

**Rh(III)-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative Alkylation of (Hetero)Arenes with  
Allylic Alcohols  
(Supporting Information)**

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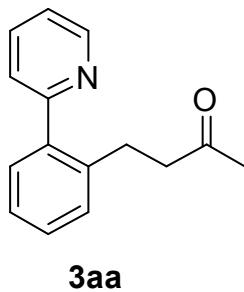
## 1. General Information.

All reactions were carried out in flame-dried reaction vessels with Teflon screw caps under argon. All new compounds were fully characterized. NMR-spectra were recorded on a Bruker ARX-300, AV-300, AV-400 MHz or on a Varian Associated, Varian 600 unity plus. ESI mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics MicroTof.

Unless otherwise noted, chemicals obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification.  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ , hept-1-en-3-ol (**2c**), 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**2d**), crotyl alcohol (**2e**) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich.  $\text{AgSbF}_6$ ,  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ , but-3-en-2-ol (**2a**), allyl alcohol (**2b**), crotyl alcohol (**2e**) were purchased from Alfa Aesar. The preparation of the starting materials **2b-2g** were described in a previously reported communication<sup>[1]</sup> and other materials were readily usable from our stockings.

## 2. Experimental Procedures and Characterization of Products

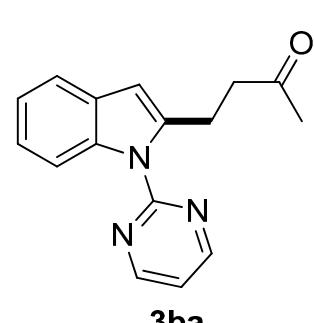
### 4-(2-(Pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)butan-2-one (**3aa**)



**Typical procedure :** To a 10 mL Schlenk tube was added  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (76 mg, 2.1 eq) and the tube was purged with Ar for three times, followed by addition of **1a** (29.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.20 mmol), **2a** (35.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL).

The formed mixture was stirred at 60 °C under Ar for 18 h as monitored by TLC. The solution was then cooled to rt, and 1, 4-dioxane was removed under vacuum directly. The crude product was checked by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR as a mixture of *mono*-and *di*-substituted products (the ratio is 6: 1). Then the mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 2 : 1) to afford 33.0 mg (76%) of two products. **3aa** is the main product:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.59 (d,  $J$  = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 2.96 – 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.68 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  208.29, 159.80, 148.90, 140.12, 139.03, 136.54, 129.87, 129.77, 128.55, 126.28, 124.04, 121.85, 45.38, 29.80, 27.37; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{NONa}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  248.1051, found 248.1048.

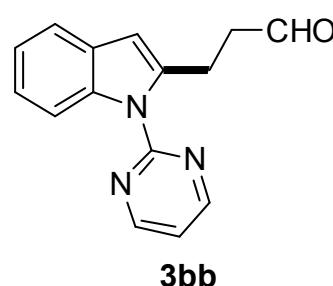
### 4-(1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)butan-2-one (**3ba**)



The reaction of **1b** (39.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2a** (35.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 48.5 mg (92%) of **3ba**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.78 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.45 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.46 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 3.02 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  207.93, 158.15, 140.48, 136.85, 129.16, 122.73, 121.89, 119.73,

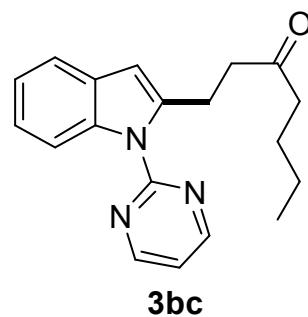
117.05, 114.05, 106.01, 43.46, 29.97, 23.72; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ONa (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 350.1268, found 350.1264.

**3-(1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)propanal (3bb)**



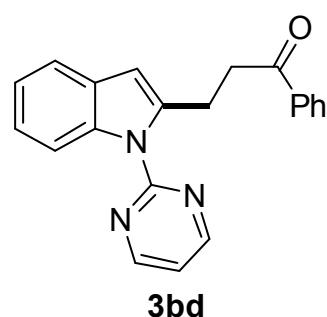
The reaction of **1b** (39.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 33.5 mg (76%) of **3bb**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.83 (t, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.41 – 8.30 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.27, 158.12, 158.05, 139.82, 136.88, 129.08, 122.91, 122.01, 119.80, 117.05, 114.22, 106.38, 43.47, 22.39; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ONa (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 274.0956, found 274.0951.

**1-(1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)heptan-3-one (3bc)**



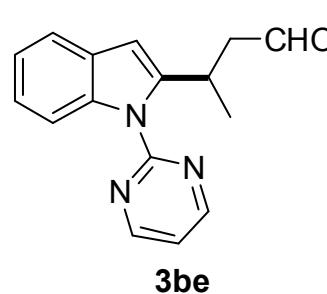
The reaction of **1b** (39.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2c** (55.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 53.0 mg (86%) of **3bc**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.78 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.37 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.62 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.24 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.33, 158.16, 140.70, 136.88, 129.21, 122.71, 121.89, 119.73, 117.04, 114.04, 106.01, 42.61, 42.52, 25.98, 23.73, 22.33, 13.84; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ONa (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 330.1582, found 330.1577.

**1-Phenyl-3-(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)propan-1-one (3bd)**



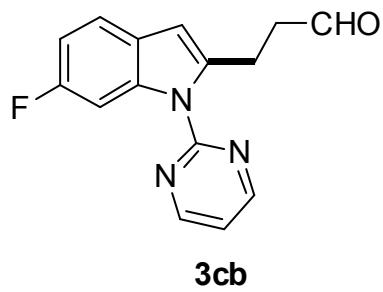
The reaction of **1b** (39.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2d** (53.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 53.0 mg (81%) of **3bd**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.77 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.37 – 8.30 (m, 1H), 8.04 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.54 (d,  $J = 0.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.65 – 3.56 (m, 2H), 3.48 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 6.0, 1.8$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  199.23, 158.17, 158.11, 140.80, 136.85, 136.82, 133.03, 129.21, 128.56, 128.02, 122.71, 121.89, 119.72, 117.02, 114.10, 106.16, 38.80, 24.11; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{ONa}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  350.1269, found 350.1264.

**3-(1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)butanal (3be)**



The reaction of **1b** (78.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), **2e** (crotyl alcohol (mixture of *cis* and *trans*), 64.0  $\mu$ L, 0.80 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (6.2 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (13.6 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (152.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (2.0 mL) under Ar afforded 40.0 mg (38%) of **3be**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.68 (t,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.20 – 8.06 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.32 (dq,  $J = 14.2, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.89 (ddd,  $J = 16.9, 5.1, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.55 (ddd,  $J = 16.9, 8.3, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.27 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  201.78, 158.24, 158.01, 145.29, 136.86, 128.94, 122.94, 121.93, 119.93, 117.34, 113.74, 104.30, 51.24, 27.01, 20.94; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{ONa}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  288.1113, found 288.1107.

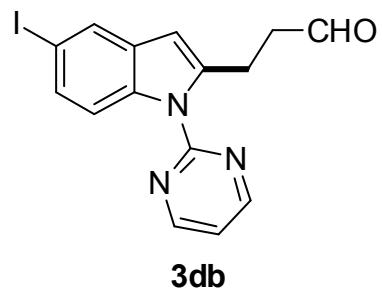
**3-(6-Fluoro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)propanal (3cb)**



**3cb**

The reaction of **1c** (42.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 41.0 mg (76%) of **3cb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.84 (t,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.78 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.13 (dd,  $J = 11.2, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (ddd,  $J = 9.2, 8.6, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d,  $J = 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.50 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.90 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.4$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  201.48, 160.22 (d,  $J = 236.2$  Hz), 158.16, 157.95, 140.34 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 136.92 (d,  $J = 12.8$  Hz), 125.40, 120.16 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz), 117.22, 110.20 (d,  $J = 24.0$  Hz), 106.19, 101.81 (d,  $J = 28.5$  Hz), 43.45, 22.55; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_3\text{ONa}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  292.0862, found 292.0857.

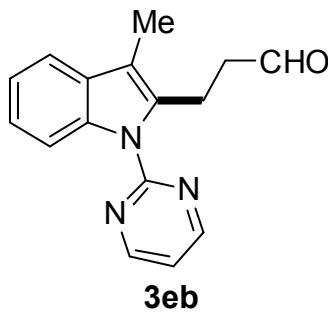
### **3-(5-Iodo-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)propanal (3db)**



**3db**

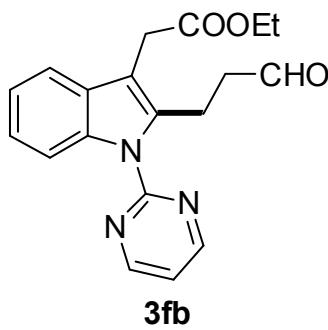
The reaction of **1d** (64.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 47.0 mg (62%) of **3db**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.84 (t,  $J = 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.77 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d,  $J = 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.48 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.90 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  201.22, 158.19, 157.81, 140.88, 136.13, 131.50, 131.20, 128.53, 117.36, 116.38, 105.31, 85.79, 43.39, 22.33; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{ONa}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  399.9923, found 399.9917.

### **3-(3-Methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)propanal (3eb)**



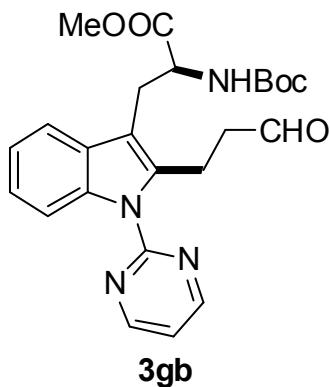
The reaction of **1e** (41.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 39.3 mg (74%) of **3eb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.73 (t,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.36 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.02 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.27 (m, 2H), 2.77 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.6, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  201.69, 158.05, 136.04, 134.89, 130.31, 123.10, 121.71, 117.99, 116.62, 114.19, 113.68, 44.22, 19.46, 8.76; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{ONa}$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  288.1113, found 288.1107.

### Ethyl 2-(2-(3-oxopropyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (**3fb**)



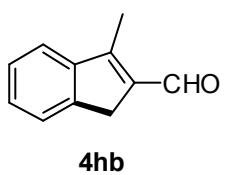
The reaction of **1f** (56.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 53.6 mg (80%) of **3fb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.82 (s, 1H), 8.76 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.36 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.25 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.1, 4.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 3.52 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 2.95 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  201.37, 171.30, 158.16, 157.95, 137.04, 136.05, 129.25, 123.34, 122.05, 118.27, 117.09, 114.21, 111.08, 60.95, 44.43, 30.64, 19.27, 14.18; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  360.1324, found 360.1319.

### Methyl 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(2-(3-oxopropyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (**3gb**)



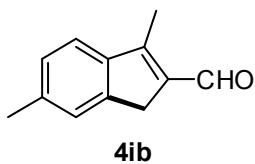
The reaction of **1g** (198.0 mg, 0.50 mmol), **2b** (68.0  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (8.3 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (17.0 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (190.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (2.5 mL) under Ar afforded 156.0 mg (70%) of **3gb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.72 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.28 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 5.12 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd,  $J = 14.2, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.42 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.28 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.64, 158.18, 157.84, 155.01, 137.10, 136.23, 129.51, 123.34, 122.01, 118.21, 117.14, 114.08, 112.47, 79.92, 53.81, 52.35, 44.24, 28.24, 27.62, 18.94. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5\text{Na} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$  475.1957, found 475.1952.

### 3-Methyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4hb**)<sup>[2]</sup>



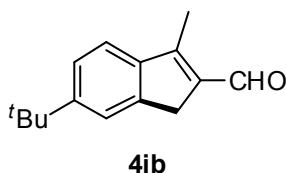
**Typical procedure :** To a 10 mL Schlenk tube was added  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (76.0 g, 2.1 eq) and the tube was purged with Ar for three times, followed by addition of **1h** (24.0  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol) and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 120 °C under Ar for 36 h as monitored by TLC. The solution was then cooled to rt, and 1, 4-dioxane was removed under vaccum directly. Then the mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20 : 1) to afford 18.6 mg (60%) of **4hb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.24 (s, 1H), 7.62–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 3.63 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  187.10, 155.89, 144.71, 144.32, 139.50, 129.09, 126.89, 124.57, 121.65, 35.71, 10.80; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{ONa} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$  181.0629, found 181.0624.

### 3, 6-Dimethyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4hb**)



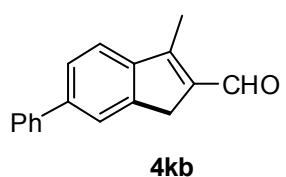
The reaction of **1i** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 24.0 mg (70%) of **4ib**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.19 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  187.01, 156.25, 144.71, 142.19, 139.64, 138.77, 127.84, 125.34, 121.42, 35.43, 21.81, 10.84; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{ONa}$  ( $M + \text{Na}^+$ ) 195.0786, found 195.0780.

### 6-(*tert*-Butyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4jb**)



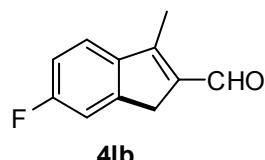
The reaction of **1j** (37.0  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 28.6 mg (67%) of **4jb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.20 (s, 1H), 7.58 (dd,  $J$  = 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  186.99, 156.16, 153.03, 144.49, 142.19, 139.12, 124.23, 121.58, 121.25, 35.71, 35.12, 31.44, 10.83; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{ONa}$  ( $M + \text{Na}^+$ ) 237.1255, found 237.1250.

### 3-Methyl-6-phenyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4kb**)



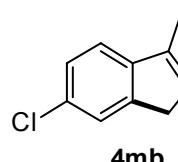
The reaction of **1k** (40.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 33.2 mg (71%) of **4kb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.24 (s, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.3, 3.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  186.94, 155.69, 145.04, 143.89, 142.34, 140.86, 139.68, 128.85, 127.61, 127.27, 126.17, 123.32, 121.95, 35.81, 10.88; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{ONa}$  ( $M + \text{Na}^+$ ) 257.0942, found 257.0937.

### 6-Fluoro-3-methyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4lb**)



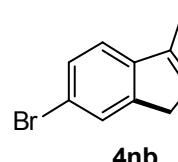
The reaction of **1l** (25.0  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 18.0 mg (51%) of **4lb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.18 (s, 1H), 7.52 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.10 (td,  $J$  = 9.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  186.70, 163.92 (d,  $J$  = 247.5 Hz), 155.13, 146.73 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz), 140.74 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz), 139.34 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 122.87 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz), 114.44 (d,  $J$  = 23.2 Hz), 112.14 (d,  $J$  = 23.2 Hz), 35.84 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz), 10.89; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{FONa}$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  199.0535, found 199.0530.

### 6-Chloro-3-methyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4mb**)



The reaction of **1m** (26.0  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 24.0 mg (64%) of **4mb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.21 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  186.90, 154.75, 145.79, 143.23, 139.61, 135.26, 127.37, 124.99, 122.52, 35.66, 10.82; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{ClONa}$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  215.0240, found 215.0234.

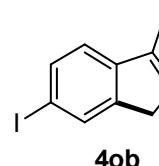
### 6-Bromo-3-methyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4nb**)



The reaction of **1n** (39.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 30.0 mg (64%) of **4nb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.22 (s, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  186.93, 154.77,

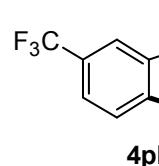
146.04, 143.66, 139.54, 130.23, 127.93, 123.57, 122.84, 35.68, 10.78; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $C_{11}H_9BrONa$  ( $M + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> 258.9734, found 258.9729.

### 6-Iodo-3-methyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4ob**)



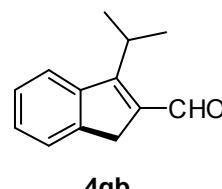
The reaction of **1l** (49.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $AgSbF_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $Cu(OAc)_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 35.0 mg (62%) of **4ob**:  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  10.23 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  186.96, 154.90, 146.12, 144.23, 139.31, 136.07, 133.80, 123.08, 95.42, 35.54, 10.73; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $C_{11}H_9IONa$  ( $M + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> 306.9596, found 306.9590.

### 3-Methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4pb**)



The reaction of **1p** (31.0  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $AgSbF_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $Cu(OAc)_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 13.0 mg (29%) of **4pb**:  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  10.27 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.76 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 3.70 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  187.03, 154.26, 147.61, 145.28, 140.71, 125.70 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 124.92, 122.26 (q,  $J = 270.8$  Hz), 118.52 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 35.96, 10.80; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $C_{12}H_9F_3ONa$  ( $M + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> 249.0503, found 249.0498.

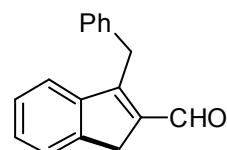
### 3-Isopropyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4qb**)



The reaction of **1q** (30.0  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $AgSbF_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $Cu(OAc)_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 26.0 mg (70%) of **4qb**:  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  10.32 (s, 1H), 7.94 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.54 (dd,  $J = 6.6, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 3.82 (dq,  $J = 14.2, 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 1.52 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 6H).

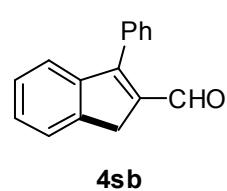
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.23, 165.32, 145.29, 142.74, 128.54, 126.52, 124.92, 124.01, 35.94, 27.02, 22.18; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ONa (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 209.0942, found 209.0937.

### 3-Benzyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4rb**)



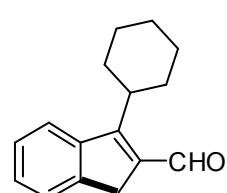
The reaction of **1r** (39.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0 μL, 0.40 mmol), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 25.0 mg (53%) of **4rb**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.27 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.32, 157.24, 144.61, 143.80, 140.58, 137.65, 128.98, 128.82, 128.37, 126.90, 126.79, 124.67, 122.72, 35.96, 31.34; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ONa (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 257.0942, found 257.0937.

### 3-Phenyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4sb**)



The reaction of **1s** (36.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0 μL, 0.40 mmol), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 24.0 mg (56%) of **4sb**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 6H), 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 189.32, 158.98, 144.41, 143.70, 140.49, 132.00, 129.60, 129.29, 129.11, 128.71, 127.03, 124.87, 123.35, 35.99; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ONa (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 243.0786, found 243.0780.

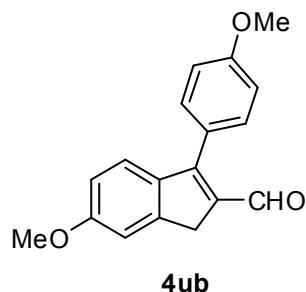
### 3-Cyclohexyl-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4tb**)



The reaction of **1t** (38.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0 μL, 0.40 mmol), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar

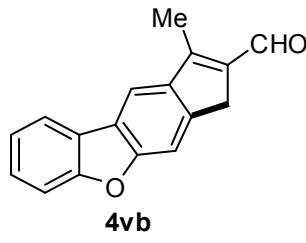
afforded 32.0 mg (71%) of **4tb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.34 (s, 1H), 7.79 (dd,  $J = 6.0, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 3.45–3.30 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 1.73 (m, 8H), 1.46 – 1.37 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  187.41, 164.20, 145.24, 143.21, 139.09, 128.49, 126.47, 124.86, 124.06, 38.11, 36.01, 32.24, 26.66, 26.01; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{ONa} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$  249.1255, found 249.1250.

### 5-Methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indene-2-carbaldehyde (**4ub**)



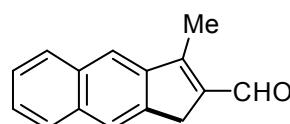
The reaction of **1u** (48.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 35.5 mg (63%) of **4ub**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.83 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.92 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  188.84, 161.30, 160.50, 159.06, 147.04, 138.18, 136.74, 130.97, 124.51, 124.36, 114.16, 113.80, 110.06, 55.59, 55.38, 35.89; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{Na} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$  303.0997, found 303.0992.

### 1-Methyl-3*H*-indeno[5,6-b]benzofuran-2-carbaldehyde (**4vb**)



The reaction of **1v** (42.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 34.0 mg (68%) of **4vb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.21 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.99 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 0.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  186.66, 157.61, 156.60, 155.78, 144.41, 140.20, 139.07, 127.28, 123.94, 123.76, 122.94, 120.48, 113.41, 111.83, 108.27, 35.66, 11.01; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{Na} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$  271.0735, found 271.0730.

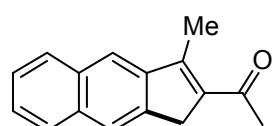
**3-Methyl-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalene-2-carbaldehyde (**4wb**)**



**4wb**

The reaction of **1w** (34.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2b** (27.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 32.0 mg (77%) of **4wb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.30 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.90 (m, 3H), 7.58 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  187.45, 155.28, 143.74, 140.43, 140.38, 134.12, 132.60, 128.57, 127.89, 126.57, 125.66, 122.98, 120.89, 34.79, 10.78; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{ONa}$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  231.0786, found 231.0780.

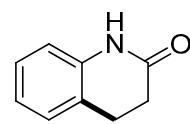
**1-(3-Methyl-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-2-yl)ethanone (**4wa**)**



**4wa**

The reaction of **1w** (34.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2a** (35.0  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1, 4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar afforded 25.0 mg (60%) of **4wa**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.01 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 3.80 (dd,  $J = 2.3, 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.18, 149.44, 144.48, 139.92, 138.73, 133.65, 132.73, 128.47, 127.78, 126.08, 125.49, 122.43, 120.62, 38.29, 30.47, 13.04; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ONa}$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  245.0942, found 245.0937.

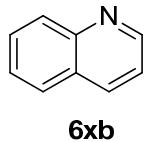
**3,4-Dihydroquinolin-2(*1H*)-one (**5xb**)<sup>[3]</sup>**



**5xb**

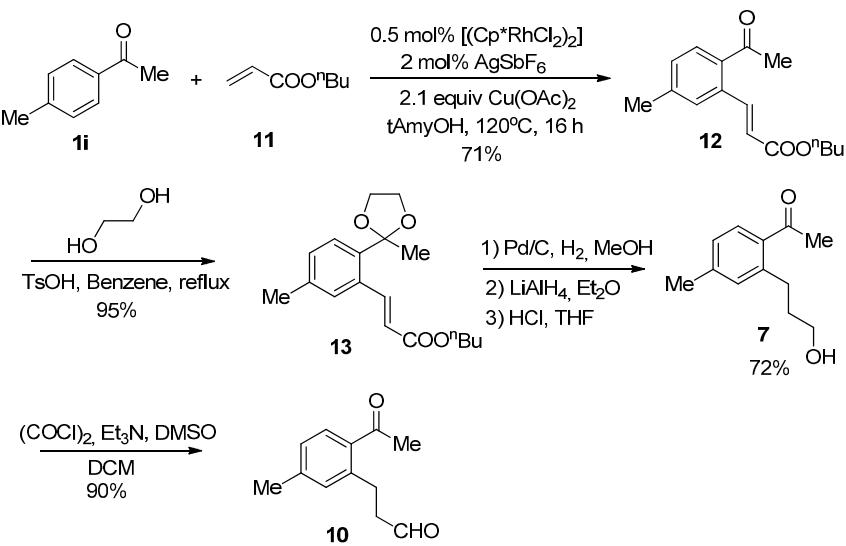
The reaction of **1x** (54.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), **2b** (82.0  $\mu$ L, 1.60 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (6.2 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (13.7 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (291.0 mg, 4.0 eq), in 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) under Ar afforded 24.0 mg (41%) of **5xb**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.07 (br s, 1H), 7.23–7.13 (m, 2H), 6.99 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.98 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.66 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 7.2$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.13, 137.23, 127.88, 127.48, 123.58, 123.04, 115.48, 30.70, 25.29; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{NONa}$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  170.0576, found 170.0579.

### Quinoline (6xb)<sup>[4]</sup>



The reaction of **1x** (54.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), **2b** (82.0  $\mu$ L, 1.60 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (6.2 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (13.7 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{AgOAc}$  (267.0 mg, 4.0 eq), in 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) under Ar afforded quinoline **6xb** as a major product (38% NMR yield, a sample of which could be obtained in a pure form for characterization) and just traces of **1y**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.94 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.43 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.17, 148.03, 136.32, 129.60, 129.28, 127.81, 126.65, 121.12; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{NH}$  ( $M + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  130.0651, found 130.0644.

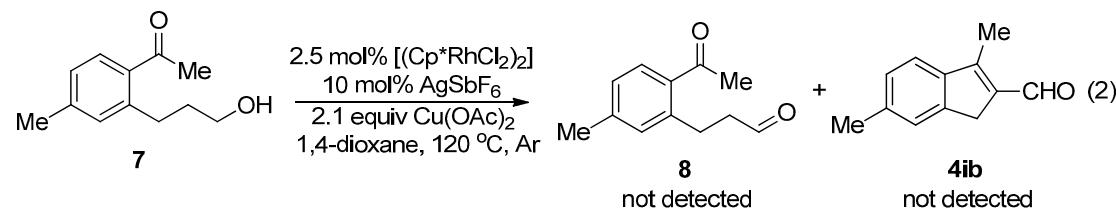
According to the following route<sup>[5]</sup>, compounds **7** and **10** were synthesized.



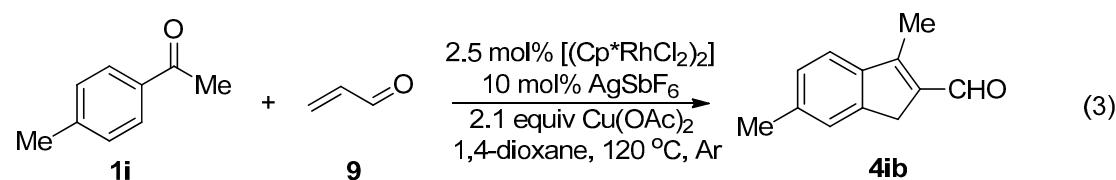
**7:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (t,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.87 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.0, 7.2, 6.1 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  202.31, 142.48, 134.73, 132.28, 130.07, 126.58, 61.39, 34.52, 29.66, 29.40.

**10:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.81 (t,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.58

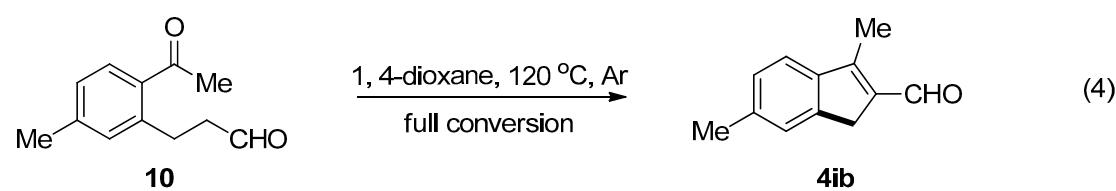
(s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  202.06, 200.75, 142.75, 141.55, 134.08, 132.51, 130.57, 127.08, 45.58, 29.29, 27.29, 21.39.



To a 10 mL Schlenk tube was added compound **7** (38.4 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) at 120 °C under Ar for 12 h. The solution was then cooled to rt, and the solvent was removed under vaccum directly. Detected by GC-MS, there were no products **8** and **4ib** formed.



To a 10 mL Schlenk tube was added compound **1i** (27.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.20 mmol), **9** (27.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (6.8 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (76.0 mg, 2.1 eq), in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) under Ar at 120 °C for 36 h. The solution was then cooled to rt, and 1, 4-dioxane was removed under vaccum directly. Then the mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20 : 1) to afford 10.0 mg (28%) of **4ib**.



To a 10 mL Schlenk tube was added compound **10** (38.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) at 120 °C under Ar for 12 h. The solution was then cooled to rt, and the solvent was removed under vacuum directly. Detected by GC-MS, product **4ib** was formed in full conversion.

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