# **Supporting Information**

# Highly Stereoselective Synthesis of *trans*-Alkenes via Electrochemical Ni-Catalyzed Hydroarylation of Alkynes with Aryl Iodides

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# **1. General Information**

All commercially available reagents were directly used as received without further purification. All organic solvents applied in the reactions were not pre-dried by distillation. The electrochemical reactions were performed on a DJS-292B potentiostat (made in China) in constant current mode. All yields of products refer to the isolated yields after chromatography. All reactions were performed under three-neck flask, and two polytetrafluoroethlene electrode holders. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) spectra and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectra were recorded on ZhongKe-NiuJin400 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C NMR at 100 MHz) spectrometer and Bruker Ascend 400 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C NMR at 100 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were recorded in parts per million (ppm,  $\delta$ ) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS,  $\delta$  0.0 ppm) or chloroform ( $\delta$  = 7.260, singlet). <sup>1</sup>H NMR splitting patterns are designated as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), dd (doublet of doublets); m (multiplets), and etc. High resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) was performed on Finnigan MAT 95 XP mass spectrometer (Thermo Electron Corporation). GC-MS was obtained using electron ionization (TRACE 1310 Mainframe MS). The reaction was monitored by TLC (GF-254) under UV light or treated with KMnO<sub>4</sub> followed by heating.

# 2. Preparation of Substrates



To a 50-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, acid (11 mmol, 1.1 equiv), alcohol (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (20 mL), was added DMAP (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 5.0 mol %) and DCC (2.5 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in sequence at  $0^{\circ}$ C. Then the reaction mixture was stirred for 4-5 hours at room temperature. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the solvent was evaporated under vacuum after filtering through Celite. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Hexanes/EtOAc) to give the pure products.



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.02 (d, J=7.88Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J=7.33Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.22 (t, J=6.4Hz, 2H), 3.96(m,2H), 2.56(td,J=6.8Hz, 2.5Hz, 2H), 2.35(s,3H), 2.21(s,3H), 2.00(t, J=2.6Hz,1H), 1.77(m, 4H), 1.26 (s, 6H);



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.7Hz, 2H), 6.90(d, *J* = 8.7Hz, 2H), 4.75 (td, *J* = 10.8Hz, 4.2Hz, 1H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 6.4Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 6.8Hz, 2H), 1.80-1.65(m, 4H), 1.42-1.25(m,4H), 1.15-1.05(m,1H), 0.91(t, *J* = 6.8Hz, 6H), 0.77(d, *J* = 7.0Hz, 3H).



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.73-7.69(m, 4H), 7.52(d, *J* = 8.5Hz, 2H), 7.02(d, *J* = 2.2Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.82 (m, 4H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 9.0Hz, 2.5Hz, 2H), 3.89(s, 2H), 3.83(s, 3H), 2.45(s, 3H).



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.78(d, *J* = 8.8Hz, 2H), 7.71(d, *J* = 8.5Hz, 2H), 7.67(d, *J* = 8.8Hz, 2H), 6.97(d, *J* = 8.8Hz, 2H), 6.75(d, *J* = 8.8Hz, 2H), 1.82(s,6H).

# **3. General Procedure**



Equip a 25 mL three-necked flask with nickel plate cathode ( $10 \times 10 \times 0.15$  mm) and iron plate anode ( $10 \times 10 \times 0.15$  mm), the distance between which was approximately 2 cm .Then transfer the flask(equipped with electrode) into glovebox. Under N<sub>2</sub> protection ,add the substrate iodobenzene **1a** (0.5 mmol) and 3,3-dimethylbut-1-yne **2a** (1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), electrolyte *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> (32.9 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.02 M), NiBr<sub>2</sub>(0.1mmol, 20%mmol) and 2,9-dimethyl-4,7-diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline(0.15mmol, 30%mmol) followed by 5 mL solvent (DMF) and CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (57.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Solvent require anhydrous treatment. To minimize the evaporation, the system was closed with a rubber plug (**Fig. S1**). During the reaction, the constant current is 3 mA. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluted with PE ) to afford the desired product **3a** (a colorless transparent oily substance).



Fig. S1 Reaction setup

# 4. Gram-Scale Experiment (5.0 mmol scale)



Equip a 100 mL solvent seal bottle with nickel plate cathode (  $5 \text{ cm} \times 5 \text{ cm} \times 0.2 \text{ mm}$  ) and iron plate anode (  $5 \text{ cm} \times 5 \text{ cm} \times 0.2 \text{ mm}$  ), the distance between which was approximately 2 cm. Then transfer the bottle ( equipped with electrode ) into glovebox. Under N<sub>2</sub> protection ,add the substrate iodobenzene **1a** (5 mmol) and 3,3-dimethylbut-1-yne **2a** ( 12 mmol, 2.1 equiv ), electrolyte *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> ( 0.329 g, 1 mmol, 0.02 M ), NiBr<sub>2</sub> ( 1mmol, 20%mmol ) and 2,9-dimethyl-4,7-diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline ( 1.5 mmol, 30%mmol) followed by 50 mL solvent ( DMF ) and CF<sub>3</sub>COOH ( 5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Solvent require anhydro`us treatment. During the reaction, the constant current is 6 mA. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluted with PE ) to afford the desired product **3a** ( yield: 57%, a colorless transparent oily substance).



Fig. S2 & S3 Gram-scale reaction setup

# 5. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

Table S1. Optimization of the Ligand

+ 1a (0.5 mmol)	$Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $I = 3 mA$ $nBu_4NBr(0.1mmol),$ $K_2HPO_4(0.5mmol)$ $Ni(BF_4)_2 \cdot 6H_2O(0.1mmol),$ $Ligand(0.15mmol)$ $DMF(5mL), rt, 12 h$	3a
Entry	Ligand	Yield(%)
1	L1	24
2	L2	12
3	L3	N.D.
4	L4	N.D.
5	L5	N.D.
6	L6	N.D.
7	L7	trace
8	L8	16
9	L9	N.D.
10	L10	N.D.
11	L11	N.D.
12	L12	N.D.
13	L13	N.D.
14	L14	N.D.
15	L15	N.D.
16	L16	46
17	L17	N.D.
18	L18	N.D.
19	L19	N.D.
20	L20	trace



+ 1a (0.5 mmol)	$Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Ni(-)$ $I = 3 mA$ $nBu_4NBr(0.1mmol),$ $K_2HPO_4(0.5mmol)$ $Ni(BF_4)_2 \cdot 6H_2O(0.1mmol),$ $Ligand(0.15mmol)$ $Solvent(5mL), rt, 12 h$	3a
Entry	solvent	Yield(%)
1	DMF	46
2	DMA	11
3	MeOH	N.D.
4	MeCN	N.D.
5	NMP	N.D.
6	THF	N.D.
7	1,4-dioxane	N.D.
8	EtOH	N.D.

# Table S3. Optimization of the electrolyte type

+ 1a (0.5 mmol)	$Fe(+) \qquad Fe(+) \qquad Fe(+$	3a
Entry	electrolyte	Yield(%)
1	nBu4NBr	46
2	nBu₄NI	14
3	nBu₄NPF <sub>6</sub>	trace
4	nBu₄NCl	16
5	nBu₄NClO₄	15
6	nBu₄NPO₄	trace
7	nBu₄NBF₄	57
8	nBu₄NSO₄	17

# Table S4. Optimization of the additive

+ 1a (0.5 mmol)	$Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $I = 3 mA$ $nBu_4NBF_4(0.1mmol),$ $additive(0.5mmol)$ $Ni(BF_4)_2 \cdot 6H_2O(0.1mmol),$ $Ligand(0.15mmol)$ $DMF(5mL), rt, 12 h$	Ja Ja
Entry	additive	Yield(%)
1	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	57
2	NH4Cl	22
3	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	12
4	PhCOOH	trace
5	<b>CF</b> ₃COOH	62
6	CH₃OH	trace

 Table S5. Optimization of the quantity of electrolyte

+ 1a (0.5 mmol)	$Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Ni(-)$ $I = 3 \text{ mA}$ $RBu_4 \text{NBF}_4(0.1 \text{ mmol}),$ $CF_3 \text{COOH}(0.5 \text{ mmol})$ $[Ni](0.1 \text{ mmol}),$ $Ligand(0.15 \text{ mmol})$ $DMF(5 \text{mL}), \text{ rt, 12 h}$	3a
Entry	[Ni]	Yield(%)
1	Ni(BF₄)₂·6H₂O	62
2	NiBr <sub>2</sub>	71
3	NiBr₂·glyme	38
4	Nil <sub>2</sub>	12
5	Ni(acac) <sub>2</sub>	N.D.
6	NiCl <sub>2</sub>	25
7	NiCl₂·glyme	8
8	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	N.D.
9	Ni(PPh3) <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub>	N.D.
10	Ni(Py) <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	N.D.



+ 1a (0.5 mmol)	$Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $Fe(+)$ $I = 3 mA$ $electrolyte(0.1mmol),$ $additive(0.5mmol)$ $NiBr_2(0.1mmol),$ $Ligand(0.15mmol)$ $DMF(5mL), rt, 12 h$	3a
Entry	Current intensity	Yield(%)
1	1	trace
2	2	43
3	3	71
4	4	42
5	5	33

# Table S7. Optimization of the anode

+ 1a (0.5 mmol)	$(+) \qquad (+) $	3a
Entry	anode	Yield(%)
1	Cu	trace
2	Zn	21
3	Fe	71
4	Mg	trace

# 6. Target reaction and side reaction



In my reaction system, there is one main reaction and two side reactions.



After the separation of the reaction system, it was found that the main product was trans-olefin, and 12% of iodobenzene was self-coupled, while a small amount of iodobenzene was directly reduced by deiodination in electrochemical environment.

# 7. Mechanistic Studies

#### Cyclic voltammetry experiments

The cyclic voltammogram was collected with a CHI 760E Potentiostat. Cyclic voltammetry was performed in a three electrode cell connected to a schlenk line under nitrogen at room temperature. The working electrode was aglassy carbon electrode, the counter electrode a platinum sheet. The reference was saturated calomel electrode. DMF (10 mL) containing 1.0 mmol *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> was poured into the electrochemical cell in all experiments and the sample was prepared with 0.2 mmol of target molecule. The scan rate is 0.1 V/s. The peak potentials vs. SCE for used. Maximum potential (Ep) of each compound was obtained using Origin.



Fig. S4 The CV plot of *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub>,NiBr<sub>2</sub>,Ligand, system of NiBr<sub>2</sub> and Ligand

The Ep values of NiBr<sub>2</sub> was determined as -2.25V, The Ep values of Ligand was determined as -1.95V, -2.12V, The Ep values of system of NiBr<sub>2</sub> and Ligand was determined as -1.24V, -1.82V(**Fig. S4**), and electrolyte *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> was determined as no obvious peak.



Fig. S5 The CV plot of iodobenzene

The Ep values of system of Iodobenzene was determined as -2.27V (Fig. S5), and electrolyte *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> was determined as no obvious peak.



**Fig. S6** The CV plot of iodobenzene, 3,3-dimethylbut-1-yne The Ep values of system of 3,3-dimethylbut-1-yne was determined as -1.98V (**Fig. S6**).



Fig. S7 The CV plot of Nickel complex with 1eq TFA or 5eq TFA



Fig. S8 The CV plot of iodobenzene with 1eq TFA.

#### Free radical capture experiment



Equip a 25 mL three-necked flask with nickel plate cathode ( $10 \times 10 \times 0.15$  mm) and iron plate anode ( $10 \times 10 \times 0.15$  mm), the distance between which was approximately 2 cm .Then transfer the flask(equipped with electrode) into glovebox. Under N<sub>2</sub> protection ,add the substrate iodobenzene **1a** (0.5 mmol) and 3,3-dimethylbut-1-yne **2a** (1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), electrolyte *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> (32.9 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.02 M), NiBr<sub>2</sub>(0.1mmol, 20%mmol) and 2,9-dimethyl-4,7-diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline(0.15mmol, 30%mmol), TEMPO(0.39g, 2.5mmol, 5.0eq) or BHT( 0.55g, 2.5mmol, 5eq) followed by 5 mL solvent (DMF) and CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (57.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Solvent require anhydrous treatment. To minimize the evaporation, the system was closed with a rubber plug (**Fig. S1**). During the reaction, the constant current is 3 mA. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluted with PE ) to afford the desired product **3a** (a colorless transparent oily substance).

#### **On-off electrical experiment**



Equip two 25 mL three-necked flask with nickel plate cathode ( $10 \times 10 \times 0.15$  mm) and iron plate anode ( $10 \times 10 \times 0.15$  mm), the distance between which was approximately 2 cm. Then transfer the flask(equipped with electrode) into glovebox. Under N<sub>2</sub> protection ,add the substrate iodobenzene **1a** (0.5 mmol) and 3,3-dimethylbut-1-yne **2a** (1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), electrolyte *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> (32.9 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.02 M), NiBr<sub>2</sub>(0.1mmol, 20%mmol) and 2,9-dimethyl-4,7-diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline(0.15mmol, 30%mmol), followed by 5 mL solvent (DMF) and CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (57.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Solvent require anhydrous treatment. To minimize the evaporation, the system was closed with a rubber plug (**Fig. S1**). During the reaction, the constant current is 3 mA. After three hours, the reaction was stopped, one of the reactions was post-treated and separated, and the other reaction was stirred for another six hours, and then post-treated and separated..

# 8. Spectroscopic Data of Products



## (E)-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzene (3a)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 56.8 mg (71% yield) of the title compound **3a**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.42-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 0.7Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.9, 138.0, 128.5, 126.7, 126.0, 124.5, 33.4, 29.5.

In accordance with literature<sup>1</sup>.



#### (E)-1-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (3b)

Colourless oil ,purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 59.8 mg (63% yield) of the title compound **3b**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 9H);

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.6, 139.8, 130.8, 127.1, 123.8, 113.9, 55.3, 33.3, 29.7.

In accordance with literature<sup>2</sup>.



# (E)-1-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)-3-methoxybenzene (3c)

Lime-yellow oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 72.2 mg (76% yield) of the title compound **3c**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$ H 7.25 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.01 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 6.95 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 6.79(dd, 1H, J=8.2Hz, 2.2Hz), 6.33 (d, 1H, J = 15.8 Hz), 6.28(d, 1H, J=15.8Hz), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.8, 142.2, 139.6, 129.5, 124.5, 118.7, 112.5, 111.3, 55.3, 33.4, 29.6.

In accordance with literature<sup>3</sup>.



# (E)-1-(tert-butyl)-4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzene (3d)

Yellow oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 61.5 mg (57% yield) of the title compound **3d**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 - 7.32 (m, 4H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.16 (s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.8, 141.2, 135.3, 125.7, 125.4, 124.2, 34.5, 33.3, 31.3, 29.6. In accordance with literature<sup>4</sup>.





# (E)-1-butyl-4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzene (3e)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 62.6 mg (58% yield) of the title compound **3e**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.29 (d, J = 7.7Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 6.28 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (t, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.11(s, 9H), 0.91(t, J = 7.4Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 140.9, 135.5, 128.6, 125.9, 124.4, 119.5, 35.4, 33.7, 31.7, 29.7, 22.4, 14.0;

**HRMS**: calcd for  $C_{16}H_{24}$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 217.1951, found: 217.1947.



# (E)-4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3f)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 49.6 mg (42% yield) of the title compound **3f**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (m,, 4H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5Hz, 1H), 6.35(d, *J* = 16.5Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 16.5Hz, 1H), 1.14(s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.1, 141.0, 139.5, 137.2, 128.8, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.5, 124.1, 33.5, 30.0. In accordance with literature<sup>4</sup>.



# (E)-4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzonitrile (3g)

Yellow oil, purification by preparative thin layer chromatography (petroleum ether/ EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 59.2 mg (64% yield) of the title compound **3**g.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (s, 9H);

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$  145.9, 142.7, 132.3, 126.5, 123.5, 119.2, 109.9, 33.8, 29.3.

In accordance with literature<sup>4</sup>.



# (E)-3-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzonitrile (3h)

Yellow oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 46.2 mg (50% yield) of the title compound **3h**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 1.13(s,9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 144.7, 139.4, 130.4, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 122.8, 119.0, 112.6, 33.7, 29.4. HRMS: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 186.1277, found: 186.1277.



3i

# (E)-2-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzonitrile (3i)

Yellow oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 34.2 mg (37% yield) of the title compound **3i**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.65 (t, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 16.1Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 16.1Hz, 1H), 1.20(s,9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 147.3, 141.5, 133.0, 132.6, 128.1, 126.9, 125.4, 121.0, 110.8, 34.0, 29.4;

**HRMS**: calcd for  $C_{13}H_{15}N [M+H]^+$ : 186.1277, found: 186.1271.



# (E)-(4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3j)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 52.5 mg (51% yield) of the title compound **3**j.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.33 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.5, 136.4, 135.2, 126.9, 126.4, 123.9, 33.4, 29.6, 16.2. In accordance with literature<sup>4</sup>.



# (E)-1-(4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3k)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 38.4 mg (38% yield) of the title compound **3k**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.93 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 197.7, 145.0, 142.9, 135.4, 128.8, 126.1, 123.9, 33.7, 29.4, 26.6.

In accordance with literature<sup>5</sup>.



# (E)-1-bromo-4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzene (3l)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 57.1 mg (48% yield) of the title compound **3**I.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (s, 2H), 1.15 (s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 142.7, 137.0, 131.5, 127.6, 123.5, 120.3, 33.5, 29.5.

In accordance with literature<sup>7</sup>.



# (E)-(4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3m)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 58.1mg (44% yield) of the title compound **3m**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.81 (m, 4H), 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.51 (m, 4H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (s,9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 196.4, 144.9, 142.4, 138.0, 135.7, 132.3, 130.7, 130.0, 128.3, 125.9, 124.0, 33.8, 29.5.

HRMS: calcd for  $C_{19}H_{20}O$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> :265.1587, found:265.1581 .



# (E)-1-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)-3,5-dimethylbenzene (3n)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 67.7 mg (72% yield) of the title compound **3n**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.03 (s, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.28(s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 1.15 (s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 141.5, 138.0, 137.9, 128.5, 124.6, 123.9, 33.3, 29.6, 21.3.

In accordance with literature.<sup>6</sup>



#### (E)-5-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole (30)

Yellow solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 50.3 mg (47% yield) of the title compound **3o**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.8Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 16.1Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 16.1Hz, 1H), 4.09(s, 3H), 1.18(s,9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 140.6, 139.4, 132.9, 131.0, 124.8, 124.6, 124.5, 118.4, 109.0, 35.7, 33.4, 29.8 HRMS: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 215.1543, found: 215.1544.



3p (E)-4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)-2-methoxypyridine (3p)

Yellow oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (5:1)) afforded 63.9 mg (67% yield) of the title compound **3p**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 8.08 (d, *J* = 5.4Hz, 1H), 6.90(dd, *J* = 1.3Hz, 5.4Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95(s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.9, 148.4, 146.7, 146.4, 122.7, 114.2, 107.8, 55.5, 33.7, 29.3.

**HRMS**: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 192.1383, found: 192.1385.



# (E)-2-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)naphthalene (3q)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 69.3 mg (61% yield) of the title compound **3**g.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1.8Hz, 1H), 7.49 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 16.2Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 16.2Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 142.2, 135.4, 133.6, 132.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 126.0, 125.5, 125.3, 124.6, 123.5, 33.4, 29.6.

In accordance with literature<sup>2</sup>.



3r

#### (E)-3-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)-9H-fluorene (3r)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 81.8 mg (66% yield) of the title compound **3r**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):δ = 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.8Hz, 1H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 1.18(s,9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$  = 143.7, 143.4, 141.7, 141.5, 140.6, 136.8, 126.8, 126.4, 125.2, 125.1, 124.9, 122.4,120.0, 119.8, 36.9, 33.5, 29.7.

HRMS: calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> :249.1638, found:249.1638.



(E)-2-(4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-ol (3s)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (5:1)) afforded 32.6 mg (32% yield) of the title compound **3s**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.32(d, *J* = 16.3Hz, 1H), 6.26(d, *J* = 16.3Hz, 1H), 3.88 (t, *J* = 6.2Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 6.8Hz, 2H), 1.15 (s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 141.7, 136.9, 136.5, 129.2, 126.3, 124.1, 36.8, 38.9, 33.4, 29.7.

**HRMS**: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 205.1587, found: 205.1589.



#### (E)-(4-methoxystyryl)trimethylsilane (3t)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 64.9mg (63% yield) of the title compound **3t**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.7Hz, 2H), 6.82(d, *J* = 19.8Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 0.14(s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =159.6, 143.0, 131.4, 127.6, 126.7, 114.0, 55.4, -1.0; In accordance with literature<sup>8</sup>.





#### (E)-1-(hex-1-en-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (3u)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 64.6 mg (68% yield) of the title compound **3u**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =7.28 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dt, J = 15.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.44–1.31 (m, 4H), 0.90 (td, J = 7.2 Hz, 2.7Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 158.6, 130.9, 129.9, 129.1, 127.0, 113.9, 55.3, 32.7, 31.7, 22.3, 14.0; In accordance with literature<sup>9</sup>.



tert-butyl (E)-4-(4-methoxystyryl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3v)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1))afforded 96.6 mg (61% yield) of the title compound 3v.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.31 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, 7.0Hz, 1H), 4.15(d, J = 12.0Hz, 2H), 3.83(s, 3H), 2.80(t, J = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 2.34-2.22(m, 1H), 1.77(d, J = 12.6Hz, 2H), 1.50(s, 9H), 1.45-1.35(m, 2H)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 158.9, 155.0, 132.3, 130.3, 127.8, 127.2, 113.9, 79.4, 55.4, 39.4, 32.0, 28.5; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 318.2064, found: 318.2069.



3w

#### (E)-1-(3-cyclohexylprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (3w)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 66.7mg (58 % yield) of the title compound **3w**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.34(d, *J* = 16.0Hz, 1H), 6.05-6.17(m,1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.12 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.44-1.36 (m, 1H), 1.34-1.20(m, 4H), 1.05-0.95 (m, 2H),;

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  = <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.6, 130.9, 130.0, 127.7, 127.0, 113.9, 55.4, 41.1, 38.3, 33.3, 26.6, 26.4;

In accordance with literature<sup>10</sup>.





#### (E)-1-methoxy-4-(5-phenylpent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (3x)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 93.2 mg (74 % yield) of the title compound **3x**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.34 - 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 3H),6.84(d, *J* = 8.4Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dt, *J* = 16.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H);

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  = 158.7, 142.5, 130.7, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 125.8, 114.0, 55.4, 35.5, 32.6, 31.3;

In accordance with literature<sup>11</sup>.



#### ethyl (E)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (3y)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 73.1 mg (71% yield) of the title compound **3y**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = = 7.65 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.30 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =167.5, 161.4, 144.4, 129.8, 127.2, 115.8, 114.4, 60.5, 55.5, 14.3;

In accordance with literature<sup>12</sup>.



#### (E)-2-((3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)oxy)tetrahydro-2H-pyran (3z)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 52.8 mg (42% yield) of the title compound **3z**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  = 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.9Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.9Hz, 2H), 6.57(d, *J* = 15.8Hz, 1H), 6.57(dt, *J* = 15.8Hz, 1H), 4.71(t, *J* = 4.0Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 12.6Hz, 5.7Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 12.4Hz, 6.8Hz, 1H), 3.95-3.86(m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.55 (m, 6H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 159.3, 132.2, 129.6, 127.8, 123.7, 114.0, 97.8, 67.9, 62.3, 55.3, 30.7, 25.5, 19.6; In accordance with literature<sup>13</sup>.



3aa

#### (E)-1-methoxy-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (3aa)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 52.5 mg (71% yield) of the title compound **3aa**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dq, *J* = 15.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.85 (dd, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1.4Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =158.6, 130.9, 130.4, 127.0, 123.6, 114.0, 55.4, 18.5;

In accordance with literature<sup>14</sup>.



# ethyl (E)-3-(4-cyanophenyl)acrylate (3bb)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 72.4 mg (72% yield) of the title compound **3bb**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.74-7.60 (m, 5H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 16.1Hz, 1H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.0Hz, 2H),1.38(t, *J* = 7.0Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  =166.2, 144.2, 138.8, 132.7, 128.4, 121.9, 118.4, 113.4, 61.0, 14.3; In accordance with literature<sup>15</sup>.



#### 3cc

#### cinnamonitrile (3cc)

Yellow oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 49.0 mg (76% yield) of the title compound **3cc**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.46-7.37 (m, 6H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 16.6Hz, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =150.7, 133.6, 131.3, 129.2, 127.5, 118.3, 96.4;

In accordance with literature<sup>16</sup>.



3dd

#### (E)-(3-chloroprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (3dd)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 56.2 mg (74% yield) of the title compound **3dd**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ =7.43–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dt, *J* = 15.5 Hz, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H).;

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 136.0, 134.2, 128.7, 128.4, 126.8, 125.0, 45.6;

In accordance with literature<sup>17</sup>.



# (E)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-one (3ee)

Yellow oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (30:1)) afforded 56.9 mg (78% yield) of the title compound **3ee**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.58-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 3H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 198.5, 143.5, 134.5, 130.6, 129.0, 128.3, 127.1, 27.6;

In accordance with literature<sup>18</sup>.



#### cinnamyl acetate (3ff)

Colourless oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 59.8 mg (68% yield) of the title compound **3ff**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27(m,1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (dt, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 6.4Hz, 1H), 4.77(dd, *J* = 6.4Hz, 1.3Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =170.9, 136.3, 134.3, 128.7, 128.2, 126.7, 123.2, 65.2, 21.1;

In accordance with literature<sup>18</sup>.



# (E)-1,2-diphenylethene(5a)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 64.8 mg (72% yield) of the title compound **5a**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.61 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 4H),7.35(t, J = 7.6Hz, 4H), 7.25(t, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 7.11(s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) :  $\delta$  = 137.4, 128.8, 127.7, 126.6.

In accordance with literature<sup>19</sup>.



(E)-1-bromo-4-styrylbenzene(5b)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 78.7 mg (61% yield) of the title compound **5b**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.62-7.46(m, 4H),7.39-7.33(m, 4H), 7.29-7.25(m, 1H), 7.10(d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03(d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) : δ = 137.0, 136.3, 131.8, 129.5, 128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 126.6, 121.4.

In accordance with literature<sup>20</sup>.



# (E)-1-bromo-4-(4-methylstyryl)benzene(5c)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 63.9 mg (47% yield) of the title compound **5c.** 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.46(d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H),7.42-7.33(m, 4H), 7.17(d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07(d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98(d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.36(s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) :  $\delta$  = 137.9, 136.5, 134.2, 131.8, 129.5, 129.4, 127.9, 126.5, 126.4, 121.1, 21.4. In accordance with literature<sup>21</sup>.



# (E)-1-(4-styrylphenyl)propan-1-one(5d)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 75.5 mg (64% yield) of the title compound **5d**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 8.03(d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H),7.56-7.52(m, 4H), 7.40-7.35(m, 2H), 7.32-7.27(m, 1H), 7.22(d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12(d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.38(q, *J* = 7.12 Hz, 2H), 1.40(t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) : δ = 166.5, 141.8, 136.8, 131.2, 130.1, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 127.7, 126.9, 126.4, 61.0, 14.4.

In accordance with literature<sup>22</sup>.



# (E)-2-styrylnaphthalene(5e)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 67.7 mg (58% yield) of the title compound **5e**.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.91-7.79(m, 4H),7.77-7.73(m, 1H), 7.56(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.42(m, 2H), 7.38(t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.23(m, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) : δ = 137.4, 134.9, 133.8, 133.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 126.0, 123.6.

In accordance with literature<sup>23</sup>.



# (E)-2-styrylthiophene(5f)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 51.2 mg (55% yield) of the title compound **5f**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.45(d, *J* = 8.3Hz, 2H),7.36-7.32(m, 2H), 7.28-7.17(m, 3H), 7.07-7.05(m, 1H), 7.01-6.97(m, 1H), 6.92(d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) : δ = 143.0, 137.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.7, 126.4, 126.2, 124.4, 121.9.

In accordance with literature<sup>25</sup>.



5g

#### (E)-1,2,3,4,5-pentafluoro-6-styrylbenzene(5g)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 90.5mg (67% yield) of the title compound **5g**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.60-7.55(m, 2H), 7.51-7.36(m, 4H), 7.03(d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):  $\delta$  = 146.2-145.9 (m), 143.8-143.4 (m),141.2-140.8(m), 139.3-138.9(m), 138.9-

138.3(m), 137.2 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, ), 136.6, 129.0, 128.9, 126.9, 112.7, 112.4 (td, J = 13.4, 4.0 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) :**  $\delta = \delta$  -142.74 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), - 142.78 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), -156.55 (t, J = 20.8 Hz), -162.91 (t, J = 8.0 Hz), -162.98 (t, J = 13.3 Hz)

In accordance with literature<sup>26</sup>.



## (E)-9-styrylanthracene(5h)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 98.0 mg (69% yield) of the title compound **5h**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.44-8.32(m, 3H), 8.00-7.97(m, 2H), 7.88(d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.37-7.33(m, 1H), 6.92(d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):  $\delta$  = 137.4, 132.9, 131.6, 129.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 126.7, 126.6, 126.1, 125.6,

#### 125.3, 125.0.

In accordance with literature<sup>27</sup>.



#### (E)-5-methoxy-2-styrylpyridine(5i)

Yellow oil, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 70.7 mg (67% yield) of the title compound **5i**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.12(d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52(d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38(d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.21(m, 2H), 7.04-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.79(s, 1H), 3.96(s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) : δ = 165.0, 147.5, 147.0, 136.3, 133.0, 128.9, 128.7, 127.1, 126.1, 114.2, 108.2, 53.6. In accordance with literature<sup>24</sup>.



# (E)-9-phenyl-2-styryl-9H-carbazole(5j)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 127.6 mg (74% yield) of the title compound **5**j.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>): δ =8.20(s, 1H), 8.11(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz , 1H), 7.53-7.43(m, 7H), 7.38-7.23(m, 8H), 7.19(t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10(d, *J* = 16.4Hz, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) : δ = 141.5, 140.8, 138.1, 137.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 128.9, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 125.0, 124.0, 123.6, 120.6, 120.4, 118.8, 110.2.

**HRMS**: calcd for  $C_{26}H_{19}N [M+H]^+$ : 346.1591, found: 346.1596.



(E)-1,3-dimethoxy-5-(4-methoxystyryl)benzene(5k)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 83.7mg (74% yield) of the title compound **5k**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  =7.44(d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.04(d, *J* = 16.2 Hz , 1H), 6.92-6.88(m, 3H), 6.65(d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.37(t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82(s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CCl3) :  $\delta$  = 161.0, 159.4, 139.8, 130.0, 128.8, 127.9, 126.6, 114.2, 104.4, 99.7, 55.4. In accordance with literature<sup>28</sup>.



# (2S,5R)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl (4-((E)-styryl)phenyl) succinate(5l)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 143.2 mg (66% yield) of the title compound **5**I.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.48(d, *J* = 8.1Hz, 4H), 7.33(t, *J* = 7.4Hz, 2H) 7.26-7.21(m, 1H), 7.09-7.04(m, 4H), 4.74(td, *J* = 10.8Hz, 4.2Hz, 1H), 2.86(t, *J* = 6.5Hz, 2H), 2.73-2.69(m, 2H), 2.02-1.98(m,1H), 1.91-1.85(m, 1H), 1.68-1.65(m, 2H), 1.48-1.34(m, 2H), 1.09-0.94(m, 2H), 0.90-0.84(m, 7H), 0.75(d, *J* = 7.0Hz, 3H)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) : δ = 171.7, 171.0, 150.1, 137.2, 135.2, 129.0, 128.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.6,

121.8, 74.8, 47.1, 41.0, 34.3, 31.5, 29.5, 26.4, 23.5, 22.1, 20.9, 16.4.

**HRMS**: calcd for  $C_{28}H_{34}O_4$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 435.2530, found:435.2533.





<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.69(d, *J* = 8.1Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.47(m, 4H), 7.41(d, *J* = 8.1Hz, 2H) 7.37-7.33(m, 2H), 7.08-7.03(m, 4H), 6.98(s, 1H), 6.91(d, *J* = 8.7Hz, 1H), 6.84-6.81(m, 2H), 3.92(s, 2H), 3.85(s, 3H), 2.46(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) :  $\delta$  = 169.4, 167.4, 156.2, 139.4, 131.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 126.7, 126.6, 126.3, 121.7, 115.7, 115.1, 111.9, 101.3, 55.8, 30.2, 13.5. HRMS: calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 536.1623, found:536.1627.





(E)-9-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-6,6-dimethyl-1-phenylnon-1-en-5-one (5n)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1)) afforded 98.2 mg (54% yield) of the title compound **5n**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.34-7.30(m, 2H), 7.29-7.26(m, 2H), 7.22-7.17(m, 1H), 6.90(d, *J* = 7.5Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.54(s,1H), 6.46(d, *J* = 15.9Hz, 1H), 6.15(dt, *J* = 15.9Hz, 7.0Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.85-3.80 (m, 2H), 2.54(q, *J* = 6.7Hz, 2H), 2.30(s, 3H), 2.15(s, 3H), 1.73-1.69(m, 4H), 1.21(s, 6H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =177.8, 157.0, 137.3, 136.5, 132.4, 130.3, 128.9, 127.3, 126.1, 125.8, 123.9, 126.7, 111.9, 67.9, 63.5, 42.2, 37.2, 32.6, 25.3, 21.5, 15.8;

**HRMS**: calcd for  $C_{25}H_{32}O_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 381.2424, found: 381.2423.



## (E)-4-styrylphenyl 2-(4-benzoylphenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate(50)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1)) afforded 140.9 mg (61% yield) of the title compound **50**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.86-7.83(m, 2H), 7.79-7.76(m, 2H), 7.66-7.49(m, 6H), 7.42-7.39(m, 2H), 7.33-7.30(m, 1H), 7.12-7.10(m, 2H), 7.06-7.02(m, 4H), 1.88(s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):  $\delta$  = 194.3, 172.5, 159.6, 149.8, 138.6, 137.1, 136.4, 135.7, 132.2, 131.3, 130.8,

129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 126.6, 121.5, 117.4, 79.5, 25.5.

**HRMS**: calcd for  $C_{31}H_{25}CIO_4 [M+H]^+$ : 497.1514, found:497.1519.



# ethene-1,1,2-triyltribenzene(6a)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 85.8 mg (67% yield) of the title compound **6a**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.33-7.26(m, 8H), 7.22-7.19(m, 2H), 7.15-7.09(m, 3H), 7.04-7.02(m, 2H), 6.96(s 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) :  $\delta$  = 143.5, 142.7, 140.4, 137.5, 130.5, 129.6, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7,

127.6, 127.5, 126.8.

In accordance with literature<sup>29</sup>.



# (E)-prop-1-ene-1,2-diyldibenzene(6b)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 59.1 mg (61% yield) of the title compound **6b**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.59-7.57(m, 2H),7.45-7.40(m, 6H), 7.35-7.28(m, 2H), 6.89(s, 1H), 2.34(s, 3H);
13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) : δ = 144.02, 138.41, 137.48, 129.21, 128.39, 128.24, 127.76, 127.25, 126.53, 126.07, 17.55.

In accordance with literature<sup>30</sup>.



#### (E)-1-(4-(2-phenylhex-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one(6c)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 61.2 mg (44% yield) of the title compound **6c.** 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.88(d, *J* = 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.24(m, 2H), 7.10-7.05(m, 3H), 6.91-6.89(m, 2H), 6.51(s 1H), 2.60(s, 3H), 2.51(t, *J* = 6.3Hz, 2H), 1.38-1.34(m, 4H), 0.89(t, *J* = 7.0Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 198.0, 146.9, 142.4, 137.1, 135.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.3, 126.5, 40.0, 30.2, 26.7, 22.3, 14.0.

**HRMS**: calcd for  $C_{20}H_{22}O [M+H]^+$ : 279.1744, found:279.1736.



#### (E)-1-(4-(non-2-en-2-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one and (E)-1-(4-(non-2-en-3-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (6d)

White solid, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded 51.2 mg (42% yield) of the title compound **6d**.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.90(dd, *J* = 8.6Hz, 1.9Hz 2H), 7.46(d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1.16H), 7.41(d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 0.85H), 5.92(td, *J* = 7.2Hz, 1.1Hz, 0.57H), 5.36(q, *J* = 6.8Hz, 0.42H), 2.59(s, 3H), 2.51(t, *J* = 6.8Hz, 0.85H), 2.22(q, *J* = 6.8Hz, 1.23H), 2.05(s, 1.75H), 1.82(d, *J* = 7.0Hz, 1.28H), 1.50-1.28(m, 8H), 0.91-0.84(m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 197.9, 140.5, 131.4, 128.5, 128.5, 126.3, 125.6, 125.1, 56.5, 31.8, 31.7, 29.5, 29.2, 29.0, 28.4, 26.6, 22.7, 15.6, 14.4, 14.1.

**HRMS**: calcd for  $C_{17}H_{24}O [M+H]^+$ : 245.1900, found:245.1905.

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# **10.** Copies of NMR Spectra

3a:1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)


3b:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



3c:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







3d:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



3e:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



3f:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



3g:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



3h:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



3i:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

### 3j:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





3k:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 f1 (ppm)





## 3p:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) $<_{8.08}^{8.09}$ 3.95 1.15 0 || N 5573 ſ 3p 6.4 6.3 f1 (ppm) 6.5 6.2 1.04 0.0.1 6.0.1 6.0.1 6.0.1 6.0.1 3.05 9.1**ឝ** 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -0.5 -1.0 -1.5 f1 (ppm) 3p: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) $\underset{146.44}{\swarrow}^{148.43}_{146.76}$ 114.23 - 122. 73 3р

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#### 3r:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# 3s:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) $\sum_{\substack{7.21\\7.19}}^{7.36}$ 6, 34 6, 30 6, 28 6, 24 $\left\{ {\begin{array}{*{20}c} {2,90} \\ {2,88} \\ {2,87} \end{array} \right.$ - 1.15 $\sum_{\substack{3,\ 88\\ 3,\ 88}} {}^{3,\ 90}_{3,\ 88}$ HO $\left| \right|$ Л 3s 6.34 6.28 6.2 6.36 6.34 6.32 6.30 6.28 6.26 6.24 6.22 f1 (ppm) 2.1≩ 9.10 2.0<del>1</del> 2.0<del>7</del> 1.00 0.98 2.04 :2.0 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -0.5 -1.0 -1.5 -2. f1 (ppm) 3s: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 129.24 126.29 124.18 \_\_\_\_\_38.91 \_\_\_\_\_33.41 \_\_\_\_\_29.65 HO 3s























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#### 3ee:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)









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5I:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





5n:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



50:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





6a:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## 6a: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







## 6b:<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)









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110 100 f1 (ppm)

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