

Supporting Information For:

**Copper-catalyzed radical coupling of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds with
terminal alkenes for the synthesis of tetracarbonyl compounds**

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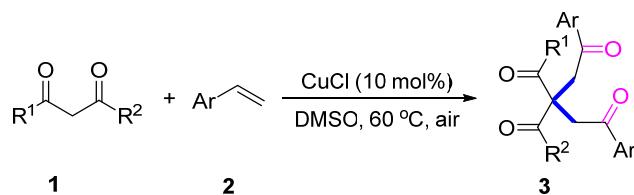
1. General information

Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz in CDCl_3 and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on 100 MHz in CDCl_3 . The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. All new products were further characterized by HRMS; copies of their ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra are provided. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. β -diketone esters were synthesized by the following procedure.

2. Typical procedure for preparation of β -diketone esters

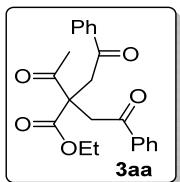
A homogeneous mixture of methyl acetoacetate (1.0 equiv.) and an alcohol (1.5 equiv.) was charged in a round bottomed flask and gently heated at 110 °C under solvent-free, catalyst-free conditions, for a certain period of time as required. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion, the resulting desired product was distilled out directly or separated by short column chromatography over silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (80:20) to afford the pure product in 80-85% yield.

3. Typical procedure for the synthesis of target product

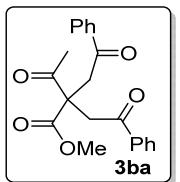


In a 25 mL round bottom flask, the ethyl acetoacetate **1** (0.2 mmol), styrene **2** (0.8 mmol) and CuCl (10 mol%, 1.98 mg) was stirred in DMSO (2 mL) at 60 °C. After completion of the reaction (detected by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and washed with brine (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over by anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and evaporated in vacuo. The desired product **3** was obtained after purification by flash chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/ethyl acetate as the eluent.

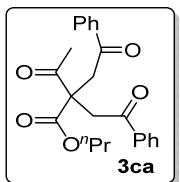
4. Spectroscopic data for target product



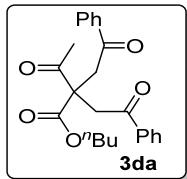
3aa: Yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.96$ (d, 4 H), 7.56 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4 H), 4.23-4.18 (m, 2 H), 4.12-3.99 (m, 4 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 1.20 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 203.1, 197.6, 170.3, 136.1, 133.5, 128.5, 128.0, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 61.9, 59.4, 42.2, 26.4, 13.8$. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_5$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 389.1359, found: 389.1352.



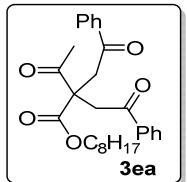
3ba: Yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.96$ (d, 4 H), 7.57 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4 H), 4.10-4.00 (m, 4 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 203.0, 197.5, 171.0, 136.0, 133.5, 128.6, 128.1, 77.3, 77.2, 77.0, 76.8, 76.7, 59.2, 53.0, 42.4, 26.5$. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_5$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 375.1203, found: 375.1202.



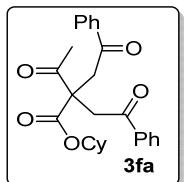
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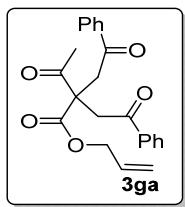
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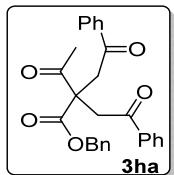
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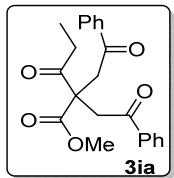
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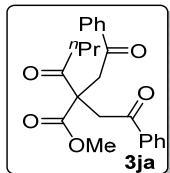
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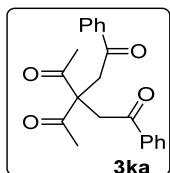
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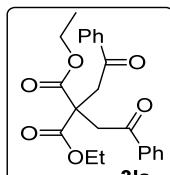
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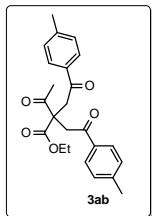
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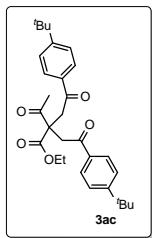
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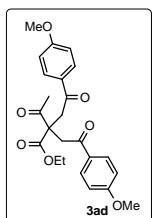
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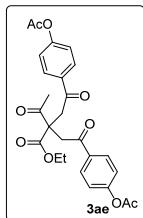
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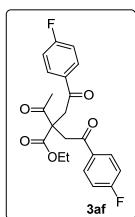
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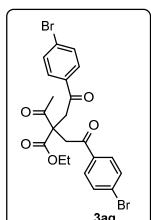
3ad: Yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.93$ (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4 H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4 H), 4.22-4.16 (m, 2 H), 4.05-3.91 (m, 4 H), 3.85 (s, 6 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 203.3, 196.1, 170.6, 163.7, 130.4, 129.3, 113.7, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 61.8, 59.5, 55.4, 41.9, 26.3, 13.8$. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NaO}_7$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 449.1571, found: 449.1556.



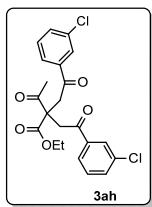
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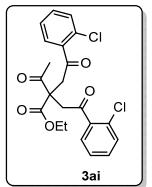
3af: Yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): $\delta = 8.00$ (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 4 H), 7.13 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4 H), 4.23-4.18 (m, 2 H), 4.07-3.95 (m, 4 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 203.0, 196.1, 170.3, 166.0$ (d, $J_{CF} = 254.2$ Hz), 132.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.0$ Hz), 130.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 9.4$ Hz), 115.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.8$ Hz), 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 62.1, 59.5, 42.1, 26.4, 13.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_5$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 425.1171, found: 425.1158.



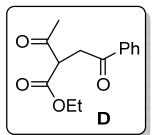
3ag: Colourless liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.81$ (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4 H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4 H), 4.22-4.17 (m, 2 H), 4.03-3.91 (m, 4 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 202.8, 196.7, 170.2, 134.8, 132.0, 129.6, 128.9, 77.3, 77.2$ 77.0, 76.7, 62.1, 59.4, 42.1, 26.4, 13.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{Br}_2\text{KO}_5$: $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 560.9309, found: 560.9308.



3ah: Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.92 (s, 2 H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 4.05-3.94 (m, 4 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 202.8, 196.4, 170.1, 137.5, 135.0, 133.5, 130.0, 129.7, 128.1, 126.2, 77.3, 77.2, 77.0, 76.7, 62.2, 59.3, 42.2, 26.4, 13.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for C₂₂H₂₀Cl₂NaO₅: [M+Na]⁺ 457.0580, found: 457.0565.



3ai: Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (s, 4 H), 7.35 (s, 2 H), 4.28-4.23 (m, 2 H), 4.03-3.93 (m, 4 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 202.7, 200.3, 170.0, 138.2, 132.1, 130.8, 130.6, 129.0, 126.9, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 62.2, 59.8, 46.2, 26.6, 13.9. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for C₂₂H₂₀Cl₂NaO₅: [M+Na]⁺ 457.0580, found: 457.0574.



D: Colourless liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.26-4.20 (m, 3 H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 202.4, 197.1, 168.9, 136.0, 133.5, 128.6, 128.1, 77.3, 77.2, 77.0, 76.7, 61.8, 53.8, 37.4, 30.3, 14.0. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for C₁₄H₁₆NaO₄: [M+Na]⁺ 271.0941, found: 271.0938.

5. Appendix (copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra)

