

Rapid Access to 1-Methyleneindenes via Palladium-Catalyzed Tandem Reactions of 1-(2,2-Dibromovinyl)-2-alkynylbenzenes with Arylboronic Acids

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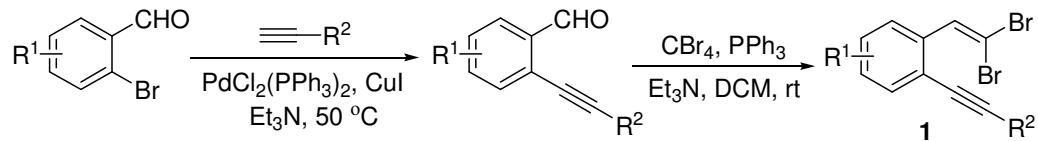
Supporting Information

1. General experimental methods (S2)
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3. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **3** (S11-S36).
4. The crystal structure and crystallographic data of compound **3a** (please see the cif file).

General experimental methods:

All reactions were performed in reaction tubes under nitrogen atmosphere. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32–63 µm, standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr (house vacuum) at 25–35°C. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale.

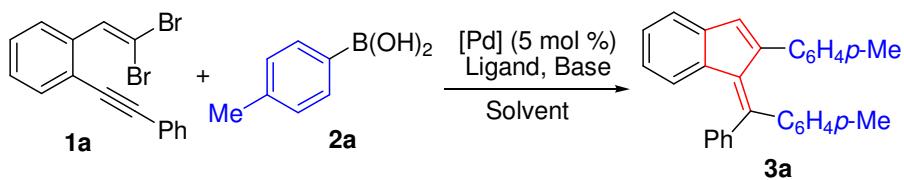
General procedure for the synthesis of 1-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-2-alkynylbenzene **1**.



2-Alkynylbenzaldehyde was synthesized via Sonogashira coupling according to the literature report (Roesch, K. R.; Larock, R. C. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, *67*, 86.).

CBr₄ (2.5 mmol) was added to a solution of PPh₃ (4.5 mmol) and Et₃N (1.1 mmol) in DCM (10 mL) slowly. Subsequently, 2-alkynylbenzaldehyde (1 mmol) was added to the mixture. This mixture was stirred at room temperature under the air for 3h. Then the reaction was quenched with water (20 mL), and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL x 2), dried with Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. After purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1), the pure 1-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-2-alkynylbenzene **1** could be obtained.

Initial Studies for palladium-catalyzed reaction of 1-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-2-alkynylbenzene **1a** with 4-methylphenylboronic acid **2a**.

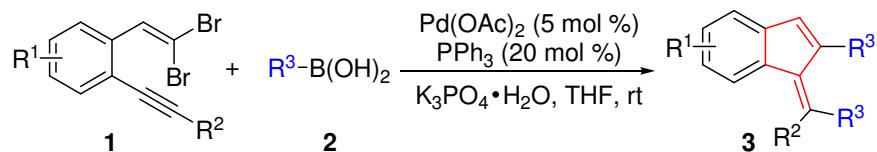


Entry	Pd catalyst	Ligand/%	Base/equiv	Solvent	Temp	Yield ^a
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ /6	THF	r.t.	63%
2	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ /6	THF	r.t.	53%
3	PdCl ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ /6	THF	r.t.	59%
4	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ /6	THF	r.t.	62%
5	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ /6	THF	r.t.	55%
6	PdCl ₂ (dpff)	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ /6	THF	r.t.	62%
7	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₂ CO ₃ /6	THF	r.t.	55%
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	Cs ₂ CO ₃ /6	THF	r.t.	47%
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	NaHCO ₃ /6	THF	r.t.	Trace
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	KOH/6	THF	r.t.	57%
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	LiOH/6	THF	r.t.	Trace
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	NaOAc/6	THF	r.t.	Trace
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	t-BuOK/6	THF	r.t.	Trace
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	86%
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	Toluene	r.t.	Trace
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	MeCN	r.t.	Trace
17	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	DMAc	r.t.	Trace
18	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	1,4-dioxane	r.t.	65%
19	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	DCE	r.t.	71%
20	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	DMF	r.t.	Trace
21	Pd(OAc) ₂	BINAP/10	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	Trace
22	Pd(OAc) ₂	PCy ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	Trace
23	Pd(OAc) ₂	DPPF/10	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	64%
24	Pd(OAc) ₂	DPPP/10	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	Trace

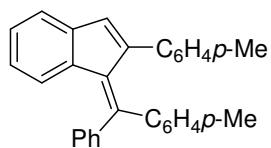
25	Pd(OAc) ₂	JohnPhos/20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	Trace
26	Pd(OAc) ₂	XPhos/20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	22%
27	Pd(OAc) ₂	CyJohnPhos/20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	10%
28	Pd(OAc) ₂	(2-furyl) ₃ P/20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	51%
29	Pd(OAc) ₂	P(o-tolyl) ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	10%
30	Pd(OAc) ₂	S-Phos/20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	Trace
31	Pd(OAc) ₂	Xantphos/10	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	Trace
32	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	62%
33	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /10	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	r.t.	70%
34	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/5	THF	r.t.	59%
35	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃ /20	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O/6	THF	60°C	78%

^a Isolated yield based on 1-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-2-alkynylbenzene **1a**

General procedure for palladium-catalyzed tandem reaction of 1-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-2-alkynylbenzene **1** with arylboronic acid **2**.

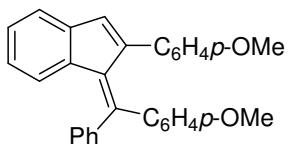


1-(2,2-Dibromovinyl)-2-alkynylbenzene **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) was added to a solution of Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol %), PPh₃ (20 mol %), K₃PO₄·H₂O (1.2 mmol, 6 equiv) and arylboronic acid **2** (0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) in THF (2.0 mL). The solution was then stirred at room temperature. After completion of reaction as indicated by TLC, the reaction was quenched with water (5.0 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL), dried by anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification on silica gel provided the product **3**.



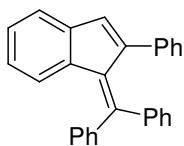
(Z)-1-(Phenyl(*p*-tolyl)methylene)-2-*p*-tolyl-1*H*-indene **3a**

Yield: 86%; red solid, melting point: 177–178 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.76–6.80 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.46 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.9, 21.0, 120.4, 123.3, 124.5, 126.9, 127.5, 127.8, 128.5, 128.7, 130.9, 132.3, 133.1, 134.8, 135.2, 136.9, 137.9, 138.2, 138.5, 142.2, 143.0, 144.0, 149.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₂₅ (M + H)⁺ 385.1956, found 385.1938. Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₂₄: C, 93.71; H, 6.29; Found: C, 93.65; H, 6.42. (Solvent used for recrystallization: ethyl acetate/*n*-hexane)



(Z)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methylene)-1*H*-indene **3b**

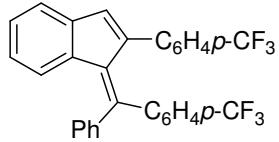
Yield: 75%; red solid ; melting point: 103–104 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.46 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.1, 55.2, 112.4, 112.9, 120.2, 123.2, 124.4, 126.7, 128.5, 128.8, 129.7, 130.7, 131.0, 132.5, 133.8, 133.9, 136.3, 138.2, 142.1, 143.0, 143.4, 149.1, 157.4, 159.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₂₅O₂ (M + H)⁺ 417.1855, found 417.1844. Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₂₄O₂: C, 86.51; H, 5.81; Found: C, 86.33; H, 5.88.



1-(Diphenylmethylene)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indene **3c**

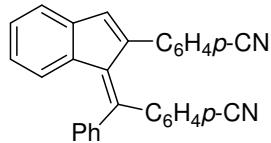
Yield: 80%; red solid ; melting point: 140–141 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.42

(d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.98 (m, 10H), 7.05–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.54 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 120.5, 123.4, 124.8, 125.4, 126.9, 127.1, 127.2, 127.9, 128.6, 128.8, 130.8, 132.4, 134.0, 137.2, 138.1, 138.2, 141.3, 142.1, 142.9, 143.9, 149.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}$ ($M + H$) $^+$ 357.1643, found 357.1625.



(Z)-1-(Phenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methylene)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-indene 3d

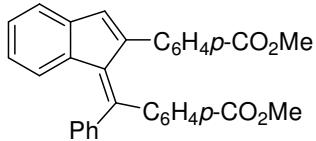
Yield: 70%; yellow solid; melting point: 185–186 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.46 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.15–7.19 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.51 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 121.1, 123.6 (q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 269.8$ Hz), 123.7, 123.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 2.8$ Hz), 124.0 (q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 270.8$ Hz), 124.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 2.8$ Hz), 125.7, 127.8, 128.0 (q, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 32.4$ Hz), 128.8, 128.9, 129.3, 130.0 (q, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 32.4$ Hz), 130.7, 132.3, 135.8, 137.7, 138.5, 141.5, 141.7, 141.8, 144.6, 147.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_6$ ($M + H$) $^+$ 493.1391, found 493.1382.



(Z)-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-1-((4-cyanophenyl)(phenyl)methylene)-1H-indene 3e

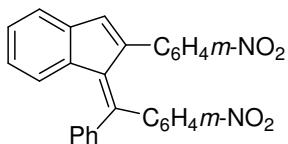
Yield: 72%; yellow solid; melting point: 259–260 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.42 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.16–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.54 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 109.4, 111.6, 118.0, 118.5, 121.4, 123.7, 126.1, 128.1, 129.0, 129.6, 130.7,

130.8, 131.2, 132.8, 137.2, 137.7, 138.8, 140.9, 141.2, 141.5, 142.6, 145.7, 146.8;
HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₁₈N₂: 429.1368 (M + Na⁺), found: 429.1357. Anal. Calcd
for C₃₀H₁₈N₂: C, 88.64; H, 4.46; Found: C, 88.72; H, 4.58.



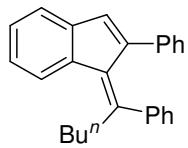
(Z)-2-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-1-((4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)(phenyl)methylene)-1H-indene **3f**

Yield: 74%; yellow solid; melting point: 205-206 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44–7.53 (m, 5H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 51.8, 52.0, 121.0, 123.6, 125.5, 127.1, 127.6, 128.2, 128.4, 128.6, 128.8, 129.1, 129.2, 130.7, 132.2, 135.7, 137.9, 138.3, 141.8, 141.9, 142.3, 142.7, 145.7, 148.0, 166.4, 166.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₂₅O₄ (M + H)⁺ 473.1753, found 473.1737. Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₂₄O₄: C, 81.34; H, 5.12; Found: C, 81.51; H, 5.15.



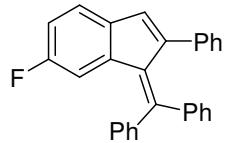
(Z)-2-(3-Nitrophenyl)-1-((3-nitrophenyl)(phenyl)methylene)-1H-indene **3g**

Yield: 88%; yellow solid; melting point: 195-196 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.49 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.10–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.27–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.49–7.57 (m, 5H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.73–7.76 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 120.7, 121.4, 122.6, 123.5, 123.8, 126.1, 127.2, 128.2, 128.3, 128.6, 129.0, 129.3, 129.7, 130.3, 131.2, 134.3, 137.0, 137.3, 137.5, 139.0, 139.4, 140.0, 141.0, 141.5, 142.6, 146.0, 147.0, 147.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₁₈N₂O₄: 469.1164 (M + Na⁺), found: 469.1170.



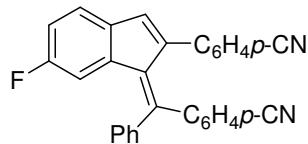
(Z)-2-Phenyl-1-(1-phenylpentylidene)-1*H*-indene **3h**

Yield: 62%; yellow solid; melting point: 84–85 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.92 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.43–1.49 (m, 2H), 1.55–1.63 (m, 2H), 3.16 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.83–6.90 (m, 8H), 6.98–7.00 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 23.2, 30.1, 37.8, 120.9, 123.7, 125.1, 125.2, 126.9, 127.0, 127.2, 128.6, 130.1, 132.5, 135.8, 137.1, 138.8, 142.2, 142.4, 144.3, 152.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}$ ($M + \text{H}$) $^+$ 337.1956, found 337.1943.



1-(Diphenylmethylene)-6-fluoro-2-phenyl-1*H*-indene **3i**

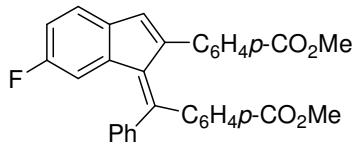
Yield: 82%; yellow solid; melting point: 133–134 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.01 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.79–6.94 (m, 10H), 6.97–7.00 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.36–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.49 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 111.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 25.7$ Hz), 113.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.9$ Hz), 120.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 8.6$ Hz), 125.5, 126.9, 127.2, 128.1, 128.5, 128.8, 129.2, 130.7, 132.4, 133.1, 136.6, 137.8, 138.0, 140.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 8.6$ Hz), 140.9, 142.3, 143.7, 150.6, 161.2 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 239.3$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}$ ($M + \text{H}$) $^+$ 375.1549, found 375.1571.



(Z)-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-1-((4-cyanophenyl)(phenyl)methylene)-6-fluoro-1*H*-indene **3j**

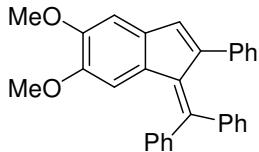
Yield: 74%; yellow solid; melting point: 242–243 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.07 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz,

2H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.34 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.49–7.58 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 109.6, 111.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 26.7$ Hz), 111.9, 114.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.9$ Hz), 118.0, 118.5, 121.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 8.6$ Hz), 128.9, 129.3, 130.1, 130.6, 130.9, 131.3, 132.8, 136.4, 137.5, 138.2, 139.7, 140.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 8.6$ Hz), 140.8, 142.2, 145.4, 148.0, 161.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 242.2$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 425.1454, found 425.1471.



(*Z*)-2-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-1-((4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)(phenyl)methylene)-6-fluoro-1*H*-indene **3k**

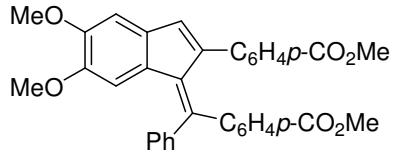
Yield: 75%; yellow solid; melting point: 225–226 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.06 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.12–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.53 (m, 5H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 51.8, 52.0, 111.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 25.8$ Hz), 114.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.9$ Hz), 121.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 9.5$ Hz), 127.2, 128.2, 128.3, 128.7, 129.0, 129.4, 129.6, 130.6, 132.1, 134.8, 137.6, 137.8, 139.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 8.6$ Hz), 141.3, 142.2, 142.3, 145.3, 149.2, 161.5 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 240.3$ Hz), 166.3, 166.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{24}\text{FO}_4$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 491.1659, found 491.1648. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{23}\text{FO}_4$: C, 78.35; H, 4.73; Found: C, 78.46; H, 4.86.



1-(Diphenylmethylene)-5,6-dimethoxy-2-phenyl-1*H*-indene **3l**

Yield: 95%; red solid; melting point: 178–179 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 6.81–7.01 (m, 12H), 7.42–7.48 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.2, 56.0, 103.9, 108.0, 125.2, 126.9, 127.2, 127.8, 128.5,

128.6, 128.7, 130.7, 130.8, 132.4, 133.6, 135.5, 137.4, 138.2, 140.9, 142.4, 142.9, 146.4, 148.0, 148.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{30}H_{25}O_2$ ($M + H$)⁺ 417.1855, found 417.1834.



(*Z*)-2-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-1-((4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)(phenyl)methylene)-5,6-dimethoxy-1*H*-indene **3m**

Yield: 72%; red solid ; melting point: 273-274 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.53 (m, 5H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 51.8, 52.0, 55.3, 56.0, 104.3, 108.1, 126.9, 128.2, 128.3, 128.7, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 130.7, 132.2, 135.3, 135.4, 138.6, 140.9, 142.0, 142.8, 145.5, 146.6, 146.9, 149.0, 166.5, 166.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₂₈O₆: 555.1784 ($M + Na^+$), found: 555.1774.

