

Metal-free oxidative C(sp³)–H bond functionalization of alkanes and alkylation-initiated radical 1,2-aryl migration in α,α -diaryl allylic alcohols

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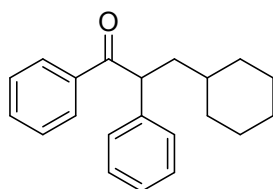
1. General information

All manipulations were carried out under air atmosphere. Commercially available reagents were used as received without purification. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (300–400 mesh). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on glass plates of Silica Gel GF-254 with detection by UV. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400M spectrometer. The chemical shift references were as follows: (^1H) CDCl_3 , 7.26 ppm (CHCl_3); (^{13}C) CDCl_3 , 77.00 ppm (CDCl_3). HRMS spectra were carried out at Micromass Q-ToF instrument (ESI). Melting point determination was taken on a Melt-Temp apparatus (X-4) from Beijing Fukai Electro-optic Instrument Plant and was uncorrected.

2. General procedure for the synthesis of alkylation of α,α -diaryl allylic alcohols

A sealable reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar was charged with $\square,\square$ -Diaryl allylic alcohol (63 mg, 0.3 mmol), DTBP (di-*tert*-butyl peroxide, 0.9 mmol, 170 μL), and cyclohexane (1.0 mL, 15–25 mmol). The rubber septum was then replaced by a Teflon-coated screw cap, and the reaction vessel placed in an oil bath at 120 $^\circ\text{C}$. After stirring the mixture at this temperature for 24 h, it was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with water, dried over MgSO_4 . After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane} = 1:2$) to afford the corresponding product, 3-cyclohexyl-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (**3ab**, 79 mg, 90% yield).

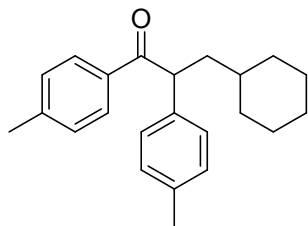
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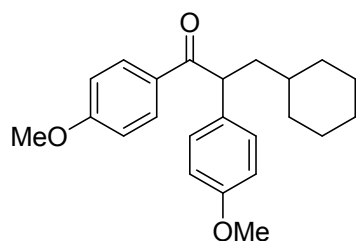
3-cyclohexyl-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (3ab): White solid, mp 54–56 $^\circ\text{C}$. Yield: 79 mg (90%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (ddd, $J = 6.6, 3.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 10.4, 4.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.11 (ddd, $J = 8.5, 3.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.09 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.75 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.49 (m, 5H), 1.17 – 0.98 (m, 4H), 0.91 – 0.79 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.02, 139.98, 136.92, 132.75, 128.82, 128.59, 128.48,

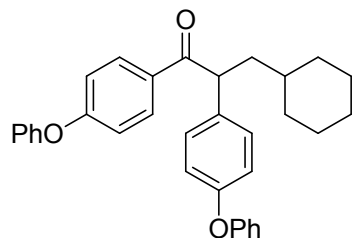
128.19, 126.83, 50.47, 41.67, 35.27, 33.54, 33.25, 26.47, 26.11, 26.10. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{21}H_{24}O+Na]^+$ 315.1725, found 315.1722.



3-cyclohexyl-1,2-di-p-tolylpropan-1-one (3bb): Colorless oil. Yield: 82 mg (85%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 14.7, 8.1$ Hz, 4H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.67 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.10 (dt, $J = 14.6, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.82 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.71 – 1.56 (m, 5H), 1.24 – 1.07 (m, 4H), 0.99 – 0.85 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.61, 143.34, 137.13, 136.22, 134.35, 129.43, 129.08, 128.67, 127.94, 49.79, 41.58, 35.19, 33.50, 33.21, 26.45, 26.07, 26.05, 21.43, 20.90. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{23}H_{28}O+Na]^+$ 343.2038, found 343.2036.

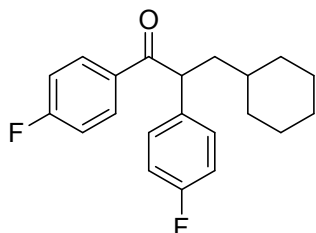


3-cyclohexyl-1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (3cb): Colorless oil. Yield: 92 mg (87%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.99 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.79 (m, 4H), 4.63 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.82 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.71 – 1.59 (m, 5H), 1.22 – 1.09 (m, 4H), 0.98 – 0.86 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 198.75, 163.12, 158.32, 132.36, 130.82, 129.84, 129.07, 114.13, 113.61, 55.31, 55.08, 49.05, 41.63, 35.17, 33.55, 33.21, 26.48, 26.12, 26.09. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{23}H_{28}O_3+Na]^+$ 375.1936, found 375.1936.

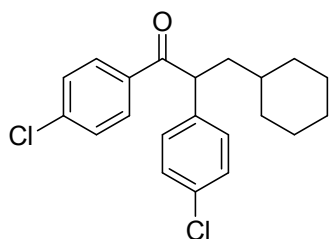


3-cyclohexyl-1,2-bis(4-phenoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (3db): Colorless oil. Yield: 109 mg (76%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.00 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.99 – 6.89 (m, 6H), 4.66 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H),

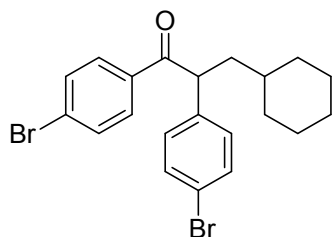
2.10 (dt, $J = 14.6, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.80 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.69 – 1.59 (m, 5H), 1.24 – 1.09 (m, 4H), 1.00 – 0.86 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.60, 161.83, 156.93, 156.14, 155.32, 134.80, 131.36, 130.88, 130.01, 129.68, 129.39, 124.62, 123.29, 120.25, 118.97, 118.94, 117.15, 49.36, 41.77, 35.29, 33.53, 33.27, 26.48, 26.13, 26.10. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_3+\text{Na}]^+$ 499.2249, found 499.2244.



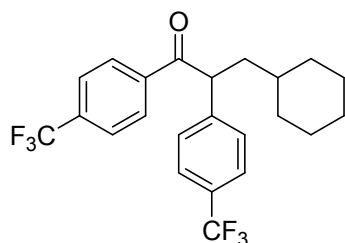
3-cyclohexyl-1,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)propan-1-one (3eb): White solid, mp 57–59 °C. Yield: 72 mg (73%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (dd, $J = 8.8, 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (dd, $J = 8.6, 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.67 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.12 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.81 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.73 – 1.58 (m, 5H), 1.22 – 1.07 (m, 4H), 0.99 – 0.87 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.32, 165.51 (d, $J = 255.0$ Hz), 161.77 (d, $J = 245.7$ Hz), 135.42 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 133.04 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 131.15 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz), 129.61 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 115.79 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 115.58 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz), 49.52, 41.64, 35.17, 33.53, 33.11, 26.39, 26.07, 26.04. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{OF}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ 351.1536, found 351.1528.



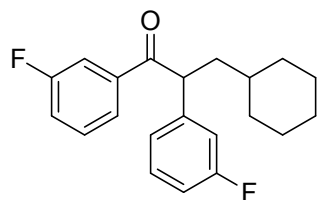
1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexylpropan-1-one (3fb): Colorless oil. Yield: 87 mg (80%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (q, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 4H), 4.54 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.97 (dt, $J = 14.5, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.71 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.64 – 1.51 (m, 5H), 1.10 – 1.00 (m, 4H), 0.90 – 0.77 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.42, 139.41, 138.03, 134.88, 132.89, 129.93, 129.46, 129.06, 128.89, 49.80, 41.43, 35.15, 33.54, 33.08, 26.38, 26.05, 26.02. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{OCl}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ 383.0945, found 383.0937.



1,2-bis(4-bromophenyl)-3-cyclohexylpropan-1-one (3gb): Colorless oil. Yield: 113 mg (84%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.71 – 1.59 (m, 5H), 1.21 – 1.07 (m, 4H), 0.98 – 0.86 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.44, 138.49, 135.21, 131.98, 131.84, 130.00, 129.80, 128.14, 120.98, 49.81, 41.33, 35.10, 33.50, 33.04, 26.34, 26.01, 25.99. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for [C₂₁H₂₂OBr₂+Na]⁺ 470.9935, found 470.9931.

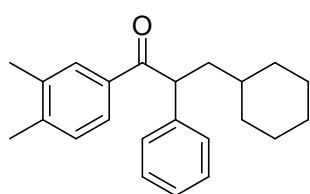


3-cyclohexyl-1,2-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (3hb): Colorless oil. Yield: 92 mg (72%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (dt, *J* = 14.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.60 (m, 5H), 1.24 – 1.10 (m, 4H), 1.02 – 0.93 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.04, 140.32, 137.02, 131.60, 129.51 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.1 Hz), 129.46, 129.37, 125.41 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.97 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.12 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 122.42 (d, *J* = 35.5 Hz), 50.48, 41.69, 35.35, 33.50, 33.15, 26.34, 26.02, 26.01. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for [C₂₃H₂₂OF₆+Na]⁺ 451.1473, found 451.1476.

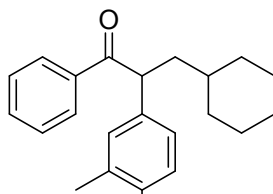


3-cyclohexyl-1,2-bis(3-fluorophenyl)propan-1-one (3ib): Colorless oil. Yield: 69 mg (70%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.81 – 6.76 (m, 1H), 4.57 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.05 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.47 (m, 5H), 1.11 – 0.97 (m, 4H), 0.89 – 0.77

(m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.17 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 164.11 (d, $J = 23.2$ Hz), 161.65 (d, $J = 24.6$ Hz), 141.93 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 138.75 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 130.31 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 130.19 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 124.21 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 123.89 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 119.95 (d, $J = 21.5$ Hz), 115.27 (d, $J = 22.4$ Hz), 115.00 (d, $J = 21.7$ Hz), 114.00 (d, $J = 21.1$ Hz), 50.34 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz), 41.49, 35.21, 33.46, 33.11, 26.36, 26.03, 26.00. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{OF}_2+\text{H}]^+$ 329.1717, found 329.1714.

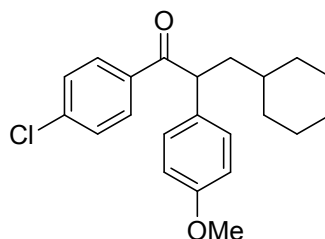
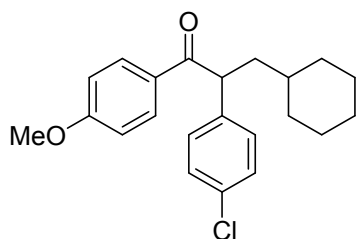


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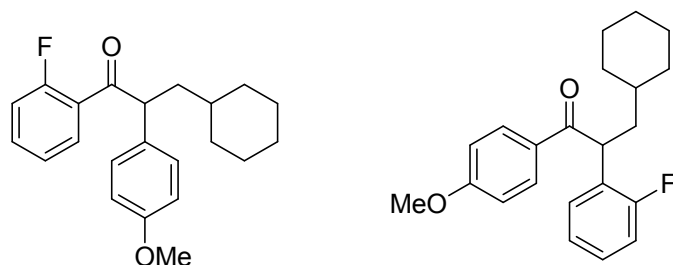
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3-cyclohexyl-1-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-2-phenylpropan-1-one (3jb) and 3-cyclohexyl-2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3jb'): Colorless oil. Yield: 79 mg (82%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 – 7.85 (m, 0.66H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 1.33H), 7.34 – 7.11 (m, 3.60H), 7.06 – 6.90 (m, 2.40H), 4.65 – 4.58 (m, 0.66H), 4.58 – 4.52 (m, 0.33H), 2.12 (s, 2H), 2.10 (s, 2H), 2.07 (s, 1H), 2.04 (s, 1H), 2.03 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.72 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.62 – 1.45 (m, 5H), 1.18 – 0.94 (m, 4H), 0.90 – 0.75 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.00, 199.68, 142.20, 140.28, 137.35, 136.92, 136.73, 134.99, 134.72, 132.55, 129.96, 129.68, 129.60, 129.07, 128.67, 128.53, 128.35, 128.07, 126.62, 126.28, 125.57, 50.15, 49.97, 41.72, 41.65, 35.28, 35.21, 33.45, 33.23, 26.43, 26.05, 19.80, 19.71, 19.68, 19.22. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}+\text{Na}]^+$ 343.2038, found 343.2036.

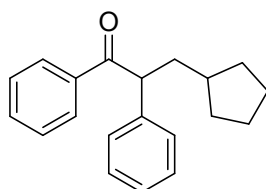


2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one(3kb) and 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one(3kb'): Colorless oil. Yield: 73 mg (68%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 – 7.93 (m, 1.86H), 7.91 – 7.88 (m, 0.14H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 0.14H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 3.72H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 0.14H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 1.86H), 6.83 – 6.80 (m, 0.14H), 4.66 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 0.93H), 4.59 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 0.07H), 3.80 (s, 2.79H), 3.73 (s, 0.21H), 2.13 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.80 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.71 – 1.57 (m, 5H), 1.21 – 1.07 (m, 4H), 0.98 – 0.85 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.88, 198.09, 163.33, 158.49, 139.00, 138.79, 135.15, 132.52, 131.52, 130.79, 129.95, 129.52, 129.45, 129.08, 128.84, 128.71, 114.28, 113.71, 55.32, 55.06, 49.60, 49.21, 41.58, 41.41, 35.18, 35.09, 33.51, 33.11, 26.40, 26.05, 26.02. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₅ClO₂+Na]⁺ 379.1441, found 379.1446.

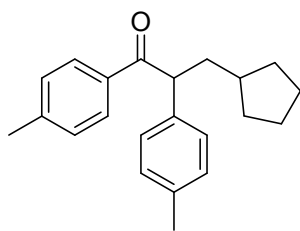


3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one(3lb) and 3-cyclohexyl-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one(3lb'): Colorless oil. Yield: 79 mg (77%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 1.34H), 7.55 (td, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 0.33H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 0.67H), 7.01 – 6.82 (m, 2.67H), 6.73 – 6.68 (m, 1.33H), 6.67 – 6.62 (m, 0.67H), 4.98 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.67H), 4.48 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 0.33H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 3.53 (s, 1H), 1.98 (td, J = 14.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.43 (m, 5H), 1.08 – 0.95 (m, 4H), 0.85 – 0.72 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.27 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 197.63 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 163.27, 161.91, 160.92, 159.39, 158.50, 158.38, 133.65 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 130.82 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 130.52, 129.32 (d, J = 11.3 Hz), 128.86 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 128.17 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 127.20 (d, J = 15.1 Hz), 126.27 (d, J = 12.9 Hz), 124.38 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 124.13 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 116.26 (d, J = 23.9 Hz), 115.21 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 113.83, 113.57, 55.04, 54.75, 53.64, 53.58, 40.91, 40.83, 40.81, 40.68, 35.27, 34.92, 33.52, 33.33, 33.09, 32.82, 26.35, 26.31, 26.02, 25.96. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₅FO₂+Na]⁺ 363.1736, found 363.1738.

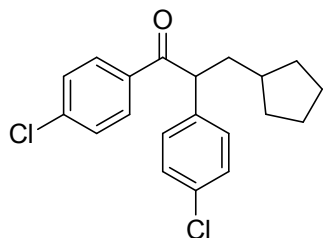


3-cyclopentyl-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (3aa): Colorless oil. Yield: 63 mg (76%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (dd, J = 5.3, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (ddd, J = 6.6, 3.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 4.63 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (dt, J = 14.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.42 (m, 6H), 1.20 – 1.08 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.14, 139.80, 136.94, 132.76, 128.79, 128.59, 128.48, 128.22, 126.87, 52.56, 40.36, 37.80, 32.87, 32.56,

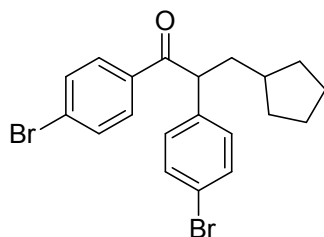
25.09, 25.06. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{20}H_{22}O+Na]^+$ 301.1568, found 301.1566.



3-cyclopentyl-1,2-di-p-tolylpropan-1-one (3ba): Colorless oil. Yield: 65 mg (71%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.80 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (dd, $J = 13.8, 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.49 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.07 (dt, $J = 14.2, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.32 (m, 6H), 1.09 – 0.99 (m, 6.0 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.83, 143.42, 136.97, 136.34, 134.40, 129.44, 129.12, 128.71, 128.02, 51.93, 40.28, 37.78, 32.87, 32.53, 25.08, 25.04, 21.49, 20.95. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{22}H_{26}O+Na]^+$ 329.1881, found 329.1879.

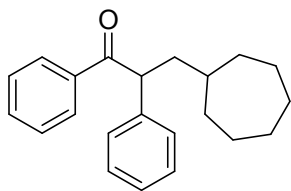


1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclopentylpropan-1-one (3fa): Colorless oil. Yield: 73 mg (70%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.80 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 4.45 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.11 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.35 (m, 6H), 1.11 – 0.98 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 198.59, 139.47, 137.90, 134.93, 132.98, 129.96, 129.51, 129.08, 128.92, 51.94, 40.17, 37.69, 32.89, 32.49, 25.08, 25.05. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{20}H_{20}OCl_2+H]^+$ 347.0969, found 347.0973.

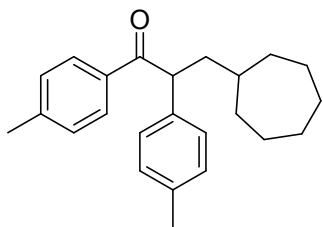


1,2-bis(4-bromophenyl)-3-cyclopentylpropan-1-one (3ga): Colorless oil. Yield: 94 mg (72%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.79 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 8.7, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 4.51 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.17 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.88 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.43 (m, 6H), 1.17 – 1.08 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 198.69, 138.39, 135.31, 132.03, 131.92, 130.06, 129.88, 128.23, 121.09, 52.00, 40.10, 37.68, 32.89, 32.48, 25.08, 25.04.

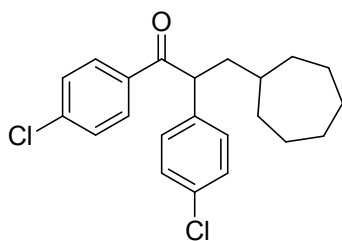
HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{20}H_{20}OBr_2+Na]^+$ 456.9779, found 456.9776.



3-cycloheptyl-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (3ac): Colorless oil. Yield: 84 mg (91%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.08 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.60 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.11 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.21 (m, 10H), 1.20 – 1.08 (dd, $J = 20.4, 10.3$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 200.04, 139.86, 136.93, 132.69, 128.76, 128.53, 128.42, 128.17, 126.79, 51.03, 42.05, 36.53, 34.75, 34.25, 28.50, 28.45, 26.08, 26.05. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{22}H_{26}O+Na]^+$ 329.1881, found 329.1879.

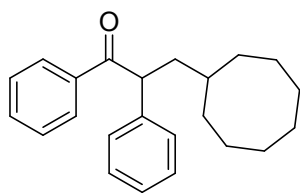


3-cycloheptyl-1,2-di-p-tolylpropan-1-one (3bc): Colorless oil. Yield: 87 mg (87%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 4H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.55 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.03 (dt, $J = 14.5, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.74 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.22 (m, 11H), 1.18 – 1.07 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.78, 143.39, 137.07, 136.28, 134.44, 129.45, 129.11, 128.69, 128.01, 50.43, 42.00, 36.52, 34.79, 34.27, 28.55, 28.49, 26.10, 26.07, 21.48, 20.94. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{24}H_{30}O+Na]^+$ 357.2194, found 357.2192.

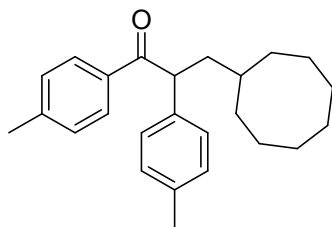


1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cycloheptylpropan-1-one (3fc): Colorless oil. Yield: 92 mg (82%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (q, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 4H), 4.51 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dt, $J = 14.3, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.71 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.34 (m, 8H), 1.30 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 1.07 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 197.55, 138.43, 136.98, 133.95, 131.92, 128.94, 128.51, 128.08, 127.90, 49.42, 40.88, 35.49, 33.86, 33.12,

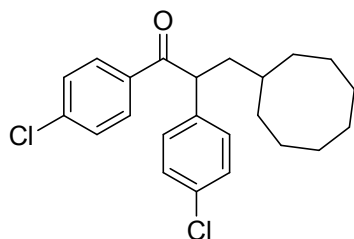
27.49, 27.42, 25.11, 25.06. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{22}H_{24}OCl_2+H]^+$ 375.1282, found 375.1286.



3-cyclooctyl-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (3ad): Colorless oil. Yield: 89 mg (93%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.87 (dd, $J = 5.2, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (ddd, $J = 6.4, 3.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 10.3, 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 4.60 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.05 (dt, $J = 14.4, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.67 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.16 (m, 14H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.98, 139.84, 136.93, 132.64, 128.71, 128.47, 128.38, 128.14, 126.75, 51.00, 41.85, 34.58, 32.17, 31.83, 27.26, 27.17, 26.05, 25.13, 25.06. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{23}H_{28}O+Na]^+$ 343.2038, found 343.2035.

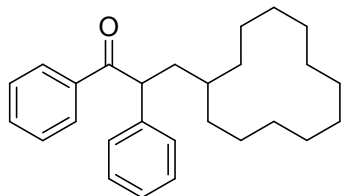


3-cyclooctyl-1,2-di-p-tolylpropan-1-one (3bd): Colorless oil. Yield: 94 mg (90%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.78 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.54 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.03 (dt, $J = 14.4, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.64 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.47 (m, 3H), 1.44 – 1.15 (m, 11H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.66, 143.28, 137.05, 136.18, 134.42, 129.38, 129.05, 128.61, 127.95, 50.38, 41.76, 34.59, 32.14, 31.81, 27.29, 27.21, 26.03, 25.14, 25.06, 21.39, 20.87. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{25}H_{32}O+Na]^+$ 371.2351, found 371.2349.

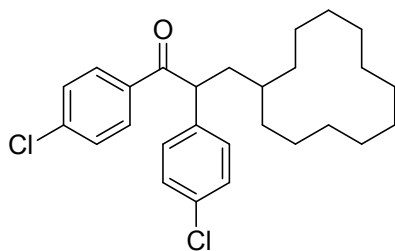


1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclooctylpropan-1-one (3fd): Colorless oil. Yield: 97 mg (83%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 4.60 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dt, $J = 14.2, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.72 – 1.63 (m, 3H), 1.60 – 1.37 (m, 10H), 1.34 – 1.25 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 198.57, 139.43, 137.98, 134.98, 132.92, 129.92, 129.52,

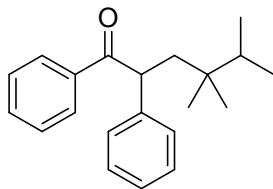
129.06, 128.91, 50.42, 41.71, 34.58, 32.37, 31.75, 27.26, 27.19, 26.09, 25.17, 25.12. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{23}H_{26}OCl_2+Na]^+$ 389.1439, found 389.1440.



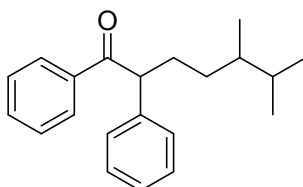
3-cyclododecyl-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (3ae): Colorless oil. Yield: 74 mg (65%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.88 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (ddd, $J = 6.5, 3.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 10.3, 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 4.60 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.05 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.33 – 1.07 (m, 21H), 1.05 – 0.92 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 200.15, 139.87, 137.05, 132.65, 128.71, 128.49, 128.41, 128.22, 126.81, 51.02, 39.11, 31.28, 29.45, 28.86, 24.68, 24.34, 23.84, 23.54, 23.42, 23.01, 22.82, 21.46, 21.45. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{27}H_{36}O+Na]^+$ 399.2664, found 399.2660.



1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclododecylpropan-1-one (3be): Colorless oil. Yield: 74 mg (61%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.91– 7.86(m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 4.60 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.04 (dt, $J = 13.0, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.76 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.15 (m, 21H), 1.14 – 0.99 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 198.57, 139.37, 138.02, 135.04, 132.91, 129.87, 129.51, 128.99, 128.86, 50.37, 38.98, 31.38, 29.29, 28.91, 24.72, 24.42, 23.89, 23.46, 23.35, 23.00, 22.82, 21.45, 21.39. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{27}H_{34}OCl_2+H]^+$ 445.2065, found 445.2069.



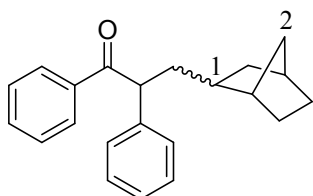
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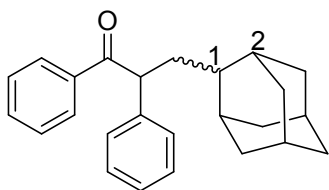
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4,4,5-trimethyl-1,2-diphenylhexan-1-one (3af) and 5,6-dimethyl-1,2-diphenylheptan-1-one (3af'): Colorless oil. Yield: 60 mg (68%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.90 (ddd, $J = 6.4, 5.8, 4.3$

Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 4.65 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.9$ Hz, 0.69H), 4.60 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 0.24H), 4.46 – 4.40 (m, 0.07H), 2.58 (dd, $J = 14.1, 8.8$ Hz, 0.69H), 2.00 (dt, $J = 13.7, 7.5$ Hz, 0.24H), 1.70 – 1.62 (m, 0.24H), 1.58 – 1.38 (m, 2.12H), 1.24 – 1.14 (m, 1.01H), 0.88 – 0.79 (m, 1.55H), 0.78 – 0.68 (m, 7.19H), 0.67 – 0.61 (m, 2.45H). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{21}H_{26}O+Na]^+$ 317.1881, found 317.1882.

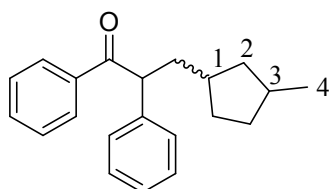


3-((1R,4S)-bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (3ag, C1) and 3-((1R,4S)-bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-7-yl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (3ag, C2): White solid. Yield: 65 mg (71%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 4.64 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 0.5H), 4.60 (dd, $J = 7.9, 6.7$ Hz, 0.5H), 2.29 – 2.17 (m, 1.5H), 2.09 – 2.06 (m, 0.5H), 1.99 – 1.85 (m, 1.5H), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 0.5H), 1.54 – 1.39 (m, 2.5H), 1.38 – 1.22 (m, 2.5H), 1.16 – 0.91 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 200.31, 200.11, 139.92, 139.68, 137.00, 136.96, 132.76, 132.72, 128.80, 128.60, 128.47, 128.45, 128.33, 128.20, 126.85, 126.84, 51.51, 51.43, 41.37, 41.00, 41.00, 40.75, 39.65, 39.53, 38.17, 37.97, 36.59, 35.48, 35.28, 29.89, 28.61. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{22}H_{24}O+Na]^+$ 327.1725, found 327.1721.



3-((1r,3r,5r,7r)-adamantan-2-yl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (3ah, C1) and 3-((3r,5r,7r)-adamantan-1-yl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (3ah, C2): White solid. Yield: 67 mg (65%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.03 – 7.99 (m, 1.72H), 7.98 – 7.95 (m, 0.28H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dt, $J = 11.0, 3.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 4.78 (dd, $J = 9.1, 3.0$ Hz, 0.86H), 4.64 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 0.14H), 2.54 (dd, $J = 14.1, 9.2$ Hz, 0.86H), 2.46 – 2.37 (m, 0.14H), 1.97 – 1.84 (m, 3H), 1.82 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.33 (m, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.94,

199.60, 141.25, 140.04, 136.95, 136.80, 132.65, 128.77, 128.54, 128.52, 128.47, 128.41, 128.11, 128.02, 126.78, 126.55, 51.07, 48.30, 47.45, 42.67, 41.88, 38.97, 38.94, 38.22, 37.07, 36.85, 32.99, 32.00, 31.75, 31.55, 31.41, 28.66, 28.52, 28.35, 28.07, 27.92. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{25}H_{28}O+Na]^+$ 367.2038, found 367.2041.

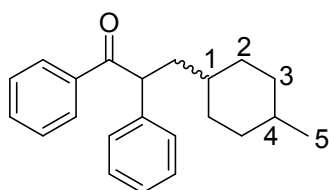


3-(3-methylcyclopentyl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one(3ai, C1),

3-(2-methylcyclopentyl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one(3ai, C2),

3-(1-methylcyclopentyl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one(3ai, C3),

4-cyclopentyl-1,2-diphenylbutan-1-one(3ai, C4): Colorless oil. Yield: 65 mg (74%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.93 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 4.65 (dd, J = 8.3, 3.7 Hz, 0.5H), 4.59 (dd, J = 9.7, 4.9 Hz, 0.08H), 4.52 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.2 Hz, 0.40H), 4.43 (dd, J = 13.0, 6.3 Hz, 0.02H), 2.63 – 2.45 (m, 0.58H), 2.15 – 2.06 (m, 0.42H), 1.95 – 1.56 (m, 2.80H), 1.51 – 1.45 (m, 2.20H), 1.38 – 1.03 (m, 3.40H), 0.99 – 0.59 (m, 3.60H). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[C_{21}H_{24}O+Na]^+$ 315.1725, found 315.1722.



3-(4-methylcyclohexyl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one(3aj, C1), 3-(3-methylcyclohexyl)-1,2-

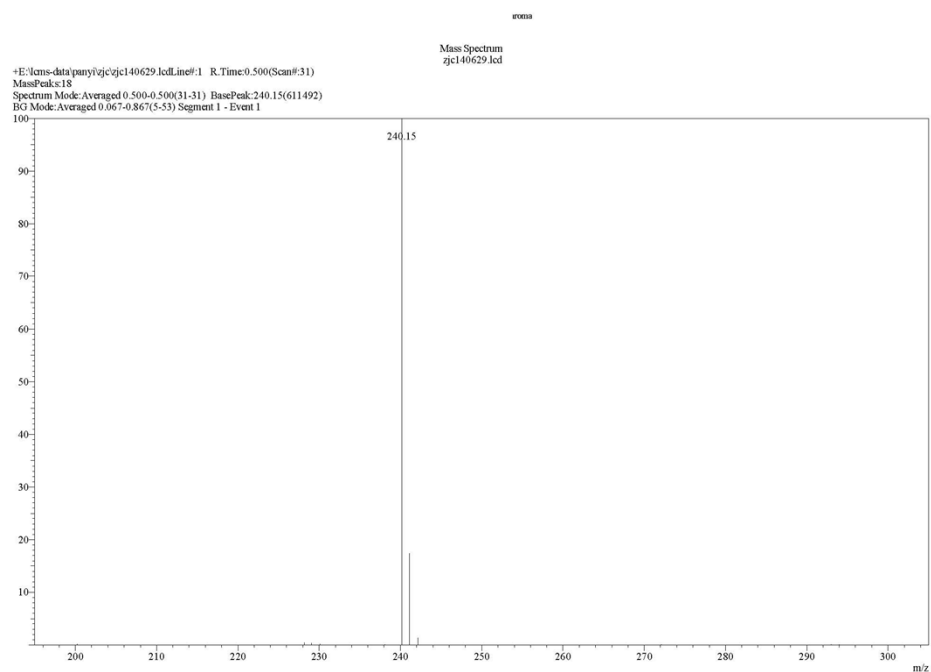
diphenylpropan-1-one(3aj, C2), 3-(2-methylcyclohexyl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one(3aj, C3),

3-(1-methylcyclohexyl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one(3aj, C4),

4-cyclohexyl-1,2-diphenylbutan-1-one(3aj, C5): Colorless oil. Yield: 80 mg (87%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.88 (dd, J = 9.1, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.14 (dd, J = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 4.69 – 4.54 (m, 1H), 2.71 – 2.51 (m, 0.46H), 2.27 – 1.97 (m, 0.62H), 1.76 – 1.46 (m, 3H), 1.34 – 1.05 (m, 7H), 0.91 (s, 0.35H), 0.80 – 0.62 (m, 3.48H), 0.48 (dt, J =

23.2, 11.7 Hz, 0.23H). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}+\text{Na}]^+$ 329.1881, found 329.1886.

4. Mass spectrum of TEMPO-cyclohexane adduct



5. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of 3

