Aminative Annulation of Cyano-Enynyl Esters Leading to Functionalized Cyclopentenones

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1. General information:

All the reactions were performed in oven-dried glass apparatus, the air and moisture sensitive reactions were carried out under inert atmosphere (nitrogen) using freshly distilled anhydrous solvents. Commercially available reagents were used as such without further purification. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography carried out on silica plates using UV-light and anisaldehyde for visualization. Column chromatography was peRf ormed on silica gel (100-200 mesh) using hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR was recorded in CDCl₃ on 500 MHz, 400 MHz and 300 MHz and ¹³C NMR was recorded on 125 MHz, 100 MHz and 75 MHz. δ 7.26 and δ 77 are corresponding to CDCl₃ in ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR respectively, δ 1.56 is related to moisture present in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts were reported in δ (ppm) relative to TMS as an internal standard and *J* values were given in Hz (hertz). Multiplicity is indicated as, s (singlet); d (doublet); t (triplet); m (multiplet); dd (doublet of doublets), etc. FTIR spectra were recorded on Alpha (Bruker) Infrared Spectrophotometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) [ESI+] were obtain using either a TOF or a double focusing spectrometer. All the 2-en-4-ynyl cyanides were synthesized by using previous report.¹

2. Structures of starting materials



3. General reaction and characterization data of compounds

General procedure for the synthesis of cyclopentenones: To a stirred solution of 2-en-4ynyl cyanide ¹ (0.2 mmol) in 1 mL acetonitrile were added amine (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), K_2CO_3 (55 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Then reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C and stirred for 2-4 h. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, mixture was cooled to room temperature, and filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to afford crude products, which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc=70:30) to give the pure products. (E)-2-(4-Morpholino-2-oxo-3-phenylcyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3a):



Orange solid, 45 mg, 73% yield, m.p. 220–222 °C, Rf = 0.5 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.13 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 4H), 3.58 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.0, 165.4, 154.3, 133.4, 129.8, 128.6, 127.7, 118.2, 116.9, 94.5, 66.5, 49.5, 33.2; IR (KBr): vmax = 2922, 2217, 1723, 1550, 1441, 1272, 1112, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 281.1285, found: 281.1286.

(E)-2-(2-Oxo-3-phenyl-4-thiomorpholinocyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3b):



Pale yellow solid, 46 mg, 71% yield, m.p. 201–203 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 4H), 3.58 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s, 4H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.1, 165.3, 154.2, 133.8, 129.7, 128.7, 127.8, 118.6, 116.9, 94.5, 51.1, 33.4, 27.5 ; IR (KBr): vmax = 2922, 2217, 1660, 1545, 1499, 1282, 947, 748 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂SO [M + H]⁺: 297.1056, found: 297.1056.

(E)-2-(2-Oxo-3-phenyl-4-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)cyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile

(3c):



Orange solid, 59 mg, 75% yield, m.p. 202–204 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (s, 4H), 3.17 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.4, 162.8, 151.1, 147.7, 131.0, 127.3, 126.8, 126.0, 125.1, 118.6, 115.7, 114.4, 114.1, 91.9, 46.9, 46.5, 30.8.; IR (KBr): vmax = 2921, 2216, 1610, 1547, 1227, 882, 752, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₃H₂₂N₃O [M + H]⁺: 356.1757, found: 356.1757.

(E)-2-(2-Oxo-3-phenyl-4-(piperidin-1-yl)cyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3d):



Yellow solid, 42 mg, 69% yield, m.p. 172–174 °C, $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.10 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (s, 4H), 1.62 (s, 6H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.6, 165.6, 155.2, 134.2, 129.7, 128.4, 127.4, 117.6, 117.2, 93.6, 50.7, 33.4, 26.2, 23.8; IR (KBr): vmax = 2925, 2214, 1537, 1443, 1297, 1022, 965, 721 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂O [M + H]⁺: 279.1492, found: 279.1496.

(E)-2-(4-(3,5-Dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-3-phenylcyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile

(3e):



Pale Yellow solid, 49 mg, 72% yield, m.p. 204–206 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 1H), 2.67 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 1H), 1.74 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (s, 1H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.77 (dd, J = 24.2, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 0.45 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 184.8, 166.5, 156.9, 135.7, 130.1, 128.5, 127.3, 117.9, 116.4, 92.7, 56.3, 55.7, 41.3, 33.1, 32.1, 31.0, 18.7; IR (KBr): vmax = 2923, 2216, 1660, 1547, 1287, 1250, 748, 667 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N₂O [M + H]⁺: 307.1805, found: 307.1808.

(*E*)-2-(4-(4-Chloropiperidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-3-phenylcyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3f):



Brown solid, 47 mg, 68% yield, m.p. 143–145 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 3.59 (s, 4H), 3.41 (s, 2H), 2.06 (s, 2H), 1.88 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.9, 165.4, 154.5, 133.6, 129.7, 128.6, 127.7, 118.2, 116.9, 94.4, 54.9, 46.1, 34.8, 33.5.; IR (KBr): vmax = 2925, 2216, 1596, 1287, 1253, 1126, 750, 761, 708 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₈ClN₂O [M + H]⁺: 313.1102, found: 313.1103.

Methyl(*E*)-1-(4-(cyanomethylene)-3-oxo-2-phenylcyclopent-1-en-1-yl)piperidine-4carboxylate (3g):



Brown solid, 55 mg, 75% yield, m.p. 132–134 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.58 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (s, 2H), 2.64 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 1.90 (s, 2H), 1.76 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.8, 173.8, 165.5, 154.7, 133.8, 129.7, 128.6, 127.6, 118.0, 117.0, 94.1, 52.1, 48.6, 39.9, 33.4, 28.1; IR (KBr): vmax = 2952, 2216, 1728, 1542, 1442, 1913, 1037, 749, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₁N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺: 337.1547, found: 337.1542.

(E)-2-(4-(Azetidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-3-phenylcyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3h):



Pale Yellow solid, 35 mg, 63% yield, m.p. 180–182 °C, $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.12 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.43 – 2.36 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.3, 165.4, 155.3, 131.2, 130.2, 127.8, 127.3, 117.0, 116.7, 94.3, 55.0, 53.0, 30.3, 16.8.; IR (KBr): vmax = 2926, 2215, 1657, 1541, 1441, 1278, 747, 693 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O [M + H]⁺: 251.1179, found: 251.1181.

(E)-2-(2-Oxo-3-phenyl-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)cyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3i):



Brown solid, 43 mg, 74% yield, m.p. 150–152 °C, $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.00 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.79 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.2, 166.1, 154.6, 133.9, 129.8, 128.6, 127.6, 118.0, 117.0, 94.2, 50.1, 33.7, 23.8.; IR (KBr): vmax = 2877, 2216, 1546, 1445, 1287, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O [M + H]⁺: 265.1335, found: 265.1338.

(E)-2-(4-(Azepan-1-yl)-2-oxo-3-phenylcyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3j):



Pale Yellow solid, 46 mg, 71% yield, m.p. 146–148 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.10 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 3.28 (s, 2H), 1.83 (s, 2H), 1.68 (s, 2H), 1.52 (s, 2H), 1.36 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.6, 166.2, 155.0, 134.4, 130.4, 128.2, 127.4, 118.4, 117.2, 93.6, 52.5, 33.2, 29.2, 27.4, 26.6, 26.4; IR (KBr): vmax = 2925, 2215, 1659, 1535, 1438, 1274, 743, 617 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O [M + H]⁺: 293.1648, found: 293.1652.

(*E*)-2-(4-(Benzyl(methyl)amino)-2-oxo-3-phenylcyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3k):



Yellow syrup, 50 mg, 72% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.10 (m, 10H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 2.82 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.0, 165.4, 154.3, 133.4(3C), 129.8(3C), 128.6, 127.7, 118.2, 116.9, 94.5, 66.5, 49.5, 33.2; IR (KBr neat): vmax 3016, 2858, 2217, 1551, 1410, 1215, 1155, 746, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₉N₂O [M + H]⁺: 315.1492, found: 315.1492. (*E*)-2-(4-(Methyl(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)amino)-2-oxo-3-phenylcyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3I):



Pale Yellow solid, 53 mg, 66% yield, m.p. 156–158 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 28.1 Hz, 3H), 7.31 – 7.16 (m, 7H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.0, 167.4, 154.7, 133.9, 133.5, 130.7, 130.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.2, 127.4, 126.1, 126.4, 125.3, 121.9, 118.9, 116.9, 94.4, 55.7, 33.4.; IR (KBr): vmax = 3011, 2216, 1545, 795, 747, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₁N₂O [M + H]⁺: 365.1648, found: 365.1638. (*E*)-2-(4-(Diallylamino)-2-oxo-3-phenylcyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3m):



Brown solid, 48 mg, 75% yield, m.p. 87–89 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3);¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.11 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 2H), 5.25 (s, 4H), 3.88 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 4H), 3.64 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.1, 166.7, 154.4, 133.6, 131.4, 130.3, 128.4, 127.8, 118.8, 118.5, 116.9, 94.5, 52.2, 33.3.; IR (KBr): vmax = 3017, 2926, 2217, 1664, 1543, 1290, 926, 747, 701 cm⁻¹;HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O [M + H]⁺: 291.1492, found: 291.1497.

(E) - 2 - (2 - 0xo - 4 - (3 - 0xo - 8 - azabicyclo [3.2.1] octan - 8 - yl) - 3 - phenylcyclopent - 3 - en - 1 - yl) -

ylidene)acetonitrile (3n):



Pale Yellow solid, 47 mg, 67% yield, m.p. 189–191 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 4.21 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 2.62 (d, J = 60.8 Hz, 4H), 2.17 – 1.65 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.9, 185.9, 161.5, 154.2, 133.2, 129.9, 128.8, 128.2, 118.9, 116.8, 95.0, 57.1, 54.7, 49.7, 48.3, 33.1, 28.3.; IR (KBr): vmax = 2924, 2217, 1715, 1543, 1496, 1285, 1198, 997, 750, 614cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₀H₁₉N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 319.1441, found: 319.1434.

(*E*)-2-(4-(4-(2-Chlorodibenzo[*b*,*f*][1,4]oxazepin-11-yl)piperazin-1-yl)-2-oxo-3-phenylcyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (30):



Light Orange solid, 82 mg, 73% yield, m.p. 213–215 °C, $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 17.7, 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 3.54 (s, 8H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.0, 165.5, 159.4, 158.3, 154.3, 151.7, 139.4, 133.5, 133.1, 130.6, 129.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.1, 126.0, 125.4, 124.4, 123.0, 120.3, 118.4, 116.9, 94.6, 48.7, 47.4, 33.3.; IR (KBr): vmax = 3058, 2924, 2217, 1662, 1548, 1443, 1228, 750, 671 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₃₀H₂₄ClN₄O₂ [M + H]⁺: 507.1582, found: 507.1578

(E)-2-(2-Oxo-3-phenyl-4-(4-(2,3,4-trimethoxybenzyl)piperazin-1-yl)cyclopent-3-en-1-

ylidene)acetonitrile (3p):



Brown solid, 69 mg, 68% yield, m.p. 110–112 °C, $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.56 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 3.40 (s, 4H), 2.46 (s, 4H).; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.8, 165.4, 154.8, 153.3, 152.6, 142.3, 133.7, 129.8, 128.5, 127.5, 125.1, 122.72, 117.9, 117.0, 107.0, 94.0, 61.2, 60.8, 56.2, 56.0, 52.5, 49.4, 33.3; IR (KBr): vmax = 2931,

2216, 1549, 1497, 1278, 1095, 751, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{27}H_{30}N_3O_4$ [M + H]⁺: 460.2231, found: 460.2223.

(*E*)-2-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-morpholino-2-oxocyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3q):



Orange solid, 51 mg, 75% yield, m.p. 203–205 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 4H), 3.56 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (s, 4H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.3, 165.3, 159.0, 154.3, 130.1, 125.3, 117.1, 116.9, 114.1, 94.3, 66.5, 55.3, 49.4, 33.2.; IR (KBr): *v*max = 2922, 2216, 1659, 1547, 1242, 748 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺: 311.1390, found: 311.1382.

(E)-2-(4-Morpholino-2-oxo-3-(p-tolyl)cyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3r):



Brown solid, 46 mg, 71% yield, m.p. 199–201 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 4H), 3.56 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (s, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.2, 165.3, 154.4, 137.5, 130.3, 129.7, 129.3, 118.3, 116.9, 94.4, 66.5, 49.4, 33.8, 21.3; IR (KBr): vmax = 2922, 2856, 2216, 1660, 1546, 1441, 744, 663 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 295.1441, found: 295.1436.

(E)-2-(3-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-4-morpholino-2-oxocyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile

(3s):



Pale Yellow solid, 52 mg, 76% yield, m.p. 161–163 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3) ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 4H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 3.42 (s, 4H), 2.30 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.1, 165.3, 154.4, 138.1, 133.1, 129.5, 127.5, 118.6, 116.9, 94.3, 66.5, 49.5, 33.1, 21.4.; IR (KBr): *v*max =2919, 2216, 1661, 1544, 1114, 749, 667cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 309.1598, found: 309.1598.

(E)-2-(3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-morpholino-2-oxocyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3t):



Brown solid, 51 mg, 73% yield, m.p. 223–225 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 4H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 3.43 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.8, 165.6, 153.1, 133.6, 131.8, 131.1, 128.8, 128.6, 116.7, 94.8, 66.4, 49.6, 33.2.; IR (KBr): vmax = 2923, 2217, 1663, 1548, 1496, 1284, 748, 666 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₆ClN₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 315.0895, found: 315.0896.

(*E*)-2-(4-Morpholino-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-oxocyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3u):



Brown solid, 50 mg, 69% yield, m.p. 103–105 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3 ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 15.3, 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.31 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (m, 2H), 3.75 – 3.56 (m, 4H), 3.23 – 2.74 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 185.6, 167.9, 156.6, 133.7, 132.8, 132.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.27, 126.7, 126.6, 126.2, 126.1, 117.9, 114.5, 93.3, 66.7, 65.8, 49.7, 49.0, 33.1; IR (KBr): vmax = 2922, 2216, 1545, 1441, 1294, 749 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₉N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 331.1441, found: 331.1442.

(E)-2-(4-Morpholino-2-oxo-3-(thiophen-2-yl)cyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)acetonitrile (3v):



Yellow solid, 44 mg, 70% yield, m.p. 208–210 °C, $R_f = 0.4$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (dd, J = 5.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 3.75 – 3.71 (m, 4H), 3.58 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.56 – 3.49 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.8, 166.0, 153.4, 133.6, 128.2, 127.2, 126.9, 116.7, 110.8, 95.0, 66.5, 49.5, 33.3; IR (KBr): vmax = 2922, 2217, 1557, 1552, 1274, 1112, 745, 704cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 287.0849, found: 287.0849.

2-(4-Morpholino-2-oxo-3-phenylcyclopent-3-en-1-yl)acetonitrile (4):



A round-bottom flask was charged with cyclopentenone **3a** (30 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1 equiv) and EtOAc (2 mL) under a nitrogen atmosphere, and then 10% Pd–C catalyst (~5 mg) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere (16 h) until consumption of starting material **3a** as monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was directly subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (30% EtOAc in hexanes; Rf = 0.4) to afford the desired product **4.** Half white solid, 24 mg, 80% yield, m.p. 157–159 °C, R_f = 0.4 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 3.64 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 3.37 – 3.30 (m, 4H), 3.08 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.50 (m, 2H).;¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.0, 168.7, 133.9, 130.2, 128.4, 127.3, 118.4, 113.6, 66.4, 49.0, 39.9, 33.4, 20.0. IR (KBr): vmax = 2921, 2245, 1659, 1556, 1304, 752, 701cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₉N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 283.1441, found: 282.1435.

(*E*)-(4-(methylamino)-2-oxo-3-phenylcyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene)methylformate (5):



To a solution of cyclopentenone **3k** (32 mg, 0.10 mol, 1 equiv) in 2 mL of MeOH was added MeOH.HCL (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at reflux temperature. The

completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC followed by quenched with NaHCO₃ (5 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated under vacuo, and then purified by flash chromatography (5% MeOH in DCM; Rf = 0.3) to afford **5**. Brown solid, 19 mg, 78% yield, m.p. 168-170 °C, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-*d*₆) δ 202.1, 180.1, 171.2, 152.5, 135.3, 133.6, 132.8, 132.4, 126.9, 117.1, 56.4, 43.2.; IR (KBr): vmax = 2923, 2853, 1715, 1391, 1214, 767, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺: 244.0968, found: 244.0961.

Methyl (Z)-5-phenyl-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (6):

Reaction was conducted using modified condition,⁴ To a stirred solution of corresponding MBH-alcohol ¹ (1 equiv) in 5 mL of PEG 400 was added sodium phenylsulfinate (1.5 equiv) at room temperature and stirred for 1h at 80 °C. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was extracted with Et_2O (4 x 10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc: hexanes) to afford the corresponding product.



Half white solid, 262 mg, 83% yield, m.p. 121–123 °C, Rf = 0.5 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40- 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.37, 138.82, 133.80, 132.14, 129.92, 129.81, 129.06, 128.81, 128.49, 126.52, 121.66, 104.22, 84.62, 56.73, 52.64; IR (KBr): vmax = 2951, 2195, 1715, 1610, 1439, 1141, 1082, 728 cm–1; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₇SO₄ [M + H]⁺: 341.0842, found: 341.0848. **Methyl (E)-2-(nitromethyl)-5-phenylpent-2-en-4-ynoate (7):** To a stirred solution of corresponding MBH-acetate ¹ (1 equiv) in 10 mL of aqueous methanol (MeOH:water 9:1) was added sodium nitrate (1.5 equiv) at room temperature and stirred for given time. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc: hexanes) to afford the corresponding product.



Half white solid, 195 mg, 78% yield, m.p. 58-60 °C, Rf = 0.5 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.97, 132.20, 130.27, 130.07, 128.68, 128.31, 121.22, 106.35, 83.86, 72.07, 52.84.; IR (KBr): vmax = 2292, 2194, 1713, 1555, 1217, 752 cm–1; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₀NO₄ [M - H]⁺: 244.0607, found: 244.0604.

Methyl (*E*)-2-(morpholinomethyl)-5-phenylpent-2-en-4-ynoate (8):



Yellow solid, 47 mg, 81% yield, m.p. 123–125 °C, Rf = 0.4 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dt, J = 8.7, 4.2 Hz, 3H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.71 – 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 2.59 – 2.57 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.18, 138.17, 131.81, 129.42, 128.59, 123.03, 122.32, 101.91, 85.70,

67.02, 55.72, 53.74, 52.31; IR (KBr): vmax = 2946, 2855, 2196, 1715, 1608, 1240, 1117, 757 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{20}NO_3$ [M + H]⁺: 286.1438, found: 286.1437.

X-ray Crystallography.

X-ray data for the compound was collected at room temperature on a Bruker D8 QUEST instrument with an I μ S Mo microsource ($\lambda = 0.7107$ A) and a PHOTON-III detector. The raw data frames were reduced and corrected for absorption effects using the Bruker Apex 3 software suite programs [2]. The structure was solved using intrinsic phasing method [2] and further refined with the SHELXL [3] program and expanded using Fourier techniques. Anisotropic displacement parameters were included for all non-hydrogen atoms. All C bound H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent C atoms [C-H = 0.93-0.97 Å, and Uiso(H) = 1.5Ueq(C) for methyl H or 1.2Ueq(C) for other H atoms].

Crystal structure determination of 3a

Crystal Data for $C_{17}H_{16}N_2O_2$ (M =280.32 g/mol): monoclinic, space group P_{21}/c (no. 10.2278(10) Å, b = 8.9747(9) Å, c = 15.8181(18) Å, $\beta = 106.584(4)^{\circ}$, $V = 106.584(4)^{\circ}$ 14), *a* = 1391.6(3) Å³, Z = 4, T = 294(2) K, μ (MoK α) = 0.089 mm⁻¹, Dcalc = 1.338 g/cm³, 19954 reflections measured (5.274° $\leq 2\Theta \leq 61.102^{\circ}$), 4257 unique ($R_{int} = 0.0478$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0538$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0586 (I > 2 σ (I)) and wR_2 was 0.1851 (all data).CCDC 2242817 deposition numbers contains the supplementary crystallographic which data for this be obtained free of charge paper can at https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/

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