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Acylsilane directed aromatic C-H alkenylations by ruthenium catalysis

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General methods

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness). Subsequent to elution, plates were visualized using UV radiation (254 nm) on Spectroline Model ENF-24061/F 254 nm. Further visualization was possible by staining with basic solution of potassium permanganate or acidic solution of ceric molybdate. Flash column chromatography was performed using Merck aluminium oxide 90 active neutral with freshly distilled solvents. Columns were typically packed as slurry and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent system prior to use. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR) were recorded on Bruker AMX 400 spectrophotometer (CDCl₃ as solvent), and Bruker AMX 500 spectrophotometer (CDCl₃ as solvent). Chemical shifts for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe₄ (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d (δ 7.26, singlet). Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublets of doublet) or m (multiplets). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated by nH. Coupling constants are reported as a J value in Hz. Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹³C NMR) are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe₄ (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d (δ 77.0, triplet). Mass spectrometry was performed by Waters Q-Tof Premier Micromass instrument, using Electro Spray Ionization (ESI) mode. IR spectra were recorded as thin films on KBr plates on a Bio-Rad FTS 165 FTIR spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl₂]₂, AgSbF₆ and Cu(OAc)₂ were purchased from TCI and used directly. Other reagents, unless otherwise noted below, are commercially available from TCI, Energy Chemical, Alfa Aesar (China) Chemical Co. Ltd. and used without further purification. Aroylsilanes were prepared from aroyl chlorides by reported method.⁷

General Procedure for the Cross-Coupling between Aroylsilanes and Alkenes



An screw-cap vial was charged with $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$ (5 mol%, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF₆ (10 mol%, 0.02 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (1.2 equiv , 0.24 mmol) and DCE (1 mL). Then, aroylsilane **1** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) and alkene **2** (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 24 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures).

Characterization Data



Following the general procedure, **3aa** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 79%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.31 (s, 9H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.46 - 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.72 - 1.65 (m, 2H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.54 - 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.61 - 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 15.83, 21.26, 32.80, 66.52, 123.05, 130.14, 130.55, 131.51, 133.03, 134.36, 145.41, 145.43, 168.65, 244.29.



Methyl (E)-3-(2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl) phenyl) acrylate (3ab)

Following the general procedure, **3ab** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 74%. ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.25$ (s, 9H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 6.20 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.53 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 53.77, 122.51, 130.17, 130.85, 131.46, 133.09, 134.35, 145.06, 145.77, 168.98, 243.89.



tert-Butyl (E)-3-(2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ac)

Following the general procedure, **3ac** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 56%. ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.22$ (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 6.12 (d, J = 15.8 Hz,1H), 7.42 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.53 - 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 30.27, 82.67, 125.22, 130.11, 130.16, 131.31, 132.85, 134.53, 144.19, 145.75, 167.85, 244.73. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₇H₂₄O₃Si [M+H]⁺: 327.1382, found: 327.1387. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.39, 2977.77, 2931.78, 1712.50, 1633.83, 1451.40, 1368.72, 1150.09, 842.95.



Benzyl (E)-3-(2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ad)

Following the general procedure, **3ad** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 71%. ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.23$ (s, 9H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 6.24 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 - 7.25 (m, 7H), 7.52 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.90 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 68.38, 122.53, 130.15, 130.24, 130.27, 130.60, 130.67, 131.56, 133.05, 134.28, 138.11, 145.36, 146.12, 168.34, 244.06.



phenyl (E)-3-(2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ae)

Following the general procedure, **3ad** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 71%. ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.25 (s, 9H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.17 -7.14 (m, 1H), 7.33 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 2H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 121.91, 123.65, 127.74, 130.29, 130.92, 131.38, 131.78, 133.16, 134.12, 145.21, 147.52, 152.79, 166.90, 243.78.



(E)-(2-(3-((tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methoxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)(trimethylsilyl) methanone

Following the general procedure, **3af** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 90%. ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.24$ (s, 9H), 1.65 - 1.57 (m ,1H), 1.99 - 1.83 (m, 3H), 3.77 - 3.7 1(m, 1H), 3.88 - 3.82 (m, 1H), 4.14 - 4.05 (m, 2H), 4.22 (dd, J = 10.8 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.53 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.90 - 7.86 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 27.75, 30.01, 68.62, 70.53, 78.57, 122.40, 130.13, 130.75, 131.47, 133.07, 134.28, 145.21, 146.02, 168.49, 243.89.



2-Methoxyethyl (E)-3-(2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ag)

Following the general procedure, **3ag** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 86%. ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.24 (s, 9H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.59 (m, 2H), 4.30-4.27 (m, 2H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 61.09, 65.69, 72.58, 122.45, 130.13, 130.67, 131.54, 133.06, 134.29, 145.37, 146.04, 168.51, 244.05. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₆H₂₂O₄Si [M+H]⁺: 307.136, found: 307.136. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.65, 2957.54, 1634.10, 1400.75, 1174.27, 1273.20.



Following the general procedure, **3ah** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 41%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.33$ (s, 9H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 2.73 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.525 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 20.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 10.06, 35.19, 130.10, 131.05, 131.28, 131.33, 133.14, 134.69, 143.44, 144.53, 203.06, 243.64. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₅H₂₀O₂Si [M+H]⁺: 261.1305, found: 261.1302. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.68, 2969.94, 1714.17, 1400.61, 1668.55, 844.16.



(E)-(2-styrylphenyl)(trimethylsilyl) methanone (3ai)

Following the general procedure, **3ai** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 61%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.18 (s, 9H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.175 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 128.80, 129.02, 129.24, 129.28, 129.93, 130.16, 130.70, 132.67, 134.54, 137.19, 139.15, 144.40, 245.52. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₈H₂₀OSi [M+H]⁺: 281.1351, found: 281.1356. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3125.59, 1607.18, 1400.59, 1249.26, 1196.31, 963.73, 841.55, 759.55, 691.30.



(E)-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)styryl)phenyl)(trimethylsilyl) methanone (3aj)

Following the general procedure, **3aj** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 62.5 °C, yield = 72%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.22 (s, 9H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 - 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.42 -7.38 (m, 1H), 7.53 - 7.46 (m, 6H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): 0.21, 126.13 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 270.1 Hz), 127.55 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.75 Hz), 128.79, 129.40, 129.69, 130.93, 131.34 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 32.25 Hz), 131.77, 132.31, 132.90, 136.48, 142.62, 143.89, 244.76. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -62.42. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₉H₁₉F₃OSi [M+H]⁺: 349.1231, found: 349.123. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.99, 3024.30, 2354.21, 1614.13, 1423.83, 1165.14, 1122.85, 842.59, 744.86.



2-Methoxyethyl (E)-3-(2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ak)

Following the general procedure, **3ak** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 63.1 °C, yield = 71%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.25$ (s, 9H), 6.85 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.58 -7.55 (m, 3H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 122.83 (q, $J_{C-F} =$ 15.0 Hz), 125.19 (q, $J_{C-F} = 271.13$ Hz), 128.30, 128.32, 129.56 (q, $J_{C-F} = 47.00$ Hz), 129.62, 130.03, 130.35, 131.54, 133.13, 133.52, 133.73, 133.99, 136.05, 141.29, 143.47, 243.96. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -62.95$, -63.25. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₂₀H₁₈F₆OSi [M+H]⁺: 417.1103, found: 417.1104. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.74,2351.40, 2323.36, 1614.58, 1478.37, 1176.75, 1133.79, 843.54, 683.18.



SO₂Ph (E)-(2-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)vinyl)phenyl)(trimethylsilyl) methanone (3al)

Following the general procedure, **3al** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 75%. ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.26$ (s, 9H), 6.60 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 - 7.41 (m, 7H), 7.89 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd. J = 8.2 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 129.71, 130.63, 131.10, 131.23, 131.50, 132.05, 132.35, 133.32, 135.28, 142.54, 144.63, 144.68, 242.59. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₇H₂₄O₃Si [M+H]⁺: 345.098, found: 345.0975. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.09, 3001.87, 1651.42, 1557.17, 1455.10, 1445.82, 1398.78, 1145.79, 840.19.



Diethyl(E)-(2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)styryl) phosphonate (3am)

Following the general procedure, **3am** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 74.2 °C. yield = 54%.

¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.24$ (s, 9H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H), 4.13 - 4.07 (m, 4H), 6.08 - 6.00 (m, 1H), 7.42 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.52 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.602 (dd, J = 22.4 Hz, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 18.43 (d, $J_{C-P} = 6.3$ Hz), 64.06 (d, $J_{C-P} = 5.0$ Hz), 118.9 (d, $J_{C-P} = 189.0$ Hz), 130.02, 130.75, 131.31, 133.05, 135.00 (d, $J_{C-P} = 23.8$ Hz), 144.80 (s), 149.25 (d, $J_{C-P} = 7.5$ Hz), 243.87. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₆H₂₅O₄PSi [M+H]⁺: 341.1326, found: 341.1332. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.32, 1651.35, 1621.20, 1455.02, 1400.98, 1252.33, 1026.58.



(3R,5R,8S,10R,13S,14R)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-((R)-

6-methylheptan-2-yl) hexadecahydro-1H-cyclopenta [a] phenanthren-3-yl (E)-3-(2-((trime thylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3an)

Following the general procedure, **3an** was obtained as a colourless solid, yield = 55%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.30 (s, 9H), 0.65 (s, 4H), 0.87 – 0.83 (m, 11H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 1.99 – 0.96 (m, 37H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 - 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.59 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 14.15, 14.33, 20.75, 23.29, 24.65, 24.90, 25.91, 26.29, 29.64, 30.09, 30.33, 30.70, 34.08, 36.16, 37.56, 37.88, 38.24, 38.73, 38.86, 41.59, 42.06, 44.66, 46.76, 56.31, 58.42, 76.07, 123.75, 130.06, 130.25, 131.48, 132.92, 134.45, 144.99, 145.68, 168.08, 244.67. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₄₀H₆₂O₃Si [M+H]⁺: 619.4539, found: 619.4541. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 2935.18, 2866.61, 1713.04, 1633.78, 1614.43, 1383.98, 1175.37, 844.74.

SiMe₃ COOH (E)-2-(3-butoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl) benzoic acid (3ao)

Compound **3ao** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 140 °C, yield = 24%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.33 (s, 9H), 6.30 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7-49 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 2H), 8.05 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 121.86, 130.31, 130.95, 131.77, 133.13, 134.03, 145.16, 147.99, 173.61, 243.79. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₆H₂₅O₄PSi [M+H]⁺: 249.0941, found: 249.0936. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3673.66, 3667.69, 3646.24, 3441.47, 1682.46, 1660.43, 1633.87, 1384.30.



2-hydroxyethyl (E)-3-(2-((trimethylsilyl) carbonyl) phenyl) acrylate

Compound **3ap** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 90%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.33 (s, 9H), 3.91-3.90 (q, 2H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.61 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 63.22, 68.31, 122.20, 129.46, 130.20, 131.02, 131.53, 133.18, 144.87, 146.39, 168.82, 243.89. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₆H₂₅O₄PSi [M+H]⁺: 293.1204, found: 293.1196. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3646.09, 3453.06, 1714.29, 1651.45, 1633.74, 1614.89, 1384.25.



Butyl (E)-3-(5-methyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ba)

Following the general procedure, **3ba** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 76%. ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.24 (s, 9H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.38 - 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.64 -1.57 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 4.13 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 15.65, 21.09, 23.37, 32.65, 66.31, 122.60, 130.76, 131.33, 131.89, 134.64, 142.35, 143.49, 145.85, 168.61, 242.69.



Butyl (E)-3-(5-methoxy-2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ca)

Following the general procedure, **3ca** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 64%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.25 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (q, J = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.625 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.13 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 15.39, 20.83, 32.39, 57.17, 66.09, 115.36, 115.83, 122.55, 134.29, 137.10, 137.30, 146.22, 163.30, 168.30, 239.37. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₈H₂₆O₄Si [M+H]⁺: 335.1676, found: 335.1673. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.64, 2354.21, 1712.15, 1399.57, 1266.36, 1224.3, 1171.03.



Methyl (E)-3-(3-butoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl) benzoate (3da)

Following the general procedure, **3da** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 86%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.22 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.35 (dt, *J* = 14.4 Hz, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.64 - 1.58 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H). 8.03 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 16.10, 21.55, 33.08, 54.91, 66.99, 124.60, 129.83, 131.46, 132.76, 134.26, 134.47, 143.97, 149.58, 168.23, 168.62, 245.62.



Butyl (E)-3-(5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonylphenyl) acrylate (3ea)

Following the general procedure, **3ea** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 64%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.23 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.39 - 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.64 -1.58 (m, 2H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 - 7.72 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 16.09, 21.55, 33.07, 67.11, 125.21, 125.77 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 271.13 Hz), 127.21 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 128.49 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 130.33, 134.86 (q, J_{C-F} = 32.75 Hz), 135.13, 143.57, 148.82, 168.40, 244.97. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.06. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₉H₁₉F₃OSi [M+H]⁺: 349.1244, found: 349.123. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.65, 2963.07, 1715.50, 1633.77, 1400.88, 1333.92, 1170.74, 1132.45, 846.51.



Butyl (E)-3-(5-chloro-2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3fa)

Following the general procedure, **3fa** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 84%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.23 (s, 9H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.39 - 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.58 (m, 2H), 4.13 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 15.81, 21.25, 32.78, 66.70, 124.32, 130.20, 131.35, 132.12, 136.42, 139.24, 143.33, 144.06, 168.29, 242.74. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₇H₂₃O₃SiCl [M+H]⁺: 339.1175, found: 339.1178. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3646.19, 3132.94, 1714.74, 1651.56, 1644.78, 1557.28, 1470.63, 1399.82.



Butyl (E)-3-(5-bromo-2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ga)

Following the general procedure, **3ga** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 78%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.23$ (s, 9H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.39 - 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.63 -1.58 (m, 2H), 4.13 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 2.0 Hz, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 15.83, 21.27, 32.80, 66.72, 124.30, 127.63, 132.11, 133.13, 134.35, 136.48, 143.80, 143.93, 168.28, 243.00. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₇H₂₃BrO₃Si [M+H]⁺: 383.0670, found: 383.0673. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.40, 1714.65, 1633.80, 1538.48, 1505.05, 1455.21, 1400.12, 1174.28, 843.53.



Butyl (E)-3-(5-fluoro-2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ha)

Following the general procedure, **3ha** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 77%. ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.25$ (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.38 - 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.65 -1.58 (m, 2H), 4.14 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 - 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.21 - 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.56 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 15.71, 21.14, 32.65, 66.59, 117.01 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.5$ Hz), 118.15 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.3$ Hz), 123.97, 133.52 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.8$ Hz), 137.65 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.8$ Hz), 141.21 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 144.39 (d, $J_{C-F} = 1.3$ Hz), 165.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 251.25$ Hz), 168.26, 241.74. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -107.50 - -107.56$ (m).



Butyl (E)-3-(4-fluoro-2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ia)

Following the general procedure, **3ia** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 82%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.26$ (s, 9H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.47 - 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.71 -1.65 (m, 2H), 4.21 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H). 6.36 (dd, J = 16.2 Hz, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 18.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 - 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 16.08, 21.53, 33.06, 66.98, 120.22 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.8$ Hz), 122.25 (d, $J_{C-F} = 12.5$ Hz), 124.84 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 128.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 10.0$ Hz), 133.12 (d, $J_{C-F} =$ 8.8 Hz), 138.17, 149.16, 163.47 (d, $J_{C-F} = 255.0$ Hz), 168.76, 245.31. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -111.06$ (dd, J = 14.13 Hz, J = 4.71 Hz). HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₇H₂₃FO₃Si [M+H]⁺: 323.1475, found: 323.1473. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.52, 1715.46, 1682.54, 1634.03, 1538.47, 1399.73, 1249.01, 1174.99, 845.04.



Butyl (E)-3-(4-methyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ja)

Following the general procedure, **3ja** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 75%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.22 (s, 9H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.39 - 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.63 -1.57 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 4.12 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 15.85, 21.30, 23.50, 32.85, 66.51, 122.29, 129.94, 130.60, 131.47, 133.64, 142.01, 145.06, 146.10, 168.82, 245.20. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₈H₂₆O₃Si [M+H]⁺: 319.1724, found: 319.1724. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3564.64, 3132.80, 1714.66, 1644.84, 1614.83, 1470.68, 1400.04.



Butyl (E)-3-(3-methyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)phenyl) acrylate (3ka)

Following the general procedure, **3ka** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 17%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21 (s, 9H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 15Hz, 3H), 1.43 - 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.67 -1.64 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 - 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.21, 16.65, 21.96, 22.10, 33.63, 67.47, 123.95, 127.28, 131.61, 132.87, 135.31, 135.37, 144.34, 149.35, 169.29, 255.55. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₈H₂₆O₃Si [M+H]⁺: 319.1722, found: 319.1724. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3125.39, 2964.54, 2348.60, 1715.10, 1454.21, 1311.21, 1257.81, 1176.64, 842.19.



Butyl (E)-3-(3-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)naphthalen-2-yl) acrylate (3la)

Following the general procedure, **3la** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 73%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.30$ (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.41 - 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.65 -1.60 (m, 2H), 4.15 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.85 - 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 23.1 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 15.50, 20.95, 32.51, 66.18, 122.33, 129.41, 130.03, 130.16, 130.30, 130.47, 132.09, 132.26, 134.49, 135.67, 142.25, 145.97, 168.45, 242.45. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₂₁H₂₆O₃Si [M+H]⁺: 355.1718, found: 355.1724. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3125.14, 3057.94, 2958.99, 2867.29, 2357.01, 1712.31, 1605.87, 1398.66, 843.67.



COOBu Butyl (E)-3-(2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)furan-3-yl) acrylate (3ma)

Following the general procedure, **3ma** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 51%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.26$ (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.38 - 1.33 (m, J = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.64 - 1.58 (m, 2H), 4.13 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 16.75, 22.16, 33.73, 67.56, 112.97, 126.67, 126.74, 137.39, 148.28, 156.99, 169.45, 228.59. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₅H₂₂O₄Si [M+H]⁺: 317.1169, found: 317.1168. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3143.86, 2960.19, 2348.60, 1715.28, 1402.26, 1309.88, 1175.69, 845.23, 828.45.



COOBu Butyl (E)-3-(2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl)thiophen-3-yl) acrylate (3na)

Following the general procedure, **3na** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 46%. ¹HNMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.31$ (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (m, J = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (m, J = 14.9 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.21$, 15.67, 21.08, 32.67, 66.49, 124.39, 128.95, 132.65, 139.47, 139.82, 146.47, 168.75, 229.59. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₅H₂₂O₄Si [M+H]⁺: 295.1359, found: 295.136. FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3132.95, 2357.01, 1714.95, 1400.22, 1252.34, 1171.03, 1022.43, 848.60.

O H COOBu Butyl (E)-3-(2-formylphenyl) acrylate (4)

Compound **4** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 65%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.90 (t, *J* =7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.42 - 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.67 - 1.61 (m, 2H), 4.17 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 - 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.82 - 7.80 (m, 1H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 10.24 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 12.73, 18.17, 29.70, 63.70, 122.26, 126.96, 128.85, 131.16, 132.81, 132.88, 135.67, 139.86, 165.29, 190.75.

O OH COOBu (E)-2-(3-butoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl) benzoic acid (5)

Compound **5** was obtained as a colourless solid, yield = 73%. ¹H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.42 - 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.66 - 1.60 (m, 2H), 4.16 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.57 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.76, 19.22, 30.72, 64.63, 121.35, 128.17, 128.68, 129.46, 131.63, 133.17, 137.21, 143.80, 166.84, 171.27.



An screw-cap vial was charged with $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$ (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF₆ (10 mol %, 0.02 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (1.2 equiv , 0.24 mmol) and DCE (1 mL). Then, **1b** (1.0 equiv , 0.2 mmol) and Deuterium oxide (10.0 equiv, 2.0 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 3 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures), providing deuterium labeled **1b** as a yellow oil (35 mg, 91%). The D-incorporation was determined by ¹H NMR.





An screw-cap vial was charged with $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$ (10 mol %, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF₆ (20 mol %, 0.02 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (2.4 equiv, 0.24 mmol) and DCE (1 mL). Then, **1a** (1.0 equiv , 0.1 mmol), **D-5** (1,0 equiv, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (2.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 2 h. After cooling down, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography. **3aa/3aa-d₄** was obtained as yellow liquid (21 mg, 34% total yield). The KIE was determined by ¹H NMR.





An screw-cap vial was charged with $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$ (5 mol %, 0.005 mmol), AgSbF₆ (10 mol %, 0.01 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (1.2 equiv, 0.12 mmol) and DCE (1 mL). Then, **1a**- $d_1^{5,7}$ (1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (1,0 equiv, 0.1 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 1 h. After cooling down, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography. Product **3aa/3aa**- d_1 was obtained as a yellow oil (6.5 mg, 21%). The KIE was determined by ¹H NMR.





An screw-cap vial was charged with $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$ (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF₆ (10 mol %, 0.02 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (1.2 equiv, 0.24 mmol) and DCE (1 mL), CD₃COOD (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol). Then, **1a** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) and **2a** (2,0 equiv, 0.4 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 24 h. After cooling down, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography. **3aa/3aa-d₁** was obtained as yellow oil (43.8 mg, 72%). The D-incorporation was determined by ¹H NMR.



Competition Experiments



An screw-cap vial was charged with $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$ (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF₆ (10 mol %, 0.02 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (1.2 equiv, 0.24 mmol) and DCE (1 mL). Then, **1c** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), **1e** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) and **2a** (4.0 equiv, 0.8 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 4 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures). Only product **3ca** was obtained as yellow oil (15.4 mg, 23%) and no **3ea** was detected.



A screw-cap vial was charged with $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$ (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF₆ (10 mol %, 0.02 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (1.2 equiv , 0.24 mmol) and DCE (1 mL). Then, **1a** (1.0 equiv , 0.2 mmol), **2h** (2.0 equiv , 0.4 mmol) and **2b** (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 4 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures). The ratio of **3ah/3ab** was determined by ¹H NMR (11.5 mg **3ah/3ab** mixture).



Synthetic Application



A screw-cap vial was charged with KF (1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol), EtOH/H₂O = 3/1 (0.75 mL/ 0.25 mL). Then **3aa** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 50 °C with stirring for 16 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures). Compound **4** was obtained as a yellow liquid (30.2 mg, yield = 65%).



A screw-cap vial was charged with $Fe(NO_3)_3$ (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol), THF (1 mL). Then **3aa** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 70 °C with stirring for 20 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures). Compound **5** was obtained as a colourless solid (36.2 mg, yield = 73%).

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