Diastereodivergent Synthesis of Cyclopropananes *via* On-Water Annulation of Diazo Compounds with Electron-Deficient Alkenes

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1. General Information

General Procedures

- All reactions were performed in oven-dried or flame-dried reaction vessels, modified Schlenk flasks, or round-bottom flasks. The flasks were fitted with Teflon screw caps and reactions were conducted under an atmosphere of argon if needed. Gas-tight syringes with stainless steel needles were used to transfer air- and moisture-sensitive liquids. All moisture and/or air sensitive solid compounds were manipulated inside normal desiccators. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (40–63 µm, 230–400 mesh).
- Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ aluminum plates (Merck) containing a 254 nm fluorescent indicator. TLC plates were visualized by exposure to short wave ultraviolet light (254 nm) and I₂.
- Organic solutions were concentrated at 30-50 °C on rotary evaporators at ~10 torr followed by drying on vacuum pump at ~1 torr. Reaction temperatures are reported as the temperature of the bath surrounding the vessel unless otherwise stated.

Materials

• Commercial reagents and solvents were were purchased from Adamas-beta, Aldrich Chemical Co., Alfa Aesar, Macklin and Energy Chemical and used as received with the following exceptions: THF, Et₂O and toluene were purified by refluxing over Nabenzophenone under positive argon pressure followed by distillation.¹ The allylidenemalononitriles 1², 3-diazooxindole 2³, alkenes 6 and 9⁴, diazoacetate 7a and 7b⁵ were prepared according to literature procedure.

Instrumentation

- Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded with JEOL-600M. Proton chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ scale), and are referenced using residual protium in the NMR solvent (CDCl₃: δ 7.26 (CHCl₃)). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet), coupling constant(s) (Hz), integration].
- Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C NMR) spectra were recorded with JEOL 150 MHz spectrometers. Carbon chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ scale), and are referenced using the carbon resonances of the solvent (δ 77.0 (CHCl₃)). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (if not singlet), assignment (C_q = fully substituted carbon)].
- High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters SYNAPT G2 using an electrospray (ESI) ionization source.
- Melting points were recorded on WRX-X-4A melting point apparatus.

2. Further Optimization Studies

$NC + CN$ $S = CO_2Et$ 1m	+	N2 N2 Ne Ne Za	nt Me	O NC CN CO ₂ Et
Entry	Solvent	Time (h)	D. r. ^{<i>b</i>}	Yield $(\%)^c$
1	MeCN	15	3:1	79
2	DCM	12	2:1	81
3	THF	15	2:1	92
4	toluene	24	2:1	89
5	EtOH	10	2:1	85
6	H ₂ O	5	2:1	98

Table S1. Optimization of the cyclopropanation of alkene 1m and 3-diazooxindole $2a^a$

^{*a*} Reactions were performed with 0.15 mmol of **1m** and 0.1 mmol of **2a**, in 1 mL solvent at room temperature. ^{*b*} Determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. ^{*c*} Isolated yields of the two diastereoisomers.

Ph CO ₂ Et	+	N ₂ N Me	Ne Notent RT	O CO ₂ Et O Ph
6a	2a			5a'
Entry	Solvent	Time (h)	D. r. ^{<i>b</i>}	Yield $(\%)^c$
1	MeCN	15	2:1	71
2	DCM	12	3:1	75
3	CHCl ₃	36	4:1	75
4	THF	15	4:1	82
5	toluene	24	5:1	86
6	H_2O	5	3:1	99

^{*a*} Reactions were performed with 0.15 mmol of **6a** and 0.1 mmol of **2a**, in 1 mL solvent at room temperature. ^{*b*} Determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. ^{*c*} Isolated yields of the two diastereoisomers.

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General procedure for the synthesis of cyclopropanes 3



A glass tube was charged with diene 1 (0.15 mmol) and 3-diazooxindole 2 (0.10 mmol) in water (1 mL). Unless otherwise noted, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Then the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 2), and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1 to 3/1) to afford the corresponding cyclopropane **3a–3aa** in 62%–99% yields.

Gram-scale synthesis of cyclopropane 3a

A 50 mL flask was charged with diene **1a** (1.89 g, 7.5 mmol) and 3-diazooxindole **2a** (0.87 g, 5.0 mmol) in water (30 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 5 hours, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL \times 3). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1 to 3/1) to afford the corresponding cyclopropane **3a** (1.69 g) in 85% yield.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 3a



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3a** (39.3 mg, m. p. = 166 - 172 °C) in 99% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3a**:

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.75 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.6, 170.2, 165.0, 144.7, 135.4, 132.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 123.7, 122.6, 122.5, 113.0, 112.2, 108.8, 90.6, 63.7, 45.5, 44.0, 26.8, 25.7, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for C₂₄H₁₉N₃O₃Na⁺: 420.1319, found: 420.1320.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-(4-fluorophenyl)vinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3b



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3b** (37.8 mg, m. p. = 175 - 182 °C) in 91% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3b**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 171.5, 169.1, 164.9, 164.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 252.9$ Hz), 144.7, 131.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 130.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.6$ Hz), 129.3, 123.6, 116.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.1$ Hz), 116.5, 116.4, 113.0, 112.1, 108.8, 90.6, 63.8, 45.4, 44.2, 26.8, 25.7, 14.1.

¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -105.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}FN_3O_3Na^+$: 438.1224, found: 438.1227.

ethyl-2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-dicyanovinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3c



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3c** (36.7 mg, m. p. = 168 - 171 °C) in 85% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3c**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.5, 169.1, 164.8, 144.7, 138.4, 133.7, 129.8, 129.4, 129.3, 123.5, 122.7, 122.6, 112.8, 112.0, 108.9, 90.9, 63.9, 45.2, 44.2, 26.8, 25.7, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{35}ClN_3O_3Na^+$: 454.0929, found: 454.0925; calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{37}ClN_3O_3Na^+$: 456.0899, found: 456.0903.

ethyl-2-(1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2-dicyanovinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3d



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3d** (43.8 mg, m. p. = 173 - 175 °C) in 92% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3d**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.5, 169.2, 164.8, 144.7, 134.2, 132.4, 129.9, 129.3, 126.9, 123.5, 122.7, 122.6, 112.8, 112.0, 108.8, 90.9, 63.9, 45.2, 44.3, 26.8, 25.7, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{79}BrN_3O_3Na^+$: 498.0424, found: 498.0426; calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{81}BrN_3O_3Na^+$: 500.0403, found: 500.0399.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-(p-tolyl)vinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 3e



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3e** (39.9 mg, m. p. = 172 - 175 °C) in 97% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3e**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 – 4.23 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.69 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.6, 170.1, 165.1, 144.7, 143.0, 132.6, 129.7, 129.2, 128.5, 123.8, 122.6, 122.4, 113.3, 112.4, 108.7, 89.5, 63.7, 45.5, 43.8, 26.8, 25.8, 21.6, 14.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₃Na⁺: 434.1475, found: 434.1472. ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 3f



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3f** (38.0 mg, m. p. = 132 - 135 °C) in 89% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3f**:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.77 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.6, 169.2, 165.2, 162.8, 144.7, 130.8, 129.1, 127.6, 123.8, 122.5, 122.4, 114.4, 113.8, 112.7, 108.7, 87.8, 63.6, 55.6, 45.4, 43.7, 26.7, 25.9, 14.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₄Na⁺: 450.1424, found: 450.1427.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-(o-tolyl)vinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 3g



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford a mixture of diastereoisomers (34.9 mg, 85% yield, yellow solid, m. p. = 169 - 175 °C), which cannot be separated by column chromatography. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. *NMR and HRMS data for the product* **3**g:

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.78 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.67 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.76 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.1, 171.4, 164.6, 144.6, 135.4, 134.5, 131.1, 131.02, 131.00, 129.3, 126.4, 123.6, 122.5, 122.4, 112.3, 111.8, 108.8, 94.7, 63.6, 45.9, 44.3, 26.8, 23.9, 20.1, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₃Na⁺: 434.1475, found: 434.1476.

ethyl-2-(1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2,2-dicyanovinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3h



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3h** (39.7 mg, m. p. = 176 - 180 °C) in 92% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3h**:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.55 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.75 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.5, 168.9, 164.6, 144.7, 137.0, 135.1, 131.8, 130.4, 129.3, 127.9, 126.6, 123.5, 122.8, 122.6, 112.4, 111.8, 108.8, 91.9, 63.9, 45.2, 44.3, 26.8, 25.6, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{Na}]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{35}ClN_3O_3Na^+$: 454.0929, found: 454.0924; calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{37}ClN_3O_3Na^+$: 456.0899, found: 456.0906.

ethyl-2-(1-(3-bromophenyl)-2,2-dicyanovinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3i



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3i** (39.5 mg, m. p. = 182 - 187 °C) in 83% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3i**:

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.71 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.75 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.5, 168.7, 164.6, 144.7, 137.3, 134.8, 130.7, 130.6, 129.3, 127.1, 123.5, 123.0, 122.8, 122.6, 112.4, 111.8, 108.8, 92.0, 63.9, 45.2, 44.3, 26.8, 25.6, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{Na}]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{79}BrN_3O_3Na^+$: 498.0424, found: 498.0429; calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{81}BrN_3O_3Na^+$: 500.0403, found: 500.0407.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-(m-tolyl)vinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 3j



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3j** (40.3 mg, m. p. = 177 - 179 °C) in 98% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3j**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.75 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.70 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.6, 170.3, 165.0, 144.7, 138.9, 135.4, 132.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 125.5, 123.8, 122.6, 122.5, 113.1, 112.3, 108.7, 90.4, 63.7, 45.5, 43.9, 26.8, 25.7, 21.4, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [**M** + **Na**]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₃Na⁺: 434.1475, found: 434.1476.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3k



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3k** (42.3 mg, m. p. = 163 - 168 °C) in 99% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3k**:

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.42 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.75 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.6, 170.0, 164.9, 159.7, 144.7, 136.6, 130.2, 129.2, 123.7, 122.6, 122.5, 120.5, 117.9, 113.6, 113.0, 112.2, 108.7, 90.8, 63.7, 55.6, 45.5, 43.9, 26.8, 25.7, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₄Na⁺: 450.1424, found: 450.1426.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3l



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3l** (42.5 mg, m. p. = 193 - 194 °C) in 95% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 31:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.79 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.6, 170.1, 165.1, 144.7, 134.6, 132.7, 132.5, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 124.0, 123.7, 122.6, 122.5, 113.2, 112.4, 108.8, 90.5, 63.8, 45.6, 44.0, 26.8, 25.8, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₁N₃O₃Na⁺: 470.1475, found: 470.1477.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-(thiophen-2-yl)vinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3m



Prepared according to the general procedure except the reaction time for 5 hours. A mixture of diastereoisomers (39.5 mg, 98% yield, yellow solid, m. p. = 128 - 133 °C) were obtained, which cannot be separated by column chromatography. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 2:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3m**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.99 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.93 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.6, 164.9, 159.2, 144.8, 137.8, 134.4, 134.2, 129.2, 128.8, 122.7, 122.5, 122.4, 114.0, 112.7, 108.8, 85.1, 63.7, 45.5, 42.3, 27.0, 26.8, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{22}H_{17}N_3O_3SNa^+$: 426.0883, found: 426.0880.

methyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 3n



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3n** (35.2 mg, m. p. = 174 - 178 °C) in 92% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3n**:

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.5, 170.0, 165.7, 144.7, 135.3, 132.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 123.7, 122.6, 113.0, 112.1, 108.8, 90.7, 54.3, 45.3, 44.1, 26.8, 26.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for C₂₃H₁₇N₃O₃Na⁺: 406.1162, found: 406.1164.

tert-butyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 30



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3o** (38.3 mg, m. p. = 178 - 180 °C) in 90% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **30**:

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.69 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.7, 170.8, 163.4, 144.7, 135.7, 131.9, 129.12, 129.06, 128.2, 123.8, 122.7, 122.2, 113.1, 112.4, 108.7, 90.4, 85.3, 46.5, 43.5, 27.8, 26.8, 25.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for C₂₆H₂₃N₃O₃Na⁺: 449.1632, found: 448.1630. ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-5'-fluoro-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3p



Prepared according to the general procedure except the reaction time for 24 hours, to afford **3p** (31.1 mg, m. p. = 131 - 135 °C) in 75% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3p**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.63 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.50 – 4.27 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.3, 170.1, 164.8, 159.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 238.4$ Hz), 140.7, 135.2, 132.1, 129.0, 128.3, 125.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.6$ Hz), 115.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.0$ Hz), 112.8, 112.2, 111.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 25.8$ Hz), 109.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.2$ Hz), 90.6, 64.0, 45.6, 44.0, 26.9, 26.1, 14.0. ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -119.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}FN_3O_3Na^+$: 438.1224, found: 438.1223.

ethyl-5'-chloro-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3q



Prepared according to the general procedure except the reaction time for 36 hours, to afford **3q** (29.4 mg, m. p. = 169 - 175 °C) in 68% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3q**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.61 – 7.50 (m, 5H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.49 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.71

(d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.2, 169.9, 164.8, 143.3, 135.2, 132.1, 129.1, 128.3, 128.1, 125.4, 123.4, 112.8, 112.2, 109.6, 90.7, 64.1, 45.7, 43.7, 26.9, 26.0, 14.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₄H₁₈³⁵ClN₃O₃Na⁺: 454.0929, found: 454.0935; calculated for C₂₄H₁₈³⁷ClN₃O₃Na⁺: 456.0899, found: 456.0910.

ethyl-5'-bromo-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3r



Prepared according to the general procedure except the reaction time for 36 hours, to afford **3r** (29.5 mg, m. p. = 171 - 176 °C) in 62% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3r**:

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.62 – 7.46 (m, 7H), 6.82 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.51 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.74 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.1, 169.9, 164.8, 143.7, 135.2, 132.1, 132.0, 129.1, 128.3, 126.0, 125.7, 115.3, 112.8, 112.2, 110.1, 90.7, 64.1, 45.7, 43.5, 26.9, 26.0, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{79}BrN_3O_3Na^+$: 498.0424, found: 498.0426; calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{81}BrN_3O_3Na^+$: 500.0403, found: 500.0431.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1',5'-dimethyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 3s



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3s** (40.7 mg, m. p. = 150 - 153 °C) in 99% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 3s:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.60 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.71 (d, J = 5.4 Hz,

1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.66 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.5, 170.4, 165.0, 142.4, 135.4, 132.0, 131.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 123.7, 123.3, 113.0, 112.2, 108.5, 90.6, 63.7, 45.4, 44.1, 26.8, 25.7, 21.2, 14.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₃Na⁺: 434.1475, found: 434.1478.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-5'-methoxy-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3t



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3t** (42.3 mg, m. p. = 124 - 126 °C) in 99% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3t**:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.59 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.71 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.2, 170.4, 164.9, 155.8, 138.2, 135.4, 131.9, 129.0, 128.3, 125.0, 113.5, 113.0, 112.2, 110.3, 109.0, 90.6, 63.8, 55.8, 45.4, 44.2, 26.8, 25.9, 14.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₄Na⁺: 450.1424, found: 450.1427.

ethyl-4'-bromo-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3u



Prepared according to the general procedure except the reaction time for 24 hours, to afford **3u** (36.2 mg, m. p. = 146 - 151 °C) in 76% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3u**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.97 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.41 – 4.21 (m, 2H), 3.37 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.2, 171.1, 165.9, 146.7, 135.3, 132.1, 130.0, 129.5, 128.8, 127.1, 122.4, 117.9, 113.1, 111.7, 108.2, 88.4, 63.8, 44.9, 43.6, 26.9, 21.5, 13.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₄H₁₈⁷⁹BrN₃O₃Na⁺: 498.0424, found: 498.0420; calculated for C₂₄H₁₈⁸¹BrN₃O₃Na⁺: 500.0403, found: 500.0411.

ethyl-6'-bromo-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3v



Prepared according to the general procedure except the reaction time for 36 hours, to afford 3v (45.7 mg, m. p. = 179 – 185 °C) in 96% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3v**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.61 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 4.44 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.74 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.4, 169.9, 164.8, 145.9, 135.2, 132.0, 129.0, 128.3, 125.3, 124.1, 123.1, 122.6, 112.8, 112.3, 112.2, 90.7, 63.9, 45.6, 43.7, 26.9, 25.9, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{Na}]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{79}BrN_3O_3Na^+$: 498.0424, found: 498.0428; calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{81}BrN_3O_3Na^+$: 500.0403, found: 500.0409.

ethyl-7'-chloro-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3w



Prepared according to the general procedure except the reaction time for 36 hours, to afford **3w** (36.3 mg, m. p. = 190 - 192 °C) in 84% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3w**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.59 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.23 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.73 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.0, 169.7, 164.7, 140.6, 135.3, 132.1, 131.6, 129.1, 128.4, 126.5, 123.1, 120.9, 116.3, 112.9, 112.2, 90.7, 63.9, 46.3, 43.4, 30.4, 26.1, 14.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{35}ClN_3O_3Na^+$: 454.0929, found: 454.0931; calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}^{37}ClN_3O_3Na^+$: 456.0899, found: 456.0908.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1',7'-dimethyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 3x



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford 3x (37.0 mg, m. p. = 184 – 187 °C) in 90% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3x**:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 – 4.21 (m, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.69 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.66 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.4, 170.2, 164.9, 142.6, 135.5, 133.1, 131.9, 129.0, 128.4, 124.3, 122.3, 120.5, 120.1, 113.1, 112.2, 90.5, 63.7, 46.0, 43.6, 30.3, 25.7, 19.2, 14.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₃Na⁺: 434.1475, found: 434.1478.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1'-ethyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 3y



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3y** (38.2 mg, m. p. = 142 - 145 °C) in 93% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3y**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.60 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1H), 4.44 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 3.96 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 2.74 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.2, 170.4, 165.0, 143.8, 135.4, 131.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 124.0, 122.9, 122.3, 113.0, 112.3, 108.8, 90.5, 63.7, 45.4, 44.1, 35.5, 26.1, 14.1, 12.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₃Na⁺: 434.1475, found: 434.1483.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1'-(methoxymethyl)-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'indoline]-2-carboxylate 3z



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford 3z (38.0 mg, m. p. = 118 – 121 °C) in 89% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3z**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.60 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.78 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.6, 170.1, 164.8, 143.2, 135.3, 132.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.4, 123.4, 123.1, 122.7, 112.9, 112.4, 110.3, 90.6, 72.5, 63.9, 56.8, 45.9, 44.0, 26.5, 14.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₄Na⁺: 450.1424, found: 450.1428.

ethyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 3aa



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **3aa** (33.3 mg, m. p. = 176 - 180 °C) in 87% yield as yellow solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **3aa**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.51 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 2.76 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 172.9, 170.1, 164.9, 141.6, 135.3, 132.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 124.3, 123.2, 122.6, 112.9, 112.3, 110.3, 90.7, 63.8, 45.6, 44.2, 26.3, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{23}H_{17}N_3O_3Na^+$: 406.1162, found: 406.1166.

4. Synthetic Transformation of Cyclopropane 3a

4.1 Procedure for the vinylcyclopropane-cyclopentene rearrangement



A glass tube was charged with vinylcyclopropane **3a** (39.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), PCy₃ (28.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiCl (12.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) in DCE (1 mL) under argon atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 8 hours, and then cooled to room temperature. The mixture was then directly purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1 to 5/1) to provide the cyclopentene **4** (26.6 mg, 67% yield) as brown semisolid, which was dried under vacuum and further analyzed by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, HRMS, *etc*.

ethyl-2,2-dicyano-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,3'-indolin]-3-ene-4carboxylate 4



Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **4** (26.6 mg) in 67% yield as brown semisolid.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 4:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.04 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 173.2, 162.5, 143.6, 143.1, 135.9, 131.1, 130.8, 130.0, 128.5, 128.4, 124.6, 124.5, 123.7, 111.6, 111.0, 109.2, 61.4, 57.8, 53.7, 41.3, 26.8, 13.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₄H₁₉N₃O₃Na⁺: 420.1319, found: 420.1318.

4.2 General procedure for the hydrolysis of product 3



A glass tube was charged with cyclopropane 3 (0.1 mmol), triethylamine (30.4 mg, 0.3

mmol) in *i*-PrOH/H₂O (2 mL, 3:1 (v/v)). The mixture was stirred at 75 °C for 12 hour. Then the mixture was added with water (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL × 2). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1 to 5/1) to provide the *cis*-cyclopropane **5a-5d**, in 62%-43% yields as solid or semisolid, which was dried under vacuum and further analyzed by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, HRMS, *etc*.

ethyl-2-benzoyl-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 5a



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **5a** (21.6 mg) in 62% yield as colorless semisolid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. *NMR and HRMS data for the product* **5a**:

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.81 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 – 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.72 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.4, 172.3, 166.5, 144.7, 136.2, 133.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 124.4, 123.4, 122.3, 108.3, 62.4, 47.8, 38.8, 26.5, 24.6, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{19}NO_4Na^+$: 372.1206, found: 372.1205.

ethyl-1'-methyl-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 5b



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **5b** (17.4 mg) in 48% yield as colorless semisolid. The diastereometic ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. *NMR and HRMS data for the product* **5b**:

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.03 (m, 2H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 2.71 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s,

3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.0, 172.4, 166.6, 144.8, 144.0, 133.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 124.5, 123.3, 122.3, 108.2, 62.4, 48.0, 38.7, 26.6, 24.7, 21.7, 13.9.
HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₂₁NO₄Na⁺: 386.1363, found: 386.1360.

ethyl-2-(2-naphthoyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 5c



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **5c** (17.2 mg, m. p. = 146 - 150 °C) in 43% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **5c**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.91 – 7.80 (m, 5H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.5, 172.4, 166.5, 144.8, 135.6, 133.7, 132.3, 130.5, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 126.6, 124.4, 124.3, 123.4, 122.4, 108.3, 62.5, 48.0, 39.0, 26.5, 24.6, 13.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{25}H_{21}NO_4Na^+$: 422.1363, found: 422.1370.

ethyl-2-benzoyl-1',7'-dimethyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 5d



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **5d** (18.9 mg) in 52% yield as pure yellow semisolid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **5d**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 2.70 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.5, 173.3, 166.2, 142.6, 136.3, 133.1, 132.4, 128.8, 128.3, 125.0, 122.1, 120.8, 120.0, 62.4, 48.4, 38.4, 30.1, 24.8, 19.2, 13.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₂₁NO₄Na⁺: 386.1363, found: 386.1366.

5. General Procedure for the Preparation of Cyclopropanes 5'

Proceduer A: the "on water" cyclopropanation of 3-diazooxindoles 2 with alkenes 6



A glass tube was charged with alkene **6** (0.15 mmol) and 3-diazooxindole **2** (0.10 mmol) in water (1 mL). Unless otherwise noted, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. Then the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 2), and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1 to 3/1) to afford the corresponding cyclopropane **5a'-5l'** in 83–99% yields.

Proceduer B: the cyclopropanation of 3-diazooxindoles 2 with alkenes 6 in toluene



A glass tube was charged with alkenes 6 (0.15 mmol) and 3-diazooxindole 2 (0.10 mmol) in toluene (1 mL). Unless otherwise noted, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. Unless otherwise noted, when the reaction was completed (by TLC), the mixture was directly purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1 to 3/1) to afford the corresponding cyclopropane **5a'-5l'** in 71–89% yields.

ethyl-2-benzoyl-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 5a'



Prepared according to the general procedure A to afford the diastereoisomers (34.6 mg) in 99% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B to afford the diastereoisomers (30.0 mg) in 86% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **5a'** was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 153 - 158 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **5a'**:

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.85 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.21 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.67 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.7, 172.7, 165.2, 144.0, 135.5, 133.8, 130.1, 128.18, 128.16, 125.1, 122.2, 121.3, 108.4, 62.4, 50.0, 36.7, 26.8, 23.7, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{19}NO_4Na^+$: 372.1206, found: 372.1210.

ethyl-2-(4-bromobenzoyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 5b'



Prepared according to the general procedure A to afford the diastereoisomers (39.8 mg) in 93% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 4:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B to afford the diastereoisomers (35.1 mg) in 82% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **5b**' was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 179 - 181 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **5b'**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.64 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 190.0, 172.3, 164.9, 143.8, 134.1, 131.6, 131.4, 129.1, 128.4, 124.7, 122.3, 121.0, 108.5, 62.5, 49.9, 36.7, 26.9, 23.2, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}^{79}BrNO_4Na^+$: 450.0311, found: 450.0312; calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}^{81}BrNO_4Na^+$: 452.0291, found: 452.0296.

ethyl-1'-methyl-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 5c'



Prepared according to the general procedure A to afford the diastereoisomers (34.5 mg) in 95% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 4:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B to afford the diastereoisomers (29.0 mg) in 80% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **5c'** was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 141 - 144 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 5c':

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24 - 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.0, 172.6, 165.2, 144.8, 143.9, 132.8, 130.3, 128.9, 128.1, 125.2, 122.1, 121.3, 108.3, 62.3, 49.9, 36.5, 26.8, 23.9, 21.7, 13.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{22}H_{21}NO_4Na^+$: 386.1363, found: 386.1371.

ethyl-2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 5d'



Prepared according to the general procedure A to afford the diastereoisomers (37.1 mg) in 98% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B to afford the diastereoisomers (33.4 mg) in 88% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **5d**' was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 128 - 132 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **5d'**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.88 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.76 (m, 3H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s,

3H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.64 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 188.6, 172.7, 165.3, 164.0, 143.8, 132.7, 128.2, 128.0, 125.3, 122.1, 121.3, 113.4, 108.3, 62.3, 55.4, 49.8, 36.3, 26.8, 24.0, 13.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₂₁NO₅Na⁺: 402.1312, found: 402.1315.

ethyl-2-(3-methoxybenzoyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 5e'



Prepared according to the general procedure A to afford the diastereoisomers (33.7 mg) in 89% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 4:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B to afford the diastereoisomers (32.2 mg) in 85% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **5e**' was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 148 - 151 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 5e':

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.48 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.22 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.68 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.2, 172.5, 165.0, 159.3, 143.9, 136.6, 129.2, 128.2, 125.2, 122.9, 122.2, 121.4, 120.8, 113.6, 108.3, 62.4, 55.2, 50.0, 36.6, 26.8, 23.9, 13.9.
HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₂₁NO₅Na⁺: 402.1312, found: 402.1316.

ethyl-2-(2-naphthoyl)-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 5f'



Prepared according to the general procedure A to afford the diastereoisomers (38.3 mg) in 96% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B to afford the diastereoisomers (31.1 mg) in 78% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude

¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **5f'** was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 165 - 169 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **5f**':

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.22 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 2.75 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.3, 172.6, 165.2, 143.9, 135.7, 132.7, 132.0, 129.9, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 126.7, 125.1, 125.0, 122.2, 121.4, 108.3, 62.4, 50.1, 36.7, 26.9, 23.9, 13.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{25}H_{21}NO_4Na^+$: 422.1363, found: 422.1359.

ethyl-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-2-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 5g'



Prepared according to the general procedure A to afford the diastereoisomers (34.8 mg) in 98% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 2:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B to afford the diastereoisomers (25.2 mg) in 71% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. A mixture of diastereoisomers (m. p. = 128 - 132 °C) cannot be separated by column chromatography.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 5g':

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.77 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.29 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.64 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 182.4, 172.6, 165.0, 143.8, 142.2, 136.4, 135.5, 128.2, 128.1, 125.1, 122.1, 121.1, 108.3, 62.5, 50.3, 36.2, 26.8, 23.9, 13.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{19}H_{17}NO_4SNa^+$: 378.0770, found: 378.0772.

ethyl-2-benzoyl-5'-fluoro-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 5h'



Prepared according to the general procedure A except the reaction time for 24 hours, to afford the diastereoisomers (30.5 mg) in 83% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B except the reaction time for 48 hours, to afford the diastereoisomers (27.9 mg) in 76% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **5h**' was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 190 - 192 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 5h':

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.22 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.69 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.1, 172.3, 164.9, 158.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 238.4$ Hz), 139.9, 135.2, 133.9, 128.3, 126.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.7$ Hz), 114.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.0$ Hz), 109.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 25.8$ Hz), 108.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.6$ Hz), 62.5, 50.2, 36.7, 27.0, 24.3, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -120.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}FNO_4Na^+$: 390.1112, found: 390.1113.

ethyl-2-benzoyl-1',5'-dimethyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 5i'



Prepared according to the general procedure A to afford the diastereoisomers (33.4 mg) in 92% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B to afford the diastereoisomers (29.8 mg) in 82% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude

¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **5i'** was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 169 - 172 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 5i':

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.85 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 4.23 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.64 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 190.7, 172.5, 165.1, 141.6, 135.5, 133.6, 131.7, 130.1, 128.5, 128.1, 125.1, 122.1, 108.1, 62.3, 49.9, 36.7, 26.9, 23.6, 21.0, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₂₁NO₄Na⁺: 386.1363, found: 386.1365.

ethyl-2-benzoyl-1',7'-dimethyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 5j'



Prepared according to the general procedure A to afford the diastereoisomers (33.8 mg) in 93% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B to afford the diastereoisomers (31.6 mg) in 87% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **5j**' was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 156 - 159 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 5j':

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.23 - 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.6, 173.3, 165.1, 141.7, 135.4, 133.7, 131.9, 130.1, 128.2, 125.6, 122.0, 120.0, 119.2, 62.4, 50.3, 36.4, 30.2, 24.1, 19.1, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{22}H_{21}NO_4Na^+$: 386.1363, found: 386.1364.

ethyl-2-benzoyl-1'-ethyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate 5k'



Prepared according to the general procedure A to afford the diastereoisomers (35.9 mg) in 99% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B to afford the diastereoisomers (32.3 mg) in 89% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **5**k' was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 95 - 99 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **5k'**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.83 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.19 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.93 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 2.68 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.7, 172.1, 165.1, 142.9, 135.4, 133.6, 130.1, 128.12, 128.08, 125.3, 121.9, 121.5, 108.4, 62.3, 50.1, 36.7, 35.3, 23.5, 13.8, 12.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₂₁NO₄Na⁺: 386.1363, found: 386.1367.

ethyl-2-benzoyl-1'-(methoxymethyl)-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2carboxylate 5l'



Prepared according to the general procedure A to afford the diastereoisomers (35.6 mg) in 94% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. Prepared according to the general procedure B to afford the diastereoisomers (29.2 mg) in 77% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **5**l' was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 89 - 94 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 51':

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 6.6

Hz, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 2.70 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 190.3, 173.3, 165.0, 142.1, 135.3, 133.7, 130.0, 128.3, 128.1, 124.6, 122.7, 121.4, 109.8, 71.6, 62.4, 56.3, 50.5, 36.8, 23.7, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{22}H_{21}NO_5Na^+$: 402.1312, found: 402.1317.

6. The On-Water Reacton with Other Kinds of Diazo Compounds and Alkenes

6.1 General procedure for the cyclopropanation of alkene 1 and other diazo compounds 7



A glass tube was charged with diene 1 (0.15 mmol) and diazo compound 7 (0.10 mmol) in water (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 5 to 12 hours the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 2). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1 to 6/1) to afford the corresponding vinylcyclopropane **8a–8e** in 37–85% yields.

diethyl-1-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1,2-dicarboxylate 8a



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **8a** (24.7 mg) in 60% yield as colorless semisolid. The diastereometic ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. *NMR and HRMS data for the product* **8a**:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.45 – 4.30 (m, 2H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.99 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.9, 167.8, 167.6, 135.1, 131.6, 131.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 127.8, 112.6, 112.5, 91.9, 63.2, 62.1, 47.6, 40.9, 26.2, 14.0, 13.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₂N₂O₄Na⁺: 437.1472, found: 437.1475.

diethyl-1-benzyl-2-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)cyclopropane-1,2-dicarboxylate 8b



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **8b** (36.4 mg) in 85% yield as colorless semisolid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. *NMR and HRMS data for the product* **8b**:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.16

(m, 5H), 4.50 – 4.31 (m, 2H), 4.03 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.06 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 1.20 – 0.99 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 173.1, 169.4, 166.8, 138.4, 134.9, 132.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 126.5, 112.9, 112.6, 89.6, 63.5, 62.2, 44.1, 41.7, 32.3, 27.1, 14.1, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₂₄N₂O₄Na⁺: 451.1628, found: 451.1625.

diethyl-1-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)cyclopropane-1,2-dicarboxylate 8c



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **8c** (19.6 mg) in 58% yield as colorless oil. The diastereometric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 8c:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 4.40 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.6, 167.2, 167.1, 134.0, 132.9, 129.1, 129.0, 112.8, 111.9, 89.2, 63.1, 61.7, 36.6, 32.5, 22.6, 14.0, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{19}H_{18}N_2O_4Na^+$: 361.1159, found: 361.1166.

diethyl-1-(2,2-dicyano-1-(4-fluorophenyl)vinyl)cyclopropane-1,2-dicarboxylate 8d



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **8d** (17.1 mg) in 48% yield as pure yellow oil. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. *NMR and HRMS data for the product* **8d**:

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.82 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.35 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 2.51 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (dd, J = 9.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm):

171.1, 167.1, 167.0, 165.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 255.6$ Hz), 131.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.6$ Hz), 130.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.9$ Hz), 116.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.5$ Hz), 112.8, 111.8, 88.9, 63.2, 61.8, 36.5, 32.4, 22.7, 14.04, 14.02.

¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -103.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{19}H_{17}FN_2O_4Na^+$: 379.1065, found: 379.1063.

diethyl-1-(1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2,2-dicyanovinyl)cyclopropane-1,2-dicarboxylate 8e



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **8e** (13.8 mg) in 37% yield as yellow oil. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be >19:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 8e:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.36 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 170.9, 166.9, 166.8, 135.6, 135.5, 132.7, 130.4, 129.0, 127.0, 112.3, 111.5, 90.5, 63.2, 61.9, 36.4, 32.5, 22.7, 14.1, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{Na}]^+$ calculated for $C_{19}H_{17}^{35}ClN_2O_4Na^+$: 395.0769, found: 395.0772; calculated for $C_{19}H_{17}^{35}ClN_2O_4Na^+$: 397.0740, found: 397.0746.

6.2 General Procedure for the cyclopropanation of other alkene 9 and 3-diazooxindole 2a



A glass tube was charged with other alkenes **9** (0.15 mmol) and 3-diazooxindole **2a** (17.3 mg, 0.10 mmol) in water (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 5 hours, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 2). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1 to 6/1) to afford the corresponding cyclopropane **10a-10c** in 96%-99% yields.

dimethyl-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarboxylate 10a



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford 10a (27.7 mg, m. p. = 149-150 °C) in 96% yield as white solid.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **10a**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³**C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 172.5, 166.0, 165.8, 144.7, 128.5, 124.3, 123.1, 122.3, 108.3, 53.3, 53.1, 45.3, 38.0, 26.7, 24.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{15}H_{15}NO_5Na^+$: 312.0842, found: 312.0852.

di-tert-butyl-1'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarboxylate 10b



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **10b** (36.9 mg, m. p. = 127-130 °C) in 99% yield as white solid.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **10b**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.38 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.8, 164.8, 164.30, 144.8, 128.0, 125.0, 123.2, 121.8, 107.9, 83.2, 81.9, 47.3, 37.5, 28.0, 27.8, 26.5, 24.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{27}NO_5Na^+$: 369.1781, found: 396.1783.

2-benzoyl-1'-methylspiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one 10c



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford the diastereoisomers (27.4 mg) in 99% yield as white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis.

The desired major isomer **10c** was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (m. p. = 140-141 °C) for further ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS analysis.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **10c**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 193.5, 174.9, 143.9, 137.2, 133.4, 128.6, 128.3, 127.6, 125.6, 122.4, 122.3, 108.0, 36.4, 36.0, 26.8, 20.5.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{18}H_{15}NO_2Na^+$: 300.0995, found: 300.1002.
6.3 The cyclopropanation of alkene 6a and diazo compounds 7a

As shown in Table S3, 2-benzoylacrylate **6a** could rapidly react with α -phenyl diazoacetate **7a** by using water as the solvent, to afford moderate yield and poor diastereoselectivity, while worse results were observed in the reaction using organic solvents.

Ph	+ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$	$rac{solvent}{t}$ solvent EtO ₂ C	Bz Ph CO ₂ Et
6a	7a		12a
Entry	Solvent	D. r. ^{<i>b</i>}	Yield (%) ^c
1	H ₂ O	1:1	48
2	MeCN	1:1	5
3	DCM	1:1	8
4	CHCl ₃	1:1	12
5	THF	1:1	10
6	toluene	1:1	22

Table S3. Optimization of the cyclopropanation of alkene 6a and diazo compounds $7a^{a}$

^{*a*} Reactions were performed with 0.15 mmol of **6a** and 0.1 mmol of **7a**, in 1 mL solvent at room temperature for 3 hours. ^{*b*} Determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. ^{*c*} Isolated yields of **12a**.

diethyl 1-benzoyl-2-phenylcyclopropane-1,2-dicarboxylate 12a



A glass tube was charged with other alkenes **6a** (0.15 mmol) and diazo compounds **7a** (0.10 mmol) in water (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 3 hours, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 2). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1 to 10/1) to afford the corresponding cyclopropane **12a** (17.6 mg) in 48% yields as colorless oil. The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 1:1 by crude ¹H NMR analysis. The two diastereoisomers cannot be separated by column chromatography, so

the following spectra of NMR and HRMS were referred to the isomer mixture *NMR and HRMS data for the product* **12a**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.17 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 4.05 – 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.90 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 2.70 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 191.5, 190.9, 169.7, 169.6, 168.9, 166.7, 137.1, 136.1, 134.6, 133.3, 133.0, 131.8, 130.5, 129.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 128.03, 128.00, 127.96, 62.04, 61.97, 61.9, 61.7, 46.1, 44.6, 43.8, 41.8, 23.3, 21.4, 14.0, 13.7, 13.60, 13.56. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₂₂O₅Na⁺: 389.1359, found: 389.1353.

6.4 General procedure for the cyclization of other diazo compounds and other alkenes

However, under the standard conditions, the reactions involving reactants containing a α -H atom, such as alkenes (**11a** and **11b**) or diazo species (**7c** or **7d**), proceeded through a classic [3+2] pathway (for example, see: *Org. Biomol. Chem.* 2016, **14**, 8486–8492). In the previous synthesis, such reactions were always performed in the presence of catalysts or pushed by high temperature, so this transformation "on water" might be meaningful for green chemistry.



General Procedure: A glass tube was charged with other alkenes **6a**, **9b** or **11** (0.15 mmol) and diazo compounds **7** (0.10 mmol) in water (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 3 to 12 hours, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 2). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1 to 10/1) to afford the corresponding cyclopropane **13a-13f** in 50%-99% yields.

diethyl 5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-3,5-dicarboxylate 13a



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **13a** (15.4 mg) in 53% yield as colorless oil.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 13a:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.24 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 4.02 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.4, 161.9, 142.7, 139.3, 128.8, 128.2, 125.5, 75.7, 62.6, 61.3, 42.3, 14.2, 13.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{15}H_{18}N_2O_4Na^+$: 313.1159, found: 313.1160.

ethyl 3-cyano-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate 13b



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **13b** (12.2 mg) in 50% yield as colorless oil.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 13b:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 4.29 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 3.95 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.5, 138.1, 129.1, 128.7, 125.3, 123.9, 113.7, 75.4, 63.0, 44.2, 13.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₁₃N₃O₂Na⁺: 266.0900, found: 266.0904.

diethyl 5-benzoyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-3,5-dicarboxylate 13c



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **13c** (16.9 mg) in 53% yield as colorless oil.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 13c:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49

(t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 4.29 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 192.5, 168.7, 161.5, 143.4, 134.3, 131.7, 129.2, 129.0, 78.6, 63.1, 61.6, 39.4, 14.2, 13.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{16}H_{18}N_2O_5Na^+$: 341.1108, found: 341.1112.

3,3-di-tert-butyl 5-ethyl 2,4-dihydro-3H-pyrazole-3,3,5-tricarboxylate 13d



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **13d** (33.2 mg) in 97% yield as colorless oil.

NMR and HRMS data for the product 13d:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 6.96 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 1.47 (s, 18H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 167.1, 161.7, 142.7, 83.7, 76.2, 61.5, 38.4, 27.7, 14.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₂₆N₂O₆Na⁺: 365.1683, found: 365.1687.

diethyl 4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-3,5-dicarboxylate 13e



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **13e** (21.2 mg) in 99% yield as colorless oil.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **13e**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 6.70 (s, 1H), 4.44 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 6.6, Hz, 3H), .

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.5, 161.9, 142.9, 62.1, 61.3, 61.3, 34.7, 14.2, 14.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₉H₁₄N₂O₄Na⁺: 237.0846, found: 237.0849.

di-tert-butyl 5-benzoyl-2,4-dihydro-3H-pyrazole-3,3-dicarboxylate 13f



Prepared according to the general procedure to afford **13f** (20.6 mg) in 55% yield as colorless oil.

NMR and HRMS data for the product **13f**:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 1.49 (s, 18H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 187.2, 167.2, 149.9, 136.5, 132.7, 130.1, 128.1, 83.7, 75.5, 38.5, 27.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₂₆N₂O₅Na⁺: 397.1734, found: 397.1736.

6.5 General procedure for the cyclopropanation of diphenyldiazomethane with alkenes



Benzophenone hydrazone (98.3 mg, 0.50 mmol), anhydrous MgSO₄ (43.8 mg), and 1.0 mL DCM was cooled to 0 °C. To this rapidly stirring mixture was added activated MnO₂ (152 mg, 0.70 mmol) in one portion. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and kept stirring for 1 h, the solid was filtered off and washed with DCM. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure quickly, 1.0 mL water and the alkene **9b** (22.8 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added. After another 16 h stirring, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 2). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40/1 to 30/1) to afford **15** (7.1 mg, m. p. = 132 – 135 °C) in 18% yield as white solid.

di-tert-butyl 2,2-diphenylcyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 15



NMR and HRMS data for the product 15:

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ (ppm): 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 2H), 1.21 (s, 18H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 166.4, 140.6, 129.3, 128.1, 126.9, 81.3, 45.8, 43.3, 27.6, 22.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{25}H_{30}O_4Na^+$: 417.2036, found: 417.2041.

7. Proposed Rationale for the Diastereoselectivity

As illustrated in the following scheme, the rationalization of the diastereoselectivity was reasonably proposed. Firstly, the nucleophilic addition of diazo substrate 2a to the electrondeficient terminal alkenes 1a or 6a gives the similar betaine species. The key step is the subsequent intramolecular substitution reaction, which would determine the diastereoselectivity and give the products with *trans* or *cis* configuration (*cis*-3a and *trans*-5a) shown in the following cartoons). When X was malononitrile moiety (1a), the steric hindrance between the bulky malononitrile and phenyl group on the oxindole framework makes the transition state (TS) I disfavored and hinders the trans-selective reaction pathway, thereby delivering the corresponding product *cis*-3a through the less sterically hindered TS II. On the other hand, when X was changed to an oxygen atom (6a), the impact of the steric hindrance on the key intermediate is significantly reduced so that the steric effect could no longer determine the stereoselectivity; instead, a π - π stacking interaction between the two phenyl moieties might stabilize the corresponding intermediate III, favoring the *trans*-selective reaction pathway to give the observed *trans*-5a` as the major cyclopropane product.



8. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for the Representative Product 3a and 5a'





Identification code	3a
Empirical formula	$C_{24}H_{19}N_3O_3$
Formula weight	397.42
Temperature/K	293.06(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
a/Å	13.6825(10)
b/Å	10.7919(5)
c/Å	14.7575(12)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90
β/°	108.476(8)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å ³	2066.8(3)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.277
µ/mm ⁻¹	0.697
F(000)	832.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.6 imes 0.5 imes 0.4
Radiation	$CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54184)$
2Θ range for data collection/°	10.35 to 145.394
Index ranges	$-16 \le h \le 14, -8 \le k \le 13, -17 \le l \le 18$
Reflections collected	11754
Independent reflections	$4039 [R_{int} = 0.0456, R_{sigma} = 0.0296]$
Data/restraints/parameters	4039/0/273
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.034
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0709, wR_2 = 0.1951$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0817, wR_2 = 0.2150$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.27/-0.39





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Identification code	5a'	
Empirical formula	$C_{21}H_{19}NO_4$	
Formula weight	349.37	
Temperature/K	295.3(4)	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	$P2_1/c$	
a/Å	7.5364(3)	
b/Å	20.5621(11)	
c/Å	11.4782(5)	
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90	
β/°	94.877(4)	
γ/°	90	
Volume/Å ³	1772.25(14)	
Z	4	
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.309	
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.742	
F(000)	736.0	
Crystal size/mm ³	0.4 imes 0.3 imes 0.2	
Radiation	$CuK\alpha (\lambda = 1.54184)$	
2\Overlap range for data collection/°	8.6 to 146.416	
Index ranges	$-9 \le h \le 5, -25 \le k \le 24, -14 \le l \le 13$	
Reflections collected	9024	
Independent reflections	3393 [$R_{int} = 0.0318$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0324$]	
Data/restraints/parameters	3393/0/258	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.025	
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0568, wR_2 = 0.1572$	
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0739, wR_2 = 0.1776$	
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.26/-0.19	

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10. NMR Spectra












































































































































































































































