

Supporting Information

Ligand-Enabled Gold-Catalyzed 1,2-Heteroarylation of Alkenes

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1. General Information:

1.1 Practical considerations:

Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out in oven dried vials or reaction vessels with magnetic stirring under nitrogen atmosphere. Gold-catalyzed heteroarylation reactions were performed in 2.5 mL glass vials with a PTFE-lined cap, whereas all other reactions were performed in round-bottom flasks with rubber septa. All experiments were monitored by analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC). The TLC was performed on pre-coated silica gel plates. After elution, plate was visualized under UV illumination at 254 nm for UV active materials. Further visualization was achieved by staining iodine, potassium permanganate solution and charring on a hot plate. Solvents were removed in vacuo and heated with a water bath at 35 °C. Silica gel finer than 200 mesh was used for flash column chromatography. Columns were packed as slurry of silica gel in petroleum ether and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent mixture prior to use. The compounds were loaded neat or as a concentrated solution using the appropriate solvent system. The elution was assisted by applying pressure with an air pump.

1.2 Materials:

Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. DCM, DCE, and petroleum ether were dried by using standard protocol under nitrogen atmosphere. Gold and silver salts were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and stored under nitrogen atmosphere.

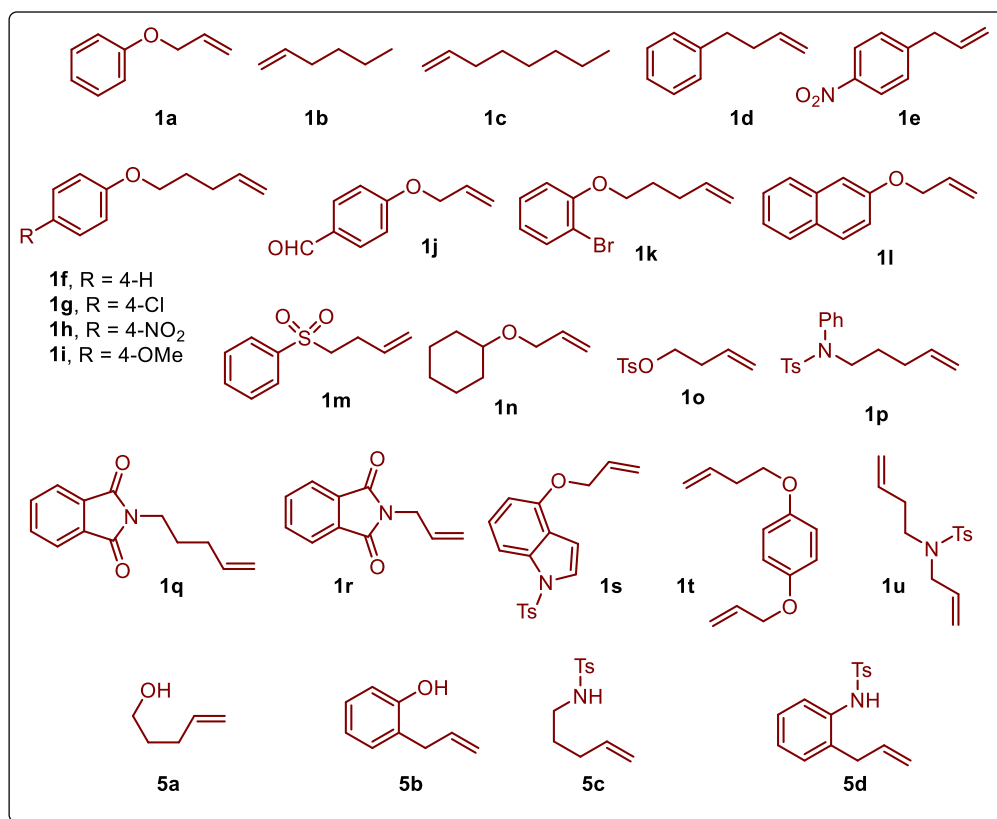
1.3 Instrumentation:

¹H NMR spectra and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III, 400, 500 and 700 MHz spectrometers in appropriate solvents using TMS as internal standard or the solvent signals as secondary standards and the chemical shifts are shown in δ scales. Multiplicities of ¹H NMR signals are designated as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublet of doublet), dt (doublet of triplet), td (triplet of doublet), dq (doublet of quartet), ddd (doublet of doublet of doublet), dtd (doublet of triplet of doublet), dddd (doublet of doublet of doublet of doublet), tdd (triplet of

doublet of doublet), q (quartet), qd (quartet of doublet), quin (quintet), br.s. (broad singlet), m (multiplet), etc. HRMS data were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics MicroTOF-Q-II with Electron Spray Ionization (ESI). Single crystal X-ray diffraction measurements were carried out on Bruker D8 Venture Dual source X-ray diffractometer and Bruker APEX-II CCD systems.

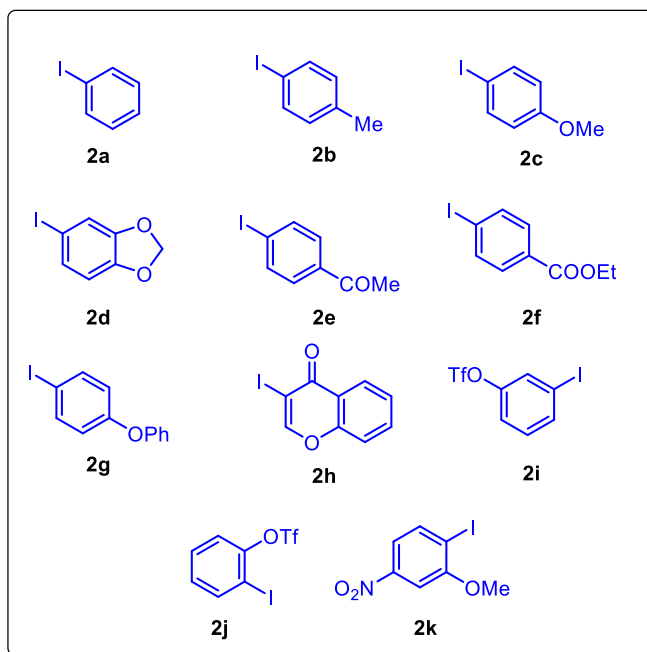
2. Synthesis of starting materials:

2.1 Synthesis of alkenes:



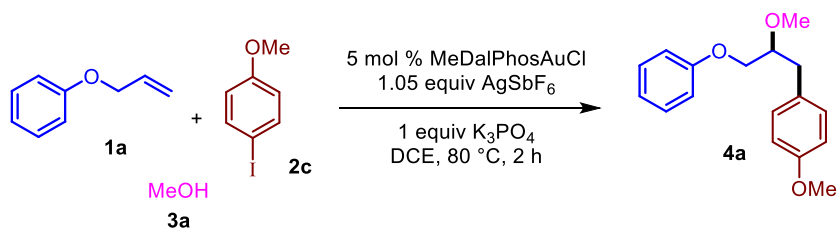
Alkenes	Sources
1b, 1c and 5a	Commercially available
1a, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h, 1i, 1j, 1k, 1l, 1m, 1n, 1o, 1p, 1q, 1r, 1s, 1t, 1u, 5b, 5c and 5d	Reported in the literature. Prepared by the literature known procedures

2.2 Synthesis of aryl iodide:



Aryl iodide	Sources
2a, 2b, 2c and 2e	Commercially available
2d, 2f, 2g, 2h, 2i, 2j and 2k	Reported in the literature. Prepared by the literature known procedures

3. Gold-catalyzed three-component 1,2-oxyarylation of alkenes:

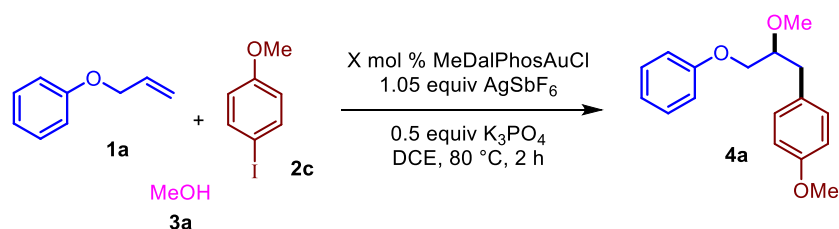


An oven-dried screw-cap vial, equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was loaded with the (allyloxy)benzene (**1a**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), 4-iodoanisole (**2a**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), (Me-DalPhos)AuCl (0.05 equiv, 0.01 mmol), K₃PO₄ (1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), methanol (**3a**, 10 equiv, 2

mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) (0.1 M). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min then AgSbF₆ (1.05 equiv, 0.21 mmol) was added and allowed to stir at 80 °C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, it was diluted with DCM (5 mL), filtered through a short pad of celite, concentrated and subsequently purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the desired 1,2- oxyrylation product **4a** in 75% yield. The optimization studies are given below.

3.1 Optimization studies:

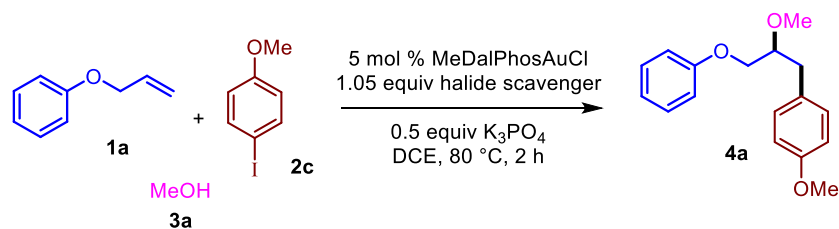
a) Effect of catalyst loading:^[a]



Sr.no	X	Yield % ^[b]
1	2.5	48
2	1	20

^[a]Reaction conditions: 0.2 mmol **1a**, 0.2 mmol **2a**, 2 mmol **3a**, x mol % (Me-DalPhos)AuCl, 0.21 mmol AgSbF₆, 0.1 mmol K₃PO₄, DCE (0.1 M), 80 °C, 2 h. ^[b]Isolated yields.

b) Effect of halide scavengers:^[a]

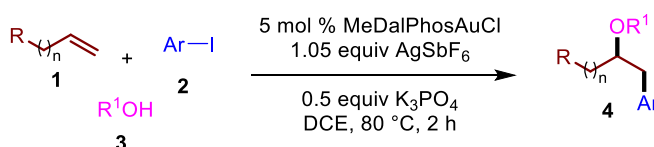


Sr.no	Halide scavenger	Yield % ^[b]
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1	AgOTf	-- ^[c]
2	AgNTf ₂	-- ^[c]
3	AgBF ₄	52
4	AgPF ₆	-- ^[c]
5	AgOTs	-- ^[c]
6	AgOAc	-- ^[c]
7	NaBARF	-- ^[c]

^[a]Reaction conditions: 0.2 mmol **1a**, 0.2 mmol **2a**, 2 mmol **3a**, 5 mol % (Me-DalPhos)AuCl, 0.21 mmol halide scavenger, 0.1 mmol K₃PO₄, DCE (0.1 M), 80 °C, 2 h. ^[b]Isolated yields. ^[c] no reaction

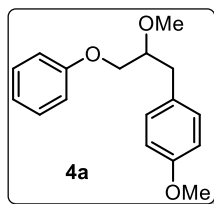
4. General procedure for the gold-catalyzed three-component 1,2-oxyarylation of alkenes:



An oven-dried screw-cap vial, equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was loaded with the aryl iodide (**2**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), alkene (**1**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), (MeDalPhos)AuCl (0.05 equiv, 0.01 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.5 equiv, 0.1 mmol), alcohol (**3**, 10 equiv, 2 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) (0.1 M). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min then AgSbF₆ (1.05 equiv, 0.21 mmol) was added and allowed to stir at 80 °C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, it was diluted with DCM (5 mL), filtered through a short pad of celite, concentrated and subsequently purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the desired 1,2-oxyarylation product **4**.

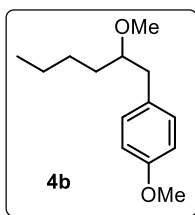
• Characterization data:

1-Methoxy-4-(2-methoxy-3-phenoxypropyl)benzene (4a):



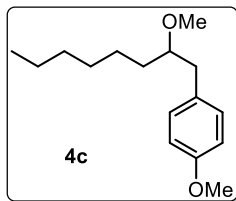
Colourless liquid, 40 mg, 75% yield, R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 7.31 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 7.19 - 7.15 (m, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.93 - 6.88 (m, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.00 - 3.90 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.76 - 3.70 (m, 1 H), 3.47 (s, 3 H), 2.93 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 158.7, 158.1, 130.4, 130.0, 129.4, 120.8, 114.6, 113.8, 80.7, 68.3, 57.9, 55.2, 36.5; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 295.1305, found 295.1313;

1-Methoxy-4-(2-methoxyhexyl)benzene (4b):



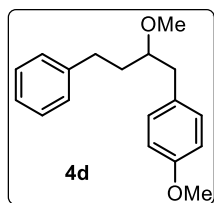
Colourless liquid, 24 mg, 54% yield, R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98/02); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 7.15 - 7.10 (m, 2 H), 6.86 - 6.81 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.37 - 3.28 (m, 4 H), 2.78 (dd, J = 6.2, 13.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.66 (dd, J = 6.1, 13.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.54 - 1.39 (m, 3 H), 1.35 - 1.25 (m, 3 H), 0.92 - 0.86 (m, 3 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 157.9, 131.2, 130.3, 113.6, 82.5, 56.9, 55.2, 39.1, 33.1, 27.5, 22.8, 14.1; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 245.1512, found 245.1483.

1-Methoxy-4-(2-methoxyoctyl)benzene (4c):



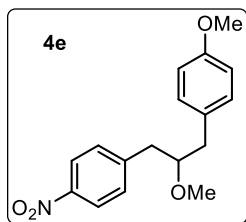
Colourless liquid, 29 mg, 58% yield, $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98/02); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 7.15 - 7.10$ (m, 2 H), 6.87 - 6.81 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.34 - 3.29 (m, 4 H), 2.78 (dd, $J = 6.1, 13.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.66 (dd, $J = 6.1, 13.9$ Hz, 1 H), 1.44 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 3 H), 1.35 - 1.24 (m, 7 H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 157.9, 131.2, 130.3, 113.6, 82.5, 56.9, 55.2, 39.1, 33.4, 31.8, 29.4, 25.3, 22.6, 14.1$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 273.1825, found 273.1847.

1-Methoxy-4-(2-methoxy-4-phenylbutyl)benzene (4d):



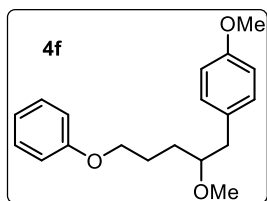
Colourless liquid, 35 mg, 66% yield, $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 7.33 - 7.26$ (m, 2 H), 7.23 - 7.16 (m, 3 H), 7.15 - 7.10 (m, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 6.88 - 6.83 (m, 2 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.46 - 3.31 (m, 4 H), 2.90 - 2.61 (m, 4 H), 1.82 - 1.73 (m, 2 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 158.0, 142.3, 130.8, 130.3, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 113.7, 81.6, 57.0, 55.2, 39.0, 35.3, 31.6$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 293.1512, found 293.1505.

1-Methoxy-4-(2-methoxy-3-(4-nitrophenyl)propyl)benzene (4e):



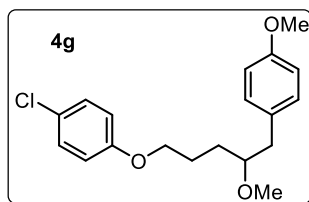
Colourless liquid, 45 mg, 75% yield, $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 8.17 - 8.11$ (m, 2 H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.15 - 7.09 (m, 2 H), 6.88 - 6.83 (m, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.62 - 3.56 (m, 1 H), 3.26 (s, 3 H), 2.90 - 2.82 (m, 2 H), 2.81 - 2.76 (m, 1 H), 2.68 (dd, $J = 6.3, 14.0$ Hz, 1 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 158.2, 147.2, 146.5, 130.3, 130.2, 130.1, 123.3, 113.8, 83.0, 57.5, 55.2, 39.9, 39.1$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 302.1419, found 302.1423.

1-Methoxy-4-(2-methoxy-5-phenoxypropyl)benzene (4f):



Colourless liquid, 32 mg, 56% yield, $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98/02); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 7.31 - 7.26$ (m, 2 H), 7.17 - 7.12 (m, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 6.97 - 6.92 (m, 1 H), 6.91 - 6.87 (m, 2 H), 6.87 - 6.83 (m, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 3.96 (dt, $J = 3.1, 6.4$ Hz, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.41 (dd, $J = 4.7, 6.3$ Hz, 1 H), 3.36 (s, 3 H), 2.85 (dd, $J = 6.0, 13.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (dd, $J = 6.3, 13.8$ Hz, 1 H), 2.00 - 1.91 (m, 1 H), 1.87 - 1.78 (m, 1 H), 1.73 - 1.65 (m, 1 H), 1.62 - 1.50 (m, 1 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 159.0, 158.0, 130.8, 130.3, 129.4, 120.5, 114.5, 113.7, 82.1, 67.8, 57.0, 55.2, 39.0, 29.9, 25.2$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 323.1618, found 323.1636.

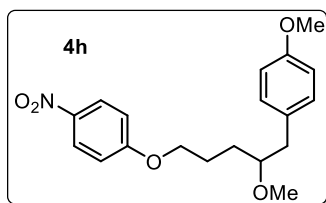
1-Chloro-4-((4-methoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pentyl)oxy)benzene (4g):



Colourless liquid, 47 mg, 71% yield, $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98/02); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 7.24 - 7.20$ (m, 2 H), 7.15 - 7.11 (m, 2 H), 6.87 - 6.83 (m, 2 H), 6.82 - 6.78 (m, 2 H), 3.91 (dt, $J = 1.8, 6.5$ Hz, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.43 - 3.38 (m, 1 H), 3.36 (s, 3 H), 2.85 (dd, $J = 5.8, 13.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.68 (dd, $J = 6.5, 13.8$ Hz, 1 H), 1.98 - 1.89 (m, 1 H),

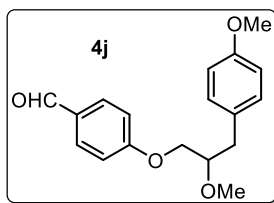
1.85 - 1.75 (m, 1 H), 1.68 - 1.61 (m, 1 H), 1.59 - 1.50 (m, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 158.0, 157.6, 130.7, 130.3, 129.2, 125.3, 115.7, 113.7, 82.0, 68.2, 57.0, 55.2, 39.0, 29.8, 25.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClO}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^{+}$ 357.1228, found 357.1241.

1-Methoxy-4-(2-methoxy-5-(4-nitrophenoxy)pentyl)benzene (4h):



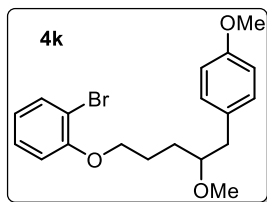
Colourless liquid, 40 mg, 61% yield, R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 8.21 - 8.16 (m, 2 H), 7.14 - 7.09 (m, 2 H), 6.94 - 6.89 (m, 2 H), 6.86 - 6.81 (m, 2 H), 4.07 - 4.00 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.44 - 3.38 (m, 1 H), 3.37 (s, 3 H), 2.87 (dd, J = 5.6, 13.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.67 (dd, J = 6.7, 13.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.03 - 1.93 (m, 1 H), 1.90 - 1.79 (m, 1 H), 1.71 - 1.62 (m, 1 H), 1.54 (dddd, J = 5.3, 7.7, 10.2, 14.0 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 164.1, 158.0, 141.3, 130.5, 130.3, 125.8, 114.4, 113.7, 81.9, 68.8, 57.0, 55.2, 38.9, 29.7, 24.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^{+}$ 368.1468, found 368.1476.

4-((4-methoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pentyl)oxy)benzaldehyde (4j):



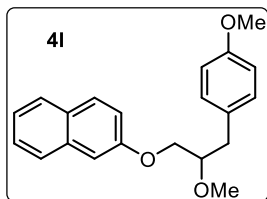
Colourless liquid, 32 mg, 56% yield, R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98/02); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 9.89 (s, 1 H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.20 - 7.08 (m, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.01 - 6.96 (m, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.10 - 3.91 (m, 2 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.76 - 3.72 (m, 1 H), 3.47 (s, 3 H), 2.99 - 2.86 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 190.8, 163.8, 158.3, 131.9, 130.3, 130.1, 129.6, 114.8, 113.9, 80.5, 68.8, 58.0, 55.2, 36.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^{+}$ 323.1254, found 323.1269.

1-Bromo-2-((4-methoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pentyl)oxy)benzene (4k)



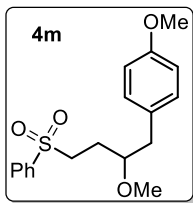
Colourless liquid, 48 mg, 65% yield, R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 7.15 - 7.11 (m, 3 H), 7.08 - 7.05 (m, 1 H), 7.03 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.87 - 6.84 (m, 2 H), 6.80 (ddd, J = 1.1, 2.4, 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.95 - 3.91 (m, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.43 - 3.38 (m, 1 H), 3.36 (s, 3 H), 2.85 (dd, J = 5.8, 13.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.68 (dd, J = 6.5, 13.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.97 - 1.88 (m, 1 H), 1.85 - 1.77 (m, 1 H), 1.70 - 1.64 (m, 1 H), 1.58 - 1.49 (m, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 159.8, 158.0, 130.7, 130.4, 130.3, 123.6, 122.7, 117.7, 113.7, 113.5, 82.0, 68.2, 57.0, 55.2, 39.0, 29.8, 25.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrO}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 401.0723, found 401.0736.

2-(2-Methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propoxy)naphthalene (4l):



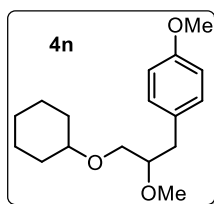
Colourless liquid, 42 mg, 66% yield, R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 7.79 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (ddd, J = 1.2, 6.9, 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 1.1, 6.9, 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 - 7.18 (m, 3 H), 7.06 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.91 - 6.83 (m, 2 H), 4.12 (dd, J = 4.0, 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.05 (dd, J = 5.1, 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.83 - 3.79 (m, 4 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 2.99 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 158.1, 156.7, 134.4, 130.4, 129.9, 129.3, 129.0, 127.6, 126.7, 126.3, 123.6, 119.0, 113.8, 106.6, 80.7, 68.3, 57.9, 55.2, 36.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 345.1461, found 345.1474.

1-Methoxy-4-(2-methoxy-4-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl)benzene (4m):



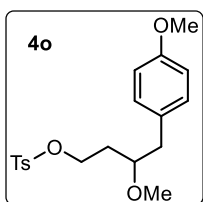
Colourless liquid, 35 mg, 53% yield, $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 7.86 - 7.83$ (m, 2 H), 7.67 - 7.62 (m, 1 H), 7.56 - 7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.05 - 7.01 (m, 2 H), 6.83 - 6.79 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.46 - 3.41 (m, 1 H), 3.28 (s, 3 H), 3.11 (s, 2 H), 2.82 (dd, $J = 5.5, 13.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (dd, $J = 7.1, 13.8$ Hz, 1 H), 1.99 - 1.90 (m, 1 H), 1.71 (dddd, $J = 5.3, 8.0, 10.2, 14.1$ Hz, 1 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 158.2, 139.0, 133.6, 130.2, 129.5, 129.2, 128.0, 113.9, 80.0, 57.0, 55.2, 52.4, 38.7, 26.3$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 357.1131, found 357.1144.

1-(3-(Cyclohexyloxy)-2-methoxypropyl)-4-methoxybenzene (4n):



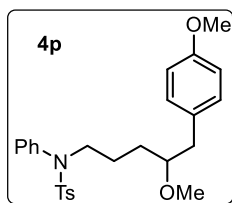
Colourless liquid, 30 mg, 55% yield, $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 7.17 - 7.12$ (m, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 6.86 - 6.81 (m, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.51 - 3.43 (m, 2 H), 3.39 (s, 3 H), 3.23 - 3.16 (m, 1 H), 2.85 - 2.73 (m, 2 H), 1.94 - 1.85 (m, 2 H), 1.74 (dd, $J = 3.3, 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 1.65 - 1.60 (m, 1 H), 1.54 (br. s., 1 H), 1.33 - 1.19 (m, 5 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 157.9, 130.8, 130.4, 113.6, 81.7, 78.1, 68.7, 57.7, 55.2, 36.6, 32.2, 25.8, 24.1$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 301.1774, found 301.1788.

3-Methoxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (4o):



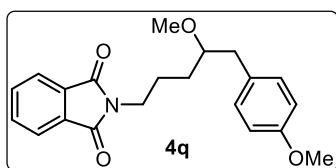
Colourless liquid, 38 mg, 56% yield, R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 7.79 - 7.75 (m, 2 H), 7.36 - 7.31 (m, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.07 - 7.03 (m, 2 H), 6.84 - 6.80 (m, 2 H), 4.14 (dt, J = 5.3, 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.07 (ddd, J = 4.7, 6.1, 9.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.46 - 3.40 (m, 1 H), 3.23 (s, 3 H), 2.76 (dd, J = 5.6, 13.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.62 (dd, J = 6.6, 13.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 1.80 (dddd, J = 3.4, 6.2, 8.6, 14.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.67 - 1.57 (m, 1 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 158.1, 144.6, 133.0, 130.3, 129.7, 127.8, 113.7, 77.9, 67.5, 57.2, 55.1, 38.7, 33.2, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_5\text{S}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 387.1237, found 387.1245.

N-(4-methoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pentyl)-4-methyl-N-phenylbenzenesulfonamide (4p):



Colourless liquid, 62 mg, 69% yield, R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80/20); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 7.47 - 7.43 (m, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 - 7.27 (m, 3 H), 7.25 - 7.22 (m, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.07 - 7.03 (m, 2 H), 7.01 - 6.96 (m, 2 H), 6.84 - 6.80 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.56 - 3.46 (m, 2 H), 3.31 - 3.27 (m, 1 H), 3.27 - 3.24 (m, 3 H), 2.75 (dd, J = 6.0, 13.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.55 (dd, J = 6.6, 13.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 1.57 - 1.35 (m, 4 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 157.9, 143.2, 139.0, 135.2, 130.7, 130.2, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 127.7, 113.7, 81.7, 56.8, 55.2, 55.2, 50.4, 38.9, 29.9, 24.0, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 476.1866, found 476.1867.

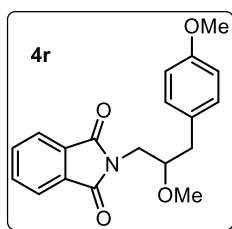
2-(4-Methoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pentyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (4q):



White solid, 42 mg, 60% yield, R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 7.85 - 7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.74 - 7.68 (m, 2 H), 7.11 - 7.05 (m, 2 H),

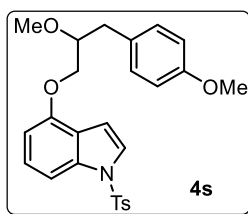
6.81 - 6.76 (m, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 3.71 - 3.63 (m, 2 H), 3.39 - 3.33 (m, 1 H), 3.31 (s, 3 H), 2.78 (dd, $J = 6.0, 13.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.62 (dd, $J = 6.4, 13.7$ Hz, 1 H), 1.91 - 1.79 (m, 1 H), 1.73 - 1.64 (m, 1 H), 1.56 - 1.41 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) $\delta = 168.3, 157.9, 133.8, 132.1, 130.6, 130.2, 123.1, 113.6, 81.8, 57.1, 55.1, 39.0, 37.9, 30.5, 24.4$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 376.1519, found 376.1533.

2-(2-Methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (4r):



White solid, 36 mg, 55% yield, $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) $\delta = 7.86 - 7.82$ (m, 2 H), 7.73 - 7.69 (m, 2 H), 7.18 - 7.15 (m, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 6.82 - 6.78 (m, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 3.85 - 3.78 (m, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 3.74 - 3.67 (m, 1 H), 3.30 (s, 3 H), 2.88 - 2.82 (m, 1 H), 2.78 - 2.73 (m, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) $\delta = 168.3, 157.9, 133.8, 132.1, 130.6, 130.2, 123.1, 113.6, 81.8, 57.1, 55.1, 37.9, 24.4$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 348.1206, found 348.1221.

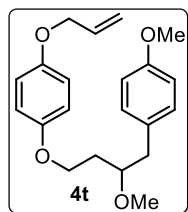
4-(2-Methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propoxy)-1-tosyl-1H-indole (4s):



Colourless liquid, 51 mg, 55% yield, $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) $\delta = 7.78 - 7.74$ (m, 2 H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.24 - 7.17 (m, 3 H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 6.84 - 6.78 (m, 3 H), 6.56 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1 H), 4.02 (dq, $J = 4.8, 9.9$ Hz, 2 H), 3.79 - 3.75 (m, 4 H), 3.45 (s, 3 H), 2.92 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) $\delta = 158.2, 152.2, 144.9, 136.2, 135.3, 130.4, 129.9, 129.8, 126.8, 125.5, 124.8, 121.3, 113.8, 106.7, 106.2, 104.4, 80.7, 69.0$,

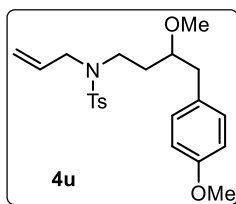
58.1, 55.2, 36.7, 21.5; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $C_{26}H_{27}NO_5S$ ($M + Na$)⁺ 488.1502, found 488.1529.

1-(Allyloxy)-4-(3-methoxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butoxy)benzene (4t):



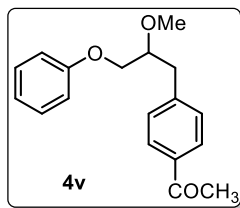
Colourless liquid, 18 mg, 48% yield, *R_f* = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d)** δ = 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.85 - 6.81 (m, 6 H), 5.91 (tdd, *J* = 6.7, 10.3, 17.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.20 - 5.09 (m, 2 H), 3.99 - 3.95 (m, 2 H), 3.94 - 3.83 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.73 - 3.63 (m, 1 H), 3.45 (s, 3 H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.56 - 2.50 (m, 2 H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d)** δ = 158.1, 153.2, 153.0, 134.6, 130.4, 130.1, 116.9, 115.5, 113.8, 80.8, 69.1, 67.9, 57.8, 55.2, 36.5, 33.7; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $C_{21}H_{26}O_4$ ($M + Na$)⁺ 365.1723, found 365.1733.

N-allyl-N-(3-methoxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4u):



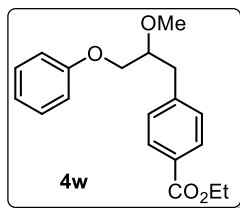
Colourless liquid, 35 mg, 43% yield, *R_f* = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d)** δ = 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.29 (s, 2 H), 7.11 - 7.07 (m, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.85 - 6.82 (m, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 5.54 (tdd, *J* = 6.4, 10.3, 16.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.11 - 5.04 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.44 - 3.38 (m, 1 H), 3.35 - 3.32 (m, 3 H), 3.32 - 3.26 (m, 1 H), 3.11 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 8.9, 13.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 13.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 13.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 1.75 - 1.68 (m, 2 H), 1.55 (dtd, *J* = 4.9, 8.5, 13.6 Hz, 1 H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d)** δ = 158.0, 143.1, 136.9, 133.2, 130.3, 129.6, 127.1, 118.6, 113.7, 79.5, 56.8, 55.2, 50.7, 44.0, 38.6, 31.9, 21.4; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $C_{22}H_{29}NO_4S$ ($M + Na$)⁺ 426.1710, found 426.1730.

1-(4-(2-Methoxy-3-phenoxypropyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (4v):



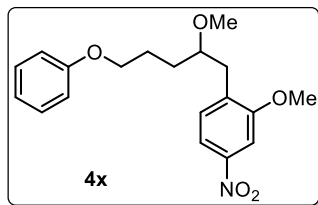
Colourless liquid, 34 mg, 60% yield, R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 7.92 - 7.88 (m, 2 H), 7.37 - 7.34 (m, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.91 (dd, J = 0.8, 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.95 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.82 - 3.76 (m, 1 H), 3.44 (s, 3 H), 3.11 - 2.99 (m, 2 H), 2.59 (s, 3 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 197.8, 158.6, 144.0, 135.5, 129.7, 129.5, 128.4, 121.0, 114.5, 80.2, 68.2, 58.0, 37.7, 26.5; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 307.1305, found 307.1316.

Ethyl 4-(2-methoxy-3-phenoxypropyl)benzoate (4w):



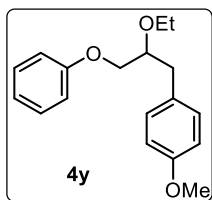
Colourless liquid, 34 mg, 54% yield, R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 8.00 - 7.96 (m, 2 H), 7.34 - 7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.31 - 7.27 (m, 2 H), 6.99 - 6.95 (m, 1 H), 6.90 (dd, J = 0.8, 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.38 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.95 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 2 H), 3.80 - 3.76 (m, 1 H), 3.44 (s, 3 H), 3.09 - 2.99 (m, 2 H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 166.6, 158.6, 143.5, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 121.0, 114.5, 80.3, 68.2, 60.8, 58.0, 37.7, 14.3; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 337.1410, found 337.1391.

2-Methoxy-1-(2-methoxy-5-phenoxypropyl)-4-nitrobenzene (4x):



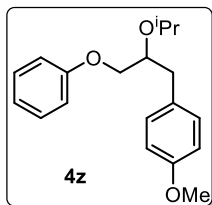
Colourless liquid, 38 mg, 56% yield, R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 7.81 (dd, J = 2.3, 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 - 7.27 (m, 2 H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.90 - 6.85 (m, 2 H), 3.99 - 3.95 (m, 2 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H), 3.57 - 3.48 (m, 1 H), 3.33 (s, 3 H), 2.98 (dd, J = 6.4, 13.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.85 (dd, J = 6.0, 13.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.00 - 1.92 (m, 1 H), 1.88 - 1.81 (m, 1 H), 1.72 - 1.62 (m, 2 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 158.9, 157.7, 147.6, 135.5, 131.4, 129.4, 120.6, 115.7, 114.4, 105.1, 79.9, 67.6, 57.1, 55.8, 34.8, 30.4, 25.1; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 368.1468, found 368.1473.

1-(2-Ethoxy-3-phenoxypropyl)-4-methoxybenzene (4y):



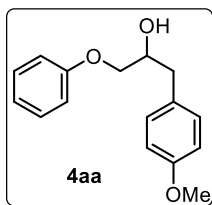
Colourless liquid, 38 mg, 66% yield, R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 7.31 - 7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.20 - 7.16 (m, 2 H), 6.99 - 6.93 (m, 1 H), 6.93 - 6.89 (m, 2 H), 6.86 - 6.82 (m, 2 H), 3.94 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 4 H), 3.69 - 3.63 (m, 1 H), 3.55 (qd, J = 7.0, 9.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.97 - 2.86 (m, 2 H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ = 158.8, 158.1, 130.5, 130.3, 129.4, 120.7, 114.6, 113.7, 79.1, 68.9, 65.7, 55.2, 37.2, 15.5; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 309.1461, found 309.1481.

1-(2-Isopropoxy-3-phenoxypropyl)-4-methoxybenzene (4z):



Pale yellow liquid, 35 mg, 58% yield, *R_f* = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*)** δ = 7.31 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 7.20 - 7.16 (m, 2 H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.92 - 6.88 (m, 2 H), 6.86 - 6.82 (m, 2 H), 3.95 - 3.88 (m, 2 H), 3.87 - 3.83 (m, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (td, *J* = 6.1, 12.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 13.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.02 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3 H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*)** δ = 158.8, 158.1, 130.6, 130.5, 129.4, 120.7, 114.5, 113.6, 71.4, 69.7, 55.2, 38.1, 22.7, 22.5; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₁₉H₂₄O₃ (M + Na)⁺ 323.1618, found 323.1622.

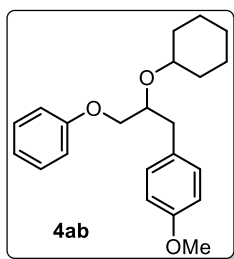
1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-phenoxypropan-2-ol (4aa):¹



White solid, 27 mg, 53% yield, *R_f* = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80/20); **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*)** δ = 7.33 - 7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.20 - 7.17 (m, 2 H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 6.89 - 6.85 (m, 2 H), 4.25 - 4.17 (m, 1 H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 9.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 9.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.31 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1 H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*)** δ = 158.5, 158.4, 130.3, 129.5, 129.4, 121.1, 114.6, 114.0, 71.2, 70.9, 55.2, 38.9; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₁₆H₁₈O₃ (M + Na)⁺ 281.1148, found 281.1161.

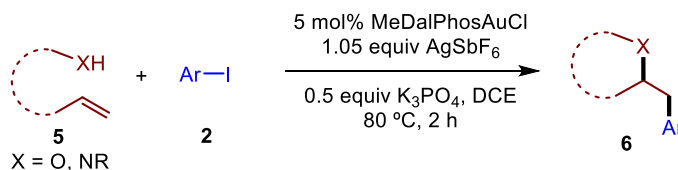
1-(2-(Cyclohexyloxy)-3-phenoxypropyl)-4-methoxybenzene (4ab):

¹ A. Ebrahim-Alkhalil, Z.-Q. Zhang, T.-J. Gong, W. Su, X.-Y. Lu, B. Xiao, Y. Fu, *Chem. Commun.*, 2016, **52**, 4891.



Colourless liquid, 35 mg, 51% yield, R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHCl_3 -d) δ = 7.31 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 7.20 - 7.17 (m, 2 H), 6.98 - 6.93 (m, 1 H), 6.92 - 6.89 (m, 2 H), 6.86 - 6.82 (m, 2 H), 3.92 - 3.90 (m, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.34 - 3.27 (m, 1 H), 2.98 - 2.91 (m, 1 H), 2.84 - 2.78 (m, 1 H), 1.93 - 1.85 (m, 1 H), 1.76 - 1.69 (m, 2 H), 1.66 (br. s., 1 H), 1.53 - 1.47 (m, 1 H), 1.35 - 1.11 (m, 6 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHCl_3 -d) δ = 158.8, 158.0, 130.6, 130.5, 129.4, 120.7, 114.5, 113.6, 69.6, 55.2, 38.2, 33.0, 32.6, 25.7, 24.2, 24.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 363.1931, found 363.1940.

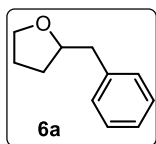
5. General procedure for the gold-catalyzed two-component 1,2-oxy- and 1,2-aminoarylation of alkenes:



An oven-dried screw-cap vial, equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was loaded with the alkene (**5**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), aryl iodide (**2**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), (MeDalPhos)AuCl (0.05 equiv, 0.01 mmol), K_3PO_4 (0.5 equiv, 0.1 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) (0.1 M). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min then AgSbF₆ (1.05 equiv, 0.21 mmol) was added and allowed to stir at 80 °C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, it was diluted with DCM (5 mL), filtered through a short pad of celite, concentrated and subsequently purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the desired 1,2-oxy- or 1,2-aminoarylation product **6**.

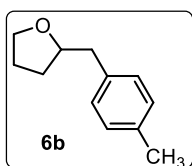
• Characterization data:

2-Benzyltetrahydrofuran (6a):²



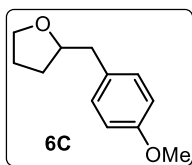
Colourless liquid, 28 mg, 86% yield, $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98/02); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 7.32 - 7.20$ (m, 5 H), 4.08 (quin, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 3.94 - 3.88 (m, 1 H), 3.75 (dt, $J = 6.4, 7.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.94 (dd, $J = 6.4, 13.6$ Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (dd, $J = 6.6, 13.6$ Hz, 1 H), 1.97 - 1.83 (m, 3 H), 11.58 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 139.0, 129.2, 128.3, 126.1, 80.0, 67.9, 41.9, 31.0, 25.6$.

2-(4-Methylbenzyl)tetrahydrofuran (6b):²



Colourless liquid, 34 mg, 96% yield, $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 98/02); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 7.14 - 7.09$ (m, 4 H), 4.05 (quin, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 3.94 - 3.87 (m, 1 H), 3.74 (dt, $J = 6.2, 7.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.90 (dd, $J = 6.4, 13.6$ Hz, 1 H), 2.72 (dd, $J = 6.6, 13.6$ Hz, 1 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 1.96 - 1.82 (m, 3 H), 1.61 - 1.52 (m, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 135.9, 135.6, 129.0, 129.0, 80.2, 67.9, 41.5, 30.9, 25.6, 21.0$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 199.1093, found 199.1123.

2-(4-Methoxybenzyl)tetrahydrofuran (6c):³

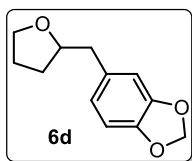


² B. Sahoo, M. N. Hopkinson, F. Glorius, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2013, **135**, 5505.

³ D. S. Hamilton, D. A. Nicewicz, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2012, **134**, 45, 18577.

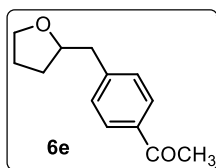
Pale yellow liquid, 37 mg, 96% yield, *R_f* = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 7.17 - 7.14 (m, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.86 - 6.83 (m, 2 H), 4.07 - 4.00 (m, 1 H), 3.93 - 3.87 (m, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.77 - 3.71 (m, 1 H), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 13.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 13.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.95 - 1.82 (m, 3 H), 1.59 - 1.51 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 158.0, 131.0, 130.1, 113.7, 80.2, 67.9, 55.2, 40.9, 30.9, 25.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₂ (M + Na)⁺ 215.1043, found 215.1051.

5-((Tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole (6d):⁴



Colourless liquid, 30 mg, 73% yield, *R_f* = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.70 - 6.65 (m, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 4.02 (quin, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.89 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.74 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 13.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 13.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.97 - 1.81 (m, 3 H), 1.59 - 1.49 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 147.4, 145.8, 132.8, 122.0, 109.6, 108.1, 100.7, 80.1, 67.9, 41.5, 30.9, 25.6.

1-(4-((Tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (6e):

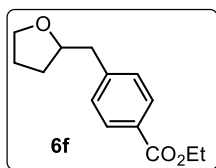


Pale yellow liquid, 19 mg, 57% yield, *R_f* = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 7.91 - 7.88 (m, 2 H), 7.36 - 7.31 (m, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 4.09 (td, *J* = 6.5, 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.89 (td, *J* = 6.8, 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 - 3.71 (m, 1 H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 13.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.58 (s, 3 H), 2.00 - 1.92 (m, 1 H), 1.91 - 1.82 (m, 2 H), 1.62 - 1.50 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ = 197.9,

⁴ N. Hoffmann, J.-P. Pete, *J. Org. Chem.* 1997, **62**, 20, 6952.

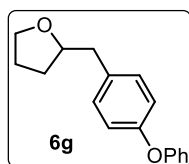
144.8, 135.3, 129.4, 128.4, 79.4, 68.0, 41.8, 31.0, 26.5, 25.6; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $C_{13}H_{16}O_2$ ($M + Na$)⁺ 227.1043, found 227.1043.

Ethyl 4-((tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)benzoate (6f):²



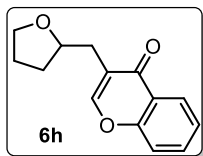
Pale yellow liquid, 22 mg, 56% yield, **R_f** = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); **¹H NMR (500MHz, CHLOROFORM-d)** δ = 7.99 - 7.95 (m, 2 H), 7.32 - 7.28 (m, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.13 - 4.05 (m, 1 H), 3.89 (td, *J* = 6.8, 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 - 3.70 (m, 1 H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.98 - 1.82 (m, 3 H), 1.60 - 1.51 (m, 1 H), 1.40 - 1.36 (m, 3 H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d)** δ = 166.6, 144.3, 129.6, 129.2, 128.5, 79.5, 68.0, 60.8, 41.8, 31.0, 25.6, 14.3; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $C_{14}H_{18}O_3$ ($M + Na$)⁺ 257.1148, found 257.1175.

2-(4-Phenoxybenzyl)tetrahydrofuran (6g):



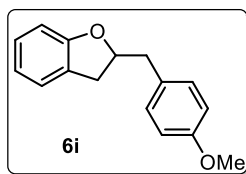
Colourless liquid, 31 mg, 62% yield, **R_f** = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d)** δ = 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.24 - 7.18 (m, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.12 - 7.06 (m, 1 H), 7.05 - 6.99 (m, 2 H), 6.98 - 6.93 (m, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.08 (quin, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 - 3.73 (m, 1 H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 13.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 13.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.00 - 1.86 (m, 3 H), 1.62 - 1.53 (m, 1 H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d)** δ = 157.5, 155.4, 134.0, 130.4, 129.6, 122.9, 118.9, 118.6, 80.0, 67.9, 41.1, 31.0, 25.6; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}O_2$ ($M + Na$)⁺ 277.1199, found 277.1226.

3-((Tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (6h):



Colourless liquid, 38 mg, 80% yield, $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHCl_3 -d) $\delta = 8.21$ (dd, $J = 1.7, 7.9$ Hz, 1 H), 7.93 (s, 1 H), 7.62 (ddd, $J = 1.7, 7.1, 8.5$ Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.39 - 7.34 (m, 1 H), 4.16 - 4.08 (m, 1 H), 3.91 - 3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.72 (dt, $J = 6.3, 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (dd, $J = 4.0, 14.4$ Hz, 1 H), 2.51 (dd, $J = 8.1, 14.5$ Hz, 1 H), 2.08 - 2.00 (m, 1 H), 1.92 - 1.80 (m, 2 H), 1.61 - 1.51 (m, 1 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CHCl_3 -d) $\delta = 177.7, 156.4, 153.5, 133.2, 125.8, 124.8, 123.8, 121.6, 118.0, 77.2, 67.8, 31.2, 31.1, 25.7$; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 231.1032, found 231.1043.

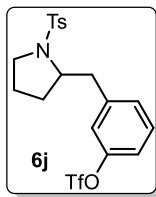
2-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (6i):⁵



Colourless liquid, 28 mg, 58% yield, $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95/05); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (700 MHz, CHCl_3 -d) $\delta = 7.22 - 7.18$ (m, 2 H), 7.15 (dd, $J = 0.9, 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.13 - 7.10 (m, 1 H), 6.89 - 6.87 (m, 2 H), 6.83 (dt, $J = 1.0, 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.98 (qd, $J = 7.0, 8.8$ Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.21 (dd, $J = 8.8, 15.5$ Hz, 1 H), 3.13 (dd, $J = 6.8, 13.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.96 (dd, $J = 7.5, 15.5$ Hz, 1 H), 2.89 (dd, $J = 6.8, 13.9$ Hz, 1 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (175 MHz, CHCl_3 -d) $\delta = 159.4, 158.3, 130.3, 129.5, 127.9, 126.7, 125.0, 120.2, 113.9, 109.4, 83.7, 55.2, 41.1, 34.8$; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 263.1043, found 263.1056.

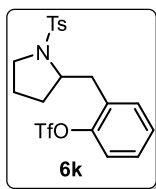
3-((1-Tosylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (6j):

⁵ J. T. Dutta, J. P. Wolfe, *Org. Chem. Front.*, 2016, **3**, 1314.



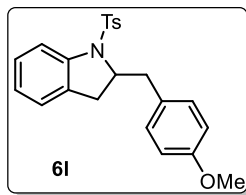
Colourless thick liquid, 78 mg, 84% yield, $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 7.75$ (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.43 - 7.37 (m, 1 H), 7.36 - 7.30 (m, 3 H), 7.16 (br. s., 2 H), 3.85 - 3.76 (m, 1 H), 3.42 - 3.29 (m, 1 H), 3.23 (dd, $J = 3.4, 13.5$ Hz, 1 H), 3.14 (td, $J = 6.8, 9.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.91 (dd, $J = 8.8, 13.4$ Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 1.60 - 1.36 (m, 4 H); ^{13}C NMR (175 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 149.5, 143.6, 141.3, 134.3, 130.1, 129.8, 129.7, 127.5, 122.5, 119.3, 60.9, 49.3, 42.2, 30.0, 23.8, 21.5$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 486.0627, found 486.0629.

2-((1-Tosylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (6k):



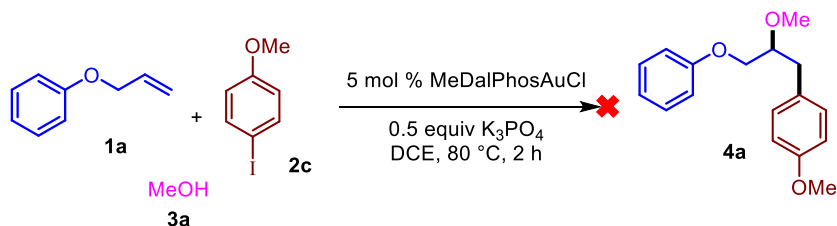
Colourless liquid, 60 mg, 65% yield, $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); ^1H NMR (700 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 7.75$ (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.51 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.38 - 7.35 (m, 1 H), 7.34 - 7.31 (m, 3 H), 7.31 - 7.28 (m, 1 H), 3.91 (tt, $J = 4.1, 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 3.41 (ddd, $J = 4.4, 6.6, 10.5$ Hz, 1 H), 3.27 (dd, $J = 4.7, 14.0$ Hz, 1 H), 3.20 - 3.14 (m, 1 H), 2.99 (dd, $J = 8.6, 14.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3), 1.76 - 1.67 (m, 1 H), 1.56 - 1.43 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (175 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) $\delta = 148.4, 143.5, 134.4, 132.8, 131.1, 129.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.5, 121.1, 60.5, 49.1, 36.1, 30.1, 23.8, 21.5$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 464.0824, found 464.0833.

2-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-1-tosylindoline (6l):

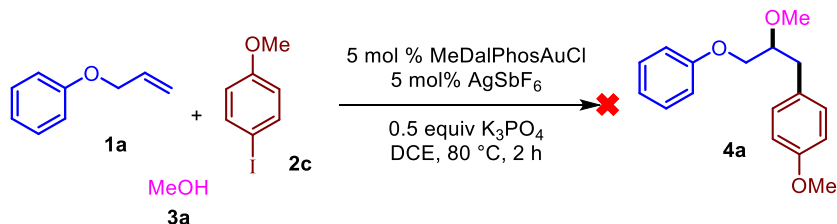


Colourless thick liquid, 45 mg, 58% yield, *R_f* = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 90/10); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ = 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 - 7.55 (m, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 - 7.14 (m, 5 H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.88 - 6.83 (m, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.47 - 4.38 (m, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 13.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 13.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ = 158.4, 143.7, 141.3, 135.3, 131.7, 130.6, 129.5, 129.3, 127.7, 126.9, 125.2, 124.6, 117.3, 113.9, 63.7, 55.2, 41.6, 32.7, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₃NO₃S (M + Na)⁺ 416.1291, found 416.1281.

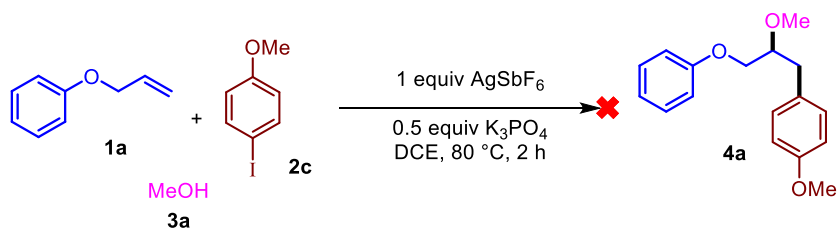
6. Control experiments:



An oven-dried screw-cap vial, equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was loaded with the (allyloxy)benzene (**1a**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), 4-iodoanisole (**2a**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), methanol (**3a**, 10 equiv, 2 mmol), (Me-DalPhos)AuCl (0.05 equiv, 0.01 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.5 equiv, 0.1 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (0.1 M). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min then stir at 80 °C for 2 h. However, formation of desired product **4a** was not observed and starting material was isolated in quantitative yield.

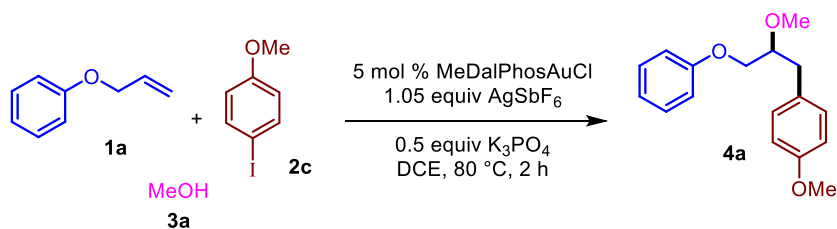


An oven-dried screw-cap vial, equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was loaded with the (allyloxy)benzene (**1a**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), 4-iodoanisole (**2a**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), methanol (**3a**, 10 equiv, 2 mmol), (Me-DalPhos)AuCl (0.05 equiv, 0.01 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.5 equiv, 0.1 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (0.1 M). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min then AgSbF₆ (0.05 equiv, 0.01 mmol) was added and allowed to stir at 80 °C for 2 h. However, the formation of desired product **4a** was not observed and starting material was isolated in quantitative yield.



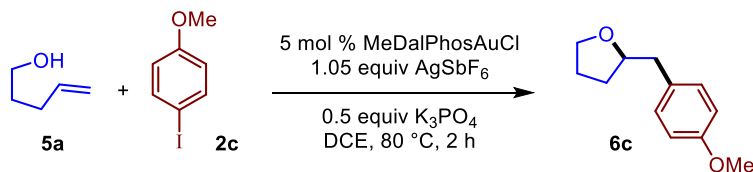
An oven-dried screw-cap vial, equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was loaded with the (allyloxy)benzene (**1a**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), 4-iodoanisole (**2a**, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), methanol (**3a**, 10 equiv, 2 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.5 equiv, 0.1 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (0.1 M). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min then AgSbF₆ (1 equiv, 0.2 mmol) was added and allowed to stir at 80 °C for 2 h. However, the formation of desired product **4a** was not observed and starting material was isolated in quantitative yield.

7. Large scale synthesis:



An oven-dried screw-cap vial, equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was loaded with the 4-iodoanisole (**2a**, 1 equiv, 1 mmol), (allyloxy)benzene (**1a**, 1 equiv, 1 mmol), (MeDalPhos)AuCl (0.05 equiv, 0.05 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.5 equiv, 0.5 mmol), methanol (**3a**, 10 equiv, 10 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) (0.1 M). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min then AgSbF₆ (1.05 equiv, 1.05 mmol) was added and allowed to stir at 80

°C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, it was diluted with DCM (15 mL), filtered through a short pad of celite, concentrated and subsequently purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the desired 1,2-oxyarylation product **4a** in 68% yield.



An oven-dried screw-cap vial, equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was loaded with the pent-4-en-1-ol (**5a**, 1 equiv, 1 mmol), 4-iodoanisole (**2c**, 1 equiv, 1 mmol), (Me-DalPhos)AuCl (0.05 equiv, 0.05 mmol), K₃PO₄ (0.5 equiv, 0.5 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) (0.1 M). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min then AgSbF₆ (1.05 equiv, 1.05 mmol) was added and allowed to stir at 80 °C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, it was diluted with DCM (15 mL), filtered through a short pad of celite, concentrated and subsequently purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the desired 2-(4-methoxybenzyl)tetrahydrofuran **6c** in 89% yield.

8. X-ray crystallography data:

Compound Structure	ORTEP Diagram
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9. NMR spectra:

