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#### **Supplementary Information**

Synthesis and Characterization of Dinuclear NHC–Palladium Complexes and Their Applications in the Hiyama Reactions of Aryltrialkyoxysilanes with Aryl Chlorides

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# 1. Characterization data for the products

#### 4-Methoxybiphenyl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.59–7.55 (4H, m), 7.44 (2H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.33 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.01 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 159.1, 140.8, 133.7, 128.7, 128.1, 126.7, 126.6, 114.2, 55.3.

#### **3-Methoxybiphenyl**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.52 (2H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.40 (2H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.32–7.29 (3H, m), 7.04–6.96 (2H, m), 3.78 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 156.4, 138.5, 130.8, 130.6, 129.5, 128.6, 127.9, 126.9, 120.8, 111.1, 55.5.

#### 2-Methoxybiphenyl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.58–7.56 (2H, m), 7.43–7.39 (2H, m), 7.35–7.31 (2H, m), 7.17–7.12 (2H, m), 6.87 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.4 Hz), 3.82 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 159.9, 142.7, 141.0, 129.7, 128.7, 127.4, 127.1, 119.6, 112.8, 112.6, 55.2.

#### 4-Nitrobiphenyl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.30 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.74 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.65–7.62 (2H, m), 7.53–7.49(2H, m), 7.47–7.44 (1H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 147.6, 147.0, 138.7, 129.1, 128.9, 127.8, 127.4, 124.1.

#### 3-Nitrobiphenyl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.46 (1H, s), 8.22–8.20 (1H, m), 7.93 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.65–7.62 (3H, m), 7.53–7.49 (2H, m), 7.46–7.43 (1H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 148.7, 142.8, 138.6, 132.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.5, 127.1, 122.0, 121.9.

#### 1,1'-Biphenyl-4-carbonitrile

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.74-7.67$  (4H, m), 7.59 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.50–7.41 (3H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 145.6$ , 139.1, 132.6, 129.1, 128.6, 127.7, 127.2, 118.9, 110.9.

## 1-(4-Biphenylyl)ethanone

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.03 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.68 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.62 (2H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.48–7.45 (2 H, m), 7.40 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.63 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 197.7, 145.7, 139.8, 135.8, 128.9, 128.9, 128.2, 127.2, 127.1, 26.7.

## 4-(Ethoxycarbonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.07$  (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.62–7.57 (4H, m), 7.44–7.40 (2H, m), 7.35 (1H, t, J = 7.6 Hz), 4.36 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.37 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 166.5$ , 145.5, 140.1, 130.1, 129.2, 128.9, 128.1, 127.3, 127.0, 61.0, 14.4.

#### 4-Fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.49–7.46 (4H, m), 7.38–7.34 (2H, m), 7.27 (1H, t, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.08–7.03 (2H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 162.5 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CF} = 244.7$  Hz), 140.3, 137.4 (<sup>4</sup> $J_{CF} = 3.3$  Hz), 128.8, 128.7 (<sup>3</sup> $J_{CF} = 8.0$  Hz), 127.2, 127.0, 115.6 (<sup>2</sup> $J_{CF} = 21.3$  Hz).

## Biphenyl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.49 (4H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.35–7.32 (4H, m), 7.26–7.22 (2H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 141.2, 128.7, 127.2, 127.2.

## 4-Methylbiphenyl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.46 (2H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.38 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.32–7.29 (2H, m), 7.20 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.13 (2H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.28 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 141.1, 138.3, 137.0, 129.5, 128.7, 127.0, 126.9, 21.1.

## 2-Phenylpyridine

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.60-8.58$  (1H, m), 7.90 (2H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.59–7.58 (2H, m), 7.39–7.35 (2H, m), 7.32–7.28 (1H, m), 7.10–7.07 (1H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 157.3$ , 149.5, 139.2, 136.6, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 121.9, 120.4.

## **3-Phenylpyridine**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.75 (1H, s), 8.50–8.49 (1H, m), 7.78–7.76 (1H, m), 7.48 (2H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.40–7.36 (2H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.32–7.27 (2H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 148.4, 148.3, 137.8, 136.6, 134.3, 129.0, 128.1, 127.1, 123.5.







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