## **Supplementary Material**

A Facile Access to [60]Fullerene-Fused  $\delta$ -Lactones: Unexpected Reaction Pathway of Benzenediazonium-2-carboxylates Controlled by Organic Bases

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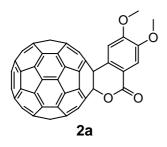
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# General procedure for the effect of bases on the reaction of $C_{60}$ with 1a and isoamyl nitrite.

To a solution of  $C_{60}$  (36.0 mg, 0.05 mmol) in chlorobenzene (8 mL) was sequentially added 2-amino-4,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid **1a** (49.3 mg, 0.25 mmol), the employed base (0.1 mmol) and isoamyl nitrite (40 uL, 0.3 mmol). After being stirred at 60 °C for the designated time, the reaction mixture was filtered through a silica gel plug in order to remove any insoluble material and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was separated on a silica gel column with carbon disulfide as the eluent to give unreacted  $C_{60}$  and then product **3**, subsequent elution with carbon disulfide/dichloromethane afforded  $C_{60}$ -fused lactone **2a**.

#### Synthesis of C<sub>60</sub>-fused lactone 2a.

To a solution of  $C_{60}$  (36.0 mg, 0.05 mmol) in chlorobenzene (8 mL) was sequentially added 2-amino-4,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid **1a** (49.3 mg, 0.25 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (14 uL, 0.1 mmol) and isoamyl nitrite (40 uL, 0.3 mmol). After being stirred at 60 °C for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a silica gel plug in order to remove any insoluble material and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was separated on a silica gel column with carbon disulfide as the eluent to give unreacted  $C_{60}$  (21.8 mg, 61%), then with carbon disulfide/dichloromethane as the eluent to afford  $C_{60}$ -fused lactone **2a** (16.8 mg, 37%).

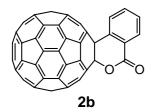


Spectral data of **2a**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 4.12 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> with Cr(acac)<sub>3</sub> as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated)  $\delta$  160.49 (1C, CO), 154.46 (1C, aryl C), 152.82, 149.13 (1C, aryl C), 148.18 (1C), 148.01, 147.69 (1C), 146.22, 146.16, 145.90, 145.85, 145.83, 145.28, 144.95, 144.92, 144.85, 144.42 (4C), 144.02 (4C), 142.58, 142.35, 142.30, 142.13, 142.04, 141.71, 141.55, 140.74, 140.66, 139.55, 139.40, 135.05, 134.11, 130.05 (1C, aryl C), 114.71 (1C, aryl C), 111.87 (1C, aryl C), 110.83 (1C, aryl C), 95.06 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-C of C<sub>60</sub>), 57.86 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-C of C<sub>60</sub>), 55.94 (1C, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.78 (1C, OCH<sub>3</sub>); FT-IR v/cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr) 2924, 1728, 1632, 1603, 1515, 1446, 1403, 1280, 1168, 1067, 877, 774, 528; UV-vis (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 268 (4.95), 317 (4.70), 416 (3.57), 688 (2.49); MS (ESI) m/z 900. MALDI FT-ICR MS m/z calcd for C<sub>69</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M<sup>-</sup>] 900.0423, found 900.0411.

#### Synthesis of C<sub>60</sub>-fused lactone 2b.

To a solution of C<sub>60</sub> (36.0 mg, 0.05 mmol) in chlorobenzene (8 mL) was sequentially

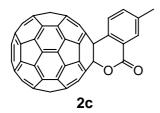
added 2-amino-benzoic acid **1b** (34.3 mg, 0.25 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (14 uL, 0.1 mmol) and isoamyl nitrite (40 uL, 0.3 mmol). After being stirred at 60 °C for 1 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a silica gel plug in order to remove any insoluble material and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was separated on a silica gel column with carbon disulfide as the eluent to give unreacted C<sub>60</sub> (25.3 mg, 70%), then with carbon disulfide/dichloromethane as the eluent to afford C<sub>60</sub>-fused lactone **2b** (11.4 mg, 27%).



Spectral data of **2b**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.62 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> with Cr(acac)<sub>3</sub> as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated)  $\delta$  160.75 (1C, CO), 153.48, 148.55 (1C), 148.24, 148.03 (1C), 146.62, 146.56, 146.28, 146.26, 146.21, 145.66, 145.35, 145.32, 145.22, 145.15, 144.76, 144.43, 144.35, 142.94, 142.72, 142.69, 142.49, 142.32, 142.15, 141.91, 141.12, 141.06, 139.93, 139.70, 136.95 (1C, aryl *C*), 135.45, 134.86 (1C, aryl *C*), 134.47, 131.62 (1C, aryl *C*), 129.41 (1C, aryl *C*), 128.59 (1C, aryl *C*), 122.40 (1C, aryl *C*), 95.44 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-C of C<sub>60</sub>), 58.29 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-C of C<sub>60</sub>); FT-IR v/cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr) 2921, 1732, 1640, 1509, 1449, 1295, 1126, 1037, 996, 799, 738, 528; UV-vis (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 265 (4.96), 318 (4.73), 416 (3.61), 688 (2.55); MS (ESI) m/z 840. MALDI FT-ICR MS m/z calcd for C<sub>67</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>-</sup>] 840.0211, found 840.0206.

#### Synthesis of C<sub>60</sub>-fused lactone 2c.

To a solution of  $C_{60}$  (36.0 mg, 0.05 mmol) in chlorobenzene (8 mL) was sequentially added 2-amino-5-methylbenzoic acid **1c** (37.8 mg, 0.25 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (14 uL, 0.1 mmol) and isoamyl nitrite (40 uL, 0.3 mmol). After being stirred at room temperature for 4 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a silica gel plug in order to remove any insoluble material and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was separated on a silica gel column with carbon disulfide as the eluent to give unreacted  $C_{60}$  (20.2 mg, 56%), then with carbon disulfide/dichloromethane as the eluent to afford  $C_{60}$ -fused lactone **2c** (12.8 mg, 30%).

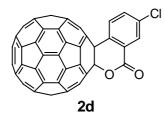


Spectral data of **2c**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> with

Cr(acac)<sub>3</sub> as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated)  $\delta$  160.87 (1C, CO), 153.45, 148.38 (1C), 148.11, 147.85 (1C), 146.44, 146.36, 146.10, 146.08, 146.03, 145.50, 145.14 (4C), 145.03, 145.00, 144.58, 144.28, 144.22, 142.76, 142.53, 142.51, 142.31, 142.20, 141.97, 141.73, 140.95, 140.89, 139.73, 139.54, 138.61 (1C, aryl *C*), 135.77 (1C, aryl *C*), 135.33, 134.16, 133.85 (1C, aryl *C*), 131.60 (1C, aryl *C*), 129.32 (1C, aryl *C*), 121.87 (1C, aryl *C*), 95.30 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-*C* of C<sub>60</sub>), 57.99 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-*C* of C<sub>60</sub>), 20.85 (1C, *C*H<sub>3</sub>); FT-IR v/cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr) 2915, 1729, 1615, 1507, 1418, 1311, 1253, 1192, 1150, 1080, 1049, 1000, 821, 757, 704, 585, 525; UV-vis (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 256 (5.03), 318 (4.68), 416 (3.57), 690 (2.48); MS (ESI) m/z 854. MALDI FT-ICR MS m/z calcd for C<sub>68</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>-</sup>] 854.0368, found 854.0379.

#### Synthesis of C<sub>60</sub>-fused lactone 2d.

To a solution of  $C_{60}$  (36.0 mg, 0.05 mmol) in chlorobenzene (8 mL) was sequentially added 2-amino-5-chlorobenzoic acid **1d** (42.9 mg, 0.25 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (14 uL, 0.1 mmol) and isoamyl nitrite (40 uL, 0.3 mmol). After being stirred at 60 °C for 4 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a silica gel plug in order to remove any insoluble material and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was separated on a silica gel column with carbon disulfide as the eluent to give unreacted  $C_{60}$  (26.9 mg, 75%), then with carbon disulfide/dichloromethane as the eluent to afford  $C_{60}$ -fused lactone **2d** (8.4 mg, 19%).



Spectral data of **2d**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.59 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> with Cr(acac)<sub>3</sub> as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated)  $\delta$  159.08 (1C, *CO*), 152.83, 148.37 (1C), 147.87 (1C), 147.74, 146.44, 146.41, 146.11 (4C), 146.05, 145.42, 145.23, 145.15, 145.07, 144.67, 144.59, 144.21, 144.03, 142.78, 142.57, 142.53, 142.33, 142.09, 141.94, 141.75, 140.93, 140.91, 139.81, 139.59, 135.36 (1C, aryl *C*), 135.17, 135.11 (1C, aryl *C*), 134.70 (1C, aryl *C*), 134.38, 130.88 (1C, aryl *C*), 130.83 (1C, aryl *C*), 123.73 (1C, aryl *C*), 95.35 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-*C* of C<sub>60</sub>), 57.69 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-*C* of C<sub>60</sub>); FT-IR v/cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr) 2934, 2858, 1736, 1678, 1638, 1511, 1446, 1406, 1308, 1263, 1248, 1206, 1145, 995, 966, 934, 904, 881, 860, 734, 577, 526; UV-vis (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 288 (4.57), 318 (4.67), 418 (3.54), 688 (2.50); MS (ESI) m/z 874. MALDI FT-ICR MS m/z calcd for C<sub>67</sub>H<sub>3</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>-</sup>] 873.9822, found 873.9828.

