# **Supporting Information**

# Pd(II)-catalyzed B(9)-alkynylation of o-carboranes and m-carboranes

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#### **1. General Information**

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>11</sup>B, and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Advance III600 spectrometer at 600, 151, 193, and 565 MHz, respectively. All chemical shifts were reported in  $\delta$  units with references to the residual solvent resonances of the deuterated solvents for proton and carbon chemical shifts, and to external BF3·OEt2 (0.00 ppm) for boron chemical shifts. High-Resolution Mass Spectra (HRMS (ESI-TOF)) were recorded on a Bruker Mass spectrometer using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization-time of SHIMADZU GCMS-QP flight). GC-MS analyses were performed on 2020. Triisopropylsiliconacetylenyl bromide can be purchased in the market. Starting o-carborane 1b, 1,2-Ph<sub>2</sub>o-carborane 1i, m-carborane 1k were purchased from Zhengzhou Yuanli technology. Carboranes 1a,<sup>1</sup>1c-1h,<sup>1</sup> 1j,<sup>2</sup> 1l-1q,<sup>1</sup> 1r,<sup>3</sup> 1s,<sup>4</sup> 1t,<sup>5</sup> 1u-1w,<sup>6</sup> 1x<sup>7</sup> were prepared according to literature procedures. All other chemicals were purchased from Aldrich, Acros Organics, J&K Chemicals, Energy Chemical, Aladdin, Macklin, or TCI and used without further purification. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using 60 mesh silica gel plates visualized with short-wavelength UV light (254 nm).



#### 2. Structure of starting carboranes

### 3. Experimental Section

#### 3.1 General procedure for the B(9)-alkynylation of o/m-carboranes

Carborane 1 (0.20 mmol), (bromoethynyl)triisopropylsilane 2a (2.0 equiv, 0.40 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%, 0.02 mmol), AgPF<sub>6</sub>(3.0 equiv, 0.60 mmol) were mixed in TFA (1 ml). The resulting mixture was stirred in a closed flask at room temperature for 24 h under air atmosphere. After removal of organic solvents under reduced pressure, the residue was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh) to give the product.

#### 3.2 Synthesis of terminal alkyne 4

Compound **31** (354 mg, 1 mmol) and TBAF (2 mL, 2 mmol, 1M in THF) were mixed in THF (5 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. After hydrolysis with water (20 mL) and extraction with ethyl acetate (20 mL x 3), the organic layers were combined and concentrated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was subjected to flash column chromatography to give the product **4**.

#### 3.3 Synthesis of 5

*N*,*N*-dimethyl aniline (51 mg, 0.42 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture of 4 (39.2mg, 0.2 mmol) and  $B_{10}H_{14}$  (26 mg, 0.21 mmol) in toluene. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 115 °C for 24 hours. After cooling to room temperature, water (10 mL) was added to the mixture and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL x 3). The organic layers were combined and concentrated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was subjected to flash column chromatography to give the product **5**.

#### 3.4 Synthesis of 6

To a mixture of PPh<sub>3</sub> (52.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and terminal alkyne 4 (39.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) in DCM (2.0 mL) was added NBS (71.2 mg, 0.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirring at room temperature for 6 hours. After removal of the solvent with a rotary evaporator, the residue was purified by column chromatography to give the product 6. The reaction requires the recovery of raw materials and repeat again.

#### 3.5 Synthesis of 7

Compound 4 (39.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), PhI (81.6 mg, 0.4 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (7.0 mg, 0.01 mmol), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (1 mL) were mixed in toluene (4 mL). The resulting mixture was heated at 80 °C for 12 h. After hydrolysis with water (10 mL) and extraction with ethyl acetate (10 mL x 3), the organic layers were combined and concentrated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the product 7.

#### 3.6 Synthesis of 8

Compound 4 (58.8 mg, 0.3 mmol),  $CrO_3$  (178.2 mg, 1.8 mmol, 6 eq),  $H_2SO_4$  (16 µL, 0.3 mmol, 1 eq), were mixed in HOAc (1.5 mL), The resulting mixture was stirring at room temperature for 1 h, quenching the mixture with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and extracting with EA (10 mL x 3). The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the product **8**.

#### 3.6 Synthesis of 9 and 10

Under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, *n*-BuLi (1.38 ml, 1.6 M / hexane, 2.2 mmol) was added to the solution of **4** in THF (20 mL) at -78 °C. After that, the reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 1 hour. Then the mixture was cooled to -78 °C, benzaldehyde (224  $\mu$ L, 2.2 mmol) or acetone (163 $\mu$ L, 2 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added. The reaction was slowly warmed up to room temperature and was stirred for 1 hour. Saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added, and extract the aqueous layer with Et<sub>2</sub>O. Dry the organic phase over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filter the mixture and concentrate in vacuo. Purify the crude product by flash column chromatography on silica gel to obtain the final product.

#### 3.7 Synthesis of product 11

To a solution of alkyne (39.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) in acetone (50 mL) was added N-bromosuccinimide (3.36 mg, 0.02 mmol) and AgNO<sub>3</sub> (39.16 mg, 0.22 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room

temperature under exclusion of light for 2 h. Upon completion the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and filtered through a celite plug to afford crude **11** which was submitted to the next step without further purification.

## 4. Mechanistic study

(a) 1,2-Me<sub>2</sub>-*o*-carborane **1a** (0.1 mmol) was stirred in CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (1 mL) at room temperature for 30 minutes; (b) 1,2-Me<sub>2</sub>-*o*-carborane **1a** (0.1 mmol) and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 10 mol%) were stirred in CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (1 mL) at room temperature for 30 minutes; (c) 1,2-Me<sub>2</sub>-*o*-carborane **1a** (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 10 mol%) and AgPF<sub>6</sub> (0.3 mmol) were stirred in CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (1 mL) at room temperature for 30 minutes; (d) 1,2-Me<sub>2</sub>-*o*-carborane **1a** (0.1 mmol) and AgPF<sub>6</sub> (0.3 mmol) were stirred in CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (1 mL) at room temperature for 30 minutes; (d) 1,2-Me<sub>2</sub>-*o*-carborane **1a** (0.1 mmol) and AgPF<sub>6</sub> (0.3 mmol) were stirred in CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (1 mL) at room temperature for 30 minutes; (d) 1,2-Me<sub>2</sub>-*o*-carborane **1a** (0.1 mmol) and AgPF<sub>6</sub> (0.3 mmol) were stirred in CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (1 mL) at room temperature for 30 minutes; (d) 1,2-Me<sub>2</sub>-*o*-carborane **1a** (0.1 mmol) and AgPF<sub>6</sub> (0.3 mmol) were stirred in CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (1 mL) at room temperature for 30 minutes.



Figure S1<sup>11</sup>B NMR.



Figure S2 <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR

# 5. Characterization data



**3a**. Yield 60% . Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE:EA = 20:1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.02 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 7H), 1.16 – 0.94 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  29.73, 18.57, 11.33. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -4.55 (2B), -7.50 (6B), 11.93 (2B). HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>8</sub>H<sub>36</sub>Si [M+Na]+: 375.3490. Found: 375.3463.



**3b**. Yield 59% . Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE:EA = 20:1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.58 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 1.16 – 0.95 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 52.75, 49.30, 29.73, 18.63, 11.26. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -1.75 (1B), -2.46 (1B), -8.45 (2B), -13.39 (2B), -14.56 (2B), -15.66 (2B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{13}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8H_{29}Si$  [M+Na]+: 347.3176. Found: 347.3177.



**3c**. Yield 61% . Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE:EA = 20:1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.22 (dq, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 5H), 1.24 – 1.12 (m, 7H), 1.11 – 0.96 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  75.48, 28.55, 27.88, 18.64, 14.08, 14.00, 11.30. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -4.33 (2B) -9.64 (2B) -10.79 (4B) -11.94 (2B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{17}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8H_{40}Si$  [M+Na]+: 403.3804. Found: 403.3804.



**3d**. Yield 62% . Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE:EA = 20:1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.16 – 2.07 (m, 5H), 1.56 – 1.45 (m, 6H), 1.31 (dtd, J = 14.6, 7.5, 2.8 Hz, 5H), 1.08 – 0.98 (m, 21H), 0.92 (td, J = 7.3, 4.7 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  74.69, 34.83, 34.15, 31.82, 31.70, 22.43, 18.64, 13.64, 11.30. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -4.36 (2B), -9.67 (2B), -10.87 (4B), -11.79 (2B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>1</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>48</sub>Si [M+Na]+: 460.4402. Found: 460.4395.



**3e**. Yield 63%. Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE:EA = 20:1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.15 – 2.03 (m, 5H), 1.59 – 1.47 (m, 5H), 1.27 (s, 20H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 20H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  74.73, 35.09, 34.42, 31.75, 29.75, 29.65, 29.26, 29.09, 22.61, 18.64, 14.06, 11.30. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -4.58 (2B), -11.56 (8B).

HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>1</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>64</sub>Si [M+Na]+: 572.5660. Found:572.5663.



**3f**. Yield 47%. Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE:EA = 20:1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.29 (dqd, J = 13.8, 6.9, 5.9, 4.0 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.9 Hz, 12H), 1.14 - 0.92 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  86.97, 83.27, 30.71, 30.24, 24.45, 24.32, 18.66, 11.30. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -3.85 (2B), -8.68 (2B), -11.65 (2B) -12.78 (4B). HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>1</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>44</sub>Si [M+Na]+: 432.4088 Found: 432.4089.



**3g**. Yield 48%. Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE:EA = 20:1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.42-2.43 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.08 – 0.96 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  71.48, 68.10, 32.75, 32.19, 19.74, 19.55, 18.64, 18.46, 11.28. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -5.12 (2B), -8.39 (2B), -9.33 (2B), -10.45 (2B), -12.48 (2B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{17}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8H_{38}Si$  [M+Na]+: 401.3648. Found: 401.3649.



**3h**. Yield 45%. Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE:EA = 20:1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.47 – 2.31 (m, 6H), 1.02 – 0.90 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 82.48, 34.51, 34.01, 32.21, 18.64, 11.28. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -5.97 (2B), -7.24 (2B), -9.91 (2B), -11.41 (2B), -12.56 (2B).

HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>8</sub>H<sub>36</sub>Si [M+Na]+: 387.3491. Found: 387.3506.



**3i**. Yield 34%. Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.41 (dq, J = 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 3H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 1.19 – 0.96 (m, 21H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 130.72, 130.61, 130.24, 128.29, 83.64, 18.66, 11.28. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -2.09 (2B), -9.54 (6B) -12.04 (2B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{25}{}^{10}B_1{}^{11}B_9H_{40}Si$  [M+Na]+: 500.3780. Found: 500.3774.



**3j**. Yield 28%. Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE:EA = 20:1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 – 7.05 (m, 6H), 6.99 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 0.98 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 163.29, 160.83, 132.41, 132.32, 132.24, 130.07, 130.06, 129.99, 129.98, 126.51, 126.48, 126.39, 126.36, 118.20, 118.09, 117.96, 117.84, 117.79, 117.58, 82.16, 18.64, 11.25.<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -111.43. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -1.60 (2B), -9.35 (6B), -12.08 (2B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{25}^{10}B_1^{11}B_9H_{38}SiF_2$  [M+Na]+: 536.3591. Found: 536.3582.



**3k**. Yield 48%. Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.88 (s, 2H), 1.13 – 0.99 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.71, 18.63, 11.27. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -6.08 (2B), -9.52 (2B), -12.80 (2B), -14.12 (2B), -17.81 (1B), -19.69 (1B)

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{13}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8H_{32}Si$  [M+Na]+: 347.3176. Found: 347.3150.



**31**. Yield 64%. Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.52 (s, 6H), 0.98 – 0.79 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 24.33, 18.65, 11.28. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -6.80 (2B), -9.47 (4B), -10.88 (2B), -12.94 (1B), -15.88 (1B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>8</sub>H<sub>36</sub>Si [M+Na]+: 375.3490. Found: 375.3485.



3m. Yield 59%. Yellow liquid. Eluent: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.98 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.17 – 1.00 (m, 21H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  30.31, 18.66, 14.25, 11.30. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -6.94 (2B), -10.18 (2B), -10.81 (2B), -12.19 (2B), -14.63 (1B), -16.08 (1B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{17}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8H_{40}Si$  [M+Na]+: 403.3804. Found: 403.3790.



3n. Yield 61%. Yellow liquid. Eluent: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.92 – 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.32 (ddd, J = 12.1, 6.0, 3.1 Hz, 4H), 1.25 – 1.19 (m, 4H), 1.13 – 0.99 (m, 20H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  36.73, 32.03, 22.33, 18.66, 13.70, 11.30. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -6.82 (2B), -10.38 (4B), -12.10 (2B), - 14.54 (1B), -16.02 (1B).

HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>1</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>48</sub>Si [M+Na]+: 460.4402. Found: 460.4394.



30. Yield 62%. Yellow liquid. Eluent: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.92 – 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.37 – 1.16 (m, 24H), 1.13 – 1.03 (m, 21H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  36.98, 31.78, 29.95, 29.17, 29.14, 22.62, 18.66, 14.08, 11.30. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -6.81 (2B), -10.32 (4B), -10.47 (4B), -14.15 (2B). HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>1</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>64</sub>Si [M+Na]+: 572.5660. Found: 572.5675.



**3p**. Yield 48% . Yellow liquid. **Eluent**: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.19 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.11 – 1.04 (m, 21H), 1.03 (s, 6H), 1.02 (s, 6H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  80.23, 33.81, 23.89, 18.67, 11.31. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  - 6.61 (2B), -10.54 (2B), -11.49 (2B), -12.87 (2B), -15.26 (1B), -16.69 (1B). HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>1</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>44</sub>Si [M+Na]+: 432.4088. Found: 432.4081.

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3q. Yield 38%. Yellow liquid. Eluent: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.05 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 3.12 (s, 4H), 2.44 – 2.04 (m, 9H), 1.06 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 21H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.82, 129.83, 128.39, 127.51, 42.97, 29.73, 18.66, 11.28. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -6.33 (2B), -9.85 (4B), -11.94 (2B), -14.76 (1B), -16.36 (1B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>1</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>44</sub>Si [M+Na]+: 528.4094. Found: 528.4082.



3r. Yield 37%. Yellow liquid. Eluent: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.28 (s, 1H), 2.91 (s, 1H), 2.09 (s, 2H), 1.06 (s, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 64.21, 20.46, 18.62, 11.26. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -4.05 (2B), -20.30 - 10.09 (8B).

HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>8</sub>H<sub>34</sub>SiO [M+Na]+: 377.3282. Found: 377.3242.



3s. Yield 33%. Yellow liquid. Eluent: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.05 (s, 1H), 3.04 (s, 1H), 1.07 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.04, 54.02, 18.62, 11.22. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -5.77 (2B), -9.22 (2B), -12.13 (2B), -13.42 (2B), -17.16 (1B), -18.95 (1B).

HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>8</sub>H<sub>32</sub>SiO [M+H]+: 375.3126. Found: 375.3216.



3t. Yield 27%. Yellow liquid. Eluent: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.81 (s, 2H), 1.15 – 0.98 (m, 21H), 0.42 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 52.23, 18.65, 11.24. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -0.01 (2B), -5.49 (2B), -9.12 (1B), -13.63 (3B), -20.00 (1B), -21.46 (1B).

HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>8</sub>H<sub>34</sub>Si [M+Na]+: 349.3332. Found: 349.3307.`



4. Yield 60%. White solid. Melting point: 46 – 48 °C. Eluent: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.40 (s, 1H), 1.72 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  70.82, 61.24, 24.28. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -6.82 (2B), -9.64 (3B), -10.64 (3B), -12.75 (1B), -14.04 (1B). HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>6</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>8</sub>H<sub>16</sub>[M+H]+: 197.2331. Found: 197.2321.



5. Yield 77%. White solid. Melting point: 230 - 232 °C. Eluent: PE:DCM = 5:1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.40 (s, 1H), 1.72 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 70.82, 61.24, 24.28.<sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -1.77 (1B), -2.78 (1B), -7.13 (1B), -8.16 (1B), -12.76 – -9.73 (5B), -14.09 (1B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for  $C_6^{10}B_4^{11}B_{16}H_{26}$  [M+H]+:315.4117 . Found: 315.4096.



6. Yield 60%. Yellow solid. Melting point: 53 – 55°C. Eluent: PE

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.08 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  111.06, 70.18, 24.48. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -2.85 (1B), -6.74 (2B), -9.48 (3B), -10.71 (2B), -12.89 (2B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for  $C_6^{1110}B_2^{11}B_8H_{16}Br_2$  [M+H]+: 356.0597. Found: 356.0519.



7. Yield 90%. Yellow liquid. Eluent: PE

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 1.65 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 130.88, 127.00, 126.82, 122.96, 68.95, 23.34. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ - 6.86 (2B), -9.46 (3B), -10.72 (3B), -12.79 (1B), -14.24 (1B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{12}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8H_{20}$  [M+H]+: 273.2647 Found: 273.2628.



8. Yield 65%. White solid. Melting point: 169 – 170 °C. Eluent: EA
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.74 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 70.98, 24.25. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H}
NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -7.36 (3B), -10.09 (5B), -12.33 (2B).
HDMS(ESL TOF): m/z colord for C <sup>10</sup>D <sup>11</sup>D H. O. [M+H]+ 241 2220. Found: 241 2210.

 $\label{eq:HRMS} \textbf{(ESI-TOF): } m/z \ \textbf{calcd for } C_5{}^{10}B_2{}^{11}B_8H_{16}O_2 \quad [M+H]+: 241.2230. \ \textbf{Found: } 241.2219.$ 

9. Yield 76% . White liquid. Eluent: PE:EA = 3:1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.2, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  128.49, 128.17, 126.89, 65.12, 24.35. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -6.93 (2B), -9.62 (4B), - 10.71 (2B), -12.71 (1B), -14.10 (1B).

**HRMS(ESI-TOF)**: m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>8</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O [M+Na]+: 325.2573. Found: 325.2570.



**10.** Yield 80%. White solid. Melting point: 133 - 135 °C. **Eluent**: PE:EA = 3:1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.69 (s, 6H), 1.49 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  69.92, 65.45, 31.51, 24.33. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -6.92, -10.17 (d, J = 162.4 Hz), -13.63 (d, J = 191.2 Hz). <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -5.92 (2B), -9.54 (4B), -10.81 (2B), -12.88 (1B), -14.37 (1B). HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>9</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>8</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O [M+H]+: 256.2829. Found: 256.2835



11. Yield 83%. Yellow solid. Melting point: 113 – 114 °C. Eluent: PE:DCM = 1:1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.70 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  70.13, 24.33. <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -6.94 (2B), -9.69 (4B), -10.73 (2B), -12.83 (1B), -14.16 (1B). HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>6</sub><sup>10</sup>B<sub>1</sub><sup>11</sup>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Br [M+Na]+:298.1240. Found: 298.1269.

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### 7. NMR spectra













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