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Recyclable Metal Foil-Catalyzed Cyclopropenation of Alkynes and Diazoacetates under Solvent-Free

Mechanochemical Conditions

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General Information

All cyclopropenation and Sonogashira coupling reactions by mechanochemical ball milling were carried out in a SPEX 8000M Miller/Mill, using a custom made stainless steel vial with stainless steel ball bearing. The stainless steel rods used to make stainless steel vials are made of Super-Corrosion-Resistant 316 Stainless Steel purchased from McMaster-Carr Supply. All custom made reaction vials were made by the machine shop at the University of Cincinnati. The silver (99.95% purity) and copper (99.9% purity) foils were purchased from ESPI Metals. Simriz 486 Perfluoroelastomer O-rings (6/16" ID × 7/16" OD × 3/32" width) were purchased from Small Parts Inc. ¹H Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra were obtained using a Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer, ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz and all chemical shift values are reported in ppm on the δ scale. NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm and referenced to the residual solvent peak CDCl₃ (δ = 7.26 ppm, ¹H; δ = 77.00 ppm ¹³C) as an internal standard or tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0.00$ ppm, ¹H) as an external standard. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm), multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet) and br (broad). Coupling constants, J, are reported in Hertz. All samples were dissolved in CDCl₃ with a TMS internal standard prior to analysis. Mass spectral determinations were carried out by using ESI as ionization source. Analytical TLC were performed on silica gel plates purchased from Agela Technologies. Flash column chromatography was performed on a CombiFlash® Automated Flash Chromatography system by using RediSep Rf Gold® high performance flash columns (fine spherical silica gel 20-40 μ m). GC-MS yields for compounds 1¹, 2², 13¹, 21³, 24², 34⁴, 35⁴, 38⁵, 39 -**41**, **42** - **45**⁶, **46**, **47**, **48**², **49**, **50**², **51**², **52**⁷, **53**⁸, **54**⁷, **55**⁹, **56**⁸, **57**⁷, **58**¹⁰, **59**¹⁰, **60**¹¹, **61**¹², **62**¹³, **63**¹⁴, and **64**¹⁵ were obtained using a Hewlett-Packard 6890 series GC-MS with a Zebron ZB-5, 15 mm × 0.25 mm × 0.25 mm column with chlorobenzene serving as an internal standard. The GC-MS peaks for products and internal standard rendered the GC yield and relative product ratio based on different peak areas.

Deuterated chloroform was obtained from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc. and used without further purification. All terminal alkynes and aryl halides were purchased from Acros Organics and used without further purification. Palladium catalysts including trans-

dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(O), palladium(II) acetate and bis(dibenzylideneacetone)palladium(O) were purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used without further purification. Potassium carbonate (99+% purity) used in Sonogashira coupling reactions was purchased from Acros Organics. Methyl phenyldiazoacetate, methyl *p*-bromophenyldiazoacetate, methyl *p*-methoxyphenyldiazoacetate, methyl *p-tert*-butylphenyldiazoacetate, methyl *p*-trifluorophenyldiazoacetate, methyl 1-naphthyldiazoacetate, methyl *p*-methylphenyldiazoacetate, ethyl diazomalonate were prepared according to known procedures.¹⁶ Ethyl diazoacetate was purchased as a 15% solution in toluene from Sigma Aldrich.

Safety Considerations

Diazoacetate compounds should be handled with care to avoid exposure and/or explosion. Proper personal protective equipment and engineering controls (i.e fume hoods) should be used at all times. Diazoacetate compounds should be refrigerated at 0°C and never exposed to direct sunlight for extended periods of time. Mechanochemical ball milling of diazoacetates can become pressurized due to the generation of N₂ gas in a sealed-vessel. Caution should be exercised to avoid exposure when opening the vial after milling.

General Experimental Procedures

Copper Foil-Catalyzed Cyclopropenation of Terminal Alkynes with Diazoacetate Compounds



In all cases, the diazoacetate reagent was used as limiting reagent. Methyl phenyldiazoacetate (1.136 mmol), arylacetylene (5.681 mmol), were added to a custom-made 2.0 × 0.5 inches screw stainless steel vial, lined with a 1.67 × 1.56 inches copper foil sheet. The custom-made vial was equipped with a perfluoroelastomer O-ring and a 3/16" stainless steel ball bearing (0.43g) was added. After placement of the vial in a SPEX SamplePrep 8000M mixer/mill, the reagents were ball milled at 18Hz for 16 hours. The resulting mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate, filtered, and the organic layer was washed with water using a separatory funnel. The organic layer was then dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered. Ethyl acetate was removed under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator to afford the crude reaction mixture. The crude reaction mixture was purified by automated flash column chromatography on silica gel using 95:5 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the titled compound.

Silver Foil-Catalyzed Cyclopropenation of Internal Alkynes with Diazoacetate Compounds



Diazoacetate (1.00 eq) and disubstituted acetylenic compounds (5 eqs) were added to a custommade 2.0 × 0.5 inches screw stainless steel vial, lined with a 1.67 × 1.56 inches silver foil sheet. The custom-made vial was equipped with a perfluoroelastomer O-ring and a 3/16" stainless steel ball bearing (0.43g) was added. After placement of the vial in a SPEX SamplePrep 8000M mixer/mill, the reagents were ball milled at 18 Hz for 16 hours. The resulting mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate, filtered, and the organic layer was washed with water using a separatory funnel. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered. The ethyl acetate was then removed under reduced pressure via a rotary evaporator to afford a crude reaction mixture. The crude reaction mixture was purified by automated flash column chromatography on silica gel, using 95:5 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the titled compound.





Methyl phenyldiazoacetate (1.0 eq), acetylene (1.5 eqs), and alkene (1.5 eqs) were added to a custom-made 2.0 × 0.5 inches screw stainless steel vial, lined with a 1.67 × 1.56 inches metal foil sheet. The custom-made vial was equipped with a perfluoroelastomer O-ring and a 3/16'' stainless steel ball bearing (0.43g) was added. After placement of the vial in a SPEX SamplePrep 8000M mixer/mill, the reagents were ball milled at 18Hz for 16 hours. The resulting mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate, filtered, and the organic layer was washed with water using a separatory funnel. The organic layer was

dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered. The ethyl acetate was then removed under reduced pressure via a rotary evaporator to afford a crude mixture of the product(s). The crude product mixture was purified by automated flash column chromatography on silica gel, using 95:5 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent and analyzed by GC-MS (chlorobenzene, internal standard) to afford the titled compound.

Metal Foil-Catalyzed Cycloaddition of Enynes with Methyl Phenyldiazoacetate



Methyl phenyldiazoacetate (1 eq) and enyne (eqs) were added to a custom-made 2.0 × 0.5 inches screw stainless steel vial, lined with a 1.67 × 1.56 inches metal foil sheet. The custom-made vial was equipped with a perfluoroelastomer O-ring and a 3/16" stainless steel ball bearing (0.43g) was added. After placement of the vial in a SPEX SamplePrep 8000M mixer/mill, the reagents were ball milled at 18 Hz for 16 hours. The resulting reaction mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate, filtered, and the organic layer was washed with water using a separatory funnel. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered. The ethyl acetate was then removed under reduced pressure via a rotary evaporator to afford a crude mixture of the product. The crude reaction mixture was purified by automated flash column chromatography on silica gel, using 95:5 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent and analyzed by ¹H NMR and GC-MS (chlorobenzene, internal standard). After running both copper foil and silver foil reactions, the pure products were mixed (1:1) and a subsequent GC-MS was ran to unequivocally quantify the titled cycloaddition product.

Silver Foil-Catalyzed Sonogashira Coupling Reactions

$$R_{1}-X + R_{2} = \frac{2.5 \text{ mol}\% \text{ PdCl}_{2}(\text{PPh}_{3})_{2}}{\text{Ag foil, } K_{2}\text{CO}_{3}} R_{1} = R_{2}$$

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In all cases, the terminal alkyne was used as limiting reagent. Phenylacetylene (1.96 mmol), iodobenzene (1.96 mmol), palladium catalyst (0.049 mmol) and potassium carbonate (1.96 mmol), were added to a custom-made 2.0 × 0.5 inches screw stainless steel vial and lined with a 1.67 × 1.56 inches silver foil sheet. The custom-made vial was equipped with a perfluoroelastomer O-ring and a 3/16" stainless steel ball bearing (0.43g) was added. After placement of the vial in a SPEX SamplePrep 8000M mixer/mill, the reagents were ball milled at 18 Hz for 6 hours. The resulting mixture was dissolved with ethyl acetate, filtered, and the organic layer was washed with water using a separatory funnel. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered. The ethyl acetate was then removed under reduced pressure via a rotary evaporator to afford a crude reaction mixture. The crude product mixture was purified by automated flash column chromatography on silica gel, using 95:5 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent and analyzed by GC-MS (chlorobenzene, internal standard) to afford the titled compound.



Silver Foil-Catalyzed Tandem 'One-Pot' Multi-Component Sonogashira/Cyclopropenation Reaction

Approach 1: Methyl phenyldiazoacetate (1.136 mmol), phenylacetylene (3.409 mmol), iodobenzene (3.409 mmol), palladium catalyst (0.085 mmol), potassium carbonate (3.409 mmol), were added to a custom-made 2.0 × 0.5 inches screw stainless steel vial and lined with a 1.67 × 1.56 inches silver foil sheet. The custom-made vial was equipped with a perfluoroelastomer O-ring and a 3/16" stainless steel ball bearing (0.43g) was added. After placement of the vial in a SPEX SamplePrep 8000M mixer/mill, the reagents were ball milled at 18Hz for 22 hours. When reaction was finished, the resulting mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate, filtered, and the organic layer was washed with water using a separatory funnel. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered. The ethyl acetate was then removed under reduced pressure via a rotary evaporator to afford a crude reaction mixture. The crude reaction mixture was purified by automated flash column chromatography on silica gel , using 95:5 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the titled compound.

Approach 2: Phenylacetylene (3.409 mmol), iodobenzene (3.409 mmol), palladium catalyst (0.085 mmol), potassium carbonate (3.409 mmol), were added to a custom-made 2.0×0.5 inches screw stainless steel vial and lined with a 1.67×1.56 inches silver foil sheet. The custom-made vial was equipped with a perfluoroelastomer O-ring and a 3/16" stainless steel ball bearing (0.43g) was added.

After placement of the vial in a SPEX SamplePrep 8000M mixer/mill, the reagents were ball milled at 18 Hz for 6 hours. Then, the vial was carefully opened and methyl phenyldiazoacetate (1.136 mmol) was added. The vial was reinstalled in the mixer/mill and ball milled at 18 HZ for another 16 hours. When the reaction mixture were ball milled for a total of 22 hours, the reaction vial was opened and the crude reaction mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate, filtered, and the organic layer was washed with water using a separatory funnel. The organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered. The ethyl acetate was then removed under reduced pressure via a rotary evaporator to afford a crude reaction mixture. The crude reaction mixture was purified by automated flash column chromatography on silica gel , using 95:5 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the titled compound.

Experimental Data



Methyl 1,2-diphenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (1)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **1** (Cu foil: 88% yield, Ag foil: <5% yield). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.52 (dd, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 173.9, 139.7, 128.9, 128.8, 127.8, 127.1, 127.0, 125.4, 124.3, 116.2, 99.2, 51.1, 32.5. **GC-MS**: C₁₇H₁₄O₂ [M⁺]: 250. The spectroscopic data is consistent with previously reported data.¹



Methyl 2-methyl-1,3-diphenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (2)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **2** (Cu foil: 10% yield, Ag foil: 90% yield). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.54 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.16 (m, 8H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.2, 141.1, 129.2, 128.8, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 126.6, 126.2, 111.3, 108.5, 51.9, 35.3, 9.6. GC-MS: C₁₈H₁₆O₂ [M⁺]: 264. The spectroscopic data is consistent with previously reported data.²



Methyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (3)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **3** in 88% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.59 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d, *J*= 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 169.8, 145.0, 142.5, 140.6, 127.8, 126.5, 126.4, 124.7, 123.6, 119.6, 113.0, 54.2, 53.2, 51.3. **GC-MS**: C₁₈H₁₆O₃ [M⁺]: 280. The spectroscopic data is consistent with previously reported data.¹



Methyl 1-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (4)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **4** in 95% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.42 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.2, 141.0, 140.4, 129.9, 129.6, 128.2, 128.0, 126.4, 122.6, 116.9, 99.1, 52.2, 33.4, 21.6. **GC-MS**: C₁₈H₁₆O₂ [M⁺]: 264. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₈H₁₇O₂, 265.1264, found 265.1265 [MH⁺].



Methyl 1-phenyl-2-(m-tolyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (5)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **5** in 88% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.43-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.1, 140.9, 138.6, 130.9, 130.4, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.1, 126.5, 125.2, 117.1, 100.1, 52.2, 33.5, 21.3. **GC-MS**: C₁₈H₁₆O₂ [M⁺]: 264. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₁₈H₁₇O₂, 265.1265, found 265.1265 [MH⁺].



Ethyl 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (6)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **6** in 81% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.46 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.0, 152.3, 139.9, 128.6, 127.1, 126.9, 125.3, 124.8, 121.4, 115.9, 98.0, 51.0, 33.8, 32.3, 30.1. **GC-MS**: C₂₁H₂₂O₂ [M⁺]: 306. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₁H₂₃O₂, 307.1634, found 307.1633 [MH⁺].



Methyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (7)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **7** in 85% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.8, 140.7, 131.9, 131.8, 128.1, 128.1, 126.6, 121.8, 116.3, 116.1, 99.8, 52.2, 33.7. **GC-MS**: C₁₇H₁₃FO₂ [M⁺]: 268. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₄FO₂, 269.0977, found 269.0976 [MH⁺].



Methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (8)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **8** in 85% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.53 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.6, 140.5, 132.2, 131.2, 128.1, 128.1, 126.6, 124.4, 124.4, 116.6, 101.3, 52.2, 33.7. **GC-MS**: C₁₇H₁₃BrO₂ [M⁺]: 328. The spectroscopic data is consistent with previously reported data.¹



Methyl 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (9)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **9** in 82% yield. ¹H **NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C **NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.7, 140.5, 136.2, 131.6, 130.9, 130.1, 128.2, 128.1, 127.0, 126.6, 124.2, 114.9, 104.9, 52.3, 33.2. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₄ClO₂, 285.0655, found 285.0654 [MH⁺].



Methyl 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (10)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **10** in 84% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.6, 140.3, 134.8, 130.2, 130.1, 129.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.2, 126.7, 116.5, 102.1, 52.3, 33.8. **GC-MS**: C₁₇H₁₃ClO₂ [M⁺]: 284. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₄ClO₂, 285.0655, found 285.0655 [MH⁺].



Methyl 2-mesityl-1,3-diphenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (11)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **11** in 78% yield. ¹H **NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.60-7.58 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.92 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C **NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.2, 141.4, 139.2, 139.2, 130.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 126.2, 123.2, 110.6, 109.2, 52.0, 37.1, 21.4, 21.2. **GC-MS**: C₂₆H₂₄O₂ [M⁺]: 368. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₄O₂Na, 391.1855, found 391.1856 [MNa⁺].



Methyl 2-(4-methoxy-2-methylphenyl)-1-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (12)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **12** in 90% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.33-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J*= 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.3, 160.9, 142.2, 141.3, 132.1, 128.2, 128.0, 126.4, 117.0, 117.0, 115.5, 111.2, 99.3, 55.3, 52.1, 32.3, 20.3. **GC-MS**: C₁₉H₁₈O₃ [M⁺]: 294. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₁₉H₁₉O₃, 295.1394, found 295.1394 [MH⁺].



Methyl 2-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-1-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (13)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **13** in 86% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.34-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.23 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.17 (m, 4H), 1.72-1.60 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.4, 141.3, 136.1, 128.4, 127.9, 126.2, 124.2, 118.8, 97.7, 52.1, 33.4, 26.8, 25.7, 22.2, 21.7. **GC-MS**: C₁₇H₁₈O₂ [M⁺]: 254. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₉O₂, 255.1379, found 255.1378 [MH⁺]. The spectroscopic data is consistent with previously reported data.¹



Methyl 1-phenyl-2-(thiophen-3-yl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (14)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **14** in 90% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.60-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.9, 140.8, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 112.2, 97.8, 52.2, 33.5. **GC-MS**: C₁₅H₁₂O₂S [M⁺]: 256. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₃O₂S, 266.0675, found 266.0675 [MH⁺].



Methyl 2-(4-aminophenyl)-1-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (15)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **15** in 94% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.45 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (d, *J*= 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J*= 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 171.9, 146.1, 137.0, 133.4, 129.0, 128.5, 127.2, 113.0, 110.9, 84.4, 75.1, 60.3, 52.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₆NO₂, 266.1175, found 266.1175 [MH⁺].



Methyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (16)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **16** in 81% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.58 (dd, *J*= 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.26 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.5, 139.9, 131.1, 130.2, 130.0, 129.9, 129.0, 125.0, 120.4, 116.9, 99.7, 52.3, 33.0. **GC-MS**: C₁₇H₁₃BrO₂ [M⁺]: 328.



Methyl 2-ethyl-1,3-diphenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (19)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **19** in 92% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.55 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.16 (m, 8H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.76 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.3, 141.3, 129.3, 128.8, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 126.5, 126.2, 116.4, 107.7, 51.9, 35.4, 18.5, 12.2. **GC-MS**: C₁₉H₁₈O₂ [M⁺]: 278. The spectroscopic data is consistent with previously reported data.²



Methyl 2-butyl-1,3-diphenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (20)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **20** in 95% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.54 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.73 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.45-1.37 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.3, 141.2, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 126.6, 126.1, 115.6, 107.7, 51.9, 35.3, 29.6, 24.6, 22.5, 13.7. **GC-MS**: C₂₁H₂₂O₂ [M⁺]: 306. The spectroscopic data is consistent with previously reported data.²



Methyl 1,2,3-triphenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (24)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **24** in 84% yield. ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.64 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.5, 140.1, 129.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 126.6, 126.5, 111.3, 52.1, 35.4. **GC-MS**: C₂₃H₁₈O₂ [M⁺]: 326. The spectroscopic data is consistent with previously reported data.²



Methyl 1,2-diphenyl-3-(p-tolyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (25)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **25** in 85% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.72 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.5, 140.1, 139.8, 129.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.1, 128.0, 126.7, 126.3, 123.7, 111.1, 110.1, 52.1, 35.2, 21.6. **GC-MS**: C₂₄H₂₀O₂ [M⁺]: 340. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₄H₂₀O₂Na, 363.1354, found 363.1355 [MNa⁺].



Methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,3-diphenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (26)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **26** in 65% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.74-7.70 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.2, 139.8, 131.8, 131.7, 130.1, 129.8, 129.5, 129.0, 128.1, 128.0, 126.5, 116.4, 116.2, 110.6, 110.4, 52.1, 35.4. **GC-MS**: C₂₃H₁₇BrO₂ [M⁺]: 404. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₃H₁₈BrO₂, 405.0459, found 405.0459 [MH⁺].



Methyl 1,2-diphenyl-3-(thiophen-3-yl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (27)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **27** in 86% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.69 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.3, 140.0, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3, 128.1, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 126.6, 126.5, 108.5, 106.4, 52.1, 35.5. **GC-MS**: C₂₁H₁₆O₂S [M⁺]: 332. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₇O₂S, 333.0949, found 333.0948 [MH⁺].



Methyl 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-3-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (28)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **28** in 86% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.53 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.81 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.5, 158.0, 133.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 126.7, 113.5, 111.6, 108.6, 55.2, 52.0, 34.6, 9.72. **GC-MS**: C₁₉H₁₈O₃ [M⁺]: 294. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₁₉H₁₈O₃a, 317.1148, found 317.1147 [MNa⁺].



Methyl 1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-methyl-3-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (29)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **29** in 84% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.45 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.20 (m, 7H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.4, 148.9, 138.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 126.7, 125.0, 111.4, 108.6, 51.9, 34.9, 34.4, 31.4, 9.79. **GC-MS**: C₂₂H₂₄O₂ [M⁺]: 320. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₅O₂, 321.1849, found 321.1848 [MH⁺]. The spectroscopic data is consistent with previously reported data.²



Methyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methyl-3-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (30)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **30** in 89% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.43 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 173.6, 139.0, 130.0, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 125.1, 119.0, 109.7, 106.9, 51.0, 33.6, 8.5. **GC-MS**: C₁₈H₁₅BrO₂ [M⁺]: 342. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₁₈H₁₆BrO₂, 343.0327, found 343.0328 [MH⁺]. The spectroscopic data is consistent with previously reported data.²



Methyl 2-methyl-3-phenyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (31) Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **31** in 88% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.46-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.36-7.26 (m, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 173.4, 144.1, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.3, 124.9, 123.9, 123.9, 123.8, 109.5, 106.7, 51.0, 34.0, 8.4. GC-MS: C₁₉H₁₅F₃O₂ [M⁺]: 332. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₉H₁₆F₃O₂, 333.1095, found 333.1096 [MH⁺].



Methyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-butyl-3-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (32)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **32** in 80% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.42 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36-1.30 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.8, 140.3, 131.0, 129.9, 129.2, 128.9, 128.9, 126.2, 119.9, 115.1, 107.2, 51.9, 34.8, 29.5, 24.5, 22.5, 13.7. **GC-MS**: C₂₁H₂₁BrO₂ [M⁺]: 384. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₁H₂₁O₂BrNa, 407.0616, found 407.0617 [MNa⁺].



Methyl 2-butyl-3-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (33)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **33** in 79% yield. ¹H **NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.53 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.73 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.74 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.46-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C **NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.4, 138.2, 135.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 126.7, 115.7, 107.9, 51.8, 35.0, 29.6, 24.6, 22.5, 21.1, 13.7. **GC-MS**: C₂₂H₂₄O₂ [M⁺]: 320. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₅O₂, 321.1854, found 321.1854 [MH⁺].



Methyl 1-phenyl-2,3-dipropylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (37)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **37** in 85% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.20-7.07 (m, 5H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.42 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.56-1.50 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 176.3, 142.7, 128.2, 127.9, 125.8, 109.9, 51.6, 34.9, 26.3, 20.6, 13.9. GC-MS: C₁₇H₂₂O₂ [M⁺]: 258. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₂₃O₂, 259.1692, found 259.1698 [MH⁺].



Ag-foil catalyzed: GC 91% Yield, (2:98, 1:38); Cu-foil catalyzed: GC 92% Yield, (65: 35, 1:38)



Ag-foil catalyzed: GC 80% Yield, (75 : 25, 39 : 40); Cu-foil catalyzed: GC 40% Yield, (15 : 85, 39 : 40)



Ag-foil catalyzed: GC 83% Yield, (70: 30, **39**: **41**); Cu-foil catalyzed: GC 48% Yield, (10: 90, **39**: **41**)



Ag-foil catalyzed: GC 90% Yield, (55 : 45, 2 : 42); Cu-foil catalyzed: GC 86% Yield, (15 : 85, 2 : 42)



Ag-foil catalyzed: GC 90% Yield, (55 : 45, 2 : 43); Cu-foil catalyzed: GC 88% Yield, (15 : 85, 2 : 43)



Ag-foil catalyzed: GC 80% Yield, (95 : 5, 24 : 44); Cu-foil catalyzed: GC 30% Yield, (5 : 95, 24 : 44)



Ag-foil catalyzed: GC 82% Yield, (90 : 10, 24 : 45); Cu-foil catalyzed: GC 42% Yield, (5 : 95, 24 : 45)



Methyl 2-(phenanthren-9-yl)-1,3-diphenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (65)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **65** in 55% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.77 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.76-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.5, 139.9, 131.2, 130.9, 130.7, 130.7, 130.2, 130.1, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.4, 126.2, 123.2, 122.9, 122.6, 112.7, 108.6, 52.2, 29.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₁H₂₃O₂, 427.1692, found 427.1691 [MH⁺].



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Methyl 2-mesityl-1,3-diphenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (66)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **66** in 56% yield. ¹H **NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.60-7.58 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.92 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C **NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.2, 141.4, 139.2, 130.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 126.2, 123.2, 110.6, 109.2, 52.0, 37.1, 21.4,

21.2. **GC-MS**: C₂₆H₂₄O₂ [M⁺]: 368. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₄O₂Na, 391.1855, found 391.1856 [MNa⁺].



Methyl 2-butyl-1-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (67)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **67** (I = 75% yield and Br = 65% yield). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.43 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.16 (m, 5H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.71 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.72 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.44-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.4, 141.4, 138.9, 129.5, 129.2, 128.1, 127.9, 126.0, 123.7, 114.3, 107.4, 51.8, 35.2, 29.6, 24.5, 22.5, 21.5, 13.7. **GC-MS**: C₂₂H₂₄O₂ [M⁺]: 320. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₄O₂Na, 343.1668, found 343.1668 [MNa⁺].



Methyl 2-butyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (68)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 20% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **68** in 74% yield. ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.38 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.61 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.35-1.29 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, *J*=

7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.4, 158.9, 140.4, 129.7, 127.0, 126.9, 124.9, 118.1, 113.3, 111.6, 106.0, 54.2, 50.7, 34.2, 28.6, 23.4, 21.4, 12.7. **GC-MS**: C₂₂H₂₄O₃ [M⁺]: 336. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₅O₃, 337.1798, found 337.1797 [MH⁺].



Methyl 2-butyl-3-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (69)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **69** in 80% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.48 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.71 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.45-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 0.92 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.4, 152.0, 141.4, 129.0, 128.2, 127.9, 126.0, 125.8, 123.7, 114.4, 107.5, 51.8, 35.2, 34.8, 31.2, 29.7, 24.6, 22.5, 13.8. **GC-MS**: C₂₅H₃₀O₂ [M⁺]: 362. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₅H₃₁O₂, 363.2250, found 363.2251 [MH⁺].



Methyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-butyl-3-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (70)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **70** (I = 74% yield and Br = 70% yield). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.42 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36-1.30 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃,

100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.8, 140.3, 131.0, 129.9, 129.2, 128.9, 128.9, 126.2, 119.9, 115.1, 107.2, 51.9, 34.8, 29.5, 24.5, 22.5, 13.7. **GC-MS**: C₂₁H₂₁BrO₂ [M⁺]: 384. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₁H₂₁O₂BrNa, 407.0616, found 407.0617 [MNa⁺].



Methyl 2-butyl-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (71)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **71** in 68% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.78-7.73 (m, 3H), 7.58 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 5H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.77 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.46-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 175.3, 138.9, 133.6, 132.1, 130.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 127.7, 127.4, 126.7, 126.4, 125.8, 125.3, 124.0, 115.6, 107.7, 51.9, 35.5, 29.6, 24.6, 22.5, 13.7. GC-MS: C₂₅H₂₄O₂ [M⁺]: 356. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₄O₂Na, 379.1668, found 379.1668 [MNa⁺].



Methyl 2-butyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (72)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **72** in 75% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.35 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.59

(s, 3H), 2.63 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.37-1.31 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.6, 156.8, 137.7, 132.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 122.8, 113.5, 112.3, 106.6, 54.1, 50.8, 33.5, 28.6, 23.5, 21.4, 20.4, 12.7. **GC-MS**: C₂₃H₂₆O₃ [M⁺]: 350. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₃H₂₇O₃, 351.1985, found 351.1984 [MH⁺].



Methyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-butyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (73)

Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether gradient) to afford compound **73** in 60% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) = 7.34 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.34-1.29 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) = 174.5, 140.0, 132.3, 131.1, 130.4, 129.8, 129.2, 124.7, 120.1, 115.9, 106.4, 52.0, 34.8, 29.5, 24.5, 22.5, 13.7. **GC**-**MS**: C₂₁H₂₀BrClO₂ [M⁺]: 418. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calculated for C₂₁H₂₁BrClO₂, 419.0407, found 419.0408 [MH⁺].

























































































































































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