Supporting Information

Where Does Au Coordinate to a N-(2-Pyridiyl)benzotriazole: Gold-catalyzed Chemoselective Dehydrogenation and Borrowing Hydrogen Reaction

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I. General Methods and materials:

All of the reactions dealing with air and/or moisture-sensitive reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen using oven/flame-dried glassware and standard syringe/septa techniques. Unless otherwise noted, all commercial reagents and solvents were obtained from the commercial provider and used without further purification. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 400 or 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported relative to internal tetramethylsilane (δ 0.00 ppm) or CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm) for ¹H NMR and CDCl₃ (δ 77.0 ppm) for ¹³C NMR. Flash column chromatography was performed on 230-430 mesh silica gel. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed with precoated glass baked plates (250µ) and visualized by fluorescence and by charring after treatment with potassium permanganate stain. HRMS were recorded on LTQ-FTUHRA spectrometer.

Substrates 8 and 11 were synthesized according to the literature as below:

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1.1 Synthesis of Pyridyltriazole Gold Complexe 1.1.1 Procedure for synthesis of 1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole



To 100 mL round-bottom flask was successively added N-H triazole (2.983 g, 25 mmol), bromopyridine (3.160 g, 20 mmol), copper (I) iodide (381 mg, 2 mmol), L-proline (0.461 mg, 4 mmol) and potassium carbonate (2.403 g, 40 mmol) under N₂, and then dimethylsulfoxide (30 mL) was added by syringes. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 160 °C and monitored by TLC until complete disappearance of the bromopyridine was confirmed. Then the reaction mixture was added water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phases were washed with dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and flash silica gel chromatography gave the product (58% yield).

1.1.2 Preparation of Gold Complexe



To a solution of PPh₃AuCl (2.0 mmol) in 10 mL CH_2Cl_2 was added 1.1 equiv of AgOTf (2.2 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 5 min and was added the ligand (2.1 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature. After this, the cloudy solution was filtered through a short pad of celite and washed with DCM (5 mL). Then petroleum ether was added very slowly on the top of the CH_2Cl_2 layer. The resultant white solid was collected and washed with petroleum ether and dried by vacuum pump, the pyridyltriazole Gold complexe (**1a**) was synthesized in 91% yield; CCDC number: 1490192.



Figure S1. Crystal structure of Pyridyltriazole Gold(I) Complexe

Table. S1 Crystallographic data for pyridyltriazole gold(I) complexe

Empirical formula	$C_{30}H_{23}$ Au F_3 M	$C_{30}H_{23}AuF_3N_4O_3PS$		
Formula weight	804.52	804.52		
Temperature	296(2) K			
Wavelength	0.71073 A			
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic P-1	Triclinic <i>P-1</i>		
Unit call dimensions	a = 11.706(5) A	alpha = 90 deg.		
Unit cen unnensions	b = 16.717(7) A	beta = 96.390(7) deg.		

	c = 15.157(7)	A gamma = 90 deg.	
Volume Å	2948(2)		
Z, Calculated density Mg/ m ⁻³	4, 1.813		
Absorption coefficient mm ⁻¹	5.174		
F(000)	1568	1568	
Crystal size mm	0.26 x 0.22 x	0.26 x 0.22 x 0.19	
Limiting indices	-13<=h<=13	-13<=h<=13, -19<=k<=17, -18<=l<=14	
Reflections collected / unique	13065 / 5179	13065 / 5179 [R(int) = 0.0389]	
Completeness to theta = 25.01	99.8 %	99.8 %	
Max. and min. transmission	0.4397 and 0	0.4397 and 0.3464	
Refinement method	Full-matrix l	east-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	5179 / 18 / 3	64	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.027		
Final R indices [I>2 σ (I)]	R1 = 0.0460	wR2 = 0.1132	
CCDC number	1490192		

1.2. Optimization of reaction conditions

Table S2. Optimization of reaction conditions^{*a*}



Entry	Catalyst	Base	Solvent	Yield[%] ^b
1	TA-Py-Au(1a) (1%)	КОН	toluene	67
2	TA-Py-Au(1a) (1%)	KOH	MeOH	26
3	TA-Py-Au(1a) (1%)	КОН	DCM	18
4	TA-Py-Au(1a) (1%)	КОН	THF	91
5	TA-Py-Au(1a) (1%)	<i>t</i> BuOK	THF	83
6	TA-Py-Au(1a) (1%)	Cs_2CO_3	THF	59
7	TA-Py-Au(1a) (1%)	NaOH	THF	44
8	TA-Py-Au(1a) (1%)	Et ₃ N	THF	23
9	Ph ₃ PAuCl (1%)	КОН	THF	9
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10	Ph ₃ PAuCl (10%)	KOH	THF	17
11	Ph ₃ PAuCl/AgOTf (1%)	KOH	THF	35, 64 ^{<i>c</i>}
12	$KAuCl_4(1\%)$	KOH	THF	16
13	KAuCl ₄ (10%)	KOH	THF	21
14	AgOTf	KOH	THF	nr
15	-	KOH	THF	nr
anganta ar	d conditions: 60 (0.6 mmol)	7_{0} (0.5 mmol)	1_{0} (1 mol ⁰ /)	KOH (0.75 mmol) solut

^{*a*} Reagents and conditions: **6a** (0.6 mmol), **7a** (0.5 mmol), **1a** (1 mol%), KOH (0.75 mmol), solvent (3 mL), 24 h, N₂, reflux. ^{*b*} Yields of isolated product, nr = no reaction. ^{*c*} Ph₃PAuCl/AgOTf (10%), in dioxane, with *t*BuOK as the base, ref 14 in main text.

1.3 Representative procedure for N-alkylation of aromatic amines with primary alcohols.



To 25 mL round-bottom flask was successively added aromatic amine (0.5 mmol), primary alcohol (0.6 mmol), potassium hydroxide (0.75 mmol), **1a** (1 mol%), and THF (3 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux and monitored by TLC. After the reaction was completed (24 h), the mixture was cooled to room temperature. The resulting solution was directly purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1) as eluent to give the desired product.

1.4 Representative procedure for the preparation of acetophenone



To 25 mL Schlenk tube was added **1a** (1 mol%), toluene (3 mL), and alcohol (1 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 10 h. Then the mixture was added water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phases were washed with dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure carefully and purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica-gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded the compound **9a** as a colorless oil.

1.5 Representative procedure for the preparation of ketones



To 25 mL round-bottom flask was successively added **11** (0.5 mmol), primary alcohol (0.6 mmol), potassium hydroxide (0.75 mmol), **1a** (1 mol%) and toluene (3 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux and monitored by TLC. After the reaction was completed (24 h), the mixture was cooled to room temperature. The resulting

solution was directly purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1) as eluent to give the desired product.

1.6 Representative procedure for the preparation of Allene 14a



To a solution of **13a** (1 mmol) in wet CH_2Cl_2 (3.0 mL), was added Au(I) catalyst (0.2 mol%) at RT. The reaction mixture was kept at room temperature and monitored by TLC. After the reaction was completed (6-12 h), NaBH₄ (1.5 mmol) and MeOH (0.5 mL) was added to the mixture. After the reaction was finished (monitored by TLC), the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica-gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80:1) afforded the title compound **14a** as colorless oil.

1.7 Heat-stabilization experiments for gold complexes: 1a for TA-Py-Au (1a); 5 for pyridine gold. 7 for AuPPh₃OTf



Figure S2. Heat stabilization test in toluene under reflux condition for 0.5 hour.



1.8 Run kinetics



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II. Compounds Characterization

1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (td, J = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.32 (dt, J = 12.1, 6.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.72, 148.33, 146.77, 138.81, 131.53, 128.76, 124.89, 122.27, 119.75, 114.83, 114.44. HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C₁₁H₉N₄ (M+H)⁺ 198.0827, found 198.0825.

(1a) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.85 – 8.81 (m, 1H), 8.74 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.28 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 8.18 (td, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.56 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.9, 149.1, 144.1, 140.5, 140.4, 134.3, 134.1, 132.9, 132.8, 132.2, 131.4, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 127.0, 126.4, 125.3, 117.1, 116.3, 116.2, 116.1, 116.0, 115.9. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.4; Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₂₃AuF₃N₄O₃PS: C, 44.79, H, 2.88, N, 6.96; Found: C, 44.63, H, 2.80, N, 6.89. CCDC number: 1490192. [M+H]⁺ 805.0846

(**1b**) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.74 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.55 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.0, 149.0, 144.2, 140.5, 134.3, 134.1, 132.9, 132.8, 132.1, 131.4, 130.2, 130.1, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 127.1, 126.5, 125.3, 117.2, 116.2, 116.1. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.6; Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₃AuBF₄N₄P: C, 46.93, H, 3.12, N, 7.55; Found: C, 47.04, H, 3.16, N, 7.48. [M+H]⁺ 743.1355

(1c) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.74 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (td, J = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (td, J = 6.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.57 (m, 17H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.0, 149.3, 146.2, 140.6, 134.7, 134.6, 135.5, 134.4, 134.3, 133.1, 133.0, 132.9, 131.5, 130.2, 130.1, 130.0, 128.1, 127.4, 126.3, 124.0, 119.8, 115.2, 115.0. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO) δ 27.0; Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₃AuF₆N₄PSb: C, 39.08, H, 2.60, N, 6.29; Found: C, 38.91, H, 2.52, N, 6.17. [M+H]⁺ 891.0268

N-(4-chlorobenzyl)aniline (8a) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (s, 4H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 4.04 – 3.91 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.8, 137.0, 131.9, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 116.8, 111.9, 46.6.

N-(4-methylbenzyl)aniline (8b) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.4, 137.0, 136.6, 129.5, 129.4, 127.7, 117.6, 113.0, 48.2, 21.3.

N-(4-methoxybenzyl)aniline (8c) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.17 – 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 148.4, 131.6, 129.4, 128.9, 117.6, 114.2, 113.0, 55.4, 47.9.

N-benzylaniline (8d) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 4.05-3.80 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 139.4, 129.3, 128.6, 127.5, 127.2, 117.6, 112.8, 48.3.

N-pentylaniline (8e) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.72-3.43 (m, 1H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.58-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 4H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.58, 129.25, 117.09, 112.71, 44.01, 29.36, 22.56, 14.09.

N-(2-ethylhexyl)aniline (8f) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (s, 1H), 3.01-2.78 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.28 (m, 1H), 1.37-1.29 (m, 2H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.82, 129.28, 116.95, 112.66, 47.09, 39.17, 31.40, 29.07, 24.57, 23.20, 14.19, 11.01.

N-benzyl-3-chloroaniline (8g) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 – 6.53 (m, 1H), 6.50 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.4, 139.0, 135.2, 130.4, 128.9, 127.6, 127.5, 117.5, 112.7, 111.3, 48.2.

N-benzyl-4-chloroaniline (8h) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.50 – 6.44 (m, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 4.05 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.6, 138.9, 129.1, 128.7, 127.5, 122.1, 113.9, 48.4.

N-benzyl-2-chloroaniline (8i) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.0 Hz, 4H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 138.8, 129.2, 128.8, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 119.2, 117.5, 111.6, 47.9.

N-benzyl-4-fluoroaniline (8j) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.20 -7.12 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.70 (m, 2H), 6.44 (dt, *J* = 6.4, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 4.11-3.59 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.1, 154.7, 144.5, 139.3, 128.7, 127.5, 115.7, 113.7, 48.9. **N-benzyl-4-methoxyaniline (8k)** (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 3.79 – 3.58 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.2, 142.5, 139.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.2, 114.9, 114.1, 55.8, 49.3.

3-chloro-N-(furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline (8l) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.8, 142.2, 135.1, 130.3, 127.0, 125.3, 124.8, 118.0, 112.9, 111.5, 43.3.

4-chloro-N-(furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline (8m) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.56 – 6.44 (m, 2H), 6.25 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 3.99 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3, 146.2, 142.1, 129.1, 122.7, 114.3, 110.4, 107.2, 41.5.

N-(furan-2-ylmethyl)aniline (8n) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.29 – 6.20 (m, 1H), 6.16 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 4.00 – 3.85 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 146.6, 140.9, 128.2, 117.0, 112.1, 109.3, 105.9, 40.4.

4-chloro-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)aniline (80) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 4.12 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.4, 137.5, 133.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 122.4, 114.0, 47.7.

4-chloro-N-(4-methylbenzyl)aniline (8p) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.7, 137.1, 135.9, 129.4, 129.1, 127.5, 122.0, 113.9, 4.1, 21.1.

4-chloro-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)aniline (8q) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 146.8, 131.0, 129.1, 128.8, 122.0, 114.1, 114.0, 55.3, 47.9.

3-chloro-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)aniline (8r) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 12 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 12 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 12 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 12 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 12 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H),

1H), 6.35 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.0, 137.4, 135.1, 133.1, 130.3, 128.9, 128.7, 117.7, 112.7, 111.3, 47.4.

N-(4-methoxybenzyl)naphthalen-1-amine (8s) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 143.3, 134.4, 131.1, 1292. 128.8, 126.7, 125.8, 124.8, 123.5, 120.0, 117.8, 114.2, 104.9, 55.4, 48.2.

N-(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridin-2-amine (8t) (Known compound, ref: F. Huang, Z. Liu, Z. Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 862) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 158.7, 148.2, 137.4, 131.2, 128.7, 114.0, 113.7, 106.8, 55.3, 45.8.

1-(2-fluorophenyl)ethanone (9a) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (td, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dddd, J = 8.4, 7.2, 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.14 (ddd, J = 11.2, 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.9, 163.5 (d, J = 255.8 Hz), 134.7 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 130.6 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 125.8 (d, J = 12.7 Hz), 124.4 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 116.8 (d, J = 23.8 Hz), 31.4.

1-(o-tolyl)ethanone (9b) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.6, 138.5, 137.8, 132.1, 131.4, 129.2, 125.6, 29.4, 21.6.

1-(3-nitrophenyl)ethanone (9c) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.76 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.7, 148.5, 138.3, 138.8, 129.9, 127.4, 123.2, 26.7.

1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (9d) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8, 159.6, 138.4, 129.7, 121.3, 119.5, 112.3, 55.6, 26.8.

1-(4-bromophenyl)ethanone (9e) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.0, 135.8, 131.9, 129.9, 128.3, 26.5.

1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanone (9f) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 – 8.30 (m, 2H),

8.15 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 2.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.3, 150.4, 141.4, 129.3, 123.9, 27.0.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanone (9g) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.8, 139.5, 135.4, 129.7, 128.9, 26.5.

1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethanone (9h) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.4, 167.0 (d, *J* = 255.5 Hz), 133.6(d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 131.0(d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 115.7(d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 26.5.

Acetophenone (9i) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 137.2, 133.1, 128.6, 128.3, 26.6.

heptan-2-one (9j) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.61 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.21 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.4, 43.8, 31.4, 29.8, 23.6, 22.5, 13.9.

1-(p-tolyl)ethanone (9k) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 143.7, 134.7, 129.1, 128.3, 26.4, 21.5.

1-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (9l) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 6.05 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.9, 158.9, 133.6, 130.3, 128.3, 120.5, 111.6, 55.5, 31.8.

1-(2-chlorophenyl)ethanone(9m) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.3, 139.1, 132.1, 131.2, 130.5, 129.3, 126.7, 30.5.

1-(2-nitrophenyl)ethanone(9n) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.5, 145.6, 137.7, 134.1, 130.5, 127.2, 124.1, 30.3.

1-(m-tolyl)ethanone(90) (Known compound, ref: Y. Yang, A. Qin, K. Zhao, D. Wang, X. Shi, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 1433.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.32 (m, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.2, 138.1, 137.3, 133.7, 128.7, 128.5, 125.6, 26.7, 21.2.

1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (12a) (Known compound, ref: Cho, C. S.; Kim, B. T.; Kim, T.-J.; Shim, S. C. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2002**, *43*, 7987) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 6.8, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.5, 141.5, 137.1, 133.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 126.3, 40.6, 30.3.

1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one (12b) (Known compound, ref: Yan, F.-X.; Zhang, M.; Wang, X.-T.; Xie, F.; Chen, M.-M.; Jiang, H. *Tetrahedron* **2014**, *70*, 1193. and Cho, C. S.; Kim, B. T.; Kim, T.-J.; Shim, S. C. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2002**, *43*, 7987.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.14 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.6, 167.0(d, J = 255.7 Hz), 141.1, 131.1(d, J = 9.2 Hz), 130.7(d, J = 9.3 Hz), 129.0, 128.6(d, J = 15.0 Hz), 126.2, 115.8(d, J = 21.9 Hz), 40.4, 30.1.

3-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (12c) (Known compound, ref: Xu, Q.; Chen, J.; Tian, H.; Yuan, X.; Li, S.; Zhou, C.; Liu, J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2014**, *53*, 225.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (pd, J = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.34 – 3.28 (m, 2H), 3.21 – 3.15 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.9, 140.6, 136.8, 133.2, 132.9, 130.9, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 124.4, 38.6, 30.8.

1,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)propan-1-one (12d) (Known compound, ref: Yan, F.-X.; Zhang, M.; Wang, X.-T.; Xie, F.; Chen, M.-M.; Jiang, H. *Tetrahedron* **2014**, *70*, 1193. and Cho, C. S.; Kim, B. T.; Kim, T.-J.; Shim, S. C. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2002**, *43*, 7987.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.5, 140.8, 139.7, 137.6, 135.1, 130.5, 129.3, 128.9, 91.3, 40.1, 29. 5.

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)propan-1-one (12e) (Known compound, ref: Yan, F.-X.; Zhang, M.; Wang, X.-T.; Xie, F.; Chen, M.-M.; Jiang, H. *Tetrahedron* **2014**, *70*, 1193. and Cho, C. S.; Kim, B. T.; Kim, T.-J.; Shim, S. C. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2002**, *43*, 7987.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.2, 167.1(d, *J* = 255.8 Hz), 139.6, 133.3(d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 132.0, 130.7(d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 129.8, 128.6, 115.8(d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 40.0, 29.4.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one (12f) (Known compound, ref: Yan, F.-X.; Zhang, M.; Wang, X.-T.; Xie, F.; Chen, M.-M.; Jiang, H. *Tetrahedron* **2014**, *70*, 1193. and Cho, C. S.; Kim, B. T.; Kim, T.-J.; Shim, S. C. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2002**, *43*, 7987.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 – 7.88

(m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 3.33 – 3.27 (m, 2H), 3.11 – 3.07 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.00, 141.07, 139.52, 135.20, 129.47, 128.94, 128.58, 128.42, 126.24, 40.43, 30.12.

3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (12g) (Known compound, ref: Xu, Q.; Chen, J.; Tian, H.; Yuan, X.; Li, S.; Zhou, C.; Liu, J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2014**, *53*, 225.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.26 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.33, 138.23, 136.96, 135.64, 133.03, 129.23, 128.61, 128.32, 128.07, 40.62, 29.76, 21.02.

3-(furan-2-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (12h) (Known compound, ref: Xu, Q.; Chen, J.; Tian, H.; Yuan, X.; Li, S.; Zhou, C.; Liu, J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2014**, *53*, 225.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (dd, J = 7.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.5, 143.9, 136.7, 133.1, 128.7, 128.1, 126.8, 124.6, 123.4, 40.6, 24.2.

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one (12i). (Known compound, ref: Babu S. A.; Yasuda M.; Baba A. *Org. Lett.* **2007**, *9*, 405-408). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 6.94 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8 163.4, 141.5, 130.4, 130.1, 128.5, 128.4, 126.1, 113.7, 55.5, 40.2, 30.4.

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(o-tolyl)propan-1-one (12j) (Known compound, ref: Vellakkaran M.; Andappan M.; Kommu N. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2012**, *2012*, 4694-4698). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.94 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.21 – 3.13 (m, 2H), 3.08 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.9, 163.7, 139.7, 136.02, 130.3, 130.0, 128.8, 126.3, 126.2, 113.7, 55.5, 38.8, 27.7, 19.3.

3-(2-bromophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (12k). (Known compound, ref: Zhou X.; Li X.; Zhang W, *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2014**, *55*, 5137-5140). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.28 – 3.22 (m, 2H), 3.20 – 3.14 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.5, 163.4, 140.7, 132.8, 130.8, 130.4, 129.9, 127.9, 127.6, 124.4, 113.7, 55.4, 38.3, 31.1.

1-phenyl-3-(o-tolyl)propan-1-one (12l). (Known compound, ref: Buil M. L.; Esteruelas M. A.; Herrero J. *ACS Catal.* **2013**, *3*, 2072-2075). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 3.27 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 3.08 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.4, 139.4, 136.9, 136.1, 133.1, 130.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 126.3, 126.2, 39.1, 27.6, 19.4.

3-(2-Phenylvinylidene)heptan-1-ol (14a) (Known compound, see: D., Wang; Gautam, L. N. S.; Bollinger, C.; Harris, A.; M. Li; X. Shi. *Org. Lett.* **2011**, *13*, 2618-2621) (¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.20 (m, 1H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.32-3.39

(m, 2H), 2.10-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.63 (s, 1H), 1.46-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.9, 135.4, 128.6, 126.7, 126.4, 105.8, 96.1, 60.9, 35.9, 32.7, 29.7, 22.4, 13.9.

3-(2-(2-fluorophenyl)vinylidene)heptan-1-ol (14b). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.47-6.39 (m, 1H), 3.80 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.43-2.35 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.07 (m, 2H), 1.65 (s, 1H), 1.55-1.33 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3): δ 202.8 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 161.0 (d, J = 249.8 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 127.9 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 124.2 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 122.9 (d, J = 11.8 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 105.5, 88.5 (d, J = 6.4 Hz), 60.8, 35.9, 32.6, 29.7, 22.4, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C₁₅H₂₀FO₂ [M+H]⁺ 235.1498, found 235.1495.

3-(2-(o-tolyl)vinylidene)heptan-1-ol (14c). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.44-6.39 (m, 1H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.47-2.31 (m, 5H), 2.21-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.33 (m, 5H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 202.6, 134.8, 133.4, 130.6, 126.7, 126.6, 126.2, 104.7, 93.2, 61.0, 35.9, 32.8, 29.8, 22.5, 19.8, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C₁₆H₂₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 253.1568, found 253.1564.

3-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)vinylidene)heptan-1-ol (14d). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.62-6.53 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 2.36 (td, J = 6.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 2.16-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 1H), 1.55-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.33 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 202.4, 156.1, 127.8, 127.6, 123.7, 120.9, 111.1, 104.3, 90.3, 60.8, 55.6, 36.0, 32.8, 29.8, 22.5, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C₁₆H₂₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 247.1698, found 247.1696.

3-(2-(2-chlorophenyl)vinylidene)heptan-1-ol (14e). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.20-6.12 (m, 1H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.45-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 1H), 1.53-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.33 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 202.3, 137.6, 134.6, 129.8, 126.7, 126.3, 124.6, 106.4, 95.1, 60.9, 35.8, 32.6, 29.7, 22.4, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C₁₅H₂₀OCl [M+H]⁺ 251.1203, found 251.1200.

3-(2-(3-Nitrophenyl)vinylidene)heptan-1-ol (14f) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11-8.12 (m, 1H), 8.00-8.02 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (m, 1H), 3.79 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.35-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.19 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 1H), 1.44-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.43 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 203.1, 148.7, 137.8, 132.1, 129.4, 121.3, 121.0, 107.1, 94.5, 60.7, 35.7, 32.4, 29.6, 22.4, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C₁₅H₂₀NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 262.1443, found 262.1441.

3-(2-(3-chlorophenyl)vinylidene)heptan-1-ol (14g). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.19-6.15 (m, 1H), 3.79 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.13 (td, J = 7.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (s, 1H), 1.53-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.32 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.1, 134.0, 132.3, 128.8, 127.6, 106.2, 95.2, 60.9, 35.9, 32.7, 25.7, 22.4, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C₁₅H₂₀OCl [M+H]⁺ 251.1203, found 251.1202.

3-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)vinylidene)heptan-1-ol (14h) (Known compound, see: D., Wang; Gautam, L. N. S.; Bollinger, C.; Harris, A.; M. Li; X. Shi. *Org. Lett.* **2011**, *13*, 2618-2621) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.22-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.70 (m, 2H), 6.20 (quintet, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.31-3.37 (m, 2H), 2.09-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.68 (s, 1H), 1.43-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.7, 162.6 (d, *J* = 244.4 Hz), 131.3 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 127.8 (q, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 115.5, 105.9, 95.08 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 60.9, 35.9, 32.7, 29.7, 22.4, 23.8.

Methyl 4-(3-(2-hydroxyethyl)hepta-1,2-dienyl)benzoate (14i) (Known compound, see: D., Wang; Gautam, L. N. S.; Bollinger, C.; Harris, A.; M. Li; X. Shi. *Org. Lett.* **2011**, *13*, 2618-2621) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 2H), 6.22 (quintet, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.77 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34-2.42 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.68 (s, 1H), 1.42-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 203.3, 166.9, 140.5, 129.9, 128.2, 126.2, 106.2, 95.5, 60.8, 51.9, 35.7, 32.5, 29.7, 22.4, 13.9.

3-(2-(2-Nitrophenyl)vinylidene)heptan-1-ol (14j). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.81 (m, 1H), 3.81 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.21-2.11 (m, 2H), 166 (s, 1H), 1.54-1.34 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 204.5, 147.4, 132.7, 130.5, 129.1, 127.1, 124.8, 106.6, 91.0, 60.7, 35.6, 32.3, 29.6, 22.4, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C₁₅H₂₀NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 262.1443, found 262.1442.

1-methyl-2-(1-phenylhex-5-en-1-yn-3-yl)benzene (16) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.05 (m, 1H), 5.26 – 5.15 (m, 2H), 4.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.65, 135.73, 134.93, 131.70, 130.53, 128.31, 127.74, 126.84, 126.29, 123.84, 117.02, 91.42, 83.18, 41.32, 35.08, 19.37.

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