

Supporting information for

Oxidative Rearrangement of Malondialdehyde: Substrate Scope and Mechanistic Insights

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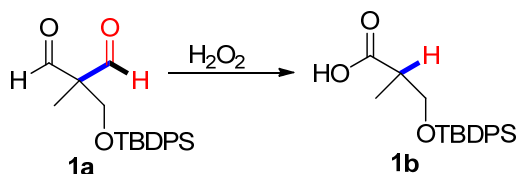
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1. Reaction Condition Optimization.

Table S1. Catalyst and Solvent Evaluation.



Entry	Catalyst (equiv)	solvent	Time (h)	Yield ^b (%)
1	--	CHCl ₃	5	82(80)
2	PhCOOH (0.1)	CHCl ₃	12	62
3	[(C ₆ H ₅)O] ₂ PO ₂ H (0.1)	CHCl ₃	2	86
4	8H-R-TRIP (0.1)	CHCl ₃	2	65 ^c
5	CF ₃ COOH (0.1)	CHCl ₃	5	72
6	4-CH ₃ (C ₆ H ₄)SO ₃ H (0.1)	CHCl ₃	2	79
7	HCl (0.1)	CHCl ₃	2	60
8	HBF ₄ (0.1)	CHCl ₃	2	82
9	TfOH (0.1)	CHCl ₃	2	55
10	<i>dl</i> -CSA (0.1)	CHCl ₃	1	91
11	Ag(OTf)	CHCl ₃	12	56
12	Zn(OTf) ₂	CHCl ₃	12	54
13	FeCl ₃	CHCl ₃	12	NR
14	Cu(OTf) ₂	CHCl ₃	6	72
15	<i>dl</i> -CSA (0.1)	EA	1	97
16	<i>dl</i> -CSA (0.1)	MeOH	1	75
17	<i>dl</i> -CSA (0.1)	Acetone	2	86
18	<i>dl</i> -CSA (0.05)	EA	1	97(93)
19	cis-Hexahydro-phthalic acid (0.1)	CHCl ₃	6	82
20	<i>L</i> -Malic acid	CHCl ₃	6	70
21	(Tf) ₂ NH	CHCl ₃	2	complex
22	H ₂ SO ₄	CHCl ₃	2	67
23	HClO ₄	CHCl ₃	2	72
24	<i>dl</i> -CSA	DCM	2	85
25	<i>dl</i> -CSA	Et ₂ O	2	88
26	<i>dl</i> -CSA	Toluene	overnight	80
27	<i>dl</i> -CSA	EtOH	2	83
28	<i>dl</i> -CSA	Hexane	overnight	90
29	<i>dl</i> -CSA	THF	2	83
30	<i>dl</i> -CSA	Acetone	2	86
31	<i>dl</i> -CSA	CH ₃ CN	1	89
32	NO	EA	5.5	82(80)

Reaction conditions: Malondialdehyde (0.2mmol), catalyst (0.02mmol), H₂O₂ (0.24mmol), solvent (2ml). *dl*-CSA = *dl*-10-camphorsulfonic acid. ^aNMR yields, isolated yields are shown in parentheses.

Table S2. Optimization of Reaction Condition by Screening of Oxidant1

Entry	Oxidant	Temp. (°C)	t (h)	Yield ^a (%)
1	TBHP	19	2	NR
2	MCPBA	19	40min	Complex
3	NO	19	2h	NR

Reaction conditions: Malondialdehyde (0.2mmol), CSA (0.02mmol), H₂O₂ (0.24mmol), EA (2ml). ^aNMR yields.

Table S3. Optimization of Reaction Condition by Screening of Concentration and Catalyst's Amount.

Entry	Catalyst (eq.)	Den. (M)	Solvent	Time (h)	Temp. (°C)	Yield ^a (%)
1	0.1	0.2	EA	1	18	94
2	0.1	0.1	EA	1	18	97
3	0.1	0.05	EA	1	18	97
4	0.1	0.025	EA	1	18	96
5	0.02	0.05	EA	1	18	94
6	0.05	0.05	EA	1	18	97
7	0.08	0.05	EA	1	18	96

Reaction conditions: Malondialdehyde (0.2mmol), CSA (indicated in Table S3), H₂O₂ (0.24mmol), EA (indicated in Table S3). ^aNMR yields.

Table S4. Effect of Temperature and Oxidant's Amount.

Entry	H ₂ O ₂ (30%) (eq.)	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Yield ^a (%)
1	1.2	16	1	97
2	1.2	0	2	90
3	2.0	17	1	86
4	3.0	17	1	90

Reaction conditions: Malondialdehyde (0.2mmol), CSA (0.02mmol), H₂O₂ (indicated in Table S4), EA (2ml). ^aNMR yields.

2. Mechanistic studies.

2.1 NMR Studies of Crude Reaction Mixture.

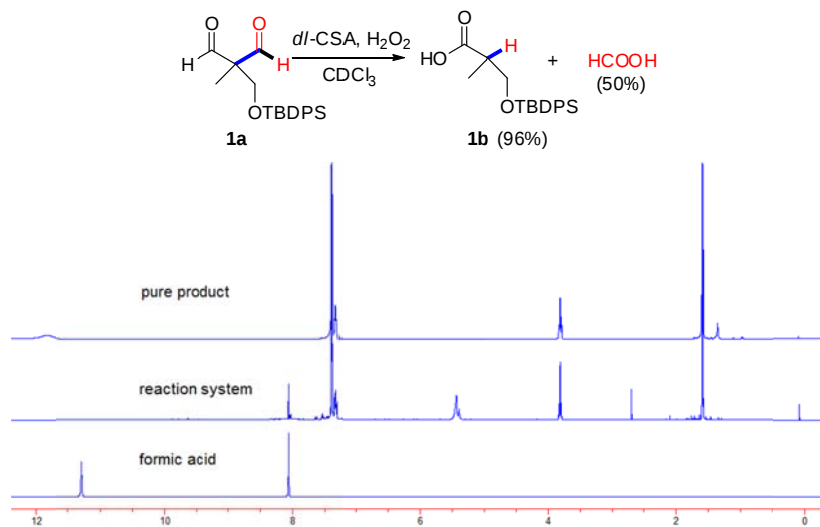


Figure S1. ¹H NMR Spectra of Product **2a**, Reaction Mixture and Formic Acid.

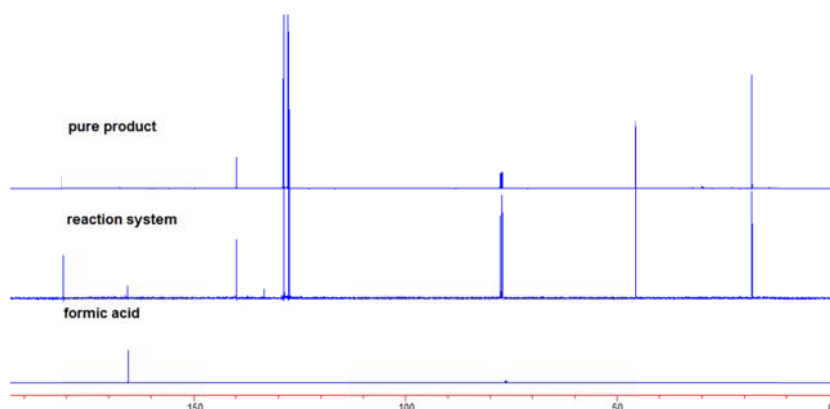
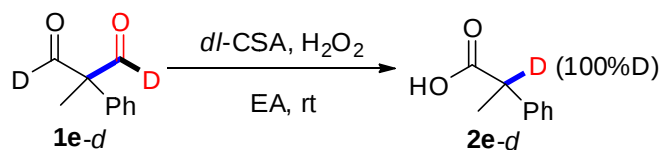


Figure S2. ¹³C NMR Spectra of Product **2a**, Reaction Mixture and Formic acid.



Scheme S1. Deuterated Experiment.

To determine the fate of both aldehydes, oxidative decarbonylation of **1a** was performed in NMR tube by using CDCl₃ as solvent. After completion of reaction, NMR spectra were collected. Besides the desired product **2a**, formic acid was also found by comparing with the standard spectra, which indicating that the other aldehyde was converted to formic acid (Figure S1 and S2). Subjection of deuterated malondialdehyde **1e-d** to the standard reaction condition led to carboxylic acid **2e-d** with complete deuterium on α-position as judged by ¹H NMR (Scheme S1). This reaction implied that one of aldehyde proton shifted to α-position of resulting carboxylic acid during the course of oxidative decarbonylation reaction.

2. 2 Monitoring the Reaction by ^1H NMR Spectra

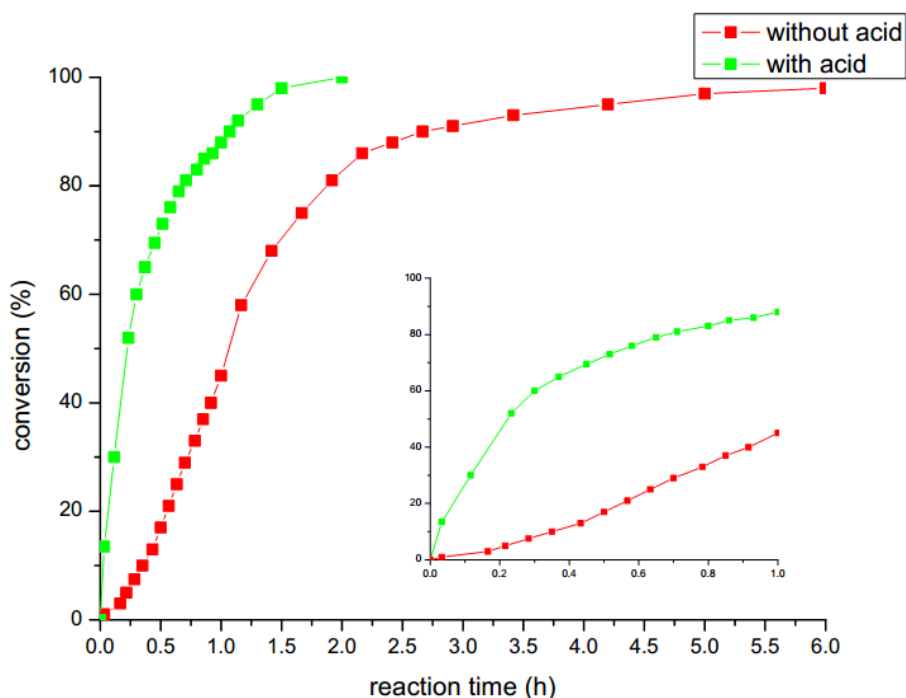


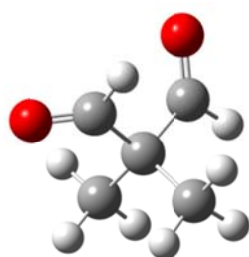
Figure S3. Reaction Progress of Oxidative Decarbonylation of 1a Monitored by ^1H NMR.

To further gain insight into the reaction mechanism, reaction progress was monitored by ^1H NMR spectroscopy using CDCl_3 as solvent (Figure S3). The diagram showed that an accelerating effect was obviously observed (Figure S3, green line) when catalytic CSA was added to the reaction mixture. In the absence of catalyst, the reaction was very slow at the beginning and acceleration could be observed once carboxylic acid produced, which was ascribed the self-catalytic effect of products (Figure S3, red line).

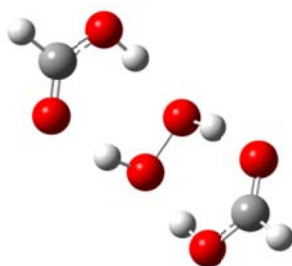
2.3. Computational Details.^[1]

Geometry optimizations were carried out by the density functional theory (DFT) method with the B3LYP functional and the 6-31g(d) basis set. Frequency calculations were carried out for each stationary structure at the same level to make sure that it is an equilibrium structure or a transition state. For simplification, 2,2-dimethyl-malondialdehyde and formic acid as catalyst were used for calculation. All the calculations were carried out by the *Gaussian 09* program. Cartesian coordinates and Gibbs energy are provided.

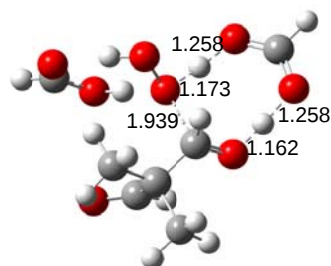
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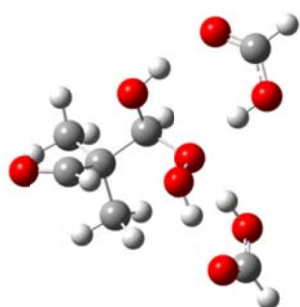
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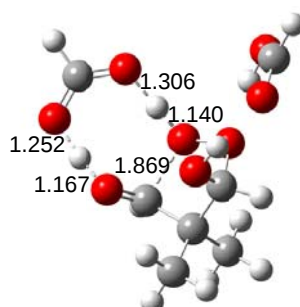
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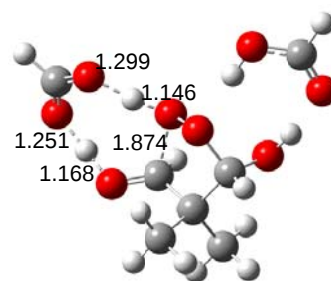
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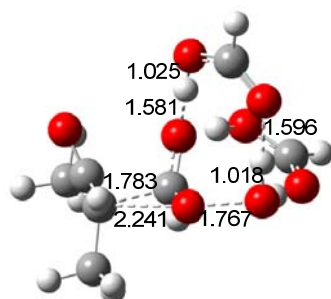
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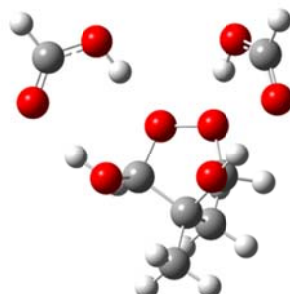
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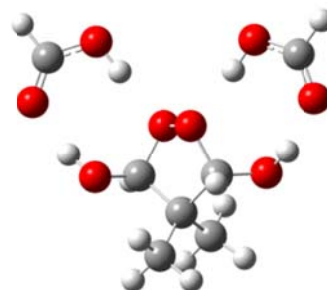
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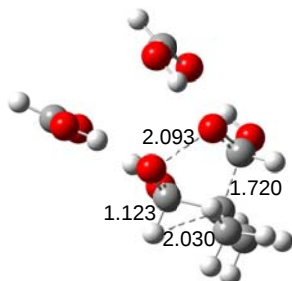
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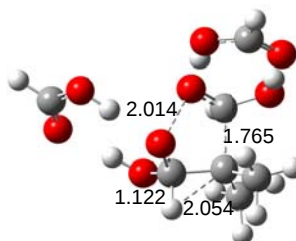
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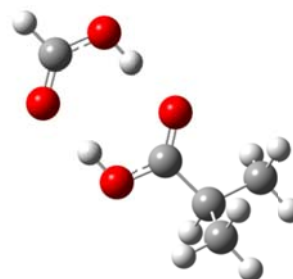
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T3-cis



T3-trans



Product

Cartesian Coordinate

Dial

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I2-trans

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C	-0.22073100	2.98616600	-1.08202000

C	-1.20414700	1.02631500	0.24686800
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T3-cis

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O	-0.72936300	0.76189300	-1.42849000
O	-0.10928600	-1.13202700	-0.78786000
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T3-trans

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O	0.71584000	-0.09513800	0.98067500
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O	1.85381300	1.62598500	-0.10461700
O	-2.15117000	0.72698800	-1.27520900
H	0.93173800	1.67862000	1.74015700
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C	3.58154600	-1.51040500	-0.22210700
O	3.78460800	-0.32385000	-0.42504500
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O	-1.38733300	-2.68036800	0.15416700
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Product

C	2.12870900	-0.14977600	-0.30638500
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O	0.02385500	-1.23026300	-0.50444800
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C	-3.22330400	0.02616200	0.10736500
O	-2.66718900	-1.01278500	-0.22374100
H	-1.64646500	1.09005600	0.28330900
H	-4.31512700	0.09025300	0.20873500
H	2.35401500	-0.70734600	-1.22455300

3. Experimental part

3.1 General considerations

Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out in open flask. Ethyl acetate and hydrogen peroxide (30%) were used directly as received from the reagent company. Anhydrous solvents were treated as followed: dimethylformamide was distilled over calcium hydride under reduced pressure, tetrahydrofuran was distilled from benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen atmosphere. Column chromatography was carried out by normal silica gel (40-60 μm , 230-400 mesh, Silicycle P60). ^1H and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on Angilent instrument (500 MHz and 400 MHz, respectively). ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Angilent instrument (125 MHz). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to TMS (δ 0.00) for the ^1H NMR and to chloroform (δ 77.0) for the ^{13}C NMR measurements. Low resolution mass spectra were obtained on Agilent Technologies 5973N spectrometer in EI mode. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on Waters Micromass GCT premier spectrometer.

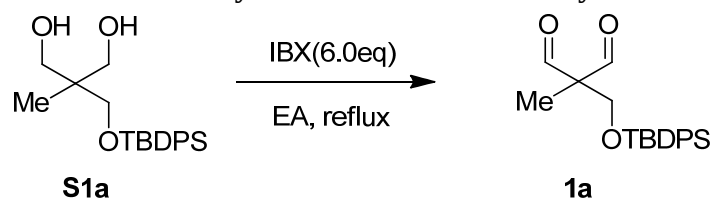
3.2 General Procedure for the synthesis of 1,3-diol

S1a^[2], **S1b**^[3], **S1c**^[2] and **S1d**^[2] are known compounds and they are synthesized according to related literature. The rest of 1,3-diols are synthesized by the method as followed:

Under nitrogen atmosphere, diethyl ester (or dimethyl ester, 10 mmol) dissolved in THF (20 ml) was added to a suspension of LiAlH_4 (1.14 g, 30 mmol) in THF (40ml) slowly at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred for addition 30 min, then removed the ice-bath and warmed to room temperature. H_2O (1.2 ml) was added dropwise to quenched the reaction until the TLC showed the starting material was completely consumed, 20% aqueous KOH (1.2 ml) and H_2O (3 ml) was added successively. The precipitated white solid was filtered and washed with EtOAc, the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography (EtOAc : PE = 1:3) to afford the corresponding 1,3-diol.

All of the diethyl esters (or dimethyl esters) are synthesized according to the related literatures^[4].

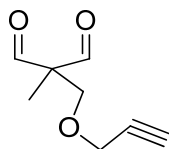
3.3 General Procedure for the synthesis of Malondialdehydes



To a mixture of IBX (6 mmol, 1.68 g) and **S1a** (1 mmol) in a round bottom flask was added EtOAc (15 ml) via cannula. The reaction suspension was heated to reflux overnight. Then the reaction mixture was cooled in an ice bath for a while and then filtered. The filter cake was washed with EtOAc and the combined filtrates concentrated to give the **1a** as colorless oil (99%), which was used without further purification.

2-(((tert-butylphenyl)silyl)oxy)methyl-2-methylmalonaldehyde (1a).^[2]

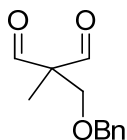
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.82 (s, 2H), 7.63-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.47 (m, 6H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.5, 135.6, 132.3, 130.1, 127.9, 65.3, 64.1, 26.7, 12.8; IR(film): 3071, 2931, 2857, 1732, 1471, 1427 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇O₃Si[M-C₄H₉]⁺: 297.0947, found: 297.0950.



2-methyl-2-((prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)methyl)malonaldehyde (1b).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1b**, as yellow oil (99%).

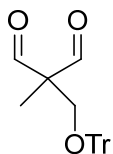
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.72 (s, 2H), 4.16 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 2.48 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.8, 78.6, 75.5, 70.2, 62.6, 58.8, 13.4; IR(film): 3438, 3289, 2859, 1728, 1454, 1359 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₈H₁₁O₃[M]⁺: 155.0708, found: 155.0706.



2-((benzyloxy)methyl)-2-methylmalonaldehyde (1c).^[2]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1c**, as colorless oil (99%).

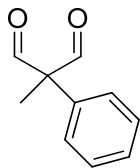
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.75 (s, 2H), 7.38-7.28 (m, 5H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.1, 137.2, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 73.7, 70.8, 62.9, 13.4; IR(film): 3031, 2859, 2725, 1734, 1712, 1454 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₃[M-H]⁺: 205.0870, found: 205.0869.



2-methyl-2-((trityloxy)methyl)malonaldehyde (1d).^[2]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1d**, as colorless oil (99%).

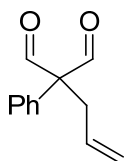
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.76 (s, 2H), 7.44-7.27 (m, 15H), 3.6 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.3, 143.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.4, 87.3, 64.6, 62.8, 13.4; IR(film): 3059, 2931, 2871, 2722, 1733, 1712, 1569, 1491, 1449 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₂₄H₂₂O₃[M]⁺: 358.1569, found: 358.1571.



2-methyl-2-phenylmalonaldehyde (1e).^[5]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1e**, as colorless oil (99%).

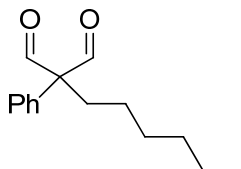
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.76 (s, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.1, 133.0, 129.6, 128.7, 127.4, 66.1, 14.0; IR(film): 3061, 2833, 2722, 1735, 1711, 1598, 1494, 1446 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₁₀H₁₀O₂[M]⁺: 162.0681, found: 162.0678.



2-allyl-2-phenylmalonaldehyde (1f).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1f**, as pale yellow oil (99%).

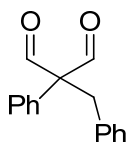
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.84 (s, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 5.80-5.74 (m, 1H), 5.23-5.15 (m, 2H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.3, 132.3, 131.6, 129.7, 128.7, 127.7, 120.1, 68.5, 34.3; IR(film): 3080, 2837, 2728, 1730, 1712, 1597, 1494, 1448 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₂O₂[M]⁺: 188.0837, found: 188.0835.



2-hexyl-2-phenylmalonaldehyde (1g).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1g**, as colorless oil (99%).

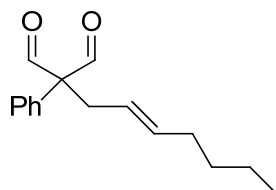
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.85 (s, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 2.29-2.25 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.28 (m, 8H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.7, 133.0, 129.5, 128.5, 127.8, 69.3, 31.4, 29.9, 24.4, 22.5, 14.0; IR(film): 2929, 2857, 2726, 1731, 1713, 1598, 1495, 1448 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O₂[M]⁺: 232.1463, found: 232.1468.



2-benzyl-2-phenylmalonaldehyde (1h).

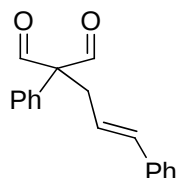
Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1h**, as colorless oil (99%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.93 (s, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.3, 134.9, 133.1, 130.4, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.2, 69.9, 36.8; IR(film): 3061, 2842, 2725, 1728, 1682, 1582, 1496, 1453 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 238.0994, found: 238.0997.

**(E)-2-(hept-2-en-1-yl)-2-phenylmalonaldehyde (1i).**

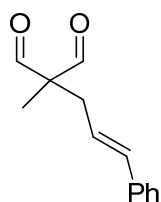
Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1i**, as pale yellow oil (99%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.82 (s, 2H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.02 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.98-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.22 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.7, 136.6, 132.6, 129.5, 128.6, 127.8, 122.6, 68.6, 33.3, 32.2, 31.3, 22.1, 13.8; IR(film): 2926, 2854, 2728, 1731, 1714, 1495, 1447 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 244.1463, found: 244.1461.

**2-cinnamyl-2-phenylmalonaldehyde (1j).**

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1j**, as pale yellow oil (98%).

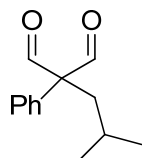
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.90 (s, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.23 (m, 7H), 6.56 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dt, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.4, 136.6, 135.0, 132.5, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 126.4, 122.9, 69.1, 33.7; IR(film): 3027, 2829, 2725, 1731, 1712, 1494, 1447 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 264.1150, found: 264.1152.



2-cinnamyl-2-methylmalonaldehyde (1k).

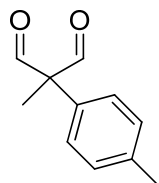
Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1k**, as pale yellow oil (99%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.70 (s, 2H), 7.35-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.51 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dt, J = 15.5 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.4, 136.5, 135.0, 128.6, 127.8, 126.3, 122.1, 62.5, 35.9, 14.9; IR(film): 3027, 2969, 2828, 1732, 1708, 1598, 1495, 1450 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 202.0994, found: 202.0091.

**2-isobutyl-2-phenylmalonaldehyde (1l).**

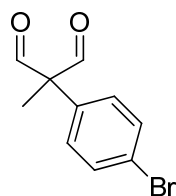
Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1l**, as colorless oil (98%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.91 (s, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.70 (m, 1H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.7, 133.4, 129.5, 128.5, 127.8, 68.9, 39.4, 24.9, 24.0; IR(film): 3060, 2960, 2723, 1728, 1597, 1495, 1468 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 204.1150, found: 204.1152.

**2-methyl-2-(p-tolyl)malonaldehyde (1m).**

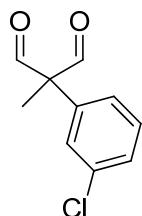
Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1m**, as colorless oil (99%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.74 (s, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.2, 138.7, 130.3, 129.9, 127.3, 65.7, 21.0, 13.9; IR(film): 2983, 2834, 2721, 1735, 1711, 1513, 1452 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 176.0837, found: 176.0842.

**2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methylmalonaldehyde (1n).**

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1n**, as colorless oil (99%).

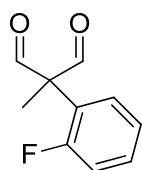
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.72 (s, 2H), 7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.18 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.5, 132.7, 132.0, 129.1, 123.2, 65.7, 14.2; IR(film): 2833, 2725, 1736, 1711, 1592, 1490, 1456 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{BrO}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 239.9786, found: 239.9790.



2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-methylmalonaldehyde (1o).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1o**, as colorless oil (99%).

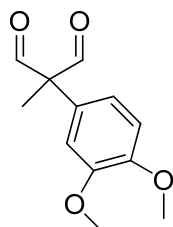
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.73 (s, 2H), 7.43-7.19 (m, 4H), 1.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.4, 135.6, 135.0, 130.7, 129.0, 127.6, 125.8, 65.8, 14.2; IR(film): 2833, 2721, 1730, 1713, 1593, 1480, 1416 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{ClO}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 196.0291, found: 196.0287.



2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-methylmalonaldehyde (1p).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1p**, as colorless oil (99%).

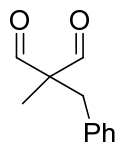
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.38 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.38 and 197.36, 161.8, 159.8, 130.90 and 130.83, 128.73 and 128.69, 125.27 and 125.25, 116.33 and 116.16, 64.10 and 64.08, 15.3; ^{19}F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -113.5 (s, 1F); IR(film): 2987, 2834, 2722, 1738, 1716, 1581, 1489, 1454 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{FO}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 180.0587, found: 180.0587.



2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-methylmalonaldehyde (1q).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1q**, as colorless oil (99%).

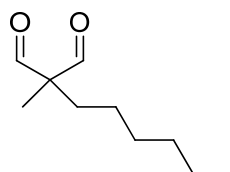
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.72 (s, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 6H), 1.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.1, 149.9, 149.5, 124.9, 120.1, 111.9, 110.2, 65.4, 56.0, 55.9, 14.0; IR(film): 2938, 2838, 2720, 1735, 1708, 1589, 1518, 1465, 1413 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4[\text{M}]^+$: 222.0892, found: 222.0890.



2-benzyl-2-methylmalonaldehyde (1r).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1r**, as yellow oil (99%).

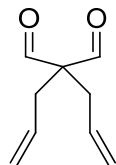
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.71 (s, 2H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (s, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.7, 134.5, 130.1, 128.7, 127.3, 63.0, 38.5, 14.9; IR(film): 3063, 2932, 2830, 2727, 1753, 1709, 1603, 1496, 1453 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 176.0837, found: 176.0840.



2-hexyl-2-methylmalonaldehyde (1s).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1s**, as colorless oil (99%).

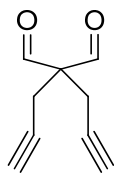
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.65 (s, 2H), 1.82-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.21 (m, 11H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 201.0, 62.4, 32.5, 31.4, 29.6, 23.7, 22.4, 14.4, 14.0, 13.9; IR(film): 2958, 2931, 2859, 1711, 1467, 1260 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 170.1307, found: 170.1310.



2,2-diallylmalonaldehyde (1t).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1t**, as pale yellow oil (99%).

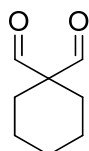
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.71 (s, 2H), 5.74-5.65 (m, 2H), 5.20-5.16 (m, 4H), 2.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.5, 130.8, 120.2, 64.4, 34.7; IR(film): 3488, 3076, 2924, 2096, 1724, 1639, 1442 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 152.0837, found: 152.0840.



2,2-di(prop-2-yn-1-yl)malonaldehyde (1u).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1u**, as colorless oil (99%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.68 (s, 2H), 2.93 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 4H), 2.13 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.0, 77.2, 73.1, 64.0, 19.3; IR(film): 3289, 1713, 1683, 1651, 1429, 1260 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{O}_2[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$: 147.0446, found: 147.0048.

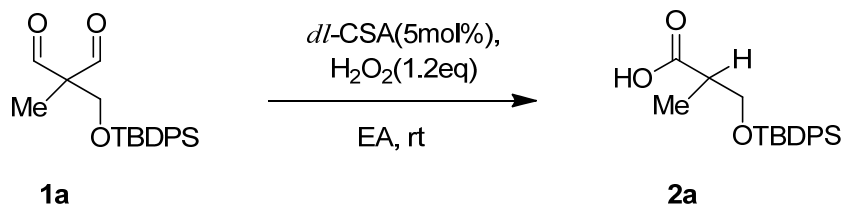


cyclohexane-1,1-dicarbaldehyde (1v).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **S1v**, as colorless oil (99%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.52 (s, 2H), 1.93 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 4H), 1.54-1.50 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.43 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.6, 63.7, 26.6, 24.9, 21.8; IR(film): 2936, 2858, 1726, 1692, 1582, 1450 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 140.0837, found: 140.0832.

2.4 General Procedure for the synthesis of carboxylic acids

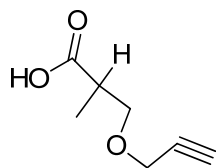


H_2O_2 (0.24mmol) was added to the solution of **1a** (0.2mmol) and *dl*-CSA (0.01mmol) in EtOAc (2ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until the TLC showed the starting material was completely consumed. Remove the solvent under reduced pressure, the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) to afford the **2a** (66 mg, 93%) as a white solid.

3-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (2a).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.72 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 4H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 6H), 3.80 (dd, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.82-2.75 (m, 1H), 1.24 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.09 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 181.2, 135.6, 133.3,

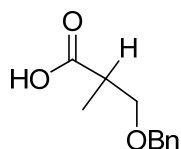
129.8, 127.8, 65.7, 42.3, 26.8, 19.3, 13.3; IR(film): 3072, 2958, 2858, 1711, 1472, 1423 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{Si}[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_9]^+$: 285.0947, found: 285.0952.



2-methyl-3-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)propanoic acid (2b).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1b** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 22.5 mg (79%) as pale yellow oil.

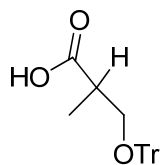
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.16 (brs, 1H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.72 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.64-3.61 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 2H), 1.23 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 180.9, 79.3, 74.7, 71.2, 58.4, 39.9, 13.7; IR(film): 3296, 2976, 2879, 2636, 1712, 1651, 1471 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_9\text{O}_3[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$: 141.0552, found: 141.0549.



3-(benzyloxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (2c).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1c** (reaction time 1.5h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 32.6 mg (84%) as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.66 (brs, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 5H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 3.74-3.71 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.57 (m, 1H), 2.88-2.84 (m, 1H), 1.27 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 181.1, 138.0, 128.4, 127.7, 73.2, 71.6, 40.2, 13.8; IR(film): 3064, 2979, 2867, 1709, 1497, 1459, 1453 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3[\text{M}]^+$: 194.0943, found: 194.0944.

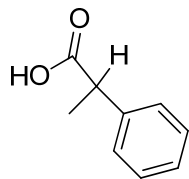


2-methyl-3-(trityloxy)propanoic acid (2d).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1d** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 59.5 mg (86%) as colorless oil.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- d_6): δ 7.49-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 3H), 3.33 (dd, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77-2.73 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Acetone- d_6): δ 205.3, 144.2, 128.6, 127.7, 127.0, 86.3, 65.4, 39.9, 13.6; IR(film): 3058, 2933, 2878,

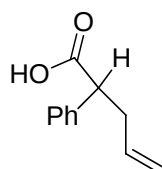
1708, 1597, 1491, 1449 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3[\text{M}]^+$: 346.1569, found: 346.1570.



2-phenylpropanoic acid (2e).^[6a]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1e** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 26.6 mg (89%) as colorless oil.

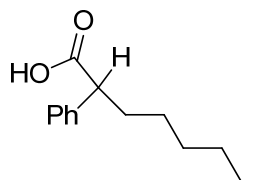
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.84 (brs, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 5H), 3.80 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 181.3, 139.8, 128.8, 127.7, 127.5, 45.5, 18.1; IR(film): 3030, 2979, 2935, 1705, 1601, 1496, 1454, 1413 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 150.0681, found: 150.0678.



2-phenylpent-4-enoic acid (2f).^[6b]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1f** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 30.6 mg (87%) as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36-7.27 (m, 5H), 5.76-5.70 (m, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.86-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.51 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 180.1, 137.9, 134.9, 128.8, 128.1, 127.7, 117.4, 51.5, 37.1; IR(film): 3077, 2973, 2921, 1708, 1634, 1497, 1455 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 176.0837, found: 176.0836.

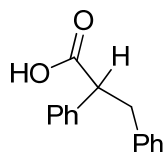


2-phenyloctanoic acid (2g).^[6c]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1g** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 37.9 mg (86%) as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.71 (brs, 1H), 7.36-7.26 (m, 5H), 3.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.12-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.34-1.26 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 180.8, 138.6, 128.6, 128.1, 127.4, 51.7, 33.1, 31.6,

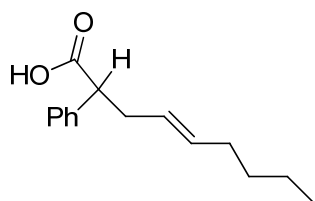
29.0, 27.5, 22.6, 14.1; IR(film): 3030, 2927, 2857, 1707, 1496, 1455 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 220.1463, found: 220.1460.



2,3-diphenylpropanoic acid (2h).^[6d]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1h** (reaction time 4h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 37.5 mg (83%) as white solid.

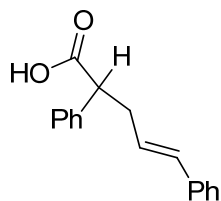
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.33-7.11 (m, 10H), 3.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, J = 13.5 Hz, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 13.5 Hz, 7.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 179.8, 138.7, 138.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 126.5, 53.6, 39.3; IR(film): 3036, 3029, 1706, 1601, 1496, 1454, 1414 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 226.0994, found: 226.0992.



(E)-2-phenylnon-4-enoic acid (2i).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1i** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 40.4 mg (87%) as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35-7.27 (m, 5H), 5.51-5.45 (m, 1H), 5.35-5.29 (m, 1H), 3.60 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.79-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.49-2.44 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.20 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 180.0, 138.1, 133.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 126.1, 52.1, 36.2, 32.1, 31.4, 22.0, 13.9; IR(film): 3083, 2957, 2857, 1708, 1601, 1496, 1455 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 232.1463, found: 236.1461.

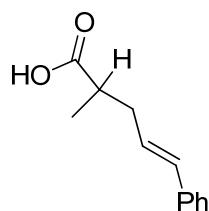


(E)-2,5-diphenylpent-4-enoic acid (2j).^[6e]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1j** (reaction time 5h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 40.9 mg (81%) as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36-7.19 (m, 10H), 6.45 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.14-6.08 (m, 1H), 3.74 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dt, J = 14.5 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.73-2.67 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 179.7, 137.9, 137.3, 132.5, 128.8,

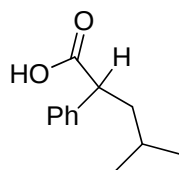
128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 126.5, 126.2, 51.8, 36.5; IR(film): 3027, 2919, 1738, 1705, 1599, 1459, 1453 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 252.1150, found: 252.1146.



(E)-2-methyl-5-phenylpent-4-enoic acid (2k).^[6e]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1k** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 36.5 mg (96%) as pale yellow oil.

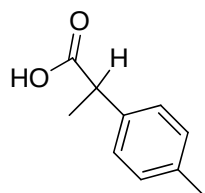
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.47 (brs, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.26-6.20 (m, 1H), 2.71-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.40 (m, 1H), 1.30 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 182.8, 137.4, 132.5, 128.6, 127.3, 126.9, 126.2, 39.6, 36.7, 16.5; IR(film): 3026, 2976, 2936, 1705, 1597, 1495, 1462 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 190.0994, found: 190.0992.



4-methyl-2-phenylpentanoic acid (2l).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1l** (reaction time 3h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 21.5 mg (56%) as white solid.

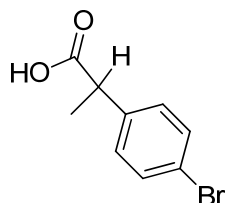
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35-7.27 (m, 5H), 3.67 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.00-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.47 (m, 1H), 0.92 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 180.5, 138.6, 128.6, 128.1, 127.4, 49.5, 42.0, 25.8, 22.6, 22.2; IR(film): 3029, 2957, 2871, 1693, 1453, 1410 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 192.1150, found: 192.1152.



2-(p-tolyl)propanoic acid (2m).^[6f]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1m** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 27.6 mg (84%) as white solid.

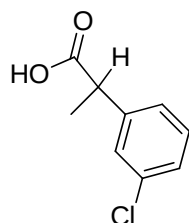
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2-(4-bromophenyl)propanoic acid (2n).^[6g]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1n** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 42.9 mg (94%) as white solid.

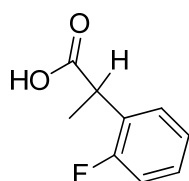
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 180.4, 138.6, 131.8, 129.4, 121.4, 44.8, 18.0; IR(film): 2981, 2937, 1707, 1489, 1459, 1404 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{BrO}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 227.9786, found: 227.9787.



2-(3-chlorophenyl)propanoic acid (2o).^[6h]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1o** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 32.8 mg (89%) as white solid.

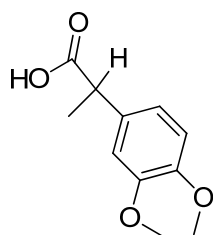
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.34-7.21 (m, 4H), 3.73 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 180.3, 141.5, 134.5, 129.9, 127.9, 127.7, 125.9, 45.1, 18.0; IR(film): 2983, 2937, 1709, 1596, 1478, 1412 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{ClO}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 184.0291, found: 184.0290.



2-(2-fluorophenyl)propanoic acid (2p).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1p** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 31.9 mg (95%) as white solid.

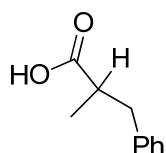
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 180.1, 161.4, 159.4, 128.97 and 128.90, 128.78 and 128.75, 127.13 and 127.01, 124.34 and 124.31, 115.61 and 115.43, 38.41 and 38.38, 17.1; ^{19}F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -117.8 (s, 1F); IR(film): 2986, 2935, 1711, 1587, 1493, 1456, 1415 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{FO}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 168.0587, found: 168.0590.



2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)propanoic acid (**2q**).^[6f]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1q** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 38.7 mg (92%) as white solid.

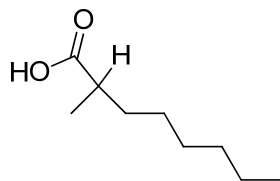
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.88-6.82 (m, 3H), 3.87 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 6H), 3.68 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 180.8, 149.0, 148.4, 132.3, 119.7, 111.2, 110.8, 55.9, 44.9, 18.1; IR(film): 3529, 2937, 2837, 1707, 1592, 1517, 1464, 1420 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4[\text{M}]^+$: 210.0892, found: 210.0888.



2-methyl-3-phenylpropanoic acid (**2r**).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1r** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 28.6 mg (87%) as yellow oil.

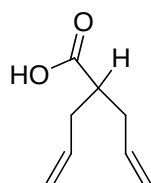
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.33-7.20 (m, 5H), 3.10 (dd, J = 13.5 Hz, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 13.5 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 182.7, 139.0, 129.0, 128.4, 126.5, 41.3, 39.3, 16.5; IR(film): 3029, 2977, 2937, 1707, 1496, 1454, 1416 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 164.0837, found: 164.0835.



2-methyloctanoic acid (2s).^[6i]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1s** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 5) gave 28.5 mg (94%) as colorless oil.

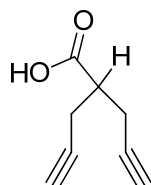
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.48-2.44 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.46-1.40 (m, 1H), 1.34-1.28 (m, 8H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.7, 39.4, 33.3, 31.7, 29.1, 27.1, 22.6, 16.8, 14.0; IR(film): 2930, 2859, 1708, 1467, 1417 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₉H₁₈O₂[M]⁺: 158.1307, found: 158.1310.



2-allylpent-4-enoic acid (2t).^[6j]

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1t** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 25.8 mg (92%) as pale yellow oil.

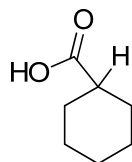
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.69 (brs, 1H), 5.82-5.74 (m, 2H), 5.12-5.06 (m, 4H), 2.57-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.38 (m, 2H), 2.32-2.27 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 181.6, 134.8, 117.3, 44.8, 35.4; IR(film): 3080, 2982, 2917, 1709, 1643, 1444 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₈H₁₂O₂[M]⁺: 140.0837, found: 140.0835.



2-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)pent-4-ynoic acid (2u).

Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1u** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 2) gave 22.3 mg (82%) as white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.86-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.64 (m, 4H), 2.06 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.2, 80.1, 70.8, 42.8, 19.6; IR(film): 3297, 2928, 2852, 1713, 1434, 1281 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₈H₇O₂[M-H]⁺: 135.0446, found: 135.0445.

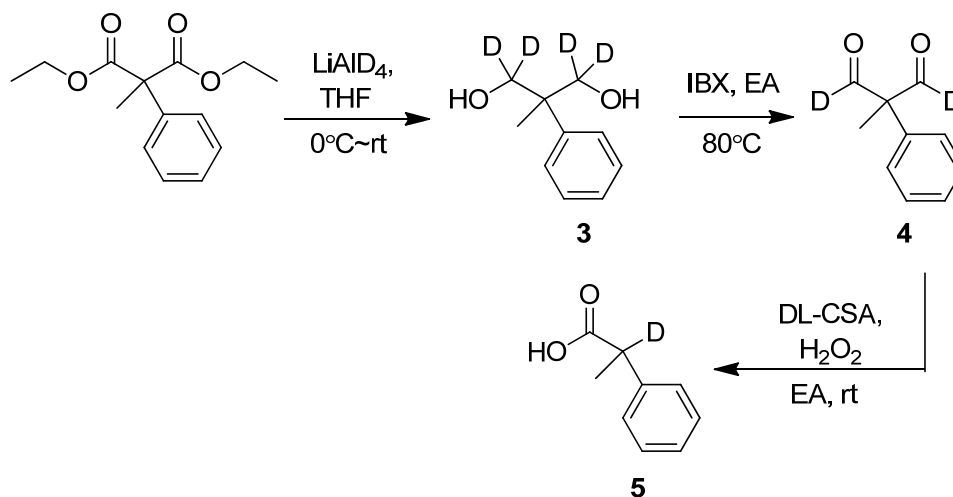


cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (2v).^[6k]

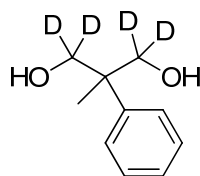
Following the general procedure, the title product was synthesized from **1v** (reaction time 1h). Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 5) gave 20.5 mg (80%) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.37- 2.31 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.22 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.8, 42.9, 28.7, 25.7, 25.3; IR(film): 2934, 2857, 1704, 1452, 1418 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₇H₁₂O₂[M]⁺: 128.0837, found: 128.0836.

3.5 Date for deuterated compounds



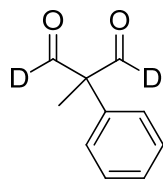
Following the general procedures, deuterated compound **5** is synthesized from diethyl 2-methyl-2-phenylmalonate (use the LiAlD₄ instead of LiAlH₄ in the first step).



1,1,3,3,4-deuterio-2-methyl-2-phenylpropane-1,3-diol. (3)

Synthesis from diethyl 2-methyl-2-phenylmalonate, 76% yield as white solid. Chromatographic purification (EtOAc : PE = 1 : 3).

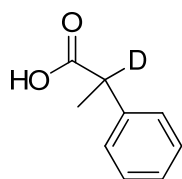
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (brs, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.2, 128.6, 126.7, 126.6, 69.03 and 68.87 and 68.69, 44.1, 20.6; IR(film): 3328, 2974, 2206, 2091, 1498, 1444, 1370 cm⁻¹; HRMS(EI): calcd for C₁₀H₁₀D₄O₂[M]⁺: 170.1245, found: 170.1248.



2-methyl-2-phenyl-deuteratedmalonaldehyde (4).

Synthesis from deuterated compound **3**, 92% yield as colorless oil.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.49 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.05 and 197.83 and 197.61, 133.0, 129.6, 128.7, 127.4, 13.9; IR(film): 2116, 2067, 1720, 1697, 1597, 1493, 1446 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{D}_2\text{O}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 164.0806, found: 164.0809.



2-deuterio-2-phenylpropanoic acid (5).

Synthesis from deuterated compound **4**, 80% as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37-7.27 (m, 5H), 1.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 180.8, 139.7, 128.7, 127.6, 45.16 and 45.01 and 44.85, 18.0; IR(film): 3027, 2980, 1705, 1601, 1497, 1448 cm^{-1} ; HRMS(EI): calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{DO}_2[\text{M}]^+$: 151.0744, found: 151.0748.

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