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### Nickel-Catalyzed Negishi Cross-Couplings of 6-Chloropurines with Organozinc Halides at Room Temperature

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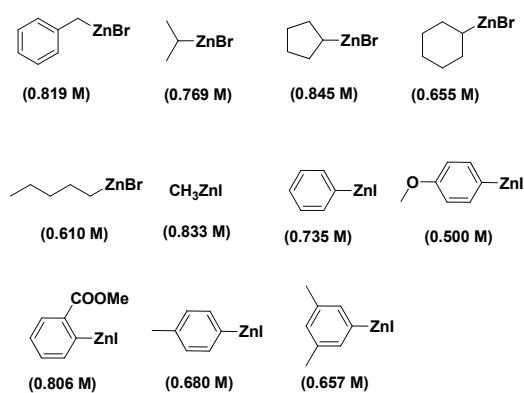
#### General

All reactions were carried out in oven-dried 10-mL round-bottom flask filled nitrogen, and monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). All reagents were reagent grade quality and purchased from commercial sources unless otherwise indicated. Organozinc halides in THF were prepared according to literature procedures<sup>1,2</sup> and determined by iodometric titration using Knochel's procedure. Anhydrous THF were freshly distilled from sodium/ benzophenone before used. LiCl was received from Aldrich. NMR spectra were recorded with a 400 NMR spectrometer for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C-NMR. Proton chemical shifts δ were given in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (0.00 ppm) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. High resolution mass spectra were taken with a 3000 mass spectrometer, using Waters Q-TofMS/MS system. For column chromatography 200-300 mesh silica gel (GF254) was used as the stationary phase.

## Experiments

### Preparations of organozinc halides<sup>1,2</sup>:

Anhydrous LiCl (20 mmol) was placed in an oven-dried 100 mL Schlenck tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The vessel was heated with alcohol burner for 20 min under high vacuum and backfilled with N<sub>2</sub> after cooling to room temperature. Zinc powder (60 mmol, 3 equiv) was added, the mixture of Zn and LiCl was heated again for 10-20 min by alcohol burner and backfilled with N<sub>2</sub> after cooling to room temperature. THF (20 mL) was added via syringe and Zn was activated by and BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Br (5 mol %) and Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl (1 mol %). The alkyl or aryl zinc halides (20 mmol) was added neat at the room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C over night and the organozinc reagent was determined by iodometric titration using Knochel's procedure.



### General Procedure for the Reaction of Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub>-Catalyzed Negishi:

To an oven-dried 10 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was added 9-benzyl-6-chloropurine **1a** (0.1 mmol, 24.4 mg), Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mg, 5 mol %). The flask sealed with threaded stopper was evacuated and backfilled with N<sub>2</sub> (this process was repeated for 3 times), and then THF (1 mL) were added via syringe. The solution was stirred for 5 min at room temperature and benzylzinc bromide in THF **2a** (1.5 eq, 0.19 mL) was added slowly via syringe. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until **1a** disappeared as monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (2 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL). The organic were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The resulted residue was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel (ethyl acetate / petroleum ether) to give the desired product **3a** (98%).

## Characterization of compounds

**Compound 3a<sup>3</sup>:** Colourless crystal, m.p. 85-87 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.02(s, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J*=7.2Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.37 (m, 7H), 7.19 (t, *J*=7.2Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.7, 152.8, 151.2, 143.9, 137.8, 135.0, 132.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 126.6, 47.3, 39.4.

**Compound 3b:** Colourless syrup. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.89 (s, 1H), 8.28(s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J*=7.6Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J*=7.6Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J*=7.2Hz, 1H), 5.77 (dd, *J*=2.8, 6.2Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 4.14-4.17(m, 1H), 3.74-3.81(m, 1H), 2.01-2.13(m, 3H), 1.63.-1.80(m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 106.7, 152.6, 150.4, 142.0, 137.7, 132.4, 129.3, 128.5, 126.6, 107.0, 81.9, 68.9, 58.3, 39.4, 31.7, 24.8, 22.8. HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 295.1559, found 295.1558.

**Compound 3c:** Pale yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.88 (s, 1H), 8.05(s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J*=7.6Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J*=7.4Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 4.25 (t, *J*=7.2Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.92(m, 2H), 1.32-1.41(m, 2H), 0.95(t, *J*=7.2Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.5, 152.4, 151.2, 144.1, 137.9, 132.5, 129.3, 128.5, 126.6, 43.7, 39.5, 31.9, 19.9, 13.5. HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 267.1610, found 267.1611.

**Compound 3d:** Pale yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.88 (s, 1H), 8.04(s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J*=7.6Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J*=7.6Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 4.20 (t, *J*=7.6Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.97(m, 2H), 0.96(t, *J*=7.4Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.5, 152.5, 151.2, 144.2, 137.9, 132.5, 129.3, 128.5, 126.6, 45.6, 39.5, 23.3, 11.24. HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 253.1453, found 253.1452.

**Compound 3e<sup>4</sup>:**Pale yellow crystal, m.p. 117-118 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.90 (s, 1H), 8.20(s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J*=7.6Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J*=7.6Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J*=7.2Hz, 1H), 6.23(d, *J*=5.6Hz, 1H), 5.97(t, *J*=5.4Hz, 1H), 5.68(t, *J*=5.0Hz, 1H), 4.52(s, 2H), 4.42-4.46 (m, 2H ),4.35-4.39 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.3, 169.5, 169.3, 161.3, 152.8, 150.7, 142.5, 137.5, 133.1, 129.3, 128.6, 126.7, 86.3, 80.3, 72.9, 70.6, 63.0, 39.5, 30.9, 29.7, 20.7, 20.5, 20.3.

**Compound 3f:** Pale yellow syrup. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J*=7.2Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J*=7.6Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J*=7.4Hz, 1H), 6.22(d, *J*=5.6Hz, 1H), 5.79(t, *J*=5.6Hz, 1H), 5.59(t, *J*=4.8Hz, 1H), 4.47(s, 2H), 4.45 (t, *J*=3.8Hz, 1H ),4.39 (d, *J*=3.6Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s,3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.3, 169.6, 169.4, 163.5, 154.4, 152.4, 142.7,

136.8, 132.0, 129.4, 128.7, 126.9, 85.8, 80.6, 73.1, 70.6, 63.0, 58.5, 39.6, 20.8, 20.5, 20.4, 18.5.

HRMS calcd for  $C_{23}H_{23}ClN_4NaO_7 [M+Na]^+$  525.1153, found 525.1154.

**Compound 3h:** Pale yellow syrup.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 7.2Hz$ , 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 7.2Hz$ , 2H), 7.24-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.05(d,  $J = 4.4Hz$ , 1H), 5.95(t,  $J = 5.0Hz$ , 1H), 5.62 (t,  $J = 5.6Hz$ , 1H), 4.47(s, 2H), 4.36-4.40 (m, 3H ), 4.28 (dd,  $J = 12.2\ 3.4Hz$ , 1H), 4.03-4.08 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  170.3, 169.4, 169.3, 164.4, 161.1, 151.0, 142.5, 138.6, 137.7, 131.2, 129.4, 129.3, 128.4, 128.3, 126.6, 126.3, 87.1, 80.0, 73.1, 70.7, 63.4, 45.7, 39.7, 20.7, 20.6, 20.5. HRMS calcd for  $C_{30}H_{30}N_4NaO_7 [M+Na]^+$  581.2012, found 581.2015.

**Compound 3g:** Pale yellow syrup.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.19 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 7.2Hz$ , 2H), 7.28 (t,  $J = 7.2Hz$ , 2H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 7.4Hz$ , 1H), 5.64(s, 2H), 4.78(s, 2H), 4.17(t,  $J = 4.6Hz$ , 2H), 3.76(t,  $J = 4.6Hz$ , 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  170.8, 163.3, 154.6, 153.1, 144.7, 136.8, 131.2, 129.4, 128.6, 126.9, 72.8, 68.1, 62.8, 58.4 39.6, 20.8, 18.4. HRMS calcd for  $C_{17}H_{17}ClN_4NaO_3 [M+Na]^+$  383.0887, found 383.0886.

**Compound 3i:** Pale yellow syrup.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.09 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 7.2Hz$ , 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 7.2Hz$ , 2H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.21(m, 2H), 5.61(s, 2H), 4.49(s 2 H), 4.35(s, 2H), 4.11 (t,  $J = 4.6Hz$ , 2H), 3.70 (t,  $J = 4.6Hz$ , 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  170.8, 164.5, 160.7, 152.1, 143.7, 138.9, 137.8, 130.1, 129.4, 129.2, 128.4, 128.2, 126.5, 126.3, 72.4, 67.9, 62.8, 58.4, 45.7, 39.6, 29.7, 20.7, 18.5. HRMS calcd for  $C_{24}H_{24}N_4NaO_3 [M+Na]^+$  439.1746, found 439.1748.

**Compound 3j<sup>5</sup>:** Yellow crystal, m.p. 74-76 °C.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.89 (s, 1H), 8.03(s, 1H), 7.29-7.37 (m, 5H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 2.87 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  159.3, 152.5, 150.6, 143.5, 135.1, 132.9, 129.1, 128.6, 127.8, 47.2, 19.4.

**Compound 3k<sup>6</sup>:** Pale yellow oil.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.91 (s, 1H), 7.99(s, 1H), 7.29-7.38 (m, 5H), 5.43 (s, 2H), 3.19 (t,  $J = 7.8Hz$ , 2H), 1.85-1.93(m, 2H), 1.32-1.43(m, 4H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.0Hz$ , 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  163.2.152.6, 150.8, 143.4, 135.2, 132.4, 129.1, 128.5, 127.9, 47.2, 33.2, 31.8, 28.2, 22.4, 13.9.

**Compound 3l:** Colourless oil.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.93 (s, 1H), 7.99(s, 1H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 5H), 5.43 (s, 2H), 3.85-3.93 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.18 (m, 2H), 2.01-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.79 (m, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  166.4, 152.8, 150.6, 143.3, 135.2, 132.1, 129.1, 128.6,

127.9, 58.4, 47.2, 42.6, 32.8, 26.3, 18.5. HRMS calcd for  $C_{17}H_{19}N_4 [M+H]^+$  279.1610, found 279.1608.

**Compound 3m:** Colourless oil.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.92 (s, 1H), 7.99(s, 1H), 7.34 (m, 5H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.98 (m, 7H), 1.33-1.52 (m, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  166.6, 152.7, 150.9, 143.2, 135.2, 131.6, 129.1, 128.5, 127.8, 47.2, 41.7, 31.3, 26.2, 25.9. HRMS calcd for  $C_{18}H_{21}N_4 [M+H]^+$  293.1766, found 293.1765.

**Compound 3n:** Colourless oil.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.94 (s, 1H), 8.00(s, 1H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 5H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 3.76-3.82 (m, 1H), 1.45 (d,  $J = 6.8Hz$ , 6H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  167.4, 152.7, 150.8, 143.3, 135.2, 131.4, 129.1, 128.6, 127.9, 58.4, 47.2, 31.6, 21.2, 18.4. HRMS calcd for  $C_{15}H_{17}N_4 [M+H]^+$  253.1453, found 253.1454.

**Compound 3o:** Colourless oil.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.92 (s, 1H), 8.00(s, 1H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 5H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 3.18 (t,  $J = 7.8Hz$ , 2H), 1.89-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.03 (t,  $J = 7.4Hz$ , 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  163.0, 152.6, 150.8, 143.5, 135.2, 132.6, 129.1, 128.6, 127.9, 47.3, 35.2, 21.9, 14.2. HRMS calcd for  $C_{15}H_{17}N_4 [M+H]^+$  253.1453, found 253.1454.

**Compound 5a<sup>3</sup>:** Colourless crystal, m.p. 118-119 °C.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.06 (s, 1H), 8.78(d,  $J = 7.2Hz$ , 2H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 5H), 5.48 (s, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  154.9, 152.6, 152.5, 144.1, 135.6, 135.2, 130.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 47.3.

**Compound 5b<sup>3</sup>:** Colourless crystal, m.p. 158-160 °C.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.00 (s, 1H), 8.81(d,  $J = 8.8Hz$ , 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.8Hz$ , 2H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 3.90(s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  162.0, 154.6, 152.5, 152.3, 143.6, 135.3, 131.5, 130.4, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 114.1, 55.4, 47.2.

**Compound 5c<sup>7</sup>:** Colourless crystal, m.p. 125-127 °C.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.04 (s, 1H), 8.70(d,  $J=8.4Hz$ , 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 7H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 2.45(s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  155.0, 152.6, 152.4, 143.9, 141.4, 135.2, 132.9, 130.7, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 127.8, 47.2, 21.6.

**Compound 5d:** Yellow oil.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.05 (s, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J=7.6Hz$ , 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J=7.6Hz$ , 1H), 7.63-7.67(m, 1H), 7.54-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.38 (m, 5H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 3.64(s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  168.7, 156.8, 152.3, 151.7, 144.6, 135.5, 135.1, 132.3, 131.7, 131.3, 131.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 128.6, 127.9, 52.2, 47.4, 30.9. HRMS calcd for  $C_{20}H_{17}N_4O_2$

[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 345.1352, found 345.1354.

**Compound 5e:** Yellow crystal, m.p. 121-123 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 2H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.17(s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 2.45(s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 206.9, 155.3, 152.5, 152.4, 144.0, 138.2, 135.5, 135.2, 132.8, 130.9, 129.1, 128.5, 127.8, 127.5, 107.0, 47.2, 30.9, 21.5. HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 315.1610, found 315.1606.

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