Palladium-catalyzed [4+4] cycloaddition of 2-pyrones with 2-alkylidenetrimethylene carbonates: access to bridged eight-membered oxygen heterocycles

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General Information

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ using a 400 MHz NMR instrument (referenced internally to Me₄Si). Proton chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ scale). Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a rotary evaporator. Reactions were monitored through thin layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel–precoated glass plates. Chromatograms were visualized by fluorescence quenching with UV light at 254 nm. Flash column chromatography was performed using Qingdao Haiyang flash silica gel (200–300 mesh). Accurate mass measurements were performed using Agilent 1260/1290infinty II-6546QTOF. Melting points were determined on a Stuard SMP₃ melting point apparatus. X-ray crystallographic data were collected using a Bruker APEX-II CCD. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All heating reactions are performed by using an oil bath.





7	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ •CHCl ₃	L3	CH ₃ CN	NR	>20:1
8	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ •CHCl ₃	L3	DCE	90	>20:1
9	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ •CHCl ₃	L3	toluene	NR	>20:1

^{*a*}Unless noted otherwise, reactions were performed with **1a** (0.18 mmol), **2f** (0.15 mmol), palladium (5 mol%), and ligand (15 mol%) in solvent at 25 °C. ^{*b*}Isolated yield. ^{*c*}Determined by ¹H NMR analysis, Z/E > 20:1.

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Preparation of 2-alkylidenetrimethylene carbonates 1a-1n.^[1]

2-Alkylidenetrimethylene carbonates 1a-1n was prepared by the reported procedure.



Preparation of 2-pyrones 2a-2k. [2],[3]

2-Pyrones 2a-2k was prepared by the reported procedure.



General procedure for the reaction

Under a nitrogen atmosphere, an oven-dried 10 mL of Schlenk tube was charged with palladium catalyst (5 mol%, 0.0075 mmol), ligand (15 mol%, 0.0225 mmol) and 2-pyrones 2 (0.15 mmol) in 1 mL of solvent 25 °C, then a solution of 2-alkylidenetrimethylene carbonates 1 (0.18 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in 1 mL of solvent was added after 30 min. The resulting mixture was stirred until the starting materials were completely consumed (monitored by TLC) and then was concentrated to dryness. The residue was purified through flash column chromatography to afford the corresponding products **3aa-3na**, **3ab-3ak**.

Characterization Data for 3, 4 and 5



_{le} Methyl

(Z)-4-benzylidene-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-ene-6-car boxylate (3aa)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3aa** as a white solid

(44.5 mg, 92% yield). m.p. 147-149 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz,CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.11 – 6.05 (m, 1H), 6.06 – 5.98 (m, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 0.03 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 167.9, 138.7, 134.6, 131.9, 130.0, 128.5, 127.2, 127.0, 120.0, 97.3, 61.7, 54.6, 52.5, 43.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NaO₅⁺: 323.0890; Found: 323.0898.

Methyl 4-methylene-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-ene-6-carboxyl ate (3ba)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ba** as a white solid (30.7 mg, 83% yield). m.p. 102-104 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.37 – 6.30 (m, 1H), 6.00 – 5.92 (m, 2H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.32 – 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.13 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 4.05 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.26 (dd, J =

13.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, J = 13.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 167.8, 138.6, 131.6, 125.7, 119.8, 97.0, 66.0, 54.3, 52.4, 41.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₂NaO₅⁺: 247.0577; Found: 247.0585.

OCH₃ CO₂Me

Me Methyl

(Z)-4-(2-methoxybenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec -9-ene-6-carboxylate (3ca)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ca** as a white solid

(38.6 mg, 73% yield). m.p. 147-149 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.81 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.40 – 6.33 (m, 1H), 6.09 – 6.04 (m, 1H), 6.04 – 5.96 (m, 1H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 167.9, 156.2, 134.5, 132.0, 130.8, 129.5, 128.6, 123.6, 120.0, 119.3, 109.0, 97.3, 61.9, 54.6, 54.4, 52.4, 43.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NaO₆⁺: 353.0996; Found: 353.1003.

CO₂Bn Benzyl

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(Z)-4-(2-fluorobenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9ene-6-carboxylate (3de)

F 3de The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3de** as a white solid (45.0 mg, 76% yield). m.p. 79-81 °C; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.73 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.13 – 5.84 (m, 2H), 5.21 (q, J = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, J = 13.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 167.5, 159.3 (d, J = 248.7 Hz), 134.0, 132.0, 131.9, 131.2 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 131.0 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 129.0 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 122.9 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 122.4 (d, J = 13.2 Hz), 120.0, 114.0 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 97.2, 67.1, 61.3, 54.5, 43.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₁₉FNaO₅⁺: 417.1109; Found: 417.1118.

CO₂Me Methyl

3ea

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(Z)-4-(3-methylbenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-ene-6-carboxylate (3ea)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ea** as a white solid (40.9 mg, 81% yield). m.p. 93-95 °C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.05 – 5.97 (m, 1H), 4.26 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dd, J = 13.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 13.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 167.9, 138.8, 136.8, 134.6, 131.9, 129.9, 129.1, 127.8, 127.1, 125.6, 120.1, 97.3, 61.4, 54.6, 52.4, 43.5, 20.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NaO₅⁺: 337.1046; Found: 337.1043.

CO₂Me Methyl

3fa

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(Z)-4-(3-methoxybenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec -9-ene-6-carboxylate (3fa)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3fa** as a white solid (42.3 mg, 80% yield). m.p. 156-158 $^{\circ}$ C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.04 (dt, J = 2.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.82 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.41 – 6.34 (m, 1H), 6.10 – 6.04 (m, 1H), 6.05 – 5.97 (m, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.33(dd, J = 10.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 13.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (**101 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 168.3, 167.9, 158.4, 138.5, 136.0, 131.9, 130.4, 128.2, 121.0, 120.1, 113.8, 112.9, 97.3, 61.4, 54.6, 54.2, 52.5, 43.4. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NaO₆⁺: 353.0996; Found: 353.1005.

CO₂Me Methyl



(Z)-4-(3-fluorobenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-e ne-6-carboxylate (3ga)

3ga The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford 3ga as a white solid (43.4 mg, 85% yield). m.p. 156-158 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 - 7.16

(m, 3H), 6.97 - 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.06 - 5.98 (m, 1H), 4.23 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dd, J = 10.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 13.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H). 13 C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 168.2, 167.8, 161.6 (d, J = 245.5 Hz), 137.3 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 136.7 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 131.9, 131.5, 128.7 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 124.3 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 120.0, 115.4, 115.2, 114.0, 113.8, 97.3, 61.1, 54.5, 52.5, 43.3. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₅FNaO₅⁺: 341.0796; Found: 341.0803.

CO₂Me Methyl

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(Z)-4-(3-chlorobenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9 -ene-6-carboxylate (3ha)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ha** as a white solid (43.9 mg, 82% yield). m.p. 149-151 °C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.42 – 6.35 (m, 1H), 6.11 – 6.06 (m, 1H), 6.06 – 5.98 (m, 1H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 167.7, 137.1, 136.3, 133.2, 131.9, 131.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 126.7, 120.0, 97.2, 61.07, 54.5, 52.5, 43.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₅ClNaO₅⁺ : 357.0500; Found: 357.0505.

CO₂Me Methyl



(Z)-4-(3-bromobenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9 -ene-6-carboxylate (3ia)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ia** as a white solid

(52.2 mg, 87% yield). m.p. 161-163 °C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.11 – 6.06 (m, 1H), 6.06 – 5.98 (m, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 0.2 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 167.7, 137.0, 136.6, 131.9, 131.8, 131.2, 130.0, 128.8, 127.2, 121.3, 120.0, 97.2, 61.1, 54.5, 52.5, 43.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₅BrNaO₅⁺: 400.9995; Found: 401.0000.



Me Methyl

(Z)-4-(4-methylbenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]d ec-9-ene-6-carboxylate (3ja)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford 3ja as a white

solid (39.9 mg, 79% yield). m.p. 178-180 °C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.40 – 6.33 (m, 1H), 6.09 – 6.04 (m, 1H), 6.05 – 5.97 (m, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 167.9, 138.6, 136.9, 131.9, 131.9, 129.2, 128.5, 128.0, 120.0, 97.3, 61.5, 54.7, 52.4, 43.5, 20.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NaO₅⁺: 337.1046; Found: 337.1054.



^{Me} Methyl

(Z)-4-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-ene-6-carboxylate (3ka)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ka** as a white

solid (41.8 mg, 79% yield). m.p. 164-166 °C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.39 – 6.34 (m, 1H), 6.09 – 6.03 (m, 1H), 6.05 – 5.97 (m, 1H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 168.0, 158.5, 138.2, 131.9, 130.0, 128.2, 127.4, 120.0, 112.7, 97.3, 61.6, 54.8, 54.3, 52.4, 43.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NaO₆⁺ : 353.0996; Found: 353.1005.



^{2Me} Methyl

(Z)-4-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-ene-6-carboxylate (3la)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column

chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3la** as a white solid (41.4 mg, 81% yield). m.p. 176-178 °C ;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.09 – 6.04 (m, 1H), 6.06 – 5.98 (m, 1H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 167.8, 161.5 (d, *J* = 247.8 Hz), 137.5, 131.9, 130.7 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 130.4 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 130.1 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 120.0, 114.2 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 97.3, 61.3, 54.6, 52.5, 43.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₅FNaO₅⁺ : 341.0796; Found: 341.0805.

CO₂Me Methyl



(Z)-4-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec -9-ene-6-carboxylate (3ma)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ma** as a white solid (43.4 mg, 81% yield). m.p. 150-152 °C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.10 – 6.04 (m, 1H), 6.06 – 5.98 (m, 1H), 4.19 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dd, J = 13.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 13.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 167.8, 137.3, 133.0, 133.0, 131.9, 130.9, 129.9,

127.5, 120.0, 97.2, 61.2, 54.6, 52.5, 43.3. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{15}ClNaO_5^+$: 357.0500; Found: 357.0508.

CO₂Me Methyl



(Z)-4-(4-bromobenzylidene)-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec -9-ene-6-carboxylate (3na)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column br **3na** chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3na** as a white solid (49.8 mg, 83% yield). m.p. 150-152 °C ;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.09 – 6.04 (m, 1H), 6.05 – 5.97 (m, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 167.8, 137.3, 133.5, 131.9, 131.0, 130.4, 130.1, 121.3, 119.9, 97.2, 61.1, 54.5, 52.5, 43.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₅BrNaO₅⁺ : 400.9995; Found: 401.0003.



Phenethyl

(Z)-4-benzylidene-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9ene-6-carboxylate (3ab)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ab** as a

yellow solid (50.1 mg, 81% yield). m.p. 97-99 °C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.24 – 6.17 (m, 1H), 6.09 – 6.03 (m, 1H), 6.01 – 5.93 (m, 1H), 4.43 – 4.34 (m, 2H), 4.25 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, J = 13.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.99 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.48 (dd, J = 13.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 167.7, 138.6, 136.3, 134.7, 131.9, 130.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 125.7, 119.9, 97.2, 65.8, 61.4, 54.7, 43.4, 33.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₂NaO₅⁺ : 413.1359; Found: 413.1368.



Isopropyl

(Z)-4-benzylidene-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-ene-6-c arboxylate (3ac)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ac** as a yellow

solid (34.5 mg, 73% yield). m.p. 115-117 °C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.41 (m,2 H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.37 – 6.30 (m, 1H), 6.09 – 6.03 (m, 1H), 6.04 – 5.96 (m, 1H), 5.12 – 5.03 (m, 1H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.26 – 1.19 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 167.3, 138.5, 134.7, 132.2, 130.3, 128.5, 127.2, 126.9, 119.9, 97.2, 69.3, 61.4, 54.6, 43.4, 20.6, 20.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NaO₅⁺ : 351.1203; Found: 351.1205.



Ethyl

(Z)-4-benzylidene-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-ene-6-c arboxylate (3ad)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ad** as a yellow

solid (36.3 mg, 72% yield). m.p. 120-122 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 -

7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.40 – 6.33 (m, 1H), 6.09 – 6.04 (m, 1H), 6.04 – 5.97 (m, 1H), 4.32 – 4.17 (m, 3H), 4.03 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, J = 13.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 10.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 167.8, 138.6, 134.7, 132.1, 130.2, 128.5, 127.2, 127.0, 120.0, 97.2, 61.6, 61.4, 54.6, 43.4, 13.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NaO₅⁺ : 337.1046; Found: 337.1054.

Benzyl



(Z)-4-benzylidene-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-en e-6-carboxylate (3ae)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ae** as a

yellow solid (38.6 mg, 76% yield). m.p. 117-119 °C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.37 – 6.30 (m, 1H), 6.07 – 6.02 (m, 1H), 6.02 – 5.94 (m, 1H), 5.27 – 5.19 (m, 1H), 5.20 – 5.13 (m, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 13.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 167.7, 138.7, 134.7, 134.1, 131.8, 130.1, 128.5, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 127.2, 127.0, 120.1, 97.3, 67.1, 61.4, 54.7, 43.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₀NaO₅⁺ : 399.1203; Found: 399.1210.

MeOOC

Methyl

(Z)-4-benzylidene-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-ene-9-carbo xylate (3af)

3af Ph The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3af** as a yellow solid (43.6 mg, 90% yield). m.p. 170-172 °C; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.74 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3) δ 169.7, 161.9, 141.3, 137.9, 134.5, 130.3, 128.5, 127.3, 127.0, 124.9, 95.9, 61.4, 51.6, 40.7, 39.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NaO₅⁺ : 323.0890; Found:.323.0899.

EtOOC

3ag

(Z)-4-benzylidene-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-ene-9-carbox ylate (3ag)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ag** as a yellow solid (39.3 mg, 79% yield). m.p. 150-152 °C; ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.30 – 4.18 (m, 3H), 3.91 – 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.73 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (**101 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 169.9, 161.5, 141.0, 137.8, 134.5, 130.4, 128.5, 127.3, 127.0, 125.2, 95.9, 61.3, 60.7, 40.7, 39.9, 13.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NaO₅⁺ : 337.1046; Found: 337.1055.

Benzyl

Ethvl



BnOOC

(Z)-4-benzylidene-7-oxo-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-ene-9-carbox ylate (3ah)

3ah Ph' The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ah** as a yellow solid (39.7 mg, 78% yield). m.p. 121-123 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 7H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.52 – 6.45 (m, 1H), 5.22 – 5.17 (m, 2H), 4.31 – 4.19 (m, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 161.3, 141.5, 137.9, 134.5, 134.1, 130.3, 128.5, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 127.3, 127.0, 125.1, 95.8, 66.3, 61.3, 40.7, 40.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₀NaO₅⁺ : 399.1203; Found: 399.1209.

CI(H₂C)₄O₂C 4-chlorobutyl

3ai Ph² The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ai** as a yellow solid (39.7 mg, 78% yield). m.p. 116-118 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 4.26 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 4.23 - 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.88 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 - 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.53 - 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.97 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, J = 13.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.85 - 1.76 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 161.4, 141.2, 137.9, 134.5, 130.3, 128.5, 127.3, 127.0, 125.2, 95.8, 63.8, 61.4, 43.3, 40.7, 40.1, 28.0, 24.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₂₁ClNaO₅⁺ : 399.0970; Found: 399.0978.



(Z)-4-benzylidene-9-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2,8-dioxabicyclo [4.2.2]dec-9-en-7-one (3aj)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3aj** as a yellow solid (51.1 mg, 89% yield). m.p. 116-118 °C; ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 4.36 – 4.26 (m, 1H), 4.03 – 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.78 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 13.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, J = 13.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 190.4, 170.2, 143.1, 141.2, 137.8, 134.4, 132.6, 132.0, 130.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.3, 127.1, 96.3, 61.4, 40.8, 40.5, 20.6. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C_{23H20}NaO₄⁺ : 383.1254; Found: 383.1263.



(Z)-4-benzylidene-9-(4-ethylbenzoyl)-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-9-en-7-one (3ak)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **3ak** as a yellow solid (47.6 mg, 80% yield). m.p. 95-97 °C ; ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.03 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 4.36 – 4.27 (m, 1H), 4.04 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.78 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 13.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.71 – 2.60 (m, 3H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 190.4, 170.2, 149.2, 141.2, 137.8, 134.5, 132.8, 132.0, 130.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 96.3, 61.4, 40.8, 40.5, 27.9, 14.2. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₂NaO₄⁺ : 397.1410; Found: 397.1419.

Transformations of products 3aa and 3na

1. Oxidation of 3aa with *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (*m*-CPBA)



To a solution of **3aa** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 1mL CH₂Cl₂ was added *m*-CPBA (2.0 equiv), NaHCO₃ (4.0 equiv) and 0.5mL H₂O. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. and the reaction process was monitored by TLC. Upon full conversion, the crude product was purified by FC in silica (PE/EtOAc 4:1) to yield the product **4** (27.1 mg, 80% yield).

Methyl

8-oxo-3'-phenyl-5,7-dioxaspiro[bicyclo[4.2.2]decane-3,2'-oxiran]-9-ene-1-carboxy late (4)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc 4:1) to afford **4** as a yellow oil. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 6.44 – 6.37 (m, 1H), 5.99 – 5.91 (m, 1H), 5.81 – 5.76 (m, 1H), 4.05 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 2H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 167.7, 167.5, 133.1, 131.9, 127.0, 126.9, 125.5, 120.2, 96.7, 65.2, 63.5, 59.3, 52.7, 51.1, 41.3. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NaO₆⁺ : 339.0839; Found: 339.0844.

2. Nucleophilic addition of 3na



To a solution of **3na** (0.1 mmol) in 1mL THF was added dropwisely a solution of methylmagnesium bromide (0.5 M in THF, 5.0 equiv) at 0 °C. The resulting reaction

mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4h and the reaction process was monitored by TLC. Upon full conversion, the crude product was purified by FC in silica (PE/EtOAc 7:1) to yield the product **5** (38.1 mg, 95% yield).

(Z)-4-(4-bromobenzylidene)-6-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-2,8-dioxabicyclo[4.2.2]dec -9-en-7-one (5)

The product mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 7:1) to afford **5** as a white solid. m.p. 161-163 °C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.05 – 6.00 (m, 1H), 6.01 – 5.93 (m, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 136.4, 133.8, 133.7, 132.6, 130.4, 130.2, 121.1, 120.2, 96.8, 72.2, 61.5, 53.4, 41.8, 26.6, 21.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₉BrNaO₄⁺ : 401.0359; Found: 401.0358.

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¹³C NMR of 3aa (101 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹³C NMR of 3ca (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 3de (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 3ea (101 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹³C NMR of 3ga (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 3ha (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 3ia (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 3ja (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 3ka (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 3la (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 3ma (101 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹³C NMR of 3ab (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 3ac (101 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹³C NMR of 3ae (101 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹³C NMR of 3ag (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 3ah (101 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹³C NMR of 3aj (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 3ak (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 4 (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR of 5 (101 MHz, CDCl₃)

X-Ray single crystal data of product 3ha

The X-ray crystallographic structures for **3ha**. ORTEP view of the molecules of complex **3ha**, showing ellipsoids at 50% probability level. Crystal data have been deposited to CCDC, number **3ha** (2330507). A summary of the fundamental crystal and refinement data are given in the Table 1 of the Supporting Information. White crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown by EtOH/CH₂Cl₂ solution of **3ha** in a 4 mL bottle.



Crystal structure of 3ha

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3ha.

Identification code	3ha
Empirical formula	$C_{17}H_{15}ClO_5$
Formula weight	334.74
Temperature/K	296.15
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$
a/Å	18.4419(16)
b/Å	7.0128(6)
c/Å	12.0067(11)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90
β/°	93.703(2)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1549.6(2)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.435
μ/mm^{-1}	0.270
F(000)	696.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.2\times0.15\times0.1$

Radiation	MoKa ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	2.212 to 54.868
Index ranges	$\textbf{-23} \leq h \leq 22, \textbf{-8} \leq k \leq 9, \textbf{-13} \leq \textbf{l} \leq \textbf{15}$
Reflections collected	8964
Independent reflections	3460 [$R_{int} = 0.0235$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0288$]
Data/restraints/parameters	3460/0/209
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.028
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0401, wR_2 = 0.0978$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0603, wR_2 = 0.1096$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å $^{\text{-}3}$	0.22/-0.27