β-Cyclodextrin/IBX in water: Highly facile biomimetic one pot deprotection of THP/MOM/Ac/Ts ethers and concomitant oxidative cleavage of chalcone epoxides and

#### oxidative dehydrogenation of alcohols

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#### 1. General methods

Unless otherwise noted, chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers at the highest purity grade available and were used without further purification. Solvents were distilled by standard methods. Thin layer chromatography was performed on Merck precoated 0.25 mm silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV light as visualizing agent and/or iodine as developing agent. Silica gel (100-200 mesh) was used for column chromatography. IR spectra were recorded on FT-IR spectrometer and expressed as wave numbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Brüker (500 MHz & 125 MHz) & Jeol (400 MHz & 100 MHz) spectrometer. Spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm) or with tetramethylsilane (TMS,  $\delta$  0.00 ppm) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were reported as part per million (ppm) in  $\delta$  scale downfield from TMS. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  77.23 ppm, the middle peak). Coupling constants are expressed in Hz. The following abbreviations are used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet, br = broad. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a Brüker micrOTOF<sup>TM</sup>-Q II mass spectrometer (ESIMS).

2. (a) General procedure for deprotection of THP/MOM/Ac/Ts ethers and concomitant oxidative cleavage of chalcone epoxides (1a-11a). The chalcone epoxides (1 mmol) dissolved in water (2 mL) and 3-4 drops of acetone was added to an aqueous solution of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (1 mmol in 10 mL of water) at 60 °C and allowed to cool to room temperature. Then, IBX (1.1 or 2.2 mmol depending on the desired product) was added while stirring and stirring was continued for 40-60 min at 60 °C. After completion of reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL), dried, and concentrated in a vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using

hexane/ethyl acetate (8:2) as an eluent if required otherwise compounds were pure enough for the spectral elucidation.

(b) General procedure for deprotection of THP/MOM/Ac/Ts ethers and concomitant oxidative dehydrogenation of alcohols (15a-28a). To a solution of alcohol (15-28) in water (2 mL) and 3-4 drops of acetone was added to an aqueous solution of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (1 mmol in 10 mL of water) at 60 °C and allowed to cool to room temperature. Then, IBX (1.5 equiv. per alcohol or C-C bond to be oxidized) was added while stirring. The mixture was heated to 60 °C, and the reaction was constantly monitored by TLC until complete consumption of starting material was observed. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The organic layer was washed with 5% aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in a vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (8:2) as an eluent if required otherwise compounds were pure enough for the spectral elucidation.

(c) General procedure for deprotection of THP/MOM/Ac/Ts ethers (29a-38a).  $\beta$ cyclodextrin (0.1 mmol) was dissolved in water (25 ml) at 60 °C; THP/MOM/Ac/Ts ether (1 mmol) in water: acetone mixture (2 ml: 3-4 drops) was added slowly with stirring. The stirring was continued at 60 °C for the specified time (Table 5). Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1) as eluent if required otherwise compounds were pure enough for the spectral elucidation.

#### 3. Characterization data for representative compounds

#### 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (1a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 7.95-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 2, 10 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 2, 10 Hz, 2H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable),

2.54 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 197.3, 191.5, 164.6, 163.1, 133.4, 132.5, 131.1, 129.0, 116.2, 115.8, 85.2. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3420, 2945, 1687, 1649. HRMS (ESIMS) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FNaO<sub>4</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 297.0533; found 297.0531.

#### 3-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (2a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 7.90 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = , 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.28 (s,

1H), 4.81 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  197.9, 191.4, 163.7, 163.2, 132.5, 130.8, 129.9, 129.0, 116.2, 113.7, 84.8, 55.5. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3422, 2940, 1685, 1647. HRMS (ESIMS) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 309.0733; found 309.0730.

#### 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (3a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 7.84 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd *J* = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (s, 1H),

4.81 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 2.55 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  197.6, 191.4, 162.9, 139.7, 135.2, 132.5, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 116.2, 84.7. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3423, 2947, 1684, 1645. HRMS (ESIMS) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClNaO<sub>4</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 313.0238; found 313.0232.

#### 3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (4a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.78-7.74 (m, 4H), 7.54 (dd, J = 2, 11 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 11 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.23 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 2.56 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O

exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 197.8, 191.5, 162.9, 135.6, 132.6, 131.9, 129.9, 129.2, 128.5, 116.1, 83.7. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3423, 2947, 1685, 1642. HRMS (ESIMS) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrNaO<sub>4</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 356.9732; found 356.9734.

#### 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (5a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.98-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 2, 10 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.99 (dd, J = 2, 10 Hz, 2H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 2.55 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O

exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 191.8, 191.2, 165.5, 162.8, 132.7, 132.6, 132.5, 125.8, 116.6, 116.4, 84.3. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3420, 2946, 1686, 1647. HRMS (ESIMS) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FNaO<sub>4</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 297.0533; found 297.0535.

#### 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2,3-trione (8a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 7.92-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 11 Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 10.5 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,

ppm): δ 189.5, 166.9, 164.7, 133.4, 132.5, 131.0, 129.1, 116.1, 115.8. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3425, 2948, 1640, 1599, 1582. HRMS (ESIMS) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FNaO<sub>4</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 295.0377; found 295.0372.

#### 1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propane-1,2,3-trione (9a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.88 (dd, J = 2.5, 9 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 11 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 11 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd, J = 2.5, 11 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 3.77 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 188.4, 163.7, 163.2, 132.5, 130.8, 129.9, 129.0, 116.2, 113.7, 55.4. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3420, 2945, 1643, 1595, 1582. HRMS (ESIMS) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 307.0576; found 307.0569.

#### 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2,3-trione (10a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.84 (dd, J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (dd, J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O

exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 189.7, 162.9, 139.7, 135.2, 132.5, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 116.1. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3421, 2946, 1644, 1585. HRMS (ESIMS) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClNaO<sub>4</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 311.0081; found 311.0080.

#### 1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2,3-trione (11a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 7.83 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 10.5 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 10.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 10.5 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 189.1, 162.8, 135.6, 132.6, 131.9, 129.9, 129.2, 128.5, 116.1. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3421, 2946, 1644, 1585. HRMS (ESIMS) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrNaO<sub>4</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 354.9576; found 354.9571.

#### (E)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (15a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.99 ( d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O

exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 186.8, 162.0, 141.3, 131.4, 130.9, 130.8, 128.9, 121.8, 115.8, 115.2. IR (KBr, ν<sub>max</sub> = cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3410, 2926, 2875, 1686, 1599, 1265, 1078, 862, 730. GC-MS (m/z): 302 [M<sup>+,</sup>, C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>], 304 [M+2].

#### (E)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (16a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (s, 1H,

D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  188.2, 163.9, 142.7, 131.4, 131.3, 130.1, 121.5, 116.8, 116.6, 114.2, 55.1. IR (KBr,  $v_{max} = cm^{-1}$ ): 3410, 2928, 2880, 1684, 1599, 1265. GC-MS (m/z): 254 [M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>].

#### (E)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (17a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (s, 1H,

D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  188.7, 163.6, 142.8, 131.2, 131.0, 130.4, 121.7, 116.3, 116.2, 114.0, 55.7. IR (KBr,  $v_{max} = cm^{-1}$ ): 3410, 2926, 2875, 1686, 1599, 1265. GC-MS (m/z): 254 [M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>].

#### (E)-1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (18a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm) δ 7.91-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s,

1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  193.8, 163.7, 162.1, 145.5, 136.3, 130.7, 129.7, 127.4, 120.2, 118.9, 118.7, 117.7, 114.6, 55.6. IR (KBr,  $v_{\text{max}} = \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3410, 2926, 2875, 1686, 1599, 1265. GC-MS (m/z): 254 [M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>].

#### (E)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (21a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  7.92-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  193.6, 163.8, 144.1, 136.7, 133.2, 131.7, 130.0, 129.8, 129.5, 129.0, 120.7, 119.1, 118.9. IR (KBr,  $v_{max} = cm^{-1}$ ): 3410, 2926, 2875, 1686, 1599, 1265. GC-MS (m/z): 258 [M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>], 260 [M+2]<sup>+</sup>.

#### (E)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (23a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O

exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 186.88, 162.05, 141.32, 131.41, 130.90, 130.83, 128.92, 121.85, 115.81, 115.21. IR (KBr, v<sub>max</sub> = cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3410, 2926, 2875, 1686, 1599, 1265, 1078, 862, 730. GC-MS (m/z): 302 [M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>], 304 [M+2].

#### Cyclohex-2-enone (24a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  6.71-6.69 (m, 1H), 5.90 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (t, J = 1 Hz, 2H), 1.91-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.66 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  198.1, 163.2, 127.1, 37.4, 24.5, 22.6. IR (KBr, v<sub>max</sub>

= cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1701, 1632. GC-MS (m/z): 96 [M<sup>+,</sup>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O].

#### Cyclohepta-2,6-dienone (26a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  6.43 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 6.31-6.29 (m, 2H), 2.34-2.26 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  194.8, 144.2, 135.1, 28.1. IR (KBr,  $v_{max} = cm^{-1}$ ): 1655, 1610, 1564, 1410. GC-MS (m/z): 108

 $[M^{+}, C_7H_8O].$ 

#### 1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-phenylethane-1,2-dione (27a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  7.99 ( d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.48 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (s, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  191.7, 191.6, 162.6, 137.6, 134.7, 132.6, 130.7, 129.2, 124.7, 114.4. IR (KBr,  $v_{max} = cm^{-1}$ ): 3410, 1686, 1640. GC-MS (m/z): 226 [M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>3</sub>].

#### 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (28a)

 $\overbrace{\textbf{28a}}^{\text{IH NMR (CDCl}_3, 500 \text{ MHz, ppm)}} \delta 9.91 \text{ (s, 1H, D}_2\text{O exchangeable), 7.35}}_{(d, J = 7.5 \text{ Hz, 2H}), 6.94 \text{ (d, } J = 8 \text{ Hz, 2H}), 3.90 \text{ (s, 1H}). {}^{13}\text{C NMR (CDCl}_3, 125 \text{ MHz, ppm})} \delta 192.9, 163.0, 134.7, 130.2, 117.1. \text{ IR (KBr, } v_{\text{max}} = \text{cm}^{-1}\text{): } 3420, 2927, 2873, 1721. \text{ GC-MS (m/z): } 122 \text{ [M}^+, \text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{O}_2\text{]}.}$ 

#### 2,6-diphenyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (32)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.88 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 10H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 5.03 (tt, J = 4.5 and 11.5Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 11.5Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.34 (dd, J = 4.5, 12.5Hz, 2H), 1.88 (q, J =

12.5Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 144.7, 140.9, 134.2, 129.8, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 125.7, 78.1, 77.4, 61.2, 39.9, 21.5. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3056, 3039, 2923, 2852, 2373, 1717, 1629, 1454, 1379, 1178, 1065, 945, 903, 757, 699.



# 2,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl 4methylbenzenesulfonate (33)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 10H), 4.93 (tt, *J* = 4.5, 11Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 11.5 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.26 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 11.5Hz, 2H, ), 1.75 (q, *J* = 11.5Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 145.0, 139.3, 134.2, 133.7, 130.0, 128.7, 127.6, 127.2, 77.6, 76.8, 39.9, 21.7.

(E)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-(4-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (34)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 8.02-8.05 (m, 4H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 8, 2.5 Hz, 4H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 15.5

Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.5, 3 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (tt, J = 11, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.56-4.49 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.33 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.83 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  188.8, 164.6, 146.9, 144.8, 143.4, 139.3, 134.3, 134.1, 133.8, 133.6, 131.7, 131.1, 130.0, 128.6, 128.6, 127.6, 127.2, 126.4, 121.2, 77.6, 77.3, 76.9, 39.8, 39.8, 21.7. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3000, 2945, 1678, 1614, 1350, 1200, 1121, 861. HRMS (ESIMS) for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClFNaO<sub>5</sub>S (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 613.1228; found 613.1220.

## (E)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-6-(4-(3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1yl)phenyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (35)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2Hz, 4H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 8.5 Hz, 6H), 7.39-7.46 (m, 6H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.95

(tt, J = 6.5, 3Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, J = 28, 10 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.29 (dd, J = 24, 12.5Hz, 2H), 1.77 (q, J = 11 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  189.18, 146.84, 143.35, 139.67, 136.75, 133.91, 133.67, 131.78, 131.46, 129.90, 128.50, 127.46, 127.42, 126.33, 121.03, 118.61, 77.43, 76.73, 72.70, 39.65, 21.55. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3000, 2945, 1678, 1614, 1350, 1200, 1121, 861. HRMS (ESIMS) for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>S (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 716.9922; found 716.9900.

#### (c) Spectral data of OTs deprotected product:

#### 2,6-diphenyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ol (32a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.19-7.41 (m, 8H), 4.51-4.43 (m, 2H), 4.07 (tt, J = 4.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, br, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable, 1H, OH), 2.21 (dd, J = 4, 11.5Hz, 2H), 1.53 (q, J = 11.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 131.4, 128.3, 127.5, 125.8, 77.8, 68.6, 42.9. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3433, 2965, 2921, 2852, 1634, 1452, 1382, 1265, 1156, 1065, 900, 760, 700. GC-MS (m/z): 410  $[M^+, C_{17}H_{18}O_2].$ 

#### 2,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ol (33a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 7.29-7.24 (m, 8H), 4.47 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (tt, J = 4.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (dd, J)= 4, 11.5 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (q, J = 11.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 139.2, 132.3, 127.5, 126.2, 77.8, 67.4, 41.9. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3447, 2960, 2886, 1652, 1543, 1088, 804. GC-MS (m/z): 323 [M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>].

#### (E)-3-(4-(6-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-hydroxytetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)phenyl)-1-(4-

#### fluorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (34a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.18 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 9 Hz, 3H), 7.48 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.5)

Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (t, J = 3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (tt, J = 11, 3 Hz, 1H), 2.22-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, br, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable, 1H), 1.73-1.84 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  188.8, 166.7, 164.6, 144.6, 143.7, 140.8, 134.5, 134.3, 131.2, 130.0, 128.7, 127.7, 126.5, 125.9, 121.6, 115.9, 78.0, 77.7, 69.4, 40.0. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3434, 3010, 2922, 2843, 1734, 1626, 1456, 1256, 1069, 808.8. HRMS (ESIMS): for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClFNaO<sub>3</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 459.1139; found 459.1150.

# (E)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-(6-(4-bromophenyl)-4-hydroxytetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-

#### yl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (35a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.88 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.61-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.32 (m, 2H), 4.45 (d, J = 32, 11.5 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (tt, J = 10.5, 3 Hz, 1H), 2.30-2.35 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, br, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable, 1H), 1.77-1.86 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  189.8, 143.7, 140.7, 135.4, 134.4, 134.1, 129.8, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 126.2, 125.7, 122.0, 77.8, 77.4, 67.2, 39.8. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3454, 2961, 2878, 1651, 1541, 1091, 801. HRMS (ESIMS): for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 562.9833; found 562.9853.

#### 2-(4-(4-hydroxy-6-phenyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)phenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (36a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 6, 3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (t, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (tt, *J* = 11, 3 Hz, 1H), 2.15-2.22 (m,

2H), 1.68-1.77 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 190.0, 163.0, 156.0, 139.8, 135.5, 134.1, 131.6, 129.9, 129.3, 128.6, 128.6, 127.6, 127.5, 126.3, 122.2, 121.8, 77.1, 76.9, 65.0, 39.8, 39.7. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3446, 2971, 2880, 1652, 1513, 1208, 799. HRMS (ESIMS): for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> Anal. calcd. 421.1416; found 421.1441.

### 4. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of representative compounds.





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