# **Supporting Information**

 $Sc(OTf)_3$ -Catalyzed Cyclization of  $\alpha$ -Allylated 1,3-Dicarbonyls: an Efficient Access to 2,2-Disubstituted 2,3-Dihydrofuran Derivatives

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#### 1- General information

All reactions were conducted in clean glassware with magnetic stirring. Commercially available reagents were used as received without further purification. Solvents were treated prior to use according to the standard methods. For chromatographic purification, technical-grade solvents were used. Purified compounds were further dried on high vacuum. NMR-spectra were measured in the given solvent at RT on *Bruker Ascend*<sup>TM</sup> 500M (500.1 MHz,  $^{1}$ H; 125.8 MHz,  $^{13}$ C) instrument operating at the denoted spectrometer frequency given in mega Hertz (MHz) for the specified nucleus. Chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an external standard for  $^{1}$ H- and  $^{13}$ C-NMR spectra and calibrated against the solvent residual peak. Multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, or as combination of them. Coupling constants J are given in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectra were obtained with a Micromass GCT-TOF mass spectrometer.

## 2- Synthesis of $\alpha$ -allylated 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds

To a mixture of NaH (10 mmol, 60% dispersion in mineral oil) in dry THF (40 mL) in ice-water bath was added  $\beta$ -ketoester (10 mmol) dropwise, and the resulting mixture was stirred for about 20 minutes. In the same temperature, 3-bromo-2-methylpropene (10 mmol) was added dropwise, and then the reaction was warmed to room temperature for 6-12 hours. The reaction was quenched with sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (10 mL) and water (10 mL) sequentially. The subsequent mixture was extracted with ethyl ether (20 mL X 3). The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The filtrate was condensed to the oily liquid which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh, eluent: PE/EA = 100/1 to 20/1) to provide the pure product 5.

#### 3- General procedure for synthesis of 2,3-dihydrofurans

To a solution of the  $\alpha$ -allylated 1,3-dicarbonyl compound 5 (0.2 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (2 mL) was added Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub>(10 mol%) at rt. The resulting mixture was heated to 60 °C, generally for 1.5 h. After completion, the mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh, eluent: PE/EA = 20/1) to provide the desired 2,3-dihydrofuran product **6**.

## 4- Characterization for all compounds

Compound 5a was obtained as colourless oil in 65% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 15.2, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.6, 169.4, 141.8, 112.2, 61.4, 58.2, 35.8, 28.8, 22.4, 14.1.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1746, 1712, 1653.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{10}H_{17}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 185.1172; Found: 185.1175.

(Ref: B. M. Šmit and R. Z. Pavlović, Tetrahedron, 2015, 71, 1101.)

Compound **5b** was obtained as colourless oil in 70% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.68 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, J = 15.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H).

 $^{13}C\ NMR\ (125.8\ MHz,\ CDCl_{3}):\ \delta\ 202.5,\ 169.9,\ 141.8,\ 112.3,\ 58.1,\ 52.4,\ 35.8,\ 28.8,\ 22.4.$ 

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1740, 1710, 1637, 1442, 1357.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_9H_{15}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 171.1016; Found: 171.1020.

(Ref: C. M. R. Volla, S. R. Dubbaka and P. Vogel, Tetrahedron, 2009, 65, 504.)

Compound 5c was obtained as colourless oil in 60% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 5.04 (sept, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 3.61 (dd, J = 7.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, J = 15.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.6, 168.9, 141.9, 112.1, 69.0, 58.4, 35.7, 28.7, 22.4, 21.6, 21.5.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1738, 1719, 1376, 1107.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{11}H_{19}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 199.1329; Found: 199.1323.

Compound 5d was obtained as colourless oil in 58% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.39-7.31 (m, 5H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 3.72 (dd, J = 7.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dd, J = 15.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.3, 169.3, 141.7, 135.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 112.3, 67.2, 58.2, 35.8, 28.8, 22.4.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1754, 1718, 1656, 1462.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{19}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 247.1329; Found: 247.1330.

Compound **5e** was obtained as colourless oil in 62% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.73-3.67 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.45 (m, 4H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.05 (t, J = Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 205.2, 170.0, 141.9, 112.2, 57.1, 52.4, 35.9, 35.3, 22.4, 7.5. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1717, 1652, 919.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{10}H_{17}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 185.1172; Found: 185.1175.

Compound 5f was obtained as colourless oil in 65% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.74-3.66 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.42 (m, 4H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.64-1.55 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 204.6, 170.0, 141.9, 112.2, 57.4, 52.4, 43.8, 35.8, 22.4, 16.8, 13.5.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1701, 1673.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{11}H_{19}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 199.1329; Found: 199.1330.

Compound 5g was obtained as colourless oil in 68% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.79-4.77 (m, 1H), 4.72-4.69 (m, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.66-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.10-1.02 (m, 2H), 0.96-0.91 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 204.7, 170.0, 141.9, 112.1, 58.3, 52.4, 35.8, 22.5, 19.7, 11.9, 11.7.

IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1740, 1700, 1633.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{11}H_{17}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 197.1172; Found: 197.1172.

(Ref: A. Faulkner, J. S. Scott and J. F. Bower, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2015, 137, 7224.)

Compound **5h** was obtained as colourless oil in 46% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.20-4.06 (m, 3H), 2.59 (dd, J = 14.6, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, J = 14.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 209.2, 169.2, 142.0, 112.5, 61.2, 51.2, 45.3, 37.4, 26.1, 22.5, 14.0.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1743, 1707, 1478, 1198.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{13}H_{23}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 227.1642; Found: 227.1647.

Compound 5i was obtained as colourless oil in 75% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.00 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.6, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.54 (dd, J = 8.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dq, J = 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (dd, J = 15.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 15.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.5, 169.4, 142.0, 136.1, 133.4, 128.7, 128.6, 112.1, 61.4, 52.7, 36.4, 22.6, 13.9.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1743, 1691, 1598, 1452.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 247.1329; Found: 247.1328.

(Ref: R. Queignec, B. Kirschleger, F. Lambert and M. Aboutaj, Synth. Commun., 1988, 18, 1213.)

Compound 5j was obtained as colourless oil in 79% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.00 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.53 (dd, J = 7.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.75 (dd, J = 15.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, J = 15.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 192.8, 170.2, 163.9, 142.2, 131.0, 129.1, 114.0, 112.0, 55.5, 52.5, 52.2, 36.6, 22.7.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1741, 1681, 1633.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{19}O_4(M+H)^+$ : 263.1278; Found: 263.1285.

Compound 5k was obtained as colourless oil in 55% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.56 (dd, J = 7.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.75 (dd, J = 15.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 15.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.1, 170.1, 144.6, 142.1, 133.6, 129.5, 128.8, 112.1, 52.5, 52.4, 36.6, 22.7, 21.7.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1737, 1683.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{19}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 247.1329; Found: 247.1325.

Compound 51 was obtained as colourless oil in 63% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.04 (dd, J = 8.9, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.7, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.53 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.75 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 15.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.8, 169.7, 166.0 (d, J = 256.2 Hz), 141.9, 132.5 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 131.3 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 112.2, 52.5, 52.4, 36.4, 22.5.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1748, 1684, 1599, 1510, 1438.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{16}FO_3(M+H)^+$ : 251.1078; Found: 251.1083.

Compound 5m was obtained as colourless oil in 68% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.52 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.75 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 15.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 193.2, 169.6, 141.8, 140.1, 134.4, 130.0, 129.1, 112.3, 52.6, 52.5, 36.4, 22.6.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1743, 1691, 1592, 1440.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{16}ClO_3 (M+H)^+$ : 267.0782; Found: 267.0782.

(Ref: S. Chowdhury, S. Koley, T. Chanda and M. S. Singh, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 2015, **56**, 5553.)

Compound **5n** was obtained as colourless oil in 77% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.86 (ddd, J = 8.7, 2.4, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (ddd, J = 8.7, 2.4, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.74 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 193.5, 169.7, 141.8, 134.8, 132.1, 130.1, 128.9, 112.3, 52.6, 52.5, 36.4, 22.6.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1744, 1689, 1591.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{16}BrO_3(M+H)^+$ : 311.0277; Found: 311.0277.

Compound 50 was obtained as colourless oil in 83% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.57 (dd, J = 7.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.75 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 15.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.7, 170.0, 142.1, 138.7, 136.1, 134.4, 129.1, 128.6, 125.9, 112.2, 52.5, 36.6 (2C), 22.6, 21.4.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1743, 1686, 1651, 1433, 1152.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{19}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 247.1329; Found: 247.1332.

Compound **5p** was obtained as colourless oil in 64% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.96 (dd, J = 1.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 7.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.52 (dd, J = 7.4, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.75 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 193.3, 169.6, 141.8, 137.7, 135.2, 133.5, 130.1, 128.6, 126.6, 112.4, 52.62, 52.60, 36.4, 22.6.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1743, 1695, 1574, 1229.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{16}ClO_3(M+H)^+$ : 267.0782; Found: 267.0788.

Compound 5q and 5q' was obtained as colourless oil in 49% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): **5q/5q'**, δ 12.90 (s, 0.5H), 7.70 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 2.5Hs), 7.21 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 0.5+0.5 H), 7.16 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.1 Hz, 0.5H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.69-4.66 (m, 0.5H), 4.54-4.51 (m, 0.5H), 4.47 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 1.5H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.72-2.64 (m, 3Hs), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 1.5H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 1.5H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): **5q/5q'**, δ 198.0, 174.0, 172.6, 170.0, 144.5, 141.9, 138.9, 136.9, 135.7, 134.3, 132.0, 131.6, 130.2, 129.1, 128.3, 127.7, 125.6, 125.2, 112.2, 109.5, 99.9, 54.9, 52.3, 51.6, 36.5, 34.1, 22.8, 22.4, 20.9, 19.2.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3400, 1748, 1693, 1441, 1262.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{19}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 247.1329; Found: 247.1329.

Compound 5r and 5r' was obtained as colourless oil in 58% yield.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): **5r/5r'**, δ 12.82 (s, 0.67H), 7.64-7.59 (m, 1.67Hs), 7.43 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 0.67H), 7.38 (ddd, J = 7.6, 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 0.67H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 2.67Hs), 7.27-7.22 (m, 1H), 4.79 (s, 0.67H), 4.74 (s, 0.67H), 4.66 (dd, J = 1.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.54-4.51 (m, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.9 Hz, 0.67H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 2.95-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.73 (dd, J = 15.0, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, J = 15.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.60-2.40 (m, 0.67H), 1.75 (s, 2H), 1.58 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): **5r/5r'**, δ 197.9, 173.8, 170.4, 169.3, 144.2, 141.6, 140.2, 135.8, 133.9, 132.9, 132.0, 130.6, 129.7, 128.9, 127.4, 127.0, 121.6, 119.2, 112.6, 109.9, 100.7, 56.4, 52.4, 51.9, 36.1, 34.1, 22.8, 22.5.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3400, 1743, 1707, 1652, 1443, 1254.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{16}BrO_3(M+H)^+$ : 311.0277; Found: 311.0280.

Compound 6a was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (q, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (s, 6H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.7, 166.6, 101.0, 86.0, 59.3, 42.6, 28.3, 14.5, 14.4. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1700, 1652, 912.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{10}H_{17}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 185.1172; Found: 185.1175.

(Ref: T. Sakai, K. Miyata, S. Tsuboi and M. Utaka, *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.*, 1989, **62**, 4072.)

Compound **6b** was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.67 (q, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.0, 166.9, 100.7, 86.1, 50.7, 42.6, 28.2, 14.4.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1688, 1668, 910.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_9H_{15}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 171.1016; Found: 171.1021.

(Ref: V. Roland, K. Norbert De, C. Dirk, B. Laurent De and S. Niceas, *Tetrahedron*, 1982, **38**, 3649.)

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  $O$   $Me$   $Me$   $6c$ 

Compound 6c was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 5.04 (sept, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (q, J = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 6H), 1.25 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.3, 166.2, 101.4, 85.8, 66.4, 42.7, 28.3, 22.2, 14.5.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1743, 1691, 1646, 1276, 1263, 1142, 1110, 767.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{11}H_{19}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 199.1329; Found: 199.1330.

$$Me$$
  $O$   $Me$   $Me$   $6d$   $BnO_2C$ 

Compound **6d** was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.40-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 2.71 (q, J = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.4, 166.2, 136.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 100.7, 86.3, 65.2, 42.5, 28.3, 14.5.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1716, 1633, 1273, 1264.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{19}O_3$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 247.1329; Found: 247.1335.

(Ref: S. Kitagaki, D. Shibata and C. Mukai, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 2007, 48, 1735.)

Compound 6e was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 2H), 2.61 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (s, 6H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 171.9, 166.8, 99.6, 85.9, 50.7, 42.6, 28.1, 21.4, 11.1.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1637, 1278, 1266, 1079, 762, 753.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{10}H_{17}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 185.1172; Found: 185.1173.

Compound 6f was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 2H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.60-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 6H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.7, 166.8, 100.4, 85.9, 50.6, 42.6, 29.7, 28.2, 20.2, 13.7. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1653, 1643, 1278, 1262, 917.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{11}H_{19}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 199.1329; Found: 199.1329.

$$O$$
 Me Me  $O_2C$ 

Compound 6g was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.73-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.67 (s, 2H), 1.30 (s, 6H), 0.96-0.91 (m, 2H), 0.85-0.80 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.7, 167.4, 100.0, 85.8, 50.6, 42.9, 27.9, 9.2, 7.2.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1749, 1630, 1413, 1385, 1098.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{11}H_{17}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 197.1172; Found: 197.1172.

Compound **6h** was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.11 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (s, 2H), 1.33 (s, 6H), 1.27 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 176.2, 165.8, 98.6, 84.0, 59.2, 44.6, 27.9, 27.5, 26.4, 14.4. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1735, 1644, 1264, 1276, 767, 751.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{13}H_{23}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 227.1642; Found: 227.1646.

Compound 6i was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.74 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.33 (m, 3H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (s, 2H), 1.49 (s, 6H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.7, 164.0, 130.6, 130.1, 129.2, 127.5, 101.6, 85.5, 59.6, 44.3, 28.2, 14.2.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1642, 1628, 1492, 1262.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{19}O_3$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 247.1329; Found: 247.1334.

(Ref: T. Sakai, K. Miyata, S. Tsuboi and M. Utaka, Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn., 1989, 62, 4072.)

Compound 6j was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.78 (dt, J = 9.0, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (dt, J = 9.0, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.90 (s, 2H), 1.47 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.2, 164.2, 161.1, 131.0, 122.8, 113.0, 99.9, 85.1, 55.3, 50.8, 44.3, 28.1.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1702, 1688, 1609, 1512, 1369, 1254.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 263.1278; Found: 263.1274.

Compound 6k was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.1, 164.6, 140.4, 129.1, 128.3, 127.6, 100.6, 85.4, 50.8, 44.2, 28.1, 21.5.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1713, 1629.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 247.1329; Found: 247.1329.

Compound 61 was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.84-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 1.48 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.0, 163.7 (d, J = 250.5 Hz), 163.2, 131.5 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 126.5 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 114.7 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 101.1, 85.6, 50.9, 44.2, 28.1.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1663, 1633, 1504, 1273, 1084.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{16}FO_3$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 251.1078; Found: 251.1078.

$$O$$
 $Me$ 
 $MeO_2C$ 
 $O$ 
 $Me$ 
 $Me$ 

Compound 6m was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.73 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 1.48 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.9, 163.0, 136.2, 130.7, 128.8, 127.9, 101.7, 85.8, 51.0, 44.2, 28.1.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1703, 1693, 1375.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{16}ClO_3 (M+H)^+$ : 267.0782; Found: 267.0786.

Compound **6n** was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.66 (ddd, J = 8.6, 2.4, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (ddd, J = 8.6, 2.3, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 1.48 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.9, 163.0, 130.9, 130.8, 129.3, 124.6, 101.8, 85.8, 51.0, 44.2, 28.1.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1705, 1663, 1632.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{16}BrO_3(M+H)^+$ : 311.0277; Found: 311.0281.

Compound **60** was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.55 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 3H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.1, 164.6, 137.3, 131.0, 130.4, 129.5, 127.5, 126.5, 101.2, 85.6, 50.9, 44.2, 28.1, 21.4.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1707, 1688, 1629, 1598, 1269, 1128.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{19}O_3(M+H)^+$ : 247.1329; Found: 247.1329.

Compound **6p** was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.74 (dd, J = 1.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 7.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.92 (s, 2H), 1.49 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.7, 162.4, 133.6, 132.2, 130.2, 129.2, 128.9, 127.5, 102.3, 85.9, 51.0, 44.2, 28.1.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1705, 1626, 1595, 1566, 1262.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{16}ClO_3(M+H)^+$ : 267.0782; Found: 267.0780.

Compound 6q was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 2H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.8, 165.6, 136.6, 131.0, 129.9, 129.4, 129.2, 125.2, 103.1, 86.8, 50.8, 43.1, 28.3, 19.4.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1693, 1646, 1364, 1280.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 247.1329; Found: 247.1334.

Compound 6r was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.59 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 1.54 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.5, 163.5, 133.0, 132.7, 130.7 (2C), 126.9, 122.3, 104.3, 87.8, 50.9, 43.0, 28.3.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1695, 1651.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{16}BrO_3(M+H)^+$ : 311.0277; Found: 311.0277.

Compound 7 was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.98 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.1, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 9.2, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, J = 14.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 14.8, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 190.2, 139.6, 134.5, 134.0, 129.1, 128.8, 117.0, 114.6, 38.4, 37.3, 22.3.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1696, 1658, 1455, 1273, 1260, 753.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{13}H_{14}NO$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 200.1070; Found: 200.1073.

Compound 8 was obtained as colourless oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.93 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 3H), 2.88 (s, 2H), 1.51 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.8, 131.1, 128.6 (2C), 127.1, 118.2, 87.6, 78.2, 44.3, 28.0.

**IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1648, 1630, 1422, 1098.

**HRMS** (ESI) calcd for  $C_{13}H_{14}NO$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 200.1070; Found: 200.1070.

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