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BFNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.1884, found, 364.1881.



(E)-2-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

#### dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (15)

Yellow solid (54.8 mg, 65%), m.p. = 172-174 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.71 – 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 140.8, 140.3, 140.2, 138.3, 136.7, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 117.9, 84.1, 24.7, 22.1. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 30.70. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $C_{28}H_{28}BNO_2$ , [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 422.2291, found, 422.2291.



# (E)-2-(2-(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (16)

Yellow solid (44.3 mg, 59%), m.p. = 92-94 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.38 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.77 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 1.06 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  159.8, 142.6, 138.2, 136.8, 129.6, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 119.4, 117.9, 113.2, 112.3, 84.1, 55.3, 24.6, 22.0. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  30.53. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 376.2084, found, 376.2097.



(E)-2-(2-(2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-2-(o-

### tolyl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (17)

Yellow solid (51.0 mg, 71%), m.p. = 63-65 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.46 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 4H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  142.3, 140.5, 138.2, 135.2, 130.1, 129.5, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 126.1, 117.9, 83.8, 24.6, 22.1, 20.6. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  30.03. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 360.2135, found, 360.2140.



(E)-2-(2-(2-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

### dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (18)

Yellow solid (49.5 mg, 66%), m.p. = 144-146 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 1.03 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.5, 138.3, 137.8, 131.8, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 121.4, 118.1, 110.4, 83.5, 55.4, 24.9, 22.0. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 30.11. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $C_{23}H_{26}BNO_3$ ,  $[M+H]^+$ : 376.2084, found, 376.2097.



(E)-2-(2-(2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (19)

Light yellow solid (39.9 mg, 55%), m.p. = 114-116 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 10.5, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 1.12 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 160.14 (d, J = 246.0 Hz), 139.7 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 137.9, 129.6, 129.3 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 128.6, 128.6, 128.0, 127.7, 124.6 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 117.9, 115.5, 115.3, 84.0, 77.4, 77.1, 76.7, 24.6, 22.1. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 30.53. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -113.41. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BFNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.1884, found, 364.1881.



(E)-2-(2-(2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-2-(thiophen-3-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (20)

Yellow solid (34.4 mg, 49%), m.p. = 104-106 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.47 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 1.18 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  142.3, 138.3, 135.5, 129.5, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 125.9, 125.6, 122.3, 117.9, 84.0, 24.7, 22.0. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  30.35. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>S, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 352.1543, found, 352.1544.



(E)-2-(2-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (21)

Light yellow solid (35.6 mg, 51%), m.p. =105-107°C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.44 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 5.88 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 2.29 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 4.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.22 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.74 (ddt, *J* = 8.4, 6.1, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 1.66 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.06 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  139.1, 138.1, 130.5, 129.9, 129.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.8, 127.7, 118.1, 83.9, 26.4, 25.5, 24.7, 22.7, 22.3, 22.0. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 350.2291, found, 350.2279.



(E)-2-(2-(2-cyclohexyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (22)

White solid (42.2 mg, 63%), m.p. =66-68°C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.80 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 6.3 Hz, 4H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.37 – 1.21 (m, 5H), 1.07 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  139.0, 133.1, 129.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 127.6, 118.1, 83.5, 45.6, 33.0, 26.6, 26.2, 24.6, 21.9. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  30.70. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 352.2448, found, 352.2443.



(E)-2-(2-(4-phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-

yl)but-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)acetonitrile (23)

Yellow oil (47.0 mg, 63%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 2.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 141.6, 138.5, 138.4, 129.5, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 125.9, 118.1, 83.5, 39.1, 35.7, 24.6, 21.5. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 30.62. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 374.2291, found, 374.2288.



(E)-2-(2-(2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)hex-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)acetonitrile (24)

Yellow solid (41.6mg, 64%), m.p. = 146-148 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.38 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 2.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.50 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.37 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.09 (s, 12H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  138.6, 136.2, 129.6, 127.8, 127.6, 127.6, 127.4, 118.0, 83.4, 36.9, 31.7, 24.4, 22.4, 21.8, 13.9. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  30.30. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 326.2291, found, 326.2288.



# (E)-2-(2-(2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)prop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)acetonitrile (25)

Yellow oil (26.1 mg, 46%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dt, J = 8.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 1.99 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 138.6, 137.7, 129.7, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 118.1, 83.5, 24.5, 22.8, 21.9. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 30.40. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 284.1822, found, 284.1833.



(E)-2-(2-(4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)but-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)acetonitrile (26)

Yellow oil (58.1 mg, 68%)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.31 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 3.69 – 3.61 (m, 4H), 2.47 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 1.00 (s, 12H), 0.83 (s, 9H), 0.00 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  139.7, 138.5, 129.6, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 118.1, 83.4, 63.0, 40.8, 26.0, 24.5, 21.9, 18.4, -5.2. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  30.41. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>38</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub>Si, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 428.2792, found, 428.2817.



tert-butyl(E)-(3-(2-(cyanomethyl)phenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)allyl)carbamate (27)

Yellow solid (35.8 mg, 45%), m.p. = 95-97°C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.41 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.11 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  155.7, 138.4, 137.6, 129.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 83.7, 28.4, 24.5, 21.8. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  29.81. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 399.2455, found, 399.2478.



### (E)-2-(2-(2-phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2yl)vinyl)phenyl)propanenitrile (28)

Light yellow oil (36.6 mg, 51%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.15 (q, J = 8.7, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 141.1, 137.5, 136.6, 135.8, 129.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 126.4, 122.1, 84.0, 28.8, 24.7, 24.6, 20.7. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 30.66. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 360.2135, found, 360.2140.



(E)-2-(4-fluoro-2-(2-phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (29)

Light yellow solid (42.1 mg, 58%), m.p. = 146-148 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.97 (td, J = 8.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 1.13 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  162.1 (d, J = 247.3 Hz), 140.9, 140.2 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 135.5 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 129.8 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 128.7, 127.8, 126.9, 124.3 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 117.7, 116.4 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 114.9 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 84.3, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8,

24.7, 21.4. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  30.51. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  - 114.49. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BFNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.1884, found, 364.1881.



(E)-2-(5-fluoro-2-(2-phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2vl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (30)

Yellow solid (45.0 mg, 62%), m.p. = 118-120°C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 (dt, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.93 (td, J = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 1.08 (s, 12H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.4 (d, J = 249.1 Hz), 141.0, 135.7, 134.3, 131.2 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 130.8 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 128.7, 127.6, 126.9, 117.3, 115.2 (d, J = 23.6 Hz), 114.6 (d, J = 20.8 Hz), 84.1, 24.6, 22.1. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 30.59. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -113.07. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BFNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.1884, found, 364.1881.



(E)-2-(5-methoxy-2-(2-phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (31)

Yellow solid (53.3 mg, 71%), m.p. = 156-158 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 8.2, 6.5 Hz, 3H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 1.18 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  159.7, 141.5, 136.4, 130.6, 130.6, 129.8, 128.6, 127.3, 126.9, 117.8, 113.6, 113.1, 84.0, 55.5, 24.7, 22.2. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  30.69. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 376.2084, found, 376.2079.



3-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-amine (3)

Brown oil (49.7 mg, 72%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dtt, *J* = 8.0, 5.5, 2.6 Hz, 5H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 1.01 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  141.7, 139.4, 135.6, 134.3, 130.5, 130.3,

128.5, 127.7, 127.6, 126.0, 125.8, 122.7, 110.2, 83.9, 24.8. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 32.35. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 346.1978, found, 346.2001.



4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)naphthalen-2-amine (32)

Yellow solid (51.7 mg, 72%), m.p. = 108-110 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  141.9, 137.3, 136.3, 135.6, 134.2, 130.5, 130.2, 129.1, 127.6, 125.9, 125.7, 122.6, 110.1, 83.8, 24.8, 21.3. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  31.40. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 360.2135, found, 360.2140.



**3-(4-butylphenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-amine (33)** Dark yellow solid (41.7 mg, 52%), m.p. = 82-84 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.85 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 3.29 (s, 2H), 2.71 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.41 (dd, J = 14.8, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (s, 12H), 0.97 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  142.4, 141.8, 136.5, 135.7, 134.2, 130.5, 130.1, 128.6, 127.6, 126.0, 125.7, 122.6, 110.1, 83.8, 35.5, 34.0, 24.8, 22.3, 14.0. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  31.77. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 402.2604, found, 402.2605.



3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-amine (34)

Yellow solid (46.5 mg, 62%), m.p. = 139-141 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, *J* = 6.4, 1.6 Hz, 3H), 7.21 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 1.14 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  159.3, 142.1, 135.2, 134.2, 131.6, 131.5, 130.5, 127.6, 125.9, 125.7, 122.6, 113.9, 110.0, 83.8, 55.5, 24.8. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  31.94. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 376.2084, found, 376.2097.



# 3-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-amine (35)

Dark yellow solid (36.9 mg, 46%), m.p. = 147-149 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.24 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 3.09 (s, 2H), 1.39 (s, 10H), 1.13 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  150.6, 141.7, 136.3, 135.7, 134.2, 130.5, 129.9, 127.6, 126.0, 125.7, 125.4, 122.7, 110.2, 83.8, 34.6, 31.4, 24.8. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  31.77. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 402.2604, found, 402.2605.



**3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-amine (36)** Dark yellow solid (42.9 mg, 59%), m.p. = 139-141 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 1.14 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ162.5 (d, J = 246.3 Hz), 141.7, 135.3 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 134.4, 134.3, 132.1 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 130.4, 127.7, 126.0, 122.8, 115.4 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 110.3, 83.9, 24.8. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 31.57. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -114.82. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BFNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.1884, found, 364.1881.



4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)naphthalen-2-amine (37)

Yellow solid (40.5 mg, %), m.p. = 175-177 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  143.5, 141.1, 134.4, 134.2, 130.9, 130.5, 130.0 (q, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 127.7, 126.2, 126.0, 125.4 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.2 (q, *J* = 272.1 Hz), 123.0, 110.7, 84.0, 24.6. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  31.62. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -62.54. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 414.1852, found, 414.1861.



3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-amine (38)

Yellow solid (43.0 mg, 51%), m.p. = 177-179 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.86 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 5H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 2.7 Hz, 4H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.24 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 1.12 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  141.7, 141.0, 140.6, 138.4, 135.2, 134.3, 130.8, 130.5, 128.9, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.0, 125.9, 122.8, 110.3, 83.9, 24.8. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  31.95. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 422.2291, found, 346.2001.



**3-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-amine (39)** Yellow oil (38.5 mg, 53%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dt, J = 9.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (q, J = 3.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 1.15 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  164.0, 161.5, 141.6 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 141.3, 134.3, 134.2 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 130.4, 130.1, 130.0, 127.7, 126.1 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 126.0 (d, J = 6.7 Hz), 122.9, 117.5 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 114.5 (d, J = 20.9 Hz), 110.5, 84.0, 24.8. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  31.82. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -113.04. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.1884, found, 364.1881.



### 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-(o-tolyl)naphthalen-2-amine (40)

Yellow solid (48.9 mg, 68%), m.p. = 93-95 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.82 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 6H), 1.05 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  141.7, 138.4, 138.2, 135.0, 134.3, 130.8, 130.4, 129.9, 128.0, 127.7, 126.0, 125.9, 125.7, 122.6, 109.8, 83.7, 24.7, 24.5, 19.8. <sup>11</sup>B NMR
(128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 32.19. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 360.2135, found, 360.2140.



3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-amine (41)

Yellow oil (41.3 mg, 55%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.98 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.33 (s, 2H), 1.06 (s, 6H), 0.98 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.9, 142.2, 134.3, 132.9, 132.4, 130.7, 129.4, 128.4, 127.8, 126.0, 125.7, 122.5, 120.9, 111.4, 110.4, 83.6, 56.1, 24.9, 24.6. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 32.19. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 376.2084, found, 376.2097.



1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-[2,2'-binaphthalen]-3-amine (42)

Yellow solid (50.6 mg, 64%), m.p. = 118-120 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.85 – 7.76 (m, 5H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dq, *J* = 6.7, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 34.4 Hz, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  141.8, 137.1, 135.4, 134.4, 133.5, 132.8, 130.6, 129.4, 128.2, 128.0, 128.0, 127.7, 127.7, 126.3, 126.1, 126.0, 125.9, 122.8, 110.3, 83.8, 24.7, 24.6. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  31.89. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 396.2135, found, 396.2124.



7-methoxy-3-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-amine (43) Dark yellow solid (30.0mg, 40%), m.p. = 155-157 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 1.03 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  157.6, 142.2, 139.5, 135.5, 133.2, 130.5, 129.2, 128.5, 127.5, 125.9, 115.2, 109.5, 104.18, 83.8, 55.2, 24.8. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  32.50. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 376.2084, found, 376.2097.



**7-fluoro-3-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-amine (44)** Yellow solid (37.8 mg, 52%), m.p. = 106-108 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.82 (dd, J = 9.1, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.19 (dd, J = 10.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 1.11 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.0 (d, J = 244.2 Hz), 142.7, 139.1, 135.3 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 134.8 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 130.3, 130.0 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 128.6, 127.8, 127.3, 112.6 (d, J = 25.1 Hz), 109.3 (d, J = 5.1 Hz), 108.8 (d, J = 20.6 Hz), 84.0, 24.7. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 31.76. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -115.91. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BFNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.1884, found, 364.1881.



**6-fluoro-3-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-amine (45)** Yellow solid (45.8 mg, 48%), m.p. = 116-118 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 1.12 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.8 (d, J = 240.6 Hz), 141.2 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 139.2, 136.9, 131.2, 130.6 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 130.1, 128.6, 127.9 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 127.8, 116.0 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 111.0 (d, J = 20.8 Hz), 110.4, 84.0, 24.7. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 31.77. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -119.24. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BFNO<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.1884, found, 364.1881.



#### 2-(2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (46)

White solid (101 mg, 86%), m.p. = 81-83 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 196.5, 136.3, 133.8, 133.1, 131.5, 129.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 117.8, 43.0, 22.0. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ON, [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 258.0895, found, 258.0910.



#### (E)-2-(2-(2-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (47)

White soild (103.5 mg, 67%), m.p. = 101-103 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.27 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 8H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  145.9, 143.0, 137.6, 137.1, 136.3, 130.7, 130.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.3, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 124.6, 118.0, 22.1, 21.3. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 310.1596, found, 310.1593.



#### 3-phenylisoquinoline (48)<sup>12</sup>

Light yellow oil (59.4 mg, 58%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  9.35 (s, 1H), 8.15 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (tt, J = 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  152.4, 151.3, 139.6, 136.7, 130.5, 128.8, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 116.6.



#### 2-amino-3-phenylnaphthalene (49)<sup>13</sup>

Brown oil (80.6 mg, 75%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.15 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 5.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  142.2, 139.1, 134.4, 130.8, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 126.3, 125.4, 122.7, 109.0.



# (Z)-2-(2-(2-phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (Z-2)

White solid (20.7mg, 30%), m.p. = 100-102 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.40 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.13 –

7.00 (m, 4H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.61 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  145.0, 140.1, 136.3, 129.6, 129.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 127.4, 127.1, 118.2, 84.1, 24.8, 21.7. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  30.31.



(Z)-2-(2-(2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)hex-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)acetonitrile (Z-24)

Yellow oil (40.3 mg, 62%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.49 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.30 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 2.14 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 12H), 1.26 – 1.15 (m, 4H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  138.8, 137.2, 129.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.8, 127.8, 117.9, 83.6, 32.0, 29.4, 24.8, 22.6, 21.7, 13.9. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  30.54.



#### (E)-2-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (51)<sup>14</sup>

White solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.47-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.21 (m,7H), 1.29 (s,12H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 142.6, 140.7, 138.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 126.9, 126.8, 84.0, 24.8. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 32.18.



(E)-1-(2-(2-phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (52)

Yellow oil (35.8 mg, 53%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  7.67 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dt, J = 14.7, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  201.0, 142.1, 141.35, 139.5, 137.4, 131.3, 130.5, 129.2, 128.5, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 83.8, 29.9, 24.7.<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  30.88. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BO<sub>3</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 349.1975, found, 349.1977.



#### 2-(3-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (53)

Yellow oil.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.55 (dd, J = 6.6, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (p, J = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  131.7, 131.3, 131.0, 130.2, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 124.3, 122.9, 117.6, 90.41, 88.5, 23.4.



#### 3-(3-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)propanenitrile (54)

White oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 138.3, 131.7, 131.4, 130.5, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 123.9, 123.1, 119.0, 89.8, 89.0, 31.4, 19.2.

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#### NMR Spectra for all compounds



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) of compound 1u









<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 1x





























































































<sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 14



















































<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 20



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) of compound 21














<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 22







<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 23

<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 23







<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 24



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) of compound 25























<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 27









<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 28





<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 29











<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 30









<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 31





























<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) of compound 34





<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 34































<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 37











<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 38













<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 39

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 39



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<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 40
















<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 42





















<sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 44













<sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 45









<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) of compound 48









#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) of compound *d*-24 (from *d*-50)





<sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound Z-2





<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound Z-24

















<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) of compound 52













