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Direct Bromocarboxylation of Arynes Using Allyl Bromides and Carbon Dioxide

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1.General information

All manipulations were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques in a N₂ glove box. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded by using a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. The chemical shifts are referenced to signals at 7.26 and 77.0 ppm, respectively, and CDCl₃ is used as a solvent with TMS as the internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on a gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer with an FID and equipped with an AT.SE-30 capillary column (internal diameter: 0.32 mm, length: 30 m). The data of HRMS was carried out on a high-resolution mass spectrometer (LCMS-IT-TOF). IR spectra were obtained either as potassium bromide plates or as liquid films between two potassium bromide plates with an infrared spectrometer. Melting points were determined with a digital melting point measuring instrument. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on 0.20 mm silica gel plates (GF254) using UV light as a visualizing agent. Flash column chromatography was conducted using silica gel (200–300 mesh) with solvent as indicated.

2. General procedure for the preparation of aryne precursors

Aryne precursors **1a**, **1b**, **1d**, **1i** were commercially purchased and used without further purification. The other aryne precursors were prepared according to our previous work¹.

3. General procedure for the preparation of cinnamyl bromides

Cinnamyl bromide **2a** was commercially purchased and used without further purification. The other cinnamyl bromides were synthesized following literature procedures²⁻⁶. The synthetic methods are summarized in the following passages according to different starting materials used.

(A) Synthesis of S3 from cinnamyl aldehyde S1

(1) General procedure for the preparation of S2 from S1:

To a stirred solution of **S1** (5 mmol) in 25 mL MeOH at 0 °C was added NaBH₄ (5 mmol) slowly. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 0.5 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and condensed to afford the crude **S2** and used for the next step without further purification.

(2) General procedure for the preparation of S3 from S2:

To a stirred solution of the crude **S2** in 20 mL anhydrous Et₂O at 0 °C under N₂ was added PBr₃ (0.4 equiv) dropwise. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for about 0.5 h and quenched by the addition of saturated NaHCO₃ solution slowly. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* at room temperature to give **S3**.

(B) Synthesis of S3 from cinnamic acid S4

(1) General procedure for the preparation of S5 from S4:

To a stirred solution of **S4** (2 g) in 20 mL EtOH was added concentrated H₂SO₄ (0.2 mL) dropwise. The reaction was heated at reflux for 12 h, the residue was then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford **S5**.

(2) General procedure for the preparation of **S2** from **S5**:

To a stirred solution of **S5** (5 mmol) in 25 mL anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ at -78 °C under N₂ was added 10 ml DIBAL-H (1.5 M in toluene) dropwise. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of 10% aq. NaOH solution at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 30 min. The residue was then extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel to afford S2. The procedure from S2 to S3 could be found in method (A, (2)).

(C) Synthesis of S3 from benzaldehyde S6 or synthesis of S9 from acetophenone S7

(1) General procedure for the preparation of S5 from S6:

To a stirred solution of **S6** (2.0 g) in 20 mL CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature was added ethyl 2-(triphenylphosphoranylidene) acetate (1.5 equiv) slowly. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford **S5**. The procedure from **S5** to **S3** has been mentioned in method B.

(2) General procedure for the preparation of **S8** from **S7**:

To a stirred solution of NaH (2.5 equiv) in 20 mL anhydrous THF, a solution of ethyl(diethoxyphosphoryl) acetate (1.2 equiv) in 4 mL anhydrous THF was added dropwise at 0 °C under N₂. After 1 h, acetophenone S7 (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture, and then stirred for 24 h at room temperature. After completion, the reaction mixture was quenched by H₂O and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford S8. The procedure from S8 to S9 is similar to the synthesis of S3.

(D) Synthesis of S11 from S10

To a stirred solution of S10 (10 mmol, 1 equiv) in 10 mL anhydrous THF was added NBS (11

mmol, 1.96 g) and p-TsOH (1 mmol, 0.172 g). The reaction mixture was then stirred at 90 °C for 4 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford **S11**.

4. General procedure for the preparation of cinnamyl iodine S13

To a stirred solution of **S12** (5 mmol) in 10 mL anhydrous 1,4-dioxane was added BF₃·Et₂O (5 mmol) and KI (5 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. After completion, the reaction mixture was poured into cold water and extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford **S13** in 38% isolated yield⁷.

5. Characterization data for all starting materials

(*E*)-1-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-fluorobenzene (2c) (Yellow solid, 355 mg, 83%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamyl aldehyde (2 mmol) according to the general method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.35 – 6.27 (m, 1H), 4.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7 (d, J = 246.6 Hz), 133.3, 131.9 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 128.3 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 124.9 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 115.6 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 33.2.

(*E*)-1-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-chlorobenzene (2d) (Yellow solid, 778 mg, 68%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamyl aldehyde (5 mmol) according to the general method A. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (s, 4H), 6.62 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.43 – 6.36 (m, 1H), 4.17 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). 13 C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.3, 134.0, 133.2, 128.8, 127.9, 125.8, 33.0.

(*E*)-1-bromo-4-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (2e) (Yellow solid, 427 mg, 78%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamyl aldehyde (2 mmol) according to the general method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.33 – 6.28 (m, 1H), 4.05 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.7, 133.2, 131.8, 128.2, 125.9, 122.2, 32.9.

(*E*)-1-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene (2f) (White solid, 755 mg, 72%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamyl aldehyde (5 mmol) according to the general method A. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.40 – 6.32 (m, 1H), 4.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.3, 134.5, 133.0, 129.3, 126.6, 124.1, 33.8, 21.2.

(*E*)-1-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (2g) (White solid, 953 mg, 84%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamyl aldehyde (5 mmol) according to the general method A. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.30 – 6.23 (m, 1H), 4.17 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 134.2, 128.5, 128.0, 123.0, 114.1, 55.3, 34.2.

(*E*)-1-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)-2-nitrobenzene (2h) (Yellow solid, 813 mg, 67%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamyl aldehyde (5 mmol) according to the general method A. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 – 6.31 (m, 1H), 4.15 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.8, 133.3, 131.5, 130.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 124.7, 32.1.

(*E*)-1-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2i) (Green oil, 931 mg, 71%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamic ester (5 mmol) according to the general method B. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.39 – 6.31 (m, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.6, 132.9, 131.1 (q, J = 32 Hz), 129.9, 129.2, 127.2, 124.8 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 124.1 (q, J = 273.3 Hz), 123.40 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 32.5.

(*E*)-2-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3-dichlorobenzene (2j) (Yellow oil, 897 mg, 68%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamic ester (5 mmol) according to the general method B. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 – 6.27 (m, 1H), 4.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.4, 133.8, 132.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.5, 32.3.

(*E*)-2-bromo-1-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene (2k) (Yellow oil, 905 mg, 69%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamic alcohol (4.55 mmol) according to the general method C. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.32 - 6.25 (m, 1H), 4.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.9, 133.3, 132.8, 132.6, 128.4, 127.0, 126.8, 123.6, 33.0, 20.8.

(*E*)-1-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)naphthalene (2l) (White solid, 733 mg, 73%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamic alcohol (4.1 mmol) according to the general method C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 21.2, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J =

6.4 Hz,, 2H), 7.49 - 7.40 (m, 2H),, 6.49 - 6.42 (m, 1H),, 4.28 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.5, 133.3, 131.5, 131.0, 128.6, 128.6, 128.2, 126.3, 125.9, 125.5, 124.2, 123.5, 76.7, 33.4.

(*E*)-(4-bromobut-2-en-2-yl)benzene (2m) (Yellow oil, 904 mg, 86%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamic ester (5 mmol) according to the general method C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.1, 141.4, 128.3, 127.7, 125.8, 122.7, 29.3, 15.5, 1.0.

(*E*)-(3-bromo-2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (2n) (Yellow oil, 681 mg, 65%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamyl alcohol (5 mmol) according to the general method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.5 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 1.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.8, 134.3, 130.0, 128.9, 128.2, 127.1, 42.1, 16.4.

(*Z*)-(2,3-dibromoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (2o) (Yellow oil, 1027 mg, 75%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamyl aldehyde (5 mmol) according to the general method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.5, 132.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 120.7, 40.7.

(3-bromoprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (2p) (Yellow oil, 1529 mg, 78%) was prepared from 2-Phenyl-1-propene (10 mmol) according to the general method D. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.2, 137.5, 128.4, 128.2, 126.0, 117.1, 34.1.

((1E,3E)-5-bromopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (2q) (White solid, 838 mg, 88%) was prepared from

corresponding cinnamic alcohol (4.3 mmol) according to the general method C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.70 – 6.64 (m, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.39 – 6.33 (m, 1H), 5.94 – 5.86 (m, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.8, 135.2, 134.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.4, 126.6, 33.5.

(*E*)-2-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-1H-indole (6) (pale green solid, 1669 mg, 90%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamyl aldehyde (5 mmol) according to the general method A. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, $C_{6}D_{6}$) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 6.95 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.80 – 5.72 (m, 1H), 4.50 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, $C_{6}D_{6}$) δ 162.15 (d, J = 243.7 Hz), 136.2, 132.3 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 132.3, 131.6 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 131.4, 129.0, 124.0, 122.8, 120.5, 120.4, 116.7, 115.7 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 112.0, 47.8, 32.8, 21.5. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3051, 2979, 2876, 1604, 1543, 1502, 1454, 1345, 1220, 1151, 1102, 960, 741, 562. HRMS-APCI (m/z): calcd for $C_{20}H_{20}BrFN^{+}$ [M + H]⁺: 372.0758; found 372.0753.

(*E*)-(3-iodoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (2s) (Yellow solid, 464 mg, 38%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamyl alcohol (5 mmol) according to references 7. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 – 6.44 (m, 1H), 4.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.9, 133.1, 128.6, 128.1, 126.9, 126.6, 6.8.

(*E*)-1-(3-bromoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-nitrobenzene (2u) (Yellow solid, 817 mg, 67%) was prepared from corresponding cinnamyl aldehyde (5 mmol) according to the general method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.50 – 6.42 (m,

1H), 4.06 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 147.1, 142.0, 131.8, 129.7, 127.1, 123.8, 31.9.

6. Reaction optimization for the synthesis of 3aa

Entry a	KF (eq.)	18-crown-6 (eq.)	CO ₂	T (°C)	time (h)	yield (%) b
1	4	4	1atm	46	12	52
2	4	4	1atm	10	12	69
3	4	4	1atm	0	12	64
4	4	4	1atm	0 to 5	12	71
5	4	4	1atm	0 to 10	12	79
6	4	4	1atm	0 to rt	12	65
7	4	-	1atm	0 to 10	12	n.d.
8	4	4	N_2	0 to 10	12	n.d.
9	4	4	1atm	0 to10	24	80

Reaction conditions: ^a**1a** (0.2 mmol), CO₂ (1 atm), **2a** (0.5 mL), 12 h; ^b Yield based on **1a** and determined by ¹H NMR analysis using CH₃NO₂ as an internal standard.

7. Three-component coupling of arynes, allyl bromide and CO_2

In a N_2 glove box, a dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with KF (4 equiv, 46.5 mg), 18-crown-6 (4 equiv, 211.5 mg) and **2a** (0.5 mL) and filled with a rubber plug. Then the sealed tube was removed from the N_2 glove box. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 min and

evacuated and backfilled with CO_2 (1 atm) for three times. To the stirring mixture was added the aryne precursor **1** (0.2 mmol, 49 μ L) dropwise by a syringe. Then the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to 10 °C and kept stirring for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was quenched by H_2O (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL). The organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was evaporated. The crude residue was then separated by column chromatography on silica gel to afford corresponding products **3**.

8. Three-component coupling of arynes, cinnamyl bromides and CO₂

In a N_2 glove box, a dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with KF (2.4 equiv, 27.8 mg), 18-crown-6 (2.4 equiv, 126.8 mg). The reaction mixture was dissolved in anhydrous Ph-CF₃ (1 mL) and then added cinnamyl bromides **2** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv). The sealed tube was filled with a rubber plug and removed from the N_2 glove box. The reaction mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 5 min and evacuated and backfilled with CO_2 (1 atm) for three times. To the stirring mixture was added the aryne precursor **1** (0.24 mmol, 59 μ L) dropwise by a syringe. Then the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to 10 °C and kept stirring for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was quenched by H_2O (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL). The organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was evaporated. The crude residue was then separated by column chromatography on silica gel to afford corresponding products **3**.

9. Procedure for the synthesis of 3ab in a 1 mmol scale

In a N_2 glove box, a dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with KF (2.4 mmol), 18-crown-6 (2.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was dissolved in anhydrous Ph-CF₃ (5 mL) and then added cinnamyl bromides **2** (1 mmol). The sealed tube was filled with a rubber plug and removed from the N_2 glove box. The reaction mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 5 min and evacuated and backfilled with CO_2 (1 atm) for three times. To the stirring mixture was added the aryne precursor **1** (0.24 mmol, 59 μ L) dropwise by a syringe and the Schlenk tube was linked to a CO_2 balloon. Then the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to 10 °C and kept stirring for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was quenched by H_2O (30 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (90 mL). The organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was evaporated. The crude residue was then separated by column chromatography on silica gel to afford corresponding products **3ab** in 74% isolated yield.

10. Synthetic applications

To a dried 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was added **3ab** (0.2 mmol, 63.2 mg) and dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL), then *m*-CPBA (85%, 60 mg, 0.4 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C slowly. The tube was then filled with a rubber plug and stirred at room temperature for 18 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of saturated NaHCO₃ solution (10 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL ×3). The organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated. The crude residue was then separated by column chromatography on silica gel to afford corresponding products **4** in 75% isolated yield.

To a stirred solution of **5** (5 mmol) in 25 mL MeOH at 0 °C was added NaBH₄ (5 mmol) slowly. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 0.5 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and condensed to afford the corresponding alcohol and used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of the corresponding alcohol in 20 mL anhydrous Et₂O at 0 °C under N₂ was added PBr₃ (0.4 equiv) dropwise. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for about 0.5 h and quenched by the addition of saturated NaHCO₃ solution. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* at room temperature to afford 6 in 90% isolated yield.

Then, treatment of 6 with aryne precursor 1a under the standard conditions resulted in the formation of 7 in 42% isolated yield.

11. Mechanistic experiments

(a)

In a N_2 glove box, a dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with KF (2.4 equiv, 27.8 mg), 18-crown-6 (2.4 equiv, 126.8 mg). The reaction mixture was dissolved in anhydrous Ph-CF₃ (1 mL) and then added corresponding 2r or 2s (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv). The sealed tube was filled with a rubber plug and removed from the N_2 glove box. The reaction mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 5 min and evacuated and backfilled with CO_2 (1 atm) for three times. To the stirring mixture was added the aryne precursor 1 (0.24 mmol, 59 μ L) dropwise by a syringe. Then the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to 10 °C and kept stirring for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was filtrated and washed with ethyl acetate (30 mL). The organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was evaporated. The crude residue was then determined by 1 H NMR analysis using

CH₃NO₂ as an internal standard.

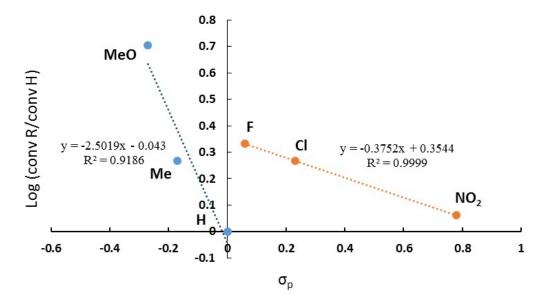
(b)

In a N_2 glove box, a dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with KF (2.4 equiv, 27.8 mg), 18-crown-6 (2.4 equiv, 126.8 mg). The reaction mixture was dissolved in anhydrous Ph-CF₃ (1 mL) and then added corresponding **2b** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv). The sealed tube was filled with a rubber plug and removed from the N_2 glove box. The reaction mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 5 min and evacuated and backfilled with CO_2 (1 atm) for three times. Then the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to 10 °C and kept stirring for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was filtrated and dissolved in CDCl₃. However, no obvious new signal was determined by ¹⁹F NMR analysis.

(c)

In a N_2 glove box, a dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with KF (2.4 equiv, 27.8 mg), 18-crown-6 (2.4 equiv, 126.8 mg). The reaction mixture was dissolved in anhydrous Ph-CF₃ (1 mL) and then added corresponding cinnamyl bromides **2** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv). The sealed tube was filled with a rubber plug and removed from the N_2 glove box. The reaction mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 5 min and evacuated and backfilled with CO_2 (1 atm) for three times. To the stirring mixture was added the aryne precursor **1** (0.24 mmol, 59 μ L) dropwise by a syringe. Then the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to 10 °C and kept stirring for 30 min. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was filtrated and washed with ethyl acetate (30 mL). The organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was evaporated. The crude residue was then determined by ¹H NMR analysis using CH_3NO_2 as an internal standard. The corresponding log [conv R/conv H] and σ_p values used to obtain the Hammett plot^{8,9} are given below:

	σ _p	Yield	Starting material	Conversion	Log (conv R/conv H)
R=MeO	-0.27	6%	34%	66%	0.705601
R=Me	-0.17	4%	76%	24%	0.266268
R=H	0	6%	87%	13%	0
R=F	0.06	6%	72%	28%	0.333215
R=Cl	0.23	4%	76%	24%	0.266268
$R=NO_2$	0.78	7%	85%	15%	0.062148



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13. Characterization data for all products

Allyl 2-bromobenzoate (3aa)

3aa was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50:1) as a yellow oil in 70% yield (33.6 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.08 – 5.99 (m, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 6.0, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 134.3, 132.5, 132.1, 131.7, 131.3, 127.1, 121.6, 118.7, 66.1. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3080, 2932, 1730, 1585, 1439, 1364, 1254, 1119, 1032, 936, 745, 638. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₀H₉BrNaO₂+ [M + Na]+: 262.9678; found 262.9681.

Allyl 2-bromo-6-methoxybenzoate (3ba)

3ba was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 30:1) as a yellow oil in 78% yield (42.1 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.07 – 5.97 (m, 1H), 5.44 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dd, J = 6.0, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 157.1, 131.6, 131.2, 125.8, 124.4, 119.6, 118.7, 109.9, 66.3, 56.1. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3091, 2947, 1735, 1580, 1451, 1360, 1268, 1105, 1034, 935, 839, 758. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₁H₁₁BrNaO₃⁺ [M + Na]⁺: 292.9784; found 292.9788.

Allyl 2-bromo-4-methoxybenzoate and allyl 2-bromo-5-methoxybenzoate (3ca and 3ca`)

(petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 30:1) as a yellow oil in 64% yield (regioisomer ratio= 1.3:1, 34.6 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 0.34H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 0.64H), 7.32 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 0.6H), 7.18 (s, 0.35H), 6.89 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.09 – 5.99 (m, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 0.55H), 5.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 0.46H), 5.31 – 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.84 – 4.79 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 1.2H), 3.80 (s, 1.8H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 164.9, 162.3, 158.5, 134.9, 133.2, 132.6, 132.0, 131.7, 123.5, 123.2, 119.8, 118.8, 118.7, 118.3, 116.3, 112.9, 111.8, 66.1, 65.7, 55.5, 55.5. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3086, 2943, 1727, 1592, 1470, 1409, 1242, 1115, 1033, 937, 821, 765. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₁H₁₁BrNaO₃⁺ [M + Na]⁺: 292.9784; found 292.9791.

Allyl 2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzoate (3da)

O Br O O

3da was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a pale yellow solid in 88% yield (52.8 mg, m.p. = 67- 68 °C). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (s,

1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.04 – 5.94 (m, 1H), 5.37 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dd, J = 10.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.8, 151.9, 147.6, 131.9, 122.7, 118.3, 116.8, 114.0, 113.8, 65.8, 56.1, 55.9. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3085, 2940, 1721, 1592, 1508, 1450, 1368, 1260, 1191, 1115, 1025, 979, 764. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₂H₁₃BrNaO₄⁺ [M + Na]⁺: 322.9889; found 322.9905.

Allyl 2-bromo-4,5-dimethylbenzoate (3ea)

Br O O

3ea was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50:1) as a yellow oil in 72% yield (38.6 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 6.09 - 5.99

(m, 1H), 5.42 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 142.4, 135.8, 135.2, 132.5, 132.0, 128.8, 118.7, 118.5, 65.9, 19.5, 19.1. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3087, 2935, 1725, 1585, 1456, 1378, 1260, 1220, 936, 755. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₂H₁₃BrNaO₂+ [M + Na]+: 269.0172; found 269.0178.

Allyl 2-bromo-4,6-dimethoxybenzoate (3fa)

Br O O

3fa was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a pale yellow solid in 86% yield (51.6 mg, m.p. = 55- 56 °C). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.67 (s, 1H),

6.40 (s, 1H), 6.07 – 5.97 (m, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 161.6, 158.3, 131.8, 120.4, 118.8, 118.5, 108.9, 98.0, 66.1, 56.98, 55.62. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3091, 2946, 2847, 1733, 1590, 1460, 1270, 1157, 1104, 1135, 934, 825, 620. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}BrNaO_4^+$ [M + Na]⁺: 322.9889; found 322.9894.

Allyl 6-bromo-2,3,4-trimethoxybenzoate (3ga)

3ga was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 70% yield (46.2 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.05 – 5.95 (m,

1H), 5.41 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 154.9, 151.6, 141.5, 131.6, 123.9, 118.8, 112.8, 111.8, 66.3, 61.8, 60.8, 56.3. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹3090, 2941, 1731, 1584, 1463, 1392, 1272, 1156, 1106, 1016, 929, 812, 736. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₃H₁₅BrNaO₅+ [M + Na]+: 352.9995; found 353.0000.

Allyl 6-bromo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-carboxylate (3ha)

3ha was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50:1) as a yellow oil in 67% yield (37.5 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 6.07

-6.00 (m, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.93 - 2.85 (m, 4H), 2.14 - 2.06 (m, 2H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 150.1, 143.7, 131.9, 130.1, 129.5, 127.0, 119.3, 118.6, 65.9, 32.7, 32.2, 25.4. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 2935, 1810, 1724, 1584, 1448, 1383, 1258, 1107, 925, 755. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₃H₁₃BrNaO₂+ [M + Na]+: 302.9991; found 302.9995.

Allyl 3-bromo-2-naphthoate (3ia)

3ia was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50:1) as a yellow oil in 72% yield (41.8 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.84

(d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 6.15 – 6.05 (m, 1H),, 5.48 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 135.2, 133.0, 132.2, 131.8, 131.0, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 127.1, 126.7, 118.8, 117.0, 66.2. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3067, 2934, 1724, 1581, 1442, 1354, 1265, 1205, 1110, 974, 752, 579. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{14}H_{11}BrNaO_{2}^{+}$ [M + Na]⁺: 312.9835; found 312.9839.

Allyl 6-bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carboxylate (3ja)

3ja was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50:1) as a yellow oil in 74% yield (42.0 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.05

-5.95 (m, 3H), 5.39 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H). 13 C

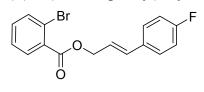
NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.7, 150.9, 147.0, 131.8, 124.3, 118.5, 114.9, 114.3, 110.9, 102.4, 65.9. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3090, 2921, 1720, 1601, 1478, 1395, 1240, 1123, 1025, 927, 854, 759. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₁H₉BrNaO₄⁺ [M + Na]⁺: 306.9576; found 306.9578.

Cinnamyl 2-bromobenzoate (3ab)

3ab was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 74% yield (46.8 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, J = 7.6 Hz,

1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.43 – 6.36 (m, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 136.1, 134.7, 134.3, 132.5, 132.1, 131.3, 128.6, 128.1, 127.1, 126.6, 122.7, 121.7, 66.1. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3044, 2934, 1722, 1583, 1440, 1370, 1253, 1113, 1030, 954, 738. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}BrNaO_{2}^{+}$ [M + Na]⁺: 338.9991; found 338.9996.

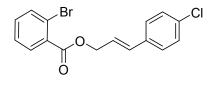
(E)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)allyl 2-bromobenzoate (3ac)



3ac was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 70% yield (46.8 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, J =

7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.02 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.36 – 6.29 (m, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 162.6 (d, J = 246 Hz), 134.4, 133.6, 132.6, 132.3 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 132.1, 131.3, 128.2 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 127.1, 122.4 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 121.7, 115.5 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 66.0. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3044, 2934, 1722, 1583, 1441, 1370, 1253, 1113, 1030, 954, 839, 738. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{16}H_{12}BrFNaO_2^+$ [M + Na]⁺: 356.9897; found 356.9901.

(E)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)allyl 2-bromobenzoate (3ad)



3ad was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 65% yield (45.5 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86

(d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 6.74 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44 – 6.37 (m, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 134.6, 134.3, 133.8, 133.3, 132.6, 132.0, 131.3, 128.8, 127.8, 127.1, 123.4, 121.7, 65.9. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹2930, 1716, 1576, 1472, 1365,

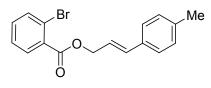
1243, 1110, 1023, 943, 831, 739. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{16}H_{12}BrClNaO_2^+$ [M + Na]⁺: 372.9601; found 372.9605.

(E)-3-(4-bromophenyl)allyl 2-bromobenzoate (3ae)

3ae was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 64% yield (50.4 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82

(d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.42 – 6.35 (m, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 135.1, 134.4, 133.4, 132.6, 132.0, 131.7, 131.3, 128.2, 127.2, 123.5, 122.0, 121.7, 65.8. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3037, 2923, 1719, 1582, 1474, 1431, 1374, 1281, 1239, 1108, 1023, 952, 836, 792. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₆H₁₂Br₂NaO₂+ [M + Na]+: 416.9096; found 416.9095.

(E)-3-(p-tolyl)allyl 2-bromobenzoate (3af)



3af was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 58% yield (38.3 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83

(d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.40 – 6.33 (m, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 138.1, 134.8, 134.3, 133.3, 132.5, 132.2, 131.3, 129.3, 127.1, 126.6, 122.0, 121.56, 66.3, 21.2. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3024, 2921, 1714, 1579, 1431, 1368, 1239, 1106, 1025, 947, 738. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{17}H_{15}BrNaO_2^+$ [M + Na]⁺: 353.0148; found 353.0153.

(E)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl 2-bromobenzoate (3ag)

3ag was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 30% yield (20.8 mg). ¹H NMR (400

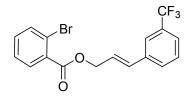
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.31 – 6.24 (m, 1H), 4.97 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 159.6, 134.6, 134.3, 132.5, 132.2, 131.3, 128.9, 127.9, 127.1, 121.7, 120.3, 114.0, 66.5, 55.3. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 2920, 1717, 1590, 1502, 1442, 1244, 1110, 1026, 946, 836, 743, 634. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₇H₁₅BrNaO₃⁺ [M + Na]⁺: 369.0097; found 369.0096.

(E)-3-(2-nitrophenyl)allyl 2-bromobenzoate (3ah)

3ah was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1) as a yellow oil in 66% yield (47.6 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz,

1H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.40 – 6.36 (m, 1H), 5.04 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 147.7, 134.3, 133.2, 132.7, 132.0, 131.7, 131.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.2, 124.6, 121.7, 65.3. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3071, 2927, 2857, 1723, 1584, 1516, 1443, 1345, 1254, 1113, 1028, 953, 851, 739. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₆H₁₂BrNNaO₄+ [M + Na]+: 383.9842; found 383.9849.

(E)-3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)allyl 2-bromobenzoate (3ai)



3ai was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 61% yield (46.8 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,

J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.51 – 6.44 (m, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 136.9, 134.4, 132.9, 132.7, 131.9, 131.4, 131.01 (q, J = 32 Hz), 129.7, 129.1, 127.2, 124.8, 124.6 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 124.0 (q, J = 324.9 Hz), 123.3 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 121.7, 65.6. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3060, 2942, 1729, 1588, 1441, 1327, 1255, 1121, 1034, 962, 899, 747. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₇H₁₂BrF₃NaO₂+ [M + Na]+: 406.9865; found 406.9870.

(E)-3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)allyl 2-bromobenzoate (3aj)

3aj was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 64% yield (49.2 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, J = 7.6 Hz,

1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.10 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 – 6.43 (m, 1H), 5.06 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 134.4, 134.3, 133.6, 132.6, 132.0, 131.6, 131.4, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 127.1, 121.8, 65.6. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 2928, 1721, 1565, 1425, 1253, 1106, 1025, 954, 834, 752. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₆H₁₁BrCl₂NaO₂⁺ [M + Na]⁺: 406.9212; found 406.9210.

(E)-3-(2-bromo-4-methylphenyl)allyl 2-bromobenzoate (3ak)

3ak was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 71% yield (57.9 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84

(d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.34 – 6.27 (m, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 139.7, 134.3, 133.3, 133.1, 132.9, 132.6, 132.0, 131.4, 128.4, 127.1, 126.8, 124.6, 123.6, 121.7, 65.9, 20.7. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3058, 2929, 1723, 1585, 1438, 1377, 1246, 1111, 1029, 956, 745, 692. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}Br_2NaO_2^+$ [M + Na]⁺: 430.9253; found 430.9242.

(E)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)allyl 2-bromobenzoate (3al)

3al was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 69% yield (50.5 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (d, J =

8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 6.49 – 6.42 (m, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 134.3, 133.9, 133.5, 132.5, 132.2, 131.9, 131.3, 131.1, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 126.2, 125.9, 125.8, 125.5, 124.1, 123.6, 121.7, 66.2. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹3051, 2931, 1716, 1581, 1434, 1368, 1245, 1108, 1024, 949, 857, 749. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₂₀H₁₅BrNaO₂+ [M + Na]+: 389.0148; found 389.0146.

(E)-3-phenylbut-2-en-1-yl 2-bromobenzoate (3am)

3am was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 67% yield (44.2 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, J = 7.6

Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 142.4, 140.9, 134.3, 132.5, 132.3, 131.3, 128.3, 127.6, 127.1, 125.9, 121.6, 120.8, 62.7, 16.3. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 2922, 1796, 1717, 1578, 1432, 1368, 1242, 1107, 1025, 925, 746, 691. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₇H₁₅BrNaO₂⁺ [M + Na]⁺: 353.0148; found 353.0144.

(E)-2-methyl-3-phenylallyl 2-bromobenzoate (3an)

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3an was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 70% yield (46.2 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, J = 7.6

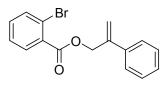
Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 136.9, 134.3, 132.5, 132.3, 132.3, 131.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.1, 126.8, 121.6, 71.4, 15.8. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3063, 2925, 1727, 1586, 1440, 1369, 1280, 1248, 1115, 1030, 951, 852, 745, 696. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{17}H_{15}BrNaO_{2}^{+}$ [M + Na]⁺: 353.0148; found 353.0150.

(Z)-2-bromo-3-phenylallyl 2-bromobenzoate (3ao)

3ao was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 62% yield (48.8 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.2

Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 3H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 134.5, 134.5, 132.9, 131.9, 131.6, 131.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.2, 122.0, 118.4, 70.8. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3062, 2923, 1726, 1580, 1433, 1364, 1238, 1102, 1023, 946, 848, 740, 687. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{16}H_{12}Br_2NaO_2^+$ [M + Na]⁺: 412.9096; found 416.9097.

2-phenylallyl 2-bromobenzoate (3ap)



3ap was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 54% yield (34.1 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.65 –

7.63 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 142.2, 138.0, 134.3, 132.7, 132.0, 131.3, 128.5, 128.1, 127.1, 126.1, 121.7, 115.9, 66.8. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3060, 2925, 1722, 1579, 1430, 1379, 1239, 1103, 1027, 907, 743, 693. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₆H₁₃BrNaO₂+ [M + Na]+: 338.9991; found 338.9991.

(2E,4E)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-yl 2-bromobenzoate (3aq)

3aq was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 65% yield (44.5 mg). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81

(d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 - 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.24 - 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.83 - 6.76 (m, 1H), 6.62 - 6.52 (m, 2H), 6.00 - 5.95 (m, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H). 13 C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 136.8, 135.1, 134.3, 134.0, 132.5, 132.1, 131.3, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 127.1, 126.5, 126.3, 121.7, 65.8. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3036, 2930, 1726, 1588, 1443, 1256, 1119, 1033, 969, 837, 749, 696. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{18}H_{15}BrNaO_{2}^{+}$ [M + Na]⁺: 365.0148; found 365.0143.

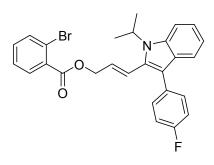
(3-phenyloxiran-2-yl)methyl 2-bromobenzoate (4)

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4 was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a yellow oil in 75% yield (49.8 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.6 Hz,

1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 7H), 4.73 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 1H), 3.41 – 3.39 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.6, 136.0, 134.3, 132.7, 131.5, 131.4, 128.4, 128.4, 127.1, 125.6, 121.7, 65.0, 58.9, 56.4. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3069, 2989, 1731, 1587, 1443, 1377, 1284, 1247, 1117, 1037, 969, 911, 794, 739. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}BrNaO_{3}^{+}$ [M + Na]⁺: 354.9940; found 354.9948.

(E)-3-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-1H-indol-2-yl)allyl 2-bromobenzoate (7)

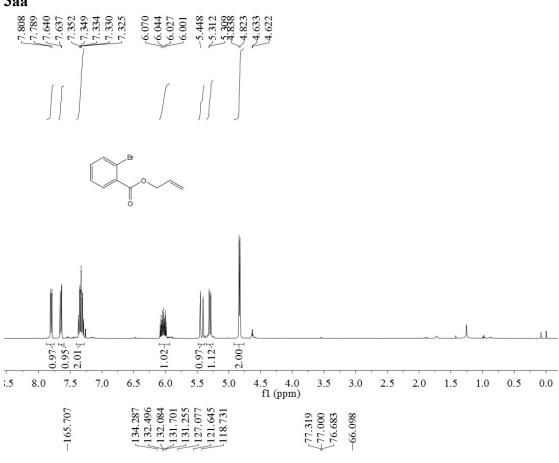


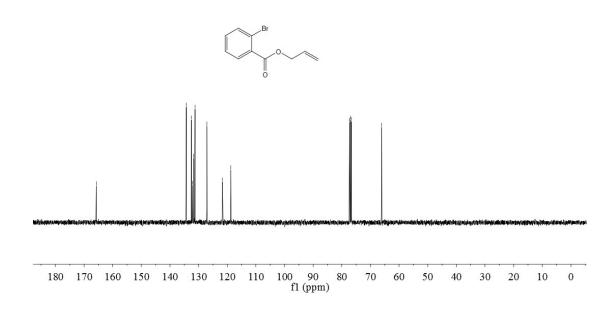
7 was obtained after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 10:1) as a brown oil in 42% yield (41.2 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H),

7.17 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (dt, J = 16.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.99 – 4.91 (m, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 161.4 (d, J = 243.4 Hz), 135.3, 134.4, 132.7, 131.9, 131.8 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 131.4, 131.2 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 129.3, 128.2, 127.1, 123.8, 122.0, 121.6, 119.7, 119.6, 115.5, 115.3 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 111.7, 65.7, 47.8, 21.7. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3052, 2980, 2935, 1729, 1592, 1544, 1500, 1454, 1345, 1288, 1239, 1113, 1028, 963, 835, 740, 644. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{27}H_{24}BrFNO_{2}^{+}$ [M + H]⁺: 492.0969; found 492.0975.

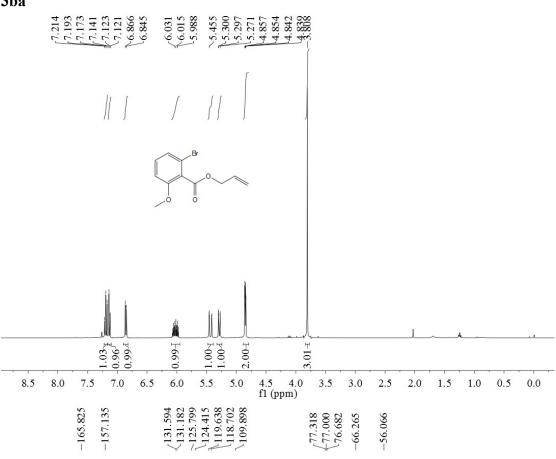
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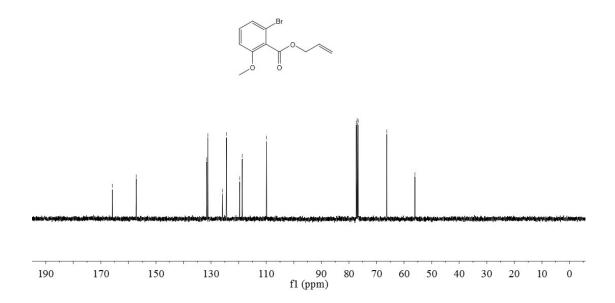




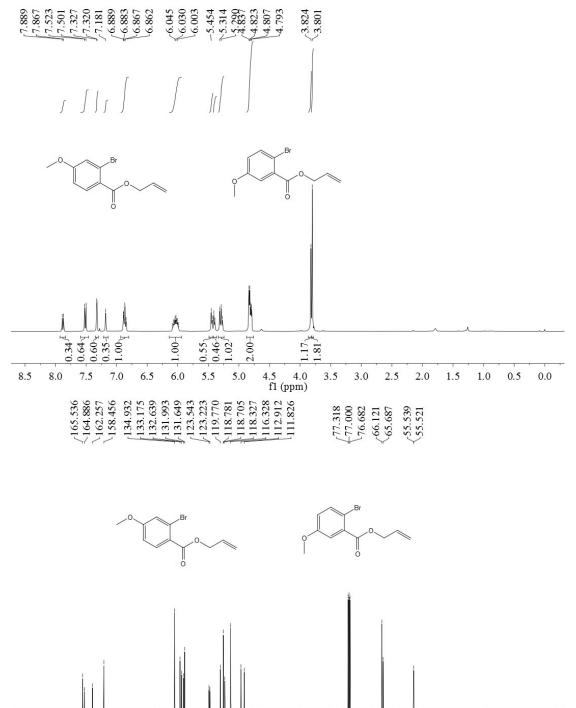






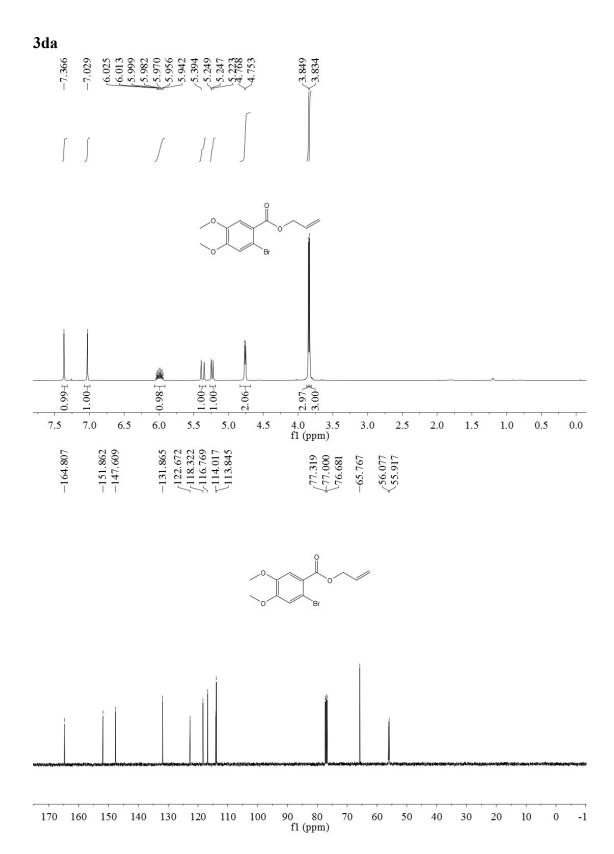


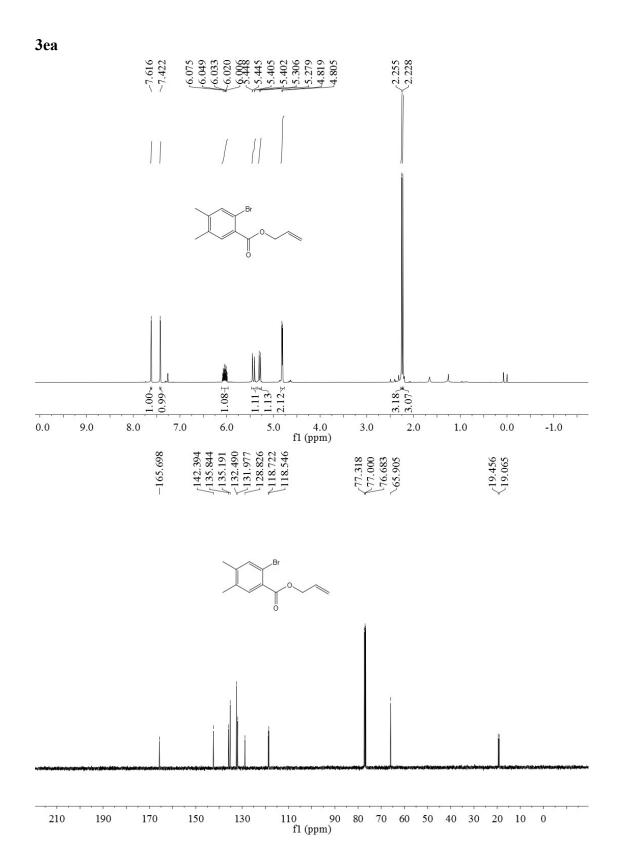


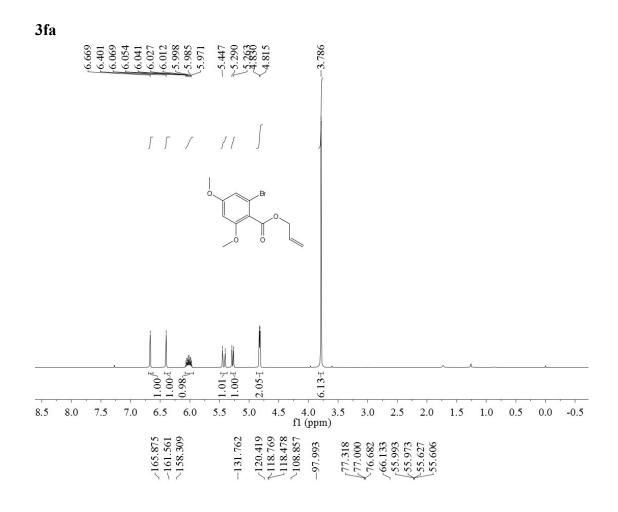


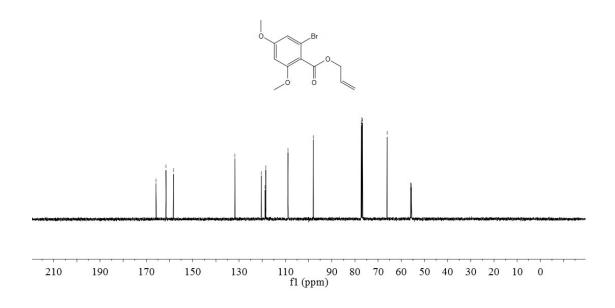
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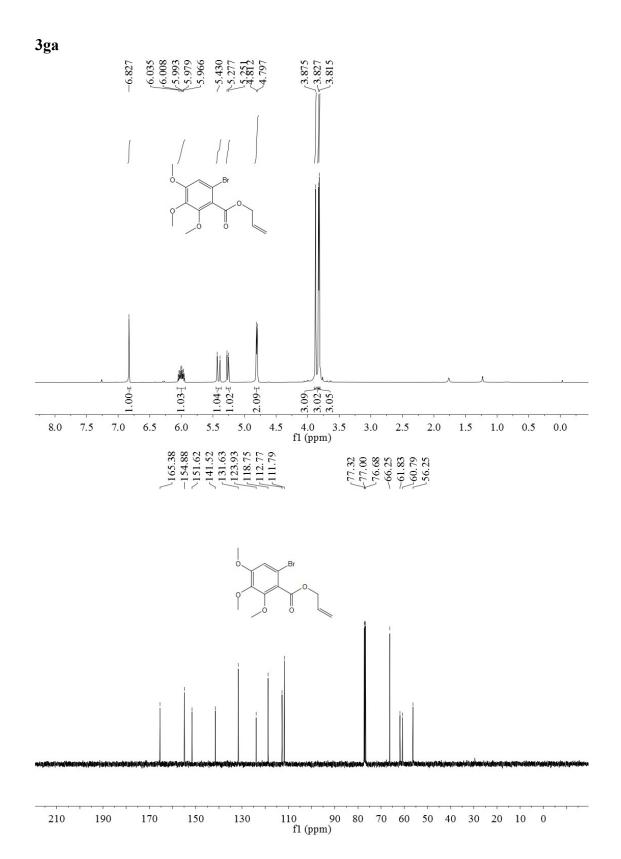
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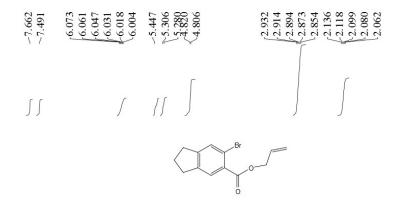


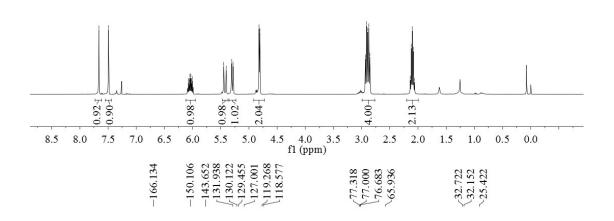


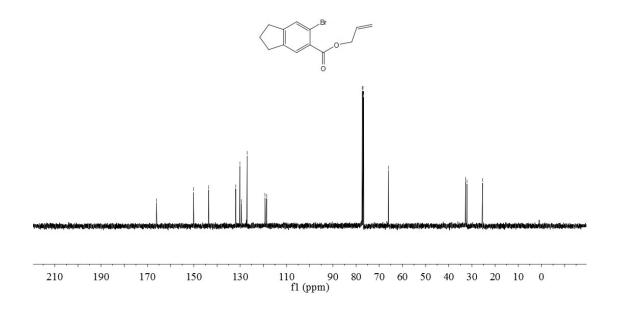


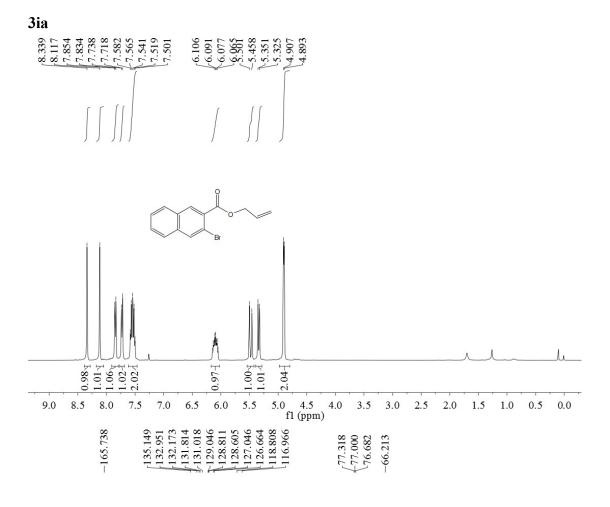


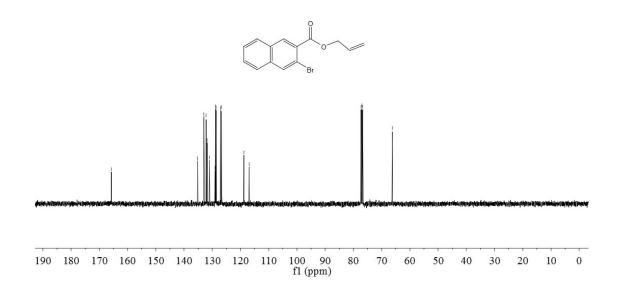


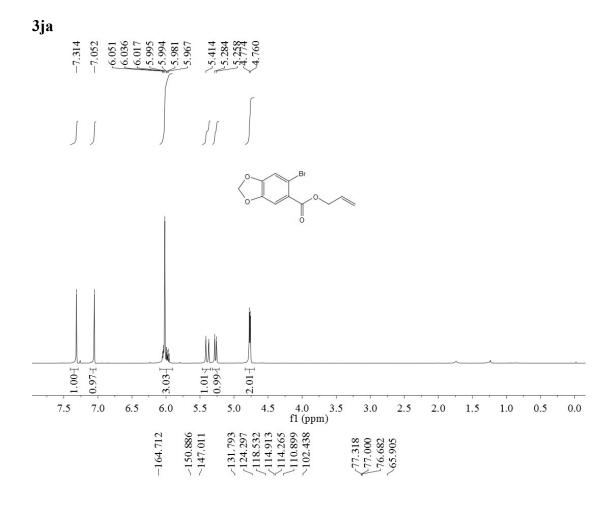


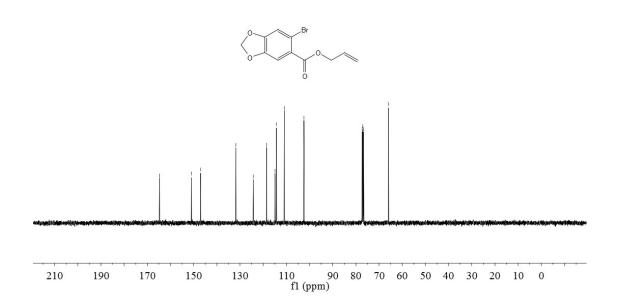




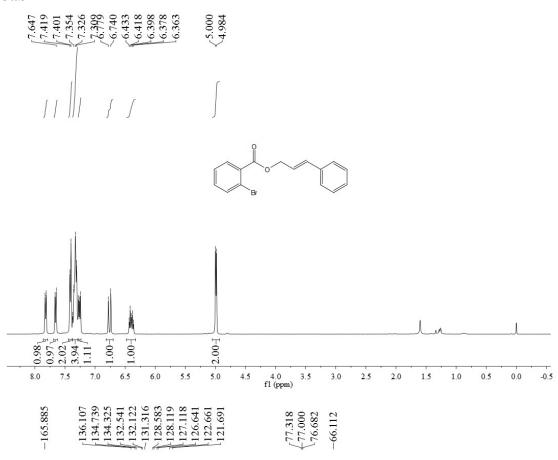


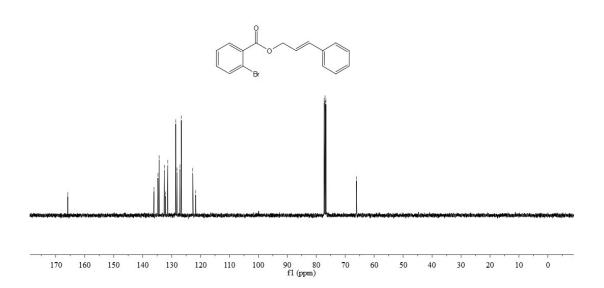




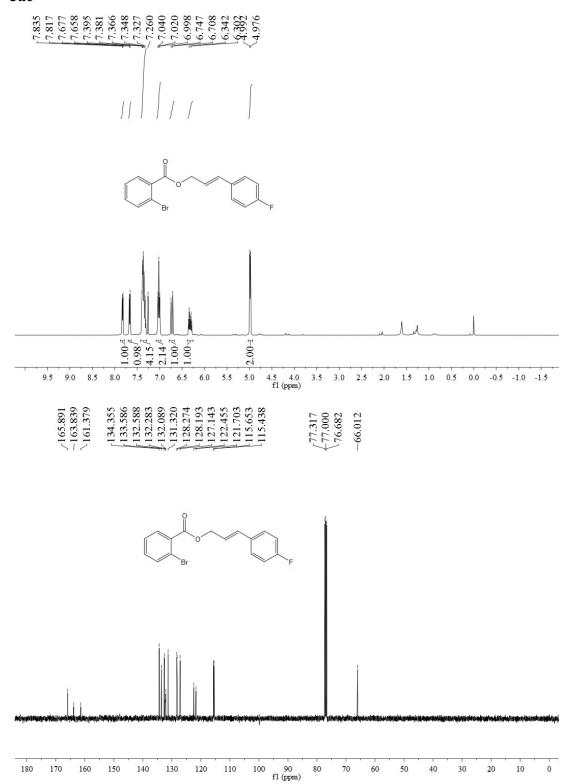




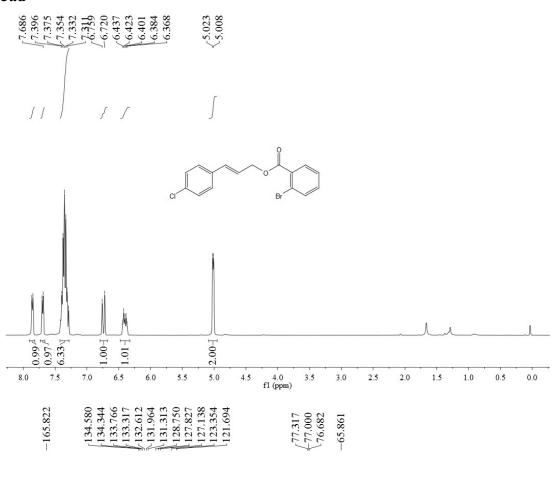


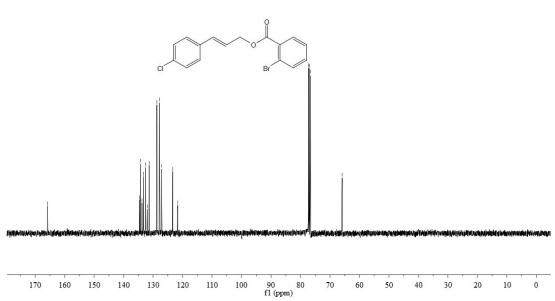






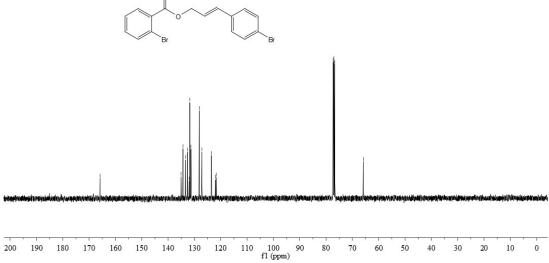




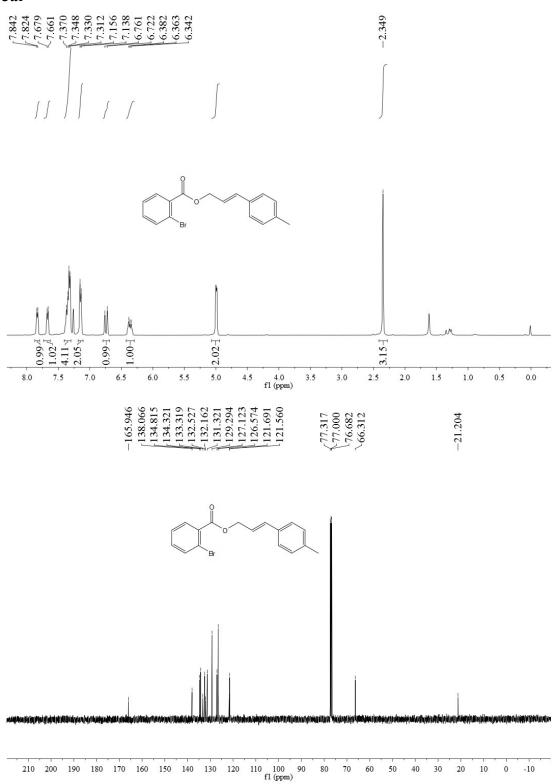


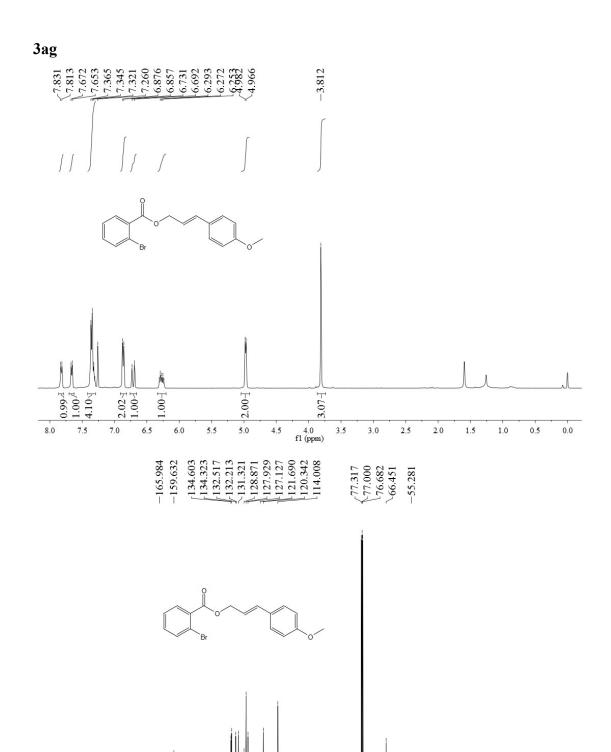












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