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Silver-initiated Radical Ring Expansion/Fluorination of Ethynyl cyclobutanols: Efficient Synthesis of Monofluoroethenyl Cyclopentanones

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1. General information

All manipulations were carried out under argon using standard Schlenk techniques. All glassware was oven or flame dried immediately prior to use. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use, unless stated otherwise. All reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using 60 mesh silica gel plates visualized with short-wavelength UV light (254 nm). Silica gel 60 (200 -300 mesh) was used for column chromatography. ¹H NMR spectra were obtained at 400 MHz and recorded relative to the tetramethylsilane signal (0 ppm) or residual proton-solvent. ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained at 100 MHz, and chemical shifts were recorded relative to the solvent resonance (CDCl₃, 77.0 ppm). Data for ¹H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad singlet, coupling constant (s) in Hz, integration).

2. Experimental Details

(a) General preparation and characterization of start materials



The compound **1** was synthesized followed a modified procedure from the literature.¹ In a 50 mL flashe, a solution of alkyne (3.78 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) was cooled to -78° C, 2.3 mL of n-butyllithium solution (1.6 M in THF) was added dropwise. After 30 min, a solution of cyclobutanone (0.28 mL, 3.78 mmol) in anhydrous THF was added added. The resulting reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. After 2 h, the mixture was quenched with water, then extracted with 3*20 mL of EtOAc. The combined organic phased were washed with NH₄Cl solution and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to afford yellow oil, which was purified by chromatography (EA/PE=1/10) to afford the product (yield: 60-94 %).

Characterization of start materials:



1-(m-tolylethynyl)cyclobutan-1-ol (1b)

Yield: 89%; Yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dt, J = 15.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.85 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 137.94, 132.27, 129.19, 128.72, 128.17, 122.49, 92.16, 83.58, 68.31, 38.64, 21.20, 12.98; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₃H₁₄O [M]⁺: calcd. 186.1045, found 186.1047.



1-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)cyclobutan-1-ol (1f)

Yield: 90%; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.19 (m, 4H), 2.53-2.47 (m, 2H), 2.36-2.29 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.81 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.07, 131.54, 129.78, 129.50, 128.58, 124.42, 93.71, 82.09, 68.22, 38.52, 12.97; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₂H₁₁ClO [M]⁺: calcd. 206.0498, found 206.0510.

(b) General procedure for silver-catalyzed ring-opening and fluorination.



In a vial, **1a** (52 mg, 0.3 mmol), selecfluoro (212 mg, 0.6 mmol) and silver nitrate (5.0 mg, 0.03 mmol) was dissolved in DEC/H₂O (1 mL /1 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred under N₂ atmosphere at room temperature for 16 h, the organic phase was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a gradient eluent of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate to afford the fluorine product 2a (yield, 85%).

The characterization of products



(E)-2-(fluoro(phenyl)methylene)cyclopentan-1-one (2a)

Yield: 85%; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 3H), 2.94 (td, J = 7.3, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (td, J = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 2H),

1.99 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.7 (d, J = 14.4 Hz), 162.4 (d, J = 270.7 Hz), 131.1, 130.0, 129.7, 128.7 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 127.8, 117.3 (d, J = 19.4 Hz), 40.7 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 27.6 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 19.4; ¹⁹F (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.9; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₂H₁₁FO [M]⁺: calcd. 190.0794, found 190.0795.



(E)-2-(fluoro(m-tolyl)methylene)cyclopentan-1-one (2b)

Yield: 80%; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 2H), 2.93 (td, J = 7.3, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (td, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.99 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.7 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 162.7 (d, J = 270.6 Hz), 161.3, 137.4, 131.9, 129.9, 129.7, 129.1 (d, J = 6.7 Hz), 127.7, 126.0 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 117.1 (d, J = 19.5 Hz), 40.7 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 27.6 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 21.3, 19.4; ¹⁹F (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.3; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₃H₁₃FO [M]⁺: calcd. 204.0950, found 204.0952;



(E)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylfluoromethylene)cyclopentan-1-one (2c)

Yield: 74%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (td, J = 7.3, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (td, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.9 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 160.9 (d, J = 214.3 Hz), 143.8, 140.2, 129.1 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 128.8, 127.8, 127.2, 126.5, 117.5, 40.8 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 27.8 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 19.4; ¹⁹F (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.8; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₈H₁₅FO [M]⁺: calcd. 266.1107, found 266.1108;



(E)-2-(fluoro(4-methoxyphenyl)methylene)cyclopentan-1-one (2d)

Yield: 83%; Colorless solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.92 (td, *J* = 7.2, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.8 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz), 163.8 (d, *J* = 220.1 Hz), 161.7, 161.2, 130.5 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 122.2, 115.8, 113.2, 55.3, 40.9 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 27.7 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 19.5; ¹⁹F (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.3; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₃H₁₃FO₂ [M]⁺: calcd. 220.0900, found 220.0902;



(E)-2-(fluoro(4-fluorophenyl)methylene)cyclopentan-1-one (2e)

Yield: 77%; Colorless oil;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 2H), 2.93 (td, *J* = 7.3, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.77 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz), 174.58, 165.37, 162.79 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 160.03, 131.10 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 7.2 Hz), 125.78, 117.21 (d, *J* = 19.5 Hz), 115.13, 114.91, 40.77 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 27.65 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 19.39; ¹⁹F (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.0, -107.7 (m); HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₂H₁₀F₂O [M]⁺: calcd. 208.0700, found 208.0703;



(E)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)fluoromethylene)cyclopentan-1-one (2f)

Yield: 67%; Colorless oil;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (td, J = 7.2, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.97

(m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.71 (d, J = 14.4 Hz), 162.43 (d, J = 270.7 Hz), 131.14, 130.0, 129.7, 128.76 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 127.80, 117.31 (d, J = 19.4 Hz), 40.74 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 27.63 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 19.49; ¹⁹F (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.4; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₂H₁₀CIFO [M]⁺: calcd. 224.0404, found 224.0408;



(E)-2-((4-bromophenyl)fluoromethylene)cyclopentan-1-one (2g)

Yield: 60%; Colorless oil ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (td, J = 7.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.89, 162.76 (d, J = 262.5 Hz), 131.37, 128.99 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 128.07, 117.67, 41.03 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 27.90 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 19.68; ¹⁹F (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -77.4; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₂H₁₀BrFO [M]⁺: calcd. 267.9899, found 267.9901.



(E)-2-(fluoro(thiophen-2-yl)methylene)cyclopentan-1-one (2i)

Yield: 60%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, J = 4.5, 3.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (ddd, J = 5.1, 3.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (td, J = 7.3, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (td, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.09 (d, J = 14.7 Hz), 158.45 (d, J = 256 Hz), 132.40, 131.12 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 130.53, 127.07, 115.56 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 40.67 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 27.75 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 19.78; ¹⁹F (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -81.40; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₀H₉FOS [M]⁺: calcd. 196.0358, found 196.0356.



(E)-2-(4-chloro-1-fluorobutylidene)cyclopentan-1-one (2j)

Yield: 58%; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.52 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.03-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.83 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.23, 168.87, 116.49, 43.89, 40.26 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 29.19, 26.56, 26.34, 25.80, 19.36. ¹⁹F (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.5; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₉H₁₂ClFO [M]⁺: calcd. 190.0561, found 190.0563;



(E)-2-(chloro(phenyl)methylene)cyclopentan-1-one (3a)

Yield: 70%; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (s, 5H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.80, 143.09, 136.60, 134.17, 129.69, 128.95, 127.78, 41.16, 32.66, 18.74; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₂H₁₁ClO [M]⁺: calcd. 206.0498, found 206.0499.



(E)-2-(chloro(4-methoxyphenyl)methylene)cyclopentan-1-one (3b)

Yield: 66%; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.55, 163.31, 156.08, 131.50, 129.93, 121.91, 113.66, 55.47, 33.04, 32.09, 16.28; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₃H₁₃ClO₂ [M]⁺: calcd. 236.0604, found 235.0607.



(E)-2-(chloro(4-fluorophenyl)methylene)cyclopentan-1-one (3c)

Yield: 60%; White solid;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.83, 164.54, 162.05, 141.95, 134.37, 132.48, 131.21 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 114.97, 114.75, 41.18, 32.73, 18.68; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₂H₁₀ClFO [M]⁺: calcd. 224.0404, found 224.0404.



(E)-2-(chloro(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)cyclopentan-1-one (3d)

Yield: 71%; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (s, 4H), 2.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.79, 135.68, 134.78, 130.46, 128.05, 41.15, 32.70, 18.68; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₂H₁₀Cl₂O [M]⁺: calcd. 240.0109, found 240.0108.



(E)-2-(1,4-dichlorobutylidene)cyclopentan-1-one (3e)

Yield: 47%; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.56 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (dt, J = 14.1, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.18, 147.94, 134.11, 43.81, 41.24, 32.57, 31.54, 30.96, 18.72; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₉H₁₂Cl₂O [M]⁺: calcd. 206.0265, found 206.0268.



(E)-2-(1-chloroethylidene)cyclopentan-1-one (3f)

Yield: 49%; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.56 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (m, 2H), 2.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.13, 120.33, 90.60, 43.96, 42.19, 26.47, 4.07; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₇H₉ClO [M]⁺: calcd. 144.0342, found 144.0344.



(E)-2-(1-bromopentylidene)cyclopentan-1-one (3g)

Yield: 40%; Yellow oil;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.73 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.61 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (dq, J = 14.8, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.66, 132.89, 131.61, 41.21, 40.42, 31.55, 29.77, 21.97, 18.78, 13.89; HRMS (EI⁺, 70 eV): C₁₀H₁₅BrO [M]⁺: calcd. 230.0306, found 230.0305.

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3. NMR and crystallography data



¹H-1f









¹⁹F-2a



¹ H-2b)
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¹³C-2c



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¹H-2d





¹⁹F-2d



¹H-2e



¹³C-2e





¹H-2f











¹H-2i







¹H-2j



¹³C-2j







¹H-3b



¹H-3c









¹H-3e



¹H-3f







NOESY-3f













Crystallography data





Identification code	dm16644		
Empirical formula	C13 H13 F O2		
Formula weight	220.23		
Temperature	130 K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	P 1 21/c 1		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 14.2255(14) Å	α= 90°.	
	b = 6.0009(6) Å	β=114.3980(10)°.	
	c = 13.9246(13) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$.	
Volume	1082.53(18) Å ³		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.351 Mg/m ³		
Absorption coefficient	0.101 mm ⁻¹		
F(000)	464		
Crystal size	0.22 x 0.2 x 0.15 mm ³		
Theta range for data collection	2.936 to 30.588°.		
Index ranges	-20<=h<=20, -7<=k<=8, -19<=l<=19		
Reflections collected	10460		
Independent reflections	3317 [R(int) = 0.0210]		
Completeness to theta = 26.000°	100.0 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	0.7461 and 0.6860		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²		
Data / restraints / parameters	3317 / 0 / 146		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.039		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0552, $wR2 = 0.1464$		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0660, wR2 = 0.1576		
Extinction coefficient	n/a		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.561 and -0.589 e.Å ⁻³		