# **Supporting Information**

ZnI<sub>2</sub>/Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>–TsOH: A Versatile Combined-Acid System for Catalytic Intramolecular Hydrofunctionalization and Polyene Cyclization

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# 1. General Information

The reactions were monitored by TLC (glass plates precoated with silica gel 60 F254, Merck). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel Geduran® Si 60 (Merck). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded with Bruker AV-III 400 MHz, Bruker AV-400, Bruker AV-500, or N600 MHz spectrometers and chemical shifts were measured in  $\delta$  (ppm) with residual solvent peaks as internal standards (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  7.26 ppm in <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  77 ppm in <sup>13</sup>C NMR). IR spectra were recorded with Thermo Nicolet iS-5 FT-IR spectrophotometer, max in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Commercial grade reagents and solvents were used without further purification except as indicated below.

# 2. General Procedures

#### **General Procedure A**

To a 4-mL vial equipped with a stirring bar was added 1a (100 mg, 0.567 mmol),  $ZnI_2$  (4.5 mg, 0.014 mmol), TsOHH<sub>2</sub>O (2.7 mg, 0.014 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.1 ml). After stirring at room temperature for the reaction time given in Table 2 or Table 3, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, washed with DCM, and then concentrated to give the product.

#### **General Procedure B**

To a 4-mL vial equipped with a stirring bar was added 1f (100 mg, 0.475 mmol),  $Zn(OTf)_2$  (4.3 mg, 0.012 mmol), TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (2.3 mg, 0.012 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.95 ml). After stirring at room temperature for the reaction time given in Table 2 or Table 3, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, washed with DCM, and then concentrated to give the product.

#### **General Procedure C**

To a 10-mL sealed tube equipped with a stirring bar was added 1h (100 mg, 0.999 mmol),  $Zn(OTf)_2$  (9.1 mg, 0.025 mmol), TsOHH<sub>2</sub>O (4.8 mg, 0.025 mmol) and DCE (2 ml). After heated to reflux for the reaction time given in Table 2 or Table 3, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica ge, washed with DCM, and then concentrated to give the product.

#### **General Procedure D**

To a 4-mL vial equipped with a stirring bar was added 3a (100 mg, 0.624 mmol),  $Zn(OTf)_2$  (11.3 mg, 0.031 mmol), TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (5.9 mg, 0.031 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 ml). After stirring at room temperature for the reaction time given in Table 2 or Table 3, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, washed with DCM, and then concentrated to give the product.

#### **General Procedure E**

To a 4-mL vial equipped with a stirring bar was added 3e (50 mg, 0.274 mmol),  $ZnI_2$  (8.7 mg, 0.027 mmol), TsOHH<sub>2</sub>O (5.1 mg, 0.027 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.1 ml). After heated to reflux for the reaction time given in Table 2 or Table 3, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, washed with DCM, and then concentrated to give the product.

#### 5-methyl-5-phenyldihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (2a)<sup>1</sup>



Procedure A, after 16 h to afford 98% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.40 (m, 3H), 1.72 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.6, 144.3, 128.6, 127.6, 124.1, 87.0, 36.2, 29.4, 29.0.

#### 5-methyl-5-(p-tolyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2b)<sup>1</sup>



Procedure A, after 16 h to afford 99% yield. Colorless solid; mp 48°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27 (d, J = 8.6 Hz , 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz , 2H), 2.66-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.7, 141.4, 137.3, 129.3, 124.1, 87.1, 36.2, 29.4, 29.0, 21.0.

#### 5-methyl-5-(o-tolyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2c)<sup>1</sup>



Procedure A, after 16 h to afford 94% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz , 1H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 3H), 2.72-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.48 (m, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.2, 142.0, 133.8, 132.5, 127.8, 126.1, 124.7, 87.9, 35.0, 28.8, 27.8, 21.6.

#### 5-methyl-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (2d)<sup>2</sup>



Procedure A, after 16 h to afford 98% yield. Colorless solid; mp 78°C <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89-7.81 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz , J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.43 (m, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.7, 141.5, 133.0, 132.6, 128.7, 128.2, 127.6, 126.6, 126.4, 122.7, 122.5, 87.1, 36.1, 29.3, 29.0.

#### 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2e)<sup>1</sup>



Procedure A, after 16 h to afford 94% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz , 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz , 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.62-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.44 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.35 (m, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.6, 159.0, 136.3, 125.4, 113.9, 87.0, 55.3, 36.1, 29.5, 29.1.

#### 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2f)<sup>1</sup>



Procedure B, after 16 h to afford 99% yield. Colorless solid; mp 50°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33-7.27 (m, 4H), 2.66-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.51-2.36 (m, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.2, 142.9, 133.5, 128.8, 125.7, 86.5, 36.0, 29.3, 28.9.

#### 5-cyclohexyl-5-methyldihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (2g)



Procedure A, after 16 h to afford 98% yield. Colorless solid; mp 57°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.61-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.51-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.71 (m, 3H), 1.65 (t, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (tt, *J* = 12.1 Hz, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.23-1.13 (m, 1H), 1.09 (tt, *J* = 12.6 Hz, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.05-0.97 (m, 1H), 0.97-0.89 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.9, 89.3, 47.6, 31.3, 29.1, 27.2, 27.1, 26.3, 26.2, 26.1, 22.6; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> 2922, 2850, 1756, 1385, 1207, 1164, 970, 933 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-EI (*m/z*): calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>] 182.1307, found 182.1309

#### 5-methyldihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (2h)<sup>3</sup>

Procedure C, after 16 h to afford 98% yield (GC yield). Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.67-4.60 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.39-2.32 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.3, 77.2, 29.6, 29.0, 21.0

#### 5,5-dimethyldihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (2i)<sup>3</sup>



Procedure A, after 16 h to afford 94% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.61 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 2.04 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.7, 84.6, 34.6, 29.3, 27.7.

#### 6-methyl-6-phenyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one (2k)<sup>4</sup>



Procedure B, after 24 h to afford 92% yield. White solid; mp 72°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.33 (m, 5H); 2.44 (m, 2H); 2.30 (m, 1H); 1.99 (m, 1H); 1.77 (m, 1H); 1.66 (s, 3H); 1.57 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 171.27, 144.40, 128.47, 127.14, 124. 21, 34.13, 31.06, 28.85, 16.35

#### 6,6-dimethyl-3-phenyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one (2l)



Procedure B, after 16 h to afford 94% yield. Colorless solid; mp 116°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 9.7 Hz, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.24-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.16-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.2, 140.0, 128.8, 128.1, 127.1, 83.0, 47.2, 33.4, 29.9, 28.4, 26.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{max}$  2974, 1708, 1206, 1110, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-EI (*m/z*): calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>] 204.1150, found 204.1146

#### 3-allyl-6,6-dimethyl-3-phenyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one (2m)



Procedure A, after 16 h, the reaction mixture was filter through short pad of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and concentrated to afford 94% yield. Yellow gummy oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 5.80-5.71 (m, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 13.8 Hz, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 13.4 Hz, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (td, *J* = 13.6 Hz, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (dt, *J* = 14.8 Hz, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (dt, *J* = 14.3 Hz, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.6, 142.2, 134.1, 128.7, 127.0, 126.3, 119.1, 83.3, 50.9, 45.4, 31.2, 30.5, 28.2, 28.0; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> 2978, 1718, 1276, 1114, 933, 761, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) (*m/z*): calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>] 244.1463, found 244.1470.

#### 2-methyl-2-phenyltetrahydrofuran (2n)<sup>1</sup>



Procedure B, after 14 h to afford 94% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.07-4.02 (m, 1H), 3.97-3.91 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.21 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.2, 128.1, 126.4, 124.7, 84.3, 67.6, 39.5, 29.8, 25.8.

#### 2,2-dimethylchromane (20)<sup>5</sup>



Procedure B, after 16 h to afford 94% yield. Yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.06 (m, 2H); 6.79 (m, 2H); 2.77 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H); 2.83 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H); 1.33 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  154.05, 129.50, 127.30, 120.96, 119.66, 117.30, 74.13, 32.88, 26.95, 22.52

#### 2,2-dimethyl-5,5-diphenyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran (2p)<sup>6</sup>



Procedure B, after 24 h to afford 93% yield. Colorless solid; mp 88°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30 (m, 8H); 7.18 (m, 2H); 4.07 (s, 2H); 2.44 (m, 2H); 1.41 (m, 2H); 1.24 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 146.52, 128.16, 128.00, 126.00, 71.27, 69.04, 45.94, 32.63, 30.90, 26.42

#### 2-methyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2q)<sup>7</sup>



Procedure C, after 16 h to afford 92% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.68 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 2H); 3.66 (m, 1H); 3.39 (m, 1H); 3.22 (m, 1H); 1.79 (m, 1H); 1.64 (m, 1H); 1.48 (m, 2H); 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.97, 134.76, 129.38, 127.22, 55.989, 48.85, 33.28, 23.69, 22.62, 21.26

#### 2-methyl-2-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2r)<sup>7</sup>



Procedure B, after 1 h to afford 92% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, J = 8.46 Hz, 2H); 7.40 (d, J = 8.46 Hz, 2H); 7.29 (m, 2H); 7.22 (m, 3H) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  129.21, 128.00, 127.06, 126.56, 125.79, 49.75, 45.77, 26.39, 22.41, 21.41

#### 2-phenyl-1-tosylpiperidine (2s)<sup>8</sup>



Procedure C, after 3 h to afford 93% yield. Colorless solid; mp 132°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (t, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.21 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.70-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.25 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.0, 138.9, 138.7, 129.7, 128.6, 127.02, 127.00, 126.8, 55.3, 41.9, 27.3, 24.3, 21.5, 19.0.

#### 5,5-dimethyl-3,3-diphenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one (2t)



Procedure B, after 1 h to afford 99% yield. Colorless solid; mp 186°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.22 (m, 12H), 2.92 (s, 2H), 2.40 (m, 3H), 1.30 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  175.3, 143.0, 142.4, 138.8, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 90.4, 61.9, 50.1, 28.4, 21.5; IR (film)  $v_{max}$  2978, 1620, 1322, 1160, 1140, 1086, 780, 543 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>NaS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 442.1447, found 442.1443

#### 6-methyl-1,6-diphenylpiperidin-2-one (2u)

Procedure C, after 24 h to afford 91% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.43 ~6.97 (m, 10H), 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.52 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.0, 145.4, 140.1, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 127.3,



127.2, 126.6, 64.6, 40.8, 32.0, 28.7, 16.7; IR (film)  $v_{max}$  2950, 1647, 1494, 1443, 1381, 762, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NONa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 288.1359, found 288.1357

#### (9*H*-fluoren-9-yl)methyl 2-phenylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2v)<sup>7</sup>

Fmoc To a 10-mL sealed tube equipped with a stirring bar was added 1v (50 mg, 0.135 mmol), Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (5 mg, 0.014 mmol), TsOHH<sub>2</sub>O (2.5 mg, 0.014 mmol) and in DCE (0.27 ml). After heated to reflux for 36 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, washed with DCM, and then concentrated to give crude mixture. The crude mixture was further purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and concentrated to give 2v (46 mg, 92%). Yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.81~7.62 (m, 3H), 7.50~6.96 (m, 10H), 5.02 (m, 1H), 4.51~3.94 (m, 3H), 3.86~3.52 (m, 2H), 2.42~2.29 (m, 1H), 2.09~1.81 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.3, 154.8, 144.1, 144.0, 143.9, 141.3, 141.1, 141.0, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 125.4, 125.1, 125.0, 119.9, 119.7, 119.6, 67.4, 66.9, 61.2, 61.0, 47.7, 47.5, 47.1, 35.8, 34.7, 23.5, 22.5

#### 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2w)



To a 10-mL sealed tube equipped with a stirring bar was added **1w** (50 mg, 0.144 mmol), Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10.5 mg, 0.029 mmol), TsOHH<sub>2</sub>O (32.9 mg, 0.173 mmol) and in DCE (0.29 ml). After heated to reflux for 36 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, washed with EA, and then concentrated to give crude mixture. The crude mixture was further purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and concentrated to give **2w** (49mg, 91%). White solid; mp 179 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.18 (d, *J* = 8.51 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.66 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.08 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.66 Hz, 2H), 4.84~4.78 (m, 1H), 3.70~3.62 (m, 1H), 3.48~3.39 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.15~2.04 (m, 1H), 1.91~1.75 (m, 2H), 1.75~1.63 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.8, 147.1, 143.9, 134.3, 129.8, 127.5, 127.1, 123.7, 62.8, 49.6, 35.8, 24.1, 21.6 IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> 3650, 3447, 1654, 1637, 1341, 1156, 1085 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 369.0879, found 369.0870.

#### 1,1-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (4a)<sup>9</sup>



Procedure D, after 1 h to afford 99% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (m, 1H); 7.21 (m, 1H); 7.13 (m, 2H) 2.84 (m, 2H); 1.88 (m, 2H); 1.75 (m, 2H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  128.94, 126.51, 125.70, 125.14, 39.26, 31,78, 30,66, 19.65

#### 7-methoxy-1,1-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (4b)<sup>9</sup>



Procedure D, after 1 h to afford 99% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.02 (d, *J* = 8.28 Hz, 1H); 6.94 (m, 1H); 6.72 (dd, *J* = 8.31 Hz, 1H) 3.84 (s, 3H); 2.76 (t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H); 1.85 (m, 2H); 1.71 (m, 2H); 1.35 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.70, 147.00, 129.77, 128.33, 112.13, 110.91, 55.15, 39.23, 34.05, 31.83, 29.87, 19.85

#### 1,1,7-trimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (4c)



Procedure D, after 1 h to afford 95% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.99 (m, 3H); 2.72 (t, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 2H); 2.31 (s, 3H) 1.79 (m, 2H); 1.65 (m, 2H); 1.28 (s, 6H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.58, 135.01, 133.00, 128.93, 127.12, 126.17, 39.45, 33.75, 31.86, 30.35, 21.21, 19.8; IR (film)  $\nu_{max}$  3446, 2957, 2927, 1505, 1456 cm<sup>-1</sup> ;HRMS-EI (*m/z*): calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>] 174.1409, found 174.1413

#### N-((4,4-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)methyl)-4-

#### methylbenzenesulfonamide (4d)



Procedure D, after 16 h to afford 95% yield. White solid; mp 132°C;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.78 (d, *J* = 7.49 Hz, 2H); 7.31 (m, 3H); 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H); 7.05 (m, 2H); 5.03 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz; 1H); 3.16 (m, 2H); 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); 1.87 (m, 2H); 1.67 (m, 1H); 1.53 (m, 1H); 1.27 (s, 3H); 1.25 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.45, 143.27, 138.93, 129.64, 128.46, 127.00, 126.85, 126.69, 125.55, 47.85, 38.39, 34.52, 33.71, 31.86, 31.41, 21.43; IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> 3285, 2957, 2930, 1756, 1323, 1158, 1093, 662, 550 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*): Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M<sup>+</sup>] 343.16, found [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 366.1496

#### (3aR,7aS)-4,4,7a-trimethylhexahydrobenzofuran-2(3H)-one (4e)<sup>10</sup>



Procedure E, after 70 h, the crude mixture was further purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>) to afford 94% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.49 (dd, J = 17.2 Hz, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dd, J = 17.5 Hz, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (dd, J = 12.7 Hz, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 1.63-1.57 (m, 1H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.50-1.23 (m, 4H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  175.8, 86.1, 51.9, 34.7, 33.6, 33.3, 32.2, 30.1, 28.4, 26.9, 18.9.

#### (4a*S*,10a*S*)-1,1,4a-trimethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydrophenanthrene (4f)<sup>11</sup>



Procedure D, after 44 h to afford 92% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 17.0 Hz, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.94-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.33 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.95-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.84 -1.71 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (td, J = 13.4 Hz, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (dd, J = 12.3 Hz, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.31-1.25 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.2, 135.3, 129.1, 125.6, 125.2, 124.4, 50.3, 41.7, 38.9, 37.9, 33.5, 33.4, 30.5, 24.9, 21.7, 19.4, 19.1.

#### (4a*S*,10a*S*)-1,1,4a,6-tetramethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydrophenanthrene (4g)<sup>12</sup>



Procedure D, after 14 h to afford 98% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.11 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, J = 16.7 Hz, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.91-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.34(s, 3H), 1.94-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.83 -1.70 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.53 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (td, J = 13.3 Hz, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (dd, J = 12.7 Hz, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.31-1.25 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.0, 134.8, 132.1, 129.0, 126.1, 125.0, 50.5, 41.8, 38.9, 37.8, 33.5, 33.4, 30.1, 24.9, 21.7, 21.4, 19.4, 19.2.

 $(4aS,10aS)\mbox{-}8\mbox{-}methoxy\mbox{-}1,1,4a\mbox{-}trimethyl\mbox{-}1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a\mbox{-}octahydrophenanthrene} (4h)^{13}$ 



Procedure D, after 23 h to afford 98% yield. Colorless solid; mp 109°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.15 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 17.8 Hz, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.67-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.31 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.98-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.80 -1.73 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (td, *J* = 13.2 Hz, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (dd, *J* = 12.5 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.28-1.21 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.1, 151.6, 126.0, 124.3, 116.6, 106.3, 55.2, 49.9, 41.7, 39.1, 37.8, 33.5, 33.4, 24.8, 24.6, 21.7, 19.4, 18.5.

(4a*S*,10a*S*)-6-methoxy-1,1,4a-trimethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydrophenanthrene (4i)<sup>11</sup>



OMe Procedure D, after 14 h to afford 99% yield. Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.98 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.91 (dd, J = 16.7 Hz, J = 6.8 Hz,1H), 2.85-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.27 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.80 -1.67 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (td, J = 13.0 Hz, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (dd, J = 12.3 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.29-1.23 (m, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.7, 151.5, 129.8, 127.5, 110.7, 110.2, 55.3, 50.3, 41.7, 38.9, 38.0, 33.5, 33.4, 29.6, 24.8, 21.7, 19.4, 19.2.

# 3. <sup>1</sup>H &<sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra































































## 4. Mass Information







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