Supporting Information

for

Synthesis of 2-substituted tetraphenylenes via transition-metal-catalyzed derivatization of tetraphenylene

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Experimental section and characterization of the synthesized compounds

General information: ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker ARX400 and a Bruker ARX600. High resolution mass spectra were measured on a Bruker MicroTOF II ESI-TOF mass spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ and referenced to residual CHCl₃ at 7.26 ppm and ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to the central peak of CDCl₃ at 77.0 ppm. Multiplicities are reported using the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad resonance. Pd(OAc)₂ was purchased from Strem Chemicals. AuCl₃ was purchased from Energy Chemical. The solvents and the inorganic salts were purchased from Tansoole. The solvents were purified by distillation prior to use. Unless otherwise noted, the other commercial materials were used without further purification.

I. General procedure for screening of reaction conditions

1. Pd(OAc)₂-catalyzed acetoxylation of tetraphenylene with PhI(OAc)₂⁻¹



A 25 mL pressure resistant vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with $Pd(OAc)_2$ (4.48 mg, 0.02 mmol), followed by pyridine (1.45 µL, 0.018 mmol), $PhI(OAc)_2$ and solvent. The resulting suspension was stirred at room temperature for 1 min, and then tetraphenylene (1, 30.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added. The vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, and the reaction mixture was heated to the inidacted temperature using a preheated hotplate. After the reaction mixture was stirred for the indicated time, it was allowed to cool to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and then filtered through a small pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The yield was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude product using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

2. AuCl₃-catalyzed chlorination of tetraphenylene with NCS²



A 25 mL pressure resistant vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with tetraphenylene (1, 30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by $AuCl_3$ (1.5 mg, 0.005 mmol), NCS and DCE (1 mL). The resulting suspension was stirred at room temperature for 1 min, and then the additive was added. After the resulting reaction mixture was allowed to stir for the indicated time at the indicated temperature, it was allowed to cool to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and then filtered through a small pad of Celite. The filtrate was

concentrated in vacuo. The yield was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude product using CH_2Br_2 as the internal standard.

3. AuCl₃-catalyzed bromination of tetraphenylene with NBS²



A 25 mL pressure resistant vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with tetraphenylene (1, 30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by $AuCl_3$ (1.5 mg, 0.005 mmol), NBS and DCE (1 mL). After the resulting reaction mixture was allowed to stir for the indicated time at the indicated temperature it was allowed to cool to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and then filtered through a small pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The yield was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude product using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

4. AuCl₃-catalyzed iodination of tetraphenylene with NIS²



A 25 mL pressure resistant vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with tetraphenylene (1, 30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by AuCl₃ (1.5 mg, 0.005 mmol), NIS and DCE (1 mL). After the resulting reaction mixture was allowed to stir for the indicated time at the indicated temperature, it was allowed to cool to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and then filtered through a small pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The yield was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude product using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

5. Pd(OAc)₂-catalyzed carbonylation of tetraphenylene with nitriles ³



A 25 mL pressure resistant vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with tetraphenylene (1, 30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by $Pd(OAc)_2$, PhCN, DMSO, additive and

trifluoroacetic acid (1 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, and the resulting reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 12 h at 100 °C. After cooling to room temperature, water (5 mL) was added to the mixture and the resulting mixture was heated at 120 °C for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL), and then filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The yield was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude product using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

II. General procedure for synthesis of 2-substituted tetraphenylenes



1. Synthesis of 2-acetoxytetraphenylene

A solution of PhI(OAc)₂ (96.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), pyridine (1.4 μ L, 0.018 mmol) and Ac₂O (0.05 mL) in AcOH (0.45 mL) was stirred at for 1min at room temperature. Then tetraphenylene (1, 30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 100 °C. At the end of the reaction, the solution was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and then filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by preparative silica gel chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 10:1).

2. Synthesis of 2-chlorotetraphenylene



A solution of tetraphenylene (1, 30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), NCS (26.7 mg, 0.20 mmol) and AuCl₃ (1.5 mg, 0.005 mmol) in DCE (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1 min, and then $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ (4.9 µL, 0.04 mmol) was added. The resulting reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 24 h. At the end of the reaction, the solution was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and then filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by preparative silica gel chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether).

3. Synthesis of 2-bromotetraphenylene



A solution of tetraphenylene (1, 30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), NBS (26.7 mg, 0.15 mmol) and AuCl₃ (1.5 mg, 0.005 mmol) in DCE (1 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. At the end of the reaction, the solution was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and then filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by preparative silica gel chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether).

4. Synthesis of 2-iodotetraphenylene



A solution of compound **1** (30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), NIS (45.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and AuCl₃ (1.5 mg, 0.005 mmol) in DCE (1 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. At the end of the reaction, the solution was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and then filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by preparative silica gel chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether).

5. Synthesis of 2-carbonyltetraphenylenes



A 25 mL pressure resistant vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with tetraphenylene (1, 30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol), RCN (0.25 mmol), DCM (0.2 mL) and trifluoroacetic acid (1 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, and the resulting reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 12 h at 100 °C. After cooling to room temperature, water (5 mL) was added to the mixture and the resulting mixture was heated at 120 °C for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL), and then filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by preparative silica gel chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 10:1).

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IV. Characterization of synthesized compounds



White solid, m.p.:198 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.18 – 7.16 (m, 7H), 7.03 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.36, 149.63, 142.79, 141.57, 141.41, 141.33, 141.25, 140.64, 140.54, 139.15, 130.08, 129.13, 129.08, 129.07, 128.98,

127.53, 127.38, 127.35, 127.32, 127.27, 121.81, 120.25, 21.16. **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** m/z: calcd for C₂₆H₁₈ONa⁺: 385.1199 (M + Na)⁺, found: 385.1205.



White solid, m.p.:163 °C

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.25 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.10, 141.46, 141.38, 141.18, 141.11, 140.30, 140.15, 140.05, 132.90, 130.32, 129.13, 129.05, 128.89, 128.80, 127.70, 127.54, 127.38,

127.33. **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** m/z: calcd for C₂₄H₁₅ClNa⁺: 361.0754 (M + Na)⁺, found: 361.0751.



White solid, m.p.:172 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 6H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.44, 141.42, 141.18, 141.11, 140.55, 140.32, 140.05, 131.75, 130.59, 130.27, 129.15, 129.05, 128.82, 128.81,

127.72, 127.56, 127.40, 127.33, 121.11. **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** m/z: calcd for C₂₄H₁₅ BrNa⁺: 405.0249 (M + Na)⁺, found: 405.0247.



White solid, m.p.:178 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.62, 141.40, 141.39, 141.19, 141.14, 140.40, 139.91, 137.62, 136.24, 130.76, 130.32, 129.17, 129.14, 129.07, 128.90, 128.88,

128.86, 128.81, 128.77, 127.70, 127.57, 127.41, 127.34, 92.91. **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** m/z: calcd for C₂₄H₁₅INa⁺: 453.0111 (M + Na)⁺, found: 453.0102.



White solid, m.p.:151 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 7H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 6H);¹³C NMR (101

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.30, 145.95, 141.77, 141.48, 141.37, 141.14, 141.07, 140.57, 140.48, 137.63, 136.35, 132.29, 130.81, 129.95, 129.23, 129.17, 129.12, 129.07, 129.04, 128.72, 128.25, 127.81, 127.67, 127.48, 127.41, 127.36. **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** *m/z*: calcd for C₃₁H₂₀OK⁺: 447.1146 (M + K)⁺, found: 447.1170.



Amorphous

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.62 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 9H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.06, 145.68, 143.10, 141.66, 141.48, 141.3,

141.16, 141.09, 140.62, 140.54, 136.68, 134.91, 130.75, 130.20, 129.21, 129.17, 129.12, 129.04, 128.93, 128.78, 128.74, 127.77, 127.62, 127.46, 127.39, 127.38, 127.34, 21.61. **HRMS** (**ESI-TOF**) m/z: calcd for $C_{32}H_{22}$ ONa⁺: 445.1563 (M + Na)⁺, found: 445.1565.



Amorphous

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.73 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 7H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.07, 146.70, 142.10, 141.47,

141.33, 141.07, 141.01, 140.78 (q, $J_{C-F} = 0.8$ Hz) 140.35, 140.24, 135.50, 133.61 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.2$ Hz) 130.82, 130.02, 129.42, 129.29, 129.22, 129.17, 129.09, 128.96, 128.65, 127.96, 127.83, 127.53, 127.47, 127.42, 125.33 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.7$ Hz), 123.64 (q, $J_{C-F} = 270.93$ Hz). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C₃₂H₁₉F₃ONa⁺: 499.1280 (M + Na)⁺, found: 499.1280.



Amorphous

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.70 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 7H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 8H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.86, 165.29 (d, $J_{C-F} = 253.9$ Hz), 146.03, 141.85, 141.45, 141.32, 141.09, 141.03, 140.46,

140.36, 136.23, 133.78 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 132.57 (d, $J_{C-F} = 9.0$ Hz), 130.67, 129.25, 129.20, 129.15, 129.00, 128.91, 128.71, 127.86, 127.74, 127.49, 127.43, 127.38, 115.44 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.8$ Hz), 29.68. **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** m/z: calcd for C₃₁H₁₉FONa⁺: 449.1312 (M + Na)⁺, found: 449.1317.



White solid, m.p.:170 °C

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32

- 7.29 (m, 7H), 7.19 - 7.16(m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.04, 146.22, 141.93, 141.46, 141.34, 141.10, 141.04, 140.44, 140.33, 138.77, 136.00, 135.90, 131.35, 130.70, 129.28, 129.25, 129.19, 129.17, 129.14, 128.98, 128.92, 128.69, 128.60, 127.88, 127.75, 127.49, 127.44, 127.38. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: calcd for C₃₁H₁₉ ClONa⁺:465.1017 (M + Na)⁺, found: 465.1021.



White solid, m.p.:176 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.58 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 7H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.18, 146.26, 141.94, 141.46, 141.34, 141.10, 141.04, 140.44, 140.33, 136.36, 135.93, 131.58, 131.46, 130.72, 129.30,

129.26, 129.19, 129.18, 129.15, 128.99, 128.94, 128.69, 127.89, 127.76, 127.50, 127.44, 127.39. **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** *m*/*z*: calcd for C₃₁H₁₉ BrONa⁺: 509.0511 (M + Na)⁺, found: 509.0522.



White solid, m.p.:200 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.63 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 8H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.67, 146.42, 142.02, 141.49, 141.36, 141.09,

141.02, 140.43, 140.32, 139.52, 135.68, 135.14, 132.74, 130.75, 129.84, 129.31, 129.26, 129.16, 129.14, 129.01, 128.99, 128.67, 128.41, 127.90, 127.77, 127.53, 127.45, 127.39, 122.55. **HRMS** (**ESI-TOF**) m/z: calcd for C₃₁H₁₉ BrONa⁺: 509.0511 (M + Na)⁺, found: 509.0521.



Amorphous

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 - 7.27 (m, 7H), 7.22 - 7.12 (m, 6H), 3.95 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.59, 166.29, 146.52, 142.00, 141.45, 141.39, 141.34, 141.08, 141.01, 140.41, 140.29, 135.71, 133.10, 130.86, 129.67, 129.47, 129.35, 129.27, 129.18, 129.15, 129.08, 128.98, 128.67, 127.92, 127.78, 127.51, 127.45, 127.40, 52.43. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: calcd for C₃₃H₂₂O₃Na⁺: 489.1461 (M + Na)⁺, found: 489.1465.



White solid, m.p.:200 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.33 –

7.25 (m, 7H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.45, 146.65, 141.90, 141.36, 141.28, 141.07, 140.99, 140.47, 140.34, 137.08, 136.12, 133.66, 131.26, 131.04, 130.89, 129.40, 129.33, 129.24, 129.22, 129.12, 129.05, 128.67, 128.33, 127.86, 127.81, 127.66, 127.44, 127.41, 127.38, 127.35, 127.20, 126.40, 125.64, 124.25. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: calcd for C₃₅H₂₂ ONa⁺: 481.1563 (M + Na)⁺, found: 481.1565.



Amorphous

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 7.27 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 3.42 – 3.07 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.82 (m, 4H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, 1)

CDCl₃) δ 203.41, 146.14, 142.00, 141.51, 141.36, 141.15, 141.11, 140.71, 140.63, 135.28, 129.46, 129.21, 129.17, 129.09, 128.97, 128.67, 127.77, 127.65, 127.43, 127.40, 127.34, 127.19, 45.58, 29.40, 25.94, 25.82. **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** *m/z*: calcd for C₃₁H₂₆ONa⁺: 437.1876 (M + Na)⁺, found: 437.1879.



White solid, m.p.:228 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 7H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 6H), 2.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.83, 146.47, 141.96, 141.42, 141.26, 141.05, 141.00,

140.48, 135.98, 129.44, 129.21, 129.15, 129.13, 129.12, 129.10, 129.00, 128.60, 127.83, 127.71, 127.44, 127.41, 127.36, 127.17, 26.66. **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** *m*/*z*: calcd for C₂₆H₁₈ONa⁺: 347.1430 (M + Na)⁺, found: 347.1412.

V. NMR spectra ¹H NMR-3a



¹³C NMR-3a



¹H NMR-3b



¹³C NMR-3b



¹H NMR-3c



¹³C NMR-3c



¹H NMR-3d



¹³C NMR-3d



¹H NMR-5a



¹³C NMR-5a



¹H NMR-5b



¹³C NMR-5b



¹H NMR-5c



¹³C NMR-5c



¹H NMR-5d



¹³C NMR-5d



¹H NMR-5e



¹³C NMR-5e



¹H NMR-5f



¹³C NMR-5f



¹H NMR-5g



¹³C NMR-5g



¹H NMR-5h



¹³C NMR-5h



¹H NMR-5i



¹³C NMR-5i



¹H NMR-5j



¹³C NMR-5j



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¹H NMR-5k



¹³C NMR-5k

