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Regioselective C(sp³)-H borylation *via* a diarylboryl anion
surrogate in sp²-sp³ diboranes(5)

This paper reports a regioselective C(sp³)-H borylation of sp²-sp³ diboranes(5) enabled by a highly reactive [B(o-tolyl)₂]⁻ surrogate. The surrogate preferentially inserts into α -C(sp³)-H bonds of alkyl substituents, furnishing a series of 1,1-diborylalkyl compounds. When the substrate lacks α -C(sp³)-H bonds, the process switches to β -C(sp³)-H activation.

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