# Supporting Information for

# Diversified access to di- and trisubstituted allenes *via* nickel-catalysed reactions of 1,3-enynes with alkyl *N*hydroxyphthalimide esters

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## **1** General Information

#### 1.1 Solvents, Reagents, and Starting Materials

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in oven-dried glassware. 2-(1-Alkynyl)-2-alken-1-ones 1 and 4 were reported in our previous work.<sup>1</sup> All alkyl *N*-hydroxyphthalimide esters are known compounds and prepared according to the reported procedures.<sup>2</sup> Dried solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification unless otherwise noted.

#### **1.2 Instruments**

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer (500 MHz) (500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 126 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and 471 MHz for <sup>19</sup>F NMR). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilaneand calibrated using residue undeuterated solvent (CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 7.26 ppm <sup>1</sup>H NMR; 77.0 ppm <sup>13</sup>C NMR). Spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad). Coupling constants are reported in Hertz where available. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Waters Premier GC-TOF MS. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on Polygram SIL G/UV<sub>254</sub> plates. Visualization was accomplished with short wave UV light, or KMnO<sub>4</sub> staining solutions. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (300-400 mesh) with solvents to use.

## 2 Synthesis of Various 1,3-Enynes Bearing TMS-

### **Substituted Alkynes**



The preparation of (*Z*)-2-bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one **S-9a-1** was reported in our previous work.<sup>3</sup> A solution of (*Z*)-2-bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1.6 g, 5.0 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was treated with Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (33.7 mg, 0.15 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (104.9 mg, 0.4 mmol) and CuI (95.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cooled down to 0°C in the dark. After 10 min of stirring,

ethynyltrimethylsilane (1.4 mL, 10.0 mmol) and diisopropylamine (3.5 mL, 25.0 mmol) were added, and the resulting dark brown solution was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and 0.5 N aqueous HCl solution. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to give **9a**.



(*E*)-2-Benzylidene-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)but-3-yn-1-one (9a). Flash column chromatography to afford product 9a as a light yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.10-8.08 (m, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.41 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 0.22 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  191.6, 163.3, 145.3, 134.8, 132.4, 130.4, 130.3, 129.4, 128.4, 121.2, 113.2, 107.8, 102.4, 55.5, -0.5. These data are consistent with the published literature.<sup>4</sup>

(*E*)-2-Benzylidene-1-phenyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)but-3-yn-1-one (9b). Flash column chromatography to afford product 9b as yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.13-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.98-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 5H), 0.23 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.1, 146.2, 136.8, 134.5, 132.4, 130.7, 130.4, 129.7, 128.3, 127.8, 120.8, 108.0, 102.1, -0.6. These data are consistent with the published literature.<sup>4</sup>



(*E*)-3-Benzylidene-5-(trimethylsilyl)pent-4-yn-2-one (9c). Flash column chromatography to afford product 9c as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.08-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 0.30 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.1, 143.9, 134.3, 130.9, 130.8, 128.4, 119.9, 106.2, 102.5, 28.0, -0.4. These data are consistent with the published literature.<sup>4</sup>



**Ethyl 2-benzylidene-4-(trimethylsilyl)but-3-ynoate (9d).** Flash column chromatography to afford product as yellow oil Z/E = 63:37). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.09-8.07 (m, 1H), [7.90 (s, 0.37H), 7.22 (s, 0.63H)], 7.41-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 3H), [4.31 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 0.74H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1.26H)], [1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1.11H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1.89H)], [0.30 (s, 3.33H), 0.24 (s, 5.67H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.4(1), 165.3(9), 146.3, 144.1, 134.4, 134.2, 130.7, 130.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 116.9, 113.1, 104.9, 102.0, 100.4, 97.1, 61.6, 61.5, 14.1, 13.7, -0.3, -0.4. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: 273.1311, found 273.1309.

### **3** Synthesis of Substrate 8



A solution of AcOH (6.6 mmol, 0.38 mL) and TBAF (8.7 mmol, 8.7 mL of 1.0 M solution in THF) in wet THF (28 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, and then a THF solution (7 mL) of (*E*)-2-Benzylidene-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)but-3-yn-1-one **9a** (1.0 g, 3.0 mmol) was added slowly at room temperature and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After this time, the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x10 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to give **8**.



(*E*)-2-benzylidene-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-yn-1-one (8). Flash column chromatography to afford product 8 as a yellow solid solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.06 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.42 (m,

3H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  191.9, 163.4, 146.4, 134.4, 132.3, 130.6, 130.2, 129.2, 128.5, 120.4, 113.4, 89.1, 80.8, 55.5. These data are consistent with the published literature.<sup>4</sup>

# 4 General Procedure of Nickel-Catalysed Reaction of 1,3-Enynes with Alkyl *N*-Hydroxyphthalimide Esters



To an oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with 1,3-enyne (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), alkyl *N*-hydroxyphthalimide ester (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Ni(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (10.1 mg, 0.04 mmol), Zn (26.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) in DMSO (4 mL). The tube was capped with a rubber septum, evacuated and back-filled with nitrogen three times. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 24 h, H<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL) and saturate NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (3 mL) were added to quench the reaction and the mixture was extracted by ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel. As the trisubsituted allenes, the dr value was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product.



**2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1-phenylpropyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexa-2,3-dien-1-one** (3). Flash column chromatography to afford product **3** as a white solid (66.5 mg, 96% yield, dr = 52:48). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 -7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37 -7.09 (m, 8H), [5.36 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 0.52H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 0.48H)], [4.06 (s, 0.52H), 4.01 (s, 0.48H)], [0.97 (s, 4.32H), 0.94 (s, 4.68H)], [0.87 (s, 4.32H), 0.60 (s, 4.68H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  213.3, 212.5, 196.4, 195.7, 141.9, 141.8,

138.8, 138.6, 131.1, 130.9, 130.3(3), 130.2(5), 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4(2), 127.3(9), 126.2(1), 126.2(0), 112.1, 111.9, 108.4, 108.1, 52.6, 52.0, 36.1, 34.9, 33.6, 33.2, 29.5, 29.1, 28.5, 28.4. HRMS (ESI)  $[M+Na]^+$ : calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>ONa: 369.2194, found 369.2202.



**2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1-(***p***-tolyl)propyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexa-2,3-dien-1-one (5a).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **5a** as a white solid (71.3 mg, 99% yield, dr = 48:52). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 2H), [5.44 (s, 0.44H), 5.41 (s, 0.56H)], [4.10 (s, 0.44H), 4.07 (s, 0.56H)], [2.33 (s, 1.68H), 2.32 (s, 1.32H)], [1.06 (s, 5.04H), 1.02 (s, 3.96H)], [0.96 (s, 5.04H), 0.72 (s, 3.96H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  213.3, 212.5, 196.4, 195.8, 138.8, 138.7(4), 138.7(2), 138.6(7), 135.6(2), 135.5(5), 131.1, 130.9, 130.2, 130.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 112.2, 112.1, 108.3, 108.0, 52.2, 51.6, 36.0, 34.9, 33.6, 33.2, 29.5, 29.1, 28.4, 28.3, 20.9(7), 20.9(6). HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O: 361.2531, found 361.2537.



2-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexa-2,3-

**dien-1-one (5b).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **5b** as a light yellow solid (61.7 mg, 82% yield, dr = 45:55). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 4H), 6.83-6.79 (m, 2H), [5.43 (s, 0.39H), 5.40 (s, 0.61H)], [4.09 (s, 0.39H), 4.04 (s, 0.61H)], [3.78 (s, 1.83H), 3.78 (s, 1.17H)], [1.04 (s, 5.49H), 1.00 (s, 3.51H)], [0.94 (s, 5.49H), 0.70 (s, 3.51H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  213.2, 212.4, 196.5, 195.8, 157.9(8), 157.9(6), 138.8, 138.7, 134.0, 133.9, 131.2, 131.1(1), 131.0(9), 130.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 112.8, 112.7, 112.3, 112.2, 108.4, 108.1, 55.1(2), 55.1(0), 51.8, 51.2, 36.1, 34.9, 33.6, 33.2, 29.5, 29.1, 28.4, 28.3. These data are consistent with the published literature.<sup>10</sup>



#### 2-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexa-2,3-dien-

**1-one (5c).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **5c** as a white solid (53.2 mg, 70% yield, dr = 50:50). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 2H), [5.46 (d, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 0.50H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 0.50H)], [4.12 (s, 0.50H), 4.07 (s, 0.50H)], [1.03 (s, 4.50H), 1.00 (s, 4.50H)], [0.95 (s, 4.50H), 0.69 (s, 4.50H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  213.1, 212.3, 196.2, 195.5, 140.3(8), 140.3(7), 138.6, 138.4, 132.1, 132.0, 131.6, 131.5, 131.3, 131.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6(2), 127.5(7), 127.5(3), 127.4(9), 111.7, 111.6, 108.8, 108.4, 52.0, 51.3, 36.1, 34.9, 33.7, 33.3, 29.5, 29.1, 28.3(1), 28.2(5). HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>OCl: 381.1985, found 381.1990.



**2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)propyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexa-2,3-dien-1-one (5d).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **5d** as a light yellow solid (68.2 mg, 86% yield, dr = 53:47). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92-7.74 (m, 4H), 7.66-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 2H), [5.52 (s, 0.53H), 5.47 (s, 0.47H)], [4.33 (s, 0.53H), 4.29 (s, 0.47H)], [1.12 (s, 4.23H), 1.08 (s, 4.77H)], [1.00 (s, 4.23H), 0.70 (s, 4.77H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  213.3, 212.5, 196.4, 195.8, 139.5(1), 139.4(8), 138.7, 138.6, 133.0, 132.9(9), 132.2(0), 132.1(9), 131.1(5), 130.9(7), 129.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7(3), 128.6(8), 128.5(5), 127.8(4), 127.7(6), 127.5(2), 127.4(4), 127.4(1), 126.8, 126.7, 125.7, 125.6, 125.3, 125.2, 112.1, 111.9, 108.6, 108.3, 52.8, 52.1, 36.4, 35.2, 33.7, 33.2, 29.6, 29.1, <sup>2</sup>8.5(2), 28.4(9). HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O: 397.2531, found 397.2536.



**2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1-phenylpropyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1-(p-tolyl)hexa-2,3-dien-1-one (5e).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **5e** as a white solid (54.0 mg, 75% yield, dr = 49:51). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.64-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 2H), [5.45 (s, 0.49H), 5.41 (s, 0.51H)], [4.13 (s, 0.49H), 4.07 (s, 0.51H)], [2.37 (s, 1.47H), 2.35 (s, 1.53H)], [1.05 (s, 4.59H), 1.02 (s, 4.41H)], [0.99 (s, 4.59H), 0.70 (s, 4.41H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 212.5, 211.7, 195.9, 195.2, 141.9(3), 141.8(7), 141.8(6), 141.6, 135.7, 135.6, 130.3(4), 130.2(6), 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.3(8), 127.3(6), 127.3, 126.2, 111.8, 111.6,

108.2, 107.9, 52.9, 52.3, 36.1, 34.9, 33.6, 33.2, 29.6, 29.1, 28.4(4), 28.3(6), 21.5(3), 21.5(0). HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O: 361.2531, found 361.2536.



**1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2,2-dimethyl-1-phenylpropyl)-5,5-dimethylhexa-2,3-dien-1-one (5f).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **5f** as a white solid (70.7 mg, 93% yield, dr = 47:53). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 2H), [5.48 (d, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 0.47H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 0.53H)], [4.11 (s, 0.47H), 4.05 (s, 0.53H)], [1.04 (s, 4.77H), 1.01 (s, 4.23H)], [0.99 (s, 4.77H), 0.71 (s, 4.23H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  212.9, 212.2, 194.9, 194.3, 141.6(9), 141.6(6), 137.5, 137.2, 136.9, 136.8, 130.3, 130.2(4), 130.2(0), 130.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5(0), 127.4(6), 126.3(2), 126.3(0), 112.0, 111.8, 108.7, 108.4, 52.8, 52.2, 36.1, 34.9, 33.7, 33.3, 29.6, 29.1, 28.5, 28.3. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>ONa: 403.1805, found 403.1797.



**2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1-phenylpropyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5,5-dimethylhexa-2,3-dien-1-one (5g).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **5g** as a white solid (56.1 mg, 77% yield, dr = 49:51). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.06-6.97 (m, 2H), [5.47 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 0.49H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 0.51H)], [4.11 (s, 0.49H), 4.05 (s, 0.51H)], [1.04 (s, 4.59H), 1.01 (s, 4.41H)], [0.98 (s, 4.59H), 0.70 (s, 4.41H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  212.8, 212.0, 194.8, 194.1, 164.6 (d, *J* = 253.3 Hz), 164.5 (d, *J* = 252.0 Hz), 141.8, 141.7, 134.7 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 134.6 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 131.3 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 130.3, 130.2, 127.5, 127.4, 126.3, 126.2(7), 114.6 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 114.5 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 112.0, 111.8, 108.6, 108.3, 52.9, 52.3, 36.1, 34.9, 33.7, 33.3, 29.6, 29.1, 28.5, 28.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -107.92, -108.21. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>OF: 365.2281, found 365.2274.



**2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1-phenylpropyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1-(thiophen-3-yl)hexa-2,3-dien-1one (5h).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **5h** as a white solid (61.3 mg, 87% yield, dr = 51:49). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  [7.95-7.94 (m, 0.51H), 7.81-7.80 (m, 0.49H)], 7.45-7.17 (m, 7H), [5.56(4) (s, 0.51H), 5.55(8) (s, 0.49H)], [4.11 (s, 0.51H), 4.05 (s, 0.49H)], [1.07 (s, 4.41H), 1.04 (s, 4.59H)], [0.99 (s, 4.41H), 0.77 (s, 4.59H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  211.9, 211.2, 189.0, 188.3, 141.9, 141.8, 141.0, 140.9, 131.4, 131.2, 130.3, 130.2, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4(2), 127.4(1), 126.2(2), 126.2(0), 124.7, 124.6, 112.6, 112.4, 108.7, 108.3, 53.0, 52.4, 36.1, 34.9, 33.8, 33.3, 29.7, 29.2, 28.5, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>OS: 353.1939, found 353.1938.



**3-(2,2-Dimethyl-1-phenylpropyl)-6,6-dimethylhepta-3,4-dien-2-one** (5i). Flash column chromatography to afford product **5i** as a yellow solid (49.5 mg, 87% yield, dr = 40:60). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.20 (m, 1H), [5.74 (s, 0.40H), 5.73 (s, 0.60H)], [4.0 (s, 0.40H), 3.96 (s, 0.60H)], [2.28 (s, 1.80H), 2.27 (s, 1.20H)], [1.29 (s, 3.60H), 1.11 (s, 5.40H)], [0.98 (s, 3.60H), 0.94 (s, 5.40H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  211.6, 211.5, 198.6, 198.5, 142.2, 141.8, 130.3, 130.1, 128.3, 127.4, 127.3, 126.1, 113.1, 112.9, 107.8, 107.5, 50.4(7), 50.4(6), 35.6, 34.6, 33.9, 33.6, 29.9, 29.5, 28.2, 28.1, 26.5, 26.4. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O: 285.2218, found 285.2216.



**2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1-phenylpropyl)-1-phenylocta-2,3-dien-1-one (5j)**. Flash column chromatography to afford product **5j** as a white solid (63.0 mg, 91% yield, dr =46:54). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), [5.48 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 0.46H), 5.42 (t, J

= 7.5 Hz, 0.54H)], [4.06 (s, 0.46H), 4.05 (s, 0.54H)], 2.28-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.26-1.21 (m, 2H), 1.19-1.13 (m, 1H), 1.04 (s, 9H), [0.86 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1.62H), 0.79 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.38H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  214.7, 214.5, 195.9, 195.8, 141.9, 141.7, 138.7, 131.4, 130.1(1), 130.0(9), 128.9(1), 128.8(9), 127.6, 127.4(7), 127.4(5), 126.2(1), 126.1(8), 109.4, 108.9, 96.9, 96.4, 52.5, 52.4, 35.6, 35.1, 30.9, 30.7, 28.6, 28.4, 28.3, 28.3, 22.1, 22.0, 13.8, 13.7. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O: 347.2375, found 347.2368.



**4,4-Dimethyl-1,3-diphenyl-2-(2-phenylvinylidene)pentan-1-one** (5k). Flash column chromatography to afford product **5k** as a yellow solid (54.9 mg, 75% yield, dr = 51:49). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.19 (m, 8H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 1H), [6.59 (s, 0.51H), 6.54 (s, 0.49H)], 4.17 (s, 1H), [1.06 (s, 4.59H), 1.06 (s, 4.41H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  216.49, 215.27, 194.59, 194.42, 141.37, 141.34, 138.06, 138.00, 132.57, 132.29, 132.03, 131.98, 130.18, 130.16, 128.90, 128.86, 128.85, 128.73, 127.78, 127.76, 127.71, 127.61, 127.57, 127.37, 126.46, 126.42, 112.99, 112.50, 100.41, 99.99, 99.96, 54.28, 54.03, 35.90, 35.23, 28.47, 28.40. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O: 367.2062, found 367.2057.



**4,4-Dimethyl-1,3-diphenyl-2-(2-(p-tolyl)vinylidene)pentan-1-one (51).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **51** as a yellow solid (56.3 mg, 74% yield, dr = 49:51). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 6H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 2H), [6.58 (s, 0.49H), 6.53 (s, 0.51H)],[4.19 (s, 0.49H), 4.18 (s, 0.51H)], [2.38 (s, 1.53H), 2.34 (s, 1.47H)], [1.07 (s, 4.41H), 1.06 (s, 4.59H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  216.47, 215.31, 194.66, 194.52, 141.43, 141.42, 138.12, 138.07, 137.71, 131.93, 131.88, 130.21, 130.16, 129.64, 129.52, 129.47, 129.26, 128.83, 128.82, 127.75, 127.72, 127.67, 127.57, 127.49, 127.30, 126.41, 126.37, 112.92, 112.45, 100.23, 99.80, 54.14,

53.93, 35.86, 35.21, 28.46, 28.38, 21.24, 21.21. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ONa: 403.2038, found 403.2033.



**2-(2-Methoxy-1-phenylethyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexa-2,3-dien-1-one** (5m). Flash column chromatography to afford product **5m** (34.8 mg, 52% yield, dr = 38:62). The first fraction: colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.48-4.45 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  211.4, 194.5, 140.9, 138.7, 131.4, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 126.7, 111.7, 108.62, 74.9, 58.7, 43.1, 33.0, 29.5. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na: 357.1830, found 357.1836.

The second fraction: colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 5.50 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.46-4.43 (m, 1H), 3.78-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.68-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  211.2, 194.4, 141.1, 138.6, 131.4, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 126.7, 111.2, 108.8, 75.5, 58.5, 42.9, 33.2, 29.7. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na: 357.1830, found 357.1829.



**2-(2,2-diethoxy-1-phenylethyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexa-2,3-dien-1-one** (5n). Flash column chromatography to afford product 5n (44.7 mg, 57 % yield, dr = 68:32).

The first fraction: yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46-4.44 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.51 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.37 (m, 1H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  211.2, 194.8, 140.1, 138.9, 131.3, 129.1, 128.8, 127.9, 127.5, 126.5, 111.1, 108.4, 104.1, 61.6, 61.5, 47.3, 33.2, 29.7, 15.2, 15.0. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na: 415.2249, found 415.2246.

The second fraction: yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.25 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.73-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.56-3.52 (m, 2H), 3.48-3.44 (m, *J* = 9.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.68 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  211.2, 194.5, 139.9, 138.7, 131.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.5, 126.5, 111.5, 108.7, 104.1, 62.2, 61.0, 46.6, 33.0, 29.3, 15.2, 15.1. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na: 415.2249, found 415.2250.



**2-((Adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexa-2,3-dien-1-one** (**50).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **50** as a white solid (73.0 mg, 86% yield, dr = 55:45). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.20 (m, 8H), [5.45 (s, 0.55H), 5.39 (s, 0.45H)], [3.98 (s, 0.55H), 3.92 (s, 0.45H)], 1.95 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 3H), 1.71-1.57 (m, 13H), [0.98 (s, 4.05H), 0.67 (s, 4.95H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  213.5, 212.8, 196.6, 195.7, 140.8, 140.7, 138.8, 138.6, 131.1, 130.9, 130.7, 130.5, 128.8, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3(1), 127.2(8), 126.2, 110.8, 108.3, 107.7, 53.8, 53.0, 40.5, 40.0, 37.9, 36.9, 36.9, 36.6, 33.5, 33.2, 29.6, 29.0, 28.7. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>36</sub>ONa: 447.2664, found 447.2662.



**3**-(*tert*-**Butyl**)-2-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-ylidene)cyclopentan-1-one (7a). Flash column chromatography to afford product 7a as a pale yellow oil (25.5 mg, 58% yield, dr = 76:24). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  [5.65 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 0.76H), 5.64 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 0.24H)], 2.79-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.42-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.24 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.70 (m, 1H), [1.13 (s, 6.84H), 1.09 (s, 2.16H)], [0.99 (s, 6.84H), 0.95 (s, 2.16H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.7, 207.6, 204.2, 203.7, 107.9, 107.8(4), 107.7(6), 107.5, 51.5(2), 51.2(0), 38.2(3), 38.2(0), 34.2, 33.6(0), 33.5(7), 33.3, 30.2(0), 30.1(5), 27.5, 27.3, 22.9, 22.8. These data are consistent with the published literature.<sup>1</sup>



**3-(***tert***-Butyl)-2-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-ylidene)cyclohexan-1-one (7b).** Flash column chromatography to afford product 7b as a pale yellow oil (22.0 mg, 47% yield, dr = 71:29). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column

chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  [5.45 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 0.71H), 5.42 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 0.29H)], 2.52-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.41 (m, 1H), [1.12 (s, 6.39H), 1.06 (s, 2.61H)], [0.96 (s, 6.39H), 0.89 (s, 2.61H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.8, 205.1, 203.6, 203.5, 109.2, 108.9, 105.4, 105.0, 48.9, 48.5, 40.0, 35.8, 34.2, 33.0, 32.9, 31.5, 30.1, 30.0, 27.8, 27.4, 25.6, 25.0, 21.4, 21.1. These data are consistent with the published literature.<sup>1</sup>



**3-(***tert***-Butyl)-2-(2-phenylvinylidene)cyclohexan-1-one (7c).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **7c** as a pale yellow oil (10.2 mg, 20% yield, dr = 75:25). Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), [6.53 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 0.75H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 0.25H)], 2.61-2.53 (m, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.83-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.52 (m, 1H), [0.95 (s, 2.25H), 0.94 (s, 6.75H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.3, 209.4, 202.6, 202.3, 132.8, 132.6, 128.7(3), 128.6(8), 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 110.9, 110.8, 97.7, 97.2, 49.7, 48.5, 40.3(2), 40.2(9), 35.5, 34.4, 27.5, 27.4, 25.5, 25.1, 21.5, 21.4. These data are consistent with the published literature.<sup>1</sup>



**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-3-phenyl-2-vinylidenepentan-1-one** (10a). Flash column chromatography to afford product **10a** as a white solid (41.6 mg, 65% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.85 (m, 2H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  217.3, 193.5, 162.8, 141.5, 132.3, 132.2, 131.7, 131.5(3), 131.5(0), 130.4, 130.1, 128.5, 128.4, 127.5, 126.3, 113.0, 108.4, 81.4, 55.3, 53.2, 35.7, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 321.1855, found 321.1850.

$$H \xrightarrow{Ph} CH_2OCH_3$$
$$H \xrightarrow{O} OMe$$
**10b**

**2-(2-Methoxy-1-phenylethyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one** (10b). Flash column chromatography to afford product **10b** as a pale yellow oil (43.8 mg, 71% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.84 (m, 2H), 5.24-5.16 (m, 2H), 4.38-4.35 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.78-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.71-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  215.5, 192.0, 162.9, 140.6, 131.5, 130.7, 128.4, 128.1, 126.8, 113.1, 107.8, 81.0, 75.1, 58.7, 55.3, 43.3. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 309.1491, found 309.1495.



**2-(2-(Benzyloxy)-1-phenylethyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one** (10c). Flash column chromatography to afford product **10c** as a white solid (36.1 mg, 47% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 7H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 2H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.44-4.41 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.79-3.76 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  215.5, 192.1, 162.9, 140.7, 138.3, 131.5, 130.8, 128.3, 128.2(6), 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 113.1, 107.9, 81.0, 72.9, 72.7, 55.4, 43.7. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na: 407.1623, found 407.1626



**1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,6-diphenyl-2-vinylidenehexan-1-one** (10d). Flash column chromatography to afford product **10d** as a pale yellow oil (16.8 mg, 22% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 4H), 6.87-6.85 (m, 2H), 5.16 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.96-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.61 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  215.1, 192.4, 162.9, 143.6, 142.4, 131.5, 130.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 126.4, 125.6, 113.1, 110.7, 80.9, 55.4, 43.0, 35.7, 34.6, 29.5. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 383.2011, found 383.2014.



**7-Chloro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-2-vinylideneheptan-1-one** (10e). Flash column chromatography to afford product 10e as a white solid (19.1 mg, 27 % yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.25-5.17 (m, 2H), 4.01-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.52-3.49 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.75 (m, 3H), 1.53-1.44 (m, 1H), 1.41-1.34 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  215.0, 192.4, 162.9, 143.3, 131.5, 130.7, 128.3, 127.8, 126.5, 113.1, 110.6, 81.1, 55.4, 44.9, 43.0, 34.2, 32.4, 25.0. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>: 355.1465, found 355.1463.



**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-3-phenyl-2-vinylidenepentan-1-one** (10f). Flash column chromatography to afford product **10f** as a white oil (19.6 mg, 32% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.25-5.17 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.23-2.16 (m, 1H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.78 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  215.6, 192.8, 162.9, 143.4, 131.5, 130.9, 128.3, 128.1, 126.3, 113.0, 110.5, 80.8, 55.4, 51.2, 32.0, 21.7, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub> : 307.1698, found 307.1701.



**Ethyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-2-vinylidenehexan-1-one** (10g). Flash column chromatography to afford product 10g as a yellow oil (24.7 mg, 37% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.23-5.16 (m, 2H), 3.91 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.97-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.34-1.27 (m, 1H), 1.14-1.08 (m, 1H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.77 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  215.8, 192.8, 162.8, 143.3, 131.4, 130.9, 128.4, 128.1, 126.2, 113.0, 110.5, 80.8, 55.3, 46.6, 42.9, 22.3, 21.9, 10.3, 9.9. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 335.2011, found 335.2015.



**2-(2,2-Diethoxy-1-phenylethyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one** (10h). Flash column chromatography to afford product **10h** as a colorless clear liquid (27.8 mg, 38% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.18 (m,, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.17-5.09 (m, 2H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.73-3.67 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.52 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.32 (m, 1H), 1.14 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  215.9, 192.2, 162.9, 139.7, 131.6, 130.8, 128.9, 128.1, 126.6, 113.1, 107.6, 104.0, 80.7, 61.9, 61.7, 55.4, 47.4, 15.2, 15.0. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na: 389.1729, found 389.1724.



**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-3-phenyl-2-vinylidenehexan-1-one (10i).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **10i** as a white solid (47.5 mg, 71 % yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.50-1.46 (m, 1H), 1.39-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  217.5, 193.5, 162.8, 141.4, 131.7, 130.4, 130.3, 127.4, 126.3, 113.0, 108.2, 81.2, 55.3, 51.8, 38.2, 33.4, 24.7, 24.4, 8.4. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 335.2011, found 335.2014.



**2-Methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-3-phenyl-2-vinylidenepentan-1one (10j).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **10j** as a white solid (19.6 mg, 28 % yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.22-5.16 (m, 2H), 4.21 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.10 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  217.3, 193.1, 162.8, 141.1, 131.7, 130.4, 130.1, 127.6, 126.4, 113.0, 108.1, 81.3, 81.2, 58.8, 55.3, 48.9, 39.7, 22.7(9), 22.7(8). HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 351.1960, found 351.1960.



**2-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)-2,2-dimethyl-3-phenylhexa-4,5-dien-1-yl acetate (10k).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **10k** as a yellow solid (15.1 mg, 20%) yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 4.05 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.74 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  217.3, 193.0, 171.2, 162.9, 140.2, 131.6, 130.2, 130.1, 127.8, 126.7, 113.1, 107.4, 81.7, 71.4, 55.4, 48.7, 38.6, 23.1, 22.7, 20.9. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na: 401.1729, found 401.1727.



#### 2-((Adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one

(101). Flash column chromatography to afford product 101 as a white solid (72.5 mg, 91% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (q, J = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.68 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 6H), 1.67-1.56 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  217.6, 193.6, 162.8, 140.5, 131.7, 130.4, 130.3, 127.4, 126.3, 113.0, 107.3, 81.2, 55.3, 54.2, 40.4, 37.5, 36.9, 28.7. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 399.2324, found 399.2327.



**4,4-Dimethyl-1,3-diphenyl-2-vinylidenepentan-1-one** (10m). Flash column chromatography to afford product 10m as a yellow solid (25.5 mg, 44% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 1H), 1.05 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  218.6, 195.0, 141.5, 137.9, 131.9, 130.1, 129.2, 127.7, 127.6, 126.4, 108.9, 81.8, 52.7, 35.7, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O: 291.1749, found 291.1747.



**5,5-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-3-vinylidenehexan-2-one** (10n). Flash column chromatography to afford product 10n as a yellow solid (31.5 mg, 69% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  218.9, 197.8, 141.7,

130.0, 127.5, 126.3, 110.8, 81.5, 50.1, 35.3, 28.2, 26.5. HRMS (ESI)  $[M+H]^+$ : calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O: 229.1590, found 229.1592



**Ethyl 4,4-dimethyl-3-phenyl-2-vinylidenepentanoate** (100). Flash column chromatography to afford product **100** as a colorless clear liquid (30.5 mg, 59% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 5.37-5.31 (m, 2H), 4.18-4.07 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 1H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  215.7, 167.7, 141.5, 130.0, 127.5, 126.3, 102.4, 80.9, 61.2, 53.1, 35.4, 28.2, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 259.1698, found 259.1695.



10p

Ethyl 2-(2-methoxy-1-phenylethyl)buta-2,3-dienoate (10p). Flash column chromatography to afford product 10p as a colorless clear liquid (12.8 mg, 26% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 5.34-5.27 (m, 2H), 4.16-4.03 (m, 3H), 3.65-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.54 (m, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.20-1.17 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  213.8, 166.3, 140.5, 128.3, 128.0, 126.9, 101.8, 80.8, 75.2, 61.1, 58.7, 43.6, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na: 269.1154, found 269.1158.



#### 7-(2,5-Dimethylphenoxy)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-3-phenyl-2-

**vinylideneheptan-1-one (12).** Flash column chromatography to afford product **12** as a yellow solid (77.7 mg, 83% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 4.06 (s, 1H), 3.90-3.87 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.90-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.46 (m, 1H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

217.4, 193.4, 162.8, 157.1, 141.1, 136.4, 131.7, 130.4, 130.3, 130.2, 127.6, 126.4, 123.5, 120.5, 113.0, 111.9, 108.1, 81.4, 68.5, 55.4, 52.0, 37.9, 37.3, 25.4, 25.1, 24.2, 21.4, 15.8. HRMS (ESI)  $[M+Na]^+$ : calculated for  $C_{32}H_{36}O_3Na$ : 491.2562, found 491.2565.



#### (E)-7-Hydroxy-5-methoxy-6-(7-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-methyl-6-phenylnona-

**2,7,8-trien-1-yl)-4-methylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one** (14). Flash column chromatography to afford product 14 as a white solid (46.4 mg, 42% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.20-5.12 (m, 5H), 3.90-3.87 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.38 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.02-1.83 (m, 4H), 1.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  215.2, 192.3, 172.9, 163.6, 162.8, 153.6, 143.8, 143.6, 135.3, 131.4, 130.8, 128.2, 127.8, 126.3, 122.4, 122.3, 116.7, 112.9, 110.4, 106.3, 81.0, 70.0, 61.0, 55.4, 42.7, 37.7, 33.3, 22.6, 16.1, 11.5. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na: 561.2253, found 561.2252.

## **5** Mechanism Studies



To an oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with (*E*)-2-benzylidene-1-(4methoxyphenyl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)but-3-yn-1-one **9a** (66.9 mg, 0.2 mmol), redoxactive ester **15** (100 mg, 0.4 mmol), Ni(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (10.1 mg, 0.04 mmol), Zn (26.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) in DMSO (4 mL). The tube was capped with a rubber septum, evacuated and back-filled with nitrogen three times. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 24 h, H<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL) and saturate NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (3 mL) were added to quench the reaction and the mixture was extracted by ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-2-vinylidenehept-6-en-1-one **16** as a orange clear liquid (10.2 mg, 16% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.85-5.78 (m, 1H), 5.23-5.15 (m, 2H), 5.00-4.95 (m, 2H), 4.03-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.06-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.98-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.84 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  215.1, 192.4, 163.0, 143.3, 138.3, 131.5, 130.9, 128.3, 127.9, 126.4, 114.8, 113.1, 110.7, 81.0, 55.4, 42.7, 34.3, 31.9. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 319.1698, found 319.1707.



To an oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with 2-(1-alkynyl)-2-alken-1-one **4b** (66.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), redox-active ester **2a** (98.8 mg, 0.4 mmol), Ni(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (10.1 mg, 0.04 mmol), Zn (26.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) in DMSO (4 mL). The tube was capped with a rubber septum, evacuated and back-filled with nitrogen three times, at which point CD<sub>3</sub>OD (244  $\mu$ L, 30 equiv) was added via a syringe prior. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 24 h, H<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL) and saturate NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (3 mL) were added to quench the reaction and the mixture was extracted by ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.



#### 2-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropyl)-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexa-2,3-

**dien-1-one-4-D (5b-D).** The product **5b-D** was obtained in 63% yield (62.2 mg, with over 78% D-incorporation, dr = 52:48) as a white solid after column chromatography. Two diastereoisomers are hard to be separated by column chromatography on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 4H), 6.82-6.78 (m, 2H), [5.43 (s, 0.08H), 5.40 (s, 0.16H)], [4.08 (s, 0.33H), 4.03 (s, 0.67H)], [3.79 (s, 2.01H), 3.71 (s, 0.99H)], [1.03 (s, 6.03H), 1.00 (s, 2.97H)], [0.95 (s, 6.03H), 0.70 (s, 2.97H)]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  213.2(0), 213.1(7), 212.4(0), 212.3(6), 196.5, 195.8, 158.0(1), 157.9(9), 138.8, 138.7, 134.0(4), 133.9(7), 131.2, 131.1, 130.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 112.8, 112.7, 108.4, 108.1, 107.8, 55.1(4), 55.1(3), 51.8, 51.2, 36.1, 35.0, 33.6, 33.5, 33.2, 33.1, 29.5(4), 29.5(1), 29.1(1),

29.0(8), 28.4, 28.3. HRMS (ESI)  $[M+H]^+$ : calculated for  $C_{26}H_{32}DO_2$ : 378.2538, found 378.2534.





Scheme 1 Proposed mechanism.

## 6 Transformation of 1,2-Allenyl Ketone



To a solution of 2-(2-methoxy-1-phenylethyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)buta-2,3-dien-1one **10b** (61.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) in dried DCM (3 mL),  $PdCl_2(CH_3CN)_2$  (5.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at room temperature, **10b** was consumed completely after 24 h by TLC analysis.  $H_2O$  (3 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the mixture was extracted by ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . After filtration and concentration, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give **17** (23.4 mg, 38% yield).



**3-(2-Methoxy-1-phenylethyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)furan** (17). Flash column chromatography to afford product 17 as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d,

J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83-3.81 (m, 5H), 3.34 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.9, 149.9, 141.9, 140.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 126.6, 124.0, 119.7, 113.9, 111.6, 76.8, 58.9, 55.3, 41.9. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 309.1491, found 309.1490.

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## 8 NMR spectra of new compound











































































