Supporting Information

Cu(I)- and Pd(II)-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Cross-Couplings of Alkynyl

Carboxylic Acids with N-Tosylhydrazones: Access to Trisubstituted

Allenes and Conjugated Enynes

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1. General remarks

¹H, ¹³C NMR data were obtained on AVANCE III Bruker 400 M Hz nuclear resonance spectrometers unless otherwise noted. CDCl₃ was used as solvent and tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as the internal standard. Chemical shifts were reported in units (ppm) by assigning TMS resonance in the ¹H NMR spectrum as 0.00 ppm. The data of ¹H NMR was reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet and br = broad), coupling constant (*J* values) in Hz and integration. Chemical shifts for ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in ppm from TMS using the central peak of CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm) as the internal standard. Flash chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel with the indicated eluent according to standard techniques. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates. High-resolution mass (HRMS) data were recorded on Bruker APEX IV Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometer using electrospray ionization (ESI and EI) by the Analytical Center of Peking University. PE: petroleum ether; EA: ethyl acetate; DCM: dichloromethane; BQ: benzoquinone.

2. General procedure for the preparation of *N*-tosylhydrazones¹

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ R \\ R \\ R' \end{array} + \\ NH_2NHTs \\ \hline 60 \ ^{\circ}C \ to \ 0 \ ^{\circ}C \\ R \\ R' \end{array} + \\ \begin{array}{c} NNHTs \\ R \\ R' \\ R' \\ \end{array}$$

A solution of TsNHNH₂ (5 mmol) in methanol (5 mL) was stirred and heated to 60 °C until the TsNHNH₂ was completely dissolved. Then carbonyl compounds were dropped to the mixture slowly. After approximately 5-30 min the crude products was obtained as precipitates. The precipitates were washed by petroleum ether then were dried in vacuo to afford the pure products. The reaction provides the *N*-tosylhydrazones **1** in about 85-99% yields.

3. General procedure for the synthesis of alkynyl carboxylic acids²



Alkynyl carboxylic acids were prepared according to the literature. The indicated aryl halides (2 mmol, 1 equiv), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.1 mmol, 0.05 equiv), 1,4-bis(diphenyl-phosphino)butane (0.2 mmol, 0.1 equiv), DBU (1.0 mmol, 5 equiv) and DMSO (4.0 mL) were combined in an oven-dried round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar. Propiolic acid (2 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and the resulting mixture was placed in an oil bath at 50 °C for 5 h. The reaction was poured into ethyl acetate and extracted with water saturated by NaHCO₃. The aqueous layer was acidified to pH 2.0 by cold 1.0 N HCl (aq) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer dried over MgSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the resulting crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to give the alkynyl carboxylic acid products.

4. Characterization data of trisubstituted allenes and conjugated enynes

Buta-1,2-diene-1,3-diyldibenzene (3a)¹

 $\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \text{Ph} \\ \text{Me} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Ph} \\ \text{Me} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Ph} \\ \text{3a} \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{30 mg, 72\% yield; colorless oil; } R_f = 0.7 \text{ (PE); }^{1}\text{H NMR (400 MHz,} \\ \text{CDCl}_3 \text{) } \delta \text{ 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 2H),} \\ \text{6.47 (q, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 3H); }^{13}\text{C NMR (101 MHz,} \\ \text{CDCl}_3 \text{) } \delta \text{ 206.9, 136.4, 134.6, 128.7, 128.5, 127.1, 127.1, 126.9, 125.9,} \end{array}$

104.6, 96.6, 16.8. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

1-Fluoro-4-(4-phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)benzene (3b)



127.1, 126.9, 115.3 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), $103.8, 96.8, 17.0; {}^{19}F$ NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -115.64 (m); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₆H₁₃F]⁺: 224.1001, found 224.0096.

1-Chloro-4-(4-phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)benzene (3c)¹



with the literature values.

1-(4-Phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3d)¹



34 mg, 62% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 4H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.53 (q, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.5, 140.3, 133.8, 128.9 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 128.8, 127.4, 127.0, 126.0, 125.4 (q, J = 3.9 Hz), 124.3 (q, J = 271.8 Hz), 103.8, 97.2, 16.7; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -62.47 (s);

Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

1-(4-Phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene (3e)



36 mg, 62% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.2$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.13 (m, 3H), 6.49 (q, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.9, 148.19, 148.17, 135.2, 134.1, 128.8, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 121.0, 120.5 (q, J = 256.9 Hz), 103.6,

97.0, 16.8; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -57.9 (s); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₇H₁₃F₃O]⁺: 290.0918, found 290.0913.

 $4-(4-Phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3f)^{3}$



127.00, 126.97, 126.3, 104.3, 96.7, 16.8. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

1-Methyl-4-(4-phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)benzene (3g)¹



16.8. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

1-Fluoro-2-(4-phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)benzene (3h)³

32 mg, 71% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.7$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.13-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.33 (q, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR **3h** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.5, 160.3 (d, J = 250.0 Hz), 134.6, 129.0 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 128.69, 128.66, 128.6, 127.04, 126.99, 125.2, 124.0 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 116.1 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 100.2, 94.7 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 18.9 (d, J = 2.7 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -112.64 (d, J = 5.7 Hz). Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

1,2,3,4,5-Pentafluoro-6-(4-phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)benzene (3i)



40 mg, 68% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.33 (q, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (dt, J = 3.0, 1.0 Hz, 3H; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.8, 133.0, 128.8, 127.6, 127.4, 95.6, 92.2, 19.4; ¹⁹F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -140.69 (dd, J = 23.1, 8.7 Hz), -

156.30 (t, J = 21.4 Hz), -162.32 (dd, J = 21.6, 14.5 Hz); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $[C_{16}H_9F_5]^+$: 296.0624, found 296.0618.

2,4-Dimethyl-1-(4-phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)benzene (3j)³



126.7, 126.6, 103.6, 93.9, 21.0, 21.0, 20.6. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

2-(4-Phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)naphthalene (3k)¹



25 mg, 49% yield; colorless oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.55 (q, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.6, 134.5, 133.8, 133.7, 132.6, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.1, 127.0, 126.2, 125.8, 125.0, 123.7, 104.9, 96.9,

16.9. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

1-(2-Phenylvinylidene)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (31)³

1.93 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.4, 136.8, 134.7, 130.8, 129.4, 128.7, 127.1, 127.01, 126.96, 126.9, 126.2, 105.8, 97.5, 30.1, 28.8, 23.1. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

5-(2-Phenylvinylidene)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulene (3m)



21 mg, 42% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.29 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dt, J = 7.5, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 2.61-2.40 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.74 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.0, 140.8, 138.7, 135.1, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 127.3,

126.8, 126.7, 126.2, 111.6, 93.9, 35.9, 32.8, 30.5, 27.3; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $[C_{19}H_{18}]^+$: 246.1409, found 246.1403.

Penta-1,2-diene-1,3-diyldibenzene (3n)⁴

Ph H Et H 28 mg, 64% yield; viscous liquid; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.16 (m, 2H), 3n 6.56 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.68-2.47 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.3, 136.3, 134.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.05, 127.03, 126.7, 126.1, 111.7, 98.6, 23.2, 12.6. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

Buta-2,3-diene-1,2,4-trivltribenzene (30)

Ph Bn Ph Ph Ph Ph Ph CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.11 (m, 13H), 6.48 (t, J = 2.530 Hz, 1H), 4.00 – 3.83 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.0, 139.1, 135.6, 134.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.2, 126.9, 126.4, 126.3, 109.0, 97.8, 37.2; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $[C_{22}H_{18}]^+$: 282.1409, found 282.1402. (1-Pyclopropylpropa-1,2-diene-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (3p)⁵

Ph H 24 mg, 52% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), δ 55 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (ttd, J = 7.8, 5.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 0.97-0.83 (m, 2H), 0.68 – 0.55 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.7, 136.5, 134.3, 128.8, 128.5, 127.20, 127.15, 126.7, 126.4, 113.3, 99.0, 11.1, 7.4, 6.9. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

3-(4-Phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)thiophene (3q)



100.9, 96.1, 17.4; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₄H₁₂S]⁺: 212.0660, found 212.0654.

(3-Methylbuta-1,2-diene-1,4-diyl)dibenzene (3r)

Bn Me H Me H $27 \text{ mg}, 57\% \text{ yield}; \text{ viscous oil}; <math>R_f = 0.5 \text{ (PE)}; {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.49-7.41 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.39-7.26 (m, 6\text{H}), 7.25-7.16 (m, 2\text{H}), 6.57 (t, <math>J = 3.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.59 (td, <math>J = 7.2, 3.4 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 1.20 (t, J = 7.3 \text{Hz}, 3\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (101 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 206.3, 136.2, 134.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.05, 127.02, 126.7, 126.1, 111.7, 98.6, 23.2, 12.6; \text{HRMS} (\text{EI}) <math>m/z$ calcd for $[C_{17}\text{H}_{16}]^+$: 220.1252, found 220.1248.

(2-Cyclohexylidenevinyl)benzene (3s)⁶

H 12 mg, 32% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 7.16 (q, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.09-5.91 (m, 1H), 2.23 (dtd, J = 21.9, 12.1, 11.5, 4.5 Hz, 4H), 1.77-1.53 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.7, 136.1, 128.5, 126.5, 126.3, 106.5, 92.3, 31.3, 27.7, 26.1; Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

(1-(3,4-Dimethylphenyl)propa-1,2-diene-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (3t)

Me Me Me Me Ph Ph $21 \text{ mg}, 36\% \text{ yield}; \text{ viscous oil}; <math>R_f = 0.5 \text{ (PE)}; {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (400 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta 7.41 (td, <math>J = 8.1, 7.7, 1.5 \text{ Hz}, 4\text{H}), 7.36-7.25 \text{ (m, 5H)}, 7.25-7.18 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.17-7.08 (m, 2\text{H}), 6.68 (s, 1\text{H}), 2.26 (s, 3\text{H}), 2.24 (s, 3\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (101 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta 208.1, 136.7, 136.5, 136.1, 134.2, 133.5, 129.8, 129.6, 128.8, 128.48, 128$

128.45, 127.5, 127.3, 127.0, 126.0, 113.6, 97.5, 19.9, 19.6; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd for [C₂₃H₂₀]⁺: 296.1565, found 296.1558.

3-(3-(Perfluorophenyl)buta-1,2-dien-1-yl)thiophene (3u)



45 mg, 74% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.41 (q, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.1, 145.6, 143.1, 139.00, 138.9, 136.45, 134.2, 126.5, 126.2, 122.3, 113.3, 91.3, 90.1, 19.5;

¹⁹F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -140.94 (dd, J = 23.8, 9.5 Hz), -156.32 (t, J = 21.4 Hz), -161.98 – -162.79 (m); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $[C_{14}H_7F_5S]^+$: 302.0189, found 302.0184.

1-(3-Phenylbuta-1,2-dien-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene (3v)



36 mg, 62% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.46 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.0, 148.1, 148.1, 135.9, 133.4, 128.5, 128.0, 127.3, 125.9, 121.4,

105.1, 95.5, 16.7; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -57.92 (s); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₇H₁₃F₃O]⁺: 290.0918, found 290.0913.

1-(3-Phenylbuta-1,2-dien-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3w)¹



127.4, 127.0, 125.9, 125.6 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 122.9, 105.3, 95.8, 16.6; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -62.43 (s). Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

1-Fluoro-4-(3-phenylbuta-1,2-dien-1-yl)benzene (3x)



125.8, 115.6 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 104.8, 95.6, 16.8; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -108.52, -115.35 (t, J = 5.7 Hz); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for [C₁₆H₁₃F]: 224.1001, found 224.0996.

1-Methyl-4-(3-phenylbuta-1,2-dien-1-yl)benzene (3y)¹



25 mg, 57% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (q, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.21 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.6, 136.9, 136.6, 131.5, 129.4, 128.5, 127.0, 126.8, 125.8,

104.4, 96.4, 21.2, 16.8. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

1-Fluoro-2-(3-phenylbuta-1,2-dien-1-yl)benzene (3z)



136.1, 128.5, 128.3 (dd, J = 5.9, 2.2 Hz), 127.1, 125.9, 124.2 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 122.1 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 104.6, 89.0 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 16.7; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -114.95 – -122.09 (m); HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd for [C₁₆H₁₃F]⁺: 290.0918, found 290.0913.

1,3-Dichloro-5-(3-phenylbuta-1,2-dien-1-yl)benzene (3aa)



95.0, 16.7; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₆H₁₂Cl₂]⁺: 274.0316, found 274.0311.

3-(3-Phenylbuta-1,2-dien-1-yl)thiophene (3ab)

25 mg, 59% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (q, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.8, 136.5, 135.9, 128.5, 127.0, 126.5, 126.0, 125.9, 120.9, 103.7, 91.1, 17.0; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for [C₁₄H₁₂S]⁺: 212.0660, found 212.0654.

Penta-2,3-dien-2-ylbenzene (3ac)⁶

Hexa-2,3-dien-2-ylbenzene (3ad)⁷

(8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-Methyl-2-(4-phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,-15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl acetate (3ae)



55 mg, 66% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.2$ (PE/EA = 3/1, v/v); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44-7.17 (m, 7H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (t, J = 8.4Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 9.1, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 2.36-2.15 (m, 5H), 2.12-2.01 (m, 3H), 1.95-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.69 (m, 1H),

1.60-1.23 (m, 7H), 0.92-0.74 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.6, 171.3, 140.2, 135.7, 134.8, 133.6, 133.5, 129.2, 128.7, 126.89, 126.86, 123.4, 122.7, 104.7, 96.4, 82.8, 49.9, 44.4, 42.9, 38.4, 36.9, 31.6, 29.3, 27.6, 27.2, 26.0, 23.3, 21.3, 17.0, 12.1; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd for [C₃₀H₃₄O₂]⁺: 426.2559, found 426.2553.

6-Fluoro-3-(1-(3-(2-methoxy-4-(4-phenylbuta-2,3-dien-2-yl)phenoxy)propyl) piperidin-4-yl)benzo[d]isoxazole (3af)



56 mg, 55% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (DCM/MeOH = 10/1, v/v); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.18 (m, 6H), 7.06-6.88 (m, 3H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 4.03 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H),

3.53-2.62 (m, 6H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 2.28-1.56 (m, 10H), 1.32-1.05 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.2, 164.1 (d, *J* = 248.1 Hz), 163.5 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz), 149.5, 148.0, 134.8, 129.3, 129.0, 127.5, 127.1, 124.4 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 118.6, 117.5, 113.9, 113.2, 112.9, 110.1, 104.5, 98.0, 97.7, 96.6, 67.0, 56.0, 54.6, 52.8, 33.2, 29.5, 29.0, 26.0, 17.3;

¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -109.66; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for [C₃₂H₃₄FN₂O₃]⁺ [M+H]⁺: 513.2553, found 513.2548.

But-3-en-1-yne-1,3-diyldibenzene $(4a)^8$



are in accordance with the literature values.

1-Methyl-4-(4-phenylbut-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (4b)⁹



18 mg, 41% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.69-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz,

CD₂Cl₂) δ 138.5, 134.2, 131.6, 130.3, 129.1, 128.44, 128.40, 125.9, 123.1, 119.6, 90.5, 88.6, 20.9. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

1-Methyl-3-(4-phenylbut-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (4c)⁸



Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 138.2, 137.0, 131.6, 130.6, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.7, 123.2, 123.0, 120.5, 90.5, 88.5, 21.2. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

(Z)-Pent-3-en-1-yne-1,3-diyldibenzene (4d)

Ph 4d 12 mg, 53% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.53 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.3, 133.3, 131.5, 128.4, 128.35, 128.2, 127.4, 125.9, 124.5, 123.6, 95.6, 86.7, 17.1; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $[C_{17}H_{14}]^+$: 218.1096, found 218.1087.

(Z)-Hex-3-en-1-yne-1,3-diyldibenzene (4e)

Et Ph $22 \text{ mg}, 47\% \text{ yield}; \text{ viscous oil}; R_f = 0.4 (PE); ^1\text{H NMR (400 MHz,} CD_2Cl_2) \delta 7.69-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.49 (t, <math>J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}, 1H$), 2.59 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 140.5, 138.1, 131.4, 128.39, 128.36, 128.3, 127.5, 125.9, 123.5, 122.6, 95.1, 86.6, 24.8, 13.3; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for [C₁₈H₁₆]⁺: 232.1252, found 232.1245.

(Z)-Non-3-en-1-yne-1,3-diyldibenzene (4f)



¹ 23 mg, 42% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.66 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (ddd, J = 7.1, 3.5, 1.7 Ph Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.21 (m, 6H), 6.51 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (dd, J = 9.8, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (td, J = 6.2, 2.7 Hz, 4H),

0.97-0.84 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 139.3, 138.2, 132.5, 131.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 125.9, 123.5, 123.2, 95.0, 86.8, 31.6, 31.3, 28.8, 22.6, 13.8; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for [C₂₁H₂₂]: 274.1722, found 274.1716.

(3-Cyclobutylideneprop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (4g)¹⁰



127.8, 126.9, 126.7, 123.9, 115.6, 93.1, 87.0, 33.5, 33.2, 17.5. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

(3-Cyclohexylideneprop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (4h)

 $\begin{array}{c} 10 \text{ mg, } 37\% \text{ yield; viscous oil; } R_{f} = 0.4 \text{ (PE); }^{1}\text{H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_{3})} \\ \delta (d, J = 4.4 \text{ Hz, } 4\text{H}), 7.27 (dq, J = 5.1, 2.2 \text{ Hz, } 4\text{H}), 2.79\text{-}2.66 \\ (m, 2\text{H}), 2.35\text{-}2.21 (m, 2\text{H}), 1.74 (td, J = 8.1, 7.2, 4.4 \text{ Hz, } 2\text{H}), 1.62 \\ (td, J = 7.5, 6.9, 4.0 \text{ Hz, } 2\text{H}), 1.59\text{-}1.54 (m, 2\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C NMR (101 MHz, } 1.50\text{-}1.54 (m, 2\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C NMR (101 MLz, } 1.50\text{-}1.$

90.1, 34.2, 31.4, 28.2, 28.1, 26.5; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $[C_{21}H_{20}]^+$: 272.1565, found 272.1559.

9-(Phenylethynyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulene (4i)



11 mg, 45% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.23 – 2.04 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.0, 138.9, 137.9, 131.55,

128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.2, 124.9, 123.6, 90.5, 87.5, 33.9, 32.8, 26.7; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd for [C₁₉H₁₆]⁺: 244.1252, found 244.1244.

1-Methyl-4-(3-phenylbut-3-en-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (4j)¹¹



11 mg, 50% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.82-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.96 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.6,

137.4, 132.4, 131.6, 130.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 126.1, 120.3, 91.0, 87.9, 21.5. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

1-Fluoro-2-(3-phenylbut-3-en-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (4k)⁸



Hz), 136.9, 133.43, 133.42, 130.4, 130.1 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 126.1, 124.0 (d,

J = 3.9 Hz), 121.1, 115.5 (d, J = 20.9 Hz), 93.6 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 84.1. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.

3-(3-Phenylbut-3-en-1-yn-1-yl)thiophene (4l)

Ph 8 mg, 38% yield; viscous oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (PE); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.21 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.1, 131.5, 130.5, 130.1, 129.8, 129.0, 128.4, 126.0, 125.7, 122.0, 120.5, 87.9, 85.8; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for [C₁₄H₁₀S]⁺: 210.0503, found 210.0496.

5. Experimental procedure of large scale reactions of trisubstituted allenes



A solution of CuI (1 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 5-Me-1,10-Phen (1 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 'BuOLi (30 mmol, 3 equiv), 1a (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2a or 2g (20 mmol, 2 equiv) in MeCN (100 mL) under N_2 atmosphere was stirred at indicated temperature until the complete consumption of 1a detected by TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure, and purified by column chromatography to give the desired product 3a or 3aa.

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7. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra















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