

Supporting Information for

Modular reductive radical-polar crossover-based acyl migration reactions of *N*-vinylimides with alkyl, silyl, and acyl radicals

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1. General information

1.1 Solvents, Reagents, and Starting Materials

All reactions were carried out in glassware under inert (nitrogen) atmosphere unless otherwise noted. DMF and CH_2Cl_2 were dried from CaH . The dehydrated solvents DMSO, DMA, and acetonitrile were purchased from Energy Chemical Chemicals. The enamides were prepared according to our previous works¹ and literature procedures.² All dihydroquinazolinones (**2**,^{3a-b} **4**,^{3c} and **10a**^{3d}) and benzothiazolines **10c-10d**,⁴ and acyl oxime esters **13**⁵⁻⁶ were well prepared according to the known procedures. Photocatalysts and all other chemicals were purchased from local vendors and used as supplied unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Instruments

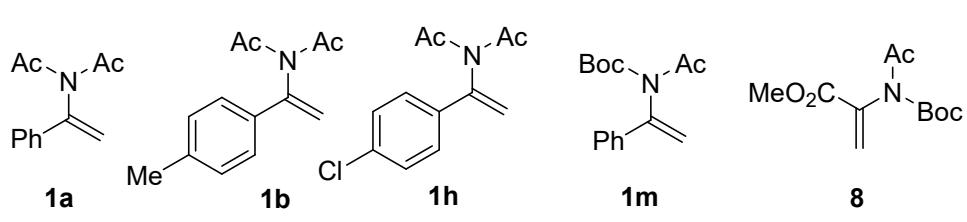
NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer (500 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane, and calibrated using residue undeuterated solvent (CHCl_3 at 7.26 ppm ^1H NMR, 77.0 ppm ^{13}C NMR). Spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an ESI-Q-TOF spectrometer Agilent 6210 ESI/TOF. Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction (SC-XRD) recorded on a Bruker D8 Quest. TLC analyses were performed on precoated GF254 silica gel plates and were visualized under UV254 nm light or by I_2 staining. Column chromatography was carried out using 300-400 mesh silica gel and eluted with petroleum/ethyl acetate unless otherwise noted.

1.3 Picture of a typical reaction setup

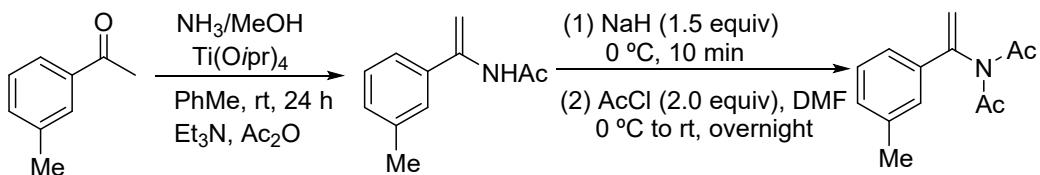


2. Preparation of *N*-vinylimides

2.1 Known substrates reported in our previous work¹

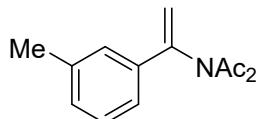


2.2 Synthesis of *N*-vinylimides 1c^{1,2}



- (a) To a 100 mL oven-dried single neck round flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer was added 3-methylacetophenone (1.35 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and toluene (6 mL). The resultant solution was stirred and cooled in an ice/water bath. To the resultant cold stirring solution was added 7 N NH₃ in MeOH (2.14 mL, 15.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) followed by dropwise addition of Ti(O*i*-Pr)₄ (5.92 mL, 20.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv). After 10 min, the ice/water cooling bath was removed, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled in an ice/water bath (~5 °C) and treated with Et₃N (5.58 mL, 40.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv) followed by Ac₂O (1.89 mL, 20.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The cooling bath was then removed and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was then treated with *N,N,N',N'*-tetrakis(2-hydroxyethyl) ethylenediamine (75% W.t., 5.95 mL, 21.0 mmol, 2.1 equiv) at room temperature, and the solution was then heated at about 55 °C for 20 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with NH₄OH (20 mL), water (20 mL), and EtOAc (20 mL). After separation of the organic phase, the resulting aqueous phase was extracted with additional EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuo. The desired product enamide was obtained after purification by flash chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ethyl acetate as the eluent.
- (b) The above prepared enamide (5 mmol) was dissolved in dry DMF (10 mL) in a dry round-bottom flask. The solution was cooled to 0°C and sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil) (300 mg, 7.5 mmol) was added in portions. The resulting suspension was stirred at the same temperature for 10 min. Then AcCl (0.72 mL, 10 mmol) was added dropwise and the final solution was continued to

stir for overnight at room temperature. The completion of the reaction was confirmed by checking TLC and the excess of sodium hydride was quenched by adding water (10 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (5×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography over silica gel to give the pure product **1c**.

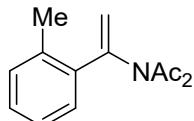


N-Acetyl-N-(1-(m-tolyl)vinyl)acetamide (1c). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 144.5, 138.5, 135.0, 129.8, 128.7, 125.4, 122.0, 115.4, 26.1, 21.3.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₃H₁₅NO₂Na: 240.1000, found 240.1003.

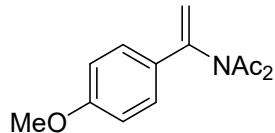


N-Acetyl-N-(1-(o-tolyl)vinyl)acetamide (1d). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.1, 142.7, 136.2, 135.8, 131.7, 128.5, 126.7, 126.1, 119.9, 26.3, 21.1.

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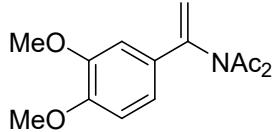


N-Acetyl-N-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)acetamide (1e). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.8, 160.2, 144.0, 127.7, 126.3, 114.3, 113.5, 55.3, 26.1.

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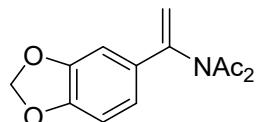


N-Acetyl-N-(1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)vinyl)acetamide (1f). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.9, 150.1, 149.3, 144.2, 128.1, 117.7, 113.8, 111.1, 108.1, 55.9, 26.2.

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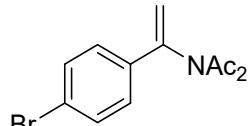


N-Acetyl-N-(1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)vinyl)acetamide (1g). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.91 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.8, 148.5, 148.4, 144.1, 129.6, 119.1, 114.2, 108.5, 105.5, 101.5, 26.2.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₃H₁₃NO₄Na: 270.0742, found 270.0746.

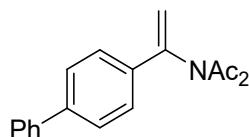


N-Acetyl-N-(1-(4-bromophenyl)vinyl)acetamide (1i). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.01 (d, *J*=1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 143.7, 134.2, 132.1, 126.5, 123.3, 116.3, 26.2.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₂H₁₂NO₂NaBr: 303.9949, found 303.9953.

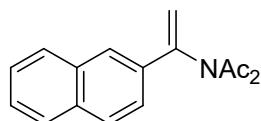


N-(1-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)vinyl)-N-acetylacetamide (1j). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.8, 144.3, 142.0, 140.1, 134.0, 128.9, 127.7, 127.0, 125.4, 115.6, 26.3.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₈H₁₇NO₂Na: 302.1157, found 302.1160.

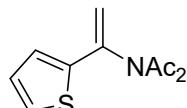


N-Acetyl-*N*-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)acetamide (1k). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 141.4, 134.3, 134.2, 130.9, 129.4, 128.7, 126.9, 126.0, 124.9, 124.8, 124.2, 121.1, 26.4.

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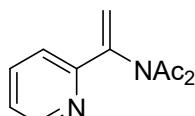


N-Acetyl-*N*-(1-(thiophen-2-yl)vinyl)acetamide (1l). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 140.3, 139.2, 127.8, 126.3, 125.0, 114.6, 26.0.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₀H₁₁NO₂NaS: 232.0408, found 232.0412.



N-Acetyl-*N*-(1-(pyridin-3-yl)vinyl)acetamide (6). Flash column chromatography to afford product as a brown oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 – 8.52 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 6H).

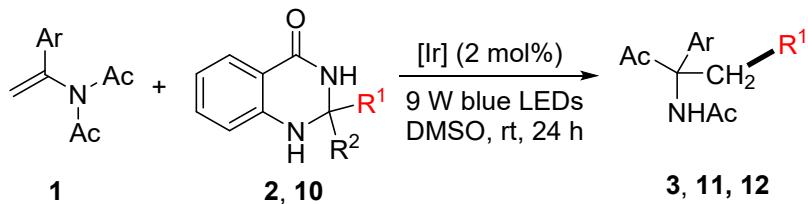
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.9, 152.7, 149.5, 144.5, 136.8, 123.3, 119.7, 118.5, 26.1.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₁H₁₂N₂O₂Na: 227.0796, found 227.0800.

3. General procedure of photoredox-catalyzed acyl migration

reactions.

3.1 General procedure of photoredox-catalyzed reactions of enamides with dihydroquinazolinones or benzothiazolines



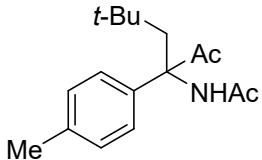
To a 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was added $\text{Ir}[\text{dF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{ppy}]_2(\text{dtbbpy})\text{PF}_6$ (4.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 0.02 equiv), *N*-vinylimide **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and dihydroquinazolinone **2** or **10** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Then, the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen for three times. Subsequently, DMSO (6.0 mL, 0.033 M) was added by syringe under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then irradiated with 9 W blue LEDs at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with brine (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (4×5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the acyl migrated product. (For some reactions listed in Table 4, 2.0 equivalents of base were necessary.)

3.2 General procedure of photoredox-catalyzed acyl migration reactions between *N*-vinylimides with acyl oxime esters



To a 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was added $\text{Ir}[\text{dF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{ppy}]_2(\text{dtbbpy})\text{PF}_6$ (4.5 mg, 0.004 mmol), *N*-vinylimide **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), acyl oxime ester **13** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and Cs_2CO_3 (130 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Then, the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen for three times. Subsequently, DMSO (6.0 mL) and DIPEA (70 μL , 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added by syringe under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then irradiated with 9 W blue LEDs at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was quenched

with brine (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (4×5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford compound the product **12**.

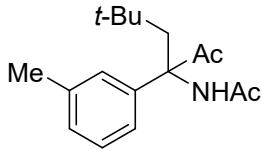


N-(5,5-Dimethyl-2-oxo-3-(*p*-tolyl)hexan-3-yl)acetamide (3b). White solid (28.7 mg, 52% yield).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 3.09 (d, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 207.0, 168.4, 138.0, 137.4, 129.6, 125.6, 68.9, 42.2, 31.4, 30.6, 24.4, 24.2, 21.0.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$: 298.1783, found 298.1787.

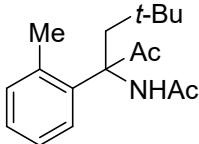


N-(5,5-Dimethyl-2-oxo-3-(*m*-tolyl)hexan-3-yl)acetamide (3c). White solid (36.4 mg, 66% yield).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 3.10 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.9, 168.4, 140.9, 138.3, 128.6, 128.5, 126.3, 122.8, 69.0, 42.1, 31.4, 30.6, 24.3, 24.2, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$: 298.1783, found 298.1787.

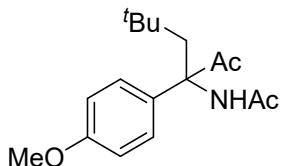


N-(5,5-Dimethyl-2-oxo-3-(*o*-tolyl)hexan-3-yl)acetamide (3d). White solid (17.1 mg, 31% yield).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 3.21 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 9H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 207.5, 167.6, 138.3, 135.4, 132.8, 127.9, 127.2, 126.3, 69.1, 43.8, 31.6, 30.7, 25.2, 23.7, 20.6.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$: 298.1783, found 298.1787.

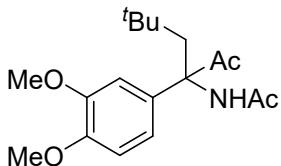


N-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-2-oxohexan-3-yl)acetamide (3e). Yellow oil (46.1 mg, 79% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.10 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.0, 168.4, 158.9, 133.0, 127.0, 114.2, 68.6, 55.2, 42.3, 31.4, 30.6, 24.3, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₇H₂₅NO₃Na: 314.1732, found 314.1737.

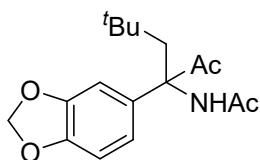


N-(3-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-2-oxohexan-3-yl)acetamide (3f). Yellow solid (41.2 mg, 64% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (s, 1H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.82 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.73 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.9, 168.4, 149.1, 148.6, 133.5, 118.5, 111.1, 109.0, 68.7, 55.9, 55.7, 42.2, 31.4, 30.6, 24.2(2), 24.2(4).

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₈H₂₇NO₄Na: 344.1838, found 344.1842.

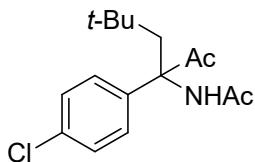


N-(3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-5,5-dimethyl-2-oxohexan-3-yl)acetamide (3g). White solid (45.8 mg, 75% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (s, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.79 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 5.95 – 5.92 (m, 2H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.7, 168.5, 148.2, 147.1, 135.1, 119.4, 108.4, 106.4, 101.3, 68.7, 42.4, 31.4, 30.6, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₇H₂₃NO₄Na: 328.1525, found 328.1528.

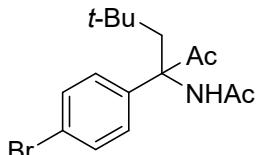


N-(3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-2-oxohexan-3-yl)acetamide (3h). Yellow solid (49.1 mg, 83% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.1, 168.2, 139.5, 133.4, 128.7, 127.0, 68.5, 42.0, 31.2, 30.3, 24.2, 23.9.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂NaCl: 318.1243, found 318.1243.

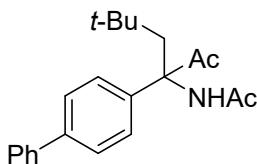


N-(3-(4-Bromophenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-2-oxohexan-3-yl)acetamide (3i). Yellow solid (30.0 mg, 44% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.1, 168.2, 140.1, 131.7, 127.3, 121.7, 68.5, 41.9, 31.2, 30.3, 24.2, 23.9.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂NaBr: 362.0732, found 362.0740.

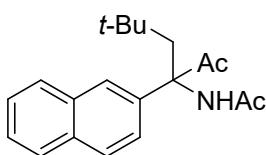


N-(3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-5,5-dimethyl-2-oxohexan-3-yl)acetamide (3j). White solid (44.6 mg, 66% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 3.17 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.7, 168.5, 140.4, 140.3, 140.0, 128.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.2, 69.0, 42.3, 31.4, 30.6, 24.5, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₂₂H₂₇NO₂Na: 360.1939, found 360.1944.

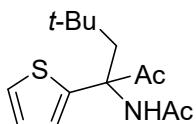


N-(5,5-Dimethyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxohexan-3-yl)acetamide (3k). Yellow solid (27.4 mg, 44% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.85 – 7.77 (m, 3H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 1.87 – 1.86 (m, 6H), 1.06 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.5, 167.9, 135.8, 134.7, 130.4, 129.7, 129.5, 126.2, 126.1, 125.2, 125.1, 123.4, 69.4, 44.3, 31.8, 30.8, 25.5, 23.9.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₂₀H₂₅NO₂Na: 334.1783, found 334.1787.

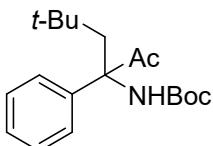


N-(5,5-Dimethyl-2-oxo-3-(thiophen-2-yl)hexan-3-yl)acetamide (3l). White solid (45.5 mg, 85% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 3.18 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.3, 168.8, 146.4, 127.2, 125.3, 124.9, 67.7, 44.1, 31.6, 30.4, 24.2, 23.9.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₄H₂₁NO₂NaS: 290.1191, found 290.1196.

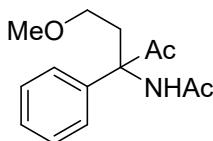


tert-Butyl(5,5-dimethyl-2-oxo-3-phenylhexan-3-yl)carbamate (3m). White solid (47.3 mg, 74% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, observed as a mixture of rotamers) δ 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), [6.50 (br, 0.78H), 6.46 (br, 0.22H)], [2.90 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 0.78H) 2.68 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 0.22H)], 2.45 – 2.37 (m, 1H), [1.92 (s, 1H) 1.91 (s, 2H)], [1.34 (s, 7H), 1.07 (s, 2H)], [0.98 (s, 2.6H), 0.96 (s, 6.4H)].

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, observed as a mixture of rotamers) δ 206.3, 153.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 125.9, 125.8, 79.1, 68.7, 44.1, 43.0, 31.3, 30.8, 30.6, 28.4, 27.9, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₉H₂₉NO₃Na: 342.2045, found 342.2049.

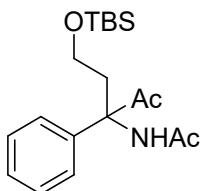


N-(1-Methoxy-4-oxo-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (3n). White solid (40.9 mg, 82% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 3.56 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.33 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 3.19 – 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.79 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.7, 168.5, 139.4, 128.7(7), 128.7(5), 127.8, 126.0(8), 126.0(6), 68.0, 58.8, 31.7, 23.8.

The analytical data were in good agreement with our previous report.^{1b}



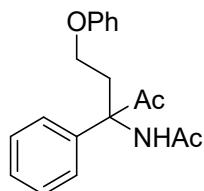
N-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4-oxo-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (3o).

Colorless oil (60.1 mg, 86% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 3.79 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.65 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.15 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.83 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.5, 168.4, 139.6, 128.8, 127.8, 126.1, 67.9, 58.9, 34.1, 25.9, 23.9, 23.8, 18.3, -5.9(0), -5.9(3).

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₉H₃₁NO₃NaSi: 372.1971, found 372.1979.

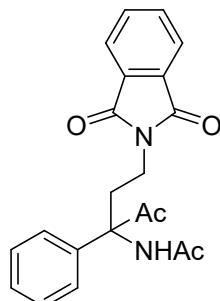


N-(4-Oxo-1-phenoxy-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (3p). White solid (41.1 mg, 66% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 4.19 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.97 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.49 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.09 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.2, 168.7, 158.2, 139.2, 129.5, 128.9, 128.0, 126.0, 121.1, 114.0, 67.9, 63.2, 31.1, 23.8(4), 23.8(1).

HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺: calculated for C₁₉H₂₁NO₃: 334.1419, found 334.1413.



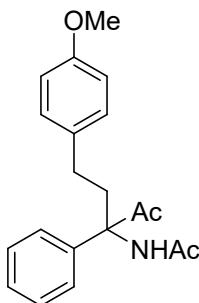
N-(1-(1,3-Dioxoisooindolin-2-yl)-4-oxo-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (3q).

Colorless oil (51.7 mg, 71% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 3.76 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.64 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.27 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.8, 169.7, 168.3, 137.4, 133.9, 131.6, 128.7, 127.6, 125.5, 123.0, 68.4, 33.5, 29.8, 23.4, 23.1.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₄Na: 387.1321, found 387.1318.

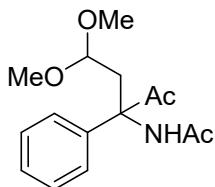


N-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (3r). White solid (39.0 mg, 60% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.43-3.37 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.23-2.18 (m, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.3, 168.3, 158.0, 139.2, 132.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.0, 126.1, 113.9, 69.8, 55.3, 33.0, 29.5, 23.8, 23.4.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₂₀H₂₃NO₃Na: 348.1576, found 348.1580.

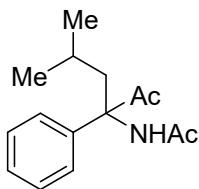


N-(1,1-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (3s). White solid (22.4 mg, 40% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.3, 168.5, 139.1, 128.9, 128.0, 126.0, 103.7, 67.3, 56.3, 53.8, 35.8, 23.9, 23.8.

HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺: calculated for C₁₉H₂₁NO₃: 302.1368, found 302.1373.

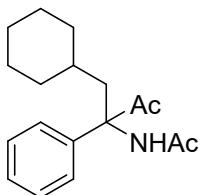


N-(5-Methyl-2-oxo-3-phenylhexan-3-yl)acetamide (3t). Yellow solid (25.7 mg, 52% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.62 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.1, 168.3, 140.1, 128.8, 127.8, 126.0, 69.6, 39.3, 24.6, 24.0, 23.9, 23.8, 23.3.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₅H₂₁NO₂Na: 270.1470, found 270.1472.

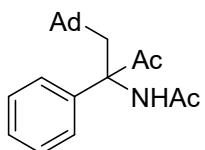


N-(1-Cyclohexyl-3-oxo-2-phenylbutan-2-yl)acetamide (3u). Yellow solid (29.9 mg, 52% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.74 – 1.50 (m, 5H), 1.30 – 0.94 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.2, 168.3, 140.2, 128.8, 127.8, 126.1, 69.4, 38.2, 34.4, 34.0, 33.9, 26.3, 26.1, 24.0, 23.9.

The analytical data were in good agreement with our previous report.^{1b}



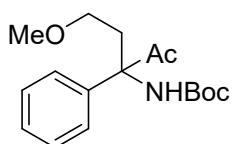
N-((3r,5r,7r)-Adamantan-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-phenylbutan-2-yl)acetamide (3v).

White solid (47.5 mg, 70% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.93 – 1.87 (m, 5H), 1.71 – 1.53 (m, 13H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.9, 168.3, 141.2, 128.7, 127.6, 125.7, 68.5, 43.6, 42.9, 36.7, 33.7, 28.6, 24.5, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺: calculated for C₂₂H₃₀NO₂: 340.2277, found 340.2273.

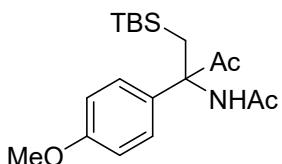


tert-Butyl (1-methoxy-4-oxo-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)carbamate (3w). White solid (48.6 mg, 79% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, observed as a mixture of rotamers) δ 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), [6.61 (br, 0.75H), 6.50(br, 0.25H)], 3.57 – 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.41 – 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), [3.02 – 2.95 (m, 0.75H), 2.79 – 2.73 (m, 1.25H)], 1.93 (s, 3H), [1.35 (s, 6.75H), 1.06 (s, 2.25H)].

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, observed as a mixture of rotamers) δ 204.3, 153.7, 140.0, 128.8, 127.7, 126.1, 79.2, 68.0, 67.6, 58.7, 32.3, 28.3, 27.8, 23.9.

The analytical data were in good agreement with our previous report.^{1b}



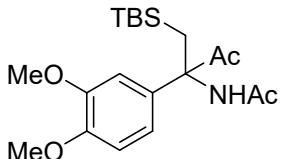
N-(1-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxobutan-2-yl)acetamide

(11a). White solid (29.4 mg, 42% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.60 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 0.90 (s, 9H), -0.04 (s, 3H), -0.10 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.1, 168.2, 159.0, 133.4, 127.2, 114.1, 67.8, 55.2, 26.2, 24.2, 23.5, 16.7, 15.4, -5.1, -5.6.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₉H₃₁NO₃NaSi: 372.1971, found 372.1974.

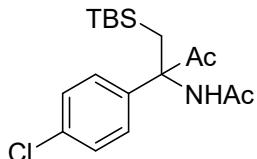


N-(1-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-oxobutan-2-yl)acetamide (11b). White solid (34.2 mg, 45% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 0.90 (s, 9H), -0.04 (s, 3H), -0.10 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.0, 168.2, 149.0, 148.6, 133.9, 118.7, 111.0, 109.2, 68.0, 55.9, 55.8, 26.2, 24.2, 23.4, 16.7, 15.4, -5.1, -5.6.

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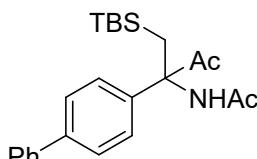
N-(1-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxobutan-2-yl)acetamide (11c).

Yellow solid (28.4 mg, 40% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.58 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 0.90 (s, 9H), -0.03 (s, 3H), -0.10 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.5, 168.2, 140.2, 133.7, 128.8, 127.5, 67.9, 26.2, 24.1, 23.6, 16.7, 15.3, -5.1, -5.7.

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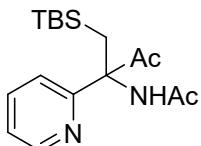
N-(2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-1-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-3-oxobutan-2-

yl)acetamide(11d). Yellow solid (28.5 mg, 36% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 2.67 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 0.93 (s, 9H), -0.01 (s, 3H), -0.07 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.9, 168.3, 140.5, 129.2, 128.7, 127.4(3), 127.3(9), 127.1, 126.9, 126.4, 68.2, 26.3, 24.2, 23.7, 16.8, 15.4, -5.1, -5.6.

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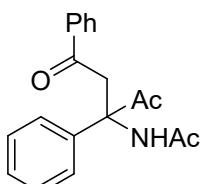
N-(1-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-3-oxo-2-(pyridin-2-yl)butan-2-yl)acetamide (11e).

White solid (17.3 mg, 27% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.58 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 0.90 (s, 9H), -0.03 (s, 3H), -0.10 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.2, 169.0, 156.2, 148.0, 137.4, 123.1, 121.5, 69.6, 26.2, 23.7, 23.6, 18.0, 16.5, -5.0, -6.1.

HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺: calculated for C₁₇H₂₉N₂O₂Si: 321.1998, found 321.2000.

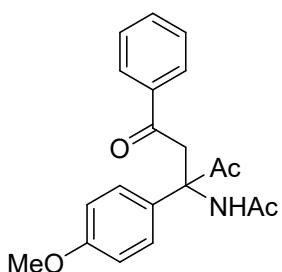


N-(1,4-Dioxo-1,3-diphenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (12a). Yellow solid (40.2 mg, 65% yeild).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 5H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.0, 198.0, 169.4, 137.7, 136.6, 133.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 125.7, 67.5, 41.0, 23.7, 23.1.

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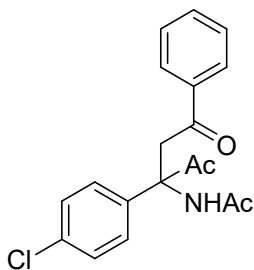
N-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,4-dioxo-1-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (12b). Yellow oil (30.6 mg, 45% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.1, 198.1, 169.5, 159.3, 136.6, 133.8, 129.6,

128.7, 128.4, 127.0, 114.4, 66.9, 55.2, 41.0, 23.7, 23.0.

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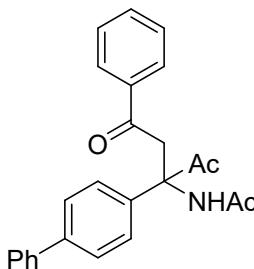


N-(3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,4-dioxo-1-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (12c). Yellow oil (26.1 mg, 38% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.5, 197.7, 169.4, 136.4(1), 136.3(7), 134.3, 133.9, 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 127.2, 67.1, 41.0, 23.6, 23.1.

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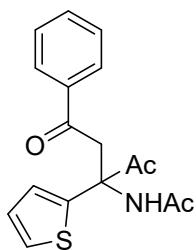


N-(3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-1,4-dioxo-1-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (12d). Yellow oil (27.0 mg, 35% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.47 (m, 10H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.9, 198.0, 169.6, 141.0, 140.1, 136.6, 136.5, 133.8, 133.3, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 127.0, 126.2, 67.4, 41.1, 23.6, 23.1.

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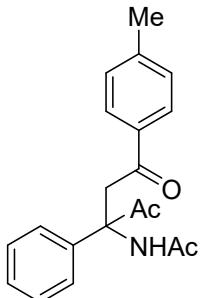


N-(1,4-Dioxo-1-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)pentan-3-yl)acetamide (12e). Yellow oil (23.4 mg, 37% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.5, 197.3, 169.7, 142.6, 136.2, 133.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.4, 125.8, 125.3, 65.6, 42.6, 23.8, 22.6.

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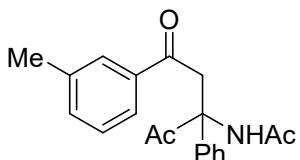


***N*-(1,4-Dioxo-3-phenyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)pentan-3-yl)acetamide (12f).** Yellow solid (27.2 mg, 42% yield).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 5.13 (d, $J = 17.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, $J = 17.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.1, 197.6, 169.4, 144.8, 137.8, 134.1, 129.4, 129.0, 128.5, 128.1, 125.8, 67.5, 40.9, 23.7, 23.1, 21.7.

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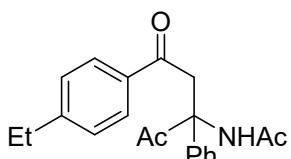


***N*-(1,4-Dioxo-3-phenyl-1-(*m*-tolyl)pentan-3-yl)acetamide (12g).** Colorless oil (20.1 mg, 31% yield).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 5.14 (d, $J = 17.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, $J = 17.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.0, 198.1, 169.4, 138.6, 137.8, 136.6, 134.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 125.7, 125.6, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 67.5, 41.1, 23.6, 23.1, 21.3.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na] $^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$: 346.1419, found 346.1422.



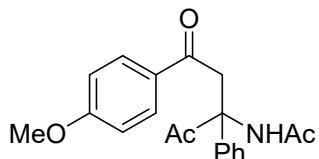
***N*-(1-(4-Ethylphenyl)-1,4-dioxo-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (12h).** Yellow oil (18.2 mg, 27% yield).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 5.14 (d, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, $J = 17.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.71 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.27 – 1.24 (m, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.1, 197.6, 169.3, 150.9, 137.9, 134.4, 129.0,

128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 125.8, 67.5, 40.9, 29.0, 23.7, 23.1, 15.1.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₂₁H₂₃NO₃Na: 360.1576, found 360.1577.

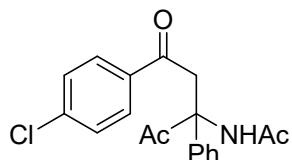


N-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,4-dioxo-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (12i). Yellow oil (22.4 mg, 33% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.1, 196.4, 169.3, 164.1, 137.9, 130.8, 129.7, 129.0, 128.1, 125.8, 113.9, 67.6, 55.5, 40.6, 23.7, 23.2.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₂₀H₂₁NO₄Na: 362.1368, found 362.1371.

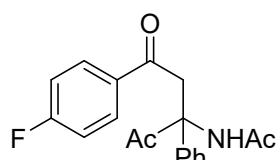


N-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,4-dioxo-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (12j). Yellow oil (35.1 mg, 51% yield).

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¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.8, 197.0, 169.5, 140.4, 137.6, 134.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.2, 125.7, 67.5, 40.9, 23.6, 23.1.

HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₉H₁₈NO₃NaCl: 366.0873, found 366.0875.



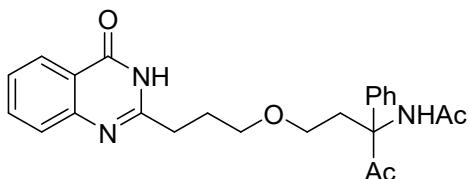
N-(1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1,4-dioxo-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (12k). Yellow oil (13.1 mg, 20% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.9, 196.5, 169.5, 166.2 (d, *J* = 256.3 Hz), 137.6, 133.0 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 129.1, 128.2, 125.7, 115.9 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 67.5, 40.9, 23.7, 23.1.

¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.7.

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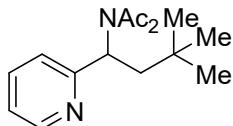


N-(4-Oxo-1-(3-(4-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinazolin-2-yl)propoxy)-3-phenylpentan-3-yl)acetamide (5). White solid (45.6 mg, 54% yield) .

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 – 8.25 (m, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.79 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.42 (m, 2H), 3.31 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.90 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.66 – 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.02 – 1.96 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.0, 169.4, 162.7, 156.0, 149.3, 139.3, 134.6, 128.9, 128.0, 127.1, 126.4(1), 126.3(6), 126.1, 120.8, 69.4, 68.4, 66.7, 32.3, 32.0, 27.3, 24.3, 23.7.

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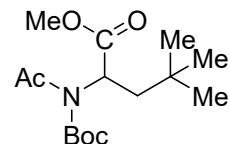


N-(5,5-Dimethyl-2-oxo-3-(pyridin-2-yl)hexan-3-yl)acetamide (7). Yellow solid (21 mg, 40% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 – 8.47 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 5.74 – 5.66 (m, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 6H), 1.91 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.6, 160.1, 148.6, 136.4, 122.1, 122.0, 56.9, 44.5, 30.9, 29.7, 27.1.

HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺: calculated for C₁₅H₂₃N₂O₂: 263.1760, found 263.1768.



Methyl 2-(N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)acetamido)-4,4-dimethylpentanoate (9). Yellow oil (47.1mg, 78% yield)

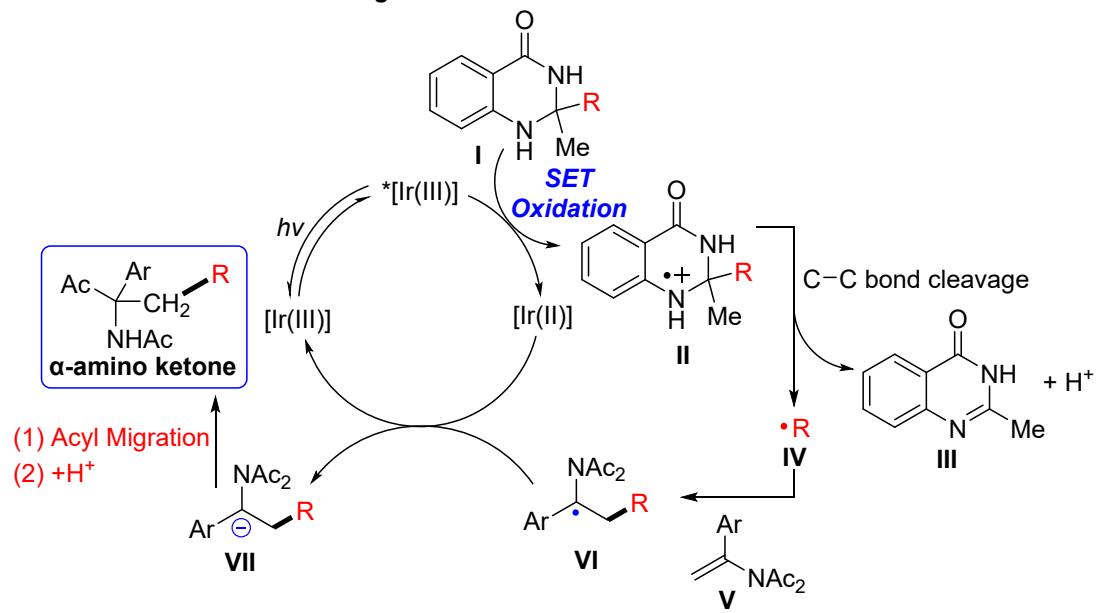
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.31 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.26 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 0.88 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 171.9, 152.2, 83.8, 52.9, 52.2, 43.7, 30.3, 29.3, 27.9, 26.7.

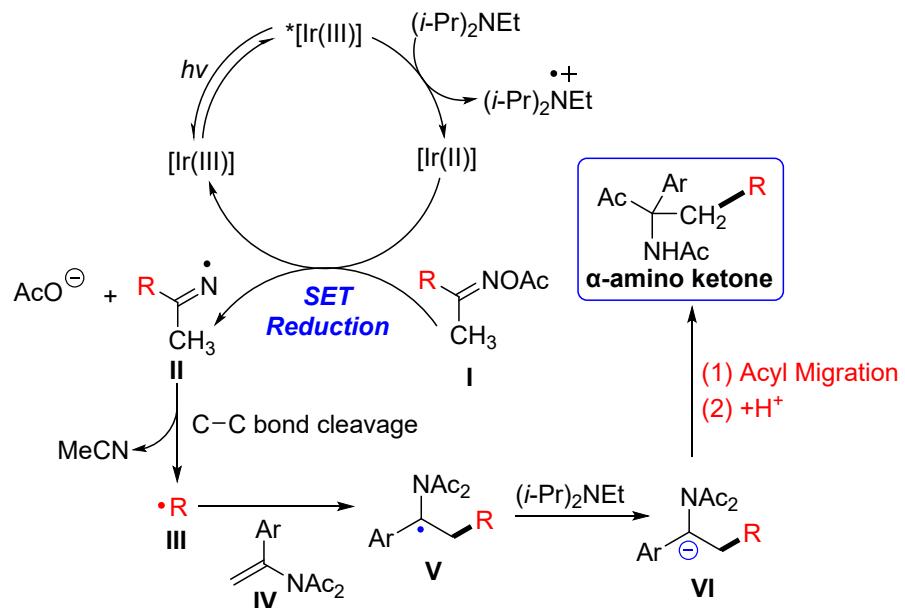
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4. Proposed mechanisms^{1b,3-6}

Path I: SET oxidation-based generation of radical



Path II: SET reduction-based generation of radical



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6. X-ray crystal data for compounds 3t

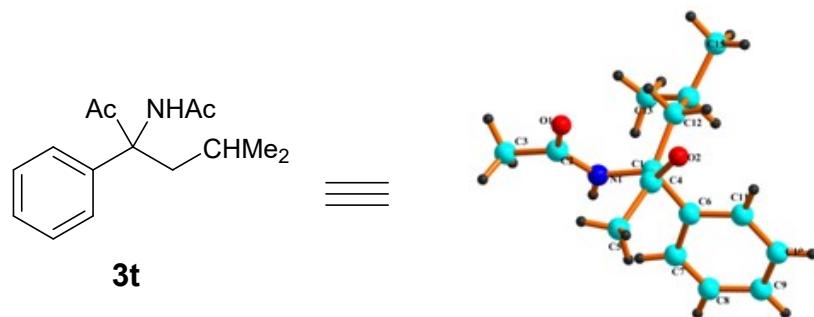


Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3t

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b/Å	13.7725(1)
c/Å	16.2084(2)
α/°	90
β/°	105.381(3)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2936.7(5)
Z	1
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.119
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.074
F(000)	1072.5
Crystal size/mm ³	0.3 × 0.15 × 0.2
Radiation	M _o K _α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	4.28 to 50
Index ranges	-16 ≤ h ≤ 15, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -19 ≤ l ≤ 19
Reflections collected	15769
Independent reflections	5046 [R _{int} = 0.0441, R _{sigma} = 0.0479]
Data/restraints/parameters	5046/4/333
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.046
Final R indexes [I >= 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0624, wR ₂ = 0.1600
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0873, wR ₂ = 0.1848
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.34/-0.39

7. NMR Spectra of new compounds

