## **Supporting Information**

# Cobalt(III)-catalyzed ketone-directed C–H vinylation using vinyl acetate

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#### **Experimental Section**

General: All reactions were carried out in an oven dried sealed tube. Unless otherwise stated, all solvents were dried by standard procedure: 1,2-dichloroethane was distilled over calcium hydride and 2,2,2-trifluro ethanol was directly used as received from commercial sources. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck pre-coated silica gel 60 F254 plates. Visualization on TLC was achieved under UV light (254 nm), exposure to iodine vapour or treatment with KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution followed by heating. Column chromatography was performed through silica gel (100-200 mesh) using a proper solvent system. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded by FTIR spectrometer and reported in terms of wave number (cm<sup>-1</sup>). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic data were recorded with a Bruker 400, 500 or 600 MHz NMR instruments. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were similarly recorded by using 101, 126 or 151 MHz NMR instruments applying a broadband decoupled mode. Proton and carbon NMR chemical shifts  $(\delta)$  are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to residual proton or carbon signals in CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $(\delta = 7.26, 77.16)$  and DMSO- $d_6$  ( $\delta = 2.50, 39.52$ ). Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz) and refer to apparent multiplicities. The following abbreviations are used for the multiplicities: s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, quint: quintet, dd: doublet of doublets, dt: doublet of triplets, ddd: doublet of doublet of doublets, tt: triplet of triplets, td: triplet of doublets, m: multiplet, br: broad. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded in ESI (+ Ve) method using a time-of-flight (TOF) mass analyzer. Other chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Starting materials [1b-j], [1t-1v] and 2a are commercially available. 1a, <sup>1a</sup> [1k-l], <sup>1b</sup> 1m, <sup>1c</sup> 1n, <sup>1d</sup> [1o-p], <sup>1e</sup> 1q, <sup>1f</sup>  $1w^{1g}$  and  $2b^{1h}$ were synthesized following literature procedure. Chalcones 4a,<sup>2a</sup> 4b,<sup>1d</sup> 4c,<sup>2b</sup> 4d,<sup>2c</sup> 4e,<sup>2d</sup> 4f,<sup>2e</sup> 4g<sup>2f</sup> and  $4h^{2g}$  were synthesized using corresponding acetophenone and aldehyde according to the literature reports.

#### **Starting Materials: Ketones**



**Starting Materials: Chalcones** 



General Procedure for the Ketone-Directed Vinylation: (GP I)

The aryl/heteroaryl ketone **1** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was taken in a 15.0 mL screw capped sealed tube and 1.8 mL of 2,2,2-trifluro ethanol was added. Then catalyst  $[Cp*CoI_2]_2$  (5–10 mol %) or  $Cp*Co(CO)I_2$  (10–20 mol %),  $AgSbF_6$  (20–40 mol %) and  $Cu(OAc)_2$  (20–40 mol %) were added successively to the reaction mixture and was stirred for 5 min at the room temperature. After that, vinyl acetate **2a** (90.4 mg, 1.05 mmol, 3.5 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture

and the resultant reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 100 °C for 20 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the crude product was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography by using petroleum ether/ethylacetate eluent.

## General Procedure for the Ketone-Directed Alkenylation with ethyl 2-((ethoxycarbonyl)oxy)acrylate 2b: (GP II)

The aryl/heteroaryl ketone **1** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was taken in a 15.0 mL screw capped sealed tube and 1.8 mL of 2,2,2-trifluro ethanol was added. Then catalyst Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (20 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (40 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (40 mol %) were added successively to the reaction mixture and was stirred for 5 min at the room temperature. After that, ethyl 2-((ethoxycarbonyl)oxy)acrylate **2b** (84.7 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and the resultant reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 100 °C for 20 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the crude product was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethylacetate eluent.

#### Optimization of the Reaction Conditions for Ketone 1b:a,b

MeO <sup>~</sup>	1b $2a$	[Cp*Co(CO)I <sub>2</sub> ] (10 m Ag-salt (x mol%) additive (y mol%) solvent, 100 °C, 20	nol%) ) ) )h MeO	3b
entry	Ag-salt (x mol%)	additive (y mol%)	solvent	<b>3b</b> yield (%)
1	AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (30 mol%)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (30 mol%)	DCE	30
2	$AgSbF_6$ (30 mol%)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (30 mol%)	TFE	48
3	$AgSbF_6$ (30 mol%)	$Cu(OAc)_2$ (30 mol%)	EtOH	0
4	$AgSbF_6$ (30 mol%)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (30 mol%)	PhCF <sub>3</sub>	12
5°	$AgSbF_6$ (30 mol%)	$Cu(OAc)_2$ (30 mol%)	none	26
6	AgBF <sub>4</sub> (30 mol%)	$Cu(OAc)_2$ (30 mol%)	TFE	43
7	$AgPF_6$ (30 mol%)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (30 mol%)	TFE	9
8	AgOTf (30 mol%)	$Cu(OAc)_2$ (30 mol%)	TFE	29
9	$AgNTf_2$ (30 mol%)	$Cu(OAc)_2$ (30 mol%)	TFE	36
10	$AgSbF_6$ (30 mol%)	NaOAc (30 mol%)	TFE	19
11	$AgSbF_6$ (30 mol%)	$Cu(OTf)_2 (30 \text{ mol}\%)$	TFE	0
12	$AgSbF_6$ (30 mol%)	KOAc (30 mol%)	TFE	23
13	$AgSbF_6$ (30 mol%)	AcOH (30 mol%)	TFE	0

14	AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (30 mol%)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O (30 mol%)	TFE	46
15 <sup>d</sup>	$AgSbF_6$ (30 mol%)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (30 mol%)	TFE	62
16 <sup>e</sup>	$AgSbF_6$ (40 mol%)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (40 mol%)	TFE	69
17 <sup>f</sup>	AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (40 mol%)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (40 mol%)	TFE	71

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2a (1.05 mmol, 3.5 equiv) and 1.8 mL solvent were used; [b]- Isolated yield of 3b; [c] With 0.5 mL 2a; [d] With 15 mol % catalyst;
[e] With 20 mol % catalyst; [f] With 10 mol % [Cp\*CoI<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> catalyst.

#### 1-(4-Vinylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethan-1-one (3a):

The title compound **3a** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as light yellow solid (44.5 mg, 78%). **IR**: 2903, 1670, 1587, 1444, 1250 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.30 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 17.8, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, 2H), 5.95 (dd, J = 17.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (dd, J = 11.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 200.2, 150.4, 146.5, 132.1, 130.2, 125.2, 120.6, 120.5, 106.4, 101.8, 29.7. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 191.0703; found 191.0703.

#### 1-(4-Methoxy-2-vinylphenyl)ethan-1-one (3b):



The title compound **3b** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as colorless oil (37.5 mg, 71%). **IR**: 2941, 1671, 1596, 1560, 1231 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.71 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 17.4, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd, J = 17.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dd, J = 10.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 199.8, 162.3, 141.4, 137.0, 132.1, 129.6, 116.5, 113.2, 112.6, 55.5, 29.3. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 177.0910; found 177.0909.

#### 1-(4-Hydroxy-2-vinylphenyl)ethan-1-one (3c):



201.1, 159.7, 142.0, 136.7, 132.7, 129.1, 116.8, 114.9, 114.5, 29.3. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>,163.0754; found 163.0750.

#### 1-(4-(Dimethylamino)-2-vinylphenyl)ethan-1-one (3d):

The title compound **3d** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as light yellow gummy solid (37.3 mg, 66%). **IR**: 2922, 1656, 1590, 1544, 1364, 1261 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.71 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 17.3, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 6H), 2.52 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 198.6, 152.7, 141.8, 139.0, 132.7, 124.2, 115.2, 110.8, 109.8, 40.1, 28.7. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO, 190.1226; found 190.1231.

#### 1-(4-(Methylthio)-2-vinylphenyl)ethan-1-one (3e):



The title compound **3e** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as colorless oil (33.3 mg, 58%). **IR**: 3086, 2923, 1672, 1583, 1541, 1354 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 17.4, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):

δ (ppm) 200.5, 144.3, 139.1, 136.5, 133.2, 130.0, 124.6, 124.1, 117.0, 29.5, 15.0. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>OS, 193.0682; found 193.0685.

#### 1-(3-Vinyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)ethan-1-one (3f):

The title compound **3f** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as white solid (31.2 mg, 47%). **IR**: 2926, 1677, 1599, 1501, 1355, 1246 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.77–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 201.5, 144.7, 140.1, 138.8, 136.4, 136.0, 129.8, 129.1, 128.3, 127.4, 126.6, 126.2, 117.0, 29.9. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O, 223.1117; found 223.1111.

1-(4-Bromo-2-vinylphenyl)ethan-1-one (3g):

The title compound **3g** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as colorless oil (26.3 mg, 39%). **IR**: 2926, 1686, 1583, 1548, 1356 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 17.0, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 201.0, 140.0, 136.0, 134.9, 130.8, 130.6, 130.4, 126.5, 118.1, 29.9. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrO, 224.9910; found 224.9900.

#### 1-(4-Chloro-2-vinylphenyl)ethan-1-one (3h):

The title compound **3h** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as colorless oil (18.9 mg, 35%). **IR**: 2963, 1683, 1588, 1551, 1355, 1240 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.60 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 17.4, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, J =17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 200.8, 139.9, 138.0, 135.6, 135.1, 130.4, 127.8, 127.6, 118.0, 29.9. **HRMS** (**ESI**) **m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClO, 181.0415; found 181.0423.

#### 1-(2,4-Dimethoxy-6-vinylphenyl)ethan-1-one (3i):

The title compound **3i** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as colorless oil (23.5 mg, 38%). **IR**: 2940, 1690, 1595, 1571, 1456, 1316 cm<sup>-1</sup>. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 6.72 (dd, J = 17.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 5.66 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 204.4, 161.5, 158.3, 137.7, 134.4, 123.9, 117.0, 102.2, 98.1, 55.8, 55.6, 32.8. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 207.1016; found 207.1021.

#### 1-(4,5-Dimethoxy-2-vinylphenyl)ethan-1-one (3j):



The title compound **3j** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as colorless oil (22.8 mg, 37%). **IR**: 2928, 1672, 1599, 1560, 1512 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.24 (dd, J = 17.4, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 5.55 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.95

(s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 200.3, 151.9, 148.2, 136.4, 132.9, 130.1, 115.6, 112.3, 110.2, 56.3, 56.1, 30.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 207.1016; found 207.1023.

#### 1-(9-Methyl-2-vinyl-9*H*-carbazol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (3k):



The title compound **3k** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as white solid (35.8 mg, 48%). **IR**: 2922, 1656, 1591, 1474, 1357, 1242 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30

(t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (dd, J = 17.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dd, J = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.73 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 200.6, 142.9, 142.2, 138.5, 137.7, 128.9, 126.6, 122.92, 122.87, 121.7, 120.5, 120.1, 115.2, 109.1, 107.6, 29.6, 29.4. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO, 250.1226; found 250.1235.

#### 1-(2-Vinyl-9*H*-carbazol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (3l):



The title compound **3l** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as white solid (28.8 mg, 41%). **IR**: 3230, 2923, 1647, 1600, 1338, 1244 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 11.60 (s, 1H), 8.76 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.55–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.37 (m,

2H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 200.2, 141.6, 140.8, 137.8, 136.1, 128.3, 126.4, 123.5, 122.5, 121.4, 120.7, 119.6, 114.6, 111.4, 109.1, 29.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO, 236.1070; found 236.1076.

#### 1-(4-Methoxy-2-vinylphenyl)pentan-1-one (3m):

<sup>*n*</sup>Bu for the title compound **3m** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as colorless oil (41.8 mg, 64%). **IR**: 2958, 2872, 1674, 1597, 1561, 1464 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.65 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 17.3, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.69–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.34 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 203.1, 162.0, 141.0, 136.8, 131.0, 130.3, 116.4, 113.0, 112.7, 55.5, 41.1, 27.0, 22.6, 14.1. **HRMS** (**ESI**) **m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 219.1380; found 219.1387.

#### 1-(4-Methoxy-2-vinylphenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one (3n):



The title compound **3n** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as colorless oil (50.2 mg, 63%). **IR**: 2918, 1673, 1597, 1560, 1232 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.7

Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.18 (m, 4H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.3

Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.22–3.19 (m, 2H), 3.03 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 201.5, 162.2, 141.4, 141.2, 136.8, 131.1, 129.8, 128.64, 128.58, 126.2, 116.6, 113.2, 112.7, 55.6, 43.0, 30.8. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 267.1380; found 267.1380.

#### (4-Methoxy-2-vinylphenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (30):



The title compound **30** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as light yellow gummy solid (36.8 mg, 46%). **IR**: 2932, 1648, 1596, 1561, 1461, 1254 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz,

1H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (dd, J = 17.4, 10.8 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 196.3, 163.6, 161.2, 139.3, 134.9, 132.8, 131.3, 131.2, 131.1, 116.5, 113.7, 112.7, 111.3, 55.64, 55.55. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 269.1172; found 269.1178.

#### (4-Methoxy-2-vinylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3p):



The title compound **3p** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as light yellow gummy solid (30.7 mg, 43%). **IR**: 2932, 1653, 1596, 1561, 1268 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* =

8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 6.92 (dd, J = 17.3, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 197.5, 161.6, 140.1, 138.6, 135.0, 132.9, 132.0, 130.41, 130.38, 128.5, 116.7, 112.6, 111.6, 55.6. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 239.1067; found 239.1061.

#### 5-Vinyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (3q):

The title compound **3q** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as light yellow gummy solid (19.1 mg, 37%). **IR**: 3084, 2926, 1638, 1594, 1471, 1345 cm<sup>-1</sup>. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.04 (dd, J = 17.4, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.3Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (dd, J = 17.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (dd, J = 10.9, 1.3 Hz, 121.9, 117.9, 117.1, 114.4. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 173.0597; found 173.0603.

#### 1-(4-Ethoxy-2-vinylphenyl)ethan-1-one (3r):

The title compound **3r** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as colorless oil (38.7 mg, 68%). **IR**: 2982, 1671, 1596, 1559, 1229 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.69 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 17.3, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, J =

6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 199.8, 161.7, 141.3, 137.0, 132.0, 129.5, 116.3, 113.8, 113.0, 63.8, 29.3, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 191.1067; found 191.1068.

#### 2,2-Dimethyl-1-(3-vinylthiophen-2-yl)propan-1-one (3s):

The title compound **3s** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as colorless oil (30 mg, 51%). **IR**: 2972, 1654, 1505, 1475, 1365 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.34 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 17.7, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dd, J = 17.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 201.9, 145.7, 132.5, 131.4, 127.6, 126.2, 117.2, 45.0, 27.8. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaOS, 217.0658; found 217.0664.

#### (E)-3-Phenyl-1-(4-vinylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (5a):



The title compound **5a** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as gummy solid (56.6 mg, 68%). **IR**: 2903, 1659, 1595, 1445, 1228 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.56–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.16–7.11 (m, 2H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 11.6 Hz, 1H),

6.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (s, 2H), 6.05 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 194.3, 149.9, 146.3, 145.4, 134.8, 133.4, 130.7, 129.7, 129.1, 128.6, 126.9, 124.0, 120.9, 119.9, 106.8, 101.8. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 279.1016; found 279.1027.

#### (*E*)-1-(4-Methoxy-2-vinylphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (5b):



The title compound **5b** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as yellow gummy solid (37.9 mg, 48%). **IR**: 3011, 2963, 1697, 1596, 1492, 1449 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 

(ppm) 7.61–7.52 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.08 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 194.1, 161.8, 144.9, 140.0, 135.6, 134.9, 131.3, 131.1, 130.6, 129.1, 128.5, 126.6, 116.8, 112.9, 112.2, 55.6. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 265.1223; found 265.1225.

#### (*E*)-1-(4-Hydroxy-2-vinylphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (5c):





The title compound **5d** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as yellow gummy solid (46.5 mg, 56%). **IR**: 2916, 1586, 1542, 1364, 1330 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.69

(d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.58 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 192.1, 152.5, 143.0, 141.0, 137.8, 135.5, 131.8, 130.1, 129.0, 128.3, 126.3, 125.9, 115.6, 110.21, 110.17, 40.2. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO, 278.1539; found 278.1539.

#### (*E*)-1-(4-(Methylthio)-2-vinylphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (5e):



The title compound **5e** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as yellow gummy solid (36.8 mg, 44%). **IR**: 2919, 1658, 1583, 1539, 1329 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.57–

7.55 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.41–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz,

1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 194.9, 145.7, 143.0, 138.0, 135.1, 134.9, 134.8, 130.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.6, 126.7, 124.5, 123.8, 117.2, 15.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z:  $[M + H]^+$  calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>OS, 281.0995; found 281.0992.

#### (*E*)-1-(4-Methoxy-2-vinylphenyl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (5f):

The title compound 5f was synthesized according to the GP I and isolated as yellow oil (39.7 mg, 49%). IR: 2938, 1652, 1582, 1559, 1230 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.67 (d, J = 15.5Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.06 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 193.5, 161.8, 140.3, 140.0, 137.3, 135.6, 132.0, 131.1, 131.0, 129.1, 128.5, 125.4, 116.8, 112.9, 112.1, 55.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S, 293.0607; found 293.0612.

#### (2E,4E)-1-(4-Methoxy-2-vinylphenyl)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (5g):



The title compound **5g** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as yellow gummy solid (38.2 mg, 44%). IR: 2936, 1652, 1596, 1489, 1449 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.55

(d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.13–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.97–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 194.3, 161.7, 145.1, 141.7, 139.9, 136.2, 135.6, 131.4, 131.0, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 127.4, 127.0, 116.6, 112.9, 112.1, 55.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z:  $[M + H]^+$  calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 291.1380; found 291.1377.

#### Ethyl (E)-3-(5-Acetylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)acrylate (6a):<sup>3a</sup>



The title compound **6a** was synthesized according to the **GP II** and isolated as white solid (52.8 mg, 67%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.02 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 2H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H),

1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 199.3, 167.20, 150.7, 147.7, 137.7, 132.8, 125.5, 124.1, 117.3, 108.0, 102.2, 60.6, 29.4, 14.4.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-Acetylphenyl)acrylate (6b):<sup>3b</sup>

The title compound **6b** was synthesized according to the **GP II** and isolated as colorless oil (28.1 mg, 43%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.14 CO<sub>2</sub>Et (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 6b (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H),2.62 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 201.0, 166.7, 144.0, 138.4, 135.0, 132.1, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 121.2, 60.7, 29.4, 14.5.

#### Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-Acetyl-5-bromophenyl)acrylate (6c):<sup>3c</sup>

The title compound 6c was synthesized according to the GP II and isolated as white solid (35.4 mg, 40%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ (ppm) 8.08 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 199.8, 166.3, 142.7, 137.2,

136.7, 132.4, 131.6, 130.9, 126.9, 122.3, 60.9, 29.3, 14.4.

#### Ethyl (E)-3-(2-Acetyl-5-methylphenyl)acrylate (6d):<sup>3b</sup>

The title compound 6d was synthesized according to the GP II and isolated as yellow oil (32.0 mg, 46%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ CO<sub>2</sub>Et (ppm) 8.17 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 6d 7.24 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.26–4.23 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 200.4, 166.7, 144.6, 142.8, 135.41, 135.40, 130.1, 129.8, 129.3, 120.8, 60.6, 29.1, 21.6, 14.4.

#### Ethyl (E)-3-(2-Acetyl-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)acrylate (6e):<sup>3d</sup>



The title compound 6e was synthesized according to the GP II and isolated as yellow solid (28.2 mg, 34%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.17 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.23 (d,

J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 6H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 199.5, 166.9, 151.8, 149.6, 144.0, 131.6, 129.2, 119.9, 112.2, 110.4, 60.7, 56.32, 56.26, 29.6, 14.5.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-Propionylphenyl)acrylate (6f):<sup>3e</sup>



The title compound **6f** was synthesized according to the **GP II** and isolated as colorless oil (28.9 mg, 42%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.05 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.26–

4.24 (m, 2H), 2.94–2.92 (m, 2H), 1.33 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 204.4, 166.7, 143.9, 138.9, 134.7, 131.7, 129.5, 128.5, 128.4, 121.1, 60.7, 34.9, 14.4, 8.5.

#### Ethyl (E)-3-(2-Cinnamoylphenyl)acrylate (6g):<sup>2g</sup>



The title compound **6g** was synthesized according to the **GP II** and isolated as gummy solid (35.6 mg, 39%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.94 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* 

= 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 195.2, 166.6, 147.0, 142.4, 140.0, 134.6, 134.1, 131.12, 131.06, 129.6, 129.2, 128.74, 128.70, 127.7, 126.5, 121.2, 60.7, 14.4.

#### Ethyl (E)-3-(2-Benzoyl-5-(3-phenylpropoxy)phenyl)acrylate (6h):<sup>3a</sup>

The title compound **6h** was synthesized according to the **GP II** and isolated as light yellow oil (63.1 mg, 51%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.89 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.19 (s, 3H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.19–2.13 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 196.5, 166.5, 161.2, 142.7, 141.3, 138.3, 137.3, 133.1, 132.6, 131.5, 130.4, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 121.1, 114.9, 113.3, 67.3, 60.7, 32.1, 30.7, 14.4.

#### Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-pivaloylthiophen-3-yl)acrylate (6i):



The title compound **6i** was synthesized according to the **GP II** and isolated as colorless oil (23 mg, 43%). **IR**: 2977, 1709, 1657, 1630, 1404, 1244 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.03 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1

Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 201.5,

167.0, 142.0, 138.1, 136.8, 128.0, 126.4, 121.6, 60.7, 45.1, 27.7, 14.5. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**:  $[M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{14}H_{19}O_3S$ , 267.1049; found 267.1048.

#### 5-Acetylbenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxole-4-carbaldehyde (7):



The title compound **7** was synthesized in one-pot from **3a** using OsO<sub>4</sub>-catalyzed dihydroxylation followed by diol-cleavage with NaIO<sub>4</sub>. The vinylated product **3a** (19.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in 1.0 mL THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) and then 5 mol % OsO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 ml, 0.05 M in toluene) was added followed by the addition of 4-

methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (29.3 mg, 2.5 equiv) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then stirred at 50 °C for 20 min. After complete consumption of the **3a**, NaIO<sub>4</sub> (21.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added and stirred at the same temperature for 15 min. Then the crude reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, extracted, the organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under *vacuo*. The pure product **7** was isolated as a white solid in 54% overall yield (10.4 mg). **IR**: 2923, 1688, 1669, 1591, 1446 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 10.22 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 198.5, 189.6, 152.2, 148.5, 133.3, 125.2, 119.9, 110.3, 103.4, 28.1. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 193.0495; found 193.0497.

#### 8-Hydroxy-7,8-dihydro-6*H*-indeno[4,5-*d*][1,3]dioxol-6-one (8):<sup>4</sup>



In an oven-dried reaction tube compound 7 (10.4 mg, 0.054), 1.0 mL ethanol and 20 mol % LiOH were taken and the reaction mixture was stirred at the room temperature for 15 min. After evaporating the solvent, crude residue was diluted with ethyl acetate and water, extracted with ethyl acetate and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removing the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product

was purified on a silica gel column to afford product **8** as white solid in 56% yield (5.8 mg). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.58–5.53 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 18.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, J = 18.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (brs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 201.0, 153.5, 144.2, 134.4, 132.3, 119.0, 110.6, 102.9, 65.9, 47.1.

#### 2-(2-Acetyl-5-ethoxyphenyl)acetaldehyde (9):<sup>5</sup>



The title compound **9** was synthesized according to the modified literature procedure.<sup>6</sup> An oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with  $PdCl_2$  (26.5 mg, 1.0 equiv), 1.5 mL DMF/water (10:1) and compound **3r** (28.5 mg, 0.15 mmol). The mixture was then stirred at 30 to 35 °C for 1 h under nitrogen atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted

with ethyl acetate. The collected organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under *vacuo*. The crude residue was then purified on a silica-gel column to obtain **9** as sticky solid in 43% yield (based on recovered starting material). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 9.75 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 199.0, 198.9, 162.2, 137.0, 133.5, 128.9, 119.6, 112.8, 64.0, 50.0, 28.4, 14.8.

#### 8-Methoxy-2-methyl-5-vinyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (11):



The title compound **11** was synthesized according to the **GP I** and isolated as yellow gummy solid (27.2 mg, 42%). **IR**: 2926, 1650, 1575, 1489, 1390 cm<sup>-1</sup>. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.98 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 5.49 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H),

5.28 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 180.2, 164.6, 148.2, 147.7, 136.9, 131.7, 123.3, 121.5, 115.0, 113.9, 112.2, 56.5, 20.3. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 217.0859; found 217.0856.

#### 2-(5-Acetylbenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)acetaldehyde (12):



The title compound **12** was synthesized according to the procedure used for the synthesis of compound **9** in 0.4 mmol scale and isolated as white solid in 45% yield (based on recovered starting material). **IR**: 2919, 1667, 1453, 1259, 1057 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 9.76 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* =

8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 198.8, 198.1, 150.7, 148.5, 130.7, 127.1, 115.6, 106.7, 102.0, 41.5, 28.5. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 207.0652; found 207.0657.

#### Naphtho[1,2-d][1,3]dioxol-6-ol (13):



In an oven-dried reaction tube compound **12** (20.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), 1.0 mL ethanol and 10 mol % LiOH were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at the room temperature for 1 h. The solvent was then evaporated under vacuo and refilled with ethyl acetate and water. The crude residue was extracted with

ethyl acetate, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and purified on a silica gel column to afford white solid product **13** in 72% yield (13.5 mg). **IR**: 2901, 1655, 1603, 1572, 1471, 1420 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 2H), 5.34 (brs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 152.1, 144.0, 141.3, 126.7, 121.4, 121.2, 116.0, 112.6, 109.7, 106.8, 101.8. **HRMS (ESI) m/z**: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 189.0546; found 189.0556.

#### **Control Experiments:**

#### Intermolecular Competition Experiments between Different Acetophenones with 2a:



The 4-methoxyacetophenone **1b** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 4-chloroacetophenone **1h** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were taken in a 15.0 mL screw capped sealed tube and 1.8 mL of 2,2,2-trifluro ethanol was added. Then catalyst  $[Cp*CoI_2]_2$  (26.9 mg, 0.06 mmol, 10.0 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (41.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 40.0 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (21.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 40.0 mol %) were added successively to the reaction mixture and was stirred for 5 min at the room temperature. After that, vinyl acetate **2a** (90.4 mg, 1.05 mmol, 3.5 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and the resultant reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 100 °C for 20 h. Then the crude product was directly filtered through a silica gel column using 30% ethylacetate in pet ether as eluent. The ratio **3b**:**3h** = 2.9:1 is being calculated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis (Figure S1).



Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of competition experiment between acetophenones 1b and 1h.

#### Deuterium Labelling Experiments Using Deuterated Solvent as a co-Solvent:



#### **General Method of Deuterium Labelling Experiments with 1t:**

Acetophenone **1t** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was taken in a 15.0 mL screw capped sealed tube. 2,2,2-Trifluro ethanol and the deuterated solvent were added (total volume 1.8 mL) to it maintaining the ratio of 10:1. Then catalyst  $[Cp*CoI_2]_2$  (26.9 mg, 0.06 mmol, 10.0 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (41.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 40.0 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (21.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 40.0 mol %)

were added successively to the reaction mixture and was stirred for 5.5 h at 100 °C. Purification by silica gel column chromatography using 20% ethylacetate in pet ether as eluent provided mixture of **1t** and **1t'**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis revealed ~18% deuterium incorporation at the *ortho*-position in acetophenone.

#### **Representative Method of Proton Incorporation to [D5]-1t:**

Acetophenone [**D**<sub>5</sub>]-**1t** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was taken in a 15.0 mL screw capped sealed tube and 1.8 mL of 2,2,2-trifluro ethanol was added. Then catalyst [Cp\*CoI<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (26.9 mg, 0.06 mmol, 10.0 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (41.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 40.0 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (21.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 40.0 mol %) were added successively to the reaction mixture and was stirred for 5.5 h at 100 °C. Purification by silica gel column chromatography using 20% ethylacetate in pet ether as eluent provided mixture of [**D**<sub>5</sub>]-**1t** and [**D**<sub>5</sub>]-**1t'**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis revealed ~50% of <sup>1</sup>H incorporation at *ortho*-position in compound [**D**<sub>5</sub>]-**1t**.

**Note:** During reaction no special care was taken to exclude moisture present in the air which may also play a role as a source of <sup>1</sup>H along with TFE.

#### **Determination of KIE from Intermolecular Competition Experiments:**



Acetophenone **1t** (36.0 mg, 0.3 mmol) and pentadeuterio acetophenone [**D**<sub>5</sub>]-**1t** (37.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) were taken in a 15.0 mL screw capped sealed tube and 1.8 mL of 2,2,2-trifluro ethanol was added. Then catalyst [Cp\*CoI<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (26.9 mg, 0.06 mmol, 10.0 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (41.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 40.0 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (21.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 40.0 mol %) were added successively to the reaction mixture and was stirred for 5 min at the room temperature. After that, vinyl acetate **2a** (90.4 mg, 1.05 mmol, 3.5 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and the resultant reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 100 °C for 1.5 h. After the passing the crude mixture through a silica gel column by eluting with 30% ethylacetate in pet ether, the mixture was isolated together. The ratio of **3t:**[**D**<sub>4</sub>]-**3t** was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis to obtain a KIE value of approximately 2.1 (Figure S2).



**Figure S2:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra for determination of KIE value by intermolecular competition experiment.

#### **Determination of** *k***H**/*k***D from Parallel Experiments:**



Acetophenone **1t** (36.0 mg, 0.3 mmol) and pentadeuterio acetophenone [**D**<sub>5</sub>]-**1t** (37.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) were separately taken in 15.0 mL screw capped sealed tubes and 1.8 mL of 2,2,2-trifluro ethanol was added to each tube. Then catalyst [Cp\*CoI<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (26.9 mg, 0.06 mmol, 10.0 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (41.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 40.0 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (21.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 40.0 mol %) were added successively to each reaction mixture and was stirred for 5 min at the room temperature. After that, vinyl acetate **2a** (90.4 mg, 1.05 mmol, 3.5 equiv) was added to each reaction mixture and two resultant reaction mixtures were allowed to stir at 100 °C for1.5 h. Then both the reaction mixture was mixed together. After the passing the crude mixture through a silica gel column by eluting with 30% ethylacetate in pet ether, the mixture was isolated

together. The ratio of **3t:**[**D**<sub>4</sub>]-**3t** was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis to obtain a  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$  value of approximately 2.0 (Figure S3).



Figure S3: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra for the determination of  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$  value from parallel experiments.

## **Experiments Conducted to Detect the Reaction Intermediates Proposed in the Catalytic Cycle:**

We conducted several control experiments by LC-MS analysis using the crude reaction mixture to get further information regarding the reaction mechanism or the intermediates formed during the course of the reaction. The presence of several peaks under the analysis indicated the involvement of important intermediates or the fragment of the intermediates proposed in the catalytic cycle. Thus, studies with ketone **1a** under different reaction conditions indicated the presence of the cyclometallated species **14** and on addition of the vinyl acetate **2a** the LC-MS analysis indicated the presence of the presence of the cobaltacycle **15**. Although the similar intermediate **17** will have the same mass as **15**, previous studies related to Cp\*Rh(III)-catalysis indicated the presence of the intermediate similar to **15** through crystal structure analysis.<sup>7</sup>



#### **Experiment 1:** Cyclometallation of **1a** using 10 mol% [Cp\*CoI<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>



#### Experiment 2: Cyclometallation of 1a using 50 mol% [Cp\*CoI<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.



**Experiment 3:** Cyclometallation of **1a** in the presence of **2a** using 10 mol% [Cp\*CoI<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.



**Experiment 4:** Cyclometallation of **1a** in the presence of **2a** using 50 mol% [Cp\*CoI<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.

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### <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra:

















































































