Supporting information

Organocatalytic Hetero-[4+2] Cycloaddition Reactions of 2-(1-Alkynyl)-2-alkene-1-ones: Metal-free Access to Highly Substituted 4*H*-pyrans

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General information

NMR spectra were recorded on a NMR spectrometer operating at 300 MHz for ¹H and 75 MHz for ¹³C with complete proton decoupling. Petroleum ether refers to the fraction of Petroleum ether having a boiling point between 60 - 90 °C. The starting materials 2-(1-alkynyl)-alken-1-ones **1** were prepared according to known procedures.¹ Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used as received.

Typical Procedure for the synthesis of pyrans 2 from 1:

1. (*E*)-1,3-diphenyl-2-(3,4,6-triphenyl-5-(2-phenylethynyl)-4*H*-pyran-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one(2a).



A mixture of **1a** (154 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DBU (15.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 0 °C for 11 h till the enyne **1a** was consumed by TLC analysis, 3 mL of H₂O was added to quench the reaction and the mixture was extracted by ether. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄. After filtration and concentration, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes: acetate = 10:1) to give a **2a** in 91% yield. Rf = 0.6 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1). Straw yellow solid, m.p.:103 ~104 °C . ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.71 ~ 7.63 (m, 4 H), 7.54 ~ 7.21 (m, 22 H), 7.16 ~ 7.04 (m, 3 H), 6.88 ~ 6.85 (m, 2 H), 4.42 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 195.5, 152.5, 144.4, 143.3, 142.7, 138.0, 137.0, 134.8, 134.7, 133.4, 131.9, 131.0, 123.0, 129.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 123.7, 117.9, 98.1, 93.2, 88.6, 49.2 ppm. IR (neat): ν (cm⁻¹) 3058, 1646, 1594, 1490, 1444, 1255, 1177, 1112, 1010. HRMS calcd for C₄₆H₃₂O₂: 616.2402, found: 616.2416. MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 616 (M⁺, 9.50), 105 (100).

2. (E)-2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-4,6-diphenyl-4H

-pyran-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (2b).



Conditions A: A mixture of **1b** (169 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DBU (15.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 0 °C for 62 h to afford **2b**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give yellow solid, yield: 60%. Rf = 0.4 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1), m.p.: 181 ~ 182 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.68 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.51 ~ 7.45 (m, 3 H), 7.40 ~ 7.17 (m, 16 H), 7.78 ~ 7.74 (m, 4 H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.33 (s, 1 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 195.5, 159.2, 138.9, 151.7, 143.7, 143.5, 142.5, 138.0, 134.9, 134.9, 133.4, 132.4, 131.8, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 126.8, 117.5, 115.9, 113.9, 113.3, 98.2, 93.1, 87.2, 55.2, 55.0, 49.4 ppm. IR (neat): *v* (cm⁻¹) 3030, 2836, 1658, 1603, 1508, 1243, 1172, 1076, 1021. HRMS calcd for C₄₈H₃₆O₄: 676.2614, found: 676.2625. MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 676 (M⁺, 13.11), 105 (100).

Conditions B: A mixture of **1b** (169 mg, 0.5 mmol) and *n*-Bu₃P (20.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 25 $^{\circ}$ C for 22 h to afford **2b**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give yellow solid; yield: 76%. The ¹H NMR and ¹³CNMR data is same as the above.

3. (*E*)-2-(3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-(2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethynyl)-4,6-diphenyl-4*H*-pyran-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (2c).



A mixture of **1c** (176.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DBU (15.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h to afford **2c**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give straw yellow solid, yield: 91%. Rf = 0.4 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1), m.p.: 195 ~ 196 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 ~ 7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.46 ~ 7.29 (m, 16 H), 7.14 (s, 1 H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.44 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 195.3, 154.3, 146.8, 146.1, 144.0, 143.9, 142.2, 137.4, 134.1, 133.3, 132.7, 132.5, 131.5, 130.7, 130.4, 130.3, 129.9, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 123.5, 123.07, 116.2, 97.4, 94.0, 91.7, 48.3 ppm. IR (neat): *v* (cm⁻¹) 2925, 2196, 1646, 1587, 1514, 1340, 1184, 1108. HRMS calcd for C₄₆H₃₀N₂O₆: 706.2104, found: 706.2083. MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 706 (M⁺, 13.67), 105 (100).

4. (*E*)-2-(3-butyl-5-(hex-1-ynyl)-4,6-diphenyl-4*H*-pyran-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (2d).



A mixture of **1d** (144 mg, 0.5 mmol) and *n*-Bu₃P (15.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at rt for 22 h to afford **2d**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give yellow solid, yield: 50%. Rf = 0.7 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1),m.p.: 78 ~ 79 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz,3 H), 7.69 ~ 7.66 (m, 2 H), 7.61 ~ 7.57 (m, 3 H), 7.50 ~ 7.44 (m, 3 H), 7.39 ~ 7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.29 ~ 7.15 (m, 8 H), 4.10 (s, 1 H), 2.26 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 1.95 ~ 1.85 (m, 1 H), 1.62 ~ 1.37 (m, 6 H), 1.35 ~ 1.11 (m, 2 H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3

H), 0.76 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 196.0, 151.1, 143.9, 143.3, 140.1, 138.4, 134.6, 134.1, 133.8, 132.0, 130.1, 129.9, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 126.54, 115.7, 97.8, 94.1, 79.1, 46.3, 30.6, 29.2, 28.5, 22.5, 21.8, 19.3, 13.7, 13.5 ppm. IR (neat): v (cm⁻¹) 2956, 2931, 2871, 1646, 1598, 1448, 1252, 1217, 1179, 1114. HRMS calcd for C₄₂H₄₀O₂: 576.3028, found: 576.3028. MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 576 (M⁺, 2.80), 105 (100).

5. (*E*)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(6-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,4-diphenyl-5-(2-phenylethynyl)-4*H*-pyran-2-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (2e).



A mixture of **1e** (171.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DBU (15.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 0 °C for 15 h to afford **2e**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give orange solid, yield: 94%. Rf = 0.7 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1),m.p.: 187 ~188 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.73 ~ 7.71 (m, 2 H), 7.52 ~ 7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.44 ~ 7.40 (m, 5 H), 7.37 ~ 7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.33 ~ 7.26 (m, 10 H), 7.22 ~7.01 (m, 5 H), 6.88 ~ 6.85 (m, 2 H), 4.41 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 194.14, 151.28, 144.17, 143.04, 142.58, 138.30, 136.69, 136.14, 134.85, 134.60, 134.34, 131.63, 131.00, 130.41, 130.21, 129.79, 129.10, 128.97, 128.89, 128.57, 128.46, 128.34, 128.27, 128.07, 128.01, 127.80, 127.75, 127.15, 123.36, 118.33, 98.62, 93.83, 88.00, 49.21 ppm. IR (neat): *v* (cm⁻¹) 3027, 2205, 1651, 1588, 1489, 1398, 1255, 1176, 1089, 1010. HRMS calcd for C₄₆H₃₀O₂Cl₂: 684.1623, found: 684.1618. MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 684 (M⁺, 6.36), 686 (M+2, 4.79), 686 (M+4, 1.18) 139 (100).

6. (*E*)-3-(6-methyl-3,4-diphenyl-5-(2-phenylethynyl)-4*H*-pyran-2-yl)-4-phenylbu t-3-en-2-one (2f).



A mixture of **1f** (123 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DBU (15.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 0 °C for 38 h to afford **2f**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give orange solid, yield: 88%. Rf = 0.5 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1),m.p.: 59 ~ 60 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.58 ~ 7.55 (m, 2 H), 7.50 (s, 1 H), 7.45 ~ 7.23 (m, 13 H), 7.08 ~ 7.00 (m, 3 H), 4.39 (s, 1 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 2.24 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.31, 153.51, 142.99, 142.89, 142.00, 137.25, 134.42, 133.99, 130.98, 130.04, 129.96, 128.50, 128.45, 128.19, 128.06, 127.91, 127.78, 127.64, 127.06, 126.79, 123.61, 117.01, 97.94, 92.98, 87.14, 47.62, 26.92, 17.94 ppm. IR (neat): *v* (cm⁻¹) 3058, 2203, 1671, 1596, 1491, 1219, 1162, 1111. HRMS calcd for C₃₆H₂₈O₂: 492.2089, found: 492.2099, MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 492 (M⁺, 54.29), 43 (100).

7. (*E*)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-3-phenyl-5-(2-phenylethynyl)-4*H*-pyran-2-yl)but-3-en-2-one (2g).



Condition A: A mixture of **1g** (136 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DBU (15.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 0 °C for 60 h to afford **2g**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give orange solid, yield: 45%. Rf = 0.4 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1), m.p.: 55 ~ 56 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.46 (s, 1 H), 7.37 ~ 7.26 (m, 7 H), 7.07 ~ 7.00 (m, 3 H), 6.95 (d, *J* =

8.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.35 (s, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 2.23 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.2, 161.2, 158.4, 153.5, 142.7, 142.1, 137.5, 135.5, 132.3, 131.6, 131.0, 129.4, 128.1, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.02, 126.9, 123.7, 117.0, 114.1, 113.6, 98.1, 92.8, 87.3, 55.3, 55.0, 46.7, 26.84, 18.0 ppm. IR (neat): v (cm⁻¹) 2930, 2837, 2203, 1666, 1600, 1509, 1254, 1174, 1029. HRMS calcd for C₃₈H₃₂O₄: 552.2301, found: 552.2291. MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 522 (M⁺, 49.28), 105 (100). Condition B: A mixture of **1** (136 mg, 0.5 mmol) and *n*-Bu₃P (20.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 25 °C for 22 h to afford **2g**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give yellow solid; yield: 82%. The ¹H NMR and ¹³CNMR data is same as the above.

8. (*E*)-3-(6-methyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-(2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethynyl)-4-phenyl-4*H*-pyran-2-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-one (2h).



A mixture of **1h** (145.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DBU (15.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h to afford **2h**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give brown solid, yield: 80%. Rf = 0.3 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1), m.p.: 99 ~ 100 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.44 ~ 7.20 (m, 13 H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.29 (s, 1 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 2.27 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 196.9, 155.1, 146.7, 146.6, 144.5, 144.3, 142.7, 142.0, 134.0, 133.8, 131.5, 130.5, 130.4, 129.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 123.5, 123.0, 115.4, 97.4, 92.7, 92.1, 47.0, 26.6, 18.3 ppm. IR (neat): *v* (cm⁻¹) 3064, 2923, 2849, 2199, 1671, 1590, 1514, 1341, 1222, 1107. HRMS calcd for C₃₆H₂₆N₂O₆: 582.1791, found: 582.1808. MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 582 (M⁺, 9.60), 43 (100).

9. (*E*)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-3-(naphthalen-1-y



l)-5-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethynyl)-4*H*-pyran-2-yl)but-3-en-2-one (2i).

Condition A: A mixture of **1i** (163 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DBU (15.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 0 °C for 60 h to afford **2i**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give brown solid, yield: 51%. Rf = 0.3 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1), m.p.: 100 ~ 101 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.92 (s, 1 H), 7.82 ~ 772 (m, 4 H), 7.58 ~ 7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.45 ~ 7.26 (m, 8 H), 7.14 ~ 7.10 (m, 2 H), 6.92 ~ 6.79 (m, 5 H), 6.13 (s, 1 H), 4.52 (s, 1 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 2.52 (s, 3 H), 2.23 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.1, 161.3, 158.5, 143.1, 142.4, 135.1, 133.6, 133.5, 133.1, 133.1, 132.0, 131.9, 130.4, 129.7, 129.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 127.2, 126.4, 126.2, 125.6, 125.3, 125.2, 125.1, 124.8, 121.4, 115.6, 114.1, 113.4, 97.7, 92.6, 91.2, 55.4, 55.1, 26.6, 18.6 ppm. IR (neat): *v* (cm⁻¹) 3044, 2919, 2849, 2192, 1664, 1603, 1509, 1258, 1177, 1154, 1118, 1031. HRMS calcd for C₄₆H₃₆O₄: 652.2614, found: 652.2625. MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 652 (M⁺, 54.39), 239 (100).

Condition B. A mixture of **1i** (169 mg, 0.5 mmol) and *n*-Bu₃P (20.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 25 $^{\circ}$ C for 22 h to afford **2i**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give yellow solid; yield: 60%. The ¹H NMR and ¹³CNMR data is same as the above.

10. (*E*)-3-(6-methyl-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-5-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethynyl)-4-phenyl-4*H*-pyran-2-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-one (2j).



A mixture of **1j** (148 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DBU (15.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 0 °C for 60 h to afford **2j**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give brown solid, yield: 75%. Rf = 0.5 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1),m.p.: 121 ~ 122 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3 H), 7.76 ~ 7.64 (m, 4 H), 7.52 ~ 7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.42 ~ 7.15 (m, 16 H), 7.08 ~ 7.00 (m, 1 H), 6.85 ~ 6.80 (m, 1 H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.54 (s, 1 H), 2.50 (s, 3 H), 2.20 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.0, 154.1, 143.4, 142.6, 142.2, 130.3, 129.9, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 126.4, 126.1 126.1, 125.7, 125.3, 125.1, 125.0, 124.6, 121.2, 115.5, 97.5, 92.3, 91.3, 47.6, 26.6, 18.5 ppm. IR (neat): *v* (cm⁻¹) 3676, 2988, 2921, 2185, 1665, 1647, 1381, 1217, 1188, 1165, 1075. HRMS calcd for C₄₄H₃₂O₂: 592.2402, found: 592.2416. MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 592(M⁺, 69.39), 252 (100).

11. (*E*)-methyl 6-(4-methoxy-3,4-dioxo-1-phenylbut-1-en-2-yl)-4,5-diphenyl-3-(2-phenylethynyl)-4*H*-pyran-2-carboxylate (2k).



A mixture of **1k** (145 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DBU (15.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h to afford **2k**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give straw yellow solid, yield: 80%. Rf = 0.2 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1), m.p.: 147 ~148 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.69 (s, 1 H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 4 H), 7.45 ~ 735 (m, 10 H), 7.15 ~ 7.03 (m, 4 H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4

H), 4.44 (s, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 184.8, 163.4, 160.8, 149.4, 143.0, 141.4, 140.8, 136.1, 133.8, 131.5, 130.9, 130.2, 129.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 122.9, 117.5, 110.4, 98.7, 85.9, 52.6, 52.1, 49.8 ppm. IR (neat): v (cm⁻¹) 3056, 2954, 2204, 1736, 1677, 1603, 1491, 1439, 1282, 1239, 1200, 1181, 1139, 1051. HRMS calcd for C₃₈H₂₆O₆: 580.1886, found: 580.1862. MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 580 (M⁺, 43.64), 202 (100).

12. (*E*)-2-(3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-5-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethynyl)-4-phenyl-4*H*-pyran -2-yl)-3-phenylacrylaldehyde (2l).



A mixture of **11** (141 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DBU (15.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 2.5 mL of DMF was stirred at 0 °C for 60 h to afford **21**, purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give yellow solid; yield: 50%. Rf = 0.5 (hexanes: acetate = 5:1), m.p.:164 ~ 165 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.25 (s, 1 H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 7.79 ~ 7.73 (m, 4 H), 7.63 ~ 7.25 (m, 16 H), 7.15 ~ 7.08 (m, 2 H), 6.93 ~ 6.84 (m, 1 H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz , 1 H), 4.59 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): 191.4, 152.1, 145.1, 142.3, 139.9, 135.1, 133.8, 133.4, 133.1, 133.0, 131.0, 130.4, 130.3, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.1, 126.5, 126.2, 126.1, 125.9, 125.54, 125.3, 125.1, 124.5, 120.8, 116.4, 102.3, 91.1, 89.1, 46.7 ppm. IR (neat): *v* (cm⁻¹) 3058, 2853, 1694, 1607, 1454, 1397, 1174, 1116, 1018. HRMS calcd for C₄₂H₂₈O₂: 564.2089, found: 564.2079. MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 564 (M⁺, 80.42), 252 (100).



Figure 1. ORTEP representation of compound 2b.

CCDC 738752 (2b) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge form The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif

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