

Supporting Information

An Air-stable Half-sandwich Ru^{II} complex as Efficient Catalyst for [3+2]

Annulation of 2-Arylcyclo-2-enones with Alkynes

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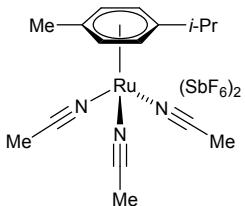
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I. General Remarks

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All reactions were carried out under N₂ atmosphere. Solvents were dried by refluxing over CaH₂ for DCE, P₂O₅ for MeCN, and sodium for 1,4-dioxane and DME, and freshly distilled prior to use. 2-Arylcyclo-2-enones **1a-1q** were prepared according to the literature procedure.¹ Alkynes **2b-2g**, **2i**, **2j** and **2k** were obtained on the basis of previous reports.²

NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AV II-400 MHz. The ¹H NMR (400 MHz) chemical shifts were measured relative to CDCl₃ or CD₃CN as the internal reference (CDCl₃: δ 7.26 ppm, CD₃CN: δ 1.94 ppm). The ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) chemical shifts were given using CDCl₃/CD₃CN as the internal standard (CDCl₃: δ 77.16 ppm, CD₃CN: δ 1.32 ppm). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with a Waters-Q-TOF-Premier (ESI). X-Ray single-crystal diffraction data were collected on an Agilent Technologies Gemini single crystal diffractometer. Melting points were determined with XRC-1 and are uncorrected.

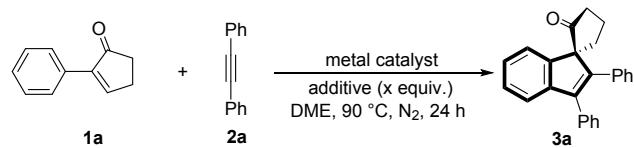
II. Preparation of ruthenium complex **II**



To a suspension of [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl₂]₂ (306 mg, 0.5 mmol) in dry MeCN (5 mL), a solution of AgSbF₆ (752 mg, 2.2 mmol) in dry MeCN (10 mL) was added dropwise. A precipitate formed immediately. The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 1 h. The solid was filtered off by a celite pad and washed with MeCN (3×10 mL). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to 5 mL, and Et₂O (50 mL) was added with sonication. The yellow-orange solid precipitated out was collected by filtration, washed with Et₂O (50 mL), dried in vacuo to give [Ru(*p*-cymene)(MeCN)₃](SbF₆)₂ (730 mg, 88%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 1.30 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 6H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.48 (d, 9H), 2.83–2.92 (m, 1H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 4.5, 19.1, 22.1, 31.9, 85.4, 88.2, 106.8, 109.4, 129.0 ppm.

III. Optimization of the reaction conditions

Table S1 Optimization of the reaction conditions.^a

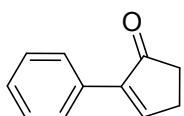


Entry	catalyst [M] (x mol%)	Additive (x equiv.)	T. (°C)	Yield (%) ^b
1	II (10 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	71
2	II (10 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.5 eq.)	90 °C	70
3	II (10 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (0.5 eq.)	90 °C	38
4	II (10 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	110 °C	56
5	II (10 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	70 °C	30
6	II (10 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	68
7	II (10 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	52 ^c
8	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂ /AgSbF ₆ (5 mol%/20 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	23
9	Ru(COD)Cl ₂ /AgSbF ₆ (10 mol%/20 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	ND
10	Ru(<i>PPh</i> ₃) ₃ Cl ₂ /AgSbF ₆ (10 mol%/20 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	ND
11	[Cp [*] RuCl ₂] ₂ /AgSbF ₆ (10 mol%/20 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	ND
12	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂ /AgSbF ₆ (5 mol%/20 mol%)	NaOAc (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	ND
13	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂ /AgSbF ₆ (5 mol%/20 mol%)	AgOAc (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	ND
14	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂ /AgSbF ₆ (5 mol%/20 mol%)	HOAc (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	ND
15	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂ /AgPF ₆ (5 mol%/20 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	6%
16	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂ /AgBF ₄ (5 mol%/20 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	trace
17	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂ /AgOTf (5 mol%/20 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	trace
18	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂ /AgOAc (5 mol%/20 mol%)	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O (1.0 eq.)	90 °C	ND

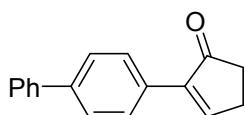
^aReaction conditions: **2a** (0.2 mmol), **1a** (0.25 mmol), catalyst and additive in DME (0.4 M) at 90 °C under N₂ for 24 h. ^bIsolated yield. ^c**a**:**2a** = 1:1.2.

IV. General procedure for the synthesis of 2-arylcyclo-2-enones

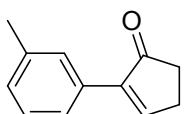
To a stirring solution of iodoenone (5 mmol) in a mixed solvent of DME (10 mL) and H₂O (10 mL) were added Na₂CO₃ (1.1 g, 10 mmol), ArB(OH)₂ (10 mmol), and 10 % Pd/C (0.5 g, 5 mol%). After stirred at room temperature for 20 h, the reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was extracted with Et₂O (2×20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 1M NaOH (2×20 mL) and water, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was passed through a silica gel column with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether as the eluent to provide the desired products.



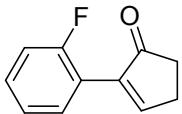
2-Phenylcyclopent-2-enone (1a):^{1a} 78% yield, a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.60-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.73 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 26.4, 36.0, 127.2, 128.5, 128.6, 131.8, 143.7, 159.1, 207.8 ppm.



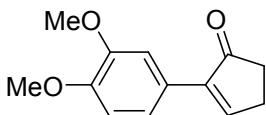
2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (1h): 75% yield, a white solid. M.p.: 140-142 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.62-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.72-2.76 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 26.4, 36.0, 127.2, 127.3, 127.6, 128.9, 130.8, 140.8, 141.3, 143.2, 158.9, 207.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₁₅O [M+H]⁺ 235.1123, found 235.1120.



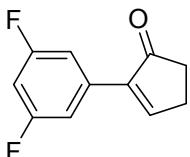
2-(m-tolyl)cyclopent-2-enone (1i): 69% yield, a white solid. M.p.: 103-105 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.58-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.69-2.72 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.6, 26.3, 35.9, 124.3, 127.8, 128.4, 129.2, 131.7, 138.1, 143.7, 159.1, 207.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O [M+H]⁺ 173.0966, found 173.0965.



2-(2-fluorophenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (1k): 73% yield, a white solid. M.p.: 86-88 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.56-2.58 (m, 2H), 2.77 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.16 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.79 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99-8.01 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 26.9, 34.9, 115.8 (d, J_{CF} = 22.3 Hz), 119.7 (d, J_{CF} = 22.1 Hz), 124.09 (d, J_{CF} = 3.5 Hz), 129.75 (d, J_{CF} = 8.5 Hz), 130.0 (d, J_{CF} = 3.2 Hz), 138.0 (d, J_{CF} = 1.9 Hz), 160.4 (d, J_{CF} = 247.7 Hz), 163.0 (d, J_{CF} = 7.4 Hz), 207.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{FO}$ [M+H] $^+$ 177.0716, found 117.0710.



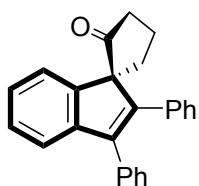
2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (1l): 80% yield, a white solid. M.p.: 117-119 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.55-2.58 (m, 2H), 2.67-2.68 (m, 2H), 3.87-3.91 (m, 6H), 6.85-6.89 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.76 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 26.1, 36.0, 56.0, 110.3, 111.2, 119.8, 124.7, 142.8, 148.9, 149.3, 157.6, 208.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3$ [M+H] $^+$ 219.1021, found 219.1014.



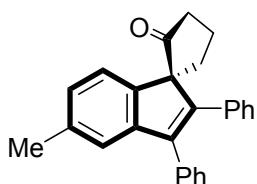
2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (1m): 65% yield, a white solid. M.p.: 96-98 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.61-2.63 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.75 (m, 2H), 6.77 (tt, J = 8.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.88 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 26.4, 35.9, 103.9 (t, J_{CF} = 25.2 Hz), 110.0 (m), 134.6 (t, J_{CF} = 10.1 Hz), 141.5 (t, J_{CF} = 2.8 Hz), 160.6, 163.1 (dd, J_{CF} = 246.0 Hz, 12.9 Hz), 206.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{F}_2\text{O}$ [M+H] $^+$ 195.0621, found 195.0622.

V. General procedure for the Ru-catalyzed [3+2] Annulation of 2-arylcyclo-2-enones with alkynes

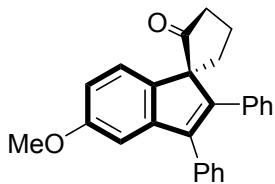
A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with Ru complex (II) (16.7 mg, 10 mol%), 2-arylcyclo-2-enone 1 (0.25 mmol), alkyne 2 (0.2 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂•H₂O (39.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) and DME (0.5 mL) under N₂. The tube was sealed with a teflon-coated screw cap and the reaction was heated at 90 °C for 24 h. After cooled down to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite pad and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was then concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (method A: PE/EA=50:1~20:1, method B: PE/DCM=3:1~1:1) to provide the desired product.



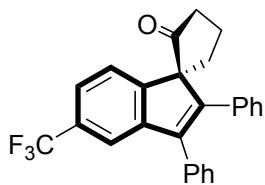
2',3'-Diphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3aa): Purified by method A to give **3aa** as an off-white solid (48 mg, 71% yield). M.p.: 139-141 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.94-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.55 (m, 4H), 2.68-2.77 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.38 (m, 12H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.3, 32.8, 40.0, 69.9, 121.4, 121.7, 126.0, 127.36, 127.45, 127.6, 128.3, 129.7, 129.8, 134.5, 135.9, 142.5, 144.9, 146.4, 148.5, 218.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₅H₂₁O [M+H]⁺ 337.1592, found 337.1588.



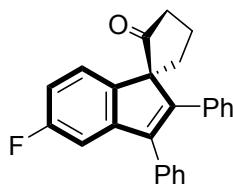
5'-Methyl-2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ba): Purified by method A to give **3ba** as an off-white solid (50 mg, 71% yield). M.p.: 156-158 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.94-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.54 (m, 7H), 2.67-2.76 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.32 (m, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.3, 21.7, 32.8, 39.9, 69.5, 121.4, 122.1, 126.7, 127.3, 127.4, 128.29, 128.34, 129.69, 129.78, 134.6, 135.9, 137.4, 142.5, 145.0, 145.7, 146.6, 219.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O [M+H]⁺ 351.1749, found 373.1745.



5'-Methoxy-2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ca): Purified by method A to give **3ca** as an off-white solid (53 mg, 73% yield). M.p.: 142-144 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.93-2.02 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.38 (m, 2H), 2.41-2.53 (m, 2H), 2.67-2.75 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.34 (m, 9H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.2, 32.9, 39.8, 55.7, 69.2, 107.3, 111.6, 122.2, 127.4, 127.5, 128.3, 128.4, 129.6, 129.7, 134.4, 135.8, 140.8, 142.4, 146.4, 147.6, 159.7, 219.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 367.1698, found 367.1693.

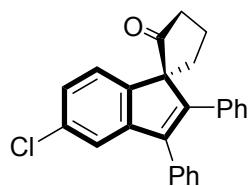


2',3'-Diphenyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)spiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3da): Purified by method A to give **3da** as an off-white solid (54 mg, 67% yield). M.p.: 178-180 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.94-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.56 (m, 3H), 2.68-2.76 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.34 (m, 8H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.3, 32.6, 40.1, 70.0, 118.0 (q, J_{CF} = 3.7 Hz), 121.8, 123.0 (q, J_{CF} = 3.9 Hz), 124.5 (q, J_{CF} = 270.7 Hz), 127.8, 127.9, 128.5, 128.6, 129.56, 129.58, 130.1 (q, J_{CF} = 31.9 Hz), 133.7, 135.2, 141.7, 145.7, 148.2, 151.9, 217.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ [M+H] $^+$ 405.1466, found 405.1460.

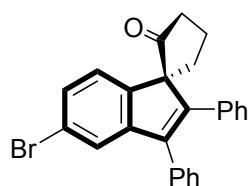


5'-Fluoro-2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ea): Purified by method A to give **3ea** as an off-white solid (48 mg, 67% yield). M.p.: 122-124 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.93-2.03 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.54 (m, 4H), 2.66-2.74 (m, 1H), 6.89 (td, J = 9.2 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.06 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.30 (m, 9H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.3, 32.7, 39.9, 69.3, 108.7 (d, J_{CF} = 23.8 Hz), 112.5 (d, J_{CF} = 23.1 Hz), 122.5 (d, J_{CF} = 9.1 Hz), 127.6, 127.7, 128.4,

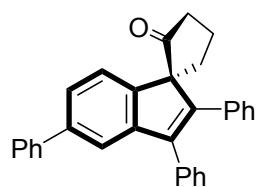
128.5, 129.56, 129.58, 133.9, 135.5, 141.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.1$ Hz), 143.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 2.5$ Hz), 147.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.7$ Hz), 148.3, 163.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 242.4$ Hz), 218.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₅H₂₀FO [M+H]⁺ 355.1498, found 355.1498.



5'-Chloro-2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3fa): Purified by method A to give **3fa** as an off-white solid (48 mg, 65% yield). M.p.: 148-150 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.94-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.56 (m, 4H), 2.68-2.77 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.36 (m, 11H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.3, 32.7, 40.0, 69.5, 121.6, 122.6, 125.8, 127.6, 127.8, 128.4, 128.5, 129.55, 129.60, 133.7, 133.8, 135.4, 141.7, 146.7, 146.8, 148.0, 218.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₅H₂₀ClO [M+H]⁺ 371.1203, found 371.1198.



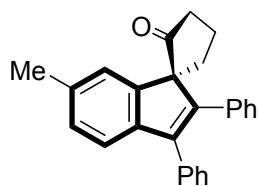
5'-Bromo-2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ga): Purified by method A to give **3ga** as an off-white solid (54 mg, 65% yield). M.p.: 174-176 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.92-2.02 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.54 (m, 4H), 2.65-2.74 (m, 1H), 7.01-7.03 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.37 (m, 10H), 7.46 (d, $J=1.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.3, 32.6, 40.0, 69.6, 121.8, 123.0, 124.5, 127.7, 127.8, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 129.58, 129.61, 133.8, 135.3, 141.7, 147.1, 147.2, 147.9, 217.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₅H₂₀BrO [M+H]⁺ 415.0698, found 415.0698.



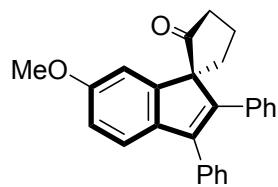
2',3',5'-Triphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ha): Purified by method A to give **3ha** as an off-white solid (67 mg, 82% yield). M.p.: 177-179 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.97-2.07 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.58 (m, 4H), 2.72-2.80 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.37 (m, 9H), 7.40-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.57 (m, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.3, 32.9, 40.0, 69.7, 120.3, 121.9, 125.2, 127.3, 127.4, 127.5, 128.36,

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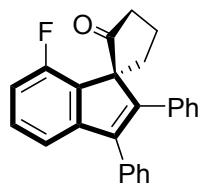
HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₁H₂₅O [M+H]⁺ 413.1905, found 413.1897.



6'-methyl-2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ia): Purified by method A to give **3ia** as an off-white solid (48 mg, 69% yield). M.p.: 148-150 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.92-2.02 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.54 (m, 7H), 2.68-2.76 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.33 (m, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.3, 21.8, 32.9, 40.1, 69.6, 121.1, 122.6, 127.2, 127.4, 128.2, 128.3, 129.7, 134.7, 135.9, 136.0, 142.2, 142.3, 145.4, 148.9, 219.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O [M+H]⁺ 351.1749, found 351.1743.

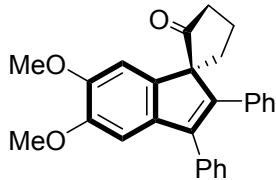


6'-methoxy-2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ja): Purified by method A to give **3ba** as an off-white solid (50 mg, 71% yield). M.p.: 152-154 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.90-2.01 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.53 (m, 4H), 2.66-2.74 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.33 (m, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.2, 33.0, 39.9, 55.8, 69.6, 109.2, 111.9, 121.8, 127.2, 127.4, 128.3, 129.7, 129.8, 134.7, 136.0, 137.8, 142.0, 144.3, 150.2, 158.6, 218.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 367.1698, found 367.1692.

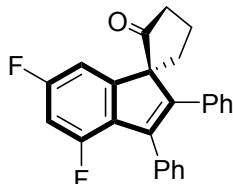


7'-fluoro-2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ka): Purified by method A to give **3ka** as an off-white solid (30 mg, 42% yield). M.p.: 148-150 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.59-1.69 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.48 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.76 (m, 2H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.30 (m, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.1 (d, *J*_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 31.4, 40.7, 68.1 (d, *J*_{CF}

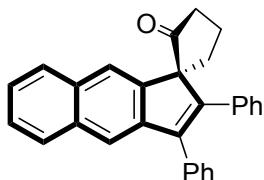
= 2.5 Hz), 113.3 (d, J_{CF} = 21.0 Hz), 117.3 (d, J_{CF} = 2.8 Hz), 127.6, 127.8, 128.3, 128.5, 129.56 (d, J_{CF} = 8.6 Hz), 129.62, 129.64, 133.6 (d, J_{CF} = 15.6 Hz), 133.9, 135.6, 141.3 (d, J_{CF} = 2.4 Hz), 147.9, 148.3 (d, J_{CF} = 6.1 Hz), 157.8 (d, J_{CF} = 244.9 Hz), 218.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₅H₂₀FO [M+H]⁺ 355.1498, found 355.1494.



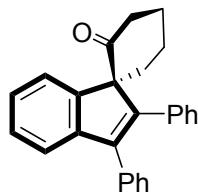
5',6'-dimethoxy-2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3la): Purified by method A to give **3ma** as an off-white solid (38 mg, 48% yield). M.p.: 178-180 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.87-1.97 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.36-2.53 (m, 3H), 2.65-2.74 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 7.01-7.03 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.31 (m, 8H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.3, 33.0, 40.1, 56.3, 56.6, 69.6, 105.1, 106.2, 127.2, 127.4, 128.3, 128.4, 129.6, 129.7, 134.7, 136.0, 137.9, 141.0, 142.1, 145.4, 148.1, 149.2, 219.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₇H₂₅O₃ [M+H]⁺ 397.1804, found 397.1806.



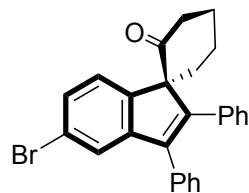
4',6'-difluoro-2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ma): Purified by method A to give **3la** as an off-white solid (30 mg, 41% yield). M.p.: 118-120 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.83-1.94 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.52 (m, 3H), 2.62-2.71 (m, 1H), 6.75 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.28 (m, 8H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.2, 33.0, 40.0, 70.4 (dd, J_{CF} = 1.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 103.7 (t, J_{CF} = 25.6 Hz), 105.9 (dd, J_{CF} = 23.4 Hz, 3.9 Hz), 127.5, 127.6, 127.7, 128.4, 129.7, 129.8 (d, J_{CF} = 2.2 Hz), 134.5 (d, J_{CF} = 1.6 Hz), 135.1, 139.6 (dd, J_{CF} = 3.9 Hz, 1.3 Hz), 146.8 (dd, J_{CF} = 3.8 Hz, 1.4 Hz), 152.1 (dd, J_{CF} = 9.1 Hz, 6.6 Hz), 156.2 (dd, J_{CF} = 253.5 Hz, 12.5 Hz), 161.7 (dd, J_{CF} = 246.1 Hz, 10.2 Hz), 216.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₅H₁₉F₂O [M+H]⁺ 373.1404, found 373.1397.



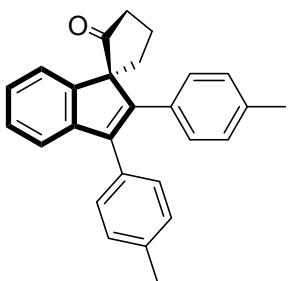
1,2-diphenylspiro[cyclopenta[a]naphthalene-3,1'-cyclopentan]-2'-one (3na): Purified by method A to give **3na** as an off-white solid (45 mg, 59% yield). M.p.: 179-181 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.00-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.58 (m, 4H), 2.78-2.85 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.45 (m, 10H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.78-7.83 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.3, 33.6, 39.7, 69.0, 119.5, 120.5, 125.6, 126.0, 127.5, 127.6, 128.0, 128.3, 128.36, 128.45, 129.7, 129.9, 132.4, 133.5, 134.5, 135.8, 142.6, 143.4, 146.8, 147.4, 218.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₉H₂₃O [M+H]⁺ 387.1749, found 387.1749.



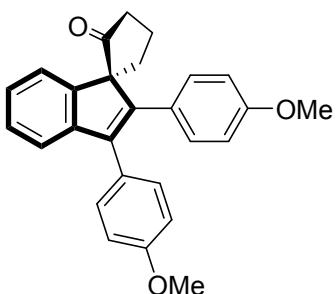
2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3oa): Purified by method A to give **3oa** as an off-white solid (52 mg, 74% yield). M.p.: 152-154 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.83-1.91 (m, 3H), 2.18-2.31 (m, 3H), 2.69-2.74 (m, 1H), 2.92-3.01 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.38 (m, 13H), 7.74-7.77 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 22.0, 25.3, 34.2, 41.1, 70.2, 121.6, 123.2, 125.4, 127.1, 127.5, 127.8, 128.0, 128.5, 129.9, 130.6, 135.0, 136.0, 142.0, 144.9, 147.1, 148.6, 208.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O [M+H]⁺ 351.1749, found 351.1743.



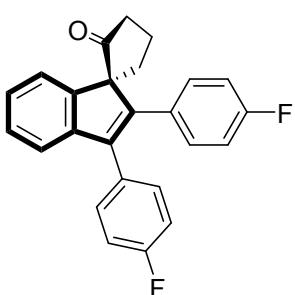
5'-bromo-2',3'-diphenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3pa): Purified by method A to give **3pa** as an off-white solid (52 mg, 61% yield). M.p.: 162-164 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.81-1.91 (m, 3H), 2.19-2.26 (m, 3H), 2.68-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.93 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.42 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.9, 25.2, 34.1, 41.0, 69.8, 122.1, 124.4, 124.6, 127.4, 127.8, 128.07, 128.13, 128.6, 129.8, 130.5, 134.3, 135.4, 141.2, 145.9, 147.1, 150.2, 208.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₆H₂₂BrO [M+H]⁺ 429.0854, found 429.0853.



2',3'-di-p-tolylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ab): Purified by method A to give **3ab** as an off-white solid (49 mg, 68% yield). M.p.: 182-184 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.96-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.40 (m, 8H), 2.43-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.76 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.38 (m, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.3, 21.35, 21.45, 32.9, 40.0, 69.8, 121.3, 121.6, 125.8, 127.5, 129.0, 129.5, 129.6, 131.6, 132.9, 136.9, 137.0, 142.0, 145.1, 146.0, 148.6, 219.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{O} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 365.1905, found 365.1900.

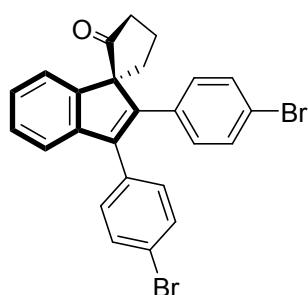


2',3'-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)spiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ac): Purified by method A to give **3ac** as an off-white solid (47 mg, 59% yield). M.p.: 126-128 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.97-2.07 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.38 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.67-2.76 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.37 (m, 5H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.3, 32.9, 40.0, 55.26, 55.29, 69.7, 113.8, 121.2, 121.6, 125.8, 127.0, 127.5, 128.2, 130.9, 131.0, 141.5, 145.1, 145.4, 148.5, 158.7, 158.8, 219.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3 [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 397.1804, found 397.1796.

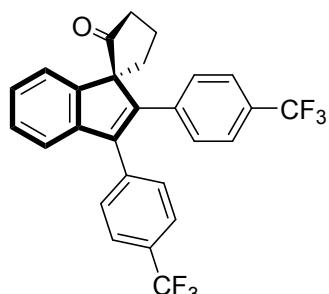


2',3'-bis(4-fluorophenyl)spiro[cyclopentane-

1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ad): Purified by method A to give **3ad** as an off-white solid (54 mg, 73% yield). M.p.: 140-142 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.96-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.52 (m, 4H), 2.69-2.77 (m, 1H), 6.94 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.98-7.02 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.3, 32.6, 39.9, 69.9, 115.52 (d, J_{CF} = 21.3 Hz), 115.56 (d, J_{CF} = 21.2 Hz), 121.2, 121.8, 126.3, 127.7, 130.2 (d, J_{CF} = 3.4 Hz), 131.35 (d, J_{CF} = 8.0 Hz), 131.38 (d, J_{CF} = 8.0 Hz), 131.6 (d, J_{CF} = 3.4 Hz), 142.0, 144.4, 145.4, 148.2, 162.1 (d, J_{CF} = 246.0 Hz), 162.2 (d, J_{CF} = 245.4 Hz), 218.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{O}$ [M+H] $^+$ 373.1404, found 373.1399.

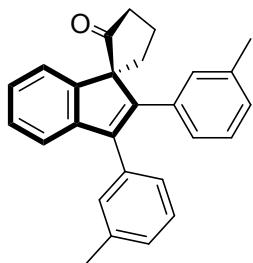


2',3'-bis(4-bromophenyl)spiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ae): Purified by method A to give **3ae** as an off-white solid (62 mg, 63% yield). M.p.: 208-210 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.99-2.07 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.53 (m, 4H), 2.70-2.78 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.3, 32.6, 39.8, 69.9, 121.3, 121.79, 121.82, 121.8, 126.5, 127.8, 131.2, 131.3, 131.76, 131.78, 133.1, 134.5, 142.1, 144.0, 145.4, 148.3, 218.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{Br}_2\text{O}$ [M+H] $^+$ 492.9803, found 492.9799.

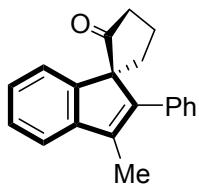


2',3'-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)spiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3af): Purified by method A to give **3af** as an off-white solid (57 mg, 60% yield). M.p.: 166-168 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.00-2.09 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.55 (m, 4H), 2.74-2.82 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.3, 32.4, 39.7,

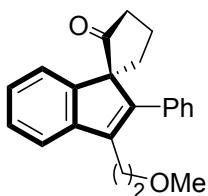
70.2, 121.4, 121.9, 124.1 (q, $J_{CF} = 270.5$ Hz), 124.2 (q, $J_{CF} = 270.8$ Hz), 125.48-125.55 (m), 126.9, 127.9, 129.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 32.3$ Hz), 129.92 (q, $J_{CF} = 32.3$ Hz), 129.98, 130.0, 142.8, 143.7, 145.8, 148.2, 217.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for C₂₇H₁₉F₆O [M+H] $^+$ 473.1340, found 473.1337.



2',3'-di-m-tolylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ag): Purified by method A to give **3ag** as a light yellow oil (48 mg, 66% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.94-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.30-2.54 (m, 7H), 2.67-2.76 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.23 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.3, 21.56, 21.6, 32.8, 40.0, 69.8, 121.4, 121.6, 125.9, 126.9, 127.0, 127.5, 128.09, 128.11, 128.15, 128.2, 130.1, 130.3, 134.5, 135.8, 137.7, 142.4, 145.1, 146.3, 148.5, 218.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for C₂₇H₂₅O [M+H] $^+$ 365.1905, found 365.1904.

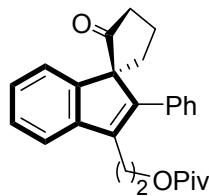


3'-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ah): Purified by method A to give **3ah** as an off-white solid (28 mg, 51% yield). M.p.: 142-143 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.88-1.98 (m, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.21-2.46 (m, 4H), 2.61-2.69 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.40 (m, 5H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.6, 19.3, 31.6, 38.9, 68.6, 119.0, 120.3, 124.8, 126.5, 126.6, 127.5, 128.3, 135.2, 136.8, 144.1, 145.0, 147.2, 218.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for C₂₀H₁₉O [M+H] $^+$ 275.1436, found 275.1439.

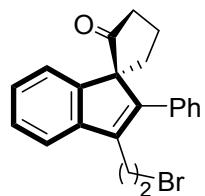


3'-(2-methoxyethyl)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ai): Purified by method B

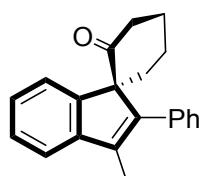
to give **3ai** as a light yellow oil (31 mg, 49% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.77-1.87 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.24 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.44 (m, 3H), 2.55-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.71-2.84 (m, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.49-3.60 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.42 (m, 5H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.2, 26.8, 32.4, 39.9, 58.7, 69.8, 71.5, 120.2, 121.6, 125.8, 127.5, 127.8, 128.6, 129.3, 136.0, 138.3, 145.0, 147.3, 148.3, 218.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 319.1698, found 319.1696.



2-(2-oxo-2'-phenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-3'-yl)ethyl pivalate (3aj): Purified by method B to give **3aj** as an off-white solid (49 mg, 63% yield). M.p.: 108-110 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.13 (s, 9H), 1.77-1.87 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.43 (m, 3H), 2.55-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.88 (m, 2H), 4.22 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.2, 25.8, 27.3, 32.5, 38.8, 39.9, 63.2, 69.9, 120.4, 121.6, 125.9, 127.6, 127.9, 128.7, 129.2, 135.9, 137.6, 144.8, 147.6, 148.2, 178.8, 218.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_3$ [M+H] $^+$ 389.2117, found 389.2119.



3'-(2-bromoethyl)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3ak): Purified by method A to give **3ak** as a light yellow oil (31 mg, 42% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.75-1.85 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.45 (m, 4H), 2.54-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.95-3.12 (m, 2H), 3.42-3.53 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.42 (m, 5H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.2, 30.17, 30.23, 32.3, 39.9, 70.0, 119.8, 121.8, 126.1, 127.7, 128.1, 128.8, 129.1, 135.6, 138.7, 144.1, 148.01, 148.21, 218.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrO}$ [M+H] $^+$ 367.0698, found 367.0696.

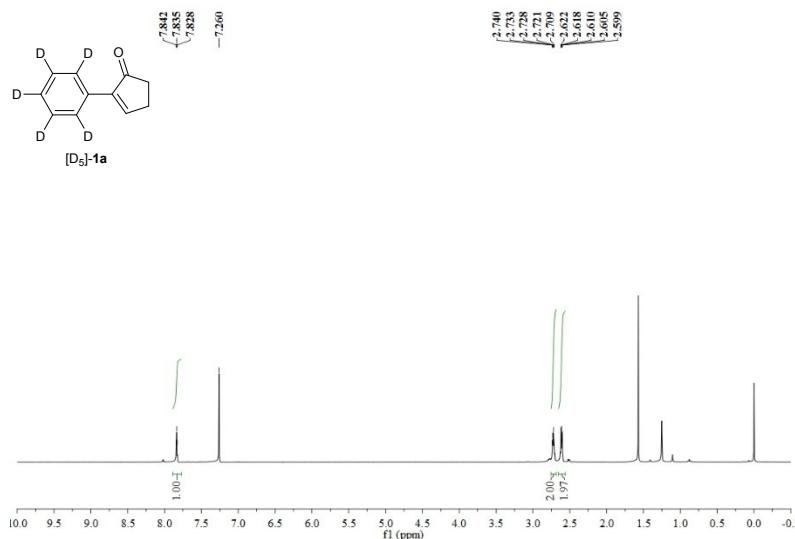


3'-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-inden]-2-one (3oh): Purified by method A to give **3oh** as an off-white solid (36 mg, 63% yield). M.p.: 123-125 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.73-1.85 (m, 3H), 2.09-2.21 (m, 6H), 2.60-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.93 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.40 (m, 8H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 11.9, 22.1, 25.4, 34.3, 41.2, 70.1, 120.2, 122.9, 125.2, 127.2, 127.8, 128.3, 130.2, 136.6, 137.1, 145.9, 146.9, 147.3, 209.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₁H₂₁O [M+Na]⁺ 311.1412, found 311.1413.

VI. Mechanism Study

Synthesis of 2-([D]₅-phenyl)cyclopent-2-enone:

Following the general procedure by using ([D₅]-phenyl)boronic acid instead of phenylboronic acid. 2-([D₅]-Phenyl)cyclopent-2-enone was obtained as a white solid in 75% yield, (>98% D). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.60-2.63 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.74 (m, 2H), 7.84 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H) ppm.

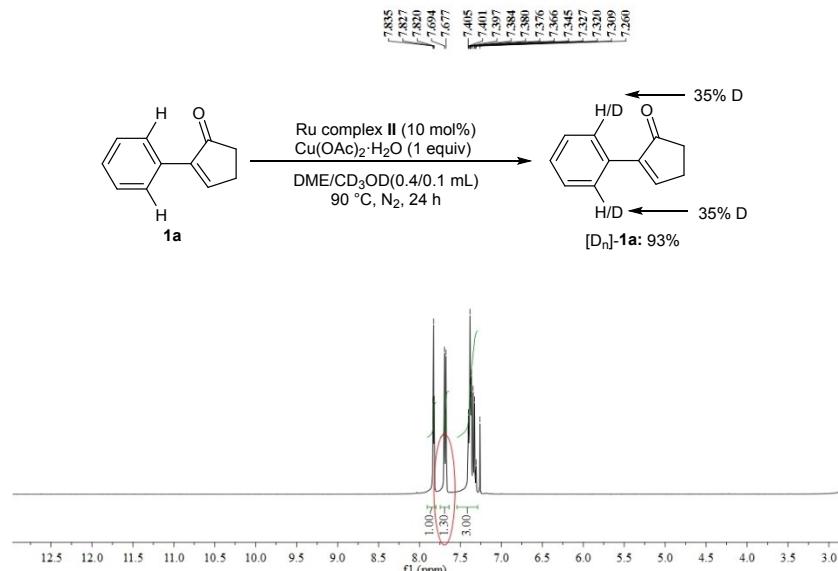


H/D Exchange Experiment:

a) H/D exchange in substrate **1a** with CD₃OD as the cosolvent without **2a**:

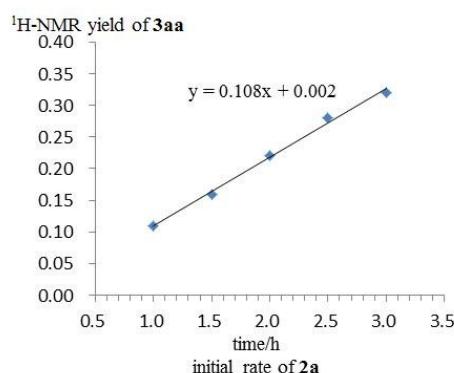
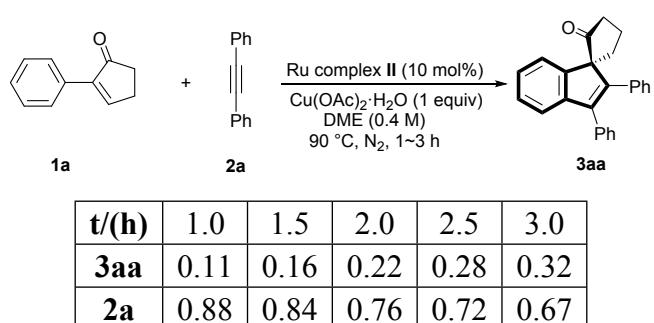
A suspension of Ru complex **II** (16.7 mg, 10 mol%), **1a** (40 mg, 0.25 mmol), and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) in a solvent mixture of DME and CD₃OD (0.4/0.1 mL) was stirred at 90 °C for 24 h under an atmosphere of N₂. After cooled to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite pad and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA) to provide [D_n]-**1a** (37 mg, 93%) as a

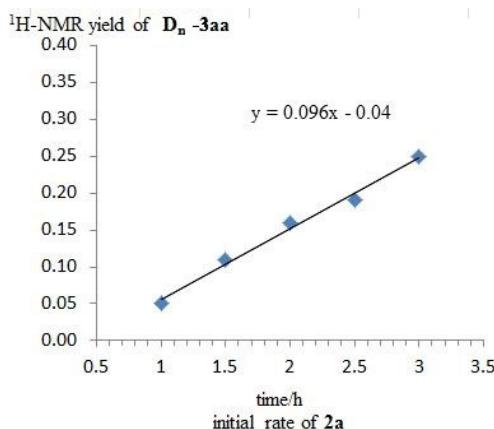
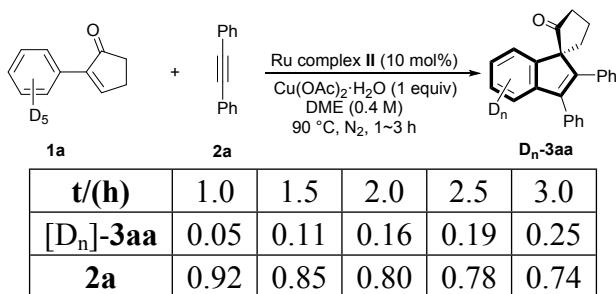
slight yellow solid. The D-incorporation in $[D_n]\text{-1a}$ was estimated by $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy.



b) KIE experiments with **1a** and $[D_5]\text{-1a}$ as substrates:

Two parallel reactions with **1a** and deuterated substrate $[D_5]\text{-1a}$ under the standard conditions were conducted: A suspension of Ru complex **II** (16.7 mg, 10 mol%), substrates **1a** (40 mg, 0.25 mmol) or $[D_5]\text{-1a}$ (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2a** (36 mg, 0.2 mmol), and $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) in DME (0.5 mL) was stirred at 90°C for 1.0 h, 1.5 h, 2.0 h, 2.5 h, 3.0 h, under an atmosphere of N_2 , respectively. The consumption of substrate **2a** and the appearance of the products **3aa** or $[D_n]\text{-3aa}$ were monitored by $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy using 0.2 mmol CH_2Br_2 as an internal standard. These experiments indicated that the C–H bond cleavage is not involved in the rate-limiting step.





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VIII. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra

