Supporting Information

Palladium-Catalysed Mono-α-Alkenylation of Ketones with Alkenyl

Tosylates

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1. General considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purification. All arylation reactions were performed in resealable screw-capped Schlenk tube (approx. 20 mL volume) in the presence of Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar (4 mm \times 10 mm). Tertiary butanol (*t*-BuOH) and CH₃CN was distilled under calcium hydride under reduced pressure. Toluene, Dioxane and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were distilled from sodium under nitrogen. LiOt-Bu, NaOt-Bu, and K₃PO₄ were purchased from Aldrich. LiOH-H₂O and Li₂CO₃ were purchased from Merck. Pd(dba)₂ and Pd(OAc)₂ were purchased from Strem. [PdCl(cinnamyl)]2, PdCl2(CH3CN)2, PdCl2(allyl)2 and Pd(cod)Cl2 were purchased from Aldrich. CM-Phos and PhMezole-Phos were prepared according to reported literature procedures.¹ BrettPhos, XPhos, SPhos, DavePhos, cataCXium A, NiXantPhos and SIMes-HBF4 were purchased from Strem. DPPE, Mor-DalPhos and **XantPhos** were purchased from Aldrich. PPh₃ was purchased from Acros, Thin layer chromatography was performed on Merck precoated silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates. Silica gel (Merck, 70-230 and 230-400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on ADVANCE III (400 MHz). Spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm), or with tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ 0.00 ppm) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as part per million (ppm) in δ scale downfield from TMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl₃ (δ 77.0 ppm, the middle peak). Coupling constants (J) were reported in Hertz (Hz).

2. Preparation of alkenyl tosylates substrates

Alkenyl tosylates **1a**, **1e-1k** were prepared from their corresponding species according to the literature method²⁻⁴ without modifications. Spectral data for the alkenyl tosylates **1a**,² **1e**,² **1f**,² **1g**,³ **1h**,³ **1i**,⁴ **1j**,² and **1k**² showed good agreement with the literature data.

Alkenyl tosylate **1b-1d** were synthesized from corresponding ketones according to the literature method. A round bottom flask was charged with ketone (20 mmol) and purged with nitrogen. NMP (40 ml) was added and was cooled to -15°C. Solid NaOtBu (22 mmol) was added and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 2h. The solution was cooled to -20 °C and p-toluenesulfonic anhydride (24 mmol) was added in a single portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at -20 °C to r.t. for overnight. The tan solution was combined MTBE (300ml) and washed with aq NaHCO₃ (200ml) and water. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) to afford the desired product.



2-(Naphthalen-2-yl) cyclohex-1-en-1-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (1b): White solid (71%

yield, eluent: Hexane/EA 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.82 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.74 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.0, 143.8, 135.6, 133.0, 132.9, 132.1, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 126.6, 125.7, 125.7, 30.5, 29.2, 23.0, 22.4, 21.4.

4'-(Tert-butyl)-3, 4, 5, 6-tetrahydro-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**1c**): Colorless oil (82% yield, eluent: Hexane/EA 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.31 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.5, 143.8, 143.0, 135.1, 133.1, 129.0, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 124.5, 34.4, 31.4, 30.5, 28.9, 23.1, 22.5, 21.6.

3', 5'-Bis (trifluoromethyl)-3, 4, 5, 6-tetrahydro-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-2-yl 4methylbenzenesulfonate (**1d**): Colorless oil (69% yield, eluent: Hexane/EA 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 2.29 (m, 5H), 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.77 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.8, 144.9, 140.3, 133.0, 131.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 33 Hz), 129.3, 128.3, 128.3, 127.5, 125.6, 123.1 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 271 Hz), 120.4, 30.1, 29.1, 22.7, 22.1, 21.3.

3. General procedures for ligand and reaction condition screenings

General procedure for screening: A Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon-coated stir bar was carefully evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen for three cycles. Pd source (0.0125 mmol) and ligand with corresponding ratio in 5 mL DCM (1.00 mol% Pd per 1.00 mL stock solution) was then prepared under N₂ with stirring until all of the solids are dissolved (usually within 1 min). The corresponding volume of stock solution was then immediately added to the Schlenk tube by syringe (In case of 0.25 mol% Pd, additional 0.25 mL of DCM was added). The palladium complex solution was stirred and placed in a preheated oil bath (40 °C) for 2 minutes. The solvent was then evaporated under high vacuum. Alkenyl tosylates (0.375 mmol) and base (0.375 mmol) were loaded into the tube, and the system was further evacuated and filled with nitrogen for three cycles. Solvent (0.5 mL) and subsequently 2-Acetonaphthone (0.25 mmol) were added with stirring (250 rpm) at room temperature. After that, the tube was further stirred (1000 rpm) at room temperature for 5 minutes. The tube was then placed into a preheated oil bath (100 °C) and stirred for 24 h. Ethyl acetate (~3 mL), dodecane (57 µL, internal standard), water (~2 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure. The organic layer was subjected to GC analysis. The GC yield was previously calibrated by authentic sample/dodecane calibration curve.

Ph OTs	Me 0.5 mol % Pd 2.0 mol % XPhos LiOt-Bu, solvent 100 °C, 20 h	Ph
Entry	Solvent	Yield (%)
1	t-BuOH	87
2	toluene	24
3 dioxane		67
4	DMF	58
5	THF	66
6	CH ₃ CN	24
7 <i>i</i> -PrOH		trace
8	MeOH	trace

Table	S1 .	Screening	of s	solvent ^a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: Alkenyl tosylates (0.375 mmol), LiO*t*-Bu (0.375 mmol), ketone (0.25 mmol), solvent (0.5 mL), Pd/XPhos = 1:4 at 100 °C for 20 h under N₂; Calibrated GC yields were reported using dodecane as the internal standard.



Ph	+ Me 0.25 mol % Pd 0.50 mol % XPhos LiO <i>t</i> -Bu, <i>t</i> -BuOH 100 °C, 20 h	Ph
Entry	Pd (mol%)	Yield (%)
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	71
2	Pd(TFA) ₂	67
3	Pd(dba)2	81
4	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	71
5	PdCl ₂ (cod)	70
6	[PdCl(cinnamyl)]2	60
7	PdCl ₂ (allyl) ₂	63
8 PdCl ₂ (CH ₃ CN) ₂		69

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: Alkenyl tosylates (0.375 mmol), LiO*t*-Bu (0.375 mmol), ketone (0.25 mmol), *t*-BuOH (0.5 mL), Pd/XPhos = 1:4 at 100 °C for 20 h under N₂; Calibrated GC yields were reported using dodecane as the internal standard.

Table S3.	Optimization	of metal-to-ligand ratio ^a
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^{*a*}Reaction conditions: Alkenyl tosylates (0.375 mmol), LiO*t*-Bu (0.375 mmol), ketone (0.25 mmol), *t*-BuOH (0.5 mL), Pd(dba)₂ (0.06 mmol) at 100 °C for 20 h under N₂; Calibrated GC yields were reported using dodecane as the internal standard.

4. General procedures for alkelyation of ketones

General procedure for α -alkenvlation of any ketones with alkenvl tosylates: A Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon-coated stir bar was carefully evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen for three cycles. Pd source (14.4 mg, 0.025 mmol) and L2 (24 mg, 0.05 mmol) in 5 mL DCM (1.00 mol% Pd per 1.00 mL stock solution) was then prepared under N₂ until all of the solids are dissolved (usually within 1 min). The corresponding volume of stock solution was then immediately added to the Schlenk tube by syringe (In case of 0.25 mol%) Pd, additional 0.25 mL of DCM was added). The palladium complex solution was stirred and placed in a preheated oil bath (40 °C) for 2 minutes. The solvent was then evaporated under high vacuum. Alkenyl tosylates (0.75 mmol) and LiO-tBu (0.75 mmol) or LiOH•H₂O (0.75 mmol) were loaded into the tube, and the system was further evacuated and flushed with nitrogen for three cycles. t-BuOH (1 mL) and subsequently aryl ketone (0.5 mmol) were added with stirring (250 rpm) at room temperature. After that, the tube was further stirred (1000 rpm) at room temperature for 5 minutes. The tube was then placed into a preheated oil bath (100 °C) and stirred for 24 h. Ethyl acetate (~3 mL), water (~2 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) to afford the desired product.

General procedure for α -alkenylation of aliphatic ketones with alkenyl tosylates: A Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon-coated stir bar was carefully evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen for three cycles. Pd source (7.2 mg, 0.0125 mmol) and L1 (12 mg, 0.025 mmol) in 5 mL DCM (1.00 mol% Pd per 1.00 mL stock solution) was then prepared under N₂ until all of the solids are dissolved (usually within 1 min). The corresponding volume of stock solution was then immediately added to the Schlenk tube by syringe (In case of 0.25 mol% Pd, additional 0.25 mL of DCM was added). The palladium complex solution was stirred and placed in a preheated oil bath (40 °C) for 2 minutes. The solvent was then evaporated under high vacuum. Alkenyl tosylates (0.25 mmol) and LiO-*t*Bu (0.375 mmol) were loaded into the tube, and the system was further evacuated and flushed with nitrogen for three cycles. *t*-BuOH (0.5 mL) and subsequently aliphatic ketone (2.5 mmol) were added with stirring (250 rpm) at room temperature. After that, the tube was further stirred (1000 rpm) at room temperature for 5 minutes. The tube was then placed into a preheated oil bath (100 °C) and stirred for 24 h. Ethyl acetate (~3 mL), water (~2 mL) were added.

The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) to afford the desired product.

5. Characterization data for coupling products



1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)ethan-1-one (**3a**): isolated yield 90%; colorless oil; Hexane:EA=100:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 2H), 2.04 (s, 2H), 1.62 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.9, 143.6, 136.6, 135.4, 134.1, 132.3, 129.8, 129.4, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 126.5, 123.9, 44.6, 32.2, 29.7, 23.1, 22.8. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₄H₂₂O : 326.1671, found 326.1655.



2-(3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (**3b**): isolated yield 72%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=50:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 2H), 2.14 (s, 2H), 1.77 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 143.4, 139.6, 137.3, 134.1 (q, *J* = 33 Hz), 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 126.6, 125.4 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.6 (q, *J* = 271 Hz), 44.9, 32.3, 29.8, 23.1, 22.8. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.11. HRMS: (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₁₉F₃OH⁺ : 345.1461, found 291.1456.



1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)ethan-1-one (**3c**): isolated yield 65%; colorless oil; Hexane:EA=20:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 2.03 (s, 2H), 1.65 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 163.2, 143.7, 136.4, 130.4, 130.1, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 126.4, 113.5, 55.4, 44.2, 32.2, 29.8, 23.2, 22.8. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂O₂ : 306.1620, found 306.1614.



1-Phenyl-2-(3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)propan-1-one (**3d**): isolated yield 84%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.59 (m, 3H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.3, 143.8, 136.8, 135.7, 132.8, 132.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 126.7, 45.6, 32.8, 24.4, 23.0, 22.8, 15.7. HRMS: (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃OH⁺ : 291.1743, found 291.1755



1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)ethan-1-one (**3e**): isolated yield 72%; white solid; Hexane:EA=20:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 – 7.70 (m, 5H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 2H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.75 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.5, 163.2, 141.1, 136.3, 133.4, 132.2, 130.3, 130.1, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 126.5, 125.9, 125.5, 113.4, 55.3, 44.3, 32.3, 29.9, 23.3, 22.9. HRMS: (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄O₂H⁺ : 357.1849, found 357.1850



2-(3',5'-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-1-(4methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (**3f**): isolated yield 69%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=20:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 2H), 6.92 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 2.35 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7, 163.5, 145.7, 134.0, 131.5 (q, *J* = 33 Hz), 130.7, 130.2, 129.9, 128.4, 123.3 (q, *J* = 271 Hz) 120.4, 113.6, 55.4, 43.7, 32.0, 30.3, 22.9, 22.6. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.88. HRMS: (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀F₆O₂H⁺: 443.1440, found 443.1433



2-(4'-(Tert-butyl)-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-1-(m-tolyl)ethan-1-one (**3g**): isolated yield 85%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 5H), 2.02 (s, 2H), 1.69 – 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.22 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.5, 149.2, 140.5, 138.1, 137.1, 136.4, 133.5, 128.7, 128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 125.4, 125.1, 44.8, 34.4, 32.3, 31.4, 29.8, 23.3, 22.9, 21.3. HRMS: (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₅H₃₀OH⁺ : 347.2369, found 347.2365



1-(Pyridin-3-yl)-2-(3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)ethan-1-one (**3h**): isolated yield 85%; colorless oil; Hexane:EA=8:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.64 (m, 1H), 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 3.51

(s, 2H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 2.03 (s, 2H), 1.71 - 1.62 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8, 152.9, 149.4, 143.3, 137.5, 135.5, 132.2, 128.3, 127.9, 126.7, 126.4, 123.5, 44.9, 32.3, 29.8, 23.1, 22.8. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉NO : 277.1467, found 277.1472.



2-(3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-1-(thiophen-3-yl)ethan-1-one (**3i**): isolated yield 65%; colorless oil; Hexane: EA=50:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 2.25 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 4.4 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.3, 143.6, 142.2, 136.7, 131.9, 128.2, 128.1, 127.2, 127.0, 126.5, 125.9, 45.7, 32.3, 29.8, 23.2, 22.8. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈SO : 282.1078, found 282.1075.



3-Methyl-4,4-diphenyl-1-(p-tolyl)but-3-en-1-one (**3j**): isolated yield 73%; white solid; Hexane:EA=50:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.21 (m, 11H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.2, 143.8, 142.6, 142.5, 140.8, 134.4, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 126.7, 126.4, 45.9, 21.6, 20.7. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₄H₂₂O : 326.1671, found 326.1654.



2-(1,1-Diphenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (**3k**): isolated yield 60%; white solid; Hexane:EA=25:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 9H), 3.55 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.4, 144.1, 142.8, 142.6, 141.2, 133.2, 132.9, 132.7, 129.7, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.4, 126.6, 126.6, 126.4, 54.2, 29.5, 29.0, 16.8. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for

C₂₅H₂₂O : 338.1671, found 338.1649.



2-(3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenylpentan-1-one (**3**I): isolated yield 74%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.43 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.08 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.47 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.0, 139.2, 137.3, 134.7, 134.3, 132.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 126.8, 126.4, 126.3, 125.9, 54.8, 32.4, 28.1, 24.8, 20.9, 14.1. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂O : 290.1671, found 290.1654.



2-(Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-1,2-diphenylethan-1-one (**3m**): isolated yield 54%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 3H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 4H), 1.66 – 1.58 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.6, 137.8, 137.3, 136.3, 132.7, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.0, 126.3, 61.1, 28.6, 25.4, 23.0, 22.1. HRMS: (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀OH⁺ : 277.1587, found 277.1584.



1,2-Diphenyl-2-(3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)ethan-1-one (**3n**): isolated yield 90%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (m, 8H), 7.01 (m, 4H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 2.29 – 2.17 (m, 3H), 1.85 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.61 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.1, 143.7, 139.0, 137.3, 136.9, 132.6, 131.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 126.6, 126.5, 56.4, 33.0, 26.7, 23.0, 22.9. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₆H₂₄O : 352.1827, found 352.1828.



2-(4-(Tert-butyl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (**30**): isolated yield 82%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (dq, *J* = 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 5.65 (m, 1H), 3.84 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.69 (m, 5H), 1.18 – 1.04 (m, 2H), 0.91 – 0.88 (m, 3H), 0.83 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.7, 200.6, 137.6, 137.5, 135.6, 135.4, 132.5, 132.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 126.2, 126.2, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 56.8, 56.4, 43.9, 43.8, 32.1, 27.7, 27.6, 27.1, 27.1, 24.3, 24.2, 23.6, 23.3, 12.3, 12.3. HRMS: (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₉H₂₈OH⁺ : 285.2213, found 285.2209.



1-(3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)propan-2-one (**4a**): isolated yield 72%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 2.93 (s, 2H), 2.22 (s, 2H), 1.97 (s, 2H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.65 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.8, 143.7, 137.0, 128.2, 127.9, 126.9, 126.4, 49.6, 32.3, 29.7, 29.4, 23.1, 22.8. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈O : 214.1358, found 214.1341.



1-(2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)propan-2-one (**4b**): isolated yield 72%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.18 (m, 1H), 2.97 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 2H), 2.02 (s, 2H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.74 – 1.67 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.7, 141.1, 137.0, 133.4, 132.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 126.7, 126.3, 126.0, 125.6, 49.6, 32.3, 29.8, 29.6, 23.2, 22.9. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀O : 264.1514, found 264.1484.



1-(4'-(Tert-butyl)-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)propan-2-one (**4c**): isolated yield 70%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 2.05 (s, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.1, 149.2, 140.5, 136.9, 127.5, 126.8, 125.1, 49.7, 34.4, 32.3, 31.4, 29.8, 29.5, 23.2, 22.8. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₉H₂₆O : 270.1984, found 270.1990.

4-Methyl-5,5-diphenylpent-4-en-2-one (**4d**): isolated yield 62%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (tt, *J* = 5.3, 2.5 Hz, 4H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 7.07 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 3.17 (s, 2H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.1, 142.7, 142.2, 141.2, 129.5, 129.0, 128.2, 128.0, 126.7, 126.5, 50.7, 29.7, 20.7. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈O : 250.1358, found 250.1366.



1-(2-(P-tolyl)cyclohept-1-en-1-yl)propan-2-one (**4e**): isolated yield 70%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (s, 2H), 2.53 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.28 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.57 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.1, 142.8, 142.3, 135.8, 132.8, 128.9, 127.4, 51.6, 36.4, 34.1, 32.5, 29.6, 26.7, 26.0, 21.1. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₂₂O : 242.1671, found 242.1668.



1-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-9-yl)propan-2-one (**4f**): isolated yield 50%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 2H), 2.76 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.80 – 1.75 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.7, 162.9, 143.0, 139.8, 129.0, 128.5, 126.9, 126.3, 124.9, 33.8, 32.1, 31.5, 26.9, 26.2. HRMS: (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆OH⁺ : 201.1474, found 201.1474.



1-(3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)propan-2-one (**4g**): isolated yield 46%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.01 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.9, 136.3, 134.1, 131.0, 129.6, 127.7, 127.2, 126.6, 122.8, 49.1, 28.5, 28.0, 23.3. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄O : 186.1045, found 186.1055.



1-(2-Methyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)propan-2-one (**4h**): isolated yield 46%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.8, 136.4, 135.6, 135.4, 127.3, 126.5, 126.1, 124.1, 122.4, 44.2, 30.6, 28.7, 28.2, 20.7. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆O : 200.1201, found 200.1190.



1-(3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)propan-2-one (**4i**): isolated yield 47%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 3.30 (s, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.5, 134.4, 134.4, 134.1, 127.3, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 125.8, 52.6, 29.2, 27.9, 27.3. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄O : 186.1045, found 186.1038.



2-(3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)cyclohexan-1-one (**4j**): isolated yield 80%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.51 – 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.28 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.76 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.6, 139.4, 135.1, 134.3, 127.1, 126.5, 126.3, 125.7, 124.3, 58.4, 42.2, 31.8, 28.0, 27.6, 26.4, 24.8. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₈O : 226.1358, found 226.1341.



2-(3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)pentan-3-one (**4k**): isolated yield 71%; colorless oil; Hexane:DCM=10:1; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 3.30 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (m, 2H), 2.17 – 1.97 (m, 3H), 1.63 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.8, 144.1, 136.8, 132.4, 128.4, 127.9, 126.4, 49.9, 33.7, 32.8, 24.4, 23.2, 22.9, 13.7, 7.9. HRMS: (EI+) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₂₂O : 242.1671, found 242.1668.

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