Methods for the borylation of aromatic compounds using cobalt catalysts are provided.
METHODS FOR PRODUCING BORYLATED ARENES

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 62/012,681 filed Jun. 16, 2014, which is expressly incorporated by reference herein.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] This application relates generally to methods of forming borylated arenes, as well as methods of using thereof.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Arylboronic acids and arylboronic acid esters are versatile reagents in organic chemistry. In particular, arylboronic acids and arylboronic acid esters can participate in a variety of cross-coupling reactions, such as Suzuki-type cross-coupling reactions, which can result in carbon-carbon bond formation, as generally illustrated below.

As a consequence, arylboronic esters and arylboronic acids are frequently key intermediates in the synthesis of highly functionalized organic compounds, including pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals. Improved methods for preparing arylboronic acids and arylboronic acid esters, including regioselective methods of preparing substituted arylboronic acids and substituted arylboronic acid esters, offer the potential to improve synthesis of important classes of organic compounds, including pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals.

SUMMARY

[0004] Metal-catalyzed C—H activation-borylation can be used to prepare arylboronic acids and arylboronic acid esters from their aromatic precursor in a single step. Metal-catalyzed C—H activation-borylation offers many advantages relative to alternative methods of borylation. For example, metal-catalyzed C—H activation-borylation does not require the cryogenic reaction temperatures that are typically required when using classical lithium-hydrogen exchange reactions to activate the C—H position for borylation. However, the metal-catalyzed C—H activation borylation typically employs costly iridium and rhodium catalyst systems. Provided herein are methods for the C—H activation-borylation of aromatic compounds that employ cobalt catalyst systems. The cobalt catalyst systems can be significantly less expensive than the costly iridium and rhodium catalyst systems typically employed for C—H activation-borylation.

[0005] Provided are methods for preparing borylated aromatic compounds. Methods for preparing a borylated aromatic compound can comprise contacting an aromatic substrate with a catalytic cobalt complex and a borylation reagent under conditions effective to form the borylated aromatic compound.

[0006] The aromatic substrate can be any suitable aromatic compound that can be subjected to C—H activation-borylation. For example, the aromatic substrate can be a substituted or unsubstituted aryl compound (e.g., a substituted or unsubstituted benzene), a substituted or unsubstituted six-membered heteroaromatic compound (e.g., a substituted or unsubstituted pyridine), or a substituted or unsubstituted five-membered heteroaromatic compound (e.g., a substituted or unsubstituted pyrrole, a substituted or unsubstituted furan, or a substituted or unsubstituted thiophene).

[0007] In these methods, the catalytic cobalt complex can be any suitable cobalt(I) or cobalt(II) complex that can catalyze the C—H activation-borylation of the aromatic substrate. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is a cobalt(I) complex.

[0008] In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a cobalt chelate complex comprising a tridentate ligand. For example, the catalytic cobalt complex can be a cobalt pincer complex. In some cases, the catalytic cobalt complex can be a cobalt chelate complex comprising a CCC, CNC, CNS, NNN, NCN, PNP, PNR, PNC, OCO, SCS, SNS, or SPS pincer ligand. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is not a cobalt chelate complex comprising an NNN or NPN pincer ligand. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is not one of the following:

[0009] In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is not a cobalt pincer complex. For example, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a cobalt chelate complex comprising a bidentate ligand, such as a complex defined by the formula below.
wherein

[0010] Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, or an aryl group,

[0011] n is 2,

[0012] R\textsuperscript{5} is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR\textsuperscript{1}, —NR\textsuperscript{1}R\textsuperscript{2}, —C(=O)R\textsuperscript{3}, a nitrile group, a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} haloalkyl group,

[0013] m is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,

[0014] R\textsuperscript{4} is selected from one of the following:

[0015] R\textsuperscript{7} is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, and

[0016] R\textsuperscript{5} is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR\textsuperscript{1}, —NR\textsuperscript{1}R\textsuperscript{2}, or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group.

[0017] In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a cobalt complex comprising exclusively monodentate ligands. For example, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise \( \text{Py}_2\text{Co(THF)}_2 \).

[0018] In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a polydentate cobalt complex, such as a bridged dicobalt complex. For example, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise \([\text{Cp}^\text{*}\text{Co}]_2\mu([\eta^6\text{tolene}])\).

[0019] Also provided are methods for borylating aromatic compounds having a ring substituent which includes a carbon atom in the alpha-position to the aromatic ring which is substituted with at least one hydrogen atom (e.g., at least two hydrogen atoms or three hydrogen atoms). The methods can include contacting the aromatic substrate with a catalytic cobalt complex and a borylation reagent under conditions effective to borylate the carbon atom in the alpha-position to the aromatic ring.

[0020] For example, provided are methods for preparing borylated compounds defined by Formula VII

\begin{align*}
\text{X} & \quad \text{Y} \\
\text{Formula VII}
\end{align*}

wherein X is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group, and Y is a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative. The methods can include providing an aromatic substrate comprising a methyl-substituted aryl group or a methyl-substituted heteroaryl group and contacting the aromatic substrate with a catalytic cobalt complex and a borylation reagent under conditions effective to form a compound defined by Formula VII.

[0021] The aromatic substrate can comprise any suitable methyl-substituted aryl or methyl-substituted heteroaryl group. The aryl or heteroaryl group can optionally further comprise one or more substituents in addition to the methyl substituents. As a consequence, X can be any suitable substituted or unsubstituted aryl or heteroaryl group. For example, X can be a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group (e.g., a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group). In other cases, X can be a substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group (e.g., a substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group).

[0022] In certain embodiments, the aromatic substrate can comprise a compound defined by Formula VIII

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\text{Formula VIII}
\end{align*}

wherein

[0023] A is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, a halogen, —OR\textsuperscript{1}, —NR\textsuperscript{1}R\textsuperscript{2}, —C(=O)R\textsuperscript{3}, a nitrile group, a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} haloalkyl group, or a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative,

[0024] R\textsuperscript{1}, R\textsuperscript{2}, and R\textsuperscript{3} are each, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, and

[0025] R\textsuperscript{4} is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR\textsuperscript{1}, —NR\textsuperscript{1}R\textsuperscript{2}, or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group.

[0026] In these embodiments, the borylated aromatic compound can comprise a compound defined by Formula IX

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\end{align*}

wherein A is, for each occurrence, as described above and Y is a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative. In certain cases, the borylated aromatic compound can comprise a compound defined by Formula IX, wherein Y is a boronic acid derivative selected from one of the following:
[0027] In these methods, the catalytic cobalt complex can be any suitable cobalt(I) or cobalt(II) complex that can catalyze the C—H activation-borylation of the aromatic substrate. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is a cobalt(II) complex.

[0028] In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a cobalt chelate complex comprising a tridentate ligand. For example, the catalytic cobalt complex can be a cobalt pincer complex. In some cases, the catalytic cobalt complex can be a cobalt chelate complex comprising a CCC, CNC, CNS, NNN, NNC, PCC, PNP, PCN, OCO, SCS, SNS, or SPS pincer ligand. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is not a cobalt chelate complex comprising an NNN or NPN pincer ligand. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is not one of the following:

[0029] In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is not a cobalt pincer complex. For example, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a cobalt chelate complex comprising a bidentate ligand, such as a complex defined by the formula below.

wherein
[0030] Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C₃₋₅ alkyl group, or an aryl group,
[0031] n is 2,
[0032] R⁵ is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR', —NR'R', —C(==O)R', a nitrile group, a C₁₋₅ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁₋₅ haloalkyl group,
[0033] m is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,
[0034] R⁶ is selected from one of the following:

[0035] R⁷ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C₁₋₅ alkyl group, and
[0036] R⁸ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR', —NR'R', or a C₁₋₅ alkyl group.
[0037] In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a cobalt complex comprising exclusively monodentate ligands. For example, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise Py₆Co(CH₂SiMe₃)₃.
[0038] In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a polymetallic cobalt complex, such as a
bridged dicobalt complex. For example, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Co})_2)_2-\text{tolene}].$

**[0039]** The borylation reagent used in the methods described above can be any suitable HB or $B-B$ organic compound known in the art as a borylation reagent. Suitable borylation reagents can be selected in a variety of factors, including considerations regarding the desired reactivity of the resulting borylated arenes. Exemplary borylation reagents include the HB or $B-B$ organic compounds shown below.

In some embodiments, the borylation reagent is selected from pinacolborane (HBPin), catecholeborane, bis(neopentyl glycolato) diboron, bis(pinacolato)diboron ($B_{2}\text{Pin}_2$), bis(hexylglycolato)diboron, and bis(catecholato)diboron. In certain embodiments, the borylation reagent is pinacolborane (HBPin) or bis(pinacolato)diboron ($B_{2}\text{Pin}_2$).

**[0040]** The borylated compounds prepared using the methods described herein can be utilized in additional chemical reactions, including cross-coupling reactions, such as Suzuki-type cross-coupling reactions. In some embodiments, the methods described herein can further comprise contacting the borylated aromatic compound with a reactant selected from the group consisting of an aryl halide, an aryl pseudohalide, a vinyl halide, and an vinyl pseudohalide, and a transition metal catalyst to cross-couple the borylated aromatic compound and the reactant.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

**Definitions**

**[0041]** Terms used herein will have their customary meaning in the art unless specified otherwise. The organic moieties mentioned in the definitions of the variables of the formulae described herein are—like the term halogen—collective terms for individual listings of the individual group members. The prefix $C_\text{n}-C_\text{m}$ indicates in each case the possible number of carbon atoms in the group.

**[0042]** The term “alkyl,” as used herein, refers to saturated straight, branched, cyclic, primary, secondary or tertiary hydrocarbons, including those having 1 to 6 carbon atoms. In some embodiments, alkyl groups will include $C_1-C_2$, $C_1-C_3$, $C_1-C_4$, $C_1-C_5$, or $C_1-C_6$ alkyl groups. Examples of $C_1-C_6$ alkyl groups include, but are not limited to, methyl, ethyl, propyl, 1-methylethyl, butyl, 1-methylpropyl, 2-methylpropyl, 1,1-dimethylethyl, pentyl, 1-methylbutyl, 2-methylbutyl, 3-methylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylpropyl, 1-ethylpropyl, hexyl, 1,1-dimethylpropyl, 1,2-dimethylpropyl, 1-methylpentyl, 2-methylpentyl, 3,3-dimethylbutyl, 4-methylpentyl, 1,1-dimethylbutyl, 1,2-dimethylbutyl, 1,3-dimethylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylbutyl, 2,3-dimethylbutyl, 3,3-dimethylbutyl, 1-ethylbutyl, 2-ethylbutyl, 1,1,2,2-tetramethylpropyl, 1,2,2-trimethylpropyl, 1-ethyl-1-methylethyl, 1-ethyl-2-methylpropyl, and their isomers. $C_1-C_4$-alkyl groups can include, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, 1-methylethyl, butyl, 1-methylpropyl, 2-methylpropyl, and 1,1-dimethylethyl.

**[0043]** Cyclic alkyl groups or “cycloalkyl” groups, which are encompassed by alkyl include those with 3 to 6 carbon atoms having single or multiple condensed rings. In some embodiments, cycloalkyl groups include $C_4-C_6$ or $C_3-C_4$ cyclic alkyl groups. Non-limiting examples of cycloalkyl groups include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, and cyclohexyl groups.

**[0044]** Alkyl groups can be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more moieties, such as alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, hydroxyl, carboxyl, acyl, acyloxy, amino, alkyl- or dialkylamino, amidino, nito, cyano, azido, thiol, or any other viable functional group that does not preclude the synthetic methods described herein, either unprotected, or protected as necessary, as known to those skilled in the art, for example, as taught in Greene, et al., Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, John Wiley and Sons, Third Edition, 1999, hereby incorporated by reference.

**[0045]** The term “haloalkyl,” as used herein, refers to an alkyl group, as defined above, which is substituted by one or more halogen atoms. For example $C_1-C_4$-haloalkyl includes, but is not limited to, chloromethyl, bromomethyl, dichloromethyl, trichloromethyl, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, chlorofluoromethyl, dichlorofluoromethyl, chlorodifluoromethyl, 1-chloroethyl, 1-bromoethyl, 1-fluoroethyl, 2-fluoroethyl, 2,2-difluoroethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 2-chloro-2-fluoroethyl, 2-chloro-2,2-difluoroethyl, 2,2-dichloro-2-fluoroethyl, 2,2,2-trichloroethyl, pentachloroethyl and the like.
The term “alkoxy,” also defined as —OR where R is alkyl, refers to —O-alkyl, wherein alkyl is as defined above. Similarly, the term haloalkoxy can be used to refer to —O-haloalkyl, wherein haloalkyl is as defined above. In some embodiments, alkoxy groups can include 1 to 6 carbon atoms. Examples of C1-C6 alkoxy groups include, but are not limited to, methoxy, ethoxy, C1H3O —CH3O—, (CH3)2CHO—, n-butoxy, C2H5—CH(CH3)2O—, (CH3)2CH—CH2O—, (CH3)2CO—, n-pentoxy, 1-methylbutoxy, 2-methylbutoxy, 3-methylpent oxy, 1,1,1-trimethylbutoxy, 1,2,2-trimethylbutoxy, 2,2,2-trimethylbutoxy, 1,2-ethylpropoxy, 1-ethyl-1-propoxy, and 1-ethyl-2-methylpropoxy.

The terms “alkylamino” and “dialkylamino” refer to alkyl-NH— and (alkyl)N— where alkyl is as defined above. Similarly, the terms haloalkylamino and haloalkylamino refer to haloalkyl-NH— and (haloalkyl)N—, where haloalkyl is as defined above. The term “aminoalkyl” refers to an alkyl group, as defined above, substituted with an amino group.

The terms “alkylcarbonyl,” “alkoxy carbonyl,” “alkylaminocarbonyl,” and “dialkylaminocarbonyl” refer to —C(O)—alkyl, —C(O)—alkoxy, —C(O)—alkylamino, and —C(O)—dialkylamino, where alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, and dialkylamino are as defined above.

The term “boronic acid,” as used herein, refers to a —B(OH)2 moiety. The term boronic acid derivative refers to boron-containing moieties which differ from boronic acid by the presence or absence of one or more atoms, functional groups, or substructures, and which can be imagined to be formed, at least theoretically, from boronic acid via some chemical or physical process. Examples of boronic acid derivatives include boronic acid esters, also referred to as boronates, boronate esters, or boronic esters; aminoboranes, including cyclic aminoboranes such as the 1,3,2-diazaborolidine group; and boronic acid anhydrides. The term boronic acid ester refers to an esterified boronic acid moiety, such as —B(OH)2, where R is an alkyl group as defined above, and cyclic boronic acid moieties represented by —B(R)2, wherein the two R substituents are linked together so as to form a C1-C6 cyclic moiety optionally including one or more additional heteroatoms (e.g., N, O, S, or combinations thereof), and optionally further substituted with one or more substituents and/or fused with (sharing at least one bond) one or more further carbocyclic or heterocarbo cyclic groups. Examples of cyclic boronic esters include, but are not limited to, pinanediol boronic esters, pinacol boronic esters, 1,2-ethanediol boronic esters, 1,3-propanediol boronic esters, 1,2-propanediol boronic esters, 2,3-butanediol boronic esters, 1,1,2,2-tetramethylethanoladiol boronic esters, 1,2-diisopropylethanoladiol boronic esters, 5,6-decanediol boronic esters, 1,2-dicyclohexylmethanoladiol boronic esters, bicyclohexyl-1,1-diol boronic esters, diethanolamine boronic esters, and 1,2-diphenyl-1,2-ethanediol boronic esters.

The term “halogen” refers to the atoms fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine. The prefix halo- (e.g., as illustrated by the term haloalkyl) refers to all degrees of halogen substitution, from a single substitution to a perhalo substitution (e.g., as illustrated with methyl as chloromethyl (—CHCl3), dichloromethyl (—CH2Cl2), trichloromethyl (—CCl3)).
unsubstituted aryl compound (e.g., a substituted or unsubstituted benzene), a substituted or unsubstituted six-membered heteroaromatic substrate (e.g., a substituted or unsubstituted pyridine), or a substituted or unsubstituted five-membered heteroaromatic substrate (e.g., a substituted or unsubstituted furan, or a substituted or unsubstituted thiophene).

[0057] In some cases, the aromatic substrate can comprise a phenyl ring. For example, the aromatic substrate can comprise a compound defined by Formula I

![Formula I](image)

wherein

- A is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, a halogen, —OR', —NR'R', —C(=O)R', a nitrile group, a C_1-C_6 alkyl group, a C_1-C_6 haloalkyl group, or a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative,

- R^1, R^2, and R^3 are each, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C_1-C_6 alkyl group, and

- R^4 is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR', —NR'R', or a C_1-C_6 alkyl group.

[0060] In these embodiments, the borylated aromatic compound can comprise a compound defined by Formula II

![Formula II](image)

wherein A is, for each occurrence, as described above and Y is a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative. In certain cases, the borylated aromatic compound can comprise a compound defined by Formula II, wherein Y is a boronic acid derivative selected from one of the following:

![Formula IIIa](image)

- A is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, a halogen, —OR', —NR'R', —C(=O)R', a nitrile group, a C_1-C_6 alkyl group, a C_1-C_6 haloalkyl group, or a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative,

- R^1, R^2, and R^3 are each, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C_1-C_6 alkyl group, and

- R^4 is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR', —NR'R', or a C_1-C_6 alkyl group.

[0063] In these embodiments, the borylated aromatic compound can comprise a compound defined by one of Formula IVa, Formula IVb, or Formula IVc

![Formula IVa](image)

wherein

- A is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, a halogen, —OR', —NR'R', —C(=O)R', a nitrile group, a C_1-C_6 alkyl group, a C_1-C_6 haloalkyl group, or a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative,

- R^1, R^2, and R^3 are each, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C_1-C_6 alkyl group, and

- R^4 is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR', —NR'R', or a C_1-C_6 alkyl group.

[0066] In these embodiments, the borylated aromatic compound can comprise a compound defined by one of Formula IVa, Formula IVb, or Formula IVc.
wherein \( A \) is, for each occurrence, as described above and \( Y \) is a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative. In certain cases, the borylated aromatic compound can comprise a compound defined by Formula IVa, Formula IVb, or Formula IVc, wherein \( Y \) is a boronic acid derivative selected from one of the following:

[0067] In some cases, the aromatic substrate can comprise a five-membered heteroaromatic compound. In certain cases, the aromatic substrate can comprise a five-membered heteroaromatic compound defined by one of Formula Va or Formula Vb:
Percent conversion of the aromatic substrate to the borylated aromatic compound can vary depending on a number of factors, including the reactivity of the aromatic substrate, the identity of the catalytic cobalt complex, and the identity of the borylation reagent. In some embodiments, percent conversion of the aromatic substrate to the borylated aromatic compound can be at least 30% (e.g., at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95%).

The methods of forming borylated aromatic compounds described above can comprise contacting the aromatic substrate to be reacted with a catalytic cobalt complex and a borylation reagent. The aromatic substrate can be contacted with the catalytic cobalt complex and the borylation reagent in any suitable fashion, such that the aromatic substrate and the borylation reagent are present in combination with a catalytically effective amount of the catalytic cobalt complex. For example, the aromatic substrate can be contacted with the catalytic cobalt complex and the borylation reagent by combining in any order or fashion the aromatic substrate, the catalytic cobalt complex, and the borylation reagent in a single reaction vessel or solution (e.g., by sequential or simultaneous addition of the aromatic substrate, the catalytic cobalt complex, and the borylation reagent to a reaction vessel). In some embodiments, the aromatic substrate can be contacted with the catalytic cobalt complex and the borylation reagent at a temperature of from greater than 25°C to 85°C.

The catalytic cobalt complex can be any suitable cobalt(I) or cobalt(II) complex that can catalyze the C—H activation-borylation of the aromatic substrate. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is a cobalt(I) complex.

In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a cobalt chelate complex comprising a tridentate ligand. For example, the catalytic cobalt complex can be a cobalt pincer complex. In some cases, the catalytic cobalt complex can be a cobalt chelate complex comprising a CCC, CNC, CNS, NNN, NCN, PCP, PNP, PCN, OCO, SCS, SNS, or SPS pincer ligand. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is not a cobalt chelate complex comprising an NNN or NPN pincer ligand. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is not one of the following:

In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is not a cobalt pincer complex.

In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below:

![Chemical formula]

wherein

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

E is —CH₂—, —C(R₁)₂—, —NR₇—, —S—, or —O—,

R₅ is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR₃, —NR₃R₇, —C(==O)R₆, a nitrile group, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁-C₆ haloalkyl group,

m is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

R₇ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group,

R₈ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR₃, —NR₃R₇, or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group,

R₉ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, an aryl group, or —OR₁₀ and

R₁₀ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group or an aryl group.

In some of these embodiments, E can be chosen from —CH₂— and —C(R₁)₂—, where R₁₀ is as defined above.
In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below:

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\begin{align*}
    & E-P(R')_2 \\
    & (R^5)_n \end{align*}
\]

wherein

- \( Z \) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a \( \text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \) alkyl group, or an aryl group.
- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3.
- \( E \) is \(-\text{CH}_2-\), \(-\text{C}(\text{R}^{10})_2-\), \(-\text{NR}^7-\), \(-\text{S}-\), or \(-\text{O}-\).
- \( R^5 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}', \,-\text{NR}^7\text{R}', \,-\text{C}(\text{=O})\text{R}', \), a nitrile group, a \( \text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \( \text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \) haloalkyl group.
- \( m \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3.
- \( L \) is \(-\text{OR}'\) or \(-\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^{10}\).

In some of these embodiments, \( E \) can be chosen from \(-\text{CH}_2-\) and \(-\text{C}(\text{R}^{10})_2-\), where \( R^{10} \) is as defined above.

In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below:

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wherein

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- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3.
- \( E \) is \(-\text{CH}_2-\), \(-\text{C}(\text{R}^{10})_2-\), \(-\text{NR}^7-\), \(-\text{S}-\), or \(-\text{O}-\).
- \( R^5 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}', \,-\text{NR}^7\text{R}', \,-\text{C}(\text{=O})\text{R}', \), a nitrile group, a \( \text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \( \text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \) haloalkyl group.
- \( m \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3.
- \( L \) is \(-\text{OR}'\) or \(-\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^{10}\).

- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( \text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \) alkyl group or an aryl group.

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wherein

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- \( E \) is \(-\text{CH}_2-\), \(-\text{C}(\text{R}^{10})_2-\), \(-\text{NR}^7-\), \(-\text{S}-\), or \(-\text{O}-\).
- \( R^5 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}', \,-\text{NR}^7\text{R}', \,-\text{C}(\text{=O})\text{R}', \), a nitrile group, a \( \text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \( \text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \) haloalkyl group.
- \( m \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3.
- \( L \) is \(-\text{OR}'\) or \(-\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^{10}\).

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wherein

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- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3.
- \( E \) is \(-\text{CH}_2-\), \(-\text{C}(\text{R}^{10})_2-\), \(-\text{NR}^7-\), \(-\text{S}-\), or \(-\text{O}-\).
- \( R^5 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}', \,-\text{NR}^7\text{R}', \,-\text{C}(\text{=O})\text{R}', \), a nitrile group, a \( \text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \( \text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \) haloalkyl group.
- \( m \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3.
- \( L \) is \(-\text{OR}'\) or \(-\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^{10}\).

- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( \text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \) alkyl group or an aryl group.
In some of these embodiments, E can be chosen from \(-CH_2-\) and \(-C(R^{10})_2-\), where \(R^{10}\) is as defined above.

In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below.

\[
\text{E-L} \quad \text{N-CoZ} \quad \text{e-} \quad \text{N-MR}_{10}
\]

wherein

- \(Z\) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \(n\) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \(E\) is \(-CH_2-, \quad -C(R^{10})_2-, \quad -NR^7-, \quad -S-, \quad \text{or} \quad -O-,\)
- \(R^{10}\) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-OR^7-, \quad -NR^7R^7-, \quad -C(=O)R^8-,\) a nitrile group, a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) haloalkyl group,
- \(m\) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \(L\) is \(-OR^{10}, \quad -NR^{10}R^{10},\)
- \(R^7\) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) alkyl group.

In some embodiments, \(R^{10}\) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-OR^7-, \quad -NR^7R^7-, \quad -C(=O)R^8-,\) a nitrile group, a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) haloalkyl group.

In some of these embodiments, E can be chosen from \(-CH_2-\) and \(-C(R^{10})_2-\), where \(R^{10}\) is as defined above.

In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below.

\[
\text{--- R}_2 \quad \text{N --- R^{11} \quad N --- R^{12}}
\]

wherein

- \(Z\) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \(n\) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \(R^{11}\) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-OR^7-, \quad -NR^7R^7-, \quad -C(=O)R^8-,\) a nitrile group, a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) haloalkyl group,
- \(m\) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \(R^7\) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) alkyl group,
- \(R^{10}, \quad R^{11}, \quad R^{12}\) are each individually selected from a halogen, \(-OR^7-, \quad -NR^7R^7-, \quad -C(=O)R^8-,\) a nitrile group, a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(C_1\)-\(C_6\) haloalkyl group.
In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below

wherein

- **Z** is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- **n** is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- **B** is —P(R³)₂, —OR¹₀ or —NR¹₀R¹₀,
- **R⁷** is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, an aryl group, or —OR¹₀,
- **R¹⁰** is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group or an aryl group,
- **R¹¹** and **R¹²** are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, —OR’, —NR’R’, —C(=O)R’, a nitrile group, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁-C₆ haloalkyl group, or **R¹¹** and **R¹²**, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, —OR’, —NR’R’, —C(=O)R’, a nitrile group, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁-C₆ haloalkyl group, and
- **R¹³** and **R¹⁴** are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, —OR’, —NR’R’, —C(=O)R’, a nitrile group, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁-C₆ haloalkyl group, or **R¹³** and **R¹⁴**, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, —OR’, —NR’R’, —C(=O)R’, a nitrile group, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁-C₆ haloalkyl group,
- **R⁷** is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, and
- **R⁸** is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR’, —NR’R’, or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group.

In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a cobalt chelate complex comprising a bidentate ligand. For example, in some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below

wherein

- **Z** is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- **n** is 2,
- **R⁸** is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR’, —NR’R’, —C(=O)R’, a nitrile group, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁-C₆ haloalkyl group,
- **m** is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,
- **R⁶** is selected from one of the following:
In some embodiments, the borylation reagent is selected from pinacolborane (HBPin), catecholborane, bis(neopentyl glycolato)diboron, bis(pinacolato)diboron (BPin₂), bis(hexyleneglycolato)diboron, and bis(catecholato)diboron. In certain embodiments, the borylation reagent is pinacolborane (HBPin) or bis(pinacolato)diboron (BPin₂).

The borylation reagent can be incorporated in the borylation reaction in any suitable amount. For example, in some embodiments, the borylation reagent can be present in the borylation reaction in an amount ranging from 1 molar equivalent of borylation reagent per mole of aromatic substrate present in the borylation reaction to 5 molar equivalents of borylation reagent per mole of aromatic compound present in the borylation reaction (e.g., from 1 molar equivalent of borylation reagent per mole of aromatic substrate present in the borylation reaction to 5 molar equivalents of borylation reagent per mole of aromatic substrate present in the borylation reaction).

Also provided are methods for borylating aromatic compounds having a ring substituent which includes a carbon atom in the alpha-position to the aromatic ring which is substituted with at least one hydrogen atom (e.g., at least two hydrogen atoms, or three hydrogen atoms). The methods can include contacting the aromatic substrate with a catalytic cobalt complex and a borylation reagent under conditions effective to borylate the carbon atom in the alpha-position to the aromatic ring.

For example, provided are methods for preparing borylated compounds defined by Formula VII

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{X} & \quad \text{Y} \\
\text{Formula VII}
\end{align*}
\]

wherein X is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group, and Y is a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative. The methods can include providing an aromatic substrate comprising a methyl-substituted aryl group or a methyl-substituted heteroaryl group, and contacting the aromatic substrate with a catalytic cobalt complex and a borylation reagent under conditions effective to form a compound defined by Formula VII.

The aromatic substrate can comprise any suitable methyl-substituted aryl or methyl-substituted heteroaryl group. The aryl or heteroaryl group can optionally further comprise one or more substituents in addition to the methyl substituents. As a consequence, X can be any suitable substituted or unsubstituted aryl or heteroaryl group. For example, X can be a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, such as a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, biphenyl, naphthyl, tetrahydroanaphthyl, phenylcyclopropyl or indanyl group. In other cases, X can be a substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group, such as a substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, triazinyl, pyrrolidyl, indolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, quinazolinyl, quinoxalinyl, furanyl, thiophenyl, furyl,imidazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl benzofuranyl, or benzothiophenyl group. In certain embodiments, X is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl or substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group.

In certain embodiments, the aromatic substrate is a methyl-substituted aryl compound. The methyl-substituted aryl compound can optionally further comprise one or more substituents in addition to the methyl substituent. For example, the aromatic substrate can comprise a compound defined by Formula VIII

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{A} & \quad \text{A} \\
\text{Formula VIII}
\end{align*}
\]

wherein

A is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, a halogen, —OR', —NR'R', —C(=O)R', a nitrile group, a C₁₋₄ alkyl group, a C₁₋₄ haloalkyl group, or a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative,

R₁, R₂, and R₃ are each, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C₁₋₄ alkyl group, and
[0191] \( R^+ \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR', —NR'R', or a C1-C6 alkyl group.

[0192] In these embodiments, the borylated aromatic compound can comprise a compound defined by Formula IX

\[
\text{Formula IX}
\]

wherein A is, for each occurrence, as described above and Y is a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative. In certain cases, the borylated aromatic compound can comprise a compound defined by Formula IX, wherein Y is a boronic acid derivative selected from one of the following:

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[0193] Percent conversion of the aromatic substrate to the borylated aromatic compound can vary depending on a number of factors, including the reactivity of the aromatic substrate, the identity of the catalytic cobalt complex, and the identity of the borylation reagent. In some embodiments, percent conversion of the aromatic substrate to the borylated aromatic compound can be at least 30% (e.g., at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95%).

[0194] The methods of forming borylated aromatic compounds described above can comprise contacting the aromatic substrate to be reacted with a catalytic cobalt complex and a borylation reagent. The aromatic substrate can be contacted with the catalytic cobalt complex and the borylation reagent in any suitable fashion, such that the aromatic substrate and the borylation reagent are present in combination with a catalytically effective amount of the catalytic cobalt complex. For example, the aromatic substrate can be contacted with the catalytic cobalt complex and the borylation reagent by combining in any order or fashion the aromatic substrate, the catalytic cobalt complex, and the borylation reagent in a single reaction vessel or solution (e.g., by sequential or simultaneous addition of the aromatic substrate, the catalytic cobalt complex, and the borylation reagent to a reaction vessel). In some embodiments, the aromatic substrate can be contacted with the catalytic cobalt complex and the borylation reagent at a temperature of from greater than 25°C to 85°C.

[0195] The catalytic cobalt complex can be any suitable cobalt(I) or cobalt(II) complex that can catalyze the C—H activation-borylation of the aromatic substrate. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is a cobalt(II) complex.

[0196] In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a cobalt chelate complex comprising a tridentate ligand. For example, the catalytic cobalt complex can be a cobalt pincer complex. In some cases, the catalytic cobalt complex can be a cobalt chelate complex comprising a CCC, CNC, CNS, NNN, NCN, PCP, PNP, PNC, POC, PSC, SCS, SNS, or SPS pincer ligand. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is not a cobalt chelate complex comprising an NNN or NPN pincer ligand. In certain embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex is not one of the following:

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[0197] In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below:

\[
E - P(R^+)_2
\]
wherein

[0198] Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

[0199] n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

[0200] E is —CH$_2$—, —C(R$^{10}$)$_2$—, —NR$^7$—, —S—, or —O—,

[0201] R$^5$ is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR$'$, —NR$^7$R$'^1$, —C(=O)R$^6$, a nitrile group, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C$_1$-C$_6$ haloalkyl group,

[0202] m is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

[0203] R$^7$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group,

[0204] R$^8$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR$'$, —NR$^7$R$'^1$ or a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group,

[0205] R$^9$ is, individually for each occurrence, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or —OR$'^1$,

[0206] R$^{10}$ is, individually for each occurrence, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group or an aryl group.

[0207] In some of these embodiments, E can be chosen from —CH$_2$— and —C(R$^{10}$)$_2$—, where R$^{10}$ is as defined above.

[0208] In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below

[0209] Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

[0210] n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

[0211] E is —CH$_2$—, —C(R$^{10}$)$_2$—, —NR$^7$—, —S—, or —O—,

[0212] R$^5$ is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR$'$, —NR$^7$R$'^1$, —C(=O)R$^6$, a nitrile group, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C$_1$-C$_6$ haloalkyl group,

[0213] m is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

[0214] L is —OR$'^1$ or —NR$^{10}$R$^{10}$,

[0215] R$^7$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group,

[0216] R$^8$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR$'$, —NR$^7$R$'^1$, or a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group,

[0217] R$^9$ is, individually for each occurrence, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or —OR$'^1$, and

[0218] R$^{10}$ is, individually for each occurrence, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group or an aryl group.

[0219] In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below

wherein

[0220] Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

[0221] n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

[0222] E is —CH$_2$—, —C(R$^{10}$)$_2$—, —NR$^7$—, —S—, or —O—,

[0223] R$^5$ is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR$'$, —NR$^7$R$'^1$, —C(=O)R$^6$, a nitrile group, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C$_1$-C$_6$ haloalkyl group,

[0224] m is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

[0225] R$^7$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group,

[0226] R$^8$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR$'$, —NR$^7$R$'^1$, or a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group,

[0227] L is —OR$'^1$ or —NR$^{10}$R$^{10}$,

[0228] R$^9$ is, individually for each occurrence, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or —OR$'^1$, and

[0229] R$^{10}$ is, individually for each occurrence, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group or an aryl group.

[0230] In some of these embodiments, E can be chosen from —CH$_2$— and —C(R$^{10}$)$_2$—, where R$^{10}$ is as defined above.

[0231] In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below

wherein

[0232] Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

[0233] n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

[0234] R$^5$ is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR$'$, —NR$^7$R$'^1$, —C(=O)R$^6$, a nitrile group, a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C$_1$-C$_6$ haloalkyl group,

[0235] m is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

[0236] L is —OR$'^1$ or —NR$^{10}$R$^{10}$,

[0237] R$^7$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group,

[0238] R$^8$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR$'$, —NR$^7$R$'^1$, or a C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl group, and
R\textsuperscript{10} is, individually for each occurrence, a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group or an aryl group.

In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below:

wherein

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

E is \(-\text{CH}_2-\), \(-\text{C(R\textsuperscript{10})}_2-\), \(-\text{NR}^7-\), \(-\text{S}-\), or \(-\text{O}-\),

R\textsuperscript{3} is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^7\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}\), \(-\text{C(=O)}R^8\), a nitrile group, a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} haloalkyl group,

m is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

R\textsuperscript{5} is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group,

R\textsuperscript{7} is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-\text{OR}^7\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}\), or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group,

R\textsuperscript{8} is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-\text{OR}^7\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}\), or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group,

R\textsuperscript{9} is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group or an aryl group.

In some of these embodiments, E can be chosen from \(-\text{CH}_2-\) and \(-\text{C(R\textsuperscript{10})}_2-\), where R\textsuperscript{10} is as defined above.

In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below:

wherein

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

E is \(-\text{CH}_2-\), \(-\text{C(R\textsuperscript{10})}_2-\), \(-\text{NR}^7-\), \(-\text{S}-\), or \(-\text{O}-\),

R\textsuperscript{3} is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^7\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}\), \(-\text{C(=O)}R^8\), a nitrile group, a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} haloalkyl group,

m is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

L is \(-\text{OR}^7\) or \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}\),

R\textsuperscript{5} is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group,

R\textsuperscript{7} is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-\text{OR}^7\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}\), or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, and

R\textsuperscript{9} is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group or an aryl group,

R\textsuperscript{11} and R\textsuperscript{12} are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^7\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}\), \(-\text{C(=O)}R^8\), a nitrile group, a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} haloalkyl group, or R\textsuperscript{11} and R\textsuperscript{12}, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^7\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}\), \(-\text{C(=O)}R^8\), a nitrile group, a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C\textsubscript{1}-C\textsubscript{6} haloalkyl group.

In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below:
wherein

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3.

R<sup>3</sup> is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR<sup>7</sup>, —NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, —C(==O)R<sup>8</sup>, a nitrite group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl group.

m is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4.

B is —P(R<sup>3</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, —OR<sup>10</sup> or —NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>10</sup>,

R<sup>2</sup> is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group.

R<sup>1</sup> is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR<sup>7</sup>, —NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, or an aryl group.

R<sup>10</sup> is, individually for each occurrence, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group or an aryl group.

R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, —OR<sup>7</sup>, —NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, —C(==O)R<sup>8</sup>, a nitrite group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl group, an aryl group, or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl group, or R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup>, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, —OR<sup>7</sup>, —NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, —C(==O)R<sup>8</sup>, a nitrite group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl group, an aryl group, or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl group, and

R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, —OR<sup>7</sup>, —NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, —C(==O)R<sup>8</sup>, a nitrite group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl group, or R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup>, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, —OR<sup>7</sup>, —NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, —C(==O)R<sup>8</sup>, a nitrite group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl group.

In some embodiments, the catalytic cobalt complex can comprise a complex defined by the formula below

wherein

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 2.

R<sup>5</sup> is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR<sup>7</sup>, —NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, —C(==O)R<sup>8</sup>, a nitrite group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl group, or R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup>, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, —OR<sup>7</sup>, —NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, —C(==O)R<sup>8</sup>, a nitrite group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl group.

m is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4.

R<sup>6</sup> is selected from one of the following:
In some embodiments, the borylation reagent is selected from pinacolborane (HBPin), catecholborane, bis(neopentyl glycolato)diboron, bis(pinacolato)diboron (B₂Pin₂), bis(hexylene glycolato)diboron, and bis(catecholato)diboron. In certain embodiments, the borylation reagent is pinacolborane (HBPin) or bis(pinacolato)diboron (B₂Pin₂).

The borylation reagent can be incorporated in the borylation reaction in any suitable amount. For example, in some embodiments, the borylation reagent can be present in the borylation reaction in an amount ranging from 1 molar equivalent of borylation reagent per mole of aromatic substrate present in the borylation reaction to 5 molar equivalents of borylation reagent per mole of aromatic substrate present in the borylation reaction (e.g., from 1 molar equivalent of borylation reagent per mole of aromatic substrate present in the borylation reaction to 5 molar equivalents of borylation reagent per mole of aromatic substrate present in the borylation reaction).

Borylated arenes prepared using the methods described herein can be utilized in additional chemical reactions, including cross-coupling reactions, such as Suzuki-type cross-coupling reactions. Suzuki-type cross-coupling reactions are known in the art, and can be used to cross-couple an organohalide and an organoborane in the presence of a base and a suitable catalyst. See, for example, Miyaura, N. and Suzuki, A. Chem. Rev. 1995, 95, 2457; Stanforth, S. P. Tetrahedron 1998, 54, 263; Lipshutz, et al., Synthesis 2005, 2989; and Lipshutz, et al., Organic Letters 2008, 10, 4279.

The organohalide can be an unsaturated halide or pseudohalide (e.g., a triflate (OTf)), such as an aryl halide or pseudohalide or vinyl halide or pseudohalide.

In some embodiments, the methods described herein can further comprise contacting the borylated aromatic compound with a reactant selected from the group consisting of an aryl halide, an aryl pseudohalide, a vinyl halide, and a vinyl pseudohalide, and a transition metal catalyst to cross-couple the reactant and the borylated aromatic compound. By way of example, a (4-chloro-2-fluoro-3-substituted)boronic acid ester can undergo a cross-coupling reaction with methyl 4-acetamido-3,6-dichloropicolinate to produce or form a 6-(4-chloro-2-fluoro-3-substituted-phenyl)-4-aminopicolinate. In another example, a (4-chloro-2-fluoro-3-substituted) boronic acid ester can undergo a cross-coupling reaction with methyl 6-acetamido-2-chloropyrimidine-4-carboxylate, or its unprotected analog the 6-amino-2-chloropyrimidine-4-carboxylic acid.

The Suzuki cross-coupling reaction can occur in the presence of a palladium catalyst, a ligand, and a base. In at
least some embodiments, the palladium catalyst is palladium (II) acetate (Pd(OAc)₂), the base is aqueous potassium carbonate (K₂CO₃), and the ligand is triphenylphosphine (PPh₃). The cross-coupling reaction can be conducted in a solvent such as methyl isobutyl ketone (MIBK), acetonitrile (MeCN), ethyl acetate (EtOAc), water, or combinations thereof.

By way of non-limiting illustration, examples of certain embodiments of the present disclosure are given below.

Examples

Material and Methods

Unless otherwise specified, reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware under an atmosphere of nitrogen, with magnetic stirring, and monitored by proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) spectroscopy. Tetrahydrofuran was freshly distilled from sodium/benzophenone under nitrogen. Py₂Co(CH₂SiMe₃)₂ and (Cp²Co)(η⁴-η₄-toluene) were synthesized according to established literature procedures. Flash or column chromatography was performed with silica gel (230-400 mesh) purchased from Silicycle (Quebec City, Canada). ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded using an Agilent DirectDrive 500 MHz NMR spectrometer (500 MHz for ¹H NMR, 125 MHz for ¹³C NMR, 400 MHz for ¹⁹F NMR and 160 MHz for ¹¹B NMR) equipped with 7600AS 96 sample autosamplers running Vnmr 3.2 A. Melting points were measured on a Thomas-Hoover capillary melting point apparatus.

Solvent Screening Using Py₂Co(CH₂SiMe₃)₂ as Catalyst

In a nitrogen filled glove box, a 3 milliliter (mL) Wheaton® vial was charged with Py₂Co(CH₂SiMe₃)₂ (9.8 milligrams (mg), 0.025 millimoles (mmol), 5 mol %) and m-xylene (306 microliters (μL), 2.5 mmol). The appropriate solvent (1.0 mL) and HBPin (73 μL, 0.5 mmol) were added sequentially. The vial was closed, placed into a 50°C oil bath outside the glove box, and heated for 24 hours (h). The reaction was cooled to room temperature, and a sample was removed and analyzed by gas chromatography (GC). Results are represented in Table 1.

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*Yields are calibrated GC yields.
TABLE 2

Screening of Solvents and Concentrations for Borylation of m-Xylene Using (Cp*Co)₂(η⁴-toluene) as Catalyst.

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*Yields are calibrated GC yields.

[0319] Screening of External Ligands for m-Xylene Borylation Using (Cp*Co)₂(η⁴-toluene)

[0320] In a nitrogen filled glove box, 3 mL Wheaton® vials were charged with (Cp*Co)₂(η⁴-toluene) (12 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol %), B₃P₂(η⁴-toluene) (1.5 mL, 15 mmol, 5 mol %, 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP; 3.0 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol %), 1,10-phenanthroline (phen; 2.2 mg, 0.0125 mmol, 2.5 mol %), tricyclohexylphosphine (Cy₃P; 7.0 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol %), or pyridine (Py; 2.0 μL), 0.025 mmol, 5 mol %). Tetrahydrofuran (1.0 mL) and m-xylene (306 μL, 2.5 mmol) were added sequentially. The vials were closed, capped, taken out of the glove box, and heated at 80°C for 24 h. After heating was finished, the reaction vials were cooled to room temperature, and samples were taken from the reaction mixtures for GC analysis. Results are shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3

Screening of External Ligands for m-Xylene Borylation Using (Cp*Co)₂(η⁴-toluene)

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*Yields are calibrated GC yields.

[0321] Borylation Attempt of Methyl 3-Trifluoromethylbenzoate

[0322] In a nitrogen filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with (Cp*Co)₂(η⁴-toluene) (12 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol %) and B₃P₂(η⁴-toluene) (127 mg, 0.5 mmol). Tetrahydrofuran (0.5 mL) and methyl 3-trifluoromethylbenzoate (236 μL, 1.5 mmol) were added sequentially. The vial was capped, taken out of the glove box, and heated at 100°C for 17 h. After heating was finished, the reaction vial was cooled to room temperature, and a sample was taken for analysis. GC analysis shows no presence of borylation product.

[0323] Borylation of 3-Fluorotoluene Using (Cp*Co)₂(η⁴-toluene)

[0324] In nitrogen filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with (Cp*Co)₂(η⁴-toluene) (12 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol %) and B₃P₂(η⁴-toluene) (127 mg, 0.5 mmol). Tetrahydrofuran (0.5 mL) and 3-fluorotoluene (167 μL, 1.5 mmol) were added sequentially. The vial was capped, taken out of the glove box, and heated at 80°C for 21 h. After heating was finished, the reaction vial was cooled to room temperature, and a sample was taken for analysis. Conversion of 25% (based on B₃P₂) was observed as judged from ¹³C-NMR spectra. The ratio of 2-(3-fluoro-5-methylphenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane to 2-(2-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane was determined to be 1:4:1 from ¹³C-NMR spectra. 2-(3-Fluoro-5-methylphenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane: ¹³C-NMR (283 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 115.4. 2-(2-Fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane: ¹³C-NMR (283 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 103.9.

[0325] Screening of External Ligands for m-Xylene Borylation Using CoCl₂ and Zn

[0326] Cobalt-based systems including various phosphine- or nitrogen-containing ligands were evaluated for borylation m-xylene borylation using the general procedure outlined in Scheme 1. In a nitrogen filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with CoCl₂ (6.5 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol %), ligand (0.05 mmol, 10 mol %), and Zn powder (9.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 30 mol %). 1.0 mL of THF was then added. To the resulting solution, m-xylene (183 μL, 1.5 mmol) and the boron source (0.5 mmol) were added sequentially. The vial was then capped and taken out of the glove box. The reaction mixture was heated at 80°C for 16-20 h. After heating, an aliquot was removed and analyzed via gas chromatography. In all cases, no borylated products were detected.
[0327] Borylation Using Cobalt Complexes Including a Bidentate Ligand

[0328] Cobalt complexes including a bidentate ligand containing both a pyridine moiety and an imine moiety were evaluated as catalysts for borylations. Ligands of this type are accessible through condensation of 2-pyridinecarboxyaldehyde with an appropriate aniline. Pyridylimine-ligated cobalt chloride complexes 1-4 were prepared using literature procedures. See, for example, Zhu, D. et al. *Organometallics* 2010, 29, 1897. All complexes were isolated as chloride-bridged dimers. The chloride ligands could be replaced as chloride-bridged dimers. The chloride ligands could be replaced to activate these complexes towards borylation.

[0329] In a first experiment, the chloride ligands on cobalt complex 1 were substituted by reaction with LiCMHTMS, forming complex 5. Complex 5 was found to be unstable for prolonged storage.

Scheme 2. Borylation of m-xylene with cobalt complex 5.

[0330] The activation of complexes 1-4 can also be accomplished using a reducing metal (e.g., magnesium or zinc) to reduce the cobalt center and remove one or both of the chloride ligands.

[0331] No borylation products were observed in an initial experiment using 2.5 mol % of 1, 12 mol % of Rieke's Mg, 3...
equiv of m-xylene and HBpin (1 equiv) at 50°C. However, the reaction was run in THF at 80°C. 48% total conversion was obtained, with 41% being compound 6. Observed benzylic to meta borylation ratio was 27:1.

[0332] Somewhat lower total conversion (38%) was detected by GC when complex 3 was used as catalyst under identical conditions (Scheme 3). Specifically, in a nitrogen filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with cobalt complex 3 (19.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 2.5 mol%) and activated Mg (2.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 10 mol%). 0.5 mL of THF was then added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 min. m-Xylene (367 µL, 3.0 mmol) and HBpin (145 µL, 1.0 mmol) were then added sequentially. The vial was capped and taken out of the glove box. The reaction mixture was then heated at 80°C for 16 h. Analysis by GC showed 38% conversion based on HBpin, with 34% being identified as benzylic borylation product 6.

When zinc or Super-Hydride® (LiHBEt₃·1.0M in THF) were used in place of magnesium, no borylation products were observed. An iron(II) bromide analog of cobalt complex 3 was also prepared and tested for activity in borylation reactions using Rieke’s Mg. No borylation products were detected when m-xylene or 3-trifluorotoluene substrates were used.

[0333] Using similar conditions, the activation of cobalt complex 3 with a variety of Grignard reagents was investigated. In a nitrogen-filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with cobalt complex 3 (19.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 2.5 mol%). THF (0.5 mL) and m-xylene (367 µL, 3.0 mmol) were added sequentially. Next, the Grignard reagent (0.1 mmol, 10 mol%) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was then stirred for about 5 min. HBpin (145 µL, 1.0 mmol) was then added. The vial was capped and taken out of the glove box. The reaction mixture was heated at 80°C for 21 h. After heating, an aliquot was removed and analyzed via gas chromatography. The results are included in Table 1 below.

[0334] The activation of complexes 1-4 using a Grignard reagent was also investigated. In a first experiment, complex 1 and EtMgBr were evaluated as a catalytic system. m-Xylene was borylated in 42% total conversion. Again, benzylic borylation product 6 was the major product and was detected in 37% by GC (Scheme 4). Unfortunately, conversion rates over 3 runs varied from 0-42%.

[0335] Significant variation in borylation reaction outcome was observed when using EtMgBr as an activator. Over 6 runs, conversion rates ranging from 31-92% (Table 1, entry 2) were obtained. CyMgCl afforded conversion rates of 70-92% over 5 runs (Table 1, entry 4). In two trials performed using MeMgCl as an activator, conversion rates of 57-84% were observed (Table 1, entry 1). Low conversion was achieved with bulky tBuMgCl, and no borylated products were observed when PhMgCl was employed as catalyst activator.

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[0337] Other organometallic reagents such as Bu₄Mg or Et₂Zn were also screened as potential reducing agents for use as activators with cobalt complex 3. When diethylzinc was used as catalyst activator, no borylation products were detected by GC. However, with di-n-butylmagnesium 75%
conversion (62% benzylic borylation product 6) to borylated products from m-xylene was observed.

The activity of cobalt complex 4 (bearing a more bulky pyridylmine ligand) was compared to cobalt complex 3 in the borylation of m-xylene. A borylation reaction performed using cobalt complex 4 resulted in 63% total conversion, and borylated compound 6 was detected in 57% (Scheme 5). However, cobalt complex 4 afforded slightly lower conversion compared to catalyst 3. No significant differences were observed in selectivity.

Scheme 5. Borylation of m-xylene using cobalt catalyst 4 and CyMgCl as an activator

The amount of activating agent (e.g., Grignard reagent) and sequence of addition of reagents was found to influence the borylation reaction. No borylation products were found by GC if 5 or 20 mol % of Grignard reagent (e.g., EtMgBr and CyMgCl) was used. The order of reagent addition influenced the reaction outcome as well. In the case of the reactions described in Table 1, the catalyst was first suspended in THF and m-xylene. The Grignard reagent was then added slowly to the mixture. The resulting mixture was stirred for approximately 5 min; HBpin was then added to the reaction. However, if the order of addition of reagents was modified so that the Grignard reagent was the last reagent added to the reaction mixture (after HBpin), the overall reaction conversion decreased significantly (34% with EtMgBr; 13% with CyMgCl). The addition of pyridine as an external ligand was also found to shut down the reaction.

Investigation of the Borylation Mechanism

It was hypothesized that the borylation reaction could proceed by either a radical or ionic mechanism. If the borylation reaction were to proceed by a radical pathway, one would expect that the addition of radical scavengers to the borylation reaction should slow down or stop the reaction.

Borylation reactions were performed in the presence of 1-octene and 9,10-dihydroanthracene (Scheme 6). When alkene was present, additive hydroboration of 1-octene was detected by GC-MS, and no borylation products arising from m-xylene were observed. Similarly, no borylation products arising from m-xylene were observed when 9,10-dihydroanthracene was present. However, in this case, anthracene (the expected product of reaction of 9,10-dihydroanthracene with radical species) was not detected by GC or GC-MS either.

Scheme 6. Borylation reactions performed in the presence of 1-octene and 9,10-dihydroanthracene

To better elucidate the reaction mechanism, p-cymene was used as substrate for borylation. If borylation of p-cymene were to proceed through a radical intermediate, one would expect a balance between primary and tertiary radicals to be established during the reaction. One would expect this to result in formation of two borylated products.

In a first experiment, the borylation of p-cymene was performed using cobalt complex 3 and EtMgCl as activator. In a nitrogen-filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with cobalt complex 3 (19.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 2.5 mol %). Next, THF (0.5 mL) and p-cymene (468 µL, 3.0 mmol) were added. EtMgCl (2.0 M in MeTHF) (50 µL, 0.1 mmol) was then added dropwise. The resulting mixture was then stirred for about 5 min. HBpin (145 µL, 1.0 mmol) was then added. The vial was capped and taken out of the glove box. The reaction mixture was heated at 80°C for 21 h. Analysis by GC showed 19% conversion to a single isomer based on HBpin (Scheme 7). Performing this reaction using CyMgCl or MeMgCl as an activator afforded no borylation products.
added. The vial was capped and taken out of the glove box. The reaction mixture was heated at 80° C. for 21 h. Analysis by GC showed 72% conversion of m-xylene (based on HBpin) and 7% conversion of p-cymene (based on HBpin).

**[0346]** p-Cymene is a good hydrogen atom donor that can form stable tertiary benzyl radicals through hydrogen atom transfer. Given that p-cymene did not shut down the borylation of m-xylene in the competition reaction, it is likely that these cobalt catalyzed borylations do not proceed via a radical pathway.

![Scheme 8](image)

**Scheme 8.** Borylation of an equimolar m-xylene and p-cymene mixture with cobalt complex 3 using CyMgCl as activator

![Scheme 9](image)

**Scheme 9.** Borylation of m-xylene using cobalt complex 3 and KOtBu as activator

![Scheme 10](image)

**Scheme 10.** Borylation of m-xylene using an in situ formed carbene-ligated cobalt complex

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**[0347]** The fate of alkyl residue from the Grignard reagent was investigated using dodecylmagnesium bromide as an activator. Under catalytic reaction conditions, traces of dodecane were detected by GC and GC-MS. Quantification of dodecane was performed by GC analysis of an aliquot from a stoichiometric reaction between cobalt complex 3 and dodecylmagnesium bromide. Dodecane was formed in 70% yield from this stoichiometric reaction; however, other unidentified C12-containing products were also detected by GC-MS.

**[0348]** Borylation of several other substrates was attempted as well. Trace amounts of product were observed by GC when 4-methoxytoluene was employed as substrate. No borylation was seen with 3-fluorotoluene or 2,6-lutidine.

**[0349]** It was hypothesized that the borylation reaction could involve exchange of halide ligands in the cobalt complex with alkoxyl groups. To investigate this possibility, m-xylene was subjected to borylation using cobalt complex 3 and KOTBu as activator. In a nitrogen-filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with cobalt complex 3 (19.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 2.5 mol %) and KOTBu (17 mg, 0.15 mmol). THF (0.5 mL) was then added. The resulting mixture was then stirred for about 5 min. Then, m-xylene (367 µL, 3.0 mmol) and B3pin2 (254 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added. The vial was capped and taken out of the glove box. The reaction mixture was heated at 80° C. for 17 h. Analysis by GC showed 8% conversion of m-xylene based on B3pin2 with 1:2 ratio of benzylc to meta borylation products (Scheme 9). No reaction was observed with HBpin. Similar conversion was achieved with NaOTBu. Other bases such as LiOTBu, K2CO3, K3PO4, and KOAc were inefficient.

**[0350]** Borylation Using Cobalt Complexes Including an N-Heterocyclic Carbene (NHC)

**[0351]** Cobalt complexes including N-heterocyclic carbenes (NHC) as ligands were evaluated as catalysts for borylations. Using CoCl2 as a cobalt source, NHC-1 as carbene precursor, and a base (KOTBu), the active cobalt catalyst could be formed in situ and successful borylation of m-xylene could be achieved (Scheme 10).

**[0352]** In a nitrogen-filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with cobalt chloride (6.5 mg, 0.05 mmol, 5 mol %), 1,3-dipropyl-1H-imidazol-3-ium chloride (18.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KOTBu (22.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). THF (0.5 mL) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred for about 10 min. A purple colored solution formed. Then, m-xylene (367 µL, 3.0 mmol) and HBpin (145 µL, 3.0 mmol) were added. The vial was capped and taken out of the glove box. The reaction mixture was then heated at 80° C. for 16 h. Analysis by GC showed 40% conversion of m-xylene based on HBpin. Under the same reaction conditions, B3pin2 afforded none of the borylated product. Under the same reaction conditions, ethylbenzene gave 56% conversion of starting material (45% conversion to the benzylic borylation product).
It was hypothesized that the active borylation catalyst in the reaction above was an NHC-ligated cobalt alkoxide formed in situ during the borylation reaction. To test this hypothesis, the presumed active borylation catalyst (NHC-1) was synthesized and isolated. Briefly, CoCl₂ was reacted with NHC-1 in the presence of KOtBu to afford cobalt catalyst 8 in 88% yield after recrystallization (Scheme 11).

An oven-dried flask was charged inside nitrogen-filled glove box with CoCl₂ (168 mg, 1.3 mmol) and 1,3-diisopropyl-1H-imidazol-3-ium chloride (490 mg, 2.6 mmol). THF (8 mL) and KOtBu (583 mg, 5.2 mmol) were then added sequentially. The resulting mixture was stirred inside glove box for 1 h. Then, the solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was suspended in toluene and filtered through Celite®. The filtrate was collected, and the solvent removed under vacuum providing 635 mg of dark purple crystalline material. Recrystallization from pentane at -35°C afforded 582 mg (88%) of cobalt complex 8. Single crystal X-ray diffraction confirmed the structure. "H NMR (500 MHz, benzene-d₆, ppm) δ 41.70 (s, 4H) 39.00 (brs, 4H) 8.76 (brs, 18H) 2.31 (brs, 24H).

Cobalt complex 8 was then evaluated as a borylation catalyst. In a nitrogen filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with cobalt complex 8 (5.1 mg, 0.01 mmol, 2 mol %). THF (0.25 mL) and m-xylene (183 µL, 1.5 mmol) were then added sequentially. HBpin (73 µL, 0.5 mmol) was then added. The vial was capped and taken out of the glove box. The reaction mixture was then heated at 80°C for 16 h. Analysis by GC showed 80% conversion of m-xylene: 31% of monoborylated product 6 was formed together with 40% of gem-dilBpin product 9 and 6% of unidentified dilBpin product.

In another experiment, the borylation reaction was performed using the substrate as a limiting reagent. In a nitrogen-filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with cobalt complex 8 (10.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 2 mol %). Next, THF (0.25 mL) and m-xylene (122 µL, 1.0 mmol) were added. Then, HBpin (290 µL, 2.0 mmol) was added. The vial was capped and taken out of the glove box. The reaction mixture was heated at 80°C for 17 h. Analysis by GC showed 71% conversion of m-xylene: 37% of monoborylated product 6 was formed together with 29% of gem-dilBpin product 9 and 5% of unidentified dilBpin product.

It was also discovered that B₂pin₂ can be used as the main boron source in a catalytic amount of HBpin is added to activate cobalt precatalyst 8. In a nitrogen-filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with cobalt complex 8 (10.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 2 mol %). THF (0.5 mL) and m-xylene (122 µL, 1.0 mmol) were added. Then, HBpin (11.6 µL, 0.08 mmol, 8 mol %) and B₂pin₂ (381 mg, 1.5 mmol) were added. The vial was capped and taken out of the glove box. The reaction mixture was heated at 80°C for 16 h. Analysis by GC showed 77% conversion of m-xylene: 31% of monoborylated product 6 was formed together with 40% of gem-dilBpin product 9 and 6% of unidentified dilBpin product. Prolonged heating up to 40 hours did not improve conversion and product ratios. Isolation of products was done by flash column chromatography on silica gel using pentane-diethyl ether mixtures as eluent. 4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane was isolated as colorless oil in 19% yield. "H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.14 (dd, 1H, J=7.2, 7.2 Hz) 7.02-6.98 (m, 2H) 6.95 (d, 1H, J=7.5 Hz) 2.32 (s, 3H) 2.27 (s, 2H) 1.25 (s, 12H). "C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 138.4, 137.7, 129.8, 128.2, 125.9, 125.6, 83.4, 24.7, 21.4. Signal for one carbon is not located. "B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 33.0, 2.2-(m-Tolyl)methylene-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) was isolated in 21% yield. "H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.14-7.09 (m,
2H) 7.05 (s, 1H) 6.92-6.88 (m, 1H) 2.30 (s, 3H) 2.27 (s, 1H) 1.24 (s, 12H) 1.23 (s, 12H). $^{11}$B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl$_3$, ppm) $\delta$ 32.9.

Scheme 13. Borylation of m-xylene (limiting) using complex 8 and B$_2$pin$_2$

2 mol% cat 8 -- HBpin (2 equiv), THF, 80° C. or 8 mol % HBpin, B$_2$pin$_2$ (1 equiv), THF 80° C.

HBpin: 71% total conv 37% benzylic prod (6) 29% benzylic prod (9) B$_2$pin$_2$: 77% total conv 31% benzylic prod (6) 40% benzylic prod (9)

[0358] Additional substrates were also evaluated. Borylation of 4-chlorotoluene afforded the halogen-boron exchange product in trace amounts. No other borylated products were detected. 3-Fluorotoluene was dehalogenated under reaction conditions. Only trace amount of a borylated material were observed in $^{11}$B-NMR. 2-Methylthiophene was unreactive under reaction conditions. In separate experiment, using equimolar amounts of 2-methylthiophene and m-xylene, it was confirmed that thiophene could act as a catalyst poison as no borylation of m-xylene was observed. Trace borylation of 2,6-lutidine was observed by GC and GC-MS as well.

[0359] A reaction performed using 3-Methylanisole afforded a mixture of products that arise from the reduction-borylation sequence. In a nitrogen-filled glove box, a 3 mL Wheaton® vial was charged with cobalt complex 8 (10.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 2 mol %). 0.24 mL of THF (0.24 mL) and 3-methylanisole (126 μL, 1.0 mmol) were then added. Then, HBpin (290 μL, 2.0 mmol) was added. The vial was capped and taken out of the glove box. The reaction mixture was heated at 80° C. for 18 h. Analysis by GC showed 11% of α-Bpin-toluene, 25% of α,α-diBpin-toluene, and 16% of toluene.

[0360] The compositions and methods of the appended claims are not limited in scope by the specific compositions and methods described herein, which are intended as illustrations of a few aspects of the claims. Any compositions and methods that are functionally equivalent are intended to fall within the scope of the claims. Variations of the compositions and methods in addition to those shown and described herein are intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims. Further, while only certain representative compositions and method steps disclosed herein are specifically described, other combinations of the compositions and method steps also are intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims, even if not specifically recited. Thus, a combination of steps, elements, components, or constituents may be explicitly mentioned herein or less, however, other combinations of steps, elements, components, and constituents are included, even though not explicitly stated.

[0361] The term “comprising” and variations thereof as used herein is used synonymously with the term “including” and variations thereof and are open, non-limiting terms. Although the terms “comprising” and “including” have been used herein to describe various embodiments, the terms “consisting essentially of” and “consisting of” can be used in place of “comprising” and “including” to provide for more specific embodiments of the invention and are also disclosed. Other than where noted, all numbers expressing geometries, dimensions, and so forth used in the specification and claims are to be understood at the very least, and not as an attempt to limit the application of the doctrine of equivalents to the scope of the claims, to be construed in light of the number of significant digits and ordinary rounding approaches.

[0362] Unless otherwise defined herein, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meanings as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which the disclosed invention belongs. Publications cited herein and the materials for which they are cited are specifically incorporated by reference.

What is claimed is:

1. A process for preparing a borylated aromatic compound comprising contacting an aromatic substrate with a catalytic cobalt complex and a borylation reagent under conditions effective to form the borylated aromatic compound, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex is not one of the following:

2. The process of claim 1, wherein the aromatic substrate is selected from the group consisting of a substituted or unsubstituted aryl compound, a substituted or unsubstituted six-
membered heteroaromatic compound, a substituted or unsubstituted five-membered heteroaromatic compound, and combinations thereof.

3. The process of claim 1, wherein the aromatic substrate is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl compound and the substituted or unsubstituted aryl compound comprises a compound defined by Formula I

\[
\text{Formula I}
\]

wherein

- \(A\) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^1\), \(-\text{NR}^2\text{R}^3\), \(-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^4\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6\) alkyl group, or a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative,
- \(\text{R}^1\), \(\text{R}^2\), and \(\text{R}^3\) are each, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6\) alkyl group, and
- \(\text{R}^4\) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-\text{OR}^1\), \(-\text{NR}^2\text{R}^3\), or a \(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6\) alkyl group; and

wherein the borylated aromatic compound comprises a compound defined by Formula II

\[
\text{Formula II}
\]

wherein \(A\) is, for each occurrence, as described above and \(Y\) is a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative.

4. The process of claim 3, wherein the borylated aromatic compound comprises a compound defined by Formula II wherein \(Y\) is a boronic acid derivative selected from one of the following:

- \(-\text{B(OH)}_2\)
- \(-\text{B(OH)}_2\text{O}\
- \(-\text{B(OH)}_2\text{O}\
- \(-\text{B(OH)}_2\text{O}\
- \(-\text{B(OH)}_2\text{O}\
- \(-\text{B(OH)}_2\text{O}\

wherein

- \(A\) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^1\), \(-\text{NR}^2\text{R}^3\), \(-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^4\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6\) alkyl group, or a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative,
- \(\text{R}^1\), \(\text{R}^2\), and \(\text{R}^3\) are each, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6\) alkyl group, and
- \(\text{R}^4\) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-\text{OR}^1\), \(-\text{NR}^2\text{R}^3\), or a \(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6\) alkyl group; and

wherein the borylated aromatic compound comprises a compound defined by one of Formula IVa, Formula IVb, or Formula IVc
wherein A is, for each occurrence, as described above and Y is a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative.

6. The process of claim 5, wherein the borylated aromatic compound comprises a compound defined by one of Formula IVa, Formula IVb, or Formula IVc, wherein Y is a boronic acid derivative selected from one of the following:

7. The process of claim 1, wherein the aromatic substrate is a five-membered heteroaromatic compound and the five-membered heteroaromatic compound comprises a compound defined by one of Formula Va or Formula Vb

wherein
X is NH, O, or S;
A is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, a halogen, —OR,
—NR'R', —C(=O)R', a nitrile group, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, a C₁-C₆ haloalkyl group, or a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative,
R₁, R₂, and R₃ are each, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, and
R₄ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR₁, —NR₂R₃, or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group; and
wherein the borylated aromatic compound comprises a compound defined by one of Formula VIa or Formula VIb

8. The process of claim 7, wherein the borylated aromatic compound comprises a compound defined by one of Formula VIa or Formula VIb, wherein Y is a boronic acid derivative selected from one of the following:
9. The process of claim 1, wherein the borylation reagent comprises a B—B bond, a B—H bond, or a combination thereof.

10. The process of claim 1, wherein the borylation reagent comprises one or more of the following:

11. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a cobalt(I) complex.

12. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a cobalt chelate complex comprising a bidentate ligand.

13. The process of claim 12, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

wherein

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 2,

R⁷ is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR⁷, —NR⁷R⁷, —C(=O)R⁷, a nitrile group, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₆-C₆ haloalkyl group,

m is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,

R⁶ is selected from one of the following:

14. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

wherein

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

E is —CH₂—, —C(R¹)₂—, —NR⁷—, —S—, or —O—,
R² is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR², —NR²R², —C(=O)R², a nitrile group, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁₋₃ haloalkyl group.

R¹ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C₁₋₃ alkyl group.

R⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR⁰, —NR²R⁰, or a C₁₋₃ alkyl group.

R⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, an aryl group, or —OR⁰, and

R¹⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group or an aryl group.

15. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below:

wherein

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

E is —CH₂ —, —C(R¹⁰)₂ —, —NR² —, —S —, or —O —,

R² is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR², —NR²R², —C(=O)R², a nitrile group, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁₋₃ haloalkyl group.

m is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

L is —OR¹⁰ or —NR¹⁰R¹⁰.

R¹ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C₁₋₃ alkyl group.

R⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR⁰, —NR²R⁰, or a C₁₋₃ alkyl group.

R⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, an aryl group, or —OR⁰, and

R¹⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group or an aryl group.

16. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below:

wherein

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

E is —CH₂ —, —C(R¹⁰)₂ —, —NR² —, —S —, or —O —,

R² is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR², —NR²R², —C(=O)R², a nitrile group, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁₋₃ haloalkyl group.

m is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

L is —OR¹⁰ or —NR¹⁰R¹⁰.

R¹ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C₁₋₃ alkyl group.

R⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR⁰, —NR²R⁰, or a C₁₋₃ alkyl group.

R⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, an aryl group, or —OR⁰, and

R¹⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group or an aryl group.

17. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below:

wherein

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

E is —CH₂ —, —C(R¹⁰)₂ —, —NR² —, —S —, or —O —,

R² is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR², —NR²R², —C(=O)R², a nitrile group, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁₋₃ haloalkyl group.

m is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

L is —OR¹⁰ or —NR¹⁰R¹⁰.

R¹ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C₁₋₃ alkyl group.

R⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR⁰, —NR²R⁰, or a C₁₋₃ alkyl group.

R⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, an aryl group, or —OR⁰, and

R¹⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group or an aryl group.

18. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below:

wherein

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

E is —CH₂ —, —C(R¹⁰)₂ —, —NR² —, —S —, or —O —,

R² is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR², —NR²R², —C(=O)R², a nitrile group, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁₋₃ haloalkyl group.

m is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

L is —OR¹⁰ or —NR¹⁰R¹⁰.

R¹ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C₁₋₃ alkyl group.

R⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR⁰, —NR²R⁰, or a C₁₋₃ alkyl group.

R⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group, an aryl group, or —OR⁰, and

R¹⁰ is, individually for each occurrence, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group or an aryl group.
R is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR, —NR'R'', or a C-C alkyl group.

19. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

\[
\begin{align*}
E-L & \equiv N-CoZ_n, \\
& \text{or} \quad (RNV)_{(10)}
\end{align*}
\]

wherein

- \( Z \) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( E \) is \(-\text{CH} = \text{CH}2\), \(-\text{C}(\text{R}^{10})_{(8)}\), \(-\text{NR}7\), \(-\text{S}\), or \(-\text{O}\),
- \( R \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR, —NR'R'', or a C-C alkyl group, and
- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) alkyl group or an aryl group.

20. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{(R)} & \equiv \text{N} - \text{H}(\text{R}) - \text{N} \\
\text{R} & \equiv \text{Z}
\end{align*}
\]

wherein

- \( Z \) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( R \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR, —NR'R'', or a C-C alkyl group, and
- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) alkyl group or an aryl group.

21. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{(R)} & \equiv \text{N} - \text{H}(\text{R}) - \text{N} \\
\text{R} & \equiv \text{Z}
\end{align*}
\]

wherein

- \( Z \) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( R \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR, —NR'R'', or a C-C alkyl group, and
- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) alkyl group or an aryl group.

R\(_{11}^{11}\) and R\(_{12}^{12}\) are each individually selected from hydrogen, —OR, —NR'R'', —C(═O)R, a nitrile group, a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) haloalkyl group, and R\(_{11}^{11}\) and R\(_{12}^{12}\), together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, —OR, —NR'R'', —C(═O)R, a nitrile group, a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) haloalkyl group.

R\(_{11}^{11}\) and R\(_{12}^{12}\) are each individually selected from hydrogen, —OR, —NR'R'', —C(═O)R, a nitrile group, a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) haloalkyl group, and R\(_{11}^{11}\) and R\(_{12}^{12}\), together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, —OR, —NR'R'', —C(═O)R, a nitrile group, a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C\(_1\)-C\(_6\) haloalkyl group.
22. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

$$\text{wherein}$$

$Z$ is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, or an aryl group,
$n$ is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
$B$ is $-P(R^3)_{j_2}$, $-OR^{10}$ or $-NR^{10}R^{10}$.
$R^9$ is, individually for each occurrence, a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or $-OR^{10}$.
$R^{10}$ is, individually for each occurrence, a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group or an aryl group,
$R^{11}$ and $R^{12}$ are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, $-OR^{7}$, $-NR^{7}R^{7}$, $-C(=O)R^{8}$, a nitrile group, a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a $C_1-C_6$ haloalkyl group, or $R^{11}$ and $R^{12}$, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, $-OR^{7}$, $-NR^{7}R^{7}$, $-C(=O)R^{8}$, a nitrile group, a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a $C_1-C_6$ haloalkyl group, and
$R^{13}$ and $R^{14}$ are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, $-OR^{7}$, $-NR^{7}R^{7}$, $-C(=O)R^{8}$, a nitrile group, a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a $C_1-C_6$ haloalkyl group, or $R^{13}$ and $R^{14}$, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, $-OR^{7}$, $-NR^{7}R^{7}$, $-C(=O)R^{8}$, a nitrile group, a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a $C_1-C_6$ haloalkyl group,
$R^{15}$ and $R^{16}$ are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, $-OR^{7}$, $-NR^{7}R^{7}$, $-C(=O)R^{8}$, a nitrile group, a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a $C_1-C_6$ haloalkyl group, or $R^{15}$ and $R^{16}$, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, $-OR^{7}$, $-NR^{7}R^{7}$, $-C(=O)R^{8}$, a nitrile group, a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a $C_1-C_6$ haloalkyl group,
$R^3$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, and
$R^7$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group.

23. The process of claim 1, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises $\text{Py}_2\text{Co}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_{2j}, ([\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}]_2\text{µ-(η^5:η^5-toluene)}$, or a combination thereof.

24. The process of claim 1, wherein the aromatic substrate is contacted with the catalytic cobalt complex and the borylation reagent at a temperature of from greater than 25°C. to 85°C.

25. A process for preparing a compound defined by Formula VII

$$X \quad Y$$

wherein $X$ is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group, and $Y$ is a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative, the process comprising:
providing an aromatic substrate comprising a methyl-substituted aryl group or a methyl-substituted heteroaryl group; and
contacting the aromatic substrate with a catalytic cobalt complex and a borylation reagent under conditions effective to form the compound defined by Formula VII.

26. The process of claim 25, wherein $X$ is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl or a substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl.

27. The process of claim 25, wherein the aromatic substrate is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl compound and the substituted or unsubstituted aryl compound comprises a compound defined by Formula VIII

$$Z_1 - Z_2$$

wherein $A$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, a halogen, $-OR^1$,
$-NR^1R^1$, $-C(=O)R^{8}$, a nitrile group, a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, a $C_1-C_6$ haloalkyl group, or a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative,
$R^1$, $R^2$, and $R^3$ are each individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, and
$R^9$ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, $-OR^7$,
$-NR^7R^7$, or a $C_1-C_6$ alkyl group; and
wherein the borylated aromatic compound comprises a compound defined by Formula IX

$$Z_3 - Z_4$$

wherein $A$ is, for each occurrence, as described above and $Y$ is a boronic acid or a boronic acid derivative.

28. The process of claim 27, wherein the borylated aromatic compound comprises a compound defined by Formula II wherein $Y$ is a boronic acid derivative selected from one of the following:
29. The process of claim 25, wherein the borylation reagent comprises a B–B bond, a B–H bond, or a combination thereof.

30. The process of claim 25, wherein the borylation reagent comprises one or more of the following:

31. The process of claim 25, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a cobalt(II) complex.

32. The process of claim 25, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below:

Z is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a C₁–C₆ alkyl group, or an aryl group,

n is 2,

R⁷ is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, —OR⁷, —NR⁷R⁷, —C(=O)R⁷, a nitrile group, a C₁–C₆ alkyl group, an aryl group, or a C₁–C₆ haloalkyl group,

m is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,

R⁶ is selected from one of the following:

R⁴ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a C₁–C₆ alkyl group, and

R⁵ is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, —OR⁷, —NR⁷R⁷, or a C₁–C₆ alkyl group.
33. The process of claim 25, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

\[
E \begin{array}{c}
\text{CoZ}_n \\
\text{L} \\
\text{L} \\
\text{L}
\end{array}
\]

wherein

- \( Z \) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( E \) is \(-\text{CH}_2-\) or \(-\text{C}(\text{O})R^{10}\) or \(-\text{NR}^7-\) or \(-\text{OR}^7-\) or \(-\text{S}-\) or \(-\text{O}-\) or \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^7-\),
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^7-,\)
- \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^7-,\)
- \(-\text{C}(\text{O})R^8-,\)
- \(-\text{nitrile group,}\)
- \(-\text{aryl group,}\)
- \(-\text{or a C}_{1-6} \text{ haloalkyl group,}\)
- \( m \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^8 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^9 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or \(-\text{OR}^{10}-\), and
- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group or an aryl group.

34. The process of claim 25, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

\[
E \begin{array}{c}
\text{CoZ}_n \\
\text{L} \\
\text{L} \\
\text{L}
\end{array}
\]

wherein

- \( Z \) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( E \) is \(-\text{CH}_2-\) or \(-\text{C}(\text{O})R^{10}\) or \(-\text{NR}^7-\) or \(-\text{S}-\) or \(-\text{O}-\) or \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^7-\),
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^7-,\)
- \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^7-,\)
- \(-\text{C}(\text{O})R^8-,\)
- \(-\text{nitrile group,}\)
- \(-\text{aryl group,}\)
- \(-\text{or a C}_{1-6} \text{ haloalkyl group,}\)
- \( m \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( L \) is \(-\text{OR}^{10}-\) or \(-\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^{11}-\),
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^8 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^9 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or \(-\text{OR}^{10}-\), and
- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group or an aryl group.

35. The process of claim 25, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

\[
E \begin{array}{c}
\text{CoZ}_n \\
\text{L} \\
\text{L} \\
\text{L}
\end{array}
\]

wherein

- \( Z \) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( E \) is \(-\text{CH}_2-\) or \(-\text{C}(\text{O})R^{10}\) or \(-\text{NR}^7-\) or \(-\text{S}-\) or \(-\text{O}-\) or \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^7-\),
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^7-,\)
- \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^7-,\)
- \(-\text{C}(\text{O})R^8-,\)
- \(-\text{nitrile group,}\)
- \(-\text{aryl group,}\)
- \(-\text{or a C}_{1-6} \text{ haloalkyl group,}\)
- \( m \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^8 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^9 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or \(-\text{OR}^{10}-\), and
- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group or an aryl group.
37. The process of claim 25, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

\[
E = R(R^9)_{2n}
\]

wherein
- \( Z \) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( E \) is \(-CH_2\), \(-C(R^{10})_{2n}\), \(-NR^7\), \(-S\), or \(-O\),
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-OR^7\), \(-NR^7R^7\), \(-C(=O)R^8\), a nitrile group, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \( C_1-C_6 \) haloalkyl group,
- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^8 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-OR^7\), \(-NR^7R^7\), or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^9 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or \(-OR^{10}\), and
- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group or an aryl group.

38. The process of claim 25, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

\[
E = L
\]

wherein
- \( Z \) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( E \) is \(-CH_2\), \(-C(R^{10})_{2n}\), \(-NR^7\), \(-S\), or \(-O\),
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-OR^7\), \(-NR^7R^7\), \(-C(=O)R^8\), a nitrile group, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \( C_1-C_6 \) haloalkyl group,
- \( m \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( L \) is \(-OR^{10}\) or \(-NR^{10}R^{10}\),
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^8 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-OR^7\), \(-NR^7R^7\), or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, and
- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group or an aryl group.

39. The process of claim 25, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

\[
Z = E - L
\]

wherein
- \( Z \) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-OR^7\), \(-NR^7R^7\), \(-C(=O)R^8\), a nitrile group, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \( C_1-C_6 \) haloalkyl group,
- \( m \) is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^8 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-OR^7\), \(-NR^7R^7\), or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group,
- \( R^9 \) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-OR^7\), \(-NR^7R^7\), or a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, and
- \( R^{10} \) is, individually for each occurrence, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group or an aryl group.

40. The process of claim 25, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

\[
Z = E - L
\]

wherein
- \( Z \) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, or an aryl group,
- \( n \) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- \( R^7 \) is, individually for each occurrence, a halogen, \(-OR^7\), \(-NR^7R^7\), \(-C(=O)R^8\), a nitrile group, a \( C_1-C_6 \) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \( C_1-C_6 \) haloalkyl group,
- \( m \) is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,
B is \(-\text{P}(R^8)\), \(-\text{OR}^9\) or \(-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}\).

R\(^7\) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group.

R\(^8\) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-\text{OR}^7\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group.

R\(^9\) is, individually for each occurrence, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or \(-\text{OR}^{10}\).

R\(^{10}\) is, individually for each occurrence, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group or an aryl group.

\(R^{11}\) and \(R^{12}\) are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group, or \(R^{11}\) and \(R^{12}\), together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group, and

\(R^{13}\) and \(R^{14}\) are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group, or \(R^{13}\) and \(R^{14}\), together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group.

\(R^{15}\) and \(R^{16}\) are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group, or \(R^{15}\) and \(R^{16}\), together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group.

\(R^7\) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, and

\(R^8\) is, individually for each occurrence, hydrogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group.

\(41\). The process of claim 25, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises a complex defined by the formula below

\[
\text{Co} \equiv \text{B} \equiv \text{Z} \equiv \text{R}^1 \equiv \text{R}^2 \equiv \text{R}^3 \equiv \text{R}^4
\]

\(\text{wherein}\)

\(Z\) is, independently for each occurrence, a halide, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, or an aryl group,

\(n\) is 0, 1, 2, or 3,

\(B\) is \(-\text{P}(\text{R}^8)\), \(-\text{OR}^{10}\) or \(-\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^{10}\).

\(R^9\) is, individually for each occurrence, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or \(-\text{OR}^{10}\).

\(R^{10}\) is, individually for each occurrence, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group or an aryl group.

\(R^{11}\) and \(R^{12}\) are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group, or \(R^{11}\) and \(R^{12}\), together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group, and

\(R^{13}\) and \(R^{14}\) are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group, or \(R^{13}\) and \(R^{14}\), together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group.

\(R^{15}\) and \(R^{16}\) are each individually selected from hydrogen, a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group, or \(R^{15}\) and \(R^{16}\), together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a phenyl ring, optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents individually selected from a halogen, \(-\text{OR}^{7}\), \(-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8\), \(-\text{C}(\equiv\text{O})\text{R}^8\), a nitrile group, a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) alkyl group, an aryl group, or a \(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\) haloalkyl group.

\(42\). The process of claim 25, wherein the catalytic cobalt complex comprises \(\text{Py}_3\text{Co(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_3}\) \([\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}_2]\) and \((\eta^6\text{-toluene})\), an N-heterocyclic carbene-ligated cobalt complex, or a combination thereof.

\(43\). The process of claim 25, wherein the aromatic substrate is contacted with the catalytic cobalt complex and the borylation reagent at a temperature of from greater than 25°C to 80°C.