

**Furans Versus 4H-Pyrans: Catalyst-Controlled Regiodivergent
Tandem Michael Addition/Cyclization Reaction of 2-(1-Alkynyl)-2-
alken - 1- ones with 1, 3-dicarbonyl Compounds**

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1.0 General information

NMR spectra were recorded on a NMR spectrometer operating at 300 MHz for ^1H and 75 MHz for ^{13}C with complete proton decoupling. Solvent DMF and $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ were distilled from CaH_2 . Petroleum ether refers to the fraction of Petroleum ether having a boiling point between 60 – 90 °C. The starting materials 2-(1-alkynyl)-alken-1-ones **1** were prepared according to known procedures.¹ $[\text{Pd}(\text{L})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}(\text{OTf})_2$, (L=dppp, dppe, dppb, dppf) were synthesized following the literature procedures.^{2, 3} Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used as received.

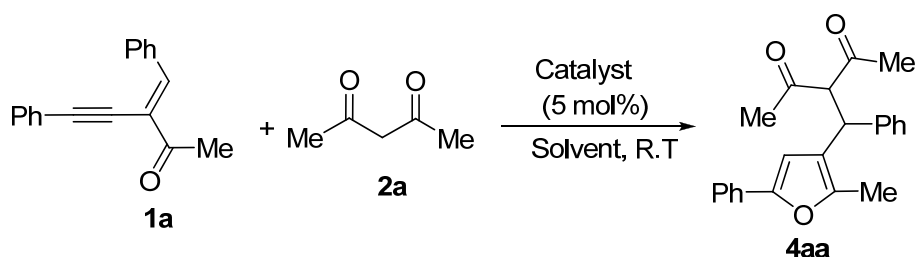
2.0 General procedure for synthesis of 4H-Pyran **3**

A solution of (*E*)-3-benzylidene-5-phenylpent-4-yn-2-one **1** (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv), β -keto compounds **2**, (0.375 mmol, 1.5equiv) and 1, 8-diazabicyclo [5.4.0] undecen-7-ene (DBU) (0.0125 mmol, 5% mol) in 1.0 mL DMF was stirred at 100°C. After the reaction was complete which was determined by TLC analysis, the reaction was cooled down to r.t, 5.0 mL of water was added and the mixture was extracted by ether three times. The combined organic layers were washed by saturated brine solution and dried over MgSO_4 . After filtration and evaporation, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl ether = 3:1) to afford 4H-Pyran **3**.

3.0 General procedure for synthesis of Furan **4**

A solution of (*E*)-3-benzylidene-5-phenylpent-4-yn-2-one **1** (0.25mmol, 1.5equiv), β -keto compounds **2**, (0.375 mmol, 1.5equiv) and $[\text{Pd}(\text{dppp})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.0125 mmol, 5% mol) in 1.0 mL $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ was stirred at r.t, After the reaction was complete which was determined by TLC analysis, the reaction was then concentrated in vacuo, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl ether = 5:1) to afford Furan **4**.

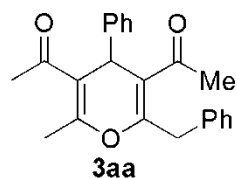
4.0 Optimization of the reaction conditions for direct synthesis of furan **4aa** from (*E*)-3-benzylidene-5-phenylpent-4-yn-2-one **1a** with acetylacetone **2a**^a



Entry	Catalyst (5 mol%)	Solvent	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1	AuCl ₃	DCE	20	58
2	PdCl ₂ (CH ₃ CN) ₂	DCE	10	0
3	[Pd(dppp)(H ₂ O) ₂](OTf) ₂	toluene	10	trace
4	[Pd(dppp)(H ₂ O) ₂](OTf) ₂	1,4-dioxane	10	0
5	[Pd(dppp)(H ₂ O) ₂](OTf) ₂	CH ₃ CN	24	60
6	[Pd(dppp)(H ₂ O) ₂](OTf) ₂	DMF	10	0
7	[Pd(dppp)(H ₂ O) ₂](OTf) ₂	DCE	7	99
8	[Pd(dppp)(H ₂ O) ₂](OTf) ₂	DCE	7	0 ^b
9	[Pd(dppe)(H ₂ O) ₂](OTf) ₂	DCE	7	96
10	[Pd(dppb)(H ₂ O) ₂](OTf) ₂	DCE	10	89
11	[Pd(dppf)(H ₂ O) ₂](OTf) ₂	DCE	8	70
12		DCE	10	0

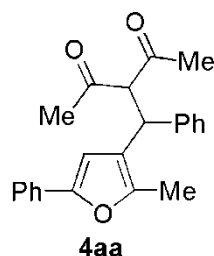
^aThe reaction was carried out by using **1a** (0.25 mmol), **2a** (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equivalents) and catalyst (5 mol%) in 1 mL of solvent at room temperature; ^b *molecular sieve* (1.5 equivalents) was added.

5.0 The characterization data for the newly synthesized compounds as well as the copies of the ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectra of all products are given below.

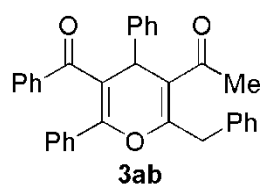


(**3aa**). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23-7.11 (m, 10 H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H), 2.15 (s, 3 H), 2.13 (s, 3 H);

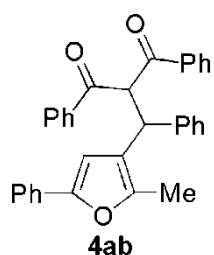
^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.69, 197.99, 157.15, 156.92, 143.95, 136.80, 128.67(2C), 128.46, 128.03, 127.07, 126.67, 117.25, 117.18, 39.20, 37.06, 30.52, 29.92, 19.29; MS (EI) m/z (%): 346 (M^+ , 100); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$: 346.1569, found: 346.1570.



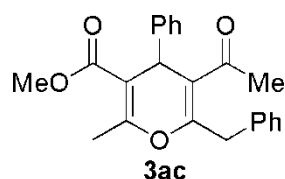
(**4aa**) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.57 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.34-7.16 (m, 8 H), 6.55 (s, 1 H), 4.67 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.60 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.10 (s, 3 H), 1.98 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 202.68, 202.46, 152.02, 147.49, 140.89, 130.46, 128.87, 128.48, 127.40, 126.99, 126.97, 123.21, 121.29, 104.32, 74.08, 41.89, 29.66, 29.60, 11.68 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 346 (M^+ , 15.24); 43 (100); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$: 346.1569, found: 346.1579.



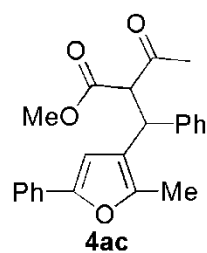
(**3ab**) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.40 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.31-6.85 (m, 18 H), 5.00 (s, 1 H), 4.26 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.98 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.14 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 198.94, 197.26, 158.81, 152.10, 143.09, 137.66, 137.34, 132.52, 132.06, 129.67, 129.14, 128.91, 128.81, 128.68, 128.49, 128.11, 127.76, 127.63, 127.23, 126.69, 115.92, 114.82, 42.27, 37.30, 29.63 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 470 (M^+ , 13.94); 105 (100); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3$: 470.1882, found: 470.1901.



(4ab) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.84$ (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.79(d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.41-7.00 (m, 16 H), 6.46 (s, 1 H), 6.12 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1 H), 5.08 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1 H), 2.12(s, 3 H) ; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 194.04, 193.88, 151.71, 147.95, 141.58, 136.81, 136.79, 133.29, 133.27, 130.72, 128.58(4\text{C}), 128.51, 128.41, 127.76, 126.78, 126.63, 123.23, 121.41, 105.29, 62.23, 42.92, 11.57$ ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 470 (M^+ , 14.98); 105 (100); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3$: 470.1882, found: 470.1898.

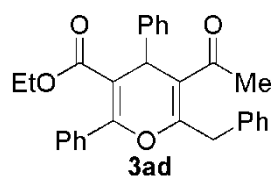


(3ac) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.28$ -7.09 (m, 10 H), 4.71(s, 1 H), 4.01 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 1 H), 3.95 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 1 H), 3.59(s, 3 H), 2.18(s, 3 H), 2.11(s, 3 H) ; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 198.85, 166.93, 158.48, 157.72, 144.22, 137.06, 128.83, 128.50, 128.40, 128.12, 126.99, 126.61, 116.13, 108.34, 51.40, 39.17, 36.95, 29.68, 18.70$ ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 362 (M^+ , 95.74); 285 (100); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4$: 362.1518, found: 362.1504.

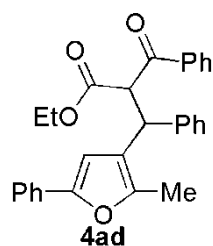


(4ac) Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = [7.48$ -7.46 (m, 2 H)]; [7.24-7.06 (m, 8 H)]; [6.50 (s, 0.39 H), 6.46 (s, 0.61 H)]; [4.54 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1 H)]; [4.31 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1 H)]; [3.50(s, 1.16 H), 3.41 (s, 1.84 H)]; [2.26 (s, 3 H)]; [2.08(s, 1.83 H), 1.96 (s, 1.17 H)]; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = (201.43, 201.24), (167.93, 167.82), (151.92, 151.61), 147.82, (141.10, 140.73), (130.65, 130.50), (128.76, 128.59), 128.45, 127.49, 127.26, (126.92, 126.80), (123.18, 123.13), (121.34, 121.02), (104.44, 104.31), (64.82, 64.46), (52.50, 52.35), (41.63, 41.47), (30.19, 30.14), (11.67, 11.64)$;

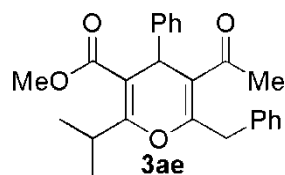
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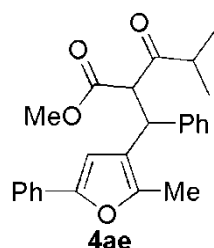
(**3ad**) 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.30-7.07 (m, 15 H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.19 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (q, 2 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H), 0.78 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 198.74, 166.52, 158.40, 156.86, 143.94, 137.03, 133.71, 129.67, 129.04, 128.82, 128.67, 128.43, 128.21, 127.60, 127.20, 126.69, 116.07, 109.29, 60.44, 40.10, 37.04, 29.73, 13.43 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 438 (M^+ , 21.20); 105 (100); HRMS calcd for $C_{29}H_{26}O_4$: 438.1831, found: 438.1849.



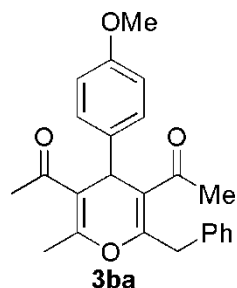
(**4ad**) Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = [7.96-7.91 (m, 2 H)]; [7.52-6.98 (m, 13 H)]; [6.61 (s, 0.35 H), 6.36 (s, 0.65 H)]; [5.20 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 0.35 H), 5.15 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 0.65 H)]; [4.87 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 0.35 H), 4.82 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 0.65 H)]; [3.93-3.77 (m, 2 H)]; [2.31 (s, 1.08 H), 2.27 (s, 1.92 H)]; [0.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.05 H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.95 H)]; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = (192.74, 192.64), (167.69, 167.56), (151.61, 151.52), (148.11, 147.93), (141.48, 141.26), 136.46, 133.53, (130.81, 130.66), (128.62, 128.59), (128.57, 128.53), (128.48, 128.36), (127.88, 127.45), (126.83, 126.79), (126.70, 126.55), (123.19, 123.12), (121.55, 121.51), (105.21, 104.47), (61.55, 61.44), (59.44, 59.35), (41.83, 41.53), (13.71, 13.63), 11.78; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 438 (M^+ , 35.24); 247 (100); HRMS calcd for $C_{29}H_{26}O_4$: 438.1831, found: 438.1837.



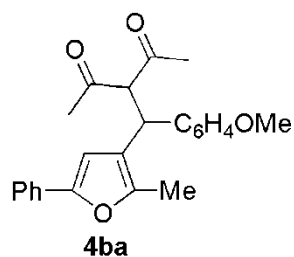
(3ae) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.23-7.08 (m, 10 H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.66-3.58 (m, 1 H), 3.59 (s, 3 H), 2.12 (s, 3 H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.78 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 198.78, 166.83, 165.25, 157.89, 144.51, 136.98, 128.98, 128.52, 128.32, 127.95, 126.93, 126.58, 116.17, 106.74, 51.41, 39.33, 37.01, 29.71, 29.17, 19.20, 19.17 ppm; MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%): 390 (M⁺, 85.11); 313 (100); HRMS calcd for C₂₅H₂₆O₄: 390.1831, found: 390.1830



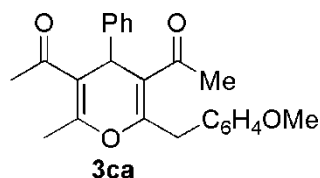
(4ae) Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = [7.51 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 0.92 H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.08 H)]; [7.23-7.08 (m, 8 H)]; [6.60 (s, 0.45 H), 6.41 (s, 0.55 H)]; [4.60 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 0.34 H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 0.66 H)]; [4.48 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 0.66 H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 0.34 H)]; [3.49(s, 1.34H), 3.40 (s, 1.66 H)]; [2.56-2.47(m, 0.55 H), 2.38-2.28(m, 0.45H)]; [2.25(s, 1.62H), 2.22 (s, 1.38 H)]; [0.96(d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1.65 H), 0.88(d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1.35 H)]; [0.77(d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1.65 H), 0.62(d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1.35 H)]; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = (206.91, 206.82), (167.91, 167.83), (151.86, 151.54), (148.09, 147.86), (141.26, 140.97), (130.74, 130.59), (128.58, 128.45), 127.87, 127.29, (126.88, 126.81), (126.78, 126.74), (123.18, 123.16), (121.26, 121.17), (104.63, 104.52), (62.81, 61.70), (52.42, 52.26), (42.21, 42.08), (41.98, 41.71), (17.70, 17.55), (17.38, 17.17), (11.68, 11.55); MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%): 390 (M⁺, 20.41); 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C₂₅H₂₆O₄: 390.1831, found: 390.1848.



(**3ba**)¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.27-7.23(m, 5H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.81(s, 1 H), 4.04 (d, *J* = 14.7Hz, 1 H), 3.98(d, *J* = 14.7Hz, 1 H), 3.76(s, 3 H), 2.23(s, 6 H), 2.22(s, 3 H) ; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 198.91, 198.21, 158.52, 156.87, 156.64, 136.90, 136.23, 129.15, 128.71, 128.48, 126.68, 117.43, 117.36, 114.02, 55.16, 38.40, 37.09, 30.53, 29.92, 19.31 ppm; MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%): 376 (M⁺, 100); HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₄O₄: 376.1675, found: 376.1680.

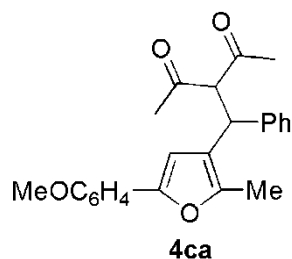


(**4ba**)¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.16 (m, 5H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.54(s, 1 H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 12.3Hz, 1 H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 12.0Hz, 1 H), 3.73(s, 3 H), 2.35(s, 3 H), 2.09(s, 3 H), 1.99(s, 3 H) ; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 202.84, 202.54, 158.34, 151.97, 147.32, 132.94, 130.49, 128.46, 128.41, 126.95, 123.19, 121.60, 114.19, 104.30, 74.33, 55.05, 41.14, 29.64, 29.59, 11.65 ppm; MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%): 376 (M⁺, 41.25); 277 (100); HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₄O₄: 376.1675, found: 376.1689.

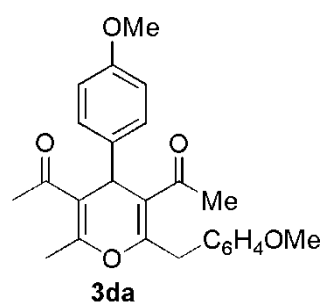


(**3ca**)¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.26-7.18 (m, 7 H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.86 (s, 1 H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 2.25 (s, 3 H), 2.22(s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 198.81, 198.08, 158.43,

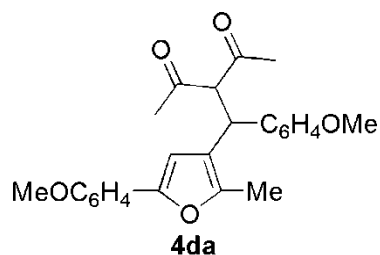
157.64, 157.02, 144.05, 129.77, 128.88, 128.72, 128.08, 127.11, 117.25, 117.01, 113.91, 55.23, 39.26, 36.26, 30.58, 30.00, 19.38 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 376 (M^+ , 100); HRMS calcd for $C_{24}H_{24}O_4$: 376.1675, found: 376.1667.



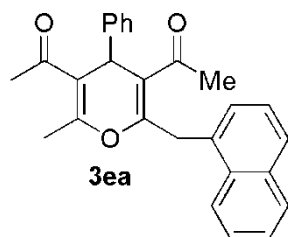
(**4ca**)¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.50 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.27-7.16 (m, 5 H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.41(s, 1 H), 4.65 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.59 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 2.10 (s, 3 H), 1.97 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 202.73, 202.51, 158.74, 152.08, 146.64, 140.99, 128.84, 127.40, 126.92, 124.68, 123.63, 121.09, 113.93, 102.71, 74.07, 55.15, 41.95, 29.66, 29.58, 11.62 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 376 (M^+ , 86.71); 43 (100); HRMS calcd for $C_{24}H_{24}O_4$: 376.1675, found: 376.1669.



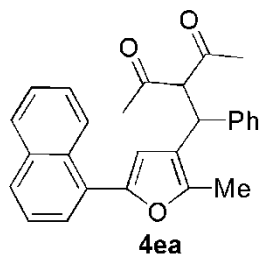
(**3da**)¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.80(s, 1 H), 3.96 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (d, J = 14.7Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 2.24 (s, 3 H), 2.22 (s, 3 H), 2.21 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 198.92, 198.18, 158.48, 158.35, 157.26, 156.66, 136.26, 129.72, 129.12, 128.89, 117.34, 117.09, 113.98, 113.84, 55.17, 55.14, 38.36, 36.19, 30.50, 29.90, 19.32 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 406 (M^+ , 45.40); 298 (100); HRMS calcd for $C_{25}H_{26}O_5$: 406.1780, found: 406.1771.



(**4da**)¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.40(s, 1 H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 2.10 (s, 3 H), 1.99 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 202.94, 202.64, 158.72, 158.33, 152.04, 146.47, 133.06, 128.42, 124.67, 123.68, 121.40, 114.18, 113.92, 102.69, 74.34, 55.15, 55.06, 41.22, 29.66, 29.59, 11.61 ppm; MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%): 406 (M⁺, 58.19); 307 (100); HRMS calcd for C₂₅H₂₆O₅: 406.1780, found: 406.1794.

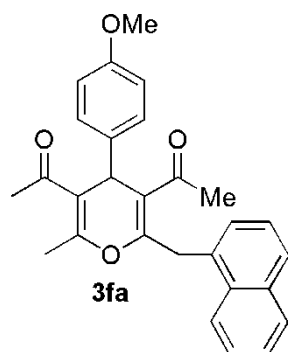


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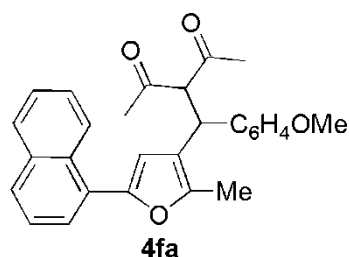


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(m, 4 H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 1 H), 6.64 (s, 1 H), 4.73 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.43(s, 3 H), 2.17 (s, 3 H), 2.00(s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 202.77, 202.55, 151.58, 147.91, 141.00, 133.92, 129.98, 128.97, 128.51, 128.28, 128.20, 127.54, 127.06, 126.52, 125.83, 125.61, 125.30, 125.21, 121.04, 108.76, 74.39, 42.11, 29.85, 29.61, 11.83$ ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 396 (M^+ , 72.27); 43 (100); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3$: 396.1725, found: 396.1721.

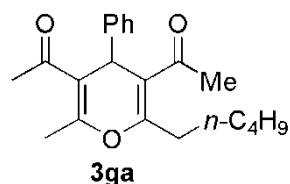


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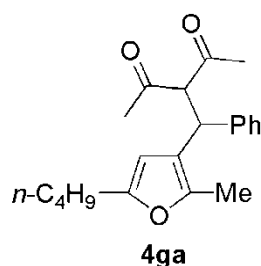


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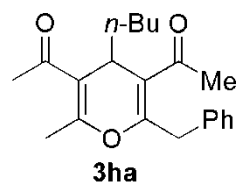
129.94, 128.52(2C), 128.48, 128.22, 126.49, 125.79, 125.56, 125.29, 125.19, 121.32, 114.27, 108.71, 74.58, 55.12, 41.33, 29.84, 29.59, 11.78 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 426 (M^+ , 0.28); 57 (100); HRMS calcd for $C_{28}H_{26}O_4$: 426.1831, found: 426.1839.



(**3ga**)¹H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.27-7.17 (m, 5 H), 4.84 (s, 1 H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 2.22 (s, 3 H), 2.20 (s, 3 H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 2 H), 1.37-1.32 (m, 4 H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 198.63, 198.27, 159.90, 156.92, 144.25, 128.60, 127.97, 126.92, 116.94, 116.62, 39.10, 31.65, 31.44, 30.37, 30.14, 27.00, 22.32, 19.27, 13.91 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 326 (M^+ , 89.35); 249 (100); HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{26}O_3$: 326.1882, found: 326.1875.

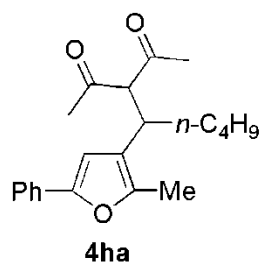


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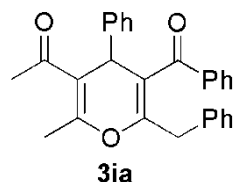


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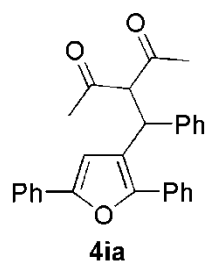
(s, 3 H), 1.29-1.01 (m, 6 H), 0.74 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 199.20, 198.34, 158.48, 158.28, 137.05, 128.61, 128.37, 126.54, 117.48, 116.91, 36.92(2\text{C}), 33.08, 29.87, 29.27, 26.96, 22.71, 19.05, 13.92$ ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 326(M^+ , 1.36); 269 (100); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3$: 326.1882, found: 326.1888.



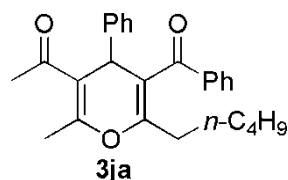
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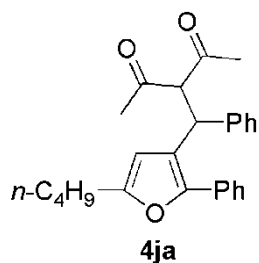
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(**4ia**)¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.73-7.68 (m, 4 H), 7.47-7.19 (m, 11 H), 6.86 (s, 1 H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.00 (s, 3 H), 1.94 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 202.87, 202.62, 153.16, 149.02, 140.69, 130.51, 130.14, 129.02, 128.74, 128.68, 127.93, 127.86, 127.71, 127.21, 126.55, 123.82, 122.49, 106.27, 75.69, 41.97, 30.99, 28.12 ppm; MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%): 408 (M⁺, 39.19); 105 (100); HRMS calcd for C₂₈H₂₄O₃: 408.1725, found: 408.1718.

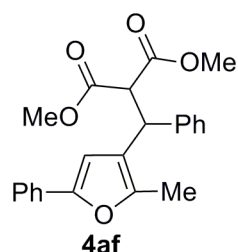


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(**4ja**)¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.36-7.26 (m, 5 H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 1 H), 6.21 (s, 1 H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.98 (s, 3 H), 1.91 (s, 3 H), 1.69-1.61 (m, 2 H), 1.43-1.36 (m, 2 H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75

MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 202.96, 202.76, 156.30, 147.58, 141.01, 130.89, 128.85, 128.55, 127.79, 127.33, 126.98, 126.19, 120.72, 106.25, 75.64, 42.05, 30.91, 29.86, 27.94, 27.73, 22.19, 13.73 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 388 (M⁺, 7.99); 69 (100); HRMS calcd for C₂₆H₂₈O₃: 388.2038, found: 388.2046.



(**4af**)¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.58 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.33-7.17 (m, 8 H), 6.59 (s, 1 H), 4.63 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.20 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.63 (s, 3 H), 3.54 (s, 3 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 168.01, 167.91, 151.75, 148.14, 140.85, 130.80, 128.65, 128.52, 127.52, 126.97, 126.90, 123.29, 121.14, 104.63, 57.37, 52.64, 52.51, 42.03, 11.75. ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 378 (M⁺, 32.34); 247 (100); HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₂₂O₅: 378.1467, found: 378.1469.

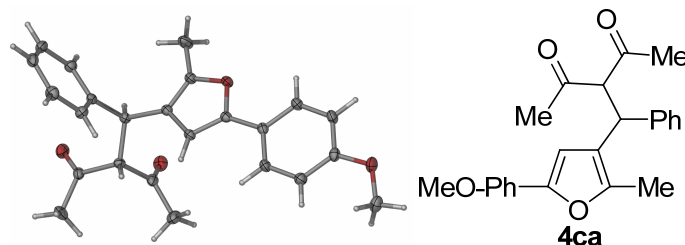


Figure 1. ORTEP depiction of compound **4ca**⁴

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4. X-ray data for compound **4ca** (CH₂Cl₂/hexane): C₂₄H₂₄O₄, Mw = 376.43, monoclinic, P2(1)/C space group, Mo-K α (0.71073Å), R1(I > 2 σ (I)) = 0.0366, wR2 = 0.0985, a = 21.7484(4) Å, b = 8.3844(2) Å, c = 11.0805(2) Å, β = 101.215(1)°, V = 1981.92(7) Å³, T = 173(2) K, Z = 4, reflections collected /unique: 17045/3476 (Rint = 0.0230), number of observations [I > 2 σ (I)] 3025, parameters 254. CCDC 717871(**4ca**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif

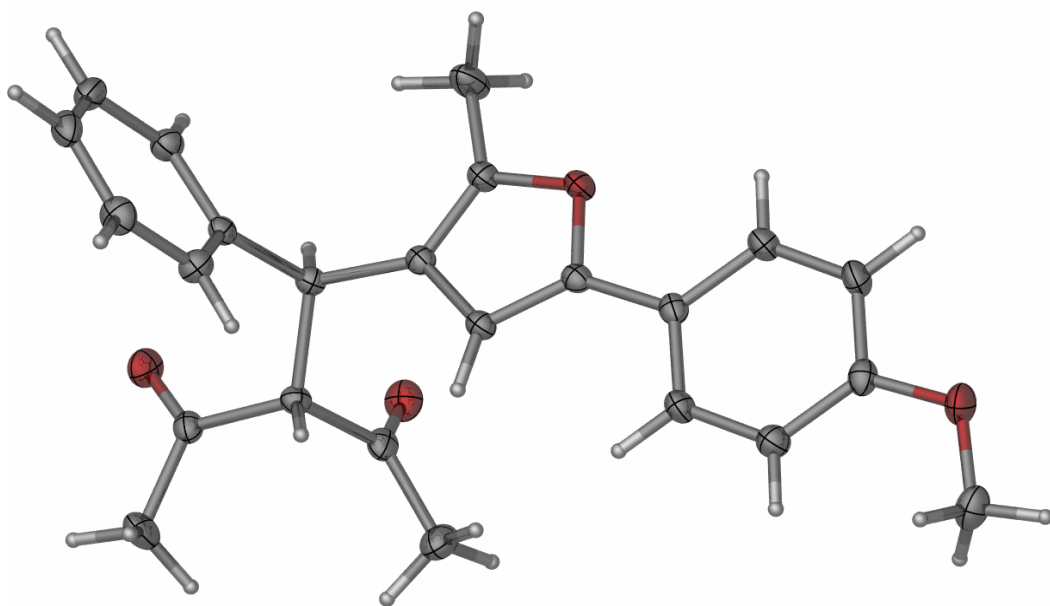


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