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Gold-Catalyzed Intermolecular [4+1] Spiroannulation by Aromatic C(sp²)-H Functionalization and Dearomatization of Phenol Derivatives

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1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all air- and moisture-sensitive manipulations were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques under nitrogen or in a glove box under nitrogen. All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere; materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used directly without further purification. Solvents were distilled following standard procedures before use. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silicycle pre-coated silica gel plates. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (particle size 300-400 mesh ASTM, purchased from Yantai, China) and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate. The substrates **1** were synthesized according to the reported methods.^[1] All reagents and solvents were used as received from commercial sources without further purification.

Trichloromethane (CHCl₃), dichloromethane, dichloroethane and ethyl acetate were freshly distilled from CaH₂; tetrahydrofuran (THF), toluene and ether were dried with sodium benzophenone and distilled before use.

¹H NMR spectra, ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 MHz in chloroform-d₃. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to tetramethylsilane (0 ppm) in CDCl₃ as an internal standard. ¹³C-NMR spectra were obtained by using the same NMR spectrometers and were calibrated with CDCl₃ (77.00 ppm). The data is being reported as (s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad signal, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration).

2. Optimization of conditions



Entry	Catalyst	Additive	Solvent	3aa/3aa'/4aa ^[a]
1	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	Messy
2	$(2,4-^{t}Bu_{2}C_{6}H_{3}O)_{3}PAuCl$	$AgNTf_2$	CH_2Cl_2	Messy
3	JohnPhosAuCl	$AgNTf_2$	CH_2Cl_2	51/24/6
4	XPhosAuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	Trace
5	IPrAuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	Trace
6	PicAuCl ₂	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	Trace
7	SPhosAuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	36/19/20
8	DavaPhosAuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	20/11/19
9	^t BuDavaPhosAuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	Messy
10	^t Bu ₃ PAuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	59/16/5
11	Cy ₃ PAuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	54/19/6
12	Ph ₂ MePAuCl	$AgNTf_2$	CH_2Cl_2	56/16/8
13	L1AuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	Trace
14	L2AuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	15/45/5
15	L3AuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	48/24/6
16	L3AuCl	-	CH_2Cl_2	NR
17	L3AuCl	AgOTf	CH_2Cl_2	8/49/3
18	L3AuCl	AgSbF ₆	CH_2Cl_2	9/47/4
19	L3AuCl	AgOMs	CH_2Cl_2	Trace
20	L3AuCl	AgBF ₄	CH_2Cl_2	Trace
21	L4AuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	39/17/13
22	L5AuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	Trace
23	L6AuC1	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	32/8/12
24	L7AuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	46/24/9
25	L8AuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	59/12/5
26	L9AuCl	AgNTf ₂	CH_2Cl_2	77/17/2 (66/15/0)
27	L9AuCl	AgBF ₄	CH_2Cl_2	36/18/9
28	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	CH_2Cl_2	85/11/2 (75/9/0)
29	L10AuCl	NaBAr _F	CH_2Cl_2	79/11/3

30	L11AuCl	NaBAr _F	CH_2Cl_2	55/16/3
31	L12AuCl	NaBAr _F	CH_2Cl_2	80/17/2 (70/14/0)
32	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	1,2-dichlorethane	61/10/0
33	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	THF	NR
34	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	Toluene	45/14/3
35	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	Et ₂ O	Messy
36	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	1,4-dioxane	Trace
37	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	CH ₃ CN	Trace
38	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	DMF	Trace
39	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	PhCl	54/13/5
40	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	CHCl ₃	59/10/6
41	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	CCl_4	Messy
42	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	CH_2Br_2	(66/8/3)
43	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	PhCF ₃	55/14/5
44 ^[b]	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	CH_2Cl_2	72/14/2 (65/10/0)
45 ^[c]	L9AuCl	NaBAr _F	CH_2Cl_2	80/12/2 (67/11/0)
46	CuCl	-	CH_2Cl_2	Messy
47	Cu(CH ₃ CN) ₄ BF ₄	-	CH_2Cl_2	25/15/8
48	Cu(OTf) ₂	-	CH_2Cl_2	Messy
49	$(C_6F_5)_3B$	-	CH_2Cl_2	Trace
50	AgOTf	-	CH_2Cl_2	Trace
51	In(OTf) ₃	-	CH_2Cl_2	Trace

Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), catalyst (5 mol%), solvent (5 mL), r.t, 6 hours. The dr ratio was determined by ¹H NMR of the crude reaction mixture. ^[a] Determined by ¹H NMR analysis, CH₂Br₂ as internal standard. The number in parenthesis is isolated yield. ^[b]1.0 equiv. 2,6-dibromopyridine was added, isolated yield. ^[c]1.0 equiv. benzoic acid was added, isolated yield.



3. Synthesis of diazo compound 1



In a 250 mL bottom reaction flask, phenylacetic acid **A**, $Pd(OAc)_2$ (5 mol%), PhI(OAc)₂ (0.75 equiv.), I₂ (0.75 equiv.) were dissolved in 80 mL anhydrous DMF under air. Wrapped by aluminum foil to keep the system in the dark. The reaction mixture was then stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum and the residue was either subjected to column chromatography using hexanes : ethyl acetate : acetic acid / 2:1:0.05 to get the acids or converted to methyl esters as follows to get the compound **B**.

Then a 100 mL round bottom flask was taken, followed by the addition of the substituted *o*-iodophenylacetic acid **B**, anhydrous methanol solution, concentrated sulfuric acid, and reflux at 90 °C for 6 hours. The solution was cooled, reduced pressure remove the solvent, quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate three times, combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified via flash chromatography to afford methyl *o*-iodophenylacetate **C**.

To a stirred solution of 2-iodophenylacetic acid methyl ester in THF was added CuI, Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂, and trimethylamine, trimethylsilylacetylene was slow dropped. This mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12h, then the reaction was quenched

by addition of water, followed by extraction with EtOAc. The organic phase was washed with sat. aq. NaCl, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield crude product that was purified via silica gel chromatography to get the **D**. To remove the TMS-group the (2-ethynyl-phenyl)-acetic acid methyl ester was dissolved in 50 mL anhydrous methanol. Potassium fluoride was added to this mixture and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Then the mixture was washed with water, NaHCO₃ solution and NaCl solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield crude product that was purified via silica gel chromatography.

Finally, compound **E** was dissolved in anhydrous acetonitrile and *p*-ABSA, DBU was added, Stir overnight in the dark at room temperature, the reaction was quenched by addition of water, followed by extraction with Et_2O . The organic phase was washed with sat. aq. NaCl, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield crude product that was purified via silica gel chromatography to get the diazo compound **1**.

1) Ethyl 2-diazo-2-(2-ethynylphenyl)acetate (1b)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 1H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 1H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.6, 133.4, 133.0, 129.1, 127.7, 127.4, 120.1, 84.3, 80.8, 61.2, 14.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₂H₁₀N₂NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ = 237.0634, found 237.0635;

2) Isopropyl 2-diazo-2-(2-ethynylphenyl)acetate (1c)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 11.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (hept, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.48

(s, 1H), 1.31 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 133.4, 129.9, 129.1, 127.8, 127.3, 120.0, 84.3, 80.8, 68.8, 22.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₂N₂NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ = 251.0791, found 251.0784;

3) Methyl 2-diazo-2-(2-ethynyl-6-fluorophenyl)acetate (1d)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.11 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2, 159.2, 130.5, 130.4, 128.9 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 124.6 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 116.8 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 116.1 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 83.8, 79.9 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 52.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₁H₇FN₂NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ = 241.0384, found 241.0379;

4) Methyl 2-diazo-2-(2-ethynyl-5-methylphenyl)acetate (1f)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 139.5, 133.3, 130.5, 128.6, 127.2, 117.3, 83.6, 80.9, 52.1, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₂H₁₀N₂NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ = 237.0634, found 237.0635;

5) Methyl 2-(5-chloro-2-ethynylphenyl)-2-diazoacetate (1g)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 135.3, 134.5, 129.6, 129.2, 127.6, 118.1, 85.4, 79.8, 52.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₇ClN₂NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ = 257.0088, found 257.0089;

4. Synthesis of compound 3 and 6



In a dried glass tube, a mixture of L9AuCl (0.02 mmol), additive (5 mol%) in solvent (3 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 mins. Subsequently, naphthalenol 2 (0.6 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at room temperature. Then a solution of diazo compounds 1 (0.4 mmol) in solvent (1 mL) was introduced into the reaction mixture by a syringe in 20 mins. Then the resulting mixture was continually stirred at room temperature for 6-12 hours and 1 was consumed completely determined by TLC analysis. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 10:1 to 5:1 or PE/EA = 20:1 to 10:1) to afford the desired product.

1) Methyl 3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'-naphthalene] -1-carboxylate (3aa)



3aa, *cis*-isomer, 94.9 mg, 75% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), yellow solid, m.p. = 172-174 °C, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dt, *J* = 12.6, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 171.0, 150.6, 145.1, 144.6, 141.4, 137.7, 130.4, 130.2, 129.5, 129.3, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 126.2, 123.9, 121.5, 105.6, 65.5, 60.5, 51.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{21}H_{16}NaO_3 [M+Na]^+ = 339.0992$, found 339.0995;

3aa', *trans*-isomer, 11.4 mg, 9% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), light yellow solid, m.p. = 208~210 °C ; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 10.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.23 (td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.6, 170.6, 154.0, 146.6, 144.2, 140.7, 139.1, 130.2, 129.7, 129.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 126.8, 125.5, 125.3, 121.3, 104.6, 64.5, 59.2, 51.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₆NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 339.0992, found 339.0984

2) *cis*-Methyl 3'-hydroxy-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ab)



71.1 mg, 68% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 7.5:1, yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.8, 170.4, 150.8, 144.3, 140.8, 140.4, 138.0, 131.2, 129.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 126.2, 121.6, 117.2, 106.2, 64.3, 61.5, 52.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₆NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ = 355.0941, found 355.0934;

3) *cis*-Methyl 3'-methoxy-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ac)



71.3 mg, 63% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 4.3:1, yellow oil, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.4, 170.8, 150.2, 148.6, 141.3, 140.5, 137.5, 131.0, 129.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 126.9, 126.1, 121.6, 115.3, 105.9, 66.6, 60.5, 55.5, 52.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₈NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ = 369.1097, found 369.1093;

4) *cis*-Methyl 6'-methyl-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ad)



89.0 mg, 74% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 7.7:1, yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8, 171.0, 150.6, 145.3, 141.5, 141.4, 137.6, 137.1, 131.2, 130.0, 129.9, 129.2, 128.0, 127.2, 126.1, 123.8, 121.4, 105.4, 65.2, 60.3, 51.8, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₈NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 353.1148, found 353.1146;

5) *cis*-Methyl 6'-ethyl-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ae)



107.2 mg, 71% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 7:1; yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.08 (m, 1H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.70 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 171.1, 150.8, 145.5, 143.4, 141.8, 141.5, 137.8, 130.1, 130.1, 129.3, 128.9, 128.1, 127.4, 126.2, 123.8, 121.5, 105.5, 65.3, 60.5, 51.9, 28.2, 15.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₃H₂₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 367.1305, found 367.1306;

6) *cis*-Methyl 6'-methoxy-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3af)



80.1 mg, 58% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 7.8:1, light yellow solid; m.p. = 215-217 °C, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.9, 171.1, 158.6, 150.8, 145.0, 141.4, 137.8, 136.4, 131.2, 129.3, 128.6, 128.1, 126.2, 124.4, 121.5, 116.3, 114.1, 105.5, 65.1, 60.5, 55.4, 51.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₈NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ = 369.1097, found 369.1090;

7) *cis*-Methyl 6'-chloro-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ag)



75.2 mg, 54% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 5.1:1, light yellow solid, m.p. = 196-198 °C, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.9, 170.7, 150.2, 143.5, 142.7, 141.2, 137.4, 133.3, 131.8, 130.1, 129.5, 129.0, 129.0, 128.3, 126.2, 125.1, 121.6, 105.8, 65.2, 60.5, 52.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₅ClNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 373.0602, found 373.0609;

8) *cis*-Methyl 6'-bromo-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ah)



98.1 mg, 59% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 5.4:1, yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.8, 170.4, 153.6, 144.9, 142.8, 140.4, 138.8, 132.8, 132.2, 130.0, 129.7, 128.4, 127.1, 126.8, 126.5, 121.3, 121.1, 104.9, 64.3, 59.0, 51.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₅BrNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 417.0097, found 417.0102;

9) *cis*-Methyl 3-methylene-2'-oxo-6'-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ai)



94.2 mg, 53% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 5.4:1, yellow solid, m.p. = 222-224 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 5.7 Hz, 4H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 171.0, 150.6, 145.1, 143.3, 141.4, 140.4, 139.7, 137.7, 130.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.0, 126.2, 124.3, 121.5, 105.8, 65.3, 60.5, 52.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₇H₂₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 415.1305, found 415.1297;

10) *cis*-Methyl 3-methylene-2'-oxo-6'-(p-tolyl)-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3aj)



94.7 mg, 49% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 5.2:1, light yellow solid, m.p. = 216-218 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 171.0, 150.6, 145.2, 143.0, 141.4, 140.4, 137.7, 137.6, 136.8, 130.5, 129.6, 129.3, 128.8, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.8, 126.2, 124.2, 121.5, 105.7, 65.3, 60.5, 51.9, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{28}H_{22}NaO_3 [M+Na]^+ =$ 429.1461, found 429.1464;

11) *cis*-Methyl 6'-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro [indene-2,1'-naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ak)



96.4 mg, 48% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 5:1, white solid, m.p. = 230-232 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.5, 171.0, 150.5, 144.8, 143.7, 141.3, 139.2, 138.2, 137.6, 133.9, 130.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.2, 124.5, 121.6, 105.8, 65.3, 60.6, 52.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₇H₁₉ClNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 449.0915, found 449.0903;

12) *cis*-Dimethyl 3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1,6'-dicarboxylate (3al)



71.8 mg, 41% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 5:1, white solid, 157-158 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.29 (m,

2H), 6.19 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.48 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.8, 170.7, 166.1, 150.1, 149.3, 144.1, 141.2, 137.4, 131.1, 130.5, 130.5, 129.6, 129.5, 128.3, 127.8, 126.2, 124.8, 121.6, 105.9, 65.7, 60.5, 52.4, 52.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₃H₁₈NaO₅ [M+Na]⁺ = 397.1046, found 397.1045;

13) *cis*-Methyl 7'-hydroxy-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3am)



62.8 mg (0.3 mmol scale), 55% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 6:1, yellow oil liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.7, 171.3, 158.5, 150.4, 146.9, 146.1, 141.3, 137.6, 131.4, 129.3, 128.1, 126.2, 123.0, 121.5, 120.6, 114.8, 105.7, 65.7, 60.5, 51.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₆NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ = 355.0941, found 355.0937;

14) Methyl 7'-methoxy-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1' -naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3an and 3an')



3an, major, 68.5 mg, 49% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 3.5:1, light

yellow oil liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 171.0, 161.5, 150.7, 146.7, 145.1, 141.4, 137.6, 131.1, 129.3, 128.1, 126.2, 123.6, 121.5, 121.3, 113.7, 112.5, 105.6, 65.7, 60.6, 55.4, 51.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₈NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ = 369.1097, found 369.1087;

3an', minor, 19.5 mg, 14% yield, light yellow oil, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 171.0, 161.5, 150.7, 146.8, 145.1, 141.4, 137.7, 131.1, 129.3, 128.1, 126.2, 123.6, 121.5, 121.3, 113.7, 112.6, 105.6, 65.7, 60.6, 55.5, 51.9, 29.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₈NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ = 369.1097, found 369.1099;

15) *cis*-Methyl 7'-ethoxy-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ao)



61.6 mg, 31% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 2.6:1, yellow oil liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 4.02-3.96 (m, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 171.0, 160.9, 150.8, 146.8, 145.1, 141.4, 137.6, 131.1, 129.2, 128.1, 126.2, 123.4, 121.4, 121.1, 114.3, 112.7, 105.5, 65.6, 63.7, 60.6, 51.8, 14.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₆NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 383.1254, found 383.1244;

16) *cis*-Methyl 8'-fluoro-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ap)



50.3 mg, 30% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 4:1, yellow solid, m.p. = 182-184 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.8, 171.3, 160.1 (d, *J* = 249.2 Hz), 149.8, 144.1 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 141.4, 138.3, 132.5 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 130.5 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 129.2, 127.8, 126.3, 125.5 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 125.0, 121.4, 118.0 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 103.8, 61.5 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 59.3 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 51.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₅FNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 357.0897, found 357.0903;

17) *cis*-Ethyl 3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'-naphthalene] -1-carboxylate (3ba)



83.3 mg, 63% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 5.8:1, yellow solid, m.p. = 163-165 °C , ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 17.8, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 4.16-3.96 (m, 2H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 170.4, 150.7, 145.0, 144.7, 141.6, 137.7, 130.3, 130.2, 129.4, 129.3, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 126.2, 124.1, 121.5, 105.5, 65.5, 60.9, 60.5, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₈NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 355.1148, found 355.1153;

18) *cis*-Isopropyl 3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ca)



82.8 mg, 60% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 5.5:1, light yellow solid, m.p. = 122-123 °C, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 5.01-4.87 (m, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.48 (s, 1H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.4, 169.9, 150.79, 144.9, 144.8, 141.9, 137.7, 130.3, 130.3, 129.3, 129.3, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 126.1, 124.2, 121.5, 105.4, 68.7, 65.5, 60.6, 21.6, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₃H₂₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 367.1305, found 367.1305;

19) *cis*-Methyl 4-fluoro-1-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-3-carboxylate (3da)



83.0 mg, 59% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 7:1, light yellow solid, m.p. = 173-175 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.3, 169.4, 160.6, 158.6, 152.5 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 145.8, 142.4 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 130.8, 130.7 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 129.5, 129.0, 127.7, 127.3 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz), 127.2, 124.5, 117.0 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 116.2, 116.0, 107.4, 64.8, 60.6 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 52.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₅FNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 357.0898, found 357.0897; 20) *cis*-Methyl 4-chloro-1-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-3-carboxylate (3ea)



82.8 mg, 58% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 7:1, yellow oil liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.27 (m, 5H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.1, 169.2, 153.6, 146.3, 145.8, 142.5, 138.7, 132.6, 130.8, 130.2, 129.8, 129.5, 128.4, 127.8, 126.7, 125.2, 119.6, 108.0, 64.2, 63.4, 52.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₅ClNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 373.0595, found 373.0602;

21) *cis*-Methyl 5-methyl-1-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-3-carboxylate (3fa)



92.5 mg, 74% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 8:1, yellow solid, m.p. = 220-222 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.44 (s, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 171.1, 150.4, 145.1, 144.7, 141.5, 139.5, 135.1, 130.3, 130.2, 129.4, 129.2, 127.4, 127.4, 126.7, 124.0, 121.3, 104.5, 65.7, 60.3, 51.8, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₈NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 353.1154, found 353.1148;

22) *cis*-Methyl 5-chloro-1-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-3-carboxylate (3ga)



73.4 mg, 53% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 4.5:1, light yellow solid, m.p. = 197-198 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.4, 170.4, 149.3, 145.3, 143.9, 143.0, 136.2, 135.2, 130.5, 130.2, 129.6, 128.5, 127.6, 127.4, 126.5, 123.7, 122.4, 106.3, 65.6, 59.9, 52.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₅ClNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 373.0595, found 373.0602;

23) *cis*-Methyl 5-methyl-3-methylene-2'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3ha)



73.2 mg, 69% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 7.2:1, yellow oil liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.47 (s, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 171.1, 150.7, 145.1, 144.7, 138.7, 137.9, 137.7, 130.4, 130.3, 130.1, 129.4, 127.5, 127.4, 125.9, 124.0, 121.8, 105.2, 65.7, 60.4, 51.8, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₈NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 353.1148, found 353.1142;

24) *cis*-Methyl 3-methylene-1'-oxo-1,3-dihydro-1'H-spiro[indene-2,2'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (3aq)



59.2 mg, 50% yield (isolated yield of single isomer), dr = 6:1, yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.35 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.5, 171.1, 145.3, 141.5, 137.9, 137.8, 136.6, 134.3, 129.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 126.1, 125.9, 121.9, 105.6, 64.2, 58.2, 51.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₆NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 339.0993, found 339.0992;



In a dried glass tube, a mixture of LAuCl (0.015 mmol), additive (5 mol%) in solvent (4 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 mins. Subsequently, phenol (0.45 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at room temperature. Then a solution of diazo compounds (0.3 mmol) in solvent (1 mL) was introduced into the reaction mixture by a syringe in 15 mins. Then the resulting mixture was continually stirred at room temperature for 6 hours and diazo compound was consumed completely determined by TLC analysis. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 10:1 to 5:1 or PE/EA = 20:1 to 10:1) to afford the desired product.

25) Methyl 3'-methylene-4-oxo-1',3'-dihydrospiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-indene]-2,5diene-1'-carboxylate (6a)



50.1 mg, 45% yield, yellow solid, m.p = 131-132 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.33 (m, 3H), 6.93 (dd, J = 10.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, J = 10.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52-6.40 (m, 1H), 6.30-6.16 (m, 1H), 5.58 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 5.19-4.92 (m, 1H), 4.34 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.8, 170.3, 150.6, 148.3, 147.7, 139.4, 138.8, 129.8, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 126.7, 121.9, 107.3, 57.3, 55.8, 52.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₄NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 289.0835, found 289.0827;

26) Methyl 3,5-dimethoxy-3'-methylene-4-oxo-1',3'-dihydrospiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-indene]-2,5-diene-1'-carboxylate (6b)



57.2 mg, 57% yield, colorless solid, m.p. = 178-180 °C , ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.2, 175.8, 172.4, 170.7, 150.7, 141.4, 138.1, 129.1, 127.7, 126.5, 120.7, 103.9, 93.9, 91.1, 65.2, 56.3, 56.2, 55.9, 51.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₉H₁₈NaO₅ [M+Na]⁺ = 349.1040, found 349.1046;

27) Methyl 2-iodine-3'-methylene-4-oxo-1',3'-dihydrospiro[cyclohexane-1,2'indene]-2,5-diene-1'-carboxylate (6c and 6c')



dr = 2:1

Major: 44.9 mg, 38% yield, yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.4, 170.0, 158.4, 148.6, 146.5, 139.1, 138.4, 129.9, 128.9, 126.6, 125.5, 122.0, 107.8, 104.5, 59.5, 56.7, 52.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₃INaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ =414.9807, found 414.9800;

Minor: 22.5 mg, 19% yield, yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 3H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.36 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.5, 169.8, 156.2, 150.7, 146.3, 139.0, 138.3, 130.0, 128.9, 126.7, 126.5, 122.0, 107.9, 103.5, 59.8, 57.0, 52.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₃INaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ =414.9807, found 414.9793;

28) Methyl 2-tert-butyl-3'-methylene-4-oxo-1',3'-dihydrospiro[cyclohexane-1,2'indene]-2,5-diene-1'-carboxylate (6d)



64.1 mg, 66% yield, dr = 1.4:1, yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68-7.55 (m, 1 H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), [6.81 (dd, *J* = 9.8,

2.8 Hz, 0.6H), 6.70 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 0.4H)], [6.64 (dd, J = 9.8, 2.8 Hz, 0.4H), 6.52 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 0.6H)], [6.35 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 0.6H), 6.15 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 0.4H)], 5.53 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (s, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H), [1.29 (s, 3.8H), 1.17 (s, 5.3H)]; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [186.0, 185.9], 170.4, [148.6, 148.5], [148.2, 146.6], [145.7, 145.4], [144.1, 141.7], [139.6, 139.5], [139.1, 138.9], [131.1, 130.1], [129.7, 129.6], 128.5, [126.8, 126.7], 121.8, [106.7, 106.6], [57.6, 57.3], [56.0, 55.6], [52.0, 51.9], [34.6, 34.5], [29.1, 29.0]. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₂₂NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 345.1467, found 345.1460;

29) Methyl 2-tert-butyl-6-methyl-3'-methylene-4-oxo-1',3'-dihydrospiro [cyclohexane-1,2'-indene]-2,5-diene-1'-carboxylate (6e)



70.3 mg, 70% yield, dr = 1.4:1, yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 3H), [6.69 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 0.4H), 6.62 (dd, J = 2.7, 1.3 Hz, 0.6H)], [6.51 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 0.6H), 6.46 (dd, J = 2.7, 1.3 Hz, 0.4H)], 5.50 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), [3.63 (s, 1.7H), 3.60 (s, 1.3H)], [1.97 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1.7H), 1.83 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1.3H)], [1.29 (s, 3.7H), 1.17 (s, 5.2H)]; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [186.5, 186.4], [170.7, 170.6], [149.1, 149.0], [146.2, 145.0], [144.1, 144.0], [141.4, 141.1], [139.8, 139.6], [139.2, 139.1], [136.6, 136.0], [129.5, 129.4], [128.5, 128.4], [126.8, 126.7], [121.8, 121.7], [106.3, 106.1], [57.5, 57.4], [55.5, 55.1], [51.9, 51.8], [34.6, 34.5], [29.2, 29.1], [16.4, 16.3]; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₄NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 359.1623, found 359.1609;

30) Methyl 2,6-diisopropyl-3'-methylene-4-oxo-1',3'-dihydrospiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-indene]-2,5-diene-1'-carboxylate (6f)



66.8 mg (0.5 mmol scale), 41% yield, yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 6.59 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (dd, J = 2.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.30 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.11 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 ((hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.97 (dd, J = 6.9, 4.7 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.0, 170.5, 149.1, 145.5, 144.6, 142.3, 139.7, 139.6, 139.2, 129.5, 128.4, 126.7, 121.8, 106.2, 57.5, 54.9, 51.8, 26.4, 26.2, 22.1, 22.0, 21.7, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₃H₂₆NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 373.1780, found 373.1768;

31) Methyl 2,6-di-tert-butyl-3'-methylene-4-oxo-1',3'-dihydrospiro[cyclohexane -1,2'-indene]-2,5-diene-1'-carboxylate (6g)



33.3 mg, 30% yield, yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 6.61 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 9H), 1.16 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.4 170.6, 149.7, 147.8, 146.6, 141.9, 139.7, 139.3, 139.2, 129.5, 128.4, 126.8, 121.8, 106.1, 57.7, 55.0, 51.8, 34.9, 34.8, 29.5, 29.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₃₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 401.2093, found 401.2086.

5. Transformations of products

1) Methyl 3-methyl-2'-oxo-1,3,3',4'-tetrahydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,1'naphthalene]-1-carboxylate (7)



In a dried Schlenk tube, Pd/C (16.0 mg, palladium on activated carbon, 10% Pd basis, 0.1 equiv.) was added to a solution of **3aa** (63.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under H₂ atmosphere (1 atm) at rt for 12 h. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the crude reaction mixture was filtered with celite and washed with EtOAc. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Then the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 10:1) to afford the desired product **7** (47.4 mg, 74% yield) as a colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 3.80 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.43-3.26 (m, 1H), 3.11 (ddd, *J* = 15.7, 6.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.81-2.57 (m, 2H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.5, 171.7, 143.2, 140.9, 138.6, 137.7, 128.3, 127.5, 127.3, 126.9, 126.7, 126.7, 124.0, 122.3, 64.8, 62.3, 52.9, 51.9, 41.2, 29.2, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₂₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ = 343.1298, found 343.1305.

2) 13-methylene-6a-vinyl-8a,13-dihydro-6aH,8H-indeno[2,1-c]naphtho[2,1-b] furan-8-one (8)



To a solution of **3aa** (63.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added vinyl magnesium bromide (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) slowly, and the reaction was then stirred at room temprerature. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were combined and dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated by rotary evaporation. Then the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford product **8** as a yellow oil, 46.9 mg, 75% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.90 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 149.4, 140.7, 139.1, 138.6, 137.7, 132.5, 129.6, 129.6, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 125.0, 123.0, 121.6, 116.3, 107.8, 87.2, 63.5, 53.4; RMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₆NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ = 335.1045, found 335.1043;

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7. X-ray Crystal data for 3aa, 3aa' and 3aq.



8. NMR Spectra of new compounds
































































































































































