

Transition-Metal-Free Cross-Coupling of Aryl Halides with **Arylstannanes**

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Transition-metal-free LiCl-promoted cross-coupling reactions of tetraphenyltin, trichlorophenyl-, dichlorodiphenyl-, and chlorotriphenylstannanes with aryl halides in DMF provided access to biaryls in good to high yields. Up to four phenyl groups were transferred from the organostannanes substrates. The aryls bearing electron-withdrawing groups in either halides or organotin substrates

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gave coupling products in higher yields. The methodology has been applied for the efficient synthesis of ipriflavones.

he transition-metal catalyzed cross-coupling of organo-📘 magnesium (Kumada), organozinc (Negishi), organoboron (Suzuki), organotin (Stille), or organosilicon (Hiyama) with aryl, alkenyl, or alkyl halides is one of the most widely used methods for the formation of new carbon—carbon bonds. 1,2 In recent years, alternative approaches have begun to compete with these traditional cross-coupling protocols. One such approach is the C-H functionalization based on the coupling of one activated component (e.g., aryl halides) requiring direct C-H bond activation on the counterpart. 3-5 Cross dehydrogenative-coupling reactions, which require direct activation of C-H bonds on both substrates (e.g., alkene and/or arenes), have been also developed. 6-8 The combination of transition metal catalysts with oxidants and ligands was found to be crucial for efficient cross-coupling via direct C-H functionalization.

Recently, there has also been a significant effort to develop cross-coupling reactions that avoid the usage of a transitionmetal catalyst, in order to facilitate the purification of products and lower the costs. 9-11 This includes cross-coupling of aryl halides with aryl Grignard, 12-14 arylzinc, 15,16 or organoaluminum¹⁷ reagents, among others.¹¹ The transition-metalfree synthesis of biaryls occurred via homolytic aromatic substitution (HAS), $^{18,19}_{12,15,20-22}$ single electron transfer (SET) processes via $S_{\rm RN}1$, $^{12,15,20-22}_{12,15,20-22}$ or via benzyne-radical initiation. 23

The effect of lithium halides on the transition-metal catalyzed Stille, ²⁴ Negishi, ^{25,26} Suzuki, ^{27,28} and other reactions ^{29–32} has been studied. LiCl accelerates the formation of organozinc reagents³³ and enhances their reactivity toward transmetalation³⁴ by forming more nucleophilic lithium zincate complexes.^{33,35} Recently, the effect of LiCl on increasing crosscoupling efficiency of Kumada- or Negishi-type transitionmetal-free reactions with aryl or alkenyl halides has also been reported. 13,15 However, the analogous effect of LiCl in the

transition-metal-free Stille cross-coupling reaction is still undeveloped. Herein, we report first transition-metal-free LiCl-promoted cross-coupling of aryl halides and arylstannanes to give access to biaryls.

Initially, we examined coupling of tetraphenyltin 2a with iodonaphthalene 1a in DMAC in the presence of LiCl. Thus, heating of 2a with 1 equiv of 1a in the presence of LiCl (5 equiv) at 140 °C for 4 h produced the biaryl product 3 in 92% yield, along with minor quantities of the reductive homocoupling byproduct 4 (3:4, 40:1; Table 1, entry 1). Coupling also proceeded smoothly in DMF (entry 2), whereas no 3 was formed in refluxing toluene (entry 3). Screening of the LiCl loading showed that 5 equiv of LiCl are required to produce 3 in maximum yield (entries 4-5). Coupling in the absence of LiCl led mainly to the recovery of 1a with only a trace amount of 3 detected (entry 6). At least 3 h of heating were required to produce 3 in high yield (entries 7-9). Reaction at higher temperature (160 °C) yielded substantial quantities of biphenyl homocoupling byproduct 4 with decreased formation of 3 (32%; entry 10). Interestingly, at lower temperature (120 °C), product 3 was also obtained in lower yield (25%) but with excellent selectivity of 3 over 4 (entry 11). Prolonged reaction time afforded 3 in higher yield with the retention of a good ratio of 3 to 4 (entry 11, footnote). Other lithium salts were less efficient (LiBr or LiI) or failed (LiF) to promote coupling (entries 12-14). The coupling also proceeded less successfully when chloride salts other than LiCl were used; with NaCl giving 3 in good yield, while coupling basically failed in the presence of KCl or CsCl (entries 15-17).

We also examined coupling of 1a with various equivalents 36-38 of 2a to increase the atom efficiency of the LiCl-

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Table 1. Optimization of the LiCl-Promoted Cross-Coupling between Iodonaphthalene 1a and Tetraphenyltin 2a^a

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entry	solvent	salts	equiv	T/°C	time/h	yield (%), ^{b,c} 3	ratio ^b 3:4
1	DMAC	LiCl	5	140	4	92 (79)	40:1
2	DMF	LiCl	5	140	4	98 (87)	99:1
3	toluene	LiCl	5	110	4	$_d$	$-^e$
4	DMF	LiCl	3	140	4	64	50:1
5	DMF	LiCl	1	140	4	45	20:1
6	DMF	LiCl	0	140	4	5	_f
7	DMF	LiCl	5	140	1	32	99:1
8	DMF	LiCl	5	140	2	58	50:1
9	DMF	LiCl	5	140	3	96 (82)	80:1
10	DMF	LiCl	5	160	4	32	0.9:1
11	DMF	LiCl	5	120	4	25^g	99:1
12	DMF	LiBr	5	140	4	65	2:1
13	DMF	LiI	5	140	4	45	10:1
14	DMF	LiF	5	140	4	$_d$	_f
15	DMF	NaCl	5	140	4	76	8:1
16	DMF	KCl	5	140	4	10	_f
17	DMF	CsCl	5	140	4	12	_f

"Couplings were performed on 0.20 mmol scale of **2a** (0.05 M) with 1 equiv of **1a**. "Determined by GC/MS and/or ¹H NMR. ^cIsolated yield in parentheses. ^dProduct **3** was not detected. ^eHomocoupling byproduct **4** was observed. ^fNot determined. ^gCoupling in 5, 6, or 12 h yielded **3** in 32% (80:1), 40% (80:1), or 48% (75:1), respectively.

promoted Stille cross-coupling reactions. Thus, couplings of 2a with 1–4 equiv of 1a gave 3 in excellent yields, indicating transfer of up to four phenyl groups from 2a (Table 2, entries 1–4). Treatment of 2a with less reactive 1-bromonaphthalene 1b gave the coupling product in 48% yield (entry 5).

When chlorotriphenylstannane **2b** and dichlorodiphenylstannane **2c** were subjected to coupling with different equivalents of **1a**, multiple phenyl group transfer was also observed, even though the coupling efficiency was lower compared to **2a** (entries 6–10). Less coupling efficiency (25%) was observed for the reaction of trichlorophenylstannane **2d** with **1a** (entry 11). In general, both the yield and ratio increase with the number of phenyl groups present in the organostannane substrates.

Next, the LiCl-promoted coupling reactions of tetraphenyltin 2a with a series of aryl halides 5a–5k have been examined (Table 3). Coupling of 2a with 4 equiv of aryl iodides 5a–5c, having an electron-withdrawing group (EWG) at the *para*-position, proceeded efficiently in the presence of LiCl (140 °C/12 h) to give biaryls 6a–6c in good yields with transfer of four phenyl groups from the Sn center (entries 1–3, 60–76%). Analogous coupling of 2a with iodide 5d, having an electron-donating group (EDG) at the *para*-position yielded the biaryl 6d in only 31% yield along with large quantities of 4 (entry 4). Similarly, aryl iodides bearing EWGs at the *ortho*-position, 5e and 5f, gave the coupling products in better yields and ratios as compared to those having EDG 5g (entries 5–7). The same trend was also observed for the *meta*-substituted iodides 5h–5i

Table 2. Coupling of Arylstannanes 2 with Different Equivalency of 1-Iodonaphthalene 1a^a

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	halides				
entry	1	equiv (n)	stannanes	yield (%) ^b 3	ratio ^c 3:4
1	1a	1	2a	98 ^d	99:1
2	1a	2	2a	92	30:1
3	1a	3	2a	91 (84)	99:1
4	1a	4	2a	83 (75) ^e	99:1
5	1b	4	2a	48	9:1
6	1a	1	2b	78	20:1
7	1a	2	2b	68	30:1
8	1a	3	2b	60 (53)	40:1
9	1a	1	2c	75	40:1
10	1a	2	2c	53	20:1
11	1a	1	2d	25	50:1

"Couplings were performed on 0.20 mmol scale of 2a–2d (0.05 M) with 5 equiv of LiCl at 140 °C for 12 h. ^bYields for product 3 are based upon transferring four, three, two, or one phenyl groups from tin reagents 2a, 2b, 2c, or 2d respectively. Determined by GC/MS. Isolated yield in the parentheses. ^cDetermined by ¹H NMR. ^dHeated for 4 h. ^e3 was obtained in 26% yield (3:4, 80:1) for 4 h and 50% yield (3:4, 90:1) for 8 h.

Table 3. LiCl-Promoted Couplings of Tetraphenyltin 2a with Different Aryl Halides 5a-5k^a

"Couplings were performed on 0.20 mmol scale of 2a~(0.05~M) with 4.0 equiv of 5a-5k at the presence of LiCl (5 equiv) at 140 °C for 12 h. ^bCalculated based on transferring four phenyl groups from 2a. CDetermined by 1H NMR.

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5:2

2-CN

(entries 8–10). In general, both yields of biaryls 6 and ratios of 6 to 4 were higher for aryl halides with an EWG in the phenyl ring. However, the position of the substituent (o-, m-, p-) has less effect. It is noteworthy that compared to the transition-metal-free cross-couplings of Grignard reagents, which are also

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reactive with the electrophilic substituents, such as cyano, ester, or ketone, ¹² the organostannane coupling described here demonstrates higher functional group tolerance, similarly to the reactions with arylzinc reagents. ¹⁵ The aryl bromide **5k** also undergoes coupling with **2a** to give **6k** but in lower yield (entry 11).

The LiCl-promoted Stille coupling is also efficient in transferring phenyl groups substituted with an EDG or EWG from the Sn center. The results for coupling of *tetra-(p-tolyl)*tin 7, *tetra-(m-methoxyphenyl)*tin 8, or *tetra-(p-chlorophenyl)*tin 9 with various aryl iodides (4.0 equiv) are presented in Table 4

Table 4. LiCl-Promoted Couplings of Tetraaryltins 7–9 with Different Aryl Halides 5a–5j^a

entry	halides		stannane		product	yield (%) ^b	ratio
	R	5	Ar-	7-9	product	yieiu (%)	14110
1	4-COOCH ₃	5a			10a	71	15:2
2	4-CN	5c	CH₃		10c	48	3:2
3	4-OCH ₃	5d		7	10d	26	5:4
4	2-CH ₃	5g	Ť		10g	25	2:1
5	3-CF ₃	5i			10i	63	8:1
6	4-COCH ₃	5b	MeO 8	11b	55	7:1	
7	3-CH ₃	5j		0	11j	34	3:1
8	4-COCH ₃	5b			12b	65	20:1
9	4-OCH ₃	5d	CI		12d	42	5:2
10	2-CF ₃	5f		9	12f	82	50:1
11	3-CN	5h	Ť		12h	79	15:1
12	3-CH ₃	5j			12j	38	5:3

^aCouplings were performed on 0.20 mmol scale of 7–9 (0.05 M) with 4 equiv of 5 in the presence of LiCl (5 equiv) at 140 °C for 12 h. ^bCalculated based on transferring four aryl groups from tin reagents 7–9. ^cRatio of 10:13, 11:14, or 12:15 was determined by ¹H NMR and GC-MS.

(entries 1–12). Coupling of aryltins having EDG 7 or 8 gave better yields and ratios with aryl halides bearing EWGs ($\mathbf{5a-c}$, or $\mathbf{5i}$) as compared to those with an EDG ($\mathbf{5d}$, $\mathbf{5g}$, or $\mathbf{5j}$), with efficient transfer of up to four aryl groups from organotin substrates (entries 1–7). Coupling of *p*-chloro substituted aryltin 9 yielded products 12 generally in higher yields than when 7 and 8 were used. Again, the products were obtained in higher yields and better ratio with iodides having an EWG (entries 6–10). Atom-efficient Pd-catalyzed Stille couplings with Ar_4Sn are known. However, transfer of multiple Ar groups from a Sn center, in the absence of a Pd-catalyst, has not been reported.

The LiCl-promoted cross-coupling reaction with stannanes was successfully applied for the synthesis of ipriflavone 17, which is in clinical studies for postmenopausal osteoporosis.³⁹ We found that treatment of 3-iodo-7-isopropoxychromone 16 (1 equiv) with 2a (0.25 equiv)/LiCl (1.25 equiv) afforded ipriflavone 17 (92%) with the efficient transfer of four phenyl groups (Scheme 1).

Scheme 1. Synthesis of Ipriflavone 17 by LiCl-Promoted Couplings of 2a with 16

The LiCl-promoted cross-coupling of aryl halides with arylstannanes might occur via the single electron transfer (SET) induced radical-nucleophilic aromatic substitution $(S_{RN}1)^{40}$ mechanism, similar to the pathway proposed for the transition-metal-free coupling between aryl halides and Grignard 12,20,22 or arylzinc 15 reagents. This assumption is supported by the fact that (i) no rearranged coupling product was formed, which excludes the aryne mechanistic pathway, 41,42 and (ii) couplings proceed with aryl halides bearing an EDG, which should eliminate nucleophilic aromatic substitution (S_NAr). The addition of LiCl has been proven to be beneficial for the coupling of organotin with vinyl triflates. The role of the lithium has been explained by the formation of a more reactive palladium complex involving the coordination of a chloride ion. 43 Shirakawa et al. attributed enhancement of LiCl on the reactivity of PhZnI in the transition-metal-free coupling with aryl halides on the generation of nucleophilic lithium zincates complexes, 35 such as Li⁺[PhZnICl]^{-1.5} It is noteworthy that hypervalent fluoro tin^{44,45} (e.g.,difluorotriphenylstannate), silicon, 46,47 and germane 38 species have been established as active intermediates in Pd-catalyzed couplings.

It is noteworthy that LiCl-promoted coupling requires anhydrous conditions and predried LiCl of high purity for the optimal efficiency. Moreover, it was found that coupling under oxygen-free conditions sometimes led to irreproducible results. Murarka and Studer noted that initiation for the transition-metal-free growth polymerization of haloaryl Grignard reagents can be achieved in the presence of traces of oxygen or by adding the TEMPO radical. However, experiments under Ar vs N_2 vs atmospheric conditions vs oxygen introduced by syringe did not improve the yields of coupling products and their selectivity to homocoupling byproducts. It is noteworthy that the best results were obtained when the reaction suspension was heated with a drying tube, filled with anhydrous CaCl₁, attached to the condenser.

In summary, we have demonstrated that aryl halides undergo transition-metal-free LiCl-promoted coupling with tetraaryltins (or chloroarylstannanes) to give biaryls in moderate to high yield with the transfer of all four phenyl groups from the Sn center. This atom-efficient protocol eliminates the usage of a transition-metal catalyst and proceeds without the addition of extra ligands or other additives. In general, the aryls bearing electron-withdrawing groups, either in halides or organotin substrates, give coupling products in better yields. This LiCl-promoted coupling is believed to occur via SET-induced radical-nucleophilic aromatic substitution.

■ EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

¹H NMR spectra at 300 MHz and proton-decoupled ¹³C{¹H} NMR data at 75 MHz were determined with solutions in CDCl₃. TLC was performed on Merck kieselgel 60-F_{2.54}, and products were detected with 254 nm light or by development of color with I₂. Merck kieselgel 60 (230–400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. Purity, yields, and ratio of the products (crude and/or purified) were

established with GC/MS [EI; capillary column RTX-1MS (30 m \times 0.25 mm \times 25 μ m)] using calibrated standards. HRMS data were recorded by electrospray ionization with a TOF mass analyzer. LiCl (catalog number 449881, \geq 99.9%), tetraphenyltin (T26727, 97%), and phenyltin chlorides [2b, 245712, 95%; 2c, 229202, 96%; 2d, 277231, 98%) as well as anhydrous DMF (227056, 99.8%) were purchased from Aldrich-Sigma Co.

1-(Phenyl)naphthalene (3). Typical Procedure. LiCl (42.4 mg, 1 mmol) was placed in a 10 mL round-bottom flask fitted with a septum and was flame-dried under an Ar atmosphere for 1 min. After cooling to an ambient temperature (~5 min), DMF (4 mL) and 1iodonaphthalene 1a (116.8 µL, 203.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) were added via syringe followed by tetraphenyltin 2a (85.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). The septum was removed, and the condenser, fitted with a drying tube on top filled with anhydrous CaCl2, was quickly attached to the flask. The stirred suspension was heated at 140 °C (oil bath) for 12 h. Volatiles were evaporated and the residue was partitioned (H2O/EtOAc). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), evaporated and purified by column chromatography (hexane) to give 3^{38} (61.3 mg, 75%): ¹H NMR δ (61.3 mg, 75%): 1 H NMR δ 7.40-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.54 (m, 6H), 7.84-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.87-7.91(m, 2H); 13 C NMR δ 125.4, 125.8, 126.0, 126.9, 127.2, 127.6, 128.3, 130.1, 131.7, 133.8, 140.3, 140.8. GC-MS (t_R 10.1 min) m/z204 (100, [M]+). GC-MS of the crude reaction mixture showed the ratio of 3:4 as 100 to 1: GC-MS (t_R 10.1 min, 3) m/z 204 (100, [M]⁺) and $(t_R 5.8 \text{ min, 4}) m/z 154 (100, [M]^+)$. HRMS $[M + H]^+$ for C₁₆H₁₃: calcd, 205.1012; found, 205.1013.

Note: See Table 1 for the reaction conditions used during optimization studies and Table 2 for the coupling conditions of stannanes 2 with different equivalents of 1-iodonaphthalene 1a.

Methyl Biphenyl-4-carboxylate (6a). Treatment of tetraphenyltin 2a (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with methyl 4-iodobenzoate 5a (209.6 mg, 0.80 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave 6a⁵⁰ (128.9 mg, 76%): ¹H NMR δ 3.94 (s, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ 52.3, 127.1, 127.3, 128.2, 128.9, 130.1, 140.0, 145.7, 167.1. GC-MS (t_R 10.4 min) m/z 212 (60, M[†]). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C₁₄H₁₃O₂: calcd, 213.0910; found, 213.0911.

4-Acetylbiphenyl (6b). Treatment of **2a** (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 4-iodoacetophenone **5b** (196.8 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **6b**⁵⁰ (94.1 mg, 60%): 1 H NMR δ 2.64 (s, 3H), 7.40 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); 13 C NMR δ 26.6, 127.2, 127.3, 128.2, 128.9, 129.0, 136.0, 139.9, 145.8, 197.8; GC-MS (t_R 9.8 min) m/z 196 (50, M^+). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C_{14} H₁₃O: calcd, 197.0961; found, 197.0963.

4-Cyanobiphenyl (6c). Treatment of **2a** (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 1-cyano-4-iodobenzene **5c** (183.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **6c**⁵⁰ (103.1 mg, 72%): ¹H NMR δ 7.42 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ 110.0, 118.9, 127.2, 127.7, 128.7, 129.1, 132.6, 139.2, 145.7. GC-MS (t_R 9.0 min) m/z 179 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C₁₃H₁₀N: calcd, 180.0808; found, 180.0810.

4-Methoxybiphenyl (6d). Treatment of **2a** (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 4-iodo-1-methoxybenzene **5d** (187.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **6d**⁵¹ (45.6 mg, 31%): 1 H NMR δ 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.41 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.56 (m, 4H); 13 C NMR δ 55.4, 114.2, 126.7, 126.8, 128.2, 128.7, 133.8, 140.9, 159.2. GC-MS ($t_{\rm R}$ 8.4 min) m/z 184 (100, M^{+}). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C_{13} H₁₃O: calcd, 185.0961; found, 185.0961.

2-Nitrobiphenyl (6e). Treatment of **2a** (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 2-iodo-1-nitrobenzene **5e** (199.2 mg, 0.80 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **6e** 37 (127.4 mg, 80%): 1 H NMR δ 7.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR δ 124.1, 127.9, 128.1, 128.2, 128.7, 132.0, 132.2, 136.4, 137.4, 149.4. GC-MS (t_R 8.7 min) m/z 199 (20, M^+). HRMS [M + H] $^+$ for $C_{12}H_{10}NO_2$: calcd, 200.0706; found, 200.0707.

2-(Trifluoromethyl)biphenyl (6f). Treatment of **2a** (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 2-iodo-1-trifluoromethylbenzene **5f** (112.2 μ L, 217.6 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **6f**⁶² (140.3 mg, 79%): 1 H

NMR δ 7.38–7.48 (m, 7H), 7.53–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 124.1 (q, ^{1}J = 272.0 Hz), 126.0 (q, ^{3}J = 5.4 Hz), 127.3, 127.6, 127.7, 128.9, 128.4 (q, ^{2}J = 28.5 Hz), 131.3, 132.0, 139.9, 141.5. GC-MS ($t_{\rm R}$ 5.2 min) m/z 222 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for $C_{13}H_{10}F_{3}$: calcd, 223.0729; found, 223.0731.

2-Methylbiphenyl (6g). Treatment of **2a** (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 2-iodo-1-methylbenzene **5g** (101.8 μ L, 174.4 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **6g**⁵⁰ (59.1 mg, 44%?): ¹H NMR δ 2.27 (s, 3H), 7.25–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 20.5, 125.8, 126.8, 127.2, 127.3, 128.1, 128.8, 129.2, 129.8, 130.3, 135.4, 142.0. GC-MS (t_R 6.0 min) m/z 168 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C₁₃H₁₃: calcd, 169.1012; found, 169.1011

3-Cyanobiphenyl (6h). Treatment of **2a** (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 1-cyano-3-iodobenzene **5h** (183.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **6h**³⁷ (88.8 mg, 62%): 1 H NMR δ 7.39–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.56 (m, 3H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H); 13 C NMR δ 113.0, 118.8, 127.1, 128.4, 129.1, 129.6, 130.7, 131.5, 138.9, 140.5, 141.9, 142.5. GC-MS ($t_{\rm R}$ 8.8 min) m/z 179 (95, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C₁₃H₁₀N: calcd, 180.0808; found, 180.0812.

3-(Trifluoromethyl)biphenyl (6i). Treatment of **2a** (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 3-iodo-1-trifluoromethylbenzene **5i** (115.3 μ L, 217.6 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **6i**³⁸ (133.2 mg, 75%): 1 H NMR δ 7.38–7.60 (m, 7H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83(s, 1H); 13 C NMR δ 124.95 (q, 3 J = 3.2 Hz), 124.98 (q, 3 J = 3.2 Hz), 124.3 (q, 1 J = 271.0 Hz), 127.2, 128.0, 129.0, 129.2, 130.4, 131.2 (q, 2 J = 32.6 Hz), 139.8, 142.1. GC-MS (t_R 5.6 min) m/z 222 (100, M $^{+}$). HRMS [M + H] $^{+}$ for C₁₃H₁₀F₃: calcd, 223.0729; found, 223.0730.

3-Methylbiphenyl (6j). Treatment of **2a** (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 3-iodo-1-methylbenzene **5j** (102.7 μ L, 174.4 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **6j**⁵⁰ (53.8 mg, 40%): 1 H NMR δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 7.14–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.57–7.59 (m, 2H); 13 C NMR δ 21.6, 124.3, 127.2, 127.3, 128.0, 128.7, 128.7,128.8, 138.3, 141.3, 141.4. GC-MS (t_R 6.8 min) m/z 168 (85, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for $C_{13}H_{13}$: calcd, 169.1012; found, 169.1014

2-Cyanobiphenyl (6k). Treatment of **2a** (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 1-cyano-2-bromobenzene **5k** (183.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **6k**³⁷ (51.6 mg, 36%): 1 H NMR δ 7.42–7.57 (m, 7H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41(t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.56 (m, 4H); 13 C NMR δ 111.3, 118.7, 127.6, 128.73, 128.76, 130.1, 132.8, 133.7, 133.9, 138.2, 145.5. GC-MS (t_R 8.2 min) m/z 179 (100, M $^{+}$). HRMS [M + H] $^{+}$ for C₁₃H₁₀N: calcd, 180.0808; found, 180.0810.

3,4'-Dimethylbiphenyl (10a). Treatment of *tetra-*(p-methylphenyl)tin 7 (96.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 1-methyl-3-iodobenzene **5a** (102.7 μ L, 174.4 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **10a** ⁵³ (36.4 mg, 25%): 1 H NMR δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR δ 20.1, 20.5, 123.1, 125.8, 126.0, 126.7, 126.8, 127.6, 128.4, 135.9, 137.2, 140.1. GC-MS (t_R 8.4 min) m/z 182 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C_{15} H $_{15}$ O $_2$: calcd, 227.1067; found, 227.1071.

4-Cyano-4'-methybiphenyl (10c). Treatment of 7 (96.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 1-cyano-4-iodo-benzene **5c** (183.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **10c**⁵³ (74.1 mg, 48%): 1 H NMR δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); 13 C NMR δ 21.2, 110.6, 119.0, 127.1, 127.5, 129.9, 132.6, 136.3, 138.8, 145.6. GC-MS (t_R 10.4 min) m/z 193 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C₁₄H₁₂N: calcd, 194.0964; found, 194.0969.

4-Methoxyl-4'-methybiphenyl (10d). Treatment of 7 (96.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 4-iodo-1-methoxylbenzene **5d** (187.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **10d**⁵³ (41.2 mg, 26%): ¹H NMR δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ 21.1, 55.4, 114.2, 126.6, 128.0, 129.5, 133.8, 136.4, 138.0, 159.0. GC-MS (t_R 9.8 min) m/z 198 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C₁₄H₁₅O: calcd, 199.1117; found, 199.1120.

3′,4-Dimethybiphenyl (10g). Analogous treatment of 7 (96.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 2-iodo-1-methylbenzene **5g** (174.4 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **10g**⁵³ (36.4 mg, 25%): 1 H NMR δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); 13 C NMR δ 20.1, 20.5, 123.1, 125.8, 126.0, 126.7, 126.8, 127.6, 128.4, 135.9, 137.2, 140.1. GC-MS ($t_{\rm R}$ 8.4 min) m/z 182(100, M^{+}). HRMS [M + Na] for $\rm C_{14}H_{14}Na$: calcd, 205.0988; found, 205.0991.

4'-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl (10i). Treatment of 7 (96.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 3-iodo-1-trifluoromethylbenzene 5i (115.3 μ L, 217.6 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave 10i³⁴ (118.9 mg, 63%): ¹H NMR δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 21.3, 123.77 (q, ³J = 3.0 Hz), 123.86 (q, ³J = 3.0 Hz), 124.4 (q, ¹J = 271.5 Hz), 127.1, 129.3, 129.9, 130.3, 131.3 (q, ²J = 31.5 Hz), 137.0, 138.1, 142.1. GC-MS (t_R 7.3 min) m/z 236 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C₁₄H₁₂F₃: calcd, 237.0886; found, 237.0889.

4'-Acetyl-3-methoxylbiphenyl (11b). Treatment of *tetra-*(m-methoxyphenyl)tin 8 (109.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 4-iodoacetophenone 5b (196.8 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave $11b^{55}$ (99.4 mg, 55%): 1 H NMR δ 2.63 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H); 13 C NMR, δ 26.64, 55.4, 113.1, 113.6, 119.8, 127.3, 128.9, 130.0, 136.0, 141.4, 145.7, 160.1, 197.7. GC-MS (t_R 12.2 min) m/z 226 (56, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C₁₅H₁₅O₂: calcd, 227.1067; found, 227.1069.

3-Methoxyl-3'-methylbiphenyl (11j). Treatment of 8 (109.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 3-iodo-1-methylbenzene **5j** (102.7 μL, 174.4 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **11j** ⁵⁶ (53.9 mg, 34%): 1 H NMR δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.90–6.92 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 2H); 13 C NMR, δ 20.5, 54.3, 111.6, 111.9, 118.7, 123.3, 127.0, 127.1, 127.6, 128.6, 137.3, 140.1, 141.9. GC-MS (t_R 9.6 min) m/z 198 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C_{14} H₁₅O: calcd, 199.1117; found, 199.1121.

4'-Acetyl-4-chlorobiphenyl (12b). Treatment of *tetra*-(*p*-chlorophenyl)tin 9 (113 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 4-iodoacetophenone **5b** (196.8 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **12b**⁵⁵ (119.6 mg, 65%): 1 H NMR δ 2.62 (s, 3H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H); 13 C NMR δ 25.6, 126.0, 127.5, 128.0, 128.1, 133.4, 135.1, 137.3, 143.4, 196.5. GC-MS ($t_{\rm R}$ 11.8 min) m/z 230 (50, M $^{+}$). HRMS [M + H] $^{+}$ for C₁₄H₁₂ClO: calcd, 231.0571; found, 231.0572.

4-Methoxyl-4′-**chlorobiphenyl (12d).** Treatment of **9** (113 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 4-iodo-1-methoxylbenzene **5d** (187.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **12d**⁵⁷ (73.2 mg, 42%): ¹H NMR δ 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44–7.50 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR δ 55.4, 114.4, 128.0, 128.0, 128.9, 132.5, 132.7, 139.3, 159.4. GC-MS (t_R 10.6 min) m/z 218 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for $C_{13}H_{12}$ ClO: calcd, 219.0571; found, 219.0571.

4-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl (12f). Treatment of 9 (113 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 2-iodo-1-(trifluoromethyl)benzene Sf (112.2 μL, 217.6 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **12f** (167.9 mg, 82%): 1 H NMR δ 7.27 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR δ 131.2 (q, ^{1}J = 272 Hz), 125.2 (q, ^{3}J = 5.0 Hz), 126.7, 127.0, 127.3 (q, ^{2}J = 31.3 Hz), 129.3, 130.4, 130.9, 132.8, 137.2, 139.1. GC-MS (t_R 7.5 min) m/z 256 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C₁₃H₉ClF₃: calcd, 257.0339; found, 257.0343.

4-Chloro-3'-cyanobiphenyl (12h). Treatment of 9 (113 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 1-cyano-3-iodobenzene **5h** (183.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **12h**⁵⁸ (134.6 mg, 79%): 1 H NMR δ 7.44–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.52–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H); 13 C NMR δ 113.2, 118.6, 128.3, 129.3, 129.8, 130.5, 131.0, 131.3, 134.7, 137.3, 141.2. GC-MS (t_R 11.0 min) m/z 213 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C_{13} H₉ClN: calcd, 214.0418; found, 214.0421.

4-Chloro-3'-methylbiphenyl (12j). Treatment of 9 (113 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 3-iodo-1-methylbenzene **5j** (102.7 μL, 174.4 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave **12j**⁵⁹ (61.4 mg, 38%): ¹H NMR δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ 20.5, 126.7, 127.3, 127.4, 127.8, 127.8, 132.2, 137.5, 138.8, 139.0. GC-MS (t_R 9.2 min) m/z 202 (100, M⁺). HRMS [M + H]⁺ for C₁₃H₁₂Cl: calcd, 203.0622; found, 203.0625.

7-Isopropoxyisoflavone (Ipriflavone, 17). Treatment of tetraphenyltin 2a (85.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) with 3-iodo-7-isopropylchromone 16⁶⁰ (174.4 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the *Typical Procedure* gave 17⁶¹ as a white solid (206 mg, 92%): mp, 121.9–123.0 °C; IR (KBr), ν (cm⁻¹) 3060, 2985, 2972, 2928, 1637, 1592, 1561, 1491, 1439, 1369, 1325, 1261, 1034, 907, 881, 820, 780, 738, 694; ¹H NMR δ 1.40 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H), 4.62–4.70 (m, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.56 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR 175.6, 162.5, 158.0, 152.6, 132.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 125.2, 118.2, 115.6, 101.6, 70.8, 21.8. HRMS [M + Na]⁺ for C₁₈H₁₆O₃Na: calcd, 303.0997; found, 303.0969.

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