#### Supporting Information

# Selective Synthesis of Allylated Oxime Ethers and Nitrones Based on Palladium-Catalyzed Allylic Substitution of Oximes

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#### **1. Experimental procedure**

**General.** Melting points are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz, and at 125 MHz, respectively. IR spectra were recorded using FTIR apparatus. Mass spectra were obtained by EI, CI or FAB methods. Preparative TLC separations were carried out on precoated silica gel plates (E. Merck  $60F_{254}$ ). *E*-Oximes were employed, after the separation of *E*- and *Z*-isomers prepared from corresponding aldehydes and HONH<sub>2</sub>·HCl. Regarding the configurations of nitrones, *Z*-nitrone (major isomer) and *E*-nitrone (minor isomer) were obtained in all cases. These *E*- and *Z*-isomers were easily separated by preparative TLC.

General procedure for palladium (0)-catalyzed reaction of 1A with carbonate 2a. A mixture of oxime 1A (60.6 mg, 0.50 mmol), allylic carbonate 2a (144 mg, 0.75 mmol), and  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (23.1 mg, 0.020 mmol) in the solvent (2.5 mL) shown in Table 1 was stirred under argon atmosphere at 20 °C. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was concentrated at reduced pressure. The ratio of products and combined yield were determined after rough purification by column chromatography (hexame:AcOEt=1:1). Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane:AcOEt=25:1, 2-fold development) afforded the products 3Aa-5Aa.

General procedure for palladium (0)-catalyzed reaction of 1A-G with acetates in the presence of  $Et_2Zn$ . To a solution of oxime 1A-G (0.50 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was added  $Et_2Zn$  (1.0 M in hexane, 0.50 mL, 0.50 mmol) under argon atmosphere at 20 °C. After being stirred at the same temperature for 10 min, a solution of allylic acetate **6a-i** (0.75 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (46.2 mg, 0.040 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was added to the reaction

mixture at 20 °C. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous potassium sodium (+)-tartrate and then extracted with AcOEt. The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated at reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane:AcOEt=25:1, 2-fold development) afforded the product **3Aa-Ga**.

General procedure for palladium (0)-catalyzed reaction of 1A-G with acetates in the presence of  $K_2CO_3$ . A mixture of oxime 1A-G (0.50 mmol), allylic acetate 6a-f (0.75 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (34.7 mg, 0.030 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (69 mg, 0.50 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) was stirred under argon atmosphere at 20 °C. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and then extracted with AcOEt. The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated at reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane:AcOEt=25:1, 2-fold development) afforded the product **3Aa-Ga**.

General procedure for palladium (II)-catalyzed reaction of 1A and 1E with acetates. A mixture of oxime 1A or 1E (0.50 mmol), allylic acetate 6a-j or 7 (0.75 mmol),  $Pd(cod)Cl_2$  (14.3 mg, 0.050 mmol) was stirred under argon atmosphere at 90 °C. After the reaction was completed, purification of the reaction mixture by preparative TLC (hexane:AcOEt=5:1, 2-fold development) afforded the product 4Aa-Ga.

#### General procedure for palladium (II)-catalyzed reaction of 1A with 7 using ligand 9.

A mixture of oxime **1A** (33.5 mg, 0.277 mmol), allylic acetate **7** (105 mg, 0.415 mmol), ligand **9** (11.0 mg, 0.0332 mmol), Pd(cod)Cl<sub>2</sub> (7.9 mg, 0.0277 mmol) was stirred under argon atmosphere at 30 °C. After the reaction was stirred for 24 h, purification of the reaction mixture by preparative TLC (hexane:AcOEt=5:1, 2-fold development) afforded the product **8** (59.1 mg, 68% yield). Enantioselectivity of nitrone **8** was determined by HPLC analysis using Chiralcel AD-H (hexane/2-propanol=80/20, 0.5 ml/min, 254 nm,  $t_r = 57.1$  and 63.2 min.

### 2. Characterization data of all obtained compounds

(*E*)-*O*-(3-Phenylprop-2-enyl)benzaldehyde oxime (3Aa).<sup>1)</sup> A colorless oil. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2926, 1494, 1448 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.13 (1H, s), 7.63-7.48 (2H, m), 7.46-7.16 (8H, m), 6.67 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.42 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 6.2 Hz), 4.83 (2H, d, *J*=6.2 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.9, 136.6, 133.5, 132.2, 129.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 126.6, 125.1, 74.9. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 237 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2), 117 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO: 237.1154, Found: 237.1155.

(*E*)-*O*-[3-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)prop-2-enyl]benzaldehyde oxime (3Ab). A colorless crystal. mp 55-58 °C (hexane). IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2926, 1492, 1447, 1415 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.15 (1H, s), 7.65-7.55 (4H, m), 7.49 (2H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 7.40-7.36 (3H, m), 6.71 (1H, d, *J*=16.2 Hz), 6.50 (1H, dt, *J*=16.2, 6.1 Hz), 4.86 (2H, d, *J*=6.1 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.2, 140.2, 132.1, 131.6, 130.0, 129.5 (q, *J*=32 Hz), 128.7, 128.1, 127.1, 126.7, 125.5 (q,

J=4.1 Hz), 124.2 (q, J=272 Hz), 74.4. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 305 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2), 185 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO: 305.1027, Found: 305.1025. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO: C, 66.88; H, 4.62; N, 4.59; F, 18.67. Found: C, 66.65; H, 4.73; N, 4.44; F, 18.96.

(*E*)-*O*-[3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)prop-2-enyl]benzaldehyde oxime (3Ac). A colorless oil. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2935, 1512, 1464, 1445 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.14 (1H, s), 7.63-7.57 (2H, m), 7.40-7.28 (5H, m), 6.84 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 6.63 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.29 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 6.5 Hz), 4.81 (2H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 3.78 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.4, 148.8, 133.3, 132.3, 129.8, 129.4, 128.7, 127.8, 127.1, 122.7, 113.9, 75.1, 55.2. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 267 (M<sup>+</sup>, 6), 147 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 267.1259, Found: 267.1253.

(*E*)-*O*-[3-(1-Naphtyl)prop-2-enyl]benzaldehyde oxime (3Ad). A colorless oil. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2925, 1507, 1493, 1446 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17 (1H, s), 8.12 (1H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 7.82 (1H, d, *J*=6.4 Hz), 7.75 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.68-7.55 (3H, m), 7.51-7.30 (7H, m), 6.44 (1H, dt, *J*=15.8, 6.1 Hz), 4.94 (2H, d, *J*=6.1 Hz), 3.78 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.0, 134.5, 133.6, 132.3, 131.2, 130.6, 129.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.1, 126.1, 125.8, 125.6, 124.1, 123.8, 75.0. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 287 (M<sup>+</sup>, 10), 167 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO: 287.1310, Found: 287.1311.

(*E*)-*O*-[3-(2-Naphtyl)prop-2-enyl]benzaldehyde oxime (3Ae). A colorless crystal. mp 70-73 °C (hexane). IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2927, 1506, 1446 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.16 (1H, s), 7.83-7.75 (4H, m), 7.66-7.58 (3H, m), 7.49-7.34 (5H, m), 6.85 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.56 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 6.1 Hz), 4.90 (2H, d, *J*=6.1 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.0, 134.1, 133.6, 133.1, 132.2, 129.9, 128.7 (2C), 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 126.7, 126.3, 126.0, 125.5, 123.6, 75.0. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 287 (M<sup>+</sup>, 6), 167 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO: 287.1310, Found: 287.1312. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO: C, 83.59; H, 5.96; N, 4.87. Found: C, 83.72; H, 5.97; N, 4.83.

(*E*)-*O*-[3-(4-Fluorophenyl)prop-2-enyl]benzaldehyde oxime (3Af). A colorless crystal. mp 54-57 °C (hexane). IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2926, 1509, 1447, 1414 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.14 (1H, s), 7.63-7.57 (2H, m), 7.42-7.34 (5H, m), 7.05-6.97 (2H, m), 6.65 (1H, d, *J*=15.8 Hz), 6.34 (1H, dt, *J*=15.8, 6.1 Hz), 4.82 (2H, d, *J*=6.1 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.5 (d, *J*=247 Hz), 149.0, 132.8, 132.3, 132.2, 129.8, 128.7, 128.1 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 127.1, 124.9, 115.4 (d, *J*=21.7 Hz), 74.7. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 255 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1), 135 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO: 255.1059, Found: 255.1062. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO: C, 75.28; H, 5.53; N, 5.49; F, 7.44. Found: C, 75.33; H, 5.72; N, 5.45; F, 7.46.

(*E*)-*O*-[3-(3-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-enyl]benzaldehyde oxime (3Ag). A colorless oil. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2925, 1477, 1447, 1425 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.13 (1H, s), 7.63-7.56 (2H, m), 7.43-7.33 (4H, m), 7.28-7.17 (3H, m), 6.59 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.42 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 5.5 Hz), 4.82 (2H, d, *J*=5.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.1, 138.6, 134.5, 132.2, 131.8, 129.9, 129.8, 128.7, 127.7, 127.1, 126.9, 126.5, 124.8, 74.5. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 271 (M<sup>+</sup>, 3), 151 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO: 271.0764, Found: 271.0764.

(*E*)-*O*-[3-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-enyl]benzaldehyde oxime (3Ah). A colorless crystal. mp 68-71 °C (hexane). IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2926, 1491, 1448, 1405 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.14 (1H, s), 7.23-7.57 (2H, m), 7.40-7.27 (7H, m), 6.64 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.40 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 6.2 Hz), 4.83 (2H, d, *J*=6.2 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.1, 135.1, 133.4, 132.2, 132.1, 129.9, 128.7 (2C), 127.8, 127.1, 125.9, 74.6. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 271 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2), 151 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CINO: 271.0764, Found: 271.0769. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CINO: C, 70.72; H, 5.19; N, 5.15; Cl, 13.05. Found: C, 70.78; H, 5.32; N, 5.18; Cl, 13.25.

(*E*)-*O*-[3-(4-Methylphenyl)prop-2-enyl]benzaldehyde oxime (3Ai). A colorless crystal. mp 70-72 °C (hexane). IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2925, 1512, 1493, 1448, 1414 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.14 (1H, s), 7.63-7.56 (2H, m), 7.40-7.34 (3H, m), 7.31 (2H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 7.12 (2H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 6.65 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.38 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 6.4 Hz), 4.83 (2H, d, *J*=6.4 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.9, 137.7, 133.9, 133.5, 132.3, 129.8, 129.3, 128.7, 127.1, 126.5, 124.0, 75.0, 21.1. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 251 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1), 131 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO: 251.1310, Found: 251.1314. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO: C, 81.24; H, 6.82; N, 5.57. Found: C, 81.54; H, 6.92; N, 5.53.

(*E*)-*O*-(3-Phenylprop-2-enyl)-4-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde oxime (3Ba). A colorless crystal. mp 90-93 °C (hexane). IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2928, 1494, 1450, 1413 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.15 (1H, s), 7.71 (2H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz), 7.60 (2H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz), 7.42 (2H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 7.36-7.23 (3H, m), 6.70 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.42 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 6.4 Hz), 4.86 (2H, d, *J*=6.4 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.4, 136.5, 135.7, 133.8, 131.4 (*J*=32.1 Hz), 128.6, 128.0, 127.2, 126.6, 125.6, 124.8, 124.0 (*J*=272 Hz), 75.3. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 305 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1), 117 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO: 305.1027, Found: 305.1023. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO: C, 66.88; H, 4.62; N, 4.59; F, 18.67. Found: C, 67.16; H, 4.81; N, 4.59; F, 18.67.

(*E*)-*O*-(3-Phenylprop-2-enyl)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde oxime (3Ca). A colorless crystal. mp 72-75 °C (hexane). IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2935, 1513, 1463, 1419 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.09 (1H, s), 7.53 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.40 (2H, d, *J*=7.5 Hz), 7.31 (2H, d, *J*=7.5 Hz), 7.23 (1H, m), 6.88 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 6.69 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.43 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 6.2 Hz), 4.81 (2H, d, *J*=6.2 Hz), 3.82 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.0, 148.6, 136.7, 133.3, 128.5 (2C), 127.8, 126.6, 125.3, 124.9, 114.1, 74.7, 55.2. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 267 (M<sup>+</sup>, 10), 117 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 267.1259, Found: 267.1260. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 76.38; H, 6.41; N, 5.24. Found: C, 76.52; H, 6.39; N, 5.22.

(*E*)-*O*-(3-Phenylprop-2-enyl)-2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde oxime (3Da). A colorless oil. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2928, 1494, 1470, 1436 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.61 (1H, d, *J*=4.0 Hz), 8.23 (1H, s), 7.80 (1H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 7.67 (1H, m), 7.41 (2H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 7.32 (2H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 7.27-7.20 (2H, m), 6.69 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.42 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 6.4 Hz), 4.89 (2H, d, *J*=6.4 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.7, 149.7, 149.6, 136.5, 136.4, 133.7, 128.6, 127.9, 126.6, 124.8, 124.0, 121.1, 75.4. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 238 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2), 117 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: 238.1106, Found: 238.1114.

*O***-(3-Phenylprop-2-enyl)benzophenone oxime (3Ea).**<sup>2)</sup> A colorless crystal. mp 66-68 °C (hexane). IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2924, 1494, 1444 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55-7.20 (15H, m), 6.61 (1H, d, *J*=16.1 Hz), 6.41 (1H, dt, *J*=16.1, 6.1 Hz), 4.86 (2H, d, *J*=6.1 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.0, 136.8, 136.6, 133.4, 132.9, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 126.6, 125.8, 75.2. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 313 (M<sup>+</sup>, 4), 117 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO: 313.1467, Found: 313.1469. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO: C, 84.31; H, 6.11; N, 4.47. Found: C, 84.44; H, 6.16; N, 4.43.

*O*-(3-Phenylprop-2-enyl)cyclohexanone oxime (3Fa).<sup>3)</sup> A colorless oil. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2938, 1495, 1449 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.39 (2H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 7.30 (2H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 7.22 (1H, br t, *J*=7.6 Hz), 6.62 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.37 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 6.0 Hz), 4.68 (2H, d, *J*=6.0 Hz), 2.50 (2H, br t, *J*=6.1 Hz), 2.21 (2H, br t, *J*=6.1 Hz), 1.73-1.52 (6H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.5, 136.9, 132.5, 128.5, 127.6, 126.5, 125.9, 73.8, 32.1, 26.9, 25.7, 25.6, 25.3. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 229 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2), 117 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO: 229.1467, Found: 229.1467.

**Methyl** (*E*)-2-[(3-Phenylprop-2-enyloxy)imino]ethanate (3Ga). A colorless oil. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2954, 1727, 1494, 1442 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (1H, s), 7.40 (2H, d, *J*=7.3 Hz), 7.32 (2H, t, *J*=7.3 Hz), 7.26 (1H, br t, *J*=7.3 Hz), 6.67 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.36 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 6.6 Hz), 4.91 (2H, d, *J*=6.6 Hz), 3.86 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.4, 140.8, 136.2, 134.7, 128.6, 128.1, 126.7, 123.4, 76.6, 52.4. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 219 (M<sup>+</sup>, 6), 117 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 219.0895, Found: 219.0897.

**Benzylidene(3-phenylprop-2-enyl)amine** *N*-oxide (4Aa). Minor isomer (*E*-isomer): A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2993, 1587, 1493, 1451 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.18-8.12 (2H, m), 7.39-7.19 (9H, m), 6.80 (1H, d, *J*=11.6 Hz), 6.04 (1H, dt, *J*=11.6, 7.0 Hz), 4.75 (2H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.7, 134.9, 134.1, 130.5, 130.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 123.4, 65.0. One peak of <sup>13</sup>C NMR was missing due to overlap. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 237 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5), 117 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO: 237.1154, Found: 237.1159. Major isomer (*Z*-isomer): A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2989, 1585, 1494, 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.20-8.14 (2H, m), 7.38-7.16 (9H, m), 6.67 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.45 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 6.1 Hz), 4.62 (2H, d, *J*=6.1 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.6, 135.7, 134.0, 130.5, 130.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5 (2C), 126.8, 121.0, 69.4. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 237 (M<sup>+</sup>, 8), 117 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO: 237.1164.



FIGURE 1. The nOe studies of Z- and E-nitrones 4Aa

**Benzylidene[3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)prop-2-enyl]amine** *N*-oxide (4Ab). Minor isomer: A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1582, 1452 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (2H, m), 7.65 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.47 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.43 (3H, m), 7.38 (1H, s), 6.89 (1H, d, *J*=11.3 Hz), 6.21 (1H, dt, *J*=11.3, 7.0 Hz), 4.79 (2H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.2, 134.4, 133.6, 130.7, 130.3, 129.9 (q, *J*=33.1 Hz), 129.0, 128.6 (2C), 125.6 (q, *J*=3.1 Hz), 125.5, 124.0 (q, *J*=272 Hz), 64.7. MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 306 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 51), 185 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOF<sub>3</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 306.1105, Found: 306.1101. Major isomer: A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1585, 1452 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.24 (2H, m), 7.59 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.53 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.49-7.41 (4H, m), 6.80 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.65 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 5.8 Hz), 4.74 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.2, 134.7, 134.3, 130.6, 130.3, 130.1 (q, *J*=32.1 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 126.9, 125.6 (q, *J*=3.1 Hz), 124.1 (q, *J*=272 Hz), 124.0, 69.1. MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 306 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 55), 185 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOF<sub>3</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) is 306.1107.

**Benzylidene[3-(1-naphtyl)prop-2-enyl]amine** *N***-oxide (4Ad).** Minor isomer: A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1588, 1452 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17 (2H, m), 7.96 (1H, m), 7.89 (1H, m), 7.85 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.56-7.38 (7H, m), 7.34 (1H, d, *J*=11.3 Hz), 7.22 (1H, s), 6.43 (1H, dt, *J*=11.3, 7.0 Hz), 4.66 (2H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.2, 133.6, 133.3, 132.8, 131.6, 130.5, 130.4, 128.6 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 126.5, 126.4, 126.2, 125.6, 125.4, 124.7, 65.2. MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 288 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 25), 167 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 288.1388, Found: 188.1393. Major isomer: A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1588, 1451 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.26 (2H, m), 8.11 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.85 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.81 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.66 (1H, d, *J*=7.3 Hz), 7.56-7.39 (8H, m), 6.56 (1H, dt, *J*=15.6, 6.7 Hz), 4.82 (2H, d, *J*=6.7 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.2, 133.9, 133.6, 133.3, 131.0, 130.5, 130.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 126.4, 125.9, 125.6, 124.4, 124.1, 123.5, 69.5. MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 288 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 4.1), 167 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 288.1388, Found: 188.1392.

**Benzylidene[3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-enyl]amine** *N***-oxide (4Ah).** Minor isomer: A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1589, 1490, 1452 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.23 (2H, m), 7.46-7.24 (8H, m), 6.81 (1H, d, *J*=11.6 Hz), 6.12 (1H, dt, *J*=11.6, 7.0 Hz), 4.78 (2H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 134.3, 134.1, 133.8, 130.6, 130.4, 130.0, 128.8, 128.6 (2C),

124.1, 64.8. One peak of <sup>13</sup>C NMR was missing due to overlap. MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 272 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 55), 151 (100). HRMS calcd for  $C_{16}H_{15}NOC1$  (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 272.0842, Found: 272.0841. Major isomer: A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1590. 1492, 1452 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (2H, m), 7.47-7.25 (8H, m), 6.70 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.50 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 7.0 Hz), 4.68 (2H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.1, 134.2, 134.1, 130.5, 130.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 121.8, 69.2. One peak of <sup>13</sup>C NMR was missing due to overlap. MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 272 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 29), 151 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOC1 (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 272.0842, Found: 272.0851.

**Benzylidene[3-(4-methylphenyl)prop-2-enyl]amine** *N***-oxide** (**4Ai**). Minor isomer: A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1596, 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (2H, m), 7.48-7.10 (8H, m), 6.83 (1H, d, *J*=11.6 Hz), 6.06 (1H, dt, *J*=11.6, 7.0 Hz), 4.82 (2H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz), 2.37 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.8, 134.8, 134.0, 132.8, 131.7, 130.5, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 122.6, 65.1, 21.2. One peak of <sup>13</sup>C NMR was missing due to overlap. MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 252 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 11), 131 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 252.1389, Found: 252.1393. Major isomer: A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1586, 1513, 1451 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (2H, m), 7.45 (1H, s), 7.41 (3H, m), 7.33 (2H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 7.15 (2H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 6.73 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.46 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 7.0 Hz), 4.69 (2H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.5, 136.7, 133.9, 133.0, 130.5 (2C), 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 126.7, 119.8, 69.5, 21.2. MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 252 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 9), 131 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 252.1389, Found: 252.1389, Found: 252.1393. Major isomer: A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1586, 1513, 1451 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (2H, m), 7.45 (1H, s), 7.41 (3H, m), 7.33 (2H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 7.15 (2H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 6.73 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.46 (1H, dt, *J*=15.9, 7.0 Hz), 4.69 (2H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.5, 136.7, 133.9, 133.0, 130.5 (2C), 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 126.7, 119.8, 69.5, 21.2. MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 252 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 9), 131 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 252.1389, Found: 252.1386.

**Benzylidene(3-cyclohexylprop-2-enyl)amine** *N***-oxide (4Aj).** Minor isomer: A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1596, 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (2H, m), 7.47-7.39 (3H, m), 5.75-7.60 (2H, m), 4.61 (2H, d, *J*=6.7 Hz), 2.35 (1H, m), 1.82-1.45 (5H, m), 1.37-1.18 (5H, m). MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 244 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 67), 81 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 244.1701, Found: 244.1700. Major isomer: A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2853, 1582, 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (2H, m), 7.45-7.35 (4H, m), 5.84 (1H, dd, *J*=15.6, 6.4 Hz), 5.76 (1H, dt, *J*=15.6, 6.7 Hz), 4.48 (2H, d, *J*=6.7 Hz), 2.05 (1H, m), 1.80-1.62 (5H, m), 1.35-1.05 (5H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.8, 133.5, 130.5, 130.3, 128.6, 128.5, 119.6, 69.5, 40.4, 32.4, 26.0, 25.8. MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 244 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 244.1701, Found: 244.1710.

**Diphenylmethylidene(3-phenylprop-2-enyl)amine** *N***-oxide (4Ea).** A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1655, 1438 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (2H, m), 7.53-7.47 (3H, m), 7.39-7.24 (10H, m), 6.52 (1H, dt, *J*=15.6, 6.4 Hz), 6.40 (1H, d, *J*=15.6 Hz), 4.59 (1H, d, *J*=6.4 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.1, 135.1, 133.6, 130.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 126.7, 122.0, 66.1. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 313 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1.9), 117 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>): 313.1467, Found: 313.1476.

(*E*)-*O*-(1-Phenylprop-2-enyl)benzaldehyde oxime (5Aa). A colorless oil. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2908, 1494, 1450, 1414 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.18 (1H, s), 7.60-7.50 (2H, m), 7.45-7.23 (8H, m), 6.16 (1H, ddd, *J*=17.1, 10.5, 6.3 Hz), 5.71 (1H, d, *J*=6.3 Hz), 5.34 (1H, d,

J=17.1 Hz), 5.29 (1H, d, J=10.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.2, 140.1, 137.6, 132.3, 129.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 127.1, 117.3. MS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 237 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.2), 117 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO: 237.1154, Found: 237.1156.

**Benzylidene(1,3-diphenylprop-2-enyl)amine** *N***-oxide (8).** A colorless solid. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1581, 1494, 1451 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.25 (2H, m), 7.60-7.25 (14H, m), 6.86 (1H, dd, *J*=16.2, 7.9 Hz), 6.69 (1H, d, *J*=16.2 Hz), 5.75 (1H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.2, 135.9, 135.2, 133.5, 130.5, 130.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5 (2C), 127.8, 126.9, 125.2, 82.0. One peak of <sup>13</sup>C NMR was missing due to overlap. MS (CI<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 314 (M+H<sup>+</sup>, 0.6), 193 (100). HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 314.1545, Found: 314.1543.

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