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Practical Aqueous Reactions Leading to Skeletally Diverse Carbohydrate-derived Ketones

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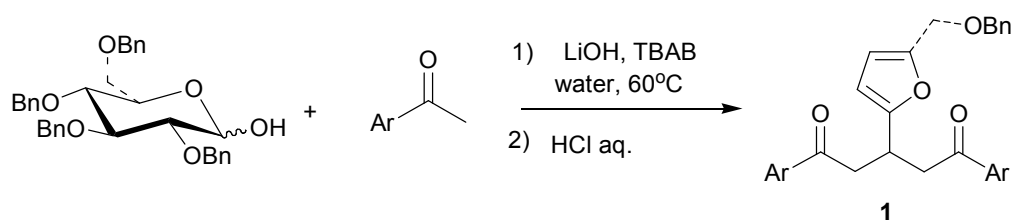
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General experimental information:

All of the chemicals were obtained from commercial sources or prepared according to standard methods. NMR spectra were recorded with a 600 MHz spectrometer for ^1H NMR, 151 MHz for ^{13}C NMR using TMS as an internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported relative to TMS (^1H) or CDCl_3 (^{13}C). Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m), dd (doublet of doublets) and dt (doublet of triplets). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Melting points were recorded with a micro melting point apparatus. Optical rotations were determined using an Autopol IV automatic polarimeter. Infrared analyses (KBr pellet) were performed by FT-IR. High resolution spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a QTOF mass analyzer with electrospray ionization (ESI).

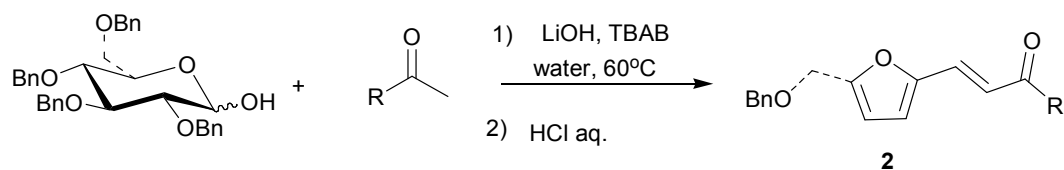
General procedure for all products

General procedure for the synthesis of furanyl-substituted diketone **1** and furanyl-substituted α,β -unsaturated ketones **2**:



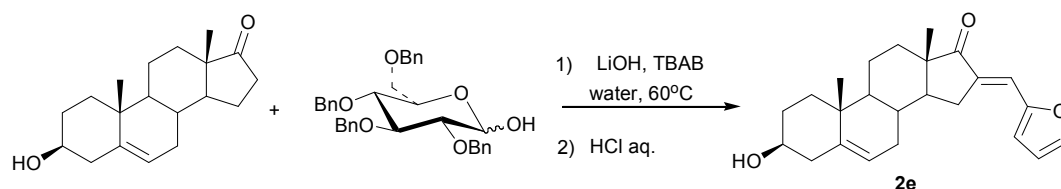
To a 10 mL test tube were added aldosyl hemiacetal (0.25 mmol), methyl ketone (6 equiv), LiOH (2 equiv), TBAB (1 equiv) and water (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred and heated at 60 °C for 15 min and TLC indicated completion of the first step. Then 10% HCl aq. (2.5 equiv) was added to the test tube, which was kept at 60 °C until TLC indicated completion of the reaction (**1a-f** 8 h, **1g**, **1h** 32 h). The reaction was stopped and in-tube extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 2 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and purified on a silica gel pad (eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give products **1a-1h**. Compounds **1a** and **1f** are known.¹

The synthesis of **1a** starting from 10 g of O-benzyl-protected D-xylosyl hemiacetal was performed in a 100 mL round-bottom flask in the same conditions yielding **1a** (6.5 g, 86%, t_1 : 0.33 h, t_2 : 9 h).



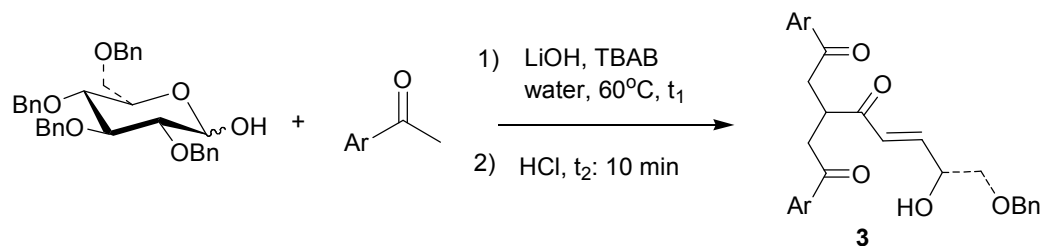
To a 10 mL test tube were added aldose hemiacetal (0.25 mmol), methyl ketone (3 equiv), LiOH (2 equiv), TBAB (1 equiv) and water (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred and heated at 60 °C for 15 min and TLC indicated completion of the first step. Then 10% HCl aq. (2.5 equiv) was added to the test tube, which was kept at 60 °C until TLC indicated completion of the reaction (**2a**, **2c** 2 h, **2b**, **2d** 20 h). The reaction was stopped and in-tube extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 2 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and purified on a silica gel pad (eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give products **2a-2d**. Compounds **2a**² and **2c**³ are known.

The synthesis of **2b** starting from 10 g of O-benzyl-protected D-glucosyl hemiacetal was performed in a 100 mL round-bottom flask in the same conditions yielding **2b** (4.63 g, 84%, *t*₁: 0.33 h, *t*₂: 22 h).



To a 10 mL test tube were added 3β-hydroxyandrost-5-en-17-one (0.25 mmol), aldose hemiacetal (1.2 equiv), LiOH (2 equiv), TBAB (1 equiv) and water (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred and heated at 60 °C for 1.5 h. Then more aldose hemiacetal (1 equiv) was added. After 0.5 h, TLC indicated completion of the first step. Then 10% HCl aq. (2.5 equiv) was added and the reaction was stirred at 60 °C until TLC indicated completion of the reaction (2 h). The reaction was stopped and in-tube extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 2 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and purified on a silica gel pad (eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give product **2e**. Compound **2e** is known.⁴

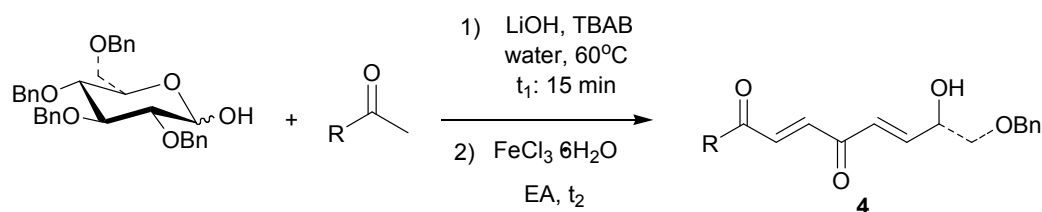
General procedure for the synthesis of enetriketone 3:



To a 10 mL test tube were added aldosyl hemiacetal (0.25 mmol), methyl ketone (6 equiv), LiOH (2 equiv), TBAB (1 equiv) and water (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred and heated at 60 °C for 15 min and TLC indicated completion of the first step. Then 10% HCl aq. (2.1 equiv) was added to the test tube, which was kept at 60 °C for 10 min. The reaction was stopped and in-tube extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 2 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and purified on a silica gel pad (eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give products **3a-3o**.

The synthesis of **3a** starting from 10 g of O-benzyl-protected D-xylosyl hemiacetal was performed in a 100 mL round-bottom flask in the same conditions yielding **3a** (7.04 g, 88%, t_1 : 0.33 h, t_2 : 0.25 h).

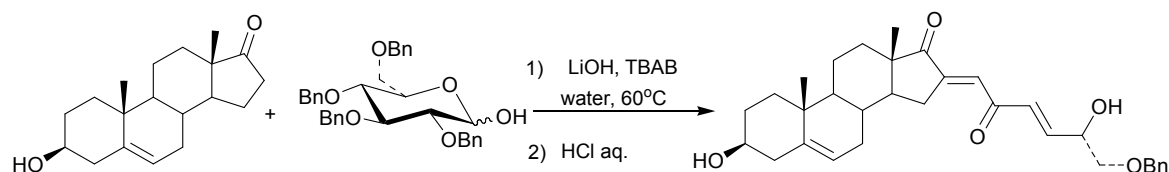
General procedure for the synthesis of dienediketone **4**:



To a 10 mL test tube were added aldosyl hemiacetal (0.25 mmol), methyl ketone (3 equiv), LiOH (2 equiv), TBAB (1 equiv) and water (0.5 mL). The mixture was heated and stirred at 60 °C for 15 min and TLC indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction was in-tube extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 2 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄. After concentration to about 2 mL, FeCl₃·6H₂O (1.5 equiv for **4a**, **4c**, **4e**, **4g**, 1.0 equiv for **4b**, **4d**, **4f**) was added to the ethyl acetate solution, which was stirred at rt for a certain period (**4a** 1.5 h, **4b** 3.5 h, **4c** 2 h, **4d** 5 h, **4e** 1.5 h, **4f** 4 h, **4g** 0.25 h). The reaction was stopped by addition of Na₂CO₃ (5 equiv) under stirring. Then the solution was

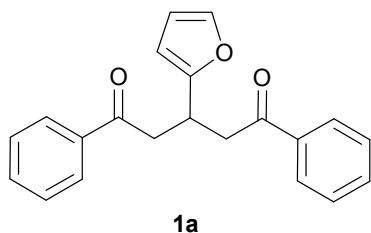
filtered and the filtrate was purified on a silica gel pad (eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give products **4a-4g**.

The synthesis of **4b** starting from 10 g of O-benzyl-protected D-glucosyl hemiacetal was performed in a 100 mL round-bottom flask in the same conditions yielding **4b** (5.09 g, 87%, t_1 : 0.33 h, t_2 : 4 h).

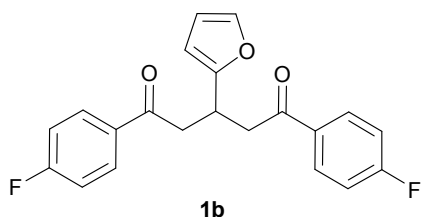


To a 10 mL test tube were added 3β-hydroxyandrost-5-en-17-one (0.25 mmol), aldosl hemiacetal (1.2 equiv), LiOH (2 equiv), TBAB (1 equiv) and water (0.5 mL). The mixture was heated and stirred at 60 °C for a certain period (**4h** 1.5 h, **4i** 2 h), then more aldosl hemiacetal (1 equiv) was added. After 0.5 h, TLC indicated completion of the reaction, which was in-tube extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 2 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄. After concentration to about 2 mL, FeCl₃•6H₂O (1.5 equiv for **4h**, 1.0 equiv for **4i**) was added to the ethyl acetate solution, which was stirred at rt for a certain period (**4h** 2 h, **4i** 4 h). The reaction was stopped by addition of Na₂CO₃ (5 equiv) under stirring. Then the solution was filtered and the filtrate was purified on a silica gel pad (eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give products **4h** and **4i**.

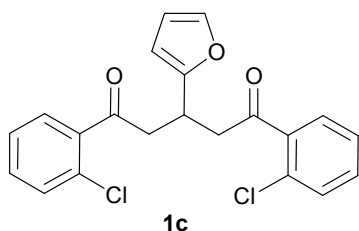
Spectral data for all products



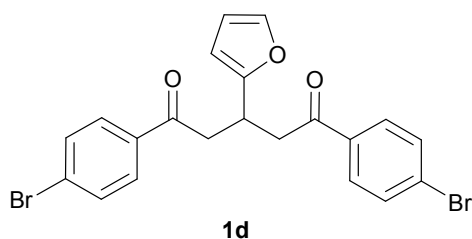
3-(2-furyl)-1,5-diphenyl-1,5-pentanedione (1a): 66 mg; 83% yield; white solid; mp: 90–91 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99-7.97 (m, 4H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 7.28 (d, $J = 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.24-6.23 (m, 1H), 6.06 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.18 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.41 (m, 4H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.3, 156.4, 141.2, 136.7, 133.2, 128.7, 128.2, 110.3, 105.5, 42.2, 30.7; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3060, 2895, 1685, 1560, 1502, 1360, 1237, 1205, 975, 754, 736, 687, 501 cm^{-1} .



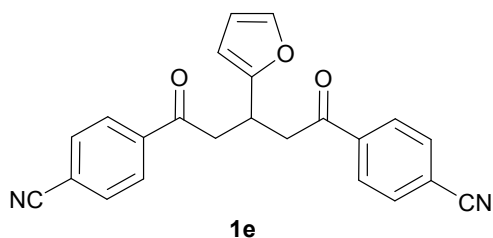
3-(2-furyl)-1,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1,5-pentanedione (1b): 73 mg; 83% yield; white solid; mp: 98–101 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02-8.00 (m, 4H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.13 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 4H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 4.18-4.14 (m, 1H), 3.41 (qd, $J = 16.8, 6.7$ Hz, 4H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.7, 166.7, 165.0, 156.1, 141.3, 133.1, 130.9, 130.8, 115.8, 115.7, 110.3, 105.6, 42.0, 30.8; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3117, 3070, 1692, 1676, 1595, 1506, 1413, 1356, 1264, 1225, 1159, 990, 840, 739 cm^{-1} . **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 377.0962 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ 377.0960



3-(2-furyl)-1,5-bis(2-chlorophenyl)-1,5-pentanedione (1c): 84 mg; 87% yield; syrup; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.29 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.23 (dd, $J = 3.0, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.13-4.08 (m, 1H), 3.40 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 4H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.1, 155.6, 141.3, 139.1, 131.8, 130.9, 130.5, 129.0, 126.9, 110.2, 105.9, 46.2, 30.9; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3066, 2916, 1697, 1589, 1470, 1433, 1356, 1163, 1037, 757, 733 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 409.0370 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ 409.0369.

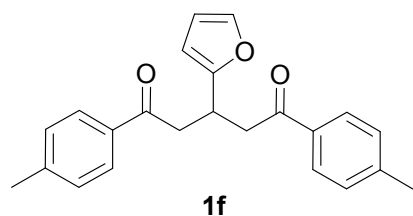


3-(2-furyl)-1,5-bis(4-bromophenyl)-1,5-pentanedione (1d): 105 mg; 82% yield; white solid; mp: 110–111 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 4H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.5$ Hz, 4H), 7.27 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd, $J = 3.1, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.16-4.12 (m, 1H), 3.43-3.34 (m, 4H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.2, 155.9, 141.3, 135.5, 132.0, 129.7, 128.4, 110.3, 105.6, 42.0, 30.8; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3094, 2902, 2357, 2320, 1686, 1582, 1397, 1361, 1234, 1069, 811, 733 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 498.9334 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}^{79}\text{Br}^{81}\text{BrO}_3\text{Na}^+$ 498.9338.

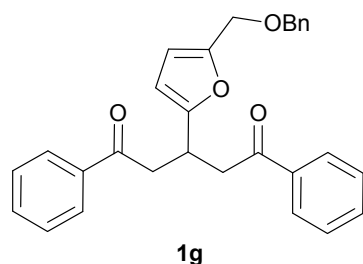


3-(2-furyl)-1,5-bis(4-cyanophenyl)-1,5-pentanedione (1e): 68 mg; 73% yield; white solid; mp: 157–159 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 6.24 (dd, $J = 3.1, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.18-4.13 (m, 1H), 3.49-3.41 (m, 4H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.9, 155.3, 141.5, 139.5, 132.6, 128.5, 117.9,

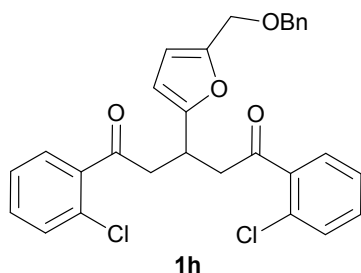
116.6, 110.4, 105.9, 42.2, 30.6; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3048, 2904, 2230, 1691, 1404, 1361, 1291, 1210, 992, 828, 735 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 391.1058 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ 391.1053.



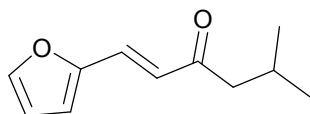
3-(2-furyl)-1,5-bis(4-methylphenyl)-1,5-pentanedione (1f): 68 mg; in 78% yield; white solid; mp: 105–107 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 4H), 7.27 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 4H), 6.23 (dd, $J = 3.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.20–4.15 (m, 1H), 3.44–3.37 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.0, 156.6, 144.0, 141.2, 134.3, 129.3, 128.3, 110.2, 105.4, 42.1, 30.9, 21.7; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3034, 2917, 1682, 1605, 1360, 1238, 1174, 977, 806, 732, 508 cm^{-1} .



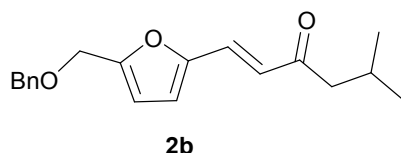
3-(5-benzyloxymethyl-2-furyl)-1,5-diphenyl-1,5-pentanedione (1g): 83 mg; 76% yield; syrup; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 5H), 6.16 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 4.21–4.17 (m, 1H), 3.48–3.41 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.3, 156.8, 150.4, 138.0, 136.9, 133.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 110.4, 106.4, 71.6, 64.0, 42.1, 31.0; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3053, 2905, 2856, 1684, 1448, 1359, 1274, 1216, 995, 758, 689 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 461.1711 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ 461.1723.



3-(5-benzyloxymethyl-2-furyl)-1,5-bis(2-chlorophenyl)-1,5-pentanedione (1h): 92 mg; 73% yield; syrup; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 7H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.13-4.08 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.41 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.2, 156.0, 150.5, 139.1, 138.0, 131.8, 130.9, 130.5, 129.0, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.0, 110.4, 106.8, 71.6, 63.8, 46.1, 31.0; IR (KBr) ν: 3065, 2856, 1699, 1589, 1469, 1356, 1283, 1212, 1068, 988, 759 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) found: *m/z* 529.0944 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₂₉H₂₄Cl₂O₄Na⁺ 529.0944.

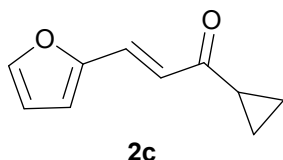


(E)-1-(2-furyl)-5-methyl-1-hexen-3-one (2a): 35 mg; 78% yield; syrup; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67-6.64 (m, 2H), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.25-2.18 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.9, 151.1, 144.8, 128.5, 123.7, 115.6, 112.5, 50.4, 25.3, 22.7; IR (KBr) ν: 2925, 2856, 1747, 1613, 1460, 1378, 1254, 1157, 973, 746 cm⁻¹.

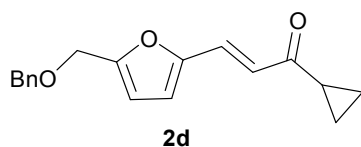


(E)-1-(5-benzyloxymethyl-2-furyl)-5-methyl-1-hexen-3-one (2b): 57 mg; 77% yield; syrup; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.59

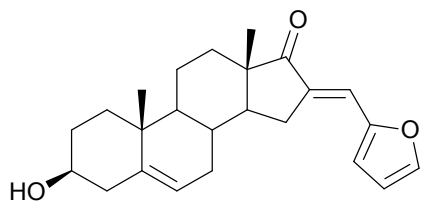
(s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 2.47 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (tt, $J = 13.4, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 0.96 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.9, 154.5, 151.3, 137.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.95, 127.91, 123.8, 116.4, 112.0, 72.4, 64.0, 50.6, 25.3, 22.7; IR (KBr) ν : 3062, 2957, 2869, 1684, 1611, 1578, 1459, 1360, 1176, 1066, 912, 741 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) found: m/z 321.1452 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ 321.1461.



(E)-1-cyclopropyl-3-(2-furyl)-2-propen-1-one (2c): 32mg; 81% yield; syrup; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, $J = 3.3, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.18-2.13 (m, 1H), 1.14 (dt, $J = 7.9, 3.8$ Hz, 2H), 0.96 (dq, $J = 7.2, 3.7$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.7, 151.3, 144.8, 128.1, 123.5, 115.6, 112.5, 20.2, 11.3; IR (KBr) ν : 3124, 3010, 1674, 1607, 1553, 1386, 1269, 1204, 1094, 1018, 973, 750 cm^{-1} .

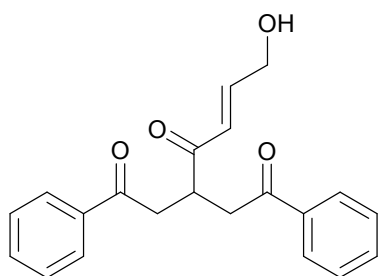


(E)-3-(5-benzyloxymethyl-2-furyl)-1-cyclopropyl-2-propen-1-one (2d): 54 mg; 76% yield; syrup; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 2.17-2.13 (m, 1H), 1.16-1.13 (m, 2H), 0.96 (td, $J = 7.1, 3.7$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.7, 154.4, 151.4, 137.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 123.5, 116.4, 112.0, 72.3, 64.0, 20.3, 11.3; IR (KBr) ν : 2924, 2855, 1673, 1609, 1578, 1446, 1387, 1201, 1088, 1019, 971, 797 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) found: m/z 305.1150 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ 305.1150.



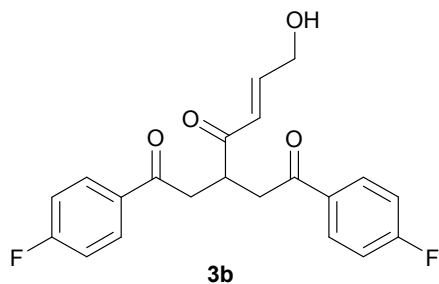
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(E)-16-furfuryliden-3 β -hydroxy-5-androsten-17-one (2e): 87 mg; 95% yield; white solid; mp: 191–192 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.64 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, $J = 3.3, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.42–5.41 (m, 1H), 3.54 (ddd, $J = 15.7, 11.0, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.02 (ddd, $J = 16.6, 6.5, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.38–2.18 (m, 4H), 1.96 (ddd, $J = 12.7, 3.8, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.90–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.65 (m, 4H), 1.61–1.49 (m, 3H), 1.43–1.25 (m, 4H), 1.17–1.05 (m, 6H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.89–0.83 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.8, 152.2, 144.8, 141.2, 133.5, 120.9, 119.6, 115.7, 112.4, 71.6, 50.4, 49.5, 47.5, 42.2, 37.2, 36.7, 31.6, 31.5, 31.2, 30.9, 29.0, 20.4, 19.5, 14.3; **IR** (KBr) ν : 2933, 2856, 2362, 1709, 1625, 1458, 1273, 1099, 1060, 913, 744, 650 cm^{-1} .

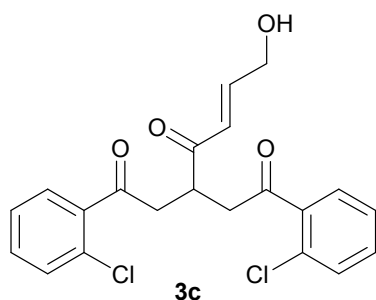


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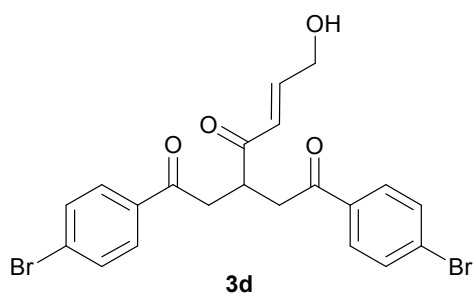
(E)-7-hydroxy-3-(2-phenyl-2-ethanone)-1-phenyl-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3a): 71 mg; 86% yield; syrup; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 7.06 (dt, $J = 15.8, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dt, $J = 15.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 4.06–4.02 (m, 1H), 3.47 (dd, $J = 17.9, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.23 (dd, $J = 17.9, 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.78 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.5, 197.9, 146.3, 136.4, 133.4, 128.7, 128.1, 126.8, 62.0, 40.2, 40.1; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3499, 3061, 2907, 1682, 1632, 1597, 1447, 1355, 1219, 996, 756, 691 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 359.1258 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ 359.1254.



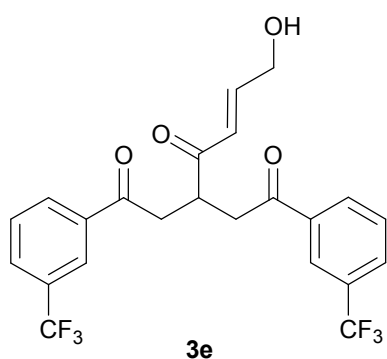
(E)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3b): 79 mg; 84% yield; white solid; mp: 128–130 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98-7.96 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.07 (m, 5H), 6.65 (dd, $J = 15.8, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.05-4.01 (m, 1H), 3.45 (dd, $J = 17.9, 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.21 (dd, $J = 17.9, 6.3$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 196.2, 166.8, 165.1, 146.2, 132.8, 130.8, 130.7, 126.8, 115.9, 115.7, 62.1, 40.2, 40.0; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3545, 3073, 2906, 1683, 1596, 1506, 1409, 1356, 1229, 1158, 991, 838 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 395.1057 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ 395.1065.



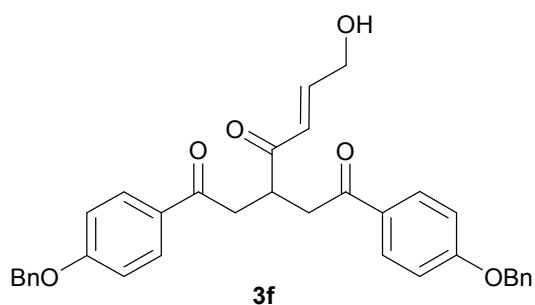
(E)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3c): 84 mg; 84% yield; syrup; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 15.8, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 4.04-4.01 (m, 1H), 3.44 (dd, $J = 18.1, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.19 (dd, $J = 18.1, 6.1$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.7, 200.5, 146.5, 138.5, 132.1, 131.0, 130.7, 129.2, 127.0, 126.4, 62.0, 43.9, 41.0; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3458, 3067, 2909, 1693, 1632, 1589, 1433, 1168, 1069, 989, 759 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 427.0472 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ 427.0474.



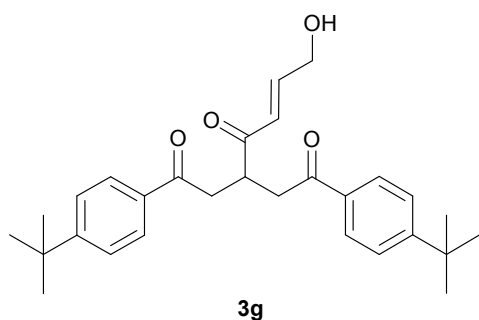
(E)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3d): 102 mg; 83% yield; white solid; mp: 145–146 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 4H), 7.09 (dt, $J = 15.7, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 4.04–3.99 (m, 1H), 3.43 (dd, $J = 18.0, 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.19 (dd, $J = 18.0, 6.3$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 196.8, 146.6, 134.9, 132.0, 129.6, 128.8, 126.5, 62.1, 40.1, 39.9; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3396, 3053, 2894, 1680, 1623, 1584, 1399, 1232, 1071, 986, 812 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 516.9440 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}^{79}\text{Br}^{81}\text{BrO}_4\text{Na}^+$ 516.9444.



(E)-1-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3-(2-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3e): 96 mg; 81% yield; syrup; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (s, 2H), 8.13 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (dt, $J = 15.8, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dt, $J = 15.8, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 4.11–4.07 (m, 1H), 3.52 (dd, $J = 18.0, 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.27 (dd, $J = 18.0, 6.3$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.0, 196.5, 146.8, 136.8, 131.4, 131.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 126.5, 124.92, 124.90, 124.5, 122.7, 61.9, 40.0; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3453, 3074, 2920, 1691, 1632, 1439, 1329, 1208, 1127, 1073, 912, 805, 742, 695, 669 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 495.1004 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_6\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ 495.1001.

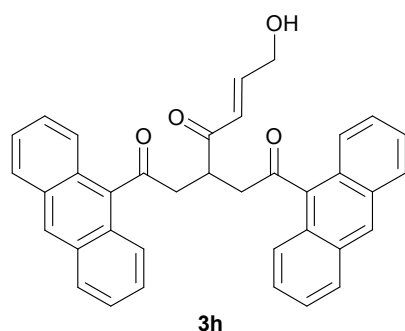


(E)-1-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)-3-(2-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3f): 111 mg; 81% yield; syrup; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.41 (dt, $J = 14.9, 7.4$ Hz, 8H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (dt, $J = 15.8, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H), 6.63 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 4H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 4.03-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.40 (dd, $J = 17.7, 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 17.6, 6.3$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.7, 196.4, 162.8, 145.9, 136.1, 130.4, 129.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.5, 127.0, 114.7, 70.2, 62.1, 40.4, 39.9; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3474, 3036, 2919, 1672, 1599, 1508, 1313, 1256, 1171, 987, 832, 740 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 571.2090 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_6\text{Na}^+$ 571.2091.

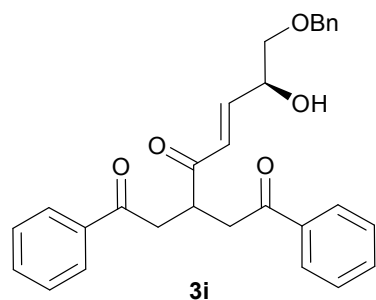


(E)-1-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-(2-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3g): 90 mg; 80% yield; syrup; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 4H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 4H), 7.07 (dt, $J = 15.8, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dt, $J = 15.8, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.06-4.02 (m, 1H), 3.45 (dd, $J = 17.7, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.21 (dd, $J = 17.7, 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 18H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.6, 197.5, 157.2, 146.0, 133.9, 128.1, 127.0, 125.6, 62.1, 40.3, 40.1, 35.1, 31.1; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3457, 2963, 1679, 1634, 1605, 1465, 1406, 1270, 1107, 991, 829, 730 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 449.2674 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; calcd. for $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_4+\text{H}]^+$

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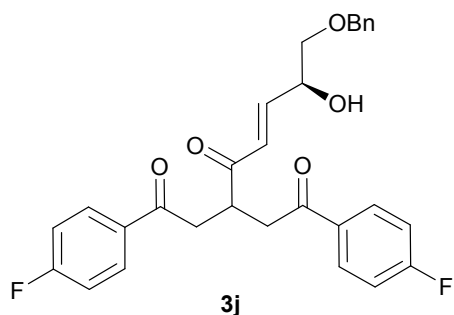


(E)-1-(9-anthracenyl)-3-(2-(9-anthracenyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3h): 98 mg; 73% yield; white solid; mp: 178-180 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (s, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 8H), 7.22 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.51-4.48 (m, 3H), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 19.3, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 19.3, 6.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.7, 200.7, 146.3, 135.1, 131.0, 128.8, 128.6, 127.14, 127.08, 127.04, 125.6, 124.1, 62.2, 47.3, 40.0; IR (KBr) ν: 3426, 3057, 1693, 1665, 1632, 1445, 1048, 1026, 913, 743 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) found: *m/z* 559.1880 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₃₇H₂₈O₄Na⁺ 559.1880.

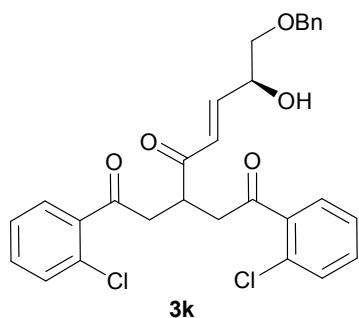


(S,E)-8-(benzyloxy)-7-hydroxy-1-phenyl-3-(2-phenyl-2-ethanone)-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3i): 92 mg; 81% yield; white solid; mp: 82-83 °C; [α]_D²⁰ = - 7.4° (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.58-4.56 (m, 3H), 4.05-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.63 (dt, *J* = 9.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (m, 3H), 3.25-3.20 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.82 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 201.3, 197.7, 144.44, 144.38, 137.5, 136.4, 133.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 73.5, 73.0, 70.3, 40.4, 40.0, 39.9; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3480, 3061, 2904, 2361, 1682, 1633, 1450, 1357, 1272, 1103, 982, 753, 693 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 479.1830 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₂₉H₂₈O₅Na⁺ 479.1830.

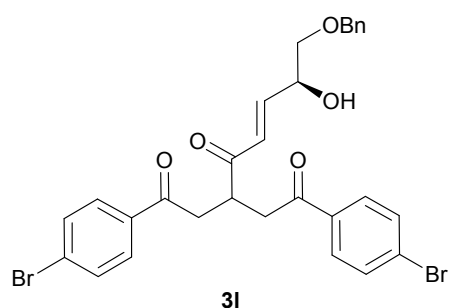


(S,E)-8-(benzyloxy)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3j): 98 mg; 80% yield; white solid; mp: 85–86 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -9.4^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (dd, $J = 8.6, 5.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.12 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 4H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 15.7, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, $J = 15.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 3H), 4.02-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.65 (dd, $J = 9.6, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.45-3.41 (m, 3H), 3.19 (ddd, $J = 17.8, 6.3, 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.9, 196.0, 166.8, 165.1, 144.6, 137.5, 132.9, 130.8, 130.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 115.9, 115.7, 73.5, 73.0, 70.2, 40.5, 39.8, 39.7; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3727, 3068, 2905, 1684, 1633, 1597, 1505, 1409, 1358, 1230, 1157, 986, 912, 838, 741 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 515.1637 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₂₉H₂₆F₂O₅Na⁺ 515.1641.

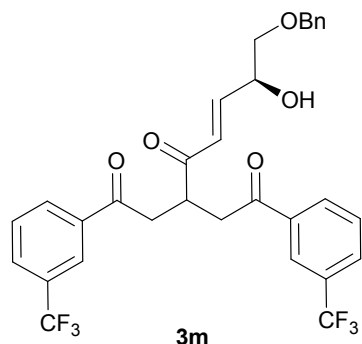


(S,E)-8-(benzyloxy)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3k): 106 mg; 81% yield; syrup; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -10.0^\circ$ (c 1.0,

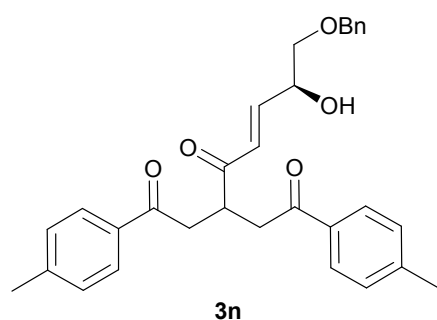
CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.27 (m, 11H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 3H), 4.03-3.99 (m, 1H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.44-3.40 (m, 3H), 3.18 (ddd, *J* = 18.1, 6.3, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.52, 200.50, 200.2, 144.7, 138.6, 138.8, 137.5, 132.0, 131.0, 130.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.0, 73.5, 73.1, 70.2, 43.8, 43.8, 41.3; IR (KBr) ν: 3454, 3065, 2903, 1695, 1633, 1589, 1469, 1274, 1105, 985, 759 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) found: *m/z* 547.1050 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₂₉H₂₆Cl₂O₄Na⁺ 547.1050.



(*S,E*)-8-(benzyloxy)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (31): 119 mg; 78% yield; white solid; mp: 97-98 °C; [α]_D²⁰ = - 7.6° (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 3H), 4.01-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.44-3.38 (m, 3H), 3.16 (ddd, *J* = 17.9, 6.3, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.0, 196.7, 145.0, 137.5, 135.0, 132.0, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.04, 127.99, 127.9, 73.5, 73.0, 70.2, 40.4, 39.8, 39.7; IR (KBr) ν: 3444, 3090, 2897, 2362, 1680, 1626, 1583, 1398, 1336, 1235, 1072, 990, 817, 741 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) found: *m/z* 637.0010 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₂₉H₂₆⁷⁹Br⁸¹BrO₅Na⁺ 637.0019.

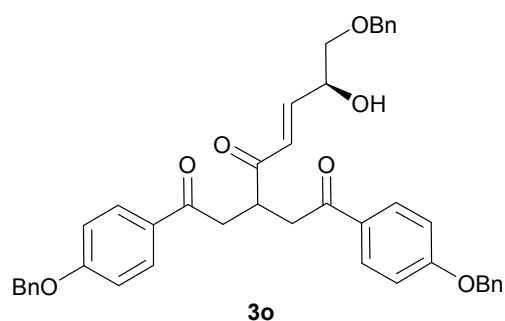


(*S,E*)-8-(benzyloxy)-1-(3-trifluoromethyl)-3-(2-(3-trifluoromethyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3m): 113 mg; 76% yield; syrup; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -15.8^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (s, 2H), 8.12 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.94 (dd, $J = 15.7, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, $J = 15.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 3H), 4.08-4.04 (m, 1H), 3.66 (dd, $J = 9.6, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, $J = 18.0, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.44 (dd, $J = 9.5, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dt, $J = 18.0, 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.72 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.6, 196.2, 145.0, 137.5, 136.83, 136.81, 131.48, 131.46, 131.24, 129.86, 129.84, 129.80, 129.4, 128.55, 128.00, 127.85, 125.00, 124.98, 124.96, 124.93, 73.5, 73.0, 70.2, 40.3, 39.91, 39.86; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3366, 3070, 2911, 1690, 1633, 1328, 1208, 1127, 1073, 913, 805, 743, 695 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 615.1579 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_6\text{O}_5\text{Na}^+$ 615.1577.

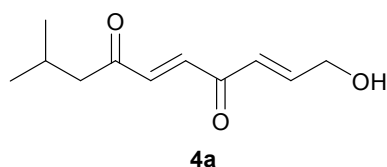


(*S,E*)-8-(benzyloxy)-1-(4-methylphenyl)-3-(2-(4-methylphenyl)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3n): 96 mg; 79% yield; white solid; mp: 73–74 $^\circ\text{C}$; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -5.4^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 4H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 6.91 (dd, $J = 15.8, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, $J = 15.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 3H), 4.02-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.63 (dd, $J = 9.6, 3.5$ Hz,

1H), 3.44-3.40 (m, 3H), 3.18 (ddd, $J = 17.7, 6.4, 3.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.80 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.4, 197.3, 144.3, 144.2, 137.6, 134.0, 129.3, 128.54, 128.50, 128.2, 127.94, 127.86, 73.5, 73.1, 70.1, 40.5, 39.92, 39.86, 21.7; IR (KBr) ν : 3731, 3032, 2915, 2862, 1679, 1633, 1606, 1495, 1407, 1275, 1108, 981, 912, 811, 737 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) found: m/z 507.2147 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_5\text{Na}^+$ 507.2142.

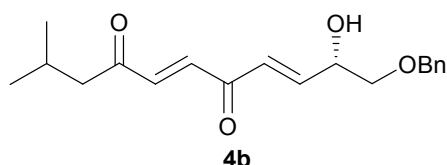


(*S,E*)-8-(benzyloxy)-1-(4-benzyloxy)-3-(2-(4-benzyloxy)-2-ethanone)-7-hydroxy-5-hepten-1,4-dione (3o): 130 mg; 78% yield; syrup; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -2.2^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 9H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 6H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 6.90 (dd, $J = 15.7, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, $J = 15.7, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 4H), 4.56 (s, 3H), 4.00-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.63 (dd, $J = 9.6, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.44-3.36 (m, 3H), 3.18-3.13 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.5, 196.2, 162.8, 144.2, 137.6, 136.2, 130.4, 129.80, 129.79, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 114.7, 73.5, 73.1, 70.3, 70.2, 40.6, 39.72, 39.65; IR (KBr) ν : 3456, 3064, 2919, 1672, 1599, 1508, 1256, 1225, 1171, 985, 832, 737, 698 cm^{-1} HRMS (ESI) found: m/z 691.2677 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_7\text{Na}^+$ 691.2666.

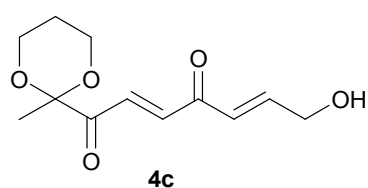


(*2E,5E*)-1-hydroxy-9-methyl-2,5-decadien-4,7-dione (4a): 74 mg; 76% yield; syrup; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.16 (dd, $J = 15.9, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddd, $J = 15.8, 4.9, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, $J = 15.9, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, $J = 15.8, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.45

(s, 2H), 2.54 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.23-2.16 (m, 1H), 0.96 (dd, $J = 6.7, 2.7$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.5, 189.4, 148.6, 137.3, 135.2, 126.5, 61.9, 50.9, 24.8, 22.5; IR (KBr) ν : 3449, 3034, 2874, 1664, 1631, 1368, 1299, 1186, 1100, 980, 913, 744 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) found: m/z 219.0992 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ 219.0992.

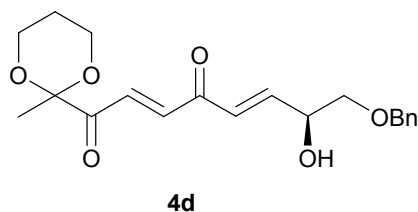


(S,5E,8E)-11-(benzyloxy)-10-hydroxy-2-methyl-5,8-undecadien-4,7-dione (4b): 134 mg; 85% yield; syrup; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -15.4^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 15.8, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, $J = 15.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 3H), 3.64 (dd, $J = 9.6, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, $J = 9.5, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 1H), 2.52 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.19 (tt, $J = 13.4, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.2, 189.2, 146.7, 137.4, 137.3, 135.2, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 73.6, 72.8, 70.2, 50.9, 24.8, 22.6; IR (KBr) ν : 3462, 3062, 2959, 2870, 1665, 1633, 1458, 1301, 1101, 983, 743, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) found: m/z 339.1571 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ 339.1567.

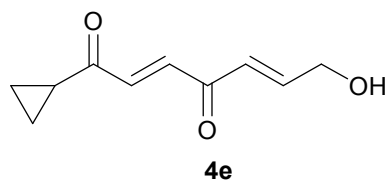


(2E,5E)-7-hydroxy-1-(2-methyl-1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2,5-heptadien-1,4-dione (4c): 90 mg; 75% yield; syrup; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (q, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dt, $J = 15.8, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dt, $J = 15.8, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, $J = 3.4, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.01-3.98 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.73 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.40 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.4, 188.8, 148.6, 137.6, 132.2, 126.9, 100.9, 62.9, 61.9, 24.8, 24.1; IR (KBr) ν : 3482, 2968, 2930, 2880, 1710, 1662, 1631, 1289, 1201, 1139,

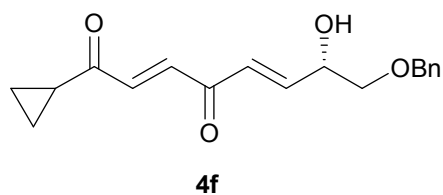
1076, 912, 744 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 263.0892 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{Na}^+$ 263.0890.



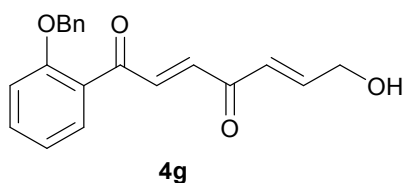
(*S,2E,5E*)-8-(benzyloxy)-7-hydroxy-1-(2-methyl-1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2,5-octadien-1,4-dione (4d): 149 mg; 83% yield; syrup; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -21.0^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2); **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (s, 2H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 3H), 6.96 (dd, $J = 15.8, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, $J = 15.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 3H), 4.00-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.74 (dd, $J = 11.8, 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.66 (dd, $J = 9.6, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, $J = 9.5, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (s, 1H), 2.12-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.40 (m, 4H); **^{13}C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.4, 188.7, 146.9, 137.6, 137.3, 132.4, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 100.9, 73.6, 72.8, 70.2, 62.9, 24.9, 24.1; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3477, 2966, 2861, 1710, 1665, 1629, 1369, 1288, 1136, 1078, 981, 743 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 383.1459 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_6\text{Na}^+$ 383.1465.



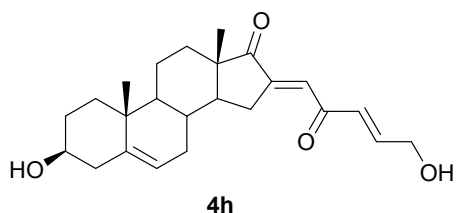
(*2E,5E*)-1-cyclopropyl-7-hydroxy-2,5-heptadien-1,4-dione (4e): 66 mg; 73% yield; syrup; **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.21 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.70 (dt, $J = 15.8, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 1H), 2.25-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.21-1.18 (m, 2H), 1.06 (td, $J = 7.2, 3.8$ Hz, 2H); **^{13}C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.6, 189.4, 148.6, 137.2, 134.9, 126.6, 61.9, 20.8, 12.6; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3449, 3012, 2903, 1658, 1631, 1442, 1391, 1286, 1195, 1089, 980, 905 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 203.0677 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ 203.0679.



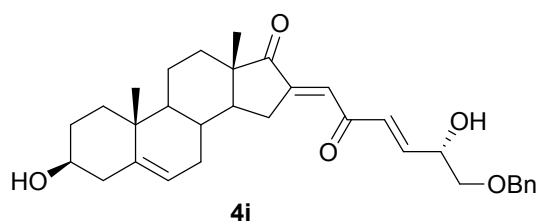
(*S,2E,5E*)-8-(benzyloxy)-1-cyclopropyl-7-hydroxy-2,5-octadien-1,4-dione (4f): 121 mg; 81% yield; syrup; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -15.6^{\circ}$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 15.8, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, $J = 15.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 3H), 3.64 (dd, $J = 9.6, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, $J = 9.5, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.19 (m, 1H), 1.20-1.17 (m, 2H), 1.04 (td, $J = 7.2, 3.7$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.2, 189.2, 146.6, 137.3, 134.8, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 73.6, 72.9, 70.2, 20.8, 12.4; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3461, 3063, 2863, 1661, 1632, 1451, 1389, 1282, 1087, 983, 912, 744 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 323.1261 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ 323.1254.



(*2E,5E*)-1-(2-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-7-hydroxy-2,5-heptadien-1,4-dione (4g): 90 mg; 56% yield; syrup; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.18 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.0, 189.3, 158.1, 147.2, 139.1, 135.9, 134.7, 134.5, 131.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.5, 126.5, 121.3, 112.9, 70.7, 62.1; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3445, 2922, 1652, 1598, 1483, 1450, 1384, 1309, 1234, 1013, 913, 748 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI) found: m/z 345.1102 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ 345.1097.



(E)-16-((E)-5-hydroxy-2-oxo-3-penten-1-ylidene)-3 β -hydroxy-5-androsten-17-one (4h): 85 mg; 89% yield; syrup; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -84.4^\circ$ (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dt, *J* = 15.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dt, *J* = 15.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.39-5.38 (m, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (ddd, *J* = 15.7, 11.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (ddd, *J* = 18.6, 6.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (ddd, *J* = 18.5, 13.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.34-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.14 (m, 3H), 1.97 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.88-1.72 (m, 6H), 1.67-1.48 (m, 4H), 1.40 (td, *J* = 13.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 11.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.13-1.03 (m, 6H), 0.93 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.8, 190.7, 150.1, 146.8, 140.9, 129.5, 124.1, 120.9, 71.6, 61.9, 50.2, 48.8, 47.9, 42.2, 37.1, 36.7, 31.5, 31.4, 31.2, 30.8, 29.7, 20.4, 19.4, 14.0; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3389, 2934, 2900, 2859, 1726, 1663, 1456, 1369, 1221, 1054, 912, 734 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) found: *m/z* 407.2197 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₂₄H₃₂O₄Na⁺ 407.2193.



(E)-16-((S,E)-6-(benzyloxy)-5-hydroxy-

2-oxo-3-hexen-1-ylidene)-3 β -hydroxy-5-androsten-17-one (4i): 115 mg; 91% yield; syrup; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -65.2^\circ$ (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.57-4.56 (m, 3H), 3.65-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.43 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.41-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.24 (t, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 1.97-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.85 (m, 3H), 1.78-1.72 (m, 3H), 1.66-1.47 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.24 (m, 4H), 1.11-1.02 (m, 6H), 0.92 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.7, 190.8, 150.2, 141.0, 137.4, 131.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 124.1, 120.9, 73.6, 73.0, 71.5, 70.1, 50.2, 48.8, 47.8, 42.1, 37.1, 36.7, 31.5, 31.4, 31.2, 30.8, 29.8, 20.4, 19.4, 14.0; **IR** (KBr) ν : 3441, 2933, 2860, 1725, 1662, 1455, 1357, 1269, 1220, 1103, 1059, 909, 735 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI) found: *m/z* 527.2771 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₃₂H₄₀O₅Na⁺ 527.2768.

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