

Supporting information for

Synthesis of Spirocyclic β -keto-Lactams: Copper Catalyzed Process

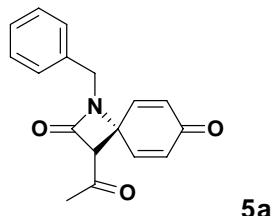
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General Experimental: Proton nuclear magnetic resonance ($^1\text{H-NMR}$) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer at 300 MHz. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance ($^{13}\text{C-NMR}$) was recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer at 75 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported as δ values in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) for all recorded NMR spectra. Low-resolution Mass spectra were recorded on a VG Auto Spec-3000 magnetic sector MS spectrometer. High Resolution Mass spectra were taken on an AB QSTAR Pulsar mass spectrometer. Starting materials and reagents used in reactions were obtained commercially from Acros, Aldrich, Fluka and were used without purification, unless otherwise indicated.

General procedure for the synthesis of spirocyclic azetidinones, copper sulphate pentahydrate catalyzed coupling:

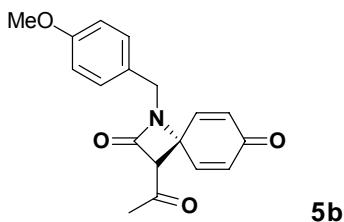
To a solution of amide (1.0 mmol) in anhydrous ethanol (50 mL) was added copper (II) sulfate pentahydrate ($\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 13 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.05 eq.) and DMAP (4-Dimethylaminopyridine, 7 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.06 eq.). The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes. To this mixture, IBD (iodobenzene diacetate, 387 mg, 1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added in one portion at 0°C. After stirring at 0 °C for 1 hour, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was diluted with ethyl acetate (50 mL) and washed with water (10 mL) and brine (15 mL). The organic phase was then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After filtration and removal of the solvent, the crude products were chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 2:1) to provide azetidinones **5a-5s**, **13a-13h**, **15a-15f** and **17a-17b** (yields: 71-96%).



3-acetyl-1-benzyl-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione

$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ Mol. Wt.: 281.31

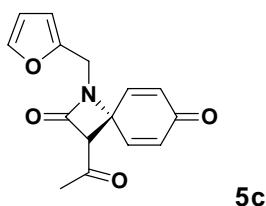
5a: yellow syrup, Yield: 85%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.24-7.03 (5H, *m*), 6.65 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.0 Hz), 6.49 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.0 Hz), 6.18-6.10 (2H, *m*), 4.27 (1H, *s*), 4.23 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 4.18 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 2.16 (3H, *s*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 197.94, 184.34, 161.48, 146.09, 144.69, 134.92, 131.75, 131.62, 128.91, 128.82, 128.39, 70.78, 58.23, 45.59, 30.70. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 281 (M⁺, 6%), 254 (3), 251 (4), 238 (8), 226 (4), 199 (18), 198 (12), 162 (3), 133 (4), 121 (12), 91 (100), 77 (6), 65 (12). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 281.1056, Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅NO₃ (M)⁺: 281.1052.



3-acetyl-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione

C₁₈H₁₇NO₄ Mol. Wt.: 311.31

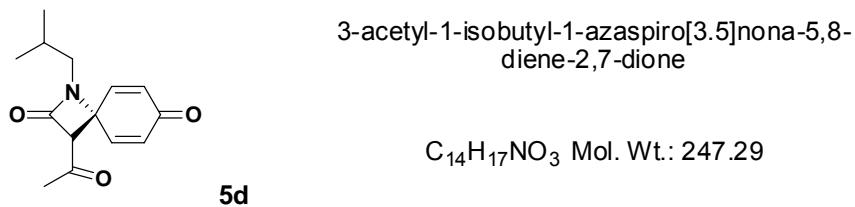
5b: yellow syrup, Yield: 82%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.08 (2H, *dd*, *J* = 1.9, 8.4 Hz), 6.79 (2H, *dd*, *J* = 1.9, 8.4 Hz), 6.73 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.58 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.0 Hz), 6.27 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.0 Hz), 6.24 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 4.34 (1H, *s*), 4.26 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.23 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 3.77 (3H, *s*), 2.24 (3H, *s*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 197.97, 184.35, 161.30, 159.63, 146.23, 144.82, 131.61, 131.46, 130.30, 126.97, 114.12, 70.64, 58.08, 55.25, 44.96, 30.67. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 313 (M⁺+2, 35%), 311 (M⁺, 52%), 271 (12), 268 (16), 240 (6), 229 (51), 227 (56), 212 (14), 204 (13), 183 (16), 176 (12), 163 (65), 162 (59), 149 (53), 136 (66), 121 (100), 120 (81), 105 (36), 91 (74), 77 (90), 65 (51). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 311.1151, Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇NO₄ (M)⁺: 311.1158.



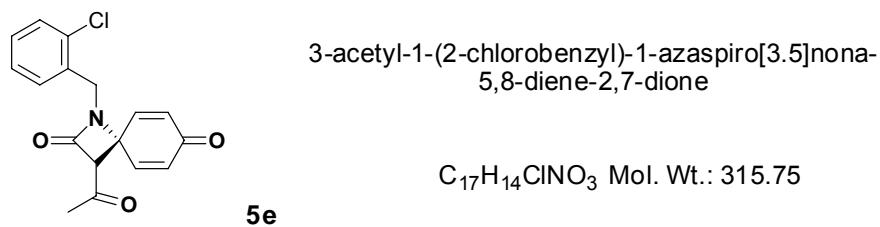
3-acetyl-1-(furan-2-ylmethyl)-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione

C₁₅H₁₃NO₄ Mol. Wt.: 271.27

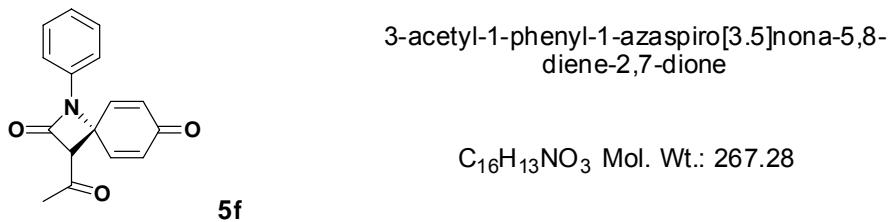
5c: pale yellow oil, Yield: 80%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.30 (1H, *d*, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 6.77 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.8, 10.1 Hz), 6.63 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.9, 10.0 Hz), 6.38-6.22 (3H, *m*), 6.18 (1H, *d*, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 4.37 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.34 (1H, *s*), 4.29 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 2.26 (3H, *s*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 197.86, 184.38, 161.24, 147.42, 145.63, 144.23, 142.68, 131.66, 131.49, 110.82, 110.34, 70.59, 57.94, 37.47, 30.62. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 273 (M⁺+2, 46%), 271 (M⁺, 52%), 243 (14), 230 (30), 228 (37), 204 (48), 188 (77), 172 (21), 161 (48), 149 (79), 148 (77), 133 (81), 120 (82), 105 (48), 96 (40), 91 (49), 81 (100), 77 (65), 68 (44). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 271.0844, Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃NO₄ (M)⁺: 271.0845.



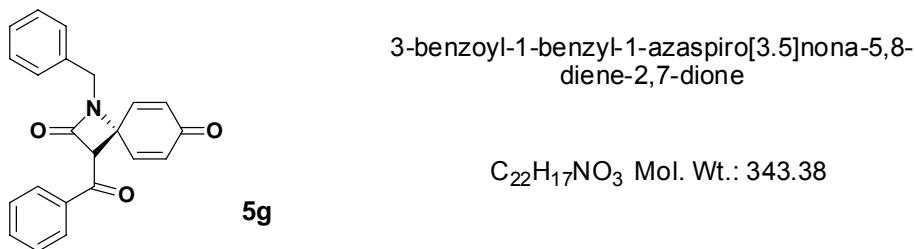
5d: brown oil, Yield: 84%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 6.90 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.2, 10.6 Hz), 6.80 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.7, 10.0 Hz), 6.40-6.30 (2H, *m*), 4.36 (1H, *s*), 2.88-2.70 (2H, *m*), 2.19 (3H, *s*), 1.80-1.63 (1H, *m*), 0.82 (6H, *d*, *J* = 6.6 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 198.20, 184.22, 162.29, 146.49, 145.09, 132.09, 70.44, 57.96, 49.44, 30.63, 27.79, 20.07. **EIMS** *m/z* (%) : 247 (M⁺, 13%), 205 (11), 204 (16), 176 (8), 168 (13), 165 (37), 148 (12), 134 (15), 122 (100), 121 (32), 105 (17), 84 (16), 69 (22), 57 (30). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 247.1213, Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₇NO₃ (M)⁺: 247.1208.



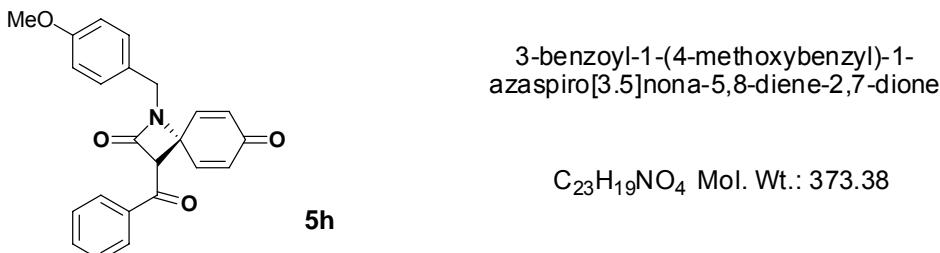
5e: pale yellow syrup, Yield: 87%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.28-7.04 (4H, *m*), 6.66 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.0 Hz), 6.53 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.0 Hz), 6.14 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 6.10 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 4.43 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.35 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.30 (1H, *s*), 2.17 (3H, *s*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 198.02, 184.27, 161.35, 145.79, 144.38, 134.06, 132.13, 131.78, 131.60, 131.52, 130.19, 129.78, 127.21, 70.67, 58.12, 43.12, 30.74. **EIMS** *m/z* (%) : 317 (M⁺, 9%), 315 (M⁺, 16%), 282 (9), 280 (10), 235 (26), 233 (54), 232 (27), 190 (11), 167 (10), 148 (7), 140 (12), 127 (51), 125 (100), 108 (33), 89 (27), 87 (28), 77 (16). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 315.0662, Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄NO₃Cl (M)⁺: 315.0662.



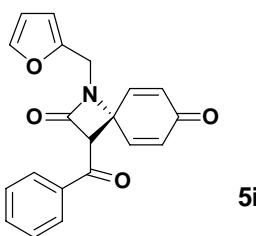
5f: pale yellow powder, m.p.: 132-133 °C. Yield: 85%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.40-7.22 (4H, *m*), 7.20-7.08 (2H, *m*), 7.01 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.59 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 6.57 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 4.49 (1H, *s*), 2.33 (3H, *s*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 197.29, 184.00, 158.91, 146.80, 145.54, 137.17, 132.73, 132.62, 129.42, 125.35, 116.62, 70.38, 58.59, 30.94. **EIMS** *m/z* (%) : 269 (M⁺+2, 16%), 267 (M⁺, 50%), 227 (28), 225 (37), 212 (30), 197 (32), 183 (45), 182 (34), 167 (23), 154 (46), 148 (26), 134 (29), 133 (57), 119 (100), 105 (36), 103 (44), 93 (58), 91 (66), 77 (78), 69 (27). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 267.0896, Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃NO₃ (M)⁺: 267.0895.



5g: pale yellow plates, m.p.: 130-132 °C. Yield: 92%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.73 (2H, *d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.56 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.49-7.18 (7H, *m*), 6.77 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.0 Hz), 6.68 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.0 Hz), 6.32 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.0 Hz), 6.07 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.0, 10.0 Hz), 5.07 (1H, *s*), 4.38 (2H, *s*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 190.74, 183.96, 161.44, 146.31, 144.27, 135.59, 135.04, 134.41, 132.40, 132.15, 128.97, 128.85, 128.38, 67.00, 58.44, 45.73. **EIMS** *m/z* (%) : 345 (M⁺+2, 48%), 343 (M⁺, 81%), 315 (14), 302 (11), 292 (74), 291 (84), 274 (22), 263 (23), 252 (12), 238 (36), 224 (27), 211 (88), 196 (100), 183 (84), 181 (90), 168 (92), 167 (62), 154 (90), 146 (88), 133 (62), 119 (61), 106 (92), 105 (86), 92 (96), 89 (94), 78 (85), 77 (77). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 343.1203, Calcd. for C₂₂H₁₇NO₃ (M)⁺: 343.1208.



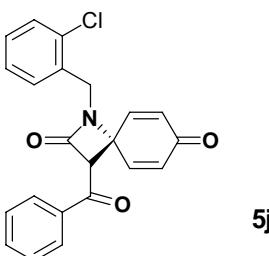
5h: brown syrup, Yield: 90%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.62 (2H, *d*, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.60-7.15 (3H, *m*), 7.04 (2H, *d*, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.82-6.51 (4H, *m*), 6.40-6.20 (1H, *m*), 6.12-5.92 (1H, *m*), 5.01 (1H, *s*), 4.24 (2H, *s*), 3.69 (3H, *s*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 190.87, 184.06, 161.42, 159.63, 146.59, 144.49, 135.57, 134.37, 132.22, 131.94, 130.34, 128.93, 128.34, 127.05, 114.14, 66.75, 58.32, 55.25, 45.09. **EIMS** *m/z* (%) : 375 (M⁺+2, 9%), 373 (M⁺, 17%), 354 (10), 333 (20), 292 (19), 291 (28), 265 (45), 255 (9), 229 (36), 227 (43), 212 (10), 183 (9), 165 (8), 146 (29), 135 (15), 121 (100), 105 (89), 91 (20), 77 (70). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 373.1303, Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉NO₄ (M)⁺: 373.1314.



3-benzoyl-1-(furan-2-ylmethyl)-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione

C₂₀H₁₅NO₄ Mol. Wt.: 333.34

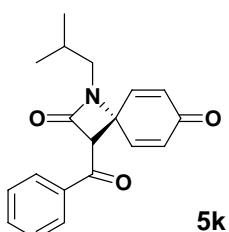
5i: pale yellow solid, m.p.: 130-131 °C. Yield: 88%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.74 (2H, *d*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.60-7.50 (1H, *m*), 7.48-7.35 (2H, *m*), 7.30 (1H, *s*), 6.81 (1H, *dt*, *J* = 2.4, 9.9 Hz), 6.74 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.7, 10.2 Hz), 6.36 (1H, *dt*, *J* = 1.8, 9.9 Hz), 6.27 (1H, *d*, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 6.17 (1H, *s*), 6.16-6.09 (1H, *m*), 5.05 (1H, *d*, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 4.48 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.7, 15.6 Hz), 4.33 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 190.61, 184.00, 161.13, 147.55, 145.84, 143.77, 142.68, 135.57, 134.41, 132.38, 131.99, 128.96, 128.37, 110.85, 110.39, 66.81, 58.14, 37.63. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 335 (M⁺+2, 27%), 333 (M⁺, 39%), 315 (7), 292 (37), 291 (50), 268 (24), 266 (29), 238 (34), 223 (36), 212 (67), 210 (56), 189 (67), 183 (85), 181 (60), 161 (40), 153 (82), 146 (83), 133 (45), 122 (47), 105 (100), 96 (38), 89 (48), 81 (95), 77 (96). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 333.0999, Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₅NO₄ (M)⁺: 333.1001.



3-benzoyl-1-(2-chlorobenzyl)-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione

C₂₂H₁₆ClNO₃ Mol. Wt.: 377.82

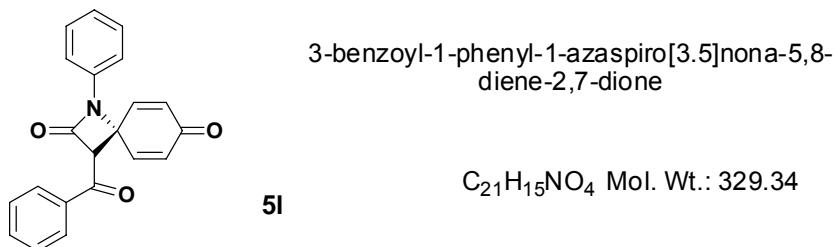
5j: Pale yellow foam, Yield: 86%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.73 (2H, *d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.56 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.48-7.15 (6H, *m*), 6.81 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.72 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.30 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 6.07 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 5.09 (1H, *s*), 4.60 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.51 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 190.71, 183.87, 161.35, 145.97, 143.92, 135.56, 134.42, 134.14, 132.50, 132.42, 132.18, 131.50, 130.10, 129.77, 128.96, 128.37, 127.26, 66.95, 58.36, 43.11. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 379 (M⁺, 29%), 377 (M⁺, 34%), 358 (8), 356 (11), 344 (22), 342 (70), 315 (11), 308 (20), 292 (93), 291 (40), 272 (18), 264 (22), 263 (20), 252 (12), 238 (40), 234 (61), 232 (72), 230 (68), 212 (52), 196 (52), 183 (70), 181 (84), 167 (63), 154 (86), 146 (100), 132 (72), 126 (64), 119 (49), 106 (77), 102 (46), 89 (65), 77 (57). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 377.0821, Calcd. for C₂₂H₁₆NO₃Cl (M)⁺: 377.0819.



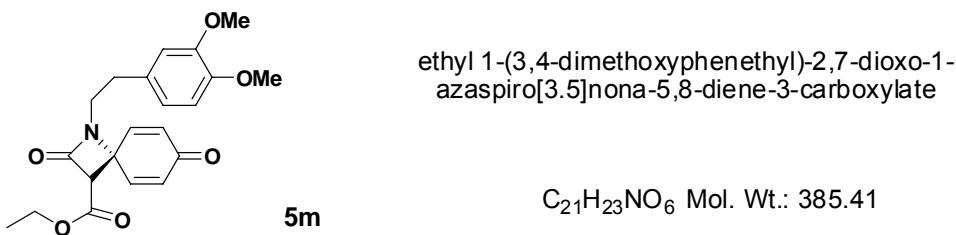
3-benzoyl-1-isobutyl-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione

C₁₉H₁₉NO₃ Mol. Wt.: 309.14

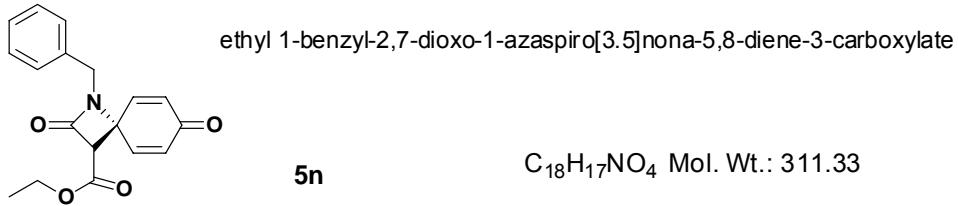
5a: colorless plates, m.p.: 112-113 °C. Yield: 96%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.77 (2H, *dd*, *J* = 1.3, 7.9 Hz), 7.59 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.44 (2H, *dd*, *J* = 7.4, 7.9 Hz), 7.04 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.9, 10.0 Hz), 6.92 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.9, 10.2 Hz), 6.54 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.0, 10.0 Hz), 6.28 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.0, 10.2 Hz), 5.11 (1H, *s*), 3.02 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 7.7, 14.2 Hz), 2.93 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 7.3, 14.2 Hz), 1.95-1.73 (1H, *m*), 0.94 (6H, *t*, *J* = 6.4 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 190.97, 183.96, 162.27, 146.69, 144.68, 135.64, 134.39, 132.81, 128.97, 128.39, 66.66, 58.22, 49.71, 27.97, 20.19, 20.16. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 311 (M⁺+2, 8%), 309 (M⁺, 16%), 266 (4), 238 (7), 210 (94), 189 (3), 182 (60), 181 (22), 165 (10), 163 (12), 153 (32), 148 (19), 133 (17), 122 (22), 120 (47), 105 (100), 92 (13), 91 (11), 77 (71). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 309.1365, Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉NO₃ (M)⁺: 309.1365.



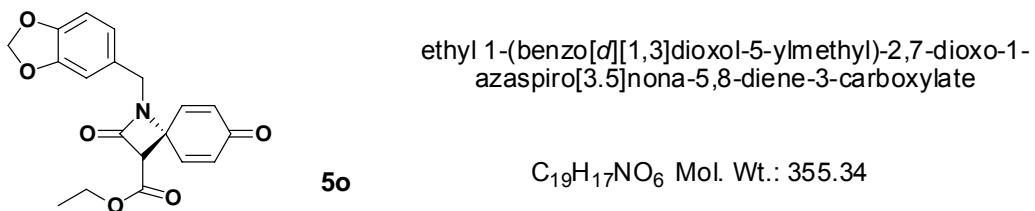
5l: Pale yellow foam, Yield: 80%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.78 (2H, dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.4 Hz), 7.70-7.57 (1H, *m*), 7.53-7.24 (7H, *m*), 7.20-7.04 (2H, *m*), 6.68 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.8, 9.9 Hz), 6.37 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 5.24 (1H, *s*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 190.38, 183.62, 158.99, 147.21, 145.18, 137.28, 135.56, 134.68, 133.46, 133.04, 129.42, 129.11, 128.42, 125.28, 116.61, 66.28, 58.60. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 330 (M⁺+1, 39%), 329 (M⁺, 47%), 315 (25), 301 (29), 291 (41), 272 (22), 260 (10), 251 (25), 238 (68), 224 (45), 212 (75), 210 (86), 196 (38), 185 (77), 182 (87), 154 (73), 152 (53), 134 (42), 129 (61), 119 (61), 105 (100), 93 (64), 91 (58), 77 (91). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 329.1050, Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₅NO₃ (M)⁺: 329.1052.



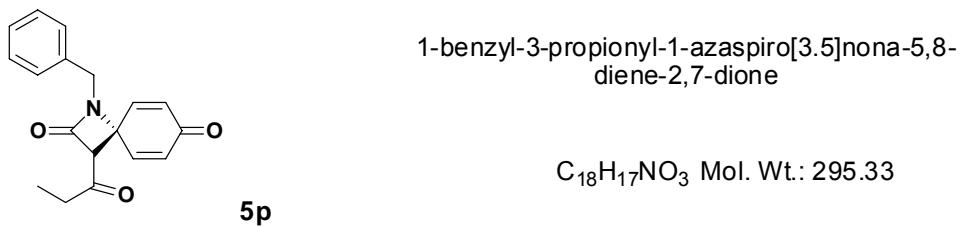
5m: (ref. 3a) Pale yellow syrup, Yield: 71%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 6.75-6.59 (4H, *m*), 6.47 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 9.9 Hz), 6.30-6.21 (2H, *m*), 4.12 (2H, *q*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.03 (1H, *s*), 3.81 (3H, *s*), 3.80 (3H, *s*), 3.31 (2H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.79 (2H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.18 (3H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 183.94, 164.65, 160.81, 148.97, 147.89, 146.13, 143.67, 132.85, 131.95, 129.93, 120.68, 111.93, 111.34, 62.95, 62.00, 57.25, 55.85, 55.80, 43.29, 33.85, 13.98. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 386 (M⁺+1, 4%), 385 (M⁺, 17%), 271 (4), 240 (3), 223 (11), 207 (2), 180 (4), 164 (84), 151 (100), 149 (7), 133 (9), 122 (6), 107 (5), 77 (3). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 408.1423, Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃NO₆Na (M+Na)⁺: 408.1423.



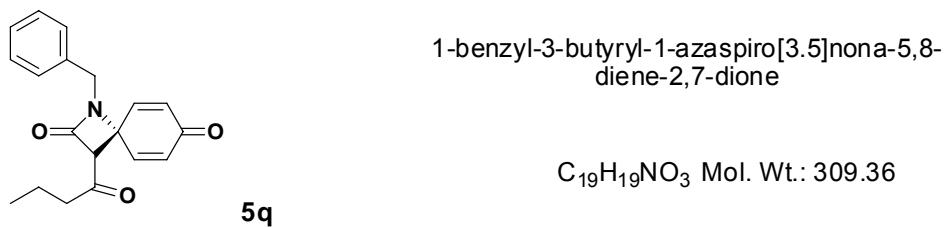
5n: (ref. 3a) Dark green syrup, Yield: 74%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.28-7.11 (5H, *m*), 6.77 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.7, 10.5 Hz), 6.59 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.7, 10.5 Hz), 6.22-6.14 (2H, *m*), 4.29 (2H, *s*), 4.15 (2H, *q*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.14 (1H, *s*), 1.19 (3H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 184.14, 164.87, 160.44, 146.21, 143.63, 135.00, 132.85, 131.81, 129.02, 128.95, 128.52, 63.63, 62.29, 57.66, 45.78, 14.18. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 312 (M⁺+1, 2%), 311 (M⁺, 10%), 265 (16), 239 (11), 238 (35), 223 (7), 197 (19), 196 (14), 179 (51), 168 (5), 150 (36), 133 (52), 132 (39), 122 (8), 105 (11), 91 (100), 77 (16). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 312.1240, Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈NO₄ (M+H)⁺: 312.1235.



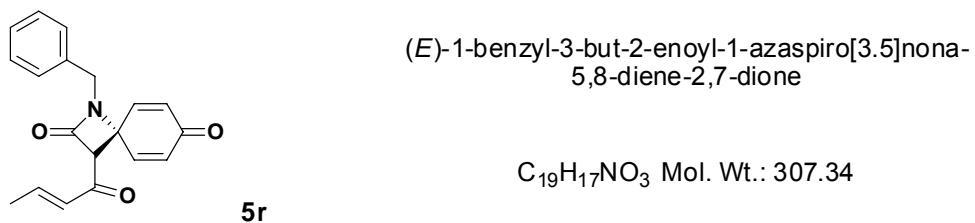
5o: (ref. 3a) Pale yellow syrup, Yield: 76%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 6.83 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 9.9 Hz), 6.72-6.55 (4H, *m*), 6.30-6.21 (2H, *m*), 5.93 (2H, *s*), 4.22 (2H, *s*), 4.18 (2H, *q*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.11 (1H, *s*), 1.24 (3H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 184.18, 164.87, 160.38, 148.18, 147.82, 146.29, 143.71, 132.83, 131.77, 128.70, 122.66, 109.20, 108.40, 101.40, 63.52, 62.30, 57.59, 45.52, 14.18. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 356 (M⁺+1, 6%), 355 (M⁺, 28%), 281 (2), 253 (3), 241 (19), 240 (12), 207 (2), 177 (27), 150 (11), 147 (8), 135 (100), 133 (12), 119 (3), 105 (2), 77 (13). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 378.0954, Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇NO₆Na (M+Na)⁺: 378.0953.



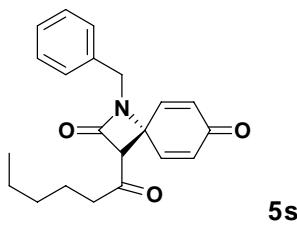
5p: yellow oil, Yield: 82%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.42-7.13 (5H, *m*), 6.76 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 9.9 Hz), 6.57 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 9.9 Hz), 6.26 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 6.22 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 4.34 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.7 Hz), 4.33 (1H, *s*), 4.29 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.7 Hz), 2.74-2.36 (2H, *m*), 1.04 (3H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 200.87, 184.38, 161.56, 146.21, 144.76, 134.98, 131.82, 131.69, 128.98, 128.89, 128.46, 70.00, 58.17, 45.68, 37.16, 7.02. +TOF MS *m/z* (%): 318 (M⁺+Na, 100%), 296 (M⁺+H, 84%), 279 (22), 240 (5), 220 (2), 198 (11), 163 (30), 123 (19). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 296.1278, Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 296.1286.



5q: pale yellow syrup, Yield: 81%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.42-7.14 (5H, *m*), 6.76 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 9.9 Hz), 6.57 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 9.9 Hz), 6.25 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.0 Hz), 6.22 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.0 Hz), 4.37 (2H, *s*), 4.30 (1H, *s*), 2.63-2.32 (2H, *m*), 1.69-1.51 (2H, *m*), 0.90 (3H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 200.44, 184.40, 161.57, 146.24, 144.80, 135.00, 131.81, 128.98, 128.89, 128.46, 70.13, 58.19, 45.65, 16.42, 13.56. +TOF MS *m/z* (%): 332 (M⁺+Na, 33%), 310 (M⁺+H, 100%), 288 (12), 274 (20), 240 (9), 198 (22), 177 (60), 149 (29). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 310.1435, Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 310.1443.



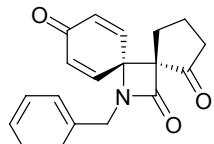
5r: yellow oil, Yield: 85%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.36-7.14 (5H, *m*), 6.89-6.70 (1H, *m*), 6.69 (1H, *d*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.63 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.27-6.20 (2H, *m*), 6.18 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.5, 15.6 Hz), 4.54 (1H, *s*), 4.36 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.28 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 1.89 (3H, *dd*, *J* = 1.5, 6.9 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 189.67, 184.26, 161.67, 147.08, 146.35, 144.73, 135.00, 132.00, 131.74, 131.06, 128.94, 128.82, 128.37, 67.86, 58.21, 45.63, 18.64. +TOF MS *m/z* (%): 330 (M⁺+Na, 87%), 308 (M⁺+H, 100%), 279 (69), 205 (7), 198 (12), 175 (29), 160 (1), 149 (98), 133 (3), 123 (32), 119 (5). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 308.1282, Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 308.1286.



1-benzyl-3-hexanoyl-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione

C₂₁H₂₃NO₃ Mol. Wt.: 337.41

5s: yellow oil, Yield: 82%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.37-7.24 (3H, *m*), 7.22-7.13 (2H, *m*), 6.75 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.56 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 9.9 Hz), 6.26 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 6.22 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 9.9 Hz), 4.34 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.31 (1H, *s*), 4.27 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 2.66-2.35 (2H, *m*), 1.62-1.48 (2H, *m*), 1.39-1.19 (4H, *m*), 0.89 (3H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 200.59, 184.44, 161.61, 146.25, 144.85, 135.05, 131.85, 131.75, 129.04, 128.95, 128.51, 70.22, 58.25, 45.72, 43.82, 31.14, 22.65, 22.44, 13.92. +TOF MS *m/z* (%): 360 (M⁺+Na, 6%), 338 (M⁺+H, 10%), 301 (5), 279 (3), 240 (1), 205 (4), 198 (3), 163 (1), 123 (100), 107 (2). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 338.1755, Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 338.1756.

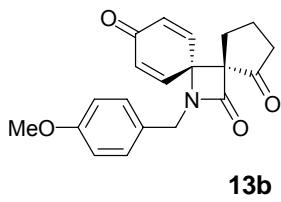


azaspirocyclic compound **13a**

C₁₉H₁₇NO₃ Mol. Wt.: 307.34

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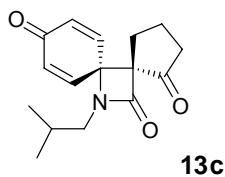
13a: yellow syrup, Yield: 87%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.35-7.10 (6H, *m*), 6.52 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.26 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.16 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.0, 10.2 Hz), 4.34 (2H, *s*), 2.53-2.30 (2H, *m*), 2.23-2.00 (3H, *m*), 1.95-1.80 (1H, *m*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 210.76, 184.11, 156.22, 145.73, 144.98, 135.00, 132.45, 131.59, 128.86, 128.83, 128.34, 75.67, 60.71, 45.55, 38.07, 28.68, 19.59. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 309 (M⁺+2, 36%), 307 (M⁺, 60%), 279 (11), 278 (6), 252 (48), 239 (13), 222 (6), 210 (7), 199 (59), 197 (52), 188 (8), 174 (35), 168 (12), 161 (9), 146 (21), 132 (22), 121 (29), 110 (19), 108 (15), 91 (100), 77 (23). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 307.1216, Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇NO₃ (M)⁺: 307.1208.



azaspirocyclic compound **13b**

C₂₀H₁₉NO₄ Mol. Wt.: 337.37

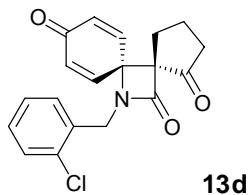
13b: yellow powder, Yield: 85%, mp: 132-133 °C. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.10 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.8, 10.3 Hz), 7.03 (2H, *d*, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.73 (2H, *d*, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.46 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.9, 10.2 Hz), 6.18 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 6.08 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.3 Hz), 4.21 (2H, *s*), 3.70 (3H, *s*), 2.45-2.21 (2H, *m*), 2.12-1.90 (3H, *m*), 1.82-1.70 (1H, *m*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 210.93, 184.23, 165.15, 159.62, 145.98, 145.19, 132.23, 131.38, 130.25, 126.96, 114.12, 75.46, 60.53, 55.24, 44.93, 38.04, 28.63, 19.58. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 337 (M⁺, 82%), 309 (14), 281 (13), 252 (11), 247 (22), 229 (81), 217 (21), 202 (28), 189 (13), 174 (32), 161 (25), 146 (35), 135 (27), 121 (100), 109 (42), 91 (50), 77 (61). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 337.1313, Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉NO₄ (M)⁺: 337.1314.



azaspirocyclic compound **13c**

C₁₆H₁₉NO₃ Mol. Wt.: 273.33

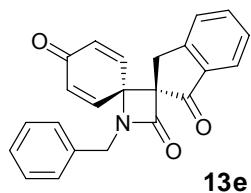
13c: brown syrup, Yield: 82%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.45 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.81 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.49 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 6.36 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 3.06 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 8.1, 14.1 Hz), 2.80 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 6.9, 14.1 Hz), 2.60-2.30 (2H, *m*), 2.24-1.73 (5H, *m*), 0.98 (3H, *d*, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 0.94 (3H, *d*, *J* = 6.9 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 211.17, 184.08, 165.98, 146.06, 145.33, 133.23, 131.99, 75.24, 60.52, 49.37, 38.14, 28.62, 27.94, 20.14, 20.01, 19.66. **+TOF MS** *m/z* (%): 296 (M⁺+Na, 3%), 274 (M⁺+H, 7%), 175 (8), 164 (100), 133 (2), 111 (4), 108 (15). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 274.1438, Calcd. for C₁₆H₂₀NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 274.1443.



azaspirocyclic compound **13d**

C₁₉H₁₆ClNO₃ Mol. Wt.: 341.79

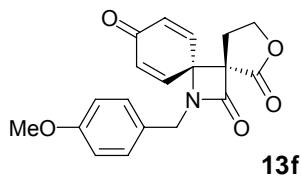
13d: yellow syrup, Yield: 93%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.51-7.10 (5H, *m*), 6.57 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.26-6.10 (2H, *m*), 4.53 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.47 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 2.60-2.28 (2H, *m*), 2.22-1.98 (3H, *m*), 1.92-1.79 (1H, *m*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 210.97, 184.17, 165.28, 145.49, 144.75, 134.04, 132.43, 132.29, 131.67, 131.28, 130.07, 129.72, 127.27, 75.55, 60.61, 43.01, 38.10, 28.73, 19.64. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 343 (M⁺, 14%), 341 (M⁺, 35%), 324 (6), 306 (11), 288 (13), 286 (33), 273 (11), 250 (15), 233 (33), 232 (16), 216 (5), 199 (9), 176 (19), 174 (12), 146 (13), 127 (50), 125 (100), 108 (27), 99 (6), 91 (14), 89 (23), 77 (13). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 341.0824, Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₆NO₃Cl (M)⁺: 341.0819.



azaspirocyclic compound **13e**

C₂₃H₁₇NO₃ Mol. Wt.: 355.39

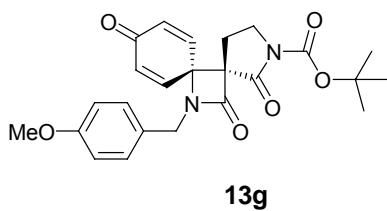
13e: pale brown oil, Yield: 90%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.74 (1H, *d*, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.62 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.52 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.4 Hz), 7.48-7.22 (7H, *m*), 6.60 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.27 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.14 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.0, 10.4 Hz), 4.48 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.37 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 3.66 (1H, *d*, *J* = 17.8 Hz), 3.25 (1H, *d*, *J* = 17.8 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 197.99, 184.30, 165.09, 151.29, 146.28, 144.26, 136.19, 135.41, 135.02, 132.40, 131.87, 128.87, 128.37, 126.33, 124.84, 74.92, 60.88, 45.76, 31.01. **EIMS** *m/z* (%): 356 (M⁺+1, 78%), 355 (M⁺, 87%), 327 (78), 325 (52), 310 (28), 308 (20), 290 (26), 264 (45), 250 (26), 236 (68), 221 (32), 208 (30), 199 (67), 198 (64), 180 (31), 165 (40), 158 (79), 152 (29), 130 (58), 102 (71), 91 (100), 77 (38). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 355.1210, Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₇NO₃ (M)⁺: 355.1208.



azaspirocyclic compound **13f**

C₁₉H₁₇NO₅ Mol. Wt.: 339.34

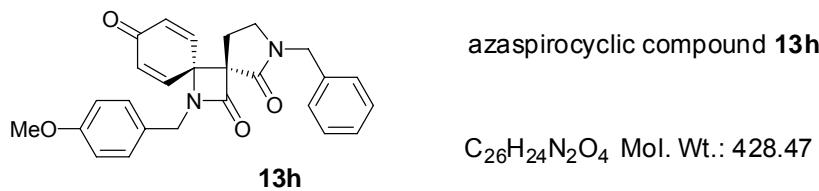
13f: Pale yellow syrup, Yield: 87%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.27 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 7.04 (2H, *dt*, *J* = 1.8, 8.7 Hz), 6.75 (2H, *dt*, *J* = 1.8, 8.7 Hz), 6.39 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 9.9 Hz), 6.23 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 6.18 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 9.9 Hz), 4.33 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 7.5, 8.4, 9.0 Hz), 4.26 (2H, *s*), 4.13 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 5.1, 8.4, 9.0 Hz), 3.72 (3H, *s*), 2.69 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 5.1, 7.5, 12.6 Hz), 2.34 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 7.2, 7.5, 12.6 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 183.81, 170.81, 162.62, 159.80, 144.61, 143.96, 132.96, 132.09, 130.35, 126.48, 114.24, 68.21, 65.83, 59.91, 55.30, 45.24, 27.25. **+TOF MS** *m/z* (%): 362 (M⁺+Na, 70%), 321 (7), 301 (6), 274 (3), 250 (4), 228 (100), 209 (1), 198 (1), 167 (1), 135 (7), 121 (69). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 362.0995, Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇NO₅Na (M+Na)⁺: 362.1004.



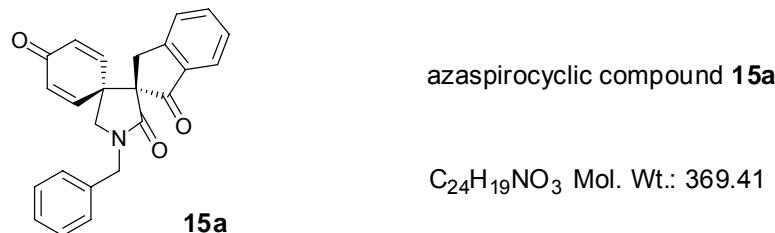
azaspirocyclic compound **13g**

C₂₄H₂₆N₂O₆ Mol. Wt.: 438.47

13g: white plates, Yield: 84%, mp: 131-132 °C. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.45 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 7.11 (2H, *d*, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.80 (2H, *d*, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.45 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.27 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 6.21 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 4.34 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.28 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 3.86-3.70 (1H, *m*), 3.79 (3H, *s*), 3.67-3.52 (1H, *m*), 2.50 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 5.1, 7.8, 13.5 Hz), 2.12 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 7.5, 7.8, 13.5 Hz), 1.54 (9H, *s*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 184.22, 163.78, 159.67, 149.34, 145.29, 144.68, 132.75, 131.76, 130.29, 126.71, 114.17, 84.03, 72.66, 60.61, 55.29, 45.05, 43.48, 27.93, 22.64. +TOF MS *m/z* (%): 461 (M⁺+Na, 20%), 361 (9), 346 (11), 339 (48), 318 (25), 302 (14), 290 (7), 274 (100), 262 (2), 231 (13), 121 (49). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 461.1684, Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₆N₂O₆Na (M+Na)⁺: 461.1688.

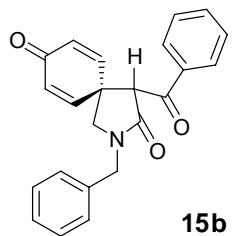


13h: Pale yellow foam, Yield: 80%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.52 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 7.33-7.03 (7H, *m*), 6.75 (2H, *d*, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 6.41 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.18 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 6.15 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 4.43 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.33 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.27 (1H, *s*), 3.72 (3H, *s*), 3.25-3.13 (1H, *m*), 3.09-2.98 (1H, *m*), 2.45 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 4.8, 8.4, 13.5 Hz), 2.06 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 5.7, 8.7, 13.5 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 184.52, 167.93, 165.15, 159.60, 146.15, 145.59, 135.15, 132.40, 131.34, 130.29, 128.89, 127.97, 127.02, 114.13, 71.62, 61.02, 55.29, 47.31, 45.03, 43.76, 22.94. +TOF MS *m/z* (%): 451 (M⁺+Na, 70%), 429 (M⁺+H, 36%), 390 (3), 374 (3), 362 (15), 356 (2), 318 (11), 302 (2), 274 (26), 266 (38), 248 (56), 218 (9), 135 (18), 121 (65). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 451.1636, Calcd. for C₂₆H₂₄N₂O₄Na (M+Na)⁺: 451.1633.



15a: brown syrup, Yield: 87%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.65 (1H, *d*, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 7.56 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.44-7.30 (7H, *m*), 6.93 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.74 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.30 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 6.21 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 4.61 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.52 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.21 (1H, *d*, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 3.45 (1H, *d*, *J* = 17.4 Hz), 2.98 (1H, *d*, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 2.68 (1H, *d*, *J* = 17.4 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 201.64, 184.69, 170.71, 154.04, 147.97, 145.59, 136.17, 135.21, 134.17, 133.14, 130.08, 128.96, 128.29, 128.12, 127.83, 126.46, 124.85, 65.24, 51.44, 48.38, 47.60, 31.71. +TOF MS *m/z* (%): 392 (M⁺+Na, 24%), 370 (M⁺+H,

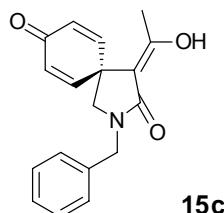
92%), 358 (100), 342 (6), 330 (5), 318 (17), 302 (10), 274 (80), 262 (4), 246 (2), 218 (1), 212 (5), 130 (11), 102 (25). **HRMS** m/z Found: 370.1434, Calcd. for $C_{24}H_{20}NO_3$ ($M+H$)⁺: 370.1443.



azaspirocyclic compound **15a**

$C_{23}H_{19}NO_3$ Mol. Wt.: 357.41

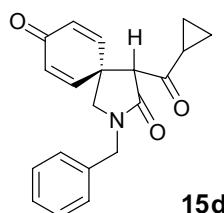
15b: yellow plates, as a mixture of keto and enol (5%) tautomers, Yield: 90%, mp: 124-125 °C. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ (ppm): 7.86 (2H, *d*, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.61 (1H, *t*, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.60-7.18 (7H, *m*), 6.97 (1H, *dd*, J = 3.0, 9.9 Hz), 6.87 (1H, *dd*, J = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.30 (1H, *dd*, J = 1.8, 9.9 Hz), 6.17 (1H, *dd*, J = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 4.66 (1H, *d*, J = 14.7 Hz), 4.57 (1H, *s*), 4.54 (1H, *d*, J = 14.7 Hz), 3.73 (1H, *d*, J = 9.9 Hz), 3.18 (1H, *d*, J = 9.9 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ (ppm): 194.92, 184.47, 169.30, (150.34), 148.79, 146.80, 136.29, 135.15, 134.37, 131.13, 128.99, 128.93, 128.23, 128.13, (127.80, 127.37), 57.71, 53.26, 47.11, 44.37. **+TOF MS** m/z (%): 380 (M^++Na , 45%), 358 (M^++H , 100%), 318 (13), 274 (43), 219 (10), 206 (12), 195 (9), 163 (7), 151 (28), 144 (22), 136 (44), 114 (6), 109 (9), 105 (35). **HRMS** m/z Found: 358.1449, Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{20}NO_3$ ($M+H$)⁺: 358.1443.



azaspirocyclic compound **15c**

$C_{18}H_{17}NO_3$ Mol. Wt.: 295.33

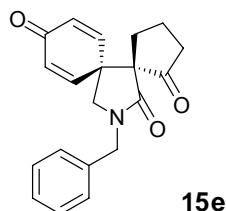
15c: yellow powder, as a mixture of keto (38%) and enol tautomers, Yield: 76%, mp: 121-122 °C. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ (ppm): 12.46 (1H, *s*), 7.45-7.21 (5H, *m*), 6.83 (2H, *d*, J = 9.9 Hz), 6.27 (2H, *d*, J = 9.9 Hz), 4.53 (2H, *s*), 3.30 (2H, *s*), 1.71 (3H, *s*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ (ppm): (202.24), 184.88 (184.52), 171.65, (168.24), 167.57, 150.09, 148.43, 146.33, 135.32 (135.03), 130.95, 129.64, 128.99, 128.21, 128.13, 128.09, 99.81, 62.94, 53.43 (52.93), (47.06), 46.39, (44.04), 42.49, 32.39, 17.38. **+TOF MS** m/z (%): 318 (M^++Na , 10%), 296 (M^++H , 100%), 274 (1), 262 (1), 151 (6), 120 (2). **HRMS** m/z Found: 296.1282, Calcd. for $C_{18}H_{18}NO_3$ ($M+H$)⁺: 296.1286.



azaspirocyclic compound **15d**

$C_{20}H_{19}NO_3$ Mol. Wt.: 321.37

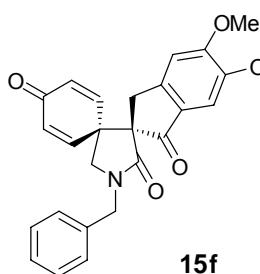
15d: Pale yellow oil, as a mixture of keto and enol (22%) tautomers, Yield: 90%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 12.58 (0.22 H, *s*), 7.48-7.18 (5H, *m*), 7.02-6.80 (2H, *m*), 6.31 (2H, *d*, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 4.61 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.7 Hz), 4.52 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.7 Hz), 3.84 (1H, *s*), 3.49 (1H, *d*, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 3.18 (1H, *d*, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 2.14-2.01 (1H, *m*), 1.28-0.92 (4H, *m*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 204.28, (185.12), 184.60, (171.85, 171.12), 168.69, 151.33, 148.70, 146.83, (135.48), 135.12, 130.78, 129.47, 128.97, 128.21, 128.12, (128.00), 127.78, (98.44), 62.97, (53.60), 52.91, 47.02, (46.36), 44.17, (42.71), 22.71, 12.68, (11.16), (7.21). **+TOF MS** *m/z* (%): 344 (M⁺+Na, 20%), 322 (M⁺+H, 100%), 302 (2), 274 (13). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 322.1447, Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 322.1443.



azaspirocyclic compound **15e**

C₂₀H₁₉NO₃ Mol. Wt.: 321.37

15e: white plates, Yield: 85%, mp: 128-129 °C. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.41-7.22 (5H, *m*), 6.88 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.65 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.38 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 6.32 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 4.60 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.7 Hz), 4.53 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.7 Hz), 3.98 (1H, *d*, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 2.95 (1H, *d*, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 2.49-2.11 (4H, *m*), 1.92-1.78 (1H, *m*), 1.71-1.56 (1H, *m*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 214.95, 184.57, 170.94, 147.59, 145.62, 135.25, 133.10, 129.85, 128.90, 128.16, 128.04, 64.55, 51.36, 47.89, 47.23, 38.67, 28.61, 19.76. **+TOF MS** *m/z* (%): 344 (M⁺+Na, 8%), 322 (M⁺+H, 100%), 274 (2), 188 (3), 155 (1). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 322.1435, Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 322.1443.

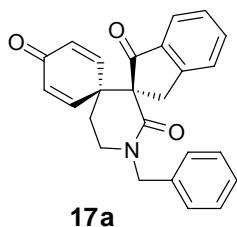


azaspirocyclic compound **15f**

C₂₆H₂₃NO₅ Mol. Wt.: 429.46

15f: yellow plates, Yield: 85%, mp: 132-133 °C. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.46-7.30 (5H, *m*), 7.10 (1H, *s*), 7.02 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.83 (1H, *s*), 6.81 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.33 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 6.26 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.8, 10.2 Hz), 4.69 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.55 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.27 (1H, *d*, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 3.93 (3H, *s*), 3.88 (3H, *s*), 3.39 (1H, *d*, *J* = 17.1 Hz), 3.00 (1H, *d*, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 2.63 (1H, *d*, *J* = 17.1 Hz). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 199.63, 184.79, 171.08, 156.74, 149.97, 148.26, 146.00, 135.30, 132.98, 129.87, 128.91, 128.25, 128.04, 126.77, 107.23, 104.72, 77.30, 65.46, 56.38, 56.13, 51.45, 48.33, 47.53, 31.42. **+TOF MS** *m/z* (%):

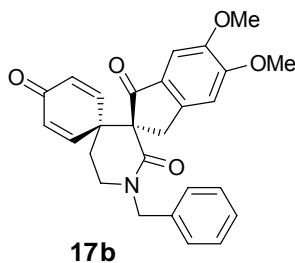
452 ($M^+ + Na$, 48%), 430 ($M^+ + H$, 100%), 274 (23), 242 (10), 149 (46), 136 (27), 123 (30), 118 (10), 114 (52), 109 (7), 105 (45). **HRMS** m/z Found: 430.1651, Calcd. for $C_{26}H_{24}NO_5$ ($M + H$) $^+$: 430.1654.



azaspirocyclic compound **17a**

$C_{25}H_{21}NO_3$ Mol. Wt.: 383.44

17a: pale brown oil, Yield: 82%. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ (ppm): 7.68 (1H, *d*, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.59 (1H, *t*, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.42-7.18 (7H, *m*), 6.86 (1H, *dd*, J = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.51 (1H, *dd*, J = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.38 (1H, *dd*, J = 1.2, 10.2 Hz), 6.12 (1H, *dd*, J = 1.2, 10.2 Hz), 4.78 (1H, *d*, J = 14.7 Hz), 4.48 (1H, *d*, J = 14.7 Hz), 3.73 (1H, *d*, J = 17.1 Hz), 3.61-3.39 (3H, *m*), 2.57 (1H, *d*, J = 17.1 Hz), 1.52-1.39 (1H, *m*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ (ppm): 202.56, 184.72, 166.55, 154.73, 148.99, 148.60, 136.37, 136.07, 134.36, 131.41, 131.13, 129.80, 128.61, 126.09, 124.92, 115.39, 59.77, 51.20, 46.35, 44.37, 35.49, 26.89. **+TOF MS** m/z (%): 406 ($M^+ + Na$, 42%), 384 ($M^+ + H$, 69%), 362 (5), 348 (9), 334 (7), 318 (32), 302 (19), 274 (100), 262 (8), 228 (52), 121 (15). **HRMS** m/z Found: 406.1409, Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{21}NO_3Na$ ($M + Na$) $^+$: 406.1419.



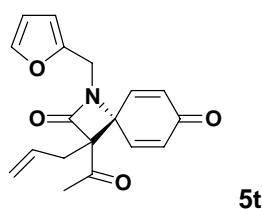
azaspirocyclic compound **17b**

$C_{27}H_{25}NO_5$ Mol. Wt.: 443.49

17b: pale yellow plates, Yield: 88%, mp: 134-135 °C. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ (ppm): 7.41-7.26 (5H, *m*), 7.13 (1H, *s*), 6.94 (1H, *dd*, J = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.82 (1H, *s*), 6.62 (1H, *dd*, J = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.43 (1H, *dd*, J = 1.2, 10.2 Hz), 6.20 (1H, *dd*, J = 1.2, 10.2 Hz), 4.88 (1H, *d*, J = 14.7 Hz), 4.53 (1H, *d*, J = 14.7 Hz), 3.95 (3H, *s*), 3.91 (3H, *s*), 3.67 (1H, *d*, J = 16.8 Hz), 3.65-3.45 (3H, *m*), 2.37 (1H, *d*, J = 16.8 Hz), 1.45-1.36 (1H, *m*). **¹³C-NMR** (75MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ (ppm): 200.61, 184.82, 166.81, 156.64, 150.66, 149.77, 149.33, 148.81, 136.50, 131.25, 131.01, 128.86, 127.92, 127.70, 126.93, 106.86, 104.88, 59.95, 56.38, 56.13, 51.14, 46.30, 44.36, 35.18, 26.84. **+TOF MS** m/z (%): 466 ($M^+ + Na$, 19%), 444 ($M^+ + H$, 100%), 249 (17), 158 (11), 150 (18), 125 (20), 123 (43), 118 (22), 114 (50). **HRMS** m/z Found: 444.1811, Calcd. for $C_{27}H_{26}NO_5$ ($M + H$) $^+$: 444.1810.

Preparation of 3-acetyl-3-allyl-1-benzyl-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione and 3-allyl-3-benzoyl-1-benzyl-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione by Tsuji-Trost reaction (5t** and **5u**):**

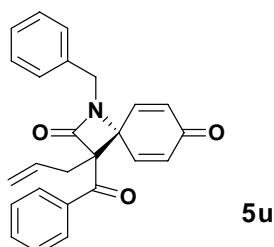
A mixture of compound **5c** or **5g** (135.6 mg or 171.6 mg, 0.50 mmol.), tetramethylguanidine (173 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 eq.), triphenylphosphine (13 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.1 eq.) and allylpalladium (II) chloride dimer (9.2 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.05 eq.) in dichloromethane (15 mL) was degassed and purged with nitrogen (3 times) at 0 °C. Allyl acetate (100 mg, 1 mmol, 2.0 eq.) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was added via syringe and the resulting mixture was then stirred at room temperature under nitrogen for 48 hours. The resulting mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (20 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (2 × 10 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (200–300 mesh, Petroleum ether : EtOAc = 4: 1-2:1) to afford azetidinone **5t** or **5u** (112 mg, 72% or 155 mg, 81%).



3-acetyl-3-allyl-1-(furan-2-ylmethyl)-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione

C₁₈H₁₇NO₄ Mol. Wt.: 311.33

5t: Pale yellow oil. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.33 (1H, *d*, *J* = 0.6 Hz), 6.76 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.4, 10.2 Hz), 6.48 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.4, 10.2 Hz), 6.35 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 0.9, 10.2 Hz), 6.28 (1H, *s*), 6.26 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 0.9, 10.2 Hz), 6.20 (1H, *d*, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 5.90-5.70 (1H, *m*), 5.15 (2H, *d*, *J* = 12.3 Hz), 4.41 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.9 Hz), 4.36 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.9 Hz), 2.85 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 5.7, 14.4 Hz), 2.67 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 8.1, 14.4 Hz), 2.22 (3H, *s*). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 202.00, 183.99, 165.48, 147.54, 145.60, 143.42, 142.65, 132.84, 131.36, 130.78, 120.16, 110.85, 110.32, 79.22, 61.23, 37.10, 35.53, 29.57. **+TOF MS m/z (%) :** 334 (M⁺+Na, 100%), 312 (M⁺+H, 72%), 293 (6), 270 (3), 244 (20), 210 (2), 202 (2), 189 (12), 147 (10). **HRMS m/z** Found: 312.1239, Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈NO₄ (M+H)⁺: 312.1235.



3-allyl-3-benzoyl-1-benzyl-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione

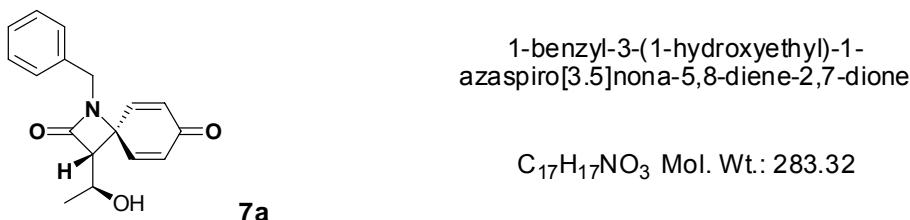
C₂₅H₂₁NO₃ Mol. Wt.: 383.44

5u: yellow syrup. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.69 (2H, *d*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.52 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.42-7.15 (7H, *m*), 6.88 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.5 Hz), 6.46 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.5 Hz), 6.43 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 6.06 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 5.93-5.77 (1H, *m*), 4.98 (1H, *d*, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 4.78 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.2, 17.1 Hz), 4.45 (1H, *d*, *J* =

14.7 Hz), 4.28 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.7 Hz), 3.02 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 6.3, 14.4 Hz), 2.89 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 8.1, 14.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 194.96, 183.96, 165.48, 146.74, 143.85, 135.35, 134.85, 133.72, 133.54, 131.86, 130.83, 128.94, 128.83, 128.56, 128.32, 120.29, 78.99, 61.85, 45.14, 37.39. +TOF MS *m/z* (%): 406 (M⁺+Na, 54%), 384 (M⁺+H, 100%), 365 (4), 346 (4), 269 (10), 251 (3), 205 (5), 198 (13), 186 (4), 110 (41), 105 (20). HRMS *m/z* Found: 384.1596, Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₂NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 384.1599.

Preparation of 1-benzyl-3-(1-hydroxyethyl)-1-azaspiro[3.5]nona-5,8-diene-2,7-dione (7a):

To a solution of β-lactam **5a** (281 mg, 1.0 mmol) in anhydrous ethanol and dichloromethane (20 mL, EtOH : DCM = 2:1) was added a powder of sodium borohydride (9.5 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.25 eq.) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was then stirred at 0 °C for 2 hours. After treatment with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (2 mL) for 10 minutes, the resulting mixture was concentrated and the residue was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The resulting mixture was washed with water (2 × 5 mL) and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (200-300 mesh, Petroleum ether : EtOAc = 2:1) to afford the alcohol as a white powder (198 mg, 70%).

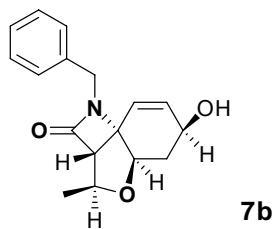


7a: dr = 15 : 1 (based on ¹H-NMR) white plates, m.p.: 138-139 °C. ¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.45-7.12 (5H, *m*), 7.06 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 10.2 Hz), 6.59 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.0, 9.9 Hz), 6.28 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 10.2 Hz), 6.17 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.1, 9.9 Hz), 4.41-4.21 (3H, *m*), 3.35 (1H, *d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.52 (1H, *d*, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 1.30 (3H, *d*, *J* = 6.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 184.85, 165.55, 148.30, 145.71, 135.47, 132.19, 130.77, 128.89, 128.76, 128.22, 68.34, 64.21, 58.96, 45.29, 21.58. +TOF MS *m/z* (%): 306 (M⁺+Na, 50%), 284 (M⁺+H, 100%), 266 (44), 240 (2), 198 (9), 186 (3). HRMS *m/z* Found: 284.1283, Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 284.1286.

Preparation of (2a,3,4a,6,8¹)-1-benzyl-6-hydroxy-3-methyl-2a,3,5,6-tetrahydro-1H-benzofuro[3-*b*]azet-2(4a*H*)-one and (2a,3,4a,6,8¹)-1-benzyl-6-hydroxy-3-phenyl-2a,3,5,6-tetrahydro-1H-benzofuro[3-*b*]azet-2(4a*H*)-one (**7b** and **7c**):

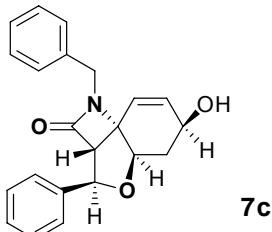
To a solution of β-lactam **5a** or **5g** (281 mg or 343 mg, 1.0 mmol) in anhydrous ethanol and dichloromethane (20 mL, EtOH : DCM = 2:1) was added a powder of sodium borohydride (38 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) at 0 °C. The

resulting mixture was then stirred at 0 °C for 2 hours. After treatment with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (2 mL) for 10 minutes, the resulting mixture was concentrated and the residue was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The resulting mixture was washed with water (2 × 5 mL) and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (200-300 mesh, Petroleum ether : EtOAc = 2:1) to afford compound **7b** or **7c** as a white powder (128 mg, 45% or 250 mg, 73%).



(2a,3,4a,6,8¹)-1-benzyl-6-hydroxy-3-methyl-2a,3,5,6-tetrahydro-1H-benzofuro[3-*b*]azet-2(4a*H*)-one
C₁₇H₁₉NO₃ Mol. Wt.: 285.34

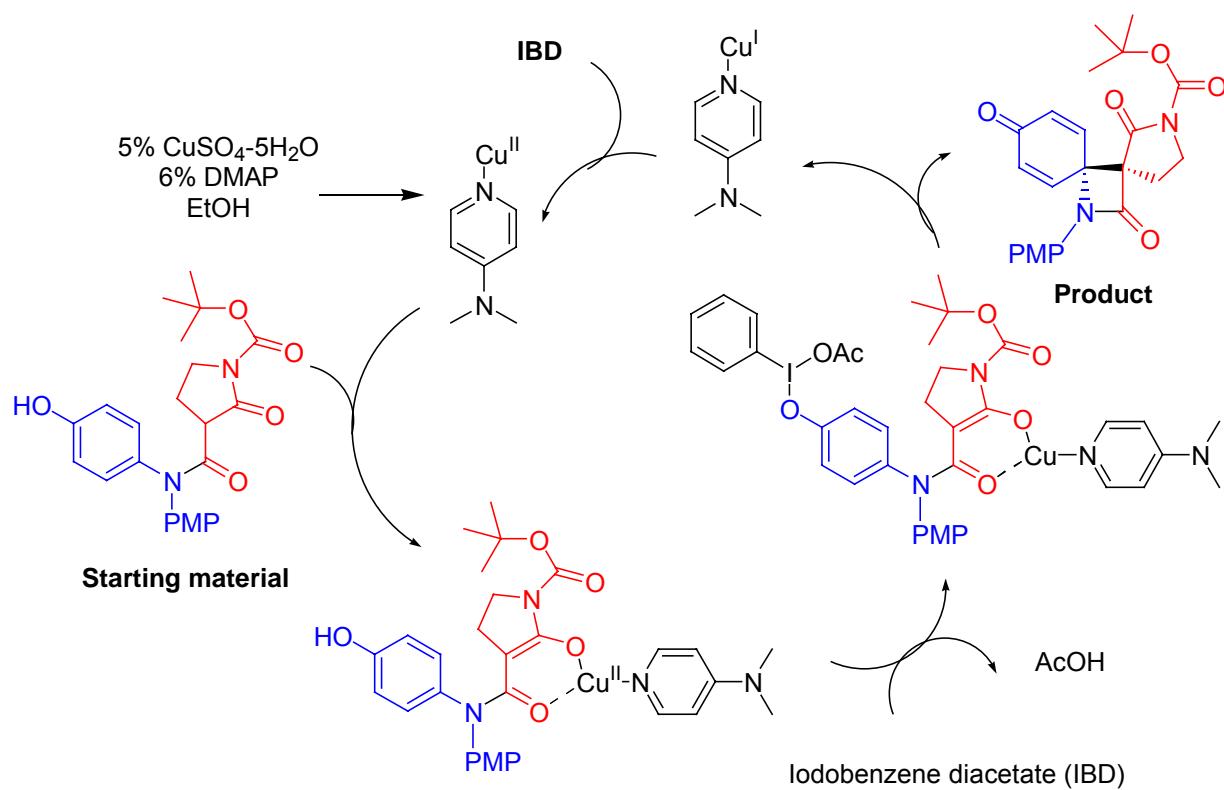
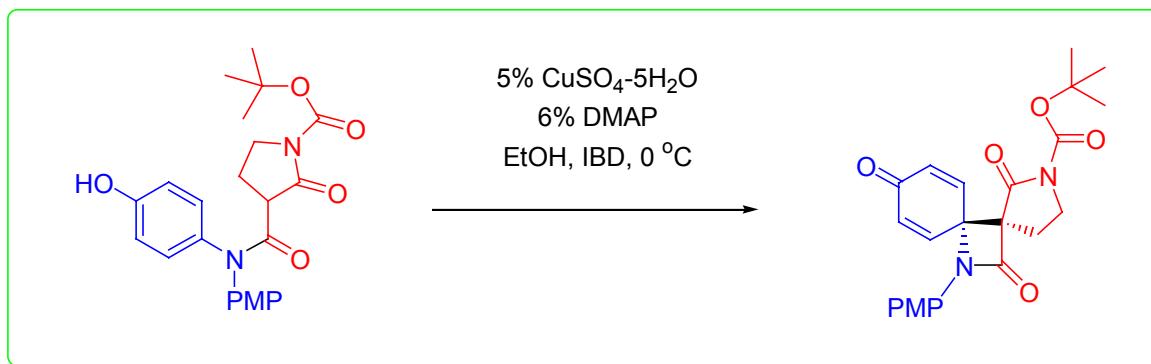
7b: dr > 99%, white powder, m.p.: 124-125 °C. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.45-7.18 (5H, *m*), 6.09 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.4, 10.2 Hz), 5.65 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.5, 10.2 Hz), 4.52-4.40 (1H, *m*), 4.45 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.20-4.02 (1H, *m*), 4.11 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 3.81 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 5.1, 9.6 Hz), 3.26 (1H, *d*, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 2.68-2.48 (1H, *m*), 2.00-1.72 (2H, *m*), 1.31 (3H, *d*, *J* = 6.6 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 167.19, 138.61, 135.58, 128.79, 128.58, 128.01, 125.33, 75.96, 74.39, 69.20, 68.64, 64.63, 44.46, 37.91, 23.27. **+TOF MS** *m/z* (%) : 308 (M⁺+Na, 59%), 286 (M⁺+H, 100%), 274 (20), 268 (9), 151 (1), 134 (8). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 286.1435, Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₀NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 286.1443.



(2a,3,4a,6,8¹)-1-benzyl-6-hydroxy-3-phenyl-2a,3,5,6-tetrahydro-1H-benzofuro[3-*b*]azet-2(4a*H*)-one
C₂₂H₂₁NO₃ Mol. Wt.: 347.41

7c: dr > 99%, white plates, m.p.: 127-128 °C. **¹H-NMR** (300MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.44-7.22 (10H, *m*), 6.04 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.2, 9.9 Hz), 5.65 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.2, 9.9 Hz), 5.40 (1H, *d*, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 4.55 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.14 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.04 (1H, *brs*), 3.93 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 4.8, 9.9 Hz), 3.84 (1H, *d*, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 2.28-2.15 (1H, *m*), 1.88-1.75 (1H, *m*), 1.62-1.43 (1H, *m*). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 166.91, 140.86, 138.92, 135.57, 128.87, 128.63, 128.52, 128.09, 127.71, 125.79, 124.81, 78.52, 76.48, 69.11, 67.40, 64.85, 44.61, 37.28. **+TOF MS** *m/z* (%) : 370 (M⁺+Na, 100%), 348 (M⁺+H, 64%), 330 (1), 269 (2), 215 (11), 197 (22), 179 (4), 169 (14), 141 (1), 119 (3). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 348.1593, Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₂NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 348.1599.

Proposed mechanism for copper catalyzed oxidative Carbon-Carbon formation



**¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR Spectrum for
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