# Efficient Palladium-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of $\beta$-chloroalkylidene/arylidene Malonates using Microwave Chemistry 

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## General experimental information:

Unless otherwise noted, all materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. THF was dried and distilled from sodium/benzophenone. $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ was purchased dry from commercial suppliers and dried under vacuum at $120{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24h.Thin-Layer Chromatography was performed on precoated plates, silica gel $60 \mathrm{~F}_{254}$ and visualizing with ultraviolet light and iodine spray. Flash chromatography on silica gel. All melting points are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were observed as KBr pellets or neat. All ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ and DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ solutions using the residual solvent peak as internal reference. Spin multiplicities are given as $s$ (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), $q$ (quartet), and $m$ (multiplet) as well as b (broad). Coupling constants (J) are given in hertz. Mass spectra Electro spray and HRMS were obtained.

All microwave irradiation experiments were carried out using the Explorer PLS. ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ The reactions were performed in heavy-walled Pyrex tubes ( $10 \mathrm{ml}, 1=150 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) sealed with a septum utilizing the standard absorbance level ( 300 W maximum power). The reaction volume filled not more than $1 / 4^{\text {th }}$ of the total volume of the tube. All couplings and other reactions were conducted in the presence of stirring and external cooling.

## General Procedure for the Reaction of $\beta$-chloro-arylidene/alkylidenemalonates with arylboronic acids:

POPd (1mol \%), $\beta$-Chloro-alkylidene/arylidenemalonate (1.00 mmol), arylboronic acid ( 1.50 to 2.00 mmol ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(3.00 \mathrm{mmol})$ were weighed in a microwave tube, equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar, and sealed with a silicon septum. THF (2 to 3 mL ) was injected into the tube via a syringe and the reaction mixture was subjected to microwave irradiation for 30 min at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction vessel was allowed to cool to room temperature and the crude reaction mixture transferred to a separating funnel and diluted with hexane $(50 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$. The layers were separated, the organic layer was washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ and brine ( 20 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, and filtered, and solvents were removed from the filtrate by rotary evaporation. The resulting residue was chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl acetate/hexane as eluant.

## 2-[1-(3-Chlorophenyl) ethylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 1):



2-[1-(3-Chlorophenyl) ethylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd ( $12 \mathrm{mg}, 0.023 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(1-Chloro-ethylidene)malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 2.26 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 3-chlorophenyl boronic acid ( 0.532 g , 3.40 mmol ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.940 \mathrm{~g}, 6.80 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 3 mL ) yielded $0.470 \mathrm{~g}(70 \%$ yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. $R_{f}=0.5$ (hexane/ethyl acetate $=9: 1$ ); IR (Neat): 2982, 1725, 1628, 1563, 1473, 1445, $1228 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 250 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.45(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.49(\mathrm{q}, J=7.14 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.20(\mathrm{q}, J=7.15 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 2.59(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.51(\mathrm{t}, J=7.13 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.21(\mathrm{t}, J=7.13 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 63 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ : $\delta 165.5,164.4,153.5,143.1,134.1,129.5,128.3,126.7,124.7,61.8$, 22.5, 13.9. $\mathrm{HRMS}\left(\mathrm{EI}^{+}\right): \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{ClO}_{4}, 296.0815$; found, 296.0813.

## 2-[1-(3, 5-Difluoro phenyl) ethylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 2):



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2-[1-(3,5-Difluoro phenyl) ethylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $11.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(1-Chloro-ethylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 2.26 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 3,5-fluorophenyl boronic acid ( $0.716 \mathrm{~g}, 4.53 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.940 \mathrm{~g}, 6.80 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 3 mL ) yielded 0.4 g ( $59 \%$ yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. $R_{f}=0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate $=8: 2$ ); IR (Neat): 2984, 1726, 1641, 1620, 1590, 1492, 1446, $1236 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.55(\mathrm{q}, J=7.12 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.25(\mathrm{q}, J$ $=7.12 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.57(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.58(\mathrm{t}, J=7.11 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{t}, J=7.12 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. HRMS (EI ${ }^{+}$: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~F}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$, 298.1017; found, 298.1020 .

## 2-[1-(3, 5-Dimethyl phenyl) ethylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 3):



2-[1-(3,5-Dimethyl phenyl) ethylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.011 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(1-Chloro-ethylidene)malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.250 \mathrm{~g}, 1.13 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 3,5-methylphenyl boronic acid ( $0.255 \mathrm{~g}, 1.70 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.470 \mathrm{~g}, 3.40 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 2 mL ) yielded 0.2 g ( $60 \%$ yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. $R_{f}=0.5$ (hexane/ethyl acetate $=$ 9:1); IR (Neat): 2981, 1724, 1623, 1445, 1266, $1223 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 250 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.11(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.01(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.43(\mathrm{q}, J=7.12 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.15(\mathrm{q}, J=7.13 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 2H), 2.56 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), $2.45(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) 1.47(\mathrm{t}, J=7.11 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.15(\mathrm{t}, J=7.12 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $63 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 166.2,164.6,156.0,141.4,137.6,129.9,125.7,124.2$, 60.8, 22.6, 13.9. HRMS ( $\mathrm{EI}^{+}$): m/z calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{4}, 290.1518$; found, 290.1520 .

## 2-[1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-ethylidene]-malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 4):



2-[1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-ethylidene]-malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.011 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(1-Chloro-ethylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.250 \mathrm{~g}, 1.13 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 4-methoxyphenyl boronic acid ( $0.258 \mathrm{~g}, 1.70 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.470 \mathrm{~g}, 3.40 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 3 mL ) yielded $0.210 \mathrm{~g}\left(65 \%\right.$ yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. $R_{f}=0.5$ (hexane/ethyl acetate $=8: 2$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.13(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.48 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 2 H ), 6.78 (d, $J=8.57 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.50 (q, $J=7.10 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.94(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.10 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 3.73 (s, 3H), $2.35(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.25(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.11 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.97(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.12 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $63 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 166.5,164.7,159.7,155.4,133.6,128.1,125.4,113.5$, 60.8, 55.1, 22.6, 13.9. MS (ES ${ }^{+}$): m/z (relative intensity) 292(M+, 15), 260 (15), 172 (20), 110 (55), 97 (100), 80 (15).

## 2-[1-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl) ethylidene]malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 5):



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2-[1-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl) ethylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $11.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(1-Chloro-ethylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 2.26 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 2-methoxy-5-fluorophenyl boronic acid ( $0.770 \mathrm{~g}, 4.53 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.940 \mathrm{~g}, 6.80 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF $(3 \mathrm{~mL})$ yielded 0.280 g ( $66 \%$ yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. $R_{f}=0.5$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9:1); IR (Neat): 2982, 1725, 1637, 1610, 1594, $1465 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.27(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.55(\mathrm{q}, J=7.11 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.27(\mathrm{q}, J=$ $7.15 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.06 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.60 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.57 (t, J = $7.15 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.23 (t, J = 7.14 Hz , 3H). HRMS ( $\mathrm{EI}^{+}$): m/z calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{FO}_{5}, 310.1217$; found 310.1216.

## 2-[-(3-Nitrophenyl) ethylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 6):



2-[-(3-Nitrophenyl) ethylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $11.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(1-Chloro-ethylidene)malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 2.26 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 3-nitrophenyl boronic acid ( 0.757 g , $4.53 \mathrm{mmol})$, and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.940 \mathrm{~g}, 6.80 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF $(3 \mathrm{~mL})$ yielded $0.3 \mathrm{~g}(72 \%$ yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. $R_{f}=0.3$ (hexane/ethyl acetate $=9: 1$ ); IR (Neat): 2984, 1724, 1631, 1574, 1474, $1446 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 8.12 (m, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 4.25 (q, $J=7.17 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.92 (q, $J=7.13$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, $J=7.09 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 0.97 (t, $J=7.11 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. HRMS (EI ${ }^{+}$): m/z calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}_{6}$, 307.1056; found, 307.1049.

## 2-(2-Methyl-1-phenylpropylidene) malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 7):



2-(2-Methyl-1-phenylpropylidene) malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $10 \mathrm{mg}, 0.012 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(1-Chloro-2-methyl propylidene) malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 2.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 3-phenyl boronic acid ( $0.294 \mathrm{~g}, 2.40 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.834 \mathrm{~g}, 6.03 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 3 mL ) yielded 0.250 g ( $71 \%$ yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. $R_{f}=0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate $=$ 9:1). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.37$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.12(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.40(\mathrm{q}, J=7.14 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 3.94(\mathrm{q}, J=7.17 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.57(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.40(\mathrm{t}, J=7.14 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.07(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $6.84 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.99(\mathrm{t}, J=7.14 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) . \mathrm{MS}\left(\mathrm{ES}^{+}\right): \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ (relative intensity) $313(\mathrm{M}+$ Na, 100), 240 (5), 163 (25).

## 2-[1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2-methylpropylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 8):



2-[1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2-methylpropylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.012 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(1-Chloro-2methyl propylidene) malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.3 \mathrm{~g}, 1.20 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 3-chlorophenyl boronic acid ( $0.283 \mathrm{~g}, 0.181 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 3.62 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 2 mL ) yielded ( $0.15 \mathrm{~g}, 57 \%$ yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. IR (Neat): 2978, 1726, 1624, 1563, 1466, $1446 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.45(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.26(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.49(\mathrm{q}, J=3.45 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.07(\mathrm{q}, J=7.14 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.52(\mathrm{t}, J=3.74 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.20(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.13(\mathrm{t}, J=7.14 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$; HRMS $\left(\mathrm{EI}^{+}\right)$: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{ClO}_{4}, 324.1128$; found, 324.1297.

## 2-[1-(3-Fluoro phenyl)-2-methylpropylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester(Entry 9):



2-[1-(3-Fluoro phenyl)-2-methyl propylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $10 \mathrm{mg}, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(1-Chloro-2-methyl propylidene) malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 2.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 3fluorophenyl boronic acid ( $0.337 \mathrm{~g}, 2.40 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.834 \mathrm{~g}, 6.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 3 mL ) yielded 0.340 g ( $55 \%$ yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. $R_{f}=$ 0.6 (hexane/ethyl acetate $=9: 1$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.02$ (m, 1H), $6.84(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.30(\mathrm{q}, J=7.13 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.92(\mathrm{q}, J=7.13 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.46(\mathrm{~m}$, 1 H ), 1.04 (d, $J=7.13 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}$ ), $0.96(\mathrm{t}, J=7.14 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $63 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 164.8,163.8,161.4,159.9,138.3,129.0,126.1,123.6,115.3,61.2,31.9,20.5,13.9$. MS (ES ${ }^{+}$): m/z (relative intensity) 331(M+, +Na, 5), 300 (40), 198 (18), 130 (100), 73 (10), 61(50).

## 2-[1-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 10):



2-[1-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropylidene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $10 \mathrm{mg}, 0.019 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(1-Chloro-2-methyl propylidene) malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 2.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 2-methoxy-5-fluorophenyl boronic acid ( $0.684 \mathrm{~g}, 4.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.830 \mathrm{~g}, 6.0$ mmol ) in THF ( 3 mL ) yielded 0.250 g ( 52 \% yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. $R_{f}=0.5$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9:1); IR (Neat): 2979, 1726, 1628, 1607, 1495, $1465 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.18(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.98(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.88(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 4.51 (m, 2H), 4.11 (q, $J=7.16 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.96(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.57(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(\mathrm{t}, J=7.14$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.21 (m, 9H). HRMS ( $\mathrm{EI}^{+}$): m/z calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{FO}_{5}, 338.1530$; found, 338.1528 .

## 2-[(3-Chloro-phenyl)-phenylmethylene] malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 11):



2-[(3-Chloro-phenyl)-phenylmethylene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0069 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2 -(Chlorophenyl methylene) malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.707 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 3-chlorophenyl boronic acid ( $0.166 \mathrm{~g}, 1.06 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.293 \mathrm{~g}, 2.12 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in THF ( 2 mL ) yielded $0.14 \mathrm{~g}\left(55 \%\right.$ yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. $R_{f}=0.5$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9:1); IR (Neat): 2982, 1728, 1591, 1472, $1444 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (250 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.18$ (m, 9H), 4.04(m, 4H), 0.97(m, 6H). HRMS (EI $\left.{ }^{+}\right): \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{ClO}_{4}$, 358.0972; found, 358.0975.

## 2-[(5-Fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl) phenylmethylene] malonic acid diethyl ester

 (Entry 12):

2-[(5-Fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl) phenylmethylene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.017 \mathrm{mmol} 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(Chlorophenyl methylene) malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 1.76$ ), 2-methoxy-5-fluorophenyl boronic acid ( $0.601 \mathrm{~g}, 3.53 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.735 \mathrm{~g}, 5.31 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in THF ( 3 mL ) yielded 0.2 g ( $50 \%$ yield) of the title product as a colorless liquid. $R_{f}=0.5$ (hexane/ethyl acetate $=8.5: 1.5$ ); IR (Neat): 2982, 1728, 1619, 1591, $1494 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (250 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.17$ (m, 6H), 6.72 (m, 2H), 3.97 (m, 4H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 1.01 (m, 6H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $63 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 166.0,164.6,158.4,154.6,152.5,150.5$, 139.5, 130.9, 128.8, 128.1, 126.7, 116.6, 112.1, 60.2, 56.1, 13.6. HRMS (EI ${ }^{+}$): m/z calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{FO}_{5}$, 372.1373; found 372.1368.

2-[phenyl- (3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methylene] malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 13):


2-[phenyl- (3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methylene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $3.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0070 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(Chloro-phenyl methylene) malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.707 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 3trifluorophenyl boronic acid ( $0.161 \mathrm{~g}, 0.84 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.29 \mathrm{~g}, 2.12 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 2 mL ) yielded 0.19 g ( $68 \%$ yield) of the title product as a pale brown solid. $R_{f}=$ 0.3 (hexane/ethyl acetate $=9.5: 0.5$ ), $\mathrm{mp}=58-59.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): 2980,1721,1698$, $1604,1444 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.64(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 4.27(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.21(\mathrm{~m}$, $6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $63 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 153.2,140.1,138.5,131.8,128.9,128.4,128.1$, 127.7, 125.1, 76.9, 76.4, 75.9, 60.9, 12.9. HRMS (FAB): m/z calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{4}$, 392.1235; found, 392.1346.

## 2-[(3-Amino-phenyl)-phenylmethylene] malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 14):



2-[(3-Amino-phenyl)-phenylmethylene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.017 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(Chloro-phenyl methylene) malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 1.76 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 3-aminophenyl boronic acid ( $0.493 \mathrm{~g}, 2.65 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.733 \mathrm{~g}, 5.30 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 3 mL ) yielded 0.250 g ( $60 \%$ isolated yield) of the title product as a light brown solid. $R_{f}=0.5$ (hexane/ethyl acetate $=7: 3$ ), $\mathrm{mp}=73-74{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (KBr): 3462, 3372, 2988, 1731, 1597, 1488, 1445 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.37(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.00(\mathrm{~m}$, $4 \mathrm{H}), 3.56(\mathrm{bs}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.95(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $63 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 166.0,165.8,155.7$, 146.0, 141.0, 139.8, 128.9, 127.9, 125.9, 119.3, 115.7, 115.4, 61.0, 13.5. HRMS (FAB): m/z calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{NO}_{4}, 339.1471$; found, 339.1468.

## 2-[(3-Hydroxy-phenyl)-phenyl methylene] malonic acid diethyl ester (Entry 15):



2-[(3-Hydroxy-phenyl)-phenyl methylene] malonic acid diethyl ester was prepared using the general procedure. POPd, ( $9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.017 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \% \mathrm{~mol}$ ), 2-(Chloro-phenyl methylene) malonic acid diethyl ester ( $0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 1.76 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 3-hydroxyphenyl boronic acid ( $0.366 \mathrm{~g}, 2.65 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.733 \mathrm{~g}, 5.30 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 3 mL ) yielded 0.380 g ( $63 \%$ yield) of the title product as a white colour solid. $R_{f}=0.5$ (hexane/ethyl acetate $=7: 3$ ), $\mathrm{mp}=94-95.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (KBr): 3389, 2989, 1707, 1673, 1578, $1444 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. ${ }^{1}{ }^{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.32(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.66(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.43(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.70(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 4.14(m, 2H), 1.10(m, 6H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $63 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 166.3,155.6,141.2,139.6$, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 121.2, 116.3, 61.2, 13.5. HRMS (FAB): m/z calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{5}, 340.1311$; found, 340.1374.











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Entry 13, Table 1


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