## Synthesis of $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -Unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds via a Visible-Light-Promoted Organocatalytic Aerobic Oxidation

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### **General methods and materials**

All the solvents were distilled under a nitrogen atmosphere prior to use. Anhydrous DMF was distilled from calcium hydride powder and anhydrous THF was distilled from sodium-benzophenone. EtOH was pre-dried with small amount of sodium and distilled. All glassware was flame-dried prior to use. TBSOTf and 2,6-lutidine were distilled from commercial reagents. Other chemical reagents were purchased and used as received. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 0.25 mm Tsingdao silica gel plates (60F-254). Gas chromatograph was recorded on a SHIMADZU GC-2014 spectrometer. TLC visualization was achieved by exposure to UV light (254 nm) and then stained with KMnO<sub>4</sub>. Chromatographic purification was carried out by using Tsingdao silica gel (particle size 0.040–0.063 mm). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker spectrometers (400 or 500 MHz) and are reported relative to the deuterated solvent signals. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm), multiplicity, coupling constants (Hz) and integration. Multiplicities are described as: s (singlet), br (broad singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker spectrometers (100 or 125 MHz) with total proton decoupling. HRMS (ESI-TOF) and X-ray analysis were performed by The Analytical Instrument Center at Shenzhen Graduate School of Peking University. HRMS data were reported as the ratio of ion mass/charge (m/z) in atomic mass unit. IR spectra were measured as dry films (KBr) and are reported in terms of frequency (cm<sup>-1</sup>) and intensity of absorption.

### General procedure for silyl enol ethers



To a solution of the corresponding carbonyl compound (10.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in dry THF (10 mL, 1 M) was added 2,6-Lutidine (30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at room temperature. The reaction vessel was cooled to 0  $^{\circ}$ C and stirred for 5 min before TBSOTf (20.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added slowly via a syringe. The mixture was stirred for 1 hr and was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The aqueous layer was extracted three times using EtOAc. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (pre-treated with Et<sub>3</sub>N) to yield the desired TBS-silyl enol ether.

### Characterization of silyl enol ethers



tert-Butyl((4,4-dimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane, **1a** (2.28 g, 95% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.78 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.01-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.83-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.42 (t, 1.5Hz, 2H), 0.93 (s, 15H), 0.14 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.4, 103.1, 37.9, 35.9, 28.6, 28.0, 27.5, 25.7, 18.0, -4.4; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>OSi [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 241.1988; Found: 241.1972. IR (KBr, thin film) 2957, 2932, 2860, 1684, 1198 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



tert-Butyl((2,6-dimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane, **1b** (1.92 g, 80% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2.20-2.10 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.88 (br, 2H), 1.82-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.51-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.14-1.09 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.1, 111.6, 33.8, 32.1, 31.0, 25.9, 20.1, 19.0, 18.3, 16.9, -3.8, -4.2; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>OSi [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 241.1988; Found: 241.1982. IR (KBr, thin film) 2959, 2930, 2859, 1682, 1254, 1167 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



tert-butyl((4-isopropylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane, **1c** (2.46 g, 97% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.85-4.84 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.97 (m, 3H), 1.80-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.31-1.22 (m, 2H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.90-0.87 (m, 6H), 0.127 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.5, 103.8, 40.1, 32.0, 30.3, 27.3, 26.5, 25.7, 20.1, 19.8, 18.0, -4.3(-4.5); HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>31</sub>OSi [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 255.2144; Found: 255.2140. IR (KBr, thin film) 2957, 2930, 2886, 2858, 1672, 1256 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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tert-Butyldimethyl((1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy)silane, **1d** (2.07 g, 72% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33-7.20 (m, 5H), 4.97 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32-2.22 (m, 3H), 2.08 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (dd, J = 11.5 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.4, 146.7, 128.3, 126.9, 126.0, 103.7, 40.0, 32.0, 30.2, 30.1, 18.0, -4.3, -4.4; HRMS-ESI

calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{29}OSi \ [M + H^{+}]$ : 289.1943; Found: 289.1977. IR (KBr, thin film) 3084, 3061, 3026, 2955, 2928, 2893, 2857, 1670 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



(1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-7-en-8-yloxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane, **1e** (2.48 g, 92% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.72 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.95 (m, 4H), 2.60 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.0, 107.7, 100.7, 64.4, 34.0, 31.2, 28.5, 25.6, 18.0, -4.5; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 271.1729 ; Found: 271.1730 . IR (KBr, thin film) 2957, 2930, 2887, 2859, 1676, 1246 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



tert-Butyl((3,5-dimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane, **1f** (2.16 g, 92% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.72 (s, 1H), 2.31-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.99 (dt, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.78-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.64 (m, 2H), 0.99-0.95(m, 6H), 0.947(s, 9H), 0.76-0.69 (m, 1H), 0.15 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.0, 110.8, 40.9, 38.5, 30.3, 29.7, 26.0, 22.7, 22.0, 18.0, -4.4, -4.5; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>OSi [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 241.1988; Found: 241.1972. IR (KBr, thin film) 2957, 2932, 2860, 1684, 1653, 1198 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



(Z)-tert-butyldimethyl((4-phenylbut-2-en-2-yl)oxy)silane, **1g** (1.83 g, 70% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 3H), 4.63 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 0.19 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.4, 142.4, 128.4, 128.3, 125.6, 107.2, 31.7, 25.9, 22.8, 18.3, -3.6; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>27</sub>OSi [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 263.1831; Found: 263.1840. IR (KBr, thin film) 3084, 3063, 3028, 2957, 2930, 2887, 2858, 1676, 1603, 1495, 1454, 1256 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(Z)-tert-butyldimethyl(non-4-en-5-yloxy)silane, 1h (2.27 g, 89% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.43 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.08-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.31 (m, 4H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 0.13 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 150.5, 103.8, 40.1, 31.9, 30.2, 27.3, 26.5, 25.7, 20.6, 19.8, 18.0, -4.3, -4.5; MS-EI calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>32</sub>OSi [M <sup>+</sup>]: 256.2; Found: 256.2. IR (KBr, thin film) 2959, 2932, 2897, 2860, 1674, 1253 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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(E)-tert-butyldimethyl((5-phenylpent-1-en-1-yl)oxy)silane, **1i** (2.43 g, 88% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 142.8, 138.8, 128.4, 128.2, 125.5, 110.2, 35.6, 31.5, 25.6, 23.4, 18.3, - 5.4; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>29</sub>OSi [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 277.1988; Found: 277.1979. IR (KBr, thin film) 2955, 2920, 2850, 1655, 1651, 1255 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



(Z)-tert-butyldimethyl((3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)oxy)silane, **1j** (2.18 g, 88% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.32-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.23 (m, H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.22 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.0, 139.1, 128.4, 128.3, 125.6, 126.4, 109.2, 30.0, 25.7, 18.3, -5.3; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>OSi [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 249.1675 ; Found: 249.1664 . IR (KBr, thin film) 3084, 3063, 3030, 2957, 2930, 2855, 1654, 1494, 1255 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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tert-butyl(cyclohex-1-en-1-yloxy)dimethylsilane, 1k (1.97 g, 92% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.87 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.99 (m, 4H), 1.69-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.48 (m, 2H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.4, 104.3, 29.9, 25.7, 23.8, 23.2, 22.3, 18.0, -4.5; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>25</sub>OSi [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 215.1596; Found:215.1593. IR (KBr, thin film) 2930, 2895, 2886, 2859, 1670, 1651, 1256 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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tert-butyl(cyclopent-1-en-1-yloxy)dimethylsilane, **1** (1.41 g, 71% yield, 10 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.65-4.60 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.20 (m, 4H), 1.90-1.80 (m, 2H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.3, 102.3, 33.4, 28.6, 25.6, 21.3, 18.0, -4.5; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>OSi [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 199.1518; Found:199.1521. IR (KBr, thin film) 2956, 2987, 2856, 1647, 1473, 1342, 1251, 1070, 923, 718 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



2-((1*R*,3a*R*,4*S*,7a*R*)-1,5-bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-7a-methyl-2,3,3a,4,7,7ahexahydro-1*H*-inden-4-yl)-N-methoxy-N-methylacetamide, **1m** (0.239 g, 96% yield, 0.5 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.80 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.63 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (s, 3H, N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (ddd, J = 16.0 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.87-1.83 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.45 (m, 3H), 1.43-1.35 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.81 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 6H), 0.00 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.2, 151.8, 103.4, 81.2, 61.1, 47.6, 42.9, 39.1, 36.3, 33.1, 32.4, 31.3, 25.9, 25.8, 24.3, 18.1, 18.0, 11.0, -4.2, -4.5, -4.8, -4.9; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>52</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 498.3435; Found: 498.3429. IR (KBr, thin film) 2957, 2930, 2884, 2857, 1672, 1651, 1258 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



(((4a'*R*,5'*R*,8a'*R*)-5'-(3-(benzyloxy)-5-ethoxybenzyl)-5',8a'-dimethyl-3',4',4a',5',8',8a'hexahydro-2'*H*-spiro[[1,3]dioxolane-2,1'-naphthalen]-6'-yl)oxy)(tertbutyl)dimethylsilane, **1n** (0.224 g, 90% yield, 0.42 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.40 (s, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 4.71 (dd, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.84-3.80 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.74 (m, 2H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.98-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.49 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.26 (s, 3H), 0.18 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.3, 151.7, 141.8, 137.6, 128.5, 127.7, 127.3, 112.7, 109.4, 109.3, 102.2, 100.8, 70.2, 65.0, 64.6, 63.5, 44.3, 43.4, 41.9, 40.5, 30.6, 29.2, 26.0, 22.7, 22.3, 21.0, 18.4, 16.9, 14.9, -3.3, - 5.3; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>53</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si [M + H<sup>+</sup>]:593.3662 ; Found: 593.3655. IR (KBr, thin film) 2978, 2953, 2930, 2882, 2860, 1668, 1595, 1454, 1254, 1166, 1058 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



To a solution of the substrate ketone (114 mg, 1.0 eq.) in dry THF (5 mL) was added 2,6-Lutidine(78 mg, 3.0 eq.) at room temperature. The reaction vessel was cooled to 0  $^{\circ}$ C and stirred for 5 min before TMSOTf (106 mg, 2.0 equiv.) was added slowly via a syringe. The mixture was stirred for 1 hr and was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The aqueous layer was extracted three times using EtOAc. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (pre-treated with Et<sub>3</sub>N) to yield the desired TMS-silyl enol ether (120 mg, 92% yield).

(((4a'*R*,5'*R*,8a'*R*)-5'-(3-(benzyloxy)-5-ethoxybenzyl)-5',8a'-dimethyl-3',4',4a',5',8',8a'hexahydro-2'*H*-spiro[[1,3]dioxolane-2,1'-naphthalen]-6'-yl)oxy)trimethylsilane, **1n**'

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.40 (s, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 4.70 (dd, J = 6.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.87 (m, 2H), 3.86-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.75 (m, 2H), 2.98 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.99-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.45 (m, 6H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.25 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.2, 151.9, 141.8, 137.6, 128.5, 127.7, 127.4, 112.7,

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109.5, 109.4, 102.2, 100.6, 70.1, 65.0, 64.6, 63.4, 44.5, 43.1, 41.9, 40.7, 30.6, 29.1, 22.7, 22.3, 20.1, 16.8, 14.9, 0.49; HRMS-ESI calcd. for  $C_{36}H_{53}O_5Si$  [M + H<sup>+</sup>]:551.3193 ; Found: 551.3171. IR (KBr, thin film) 2978, 2945, 2932, 2879, 1701, 1670, 1593, 1452, 1251, 1161, 1056 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Procedure for reaction investigation and optimization



An oven-dried 10mm × 100 mm test tube containing a magnetic stir bar was charged a photocatalyst (0.05 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), the TBS-silyl enol ether (240 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), biphenyl (as internal standard, 154 mg, 1.0 mmol), and a solvent (5 mL). The reaction mixture was degassed/backfilled with oxygen three times and placed in a half cut plastic rack. The rack was placed next to (2 cm) a household light bulb. The reaction was stirred slowly under an oxygen balloon for 15 hrs. A small aliquot was taken, filtered through a plug of silica gel, diluted with ether and analyzed by GC.

Catalyst	solvent	additives	Light source	temperature	time	conv	SM
[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> Cl <sup>2-</sup> (5 mol%)	DMF		LED Corn 12W	RT	12h	9 %	8 %
[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> Cl <sup>2-</sup> (5 mol%)	DMF		LED Green 9W	RT	12h	13 %	55 %
[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> Cl <sup>2-</sup> (5 mol%)	DMF		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	41 %	0 %
TPP (5 mol%)	DMF		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	32 %	0 %
Rhodamine B (5 mol%)	DMF		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	0.3 %	44 %
					24h	13 %	17 %
Aliazrin (5 mol%)	DMF		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	0 %	100 %
					24h	3 %	70 %
Eosin B (5 mol%)	DMF		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	33 %	24 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)	DMF		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	45 %	0 %
	DMF		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	0 %	100 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)	PhMe		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	5 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)	DCM		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	10 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)	DCE		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	12 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)	1,4-Dioxane		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	16 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)	THF		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	19 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)	acetone		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	20 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	35 %	0 %

### **Condition screening table:**

Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)	DMSO		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	52 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	59 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (10 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	59 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (8 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	58 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (6 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	58 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (4 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	61 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (2 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	59 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (1 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	59 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.5 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	59 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	12h	56 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	1h	35 %	36 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	2h	49 %	5 %
Eosin Y (0.2 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	4h	51 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	MeOH		Tornado 24W	RT	8h	54 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	MeOH	4A-MS	Tornado 24W	RT	12h	59 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	МеОН	NaHCO <sub>3</sub> 5 mol%	Tornado 24W	RT	12h	59 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	MeOH	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> 5 mol%	Tornado 24W	RT	12h	61 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	MeOH	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> 5 mol%	Tornado 24W	RT	12h	59 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	MeOH	Et <sub>3</sub> N 5 mol%	Tornado 24W	RT	12h	59 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	MeOH	DMAP 5 mol%	Tornado 24W	RT	12h	52 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	МеОН	Pyridine 5 mol%	Tornado 24W	RT	12h	61 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	EtOH		Tornado 24W	RT	15h	59 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	EtOH	PTSA 1.5equiv.	Tornado 24W	RT	15h	1 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	EtOH	AcOH 1.5equiv.	Tornado 24W	RT	15h	45 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	EtOH	NaOH 1.5equiv.	Tornado 24W	RT	15h	1 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	EtOH	Imidazole 1.5equiv.	Tornado 24W	RT	15h	45 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	EtOH	AcOH 1.5equiv.	Tornado 24W	RT	15h	61 %	0 %
Eosin Y Na <sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol%)	EtOH	AcOK 1.5equiv.	Tornado 24W	4 °C	15h	65 %	0 %

### General synthesis of $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -Unsaturated carbonyl compounds



An oven-dried 10mm × 100 mm test tube containing a magnetic stir bar was charged Eosin Y (1.4 mg, 2.0 umol, 0.2 mol %), the corresponding TBS-silyl enol ether (1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.), AcOK (118 mg, 1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and EtOH (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was degassed/backfilled with oxygen three times and placed in a half cut plastic rack. The rack was placed next to (2 cm) a household florescent bulb (Philip, Torado-24W) in a 4 °C cold room. The reaction was stirred slowly under an oxygen balloon. Upon complete consumption of the starting material as judged by TLC, solvent was removed and the residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography using ether/hexanes. Extra care was taken during rotorvap (ice bath) to avoid loss of volatile products.

### **Product characterization**



4,4-dimethylcyclohex-2-enone, 2a (0.081 g, 65% yield, 1.0 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.66 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (dd, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (td, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.6Hz, 2H), 1.88 (td, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1.6Hz, 2H), 1.17 (d, *J*= 2.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.6, 159.8, 126.8, 36.0, 34.3, 32.7, 27.6; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 125.0966; Found: 125.0959. IR (KBr, thin film) 2960, 2928, 2870, 1676 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



The product was formed as a 1:1.6 mixture of region isomers (0.081 g, 65% yield, 1.0 mmol scale). The exo-olefinic isomer **2b'** slowly converted to the cyclohexenone isomer **2b** during flash column.

Cyclohexenone isomer, 2,6-dimethylcyclohex-2-enone, **2b**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.72-6.65 (m, 1H), 2.51-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.10-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.75(m, 3H), 1.74-1.67(m, 2H), 1.13 (d, *J*=6.8); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 202.6, 144.5, 134.9, 41.5, 31.2, 25.2, 16.1, 15.2;

Exo-olefinic isomer, 2-methyl-6-methylenecyclohexanone, **2b'**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.70 (br, 1H), 5.07 (dd, *J* = 3.28Hz, 2.12Hz, 1H), 2.77-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.51-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.12-1.81 (m, 3H), 1.62-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.12 (d, *J*=10.5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  204.8, 146.0, 119.0, 44.8, 33.5, 32.7, 23.6,15.4; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 125.0966; Found: 125.0959. IR (KBr, thin film) 2961, 2932, 1666, 1607, 1371, 1213, 878 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# 0 2c

4-Isopropylcyclohex-2-enone, 2c (0.086 g, 62% yield, 1.0 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.89 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dd, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.53-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.02-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.78 (m, 2H), 0.92-0.99 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.0, 154.3, 129.7, 42.5, 37.4, 31.5, 25.3, 19.6, 19.5; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 139.1123; Found: 139.1121. IR (KBr, thin film) 2959, 2932, 2874, 1682, 912, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



2,3-dihydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4(1H)-one, **2d** (0.125 g, 73% yield, 1.0 mmol scale) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.19-6.16 (dd, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75-3.72 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.39-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.05 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.1, 152.7, 142.8, 130.0, 128.9, 127.5, 127.1, 42.6, 36.9, 32.4; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 173.0966; Found: 173.0959. IR (KBr, thin film) 3061, 3028, 2951, 2928, 2864, 1684, 1603, 762, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>



1,4-Dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-6-en-8-one, **2e** (0.120 g, 78% yield, 1.0 mmol scale) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.60 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.7, 146.4, 130.5, 103.9, 65.0, 35.2, 32.9; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 155.0708; Found: 155.0701. IR (KBr, thin film) 2961, 2889, 1684, 1220 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# 0 2f

3,5-Dimethylcyclohex-2-enone, **2f** (0.079 g, 64% yield, 1.0 mmol scale) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.88 (s, 1H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd, *J*  = 17.5 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.23-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.8, 161.7, 126.4, 45.2, 39.4, 30.0, 24.3, 21.1; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 125.0966; Found: 125.0962. IR (KBr, thin film) 2957, 2928, 1668, 1654, 912, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



(E)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-one, 2g (0.096 g, 66% yield, 1.0 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.4, 143.4, 134.4, 130.5, 128.9, 128.2, 127.1, 27.5; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 147.0810; Found: 147.0804 . IR (KBr, thin film) 3061, 3028, 3003, 2960, 2926, 1690, 1668, 1625, 1609, 1576, 1495, 1450, 1258 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(E)-Non-3-en-5-one, 2h (0.085 g, 61% yield, 1.0 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.88(dt, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dt, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (dt, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.39-1.29 (s, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.1, 148.5, 129.4, 39.7, 26.4, 25.4, 22.4, 13.8, 12.2; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 141.1279; Found: 141.1274. IR (KBr, thin film) 2960, 2934, 2874, 1716, 1458 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(*E*)-5-Phenylpent-2-enal, **2i** (0.102 g, 64% yield, 1.0 mmol scale, containing a minor *Z*-isomer: E/Z > 20/1)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.50 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.87 (dt, J = 15.6 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (ddt, J = 15.6 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.85

(t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  194.0, 157.4, 140.3, 133.4, 128.6, 128.3, 126.4, 34.2, 34.0; HRMS-EI calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O [M <sup>+</sup>]: 160.0888; Found: 160.0877. IR (KBr, thin film) 3028, 2930, 2818, 1693, 1682, 1124 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



Cinnamaldehyde, 2j (0.116 g, 88% yield, 1.0 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.70 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 3H), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 16 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.7, 152.8, 133.9, 131.2, 129.1, 128.5; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 133.0653; Found: 133.0650. IR (KBr, thin film) 3061, 3028, 2816, 2743, 1670, 1626, 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Cyclohex-2-enone, 2k (0.053 g, 56% yield, 1.0 mmol scale).

A large scale experiment was performed using 20 mmol of **1k** and 1.0 mol% of Eosin Y under otherwise identical conditions. The desired cyclohexenone was isolated in 53% yield, 1.02 g).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.00-6.95 (dt, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.05-5.95 (dt, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.35-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.05-1.95 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.7, 150.7, 129.8, 38.0, 25.6, 22.6; MS-EI calcd. for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O [M<sup>+</sup>]: 96.1; Found: 96.1. IR (KBr, thin film) 3341, 3034, 2951, 1685, 1340, 1123, 876, 672 cm<sup>-1</sup>



Cyclopent-2-enone, 2I (0.020 g, 25% yield, 1.0 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.75-7.65 (dt, *J*=8.0 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.20-6.10 (dt, *J*=6.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.60 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.25 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 210.4, 164.8, 134.4, 33.9, 28.9; MS-EI calcd. for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O [M <sup>+</sup>]: 82.0; Found: 82.1. IR (KBr, thin film) 3406, 2924, 1710, 1348, 915, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



2-((1*R*,3a*R*,4*S*,7a*R*)-1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-7a-methyl-5-oxo-2,3,3a,4,5,7ahexahydro-1*H*-inden-4-yl)-N-methoxy-N-methylacetamide, **2m** (0.029 g, 74% yield, 0.1 mmol scale)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.07(d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H, N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.97 (dt, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.09-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.51 (m, 4H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.2, 173.4, 155.7, 126.2, 76.5, 61.1, 46.6, 45.5, 44.5, 30.1, 29.9, 25.8, 23.6, 18.0, 12.6, -4.4, -4.9; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Si [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 382.2414; Found: 382.2403. IR (KBr, thin film) 2955, 2930, 2886, 2857, 1672, 1250 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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(4a'*R*,5'*R*,8a'*R*)-5'-(3-(benzyloxy)-5-ethoxybenzyl)-5',8a'-dimethyl-3',4',4a',5'tetrahydro-2'*H*-spiro[[1,3]dioxolane-2,1'-naphthalen]-6'(8a'*H*)-one, **2n** (0.056 g, 61% yield, 0.2 mmol scale; the reaction using the corresponding TMS substrate **1n'** resulted 64% yield.)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.0 (s, 2H), 3.98-3.83 (m, 6H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.65-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.50 (dd, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  204.1, 159.5, 155.9, 140.4, 137.1, 128.5, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 111.7, 109.2, 100.6, 70.0, 65.0, 64.6, 63.4, 49.6, 45.2, 40.6, 29.5, 22.5, 21.1, 19.6, 14.8; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 477.2641; Found: 477.2635. IR (KBr, thin film) 2980, 2940, 2884, 1665, 1593, 1450, 1166, 1055 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Mechanistic studies:

**Radical clock experiments:** 

Substrate preparation



To a solution of **1o-precursor-1** (164 mg, 1.01 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added Cyclopropylmagnesium Bromide (0.5 M in THF, 4.0 mL) slowly at -78 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir for 1 hr and quenched carefully with saturated aqueous  $NH_4Cl$ solution. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane = 1/4) to give the product alcohol **1o-precursor-2** (155 mg, 75%).



### 1-Cyclopropyl-5-phenylpentan-1-ol, 1o-precursor-2

1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 3H), 2.90-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.72-1.63 (m, 4H), 1.59-1.43 (m, 2H), 0.94-0.87 (m, 1H), 0.56-0.47 (m, 2H), 0.30-0.26 (m, 1H), 0.24-0.19 (m, 1H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 142.7, 128.4, 128.3, 125.6, 100.0, 37.1, 36.0, 31.6, 25.4, 18.0, 2.8, 2.4; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ONa [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]: 227.1412; Found: 227.1404. IR (KBr, thin film) 2997, 2934, 2857, 1771, 1759, 1242, 1049, 746, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



To a solution of **1o-precursor-2** (150 mg, 0.73 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) was added DMP (2.0 equiv.) in one-pot at room temperature. The mixture was allowed to stir for 10 mins and quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The aqueous layer was extracted by DCM (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane = 1/6) to give the product **1o-precursor-3** (131 mg, 89%).

1o-precursor-3

### 1-Cyclopropyl-5-phenylpentan-1-one, 1o-precursor-3

1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 3H), 2.67-2.61 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.60-2.54 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.95-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.05-0.98 (m, 2H), 0.88-0.82 (m, 2H), 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.7, 142.2 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 43.2, 35.7, 31.0, 23.7, 20.3, 10.4; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 203.1436; Found: 203.1431. IR (KBr, thin film) 2995, 2937, 2859, 1771, 1759, 1697, 744, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

The silvl enol ether **1o** was synthesized as a mixture of *E*/*Z* isomers from **1o**-**precursor-3** using the procedure described in page 3.



(0.52 g, 82% yield, 2.0 mmol scale)

*Z*-isomer: (*Z*)-tert-butyl((1-cyclopropyl-5-phenylpent-1-en-1-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane, **10-***Z* 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 3H), 4.69 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (dd, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.82-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.61 (m, 1H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.77-0.73 (m, 1H), 0.69-0.64 (m, 1H), 0.60-0.55 (m, 2H), 0.20 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.7, 142.7, 128.4, 128.2, 125.6, 104.8, 35.5, 32.6, 25.8, 18.3, 16.0, 11.1, 6.2, 3.9, -4.4;

*E*-isomer: (*E*)-tert-butyl((1-cyclopropyl-5-phenylpent-1-en-1-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane, **10-***E* 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 3H), 4.44 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (dd, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.71-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.27 (m, 1H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.77-0.73 (m, 1H), 0.69-0.64 (m, 1H), 0.56-0.50 (m,2H), 21

0.20 (s, 6H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 152.3, 142.8, 128.5, 128.2, 125.6, 104.9, 35.8, 31.7, 25.9, 24.9, 18.2, 16.0, 11.1, 6.2, 3.9, -4.4; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>33</sub>OSi [M + H+]: 317.2301; Found: 317.2290. IR (KBr, thin film) 3026, 3011, 2955, 2930, 2857, 1651, 1253, 746, 698 cm-1.



Et<sub>2</sub>Zn (1.0 M in hexanes, 5 mL, 5 mmol) was added to freshly distilled DCM (5 mL) and the resulting colorless solution was cooled to 0 °C. TFA (0.38 mL, 5 mmol) was added dropwise via a gas-tight micro-syringe. The mixture was stirred for 30min before  $CH_2I_2$  (0.41 ml, 5mmol) was added. After stirred for another 30 min, a solution of **1pprecursor-1** (380 mg, 2.5 mmol) in DCM (5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The mixture was allowed to stir for 1 hr and quenched carefully with saturated aqueous  $NH_4CI$  solution. The aqueous layer was extracted by EtOAc (3 x 15 mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane = 1/10) to give **1pprecursor-2** (298 mg, 72%).



2-Methyl-5-(1-methylcyclopropyl)cyclohexanone, **1p-precursor-2** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.36-2.20 (m, 3H), 2.12-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.16 (qd, *J* = 13.1 Hz, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.01-0.95 (m, 4H), 0.94 (d, 1H), 0.30-0.17 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  213.2, 48.9, 45.6, 44.8, 34.9, 29.0, 18.8, 18.6, 14.3, 12.8, 12.7; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 167.1436; Found:167.1426. IR (KBr, thin film) 2982, 2961, 2932, 1771, 1759, 1713, 1240, 1055 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



To a solution of the **1p-precursor-2** (250 mg, 1.5 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added LDA (2M in THF, 2.0 mL) at -78 °C. After stirred for 2 hs, TBSOTf (0.69 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added dropwise via a gas-tight microsyringe. The mixture was quenched using saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution 10 min later. The aqueous layer was extracted by EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The product was directly used for the photosensized aerobic oxidation directly without further purification.



To a solution of CuBr•SMe<sub>2</sub> (203 mg, 0.99 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added Cyclopropylmagnesium Bromide (0.5 M in THF, 4.0 mL) at 0 °C. After stirred for 30 mins, Cyclohexene oxide (98 mg, 1.0 mmol, 0.1 mL) was added. The mixture was quenched using saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution 1hr later. The aqueous layer was extracted by EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in DCM (5mL). DMP (840 mg) was carefully added at room temperature. The mixture was allowed to stir for 10 min and quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The aqueous layer was extracted by DCM (3 x 10mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane = 1/4) to give the product (108 mg, 78%).

2-Cyclopropylcyclohexanone, 1q-precursor-2

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.45-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.46 (m, 4H), 0.94-0.78 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  213.1, 56.1, 41.6, 33.6, 27.8, 24.4, 11.1, 4.2, 2.5; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ONa [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]: 161.0942; Found: 161.0949. IR (KBr, thin film) 2995, 1771, 1759, 1373, 1242, 1053 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

The silvl enol ether **1q and 1q'** were synthesized as an inseparable mixture of regio isomers from **1q-precursor-2** using the procedure described in page 3.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.81 (t, *J*=3.0Hz, 1H), 2.05-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.55 (m, 5H), 0.96-0.93 (s, 9H), 0.60-0.45 (m, 2H), 0.45-0.35(m, 2H),0.17-0.16 (s, 3H), 0.14-0.13 (s, 3H), 0.51-0.00 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.6, 103.2, 43.5, 29.4, 25.8, 24.2, 19.9, 15.1, 5.66, 2.87, -3.83; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2.10-2.05 (m, 2H), 2.05-1.90 (m,1H), 1.45-1.55 (m,4H), 1.35-1.25(m,1H), 1.00-0.95 (s, 9H), 0.80-0.75 (m, 2H), 0.35-0.25(m, 2H), 0.16-0.15 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.4, 114.6, 30.8, 25.9, 23.4, 22.7, 18.2, 18.0, 10.62,1.85,-2.97; IR (KBr, thin film) 2959, 2930, 2859, 1682, 1254, 1167 cm<sup>-1</sup>

**General Procedures for the Radical Clock Experiments:** 

An oven-dried 10mm × 100 mm test tube containing a magnetic stir bar was charged Eosin Y (0.35 mg, 0.50 umol, 0.2 mol %), the corresponding TBS-silyl enol ether (0.25 mmol, 1.0 eq.), AcOK (29 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and EtOH (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was degassed/backfilled with oxygen three times and placed in a half cut plastic rack. The rack was placed next to (2 cm) a household florescent bulb (Philip, Torado-24W) in a  $4^{\circ}$ C cold room. The reaction was stirred slowly under an oxygen balloon. Upon complete consumption of the starting material as judged by TLC, solvent was removed and the residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography using ether/hexanes. Extra care was taken during rotorvap (ice bath) to avoid loss of volatile products.

(*E*)-1-Cyclopropyl-5-phenylpent-2-en-1-one, **20** (36 mg, 72% yield) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.98-6.89 (m, 1H), 6.26 (dt, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1.5Hz, 1H), 2.84-2.79 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.61-2.54 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.10-1.05 (m, 2H), 0.93-0.88 (m, 2H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.1, 145.5, 140.8, 130.8, 128.4, 128.2, 126.1, 34.4, 34.1, 18.7, 10.9; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 201.1279; Found: 201.1274. IR (KBr, thin film) 3005, 2936, 2859, 1771, 1759, 1737, 1684, 1662, 1626, 748, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

6-Methyl-3-(1-methylcyclopropyl)cyclohex-2-enone, **2p** (27 mg, 65% yield)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ5.91-5.89 (d, *J* =1.48 Hz,1H), 2.32-2.20 (m,1H), 2.15-1.97 (m, 3H), 1.66-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.12-1.08 (d, *J* =6.88 Hz ,3H), 0.95-0.85 (m, 2H), 0.70-0.60 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.9, 168.8, 123.5, 40.6, 30.8, 25.3, 22.6, 20.8, 15.2, 15.1, 15.0; HRMS-ESI calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O [M + H<sup>+</sup>]: 165.1279; Found:165.1274. IR

(KBr, thin film) 2961, 2932, 2872, 1665, 1607, 1213, 878 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Product 2q and 2q' were obtained as an inseparable mixture (23 mg, 68% yield)



GC-MS calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O [M<sup>+</sup>]: 137.1; Found: 137.1. IR (KBr, thin film) 3005, 2929, 2893, 2337, 1678, 1388, 1022, 796cm<sup>-1</sup>.

6-Cyclopropylcyclohex-2-enone, **2q**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.94-6.88 (dt, *J*=10 Hz, 1H), 5.96-6.02 (dt, *J*=10Hz, 1.5Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.40 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.0-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.00-0.90 (m, 1H), 0.50-0.40 (m, 1H), 0.40-0.30 (m, 1H), 0.15-0.00 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 201.5, 149.4, 129.4, 51.4, 28.2, 24.8, 11.4, 4.3, 2.2.

2-Cyclopropylcyclohex-2-enone, **2q'**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 6.44-6.41 (t, *J*=4.5 Hz, 1H ), 2.50-2.40 (m, 2H), 2.38-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.15-2.05 (m, 2H), 0.95-0.85 (m, 1H), 0.75-0.70 (m, 2H), 0.40-0.30 (m, 1H), 0.15-0.00 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 199.5, 141.0, 140.7, 38.5, 25.7, 25.6, 22.8, 9.3, 6.1.

### Kinetics and Isotope effect:



(Note: The preparation of the TBS-silyl enol ethers followed the general procedure in page 3) Two oven-dried 10mm × 100 mm test tubes were equipped with magnetic stir bars and charged with **1k** (182 mg, 0.86 mmol) and **1k'** (190 mg, 0.86 mmol) respectively. EtOH (2.6 mL), AcOK (103 mg, 1.03 mmol, 1.2 eq.), biphenyl (132.6 mg, 0.86 mmol), and Eosin Y (1.2 mg, 0.2 mol %) were added to each tube. The reaction 26

mixture was degassed/backfilled with oxygen three times and placed in a half cut plastic rack. The rack was placed next to (2 cm) a household florescent bulb (Philip, Torado-24W) in a 4°C cold room. The reaction was stirred slowly under an oxygen balloon. After 15mins, 40mins, 65mins, 90mins, 115mins, 140mins, 165mins and 195mins, aliquots of 0.1 mL of the crude reactions were taken, filtered through a plug of silica gel, diluted and analyzed by GC.

Raw data of conversion vs tim	e
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time	GC-vield of <b>2k</b>	GC-vield of <b>2k'</b>
15min	2.2%	3.1%
+25=40min	8.4%	4.3%
+25=65min	10.8%	9.1%
+25=90min	15.5%	11.7%
+25=115min	19.7%	15.5%
+25=140min	25.1%	19.9%
+25=165min	27.9%	25.9%
+30=195min	33.4%	28.6%



Adj R<sup>2</sup>=0.99261, slope=0.57817

 $K_{\rm H}/K_{\rm D} = 1.27$ 

### Experimental Details for <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> Experiments:



K<sub>160/180</sub>=1.05

Two oven-dried 10mm × 100 mm test tubes were equipped with magnetic stir bars and charged with the same amount of **1a** (173 mg, 0.72 mmol), AcOK (85 mg, 0.85 mmol, 1.2 eq.), biphenyl (internal standard, 111 mg, 0.72 mmol) and Eosin Y (1.0 mg, 0.2 mol %) respectively. The reaction vessels were degassed/backfilled with nitrogen carefully and placed in a glovebox. Oxygen free EtOH (3.6 mL) was added to each tube in the glovebox. The test tubes were taken out of the glovebox, degassed/backfilled with <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> and <sup>16</sup>O<sub>2</sub>, respectively. The reaction vessels were placed in a 4°C cold room next to a household fluorescent light bulb (24 W) under <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> and <sup>16</sup>O<sub>2</sub> balloons respectively. After 15mins, 40mins, 65mins, 90mins, 115mins, 140mins, 165mins and 195mins, aliquots of 0.1 mL of the crude reactions were taken, filtered through a plug of silica gel, diluted and analyzed by GC. At the end of the reaction, the crude mixture was analyzed by GC-MS and HRMS.

A separate reaction using substrate **1r** was carried out similarly to further confirm the result.

Raw data of conversion vs time

time	GC-yield of <b>2r</b> for O <sub>2</sub> <sup>16</sup> system	GC-yield of <b>2a</b> for O <sub>2</sub> <sup>18</sup> system

15min	5.5 %	9.5 %
+25=40mi	n 12.4 %	17.1 %
+25=65mi	n 28.2 %	30.8 %
+25=90mi	n 42.2 %	44.3 %
+25=115m	nin 53.8 %	52.1 %
+25=140m	nin 61.1 %	60.7 %
+30=170m	nin 62.5 %	61.2 %
+30=200m	nin 62.7 %	61.6 %



Adj R<sup>2</sup>=0.98739, slope=0.92656



Adj R<sup>2</sup>=0.99053, slope=0.87731

K<sub>016</sub>/K<sub>018</sub>=1.05

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