Saturated Oxygen and Nitrogen Heterocycles via Oxidative Coupling of Alkyltrifluoroborates with Alkenols, Alkenoic Acids, and Alkenylamines

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General Experimental Information:

All reagents were used out of the bottle as purchased from the supplier without further purification unless otherwise noted. All reactions were carried out under an argon environment unless otherwise noted. 4,5-Dihydro-2-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)propan2-yl)oxazole (4a), (achiral bisoxazoline) was synthesized using our previously reported procedure.¹ 1,2-Dichloroethane was distilled over CaH₂ prior to use. α, α, α -Trifluorotoluene was distilled over P₂O₅ prior to use. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ (using 7.26 ppm for reference of CHCl₃) at 300, 400 or 500 MHz unless otherwise noted. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ (using 77.0 ppm as internal reference) at 75, 100, or 125 MHz unless otherwise noted. Coupling constants (J) are in Hertz. Abbreviations used are s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, q = quartet, ABq = ABquartet, quint = quintet, and bs = broad singlet. IR spectra were taken neat using a Nicolet-Impact 420 FTIR. Wave numbers in cm⁻¹ are reported for characteristic peaks. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained at SUNY Buffalo's mass spectrometry facility on a ThermoFinnigan MAT XL spectrometer. Flash column chromatography was carried out using 230 x 400 mesh silica gel under increased pressure. Melting points were obtained on an electro thermal melting point apparatus and are reported uncorrected. Optical rotations were obtained using a Rudolph Autopol I Polarimeter fitted with a micro cell with a 1 dm path length. Enantiomeric excess was determined using **CP-Chirasil-Dex** by chromatography (GC)а CB column. gas Bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyloxy)copper and 1,10-phenanthroline, were purchased from Acros. Potassium alkyltrifluoroborates were purchased from Frontier Scientific. Manganese(IV) oxide $(MnO_2, \sim 85\%, <5 \mu m)$ was purchased from Aldrich and used without further purification.

Synthesis of Carboxylic Acids and Alcohols



2-(1-Phenylvinyl)benzoic acid (1a)

Carboxylic acid **1a** was synthesized as previously reported.² Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 - 7.18 (m, 5H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H).



2-Vinylbenzoic acid (1c)

Carboxylic acid **1c** was synthesized as previously reported.³ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H).



2-(Prop-1-en-2-yl)benzoic acid (1d)

Carboxylic acid **1d** was synthesized as previously reported.² Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (dd, J = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H).



5-Methoxy-2-vinylbenzoic acid (1e)

Carboxylic acid **1e** was synthesized as previously reported.⁴ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.75 (bs, 1H), 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H).



4-Phenylpent-4-enoic acid (1b)

Carboxylic acid **1b** was synthesized as previously reported.⁵ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H).



4-(4-Chlorophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (1h)

Carboxylic acid **1h** was synthesized as previously reported.⁵ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H).



4-(4-Bromophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (1i)

Carboxylic acid **1i** was synthesized as previously reported.⁵ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H).



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4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (1g)

Carboxylic acid **1g** was synthesized as previously reported.⁶ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H).



4-(p-Tolyl)pent-4-enoic acid (1f)

Carboxylic acid **1f** was synthesized as previously reported.² Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H).



2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-enoic acid (1j)

Carboxylic acid **1j** was synthesized as previously reported.⁵ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, H), 2.82 (s, 2H), 1.11 (s, 6H).



4-Methylpent-4-enoic acid (1k)

Carboxylic acid **1k** was synthesized as previously reported.⁷ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (s, 3H).

5-Phenylhex-5-enoic acid (11)

Carboxylic acid **11** was synthesized as previously reported.⁵ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (quint, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H).



Methyl N-(2-phenylallyl)-N-tosylglycinate (S-1m)

To a suspension of K₂CO₃ (570 mg, 4.1 mmol, 2 equiv.) in acetone (20 mL) was added (3bromoprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (410 mg, 2.1 mmol, 1 equiv.) and methyl tosylglycinate (550 mg, 2.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The reaction was refluxed overnight with stirring. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and the solvent removed under vacuum. The remaining residue was diluted with ethyl acetate (30 mL) and washed with water (50 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 25 mL) and the organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (20% EtOAc / hexanes) to afford methyl 1-(2-phenylallyl)-*N*-tosylglycinate (620 mg, 84% yield) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.15 (m, 4H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 5.18 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2, 143.5, 141.8, 137.7, 129.5, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 126.2, 117.2, 51.9, 51.1, 46.4, 21.5; IR (neat): 2953, 1742, 1631, 1598, 1496, 1437, 911, 660 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₉H₂₁NO₄S: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 382.1083, found 382.1082.

N-(2-Phenylallyl)-*N*-tosylglycine (1m)

To a solution of *S*-1m (60 mg, 0.17 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was added 6 M KOH (1 mL) dropwise. The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. A solution of saturated NH₄Cl (50 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 25 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give *N*-(2-phenylallyl)-*N*-tosylglycine (57 mg, 97% yield) as a white crystal.

m.p. 91 - 92 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 - 7.22 (m, 7H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.1,143.7, 141.8, 137.6, 136.1, 129.5, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 126.2, 117.4, 51.2, 46.4, 21.5; IR (neat): 3189 (broad), 2925, 1726, 1631, 1598, 1496, 1445, 1404, 1335, 1306, 1244, 1155, 1092, 1029, 1018, 949, 913, 808, 777, 730, 707, 661, 571, 547 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₁₉NO4S: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 346.1108, found 346.1107.



6-Phenylhept-6-enoic acid (1n)

Carboxylic acid **1n** was synthesized as previously reported.⁵ Its ¹H NMR spectum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (quint, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.51 (quint, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H).



Methyl 2'-vinyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate (S-10)

Following a procedure adapted from Wang,⁸ 2-bromostyrene (250 mg, 170 μ L, 1.4 mmol, 1 equiv.) in a round bottomed flask charged with a magnetic stir bar was treated with (2-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)boronic acid (540 mg, 3.0 mmol, 2.2 equiv.), K₂CO₃ (450 mg, 3.3 mmol, 2.4 equiv.), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (210 mg, 0.18 mmol, 0.13 equiv.) and DMF (20 mL). The reaction was heated to 95 °C overnight with stirring. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with diethyl ether (75 mL) and washed with water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified *via* flash chromatography on silica gel (5% EtOAc / hexanes) to afford 200 mg methyl 2'-vinyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate (61% yield) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.15 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (dd, J = 17.6, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (dd, J = 17.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (dd, J = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 141.8, 140.4, 135.7, 135.1, 131.5, 131.4, 131.4, 131.0, 129.9, 129.1, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 124.7, 114.8, 51.9; IR (neat): 3473, 1717, 1628, 1431, 1289, 1250, 1190, 1126, 1083, 1045, 966, 911, 750, 712 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₆H₁₄O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 261.0886, found 261.0884.



2'-Vinyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid (10)

To a solution of *S*-10 (75 mg, 0.32 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was added 6 M KOH (1 mL) dropwise. The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. A solution of saturated NH₄Cl (50 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 25 mL). The organic layers

were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 2'-vinyl-[1,1'biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid (66 mg, 93% yield) as a white crystal.

m.p. 98 - 99 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 - 7.98 (m, 1H), 7.62 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.44 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 - 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.13 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (dd, J = 17.6, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd, J = 17.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 142.4, 140.0, 135.7, 135.0, 132.2, 131.8, 129.7, 129.1, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 124.9, 115.1; IR (neat): 3016 (broad), 1694, 1597, 1474, 1443, 1406, 1292, 1272, 1139, 1087, 1004, 989, 910, 765, 749, 709, 655, 575 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₅H₁₂O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 247.0730, found 247.0727.

4-Phenylpent-4-en-1-ol (S-8a)

Alkenol *S*-8a was synthesized as previously reported.⁹ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.66 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (bs, 1H).



2-Methyl-5-phenylhex-5-en-2-ol (S-8b)

Alkenol **S-8a** was synthesized as previously reported.¹⁰ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.58 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 6H).



2-Benzyl-1,5-diphenylhex-5-en-2-ol (S-8c)

A solution of benzyl magnesium chloride, prepared from benzyl chloride (1.5 mL, 13 mmol, 4 equiv.), magnesium turnings (470 mg, 19 mmol, 6 equiv.), and iodine (1 crystal) in dry THF (10 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of methyl 4-phenylpent-4-enoate (610 mg, 3.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry THF (10 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux overnight and then quenched with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl (50 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether (2 x 25 mL), and the organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture was subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel (10 % EtOAc / hexanes) to afford 2-benzyl-1,5-diphenylhex-5-en-2-ol (960 mg, 86% yield) as clear oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 - 7.26 (m, 10H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 2.87 (s, 4H), 2.30 - 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.58 - 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.7, 137.1, 130.6, 128.1, 126.4, 109.8, 74.1, 45.4, 36.2, 32.0, 22.6; IR (neat): 3568, 3063, 3028, 2922, 1648, 1601, 1494, 1453, 1374, 1274, 1181, 1087, 1031, 953, 885, 792, 748, 728, 700, 634, 542, 524 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₀H₂₄O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 303.1719, found 303.1723.



(2-Vinylphenyl)methanol (S-9a)

Alkenol *S*-9a was synthesized as previously reported.¹¹ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.04 (dd, J = 13.5, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 2.17 (bs, 1H).



(2-(1-vinyl)phenyl)methanol (S-9b)

Alkenol *S*-9b was synthesized as previously reported.¹¹ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.45 (d, 2H), 1.88 (bs, 1H).



4-(1-(4-Fluorophenyl)vinyl)-3-(hydroxymethyl)benzonitrile (S-9c)

Alkenol **S-9c** was synthesized as previously reported.¹² Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.92 (2H, m), 5.78 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (bs, 1H).



2-(2-Vinylphenyl)ethan-1-ol (S-10a)

Alkenol *S*-10a was synthesized as previously reported.¹³ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (bs, 1H).



2-Methyl-1-(2-vinylphenyl)propan-2-ol (S-10b)

To a solution of methyl 2-(2-vinylphenyl)acetate (110 mg, 0.62 mmol) in dry THF (3 mL) was added a solution of methyl magnesium chloride (3 M in THF, 0.83 mL, 2.5 mmol, 4 equiv.) dropwise at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir overnight. A saturated solution of NH₄Cl (25 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the aqueous phase was

extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture was subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel (20% EtOAc / hexanes) to afford 2-methyl-1-(2-vinylphenyl)propan-2-ol (82 mg, 75% yield) as a clear oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.29 - 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (s, 2H), 1.46 (s, 1H), 1.24 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.9, 135.7, 135.3, 131.8, 127.4, 126.9, 126.0, 115.5, 71.8, 45.3, 29.5; IR (neat): 3394, 3061, 3024, 2971, 2929, 1625, 1483, 1465, 1449, 1412, 1374, 1299, 1206, 1135, 1022, 989, 971, 906, 769, 721, 617, 575, 516 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₂H₁₆O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 199.1093, found 199.1089.



2-Methyl-6-phenylhept-6-en-2-ol (S-10c)

To a solution of methyl 5-phenylhex-5-enoate (150 mg, 0.72 mmol) in dry THF (4 mL) was added a solution of methyl magnesium chloride (3 M in THF, 0.96 mL, 2.9 mmol, 4 equiv.) dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir overnight. A saturated solution of NH_4Cl (25 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture was subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel (20% EtOAc / hexanes) to afford 2-methyl-1-(2-vinylphenyl)propan-2-ol (130 mg, 86% yield) as a clear oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.42 (m, 4H), 1.30 (bs, 1H), 1.17 (s, 6H);); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.4, 141.3, 128.3, 127.3, 126.1, 112.4, 70.9, 43.4, 35.7, 29.2, 22.9; IR (neat): 3367, 3081, 2968, 2941, 1626, 1600, 1574, 1494, 1465, 1443, 1376, 1301, 1199, 1133, 1074, 1027, 940, 894, 777, 703 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) C₁₄H₂₀O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m*/z 227.1406, found 227.1405.



N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-4-methyl-N-(2-phenylallyl)benzenesulfonamide (S-10d)

To a stirring solution of *N*-tosyl-ethanolamine (210 mg, 0.97 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry acetone (4 mL) was added potassium carbonate (400 mg, 2.9 mmol, 3 equiv.) followed by a solution of (3bromoprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (200 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in dry acetone (1 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The stirring was continued for 8 hours. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered and the residue was washed several times with acetone. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuum and extracted with dichloromethane (40 mL) and water (40 mL). The organic extract was washed with brine solution and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was subjected to column chromatography (40% EtOAc / hexanes) to obtain *N*-(2hydroxyethyl)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenylallyl)benzenesulfonamide (250 mg, 79% yield) as a viscous light yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.60 - 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.00 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.7, 143.0, 137.8, 135.2, 129.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.5, 126.5, 116.8, 61.0, 53.7, 50.2, 21.5; IR (neat): 3525, 2923, 1631, 1598, 1575, 1495, 1332, 1306, 1155, 1088, 1020, 914, 848, 814, 780, 759, 737, 709, 659, 614, 571, 549 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₂₁NO₃S: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 354.1134, found 354.1134.



N-(2-Hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenylallyl)benzenesulfonamide (*S*-10e) To a solution of *S*-1m (400 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (8 mL) was added a solution of methyl magnesium bromide (3 M in THF, 4.5 mmol, 4 equiv.) dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred overnight. A saturated solution of NH₄Cl (25 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture was subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel (20% EtOAc / hexanes) to afford *N*-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenylallyl)benzenesulfonamide (360 mg, 92% yield) as a viscous light yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.12 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.7, 143.3, 138.5, 135.1, 129.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 126.4, 116.5, 71.0, 59.4, 55.1, 27.6, 21.5; IR (neat): 3515, 2973, 2926, 1630, 1598, 1575, 1495, 1444, 1366, 1329, 1306, 1288, 1185, 1152, 1090, 1054, 1018, 973, 912, 872, 814, 804, 776, 753, 708, 658, 583, 550 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₀H₂₅NO₃S: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 360.1628, found 360.1630.



Methyl 6-phenylhept-6-enoate (S-2)

6-Phenylhept-6-enoic acid (230 mg, 1.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added to a suspension of K₂CO₃ (480 mg, 3.4 mmol, 3 equiv.) in DMF (5 mL) at room temperature. Methyl iodide (110 μ L, 1.7 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added dropwise, and the solution was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. The reaction was then diluted with ether (30 mL) and washed with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl (30 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ether (2 x 25 mL) and the organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture was subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel (5 % EtOAc / hexanes) to afford methyl 6-phenylhept-6-enoate (230 mg, 91% yield) as a clear oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 - 7.22 (m, 5H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.48 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.1, 148.1, 141.1, 128.3, 127.3, 126.1, 112.5, 51.4, 34.9, 33.9, 27.6, 24.5; IR (neat): 2945, 2863, 1736, 1626, 1574, 1494, 1435, 1362, 1195, 1172, 1146, 1108, 1060, 1027, 895, 778, 704 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₄H₁₈O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 241.1199, found 241.1204.



2-Methyl-7-phenyloct-7-en-2-ol (S-11a)

To a solution of *S*-2 (230 mg, 1.1 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry THF (5 mL) was added a solution of methyl magnesium bromide (3 M in THF, 1.4 mL, 4.2 mmol, 4 equiv.) dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir overnight. A saturated solution of NH₄Cl (25 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated

in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel (5% EtOAc / hexanes) to afford 2-methyl-7-phenyloct-7-en-2-ol (190 mg, 83% yield) as a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.22 (m, 3H), 5.25 (d, *J* =1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.49 - 1.33 (m, 6H), 1.19 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 141.3, 128.2, 127.3, 126.1, 112.2, 71.0, 43.7, 35.3, 29.2, 28.7, 24.0; IR (neat): 3358, 3081, 2969, 2861, 1739, 1626, 1574, 1494, 1466, 1443, 1365, 1192, 1148, 1028, 952, 895, 777, 703, 614 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₅H₂₂O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 241.1563, found 241.1566.



2-(2'-vinyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)propan-2-ol (S-11b)

To a solution of *S*-10 (170 mg, 0.73 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry THF (6 mL) was added a solution of methyl magnesium bromide (3 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 2.9 mmol, 4 equiv.) dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred overnight. A saturated solution of NH₄Cl (25 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture was subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel (10% EtOAc / hexanes) to afford 2-(2'-vinyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)propan-2-ol (120 mg, 70% yield) as a white solid.

m.p. 56 - 58 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 - 7.19 (m, 3H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.5, 142.1, 137.9, 136.1, 135.5, 132.1, 130.2, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 126.2, 126.2, 124.7, 114.5, 74.0, 32.3, 32.0; IR (neat): 3396, 3059, 2971, 2928, 1627, 1556, 1471, 1435, 1413, 1363, 1264, 1231, 1163, 1106, 1076, 1050, 1022, 995, 949, 911, 857, 782, 757, 623, 556 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₇H₁₈O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 261.1250, found 261.1248.

Synthesis of Alkenyl Amines

General Procedure for Synthesis of the Substrates S-12a to S-12l



 $R = Cbz, Bz, 4-NO_2-Bz, Ts, Ns, 4-MeO-C_6H_4SO_2$

Compounds *S*-12a to *S*-12l were prepared from the 2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-amine (previously reported)¹⁴ as follows:

To a solution of 2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-amine (1 equiv.) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (0.1 M) at 0 °C, triethylamine (1.1 equiv.) was added followed by the required R-Cl reagent (1.1 equiv.). The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 16 h, quenched with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude products were isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc / hexanes.



N-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (S-12a)

2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-amine (76 mg, 0.40 mmol) was converted to *S*-12a as above (67 mg, 47% yield, clear oil).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.41 - 7.18 (m, 5H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.28 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.53 - 2.38 (m, 4H), 0.79 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 146.0, 143.2, 131.4, 129.0, 128.4, 127.3, 126.3, 117.5, 55.5, 52.8, 44.8, 36.1, 25.5; IR (neat): 3281, 2951, 1578, 1596, 1302, 1258, 1153, 832, 560 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₀H₂₅NO₃S: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 382.1447, found 382.1456.



N-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (*S*-12b)

2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-amine (300 mg, 1.6 mmol) was converted to *S*-12b as above (422 mg, 71% yield, yellow crystal).

m.p. 82 - 84 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.20 - 4.15 (m, 1H), 2.50 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 2H), 0.86 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.8, 145.6, 145.6, 143.2, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 126.3, 124.2, 118.0, 112.2, 52.7, 45.0, 35.3, 25.6; IR (neat): 3302, 1529, 1348, 1311, 1165, 1092, 1065, 907, 853, 781, 735, 685, 609, 558 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₉H₂₂N₂O₄S: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 397.1192, found 397.1192.



N-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (*S*-12c)

2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-amine (200 mg) was converted to (*S*-12c) as above (180 mg, 50% yield, white crystals).

m.p. 59 - 61 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.20 - 4.15 (m, 1H), 2.50 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 2H), 0.86 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.8, 145.6, 145.6, 143.2, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 126.3, 124.2, 118.0, 112.2, 52.7, 45.0, 35.3, 25.6; IR (neat): 3302, 1529, 1348, 1311, 1165, 1092, 1065, 907, 853, 781, 735, 685, 609, 558 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₉H₂₂N₂O₄S: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 397.1192, found 397.1192.



N-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl)benzamide (*S*-12d)

Amide *S*-12d was synthesized as previously reported.¹⁴ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 - 7.23 (m, 8H), 5.90 (bs, 1H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 2H), 0.90 (s, 6H).



N-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl)-4-nitrobenzamide (S-12e)

2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-amine (200 mg) was converted to *S*-12e (283 mg, 80% yield, yellow solid) as above.

m.p. 82 – 84 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 - 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.74 - 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45 - 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.81 (bs, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.18 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (s, 2H), 0.93 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 149.4, 146.0, 143.5, 140.3, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 126.4, 123.6, 117.7, 109.9, 48.8, 45.3, 36.3, 26.0; IR (neat): 2971, 1725, 1339, 1155, 661 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) C₂₀H₂₂N₂O₃: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 361.1528, found 361.1523.



Benzyl (2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl)carbamate (S-12f)

2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-amine (194 mg, 1.06 mmol) was converted to *S*-12f as above (211 mg, 62% yield, clear oil).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 - 7.16 (m, 10H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 3H), 4.66 (bs, 1H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 2H), 0.77 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.6, 146.4, 143.2, 136.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 126.3, 117.1, 66.5, 51.0, 44.9, 35.8, 25.4; IR (neat t): 3341, 2959, 1702, 1454, 1132, 778, 696; cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₁H₂₆NO₂: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 324.1964, found 324.1957.

1,3-Diphenyl-1-(2-phenylallyl)urea (S-12g)

To a suspension of KOH (79 mg, 1.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in THF (5 mL) was added 1,3-diphenylurea (250 mg, 1.2 mmol, 1 equiv.). The mixture was allowed to stir until the urea dissolved completely, then (3-bromoprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (230 mg, 1.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added and the solution was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. The mixture was then diluted with EtOAc (25 mL) and saturated NH₄Cl was added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 25 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (15% EtOAc / hexanes) to afford 1,3-diphenyl-1-(2-phenylallyl)urea (280 mg, 71% yield) as a light yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 - 7.16 (m, 10H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 144.4, 140.5, 138.7, 138.6, 129.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 126.4, 122.9, 119.3, 115.3, 52.4; IR (neat): 3424, 3331, 3058, 2922, 1670, 1594, 1520, 1493, 1439, 1357, 1309, 1265, 1239, 1220, 1202, 1157, 1111, 1074, 1042, 1021, 943, 906, 854, 809, 777, 751, 720, 691, 647, 618, 593, 550, 528, 504 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₂H₂N₂O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 351.1468, found 351.1475.



4-Methyl-*N*-(2-vinylbenzyl)benzenesulfonamide (S-13)

Sulfonamide *S*-13 was synthesized as previously reported.¹⁵ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 - 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (bs, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H).



4-Methyl-*N*-(2-vinylphenethyl)benzenesulfonamide (S-14)

Sulfonamide *S*-14 was synthesized as previously reported.¹⁶ Its ¹H NMR spectrum is in agreement with literature data.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 - 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 17.2, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dd, J = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (bs, 1H), 3.16 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H).



N-(3-(2-Bromophenyl)propyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (*S*-3)

To a solution of 3-(2-bromophenyl)propan-1-amine (500 mg, 2.3 mmol, 1 equiv.), and trimethylamine (650 μ L, 470 mg, 4.7 mmol, 2 equiv.) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added tosyl chloride (490 mg, 2.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir overnight. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and 1 M HCl was added (50 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 25 mL), the organic layers combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (20% EtOAc / hexanes) to afford (780 mg, 91% yield) *N*-(3-(2-bromophenyl)propyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 - 7.00 (m, 3H), 5.14 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.81 - 1.73 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3, 140.2, 136.8, 132.7, 130.3, 129.6, 127.7, 127.4, 127.0, 124.2, 42.5, 32.9, 29.4, 21.4; IR (neat): 3276, 2926, 2867, 1598, 1567, 1495, 1471, 1439, 1322, 1305, 1156, 1121, 1093, 1020, 958, 908, 839, 751, 732, 706, 660, 570, 550 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₆H₁₈BrNO₂S: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 368.0314, found 368.0318.



4-Methyl-N-(3-(2-vinylphenyl)propyl)benzenesulfonamide (S-15)

Following a reported procedure,¹⁶ *S*-3 (600 mg, 1.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) was treated with Pd(PPh₃)₄ (94 mg, 0.082 mmol, 5 mol%) and Bu₃Sn(vinyl) (580 mg, 1.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in toluene (6 mL) under argon in a round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar. The reaction was heated to 120 °C for 24 h. Upon cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (40 mL) and washed with water (3 x 30 mL). The organic layer was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via flash chromatography on silica gel (20% EtOAc / hexanes) to yield 4-methyl-*N*-(3-(2-vinylphenyl)propyl)benzenesulfonamide (400 mg, 77% yield) as a light yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 - 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.80 - 1.68 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3, 138.2, 136.9, 136.4, 129.7, 129.4, 127.8, 127.0, 126.5, 125.9, 115.8, 42.8, 30.6, 30.1, 21.5; IR (neat): 3277, 2925, 2870, 1625, 1598, 1484, 1449, 1418, 1323, 1305, 1184, 1156, 1093, 1019, 990, 959, 910, 814, 773, 733, 707, 662, 550 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₂₁NO₂S: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 338.1185, found 338.1189.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Lactone and Cyclic Ether Products 2 - 11



To an oven-dried pressure tube, $Cu(OTf)_2$ (9 mg, 0.025 mmol, 20 mol%) was flame-dried under vacuum and flushed with argon then, 1, 10-phenanthroline (5.6 mg, 0.031 mmol, 25 mol%) was added. 1, 2-Dichloroethane was then added (1 mL). The mixture was heated at 60 °C for 2 h then cooled to room temperature. Flame dried 4 Å molecular sieves (20 mg) were added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. Alkenoic acid or alkenyl alcohol (0.19 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), potassium alkyltrifluoroborate (0.13 mmol, 1 equiv.), and MnO₂ (33 mg, 0.32 mmol, 2.6 equiv.) were added. The tube was sealed and heated to 105 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was

allowed to cool to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and filtered through a pad of silica gel (\sim 5 cm) with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc / hexanes.

Characterization of Novel Lactone and Cyclic Ether Products 2 - 11



3-Phenethyl-3-phenylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2a)

Alkenoic acid **1a** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 33 mg **2a** (84% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 - 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.60 - 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.45 - 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.25 - 7.03 (m, 5H), 2.86 - 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.68 - 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.54 - 2.37 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170, 152.8, 140.9, 140.2, 134.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.4, 124.9, 122.0, 89.7, 42.3, 30.1; IR (neat): 3027, 2923, 1760, 1599, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₂H₁₈O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 337.1199, found 337.1197.



3-(4-Fluorophenethyl)-3-phenylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2b)

Alkenoic acid **1a** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium 4-fluorobenzyltrifluoroborate (27 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 34 mg **2a** (81% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.42 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.07 - 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.91 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.82 - 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.64 - 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.49 - 2.37 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 161.3 (d, ¹*J*(C-F) = 243 Hz), 152.7, 140.1, 136.4, 134.4, 129.6, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 126.0, 125.3, 125.8, 122.0, 115.3, 115.1, 89.6, 42.4, 29.4; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -118.1 (s); IR (neat): 2933, 1763,

1599, 1509, 1466, 1448, 1287, 1221, 1158, 1090, 1017, 949, 834, 766, 701, 610, 525, 504 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₂H₁₇O₂: calculated $[M + Na]^+ m/z$ 355.1105, found 355.1103.



4-(3-Oxo-1-phenyl-1,3-dihydroisobenzofuran-1-yl)butanenitrile (2c)

Alkenoic acid **1a** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium 2-cyanoethyltrifluoroborate (20 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 23 mg **2c** (66% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 - 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.42 - 7.27 (m, 3H), 2.72 - 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.39 - 2.24 (m, 3), 1.74 - 1.54 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 152.5, 139.5, 134.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 126.1, 125.0, 124.7, 122.0, 119.0, 89.0, 39.1, 20.1, 17.0; IR (neat): 2943, 2245, 1762, 1598, 1496, 1465, 1448, 1333, 1287, 1251, 1099, 1045, 1017, 954, 770, 753, 721, 701, 606 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₁₅NO₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 300.0995, found 300.0990.



3-(Cyclopentylmethyl)-3-phenylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2d)

Alkenoic acid **1a** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium cyclopentyltrifluoroborate (22 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 15 mg **2d** (42% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.41 - 7.15 (m, 2H), 2.61 (dd, J = 14.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (dd, J = 14.6, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (q, J = 7.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.55 - 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.21 - 0.80 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 153.3, 141.2, 134.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 125.8, 125.5, 124.8, 122.4, 90.3, 46.4, 35.6, 33.8, 33.7, 24.9, 24.8; IR (neat): 2948, 2867, 1759, 1598, 956, 722 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₀H₂₀O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 315.1356, found 315.1354.



3-Ethyl-3-phenylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2e)

Alkenoic acid **1a** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium methyltrifluoroborate (15 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 18 mg **2e** (60% yield, clear oil) as above, and in agreement with literature data.¹⁷ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 - 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.40 - 7.21 (m, 3H), 2.59 - 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.37 - 2.17 (m, 1H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.7, 140.4, 134.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 125.8, 125.7, 125.0, 122.1, 90.4, 33.3, 8.1.



3-Phenyl-3-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)methyl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2f)

Alkenoic acid **1a** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-trifluoroborate (24 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 29 mg **2f** (75% yield, clear oil) as above using 10 mol% $Cu(OTf)_2$ and 12 mol% 1,10-phenanthroline.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 - 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.40 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 7.2, 6.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 - 3.66 (m, 2H), 3.20 (td, *J* = 28.0, 11.8, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.50 - 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.42 - 1.25 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 153.6, 140.7, 134.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.1, 126.0, 124.9, 124.6, 122.1, 89.9, 67.7,67.7, 47.3, 34.1, 33.9, 31.2; IR (neat): 2915, 2842, 1761, 1598, 1098, 703 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₀H₂₀O₃: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 309.1481, found 309.1481.



3-(3,3-Dimethylbutyl)-3-phenylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2g)

Alkenoic acid **1a** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium 2,2-dimethylpropyltrifluoroborate (22 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 15 mg **2g** (41% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 - 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.40 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 2.44 (td, *J* = 14.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (td, *J* = 14.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (td, *J* = 12.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (td, *J* = 12.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 0.82 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 153.1, 140.7, 134.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 125.9, 125.5, 124.9, 122.0, 90.2, 37.0, 35.5, 29.9, 29.1; IR (neat): 2954, 2865, 1760, 1611, 1599, 1496, 1466, 1447, 1394, 1366, 1286, 1242, 1196, 1097, 1051, 1016, 983, 957, 933, 917, 771, 752, 720, 701, 660, 628, 609, 578, 535 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₀H₂₂O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 317.1512, found 317.1510.



3-(But-3-en-1-yl)-3-phenylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2h)

Alkenoic acid **1a** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium allyltrifluoroborate (19 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 9 mg **2h** (26% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 - 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.39 - 7.25 (m, 3H), 5.78 - 5.66 (m, 1H), 4.96 - 4.87 (m, 2H), 2.62 - 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.33 - 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.09 - 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.95 - 1.82 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 152.7, 140.1, 137.0, 134.3, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.2, 125.9, 124.9, 122.1, 115.2, 89.7, 39.4, 28.0; IR (neat): 2923, 1762, 1641, 1598, 1496, 1465, 1447, 1333, 1286, 1254, 1089, 1001, 957, 915, 752, 722, 701, 644, 535 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₁₆O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 287.1043, found 287.1040.



3-Phenyl-3-(3-phenylpropyl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2i)

Alkenoic acid **1a** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium phenethyltrifluoroborate (27 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 25 mg **2i** (60% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 - 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.39 - 7.12 (m, 6H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.56 - 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.24 - 2.15 (m 1H), 1.71 - 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.53 - 1.38 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 152.9, 141.4, 134.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 125.9, 125.9, 125.4, 124.9, 122.1, 90.0, 39.7, 35.4, 25.2; IR (neat): 3026, 2946, 1760, 1599, 1495, 1465, 1448, 1334, 1286, 1246, 1099, 1080, 1030, 952, 910, 768, 751, 699, 614, 563, 534, 512 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₃H₂₀O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 351.1356, found 351.1355.



3-Phenyl-3-(3-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)propyl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2j)

Alkenoic acid **1a** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium 2-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yloxy)ethyltrifluoroborate (30 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 12 mg **2j** (28% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 - 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.39 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 3.57 - 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.65 - 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.49 - 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.39 - 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.63 - 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.36 - 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.85 - 1.34 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 152.9, 140.3, 140.3, 134.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 125.9, 125.4, 124.9, 122.2, 122.2, 98.8, 89.9, 66.8, 62.4, 37.0, 30.9, 30.7, 25.4, 24.2, 19.6; IR (neat): 2941, 1764, 1598, 1465, 1447, 1351, 1286, 1200, 1120, 1075, 1033, 964, 907, 868, 813, 752, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₂H₂₄O₄: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 375.1567, found 375.1567.



Benzyl (3-(3-oxo-1-phenyl-1,3-dihydroisobenzofuran-1-yl)propyl)carbamate (2k)

Alkenoic acid **1a** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyl N-[2-(trifluoroboranuidyl)ethyl]carbamate (36 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 15 mg **2k** (30% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 - 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.39 - 7.27 (m, 7H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.68 (bs, 1H), 3.18 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.59 - 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.27 - 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.60 - 1.30 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 156.3, 152.8, 140.1, 136.5, 134.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 125.9, 125.2, 124.8, 122.1, 89.6, 66.7, 40.6, 37.4, 24.6; IR (neat): 3343, 3033, 2936, 1758, 1703, 1611, 1598, 1522, 1497, 1465, 1448, 1372, 1334, 1286, 1240, 1128, 1085, 1067, 1026, 961, 911, 771, 751, 734, 697, 646, 609, 577, 535 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₅H₂₃NO₄: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 424.1519, found 424.1518.



3-Propylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2l)

Alkenoic acid **1c** (28 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium ethyltrifluoroborate (17 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 7 mg **2l** (30% yield, clear oil) as above, and in agreement with literature data.¹⁸ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.04 - 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.81 - 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.62 - 1.40 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 150.2, 133.9, 129.0, 126.1, 125.7, 121.7, 81.2, 36.8, 18.2, 13.8.



3-Methyl-3-phenethylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2m)

Alkenoic acid **1d** (30 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 20 mg **2m** (64% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (td, *J* = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (td, *J* = 13.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.29 - 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 153.5, 140.9, 135.0, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 126.0, 125.9, 120.8, 87.3, 41.8, 29.9, 26.2; IR (neat): 3027, 2977, 2931, 1755, 1614, 1600, 1497, 1466, 1455, 1378, 1338, 1311, 1286, 1258, 1218, 1166, 1120, 1080, 1034, 946, 914, 758, 721, 696, 618, 596, 558 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₇H₁₆O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 275.1043, found 275.1042.



3-Phenethylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2n)

Alkenoic acid **1d** (28 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 12 mg **2n** (39% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 - 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.94 - 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.46 - 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.13 - 1.95 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 149.8, 140.5, 134.0, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 126.3, 125.8, 121.6, 110.0, 80.3, 36.7, 31.3; IR (neat): 3027, 2924, 1755, 1601, 750, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₆H₁₄O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 261.0886, found 261.0887.



6-methoxy-3-phenethylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2o)

Alkenoic acid **1e** (33 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 12 mg **2o** (36% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 - 7.16 (m, 8H), 5.41 (dd, J = 6.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.88 - 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.36 - 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.06 - 1.95 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 160.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 126.2, 123.0, 122.5, 107.5, 80.3, 55.8, 36.8, 31.2; IR (neat): 3026, 2931, 2838, 1754, 1623, 1603, 1494, 1454, 1434, 1321, 1279, 1244, 1197, 1167, 1114, 1086, 1053, 1019, 934, 851, 829, 774, 752, 730, 700, 591, 562 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) C₁₇H₁₆O₃: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 291.0992, found 291.0998.

5-Phenethyl-5-phenyldihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (5a)

Alkenoic acid **1b** (33 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 21 mg **5a** (62% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 - 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.26 - 7.02 (m, 5H), 2.81 - 2.17 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.6, 142.5, 141.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 126.0, 124.6, 89.1, 44.4, 35.5, 30.3, 28.6; IR (neat): 3026, 2933, 1773, 1602, 1192, 766, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₁₈O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 289.1199, found 289.1197.



5-Phenethyl-5-(*p*-tolyl)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (5b)

Alkenoic acid **1f** (36 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 25 mg **5b** (70% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 - 7.13 (m, 7H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.75 - 2.20 (m, 8H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.6, 141.3, 139.4, 137.4, 129.3, 128.4, 128.2, 125.9, 124.5, 89.1, 44.4, 35.5, 30.3, 28.6, 21.0; IR (neat): 3026, 2922, 1773, 1603, 1514, 1497, 1454, 1418, 1297, 1279, 1225, 1194, 1180, 1117, 1082, 1068, 1042, 1020, 936, 884, 818, 776, 752, 726, 700, 654, 636, 608, 588, 572, 539, 508 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₉H₂₀O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 303.1356, found 303.1359.



5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenethyldihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (5c)

Alkenoic acid **1g** (39 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 27 mg **5c** (72% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 - 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.72 - 2.21 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.6, 159.0, 141.3, 134.4, 128.4, 128.2, 126.0, 125.9, 114.0, 89.0, 55.3, 44.5, 35.4, 30.3, 28.6; IR (neat): 2936, 2837, 1771, 1612, 1583, 1513, 1497, 1455, 1417, 1304, 1249, 1175, 1116, 1068, 1030, 935, 885, 834, 807, 777, 701, 661, 630, 684, 554 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₉H₂₀O₃: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 319.1305, found 319.1309.



5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-phenethyldihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (5d)

Alkenoic acid **1h** (40 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 28 mg **5d** (74% yield, off-white solid) as above.

m.p. 90 - 92 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 - 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.75 - 2.41 (m, 3H), 2.37 - 2.21 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.1, 141.1, 140.9, 133.7, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 126.1, 88.5, 44.3, 35.4, 30.2, 28.5; IR (neat): 3027, 2945, 1774, 1602, 1490, 1455, 1419, 1401, 1294, 1220, 1191, 1164, 1093, 1067, 1042, 1012, 962, 936, 910, 883, 833, 777, 728, 700, 670, 622, 552, 509 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₁₇ClO₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 323.0809, found 323.0806.



5-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-phenethyldihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (5e)

Alkenoic acid **1i** (48 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 30 mg **5e** (70% yield, off-white solid) as above.

m.p. 93 - 94 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.31 - 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.75 - 2.20 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.1, 141.7, 140.9, 131.8, 128.5, 128.2, 126.4, 126.1, 121.8, 88.5, 44.3, 35.3, 30.2, 28.4; IR (neat): 3026, 2934, 1775, 1593, 1486, 1455, 1418, 1396, 1292, 1223, 1191, 1164, 1110, 1065, 1042, 1008, 962, 936, 883, 823, 777, 749, 723, 700, 667, 615, 550, 505 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₁₇BrO₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 367.0304, found 367.0303.



3,3-Dimethyl-5-phenethyl-5-phenyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (5f)

Alkenoic acid **1j** (38 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 21 mg **5f** (57% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 - 7.20 (m, 7H), 7.18 - 7.01 (m, 3H), 2.71 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.56, 2.39 (ABq, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 2.32 - 2.11 (m, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.6, 142.5, 141.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 126.0, 124.6, 89.1, 44.4, 35.5, 30.3, 28.6; IR (neat): 3027, 2971, 1764, 1602, 926, 723 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₀H₂₂O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 317.1512, found 317.1510.



5-Methyl-5-phenethyldihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (5g)

Alkenoic acid **1k** (38 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 21 mg **5g** (57% yield, clear oil) as above, and in agreement with literature data.¹⁹ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 2.78 - 2.56 (m, 4H), 2.19 - 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.09 - 1.95 (m, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.6, 141.2, 128.5, 128.2, 126.1, 86.3, 42.9, 33.1, 30.2, 29.1, 25.6.



6-Phenethyl-6-phenyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one (6a)

Alkenoic acid **11** (36 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 20 mg **6a** (54% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (td, *J* = 12.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.53 - 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.38 - 2.14 (m, 4H), 2.06 - 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.83 - 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.64 - 1.52 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.2, 142.7, 141.6, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 125.8, 125.0, 87.4, 45.8, 33.3, 29.4, 29.3, 16.3; IR (neat): 3060, 3026, 2953, 1730, 1602, 1496, 1447, 1328, 1237, 1182, 1093, 1046, 1000, 950, 933, 804, 767, 753, 700, 657, 611, 538 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₉H₂₀O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 303.1356, found 303.1359.



6-Phenethyl-6-phenyl-4-tosylmorpholin-2-one (6b)

Alkenoic acid **1m** (65 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 29 mg **6b** (54% yield, light yellow oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 - 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 - 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.96, 3.67 (ABq, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 2H), 3.57, 3.47 (ABq, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 2.72 - 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.47 - 2.21 (m, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.6, 144.8, 140.7, 139.3, 131.8, 130.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 126.1, 124.9, 86.4, 51.0, 46.4, 41.8, 29.2, 21.6; IR (neat): 3029, 2925, 1748, 1598, 1497, 1450, 1355, 1295, 1261, 1167, 1104, 1091, 1024, 971, 912, 851, 816, 760, 734, 701, 668, 647, 566, 551 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₅H₂₅NO₄S: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 458.1397, found 458.1404.



7-Phenethyl-7-phenyloxepan-2-one (7a)

Alkenoic acid **1n** (38 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 8 mg **7a** (23% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (td, *J* = 12.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (td, *J* = 13.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 - 2.05 (m, 3H), 1.99 (td, *J* = 13.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.90 - 1.63 (m 3H), 1.62 - 1.50 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.8, 141.6, 141.6, 128.9, 128.3, 128.3, 127.3, 125.8, 125.7, 86.2, 49.7, 37.7, 37.0, 29.8, 24.1, 23.2; IR (neat): 3026, 2937, 2864, 1720, 1602, 1496, 1447, 1366, 1350, 1332, 1284, 1242, 1218, 1168, 1140, 1117, 1088, 1058, 1009, 956, 939, 911, 878, 851, 799, 771, 749, 701, 672, 642, 595, 585, 558, 539, 507 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₀H₂₂O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 317.1512, found 317.1514



7-Phenethyl-7-phenyldibenzo[*c*,*e*]oxepin-5(7*H*)-one (7b)

Alkenoic acid **10** (42 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 26 mg **7b** (54% yield, light yellow oil) as above.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.54 - 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 - 7.14 (m, 5H), 5.02 (dd, J = 10.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 - 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.85 - 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.42 - 2.32 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 140.9, 138.9, 137.3, 136.8, 132.5, 131.2, 130.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 126.2, 124.2, 76.1, 76.0, 32.6, 32.2; IR (neat): 3064, 3027, 2926, 1710, 1601, 1564, 1497, 1482, 1450, 1334, 1277, 1239, 1166, 1120, 1094, 1045, 1024, 948, 910, 796, 772, 759, 740, 701, 644, 618, 582, 563 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₈H₂₂O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 337.1199, found 337.1203.



2-Phenethyl-2-phenyltetrahydrofuran (8a)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-8a (30 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 21 mg 8a (65% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 - 7.04 (m, 10H), 4.08 - 3.92 (m, 2H), 2.72 - 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.38 - 1.78 (m, 7H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.5, 142.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 126.4, 125.5, 125.2, 86.5, 67.6, 44.4, 38.7, 30.8, 25.6; IR (neat): 3060, 3025, 2925, 2861, 1721, 1602, 1494, 1446, 12273, 1055, 1029, 911, 761, 700, 549 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₂₀O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 275.1406, found 275.1422.



2,2-Dimethyl-5-phenethyl-5-phenyltetrahydrofuran (8b)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-8b (36 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 29 mg 8b (84% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 - 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.17 - 7.05 (m, 3H), 2.67 (ddd, *J* = 13.7, 11.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 - 2.22 (m, 3H), 2.19 - 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.92 - 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.77 - 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.1, 142.3, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 126.1, 125.5, 125.3, 86.9, 81.8, 46.0, 38.8, 38.3, 30.8, 29.6, 28.9; IR (neat): 3025, 2968, 1602, 695, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₀H₂₄O calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 303.1719, found 303.1723.

2,2-Dibenzyl-5-phenethyl-5-phenyltetrahydrofuran (8c)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-8c (64 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 23 mg 8c (42% yield, white solid) as above.

m.p. 125 - 128 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 - 7.08 (m, 16H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.01 - 2.73 (m, 4H), 2.68 - 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.19 - 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.96 - 1.76 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 142.7, 138.5, 138.3, 131.0, 130.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.3, 126.1, 126.1, 125.7, 125.4, 87.4, 87.1, 46.9, 45.7, 45.3, 37.9, 33.4, 30.7; IR (neat): 3026, 2945, 1602, 1494, 1453, 1180, 1081, 1030, 931, 752, 699, 550, 517 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₃₂H₃₂O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 455.2345, found 455.2344.



2,2-Dimethyl-5-phenyl-5-(3-phenylpropyl)tetrahydrofuran (8d)

Alkenyl alcohol **S-8b** (36 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium phenethyltrifluoroborate (27 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 17 mg **8d** (46% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 - 7.07 (m, 6H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.26 - 2.18 (m, 2H), 1.82 - 1.37 (m, 6H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 142.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 126.0, 125.5, 125.3, 87.0, 81.5, 43.7, 38.3, 36.1, 29.5, 28.9, 26.0; IR (neat): 3061, 3025, 2968, 1602, 1495, 1446, 1379, 1365, 1308, 1257, 1165, 1136, 1092, 1056, 1028, 985, 913, 890, 750, 699, 602, 559 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) C₂₁H₂₆O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 317.1876, found 317.1889.



2-(3,3-Dimethylbutyl)-5,5-dimethyl-2-phenyltetrahydrofuran (8e)

Alkenyl alcohol **S-8b** (36 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium 2,2-dimethylpropyltrifluoroborate (22 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 15 mg **8e** (46% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 - 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.88 - 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.24 - 1.13 (m, 1H), 0.99 - 0.85 (m, 1H), 0.79 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.6, 127.7, 125.9, 125.3, 87.2, 81.5, 38.7, 38.6, 38.4, 37.9, 29.8, 29.6, 29.3, 28.9; IR (neat): 2954, 2867, 1602, 1491, 1446, 1379, 1364, 1305, 1248, 1166, 1137, 1087, 1063, 1025, 1007, 990, 968, 913, 888, 856, 758, 731, 701,

649, 599, 580, 519 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) C₁₈H₂₈O: calculated $[M + Na]^+ m/z$ 283.2032, found 283.2039.

4-(5,5-Dimethyl-2-phenyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)butanenitrile (8f)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-8b (36 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium 2-cyanoethyltrifluoroborate (20 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 22 mg 8f (73% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.36 - 2.18 (m, 4H), 1.97 - 1.77 (m, 3H), 1.74 - 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.44 - 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4 128.0, 126.3, 125.2, 119.9, 86.5, 82.1, 42.6, 39.4, 38.0, 29.5, 28.8, 20.7, 17.3; IR (neat): 2968, 2245, 1601, 1492, 1446, 1380, 1366, 1309, 1259, 1168, 1134, 1093, 1058, 985, 917, 890, 759, 703, 551 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) C₁₆H₂₁ON: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 266.1515, found 266.1521.



tert-Butyl 4-(5-oxo-2-phenyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)butanoate (8g)

Alkenyl alcohol **S-8b** (36 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium 3-trifluoroboratopropanoate *tert*-butyl ester (30 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 27 mg **8g** (68% yield, white solid) as above, using PhCF₃ as a solvent and heating to 120 $^{\circ}$ C.

m.p. 88 - 89 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 - 7.27 (m, 5H), 2.76 - 2.27 (m, 4H), 2.23 - 1.72 (m, 6H), 1.40 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.5, 172.5, 142.5, 128.6, 127.6, 124.6, 89.2, 80.3, 41.5, 35.1, 28.6, 28.1, 19.5; IR (neat): 2976, 1775, 1723, 1448, 934, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₂₄O₄: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 327.1567, found 327.1583.



4-((5,5-Dimethyl-2-phenyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran (8h)

Alkenyl alcohol **S-8b** (36 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-trifluoroborate (24 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 25 mg **8h** (73% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.29 - 3.11 (m, 2H), 2.26 - 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.83 - 1.60 (5H), 1.43 - 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.12 - 1.05 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.4, 127.7, 126.0, 125.3, 87.1, 81.8, 68.1, 67.9, 51.1, 40.5, 40.1, 38.0, 34.6, 34.4, 31.3, 29.6, 29.0; IR (neat): 2966, 2915, 2837, 1601, 1491, 1445, 1379, 1365, 1304, 1259, 1240, 1163, 1131, 1098, 1048, 1027, 1013, 982, 965, 927, 889, 864, 760, 738, 703, 591, 563 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) C₁₈H₂₆O₂: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 297.1825, found 297.1841.



2-(Cyclopentylmethyl)-5,5-dimethyl-2-phenyltetrahydrofuran (8i)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-8b (36 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium cyclopentyltrifluoroborate (22 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 14 mg 8i (42% yield, clear oil) as above, using 10 mol% Cu(OTf)₂ and 12 mol% 1, 10-phenanthroline.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.34 - 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.96 - 1.55 (m, 6H), 1.51 - 1.28 (m, 8H), 1.23 (s, 2H), 1.14 - 1.00 (m, 1H), 0.91 - 0.76 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.8, 127.6, 125.9, 125.5, 87.4, 81.4, 50.4, 39.2, 38.2, 36.4, 34.3, 33.9, 29.6, 29.0, 24.9, 24.9; IR (neat): 2966, 2868, 1447, 1379, 1137, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₂₆O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 281.1876, found 281.1880.



2,2-Dibenzyl-5-ethyl-5-phenyltetrahydrofuran (8j)

Alkenyl alcohol **S-8c** (64 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium methyltrifluoroborate (15 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 27 mg **8j** (60% yield, clear oil) as above, using PhCF₃ as a solvent at 120 $^{\circ}$ C for 48 h.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 - 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.25 - 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.21 - 7.10 (m, 7H), 2.90, 2.68 (ABq, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.82, 2.79 (ABq, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.11 -1.99 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.73 (td, *J* = 13.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.57 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.3, 138.6, 138.3, 131.1, 130.5, 127.9, 127.9, 127.7, 126.1, 126.0, 125.9, 110.0, 88.0, 86.7, 46.9, 45.2, 36.9, 36.3, 33.3, 8.9; IR (neat): 3027, 2968, 1602, 1493, 756, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₆H₂₈O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 379.2032, found 379.2039.



1-Phenethyl-1,3-dihydroisobenzofuran (9a)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-9a (25 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 8 mg 9a (29% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 - 7.08 (m, 9H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 5.18, 5.10 (ABq, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 2.81 - 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.23 - 1.96 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.1, 141.9, 139.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 125.8, 121.0, 121.0, 83.2, 72.6, 38.1, 31.4; IR (neat): 3027, 2926, 2854, 1691, 1602, 1496, 1454, 1367, 1038, 748, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) C₁₆H₁₆O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 247.1093, found 247.1092.



1-Phenethyl-1-phenyl-1,3-dihydroisobenzofuran (9b)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-9b (39 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 27 mg 9b (71% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 - 7.10 (m, 12H), 5.24 (AB_q, 2H), $\Delta\delta_{AB} = 6.7$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 13.2$ Hz), 2.70 - 2.40 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.2, 144.1, 142.3, 139.2, 128.3, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 125.6, 125.0, 121.9, 121.1, 91.1, 72.1, 43.7, 30.6; IR (neat): 3025, 2915, 2848, 1601, 1495, 1456, 1446, 1354, 1269, 1185, 1156, 1123, 1019, 949, 910, 890, 840, 772, 748, 723, 698, 645, 612, 557 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) $C_{22}H_{20}O$: calculated [M + Na]⁺ m/z 323.1406, found 323.1408.



tert-Butyl (3-(5-cyano-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydroisobenzofuran-1-yl)propyl)carbamate (9c)

Alkenyl alcohol **S-9c** (48 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium *tert*-butyl N-[2- (trifluoroboranuidyl)ethyl]carbamate (31 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 16 mg **9c** (32% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 5.13 (ABq, 2H, $\Delta\delta_{AB} = 13.4$, $J_{AB} = 12.9$ Hz), 4.49 (bs, 1H), 3.10 (q, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.23 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.20 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1 (d, ¹*J* (C-F) = 245 Hz), 155.9, 149.2, 140.3, 139.3 (d, ⁴*J* (C-F) = 3 Hz), 131.9, 126.7 (d, 3J (C-F) = 8 Hz), 125.3, 122.7, 118.5, 115.4 (d, ²*J* (C-F) = 21 Hz), 111.8, 110.0, 90.9, 71.2, 40.4, 38.4, 28.4, 24.8; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.1 (s); IR (neat): 3363 (broad), 2976, 2230, 1698, 1601, 1507, 1452, 1392, 1366, 1271, 1126, 1161, 1074, 1034, 1013, 911, 833, 781, 732, 648, 598, 541 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) C₂₃H₂₅FN₂O₃: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m*/z 419.1741, found 419.1752.



1-Phenethylisochromane (10a)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-10a (28 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 22 mg 10a (74% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 - 6.85 (m, 9H), 4.78 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29 - 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.93 - 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.13 - 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.85 - 2.64 (m, 3H), 2.32 - 1.99 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.3, 138.1, 134.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 126.2, 126.1, 125.7, 124.7, 75.1, 63.2, 37.7, 31.5, 29.2; IR (neat): 3025, 2925, 2854, 1603, 1108, 748, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₇H₁₈O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 261.1250, found 261.1254.



3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenethylisochromane (10b)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-10b (33 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 20 mg 10b (61% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 - 7.02 (m, 9H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89, 2.53 (ABq, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 2.83 - 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.69 - 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.32 - 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.13 - 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.7, 137.4, 133.9, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.6, 124.0, 70.7, 70.4, 40.6, 38.0, 30.8, 30.5, 23.2; IR (neat): 3062, 3025, 2971, 2923, 2831, 1603, 1494, 1453, 1379, 1367, 1338, 1281, 1253, 1211, 1180, 1130, 1114, 1085, 1054, 1038, 975, 907, 798, 745, 699, 657, 533, 510 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₁₉H₂₂O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 289.1563, found 289.1563.

2,2-Dimethyl-6-phenethyl-6-phenyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran (10c)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-10c (38 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 25 mg 10c (68% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 - 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.15 - 6.99 (m, 3H), 2.50 - 2.19 (m, 3H), 2.11 (td, *J* = 12.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (td, *J* = 12.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.78 - 1.62 (m, 3H), 1.59 - 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.0, 142.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 126.3, 126.2, 125.4, 121.4, 76.3, 72.5, 47.7, 36.9, 32.4,

31.5, 30.0, 28.9, 16.9; IR (neat): 3026, 2937, 1603, 1108, 748, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₁H₂₆O: calculated $[M + Na]^+ m/z$ 317.1876, found 317.1881.



2-Phenethyl-2-phenyl-4-tosylmorpholine (10d)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-10d (62 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 32 mg 10d (61% yield, light yellow oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.57 - 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06 - 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.94 - 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.44 - 2.22 (m, 3H), 2.05 - 1.94 (1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 141.6, 140.9, 132.1, 129.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.4, 126.4, 125.8, 77.4, 60.4, 52.4, 45.7, 40.6, 29.1, 21.5; IR (neat): 3027, 2924, 2852, 1599, 1495, 1453, 1350, 1339, 1305, 1289, 1244, 1220, 1165, 1134, 1120, 1090, 1027, 1001, 972, 948, 910, 847, 816, 802, 770, 754, 730, 700, 663, 647, 615, 600, 573, 548, 533 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) C₂₅H₂₇NO₃S: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 444.1604, found 444.1602.



2,2-Dimethyl-6-phenethyl-6-phenyl-4-tosylmorpholine (10e)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-10e (67 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 22 mg 10e (39% yield, light yellow oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 - 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.39 - 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.28 - 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.70, 2.69 (ABq, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 2.91, 2.55 (ABq, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.41 - 2.32 (m, 3H), 2.05 - 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 143.7, 141.8, 132.5, 129.8, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.1, 126.4, 125.8, 76.2, 72.5, 55.6, 52.1, 44.2, 29.7, 28.3, 27.2, 21.6; IR (neat): 3027, 2975, 2928, 1599, 1495, 1455, 1386, 1352, 1340, 1305, 1290, 1264, 1240, 1205, 1185, 1164, 1093, 1030, 999, 977, 910, 834, 814, 767,

734, 700, 664, 598, 572, 561, 550 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) $C_{27}H_{31}NO_3S$: calculated [M + Na]⁺ m/z 472.1917, found 472.1918.



2,2-Dimethyl-7-phenethyl-7-phenyloxepane (11a)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-11a (41 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 5 mg 11a (13% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 - 7.02 (m, 6H), 2.53 (td, *J* = 13.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 - 1.89 (m, 6H), 1.70 - 1.50 (m, 6H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.8, 143.3, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 125.8, 125.4, 81.2, 77.2, 47.1, 42.8, 39.7, 30.4, 25.4, 23.7; IR (neat): 3025, 2925, 2858, 1602, 1494, 1445, 1382, 1153, 1086, 1067, 1030, 761, 700, 636, 555 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₂H₂₈O: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 331.2032, found 331.2032.



5,5-Dimethyl-7-phenethyl-7-phenyl-5,7-dihydrodibenzo[c,e]oxepine (11b)

Alkenyl alcohol *S*-11b (45 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) were converted to 28 mg 11b (54% yield, light yellow oil) as above.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.54 - 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 - 7.14 (m, 5H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 - 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.85 - 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.42 - 2.32 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 140.9, 138.9, 137.3, 136.8, 132.5, 131.2, 130.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 126.2, 124.2, 76.1, 76.0, 32.6, 32.2; IR (neat): 3064, 3027, 2926, 1710, 1601, 1564, 1497, 1482, 1450, 1334, 1277, 1239, 1166, 1120, 1094, 1045, 1024, 948, 910, 796, 772, 759, 740, 701, 644,

618, 582, 563 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₈H₂₂O: calculated $[M + Na]^+ m/z$ 337.1199, found 337.1203.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Cyclic Amine Products 12 - 15



To an oven-dried pressure tube, $Cu(OTf)_2$ (4.5 mg, 0.013 mmol, 20 mol%) was flame-dried under vacuum and flushed with argon then, 1, 10-phenanthroline (2.8 mg, 0.016 mmol, 25 mol%) was added. 1, 2-Dichloroethane was then added (0.5 mL). The mixture was heated at 60 °C for 2 h then cooled to room temperature. Flame dried 4 Å molecular sieves (20 mg) were added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. Alkenyl amine (0.18 mmol, 3 equiv.), potassium alkyltrifluoroborate (0.060 mmol, 1 equiv.), and MnO₂ (16 mg, 0.16 mmol, 2.6 equiv.) were added. The tube was sealed and heated to 105 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and filtered through a pad of silica gel (~5 cm) with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc / hexanes.

Characterization of Novel Cyclic Amine Products 12 – 15



1-((4-Methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-4,4-dimethyl-2-phenethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine (12a)

Alkenylamine S-12a (65 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (12 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to 17 mg 12a (62% yield, clear oil) as above using PhCF₃ as a solvent at 120 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 - 7.18 (m, 10H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.06 - 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.81 -

2.69 (m, 1H), 2.69 - 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0, 143.8, 141.9, 132.0, 129.1, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 126.8, 125.8, 73.7, 62.6, 55.4, 54.4, 41.7, 36.2, 32.2, 29.2, 27.9; IR (neat): 2957, 1596, 1496, 1334, 1149, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₇H₃₁NO₃S: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 450.2097, found 450.2125.



4,4-Dimethyl-1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-phenethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine (12b)

Alkenylamine *S*-12b (67 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (12 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to 7 mg 12b (24% yield, white solid) as above.

m.p. 164 – 166 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 - 7.14 (m, 12H), 3.59, 3.23 (ABq, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 3.17 - 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.79 - 2.57 (m, 3H), 2.43 - 2.33 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.1, 145.1, 142.4, 141.5, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 126.1, 123.4, 73.4, 63.1, 54.1, 41.4, 36.5, 32.4, 29.2, 27.9; IR (neat): 3059, 3026, 2958, 2868, 1738, 1638, 1602, 1578, 1496, 1468, 1445, 1395, 1292, 1230, 1141, 1127, 1075, 1029, 911, 785, 733, 698, 665, 633, 620, 589, 549 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₆H₂₈N₂O₄S: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 487.1662, found 487.1666.

4,4-Dimethyl-2-phenethyl-2-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (12c)

Alkenylamine *S*-12c (62 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (12 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to 16 mg 12c (61% yield, clear oil) as above using PhCF₃ as the solvent and heating to 120 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.15 (m, 10H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (ddd, *J* = 29.4, 18.7, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.72

(dd, J = 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (dq, J = 10.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.31 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 142.3, 141.8, 137.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.4, 127.0, 126.8, 125.8, 73.9, 62.6, 54.3, 41.7, 36.2, 32.2, 29.2, 27.9; IR (neat): 3026, 2957, 2869, 1599, 1335, 1090, 660, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₇H₃₂NO₂S: calculated [M + H]⁺ m/z 434.2154, found 434.2151.



(4,4-Dimethyl-2-phenethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (12d)

Alkenylamine *S*-12d (53 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (12 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to 11 mg 12d (48% yield, white solid) as above.

m.p. 176 - 177 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.48 - 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.36 - 7.14 (m, 9H), 3.42 (dd, J = 10.5, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (td, J = 14.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 - 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.47, 2.20 (ABq, J = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 2.34 - 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 146.4, 141.9, 139.0, 129.2, 128.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.1, 126.1, 125.8, 125.8, 71.7, 65.6, 53.8, 42.2, 36.4, 31.2, 28.5, 27.5; IR (neat): 3027.5, 2960, 2870, 1738, 1605, 1528, 1497, 1454, 1348, 1314, 1205, 1161, 1090, 1046, 1030, 1012, 969, 912, 854, 763, 737, 699, 618, 609, 568, 530 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₇H₂₉NO: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 384.2322, found 384.2327.



(4,4-Dimethyl-2-phenethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)(4-nitrophenyl)methanone (12e)

Alkenylamine **S-12e** (61 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate were (12 mg, 0.060 mmol) converted to 10 mg **12e** (38% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37 - 7.15 (m, 10H), 3.34 (q, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 2.99-3.14 (m, 1H), 2.78 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (d, *J*_{AB} = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39 - 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.23 (d, *J*_{AB} = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 148.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.1, 126.4, 126.0, 125.5, 124.1, 76.5, 68.4, 65.5, 53.5, 41.9, 36.6, 31.3, 28.3, 27.4; IR (neat): 2925, 2866, 1640, 1407, 1344, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₇H₂₈N₂NaO₃: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 451.1998, found 451.1995.



Benzyl 4,4-dimethyl-2-phenethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (12f)

Alkenylamine **S-12f** (58 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate were (12 mg, 0.060 mmol) converted to 12 mg **12f** (49% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) reported for the rotomers δ 7.46 - 7.14 (m, 28H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 5.16 (td, *J* = 35.7, 12.7 Hz, 4H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 26.8, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 8.6, 1H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (dd, *J* = 32.7, 13.0 Hz, 4H), 2.37 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 2.19 - 2.08 (m, 4H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 6H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9, 155.5, 154.4, 147.8, 147.0, 141.9, 141.6, 137.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 125.9, 125.7, 124.5, 70.5, 67.6, 66.9, 66.6, 64.8, 63.3, 62.5, 61.6, 54.9, 53.4, 53.1, 49.5, 43.1, 42.5, 36.6, 35.6, 35.1, 30.8, 30.7, 28.6, 28.0; IR (neat): 3027, 2956, 1703, 1397, 1340, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₈H₃₂NO₂: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 414.2433, found 414.2429.

4-Phenethyl-1,3,4-triphenylimidazolidin-2-one (12g)

Alkenylamine *S*-12g (59 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (12 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to 14 mg 12g (56% yield, white solid) as above.

m.p. 87 - 89 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 - 7.32 (m, 9H), 7.28 - 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.19 - 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.12 - 7.03 (m, 4H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.77 - 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.42 - 2.32 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 148.0, 147.3, 142.2, 140.9, 139.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 126.1, 124.4, 123.5, 122.9, 122.4, 118.8, 83.7, 58.1, 43.1, 29.9; IR (neat): 3029, 1675, 1590, 1500, 1449, 1403, 1318, 1217, 1134, 1092, 1028, 980, 900, 752, 694, 510 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₉H₂₆N₂O: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 419.2118, found 419.2116.



1-Phenethyl-2-tosylisoindoline (13)

Alkenylamine *S*-13 (52 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (12 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to 8 mg 13 (37% yield, light yellow oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 - 7.08 (m, 11H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.73, 4.64 (ABq, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (td, *J* = 12.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.59 - 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.33 - 2.11 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.5, 141.8, 139.7, 135.9, 134.7, 129.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.8, 127.4, 125.7, 122.4, 122.3, 65.5, 54.2, 38.0, 29.7, 21.5; IR (neat): 3027, 2971, 1739, 1598, 1455, 1366, 1349, 1229, 1217, 1163, 1094, 1057, 815, 751, 700, 667, 617, 561, 528 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₃H₂₃NO₂S: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 378.1522, found 378.1528.



1-Phenethyl-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (14)

Alkenylamine *S*-14 (54 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (12 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to 13 mg 14 (56% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 -7.23 (m, 2H), 7.23 - 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.14 - 6.98 (m, 5H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (td, *J* = 14.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 - 3.47 (m, 1H), 2.88 - 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.55 - 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.18 - 1.97

(m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.0, 141.7, 137.8, 136.5, 132.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 127.0, 126.9, 126.6, 126.1, 125.8, 56.6, 39.4, 38.9, 32.8, 26.2, 21.4; IR (neat): 3025, 2925, 1599, 1494, 1453, 1378, 1333, 1305, 1272, 1208, 1184, 1155, 1120, 1091, 1066, 1011, 942, 909, 814, 763, 730, 710, 699, 661, 635, 596, 562, 549 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₄H₂₅NO₂S: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 392.1679, found 392.1682.



1-Phenethyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*c*]azepine (15)

Alkenylamine *S*-15 (114 mg, 0.36 mmol) and potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (24 mg, 0.12 mmol) were converted to 16 mg 15 (31% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 - 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.22 - 7.04 (m, 7H), 7.00 - 6.95 (m, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.05 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70 - 2.46 (m, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.34 - 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.78 - 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.49 -1.36 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.6, 141.2, 140.4, 139.8, 138.2, 130.8, 129.8, 129.2, 128.4, 128.4, 127.4, 127.1, 126.3, 126.0, 62.8, 34.9, 33.0, 32.9, 30.9, 27.4, 21.4; IR (neat): 3026, 2938, 1599, 1494, 1453, 1330, 1305, 1199, 1155, 1110, 1093, 981, 911, 862, 814, 753, 729, 700, 660, 604, 582, 560 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₅H₂₇NO₂S: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 406.1835, 406.1850.



2-(4-Fluorophenethyl)-4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (12h)

Alkenylamine *S*-12c (62 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium 4-fluorobenzylborate (13 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to 14 mg 12h (50% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.28 - 7.16 (m, 8H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.44, 3.20 (ABq, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 2.97 - 2.55 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 143.9, 142.4, 137.5, 137.2, 129.8, 129.7, 129.0, 127.9, 127.3, 129.1, 126.9, 115.3, 115.0, 73.9, 62.7, 54.5, 42.0, 36.3, 31.4, 29.2, 27.9, 21.4; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -118.6 (s); IR (neat): 2959, 2871, 1600, 1509, 1446, 1369, 1336, 1304, 1219, 1155, 1091, 1048, 1028, 1015, 969, 914, 815, 760, 732, 701, 661, 614, 584, 575, 546, 521, 508 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₇H₃₀FNO₂S: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 452.2054, found 452.2056.

4,4-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (12i)

Alkenylamine *S*-12c (62 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium phenethyltrifluoroborate (13 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to 13 mg 12i (48% yield, light yellow oil) as above.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 - 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30 - 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.23 - 7.14 (m, 6H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.34, 3.19 (ABq, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 2.79 - 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.69 - 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.27 - 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.19, 2.10 (ABq, *J* = 14..0 Hz, 2H), 1.74 - 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 142.3,142.1, 137.5, 129.0, 128.4, 127.8, 127.4, 127.0, 126.7, 125.8, 74.1, 62.6, 54.1, 39.7, 36.3, 36.1, 29.0, 28.0, 27.8; IR (neat): 3026, 2957, 2869, 2254, 1599, 1495, 1453, 1369, 1336, 1304, 1288, 1207, 1154, 1091, 1031, 1016, 970, 910, 814, 761, 731, 699, 661, 614, 583, 547 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₈H₃₃NO₂S: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 448.2305, found 448.2300.



tert-Butyl 4-(4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-yl)butanoate (12j)

Alkenylamine **S-12c** (62 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium 3-trifluoroboratopropanoate *tert*-butyl ester (14 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to **12j** (13 mg, 45% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 20.7, 7.1 Hz, 5H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 10.0, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.32 - 2.12 (m, 5H), 1.54 (s, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 143.7, 142.3, 137.3, 128.9, 127.8, 127.4, 127.0, 126.7, 80.2, 73.9, 62.5, 53.9, 39.4, 36.2, 35.5, 29.1, 28.1, 27.8, 21.5, 21.4; IR (neat): 2971, 1725, 1339, 1155, 661 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₇H₃₇NO₄S: calculated [M + Na]⁺ *m/z* 494.2341, found 494.2347.

4-(4,4-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-yl)butanenitrile (12k)

Alkenylamine *S*-12c (62 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium 2-cyanoethyltrifluoroborate (10 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to 10 mg 12k (43% yield, clear oil) as above.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 - 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.26 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.38, 3.17 (ABq, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 2.79 - 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.48 - 2.36 (m, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.26, 2.11 (ABq, *J* = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.86 - 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.6, 142.7, 137.0, 129.2, 128.1, 127.1, 127.0, 119.4, 77.2, 73.5, 63.0, 54.5, 39.4, 36.2, 29.2, 27.8, 22.2, 21.4, 17.5; IR (neat): 2959, 2871, 2245, 1599, 1495, 1446, 1369, 1335, 1305, 1289, 1209, 1154, 1091, 1055, 1035, 1016, 971, 914, 815, 762, 732, 703, 661, 584, 547 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₂H₂₈N₂O₂S: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 397.1944, found 397.1948.



2-(Cyclopentylmethyl)-4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (12l)

Alkenylamine *S*-12c (62 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium cyclopentyltrifluoroborate (11 mg, 0.060 mmol) were converted to 21 mg 12l (84% yield, clear oil) as above using PhCF₃ as a solvent at 120 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 - 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, *J* = 9.6, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 3.8 Hz 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.92 - 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.73 - 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.54 (s, 2H), 1.49 - 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.30 - 1.13 (m, 5H), 1.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 142.1, 137.6, 128.9, 127.7, 127.0, 126.7, 74.8, 62.2, 53.4, 46.2, 37.4, 36.3, 35.1, 34.9, 29.1, 27.7, 25.2, 24.5, 21.4; IR (neat): 2952, 2867, 1334, 1153, 6699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) for C₂₅H₃₄NO₂S: calculated [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 412.2310, found 412.2306.

Procedure for the Enantioselective Carbolactonization



To an oven-dried pressure tube, $Cu(OTf)_2$ (9 mg, 0.025 mmol, 20 mol%) was flame-dried under vacuum and flushed with argon then, (*S*, *S*)-*tert*-Bu-bisoxazoline (9.4 mg, 0.031 mmol, 25 mol%) was added. Methyl *tert*-butyl ether was then added (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Flame dried 4 Å molecular sieves (20 mg) were added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. **1b** (33 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1 equiv.), and MnO₂ (33 mg, 0.32 mmol, 2.6 equiv.) were added. The tube was sealed and heated to 45 °C for 48 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and filtered through a pad of silica gel (~5 cm) with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (20% EtOAc / hexanes) to afford 14 mg **5a** (42% yield).

 $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -23.6$ (c = 0.41 in CHCl₃); *ee* = 44%, determined by GC analysis (CP-Chirasil-Dex CB column), $T_{inj} = 200$ °C, $T_{det} = 220$ °C, flow = 2 mL/min, $t_i = 160$ °C, $t_f = 195$ °C, rate = 1.0 °C/min for 20 mins, then hold at 180 °C for 5 mins, then 0.4 °C/min for 37.5 mins, retention times using He as carrier gas: $t_{minor} = 58.64$ mins, $t_{major} = 59.76$ mins.

GC Traces:







MnO₂ - Only Oxidative Cyclization Representative Procedure



To an oven-dried pressure tube 1, 2-dichloroethane was added (1 mL). Then, flame dried 4 Å molecular sieves (20 mg) were added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. 2-(1-Phenylvinyl)benzoic acid (33 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), potassium benzyltrifluoroborate (25 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1 equiv.), and MnO₂ (33 mg, 0.32 mmol, 2.6 equiv.) were added. The tube was sealed and heated to 105 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and filtered through a pad of silica gel (~5 cm) with

EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc / hexanes (20%) to afford 20 mg 2a in 51% yield.

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