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(57) Abstract: One aspect of the present invention relates to methods for functionalization of 2-arylpyridine and arylpyrazoles with organoboron reagents in the presence of a transition metal catalyst to furnish alkylated arylpyridines and arylpyrazoles via regioselective functionalization of sp^2 -hybridized C-H bonds at a position ortho to the point of attachment of the pyridine or pyrazole ring to the aromatic nucleus, hi other embodiments, the present invention provides for alkylation of sp^3 -hybridized C-H bonds in alkylpyridines.



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Continuation of Box II Reason 2:

In these claims, the numerous variables and their voluminous, complex meanings and their seemingly endless permutations and combinations, make it virtually impossible to determine the full scope and complete meaning of the claimed subject matter. As presented, the claimed subject matter cannot be regarded as being a clear and concise description for which protection is sought and as such the listed claims do not comply with the requirements of PCT Article 6. Thus it is impossible to carry out a meaningful search on same. As search will be made on the first discernable invention of claim 207, the first compound recited therein.