

Palladium(II)-catalyzed intramolecular carboxypalladation-olefin insertion cascade: direct access to indeno[1,2-*b*]furan-2-ones

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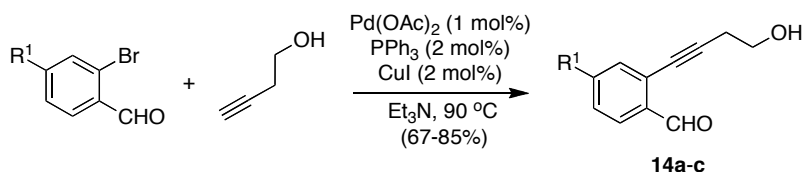
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1. General:

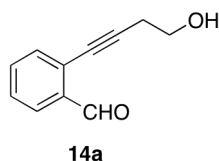
All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers (Avra, Alfa Aesar, Sigma-Aldrich, CDH) and used without further purification. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under nitrogen atmosphere. The reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography using Merck silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ and visualized by UV detection or using *p*-anisaldehyde stain or molecular iodine. Silica gel (230-400 mesh) was used for flash column chromatography. Melting points were recorded on a Royal melting point apparatus in capillaries and are uncorrected. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ at room temperature on a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer operating at 300 MHz for ¹H and 75 MHz for ¹³C. Chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in ppm using TMS as internal standard and coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained in an Agilent Cary630 FTIR spectrometer with a diamond ATR accessory for solid and liquid samples, requiring no sample preparation and the major frequencies were reported in cm⁻¹. Elemental analyses were determined at the CAI de Microanálisis Elemental, Universidad Complutense, by using a Leco 932 CHNS combustion microanalyzer. ESI-MS spectra were obtained with a JMS-T100LC (JEOL) instrument. HPLC analyses were performed using a JASCO HPLC system (a JASCO PU 980 pump and a UV-975 UV/Vis detector) using a mixture of hexane and *i*-PrOH as eluents.

2. General procedure for the Sonogashira coupling: Synthesis of compounds 14a-c.



To a solution of 2-bromoarylaldehyde (27 mmol, 1 equiv) and 3-butyn-1-ol (29.7 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in Et₃N (50 mL) was added Pd(OAc)₂ (0.27 mmol, 1 mol%), PPh₃ (0.54 mmol, 2 mol%) and CuI (0.54 mmol, 2 mol%). The resulting mixture was degassed with nitrogen and heated with stirring at 90 °C for 3 h. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a pad of celite. The celite bed was washed well with ethyl acetate (2 x 50 mL) and the filtrate was washed with water, brine and dried over anhyd. Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was chromatographed over silica using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (75: 25, v/v) as eluent to obtain compounds **14a-c**.

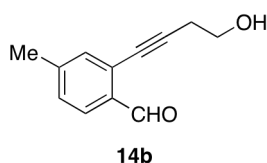
2-(4-Hydroxybut-1-ynyl)benzaldehyde (**14a**)¹:



Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 85%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.76 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 10.44 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 23.9, 60.9, 78.2, 94.5, 126.7, 128.1, 128.2, 133.4, 133.8, 135.9, 192.3.

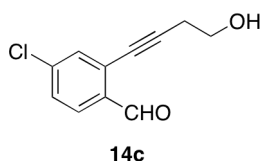
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2-(4-Hydroxybut-1-ynyl)-4-methylbenzaldehyde (14b):



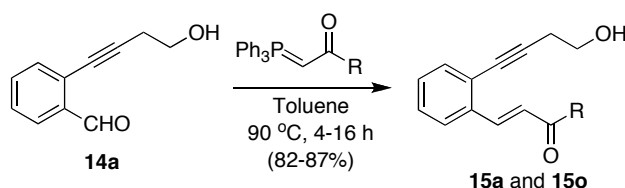
Orange viscous liquid; yield: 78%; IR (neat) 3382, 2881, 2227, 1686, 1597, 1390, 1253, 1205, 1040 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.75 (t, $J = 6.3\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 3.87 (t, $J = 6.3\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.1\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 7.8\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 10.37 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.6, 24.0, 60.9, 78.6, 93.8, 126.5, 128.5, 129.2, 133.8, 133.9, 144.9, 191.8. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$: C, 76.57; H, 6.43. Found: C, 76.27; H, 6.65.

4-Chloro-2-(4-hydroxybut-1-ynyl)benzaldehyde (14c):



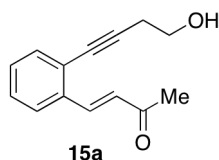
Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 73%; IR (neat) 3370, 2911, 2236, 1690, 1601, 1399, 1230, 1018 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.1 (brs, 1H), 2.77 (t, $J = 6.3\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 3.87 (t, $J = 6.3\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 8.7$, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 2.1\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 10.39 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.0, 60.8, 76.6, 95.9, 128.0, 128.8, 129.5, 133.2, 134.4, 140.2, 190.8. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{ClO}_2$: C, 63.32; H, 4.35. Found: C, 63.04; H, 4.39.

3. General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 15a and 15o.



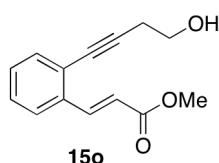
A mixture of compound **14a** (3 mmol, 1 equiv) and Wittig ylide (3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene was heated at 90 °C for 4 h for **15a** and 16 h for **15q**. After cooling, the solvent was evaporated to dryness and the residue was treated with ether. The solidified OPPh_3 was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated to afford the crude products. The crude was purified by flash column chromatography eluting with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate mixture (80:20, v/v).

(E)-4-(2-(4-Hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)but-3-en-2-one (15a):



Off-white solid; mp 49-50 °C, yield: 87%; IR (neat) 3412, 3018, 2318, 1680, 1572, 1218, 1053 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.21 (brs, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.78 (t, $J = 6.0\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 3.90 (q, $J = 6.0\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.78 (d, $J = 16.5\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.64 (m, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 16.5\text{ Hz}$, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 25.4, 28.8, 62.5, 81.2, 95.2, 126.1, 127.5, 129.6, 129.7, 131.4, 134.3, 137.2, 143.3, 200.5. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$: C, 78.48; H, 6.59. Found: C, 78.17; H, 6.41.

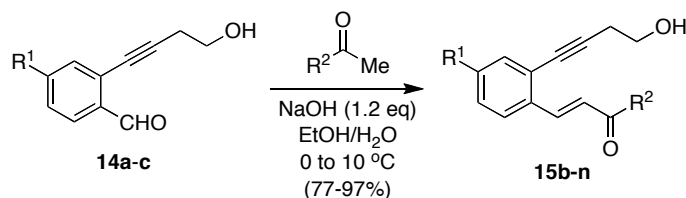
(E)-Methyl 3-(2-(4-hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)acrylate (15o):



Pale yellow viscous liquid; yield: 82%; IR (neat) 3419, 2948, 2228, 1700, 1631, 1476, 1434, 1318, 1268, 1193 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.0

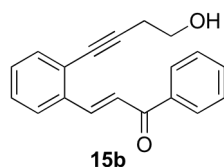
(brs, 1H), 2.70 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.82 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.55 (m, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.0, 51.9, 61.1, 79.7, 93.8, 118.8, 124.5, 126.0, 128.1, 129.8, 132.7, 135.6, 143.2, 167.7. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$: C, 73.03; H, 6.13. Found: C, 72.87; H, 6.21.

4. General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 15b-n.



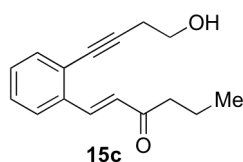
To a solution of methyl ketone (4 mmol, 1 equiv) in 3:1 EtOH/ H_2O mixture was added NaOH (4.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at 0 °C. After 10 minutes stirring, aldehyde **14** (4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added and the stirring was continued at 10 °C for 4-5 h. After completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was poured into ice water then acidified with 1.5N HCl. The aqueous suspension was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 x 30 mL), washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhyd. Na_2SO_4 and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate mixture as eluent (70:30, v/v).

(*E*)-3-(2-(4-Hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (**15b**):



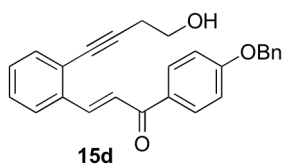
Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 81%; IR (neat) 3413, 2885, 2349, 1660, 1592, 1215, 1047 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.00 (brs, 1H), 2.69 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.81 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.66-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.94-7.97 (m, 2H), 8.28 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)*: δ 24.1, 61.1, 79.9, 94.2, 123.3, 125.1, 126.1, 128.2, 128.6, 130.0, 132.8, 132.9, 136.2, 138.1, 143.4, 191.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_2$, m/z 299.1048 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); found, m/z 299.1042. *one aromatic carbon is merged with others.

(*E*)-1-(2-(4-Hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)hex-1-en-3-one (**15c**):



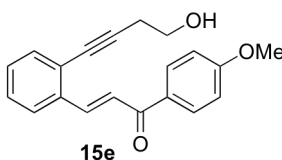
Colorless viscous liquid; yield: 83%; IR (neat) 3401, 3012, 2320, 1668, 1582, 1221, 1032 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.65 (sextet, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 2.60 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.82 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.57 (m, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 16.0, 20.0, 26.1, 44.9, 63.1, 81.8, 96.0, 126.9, 128.1, 129.3, 130.3, 131.9, 134.9, 137.9, 142.9, 203.4. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$: C, 79.31; H, 7.49. Found: C, 79.01; H, 7.32.

(E)-1-(4-(Benzyloxy)phenyl)-3-(2-(4-hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (15d):



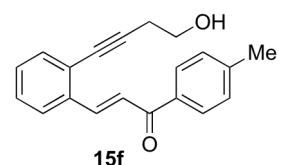
Pale yellow solid; mp 91-92 °C, yield: 86%; IR (neat) 3371, 2950, 2881, 2309, 1655, 1597, 1338, 1263, 1173, 1031 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.9 (brs, 1H), 2.69 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.83 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.42 (m, 8H), 7.51 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 8.28 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.1, 61.1, 70.2, 80.0, 94.3, 114.7, 123.0, 125.0, 126.1, 127.5, 128.1, 128.3, 128.7, 129.8, 131.0, 131.1, 132.7, 136.2, 136.5, 142.5, 162.7, 189.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_3$, m/z 405.1467 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); found, m/z 405.1458.

(E)-3-(2-(4-Hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (15e):



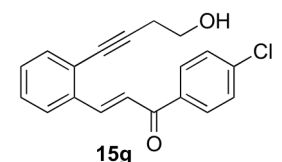
Off-white solid; mp 87-88 °C, yield: 88%; IR (neat) 3486, 3056, 2936, 2230, 1655, 1609, 1512, 1475, 1339, 1166, 1022 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.1 (brs, 1H), 2.70 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.84 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.1, 55.5, 61.1, 79.9, 94.3, 113.9, 123.0, 125.0, 126.1, 128.1, 129.8, 130.9, 131.0, 132.7, 136.4, 142.5, 163.6, 189.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_3$, m/z 329.1154 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); found, m/z 329.1146.

(E)-3-(2-(4-Hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)-1-p-tolylprop-2-en-1-one (15f):



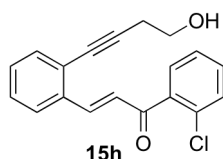
Pale yellow solid; mp 91-92 °C, yield: 78%; IR (neat) 3485, 2927, 2878, 2349, 1657, 1604, 1479, 1315, 1219, 1088 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.8 (brs, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.69 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.83 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 22.7, 59.7, 78.5, 92.9, 121.3, 123.7, 124.8, 126.8, 127.6, 128.6, 128.8, 131.5, 134.7, 135.0, 137.9, 142.4, 188.2. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_2$, m/z 313.1204 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); found, m/z 313.1194. *One aromatic carbon is merged with others.

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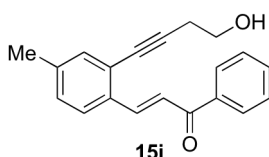
Pale yellow solid; mp 112-113 °C, yield: 77%; IR (neat) 3471, 3066, 2945, 2309, 1656, 1591, 1316, 1186, 1060 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.70 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.82 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.1, 61.1, 79.8, 94.3, 122.6, 125.2, 126.2, 128.2, 129.0, 130.0, 130.2, 132.9, 136.0, 136.3, 139.3, 143.8, 189.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNaO}_2$, m/z 333.0658 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); found, m/z 333.0647.

(E)-1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-(4-hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (15h):



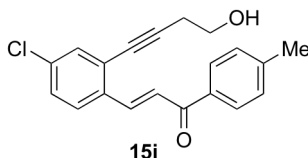
Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 90%; IR (neat) 3389, 3059, 2230, 1642, 1589, 1472, 1431, 1300, 1252, 1038 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.90 (brs, 1H), 2.65 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.74-3.76 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.51 (m, 7H), 7.68-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)*: δ 23.9, 61.0, 79.6, 93.8, 125.0, 126.3, 126.8, 127.3, 128.3, 129.4, 130.2, 130.4, 131.4, 132.8, 135.7, 139.0, 145.1, 194.5. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}_2$: C, 73.43; H, 4.86. Found: C, 73.10; H, 5.07. *One aromatic carbon is merged with others.

(E)-3-(2-(4-Hydroxybut-1-ynyl)-4-methylphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (15i):



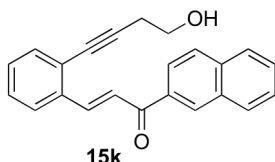
Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 92%; IR (neat) 3390, 3022, 2261, 1655, 1577, 1455, 1322, 1242, 1030 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.36 (s, 1H), 2.75 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.89 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.01-8.04 (m, 2H), 8.33 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)*: δ 21.3, 24.1, 61.1, 80.0, 93.7, 122.3, 125.1, 126.1, 128.6, 129.2, 132.8, 133.3, 133.5, 138.2, 140.6, 143.4, 191.2. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$: C, 82.73; H, 6.25. Found: C, 82.43; H, 6.13. *one aromatic carbon is merged with others.

(E)-3-(4-Chloro-2-(4-hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)-1-p-tolylprop-2-en-1-one (15j):



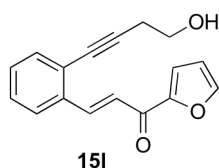
Pale yellow gummy solid; yield: 96%; IR (neat) 3360, 3048, 2223, 1620, 1556, 1431, 1249, 1032 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.44(s, 3H), 2.50 (brs, 1H), 2.76 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.90 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.46 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.28 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.7, 24.1, 61.0, 78.8, 95.7, 123.4, 126.5, 127.3, 128.5, 128.8, 129.4, 132.4, 134.9, 135.3, 135.7, 141.6, 144.0, 190.1. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClO}_2$: C, 73.96; H, 5.28. Found: C, 73.66; H, 5.17.

(E)-3-(2-(4-Hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)-1-(naphthyl-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (15k):



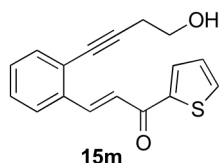
Pale brown solid; mp 113-114 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, yield: 81%; IR (neat) 3439, 3053, 2950, 2227, 1647, 1582, 1476, 1275, 1185, 1054 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.73 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.77 (brs, 1H), 3.85 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.86-7.98 (m, 3H), 8.08 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 23.1, 60.1, 78.9, 93.3, 122.2, 123.6, 124.2, 125.3, 125.9, 126.9, 127.2, 127.5, 127.6, 128.6, 129.0, 129.2, 131.6, 131.9, 134.5, 134.6, 135.3, 142.3, 189.8. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$: C, 84.64; H, 5.56. Found: C, 84.33; H, 5.52.

(E)-1-(Furan-2-yl)-3-(2-(4-hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (15l):



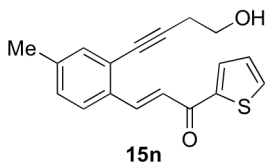
Pale yellow solid; mp 71-72 °C, yield: 93%; IR (neat) 3415, 3124, 2957, 2220, 1648, 1589, 1460, 1383, 1092 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.70 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.58- 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.68 (m, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.1, 61.1, 79.9, 94.4, 112.7, 117.9, 122.3, 125.2, 126.3, 128.1, 130.1, 132.7, 136.0, 142.5, 146.7, 153.7, 178.4. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_3$, m/z 289.0841 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); found, m/z 289.0833.

(E)-3-(2-(4-Hydroxybut-1-ynyl)phenyl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (15m):



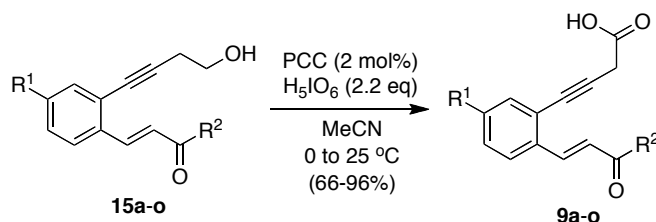
Pale brown solid; mp 78-79 °C, yield: 89%; IR (neat) 3483, 3071, 2921, 2225, 1640, 1579, 1515, 1409, 1335, 1221, 1059 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.54 (brs, 1H), 2.78 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 22.6, 59.6, 78.4, 93.0, 121.3, 123.7, 124.7, 126.6, 126.8, 128.6, 130.6, 131.3, 132.7, 134.6, 141.1, 143.9, 181.0. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 72.31; H, 5.00; S, 11.36. Found: C, 72.15; H, 5.24; S, 11.11.

(E)-3-(2-(4-Hydroxybut-1-ynyl)-4-methylphenyl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (15n):



Brown solid; mp 85-86 °C, yield: 97%; IR (neat) 3367, 3089, 2925, 2220, 1635, 1565, 1515, 1410, 1355, 1229, 1055 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.50 (brs, 1H), 2.77 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 5.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, J = 3.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.3, 24.1, 61.1, 80.0, 94.0, 121.7, 125.2, 126.2, 128.3, 129.2, 132.0, 133.3, 133.4, 134.0, 140.6, 142.6, 145.5, 182.5. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 72.94; H, 5.44; S, 10.82. Found: C, 72.65; H, 5.55; S, 10.66.

5. General procedure for the periodic acid oxidation of alcohols 15: Synthesis of compounds 9a-o.²

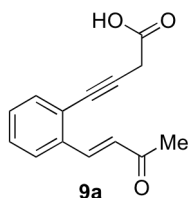


To a stirred suspension of periodic acid (4.4 mmol, 2.2 equiv) in acetonitrile (15 mL) was added alcohol **15** (2 mmol, 1 equiv) and PCC (0.04 mmol, 2 mol%) at 0 °C. The

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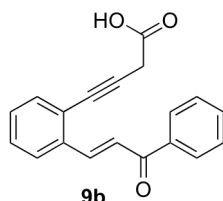
temperature was gradually raised to 25 °C and stirring was continued for further 6 h. After disappearance of the alcohol in TLC, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed once with water followed by brine and dried over anhyd. Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated and the crude was purified through silica column chromatography using CH₂Cl₂ and methanol as eluent (97:3, v/v).

4-(2-((*E*)-3-Oxobut-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9a):



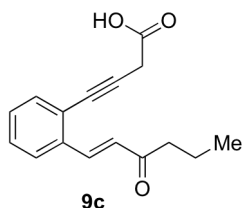
Pale yellow solid; yield: 87%; IR (neat) 3452, 2945, 2322, 1719, 1630, 1362, 1201, 1052 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31- 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.0, 27.1, 82.0, 87.3, 124.2, 126.3, 129.0, 129.1, 130.3, 133.2, 136.4, 142.5, 173.3, 200.3. Anal Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂O₃: C, 73.67; H, 5.30. Found: C, 73.35; H, 5.21.

4-(2-((*E*)-3-Oxo-3-phenylprop-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9b):



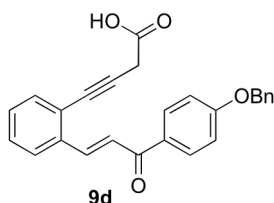
Pale brown solid; mp 81-82 °C, yield: 86%; IR (neat) 3491, 2931, 2349, 1724, 1648, 1341, 1218, 1018 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.64 (s, 2H), 4.25 (brs, 1H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.62 (m, 5H), 7.74-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.99-8.02 (m, 2H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)*: δ 25.3, 80.2, 85.2, 122.3, 122.7, 124.9, 127.1, 127.2, 128.5, 131.4, 131.8, 135.0, 136.6, 141.7, 171.1, 189.8. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₄NaO₃, *m/z* 313.0841 ([M+Na]⁺); found, *m/z* 313.0832. *one aromatic carbon is merged with others.

4-(2-((*E*)-3-Oxohex-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9c):

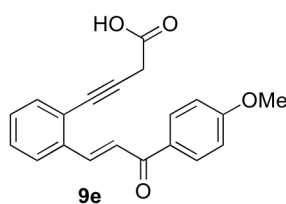


Brown viscous liquid; yield: 66%; IR (neat) 3450, 2965, 1716, 1631, 1478, 1315, 1187 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (sextet, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.63-7.66 (m, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.8, 18.0, 26.8, 42.2, 81.5, 87.3, 124.0, 126.0, 127.8, 128.6, 129.9, 133.0, 136.2, 141.0, 172.5, 202.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₆NaO₃, *m/z* 279.0997 ([M+Na]⁺); found, *m/z* 279.0989.

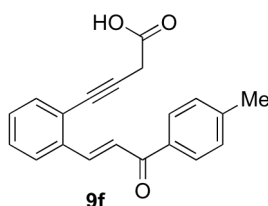
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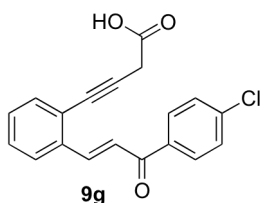
Pale yellow solid; mp 129-130 °C, yield: 90%; IR (neat) 3031, 2231, 1743, 1604, 1320, 1257, 1172 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.57 (s, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.38 (m, 7H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.9, 70.3, 81.8, 87.4, 114.8, 123.7, 124.1, 126.5, 127.5, 128.3, 128.6, 128.9, 129.8, 131.3, 133.3, 136.3, 136.8, 142.4, 162.8, 172.5, 189.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₆H₂₀NaO₄, *m/z* 419.1259 ([M+Na]⁺); found, *m/z* 419.1248.

4-(2-((*E*)-3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9e):

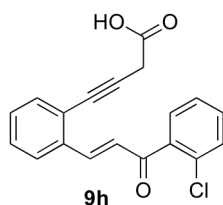
Off-white solid; mp 105-106 °C, yield: 84%; IR (neat) 3251, 2955, 2349, 1740, 1648, 1508, 1456, 1172, 1024 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.64 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.77 (m, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.8, 55.5, 81.6, 87.5, 113.9, 123.5, 124.2, 126.3, 128.5, 129.8, 130.9, 131.1, 133.2, 136.7, 142.4, 163.6, 171.9, 189.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NaO₄, *m/z* 343.0946 ([M+Na]⁺); found, *m/z* 343.0934.

4-(2-((*E*)-3-Oxo-3-p-tolylprop-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9f):

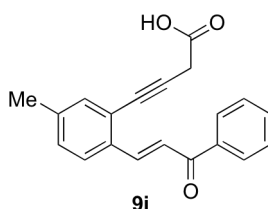
Off-white solid; mp 129-130 °C, yield: 82%; IR (neat) 3036, 2345, 1724, 1657, 1609, 1481, 1340, 1225, 1033 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.40 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 7.28-7.77 (m, 7H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.7, 26.8, 81.7, 87.4, 123.7, 124.1, 126.4, 128.6, 128.9, 129.3, 129.9, 133.2, 135.4, 136.6, 142.7, 143.9, 172.5, 190.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NaO₃, *m/z* 327.0997 ([M+Na]⁺); found, *m/z* 327.0986.

4-(2-((*E*)-3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9g):

Colorless solid; mp 85-86 °C, yield: 85%; IR (neat) 3504, 2928, 2351, 1731, 1653, 1592, 1339, 1223, 1093, 1011 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.66 (s, 2H), 7.37-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.8, 81.6, 87.5, 123.2, 124.3, 126.5, 128.6, 128.9, 130.0, 130.1, 133.3, 136.3, 136.4, 139.4, 143.6, 172.3, 189.8. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₃ClNaO₃, *m/z* 347.0451 ([M+Na]⁺); found, *m/z* 347.0441.

4-(2-((*E*)-3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9h):

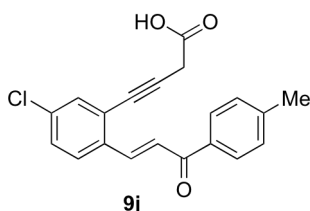
Brown viscous liquid; yield: 80%; IR (neat) 3066, 2925, 2344, 1716, 1649, 1592, 1433, 1301, 1212 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.53 (s, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.51 (m, 7H), 7.68-7.71 (m, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.0, 81.4, 87.2, 124.2, 126.4, 126.8, 127.0, 127.5, 128.7, 129.5, 130.2, 130.3, 131.4, 133.0, 136.1, 139.0, 144.7, 172.0, 195.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₃ClNaO₃, *m/z* 347.0451 ([M+Na]⁺); found, *m/z* 347.0439.

4-(5-Methyl-2-((*E*)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9i):

Brown solid; mp 125-126 °C, yield: 96%; IR (neat) 3445, 3012, 2159, 1731, 1641, 1468, 1340, 1252, 1145 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s,

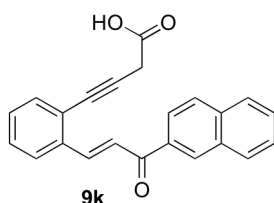
1H), 7.47-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.99-8.02 (m, 2H), 8.30 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.2, 26.8, 81.8, 86.9, 122.8, 124.2, 126.4, 128.6, 128.7, 129.7, 132.8, 133.7, 138.2, 140.5, 143.3, 172.7, 191.4. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$: C, 78.93; H, 5.30. Found: C, 78.61; H, 5.18. *one aromatic carbon is merged with others.

4-(2-((*E*)-3-Oxo-3-p-tolylprop-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9j):



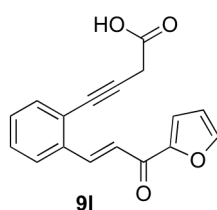
Colorless solid; mp 135-136 °C, yield: 80%; IR (neat) 3472, 3051, 2131, 1718, 1665, 1608, 1488, 1332, 1262, 1131 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.43(s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.50 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 20.6, 25.6, 79.5, 87.5, 122.8, 124.5, 126.4, 127.7, 127.8, 128.3, 131.7, 134.1, 134.2, 134.6, 140.2, 142.9, 170.9, 189.2. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}_3$: C, 70.90; H, 4.46; Cl. Found: C, 70.61; H, 4.35

4-(2-((*E*)-3-(Naphthalene-2-yl)-3-oxoprop-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9k):



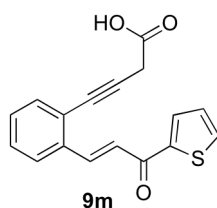
Brown solid; mp 74-75 °C, yield: 91%; IR (neat) 3502, 3032, 2113, 1729, 1657, 1625, 1601, 1474, 1357, 1266, 1173 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.60 (s, 2H), 7.32-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.73 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.0, 80.7, 86.9, 122.6, 123.4, 123.6, 125.5, 125.9, 126.9, 127.5, 127.6, 127.7, 128.6, 129.0, 129.4, 131.6, 132.3, 134.4, 134.6, 135.6, 142.3, 172.0, 190.0. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$: C, 81.16; H, 4.74. Found: C, 80.85; H, 4.65.

4-(2-((*E*)-3-(Furan-2-yl)-3-oxoprop-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9l):



Brown gummy solid; yield: 78%; IR (neat) 3450, 2928, 2340, 1716, 1648, 1597, 1460, 1334, 1087 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.66 (s, 2H), 6.60 (dd, $J = 3.3, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.77 (m, 1H), 8.41 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.7, 82.0, 87.7, 112.7, 118.0, 122.8, 124.5, 126.4, 128.5, 130.0, 133.1, 136.4, 142.3, 146.8, 153.7, 171.3, 178.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{NaO}_4$, m/z 303.0633 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); found, m/z 303.0624.

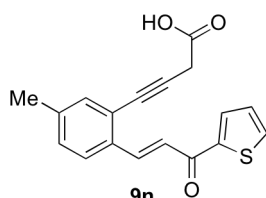
4-(2-((*E*)-3-Oxo-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9m):



Brown solid; mp 179-180 °C, yield: 93%; IR (neat) 3394, 3079, 2341, 1724, 1696, 1642, 1478, 1411, 1294, 1213, 1063 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.59 (s, 2H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 4.5, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.90 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.9, 81.1, 88.6, 123.3,

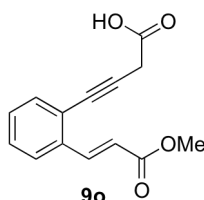
124.3, 124.6, 128.3, 128.4, 129.9, 132.1, 133.4, 133.9, 136.1, 142.1, 145.4, 170.0, 181.3. Anal Calcd for C₁₇H₁₂O₃S: C, 68.90; H, 4.08; S, 10.82. Found: C, 68.61; H, 4.00; S, 10.58.

4-(5-Methyl-2-((*E*)-3-oxo-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9n):



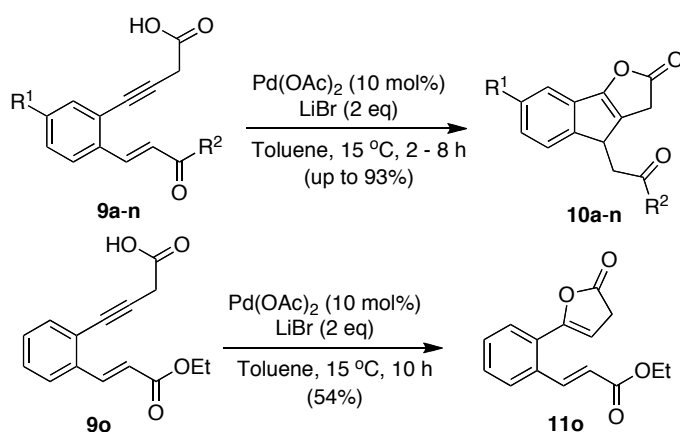
Brown solid; mp 179-180 °C, yield: 77%; IR (neat) 2900, 2678, 1732, 1629, 1545, 1409, 1354, 1273, 1179 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.1, 26.9, 81.1, 88.2, 122.3, 124.2, 126.6, 128.3, 129.4, 132.0, 133.2, 133.8, 133.9, 140.3, 142.0, 145.5, 169.9, 182.3. Anal Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₃S: C, 69.66; H, 4.55; S, 10.33. Found: C, 69.39; H, 4.49; S, 10.11.

4-(2-((*E*)-2-(4-Methoxycarbonylvinyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoic acid (9o):



Brown solid; 113-114 °C, yield: 94%; IR (neat) 2950, 2106, 1704, 1637, 1432, 1320, 1267, 1169, 1016 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.69 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.64 (m, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.8, 51.9, 81.7, 86.9, 119.4, 123.6, 126.3, 128.6, 129.7, 133.1, 130.0, 142.8, 167.7, 173.2. Anal Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂O₄: C, 68.85; H, 4.95. Found: C, 68.63; H, 4.91.

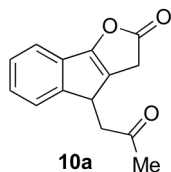
6. General procedure for the palladium-catalyzed intramolecular carboxypalladation-olefin insertion cascade: Synthesis of compounds 10a-n and 11o



To a stirred solution of acid **9** (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (3 mL) at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere were added Pd(OAc)₂ (0.05 mmol, 10 mol%) and LiBr (1 mmol, 2 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 15 °C for 2-8 h. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was directly poured onto silica

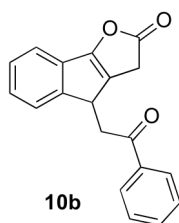
column and purified using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate mixture (95:5, v/v) as eluent to afford the pure products.

4-(2-Oxopropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-b]furan-2-one (10a):



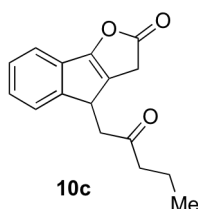
Colorless solid; mp 104 °C, yield: 93%; IR (neat) 3066, 2910, 1801, 1640, 1596, 1421, 1230, 1061 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.50 (dd, $J = 18.3, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, $J = 18.3, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, $J = 24.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, $J = 24.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, $J = 9.6, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.27- 7.41 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3): δ 30.1, 35.1, 39.7, 44.8, 117.9, 122.1, 123.7, 126.3, 127.3, 132.2, 147.6, 157.2, 177.8, 206.5 Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$: C, 73.67; H, 5.30. Found: C, 73.39; H, 5.21.

4-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-b]furan-2-one (10b):



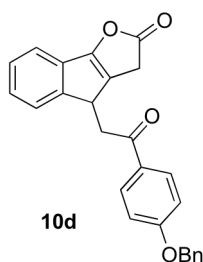
Colorless solid; mp 124-125 °C, yield: 78%; IR (neat) 3086, 2887, 1805, 1679, 1596, 1398, 1227, 1064 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.02 (dd, $J = 18.0, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, $J = 24.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.64-3.73 (m, 2H), 4.13 (dd, $J = 10.5, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.63 (m, 1H) 7.95-7.98 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3): δ 35.3, 40.1, 40.3, 118.0, 122.5, 123.9, 126.4, 127.4, 128.1, 128.8, 132.4, 133.7, 136.4, 147.9, 157.2, 177.9, 198.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_3$, m/z 313.0841 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); found, m/z 313.0835.

4-(2-Oxopentyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-b]furan-2-one (10c):



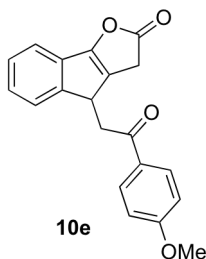
Yellow liquid; yield: 60%; IR (neat) 3043, 2918, 1810, 1672, 1426, 1131, 1051 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.90 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.69-1.74 (m, 2H), 2.34-2.50 (m, 3H), 3.10 (dd, $J = 18.0, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, $J = 24.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd, $J = 24.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd, $J = 9.9, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.40 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3): 13.7, 17.3, 35.1, 38.7, 43.8, 44.8, 117.9, 122.2, 123.8, 126.3, 127.3, 128.8, 132.3, 147.8, 157.1, 177.9, 209.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_3$, m/z 279.0997 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); found, m/z 279.0992.

4-(2-(4-(Benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-b]furan-2-one (10d):



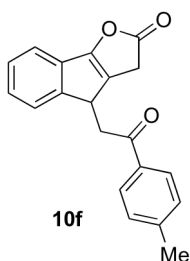
Colorless solid; mp 166-167 °C, yield: 90%; IR (neat) 3062, 2900, 1808, 1682, 1396, 1122, 1038 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.95 (dd, $J = 17.4, 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, $J = 24.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.56-3.71 (m, 2H), 4.12 (dd, $J = 10.2, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.48 (m, 9H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3): δ 33.8, 38.4, 38.7, 68.7, 113.3, 116.5, 121.2, 122.4, 124.8, 125.9, 126.0, 126.8, 127.2, 128.2, 128.9, 130.9, 134.5, 146.5, 155.6, 161.5, 176.4, 195.0 HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_4$, m/z 419.1259 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); found, m/z 419.1252.

4-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-*b*]furan-2-one (10e):



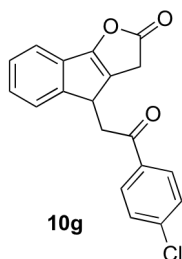
Colorless solid; mp 137-138 °C, yield: 87%; IR (neat) 3060, 2899, 1797, 1677, 1596, 1392, 1225, 1167, 1038 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.96 (dd, J = 17.7, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 24.9 Hz, 1H), 3.57-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.12 (dd, J = 10.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H) 6.95 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3): δ 35.3, 39.9, 40.2, 55.6, 114.0, 117.9, 122.7, 123.9, 126.3, 127.4, 129.5, 130.4, 132.4, 148.0, 157.1, 163.9, 178.0, 196.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_4$, m/z 343.0946 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); found, m/z 343.0942.

4-(2-Oxo-2-*p*-tolylethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-*b*]furan-2-one (10f):



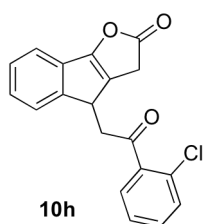
Colorless solid; mp 113-114 °C, yield: 80%; IR (neat) 3048, 1788, 1669, 1606, 1389, 1341, 1229, 1182, 1069 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.98 (dd, J = 17.7, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 25.2 Hz, 1H), 3.60-3.72 (m, 2H), 4.13 (dd, J = 10.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H) 7.29-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.7, 35.3, 40.1, 40.2, 117.8, 122.6, 123.9, 126.3, 127.4, 128.2, 129.5, 132.4, 133.9, 144.6, 148.0, 157.1, 177.9, 197.7. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$: C, 78.93; H, 5.30. Found: C, 78.63; H, 5.30.

4-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-*b*]furan-2-one (10g):



Colorless solid; mp 167-168 °C, yield: 76%; IR (neat) 2935, 1801, 1665, 1465, 1232, 1165 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.98 (dd, J = 17.7, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 24.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 17.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, J = 24.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, J = 10.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H) 7.29-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.89-7.92 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3): δ 35.3, 39.9, 40.3, 118.1, 122.3, 123.9, 126.4, 127.5, 129.2, 129.5, 132.3, 134.7, 140.2, 147.7, 157.3, 177.8, 196.8. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_3$: C, 70.27; H, 4.03. Found: C, 69.98; H, 3.93.

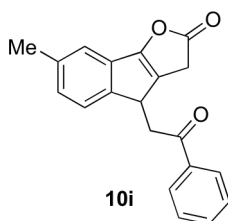
4-(2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-*b*]furan-2-one (10h):



Yellow gummy solid; yield: 64%; IR (neat) 2919, 1796, 1704, 1587, 1467, 1431, 1258 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.03 (dd, J = 18.0, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 24.3 Hz, 1H), 3.60-3.73 (m, 2H), 4.11 (dd, J = 10.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.50 (m, 8H); ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3)*: δ 34.2, 39.2, 43.3,

117.0, 120.9, 122.8, 125.4, 126.1, 126.4, 128.0, 129.8, 130.1, 131.3, 137.5, 146.4, 156.3, 176.8, 200.2. Anal Calcd for C₁₉H₁₃ClO₃: C, 70.27; H, 4.03. Found: C, 69.99; H, 3.92. *One aromatic carbon is merged with others.

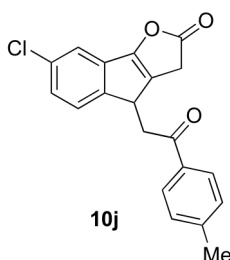
7-Methyl-4-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-b]furan-2-one (10i):



Colorless solid; mp 144-145 °C, yield: 81%; IR (neat) 2917, 1811, 1676, 1446, 1375, 1222, 1185 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.42 (s, 3H) 2.99 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 24.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60 - 3.71 (m, 2H), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H) 7.46-7.51 (m, 2H) 7.60 (tt, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.95-7.97 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.4,

35.3, 39.8, 40.4, 118.7, 122.6, 123.5, 127.0, 128.0, 128.8, 132.5, 133.6, 136.4, 137.3, 145.0, 157.1, 178.0, 198.2. Anal Calcd for C₂₀H₁₆O₃: C, 78.93; H, 5.30. Found: C, 78.72; H, 5.21.

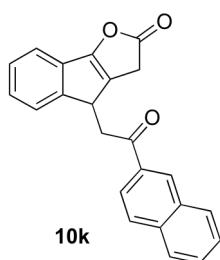
7-Chloro-4-(2-oxo-2-*p*-tolylethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-*b*]furan-2-one (10j):



Yellow solid; mp 89-90 °C, yield: 60%; IR (neat) 2922, 1802, 1694, 1572, 1455, 1223 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 24.6 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 24.6 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25- 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.7, 35.3, 39.9, 40.0, 118.4, 124.5, 124.8, 126.1, 128.2, 129.5, 133.5, 133.8, 133.9,

144.7, 146.2, 156.1, 177.3, 197.3. Anal Calcd for C₂₀H₁₅ClO₃: C, 70.90; H, 4.46. Found: C, 70.61; H, 4.35.

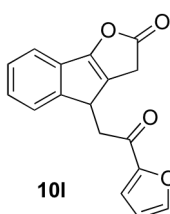
4-(2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-*b*]furan-2-one (10k):



Colorless solid; mp 114-115 °C, yield: 80%; IR (neat) 2917, 1792, 1663, 1602, 1391, 1267, 1172, 1036 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.17 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 24.6 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 24.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.89-7.95 (m, 3H) 8.05 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 35.4, 40.3, 40.5, 118.2, 122.7, 123.7, 124.1, 126.5,

127.2, 127.6, 128.0, 128.9, 129.0, 129.7, 130.1, 132.5, 132.6, 133.8, 135.9, 148.1, 157.4, 178.1, 198.2. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₃H₁₆NaO₃, *m/z* 363.0997 ([*M*+Na]⁺); found, *m/z* 363.0992.

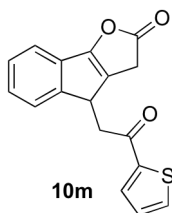
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Colorless solid; mp 111-112 °C, yield: 60%; IR (neat) 3011, 1810, 1701, 1633, 1341, 1177, 1043 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.89 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 10.2

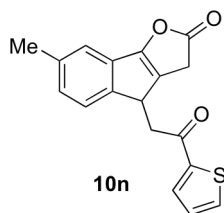
Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, $J = 24.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, $J = 17.4, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, $J = 24.9, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, $J = 10.2, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3): δ 35.1, 39.8, 39.9, 112.5, 117.6, 118.0, 122.1, 123.9, 126.4, 127.4, 132.3, 146.8, 147.7, 152.3, 157.3, 177.8, 187.2. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4$: C, 72.85; H, 4.32. Found: C, 72.52; H, 4.21.

4-(2-Oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-*b*]furan-2-one (10m):



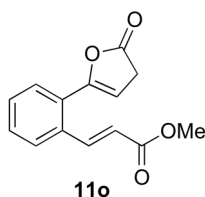
Colorless solid; mp 145-146 °C, yield: 67%; IR (neat) 3106, 2921, 1792, 1722, 1657, 1414, 1387, 1229 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.95 (dd, $J = 17.1, 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, $J = 24.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.55-3.70 (m, 2H), 4.12 (dd, $J = 10.2, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, $J = 4.5, 1\text{H}$), 7.30-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.71 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3): δ 34.2, 39.2, 39.8, 117.1, 121.3, 123.0, 125.5, 126.6, 127.5, 131.3, 131.4, 133.4, 142.6, 146.7, 156.3, 176.9, 190.0. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3\text{S}$: C, 68.90; H, 4.08; S, 10.82. Found: C, 68.62; H, 4.04; S, 10.65.

7-Methyl-4-(2-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-indeno[1,2-*b*]furan-2-one (10n):



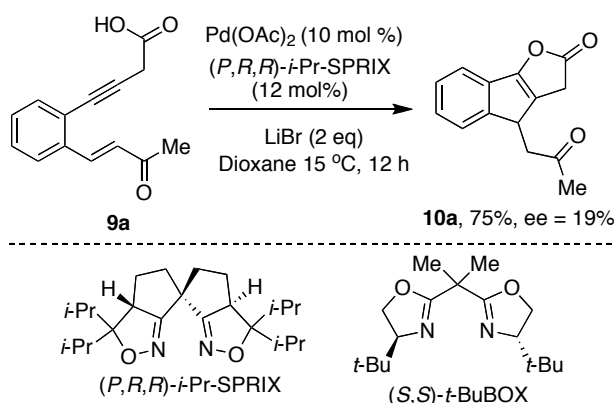
Brown solid; mp 119-120 °C, yield: 55%; IR (neat) 3093, 2918, 1794, 1718, 1660, 1413, 1228 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.93 (dd, $J = 17.1, 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, $J = 24.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 - 3.67 (m, 2H), 4.07 (dd, $J = 10.2, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.70 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.7, 33.4, 38.1, 39.2, 117.0, 120.6, 121.8, 125.3, 126.6, 130.5, 132.5, 135.7, 141.8, 143.0, 155.5, 176.2, 189.3. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{S}$: C, 69.66; H, 4.55; S, 10.33. Found: C, 69.34; H, 4.42; S, 10.09.

(*E*)-Methyl 3-(2-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)phenyl)acrylate (11o):



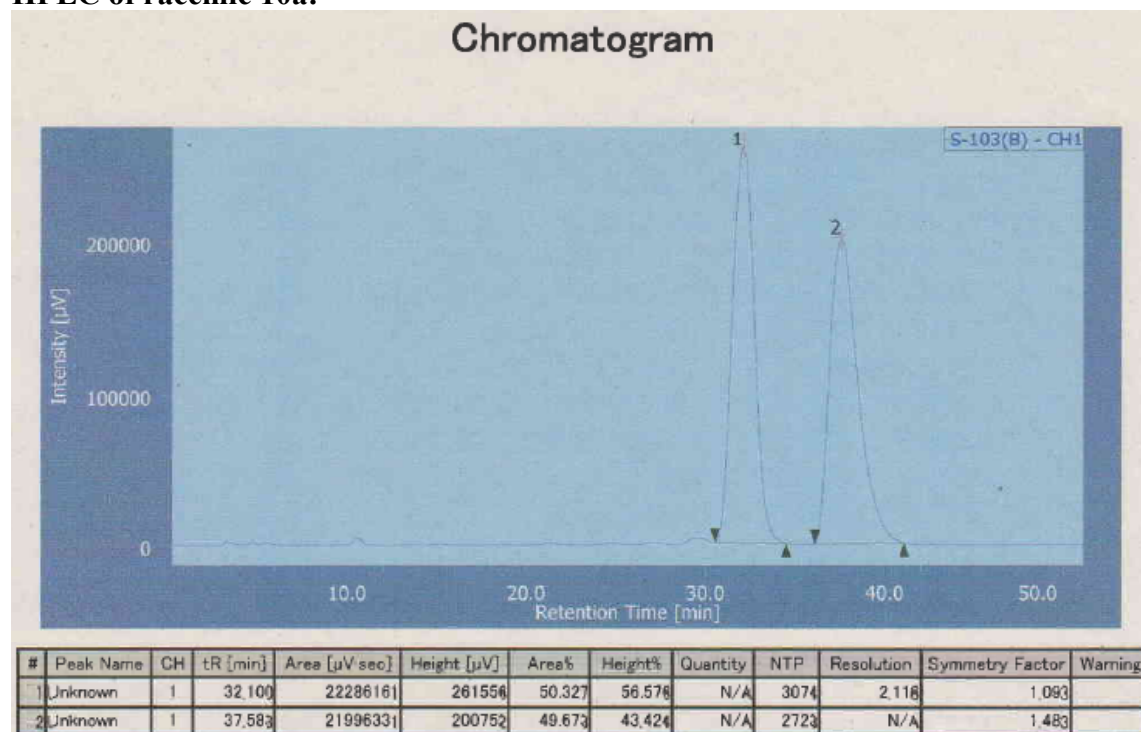
Off-white solid; mp 94-95°C, yield: 54%; IR (neat) 2914, 2117, 1782, 1706, 1634, 1433, 1321, 1170 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.50 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 5.56 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.67 (m, 2H), 8.04 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 35.1, 51.9, 105.1, 120.6, 127.7, 127.9, 128.5, 129.8, 129.9, 133.3, 142.9, 152.0, 167.0, 175.3. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4$: C, 68.85; H, 4.95. Found: C, 68.66; H, 5.06.

7. Attempts to enantioselective synthesis of compound 10a.

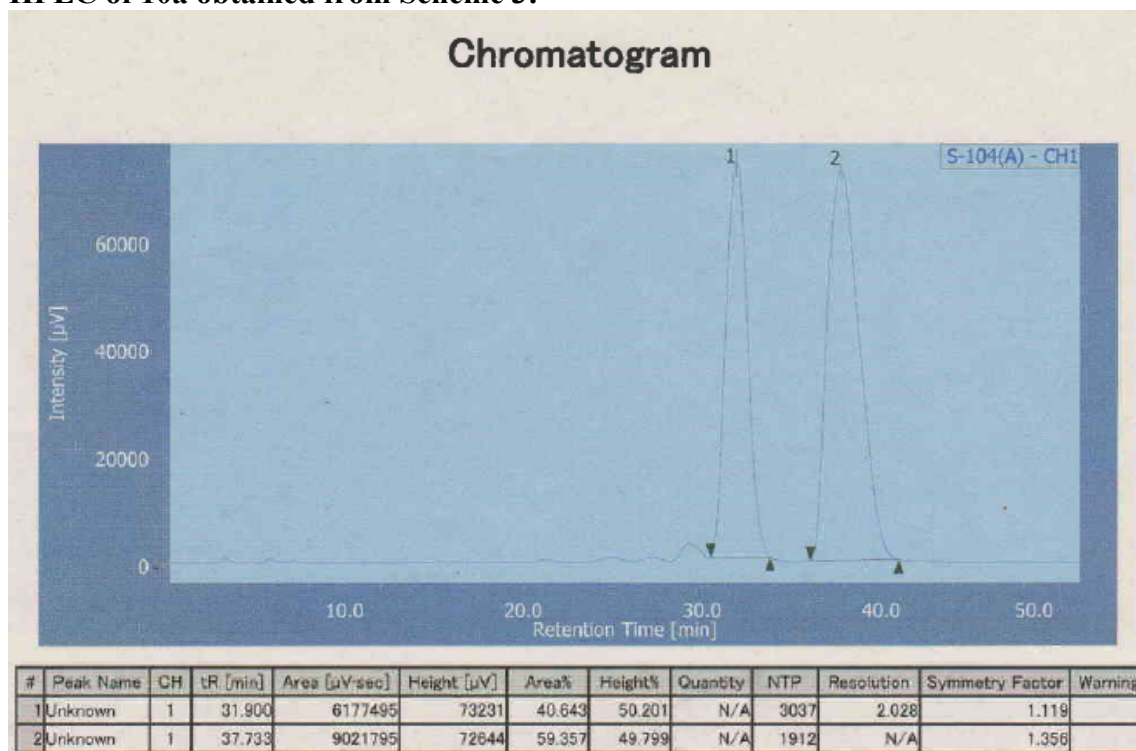


A mixture of $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.05 mmol, 10 mol %) and (P,R,R) -*i*-Pr-SPRIX (0.06 mmol, 12 mol %) in dioxane (0.2 M) was stirred at 15 °C for 1 h under nitrogen atmosphere. To this *in situ* generated Pd(II)-SPRIX complex, acid 9a (0.5 mmol 1 equiv) and LiBr (1 mmol, 2 equiv) were added and stirring was continued until completion of the reaction (12 h). Then the mixture was filtered through a pad of silica and purified through silica column chromatography using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate mixture (95:5, v/v) as eluent. The enantiomeric excess (19%) was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate: 1 mL/min, 254 nm, major enantiomer: t_R = 37.7 min, minor enantiomer: t_R = 31.9 min). No enantioselectivity was observed in case of Pd(II)- (S,S) -*t*-BuBOX complex.

HPLC of racemic 10a:



HPLC of 10a obtained from Scheme 3:



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of compounds:

