## **Supporting Information**

# Palladium-Catalyzed Oxidative Cross-Coupling for Synthesis of α-Amino Ketones

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#### General

All reactions involving air- or moisture-sensitive reagents were carried out under an argon atmosphere. All solvents were distilled under Ar before use. All chemicals were purchased from Aldrich and J&K Chemical and used without further purification. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using 60 mesh silica gel plates visualized with short-wavelength UV light (254 nm). Silica gel 60 (230 - 400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using CDCl<sub>3</sub> solvent on a Bruker advance III 400 spectrometer (400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 101 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C) or on a Varian OXFORD 300 spectrometer (300 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 75.75 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C). The chemical shift is given indimensionless  $\delta$  values and is frequency referenced relative to TMS in <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy.

#### **Experimental Section**

#### 1. General procedure for synthesis of 2a-2z



An oven-dried 10 mL screw-capped vial containing **1a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), phenyl boric acid (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv),  $Pd(PCy_3)_2Cl_2$  (0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine-1-oxoammonium *tetra*-fluoroborate (T<sup>+</sup>BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>) (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and purged with Ar three times. Then, CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1 mL) was added *via* syringe, and heated to 80°C in an oil bath until the starting material has disappeared for 20 hours (monitored by TLC). And then the solvent was removed in vacuo and residue was purified on a silica gel column using EA/PE as eluent to afford the desired product **2a**.

#### 2. Synthesis of T<sup>+</sup>BF4<sup>-1</sup>

In a 250 mL round bottom flask, an aqueous solution of HBF<sub>4</sub> (48% aqueous

solution, 10.9 mL, 83.2 mmol) was added to the heterogeneous solution of 1 (11.367g, 72.8 mmol) in purified water (31.15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min to give a yellow orange mixture. In ice bath, an aqueous solution of NaOCl (5% aqueous solution, 48.5mL, 35.7 mmol) was added to the solution for 2 h. The mixture is filtered with grass filter and the yellow solid was washed with cooled water (4 °C,  $4 \times 20$  mL) and dichloromethane ( $3 \times 30$  mL). After dried under high vacuum at room temperature overnight, the product is obtained as a bright yellow solid.

#### 3. Analytical Data of Products



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.58, 144.55, 138.06, 134.74, 134.05, 133.56, 129.82, 128.99, 128.83, 128.65, 127.93, 122.20, 114.50, 62.25, 21.06. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 336.2.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, J = 14.6, 8.3 Hz, 4H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.60, 144.60, 144.27, 134.21, 133.57, 129.00, 128.86, 128.66, 128.62, 127.95, 114.47, 62.24, 29.66, 28.37, 15.15. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 366.1.

<sup>1</sup> Y. Yonekuta, K. Oyaizu and H. Nishide, Chem. Lett. 2007, 36, 866.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.96 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dt, J = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.65, 148.86, 144.66, 134.77, 134.27, 133.60, 129.01, 128.90, 128.68, 127.91, 127.25, 122.18, 114.45, 62.21, 33.65, 23.76. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 363.4.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 196.60, 159.30, 144.53, 134.76, 133.54, 129.23, 128.99, 128.90, 128.79, 128.67, 122.20, 114.51, 114.49, 61.86, 55.15. **MS (ESI)**: found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 352.0.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.63, 144.61, 138.94, 137.02, 134.71, 133.63, 129.10, 129.02, 128.90, 128.86, 128.68, 128.40, 125.38, 122.25, 114.49, 62.57, 21.43. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 336.2.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.72, 144.74, 138.70, 136.93, 134.74, 133.58, 130.07, 129.01, 128.86, 128.66, 125.78, 122.21, 114.47, 62.60, 21.30. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 349.7.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 196.63, 144.67, 137.54, 136.82, 134.74, 134.38, 133.54, 130.23, 128.99, 128.87, 128.64, 125.72, 122.15, 114.47, 62.30, 29.68, 19.88, 19.45. **MS (ESI)**: found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 349.7.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.63, 144.59, 137.23, 134.86, 133.64, 129.13, 129.06, 128.86, 128.72, 128.26, 128.07, 122.43, 114.60, 62.70. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 321.5.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.42, 144.25, 134.55, 133.82, 132.94(d, J = 3.6 Hz), 129.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 129.09, 128.80, 122.51, 116.16 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 114.52, 61.72. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 340.1.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.18, 144.14, 135.75, 134.48, 134.11, 133.90, 129.33, 129.30, 129.11, 128.82, 122.59, 114.52, 61.82. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 355.7.



White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.15, 144.16, 141.22, 136.34, 134.53, 133.91, 132.28, 129.63, 129.13, 128.83, 122.68, 114.55, 61.94. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 399.8.



White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd, J = 11.1, 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.06, 147.98, 144.11, 138.19, 137.00, 134.45, 133.93, 129.83, 129.12, 128.83, 114.50, 105.16, 61.99. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 447.5.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (dd, J = 12.3, 8.3 Hz, 3H), 4.89 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.96, 145.32, 135.09, 134.29, 133.55, 132.76, 131.01, 129.56, 129.24, 129.16, 128.71, 128.52, 127.25, 126.77, 126.23, 125.48, 122.86, 122.79, 114.55, 60.02. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 372.1.



White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 3H), 5.45 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.35, 148.28, 147.52, 144.37, 134.63, 133.66, 130.84, 129.02, 128.81, 128.71, 122.31, 122.02, 114.54, 108.62, 107.85, 101.24, 62.03. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 366.1.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 – 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.61, 145.00, 140.74, 136.96, 134.81, 133.76, 131.55, 129.14, 128.79, 128.54, 126.82, 124.92, 124.71, 123.08, 122.95, 121.86, 114.70, 57.69. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 337.8.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.13 – 7.97 (m, 4H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.34 (m, 7H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.66, 144.41, 139.27, 138.00, 137.01, 135.20, 134.85, 133.72, 131.42, 129.09, 128.68, 128.64, 127.15, 126.94, 125.20, 124.61, 122.83, 122.72, 121.66, 114.89, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, 62.58. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 427.8.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.64 – 6.55 (m, 2H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 196.91, 155.80 (d, *J* = 235.3 Hz), 142.41, 137.90, 134.87, 134.28, 133.39, 129.72, 128.72, 128.56, 127.86, 115.54 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 114.29 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 62.89, 20.97. **MS (ESI)**: found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 319.5.



White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.58, 145.03, 138.10, 134.85, 134.06, 133.56, 131.89, 129.85, 128.85, 128.67, 127.96, 115.07, 109.36, 62.24, 21.06. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 379.3.



White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.44, 147.17, 138.11, 134.86, 134.74, 134.05, 133.59, 130.15, 129.88, 128.88, 128.68, 127.93, 117.55, 113.11, 111.74, 62.04, 21.08. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 336.2.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.32, 143.88, 137.81, 135.16, 134.70, 133.37, 129.74, 129.69, 128.83, 128.62, 127.99, 126.93, 113.63, 62.68, 21.07, 20.37. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 315.6.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, J = 14.2, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.11, 146.11, 138.90, 137.76, 134.97, 134.64, 133.38, 129.71, 129.02, 128.81, 128.58, 127.93, 118.64, 114.34, 110.30, 62.26, 29.63, 21.58, 21.04. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 315.5.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.41, 144.32, 137.70, 137.21, 135.22, 134.84, 133.29, 130.17, 129.70, 128.80, 128.57, 127.95, 125.73, 115.51, 110.71, 62.64, 29.67, 21.03, 20.00, 18.65. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 329.9.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 6.30 (s, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.31, 146.28, 138.79, 137.74, 135.19, 134.87, 133.34, 129.73, 128.84, 128.61, 127.95, 119.82, 111.41, 62.40, 29.69, 21.48, 21.06. MS (ESI):

found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 329.9.



White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.08 (dd, J = 14.3, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.87 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  195.47, 144.52, 140.08, 138.35, 133.88, 133.16, 130.22, 129.98, 129.07, 129.05, 127.94, 122.51, 114.62, 62.56, 21.08. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 369.4.



Yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.30, 143.87, 137.79, 135.14, 134.69, 133.36, 129.73, 129.67, 128.82, 128.61, 127.97, 126.91, 113.62, 62.66, 21.06, 20.36. MS (ESI): found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 349.7.

## Key intermediate A was detected by GC-MS



















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