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# **Supplementary Information**

## PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> mediated decarboxylative sulfonylation of $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids:

## A synthesis of (*E*)-vinyl sulfones

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#### **General information**

All isolated compounds were characterized on the basis of <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopic data, IR spectra, and HRMS data. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Ascend<sup>TM</sup> spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard or residual nondeuterated solvent peak as an internal standard. Infrared spectra were recorded with a Bruker ALPHA FT-IR spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded with a Bruker micro TOF spectrometer in the ESI mode. Melting points were recorded with a Sanyo Gallenkamp apparatus. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography and visualized by UV and a solution of KMnO<sub>4</sub>. Cinnamic acids **1a**, **1g**, **1j**, **1k**, **1n**, **1q** and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Unless otherwise noted,  $\alpha_{\beta}$ -unsaturated carboxylic acid were synthesized according to literature procedures via Wittig reaction and Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction. Purification of the reaction products was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel (0.063–0.200 mm). After column chromatography, analytically pure solid was obtained by crystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–hexanes.

General procedures: Synthesis of vinyl sulfone from  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acid and sodium sulfinate. DIB (161.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) was added to a solution of  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acid (0.25 mmol) and sodium sulfinate (1.0 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) at room temperature and then reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C under air for 10-30 minutes. After completion of the reaction, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and was diluted with water (10 mL). Further stirring was followed by extraction with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated (aspirator). The residue was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc–hexanes as eluent to afford the corresponding product.







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