Supporting Information

Metal triflate-Catalyzed Cyclization of Arylvinylcarbinols: Formal Synthesis of (±)-Dichronaone and (±)-Taiwaniaquinone H

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Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware fitted with rubber septa under a nitrogen atmosphere and were stirred with Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bars. Liquid reagents and solvents were transferred via syringe using standard Schlenk techniques. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether (Et₂O) was distilled over sodium/benzophenone ketyl. Dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂) and toluene were distilled over calcium hydride. All other solvents such as DMF, Chloroform, Dioxane, DMSO, DCE, Acetonitrile, CCl₄, Methanol and reagents such as β -Cyclocitral, 2-Isopropyl phenol, *ortho*-Vanillin, Phenyl magnesium bromide, Methyl magnesium bromide, 2-Bromo anisole, 3-Bromo anisole, 4-Bromoveratrole, 4-Bromo-1,2-(methylenedioxy)benzene, 4-Bromotoluene, 5-Bromo-1,2,3-trimethoxybenzene, 1-Bromo-3,5-dimethylbenzene, 2-Bromobenzaldehyde, 6-Bromoveratraldehyde, Piperonal, Bromine, Ceric ammonium nitrate, Dimethyl sulphate, Potassium carbonate, PCC, Ammonium tribromide, *n*-Butyllithium, NaSEt, different types of Metal triflate etc. were used as received, unless otherwise noted.

Thin layer chromatography was performed using Merck Silicagel 60 F-254 precoated plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV irradiation, anisaldehyde, yellow dip stain and other stains. Silicagel from Merck (particle size 230-400 mesh) was used for flash chromatography. Melting points were recorded on a digital melting point apparatus from Jyoti Scientific (AN ISO 9001:2000) and are uncorrected. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400, 500 MHz spectrometers with ¹³C operating frequencies of 100, 125 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to the residual solvent signal (δ = 7.26 for ¹H NMR and δ = 77.0 for ¹³C NMR). Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity, coupling constants and number of hydrogens). Abbreviations are as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), br (broad). IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR system (Spectrum BX) from PerkinElmer spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Only selected IR absorbencies are reported. High resolution mass spectra were obtained from the Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF) at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal.



Scheme 1: General procedure for synthesis of arylvinylcarbinols (2a-i) of β -cyclocitral.

Step 1:

A flame-dried round-bottom flask was charged with Mg-turning (1.44 equiv.) & a pinch of I_2 under nitrogen atmosphere in dry THF (3 mL for per mmol) and cooled to 0 °C on an ice-bath. Then substituted bromobenzene (1.2 equiv.) was added dropwise (red to colourless to brown colour) over a period of 15 minutes at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until the Mg turning was almost consumed. The freshly prepared Grignard was directly used for next step.

Step 2:

A flame-dried round-bottom flask was charged with β -cyclocitral [1.0 equiv. (generally in 500 mg scale)] under nitrogen atmosphere in dry THF (5 mL for per mmol) and cooled to 0 °C on an ice-bath. The Grignard solution (1.2 equiv. as prepared earlier) was added drop wise to the reaction mixture by a syringe and allowed to warm to room temperature. The stirring was continued till TLC showed complete consumption of starting materials. The reaction mixture was quenched by saturated NH₄Cl solution and then diluted with 20 mL of EtOAc. The whole reaction mixture was taken in a separatory funnel and extracted with 20 mL of water. The organic filtrate was separated and the aqueous part was again washed with 10 mL EtOAc, the combined organic filtrate dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄

and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under vacuum. The crude products were purified by flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford **2a-i**.



(±)-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methanol ±(2a): 59% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.5$ (20% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.07 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dq, *J* = 1.08, 8.36 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.32 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.00 (t, *J* = 6.12 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (s, 1H), 1.69-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 148.7, 147.4, 140.4, 137.3, 133.8, 118.1, 110.7, 109.7, 70.6, 55.9, 55.8, 39.7, 34.8, 33.7, 28.6, 21.6, 21.6, 19.3; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3448, 2917, 2834, 2361, 1598, 1530, 1513, 1463, 1410, 1382, 1360, 1253, 1156, 1137, 1030, 940, 895, 858, 805, 763, 639, 581 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 313.1774 [(M + Na)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₈H₂₆O₃ + Na]⁺: 313.1774; **MP** 53–55 °C.



(±)-(2-methoxyphenyl)(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methanol ±(2b): 86% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.5$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.25 (t, J = 9.88 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (t, J = 8.72 Hz, 2H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.13 (brs, 2H), 1.70 (brs, 3H), 1.54 (q, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 157.8, 135.4, 134.6, 130.8, 129.0, 128.5, 120.3, 110.3, 68.4, 55.3, 39.7, 34.7, 33.7, 28.6, 27.9, 22.7, 19.4; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3565, 2928, 1600, 1586, 1486, 1463, 1403, 1279, 1231, 1184, 1120, 1100, 1029, 975, 940, 863, 754, 735, 623, 574 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 283.1652 [(M + Na)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₇H₂₄O₂ + Na]⁺: 283.1669; **MP** 69–71 °C.



(±)-(4-methoxyphenyl)(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methanol ±(2c): 82% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.5$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.35 (dd, J =6.76, 0.88 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dd, J =8.84, 2.96 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.01 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (s, 1H), 1.70-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 158.1, 140.3, 136.8, 133.6, 127.3, 113.4, 70.5, 55.2, 39.8, 34.8, 33.7, 28.7, 28.6, 21.7, 19.3; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3479, 2928, 1890, 1610, 1583, 1506, 1455, 1362, 1246, 1172, 1105, 1038, 974, 968, 857, 821, 761, 734, 691, 589 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 283.1699 [(M + Na]⁺; calculated for [C₁₇H₂₄O₂ + Na]⁺: 283.1669.



(±)-(3-methoxyphenyl)(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methanol ±(2d): 97% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.45$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.21 (t, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.76 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 8.12, 2.44 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.96 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (d, J = 4.88 Hz, 1H), 1.65-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.59 (brs, 1H), 1.52 (q, J = 5.28 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.5, 146.8, 140.5, 134.0, 129.0, 118.4, 111.8, 111.3, 70.6, 55.2, 39.7, 34.9, 33.6, 30.9, 28.9, 28.6, 21.6, 19.3; **IR** (film) ν_{max} 3391, 2930, 2840, 2360, 1920, 1600, 1494, 1286, 1198, 1149, 1078, 1041, 996, 944, 923, 838, 766, 784, 686, 579 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 283.1683 [(M + Na)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₇H₂₄O₂ + Na]⁺: 283.1669.



(±)-Benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methanol ±(2e): 99% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.45$ (20% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.91 (dt, *J* = 8.08, 1.16 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.08 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 3.96 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.69-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.54 (q, *J* = 4.36 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 147.5, 145.9, 140.4, 138.9, 133.9, 119.1, 107.8, 107.0, 100.8, 70.6, 39.7, 34.8, 33.7, 28.8, 28.6, 21.6, 19.3; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3465, 2927, 2361, 1609, 1487, 1435, 1363, 1237, 1124, 1084,

1041, 992, 939, 868, 809, 768, 731, 710, 555 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 297.1456 $[(M + Na)]^+$; calculated for $[C_{17}H_{22}O_3 + Na]^+$: 297.1461.



(±)-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methanol ±(2f): 90% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.45$ (35% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.69 (d, J = 0.92 Hz, 2H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 2.01 (t, J = 6.08 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (brs, 1H), 1.70-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 152.9, 140.6, 140.4, 136.4, 134.2, 103.2, 70.8, 60.9, 56.1, 39.8, 34.9, 33.6, 28.8, 28.7, 21.6, 19.3; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3501, 2931, 2361, 1590, 1505, 1455, 1416, 1362, 1325, 1233, 1184, 1127, 1047, 1011, 950, 920, 834, 777, 728 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 343.1794 [(M + Na)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₉H₂₈O₄ + Na]⁺: 343.1880.



(±)-**p-tolyl(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methanol** ±(**2g**): 98% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.6 (10\% \text{ EtOAc in hexane}); {}^{1}\mathbf{H} \mathbf{NMR} (400 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta: 7.34 (d,$ *J*= 7.76 Hz, 2H),7.16 (d, *J* = 7.96 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 4.2Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.02 (t, *J* = 6.12 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 4.88 Hz, 1H), 1.72-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.57 (q, *J* = 4.72 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H); {}^{13}\mathbf{C} \mathbf{NMR} (100 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta: 141.8, 140.4, 135.7, 133.7, 128.7, 126.0, 70.7, 39.8, 34.8, 33.7, 28.8, 28.6, 21.7, 21.0, 19.4; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3460, 2923, 2731, 1907, 1799, 1651, 1511, 1455, 1363, 1247, 1171, 1109, 1038, 1009, 974, 898, 857, 808, 757, 728, 691, 578 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 267.1757 [(M + Na)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₇H₂₄O + Na] ⁺: 268.1719.



(±)-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methanol ±(2h): 97% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.7$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.05 (d, J = 0.52 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 0.64 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.04-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.83 (s, 1H), 1.71-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 144.7, 140.4, 137.4, 133.7, 127.8, 123.7, 70.8, 39.7, 34.8, 33.6, 28.8, 28.7, 21.7, 21.5, 19.4; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3461, 2927, 2874, 2360, 1602, 1456, 1363, 1238, 1149, 1038, 976, 850, 735 cm⁻¹; **LRMS** (ESI) m/z 281.1859 [(M + Na)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₈H₂₆O + Na]⁺: 281.1876; **MP** 78–80 °C.



(±)-**phenyl**(**2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methanol** ±(**2i**): 99% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.5 (5\% \text{ EtOAc in hexane}); {}^{1}\mathbf{H} \mathbf{NMR} (400 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta: 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, J)$ = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (td, $J = 7.6, 0.84 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.45 (d, J = 3.44 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.01 (t, J = 6.04 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 1.87 (d, J = 4.52 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.71-1.64 (m, 2\text{H}), 1.59-1.55 (m, 2\text{H}), 1.40 (s, 3\text{H}), 1.22 (s, 3\text{H}), 1.10 (s, 3\text{H}); {}^{13}\mathbf{C} \mathbf{NMR} (100 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta: 144.9, 140.5, 133.9, 128.0, 126.2, 125.9, 70.7, 39.7, 34.9, 33.7, 28.9, 28.6, 21.6, 19.4; IR (film) <math>v_{\text{max}}$ 3460, 3060, 3028, 2928, 2866, 2360, 1651,1601, 1493, 1448, 1363, 1248, 1171, 1116, 1032, 1009, 919, 895, 845, 781, 753, 704, 624 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 253.1590 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₆H₂₂ + Na]⁺: 253.1563.

Scheme 2: General procedure for synthesis of arylvinylcarbinols of β -cyclocitral (2j).



A flame-dried round-bottom flask was charged with 2-bromo substituted benzyl alcohol [1.0 equiv. (generally in 500 mg scale)] under nitrogen atmosphere in dry THF (5 mL for per mmol) and cooled to -55 °C on julabo. Then *n*-BuLi (2.05 equiv.) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at -55 °C for 15 min. Then β -cyclocitral solution (1.0 equiv.) (5 mL dry THF) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture

over a period of 10 min at -55 °C. And then allowed to warm at room temperature and stirred for another 1h. The stirring was continued till TLC showed complete consumption of starting materials. The reaction mixture was quenched by saturated NH₄Cl solution and then diluted with 20 mL of EtOAc. The whole reaction mixture was taken in a separatory funnel and extracted with 20 mL of water. The organic filtrate was separated and the aqueous part was again washed with 10 mL EtOAc, the combined organic filtrate dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under vacuum. The crude products were purified by flash chromatography (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford (**2j**).



(±)-(6-(hydroxymethyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-

yl)methanol ±(2j): 71% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.5$ (50% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 5.97 (dd, J = 4.13, 1.46 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 11.94 Hz, 1H), 4.4 (d, J = 11.96 Hz, 1H), 2.19-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 1.7-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 0.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 146.8, 138.2, 134.7, 134.6, 134.2, 111.3, 109.4, 101.1, 70.4, 64.1, 39.5, 34.7, 33.7, 28.6, 28.1, 22.7, 19.1; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3361, 2927, 1651, 1503, 1480, 1362, 1335, 1267, 1230, 1158, 1118, 1040, 971, 937, 854, 809, 737, 701 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 327.1577 [(M + Na)⁺; calculated for [C₁₈H₂₄O₄ + Na]⁺: 327.1567; **MP** 116–118 °C.







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(±)-2-(5-(hydroxy(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methyl)-2,3-

dimethoxyphenyl)propan-2-ol ±(**2k**): 55% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.5$ (50% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.00 (t, J = 6.08 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (brs, 1H), 1.69-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H) 1.56-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 152.3, 145.1, 140.3, 140.1, 140.0, 134.0, 115.7, 109.7, 73.0, 70.7, 61.0, 55.8, 39.8, 34.8, 33.7, 30.9, 28.8, 28.7, 21.7, 19.3; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3445, 2930, 1584, 1456, 1303, 1128, 1066, 1008 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 371.2183 [(M + Na)]⁺; calculated for [C₂₁H₃₂O₄ + Na]⁺: 371.2193; **MP** 76–79 °C.



2(2-methoxy-3-methylphenyl)propan-2-ol (9e): 78% yield as colorless liquid gel, $R_f = 0.4$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.17 (dd, J = 7.72, 1.04 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.36 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (brs, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 156.6, 140.4, 131.1, 130.8, 124.1, 123.8, 72.9, 61.1, 31.3, 16.9; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3445, 2973, 2360, 1469, 1414, 1367, 1258, 1167, 1090, 1009, 955, 903, 833, 784, 761 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 203.1052 [(M + Na)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₁H₁₆O₂ + Na]⁺: 203.1043.



(1-isopropyl-2-methoxy-3-methylbenzene) (9f): 88% yield as colorless liquid gel, $R_f = 0.4$ (in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.12 (d, J = 5.28 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 7.0 (d, J = 1.36 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.35 (septet, J = 6.92 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.92 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 155.8, 141.6, 130.8, 128.6, 124.2, 124.1, 60.8, 29.7, 26.4, 23.9; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2968, 2928, 1458, 1418, 1364, 1260, 1220, 1167, 1090, 1012, 955, 904, 790, 760 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 163.1157 [(M - H)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₁H₁₆O - H]⁺: 163.1117.



(5-bromo-1-isopropyl-2-methoxy-3-methylbenzene) (9g): 72% yield as colorless liquid gel, $R_f = 0.4$ (in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.17 (d, J = 2.28 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 2.04 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.27 (pentate, J = 6.92 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.92 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 155.0, 143.9, 133.2, 131.3, 127.4, 117.0, 60.9, 26.6, 23.7; IR (film) v_{max} 2964, 2828, 1577, 1470, 1423, 1384, 1363, 1332, 1259, 1236, 1205, 1169, 1110, 1065, 1012, 865, 824, 774, 704, 568 cm⁻¹.



(±)-(3-isopropyl-4-methoxy-5-methylphenyl)(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-

yl)methanol ±(2l): 65% yield as colorless liquid gel, $R_f = 0.4$ (5% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ : 7.0 (s, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 5.13 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, J = 4.92 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.13(s, 3H), 1.86 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (t, J = 2.92 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (d, J = 5.76 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.0 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ : 153.7, 141.7, 140.0, 139.9, 131.4, 129.4, 126.6, 122.2, 69.1, 60.8, 40.3, 34.8, 33.5, 29.2, 29.1, 26.2, 24.4, 24.3, 21.9, 19.5, 16.8; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3459, 2959, 2930, 1471, 1362, 1214, 1166, 1126, 1082, 1016, 871, 726 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 339.2328 [(M + Na)]⁺; calculated for [C₂₁H₃₂O₂ + Na]⁺: 339.2295.



(±)-(3-isopropyl-4-methoxyphenyl)(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methanol ±(2m): 71% yield as colorless liquid gel, $R_f = 0.5$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ : 7.22 (d, J = 1.48 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.44 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.48 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, J = 4.76 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.35(s, 1H), 3.23 (m, 1H), 1.93 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (t, J = 2.68 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ : 154.8, 140.2, 138.1, 135.1, 131.3, 124.6, 124.2, 110.2, 69.2, 55.7, 34.8, 33.6, 29.1, 29.0, 26.5, 23.2, 23.2, 21.9, 19.5; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3450, 2958, 2929, 2867, 1500, 1463, 1362, 1244, 1166, 1089, 1036, 993, 811 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 325.2161 [(M + Na)]⁺; calculated for [C₂₀H₃₀O₂ + Na]⁺: 325.2138.

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entry	catalyst (mol%)	solvent	temp	time %	6 of ± (3a)	% of (4a)
1.	Cu(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	CH_2CI_2	rt	24 h	78%	12%
2.	Sn(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	CH_2CI_2	rt	24 h	82%	11%
3.	Zn(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	CH_2CI_2	rt	12 h	60%	25%
4.	Bi(OTf) ₃ (10 mol%)	CH_2CI_2	rt	12 h	70%	16%
5.	In(OTf) ₃ (10 mol%)	CH_2CI_2	rt	12 h	56%	23%
6.	Sm(OTf) ₃ (10 mol%)	CH_2CI_2	rt	12 h	45%	37%
7.	Sn(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	40 °C	0 9 h	98%	00%
8.	Cu(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	40 °C	09 h	96%	00%
9.	Cu(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	PhMe	90 °C	12 h	88%	00%
10.	Cu(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	THF	70 °C	18 h	60%	15%
11.	Cu(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	Et ₂ O	35 °C	12 h	72%	13%
12.	Sn(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	dioxane	75 °C	12 h	80%	06%
13.	Sn(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	DMF	90 °C	12 h	42%	40%
14.	Sn(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	THF	70 °C	12 h	79%	15%
15.	Sn(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	PhMe	90 °C	12 h	93%	00%
16.	Sn(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	DMSO	90 °C	12 h	95%	00%
17.	Sn(OTf) ₂ (10 mol%)	DCE	70 °C	12 h	93%	00%
18.	Cu(OTf) ₂ (5 mol%)		40 °C	18 h	90%	00%
19.	Sn(OTf) ₂ (5 mol%)	CH_2CI_2	40 °C	18 h	89%	00%

Table 1: Optimization of cyclization of arylvinylcarbinols.

Reactions were carried out on a 1.0 mmol of $\pm(2a)$ in 5 mL of solvent isolated yields reported after column chromatography.

General procedure for metal triflate-catalyzed cyclization of arylvinylcarbinols:

In an oven-dried round-bottom flask, arylcarbinols of β -cyclocitral (1.0 mmol; 1.0 equiv.) and Sn(OTf)₂ (0.1 mmol; 10 mol%) [**Condition A**] or Cu(OTf)₂ (0.1 mmol; 10 mol%) [**Condition B**] were taken in dichloromethane (5 mL). The round-bottom flask was stirred at 40 °C for indicated time (9-12 h). Upon completion of the reactions, (TLC showed complete consumption of starting material) the reaction mixture was quenched by saturated NaHCO₃

solution and diluted with 5 mL of dichloromethane. The whole reaction mixture was taken in a separatory funnel and extracted with 5 mL of water. The organic filtrate was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under vacuum. The crude products were purified by flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford Friedel-crafts alkylation products.



Condition A: Sn(OTf)₂ (10 mol%); Condition B: Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol%)

Figure 1: Substrates scope of metal triflate-catalyzed cyclization.



(±)-6,7-dimethoxy-1,1,4a-trimethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluorene ±(3a): 98% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.6$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.13 (qd, J = 12.68, 2.92 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (qt, J = 14.36, 3.84 Hz, 1H), 1.70-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.12 (td, J = 12.96, 3.88 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (td, J = 13.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ : 163.0, 148.0, 147.6, 146.6, 134.6, 120.2, 105.7, 104.4, 56.4, 56.1, 51.0, 42.7, 38.4, 35.5, 31.3, 25.3, 23.6, 19.9; **IR** (film) υ_{max} 3059, 2925, 1609, 1573, 1487, 1469, 1409, 1382, 1317, 1233, 1213, 1151, 1079, 1032, 992, 864, 841, 787, 743, 670 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 273.1849 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₈H₂₄O₂ + H]⁺: 273.1849.



(±)-8-methoxy-1,1,4a-trimethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluorene ±(3b): 94% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.5$ (5% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.15 (t, J = 7.56 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.08 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.17 (dq, J = 12.72, 4.72 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (qt, J = 13.92, 3.84 Hz, 1H), 1.71-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.17-0.98 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.7, 157.3, 152.7, 130.2, 125.3, 116.5, 114.0, 108.4, 55.4, 51.5, 42.8, 38.0, 35.6, 31.3, 25.3, 23.4, 19.8; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2925, 1593, 1574, 1479, 1361, 1272, 1247, 1180, 1108, 1076, 1032, 971, 863, 784, 740, 672 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 243.1751 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₇H₂₂O + H]⁺: 243.1743; **MP** 47–49 °C.



(±)-6-methoxy-1,1,4a-trimethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluorene ±(3c): 77% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.5$ (5% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.16 (d, J = 8.12 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 2.32 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 8.12, 2.36 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.10 (dd, J = 12.72, 1.52 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (qt, 14.4, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.23(s, 3H), 1.15-0.97 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.1, 157.4, 157.0, 135.2, 120.6, 120.1, 111.1, 108.2, 55.5, 51.0, 42.7, 38.1, 35.4, 31.3, 25.5, 23.7, 19.8; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3061, 2923, 1733, 1597, 1574, 1507, 1470, 1382, 1370, 1282, 1246, 1217, 1202, 1174, 1083, 1035, 970, 943, 918, 860, 802, 751, 670, 623 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 243.1739 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₇H₂₂O + H]⁺: 243.1743.



(±)-7-methoxy-1,1,4a-trimethyl2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluorene ±(3d): 75% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.5$ (5% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.11 (d, J = 8.12 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 2.32 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 8.12, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.12 (dd, J = 12.8, 1.64 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (qt, J = 14.52, 3.56 Hz, 1H), 1.66-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.34-0.93 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.5, 158.7, 147.7, 143.5, 121.3, 120.6, 109.5, 106.2, 55.5, 50.3, 42.6, 38.3, 35.6, 31.3, 25.2, 23.6, 19.8; **IR** (film) υ_{max} 3063, 2923, 1613, 1470, 1370, 1344, 1281, 1235, 1187, 1149, 1109, 1041, 1022, 969, 939, 870, 805, 761, 673, 621, 583 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 243.1732 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₇H₂₂O + H]⁺: 243.1743.



(±)-4b,8,8-trimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4b*H*-fluoreno[2,3-d][1,3]dioxole ±(3e): 99% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.6$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 2.11 (d, *J* = 12.72 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (q, *J* = 11.92, 1H), 1.65 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 13.44 Hz, 1H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 13.16 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 163.0, 149.2, 146.1, 145.0, 135.6, 120.3, 102.9, 101.6, 100.7, 50.7, 42.7, 38.3, 35.5, 31.2, 25.3, 23.5, 19.9; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3063, 2924, 2767, 1622, 1499, 1471, 1316, 1284, 1240, 1187, 1168, 1145, 1108, 1040, 1011, 968, 943, 865, 836, 798, 670 cm⁻¹; **LRMS** (ESI) m/z 255.2271 [(M - H)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₇H₂₀O₂ -H]⁺: 255.1380.



(±)-5,6,7-trimethoxy-1,1,4a-trimethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluorene ±(3f): 99% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.5$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.48 (dq, J = 12.76, 2.96 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (qt, J = 13.68, 3.72 Hz, 1H), 1.67-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.17-1.08 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.2, 153.0, 149.5, 139.5, 138.3, 138.0, 120.2, 100.2, 60.89, 60.86, 56.2, 52.2, 42.6, 36.9, 35.5, 31.5, 25.4, 21.3, 19.6; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2933, 2361, 1610, 1574, 1469, 1410, 1382, 1353, 1286, 1242, 1195, 1157, 1138, 1102, 1042, 1021, 994, 933, 907, 861, 790, 673 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 303.1943 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₉H₂₆O₃ + H]⁺: 303.1955; **MP** 89–91 °C.



(±)-1,1,4a,6-tetramethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluorene ±(3g): 78% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.6$ (5% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.19 (d, J = 7.48 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.36 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.16 (d, J = 12.64 Hz, 1H), 2.0 (q, J = 13.76 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (t, J = 11.28 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, J = 13.04 Hz, 1H), 1.03(t, J = 13.64 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 163.1, 155.5, 139.5, 126.9, 121.9, 120.5, 120.1, 50.7, 42.7, 38.0, 35.5, 31.3, 29.7, 25.3, 23.5, 21.6, 19.8; **IR** (film) ν_{max} 2997, 2924, 2865, 1599, 1467, 1370, 1285, 1176, 1138, 1032, 969, 861, 808, 780, 670 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 227.1799 [(M)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₇H₂₃]⁺: 227.1794.



(±)-1,1,4a,5,7-pentamethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluorene ±(3h): 78% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.7$ (5% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 2.51 (d, J = 12.72 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.0 (q, J = 14.68 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, J = 12.08 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.17 (t, J = 12.84 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.4, 149.1, 142.9, 135.9, 131.7, 127.6, 121.0, 119.0,

52.0, 42.2, 35.5, 35.4, 31.4, 31.6, 25.5, 21.2, 20.5, 19.5, 18.6; **IR** (film) ν_{max} 2926, 2865, 1616, 1469, 1381, 1284, 1155, 1087, 1026, 967, 882, 858, 838, 761, 678 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 241.1955 [(M + H)⁺; calculated for [C₁₈H₂₄ + H] ⁺: 241.1951; **MP** 59-60 °C.



(±)-1,1,4a-trimethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluorene ±(3i): 23% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.5$ (in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.26 (d, J = 7.32 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dt, J = 7.36, 1.28 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dt, J = 7.36, 1.12 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 2.15 (dd, J = 12.76, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (qt, J = 13.68, 3.92 Hz, 1H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.14-.094 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.1, 155.2, 142.2, 126.3, 124.0, 120.9, 120.7, 120.4, 50.9, 42.6, 38.0, 35.5, 31.3, 25.2, 23.4, 19.8; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3062, 2922, 1608, 1468, 1382, 1370, 1290, 1188, 1091, 969, 873, 849, 746, 671 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 213.1655 [(M)⁺]; calculated for [C₁₆H₂₂O]⁺: 213.1638.



Scheme 4: Substrates scope using arylvinylcarbinols (2j).



(±)-5-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-5,7-dihydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]isobenzofuran ±(8): 91% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.45$ (5% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.95 (dd, J = 9.76, 1.36 Hz, 2H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.02 (ABq, J = 11.76, 2.76 Hz, 2H), 2.64-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 147.5, 147.1, 137.1, 137.0, 131.9, 102.1, 101.4, 101.3, 77.2, 72.0, 34.6, 34.2, 29.7, 29.0, 28.3, 19.8, 19.4; **IR** (film) υ_{max} 2928, 1503, 1476, 1362, 1335, 1269, 1244, 1157, 1128, 1040, 941, 835, 809, 767, 697cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 287.1651 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₈H₂₂O₃ + H]⁺: 287.1642; **MP** 101–103 °C.



Scheme 5: Substrates scope using arylvinylcarbinols (2k-m).



(±)-2-(5,6-dimethoxy-1,1,4a-trimethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluoren-7-yl)propan-2-ol ±(3k): 90% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.4$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.16 (dd, J = 12.96, 088 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (qt, J = 12.68, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.64-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.12 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.2, 151.8, 143.8, 143.6, 139.7, 139.2, 119.9, 103.8, 74.7, 61.0, 56.1, 55.6, 42.2, 37.4, 35.6, 33.2, 32.4, 32.0, 26.2, 22.3, 20.2; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3464, 2994, 2924, 2863, 1621, 1596, 1444, 1418, 1358, 1325, 1287, 1244, 1177, 1153, 1084, 1036, 1015, 962, 865, 834, 817, 738, 677 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 331.2274 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for $[C_{21}H_{30}O_3 + H]^+$: 331.2268; **MP** 126–128 °C.



(±)-5,6-dimethoxy-1,1,4a-trimethyl-7-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-fluorene ±(3l): 97% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.3$ (2% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 14.56 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.76 (d, J = 8.64 Hz, 3H), 2.47 (d, J = 12.52, 1H), 2.05 (d, J = 28.52 Hz, 3H), 1.88 (qt, J = 13.56, 3.28 Hz, 1H), 1.6 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.13-1.07 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.7, 151.3, 143.4, 143.1, 141.6, 138.8, 134.9, 121.5, 116.7, 103.6, 61.4, 55.8, 55.3, 42.5, 39.5, 35.6, 31.8, 25.4, 25.0, 21.0, 19.8; IR (film) v_{max} 2929, 2361, 1608, 1590, 1455, 1417, 1349, 1283, 1267, 1242, 1207, 1155, 1094, 1047, 1022, 900, 864, 792, 671, 617 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z 313.2150 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₂₁H₂₈O₂ + H]⁺: 313.2162; MP 70–73 °C.



(±)-7-isopropyl-6-methoxy-1,1,4a,5-tetramethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluorene ±(3m): 90% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.4$ (in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.0 (s, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 2.48 (d, J = 12.56 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.84 (qt, J =13.92, 3.32 Hz, 1H), 1.63-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 6H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.20-1.08 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 163.6, 153.4, 150.7, 139.3, 138.4, 125.7, 120.8, 115.5, 61.1, 52.7, 42.1, 35.5, 35.3, 31.6, 26.6, 25.6, 24.2., 20.7, 19.5, 12.0; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2960, 2928, 2867, 1464, 1410, 1380, 1365, 1307, 1287, 1241, 1209, 1131, 1022, 882, 785, 675 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 321.2207 [(M + Na)]⁺; calculated for [C₂₁H₃₀O + Na]⁺: 321.2189; **MP** 67–69 °C.



(±)-5-isopropyl-6-methoxy-1,1,4a,7-tetramethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluorene ±(3n): 8% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.5$ (in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.41 (m, 1H), 2.45 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.93 (qt, J =13.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.62-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d, J = 7.85 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (d, J =7.08 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (s, 6H), 1.24 (s, 3H) 1.21-1.07 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 163.6, 156.3, 150.1, 138.2, 136.4, 129.4, 121.1, 120.5, 70.0, 53.0, 42.0, 36.5, 35.3, 31.7, 28.8, 25.7, 22.4, 21.7, 21.6, 19.7, 17.1; **IR** (film) ν_{max} 2926, 1449, 1357, 1232, 1020, 857, 672 cm⁻¹ . **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 299.2340 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₂₁H₃₀O + H]⁺: 299.2369.



(±)-7-isopropyl-6-methoxy-1,1,4a-trimethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluorene ±(3o): 96% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.4$ (in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_{3 +} DMSO-D₆)(4:1) δ : 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.19 (septet, J = 6.96 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (d, J = 12.68 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (q, J = 14.08 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (t, J = 12.44 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.10 (d, J = 1.48 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (d, J = 1.16 Hz, 3H), 1.02-0.84 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃ + DMSO-D₆) δ : 161.8, 154.4, 153.6, 134.7, 134.5, 120.2, 50.9, 42.6, 38.1, 35.3, 31.2, 55.8, 50.9, 42.6, 38.1, 35.3, 31.2, 26.6, 25.4, 23.7, 23.0, 22.9, 19.7; IR (film) v_{max} 2959, 1620, 1593, 1572, 1483, 1463, 1417, 1381, 1369, 1309, 1289, 1221, 1199, 1082, 1065, 1032, 969, 941, 888, 857, 785, 732, 669 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z 285.2217 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₂₀H₂₈O + H]⁺: 285.2213; MP 67–69 °C.



(Z)-2-isopropyl-1-methoxy-4-((2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-ylidene)methyl)benzene

(**4b**): 8% yield as colorless gel, $R_f = 0.5$ (in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.08 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 1.68, 8.32 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.32 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 5.57-5.56 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.34 (septet, J = 6.92 Hz, 1H), 2.25-2.23 (m, 2H), 1.61 (t, J = 6.44 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (d, J = 1.32 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.92 Hz, 6H), 1.18 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 155.2, 146.3, 135.9, 132.5, 132.3, 128.4, 127.3, 127.2, 121.3, 109.6, 55.4, 37.3, 35.8, 27.2, 26.6, 24.0, 23.0, 22.7; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2960, 2926, 2870, 1660, 1600, 1496, 1463, 1454, 1382, 1362, 1287, 1249, 1171, 1089, 1034, 813, 737 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 285.2209 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₂₀H₂₈O + H]⁺: 285.2213.



Scheme 6: Hydrogenation of carbotricycle ±(30)



(±)-7-isopropyl-6-methoxy-1,1,4a-trimethyl-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-fluorene ±(3p): 99% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.6$ (in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.19 (septet, J = 6.88 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d, J = 9.56 HZ, 2H), 1.78 (t, J = 9.56 Hz, 1H), 1.60-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.39-1.27 (m, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.20-1.16 (m, 2H), 1.11 (t, J = 6.84 Hz, 6H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 154.7, 152.6, 134.7, 132.6, 121.9, 104.2, 57.9, 55.7, 45.4, 36.4, 35.1, 33.3, 32.2, 31.2, 29.5, 26.7, 25.6, 23.1, 22.9, 19.0; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2956, 2930, 2863, 1490, 1463, 1414, 1293, 1221, 1197, 1178, 1056, 1045, 881, 839 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 304.2662 [(M + NH₄)]⁺; calculated for [C₂₀H₃₀O + NH₄]⁺: 304.2635; **MP** 57–59 °C.



(Z)-1,2-dimethoxy-4-((2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-ylidene)methyl)benzene (4a): Colorless gel, $R_f = 0.6$ (5% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.76-6.71 (m, 3H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.19-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.55 (t, J = 6.44 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (d, J = 1.33 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 148.1, 147.4, 133.0, 132.1, 128.7, 121.7, 120.9, 112.4, 110.5, 55.83, 55.81, 37.2, 35.8, 27.1, 23.9, 22.9; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2957, 2925, 1658, 1595, 1513, 1464, 1453, 1418, 1268, 1255, 1239, 1156, 1137, 1029, 809, 764 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z 273.1858 [(M + H)]⁺; calculated for [C₁₈H₂₄Q₂ + H]⁺: 273.1849.



Scheme 7: Formal total synthesis of (±)-dichroanone (1a) and (±)-taiwaniaquinone H (1b)



(±)-7-isopropyl-1,1,4a-trimethyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-fluoren-6-ol ±(11): 75% yield as colorless solid, $R_f = 0.4$ (5% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 4.31 (brs, 1H), 3.20 (septet, J = 6.84 Hz, 1H), 1H), 2.06 (dd, J = 12.7, 1.36 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (qt, J = 13.56, 3.52 Hz, 1H), 1.65-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.27 (dd, J = 6.84, 4.08 Hz, 6H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.14-0.97 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 161.9, 154.1, 150.0, 135.3, 132.0, 120.3, 117.8, 109.2, 50.8, 42.7, 38.1, 35.4, 31.3, 27.1, 25.5, 23.7, 22.9, 22.88, 19.9; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2959, 2925, 2871, 1621, 1593, 1484, 1464, 1417, 1360, 1310, 1289, 1221, 1200, 1065, 1033, 888, 840, 786, 670 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z

271.2046 $[(M + H)]^+$; calculated for $[C_{19}H_{26}O + H]^+$: 271.2056; **MP** 104–106 °C, [lit. (McFadden, R. M.; Stoltz, B. M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 7738)]: **MP** 105–106 °C.

¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR, and Mass Spectra





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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) compound ±(2c)



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound \pm (2e)


¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) compound ±(2e)



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound ±(2h)



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) compound ±(2h)

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound \pm (2i)



 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) compound \pm (2i)



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 ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound $\pm(2j)$



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound \pm (**2**k)



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) compound ±(2k)



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound \pm (9e)



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) compound \pm (9e)



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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) compound ±(2l)



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 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) compound ±(**2m**)



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound ±(**3a**)



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) compound ±(**3a**)


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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound \pm (3b)



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) compound ±(**3b**)



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 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) compound ±(**3f**)



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound \pm (**3**g)



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) compound ±(**3**g)



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound \pm (3i)



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound \pm (3k)



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) compound ±(**3**k)



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 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-D₆) compound ±(**30**)



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) compound (**4b**)



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Alert level C

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 The maximum difference density is > 0.1*ZMAX*0.75

 The relevant atom site should be identified.
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 Ratio of Maximum / Minimum Residual Density
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 Ueq as Compared to Neighbors for C16
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 Ueq as Compared to Neighbors for C2
 C2

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Bond precisi	ion:	C - C = 0.	0020 A	W	Navelength=0.71073	
Cell:	a-8.0057	(15) b	-19.331(4)	c-9.6263	3(16)	
	alpha=90	b	eta=95.807(11)	gamma=90)	
Temperature	:100 K					
		Calculated	l		Reported	
Volume		1482.1(5)			1482.1(5)	
Space group		P 21/n			P 21/n	
Hall group		-P 2yn			-P 2yn	
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Sum formula		C18 H22 O3	1		C18 H22 O3	
Mr		286.36			286.36	
Dx,g cm-3		1.283			1.283	
Z		4			4	
Mu (mm-1)		0.086			0.086	
F000		616.0			616.0	
F000'		616.30				
h,k,lmax		10,24,12			10,24,12	
Nrcf		3150			3123	
Tmin, Tmax		0.983,0.98	3		0.983,0.983	
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Figure: X-ray structure of ±(8)