Supporting Information

For

Pd(II)-Catalyzed Ortho- or Meta-C-H Olefination of Phenol Derivatives

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1. General Information:

All commercial reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Fluka, Alfa Aesar, TCI, Oakwood, and Acros of the highest purity grade. They were used without further purification unless specified. Palladium acetate, silver acetate was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. The amino acid ligands were bought from Novabiochem, Bachem and Sigma-Aldrich. 2,2'- azanediyldibenzonitrile was prepared by literature methods.¹ ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV 400, Varian Inova 400 (400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively), Bruker DRX 500 (500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively) and Bruker DRX 600 (600 MHz and 150 MHz, respectively) instruments. The peaks were internally referenced to TMS (0.00 ppm) or residual undeuterated solvent signal. The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, and br = broad. High resolution mass spectra were recorded at the Center for Mass Spectrometry, The Scripps Research Institute.

2. Experimental Section

2.1 Preparation of substrates 1a-1r.²



Phenol (1.88 g, 20 mmol) was dissolved in methyl ethyl ketone (40 mL), and NaOH pellets (4.0 g, 100 mmol, 5 equiv) were added. The mixture was heated to 50 °C and stirred at 50 °C for 2 h. A solution of α -bromoisobutyric acid (6.01 g, 36 mmol, 1.8 equiv) in methyl ethyl ketone (15 mL) was added to the resultant suspension over 8 h. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for an additional 3 h. Water (20 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was held at room temperature overnight. Methyl ethyl ketone was removed by vacuum distillation. The resultant solution was washed with EtOAc (50 mL). The pH of the aqueous phase was adjusted to 6.5 with 3 N HCl before NaHSO₃ (4.16 g, 40 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The resultant mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was acidified with 3 N HCl to pH 1.6 and extracted with EtOAc (30 mL × 3). The combined organic extract was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by a silica

gel packed flash chromatography column, using ethyl acetate/hexane as the eluent. The product **1a** was obtained as a white amorphous solid (2.92 g, 81% yield).

1a: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.93 (m, 2H), 1.61 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.85, 154.43, 129.25, 79.46, 25.09; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₀H₁₃O₃ (M+H)⁺: 181.0859, found: 181.0860.



1b: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.09 (br, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.17, 153.15, 131.14, 129.94, 126.33, 122.40, 117.65, 79.11, 25.19, 16.73; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅O₃ (M+H)⁺: 195.1016, found: 195.1025.



1c: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.40, 154.28, 139.45, 128.96, 124.12, 117.31, 79.49, 25.07, 21.40; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅O₃ (M+H)⁺: 195.1016, found: 195.1023.



1d: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.53, 152.15, 132.77, 129.74, 120.65, 79.43, 25.03, 20.60; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅O₃ (M+H)⁺: 195.1016, found: 195.1012.



1e: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14-7.02 (m, 4H), 1.61 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.42, 156.52 (d, J = 45.1 Hz), 142.03 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 124.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 124.18 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 123.76 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 116.56 (d, J = 19.6 Hz), 81.5, 24.63; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂FO₃ (M+H)⁺: 199.0765, found: 199.0769.



1f: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.77-6.64 (m, 3H), 1.64 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.57, 163.14 (d, *J* = 244.9 Hz), 156.11 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 129.96 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 115.41 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 109.74 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 107.65 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 79.49, 25.15; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂FO₃ (M+H)⁺: 199.0765, found: 199.0769.



1g: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.98-6.90 (m, 4H), 1.58 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.72, 158.82 (d, *J* = 239.9 Hz), 150.51 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 122.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 115.72 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 79.84, 25.04; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂FO₃ (M+H)⁺: 199.0765, found: 199.0771.



1h: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.43, 150.60, 130.51, 127.47, 127.45, 124.40, 121.59, 81.52, 24.81; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂ClO₃ (M+H)⁺: 215.0469, found: 215.0471.



1i: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.55, 153.29, 129.24, 128.17, 121.66, 79.57, 25.10; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂ClO₃ (M+H)⁺: 215.0469, found: 215.0459.

1j: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.34 (br, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.60, 155.58, 134.56, 129.96, 123.05, 120.60, 118.01, 79.53, 25.15; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂ClO₃ (M+H)⁺: 215.0469, found: 215.0469.



1k: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.88 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.63, 152.26, 142.69, 125.05, 123.32, 120.89, 111.81, 81.77, 55.49, 24.67; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅O₄ (M+H)⁺: 211.0965, found: 211.0960.

11: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.77, 155.83, 147.77, 122.72, 114.25, 80.03, 55.51, 24.93; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅O₄ (M+H)⁺: 211.0965, found:



211.0966.

1m

1m: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.24 (br, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.91, 153.30, 132.59, 127.27 (q, J = 5.2 Hz), 123.49 (q, J = 270.7 Hz), 121.96 (q, J = 29.9 Hz), 121.72, 118.35, 79.92, 24.91; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₃O₃ (M+H)⁺: 249.0733, found: 249.0730.

1n: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.54, 158.02, 127.06 (q, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 124.86 (q, *J* = 31.3 Hz), 124.56 (q, *J* = 269.9 Hz), 118.97, 79.26, 25.22; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₃O₃ (M+H)⁺: 249.0733, found: 249.0742.



10: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.31, 155.08, 131.84 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 129.80, 123.72 (q, *J* = 270.6 Hz), 122.78, 119.43 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 117.06 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 79.61, 25.06; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₃O₃ (M+H)⁺: 249.0733, found: 249.0744.



1p: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26-8.22 (m, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.46, 150.78, 134.84, 127.62, 127.60, 126.39, 126.38, 125.59, 125.33, 122.25, 111.77, 79.58, 25.14; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₄H₁₅O₃ (M+H)⁺: 231.1016, found: 231.1005.



1q: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.33, 151.84, 133.46, 128.07, 124.31, 120.60, 116.74, 80.97, 24.86; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂BrO₃ (M+H)⁺: 258.9964, found: 258.9966.



1r: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (br, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.78, 152.82, 138.39, 128.65, 125.34, 124.22, 115.69, 79.29, 25.12, 20.23, 12.51; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇O₃ (M+H)⁺: 209.1172, found: 209.1181.

2.2 Preparation of substrates 4a-4p.³



To a cooled solution of 2,2'-azanediyldibenzonitrile (1.15g, 5.25 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) in THF (10 mL) was added NaH (60% in mineral oil, 220 mg, 5.5 mmol, 1.10 equiv.) in two portions at 0 °C. After the bubbling had subsided, acid chloride (5.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), prepared from the corresponding carboxylic acid and oxalyl chloride, was added dropwise to the reaction mixture at 0 °C. After stirred overnight, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc and quenched with water. The solution was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic extract was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the crude product by a silica gel packed flash chromatography column using hexanes/EtOAc as the eluent yielded the amide (**4a-4p**).



4a: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68-7.56 (m, 6H), 7.39 (br, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.61, 152.87, 145.67, 133.76, 129.05, 128.09, 123.79, 122.61, 117.32, 113.19, 83.72, 26.46, 25.79; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 382.1550, found: 382.1556.



4b: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64-7.49 (m, 6H), 7.36 (br, 2H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.89 (m, 2H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.90, 151.70, 144.17, 133.91, 133.84, 133.58, 130.94, 130.26, 128.08, 126.40, 122.74, 122.71, 119.97, 118.49, 117.26, 116.56, 112.80, 103.23, 99.55, 82.81, 27.01, 16.70; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 396.1706, found: 396.1723.



4c: 1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.36 (s, 2H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.42 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.1, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s, 6H); 13C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 152.8, 145.6, 139.1, 134.1, 133.7, 133.3, 129.7, 129.0, 128.6, 128.0, 124.5, 123.1, 119.4, 117.3, 113.0, 83.5, 26.7, 25.7, 21.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 396.1706, found: 396.1698.



4d: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76-7.51 (m, 6H), 7.36 (br, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 174.69, 150.35, 145.79, 133.74, 133.42, 129.51, 128.05, 122.68, 118.49, 117.34, 83.68, 26.48, 25.55, 20.65; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 396.1706, found: 396.1725.



4e: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84-7.58 (m, 6H), 7.35 (br, 2H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.82-6.78 (m, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.68, 153.14, 145.49, 141.93, 127.85, 124.79, 124.74, 120.28, 112.90, 84.50, 55.13, 26.34, 25.55; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₃ (M+H)⁺: 412.1656, found: 412.1661.



4f: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75-7.56 (m, 6H), 7.36 (br, 2H), 6.69 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.67, 156.05, 145.91, 133.70, 128.02, 123.99, 117.34, 113.95, 83.86, 55.45, 26.35, 25.34; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₃ (M+H)⁺: 412.1656, found: 412.1645.



4g: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81-7.58 (m, 6H), 7.37 (br, 2H), 7.02-6.92 (m, 4H), 1.69 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.15, 156.01 (d, *J* = 246.8 Hz), 145.65, 139.94 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 133.68, 128.08, 126.09, 125.18 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 124.02 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 117.23, 116.55 (d, *J* = 19.5 Hz), 113.10, 85.47, 26.30, 25.32; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₄H₁₉FN₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 400.1456, found: 400.1466.



4h: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69-7.58 (m, 6H), 7.37 (br, 2H), 6.88-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.62-6.58 (m, 2H), 1.65 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.29, 159.14 (d, *J* = 241.1 Hz), 148.34 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 145.64, 134.31, 133.71, 133.39, 129.38, 128.70, 128.15, 124.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 117.22, 115.53 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz), 113.23, 112.60, 83.94, 26.32, 25.33; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₂₄H₁₉FN₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 400.1456, found: 400.1446.



4i: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86-7.36 (m, 8H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.66 (S, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.20, 151.19, 145.33, 134.23, 133.68, 133.37, 129.46, 129.01, 128.27, 128.00, 123.92, 117.13, 113.00, 112.53, 83.87, 26.36, 25.51; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₄H₁₉ClN₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 416.1160, found: 416.1178.



4j: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76-7.51 (m, 6H), 7.39 (br, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.31, 149.26, 145.13, 144.18, 134.13, 133.78, 133.31, 130.33, 129.01, 128.44, 127.91, 127.29, 127.07, 124.10, 122.81, 117.22, 112.56, 84.57, 27.13, 26.45; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₄H₁₉ClN₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 416.1160, found: 416.1173.



4k: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71-7.58 (m, 6H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.09, 153.53, 145.36, 134.31, 134.21, 133.79, 133.47, 129.85, 129.63, 128.78, 128.37, 128.04, 124.11, 122.83, 120.66, 117.19, 113.08, 112.68, 84.16, 26.52, 25.65; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₄H₁₉ClN₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 416.1160, found: 416.1150.



41: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91-7.28 (m, 11H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.49, 151.94, 134.03, 132.91, 126.84 (q, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 123.14 (q, *J* = 270.9 Hz), 121.87, 121.42 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 120.36, 82.54, 27.50, 27.00; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₅H₁₉FN₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 450.1424, found: 450.1435.



4m: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75-7.60 (m, 6H), 7.40-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.00-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 1.73 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.99, 153.14, 145.44, 133.82, 131.59 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 129.79, 128.29, 125.48, 123.52 (q, *J* = 270.7 Hz), 120.48 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 119.28 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 117.20, 84.30, 26.54, 25.81; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₂₅H₁₉FN₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 450.1424, found: 450.1414.



4n: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78-7.34 (m, 12H), 7.27-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.68, 149.27, 134.52, 133.85, 127.79, 127.41, 126.14, 125.58, 125.24, 122.54, 122.41, 117.27, 114.06, 83.04, 27.18, 27.05; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 432.1706, found: 432.1695.



40: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76-7.46 (m, 6H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.92, 151.17, 144.08, 138.19, 134.10, 133.92, 133.79, 133.54, 132.89, 130.29, 129.43, 128.24, 127.87, 125.24, 124.57, 122.69, 118.40, 118.32, 117.24, 116.59, 112.77, 83.17, 26.83, 26.53, 20.25, 12.81; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₆H₂₄N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 410.1863, found: 410.1863.



4p: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65-7.55 (m, 6H), 7.44 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dt, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.35, 150.63, 133.88, 133.57, 133.45, 128.11, 124.14, 121.75, 117.26, 116.15, 112.61, 84.10, 27.27, 27.15; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₄H₁₉BrN₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 460.0655, found: 460.0659.

2.3 Typical procedures for Pd(II)-catalyzed ortho-olefination of phenol derivatives.



A 50 mL Schlenk-type tube (with a Teflon high pressure valve and side arm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with acid 1 (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol %), Boc-Val-OH (4.3 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol %), KHCO₃ (40 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), ethyl acrylate 2a (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), and *t*-AmylOH (2.0 mL). The reaction tube was evacuated and backfilled with O₂ (5-times, balloon) and heated to 90 °C for 24 hours under vigorous stirring. The reaction vessel was then cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath. A 2.0 N HCl solution (5 mL) was then added, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC using hexanes/EtOAc as the eluent to afford the product (3a-3l).



3a: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (s, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.47, 167.27, 153.75, 139.85, 130.82, 128.31, 126.74, 122.70, 118.96, 118.29, 80.23, 60.48, 25.21, 14.29; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉O₅ (M+H)⁺: 279.1227, found: 279.1225.



3b: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.70, 167.13, 152.59, 141.15, 133.71, 133.11, 130.79, 124.86, 124.74, 119.03, 82.42, 60.61, 25.05, 17.83, 14.25; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₆H₂₁O₅ (M+H)⁺: 293.1383, found: 293.1390.



3c: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 6H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.03, 167.48, 151.69, 140.08, 132.08, 131.54, 128.51, 126.53, 118.56, 118.52, 79.90, 60.45, 25.16, 20.55, 14.27; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₂₁O₅ (M+H)⁺: 293.1383, found: 293.1381.



3d: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.13, 166.57, 153.00, 142.12, 139.24, 131.03, 125.47, 120.25, 119.07, 112.75, 83.90, 60.65, 55.62, 24.84, 14.28; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₆H₂₁O₆ (M+H)⁺: 309.1333, found: 309.1332.



3e: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (s, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.17, 166.72, 155.92 (d, *J* = 244.5 Hz), 140.88 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz), 138.57 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 131.68 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 124.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 122.63 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 120.51, 117.84 (d, *J* = 20.4 Hz), 82.66, 60.69, 24.92, 24.89, 14.24; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈FO₅ (M+H)⁺: 297.1133, found: 297.1126.



3f: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.79-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (s, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.53, 167.82, 162.52 (d, *J* = 252.7 Hz), 155.22 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 133.57, 130.38 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 122.88 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 115.12 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz), 112.96 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 109.73 (d, *J* = 22.8 Hz), 80.18, 60.58, 25.18, 14.26; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈FO₅ (M+H)⁺: 297.1133, found: 297.1133.



3g: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (s, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.45, 166.98, 158.11 (d, *J* = 241.1 Hz), 149.90, 138.79 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 128.76 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 120.60 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 120.01, 117.41 (d, *J* = 23.1 Hz), 113.82

(d, J = 23.3 Hz), 80.83, 60.97, 25.15, 14.24; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈FO₅ (M+H)⁺: 297.1133, found: 297.1132.



3h: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* =16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (s, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.90, 166.89, 152.25, 138.39, 130.40, 128.35, 127.96, 127.80, 120.19, 119.56, 80.21, 60.65, 25.16, 14.26; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈ClO₅ (M+H)⁺: 313.0837, found: 313.0836.



3i: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (s, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.5, 167.1, 156.2, 138.6, 127.4, 126.3, 125.6 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz), 124.3 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 33.1 Hz), 123.8 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 271.8 Hz), 120.4, 116.9, 80.2, 60.8, 25.3, 14.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈F₃O₅(M+H)⁺: 347.1101, found: 347.1098.



3j: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* =16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.66, 166.94, 153.88, 138.52, 132.26 (q, *J*

= 32.6 Hz), 129.94, 128.69, 123.41 (q, J = 271.1 Hz), 121.16, 119.08 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 114.77, 80.47, 60.79, 25.22, 14.23; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈F₃O₅(M+H)⁺: 347.1101, found: 347.1108.



3k: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (s, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.05, 177.65, 167.09, 157.46, 138.91, 138.81, 135.73, 132.70, 131.20, 130.94, 130.60, 128.74, 125.52, 120.30, 115.96, 80.01, 60.69, 25.35, 14.27; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₂₂H₂₂ClO₆ (M+H)⁺: 417.1099, found: 417.1087.



31: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* =16.2 Hz, 1H), 8.17-8.15 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (s, 6H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.89, 167.17, 150.68, 140.42, 135.46, 130.71, 127.98, 127.43, 126.80, 126.21, 125.48, 123.71, 122.97, 118.91, 84.21, 60.69, 25.12, 14.30; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₁₉H₂₁O₅ (M+H)⁺: 329.1383, found: 329.1380.

2.4 Typical procedures for Pd(II)-catalyzed meta-olefination of phenol derivatives.



A 35 mL sealed tube (with a Teflon cap) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with amide **4** (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol %), Ac-Gly-OH (2.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol %) and AgOAc (50 mg, 0.30 mmol, 3.0 equiv.). HFIP (0.60 mL) was added to the mixture, followed by ethyl acrylate **2a** (2.0 equiv.) and then another 1.0 mL of HFIP. The tube was then capped and submerged into a pre-heated 90 °C oil bath. The reaction was stirred for 24 h and cooled down to room temperature. The crude reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (2 mL) and filtered through a short pad of Celite. The sealed tube and Celite pad were washed with an additional 15 mL of EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC using hexanes/EtOAc as the eluent. The positional selectivity was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture.



5a_{mono}: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83-7.56 (m, 6H), 7.55 (d, *J* =16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (br, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.73 (m, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* =16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.27, 166.74, 153.30, 145.51, 143.77, 135.63, 133.77, 129.55, 129.08, 127.99, 124.15, 123.55, 121.72, 118.86, 117.21, 83.93, 60.55, 26.65, 25.73, 14.28; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₉H₂₆N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 480.1918, found: 480.1930.



5a_{di}: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85-7.61 (m, 6H), 7.56 (d, *J* =15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (br, 2H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 6.79 (s, 2H), 6.38 (d, *J* =15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.72 (s, 6H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.00, 166.49, 153.84, 145.46, 142.94, 136.23,

133.82, 123.17, 122.92, 119.88, 117.21, 84.22, 60.69, 26.67, 25.83, 14.27; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₃₄H₃₂N₃O₆ (M+H)⁺: 578.2286, found: 578.2284.



5b: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86-7.45 (m, 8H), 7.38 (br, 2H), 7.13 (dd, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.51, 167.03, 151.92, 144.14, 133.83, 133.34, 133.04, 131.41, 122.56, 119.80, 117.83, 117.18, 112.82, 83.40, 60.41, 27.04, 26.75, 16.90, 14.30; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₃₀H₂₈N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 494.2074, found: 494.2071.



5c: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86-7.59 (m, 6H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (br, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.33, 166.81, 153.22, 145.42, 144.00, 139.69, 135.23, 133.74, 128.18, 124.74, 124.30, 118.54, 117.20, 83.67, 60.47, 26.80, 25.79, 21.22, 14.27; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₃₀H₂₈N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 494.2074, found: 494.2078.



5d: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.52 (m, 6H), 7.38 (br, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, $J_I = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s, 6H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.37, 166.99, 150.99, 150.11, 145.73, 141.61, 139.77, 134.07, 133.76, 133.29, 132.69, 131.74, 131.33, 128.15, 126.83, 124.39, 121.28, 121.03, 120.37, 119.72, 118.31, 117.25, 83.92, 60.55, 26.42, 25.60, 19.00, 14.30; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₃₀H₂₈N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 494.2074, found: 494.2068.



5e: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90-7.51 (m, 7H), 7.35 (br, 2H), 7.20 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 6H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.41, 167.09, 155.10, 145.56, 143.68, 142.16, 133.66, 127.91, 127.08, 125.71, 124.62, 123.90, 123.47, 120.61, 117.22, 116.32, 112.98, 112.05, 84.96, 60.33, 55.27, 26.43, 25.39, 14.30; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₃₀H₂₈N₃O₅ (M+H)⁺: 510.2023, found: 510.2016.



5f: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89-7.53 (m, 7H), 7.38 (br, 2H), 6.72 (s, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.41, 167.19, 154.90, 145.74, 139.19, 133.71, 129.50, 128.11, 125.79, 123.67, 122.91, 120.79, 119.23, 117.27, 111.44, 84.01, 60.38, 55.72, 26.26, 25.34, 14.31; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₃₀H₂₈N₃O₅ (M+H)⁺: 510.2023, found: 510.2015.



5g: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93-7.59 (m, 6H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (br, 2H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.79, 166.63, 157.04 (d, *J* = 252.2 Hz), 145.56, 142.67 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 140.31 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 133.68, 131.05 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 128.17, 125.38 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 125.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 118.71 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 117.21, 117.09 (d, *J* = 20.4 Hz), 85.84, 60.58, 26.28, 25.29, 14.27; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₉H₂₅FN₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 498.1824, found: 498.1818.



5h_{mono}: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80-7.55 (m, 7H), 7.39 (br, 2H), 6.94-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.71-6.68 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (s, 6H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.09, 166.56, 157.78 (d, *J* = 249.8 Hz), 158.62, 156.95, 148.71 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 145.65, 136.51 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 133.78, 128.24, 125.84 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 122.90 (d, *J* =13.7 Hz), 122.57 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 121.35 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 117.24, 116.57 (d, *J* = 23.6 Hz), 84.28, 60.70, 26.47, 25.50, 14.27; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₉H₂₅FN₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 498.1824, found: 498.1817.



5h_{di}: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95-7.60 (m, 8H), 7.41 (br, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.69 (s, 6H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.88, 166.32, 156.08 (d, *J* = 256.8 Hz), 148.74 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 145.63, 135.79 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 133.84, 128.33, 123.91 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 123.85 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 122.19 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 117.23, 84.53, 60.84, 26.60, 25.56, 14.28; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₃₄H₃₁FN₃O₆ (M+H)⁺: 596.2191, found: 596.2178.



5i: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.50 (m, 6H), 7.39 (br, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (s, 6H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.98, 166.25, 151.69, 145.55, 139.76, 133.82, 133.43, 130.63, 129.95, 128.30, 125.23, 121.44, 121.35, 117.23, 84.32, 60.77, 26.53, 25.70, 14.29; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₉H₂₅ClN₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 514.1528, found: 514.1530.



5j: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81-7.48 (m, 7H), 7.38 (br, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.01, 166.58, 149.64, 142.74, 133.77, 133.76, 133.74, 130.68, 129.25, 123.55, 122.30, 119.47, 117.17, 112.65, 85.11, 60.55, 27.19, 26.35, 14.24; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₉H₂₅ClN₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 514.1528, found: 514.1521.



5k: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83-7.53 (m, 6H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.82, 166.36, 154.00, 145.42, 142.33, 136.75, 134.97, 133.84, 128.34, 124.01, 123.39, 120.36, 120.09, 117.19, 84.54, 60.75, 26.64, 25.76, 14.27; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₉H₂₅ClN₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 514.1528, found: 514.1519.



51: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84-7.45 (m, 9H), 7.38 (br, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (s, 6H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.21, 166.42, 152.33, 142.43, 139.28, 134.04, 133.29, 130.60, 128.88, 128.11, 127.29 (q, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 125.55, 124.19 (q, *J* = 288.2 Hz), 123.73, 122.64 (q, *J* = 30.3 Hz), 121.92, 121.62, 121.04, 119.95, 83.02, 60.68, 27.65, 26.77, 14.26; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₃₀H₂₅F₃N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 548.1792, found: 548.1785.



5m: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89-7.60 (m, 6H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (s, 6H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.69, 166.21, 153.76,

145.40, 142.08, 136.69, 133.86, 132.27 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 129.78, 128.37, 124.44, 123.18 (q, J = 271.4 Hz), 120.91, 120.45 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 119.86 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 117.16, 84.64, 60.82, 26.70, 25.91, 14.25; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₃₀H₂₅F₃N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 548.1792, found: 548.1779.



5n: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82-7.12 (m, 15H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (s, 6H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.39, 167.01, 149.93, 144.34, 134.32, 133.87, 131.96, 129.16, 128.18, 127.06, 126.72, 124.95, 122.77, 118.81, 117.19, 112.76, 112.07, 83.79, 60.52, 27.20, 26.82, 14.34; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₃₃H₂₈N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 530.2074, found: 530.2062.



50: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82-7.45 (m, 7H), 7.37 (br, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.59, 167.09, 151.51, 145.22, 144.33, 138.79, 136.89, 133.83, 132.70, 131.80, 128.01, 126.91, 124.44, 124.00, 118.33, 117.56, 117.21, 112.85, 83.84, 60.40, 26.87, 26.40, 20.31, 14.32, 13.30; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₃₁H₃₀N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 508.2231, found: 508.2224.



5p: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83-7.50 (m, 7H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.39 (br, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.04, 166.64, 150.99, 142.88, 134.82, 133.85, 133.79, 123.42, 121.16, 119.62, 118.43, 117.20, 112.59, 84.59, 60.57, 27.42, 26.79, 14.27; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₉H₂₅BrN₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 558.1023, found: 558.1005.



5q: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84-7.49 (m, 7H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (br, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.09 (dd, $J_I = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (s, 6H), 1.72-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.43 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.06, 166.76, 151.00, 142.86, 134.86, 133.87, 133.80, 123.40, 121.22, 119.65, 118.44, 117.22, 112.62, 84.62, 64.52, 30.70, 27.46, 26.76, 19.16, 13.75; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₃₁H₂₉BrN₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 586.1336, found: 586.1320.



5r: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86-7.49 (m, 7H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (br, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.87, 174.62, 151.02, 142.21, 135.00, 133.86, 133.76,

128.36, 122.69, 121.21, 117.92, 84.07, 27.68, 27.32, 26.86; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for $C_{28}H_{23}BrN_3O_3 (M+H)^+$: 528.0917, found: 528.0904.



5s: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77-7.51 (m, 6H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.53 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 1.78 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.06, 166.95, 154.01, 150.71, 142.41, 133.90, 133.44, 128.32, 122.38, 120.31, 117.63, 117.50, 117.19, 112.74, 84.91, 51.21, 27.37, 26.58, 17.89; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₉H₂₅BrN₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 558.1023, found: 558.1023.



5t: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84-7.46 (m, 7H), 7.45-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.85, 166.57, 150.96, 140.26, 135.84, 133.51, 124.99, 120.08, 119.40, 117.82, 84.54, 37.51, 35.96, 28.48, 26.73; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₂₉H₂₆BrN₄O₃ (M+H)⁺: 557.1183, found: 557.1168.



5u: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88-7.48 (m, 6H), 7.47-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.05 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (t, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17-4.12 (m, 4H), 1.80 (s, 6H), 1.36 (t, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (s, 6H), 1.36 (t, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (s, 6H), 1.80 (s,

= 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.22, 150.98, 146.77, 135.32, 135.16, 133.76, 133.67, 123.35, 120.61, 118.42, 117.14, 116.21, 114.96, 84.48, 61.95, 27.84, 26.64, 16.34; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₃₀H₃₀BrN₃O₅P (M+H)⁺: 622.1101, found: 622.1090.



5v: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84-7.49 (m, 6H), 7.45-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 152.0, 145.6 (br), 144.8 (brm), 143.9 (br), 140.4 (br), 138.6 (brm), 136.8, 135.2, 133.9, 133.1, 131.5, 131.3, 130.4 (brm), 128.2 (br), 120.9, 118.9, 117.2, 112.8, 112.4, 112.4, 83.1, 27.6, 26.9, 16.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C₃₃H₂₃F₅N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 588.1705, found: 588.1733.



5w: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87-7.30 (brm, 13H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 152.1, 144.7 (brm), 141.0, 135.3, 133.8, 133.0 (br), 131.1, 130.8, 130.2, 128.2 (br), 126.7, 126.6, 126.1 (q, *J* =270.6 Hz,), 125.5, 123.4, 120.6, 118.3, 117.3 (br), 112.7

(br), 82.8, 27.7, 27.2, 16.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for $C_{34}H_{27}F_3N_3O_2 (M+H)^+$: 566.2050, found: 566.2070.



5x: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85-7.30 (m, 10H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 4H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.79 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 169.5, 151.9, 149.9, 144.8, 135.8, 135.2, 133.8, 133.0, 131.1, 130.4, 129.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.4, 127.2, 121.7, 120.5, 118.3, 117.3, 112.8, 82.9, 77.2, 77.0, 76.8, 27.2, 21.1, 16.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₃₅H₃₀N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 556.2231, found: 556.2238.



5y: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80-7.49 (brm, 6H), 7.45-7.30 (brm, 4H), 7.20-7.06 (m, 4H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 151.9, 136.5, 135.4, 134.6, 133.8, 131.3, 131.2, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 122.2, 121.2, 119.1, 117.2, 113.0, 83.5, 26.9, 16.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C₃₃H₂₆Cl₂N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 566.1396, found: 566.1396.

2.5 Procedure for removal of template.⁴



To a 50 mL of flask, **3a** (111.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous toluene (5 mL) and DMF (0.5 mL), then Et₃N (46.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and DPPA (110 mg, 0.4 mmol) were added and the mixture was refluxed for 3h. 30 mL of water was added and continue to reflux for 2h. After the mixture cool to room temperature, the solution was acidified with 2N HCl solution (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc(3 x 5 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified via column chromatography on silica with hexane and EtOAc (10:1) as eluents to afford product \mathbf{A}^5 in 71% yield (54.3 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.05 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 1H), 6.93–6.85 (m, 2H), 6.80 (br, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.3, 158.3, 141.5, 132.2, 130.1, 122.6, 121.5, 119.2, 117.3, 61.6, 15.2.

2.6 Determination of regioselectivity (1D selective NOESY).











2.7 Isotope effect

Following the experimental procedure reported previously,³ we have measured the kinetic isotope effects with an analogous substrate. The significant isotope effect observed ($k_H/K_D = 3.8$) suggests that the nitrile directed *meta*-C–H olefination involves C–H cleavage as the rate-determining step.



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4. NMR Spectra for New Compounds







































































































































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