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Supporting Information

Silver-catalyzed the decarboxylative C(sp²)–C(sp³) coupling reactions via radical mechanism

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1. General information

Unless otherwise noted, all chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers (Adamas, Aladdin, J&K etc) and used without further purification. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were recorded at ambient temperature on a 300, 400 or 500 MHz spectrometer (75, 100 or 125 MHz for ¹³C NMR). NMR experiments are reported in δ units, parts per million (ppm), and were referenced to CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 or 77.0 ppm) as the internal standard. The coupling constants J are given in Hertz. Mass spectra were recorded on BRUKER AutoflexIII Smartbeam MS-spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Bruck microTof by using ESI method. Column chromatography was performed using EM silica gel 60 (300–400 mesh).

2. Synthesis and analytical data of 3 and 4



The typical experimental procedure for synthesis of *(E)*-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol **3a**: cinnamic acid **1a** (0.5 mmol, 74.0 mg), ethanol (1 ml), Ag₂CO₃ (0.05 mmol, 13.7 mg), DTBP (0.75 mmol, 138.0 μ L) were placed into a sealed dry tube (10 mL) with a magnetic stirrer bar. The reaction was heated under a nitrogen atmosphere at 110 °C for 12 h. After the reaction finished, the catalyst was separated by centrifugation and filtration to obtain the liquid phase. The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents.



The typical experimental procedure for synthesis of *(E)*-prop-1-ene-1,3-diyldibenzene **4a**: cinnamic acid **1a** (0.5 mmol, 74.0 mg), Toluene (1 ml), Ag₂CO₃ (0.05 mmol, 13.7 mg), DTBP (0.75 mmol, 138.0 μ L) were placed into a sealed dry tube (10 mL) with a magnetic stirrer bar. The reaction was heated under a nitrogen atmosphere at 110 °C for 12 h. After the reaction finished, the catalyst

was separated by centrifugation and filtration to obtain the liquid phase. The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents.

Analytical data

OH

(E)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol (3a)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.51-4.44 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.5, 133.5, 129.3, 128.5, 127.5, 126.4, 68.8, 23.3.

UH OH

(E)-2-methyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol (3b)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.4, 136.8, 128.5, 127.4, 126.38, 126.3, 71.0, 29.8.

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(E)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (3c)

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.40-6.31 (m, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.6, 131.0, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 126.4, 63.6.



(*E*)-1-phenylhex-1-en-3-ol (3d)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.33 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.7, 132.5, 130.1, 128.5, 127.5, 126.4, 72.8, 39.4, 18.6, 13.9.



(*E*)-1-styrylcyclohexanol (3e)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 1.73-1.62 (m, 5H), 1.59-1.50 (m, 4H), 1.34-1.27 (m, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.4, 137.0, 128.5, 127.3, 126.9, 126.3, 71.7, 37.9, 25.4, 22.0.



(E)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methylbut-3-en-2-ol (3f)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.27 (m, 4H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53-4.44 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.1, 134.1, 133.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.6, 68.7, 23.3.



(E)-4-(4-bromophenyl)but-3-en-2-ol (3g)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.52-4.44 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.6, 134.3, 131.6, 128.1, 127.9, 121.3, 68.7, 23.3.



(E)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)but-3-en-2-ol (3h)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (dd, J = 1.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 1.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dd, J = 6.5, 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.59-4.47 (m, 1H), 1.39 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.3, 134.8, 133.1, 129.6, 128.5, 126.8, 126.7, 125.5, 68.8, 23.2.



(*E*)-prop-1-ene-1,3-diyldibenzene (4a)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.44-6.37 (m, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.1, 137.4, 131.0, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 127.0, 126.16, 126.1, 39.3.



(E)-but-1-ene-1,3-diyldibenzene (4b)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.15 (m, 10H), 6.45-6.32 (m, 2H), 3.69-3.57 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H);
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.6, 137.5, 135.2, 128.4, 127.2, 127.0, 126.19, 126.1, 42.5, 21.1.

(E)-1-cinnamyl-3-methylbenzene (4c)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.38-6.27 (m, 1H), 3.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.1, 138.1, 137.5, 130.9, 129.47, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 126.9, 126.1, 125.7, 39.3, 21.4.



(E)-1-cinnamyl-3,5-dimethylbenzene (4d)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 3H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.38-6.30 (m, 1H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.1, 138.1, 137.6, 130.9, 129.5, 128.5, 127.9, 127.1, 126.5, 126.2, 39.3, 21.3.



(*E*)-(2-cyclohexylvinyl)benzene (4e)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.17-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.72 (m, 4H), 1.71-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.26 (m, 2H), 1.22-1.12 (m, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.0, 136.8, 128.4, 127.2, 126.7, 125.9, 41.1, 32.9, 26.1, 26.0.



(E)-styrylcyclooctane (4f)

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 1H), 1.80-1.65 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.50 (m, 10H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.1, 137.8, 128.4, 126.7, 126.6, 125.9, 41.3, 31.8, 27.4, 25.9, 25.0.



(E)-2-styryl-1,4-dioxane (4g)

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 6.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.91-3.78 (m, 3H), 3.73 (d, J = 11.0 Hz,

1H), 3.70-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.42 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.3, 132.6, 128.5, 127.8, 126.4, 125.0, 76.0, 70.9, 66.5, 66.2.



(E)-3-styryltetrahydrofuran (4h)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.54-4.47 (m, 1H), 4.03-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.90-3.83 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.11 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.69 (m, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.8, 130.5, 130.4, 128.4, 127.4, 126.4, 79.6, 68.1, 32.3, 25.8.

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