#### **Supporting Information**

### Iron-Catalyzed Reductive Vinylation of Tertiary Alkyl Oxalates with Activated Vinyl Halides

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#### **I. Experimental Section**

#### Part 1. General Information

#### 1. Chemicals and Reagents

All manipulations were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen using standard Schlenk or glove box techniques. CH<sub>3</sub>CN (99.9%, extra dry, Acros) was purchased and used directly. Deuterated solvents were used as received (CDCl<sub>3</sub> from Maclin Co., China). Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub> (Alfa Aesar), Fe(acac)<sub>2</sub> (Alfa Aesar), FeCl<sub>3</sub> (Alfa Aesar), Fe(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (Strem), Fe(Ac)<sub>2</sub> (Alfa Aesar), Co(acac)<sub>2</sub> (Alfa Aesar), CuI (Alfa Aesar) were used as received. Zinc powder (Aladdin) was activated with hydrochloric acid before use. Anhydrous MgCl<sub>2</sub> (Alfa Aesar) and anhydrous LiCl (Alfa Aesar) were purchased and used directly. PBI (2-(2-pyridyl)benzimidazole (>98%, Alfa Aesar) was purchased and used directly. Procedures for the synthesis of the ligands, tertiary alkyl oxalates and vinyl bromides used in this study have been reported in our previous publications,<sup>1</sup> or purchased and used directly. Unless otherwise noted, starting materials, and other reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.

#### 2. Physical Method

Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 200-300 mesh (purchased from Qingdao-Haiyang Co., China) as the solid support. All NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 600 MHz spectrometer, or a JEOL 400 MHz at STP, unless otherwise indicated. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are reported in δ units, parts per million (ppm) relative to the chemical shift of residual solvent. Reference peaks for chloroform in <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were set at 7.26 ppm and 77.16 ppm, respectively. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using a Bruker APEXIII 7.0 Tesla Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry (FT-ICR-MS) and IonSpec 4.7 Tesla FT-MS instruments. Melting points were recorded on a micro melting point apparatus (X-4, YUHUA Co., Ltd, Gongyi, China). GC chromatograms were recorded on a GCMS-QP2010 SE (SHIMADZU) using an Agilent column CP7502 and Rxi-5 ms (Restek).

#### Part 2. Details of Optimization and Control Experiments

#### 1. Typical procedure for optimization of the vinylation reaction conditions: Alkyl oxalate, Zn, the

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chosen ligand, the Fe catalyst, and MgCl<sub>2</sub> were added to a flame-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar under air. The tube was capped with a rubber septum, and it was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) three times. Vinyl bromide (the limiting reagent, 0.15 mmol) and a solvent were then added via syringes. After the reaction mixture was allowed to stir in an oil bath overnight under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 25 °C, it was directly loaded onto a silica column without work-up. The residue in the reaction vessel was rinsed with small amount of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> or eluent. A quick flash column offered a mixture of the product with other impurities. The yield was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy using 2,5-dimethyl furan as the internal standard, unless otherwise noted.

**Table S1**. Optimization for the reaction of **1a** with vinyl bromide.



14	MgCl <sub>2</sub> (100%)	21
15	PBI (50%)	67
16	$Fe(acac)_3(5\%)$	61
17	LiCl instead of MgCl <sub>2</sub>	$\mathrm{ND}^b$
18	Mg(OTf) <sub>2</sub> instead of MgCl <sub>2</sub>	$ND^b$

<sup>*a*</sup> NMR yield using 2,5-dimethyl furan as the internal standard from a mixture containing other impurities after a quick flash column chromatography; <sup>*b*</sup> Not detected.

2. Vinylation of 1a with 2a using the previously developed Ni-catalyzed conditions using DMA as the solvent.



#### Part 3. Preparation of Alkyl Oxalates

A general procedure for the preparation of tertiary alkyl oxalates: The tertiary alkyl oxalates were prepared according to a literature procedure from the corresponding tertiary alcohols.<sup>1f,2</sup> To a solution of alcohol (10.0 mmol, 100 mol%) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.81 mL, 12.0 mmol, 120 mol%), DMAP (0.12 g, 1.0 mmol, 10 mol%) at 0 °C in an ice bath. Following this, ethyl oxalyl chloride (1.10 mL, 12.0 mmol, 120 mol%) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, washed with water, saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and brine. The organic phase was collected, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatograph to afford the product as a solid or oil.



3-(2-Methoxy-2-oxoacetoxy)-3-methylbutyl methyl

V Me O The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 5% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 80% yield (2.8 g, 8.0 mmol) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (q, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 4.49 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.4, 165.8, 158.7, 156.7, 134.1, 133.9, 129.7, 129.7, 85.4, 61.3, 53.4, 52.6, 38.9, 26.2.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>8</sub>: 353.1231. Found: 353.1225.

**M.p.**: 56-57 °C.



#### 4-((4-Bromobenzoyl)oxy)-2-methylbutan-2-yl methvl

procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 5% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 70% yield (2.6 g, 7.0 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

**<u>H NMR</u>** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz,

2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (s, 6H).

 $\frac{^{13}\text{C NMR}}{^{13}\text{C NMR}} (150 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta 165.7, 158.6, 156.6, 131.7, 131.1, 128.9, 128.1, 85.3, 61.1, 53.3, 38.8, 26.1.$ 

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrO<sub>6</sub>: 373.0281. Found: 373.0284.



# 4-((4-Iodobenzoyl)oxy)-2-methylbutan-2-ylmethyloxalate (6a).The title compound was prepared according the general

procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 5% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 76% yield (3.2 g, 7.6 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.78 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.34 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (s, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.0, 158.7, 156.7, 137.9, 131.1, 129.6, 100.9, 85.4, 61.1, 53.4, 38.9, 26.2.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>IO<sub>6</sub>: 421.0143. Found: 421.0144.



#### 4-((4-Cyanobenzoyl)oxy)-2-methylbutan-2-yl methyl

oxalate (7a).

The title compound was prepared according the general

procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 5% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 88% yield (2.8 g, 8.8 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.09 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.34 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (s, 6H).

 $\frac{^{13}C \text{ NMR}}{^{13}C \text{ NMR}} (150 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta 164.9, 158.6, 156.6, 133.9, 132.3, 130.1, 117.9, 116.5, 85.2, 61.6, 53.4, 38.9, 26.1.$ 

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>6</sub>: 342.0948. Found: 342.0954.



4-((Furan-2-carbonyl)oxy)-2-methylbutan-2-yl methyl oxalate (8a).

The title compound was prepared according the general

procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography ( $SiO_2$ : 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 81% yield (2.3 g, 8.1 mmol) as a yellow liquid.

**<u>1</u>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.54 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.7, 158.5, 156.6, 146.5, 144.6, 118.1, 111.9, 85.3, 60.7, 53.4, 38.9, 26.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: 285.0969. Found: 285.0971.



The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 78% yield (2.3 g, 7.8 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.71 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, 1H), 4.37 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.26 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  161.9, 158.5, 156.5, 133.5, 133.4, 132.5, 127.7, 85.2, 60.8, 53.2, 38.8, 25.9.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S: 301.0740. Found: 301.0746.



#### 4-(4,5-Diphenyloxazol-2-yl)-2-methylbutan-2-yl methyl oxalate (14a).

Methyl (2-methyl-4-((thiophene-2-carbonyl)oxy)butan-2-yl)

The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column

chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 83% yield (3.3 g, 8.3 mmol) as a yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 6H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.99 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (s, 6H).

 $^{13}$ C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.6, 158.8, 156.7, 145.5, 135.2, 132.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 126.6, 85.9, 53.4, 37.9, 25.6, 23.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 394.1649. Found: 394.1648.

#### Methyl (2-methylnonadec-10-en-2-yl) oxalate (15a).

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The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column

chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 80% yield (3.2 g, 8.0 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.38–5.31 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.00 (dd, J = 12.9, 6.6 Hz, 4H), 1.85–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.52 (s, 6H), 1.32–1.26 (m, 22H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

<u>1<sup>3</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.2, 156.9, 130.1, 129.9, 87.6, 53.3, 40.6, 32.0, 29.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 27.4, 27.3, 25.8, 23.9, 22.8, 14.2.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 383.3156. Found: 383.3155.

#### 6-Bromo-2-methylhexan-2-yl methyl oxalate (16a).



The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10%

ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 78% yield (2.2 g, 7.8 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.85 (s, 3H), 3.40 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.89–1.80 (m, 4H), 1.56–1.47 (m, 8H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.0, 156.8, 87.0, 53.4, 39.6, 35.5, 32.7, 25.7, 22.5.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+K]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrKO<sub>4</sub>: 320.9922. Found: 320.9935.



### 1-(4-(Benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-methylpropan-2-yl methyl oxalate (18a).

The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 93% yield (3.2 g, 9.3 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.44 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 2H), 1.53 (s, 6H).

<u><sup>13</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.0, 157.9, 156.9, 137.2, 131.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 114.6, 87.1, 70.2, 53.4, 45.9, 25.4.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+K]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>KO<sub>5</sub>: 381.1099. Found: 381.1117.

**<u>M.p.</u>**: 66-67 °C.



**1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-methylpropan-2-yl methyl oxalate (19a).** The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10%

ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 90% yield (2.4 g, 9.0 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.27 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 2H), 1.53 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.8, 156.7, 134.8, 132.9, 132.0, 128.4, 86.3, 53.4, 46.2, 25.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNaO<sub>4</sub>: 293.0551. Found: 253.0565.



#### 1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropan-2-yl methyl oxalate (23a).

The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10%

ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 89% yield (2.4 g, 8.9 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.21 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 2H), 1.54 (s, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.0, 157.9, 156.7, 132.6, 128.2, 125.0, 120.2, 110.5, 87.5, 55.1, 53.2, 39.2, 25.6.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+K]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>KO<sub>5</sub>: 305.0786. Found: 305.0796.



### 1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropan-2-yl methyl oxalate (24a).

The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.20 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83–6.78 (m, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.08 (s, 2H), 1.55 (s, 6H).

<u>1<sup>3</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.5, 158.9, 156.8, 137.9, 128.1, 123.2, 116.3, 112.5, 86.8, 55.2, 53.4, 46.9, 25.5.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 267.1227. Found: 267.1228.



MeO  $\sim$  O The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 73% yield (1.9 g, 7.3 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.04 (s, 2H), 1.52 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.9, 158.6, 156.8, 131.7, 128.4, 113.6, 87.0, 55.3, 53.4, 45.9, 25.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 267.1227. Found: 267.1228.



1-(1-(Tert-butoxycarbonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-2-y l methyl oxalate (28a).

The title compound was prepared according the general procedure.

After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 78% yield (2.9 g, 7.8 mmol) as a pale yellow liquid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.13 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, J = 12.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 2H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.62 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.9, 156.9, 149.8, 131.4, 125.3, 124.3, 122.5, 119.6, 115.3, 115.2, 100.1, 86.9, 83.7, 53.4, 36.1, 28.3, 25.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: 376.1755. Found: 376.1757.



1-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methylpropan-2-yl methyl oxalate (31a).

The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography ( $SiO_2$ : 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 80% yield (2.2 g, 8.0 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.74 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.99 (s, 2H), 1.51 (s, 6H).

<u>1<sup>3</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.8, 156.7, 147.4, 146.5, 129.9, 123.7, 110.9, 107.9, 100.9, 86.7, 53.3, 46.5, 25.3.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: 281.1019. Found: 281.1012.



Methyl-((5*R*)-2-methyl-5-((8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,1 4*S*,17*R*)-3,7,12-trimethoxy-10,13-dimethylhe xadecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)hexan-2-yl) oxalate (38a).

The title compound was prepared from cholic acid and according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 73% yield (4.0 g, 7.3 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**HNMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.85 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.13 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.02–2.95 (m, 1H), 2.18 (dd, J = 24.9, 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.12–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.93 (q, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.88–1.70 (m, 8H), 1.67 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 6H), 1.43–1.23 (m, 5H), 0.89 (s, 6H), 0.64 (s, 3H).

<u><sup>13</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.9, 156.9, 87.9, 82.1, 80.9, 55.9, 55.8, 55.5, 53.3, 46.2, 46.2, 42.8, 42.1, 39.8, 36.7, 35.5, 35.4, 35.0, 34.6, 29.6, 28.1, 27.9, 27.5, 26.8, 25.9, 25.7, 23.3, 22.9, 17.9, 12.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>54</sub>NaO<sub>7</sub>: 573.3761. Found: 573.3758.



#### 3-Ethyl-1-phenylpentan-3-yl methyl oxalate (41a).

The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl

acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 69% yield (1.9 g, 6.9 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.17 (m, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.60 (t, J = 14.5 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (t, J = 14.5 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.1, 156.7, 141.7, 128.6, 128.4, 126.1, 92.8, 53.3, 36.4, 29.8, 27.2, 7.8.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+K]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>KO<sub>4</sub>: 317.1150. Found: 317.1164.



#### Methyl (4-phenethylheptan-4-yl) oxalate (42a).

The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. Me After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 65% yield (2.0 g, 6.5 mmol) as a

colorless liquid.

<u>**H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (t, J = 14.5 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.42–1.30 (m, 4H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  159.1, 156.7, 141.6, 128.5, 128.4, 126.1, 92.2, 53.3, 37.4, 37.3, 29.9, 16.8, 14.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+K]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>KO<sub>4</sub>: 345.1463. Found: 345.1468.

#### Methyl (1-phenylcyclopropyl) oxalate (43a).



The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in

petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 68% yield (1.5 g, 6.8 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

**<u><b>HNMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.41 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.67–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.43–1.41 (m, 2H), 1.31–1.29 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.2, 157.3, 138.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.3, 126.4, 63.2, 53.6, 21.9, 14.2.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 221.0808. Found: 221.0817.

(3aR,8aR)-8-Benzyl-1-methyl-3a-(2-methoxy-2-oxoacetoxy)-3,3a-dih ydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1,8(2H,8aH)-dicarboxylate (47a).



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The title compound was prepared according the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 76% yield (3.5 g, 7.6 mmol) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.79 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dt, *J* = 20.8, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 5.20 3H), 2.93 (td, *J* = 12.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (td, *J* = 12.3, 8.3 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 157.6, 156.2, 153.2, 144.2, 135.9, 131.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 126.9, 125.3, 124.3, 116.8, 100.1, 79.9, 68.1, 53.8, 53.6, 52.9, 45.3, 0.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>: 455.1449. Found: 455.1455.

**M.p.**: 145-146 °C.



### O,O'-(1,4-Phenylenebis(2-methylpropane-2, Me 1-diyl)) dimethyl dioxalate (48a).

The title compound was prepared according

the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 63% yield (2.5 g, 6.3 mmol) as a yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.16 (s, 4H), 3.87 (s, 6H), 3.08 (s, 4H), 1.53 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.9, 156.9, 134.9, 130.5, 86.9, 53.4, 46.4, 25.5.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ( $[M+Na]^+$ ) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>8</sub>: 417.1520. Found: 417.1537.

<u>М.р.</u>: 134-135 °С.



### 1S,2S,3R,5S)-3-(Allyloxy)-2,5,6,6-tetramethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hepta o n-2-yl methyl oxalate (49d).

title compound was prepared from (1S,2S,3R,5S)-(+)-2,3-pinanediol and according the literature<sup>3a</sup> and the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 46% yield (1.4 g, 4.6 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

**<u>1</u>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.91 (dq, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.85–3.83 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.39–2.32 (m, 1H), 2.23–2.15 (m, 1H), 1.96 (s, 1H), 1.86–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.3, 156.6, 135.1, 117.0, 90.1, 76.3, 71.5, 53.3, 52.1, 39.9, 38.7, 34.9, 28.0, 27.4, 26.2, 23.9.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 297.1696. Found: 297.1696.



# 1-(Cyclohex-2-en-1-yloxy)-2-methylpropan-2-yl methyl oxalate (49e).

O The title compound was prepared according the literature<sup>3a</sup> and the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 37% yield (0.9 g, 3.7 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.78 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.61 (dd, J = 35.7, 9.9 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (dd, J = 54.9, 16.9 Hz, 2H), 1.82–1.52 (m, 4H), 1.48 (s, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.7, 156.6, 130.9, 127.6, 85.8, 73.6, 72.8, 53.2, 28.1, 25.1, 23.1, 19.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 257.1383. Found: 257.1383.



### 1-(Cyclopent-1-en-1-ylmethoxy)-2-methylpropan-2-yl methyl OMe oxalate (49g).

O The title compound was prepared according the literature<sup>3</sup> and the general procedure. After purification by a flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 62% yield (1.6 g, 6.2 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.61 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 2.29 (dd, J = 22.3, 15.5 Hz, 4H), 1.95–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.54 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.9, 156.7, 141.3, 127.9, 85.9, 74.8, 70.4, 53.4, 32.9, 32.5, 23.4, 23.2.

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 257.1384. Found: 257.1388.

#### Part 4. Preparation of Vinyl Bromides

#### A general procedure for the preparation of vinyl bromides:

Step 1: The Ramirez protocol for the Wittig-type dibromoolefination.<sup>4</sup>

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ R \\ H \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} CBr_4 (150 \text{ mol}\%) \\ PPh_3 (300 \text{ mol}\%) \\ \hline CH_2Cl_2 \quad 0^\circ C \end{array}} R \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} Br \\ Br \end{array}} Br$$

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To a flame-dried flask was added aldehyde (20 mmol, 100 mol%), CBr<sub>4</sub> (30 mmol, 150 mol%), and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (80 mL). The flask was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath, at which point a solution of PPh<sub>3</sub> (60 mmol, 300 mol%) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (70 mL) was added dropwise via addition funnel over 30 min. The solution was stirred at 0 °C under N<sub>2</sub> for 1 h. About half of the volume of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was removed under reduced pressure. Pentane (100 mL) was added, and triphenylphosphine oxide (TPPO) precipitated out. After filtration and evaporation of the solvent, the residue was dissolved in pentane (50 mL) which led to further precipitation of TPPO. Filtration and evaporation of the solvent afforded the crud dibromide which was directly used for the next step.

Step 2: Hayes protocol of the Hirao reaction.<sup>5</sup>

$$R \xrightarrow[Br]{Br} Br \frac{Et_3N (300 \text{ mol}\%)}{0 \text{ to } 25^{\circ}\text{C}} R \xrightarrow[Fr]{Br}$$

To a solution of the crude dibromide (~ 20.0 mmol, 100 mol%) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (60 mmol, 300 mol%) in DMF (20 mL) was added dimethyl phosphonate (60.0 mmol, 300 mol%). The solution was stirred over night at room temperature. Water (60 mL) was added to the mixture, which was extracted with pentane ( $2 \times 100$  mL). The combined organic phases were washed with an aqueous solution of HCl (1 M, 55 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography.

Step 3: Selective destruction of the (Z)-isomer as reported by Dolby.<sup>6</sup>

The crude product (~20.0 mmol, 100 mol %) from the previous step was dissolved in *i*-PrOH (30 mL). Solid NaOH (17.0 mmol, 85 mol%) was added and the mixture was heated to reflux for 1.5 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with pentane (100 mL), and partitioned with distillated H<sub>2</sub>O ( $2 \times 100$  mL). The organic phase was collected, and washed with an aqueous solution of HCl (1 M, 75 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography.



#### (E)-(2-Chlorovinyl)benzene (2a-Cl).

This compound was prepared from cinnamic acid (2.96 g, 20.0 mmol) according to the literature.<sup>7</sup> The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in 52% yield (0.7 g, 5.2 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.38–7.27 (m, 5H), 6.85 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 137.3, 136.1, 128.9, 128.4, 126.2, 106.2.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl: 139.0309. Found: 139.0310.

(E)-1-Bromo-4-(2-bromovinyl)benzene (2h).

Br This compound was prepared according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in 83% yield (2.2 g, 8.3 mmol) as a pale yellow solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 136.2, 134.9, 132.1, 127.7, 122.3, 107.5.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>: 260.8909. Found: 260.8910.

<u>М.р.</u>: 69-70 °С.

#### (E)-1-(2-Bromovinyl)-4-iodobenzene (2i).

This compound was prepared according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in 73% yield (2.2 g, 7.3 mmol) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.65 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.06–6.99 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  138.0, 136.3, 127.9, 107.6, 93.9, 88.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrI: 308.8770. Found: 308.8765.

<u>М.р.</u>: 92-93 °С.

#### (E)-4-(2-Bromovinyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline (2j).



This compound was prepared from according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes) to give

the title compound in 84% yield (1.9 g, 8.4 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.18 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 150.5, 137.1, 127.3, 124.4, 112.4, 101.6, 40.5.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrN: 226.0226. Found: 226.0227.

<u>М.р.</u>: 118-119 °С.



### (*E*)-2-(4-(2-Bromovinyl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaboro lane (2k).

This compound was prepared according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in 65% yield (2.0 g, 6.5 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 138.5, 137.3, 135.4, 125.5, 107.9, 84.0, 25.0.

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BBrO<sub>2</sub>: 309.0656. Found: 309.0651.

<u>М.р.</u>: 36-37 °С.

#### (E)-1-(2-Iodovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (2n-I).

<sup>II</sup> This compound was prepared according to the literature<sup>9</sup>. The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in 62% yield (1.6 g, 6.2 mmol) as a pale yellow solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.9, 144.4, 130.9, 127.4, 114.2, 73.7, 55.5.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>IO: 260.9771. Found: 260.9773.

<u>М.р.</u>: 95-96 °С.

#### (Z)-1-(2-Bromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (Z-2n).

Br CoMe This compound was prepared according to the literature<sup>9</sup>. The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in 62% yield (1.3 g, 6.2 mmol) as a pale yellow oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.66 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.6, 131.7, 130.6, 127.7, 113.7, 104.3, 55.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrO: 212.9909. Found: 212.9913.

#### (*E*)-2-(2-Bromovinyl)-1,3-difluorobenzene (20).



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This compound was prepared according to general grocedure. The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in

77% yield (1.7 g, 7.7 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 7.25–7.17 (m, 3H), 6.90–6.86 (m, 2H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  161.7 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 159.2 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 129.1 (t, J = 10.7 Hz), 123.9 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 113.8 (t, J = 9.3 Hz), 112.0–111.6 (m).

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>BrF<sub>2</sub>: 218.9616. Found: 218.9613.

#### (E)-2-(2-Bromovinyl)thiophene (2r).

This compound was prepared according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in 53% yield (1.0 g, 5.3 mmol) as a brown oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.23–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup><u>C NMR</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  140.0, 130.4, 127.6, 126.2, 125.2, 105.3. **<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>BrS: 188.9368. Found: 188.9370.

(E)-2-(2-Bromovinyl)furane (2s).

This compound was prepared according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in 60% yield (1.0 g, 6.0 mmol) as a brown oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.40–7.34 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 6.41–6.34 (m, 1H), 6.26 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 151.2, 142.7, 125.5, 111.5, 108.8, 105.4.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>BrO: 172.9596. Found: 2175.9594.



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(E)-(2-Bromovinyl) ferrocene (2t).

This compound was prepared according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title

compound in 50% yield (1.5 g, 5.0 mmol) as a red brown oil.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.81 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 4.15 (s, 5H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 135.0, 101.3, 69.4, 69.2, 66.6.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrFe: 290.9466. Found: 290.9468.



#### Methyl 4-(2,2-difluorovinyl)benzoate (2u).

F COOMe This compound was prepared according to the literature.<sup>8</sup> The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in 62% yield (1.2 g, 6.2 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (dd, J = 25.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 158.9–154.9 (m), 135.3, 130.1, 128.7, 127.6 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.5 Hz), 82.2 (dd, J = 29.8, 13.1 Hz), 52.3.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 199.0565. Found: 199.0564.

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2-Bromoethene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (2x).

This compound was prepared according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in

73% yield (1.9 g, 7.3 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.24 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.9, 140.9, 139.2, 129.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 105.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Br: 259.0117. Found: 259.0118.

<u>М.р.</u>: 51-52 °С.



#### (E)-((2-Bromovinyl)oxy)benzene (2y).

This compound was prepared according to general procedure. The crude residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (hexanes) to give the title compound in 53% yield (1.1 g, 5.3 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.39–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 156.7, 144.1, 129.9, 123.9, 116.9, 88.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>: 198.9753. Found: 198.9753.

Preparation of (2-bromovinyl)cyclopropane.<sup>10</sup>

Cyclopropanecarboxaldehyde (10 g, 0.14 mol), malonic acid (16 g, 0.15 mol) and pyridine (20 mL,) were heated for 6 hours at 100 °C in an oil bath under N<sub>2</sub>. The cooled mixture was acidified with 10% of  $H_2SO_4$  (500 mL) and cooled in an ice-bath. The precipitate was collected and washed with water to give the acid as colorless needles (6.1 g, 54% yield).

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  10.72 (s, 1H), 6.52 (dd, J = 15.3, 10.3 Hz, 1H)), 5.89 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H)), 1.68–1.54 (m, 1H)), 1.05–0.93 (m, 2H)), 0.73– 0.63 (m, 2H)).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 172.4, 157.4, 117.6, 14.8, 9.2.



To a stirred suspension of diacetoxyiodobenzene (IBD) (18 g, 55 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 ml) was added tertraethylammonium bromide (TEAB) (12 g, 55 mmol) in one portion. The resultant mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min followed by addition of 3-cyclopropylacrylic acid (5.6 g, 50 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred over night at room temperature until the starting material was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was distilled at atmospheric pressure to remove CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in an oil bath. Distillation of the crude mixture at 60°C in an oil bath afforded the desired vinyl bromide as a colorless oil (1.1 g, 15% yield, *Z*: E=1:1.1).

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.06–5.99 (m, 2H), 5.69 (dd, J = 13.5, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.89–1.77 (m, 1H), 1.48–1.37 (m, 1H), 0.88–0.82 (m, 2H), 0.78–0.71 (m, 2H), 0.51–0.46 (m, 2H), 0.46–0.42 (m, 2H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.6 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 138.9 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 104.8 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 101.4 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 14.5 (s), 12.58 (s), 6.9 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 6.5 (d, J = 1.5 Hz).

#### Part 5. Coupling of Tertiary Alkyl Oxalates with Vinyl Bromides

#### **1.** General Procedure (GP):

A flame-dried Schlenk tube was charged with a *tertiary* alkyl oxalate if it is a solid (0.225 mmol, 150 mol%), Zn (24.5 mg, 0.38 mmol, 250 mol%), Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub> (4.2 mg, 0.012 mmol, 8 mol%), MgCl<sub>2</sub> (28.5 mg, 0.30 mmol, 200 mol%), and PBI (29.3 mg, 0.45 mmol, 100 mol%). The tube was capped with a rubber septum. After being evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen three times, vinyl bromide (20.0 µL, 0.15 mmol, 100 mol%) and a *tertiary* alkyl oxalate if it is a liquid (0.225 mmol, 150 mol%) were added via syringes followed by addition of CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.4 mL), again via a syringe. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir in an oil bath overnight under a  $N_2$  atmosphere at 25 °C, and was directly loaded onto a silica gel column without work-up. The residue was rinsed with small amount of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> or the eluent and was transferred to a silica gel column. Flash column chromatography offered the product.

#### 2. Details of the Experimental Data

#### (E)-3,3-Dimethyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3a).



This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in <83% yield (36.6 mg, 0.125 mmol, contaminated with ~3%

of the *tert*-alkyl chloride derived from the oxalate) as a pale yellow oil.

This compound was also prepared according to the GP using (E)-(2-chlorovinyl)benzene (20.8) mg, 0.15 mmol, 100 mol%). After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 77% yield (34.0 mg, 0.116 mmol) as a pale yellow oil.

Following the *GP*, a gram scale reaction was preformed using *tertiary* alkyl oxalate **1a** (1.32 g, 4.5 mmol, 150 mol%), Zn (490 mg, 7.6 mmol, 250 mol%), Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub> (84 mg, 0.24 mmol, 8 mol%), MgCl<sub>2</sub> (570 mg, 6.0 mmol, 200 mol%), PBI (586 mg, 9.0 mmol, 100 mol%), vinyl bromide (0.4 mL, 3.0 mmol, 100 mol%) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10.0 mL). The title compound **3a** was isolated in 88% yield (0.8 g, 2.64 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.03 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.36 (m, 4H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.7, 139.5, 137.7, 132.9, 130.5, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 127.1, 126.5, 126.2, 62.6, 41.3, 35.6, 27.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 295.1693. Found: 295.1692.



methyl

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in <65% yield (34.4 mg, 0.098 mmol, contaminated with ~4% of the tert-alkyl chloride derived from the oxalate) as a white solid.

<u>**H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.03 (q, J = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 1.92 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.4, 165.9, 139.3, 137.7, 134.3, 133.9, 129.6, 129.6, 128.6, 127.2, 126.6, 126.2, 63.1, 52.5, 41.3, 35.6, 27.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 353.1747. Found: 353.1748.

**M.p.**: 64-65 °C.

# (*E*)-3,3-Dimethyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl 4-bromobenzoate

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 70% yield (39.2 mg, 0.105 mmol) as a white solid.

**<u>H NMR</u>** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.0, 139.4, 137.7, 131.7, 131.2, 129.3, 128.6, 127.9, 127.1, 126.5, 126.2, 62.8, 41.3, 35.6, 27.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>: 373.0797. Found: 373.0791.

**M.p.**: 51-52 °C.



#### (*E*)-3,3-Dimethyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl 4-iodobenzoate (6).

ph This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in

petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in <65% yield (40.9 mg, 0.098 mmol, contaminated with ~4% of the *tert*-alkyl chloride derived from the oxalate) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.0, 139.4, 137.7, 131.7, 131.2, 129.4, 128.6, 128.0, 127.2, 126.5, 126.2, 62.8, 41.4, 35.6, 27.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>: 421.0659. Found: 421.0651.

# NC (*E*)-3,3-Dimethyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl-4-cyano benzoate (7).

 $\ddot{O}$  This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 46% yield (44.1 mg, 0.069 mmol) as a colorless solid.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.03 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H).

 $\frac{^{13}C \text{ NMR}}{^{11}} (100 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3): \delta 165.1, 139.3, 137.6, 134.2, 132.2, 130.2, 128.7, 127.2, 126.5, 126.2, 118.2, 116.3, 63.4, 41.4, 35.6, 27.6.$ 

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 320.1645. Found: 320.1642.

M.p.: 56-57 °C.

#### (*E*)-3,3-Dimethyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl-furan-2-carboxylate (8).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 41% yield (17.5 mg, 0.062 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.52 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.9, 146.3, 144.9, 139.3, 137.7, 128.6, 127.1, 126.6, 126.3, 117.9, 118.9, 62.6, 41.3, 35.6, 27.6.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 285.1485. Found: 285.1475.



## (E)-3,3-Dimethyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl thiophene-2-carboxylate(9).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 60% yield (27.0 mg, 0.090 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.74 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06–7.03 (m, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  162.4, 139.4, 137.7, 134.2, 133.4, 132.3, 128.6, 127.8, 127.1, 126.7, 126.3, 62.8, 41.3, 35.6, 27.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 301.1257. Found: 301.1258.

#### (*E*)-(3,3-Dimethylpent-1-ene-1,5-diyl)dibenzene (10).



This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the

title compound was isolated in 61% yield (22.9 mg, 0.092 mmol) as a colorless solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.39 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 3H),

7.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (s, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.3, 140.3, 138.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 127.0, 126.4, 126.2, 125.7, 45.4, 36.6, 31.5, 27.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>: 251.1794. Found: 251.1793.

M.p.: 50-51 °C.



(*E*)-1-(3,3-Dimethyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl)-4-methoxy benzene (11).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 81% yield (34.1 mg, 0.122 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.38 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (s, 6H).

<u>1<sup>3</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 157.8, 140.4, 138.1, 135.4, 129.3, 128.6, 126.9, 126.3, 126.2, 113.9, 55.4, 45.7, 36.6, 30.5, 27.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O: 281.1900. Found: 281.1900.

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 67% yield (30.6 mg, 0.101 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.13 (s, 6H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H).

<u>1<sup>3</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.4, 138.1, 128.6, 126.9, 126.2, 125.9, 60.5, 45.7, 35.5, 27.8, 26.1, 18.4, -5.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>33</sub>OSi: 305.2295. Found: 305.2295.



## (*E*)-Tert-butyl((3,3-dimethyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl)oxy)dimethy lsilane (13).

This compound was prepared according to the GP using (E)-1-(4-(2-bromovinyl)phenyl)ethanone (33.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 100 mol%). After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 81% yield (46.9 mg, 0.122 mmol) as a yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.80 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.10 (s, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.0, 144.8, 141.9, 141.4, 133.1, 129.9, 129.9, 128.7, 127.9, 126.2, 126.1, 67.9, 52.2, 41.1, 35.7, 27.4, 21.7.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ( $[M+H]^+$ ) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S: 387.1625. Found: 387.1624.

**M.p.**: 60-61 °C.



# (*E*)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl)-4,5-diphenyloxazole (14).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification

by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in <74% yield (43.7 mg, 0.111 mmol, contaminated with  $\sim6\%$  of the *tert*-alkyl chloride derived from the oxalate) as a pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.58 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (ddd, J = 22.7, 11.5, 6.4 Hz, 8H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.9, 145.1, 139.1, 137.7, 135.2, 132.8, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.1, 126.9, 126.5, 126.2, 40.0, 36.4, 27.2, 24.3.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO: 394.2165. Found: 394.2161.



(1*E*,11*E*)-3,3-Dimethylicosa-1,11-dien-1-yl benzene (15).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 62% yield (35.6 mg, 0.093 mmol) as a colorless oil.

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<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.38–5.36 (m, 2H), 2.08–1.93 (m, 10H), 1.74 (dd, J = 10.4, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 16H), 1.10 (s, 6H), 0.90 (s, 3H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.1, 138.3, 130.5 (dd, J = 16.4, 11.8 Hz), 130.0 (dd, J = 16.6, 11.2 Hz), 128.6, 126.8, 126.1, 125.7, 71.4, 46.3, 43.5, 36.4, 32.6, 32.1, 30.6, 29.9, 29.7, 29.5, 29.4, 27.4, 25.3, 24.9, 22.9, 17.8, 14.3.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>47</sub>: 383.3672. Found: 383.3673



(E)-(7-Bromo-3,3-dimethylhept-1-en-1-yl)benzene (16).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 58% yield (24.5 mg, 0.087 mmol) as a yellow oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.88–1.81 (m, 2H), 1.44–1.37 (m, 4H), 1.11 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  140.4, 138.1, 128.6, 127.3, 126.9, 126.2, 42.4, 36.4, 33.9, 33.6, 27.3, 23.6.

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Br: 281.0899. Found: 281.0895



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#### (*E*)-(3,3-Dimethylbut-1-ene-1,4-diyl)dibenzene (17).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 80% yield (28.4 mg, 0.120 mmol) as a colorless solid.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.36 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.26 (m, 2H),

7.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 2H), 1.14 (s, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.3, 138.9, 138.2, 130.8, 128.6, 127.8, 126.9, 126.2, 126.1, 49.8, 37.5, 27.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>: 237.1638. Found: 237.1638.

M.p.: 47-48 °C.

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 67% yield (34.4 mg, 0.101 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.44 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 2.62 (s, 2H), 1.10 (s, 6H).

 $\frac{^{13}\mathbf{C} \text{ NMR}}{^{126.9}, 126.2, 126.1, 114.2, 70.1, 48.9, 37.5, 27.0.} (150 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta 157.4, 140.4, 138.2, 137.4, 131.6, 131.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.7, 126.9, 126.2, 126.1, 114.2, 70.1, 48.9, 37.5, 27.0.$ 

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O: 343.2056. Found: 343.2049.

**M.p.**: 72-73 °C.

Cl This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 71% yield (28.8 mg, 0.107 mmol) as a yellow oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.34–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.23–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (s, 2H), 2.65 (s, 2H), 1.11 (s, 6H).

<u><sup>13</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 139.7, 137.9, 137.3, 131.9, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1, 126.5, 126.2, 49.1, 37.4, 27.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>Cl: 271.1248. Found: 271.1246.

Ph (E)-1-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)-4-fluorobenzene (20).

F This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 74% yield (28.2 mg, 0.111 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33 (dt, J = 15.3, 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.22 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 2H), 1.11 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  139.9, 138.0, 137.5, 131.9 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 128.7, 127.1, 126.4, 126.2, 114.6, 114.5, 48.9, 37.4, 27.0.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ( $[M+H]^+$ ) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F: 255.1544. Found: 255.1543.

 $\mathsf{F}_{3}\mathsf{C} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{Ph}} (E)-1-(2,2-\mathsf{Dimethyl}-4-\mathsf{phenylbut}-3-\mathsf{en}-1-\mathsf{yl})-4-(\mathsf{trifluoromethyl})\mathsf{benz}$ ene (21).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 60% yield (27.4 mg, 0.090 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.25–7.17 (m, 3H), 6.20 (s, 2H), 2.73 (s, 2H), 1.12 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.0, 139.4, 137.8, 131.3, 130.9, 128.7, 127.2, 126.7, 126.2, 125.5, 124.7 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 49.5, 37.5, 27.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>: 305.1511. Found: 305.1505.

Ph (E)-4-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (22). This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 70% yield (32.8 mg, 0.105 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.60 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dt, J = 25.5, 7.5 Hz, 5H), 7.21 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 6.29 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 2H), 1.16 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.1, 140.1, 138.8, 137.9, 138.9, 131.0, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0, 126.9, 126.9, 126.4, 126.1, 126.1, 49.3, 37.4, 27.0.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>: 313.1951. Found: 313.1953.

M.p.: 58-59 °C.

(E)-1-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)-2-methoxybenzene (23). This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 46% yield (18.4 mg, 0.069 mmol) as a pale yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 18.3, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.74 (s, 2H), 1.12 (s, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.2, 141.1, 138.4, 132.6, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.7, 126.1, 125.1, 119.8, 110.4, 55.3, 42.3, 38.1, 27.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O: 267.1743. Found: 267.1746.

**M.p.**: 52-53 °C.

#### (*E*)-1-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)-3-methoxybenzene (24).



This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by

column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title

compound was isolated in <69% yield (27.6 mg, 0.104 mmol, contaminated with 8% of the *tert*-alkyl chloride derived from the oxalate) as a colorless oil.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78–6.72 (m, 2H), 6.69 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 2H), 1.13 (s, 6H).

 $\frac{^{13}\mathbf{C} \text{ NMR}}{^{11}} (150 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3): \delta 159.1, 140.5, 140.4, 138.1, 128.7, 128.6, 126.9, 126.2, 126.1, 123.3, 116.3, 111.6, 55.2, 49.9, 37.5, 27.2.$ 

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O: 267.1743. Found: 267.1746.

Ph (E)-1-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)-4-methoxy benzene (25).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 75% yield (29.9 mg, 0.113 mmol) as a pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 2H), 1.11 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.1, 140.4, 138.2, 131.6, 130.9, 128.6, 126.9, 126.2, 126.1, 113.2, 55.3, 48.9, 37.5, 27.0.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O: 267.1743. Found: 267.1747.



## (*E*)-1-(4-(3,3-Dimethyl-4-(thiophen-3-yl)but-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)eth anone (26).

This compound was prepared according to the GP using (E)-1-(4-(2-bromovinyl)phenyl)ethanone (33.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 100 mol%). After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 52% yield (22.2 mg, 0.078 mmol) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 1.17 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  167.2, 142.6, 142.5, 140.7, 130.1, 128.5, 126.9, 126.6, 126.3, 126.1, 123.9, 52.2, 43.6, 37.7, 27.0.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>OS: 285.1306. Found: 285.1301.

**M.p.**: 57-58 °C.

#### (E)-1-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)naphthalene (27).



This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the

title compound was isolated in 59% yield (25.3 mg, 0.089 mmol) as a colorless solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.09 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H),

7.46–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dt, *J* = 17.6, 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H).

<u><sup>13</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.7, 138.1, 135.3, 134.0, 133.3, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0, 126.9, 126.3, 125.6, 125.5, 125.3, 125.3, 125.1, 44.9, 38.4, 27.8.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>: 287.1794. Found: 287.1795.

**M.p.**: 47-48 °C.

(*E*)-Tert-butyl-3-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)-1H-indole-1-car boxylate (28).

Boc N This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 61% yield (34.4 mg, 0.092 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.12 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 6H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 2H), 6.32 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 6H), 1.19 (s, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.4, 137.9, 128.6, 126.9, 126.2, 126.1, 124.7, 124.3, 124.1, 122.6, 122.4, 119.9, 117.7, 115.3, 115.1, 38.3, 37.6, 32.6, 28.3, 27.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 376.2271. Found: 376.2271.



#### (*E*)-5-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)-1,2,3-trimethoxybenzen e (29).

<sup>1</sup>OMe This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 67% yield (32.8 mg, 0.101 mmol) as a colorless solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 2H), 6.26 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 2.62 (s, 2H), 1.13 (s, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 152.5, 140.2, 138.0, 136.5, 134.6, 128.7, 127.1, 126.3, 126.1, 107.8,
61.0, 56.1, 50.3, 37.6, 27.2.

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 327.1955. Found: 327.1956.

**M.p.**: 42-43 °C.

#### (E)-2,4-Dichloro-1-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)benzene (30).



This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the

title compound was isolated in 55% yield (25.2 mg, 0.083 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.09 (m, 2H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (s, 2H), 1.17 (s, 6H).

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<u>**13C NMR**</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  139.4, 137.8, 135.8, 135.3, 133.4, 132.5, 129.4, 128.7, 127.1, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 44.8, 38.6, 27.1.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ( $[M+H]^+$ ) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: 305.0858. Found: 305.0859



column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 71% yield (29.9 mg, 0.107 mmol) as a colorless solid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.32 (dt, J = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 2H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 2.60 (s, 2H), 1.10 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  147.1, 145.9, 140.3, 138.1, 132.6, 128.6, 126.9, 126.2, 126.1, 123.6, 111.1, 107.7, 100.8, 49.4, 37.5, 27.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 281.1536. Found: 281.1536.

**M.p.**: 47-48 °C.

#### (*E*)-(4-Methoxy-3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzene (32).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 60% yield (17.1 mg, 0.090 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.38 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz,

1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 2H), 1.14 (s, 6H).

 $\frac{13}{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  138.0, 137.9, 128.6, 127.0, 126.9, 126.3, 82.4, 59.6, 37.9, 24.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O: 191.1430. Found: 191.1431.

(*E*)-Benzyl (2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)carbamate (33). This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 70% yield (32.5 mg, 0.105 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.36 (dd, J = 10.0, 6.2 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 5H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.13 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  156.8, 137.3, 137.1, 136.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 126.3, 66.8, 51.4, 29.9, 25.0.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 310.1802. Found: 310.1805.

#### (*E*)-4,4-Dimethyl-6-phenylhex-5-en-2-one (34).

Ac  $\land$  This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 73% yield (22.1 mg, 0.110 mmol) as a pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.36 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  208.2, 139.1, 137.7, 128.7, 127.2, 126.4, 126.3, 55.8, 36.2, 32.3, 27.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O: 203.1431. Found: 203.1433.



# (*E*)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-2-yl)-6-methoxy-naphth alene (35).

MeO This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 42% yield (20.8 mg, 0.063 mmol) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.74–7.63 (m, 3H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J =

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<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.4, 139.7, 139.2, 138.3, 133.3, 129.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.7, 127.5, 127.0, 126.9, 126.2, 125.8, 118.7, 105.6, 55.5, 50.2, 40.0, 26.8, 24.9, 16.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O: 331.2056. Found: 331.2055.

**M.p.**: 70-71 °C.

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(E)-2-(2-Methyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (36).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the

title compound was isolated in 57% yield (22.4 mg, 0.086 mmol) as a pale yellow solid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.36 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (ddd, J = 14.6, 12.9, 5.9 Hz, 3H), 7.12 (dd, J = 5.3, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, J = 15.6, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (dd, J = 15.6, 9.9 Hz, 2H), 2.60–2.48 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR</u>** (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.5, 138.9, 138.1, 128.6, 127.0, 126.9, 126.2, 126.2, 124.5, 50.8, 38.3, 34.6, 25.8.</u>

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>: 263.1794. Found: 263.1792.

**M.p.**: 48-49 °C.



(3*S*,8*S*,9*S*,10*R*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-Dim ethyl-17-((*R*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,

4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradec

ahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl-((*E*)-3,3-dimethyl-6-phenylhex-5-en-1-yl) carbonate (37).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 65% yield (60.2 mg, 0.098 mmol) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48–4.39 (m, 1H), 4.15
(t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (ddd, *J* = 28.0, 14.4, 9.3 Hz, 3H), 1.99 (dd, *J* = 21.0, 18.0 Hz, 4H), 1.84 (ddd, *J* = 19.6, 17.6, 11.0 Hz, 7H), 1.61–1.42 (m, 12H), 1.27 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.8 Hz, 4H), 1.16 (s, 6H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.87–0.86 (m, 6H), 0.68 (s, 3H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.7, 139.6, 139.2, 137.7, 128.6, 127.1, 126.6, 126.3, 122.9, 65.3, 56.8, 56.3, 50.1, 50.1, 42.5, 41.1, 39.9, 39.7, 38.1, 36.9, 36.7, 36.3, 35.9, 35.4, 32.9, 32.0, 31.9, 28.4, 28.2, 27.8, 27.6, 27.6, 24.4, 23.9, 22.9, 22.7, 21.2, 19.4, 18.9, 12.0.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>65</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 617.4928. Found: 617.4931.

M.p.: 50-51 °C.



(8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-17-((*R*,*E*)-5,5-Dimethyl-7-ph enylhept-6-en-2-yl)-3,7,12-trimethoxy-10,13-dimethyl hexadecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthrene (38).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After

purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 56% yield (46.3 mg, 0.084 mmol) as a pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.16–3.11 (m, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 13.2, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.23–2.16 (m, 1H), 2.13–2.00 (m, 3H), 1.94 (dd, J = 12.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.84–1.67 (m, 10H), 1.51–1.43 (m, 3H), 1.34–1.24 (m, 6H), 1.07 (s, 6H), 0.89 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 6H), 0.63 (s, 3H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 141.3, 138.4, 128.6, 126.7, 126.1, 125.6, 82.2, 80.9, 55.9, 55.8, 55.5, 46.3, 46.2, 42.8, 42.1, 39.8, 39.1, 36.3, 35.9, 35.4, 35.1, 34.6, 30.5, 28.1, 27.9, 27.5, 27.2, 26.9, 23.3, 23.0, 22.1, 18.1, 12.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>59</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 551.4458. Found: 551.4459.

# Ph

#### (E)-(3-Ethyl-3-methyloct-1-en-1-yl)benzene (39).

\_\_\_\_\_ This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 46% yield (15.9 mg, 0.069 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (dt, J = 13.9, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.39–1.25 (m, 8H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

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<u>1<sup>3</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.1, 138.4, 128.9, 128.6, 126.8, 126.1, 41.2, 39.5, 33.8, 32.9, 24.0, 22.8, 22.8, 14.3, 8.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>: 231.2107. Found: 231.2109.



#### (*E*)-(3Ethyl-3-methyldec-1-en-1-yl)benzene (40).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 47% yield (18.3 mg, 0.071 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (dt, J = 14.0, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.39–1.25 (m, 12H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

<u>1<sup>3</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.1, 138.4, 128.6, 126.9, 126.8, 126.1, 41.2, 39.5, 33.8, 32.1, 30.7, 29.5, 24.4, 22.8, 22.8, 14.3, 8.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>31</sub>: 259.2420. Found: 259.2423.

Ph (E)-(3,3-Diethylpent-1-ene-1,5-diyl)dibenzene (41). This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated

in 40% yield (16.7 mg, 0.060 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.39 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 4H), 6.32 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (q, J = 13.3, Hz, 4H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.5, 139.1, 138.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 126.9, 126.1, 125.8, 42.3, 38.5, 30.4, 28.8, 8.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>: 279.2107. Found: 279.2109.



Ph

#### (*E*)-(3,3-Dipropylpent-1-ene-1,5-diyl)dibenzene (42).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title

compound was isolated in 28% yield (12.9 mg, 0.042 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 6.30 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.47–1.44 (m, 4H), 1.31–1.27 (m, 4H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.5, 139.7, 138.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 126.9, 126.1, 125.8,
 42.1, 39.6, 39.4, 30.5, 16.9, 15.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>31</sub>: 307.2420. Found: 307.2417.

#### (*E*)-(2-(1-Phenylcyclopropyl)vinyl)benzene (43).

 $\triangle$  This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 35% yield (11.6 mg, 0.053 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (dt, J = 15.1, 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.18–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.13 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.11 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.4, 137.9, 137.7, 130.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.9, 126.6, 125.9, 28.6, 15.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>: 221.1325. Found: 221.1326.

**M.p.**: 54-55 °C.

#### (*E*)-(2-(1-Phenethylcyclobutyl)vinyl)benzene (44).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 30% yield (11.8 mg, 0.045 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.41 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 6.40 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.19–2.12 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.87 (m, 6H).

<u><sup>13</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.1, 137.9, 137.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.2, 125.7, 44.9, 43.3, 31.9, 31.4, 15.8.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>: 263.1794. Found: 263.1794.

**M.p.**: 49-50 °C.

Ph

(*E*)-(2-(1-Methyl-4-phenylcyclohexyl)vinyl)benzene (45).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 50% yield (20.7 mg, 0.075 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.39 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (tt, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.85–1.56 (m, 8H), 1.22 (s, 3H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 147.6, 143.3, 138.3, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0, 126.9, 126.2, 126.1, 124.8,
 44.5, 37.6, 35.4, 29.8, 22.3.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>: 277.1951. Found: 277.1950.

**M.p.**: 60-61 °C.



#### (E)-1-Methyl-1-styrylcyclododecane (46).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title

compound was isolated in 37% yield (15.8 mg, 0.055 mmol) as a colorlss oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.36 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 1.47–1.33 (m, 22H), 1.04 (s, 3H).

<u><sup>13</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 141.6, 138.4, 128.6, 126.8, 126.1, 125.4, 38.7, 34.3, 26.9, 26.8, 26.3, 22.9, 22.4, 19.8.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>33</sub>: 285.2576. Found: 285.2572.



## (3a*R*,8a*R*)-8-Benzyl-1-methyl-3a-((*E*)-styryl)-3,3a-dihydropyrrolo[2, 3-b]indole-1,8(2H,8aH)-dicarboxylate (47).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by

column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 41% yield (28.0 mg, 0.062 mmol) as a colorless solid.

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**<u>1</u>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 8H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 5.23–5.24 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.02–2.93 (m, 1H), 2.3–2.26 (m, 2H).

 $\frac{^{13}\text{C NMR}}{^{128.3}, 127.9, 127.4, 126.6, 125.5, 124.2, 121.9, 117.0, 67.8, 53.6, 52.6, 46.3, 29.5, 0.1.}$ 

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 455.1965. Found: 455.1964.

**M.p.**: 44-45 °C.

# 1,4-Bis((*E*)-2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)-benzene (48).



Ph This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 63% yield (37.3 mg, 0.095 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.36–7.25 (m, 10H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd, J = 39.6, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (s, 4H), 1.10 (s, 12H).

<u>1<sup>3</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.5, 138.2, 136.4, 130.0, 128.6, 126.9, 126.2, 125.9, 49.4, 37.4, 27.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>35</sub>: 395.2733. Found: 395.2729.

M.p.: 72-73 °C.

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 65% yield (35.3 mg, 0.098 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.96 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, J = 10.4, 4.4 Hz, 3H), 7.41 (d, J =

8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.6, 142.2, 141.2, 132.9, 130.2, 129.6, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.2, 125.4 (q, J = 3.2 Hz), 125.2, 62.2, 41.2, 35.8, 27.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 363.1566. Found: 363.1567.

BzO (*E*)-5-(4-Acetylphenyl)-3,3-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3c). This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 95% yield (47.9 mg, 0.143 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.97 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (s, 2H), 4.37 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.93 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  167.1, 166.7, 142.4, 142.3, 132.9, 130.4, 129.9, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 126.1, 125.8, 62.4, 52.1, 41.3, 35.9, 27.5.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 337.1798. Found: 337.1799.

M.p.: 80-81 °C.

BZO (*E*)-Methyl-4-(5-(benzoyloxy)-3,3-dimethylpent-1-en-1-yl)benz oate (3d).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 86% yield (45.4 mg, 0.129 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.97 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (s, 2H), 4.37 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.93 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  167.1, 166.7, 142.4, 142.3, 132.9, 130.4, 129.9, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 126.1, 125.8, 62.4, 52.1, 41.3, 35.9, 27.5.

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 353.1747. Found: 353.1756.

M.p.: 81-82 °C.

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## Me (*E*)-3,3-Dimethyl-5-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)pent-4-en-1-yl-b enzoate (3e).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 70% yield (39.1 mg, 0.105 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.95 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 1.93 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.6, 143.9, 143.3, 138.4, 135.6, 133.0, 129.6, 128.4, 127.7, 126.9, 124.9, 62.3, 44.7, 41.2, 36.0, 27.4.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S: 373.1468. Found: 373.1464.

BzO (*E*)-5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3,3-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3f). This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated

in 72% yield (33.7 mg, 0.108 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.98 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 139.3, 132.9, 130.5, 129.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 125.4, 115.5, 115.4, 62.6, 41.4, 35.6, 27.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FO<sub>2</sub>: 313.1598. Found: 313.1601.

# (*E*)-5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3g).This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by

column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 84% yield (41.4 mg, 0.126 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.98 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.8 Hz,

2H), 7.25–7.22 (m, 4H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.7, 140.3, 136.3, 132.9, 132.6, 130.4, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 125.4, 62.5, 41.3, 35.7, 27.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>: 329.1302. Found: 329.1303.

Br (*E*)-5-(4-Bromophenyl)-3,3-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3h). This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 84% yield (47.0 mg, 0.126 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.97 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 13.0, 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 140.4, 136.7, 132.9, 131.7, 130.4, 129.7, 128.4, 127.8, 125.4, 120.7, 62.5, 41.3, 35.8, 27.6.

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>: 373.0798. Found: 373.0799.

M.p.: 48-49 °C.

BzO (*E*)-5-(4-Iodophenyl)-3,3-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3i). This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by

column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 64% yield (40.3 mg, 0.096 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.97 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (s, 2H), 4.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.7, 140.6, 137.6, 137.3, 132.9, 130.4, 129.7, 128.4, 128.1, 125.5, 92.1, 62.5, 41.3, 35.7, 27.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>: 421.0659. Found: 421.0658.

**M.p.**: 51-52 °C.

(*E*)-5-(4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl)-3,3-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl-ben zoate (3j).

Bzo

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 65% yield (32.9 mg, 0.098 mmol) as a yellow solid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.01 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (s, 6H), 1.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 149.9, 135.4, 132.9, 130.6, 129.7, 128.4, 127.1, 126.5, 126.3, 112.8, 62.8, 41.5, 40.8, 35.4, 27.9.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 338.2115. Found: 338.2113.

M.p.: 44-45 °C.



## (E)-3,3-Dimethyl-5-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborola n-2-yl)phenyl)pent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3k).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 64% yield (40.3 mg, 0.096 mmol) as a yellow solid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 4H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 12H), 1.21 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 140.6, 140.5, 135.2, 132.9, 130.5, 129.7, 128.4, 126.6, 125.6, 83.8, 62.6, 41.3, 35.7, 29.9, 27.6, 25.0.

HRMS (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>34</sub>BO<sub>4</sub>: 421.2544. Found: 421.2542.

**M.p.**: 52-53 °C.

BZO OMe
(E)-5-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3l). This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 78% yield (37.9 mg, 0.117 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.02 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.93 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 156.5, 139.9, 132.9, 130.6, 129.7, 128.4, 128.1, 126.8, 126.3, 121.0, 120.7, 110.9, 62.7, 55.6, 41.4, 35.9, 27.8.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 325.1798. Found: 325.1797.

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 67% yield (32.6 mg, 0.101 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.92 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 159.9, 139.8, 139.3, 132.9, 130.5, 129.7, 129.6, 128.4, 126.5, 118.9, 112.9, 111.5, 62.6, 55.3, 41.4, 35.6, 27.7.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 325.1798. Found: 325.1797.

OMe

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 52% yield (25.3 mg, 0.078 mmol) as a colorless oil.

This compound was also prepared according to the GP using (E)-1-(2-iodovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (39.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 100 mol%). After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl

acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 63% yield (30.6 mg, 0.095 mmol) as a colorless oil.

This compound was also prepared according to the GP using (Z)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (31.9 mg, 0.15 mmol, 100 mol%). After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 67% yield (32.6 mg, 0.101 mmol) as a pale colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.01 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 158.9, 137.4, 132.9, 130.6, 130.5, 129.7, 128.4, 127.3, 125.9, 114.0, 62.7, 55.4, 41.4, 35.5, 27.8.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 325.1798. Found: 325.1798.



(*E*)-5-(2,6-Difluorophenyl)-3,3-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (30). This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by

 $\stackrel{f}{\vdash}$  column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 84% yield (41.6 mg, 0.126 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.12–7.05 (m, 1H), 6.84 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (s, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.7, 161.8 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 160.1 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 146.7 (t, J = 7.5 Hz), 132.9, 130.5, 129.6, 128.4, 127.4, 113.2, 111.6 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 62.5, 41.2, 36.5, 27.3.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ( $[M+H]^+$ ) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 331.1504. Found: 331.1509.

## (*E*)-5-(2,3-Dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-3,3-dimethylpent-4-e n-1-yl benzoate (3p).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 73% yield (38.6 mg, 0.110 mmol) as a yellow oil.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (s, 4H), 1.89 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 143.6, 142.9, 138.0, 132.9, 131.6, 130.6, 129.7, 128.4, 125.8, 119.6, 117.3, 114.7, 64.6, 64.5, 62.6, 41.4, 35.5, 27.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 353.1747. Found: 353.1749.

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 85% yield (43.9 mg, 0.128 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.01 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 140.0, 135.2, 133.8, 132.9, 132.8, 130.5, 129.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.6, 126.3, 125.8, 125.6, 123.8, 62.6, 41.4, 35.8, 27.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 345.1849. Found: 345.1849.

**M.p.**: 56-57 °C.

# BzO

#### (E)-3,3-Dimethyl-5-(thiophen-3-yl)pent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3r).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 50% yield (22.5 mg, 0.075 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.95–6.90 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 143.1, 139.4, 132.9, 130.5, 129.7, 128.4, 127.4, 124.9, 123.4, 120.1, 62.6, 41.2, 35.7, 27.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ( $[M+H]^+$ ) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 301.1257. Found: 301.1259.

<sup>BzO</sup> This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 69% yield (29.4 mg, 0.104 mmol) as a brown oil.

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<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 6.34 (dd, J = 3.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  153.3, 141.5, 138.4, 132.9, 130.5, 129.7, 128.5, 128.4, 115.5, 111.3, 106.8, 62.6, 41.3, 35.5, 27.5.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 285.1485. Found: 285.1489.



#### (E)-3,3-Dimethyl-5-(ferrocene)pent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3t).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the

title compound was isolated in 52% yield (31.4 mg, 0.078 mmol) as a red brown solid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.04 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.07 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 5H), 1.86 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (s, 6H).

<u>1<sup>3</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.8, 136.6, 132.9, 130.6, 129.7, 128.5, 123.7, 84.1, 69.2, 68.5, 66.6, 62.8, 41.2, 35.5, 27.9.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M]) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>FeO<sub>2</sub>: 402.1282. Found: 402.1283.

**M.p.**: 61-62 °C.

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This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 58% yield (32.2 mg, 0.087 mmol) as a white solid.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.94 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.63 (d, J = 40.3 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.05 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  167.0, 166.7, 138.5, 132.9, 130.1, 129.8, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 103.9 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 61.9, 52.2, 38.2, 38.0 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 26.1.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FO<sub>4</sub>: 371.1653. Found: 371.1662.

M.p.: 102-103 °C.

BZO

#### (4E,6E)-3,3-Dimethyl-7-phenylhepta-4,6-dien-1-yl benzoate (3v).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 78% yield (37.5 mg, 0.117 mmol) as a yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 15.6, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, J = 15.5, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (s, 6H).

<u>13C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.7, 144.2, 137.7, 132.9, 130.9, 130.5, 129.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 127.3, 127.2, 126.3, 62.6, 41.3, 35.7, 27.7.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 321.1849. Found: 321.1844.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{BzO} \qquad \qquad (E)-3,3-\text{Dimethyl-5-phenylhex-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3w).} \\ \text{This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by} \\ \text{column chromatography (SiO}_2: 2\% \text{ ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated} \\ \text{in 58\% yield (26.8 mg, 0.087 mmol) as a pale yellow oil.} \end{array}$ 

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.02 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.43 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.03 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.9, 146.1, 137.0, 135.9, 132.9, 130.6, 129.7, 128.4, 128.2, 126.7, 126.2, 63.0, 41.9, 35.1, 29.5, 17.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 309.1849. Found: 309.1849.

3,3-Dimethyl-5,5-diphenylpent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (3x).

harpha This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 32% yield (17.8 mg, 0.048 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dt, J = 23.2, 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.24–7.17 (m, 7H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 4.42 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (s, 6H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 143.9, 140.6, 140.6, 137.9, 132.9, 130.2, 129.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.0, 62.9, 42.7, 36.4, 29.6.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 371.2006. Found: 371.2007.



#### (E)-4-Cinnamyl-3,3-dimethyltetrahydrofuran (50a).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title

compound was isolated in 49% yield (15.9 mg, 0.074 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11–4.03 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42–2.32 (m, 1H), 2.15–1.95 (m, 2H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H).

<u>1<sup>3</sup>C NMR</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 137.6, 130.9, 129.3, 128.7, 127.2, 126.1, 81.5, 73.2, 48.7, 40.8, 31.6, 24.9, 20.8.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ( $[M+H]^+$ ) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O: 217.1587. Found: 217.1588.

#### (*E*)-3,3-Dimethyl-4-(4-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl)tetrahydrofuran (50b).



This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title

compound was isolated in <41% yield (dr = 4:1, 14.3 mg, 0.062 mmol, contaminated with substantial amount of petroleum ether) as a colorless oil.

<u>**1H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.30 (dt, J = 15.2, 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J =

15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.41–2.33 (m, 1H), 1.82 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H).

<u>**13C NMR**</u> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  137.5, 135.1, 128.6, 128.4, 127.2, 126.1, 82.8, 73.2, 53.7, 38.1, 26.2, 20.6, 20.5.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O: 231.1743. Found: 231.1745.

# (*E*)-3,3-dimethyl-4-(2-methyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl)tetrahydrofuran (50c).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 38% yield (13.9 mg, 0.057 mmol) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.36 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd, J = 9.9, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (dd, J = 9.8, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

<u><sup>13</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 138.9, 128.7, 127.1, 126.7, 126.2, 126.1, 83.4, 70.2, 58.2, 41.9, 38.4, 28.7, 27.1, 23.1.

(3R,3aR,4S,6S,7aR)-3-Cinnamyl-3a,5,5-trimethyloctahydro-4,6-methano

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ( $[M+H]^+$ ) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O: 245.1900. Found: 245.1900.



#### benzofuran (50d).

 $H^{\bullet} \bigvee \bigvee$  This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 41% yield (18.2 mg, 0.062 mmol) as a colorless oil.

The stereochemistry is assigned based on the correlation of H1 and H3 (vinyl) in the NOESY spectra.

<u>**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.32 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.15–6.07 (m, 1H), 4.09–3.99 (m, 1H), 3.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (t, J =

9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 –1.97 (m, 6H), 1.91–1.79 (m, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H).

<u><sup>13</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 137.7, 130.7, 129.8, 128.7, 127.2, 126.1, 82.2, 72.1, 51.1, 48.5, 47.3, 40.2, 38.6, 34.7, 30.8, 28.0, 27.3, 25.1, 21.8.

(E)-3,3-Dimethyl-4-styryloctahydrobenzofuran (50e).

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O: 297.2213. Found: 297.2213.

# $H^{3} \xrightarrow{H^{1}}_{6} \xrightarrow{H^{2}}_{7} \xrightarrow{H^{2}}_{Ph} H^{4}$

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 52% yield (20.0 mg, 0.078 mmol) as a colorless oil.

The relative stereochemistry was determined based on the following correlations found in NOESY spectra: No correlation was found between H1 and H3, suggesting a *trans* geometry of H1 with respect to H3. The trans geometry of H2 with respect to H3 was supported by the correlation of H5 and H3, whereas H4 correlates H1 and H2. Finally, the cis geometry of H1 and H2 was determined based on the following correlations: Me(a) with H1 and H2, Me(b) with H2 and H3, respectively, and more importantly, H4 and H1 and H2, respectively.

<sup>1</sup><u>H NMR</u> (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.31–4.18 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.32–2.19 (m, 1H), 1.96–1.89 (m, 1H), 1.73–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.64–1.45 (m, 5H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H).

<u>1<sup>3</sup>C NMR</u> (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 138.1, 137.4, 129.0, 128.7, 127.0, 126.0, 79.6, 77.3, 52.1, 43.3, 38.8, 32.9, 28.9, 23.9, 19.4.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O: 257.1900. Found: 257.1905.

#### (*E*)-3,3-Dimethyl-4-styryloctahydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]furan (50f).



This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in <46% yield (18.6 mg, 0.069 mmol, contaminated with substantial

amount of inseparable petroleum ether) as a colorless oil.

The relative stereochemistry for 50f was assigned based on the characterisic correlations in the

NOESY spectra. The cis geometry of H2 with respect to H1 was evidenced by the correlations of H2-H1, H4-H1, and H4-H2. The trans geometry of H2 with respect to H3 was manifested by Me(a)-H2, Me(b)-H3, Me(b)-H5. The trans geometry of H3 with respect to H1 is supported by no correlation between H1 and H3, and no correlation between H5 and H1, and H5 and H2.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, J = 15.8, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (d, J = 8.2Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dd, J = 19.9, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.44 (ddd, *J* = 34.8, 15.5, 8.3 Hz, 4H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 137.9, 137.4, 128.7, 127.3, 127.0, 126.1, 85.1, 81.2, 57.2, 43.3, 42.3, 37.4, 33.8, 30.6, 27.0, 25.3, 21.9.

**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O: 271.2056. Found: 271.2058.



#### (E)-4,4-Dimethyl-6-styryl-2-oxaspiro[4.4]nonane (50g).

This compound was prepared according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the title compound was isolated in 41% yield (15.8 mg, 0.062 mmol) as a colorless oil.

The relative stereochemistry was determined based on the following correlations found in the NOESY spectra: no correlation was found between H1 and H4 suggesting that H1 is away from H4; the correlations of H2-H4 and H3-H4, Me(a)-H2, Me(a)-H3 and Me(a)-H4; the correlations of H1-H5 and H1-Me(b).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, J = 15.7, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.62 (m, 3H), 1.57-1.41(m, 3H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  137. 9, 132.4, 130.3, 128.6, 127.1, 126.2, 80.8, 75.0, 58.4, 47.8, 42.9, 32.5, 32.3, 25.6, 21.8, 19.2.

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**<u>HRMS</u>** (ESI) m/z ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O: 257.1900. Found: 257.1900.

## Part 6. Mechanistic Consideration

#### 1. Capture of Tertiary Alkyl Radical with TEMPO



This reaction was carried out according to the GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), the cross-coupling compound **3a** was not detected. However, the radical captured compound **S-2** was produced and detected by NMR in 13% yield, and  $\sim$ 36% of the tertiary chloride *t*-chloride was detected along with ~10% of **1a** was recovered.

#### 2. Complexation of Fe(acac)<sub>n</sub> with Vinyl Bromide

A mixture of 0.15 mmol of Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub> with 0.15 mmol of vinyl bromide **2a** in 0.4 mL of CD<sub>3</sub>CN was stirred overnight. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the resultant mixture showed two new peaks at ~4.0 ppm and ~5.5 ppm as compared to the individual spectra of **2a** and Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN (Figure S1). This result is supportive of the complexation of Fe<sup>3+</sup> with **2a**.



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the complexation of 2a with Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>.

A mixture of 0.015 mmol of Fe(acac)<sub>2</sub> with 0.15 mmol of vinyl bromide **2a** in 0.4 mL of CD<sub>3</sub>CN was stirred overnight. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the resultant mixture showed two new peaks at ~3.6 ppm and ~5.3 ppm as compared to the individual spectra of **2a** and Fe(acac)<sub>2</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN (Figure S2). This result is supportive of the complexation of Fe<sup>2+</sup> with **2a**.



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the complexation of 2a with Fe(acac)<sub>2</sub>.

#### 3. Role of Fe in reduction of oxalates

The roles of Fe are sophisticated in addition to activate the vinyl halides by complexation. In a control experiment by exposing 1a to the reductive conditions, ~50% of oxalate 1a was recovered (see blow and Figure S3). The lack of Fe resulted in ~62% of recovered 1a, suggesting that Fe may indeed promote the reduction of 1a.



Figure S3. Reaction profiles for oxalate 1a alone under the reduction conditions

#### 4. Tracking the Reaction Progress

Following the general *GP*, a series of separate reactions were run in parallel, and stopped at the indicated time shown in the table below. The reaction mixture was collected by passing a short pad of silica column, affording a crude mixture without PBI and solvent. The amount of each individual compound in the mixture was estimated using an 2,5-dimehylfuran as an internal standard.

$BzO \rightarrow O + Ph \rightarrow Br \xrightarrow{method A} BzO \rightarrow Ph BzO \rightarrow Cl BzO \rightarrow OH$					
O <b>1a</b> (1.5 equiv) <b>2a</b> (1 equi		quiv)	3a	<i>t</i> -chloride	<i>t</i> -alcohol
Time (h)	1a (mmol)	<b>2a</b> (mmol)	3a (mmol)	t-chloride	t-alcohol
				(mmol)	(mmol)
0	0.225	0.150	0	0	0
0.5	0.089	0.036	0.060	0.024	0.075
1.0	0.096	0.033	0.054	0.023	0.074
3.0	0.104	0.030	0.045	0.011	0.072
5.0	0.114	0.029	0.032	0.011	0.068
7.0	0.131	0.026	0.015	0.012	0.057

Table S2. Tracking the reaction progress of the reaction of 1a with vinyl bromide.



**Figure S4.** Monitoring the reaction progress for the reaction of **1a** with vinyl bromide. Yield% was referred to as the initial molar number of the alkyl oxalate.

#### 5. The Radical Clock Reaction



This reaction was carried out according to GP. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether), ~7% of the no cyclopropane ring-opened product was detected by NMR, and the ESI-MS results also support the produce for this product (**HRMS** (ESI) exact mass calculated for  $[M+H^+]$  (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>): m/z 259.1693; found: 259.1692). In addition, the hydrogenated and eliminated products were produced and detected by NMR in 25% and 23% yield, respectively. Finally, ~40% of the tertiary alcohol and ~4% of the tertiary chloride were detected along with ~50% of **1a** was recovered.



**Figure S5**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the no cyclopropane ring-opened product (green) mixed with the hydrogenated (red) and eliminated (blue) products.



**Figure S6**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR part spectra of the no cyclopropane ring-opened product (green) mixed with the hydrogenated (red) and eliminated (blue) products.



**Figure S7**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR part spectra of the no cyclopropane ring-opened product (green) mixed with the hydrogenated (red) and eliminated (blue) products.



## **II. Spectral Data for Reported Compounds**
































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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



















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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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-2.65 -1.10∠Ph  $\sim$ Ph′ 48 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 11.95 -٧ 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -0.5 f1 (ppm) 12.5 11.5 10.5 -1.5 GHG-20190419 408-70-2 140.54 -138.19 -136.39 -136.39 -130.01 -128.62 -126.91 -126.18 -125.96 -27.10-37.42 -49.37 48 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ndik Der pinieren giver pieren die nichten 100 90 f1 (ppm) 30 20 10 180 130 120 110 80 70 60 50 40 170 160 150 140

GHG20190124 423-4-2 -7.96 -7.95 7.51 7.49 636 633 633 633 633 438 437 436  $\overbrace{1.92}^{1.94}$ ġ CF<sub>3</sub> BzO. 3b <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $H_2O$ 2.15-2.27- $1.88 \pm$ 1.06 0.90 € 5.84₌ 2.83 1.86 ₫ 1.85 6.5 9.5 9. 0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6. 0 5.5 5.0 4.5 f1 (ppm) 4.0 3. 5 3. 0 2.5 2.0 1.5 0.5 0. 0 -0.5 1.0 GHG20190124 423-4-1 -166.59 $\begin{array}{c} -42.22\\ -44.15\\ -132.85\\ -132.85\\ -132.85\\ -132.85\\ -129.57\\ -129.57\\ -128.27\\ -128.27\\ -128.23\\ -126.25$ --41.19 --35.75 -27.39 -62.24 3b <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) فالأشاط 100 f1 (ppm) 70 10 180 170 150 130 110 80 50 40 30 20 160 140 120 60 90

















GHG-20190321 423-31  $\begin{array}{c} \$0.0\\ \$0.0$ $0.0$$ 438 437 436  $\bigwedge^{1.90}_{1.88}$ 2.94 1.20 BzO\_ 3j <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\frac{1.03}{2.05}_{\pm}$ 2.061  $1.97 \stackrel{\text{A}}{\sim} 1.00 \stackrel{\text{A}}{\sim} 1.01 \stackrel{\text{A}}$ 2.164 5.80⊣ 2.04 ₌ 5.84 ⊭ 5.0 4.5 f1 (ppm) 8.0 3.0 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 7.5 7.0 6.5 6. 0 5.5 4.0 3. 5 2.5 2.0 1.5 0.5 0. 0 -0.5 1. 0 GHG-20190321 423-31 -149.98  $f_{132.85}$   $f_{132.85}$   $f_{132.63}$   $f_{129.68}$   $f_{129.68}$   $f_{126.50}$  126.26 -112.83-166.81-62.83 41.53 40.82 35.42 27.91 3j <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) n sina minin katan k

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190 100 90 f1 (ppm) 80 70 50 40 10 170 130 120 110 60 30 20 180 160 150 140

423-16-2 single\_pulse  $\begin{pmatrix} 1.93\\ 1.91\\ 1.90\\ 1.35\\ 1.21\\ 1.21 \end{pmatrix}$ 8.00 7.03 438 436 434 О В BzO. 3k <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Petroleum ether 11.83~ 6.38 ~ \*\*\* ,ज्म्स् Ч ٣ <sup>8</sup> 1.95 2.01 3.95 3.95 2.0 0.97 0.87 6 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 7.0 6.0 5.0 f1 (ppm) 4.5 4.0 3.0 2.5 1.5 0.0 -0.5 -1.0 5.5 3. 5 1.0 0.5 473-19-5 single pulse decoeffield started MOE 125 5.57 125 5.57 -83.84 -62.59 41.29 35.74 25.00 25.00 3k <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 100 90 f1 (ppm) 10 180 110 80 70 50 40 30 20 170 160 150 140 130 120 60

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 $\begin{pmatrix} 8.04\\ 8.03\\ 8.03\\ 7.56\\ 7.75\\ 7.73\\ 7.41\\ 7.42\\ 7.41\\ 7.42\\ 7.42\\ 6.08\\ 6.08\\ 5.82\\ 5.82 \end{pmatrix}$ GHG-20190321 423-21 438 437 436 431 431 417 408  $\bigwedge^{1.87}_{1.86}_{1.84}$ -1.16 BzO、 Fe 3t <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2.00-I  $0.99_{
m I}$  $1.96^{
m A}$ 1-80.0 1-80.0 2.00-1 6.175.0 4.5 4.0 f1 (ppm) 8. 0 6. 0 9.5 9.0 8.5 7.5 7.0 6.5 5.5 3. 5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1. 0 0.5 0.0 GHG-20190321 423-21 -136.59 -132.92 -130.60 -129.68 -128.45 -123.68 -166.7669.20 -68.46 -68.55 -66.55 -62.77 \\_41.20 \\_35.52 ∫<sup>27.86</sup> 3t <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 190 100 90 f1 (ppm) 50 0 180 170 110 80 70 60 40 30 20 10 160 150 140 130 120

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GHG-20190104 415-10  $\stackrel{8.05}{< 8.04}$  $\bigwedge^{1.89}_{1.86}$ 81.1 ⊳Ph BzO. 3v <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2.02-1 2.07-[  $6.01 \pm$ 1.99-I 0.93  $1.00^{\rm A}$  $1.00^{\rm A}$  $1.02^{\rm A}$  $0.99_{\rm C}$ 1.96 10.0 9.5 9. 0 8. 5 8. 0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 f1 (ppm) 3.5 3.0 2.5 2. 0 1.5 0.5 0. 0 -0.5 4.0 1. 0 GHG-20190104 415-10 144.22 137.68 137.68 132.93 130.89 130.54 130.54 130.54 129.69 128.66 128.66 128.43 128.44 128.43 12 -166.73-62.57 -41.32 -35.65 -27.65 3v <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





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GHG-20190116 408-67-2  $\begin{array}{c} 4.06\\ -4.04\\ -4.03\\ -3.97\\ -3.95\\ -3.95\\ -3.95\\ -3.94\\ -3.94\\ -3.45\\ -3.42\\ -3.42\\ -1.99\\ -1.99\\ -1.99\\ -1.99\\ -1.99\\ -1.17\\ -1.12\\ -1.$ Me Me Me 50c <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $H_2O$  $\stackrel{1.08}{1.14}_{\widehat{}}$  $\begin{array}{c} 0.93_{\gamma_{\rm g}} \\ 1.00^{3}\end{array}$ 2.19⊣ 2.95 3.12 6.00 2.02 2.00 1.33 1.19⊸ 5.0 4.5 f1 (ppm) 10.5 10.0 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 4.0 3.5 3. 0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0. 0 9.5 5.5

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The relative stereochemistry was determined based on the following correlations found in NOESY spectra: No correlation was found between H1 and H3, suggesting a *trans* geometry of H1 with respect to H3. The trans geometry of H2 with respect to H3 was supported by the correlation of H5 and H3, whereas H4 correlates H1 and H2. Finally, the cis geometry of H1 and H2 was determined based on the following correlations: Me(a) with H1 and H2, Me(b) with H2 and H3, respectively, and more importantly, H4 and H1 and H2, respectively.

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Similar to the case of **50e**, the relative stereochemistry for **50f** was assigned based on the characteristic correlations in the NOESY spectra. The cis geometry of H2 with respect to H1 was evidenced by the correlations of H2-H1, H4-H1, and H4-H2. The trans geometry of H2 with respect to H3 was manifested by Me(a)-H2, Me(b)-H3, Me(b)-H5. The trans geometry of H3 with respect to H1 is supported by no correlation between H1 and H3, and no correlation between H5 and H1, and H5 and H2.

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The relative stereochemistry was determined based on the following correlations found in the NOESY spectra: no correlation was found between H1 and H4 suggesting that H1 is away from H4; the correlations of H2-H4 and H3-H4, Me(a)-H2, Me(a)-H3 and Me(a)-H4; the correlations of H1-H5 and H1-Me(b).

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