# Supporting Information 

# Photocatalytic decarboxylative [2+2+1] annulation of 1,6-enynes with <br> $N$-hydroxyphthalimide esters for the synthesis of indene-containing 

polycyclic compounds

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## 1 General information

All glassware was thoroughly oven-dried. Chemicals and solvents were either purchased from commercial suppliers or purified by standard techniques. Thin-layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light and/or staining with phosphomolybdic acid followed by heating on a hot plate. Flash chromatography was carried out using silica gel (200-300 mesh). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-400 ( 400 MHz ). The spectra were recorded in deuterochloroform $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ as solvent at room temperature, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the residual solvent peak. The residual solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts were converted to the TMS scale ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}: \delta \mathrm{H}=7.26 \mathrm{ppm}, \delta \mathrm{C}=77.0 \mathrm{ppm}\right)$. Data for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}$ are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta \mathrm{ppm}$ ), multiplicity ( $\mathrm{s}=$ singlet, $\mathrm{d}=$ doublet, t $=$ triplet, $\mathrm{m}=$ multiplet, $\mathrm{dd}=$ doublet, $\mathrm{br}=$ broad), integration, coupling constant ( Hz ) and assignment. Data for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR are reported as chemical shift. HRMS were performed on a Bruker Apex II mass instrument (ESI). Ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy was performed on a Perkin Elmer Lambda 950 spectrophotometer using DMF as the solvent.

## 2 Preparation of Substrates

### 2.1 General Procedure for the Synthesis of Substrates



Substrates $\mathbf{1 a - p}$ were prepared according to the following 4 steps ${ }^{1-2}$ :
Step I: A mixture of 2-bromobenzaldehyde ( $10 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.), methyl acrylate ( 30 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and $\operatorname{DABCO}(1.23 \mathrm{~g}, 1.0 e q u i v$.$) was stirred in a dried round flask at$ room temperature until full consumption of the aldehyde as monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was diluted with water ( 20 mL ) and extracted with dichloromethane for 3 times ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The resulting mixture was chromatographed on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate 5:1) to give the B$H$ adduct A.
Step II: Under the protection of argon, $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ( $5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) and Cul ( $3 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) were added to a solution of $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{H}$ adduct $\mathbf{A}(5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.), alkyne ( $6 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.1$ equiv.) in $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$. Then the tube was stirred at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 12 h . The reaction mixture was diluted in ethyl acetate and the solid was removed by filtration. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate 7:1) to afford the desired product B.

Step III: Acetic anhydride ( $7.5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv.) and $N, N$-dimethylaminopyridine ( 20 $\mathrm{mol} \%$ ) were added to a stirred solution of $\mathbf{B}(5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.) in dichloromethane $(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ at room temperature. After stirring at the same temperature for 3 h , the reaction mixture was poured into water ( 15 mL ) and extracted with dichloromethane $(3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) to afford the desired product $\mathbf{C}$ as yellow oil.
Step IV: DABCO ( $5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.) was added to a mixture of the acetylated C (5 $\mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.) in $\mathrm{THF} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(3: 1,20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 15 min . Then, $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ ( $5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for additional 15 min . Then, the
reaction mixture was diluted with water ( 15 mL ) and extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ for 3 times ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The resulting mixture was chromatographed on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate 20:1) to give the final product.

### 2.2 General Procedure for the Synthesis of Substrates 2


$N$-hydroxyphthalimide esters 2a-m were prepared according to the previously reported procedure. ${ }^{3}$ In short, a round-bottom flask or culture tube was charged with (if solid) carboxylic acid ( $5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.), $N$-hydroxyphthalimide ( $1.0-1.1$ equiv.) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine ( 0.1 equiv.). Dichloromethane was added (25 mL ), and the mixture was stirred vigorously. Carboxylic acid ( 1.0 equiv.) was added via syringe (if liquid). DIC (1.1 equiv.) was then added dropwise via syringe, and the mixture was allowed to stir until the acid was consumed (determined by TLC). Typical reaction times were between 0.5 h and 12 h . The mixture was filtered and rinsed with additional $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and purification of the resulting residue by column chromatography (silica, $\mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexane or $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) afforded the desired product.

## 3 Optimization of Reaction Conditions

### 3.1 General Procedure



An oven-dried 10 mL transparent Schlenk tube equipped with stirring bar was sequentially charged with NHP ester 2 ( 0.3 mmol ), 1,6-enyne 1 ( 0.1 mmol ), fac$\operatorname{lr}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}(2 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$, TFA ( 0.2 mmol ) and dry DMF ( 2 mL ). The mixture was degassed by three cycles of freeze-pump-thaw and then placed in the irradiation apparatus equipped with a 25 W blue light-emitting diode (LED) strip. The resulting mixture was stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 12 h . The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate ( 4 mL ), which was followed by extraction with ethyl acetate ( $10 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3$ times). The combined organic phase was washed with brine ( 10 mL ), dried with $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane $/ \mathrm{EtOAc}=20: 1-5: 1$ ) to afford the desired product.

### 3.2 Optimization of Reaction Conditions

Table S1: Screening of optimal reaction conditions ${ }^{a}$


|  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Entry | Photocatalyst | Additive | Solvent | $3 \mathrm{aa}^{\text {b }}$ (\%) |
| 1 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | none | DMF | 62 |
| 2 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | TfOH | DMF | 77 |
| 3 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | $\mathrm{TsOH} \bullet \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | DMF | 72 |
| 4 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | TFA | DMF | 82 |
| $5{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | TFA | DMF | 79 |
| 6 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | TFA/ $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1: 1)$ | DMF | 72 |
| 7 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | DMF | 66 |
| $8{ }^{\text {d }}$ | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | DMF | 68 |
| 9 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ | DMF | trace |
| 10 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | 2,6-Lutidine | DMF | 17 |
| 11 | $\mathrm{Ru}(\mathrm{bpy})_{3} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \bullet 6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | TFA | DMF | 11 |
| 12 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{2}(\mathrm{dtbbpy}) \mathrm{PF}_{6}$ | TFA | DMF | 63 |
| 13 | cat-PMP | TFA | DMF | trace |
| $14^{e}$ | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | TFA | DMF | 76 |
| 15 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | TFA | DMSO | 61 |
| 16 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | TFA | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 0 |
| 17 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | TFA | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | 0 |
| 18 | $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ | TFA | Acetone | 9 |
| 19 | none | TFA | DMF | 0 |
| $20^{f}$ | $\operatorname{lr}(\mathrm{ppy}){ }_{3}$ | TFA | DMF | 0 |

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### 3.3 X-ray crystallography for 3aa

The crystal structure 3aa has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and allocated the deposition number: CCDC 1935061.


3aa

| Bond precision: Cell: | $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}=0$ | $0050 \mathrm{~A} \quad$ Wavelength $=0.71073$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $a=10.0558$ (7) | $b=10.1395(5) \quad c=18.5575(10)$ |
|  | alpha=90 | beta=98.819 (6) gamma=90 |
| Temperature: | 293 K |  |
|  | Calculated | Reported |
| Volume | 1869.77(19) | 1869.76(19) |
| Space group | P 21/c | P 1 21/c 1 |
| Hall group | -P 2ybc | -P 2 ybc |
| Moiety formula | C24 H24 O3 | C24 H24 O3 |
| Sum formula | C24 H24 O3 | C24 H24 O3 |
| Mr | 360.43 | 360.43 |
| Dx,g cm-3 | 1.280 | 1.280 |
| Z | 4 | 4 |
| Mu (mm-1) | 0.083 | 0.083 |
| FOOO | 768.0 | 768.0 |
| F000' | 768.36 |  |
| h,k,Imax | 12,12,22 | 12,12,22 |
| Nref | 3690 | 3680 |
| Tmin, Tmax | 0.985,0.990 | 0.925,1.000 |
| Tmin' | 0.985 |  |
| Correction method= \# Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.925 Tmax=1.000 |  |  |
| AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN |  |  |
| Data completeness= 0.997 |  | Theta(max) $=26.019$ |
| R (reflections) $=0.1087$ (2245) |  | wR2(reflections) $=0.3223$ (3680) |
| S = 1.054 Npa |  | 245 |
| Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30\% probability level |  |  |

## 4 Mechanistic Studies

### 4.1 Control Experiments

(a)

(b)


1a


2a



In control experiment a) the reaction was conducted with $\mathbf{1 a}$ and $\mathbf{2 a}$ under the standard conditions with TEMPO (4.0 equiv.) as the radical scavenger. After 12 h , a drop of the reaction mixture (about $50 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ ) was collected for HRMS (ESI) analysis without further work-up. The adduct 4 of TEMPO and alkyl radical from decarboxylation of NHP ester 2a was detected by HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{NO}_{2}{ }^{+}$ [ $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 242.2115$, found 242.2119 (Figure S1).There was no corresponding product 3aa detected.


Figure S1. HRMS (ESI) spectra of the crude reaction mixture.
In control experiment b) the reaction of $\mathbf{1 a}$ and $\mathbf{2 a}$ with the addition of 1,1diphenylethylene ( 3.0 equiv.) as radical-trapping reagent under the standard condition was performed. The crude products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel column (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford 3aa and 5. The yield of target product 3aa was decreased to $50 \%$. The structure of compound $\mathbf{5}$ was confirmed by NMR. In summary, the results suggest an alkyl radical pathway.

## 4-(2,2-diphenylvinyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran (5)

Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / \mathrm{EA}=10: 1$ ) afforded 5 . White solid; 37.9 mg , $48 \%$ yield; m.p. $100-102{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.42-7.28(\mathrm{~m}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 7.29-7.11(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 5.89(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.91(\mathrm{dt}, J=11.2,3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.44-$ $3.08(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.55-2.21(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.65-1.50(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$
$(p p m)=142.3,140.9,140.1,133.6,129.6,128.2,128.1,127.1,127.0,127.0,67.3$, 35.56, 32.9; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{O}^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{+}$calcd. 265.1587, found 265.1589.

### 4.2 Stern-Volmer fluorescence quenching experiments

Stern-Volmer fluorescence quenching experiments were run with freshly prepared solution of $10^{-6} \mathrm{M}$ solution of fac- $\operatorname{Ir}(p p y)_{3}$ in dry DMF added the appropriate amount of a quencher in a screw-top quartz cuvette at room temperature. The solutions were irradiated at 395 nm and fluorescence was measured from 425 nm to 650 nm . Control experiments showed that the excited state photocatalyst was mainly quenched by $N$-hydroxyphthalimide ester 2a.


Figure S2. Fluorescence quenching spectra of a $3.36 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{M}$ solution of fac-Ir(ppy) ${ }_{3}$ in dry DMF containing $0 \mathrm{M}, 0.001 \mathrm{M}, 0.003 \mathrm{M}, 0.01 \mathrm{M}, 0.02 \mathrm{M}$ and 0.05 M of 1,6 enyne 1a at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


Figure S3. Fluorescence quenching spectra of a $3.36 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{M}$ solution of $f a c-\operatorname{lr}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ in dry DMF containing $0 \mathrm{M}, 0.001 \mathrm{M}, 0.003 \mathrm{M}, 0.01 \mathrm{M}, 0.02 \mathrm{M}$ and 0.05 M of NHP ester 2a at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


Figure S4. Fluorescence quenching spectra of a $3.36 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{M}$ solution of fac-Ir(ppy) ${ }_{3}$ in dry DMF containing $0 \mathrm{M}, 0.001 \mathrm{M}, 0.003 \mathrm{M}, 0.01 \mathrm{M}, 0.02 \mathrm{M}$ and 0.05 M of $2 \mathrm{a} /$ TFA at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


Figure S5. Stern-Volmer plots of $f a c-\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}$ with quenchers in DMF at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

### 4.3 Measurement of quantum yield

According to the procedure of Yoon, ${ }^{4}$ the photon flux of the LED was determined by standard ferrioxalate actinometry. A 0.15 M solution of ferrioxalate was prepared by dissolving potassium ferrioxalate hydrate ( 2.21 g ) in 30 mL of a $0.05 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ solution. A buffered solution of 1,10-phenanthroline was prepared by dissolving 1,10-phenanthroline ( 50 mg ) and sodium acetate ( 11.25 g ) in 50 mL of a 0.5 M solution $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. Both solutions were stored in the dark. To determine the photon flux of the LEDs, the ferrioxalate solution ( 2.0 mL ) was placed in a cuvette and irradiated for 90 s at $\lambda_{\max }=420 \mathrm{~nm}$. After irradiation, the phenanthroline solution ( 0.35 mL ) was added to the cuvette and the mixture was allowed to stir in the dark for 1 h to allow the ferrous ions to completely coordinate to the phenanthroline. The absorbance of the solution was measured at 510 nm . A nonirradiated sample was also prepared and the absorbance at 510 nm was measured. Conversion was calculated using eq. 1.

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\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{Fe}^{2+}=\frac{V \cdot \Delta A}{l \cdot \varepsilon} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where V is the total volume ( 0.00235 L ) of the solution after addition of phenanthroline, $\Delta A$ is the difference in absorbance at 510 nm between the irradiated and non-irradiated solutions, I is the path length ( 1.00 cm ), and $\varepsilon$ is the molar absorptivity of the ferrioxalate actinometer at $510 \mathrm{~nm}\left(11,100 \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { photo flux }=\frac{\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{Fe}}{} \mathrm{~F}^{2+} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\Phi$ is the quantum yield for the ferrioxalate actinometer ( 1.12 at $\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}=420 \mathrm{~nm}$ ), t is the irradiation time ( 90 s ), and f is the fraction of light absorbed at $\lambda_{\text {ex }}=420 \mathrm{~nm}$ by the ferrioxalate actinometer. This value is calculated using eq. 3 where A ( 420 nm ) is the absorbance of the ferrioxalate solution at 420 nm .

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f=1-10^{-A(420 \mathrm{~nm})} \\
& \qquad \mathrm{mol} \mathrm{Fe} \\
& 2+ \\
& =\frac{V \cdot \Delta A}{l \cdot \varepsilon}=\frac{0.00235 \mathrm{~L} \cdot 0.763}{1 \mathrm{~cm} \cdot 11100 \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}}=1.62 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{~mol} \\
& \text { photo flux }=\frac{\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{Fe}}{}+\mathrm{T} \cdot \mathrm{t} \cdot \mathrm{f}
\end{aligned}=\frac{1.62 \times 10^{-7}}{1.12 \cdot 90 \cdot 1}=1.61 \times 10^{-9} \text { einstein } \cdot \mathrm{s}^{-1} \mathrm{l}
$$

Determination of the reaction quantum yield at 420 nm and quantum yield measurement was performed in an oven-dried 20 mL quartz vial with a magnetic stirring bar. The corresponding 1a ( 0.1 mmol ) and TFA ( 2.0 equiv.) were added to a solution of substrate $\mathbf{2 a}(0.3 \mathrm{mmol})$ and photocatalyst $f a c-1 r(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}(2 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ in dry

DMF ( 2 mL ) at room temperature. The mixture was degassed by three cycles of freeze-pump-thaw and then irradiated in Parallel Light Reactor (WP-TEC-1020) for $3600 \mathrm{~s}(1.0 \mathrm{~h})$. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resulting mixture was rapid filtered by flash column chromatography on silica gel. The crude yield of the product 3aa was determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR based on a mesitylene standard and the final yield was $74 \%$ ( $7.4 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol}$ ). The reaction quantum yield ( $\Phi$ ) was determined using eq. 4, where the photon flux is $1.61 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{E}$ $\mathrm{s}^{-1}$ (determined by actinometry as described above), t is the reaction time ( 3600 s ) and $f$ is the fraction of incident light absorbed by the reaction mixture, determined using eq. 3 ( $\mathrm{A}>3$ indicating that the fraction of light absorbed is $>0.999$ ).
$\Phi$ = Mole number for product/Mole number for absorption of photons

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\begin{equation*}
\Phi=\frac{\text { Mol product }}{f l u x * t * f}=\frac{\text { Mol product }}{\text { flux } * t * f}=12.7 \tag{eq.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

We calculated the quantum yield of the model reaction of $\mathbf{1 a}$ with $\mathbf{2 a}$ to be 12.7. This result shows that the reaction may contain radical chain propagation process.

## 5 Further application of the reaction

### 5.1 Procedure for Gram-scale Experiment



The corresponding methyl 2-(2-(phenylethynyl)benzyl)acrylate 1 ( $(5.0 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.38 \mathrm{~g})$ and trifluoroacetic acid ( $10 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.14 \mathrm{~g}$ ) were added to a solution of $1,3-$ dioxoisoindolin-2-yl tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylate 2 a ( $15 \mathrm{mmol}, 4.12 \mathrm{~g}$ ) and photocatalyst $f a c-\operatorname{lr}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}(2 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ in dry DMF ( 100 mL ) equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a nitrogen inlet. The mixture was degassed by three cycles of freeze-pump-thaw and then placed in the irradiation apparatus equipped with a 25 W blue light-emitting diode (LED) strip. The resulting mixture was stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 12 h . After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate ( 30 mL ), which was followed by extraction with ethyl acetate ( $30 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3$ times). The combined organic phase was washed with brine ( 50 mL ), dried with $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was evaporated.The resulting crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel ( $\mathrm{PE} / E A=5: 1$ ) to afford the desired product.

### 5.2 Annulation reaction mediated by $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ and NaI



The corresponding 1a ( 0.1 mmol ) and TFA ( 2.0 equiv.) were added to a solution of $\mathbf{2 a}$ ( 0.3 mmol ), triphenylphosphine ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) and sodium iodide ( 2.0 equiv.) in dry DMF ( 2 mL ) in the 10 mL glass vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a nitrogen inlet. The mixture was degassed by three cycles of freeze-pump-thaw and then placed in the irradiation apparatus equipped with a 25 W blue light-emitting diode (LED) strip. The resulting mixture was stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate ( 4 mL ), which was followed by extraction with ethyl acetate ( $10 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3$ times). The combined organic phase was washed with brine ( 10 mL ), dried with $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was evaporated.The resulting crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) to afford the desired product.

### 5.3 The Unsuccessful Example of the Reaction



An oven-dried 10 mL transparent Schlenk tube equipped with stirring bar was sequentially charged with 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4carboxylate 2a ( 0.3 mmol$)$, 2-((3-(phenylethynyl)thiophen-2-yl)methyl)acrylate $\mathbf{1 p}$ ( 0.1 mmol ), $f a c-\operatorname{lr}(\mathrm{ppy})_{3}(2 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$, TFA ( 0.2 mmol ) and dry DMF ( 2 mL ). The mixture was degassed by three cycles of freeze-pump-thaw and then placed in the irradiation apparatus equipped with a 25 W blue light-emitting diode (LED) strip. The resulting mixture was stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 36 h . The reaction proceeded too slow, and there were still large amounts of substrates remain in the reaction system as monitored by TLC.

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## 6 Characterization of products

### 6.1 Spectral data

## Methyl 3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-

 8a(8H)-carboxylate (3aa)

Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5:1) afforded 3aa. White solid; $29.4 \mathrm{mg}, 82 \%$ yield; m.p. $126-128^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.47-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.23-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.10$ ( td, $J=7.6,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.95(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.91 (dd, $J=11.6,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.86-3.74(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.65(\mathrm{td}, J=12.0,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.60$ $(\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.56-3.44(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.36(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.16(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.98(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.93(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.90-1.81(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.66$ (dd, $\mathrm{J}=13.6,2.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.27(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.4$, 146.9, 144.8, 141.7, 136.2, 135.5, 129.2, 128.2, 127.8, 127.3, 126.6, 125.1, 122.4, 65.8, 64.2, 63.4, 55.7, 52.3, 44.8, 43.0, 38.0, 32.9; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ calcd. 361.1798, found 361.1800 .

## Methyl 4,4-difluoro-3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)-carboxylate (3ab)



Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / \mathrm{EA}=10: 1$ ) afforded 3ab. White solid; $31.0 \mathrm{mg}, 79 \%$ yield; m.p. $148-150{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.57-7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.22-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $7.10(\mathrm{td}, J=7.6,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.73(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.60(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.33(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.04(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.97(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.17-1.92(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.87(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.91-1.83(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.83-$ $1.68(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.50-1.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.1,147.1$, 145.1, 141.3, 141.2, 136.2, 135.4, 129.1, 128.3, 127.9, 127.5, 126.6, 125.1, 122.9 (d, $\left.J_{F}=2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 122.5,63.3,56.7,56.7,52.3,44.3,43.1,34.4\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F}=10 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 31.9\left(\mathrm{dd}, J_{F}=\right.$ $26,23 \mathrm{~Hz}), 30.5\left(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}_{F}=26,23 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 29.2\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}_{F}=10 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) ;{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ (ppm) =-90.7 (d, J=235 Hz, 1F), -102.5 (d, J= $235 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{~F}$ ); HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{~F}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{+}$ [ $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}$ ] + calcd. 395.1817, found 395.1821.

## 1'-(tert-butyl) 8a-methyl 3-phenyl-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-piperidine]-1',8a(8H)-dicarboxylate (3ac)



Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5:1) afforded 3ac. White solid; $37.3 \mathrm{mg}, 81 \%$ yield; m.p. $130-132^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=\delta 7.43-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{td}, \mathrm{J}=7.6,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.73$ (d, J $=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.27-3.87(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.35(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.07(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.01-2.85(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.97(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.78(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=10.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$,
$1.89(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.79-1.55(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.40(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 1.39-1.33(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}){ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.2,154.7,147.0,144.9,141.7,136.2,135.5$, $129.2,128.2,127.8,127.4,126.6,125.0,122.4,79.2,63.4,56.4,52.3,44.0,43.0,37.3$, 32.0, 28.3; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{29} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{NO}_{4}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{+}$calcd. 482.2302, found 482.2303.

## Methyl 4-oxo-3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)carboxylate (3ad)



Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5:1) afforded 3ad. White solid; $26.0 \mathrm{mg}, 70 \%$ yield; m.p. $126-128{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.46-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $7.13(\mathrm{td}, J=7.6,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.74(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.64(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.37(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.26(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.03(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.66-2.53(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.50-2.35(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.35-2.25(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.23-2.12$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.08(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.02-1.74(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ $(\mathrm{ppm})=211.0,177.1,147.2,145.2,140.8,136.1,135.3,129.1,128.4,128.0,127.6$, 126.7, 125.2, 122.5, 63.4, 57.0, 52.4, 44.6, 43.1, 39.3, 38.0, 37.9, 32.8; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd. 373.1798, found 373.1803

## Methyl 3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclobutane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)-

 carboxylate (3ae)

Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / \mathrm{EA}=20: 1$ ) afforded 3ae. Pale yellow solid; $22.0 \mathrm{mg}, 67 \%$ yield; m.p. $98-100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.46-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.08 (td, J = 7.6, $0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $6.94(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.84(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=16 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.87(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), 2.36 - 2.21 (m, 3H), 2.19 (d, J = $12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.88-1.74$ (m, 2H), $1.60-1.49$ (m, 1H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.1,147.8,144.8,141.0,136.4,135.8$, 129.0, 128.2, 127.7, 127.2, 126.5, 125.2, 122.2, 63.8, 60.7, 52.2, 51.2, 41.6, 32.8, 31.7, 16.6; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]+$ calcd. 331.1693, found 331.1696.

Methyl 3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)carboxylate (3af)


Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / \mathrm{EA}=20: 1$ ) afforded 3af. Pale yellow solid; $32.1 \mathrm{mg}, 93 \%$ yield; m.p. $118-120^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.41-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.29-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.17$ (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, $J=7.6,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.80(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.63(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.33(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.95(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 2.67 ( $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.99 ( $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.88-1.79(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.78-1.52(\mathrm{~m}$, $5 \mathrm{H}), 1.51-1.36(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.9,147.0,144.4$, 141.3, 136.4, 136.3, 129.2, 128.0, 127.5, 127.1, 126.5, 125.1, 122.1, 64.9, 63.7, 52.2, 50.3, 42.7, 38.9, 35.1, 24.2, 24.2; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]+$ calcd. 345.1849, found 345.1851.

Methyl 3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)carboxylate (3ag)


Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / E A=20: 1$ ) afforded 3ag. Pale yellow solid; $32.0 \mathrm{mg}, 89 \%$ yield; m.p. $126-128{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.41-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.19(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 7.16 (d, J = $7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.08 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.31(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.77-1.31(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.8,146.9,143.8,143.6,136.8,136.4,129.3,128.0$, 127.5, 127.1, 126.5, 125.1, 122.3, 63.4, 58.3, 52.2, 45.3, 43.3, 38.4, 32.6, 25.6, 23.9, 22.3; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]+$ calcd. 359.2006, found 359.2009.

## Methyl 3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cycloheptane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)carboxylate (3ah)



Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 20:1) afforded 3ah. Pale yellow solid; $31.9 \mathrm{mg}, 86 \%$ yield; m.p. $118-120{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.39-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.27-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.15(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.92(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.27(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.97(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $2.84(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.96-1.86(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.89(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.79-1.68(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.67-1.57(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.55-1.22(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=$ 177.9, 146.8, 144.4, 143.0, 136.8, 136. 8, 129.2, 128.0, 127.4, 127.0, 126.5, 125.0, 122.3, 63.3, 61.0, 52.1, 48.0, 43.4, 40.6, 36.9, 29.3, 29.2, 24.8, 23.5; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{+}$calcd. 373.2162, found 373.2166.

## Methyl 3-phenyl-1',3'-dihydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,2'-indene]-8a(8H)carboxylate (3ai)



Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / \mathrm{EA}=20: 1$ ) afforded 3ai. Pale yellow solid; $23.8 \mathrm{mg}, 61 \%$ yield; m.p. $180-182{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.32-7.24(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.18(\mathrm{~m}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 7.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{td}, J=7.6,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11-$ $7.03(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.98(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.88(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=-7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.67(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.36(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.31(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=10.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.27(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.19(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.98$ (d, $J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.82 (d, $J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.71 (d, $J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.21$ (d, $J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.4,147.4,145.5,142.4$, 142.4, 140.3, 136.2, 136.1, 129.0, 128.1, 127.8, 127.2, 126.6, 126.2, 126.1, 125.2, 124.4, 124.1, 122.6, 65.8, 64.0, 52.3, 51.7, 45.3, 43.2, 42.6; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{+}$ [ $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}$ ] ${ }^{+}$calcd. 393.1849, found 393.1854.

Methyl 3-phenyl-4',5'-dihydro-1H,3'H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,2'-furan]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3aj)


Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5:1) afforded 3aj. Pale yellow solid; $18.0 \mathrm{mg}, 52 \%$ yield; m.p. $88-90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.61-7.54(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.44-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.21-7.7$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.93-3.87(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.64(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.61-3.53(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.44(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.97(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.34(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.21-2.11(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.97-1.79$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.77-1.66(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl $\left.{ }_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=176.6,146.8,145.2$, $139.4,135.8,134.7,130.2,128.5,127.8,127.7,126.6,125.0,122.0,100.5,68.4,62.9$, 52.3, 51.2, 41.9, 35.2, 26.7; The diastereomeric ratio (dr) was determined to be 10.5:1 by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{+}$calcd. 347.1642, found 347.1643.

## Methyl 3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]inden]-3-ene-8a'(8'H)carboxylate (3ak)



Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 15:1) afforded 3ak. Pale yellow solid; 15.7 mg , $51 \%$ yield; m.p. $82-84{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400
$\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.39-7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.11 (td, J = 7.2, $2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.05-6.95(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.66-5.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $5.60-5.53(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.63(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.32(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $2.83-2.79(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.80(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.73-2.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.21-2.13(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $2.21(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.6,147.5,144.4$, 141.0, 136.5, 136.3, 129.6, 129.2, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 127.1, 126.5, 125.2, 122.8, 64.4, 63.2, 53.7, 52.2, 45.0, 44.4, 42.6; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{+}$calcd. 343.1693 , found 343.1698 .

## Methyl 2,2-dimethyl-3-phenyl-2,8-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene-8a(1H)-carboxylate

 (3al)

Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 20:1) afforded 3am. Pale yellow oil; 21.0 mg , 66\% yield; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})$ $=7.41-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.30-7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.17(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.09(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.96(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.85(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.63(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.30(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $2.09(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.10(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})$ $=177.8,147.0,143.6,142.8,136.6,136.2,128.9,128.1,127.5,127.1,126.5,125.1$, 122.3, 63.5, 54.0, 52.2, 51.6, 43.2, 29.3, 26.1; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{+}$calcd. 319.1693 , found 319.1695 . (3am)


Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 20:1) afforded 3an. Pale yellow solid; 26.5 mg , $77 \%$ yield; m.p. $44-46{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.43-7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.13-7.06(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.03-$ $6.93(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.77(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.38(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.57(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 3.37(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.97(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6,1 \mathrm{H}), 2.45(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=14.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.22-$ $2.15(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.85(\mathrm{~d}, J=14.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.11(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.99-0.92(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=178.0,142.0,141.6,140.8,139.7,135.1,128.5,128.4,126.8$, $126.8,126.2,124.2,123.4,54.5,52.2,47.8,44.8,44.0,34.1,30.4,24.3,13.5$; The diastereomeric ratio (dr) was determined to be $2.6: 1$ by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{O}_{2}^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd. 347.2006, found 347.2009.

## Methyl 5-methyl-3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ba)

 Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5:1) afforded 3ba. White solid; $30.5 \mathrm{mg}, 82 \%$ yield; m.p. $136-138{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.44-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.23-7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.07(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.55(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.91$ (dd, J = 11.6, $4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.80 (dd, J = 11.6, $2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.68-3.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.60(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 3.53-3.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.11(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.92-1.79(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.64(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $13.6,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=$ 177.5, 144.8, 144.0, 141.3, 136.3, 136.2, 135.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.1, 127.3, 124.7, 123.0, 65.8, 64.2, 63.8, 55.6, 52.2, 44.7, 42.7, 38.1, 32.8, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd. 375.1955, found 375.1958.

## Methyl 5-fluoro-3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ca)



Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5:1) afforded 3ca. White solid; 24.5 mg , $65 \%$ yield; m.p. $88-90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.43-7.32(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.22-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{dd}$, $J=8.4,5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.79(\mathrm{td}, J=8.8,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.40(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.8$, $2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.91(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=11.6,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=11.2,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.69-3.61$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.55-3.44(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.15(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.92(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.93(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.86(\mathrm{td}, J=12.8,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 1.63 (dd, $J=13.6,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.16,163.06,160.63,144.05(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 143.15,142.27(\mathrm{~d}, J=3$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 138.03(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 135.01,129.03,128.33,127.68,125.88(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 114.56$ ( $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=23.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 109.39 ( $\mathrm{d}, J=23 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 65.74, 64.12, 55.77, 52.32, 44.76, 42.42, 37.92, 32.72; ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=-116.1(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ); HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{FO}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd. 379.1704, found 379.1707.

Methyl 5-chloro-3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3da)


Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / E A=5: 1$ ) afforded 3da. White solid; $28.5 \mathrm{mg}, 72 \%$ yield; m.p. $150-152^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.45-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.22-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.13-7.03(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.68(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.90(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=11.6,4.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.80(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=11.6,2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.68-3.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.53-3.44$ (m, 1H), 3.31 (d, J = $15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.15(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.91(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.93(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.91-1.80(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.63(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.6,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}$ $=13.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.0,145.4,143.7,143.3$, 138.0, 135.0, 132.4, 129.0, 128.4, 127.7, 127.7, 126.0, 122.4, 65.7, 64.1, 63.9, 55.9, 52.3, 44.7, 42.6, 37.9, 32.7; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{ClO}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{+}$calcd. 395.1408, found 395.1413 .

Methyl 6-chloro-3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ea)


Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5:1) afforded 3ea. White solid; $29.8 \mathrm{mg}, 75 \%$ yield; m.p. $154-156{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.46-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.23-7.09(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, 6.92 (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.63$ (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.91$ (dd, $J=11.6$, $4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=11.6,3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.71-3.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.49(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=$ $11.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.33 (d, J = $16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.16 (d, J = $12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.94 (d, J = 16.0 Hz , 1 H ), 1.92 ( $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $1.91-1.79$ (m, 2H), 1.66 (dd, $J=13.6,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.28$ (dd, $J=13.2,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.0,148.8,143.6$, 142.6, 135.2, 134.8, 133.3, 129.0, 128.3, 127.5, 126.9, 125.4, 123.2, 65.7, 64.1, 63.6, 55.8, 52.4, 44.6, 42.9, 38.0, 32.8; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{ClO}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{+}$calcd. 395.1408, found 395.1411.

Methyl 10-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-7H-spiro[pentaleno[1,2-a]naphthalene-9,4'-pyran]-7a(8H)-carboxylate (3fa)


Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / E A=5: 1$ ) afforded 3fa. White solid; $17.2 \mathrm{mg}, 42 \%$ yield; m.p. $208-210{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.69(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.59-7.45(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 7.36 (d, J = $8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.30-7.24(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.19(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.01(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.95(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.91-6.82(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 6.70 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, $J=11.6,4.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.78$ (dd, $J=11.6,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.70 (td, $J=12.4,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.59-3.45(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 3.22-3.11(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.27(\mathrm{td}, \mathrm{J}=$ $12.4,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.04$ (d, $J=13.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.89$ (dd, $J=13.6,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.68$ (td, J = 13.2, $4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.14(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.4,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=$ 177.5, 145.1, 144.7, 141.6, 137.7, 133.2, 133.1, 130.2, 129.1, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 126.8, 125.2, 124.9, 123.3, 65.9, 65.7, 64.5, 56.2, 52.3, 44.6, 44.1, 39.0, 33.6; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]+$ calcd. 411.1955, found 411.1959.

Methyl 3-(p-tolyl)-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ga)


Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / \mathrm{EA}=5: 1$ ) afforded 3ga. Pale yellow solid; $27.2 \mathrm{mg}, 73 \%$ yield; m.p. $108-110{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.18(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.13-7.05(\mathrm{~m}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 6.96$ (t, J = $7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.79(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.90$ (dd, $\mathrm{J}=11.6$, $4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.80 (dd, $J=12.0,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.64(\mathrm{td}, \mathrm{J}=12.4,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1 H ), 3.59 (s, 3H), $3.55-3.44(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.35$ (d, $J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.14 (d, $J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.96(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.39(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.91(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.90-$ $1.80(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.63(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.6,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.5,146.9,144.6,141.9,137.0,136.4,132.4,129.1$, 128.9, 127.7, 126.6, 125.0, 122.4, 65.8, 64.2, 63.4, 55.6, 52.3, 44.8, 43.1, 38.0, 32.8, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]+$ calcd. 375.1955, found 375.1956.

Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ha)


Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / E A=5: 1$ ) afforded 3ha. White solid; 29.5 mg , $78 \%$ yield; m.p. $94-95^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.23-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.14-7.03(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=$ $7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.73$ (d, $J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.91$ (dd, $J=11.6,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.81 (dd, J = 11.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68-3.61 (m, 1H), $3.60(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.56-$ 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = $15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.15 (d, J = $12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.96 (d, J = 15.6 Hz , $1 \mathrm{H}), 1.92(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.88-1.76(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.66(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.6,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.26$ (dd, $J=13.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.2,163.5,161.1$, 147.0, 145.5, 140.6, 136.1, 131.4 (d, $J_{F}=3 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 131.0 (d, $J_{F}=8 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 128.0, 126.7, 125.2, 122.33, 115.2 (d, J = 21 Hz ), 65.8, 64.1, 63.5, 55.6, 52.3, 44.7, 43.0, 38.0, 32.8; ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=-114.8(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{ESI})$ for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{FO}_{3}{ }^{+}$ [ $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]+$ calcd. 379.1704, found 379.1708.

Methyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ia)


Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / \mathrm{EA}=5: 1$ ) afforded 3ia. White solid; $30.0 \mathrm{mg}, 76 \%$ yield; m.p. $146-148{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.36(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.17-7.08(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.98(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.75(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.91 (dd, J = 12.0, $4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.81 (dd, $J=11.6,3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.69-$ $3.56(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.60(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.54-3.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.37(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.15(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.96(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.92(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.88-1.75(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 1.65 (dd, $J=13.6,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $1.25(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.2,147.1,145.6,140.3,136.0,134.1,133.4,130.7,128.5,128.1$, 126.7, 125.2, 122.4, 65.8, 64.1, 63.6, 55.7, 52.3, 44.7, 43.0, 38.1, 32.9; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{ClO}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{+}$calcd. 395.1408, found 395.1412.

3-phenyl-2', $\mathbf{3}^{\prime}, 5^{\prime}, 6^{\prime}$-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)carbonitrile ( $\mathbf{3 j a}$ )


Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5:1) afforded 3ja. White solid; $24.2 \mathrm{mg}, 74 \%$ yield; m.p. $170-172{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.48-7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.26(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.23-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.02(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.79(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.00(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=12.0,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=11.6,3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.70(\mathrm{td}, \mathrm{J}=12.0,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1 H ), $3.56-3.39(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.03(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.16$ (dd, J $=14.0,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.08-1.95(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.88(\mathrm{td}, \mathrm{J}=13.2,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.30(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=$ $13.6,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=145.8,143.4,142.5,134.4$, 134.0, 128.9, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 125.7, 124.9, 123.3, 65.9, 64.1, 56.9, 51.3, 45.0, 43.2, 37.5, 32.0; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{NO}^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{+}$calcd. 328.1696, found 328.1699 .

Benzyl 3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ka)


Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / E A=5: 1$ ) afforded 3ka. White solid; $30.4 \mathrm{mg}, 70 \%$ yield; m.p. $78-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.42-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.29-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.21-7.15$ $(\mathrm{m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.14-7.06(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.76(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 5.10(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.01(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86-3.63(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.62-3.41$ (m, 2H), $3.35(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.14(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.99(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.90(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.86-1.68(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.46(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.6,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.25(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=13.2,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=176.3,147.1,144.8,141.7$, $136.4,135.8,135.5,129.2,128.3,128.1,127.9,127.8,127.6,127.3,126.6,125.1$, 122.4, 66.3, 65.7, 64.1, 63.7, 55.7, 44.3, 43.0, 38.0, 32.7; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}$ $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]+$ calcd. 437.2111, found 437.2115.

Methyl 3-(thiophen-2-yl)-2', 3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3la)


Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / \mathrm{EA}=5: 1$ ) afforded 3la. White solid; $20.6 \mathrm{mg}, 56 \%$ yield; m.p. $178-180^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.36(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.23-7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.16 (dd, $J=14.8,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.09 (dd, $J=5.2,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.04(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.94(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.0,4.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.85 (dd, $J=11.6,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.65(\mathrm{td}, J=12.0,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.59(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.50$ (dd, J = $17.6,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.35(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.14(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.96(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.08(\mathrm{td}, J=12.8,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.99-1.85(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.62(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.25(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.0,147.8$, $147.3,136.0,135.5,134.2,128.3,127.2,126.9,126.7,125.7,125.2,122.8,65.8,64.2$, 63.8, 55.4, 52.4, 44.3, 43.0, 38.0, 32.8; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]+$ calcd. 367.1362, found 367.1364.

Methyl 3-pentyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ma)


Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / E A=5: 1$ ) afforded 3 ma . White solid; $19.5 \mathrm{mg}, 55 \%$ yield; m.p. $88-90^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.40(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.11(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.91(\mathrm{td}$, $J=12.0,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.62(\mathrm{td}, \mathrm{J}=12.4,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.54(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.55-$ $3.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.30(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.00(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.83$ (d, $J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.35 (ddd, $J=13.6,10.8,5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.20 (ddd, $J=13.6,11.4,5.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.09(\mathrm{td}, \mathrm{J}=12.8,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.89-1.78(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.72(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.64-1.31(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 1.15(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 0.92(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.6,146.8,142.5,142.5,137.1,127.1,126.8,125.2$, 122.4, 66.0, 64.3, 63.2, 55.0, 52.1, 44.4, 43.2, 37.9, 33.3, 32.5, 29.6, 26.0, 22.5, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{31} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]+$ calcd. 355.2268, found 355.2273 .

## Methyl 3-(tert-butyl)-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3na)



Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / E A=5: 1$ ) afforded 3na. White solid; 21.7 mg , $64 \%$ yield; m.p. $112-114{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.71(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.08(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, 3.92 (dd, $J=11.6,5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.85 (dd, $J=11.6,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.65$ (td, $J=12.4,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.57-3.48(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.51(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.23(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.02(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $2.84(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.75(\mathrm{td}, J=12.6,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.21$ (ddd, $J=$ $12.6,5.2,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.71(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.55-1.35(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 1.25(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.2$, $1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}){ }^{13}{ }^{3} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 0} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=178.1,149.2,147.9,142.8,137.7$, 126.9, 126.8, 126.2, 125.0, 66.0, 64.6, 57.8, 52.0, 44.2, 43.1, 38.8, 35.0, 32.9, 31.3; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{+}$calcd. 341.2111, found 341.2115 .

## Methyl 3-benzyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (30a)



Purification by flash chromatography ( $\mathrm{PE} / E A=5: 1$ ) afforded 3oa. White solid; $11.6 \mathrm{mg}, 31 \%$ yield; m.p. $110-112^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm})=7.36-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.31-7.10(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 3.84(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}$ $=11.6,3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.80-3.72(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.65(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.60$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.53 (td, J = 12.4, $2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.49-3.42(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.40(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $2.99(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.09(\mathrm{td}, J=12.8,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.83$ (d, $J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.46 (ddd, $J=12.4,4.8,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.32 (dd, $J=14.0,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.12 (dd, $J=13.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})=177.6,147.0$, 144.8, 139.5, 138.9, 136.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.0, 126.1, 125.4, 122.3, 65.8, 64.3, 63.5, 55.3, 52.2, 44.6, 43.2, 38.0, 33.2, 31.5; HRMS (ESI) for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]+$ calcd. 375.1955 , found 375.1960 .

### 6.2 NMR data

Methyl 3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3aa)



Methyl 4,4-difluoro-3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)-carboxylate (3ab)



1'-(tert-butyl) 8a-methyl 3-phenyl-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-piperidine]-1',8a(8H)-dicarboxylate (3ac)



Methyl 4-oxo-3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)carboxylate (3ad)

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Methyl 3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclobutane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)carboxylate (3ae)



Methyl 3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)carboxylate (3af)




Methyl 3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)carboxylate (3ag)



Methyl 3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cycloheptane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]indene]-8a'(8'H)carboxylate (3ah)




Methyl 3-phenyl-1',3'-dihydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,2'-indene]-8a(8H)carboxylate (3ai)



Methyl 3-phenyl-4',5'-dihydro-1H,3'H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,2'-furan]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3aj)




Methyl 3'-phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-cyclopenta[a]inden]-3-ene-8a'(8'H)carboxylate (3ak)



Methyl 2,2-dimethyl-3-phenyl-2,8-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene-8a(1H)-carboxylate (3al)





Methyl 6,7,7-trimethyl-5-phenyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-8aH-fluorene-8a-carboxylate (3am)



Methyl 5-methyl-3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ba)



Methyl 5-fluoro-3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ca)



Methyl 5-chloro-3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3da)


Methyl 6-chloro-3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ea)


Methyl 10-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-7H-spiro[pentaleno[1,2-a]naphthalene-9,4'-pyran]-7a(8H)-carboxylate (3fa)


Methyl 3-(p-tolyl)-2', $3^{\prime}, 5^{\prime}, 6^{\prime}$-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-
2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ga)


Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ha)



Methyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ia)



3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)carbonitrile (3ja)








Benzyl 3-phenyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ka)






Methyl 3-(thiophen-2-yl)-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3la)




Methyl 3-pentyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3ma)

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Methyl 3-(tert-butyl)-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (3na)



Methyl 3-benzyl-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]indene-2,4'-pyran]-8a(8H)-carboxylate (30a)





[^0]:    ${ }^{a}$ Reaction conditions: $\mathbf{1 a}(0.10 \mathrm{mmol})$, $\mathbf{2 a}(0.30 \mathrm{mmol})$, photocatalyst ( $2 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) and additive ( 0.20 mmol ) in solvent ( 2 mL ) at room temperature under nitrogen with blue LED irradiation for 12 h . ${ }^{b}$ isolated yield. ${ }^{c}$ TFA ( 0.10 mmol ). ${ }^{d} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( 50 equiv.). ${ }^{e}$ photocatalyst ( $1 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ). ${ }^{f}$ in the dark.

