Supporting Information

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Direct Cross-coupling Reaction of Electron-Deficient Alkenes Using an Oxidizing Directing Group

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General methods

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness). Subsequent to elution, plates were visualized using UV radiation (254 nm) on Spectroline Model ENF-24061/F 254 nm. Further visualization was possible by staining with basic solution of potassium permanganate or acidic solution of ceric molybdate. Flash column chromatography was performed using Merck aluminium oxide 90 active neutral with freshly distilled solvents. Columns were typically packed as slurry and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent system prior to use. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR) were recorded on Bruker AMX 400 and 500 spectrophotometer (CDCl₃ as solvent). Chemical shifts for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe₄ (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d (δ 7.26, singlet). Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublets of doublet) or m (multiplets). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated by nH. Coupling constants are reported as a J value in Hz. Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (13 C NMR) are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe₄ (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d (δ 77.0, triplet). Mass spectrometry was performed by Waters Q-Tof Premier Micromass instrument, using Electro Spray Ionization (ESI) mode. IR spectra were recorded as thin films on KBr plates on a Bio-Rad FTS 165 FTIR spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). [Ru(p-cymene)Cl₂]₂ and KOPiv were purchased from TCI and used directly. Other reagents, unless otherwise noted below, are commercially available from Alfa Aesar (China) Chemical Co., Ltd. and used without further purification.

General Procedure for the Preparation of N-Methoxy Acrylamides



N-Methoxy acrylamides were prepared following the procedure reported by literatures.¹

Typical procedure: To a mixture of acid (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and methoxyamine hydrochloride (1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dry DCM (3.0 mL) was added EDC (1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). After DMAP (3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added, the reaction was allowed to stir for overnight. Then the reaction was quenched with water and extracted with

EtOAc. The organic layer was combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After filtration and concentration, the residue was applied to a flash column chromatography (EtOAc/Petroleum ether mixtures) for separation.

General Procedure for Ru-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling between Alkenes



An oven-dried screw-cap vial was charged with $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$ (5.0 mol%, 0.01 mmol), KOPiv (30.0 mol%, 0.06 mmol) and DMF (1.0 ml). Then, acrylamide (1.0 equiv, 0.20 mmol) and acrylate (1.8 equiv, 0.36 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under nitrogen and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 16 hours. After cooling down, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, filtered and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to give the crude product which was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (EtOAc/Petroleum ether mixtures).

Table S1. Optimization of Catalytic Conditions^a

| MeN_OMe H | + OBu O 2a | [Ru(p-cymer additive solvent | Me Me 3a | NH ₂ OBu O a |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Entry | Additive | Solvent | Yield (%) | Z/E |
| 1 | NaOAc | DCE | 19 | 99/1 |
| 2 | NaOAc | H ₂ O | 26 | 96/4 |
| 3 | NaOAc | DMF | 49 | 99/1 |
| 4 | NaOAc | CH ₃ CN | 37 | 93/7 |
| 5 | NaOAc | THF | 0 | - |
| 6 | NaOAc | EtOH | 24 | 97/3 |
| 7 | NaOAc | Acetone | 37 | 99/1 |

| 8 | NaOAc | Hexane | 10 | 99/1 |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|----|------|
| 9 | NaOAc | EtOAc | 25 | 99/1 |
| 10 | NaOAc | DMSO | 0 | - |
| 11 | NaOAc | DME | 25 | 96/4 |
| 12 | NaOAc | <i>t</i> -AmOH | 20 | 99/1 |
| 13 | KOAc | DMF | 55 | 99/1 |
| 14 | CsOAc | DMF | 32 | 99/1 |
| 15 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | DMF | 50 | 99/1 |
| 16 | LiOAc | DMF | 58 | 94/6 |
| 17 | AgSbF ₆ | DMF | 0 | - |
| 18 | KO ₂ CMes | DMF | 63 | 99/1 |
| 19 | KOPiv | DMF | 82 | 99/1 |
| 20^{b} | KOPiv | DMF | 55 | 99/1 |
| 21 ^c | KOPiv | DMF | 42 | 99/1 |
| 22^d | KOPiv | DMF | 67 | 99/1 |
| 23 ^e | KOPiv | DMF | 63 | 99/1 |
| 24 ^f | KOPiv | DMF | - | - |

^{*a*}Unless otherwise noted, the reactions were carried out using acrylamide (**1a**) (0.20 mmol), acrylate **2a** (0.36 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl₂]₂ (5.0 mol%), additive (30 mol%) in a solvent (0.2 M, 1.0 mL) at 60 °C for 16 h under an argon atmosphere (1 atm). The yields indicated in the table are ¹H NMR yields. ^{*b*}additive (15 mol%). ^{*c*}additive (60 mol%). ^{*d*}The reaction was performed at 40 °C. ^{*e*}The reaction was performed at 80 °C. ^{*f*}The reaction was performed in the absence of [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl₂]₂. DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane; EtOAc = ethyl acetate; DMSO = dimethyl sulphoxide; DME = 1,2-dimethoxyethane; DMF = *N*,*N*-Dimethylformamide.

Characterization of Substrates

Ŭ N H N-Methoxy-2-methyl-2-propenamide $(1a)^2$

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 9.52 (brs, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H).



¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.48$ (brs, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.30 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.26-1.34 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.6$, 143.0, 118.3, 64.3, 32.2, 31.6, 28.8, 27.8, 22.5, 14.0. HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 186.1484, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₀H₁₉NO₂: 186.1489. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3564.63, 3195.99, 2925.90, 2855.90, 1660.66, 1652.00, 1505.23, 1053.39, 935.51.



¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.36$ (brs, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.30 (t, 2H, J = 9.5 Hz), 1.26-1.28 (m,16H), 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 8.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.7$, 143.2, 118.2, 64.5, 32.2, 31.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 27.9, 22.7, 14.1. HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 242.2112, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₄H₂₇NO₂: 242.2115. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 2923.94, 2853.35, 1866.22, 1789.94, 1770.20, 1651.59, 1557.17, 1494.89, 1434.81, 1035.07.



¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.53$ (s, 1H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.20 (m, 3H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.79 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 2.63 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.4$, 142.2, 140.9, 128.5, 128.4, 126.1, 119.1, 64.5, 34.3, 34.0. HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 206.1173, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₂H₁₅NO₂: 206.1176. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3444.48, 2923.45, 2352.77, 1651.52, 1505.02, 1494.92, 1434.75, 1053.42.

`N^{_O}_ N-Methoxy-2-phenyl-2-propenamide $(1e)^2$

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.82 (brs, 1H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 5H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H).



¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.31$ (brs, 1H), 7.33 (d, 2H, J = 9.0 Hz), 6.90 (d, 2H, J = 9.0 Hz), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 160.1$, 141.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 114.2, 64.6, 55.4. HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 208.0962, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃NO₃: 208.0968. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3564.56, 2922.52, 1866.52, 1842.12, 1694.24, 1614.74, 1514.99, 1495.08, 1434.84, 1417.02.



N-Methoxy-2-fluorophenyl-2-propenamide (1g)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.42$ (brs, 1H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 163.0$ (d, $J_{C-F} = 247.4$ Hz), 141.2, 131.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.1$ Hz), 129.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.8$ Hz), 122.1, 155.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.6$ Hz), 129.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.9$ Hz), 64.6. HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 196.0770, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for $C_{10}H_{10}FNO_2$: 196.0768. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3564.20, 2351.97, 1644.84, 1557.19, 1514.73, 1494.94, 1434.72, 1416.83.



¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.28$ (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.19 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.07 (s, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H).



¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.42$ (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.19 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.02 (s, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H).



¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.23$ (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.25 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.01 (s, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 1.26(s, 9H).



¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.01 (brs, 1H), 7.88-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.40 (m, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H).



N-Methoxy-1-cyclopentene-1-carboxamide (11)⁴

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.23 (brs, 1H), 6.60 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.52-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.51 (m, 2H), 1.95-2.02 (m, 2H).



¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.32 (brs, 1H), 6.81 (t, 1H, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.52-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.51 (m, 2H), 1.95-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.94(m, 2H).

0、 *N*-Methoxy-2-butenamide $(1n)^3$

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.70 (brs, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H).



¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 9.31 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.00 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz).



N-Benzyloxy -2-methyl-2-propenamide $(1v)^6$

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.43 (m, 5H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 1.92 (s, 3H).



¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.27 (s, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.98 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 3.98 (t, 1H, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 3.65 (t, 1H, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.59-1.70 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 166.8, 137.9, 120.5, 102.6, 62.68, 28.0, 25.0, 18.6, 18.5. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 186.1118, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₉H₁₅NO₃: 186.1125. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3444.77, 2924.64, 1866.59, 1760.18, 1621.69, 1470.82, 1455.40, 1204.54, 1113.97, 1034.76, 902.76, 872.87.

Characterization of Butadienes



Butyl (2E,4Z)-6-amino-5-methyl-6-oxohexa-2,4-dienoate (3a)⁷

White solid, m.p.: 106.0 °C, yield = 82%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.75 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.5, 15.0 Hz), 6.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 6.20 (brs, 1H), 5.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.84 (brs, 1H), 4.15 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.43 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.6, 166.8, 140.3, 139.6, 129.8, 124.0,

64.5, 30.7, 21.4, 19.1, 13.7. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 212.1283, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₁H₁₇NO₃: 212.1281. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3331.68, 3167.46, 2956.87, 2356.97, 1705.41, 1633.77, 1276.53, 984.19.



Light yellow solid, m.p.: 95.8 °C, yield = 59%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.63 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0, 15.5 Hz), 6.20 (brs, 1H), 6.18(d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 5.93 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.74 (brs, 1H), 4.15 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 2.37 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 1.61-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.32 (m, 6H), 0.94 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 0.88 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.7, 166.8, 146.4, 139.6, 127.4, 123.6, 64.5, 35.3, 31.5, 30.7, 28.9, 27.9, 22.5, 19.1, 14.0, 13.7. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* = 282.2068, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₆H₂₇NO₃: 282.2064. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3565.03, 3383.22, 2923.89, 1713.51, 1651.60, 1557.62, 1455.66, 1416.82, 1259.60.



Butyl (2E,4Z)-6-amino-5-decyl-6-oxohexa-2,4-dienoate (3c)

Light yellow solid, m.p.: 91.5 °C, yield = 48%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.63 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.5, 19.0 Hz), 6.29 (brs, 1H), 6.17 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 5.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 19.5 Hz), 5.79 (brs, 1H), 4.14 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 2.37 (t, 2H, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 1.61-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.21-1.33 (m, 16H), 0.94 (t, 3H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 0.88 (t, 3H, *J* = 8.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.7, 166.7, 146.4, 139.6, 127.4, 123.6, 64.4, 35.3, 31.9, 30.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.3, 29.2, 28.0, 22.7, 19.1, 14.1, 13.7. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* = 338.2685, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₂₀H₃₅NO₃: 338.2690. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3374.05, 3182.44, 2955.64, 2923.50, 2851.59, 2353.35, 1713.52, 1645.36, 1567.91, 1267.87, 432.94.



White solid, m.p.: 100.0 °C, yield = 67%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.61 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.5, 15.0 Hz), 7.26-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.29 (brs, 1H), 6.14 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 5.90 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 5.73 (brs, 1H), 4.13 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.84 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.69 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 1.60-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.42 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.5, 166.7, 145.1, 140.5, 139.4, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 126.3, 124.0, 64.5, 36.9, 34.3, 30.7, 19.1, 13.7. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 302.1747, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₈H₂₃NO₃: 302.1751. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3564.35, 2353.35, 1714.04, 1694.18, 1682.33, 1651.45, 1644.88, 1538.31, 1505.09, 1470.59, 1455.16.



Butyl (2*E*,4*Z*)-6-amino-6-oxo-5-phenylhexa-2,4-dienoate (**3e**)

Brown solid, m.p.: 125.0 °C, yield = 38%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.76 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0, 15.0 Hz), 7.51 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.38 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 6.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 6.34 (brs, 1H), 6.08 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.90 (brs, 1H), 4.15 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.63-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.44 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 169.6, 166.6, 144.0, 139.8, 135.5, 129.4, 129.0, 127.5, 127.0, 125.4, 64.6, 30.7, 19.2, 13.7. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* = 274.1435, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₆H₁₉NO₃: 274.1438. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3564.80, 3444.91, 2957.99, 2924.83, 2358.53, 2340.16, 1682.43, 1651.85, 1470.77, 1317.52, 1272.85, 1187.06, 1140.11, 979.35, 768.36.



Butyl (2E,4Z)-6-amino-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-oxohexa-2,4-dienoate (3f)

Yellow solid, m.p.: 141.2 °C, yield = 49%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.73 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.5, 15.0 Hz), 7.46 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.91 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 6.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 6.11 (brs, 1H), 6.05 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 5.79 (brs, 1H), 4.16 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.63-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.44 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 169.9, 166.7, 160.7, 143.7, 140.0, 128.4, 127.8, 125.2, 124.3, 114.4, 64.5, 55.4, 30.7, 19.2, 13.8. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 304.1546, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₇H₂₁NO₄: 304.1543. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3564.67, 2358.01, 1694.36, 1682.45, 1600.37, 1538.61, 1505.47, 1455.50, 1253.13.



Butyl (2E,4Z)-6-amino-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-oxohexa-2,4-dienoate (3g)

White solid, m.p.: 142.6 °C, yield = 26%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.74 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.5, 15.0 Hz), 7.49-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 6.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 6.08 (brs, 1H), 5.77 (brs, 1H), 4.17 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.63-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.44 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 169.3, 166.5, 164.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 250.5 Hz), 142.8, 139.5, 131.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz), 128.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.3 Hz), 127.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 1.6 Hz), 125.6, 116.1 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.8 Hz), 64.6, 30.7, 19.2, 13.7. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 292.1348, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₆H₁₈FNO₃: 292.1343. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3564.75, 2358.22, 1732.28, 1714.29, 1651.68, 1557.46, 1505.44, 1470.89, 1455.47.



Butyl (2*E*,4*Z*)-6-amino-5-(4-methylphenyl)-6-oxohexa-2,4-dienoate (**3h**)

White solid, mp: 166.7 °C, yield = 49%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.74 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0, 15.0 Hz), 7.40 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.19 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.64 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 6.25 (brs, 1H), 6.05 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 5.85 (brs, 1H), 4.15 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.44 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 169.8, 166.6, 144.0, 139.9, 139.7, 132.6, 129.7, 126.9, 126.4, 124.8, 64.5, 30.7, 21.3, 19.2, 13.7. HR-

MS (ESI): *m/z* = 288.1597, [M+H⁺], calcd. for C₁₇H₂₁NO₃: 288.1594. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3867.97, 3585.36, 3241.17, 3195.79, 2357.18, 2337.32, 1273.78, 1020.08, 988.46, 819.53, 667.39, 500.33.



Butyl (2E,4Z)-6-amino-5-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-6-oxohexa-2,4-dienoate

(**3i**)

White solid, mp: 164.9 °C, yield = 22%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.68 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0, 15.5 Hz), 7.55-7.59 (m, 4H), 6.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 6.18 (brs, 1H), 6.08 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.77 (brs, 1H), 4.10 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.56-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.37 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 167.8, 165.3, 141.4, 138.0, 137.9 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 1.3 Hz), 130.1 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 32.6 Hz), 128.1, 126.2, 125.7, 124.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 121.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 270.6 Hz), 63.7, 29.7, 18.1, 12.7. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 342.1310, [M+H⁺], calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈F₃NO₃: 342.1312. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3878.01, 3799.09, 3472.77, 3262.89, 1915.90, 1866.45, 1614.76, 989.51, 881.02, 842.46, 717.57, 666.51.



Butyl (2E,4Z)-6-amino-5-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-6-oxohexa-2,4-dienoate (3j)

Yellow liquid, yield = 48%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.5, 15.0 Hz), 7.37 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.33 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 6.27 (brs, 1H), 5.99 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.80 (brs, 1H), 4.08 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.55-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.25(s, 9H), 0.87 (t, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 168.8, 165.6, 151.9, 142.9, 139.0, 131.6, 125.7, 125.6, 124.9, 123.8, 63.5, 33.8, 30.1, 29.7, 18.1, 12.7. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* = 330.2063, [M+H⁺], calcd. for C₂₀H₂₇NO₃: 330.2064. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3878.20, 3799.34, 3263.71, 2958.17, 2933.22, 1866.59, 1269.33, 1187.35, 1025.81, 981.42, 835.23, 717.57, 666.51.



Butyl (2*E*,4*Z*)-6-amino-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-6-oxohexa-2,4-dienoate (**3**k)

Yellow oil, yield = 42%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.43 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.5 Hz, *J* =15.5 Hz), 7.88-7.95 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.55 (m, 4H), 6.63 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 6.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.64 (brs, 1H), 5.33 (brs, 1H), 4.20 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.64-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.47 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 164.4, 162.6, 136.3, 135.8, 133.4, 132.0, 129.7, 127.6, 125.7, 124.6, 123.7, 123.4, 123.2, 122.7, 121.5, 121.2, 60.7, 26.8, 15.2, 9.8. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 324.1596, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁NO₃: 324.1594. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3444.79, 2957.60, 2923.91, 2353.35, 1747.35, 1651.83, 1505.56, 1316.23, 1259.86, 1190.87, 1139.59, 777.10.



Butyl (E)-3-(2-carbamoylcyclopent-1-en-1-yl)acrylate (31)

White solid, m.p.: 116.7 °C, yield = 20%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 5.96 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.74 (brs, 1H), 5.60 (brs, 1H), 4.17 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.76 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.67 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 1.96-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.45 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 163.5, 163.0, 141.4, 135.1, 133.7, 119.4, 60.6, 31.4, 29.5, 26.8, 17.6, 15.2, 9.8. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* = 238.1435, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₃H₁₉NO₃: 238.1438. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3381.97, 2957.46, 2354.82, 1715.35, 1651.69, 1634.26.



Brown oil, yield = 33%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.73 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 5.64 (brs, 1H), 5.53 (brs, 1H), 4.15 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 2.45 (brs, 2H), 2.24 (brs, 2H), 1.67-1.72 (m, 4H), 1.62-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.43 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 172.0, 167.1, 142.0, 141.0, 132.4, 118.7, 64.4, 30.7, 28.2, 24.8, 21.7, 21.6, 19.2, 13.7. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* = 252.1599, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₄H₂₁NO₃: 252.1594. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3382.92, 2923.59, 2351.97, 1738.21, 1494.95, 1434.76, 1393.06, 1293.31, 1172.22.



Butyl (2*E*,4*Z*)-6-amino-4-methyl-6-oxohexa-2,4-dienoate (3n)³

White solid, m.p.: 123.6 °C, yield = 15%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 8.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 20.0 Hz), 6.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 20.0 Hz), 5.94 (s, 1H), 5.76 (brs, 1H), 5.60 (brs, 1H), 4.18 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.63-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.46 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, 3H, *J* = 9.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 167.3, 166.7, 144.2, 140.5, 125.6, 123.6, 64.6, 30.7, 20.34, 19.1, 13.7. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* = 212.1276, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₁H₁₇NO₃: 212.1281. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3564.40, 2352.46, 1841.97, 1651.57, 1567.71, 1455.17, 1416.75.



White solid, m.p.: 133.6 °C, yield = 66%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.76 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.5, 19.0 Hz), 6.36 (brs, 1H), 6.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 5.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 19.5 Hz), 5.90 (brs, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.6, 167.1, 140.5, 134.0, 129.8, 123.4, 51.7, 21.4. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* = 170.0806, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₈H₁₁NO₃: 170.0812. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3564.65, 3417.68, 2922.86, 2352.39, 1667.50, 1322.83, 1270.96.



White solid, m.p.: 117.4 °C, yield = 74 %. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.75 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.0, 19.5 Hz), 6.33 (brs, 1H), 6.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 5.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 19.5 Hz), 5.87 (brs, 1H), 4.20 (q, 2H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 2.09 (s, 3H), 5.92 (t, 3H, *J* = 9.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.3, 166.6, 140.2, 139.5, 129.9, 124.1, 60.6, 21.4, 14.3. HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 184.0971, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₉H₁₃NO₃: 184.0968. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3417.84, 2923.68, 2853.06, 2353.97, 1651.70, 1557.51, 1270.23.



Yellow solid, m.p.: 114.6 °C, yield = 52%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.58 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.5, 19.0 Hz), 6.43 (brs, 1H), 6.13 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 5.97 (brs, 1H), 5.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 19.5 Hz), 2.0 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.9, 166.1, 139.9, 138.9, 129.7, 125.6, 80.7, 28.1, 21.4. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 212.1276, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₁H₁₇NO₃: 212.1281. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3564.75, 1651.73, 1633.94, 1505.35, 1455.42, 1323.02, 1142.93.



Hexyl (2E,4Z)-6-amino-5-methyl-6-oxohexa-2,4-dienoate (3r)

White solid, m.p.: 93.5 °C, yield = 60%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.74 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0, 15.5 Hz), 6.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 6.01 (brs, 1H), 5.93 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.70 (brs, 1H), 4.14 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.63-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.26-1.37 (m, 6H), 0.89 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.4, 166.7, 140.2, 139.5, 129.8, 124.1,

64.8, 31.4, 28.6, 25.6, 22.5, 21.4, 14.0. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 240.1602, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₃H₂₁NO₃: 240.1594. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3331.70, 2923.96, 2350.93, 2284.48, 1866.34, 1704.62, 1633.64, 1335.24, 1277.11, 1152.37, 983.76.



Brown solid, m.p.: 124.1 °C, yield = 70%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.90 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0, 15.5 Hz), 7.38 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.23 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.11 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.37 (brs, 1H), 6.29 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 6.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 5.90 (brs, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.5, 165.1, 150.7, 141.6, 141.5, 129.7, 129.4, 125.8, 122.8, 121.6, 21.5. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 232.0976, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₃H₁₃NO₃: 232.0968. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3627.19, 3565.13, 2352.39, 1732.24, 1651.79, 1634.02, 1505.55, 1455.58.



2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (2E,4Z)-6-amino-5-methyl-6-oxohexa-2,4-dienoate (3t)

White solid, m.p.: 127.7 °C, yield = 45%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.88 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.5, 14.5 Hz), 6.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 6.09 (brs, 1H), 5.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.69 (brs, 1H), 4.51-4.56 (m, 2H), 2.11(s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.1, 164.8, 142.0, 141.8, 129.5, 123.0 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 275.5 Hz), 121.5, 60.5 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 36.5 Hz), 21.5. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 238.0689, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₉H₁₀F₃NO₃: 238.0686. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3332.11, 2352.90, 1651.71, 1574.50, 1455.50, 1417.08, 1337.39, 1267.19, 1169.39.



White solid, m.p.: 118.4°C, yield = 49%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.73 (dd, 1H, *J* =11.5, 15.5 Hz), 6.28 (d, 1H, *J* =11.5Hz), 6.17 (d, 1H, *J* =15.5Hz), 6.04 (brs, 1H), 5.76 (brs, 1H), 2.62 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 201.5, 170.3, 140.0, 137.5, 132.1, 131.3, 33.5, 21.6, 8.1. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* = 168.1013, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₉H₁₃NO₂: 168.1019. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3383.42, 2923.81, 2352.39, 1651.86, 1557.61, 1538.63, 1505.34, 1455.46.



White solid, yield = 41%. ¹H NMR (DMSO-D₆): δ = 7.60 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.0, 16.0 Hz), 7.40 (brs, 1H), 6.51 (d, 2H, *J* = 16.5 Hz), 6.34 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 3.33 (brs, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-D6): δ = 170.4-170.5 (m), 145.5, 143.4, 138.5-138.7 (m), 136.7, 135.1-135.2 (m), 131.4-131.5 (m), 116.8, 112.5-112.7 (m), 21.5. HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 278.0600, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₂H₈F₅NO: 278.0599. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3382.88, 2351.89, 1827.98, 1651.39, 1531.64, 1504.85, 1434.86, 1024.11, 984.46, 962.77.



Brown oil, yield = 60%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.49-7.61 (m, 1H), 6.51 (brs, 1H), 6.40 (brs, 1H), 6.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 5.70-5.79 (m, 1H), 4.04-4.11 (m, 4H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, 6H, *J* = 9.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.8, 144.0 (d, *J*_{C-P} = 5.6 Hz), 140.4, 130.3 (d, *J*_{C-P} = 21.1 Hz), 119.3 (d, *J*_{C-P} = 126.3 Hz), 62.0, 21.3, 16.3. HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* = 248.1040, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₀H₁₈NO₄P: 248.1046. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3354.30, 3194.82, 2984.66, 2924.05, 2356.96, 1667.46, 1393.17, 1244.05, 1162.99, 1097.11, 1024.18, 965.86, 856.26, 789.13.



3-Methyl-5,6-diphenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5)

White solid, m.p.: 182.5 °C, yield = 21%. 1H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 9.82 (brs, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.08 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H). 13C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 163.4, 141.9, 140.5, 137.8, 134.1, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 126.9, 118.8, 16.3. HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 262.1233, [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅NO: 262.1226. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3626.67, 3564.63, 1682.45, 1651.55, 1557.42, 1538.56, 1505.25, 461.37.

KIE Study



An oven-dried screw-cap vial was charged with $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$ (5.0 mol%, 0.01 mmol), KOPiv (30.0 mol%, 0.06 mmol) and DMF (1.0 ml). Then, acrylamide **1e** (0.10 mmol), **1e-d**₂ (0.10 mmol) and acrylate (0.36 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under nitrogen and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 2 hours. After cooling down, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, filtered and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to give the crude product which was

directly applied to a flash column chromatography (EtOAc/Petroleum ether mixtures). The ratio of **3e/3e-***d* was determined by ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) to be 7.3.



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