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# A discrete self-assembled palladium nano-cage catalyses Suzuki-Miyaura coupling heterogeneously and Heck-Mizoroki coupling homogeneously

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Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the ligand L in DMSO- $d_6$ 



Figure S2: <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of the ligand L in DMSO- $d_6$ 



Figure S3: ESI-MS of L in DMSO



Figure S4: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1 in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>



**Figure S5:**  $^{1}H^{-1}H$  COSY spectrum of **1** in DMSO- $d_{6}$ 



Figure S6. TEM image of the catalyst 1 after second cycle



Figure S7: ICP-AES of the reaction mixture filtrate from Suzuki-Miyaura, Table 1, Entry 13 (top) and Heck, Table 2, Entry 1 (bottom) coupling reactions catalysed by 1.



Figure S8: TGA thermogram of catalyst 1.



Figure S9: EDX spectra of the catalyst 1, recovered from filtrate of Heck coupling reaction Table 2, Entry 1.

#### 4. Products of Suzuki-Miyaura coupling and their characterization data:

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**Biphenyl** (1):<sup>1</sup> White solid. m.p. 68–70°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.59 (d, J=7.3Hz, 4H), 7.44 (t, J=7.5, 4H), 7.34 (t, J=7.3Hz, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 141.29, 128.81, 127.31, 127.22. Elemental data for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Calc: C, 93.46; H, 6.54, Found: C, 93.21; H, 6.79.

# ⟨\_\_\_\_\_tBu

**4-tert-Butyl-biphenyl (2):**<sup>2</sup> White solid. m.p. 51–53°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> 25°C, TMS) 7.58 (d, J= 7.88Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J=8.44Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J=8.48Hz, 2H), 7.42(t, J=6.78Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.7.30(m, 1H), 1.36(s, 9H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 150.30, 141.13, 138.39, 128.77, 127.10, 126.86, 125.79, 125.71, 34.60, 31.45. Elemental data for  $C_{16}H_{18}Calc: C, 91.37; H, 8.63$ , Found: C, 91.32; H, 8.68.

# F-

**4-Fluorobiphenyl (3):**<sup>3</sup> White solid. m.p. 74–76°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.43 (t, J=7.62Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J=8.02Hz, 1H), 7.13(t, J=7.65Hz) 2H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 163.73, 161.28, 140.29, 137.37, 128.77, 127.30, 127.06, 115.65. Elemental data for  $C_{12}H_9F$  Calc: C, 83.70; H, 5.27, Found: C, 83.52; H, 5.30.

# H<sub>3</sub>COC

**4-Ace tylbiphe nyl** (**4**):<sup>1</sup> White solid. m.p. 119–121°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 8.04 (d, J=8.5Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J=8.4Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.47(t, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 2.64(s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 197.77, 145.76, 139.84, 135.82, 128.95, 128.91, 128.23, 127.26, 127.21, 26.67. Elemental data for  $C_{14}H_{12}O$  Calc: C, 85.68; H, 6.16, Found: C, 85.46; H, 5.96.

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**1-(4'-tert-Butyl-biphenyl-4-yl)-e thanone (5)**.<sup>2</sup> White solid. m.p. 127–129 °C. Eluent: Petether/ethyl acetate. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.95 (d, J=6.62Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J=7.52Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J=7.78Hz, 2H), 7.43(d, J=7.52Hz, 2H), 2.56(s, 3H), 1.29(s, 9H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 197.74, 151.43, 145.49, 136.87, 135.58, 128.89, 126.97, 126.90, 125.92, 34.62, 31.29, 26.63.Elemental data for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O Calc: C, 85.67; H, 7.99, Found: C, 85.61; H, 7.74.

# H<sub>3</sub>COC-

**4-Acetyl-4'-fluorobiphenyl** (6):<sup>4</sup> White solid. m.p. 103–105 °C. Eluent: Petether/ethyl acetate. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 8.03 (d, J=6.6Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J=5.16Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.16(t, J=8.2Hz, 2H), 2.64(s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 197.7, 164.23, 161.76, 144.72, 135.97, 128.90, 127.07, 116.04, 115.82, 26.67.Elemental data for  $C_{14}H_{11}$ OF Calc: C, 78.49; H, 5.18, Found: C, 78.32; H, 5.33.

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**4-Cyanobiphenyl (7):**<sup>1</sup> White solid. m.p. 85–87°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.73 (d, J=6.5Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J=6.5Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J=7.5Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J=7Hz, 2H) 7.44-7.42 (m, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 145.68, 139.18, 132.62, 129.15, 128.70, 127.75, 127.25, 118.98, 110.92.Elemental data for  $C_{13}H_9N$  Calc: C, 87.12; H, 5.06; N, 7.82, Found: C, 86.93; H, 5.12; N, 7.95.

### NC-

**4'-tert-Butyl-biphenyl-4-carbonitrile** (8):<sup>2</sup> White solid. m.p. 132–134°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.71 (d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J=8Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 151.98, 145.51, 136.22, 132.59, 127.52, 126.92, 126.13, 119.08, 110.58, 34.71, 31.31. . Elemental data for  $C_{17}H_{17}N$  Cak: C, 86.77; H, 7.28; N, 5.95, Found: C, 86.55; H, 7.34; N, 6.11.

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**4'-Fluoro-biphenyl-4-carbonitrile** (9):<sup>4</sup> White solid. m.p. 105–107°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.72 (d, J=8.44, 2H), 7.63 (d, J=7.48, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, J=8Hz, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 161.95, 144.61, 135.3, 132.66, 129.01, 127.56, 118.85, 116.13, 110.95.Elemental data for  $C_{13}H_{18}NF$  Calc: C, 79.17; H, 4.09; N, 7.10, Found C, 79.31; H, 4.14; N, 6.96.

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**4-Methylbiphenyl** (10):<sup>5</sup> White solid. m.p. 45–47°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.58(d, J=8.2Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J=7.3Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J=7.3Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J=7.3Hz, 1H), 7.25(d, J=6.7Hz, 2H), 2.40(s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 141.22, 138.41, 137.07, 129.53, 128.76, 127.05, 127.03, 21.15.Elemental data for  $C_{13}H_{12}$  Calc: C, 92.81; H, 7.19, Found C, 92.69; H, 7.31.

# Me - TBu

**4'-tert-Butyl-4-me thyl-biphe nyl (11):**<sup>6</sup> White solid. m.p. 75–77°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.54(t, J=7.08Hz, 3H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.27 (t, J=6.08Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.38(s, 9H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 149.99, 138.28, 136.75, 129.49, 126.92, 126.72, 126.66, 125.73, 34.57, 31.45, 21.17.Elemental data for  $C_{17}H_{20}$  Calc: C, 91.01; H, 8.99, Found C, 91.23; H, 8.77.

# Me – F

**4'-Fluoro-4-methyl-biphenyl** (12):<sup>4</sup> White solid. m.p. 74–76°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, J=7.32Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.03(t, J=7.62Hz, 2H), 2.32(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 163.57, 161.13, 137.34, 129.59, 128.55, 126.91, 115.71, 115.49, 21.13.Elemental data for  $C_{13}H_{11}FCak$ : C, 83.84; H, 5.95, Found C, 83.62; H, 6.07.

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**4-Methoxybiphenyl** (13):<sup>1</sup> White solid. m.p. 88–90°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.49-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.34 (t, J=7.7Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, J=7.3Hz, 1H), 6.91(d, J=6.7Hz, 2H), 3.78(s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 159.14, 140.82, 133.77, 128.71, 128.15, 126.73, 126.65, 114.19, 55.33.Elemental data for  $C_{13}H_{12}OCalc$ : C, 84.75; H, 6.57, Found: C, 84.55; H, 6.73.

### MeO-

**4'-tert-Butyl-4-me thoxy-biphenyl** (14):<sup>2</sup> White solid. m.p. 136-138°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.51 (t, J=5.64Hz, 4H), 7.44 (d, J=8.5Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J=8.76Hz, 2H), 3.84(s, 3H), 1.35(s, 9H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 158.99, 149.65, 137.98, 133.68, 128.05, 126.42, 125.72, 114.19, 55.35, 34.52, 31.44. Elemental data for  $C_{17}H_{20}OCalc$ : C, 84.96; H, 8.39, Found: C, 84.75; H, 8.63.

# MeO-

**4'-Fluoro-4-methoxy-biphenyl (15):**<sup>4</sup> White solid. m.p. 89–91°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.50-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, J=7.66Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J=8.8Hz, 2H), 3.85(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 163.31, 160.87, 159.11, 136.96, 132.82, 128.17, 115.42, 114.24, 55.34. Elemental data for  $C_{13}H_{11}FOCalc: C$ , 77.21; H, 5.48, Found: C, 77.44; H, 5.31.

### H<sub>2</sub>N-

**4-Aminobiphenyl** (**16**):<sup>7</sup> White solid. m.p. 52–54°C. Eluent: Petether/ethylacetate. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.53(d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.75(d, J=8.4Hz, 2H), 3.72(brs,2H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 145.89, 141.20, 131.59, 128.72, 128.05, 126.45, 126.31, 115.44. Elemental data for  $C_{12}H_{11}NCalc$ : C, 85.17; H, 6.55; N, 8.28, Found: C, 85.43; H, 6.23; N, 8.34.

# H<sub>2</sub>N- HBu

**4'-tert-Butyl-biphenyl-4-ylamine** (17):<sup>8</sup> White solid. m.p. 82–84°C. Eluent: Petether/ethylacetate. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.47(d, J=8.52, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 4H), 6.75(d, J=8.52Hz, 2H), 3.47(brs, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 149.21, 145.61, 138.31, 131.53, 127.91, 126.07, 125.65, 115.45, 34.48, 31.44. Elemental data for  $C_{16}H_{19}NCalc$ : C, 85.28; H, 8.50; N, 6.22, Found: C, 85.11; H, 8.63; N, 6.26.

# H<sub>2</sub>N-

**4'-Fluoro-biphenyl-4-ylamine** (18):<sup>9</sup> White solid. m.p. 120–122°C. Eluent: Petether/ethylacetate. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.47(t, J=7.06Hz, 2H), 7.35(d, J=8.48Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, J=8.74Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J=8.48Hz, 2H), 3.71(brs, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 163.09, 160.66, 145.82, 137.32, 130.65, 127.90, 127.82, 115.42.Elemental data for  $C_{12}H_{10}NFCak$ : C, 76.99; H, 5.38; N, 7.48, Found: C, 77.63; H, 5.51; N, 7.22.

5. Products of Heck-Mizoroki coupling and their characterization data:

(E)-1, 2-Diphenyle thene (1):<sup>10</sup> White solid. m.p. 122–124°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.51(d, J=8Hz, 4H), 7.36 (t, J=7.2Hz, 4H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.11(s, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 137.35, 128.72, 127.66, 126.55. Elemental data for  $C_{14}H_{12}Calc$ : C, 93.29; H, 6.71, Found: C, 93.52; H, 6.48.



(E)-1-(4-Styrylphenyl) ethanone (2):<sup>10</sup> White solid. m.p. 138–140°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.95(d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J=8.4Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d,J=8Hz, 2H), 7.38(t,J=8Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.30(m, 1H), 7.23(d, J=16Hz, 1H), 7.13(d, J=16Hz, 1H) ,2.61(s,3H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 197.53, 142.01, 136.70, 135.94, 131.47, 128.91, 128.84, 128.36, 127.45, 126.85, 126.53, 26.63.Elemental data for  $C_{16}H_{14}O$  Calc: C, 86.45; H, 6.35,Found: C, 86.72; H, 6.11.



(E)-4-Styrylbenzonitrile (3):<sup>10</sup> White solid. m.p 117–119°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.63(d, J=4Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.39(t, J=8Hz, 1H), 7.31(t, J=8Hz, 1H), 7.22(d, J=16Hz, 1H), 7.08(d, J=16Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 141.85, 136.30, 132.51, 132.42, 128.89, 128.68, 126.95, 126.89, 126.73, 119.09, 110.57.Elemental data for  $C_{15}H_{11}N$  Calc: C, 87.77; H, 5.40; N, 6.82 Found: C, 87.49; H, 5.76; N, 6.75.

# Me

(E)-1-Methyl-4-styryl-benzene (4):<sup>10</sup> White solid. m.p. 118–120°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS)7.50(d, J=7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.22(m, 1H), 7.16(d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.03(m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 137.57, 137.55, 134.58, 129.45, 128.70, 128.66, 127.73, 127.46, 126.48, 126.45, 21.32. Elemental data for  $C_{15}H_{14}Cak$ : C, 92.74; H, 7.26, Found: C, 92.52; H, 7.48.

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(E)-1-Methoxy-4-styryl-benzene (5):<sup>10</sup> White solid. m.p.  $136-138^{\circ}$ C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS)7.49-7.44(m, 4H), 7.34 (t, J=8Hz,

2H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J=16Hz, 1H), 6.97(d, J=16Hz, 1H), 6.90(d, J= 7Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 159.32, 137.67, 130.16, 128.68, 128.23, 127.76, 127.25, 126.63, 126.29, 114.16, 55.35.Elemental data for  $C_{15}H_{11}O$  Calc: C, 85.68; H, 6.71, Found: C, 85.37; H, 6.56.



(E)-4-Styryl-phenylamine (6):<sup>11</sup> White solid. m.p. 150–152°C. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.46(d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J=8Hz, 4H), 7.20(t, J=8Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J=16Hz, 1H), 6.91(d, J=16Hz, 1H), 6.67(d, J= 8Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 146.21, 137.98, 128.73, 128.66, 128.03, 127.81, 126.95, 126.16, 125.12, 115.25. Elemental data for  $C_{14}H_{13}N$  Calc: C, 86.12; H, 6.71; N, 7.17, Found: C, 85.32; H, 6.92; N, 7.26.

(E)-*n*-Butyl cinnamate (7):<sup>12</sup> Colourless liquid. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.68(d, J=16Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 3H), 6.44(d, J=16Hz, 1H), 4.21(t, J= 8Hz, 2H), 1.73-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, 7.2Hz, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 166.11, 143.54, 133.44, 129.19, 127.85, 127.03, 117.26, 63.43, 29.75, 18.18, 12.74.Elemental data for  $C_{13}H_{16}O_2$  Calc: C, 76.44; H, 7.90, Found: C, 76.12; H, 8.02.

(E)-*t*-Butyl cinnamate (8):<sup>12</sup> Colourless liquid. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.58(d, J=16Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 6.37(d, J=16Hz, 1H), 1.53(s, 9H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 166.35, 143.56, 134.67, 129.97, 128.83, 127.97, 120.19, 80.51, 28.22.Elemental data for  $C_{13}H_{16}O_2$  Calc: C, 76.44; H, 7.90, Found: C, 76.32; H, 7.85.



(E)-*t*-butyl 3-*p*-tolylacrylate (9):<sup>13</sup> Colourless liquid. Eluent: Petether/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 7.49(d, J=16Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J=8Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J=8Hz, 2H), 6.25(d, J=16Hz, 1H), 2.29(s, 3H), 1.46(s, 9H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25°C, TMS) 166.58, 143.56, 140.32, 131.92, 129.50, 127.96, 119.09, 80.38, 28.23, 21.46. Elemental data for  $C_{14}H_{18}O_2$  Calc: C, 77.03; H, 8.31, Found: C, 77.33; H, 8.51.







#### Table 1, Entry3:





#### Table 1, Entry4:





#### Table 1, Entry5:







#### Table 1, Entry7:







#### Table 1, Entry9:





#### Table 1, Entry 10:

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#### Table 1, Entry 11:

KJ-SPC-28







#### Table 1, Entry 13:







#### Table 1, Entry 15:





#### Table 1, Entry 16:







#### Table 1, Entry 17:







#### Table 2, Entry1:





#### Table 2, Entry2:

RJ-SPC-60





#### Table 2, Entry 3:





#### Table 2, Entry4:





#### Table 2, Entry 5:





RJ-SPC-62





#### Table 2, Entry7:





#### Table 2, Entry8:







#### Table 2, Entry9:





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