Supporting Information

Photocatalytic Decarboxylative Alkylation of Silyl Enol Ether and Enamide with N-(Acyloxy)phthalimide using Ammonium Iodide

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1. General Information

A. Materials:

All reactions were carried out in oven-dried Schlenk tubes under argon atmosphere (purity≥99.999%) unless otherwise mentioned. Commercial reagents were purchased from Adamas-beta, TCI and Aldrich. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on Buchi rotary evaporator. The LED lamps were purchased from Kessil (PR160-390 nm, 427 nm, 440 nm, 456 nm). The Photo Reaction Setup was purchased from Anhui kemi machinery technology Co., Ltd.



Figure S1. The Photo Reaction Setup and Blue LED lamps

B. Analytical Methods:

¹H-NMR, ¹⁹F-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer at ambient temperature. Data for ¹H-NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm, scale), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet and/or multiplet resonances, br = broad), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Data for ¹³C- NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (ppm, scale), multiplicity, and coupling constant (Hz). HRMS analysis was performed on Finnigan LCQ advantage Max Series MS System. ESI-mass data were acquired using a Thermo LTQ Orbitrap XL Instrument equipped with an ESI source and controlled

by Xcalibur software. UV-Vis spectrum was measured by UV-3600. Flash column chromatographic purification of products was accomplished using forced-flow chromatography on Silica Gel (200-300 mesh). X-ray crystallography was performed on a Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer or a Bruker D8-QUEST PHOTON-100 diffractometer using CuKa radiation (lambda = 1.5418 Å) at the Cambridge University Chemistry X-Ray Laboratory.

2. Preparation of Substrates

2.1 General Procedure for preparation of redox-active ester



General Procedure 1: Redox-Active Ester.¹ The corresponding alkyl carboxylic acids (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (1 mmol, 10 mol %) were mixed in a flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, and then CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) was added. A solution of N, N-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) was added slowly at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. After complete conversion of *N*-hydroxyphthalimide traced by TLC, the white precipitate was filtered off and the solution was concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give corresponding redox active esters.

2.2 General Procedure for preparation of silyl enol ether



General Procedure 2: Silyl Enol Ether.² The NaI (1.4 equiv) was placed in a tube and dried under vacuum using a heat gun. After cooling to room temperature, the tube was filled with argon. Then, dry CH₃CN (1 M), ketone (1.0 equiv), and Et₃N (1.5

equiv) were successively added. The mixture was cooled with an ice/water bath, and TMSCl (1.3 equiv) was added at 0 °C. The cooling bath was removed, and the mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. Then, volatile components were evaporated under vacuum. The solid residue was washed with petroleum ether (3×15 mL) [the petroleum ether layers were decanted and filtered through a cotton plug]. The combined filtrates were concentrated on a rotary evaporator, furnishing silyl enol ether which was used without purification.

2.3 General Procedure for preparation of phenylvinyl acetamide



General Procedure 3: Phenylvinyl Acetamide.^{3,4} To a solution of ketone (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (30 mL) was added hydroxylamine hydrochloride (15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and NaOAc (25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). After stirring at 60 °C in oil bath for 5 h, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product. A mixture of ketoxime (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the anhydride (20 mmol, 2.0 equiv), NaHSO₃ (30 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and CuI (1 mmol, 0.1 equiv) was stirred in 1,2-DCE (100 mL) at 120 °C in oil bath under N₂ for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (25 mL), and washed with 2 M NaOH (20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuo. The desired enamide was obtained after purification by flash chromatography on silica gel with PE/EA as the eluent.

3. Investigation of the Key Reaction Parameters

, j	D TBAI (5 mol%	6) NAC
1, 0	D.2 mmol Ph NHAc Acetone (2 mL), purple LEDs (42	r.t., 24 h Ph 27 nm)
Entry	Variations from standard conditions	Yield (%) ^a
1	none	96
2	THF instead of Acetone	68
3	MeCN instead of Acetone	32
4	DCM instead of Acetone	27
5	DMA instead of Acetone	78
6	DMF instead of Acetone	56
7	DMSO instead of Acetone	15
8	1,4-Dioxane instead of Acetone	67
9	Toluene instead of Acetone	60
10	NMP instead of Acetone	64
11	2 (0.3 mmol) instead of 2 (0.4 mmol)) 86
12	TBAI (10 mol%) instead of TBAI (5 mo	ol%) 89
13	TBAI (20 mol%) instead of TBAI (5 mo	ol%) 81
14	Acetone (1.5 mL) instead of Acetone (2.0	0 mL) 95
15	Acetone (1.0 mL) instead of Acetone (2.0	96 (mL)
16	Acetone (0.5 mL) instead of Acetone (2.0) mL) 94
17	12 h instead of 24 h	71
18	18 h instead of 24 h	80
19	390 nm instead of 427 nm	75
20	440 nm instead of 427 nm	64
21	456 nm instead of 427 nm	40
22	467 nm instead of 427 nm	30
23	no TBAI	trace
24	no light	0

Table S1: Parameters affecting the alkylation of enamine

Reaction condition: 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl pivalate (0.2 mmol), N-(1-phenylvinyl)acetamide (0.4 mmol), TBAI (0.01 mmol) in Acetone (2 mL), irradiation by purple LEDs (427 nm) at room temperature ($25 \pm 3 \text{ °C}$) for 24 h in an argon atmosphere. ^{*a*}Yield determined by GC using diphenylmethane as an internal standard.

	0 1) TBAI (10 mol%) 0 DMA (2 mL), r.t., 24 h 0 Ph 0 0 1, 0.2 mmol 4, 0.4 mmol	Ph
Entry	Variations from standard conditions	Yield $(\%)^a$
1	none	83
2	DMF instead of DMA	20
3	Toluene instead of DMA	54
4	Acetone instead of DMA	trace
5	NMP instead of DMA	18
6	THF instead of DMA	58
7	DMSO instead of DMA	30
8	MeCN instead of DMA	35
9	1,4-Dioxane instead of DMA	38
10	DCM instead of DMA	35
11	4 (0.3 mmol) instaed of 4 (0.4 mmol) 68	
12	TBAI (5 mol%) instead of TBAI (10 mol%)	76
13	TBAI (20 mol%) instead of TBAI (10 mol%)	75
14	DMA (1.5 mL) instead of DMA (2.0 mL)	82
15	DMA (1.0 mL) instead of DMA (2.0 mL)	82
16	DMA (0.5 mL) instead of DMA (2.0 mL)	83
17	12 h instead of 24 h	60
18	18 h instead of 24 h	74
19	390 nm instead of 427 nm	46
20	440 nm instead of 427 nm	68
21	456 nm instead of 427 nm	60
22	467 nm instead of 427 nm	35
23	no TBAI	trace
24	no H ₂ O	75
25	no light	0
26	Nal instead of TBAI	75
27	TBAI (10%) + PPh ₃ (10%) instead of TBAI (10%)	73
28	NaI (10%) + PPh ₃ (10%) instead of TBAI (10%)	76

Table S2: Parameters affecting the alkylation of silyl enol ethers

Reaction condition: 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl pivalate (0.2 mmol), 1-phenyl-1-trimethylsilyloxyethylene (0.4 mmol), TBAI (0.02 mmol) in DMA (2 mL), irradiation by purple LEDs (427 nm) at room temperature ($25 \pm 3 \text{ °C}$) for 24 h in an argon atmosphere. Then H₂O (2 equiv) was added, stirred at room temperature ($25 \pm 3 \text{ °C}$) for 4 h. "Yield determined by GC using diphenylmethane as an internal standard.

4. Experimental Procedures and Spectral Data

4.1 General Procedure

General Procedure A: Redox-active ester (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) (if solid), Enamide (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol) (if solid), TBAI (5 mol%) were placed in a transparent Schlenk tube equipped with a stirring bar. The tube was evacuated and filled with argon (three times). To these solids, Redox-active ester (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) (if liquid), Enamide (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol) (if liquid), and anhydrous Acetone (2 mL) were added via a gastight syringe under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred under irradiation with purple LEDs (427 nm, distance app. 3.0 cm from the bulb) at room temperature for 24 h. After reaction completed, the mixture was quenched with saturated NaCl solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The organic layers were combined and concentrated under vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = $100:1\sim20:1$).

General Procedure B: Redox-active ester (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) (if solid), Silyl Enol Ether (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol) (if solid), TBAI (10 mol%) were placed in a transparent Schlenk tube equipped with a stirring bar. The tube was evacuated and filled with argon (three times). To these solids, Redox-active ester (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) (if liquid), Silyl Enol Ether (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol) (if liquid), and anhydrous DMA (2 mL) were added via a gastight syringe under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred under irradiation with purple LEDs (427 nm, distance app. 3.0 cm from the bulb) at room temperature for 24 h. Then, H₂O (2 equiv) was added via a gastight syringe under air. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. After reaction completed, the mixture was quenched with saturated NaCl solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The organic layers were combined and concentrated under vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = $50:1\sim2:1$).

4.2 Spectral Data



N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-phenylbutylidene)acetamide (3): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 96% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (41.6 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 50/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*ACS Catal.*, 2020, **10**, 1334–1343).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 2.71 (s, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.4, 167.2, 139.1, 130.7, 128.5, 127.6, 47.9, 32.0, 30.5, 25.6.



3,3-dimethyl-1-phenylbutan-1-one (5): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 80% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (28.0 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*Chem. Commun.*, 2011, **47**, 2943–2945).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 2.86 (s, 2H), 1.07 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.5, 138.6, 132.7, 128.5, 128.2, 50.1, 31.4, 30.1.



N-(6-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-3,3-dimethyl-1-phenylhexylidene)acetamide (6): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 87% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (63.6 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 50/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 3.84 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (s,

2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.80 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.92 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.4, 167.2, 156.9, 139.3, 136.5, 130.7, 130.3, 128.6, 127.5, 123.6, 120.7, 112.0, 68.2, 46.8, 39.5, 34.5, 27.8, 25.6, 24.4, 21.4, 15.8.
HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₄H₃₂O₂N⁺ [M+H]⁺: 366.2428, found: 366.2425.

N-(2-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropyl)-1-phenylethylidene)acetamide (7):

Following the general procedure A, obtained in 76% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (46.7 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 20/1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.75 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 0.99 – 0.55 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.1, 166.1, 158.3, 138.0, 136.2, 130.7, 130.0, 128.3, 127.9, 113.7, 55.3, 44.2, 24.8, 23.6 13.4.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{20}H_{22}O_2N^+$ [M+H]⁺: 308.1645, found: 308.1642.



tert-butyl4-(2-(acetylimino)-2-phenylethyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate(8):Following the general procedure A, obtained in 45% yield as colorless oil after silicagel chromatography. (31.0 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 10/1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.79 (m, 3H), 2.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 4H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.34 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.19 (s, 9H), 1.03 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 0.70 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 182.6, 163.4, 153.3, 136.2, 129.9, 127.5, 126.8, 77.7, 45.5, 39.8, 33.6, 31.0, 27.3, 24.1.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{20}H_{29}O_3N_2^+$ [M+H]⁺: 345.2173, found: 345.2174.



N-(2-(4,4-difluorocyclohexyl)-1-phenylethylidene)acetamide (9): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 50% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (27.9 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 50/1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.56 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 2.25 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.85 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.12 (dt, J = 18.3, 10.0 Hz, 4H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 182.8, 163.4, 136.1, 130.1, 127.6, 126.8, 122.1(dd, J = 255.5, 226.3 Hz), 39.1 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 33.2 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 32.2 (dd, J = 25.3, 22.9 Hz), 27.9 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 24.1.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, C₆D₆) δ -91.53 (d, J = 236.2 Hz), -101.93 (d, J = 236.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀ONF₂⁺ [M+H]⁺: 280.1508, found: 280.1515.



N-(1-phenylhex-5-en-1-ylidene)acetamide (10): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 56% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (24.2 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 50/1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 5.77 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.15 – 4.94 (m, 2H), 2.77 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.14 (td, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 1.79 – 1.66 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.6, 166.2, 137.4, 136.3, 131.2, 128.6, 127.6, 115.7, 34.1, 33.5, 26.9, 25.5.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈ON⁺ [M+H]⁺: 216.1283, found: 216.1289.



N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(m-tolyl)butylidene)acetamide (11): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 95% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (43.9 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 50/1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.5, 167.5, 139.1, 138.3, 131.5, 128.3, 128.1, 124.8, 47.9, 32.1, 30.6, 25.7, 21.4.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₅H₂₂ON⁺ [M+H]⁺: 232.1696, found: 232.1701.



(*E*)-N-(1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,3-dimethylbutylidene)acetamide (12): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 96% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (56.2 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 50/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*ACS Catal.*, 2020, **10**, 1334–1343).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.62 (ddd, J = 7.8, 2.4, 1.1 Hz, 4H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 2.75 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.5, 166.8, 143.6, 139.9, 137.8, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 127.2, 127.1, 47.6, 32.2, 30.7, 25.7.



Table S3: Crystal data and structure refinement for (E)-N-(1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,3-dimethylbutylidene)acetamide.

Empirical formula	C ₂₀ H ₂₃ NO
Formula weight	293.39
Temperature/K	173.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	5.5518(2)
b/Å	8.4841(3)
c/Å	34.8351(12)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90
β/°	90.852(2)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å ³	1640.62(10)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.188
μ/mm^{-1}	0.359
F(000)	632.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.05\times0.01\times0.01$
Radiation	$GaK\alpha (\lambda = 1.34139)$
2Θ range for data collection/°	8.834 to 109.842
Index ranges	$\textbf{-6} \le h \le 6, \textbf{-10} \le k \le 10, \textbf{-42} \le \textbf{l} \le \textbf{42}$
Reflections collected	15306
Independent reflections	$3089 \ [R_{int} = 0.0805, R_{sigma} = 0.0626]$
Data/restraints/parameters	3089/0/203
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.078
Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0595, \mathrm{wR}_2 = 0.1582$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0801, \mathrm{wR}_2 = 0.1747$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	0.28/-0.26

MeO

N-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutylidene)acetamide (13): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 90% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (44.5 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 50/1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.70 (s, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.5, 166.2, 161.8, 130.6, 129.7, 113.7, 55.4, 47.1, 30.6, 30.2, 25.7.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{15}H_{22}O_2N^+$ [M+H]⁺: 248.1645, found: 248.1644.



N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butylidene)acetamide (14): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 60% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (34.2 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 50/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.2, 166.1, 142.4, 132.5 (q, J = 32.7 Hz), 128.0, 128.8 – 122.1 (m), 125.5 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 47.6, 32.2, 30.6, 25.6. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.88 (s). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉ONF₃⁺ [M+H]⁺: 286.1413, found: 286.1417.



N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)butylid

ene)acetamide (15): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 96% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (65.8 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 3/1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (s, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 12H), 0.90 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.5, 167.4, 141.5, 134.8, 126.8, 123.6, 84.1, 48.0, 32.1, 30.6, 25.6, 24.9.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₃₁O₃NB⁺ [M+H]⁺: 344.2396, found: 344.2394.



N-(1-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-3,3-dimethylbutylidene)acetamide (16): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 56% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (30.6 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 50/3).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.91 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 2.48 (s, 2H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 0.66 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3) δ 183.7, 161.7, 144.2, 141.6, 139.3, 134.7, 128.5, 126.7, 125.1, 122.5, 45.7, 32.5, 30.8 27.0.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀ONS⁺ [M+H]⁺: 274.1260, found: 274.1262.



N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)butylidene)acetamide (17): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 93% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (49.6 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/triethylamine = 50/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*ACS Catal.*, 2020, **10**, 1334–1343).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.80 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 2.77 (s, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.5, 167.2, 136.5, 134.3, 132.6, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 126.8, 124.6, 47.7, 32.2, 30.7, 25.7.



2-cyclohexyl-1-phenylethan-1-one (18): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 79% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (31.9 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*Chem. Commun.*, 2015, **51**, 7546–7549).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 2.82 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (ddd, J = 14.8, 7.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.86 – 1.59 (m, 5H), 1.28 (ddd, J = 12.8, 8.2, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 1.23 – 1.09 (m, 1H), 1.03 (td, J = 12.1, 2.7 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.3, 137.5, 132.8, 128.5, 128.2, 46.2, 34.6, 33.5, 26.3, 26.2.



1-phenylhexan-1-one (19): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 68% yield as white solid after silica gel chromatography. (23.8 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*Org. Lett.*, 2018, **20**, 349–352).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 10.4, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.17 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 1.73 (dt, J = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (s, 30H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.6, 137.1, 132.8, 128.5, 128.0, 38.6, 31.9, 29.7, 29.5, 29.4, 24.4, 22.7, 14.1.



1-phenylhex-5-en-1-one (20): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 55% yield as colorless liquid after silica gel chromatography. (19.2 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2013, **135**, 10022–10025).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.92 – 5.71 (m, 1H), 5.11 – 4.94 (m, 2H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.92 – 1.79 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.3, 138.1, 137.1, 132.9, 128.6, 128.0, 115.3, 37.7, 33.2, 23.3.



2-((3r,5r,7r)-adamantan-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (21): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 59% yield as colorless liquid after silica gel chromatography. (30.0 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2016, **55**, 9969–9973).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 2H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.75 – 1.54 (m, 12H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.4, 138.9, 132.7, 128.5, 128.4, 51.2, 43.0, 36.8, 33.9, 28.7.



tert-butyl (1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)cyclopentyl)carbamate (22): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 57% yield as white solid after silica gel chromatography. (34.6 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 1.71 (m, *J* = 22.2, 11.3, 7.3 Hz, 8H), 1.35 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.7, 155.0, 137.9, 132.9, 128.5, 128.2, 78.9, 61.8, 44.5, 38.6, 28.4, 23.3.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₂₅O₃NNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 326.1727 found: 326.1730.



tert-butyl (1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)cyclobutyl)carbamate (23): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 80% yield as white solid after silica gel chromatography. (46.3 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*Science*, 2019, **363**, 1429–1434).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 2.43 – 2.14 (m, 4H), 1.98 (dt, J = 9.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (dt, J = 11.3, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.2, 154.5, 137.5, 133.1, 128.6, 128.1, 79.1, 54.7, 44.5, 33.4, 28.4, 15.5.



tert-butyl (2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)carbamate (24): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 74% yield as white solid after silica gel chromatography. (41.1 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*Science*, 2019, **363**, 1429–1434). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 1.44 (s, 6H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.6, 154.7, 137.9, 133.0, 128.5, 128.3, 78.9, 51.8, 46.2, 28.4, 27.9.

tert-butyl4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6-oxo-6-phenylhexanoate(25):Following the general procedure B, obtained in 59% yield as white solid after silicagel chromatography. (44.5 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.17 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (td, J = 8.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 16.7, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.05 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.8, 172.8, 155.5, 136.9, 133.3, 128.7, 128.1, 80.5, 79.2, 47.7, 43.1, 32.6, 29.2, 28.4, 28.1.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₃₁O₅NNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 400.2095, found: 400.2099.

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tert-butyl (1-(4-(tert-butoxy)phenyl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)carbamate (26): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 82% yield as white solid after silica gel chromatography. (67.5 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*Science*, 2019, **363**, 1429–1434). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (m, *J* = 5.2, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.43 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.27 – 2.72 (m, 4H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.4, 155.3, 153.9, 136.9, 133.3, 133.2, 129.7, 128.6,

128.1, 124.3, 79.2, 78.3, 49.3, 40.9, 39.4, 28.8, 28.4.



3,3-dimethyl-1-(p-tolyl)butan-1-one (27): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 83% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (31.6 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2015, **54**, 7929–7933).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.2, 143.4, 136.1, 129.2, 128.4, 49.9, 31.4, 30.1, 21.6.



1-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutan-1-one (28): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 84% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (34.3 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*ACS Catal.*, 2020, **10**, 1334–1343).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (s, 2H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 2.83 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 6H), 1.06 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.9, 138.8, 138.0, 134.3, 126.0, 50.2, 31.4, 30.1, 21.3.



1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutan-1-one (29): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 88% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (37.1 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*Org. Lett.*, 2014, **16**, 3064–3067).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 2.83 (s, 2H), 1.06 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.1, 139.2, 136.9, 129.7, 128.8, 50.0, 31.5, 30.0.



1-(4-iodophenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutan-1-one (30): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 81% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (49.0 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 2.81 (s, 2H), 1.05 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.6, 137.8, 129.7, 100.7, 49.9, 31.5, 30.1.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆OI⁺ [M+H]⁺: 303.0240, found: 303.0245.



3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)butan-1-one (31): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 85% yield as colorless oil after silica gel chromatography. (37.8 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.4, 145.4, 134.9, 128.7, 124.9, 49.8, 31.5, 30.1, 14.8.

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₃H₁₉OS⁺ [M+H]⁺: 223.1151, found: 223.1155.



3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)butan-1-one (32): Following the general procedure B, obtained in 83% yield as white solid after silica gel chromatography. (42.2 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*ACS Catal.*, 2020, **10**, 1334–1343).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (m, 2H), 8.04 (m, 2H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 1.08 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.1, 143.8, 142.5, 129.0, 127.7, 50.6, 44.3, 31.6, 29.9.

5. Experimental Studies on Mechanism

5.1 Radical clock experiments



3-cyclopentyl-1-phenylpropan-1-one (33): Following the general procedure A, obtained in 56% yield as white solid after silica gel chromatography. (22.6 mg, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1). The compound data was in agreement with the literature (*Science*, 2019, **363**, 1429–1434).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.36 (m, 2H), 3.00 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.62 (m, 5H), 1.61 – 1.36 (m, 4H), 1.21 – 1.07 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.7, 137.1, 132.8, 128.5, 128.1, 39.8, 37.9, 32.6, 30.7, 25.2.

5.2 UV-vis absorption spectroscopic measurements



Stock solutions of 1, 2, TBAI were prepared with the same concentration used in the reaction. The solutions were prepared in the presence of air using Acetone as solvent.



Figure S1: UV/vis absorption spectra of the combination between different starting materials recorded in Acetone as solvent.



Stock solutions of 1, 4, TBAI were prepared with the same concentration used in the reaction. The solutions were prepared in the presence of air using DMA as solvent.



Figure S2: UV/vis absorption spectra of the combination between different starting materials recorded in DMA as solvent.

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7. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra





¹³C NMR spectrum of N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-phenylbutylidene)acetamide (3)





¹H NMR spectrum of **3,3-dimethyl-1-phenylbutan-1-one (5)**









¹³C

 $^{1}\mathrm{H}$

NMR

spectrum



N-(6-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-3,3-dimethyl-1-phenylhexylidiene)acetamide (6)









¹H NMR spectrum of N-(2-(4,4-difluorocyclohexyl)-1-phenylethylidene)acetamide

¹³C NMR spectrum of N-(2-(4,4-difluorocyclohexyl)-1-phenylethylidene)acetamide







¹H NMR spectrum of N-(1-phenylhex-5-en-1-ylidene)acetamide (10)





¹H NMR spectrum of N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(m-tolyl)butylidene)acetamide (11)





¹³C NMR spectrum of N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(m-tolyl)butylidene)acetamide (11)

¹³C



NMR



¹H NMR spectrum of N-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutylidene)acetamide (13)



¹³C NMR spectrum of N-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutylidene)acetamide













N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butylidene)acetamide (14)



¹ H NMR	spectrum
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N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)butylid ene)acetamide (15)

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N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)butylid



 $^{1}\mathrm{H}$







¹H NMR spectrum of N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)butylidene)acetamide (17)









¹H NMR spectrum of **2-cyclohexyl-1-phenylethan-1-one (18)**







¹H NMR spectrum of **1-phenylhexan-1-one (19)**







¹H NMR spectrum of **1-phenylhex-5-en-1-one (20)**







¹H NMR spectrum of 2-((3r,5r,7r)-adamantan-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (21)





¹H NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl (1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)cyclopentyl)carbamate (22)





(22)



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¹H NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl (1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)cyclobutyl)carbamate (23)





¹H NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl (2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)carbamate (24)









4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6-oxo-6-phenylhexanoate (25)



210 190 170 150 130 110 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 fl (ppm)







¹H NMR spectrum of **3,3-dimethyl-1-(p-tolyl)butan-1-one (27)**



¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutan-1-one (28)







¹H NMR spectrum of **1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutan-1-one (29)**







¹H NMR spectrum of **1-(4-iodophenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutan-1-one (30)**

¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutan-1-one (30)





¹H NMR spectrum of **3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)butan-1-one (31)**

¹³C NMR spectrum of **3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)butan-1-one (31)**





¹H NMR spectrum of **3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)butan-1-one (32)**

¹³C NMR spectrum of **3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)butan-1-one (32)**





¹H NMR spectrum of **3-cyclopentyl-1-phenylpropan-1-one (33)**



