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SUMMARY

A new strategy for the synthesis of conjugated (*E*,*E*)-dienones and (*E*,*E*)-dienals via a palladium-catalyzed aerobic γ , δ -dehydrogenation of enones and enals has been developed. The method can be employed in the direct and efficient synthesis of various (*E*,*E*)-dienones and (*E*,*E*)-dienals, including nonsubstituted α -, β -, and γ - and/or δ -substituted (*E*,*E*)-dienones and (*E*,*E*)-dienals. The protocol is featured by the ready accessibility and elaboration of the starting materials, good functional group compatibility, and mild reaction conditions. Furthermore, the reaction is of complete *E*,*E*-stereoselectivity and uses molecular oxygen as the sole clean oxidant.

INTRODUCTION

(E,E)- $\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta$ -unsaturated carbonyl structural motifs are prevalent in natural products, drug molecules, and functional organic materials (Harned and Volp, 2011; Woerly et al., 2014). Conjugated dienones and dienals are also versatile precursors for 1,2- (Zhang and Morken, 2009), 1,4- (Csákÿ et al., 2010; Amoah and Dieter, 2017), or 1,6-addition (Poulsen et al., 2015; den Hartog et al., 2015; Caruana et al., 2014; Shaw and White, 2015; Gu et al., 2015); Diels-Alder reaction (Xiong et al., 2012; Li et al., 2012; Tian et al., 2014); cycloaddition (Horie et al., 2011; Albrecht et al., 2012); and other transformations (Meisner et al., 2012; Bos et al., 2013). Traditionally, the approaches to access conjugated dienones or dienals involve Knoevenagel condensation (He et al., 2011), Wittig-Horner reaction (An et al., 2015; Poulsen et al., 2016), Claisen rearrangement (Cookson and Gopalan, 1978; Motika et al., 2015), and addition-elimination reaction (Crouch et al., 2011; Yuan and Han, 2012; Kim and Oh, 2015; Li et al., 2019). These methods usually require basic conditions, which might be incompatible with the existing functional groups and/or the original stereochemistry. Moreover, these methods are often multistep sequences and suffer from low yields. In 1988, Trost's group (Trost and Schmidt, 1988; Trost and Kazmaier, 1992; Trost and Rudd, 2002; Trost and Rudd, 2005; Trost and Biannic, 2015) and Lu's group (Guo and Lu, 1993; Inoue and Imaizumi, 1988; Kwong et al., 2008; Lu et al., 2001; Ma et al., 1988, 1989) independently and virtually simultaneously developed the isomerization of alkynones to the corresponding conjugated dienones (Scheme 1A, a). Recently, Li's group reported a palladium-catalyzed isomerization of 4-alkynals to conjugated dienals (Scheme 1A, b) (Hearne and Li, 2017). In spite of the alkyne isomerization protocol being a great advance in view of the relatively mild reaction conditions, the inherent structural feature of alkyne prevents the method from the direct preparation of multisubstituted dienones and dienals. More recently, Alexanian et al. reported an elegant cobalt-catalyzed carbonylative cross-coupling of alkyl tosylates and dienes to synthesize conjugated dienones (Scheme 1A, c) (Sargent and Alexanian, 2017). Also, Huang et al. reported a great direct aerobic α , β -dehydrogenation of γ,δ -unsaturated amides and acids to produce conjugated dienamides and dienoic acids by an iridium/copper relay catalysis process (Scheme 1A, d) (Wang et al., 2018). Although these remarkable progresses have been made, significant challenges remain unaddressed, for example, limited substrate scope and tedious preparation of starting material. Therefore, new strategies for facile and efficient synthesis of conjugated dienones and dienals are still highly desirable.

Our group has long sought catalytic conditions for aerobic dehydrogenation reactions. We thought if dienones or dienals could be prepared by the aerobic γ , δ -dehydrogenation of enones or enals (Scheme 1B). This strategy has two advantages: (1) the precursors, enones or enals, can be obtained readily (some of them are commercially available and they also can be easily synthesized by aldol-like condensations, α -substitution of carbonyl compounds and subsequent elimination, oxidative α , β -dehydrogenation of saturated ketones or aldehydes, and so on) (Wade, 2005; Smith and March 2001; Nicolaou et al., 2000; Nicolaou et al., 2002; Izawa et al., 2011; Diao and Stahl, 2011; Bigi and White, 2013; Huang and Dong, 2013; Deng et al., ¹Key Laboratory of Synthetic and Natural Functional Molecule Chemistry of Ministry of Education, College of Chemistry & Materials Science, Northwest University, Xi'an 710069, P. R. China

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Scheme 1. Strategies for Synthesis of (E,E)-Dienones and (E,E)-Dienals

(A) Previous work for synthesis of (E, E)-dienones and (E, E)-dienals.

(B) Our work for synthesis of (E, E)-dienones and (E, E)-dienals.

(C) Reaction mechanism for the palladium-catalyzed γ , δ -dehydrogenation of enones and enals.

2014; Huang et al., 2015; Jie et al., 2016; Yoshii et al., 2016; Chen et al., 2017) and (2) dienones and dienals bearing substituent groups in various positions could be produced directly. Despite these obvious benefits, to the best our knowledge, the efficient γ , δ -dehydrogenation of enones or enals to produce conjugated dienones or dienals has not been reported so far.

Mechanistically, we conceived that transition metal, especially palladium, could activate the allylic C–H bond to afford a π -allylpalladium intermediate (S1), which could generate a γ -palladation enone or enal (S2) (Patil and Yamamoto, 2006), which then underwent a sequence β -hydride elimination to give conjugated dienyl carbonyl product and Pd^{II}-hydride intermediate that underwent reductive elimination and oxidation to complete the catalytic cycle (Scheme 1C). In this protocol, there were two challenges: one is the avoiding the direct oxidation of alkene bond of starting material (e.g., Wacker-type oxidation) and the other is preventing the product from the deeper oxidation (e.g., to generate trienone). To address the challenges, an efficient but mild catalytic oxidative system should be developed.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To test this proposal, we chose enone (**1aa**) as the model substrate to begin our investigation. Initially, various palladium catalysts were examined with DMSO as the solvent and molecular oxygen as the terminal oxidant (Table 1, entries 1–7). Pd(TFA)₂, Pd(OAc)₂, Pd(PPh₃)₄, and Pd₂(dba)₃ reaction systems afforded the desired product **2aa** in 38%, 23%, 25%, and 18% yields, respectively, whereas PdCl₂ and Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ systems could not react and Pd(OH)₂ reaction system only provided trace **2aa**. Considering that trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and Pd(OAc)₂ can generate more electropositive [Pd(II)O₂CCF₃]⁺ species *in situ* (Lu et al., 1999; Jia et al., 2000), which is predictably easier to form π -allylpalladium intermediate (Scheme 1C, **S1**) and γ -palladation enone (Scheme 1C, **S2**), thereby facilitating the γ , δ -dehydrogenation reaction, 0.2 equiv. of TFA was introduced into Pd(OAc)₂-catalyzed reaction systems. To our delight, the reaction gave (*E*,*E*)-dienone **2aa** in 63% yield with complete double bond (*E*,*E*)-stereoselectivity (Table 1, entry 8). Then, 0.2 equiv. TFA was added into other palladium-catalyzed reaction systems. Interestingly, the yields of most of the reactions were improved to a certain extent; nevertheless, the result of the combination of Pd(OAc)₂ and TFA was still the better (Table 1, entries 9–14). Next, the solvent was screened, and DMSO proved to be the best solvent (Table 1, entries 15–17). After careful investigation of the amount of TFA, 2.0 equiv. TFA provided

Cat. [Pd] additive 1aa Solvent 2aa					
Entry	Pd source	TFA (equiv.)	Solvent	Yield ^a (%)	
1	Pd(TFA) ₂	-	DMSO	38	
2	Pd(OAc) ₂	-	DMSO	23	
3	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	-	DMSO	25	
4	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	-	DMSO	18	
5	PdCl ₂	-	DMSO	NR	
6	Pd(PPh ₃) ₂ Cl ₂	-	DMSO	NR	
7	Pd(OH) ₂	-	DMSO	Trace	
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	0.2	DMSO	63	
9	Pd(TFA) ₂	0.2	DMSO	51	
10	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	0.2	DMSO	48	
11	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	0.2	DMSO	56	
12	PdCl ₂	0.2	DMSO	Trace	
13	$Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$	0.2	DMSO	NR	
14	Pd(OH) ₂	0.2	DMSO	59	
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	0.2	DMF	25	
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	0.2	CH ₃ CN	50	
17	Pd(OAc) ₂	0.2	THF	20	
18 ^b	Pd(OAc) ₂	2.0	DMSO	73	
19 [°]	Pd(OAc) ₂	2.0	DMSO	<13	

Table 1. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

Reaction conditions: Unless otherwise noted, the reaction was carried out with 1aa (0.5 mmol), [Pd] (10 mol %) in solvent (2.5 mL) under O₂ (1 atm) atmosphere at 80°C for 12 h.

^alsolated yield.

^bAmount of TFA: 0.1 equiv. (30%), 0.2 equiv. (63%), 0.5 equiv. (66%), 1.0 equiv. (68%), 1.5 equiv. (70%), 3.0 equiv. (68%).

^cOther acid (1.0 mL): for hydrochloric acid and benzoic acid, no product; AcOH and TsOH, trace product; CF_3SO_3H , 12% yield.

the highest yield (Table 1, entry 18). Replacing TFA with other acids proved to be either less effective or totally ineffective (Table 1, entry 19). Thus the optimized reaction conditions for the γ , δ -dehydrogenation of **1aa** were identified as following: **1aa** (0.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), and TFA (2.0 equiv.) under oxygen atmosphere in DMSO at 80°C.

With the optimized reaction conditions in hand, we next surveyed the substrate scope (Scheme 2A). First, the length of carbon chain of enones was increased to check if further oxidation could happen. Delightedly, all of them only provided the desired (*E*,*E*)-dienones in 70%–79% yields and no further oxidative product (e.g., trienone) was observed (Scheme 2A, 2aa-2ag). Substitutions at each position (i.e., α -, β -, γ -, or δ -positions or beyond), despite their increasing steric hindrance, were all well-tolerated (2ah-2am). Note that the γ , δ -dehydrogenation could occur not only on aliphatic chain but also on aliphatic cycles (2aj). Interestingly, a steroid compound 1am also successfully underwent the γ , δ -dehydrogenation to give δ -testosterone (2am) in good yield. This case together with 2al showed that the current catalytic reaction conditions preferred γ , δ -dehydrogenation to α , β -dehydrogenation, highlighting the advantage of the process for the synthesis of dienones. δ -Aryl-substituted enones could also be γ , δ -dehydrogenated in excellent yields

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Scheme 2. Substrate Scope of the Palladium-Catalyzed $\gamma_t \delta$ -Dehydrogenation of Enones and Enals

(A) Dehydrogenation of aliphatic enones.

(B) Dehydrogenation of aryl enones.

(C) Dehydrogenation of enals.

(2an-2ap). It is noteworthy that, in all cases, only *E*,*E*-isomers were obtained, and no *Z*-isomers can be detected by analyzing the reaction mixtures.

Next, we investigated another kind of enones, aryl enones (Scheme 2B). 1-Arylhept-2-en-1-ones bearing either electron-donating or electron-withdrawing groups all reacted smoothly to provide the desired dienones in good yields (**2ba-2bc**). Increasing the length of the alkyl chain (**2bd-2bh**) or changing the straight chain to branched chain (**2bi**) or aliphatic cycle (**2bj**) was permitted. A series of substituted (*E*)-1,5-diphenylpent-2-en-1-ones (**1bk-1bt**) were also investigated. The results indicated that both the position (*o*-, *m*- or *p*-) and the electronic properties (electron-donating or electron-withdrawing property) of substitution groups did not affect the dehydrogenation and that they all afforded the corresponding (*E*,*E*)-dienones in 73%–81% yields. The other aromatic substrate, naphthyl enone, was also suitable for the reaction to give dienone **2bu** in good yields. Again, only *E*,*E*-isomers were obtained. The structure of **2bt** was confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction (see Supplemental Information).

Then, we focused on the γ , δ -dehydrogenation of enals, which were challenging substrates due to the aldehyde's susceptibility toward oxidation under oxidative conditions (Padala and Jeganmohan, 2012; Liu et al., 2015; Santhoshkumar et al., 2015) and undesired metal insertion into an acyl C–H bond (Bosnich, 1998;



Scheme 3. The Practicality of the Palladium-Catalyzed γ , δ -Dehydrogenation of Enones and Enals (A) Large-scale experiment.

(B) Synthesis of piperine.

Fristrup et al., 2008; Garralda, 2009; Jun et al., 2007; Leung and Krische, 2012; Modak et al., 2012; Murphy and Dong, 2014; Willis, 2010). Pleasingly, all enals worked well as enones to produce the desired (*E*,*E*)-dienals in good to excellent yields, and the susceptible aldehyde group remained intact, indicating that the oxidative dehydrogenation conditions were very mild (Scheme 2C). The reaction also only provided *E*,*E*-isomers, and no *Z*-isomers could be detected.

To test the practicality of the method, a large-scale experiment has been carried out. With the abovementioned standard reaction conditions, **1bu** (747 mg, 2.6 mmol) was converted into the desired dienone **2bu** (556 mg) in 75% yield (Scheme 3A). Notably, when the catalyst loading was reduced to 6 mol %, the yield was not decreased, although more reaction time was required.

To highlight the synthetic utility of this methodology, we employed it as a key step to rapidly synthesize a natural product, piperine, an alkaloid responsible for the pungency of black pepper and long pepper. Recent investigations have shown that piperine has diverse bioactivities including chemopreventive, anti-oxidant, immunomodulatory, anticarcinogenic, stimulatory, hepatoprotective, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, and antiulcer activities (Doucette et al., 2013; Gorgani et al., 2017). Enal **3ad** was converted into (*E*,*E*)-dienal **4ad** under standard conditions, followed by oxidation with Jones reagent to acid and the condensation with piperidine to give piperine in three steps in 54% overall yield (Scheme 3B).

To gain insight into the reaction mechanism, we carried out a series of kinetic isotope effect (KIE) experiments (Scheme 4). The KIE value of two parallel competition reactions of **1an** and γ -deuterated [D₂]-**1an** was found to be 6.0 (Scheme 4A), and the intramolecular KIE value for the reaction of δ -deuterated [D]-**1an** was 1.2 (Scheme 4B). These results showed that the cleavage of the γ -C–H bond should be involved in the rate-determining step, whereas the elimination of δ -C–H bond was fast and not rate limiting. The complete *E*, *E*-stereoselectivity of dienones and dienals might be attributed to the formation of the thermo-dynamically more stable *E*-product at β -hydride elimination step in the current heating reaction conditions (80°C) and also to the probable presence of Pd-mediated isomerization of olefins under the current Pd-catalyzed reaction system (Bond and Hellier, 1965; Stang and White, 2011). In the reaction system, there were the nucleophilic TFA and H₂O, which could react with π -allylpalladium intermediate (Chen and White, 2004; Chen et al., 2005), but we could not detect any corresponding product, which probably could be ascribed to the fast β -hydride elimination of γ -palladation S2, or the fast elimination of TFA or H₂O of the corresponding $-O_2CCF_3$ - or -OH-substituted products under the current acidic reaction conditions. In-depth studies are currently underway to fully elucidate the mechanistic details.

Conclusion

In summary, we have developed a new strategy for the synthesis of conjugated (*E*,*E*)-dienones and (*E*,*E*)-dienals via a palladium-catalyzed aerobic γ , δ -dehydrogenation of enones and enals. Compared with the previous methods, the biggest advantage of the method is the generality. The method can be employed in the direct and efficient synthesis of various (*E*,*E*)-dienones and (*E*,*E*)-dienals, including non-substituted and α -, β -, γ -, and/or δ -substituted (*E*,*E*)-dienones and (*E*,*E*)-dienals. Another advantage of the method is the ready accessibility and elaboration of the starting materials, enones and enals, some of which are commercially available, and they also can be easily obtained by conventional approaches. Furthermore, the reaction is of complete *E*,*E*-stereoselectivity and uses molecular oxygen as the sole clean oxidant.

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Kinetic Isotope Effects



Scheme 4. Kinetic Isotope Effect

(A) The KIE value of two parallel competition reactions of **1an** and γ -deuterated [D₂]-**1an**. (B) The intramolecular KIE value for the reaction of δ -deuterated [D]-**1an**.

Owing to mild reaction conditions and good functional group compatibility, the approach should have broad applications in organic synthesis, medical, and material chemistry.

Limitations of the Study

 α , β -Unsaturated amides, acids, and ester provided the γ , δ -dehydrogenated products in low yields under the current reaction conditions.

METHODS

All methods can be found in the accompanying Transparent Methods supplemental file.

DATA AND CODE AVAILABILITY

The structures of **2bt** reported in this article have been deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center under accession numbers CCDC: 1892057.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Supplemental Information

Synthesis of (*E*,*E*)-Dienones and (*E*,*E*)-Dienals

via Palladium-Catalyzed γ , δ -Dehydrogenation

of Enones and Enals

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Transparent Methods

1. General information

All commercial reagents and solvents were used as received without further purification. Reactions were followed with TLC (0.254 mm silica gel 60-F plates). Visualization was accomplished with UV light. Flash chromatographies were carried out on silica gel 200-300 mesh. Optical rotations were reported as follows: $[\alpha]^{27}_{D}$ (c g/100 mL, in solvent). Melting points (m. p.) were measured on electrothermal digital melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. ¹HNMR and ¹³CNMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz using CDCl₃ as solvent. Spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm) with tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ 0.00 ppm) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as part per million (ppm) in δ scale downfield from TMS. Multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, br. s = broad singlet. Infrared (IR) data were recorded as films on potassium bromide plates on a Bruker Tensor 27 FT-IR spectrometer. Absorbance frequencies are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). High resolution mass spectra were acquired on a Bruker Daltonics MicroTof-Q II mass spectrometer. X-ray crystal structure analyses were measured on Bruker Smart APEXIICCD instrument using Mo-Ka radiation. The structures were solved and refined using the SHELXTL software package.

2. General Procedure for the Palladium-Catalyzed γ , δ -Dehydrogenation reaction A seal tube containing enones or enals (0.5 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), was evacuated and filled with dioxygen gas using an oxygen containing balloon. Then, DMSO (2.5 mL), trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (1.0 mmol) were sequentially added to the system via syringe under an oxygen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C until completion of the reaction (TLC). Then the reaction was cooled to room temperature and partitioned between water and ethyl acetate. The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with water (3 × 5.0 mL) and washed with aqueous saturated brine solution (3 × 5.0 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography afforded the (*E*, *E*)-dienones or (*E*, *E*)-dienals.



(*3E*, *5E*)-octa-3,5-dien-2-one (2aa) (Ma et al., 1989) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as pale yellow oil (73% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.56 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.11 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 9.6 Hz, 1H, β-H), 6.31 – 6.13 (m, 2H, γ-H and δ-H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H, α-H), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.22 – 2.10 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 198.6, 147.0, 144.0, 128.8, 127.9, 27.1, 26.1, 12.8. HRMS (ESI) for C₈H₁₃O [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 147.0780; Found: 147.0788. IR (KBr): 2925, 2854, 1722, 1670, 1459, 1257, 1054, 1012, 800, 617 cm⁻¹.



(*3E*, *5E*)-nona-3,5-dien-2-one (2ab) (Ma et al., 1989) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as pale yellow oil (72% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.50 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.19 – 7.02 (m, 1H, β-H), 6.21 – 6.14 (m, 2H, γ-H and δ-H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H, α-H), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.21 – 2.13 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.53 – 1.42 (m, 2H, CH₂), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz , CDCl₃): δ = 198.9, 145.6, 144.1, 129.0, 128.8, 35.2, 27.2, 22.0, 13.7. HRMS (ESI) for C₉H₁₄NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 161.0937; Found: 161.0943. IR (KBr): 3448, 2965,1724, 1677, 1459, 1361, 1284, 1130, 981, 742 cm⁻¹.



(*3E*, *5E*)-deca-3,5-dien-2-one (2ac) (Yoo et al., 2006) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as colorless oil (71% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.45 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 1H, β -H), 6.22 – 6.17 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 6.06 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.19 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.23 – 2.16 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.47 – 1.37 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.37 – 1.28 (m, 2H, CH₂), 0.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz , CDCl₃): δ = 198.9, 146.0, 144.2, 128.9, 128.8, 32.9, 30.9, 27.2,

22.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₀H₁₆NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 175.1093; Found: 175.1086. IR (KBr): 2940, 2834, 1704, 1457, 1376, 1267, 1193, 1126, 1027 cm⁻¹.



(*3E*, *5E*)-undeca-3,5-dien-2-one (2ad) (Ma et al., 1989) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as colorless oil (70% yield). $R_f = 0.45$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.15 - 7.06$ (m, 1H, β -H), 6.21 - 6.16 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 6.05 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.22 - 2.15 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.48 - 1.40 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.38 - 1.23 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 0.90 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 198.8$, 145.9, 144.1, 128.8, 128.8, 33.1, 31.4, 28.4, 27.1, 22.5, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₁H₁₈NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 189.1250; Found: 189.1238. IR (KBr): 2927, 2859, 1668, 1459, 1359, 1253, 1151, 998 cm⁻¹.



(*3E*, *5E*)-dodeca-3,5-dien-2-one (2ae) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as pale yellow (79% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.36 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 1H, β -H), 6.21 – 6.16 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.22 – 2.16 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.46 – 1.39 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.36 – 1.27 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 198.8, 145.9, 144.1, 128.9, 128.8, 33.2, 31.7, 28.9, 28.7, 27.2, 22.6, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₂H₂₁O [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 181.1587; Found: 181.1590. IR (KBr): 2958, 2922, 2854, 1658, 1584, 1450, 1263, 1096, 1025, 803 cm⁻¹.



(3*E*, 5*E*)-trideca-3,5-dien-2-one (2af) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as pale yellow oil (73% yield). $R_{\rm f} = 0.45$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.14 - 7.06$ (m, 1H, β -H), 6.20 - 6.15 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 6.05 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.21 - 2.15 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.47 -

1.41 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.33 – 1.20 (m, 8H, 4CH₂), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 198.9$, 146.0, 144.2, 128.9, 128.8, 33.2, 31.9, 29.2, 29.2, 28.8, 27.2, 22.7, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₃H₂₂NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 217.1563; Found: 217.1572. IR (KBr): 2925, 2854, 1675, 1458, 1257, 1187, 1124, 1027, 725 cm⁻¹.



(*3E*, *5E*)-pentadeca-3,5-dien-2-one (2ag) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as pale yellow oil (72% yield). R_f = 0.56 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 1H, β-H), 6.21 – 6.15 (m, 2H, γ-H and δ -H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H, α-H), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.21 – 2.14 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.46 – 1.38 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.32 – 1.24 (m, 12H, 6CH₂), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 198.9, 146.0, 144.2, 128.9, 128.9, 33.3, 32.0, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 28.8, 27.2, 22.8, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₅H₂₆NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 245.1876; Found: 245.1882. IR (KBr): 3411, 2927, 2856, 1671, 1459, 1363, 1257, 1189, 1156, 1027 cm⁻¹.



(*3E*, *5E*)-3-methylnona-3,5-dien-2-one (2ah) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as pale yellow oil (76% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.43 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.02 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.50 – 6.38 (m, 1H, γ -H), 6.22 – 6.14 (m, 1H, δ -H), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.30 – 2.20 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.87 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 200.0, 145.5, 140.0, 134.8, 125.8, 26.6, 25.6, 13.3, 11.5. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₀H₁₆NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 175.1093; Found: 175.1086. IR (KBr): 2958, 2930, 2872, 1715, 1674, 1459, 1372, 1239, 1169, 976 cm⁻¹.



(*3E*, *5E*)-5-methylocta-3,5-dien-2-one (2ai) (Zou et al., 2008) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as pale yellow oil (72% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.53 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.15 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, δ -H), 2.29 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.28 – 2.18 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.78 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 199.1, 148.9, 145.0, 132.7, 125.3, 27.3, 22.4, 13.6, 12.1. HRMS (ESI) for C₉H₁₄NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 161.0937; Found: 161.0950. IR (KBr): 2964, 1671, 1574, 1455, 1359, 1257, 1176, 1045, 977 cm⁻¹.



(*E*)-4-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)but-3-en-2-one (2aj) (Polaquini et al., 2017) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow oil (75% yield). $R_f = 0.43$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.12$ (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.22 (t, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H, δ -H), 6.05 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.28 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.26 – 2.18 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.17 – 2.12 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.75 – 1.67 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.67 – 1.60 (m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 199.1$, 147.2, 140.0, 135.3, 124.2, 27.2, 26.7, 24.2, 22.1, 22.0. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₀H₁₄NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 173.0937; Found: 173.0932. IR (KBr): 2935, 2863, 1671, 1621, 1428,1359, 1257, 1172, 1074 cm⁻¹.



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(*3E*, *5E*)-6,8,8-trimethylnona-3,5-dien-2-one (2ak) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as pale yellow oil (78% yield). $R_{\rm f} = 0.42$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.44 (dd, J = 15.3, 11.5 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.09 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H , α -H), 5.96 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, γ -H), 2.28 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.07 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.97 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.94 (s, 9H, 3CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 199.0$, 149.8, 139.5, 128.5, 127.1, 54.4, 32.7, 30.2 (3 C), 27.7, 20.4. HRMS (ESI) for $C_{12}H_{21}O$ [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 181.1587; Found: 181.1585. IR (KBr): 2957, 2924, 2855, 1654, 1583, 1434, 1223, 1089, 1011, 812 cm⁻¹.



(*4E*, *6E*)-nona-4,6-dien-3-one (2al) (Ma et al., 1989) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as colorless oil (78% yield). R_f = 0.40 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.17 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 9.6 Hz, 1H, β-H), 6.30 – 6.15 (m, 2H , γ-H and δ-H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H, α-H), 2.58 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, CH₃), 2.28 – 2.14 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 201.6, 146.9, 143.0, 128.1, 127.8, 33.8, 26.3, 13.0, 8.5. HRMS (ESI) for C₉H₁₄NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 161.0937; Found: 161.0950. IR (KBr): 2960, 2924, 1957, 1261, 1091, 1023, 800 cm⁻¹.



(*10R*,*3S*)-17-hydroxy-10,13-dimethyl-1,2,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro -**3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-one (2am)** (Peart et al., 2011) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as white solid (62% yield). $R_{\rm f} = 0.38$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20). m. p. = 224 – 226 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 6.11$ (s, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 5.68 (s, 1H, α -H), 3.70 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.65 – 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.47 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.25 (t, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.20 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.42 (m, 3H), 1.23 (br, 1H), 1.22 – 1.15 (m, 2H), 1.13 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.85 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 199.8$, 163.9, 140.6, 128.1, 123.8, 81.3, 50.9, 48.4, 44.0, 37.8, 36.4, 36.2, 34.03, 34.02, 30.5, 23.1, 20.4, 16.4, 11.1. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₉H₁₁NaO₂ [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 309.1825; Found: 309.1824. IR (KBr): 3335, 3025, 2964, 2928, 2859, 1657, 1614, 1583, 1061 cm⁻¹.



(*3E*, *5E*)-6-phenylhexa-3,5-dien-2-one (2an) (Wu et al., 2016) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow solid (89% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.46 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); m. p. = 37 – 38 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.37 – 7.22 (m, 4H, Ar-H and β -H), 6.95 – 6.80 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.29 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 198.4, 143.5, 141.3, 136.0, 130.5, 129.2, 128.9, 127.3, 126.7, 27.4. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₂H₁₃O [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 173.0961; Found: 173.0950. IR (KBr): 3059, 3028, 3000, 1960, 1882, 1712, 1653, 1614, 1591, 1360, 1254, 995 cm⁻¹.



(*3E*, *5E*)-6-(4-fluorophenyl)hexa-3,5-dien-2-one (2ao) (Wu et al., 2016) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow solid (86% yield). $R_f = 0.55$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); m. p. = 40 – 41 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.45$ (dd, J = 8.6, 5.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.27 (dd, J = 15.5, 10.6 Hz, 1H, β -H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.94 – 6.75 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 6.25 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 198.6, 163.30$ (d, J = 250.1 Hz), 143.4, 140.0, 132.3 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 130.6, 129.1 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 126.5 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 116.1 (d, J = 21.9 Hz). 27.5. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₂H₁₂FO [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 191.0867; Found: 191.0877. IR (KBr): 2996, 2928, 2922, 1713, 1682, 1360, 1229, 1178, 978, 811 cm⁻¹.



(3E, 5E)-6-(p-tolyl)hexa-3,5-dien-2-one (2ap) (Wu et al., 2016) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as pale yellow solid (90% yield). R_f = 0.46 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); m. p. = 60 - 61 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.35 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.27 (dd, J = 15.5, 10.3 Hz, 1H, β -H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H),

6.93 – 6.77 (m, 2H, γ-H and δ-H), 6.21 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H, α-H), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.29 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 198.4$, 143.8, 141.4, 139.5, 133.3, 130.0, 129.6, 127.3, 125.7, 27.3, 21.4. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₃H₁₅O [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 187.1117; Found: 187.1115. IR (KBr): 3073, 2996, 2928, 1713, 1599, 1590, 1509, 1417, 1360, 1228, 1157, 977, 830 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-1-phenylhepta-2,4-dien-1-one (2ba) (Ma et al.,1989) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow oil (65% yield). R_f = 0.39 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.99 – 7.90 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 1H, β -H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H, α -H), 6.33 – 6.25 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 2.29 – 2.20 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 191.1, 148.0, 145.7, 138.4, 132.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 123.7, 26.4, 13.0. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₃H₁₅O [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 187.1117; Found: 187.1115. IR (KBr): 3062, 2960, 2867, 1673, 1619, 1452, 1284, 1103, 1010, 798, 696 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)hepta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bb) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow oil (71% yield). $R_f = 0.47$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 10). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.56 - 7.47$ (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.47 - 7.33 (m, 2H, Ar-H and β -H), 7.10 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.87 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H, α -H), 6.34 - 6.29 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.29 - 2.19 (m, 2H , CH₂), 1.08 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H , CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 190.7$, 160.0, 148.1, 145.7, 139.8, 129.6, 128.3, 123.7, 121.0, 119.3, 112.8, 55.6, 26.4, 13.0. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₄H₁₇O₂ [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 217.1223; Found: 217.1228. IR (KBr): 3075, 2959, 2931, 2035, 1720, 1680, 1590, 1487, 1459, 1430, 1265, 1041, 756 cm⁻¹.



(2*E*, 4*E*)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)hepta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bc) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow oil (65% yield). R_f = 0.54 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 10). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 2H, Ar-H and β -H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H, α -H), 6.36 – 6.30 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 2.30 – 2.19 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 189.6, 163.0 (d, *J* = 247.7 Hz), 148.7, 146.4, 140.6 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 130.3 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 128.2, 124.1 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 123.2, 119.6 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 115.3 (d, *J* = 22.3 Hz). 26.4, 12.9. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₃H₁₄O [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 227.0831; Found: 227.0833. IR (KBr): 2959, 2927, 2867, 1724, 1599, 1506, 1461, 1410, 1273, 1235, 1156, 1038, 844 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-1-phenylocta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bd) (Kim et al., 2015) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow oil (65% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.55 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 10). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.50 – 7.36 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.41 (dd, J = 15.1, 10.4 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.88 (d, J = 15.1, 1H, α -H), 6.38 – 6.20 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 2.25 – 2.17 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.54 – 1.43 (m, 2H, CH₂), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 191.1, 146.5, 145.6, 138.4, 132.6, 129.4, 128.5, 123.7, 35.4, 22.1, 13.8. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₄H₁₆NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 223.1093; Found: 223.1085. IR (KBr): 3015, 2961, 2860, 1660, 1591, 1452, 1351, 1268, 1090, 692 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-1-phenylnona-2,4-dien-1-one (2be) (Armstrong et al., 2010) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow oil (71% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.28 (EtOAc /

hexanes 1 : 20). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.96 - 7.91$ (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.58 - 7.51 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.50 - 7.43 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.41 (dd, J = 15.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.88 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H, α -H), 6.37 - 6.20 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 2.27 - 2.15 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.52 - 1.23 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 0.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 191.1$, 146.8, 145.6, 138.5, 132.6, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 123.7, 33.0, 31.0, 22.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₅H₁₈NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 237.1250; Found: 237.1245. IR (KBr): 3025, 2960, 2867, 1662, 1592, 1450, 1353, 1268, 1090, 696 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-1-phenyldeca-2,4-dien-1-one (2bf) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow oil (65% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.50 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.97 – 7.90 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.40 (dd, J = 15.1, 10.0 Hz, 1H , β -H), 6.88 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H, α -H), 6.39 – 6.20 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 2.27 – 2.15 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.51 – 1.40 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.38 – 1.24 (m, 4H, CH₂), 0.90 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 191.1, 146.8, 145.6, 138.5, 132.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 123.7, 33.3, 31.5, 28.5, 22.6, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₆H₂₁O [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 229.1587; Found: 229.1590. IR (KBr): 2917, 2863, 1664, 1592, 1452, 1263, 1008, 769, 696 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-1-phenyldodeca-2,4-dien-1-one (2bg) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow oil (65% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.56 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.98 – 7.90 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.41 (dd, J = 15.1, 10.0 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.89 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H, α -H), 6.39 – 6.19 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 2.28 – 2.15 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.52 – 1.39 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.33 – 1.27 (m, 8H, 4CH₂), 0.89 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 191.1, 146.9, 145.7, 138.4, 132.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 123.6, 33.4,

31.9, 29.3, 29.2, 28.8, 22.8, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₅O [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 257.1900; Found: 257.1891. IR (KBr): 2919, 2950, 1658, 1585, 1463, 1357, 1268, 1074, 1001, 692 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-1-phenyltetradeca-2,4-dien-1-one (2bh) (Kim et al., 2015) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow oil (56% yield). R_f = 0.43 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 10.0 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H, α -H), 6.38 – 6.20 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 2.28 – 2.15 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.50 – 1.40 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.35 – 1.21 (m, 12H, 6CH₂), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 191.1, 146.9, 145.7, 138.5, 132.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 123.7, 33.4, 32.0, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 28.8, 22.8, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) for C₂₀H₂₉O [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 285.2213; Found: 285.2217. IR (KBr): 2950, 2919, 1658, 1585, 1463, 1357, 1268, 1074, 1001, 692 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-5,7,7-trimethyl-1-phenylocta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bi) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow oil (66% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.43 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.98 – 7.95 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.77 (dd, J = 14.8, 11.8 Hz, 1H, β -H), 7.74 – 7.51 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.92 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H, α -H), 6.11 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H, γ -H), 2.10 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.95 (s, 9H, 3CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 191.1, 150.9, 141.2, 138.6, 132.6, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 123.3, 54.4, 32.8, 30.3, 20.6. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₇H₂₂NaO [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 265.1563; Found: 265.1579. IR (KBr): 3062, 3030, 2954, 2926, 2865, 1968, 1598, 1490, 1450, 1269, 1180, 1007, 694 cm⁻¹.



(*E*)-3-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (2bj) (Kim et al., 2015) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow oil (76% yield). R_f = 0.43 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H, α -H) , 6.29 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H, δ -H), 2.34 – 2.19 (m, 4H, CH₂), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.69 – 1.60 (m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz , CDCl₃): δ = 191.4, 148.6, 140.9, 138.7, 135.7, 132.5, 128.6, 128.5, 118.9, 26.8, 24.5, 22.2, 22.1. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₅H₁₆NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 235.1093; Found: 235.1100. IR (KBr): 2925, 2854, 1582, 1650, 1444, 1290, 1122, 970, 831, 682 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-1,5-diphenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bk) (Armstrong et al., 2010) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow solid (73% yield). $R_f = 0.46$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); m. p. = 91 – 94 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.98 - 7.94$ (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 190.5$, 144.9, 142.0, 138.3, 136.1, 132.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 127.4, 127.0, 125.5. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₇H₁₄NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 257.0937; Found: 257.0925. IR (KBr): 3060, 3029, 2958, 2928, 2597, 1963, 1903, 1717, 1682, 1657, 1578, 1284, 1253, 1010, 695 cm⁻¹.



(2*E*, 4*E*)-1-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bl) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow gum (77% yield). $R_f = 0.42$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.81$ (td, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.27 (td, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, J = 10.7, 8.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.97 (dd, J = 15.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 189.2$, 161.2 (d, J = 252.9 Hz), 145.1, 142.5, 136.1,

133.9 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 131.0 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 129.4, 129.1 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 129.0, 127.5, 127.3 (d, J = 13.4 Hz), 127.0, 124.6 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 116.6 (d, J = 23.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) for C₁₇H₁₃FNaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 275.0843; Found: 275.0836. IR (KBr): 3062, 3030, 2926, 1655, 1609, 1579, 1282, 1012, 798, 692 cm⁻¹.



(2*E*, 4*E*)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bm) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow solid (74% yield). $R_f = 0.36$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); m. p. = 52 – 56 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.74$ (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.97 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 189.0$ (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 162.9 (d, J = 247.7 Hz), 145.6, 142.6, 140.4 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 136.0, 130.3 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 129.5, 129.0, 127.5, 126.8, 124.8 124.1 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 119.7 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 115.3 (d, J = 22.3 Hz). HRMS (ESI) for C₁₇H₁₄FO [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 253.1023; Found: 253.1026. IR (KBr): 3070, 3029, 2922, 1680, 1658, 1581, 1486, 1262, 1001, 790 cm⁻¹.



(2*E*, 4*E*)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bn) (Polaquini et al., 2017) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow solid (77% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.36 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); m. p. = 80 – 83 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.94 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.88 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 188.8, 165.6 (d, *J* = 254.2 Hz), 145.1, 142.3, 136.1, 134.6 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz). 131.0 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 129.4, 128.9, 127.4, 126.9, 124.9, 115.8 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz). HRMS (ESI) for C₁₇H₁₃FNaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 275.0843; Found: 275.0836. IR (KBr): 3067, 3024, 2959, 2924, 1652, 1602, 1502, 1250, 1002, 800, 619 cm⁻¹.



(2*E*, 4*E*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bo) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow gum (77% yield). $R_f = 0.36$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.58$ (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.05 – 6.89 (m, 5H), 3.89 (s, 3H, OCH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 193.2$, 158.1, 143.7, 141.3, 136.4, 132.8, 130.6, 130.4, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 127.3, 120.8, 111.7, 55.8. HRMS (ESI) for $C_{18}H_{16}NaO_2$ [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 287.1043; Found: 287.1051. IR (KBr): 3026, 3024, 2939, 1648, 1598, 1483, 1462, 1288, 1245, 1020, 755 cm⁻¹.



(2*E*, 4*E*)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bp) (Polaquini et al., 2017) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow solid (76% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.46 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 10); m. p. = 71 - 75 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.64 - 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.49 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.08 (ddd, J = 8.4, 2.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02–6.91 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 190.0, 159.9, 144.8, 141.9, 139.6, 136.1, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 127.3, 126.9, 125.4, 120.9, 119.2, 112.7, 55.4. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₁₆NaO₂ [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 287.1043; Found: 287.1051. IR (KBr): 3003, 2958, 2928, 1724, 1647, 1649, 1595, 1508, 1253, 1170, 1023, 998, 846, 691 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bq) (Armstrong et al., 2010) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as pale yellow solid (77% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.55 (EtOAc / hexanes 1:10). m. p. = 55 – 58 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.00 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (ddd, J = 14.8, 9.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J

= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.91 (m, 4H), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 188.7, 163.4, 144.1, 141.5, 136.3, 131.2, 130.8, 129.2, 128.9, 127.3, 127.1, 125.3, 113.9, 55.5. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₁₆NaO₂ [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 287.1043; Found: 287.1047. IR (KBr): 3052, 3003, 2958, 2929, 1597, 1356, 1257, 1023, 999, 845, 737 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-5-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)penta-2,4-dien-1-one (2br) (Polaquini et al., 2017) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as pale yellow solid (81% yield). R_f = 0.46 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 10); m. p. = 78 – 82 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.89 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (dd, J = 14.9, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 189.9, 144.4, 143.5, 141.7, 136.1, 135.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 127.3, 127.0, 125.4, 21.7. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₁₆NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 271.1093; Found: 271.1091. IR (KBr): 2921, 2856, 2732, 1673, 1444, 1251, 997, 802, 688 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-1-phenyl-5-(p-tolyl)penta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bs) (Armstrong et al., 2010) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as as yellow solid (81% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.47 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20). m. p. = 62 – 65 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.97 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 190.6, 145.3, 142.2, 139.6, 138.4, 133.5, 132.7, 130.0, 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 126.1, 125.0, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₁₇O [M+ H⁺]: Calcd: 249.1274; Found: 249.1282. IR (KBr): 3026, 2923, 2862, 2295, 1721, 1650, 1575, 1447, 1252, 1005, 842, 808, 692 cm⁻¹.



(2*E*, 4*E*)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bt) (Armstrong et al., 2010) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as as yellow solid (83% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.44 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20). m. p. = 58 – 60 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.99 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.09 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.93 – 6.85 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 190.2, 163.2 (d, *J* = 250.0 Hz), 144.6, 140.5, 138.2, 132.7, 132.4 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 129.0 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 128.6, 128.4, 126.7 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 125.4 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz). HRMS (ESI) for C₁₇H₁₄FO [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 253.1023; Found: 253.1013. IR (KBr): 3061, 2958, 2929, 2595, 1893, 1721, 1655, 1580, 1508, 1449, 1284, 1250, 1201, 1155, 1011, 1011, 844, 824, 694 cm⁻¹. Crystallographic data of **2bt** is available free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre under accession number CCDC-1892057.



(*2E*, *4E*)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (2bu) (Polaquini et al., 2017) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as as yellow solid (78% yield). R_f = 0.45 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 20). m. p. = 104 – 106 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.02 – 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.72 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.44 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 6.99 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 190.4, 144.9, 142.1, 136.3, 135.7, 135.6, 132.7, 129.9, 129.7, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 127.2, 126.9, 125.6, 124.6. HRMS (ESI) for C₂₁H₁₇O [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 285.1274; Found: 285.1261. IR (KBr): 3056, 3025, 2957, 2864, 1725, 1655, 1622, 1580, 1496, 1463, 1360, 1285, 1149, 1000, 747, 693, cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-octa-2,4-dienal (4aa) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as colourless oil liquid (81% yield). R_f = 0.49 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CHO), 7.09 (dd, J = 15.3, 9.7 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.39 – 6.21 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 6.08 (dd, J = 15.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.25 – 2.15 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.55 – 1.44 (m, 2H, CH₂), 0.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 194.2, 153.1, 147.3, 130.2, 128.9, 35.3, 21.9, 13.8. HRMS (ESI) for C₈H₁₂NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 147.0780; Found: 147.0789. IR (KBr): 2923, 2854, 1681, 1459, 1374, 1116, 792 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-nona-2,4-dienal (2ab) (Kelly et al., 2015) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as colourless oil liquid (83% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.47 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CHO), 7.10 (dd, J = 15.2, 10.0 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.36 – 6.24 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 6.08 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.25 – 2.17 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.50 – 1.40 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 2H, CH₂), 0.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.1, 153.0, 147.5, 130.1, 128.8, 33.0, 30.8, 22.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) for C₉H₁₄NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 161.0937; Found: 161.0945. IR (KBr): 2929, 2865, 1687, 1637, 1164, 1118, 987, 734 cm⁻¹.



(2*E*, 4*E*)-deca-2,4-dienal (4ac) (Holan et al., 2014) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as colorless oil (82% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.55 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 30). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CHO), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 9.6 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.44 – 6.22 (m, 2H, γ -H and δ -H), 6.08 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.24 – 2.16 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.51 – 1.42 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.39 – 1.18 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 194.1, 153.1, 147.6, 130.2, 128.8, 33.3, 31.5, 28.4, 22.6, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₀H₁₇O [M+H⁺]: Calcd:

153.1274; Found: 153.1280. IR (KBr): 2923, 2856, 1671, 1085, 624 cm⁻¹.



(2E, 4E)-5-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-methylpenta-2,4-dienal (4ae) (Riveira et al., 2012) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow solid (85% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.51 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 4). m. p. = 70 – 71 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.53 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CHO), 7.17 (d, J = 15.5, 1H, β -H), 6.83 – 6.66 (m, 4H, Ar-H and δ -H), 6.15 (dd, J = 15.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H, α -H), 5.91 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.99 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 194.0, 158.4, 147.8, 147.82, 140.78, 133.1, 130.4, 127.7, 124.7, 109.5, 108.5, 101.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₃H₁₃O₃ [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 217.0859; Found: 217.0862. IR (KBr): 2913, 1673,1599, 1495, 1444, 1359, 1296,1253, 1195,1154, 1035, 983, 798 cm⁻¹.



(*E*)-5-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)pent-2-enal (3ad) $R_f = 0.51$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 10); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 9.49$ (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CHO), 6.90 - 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.77 - 6.59 (m, 3H), 6.12 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H, OCH₂O), 2.85 - 2.70 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.70 - 2.52 (m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 194.1$, 157.4, 147.9, 146.1, 134.1, 133.5, 121.3, 108.8, 108.4, 101.0, 34.6, 33.9. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₂H₁₂O₃Na [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 227.0679; Found: 227.0683. IR KBr): 2362, 1681, 1488, 1239, 1117, 1032, 919, 804, 742 cm⁻¹.



(2E,4E)-5-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)penta-2,4-dienal (4ad) (Chandrasekhar et al., 2000) Prepared according to general procedure to afford as yellow solid (91% yield). $R_{\rm f} = 0.45$ (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 10). m. p. = 77 - 78 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CHO), 7.24 (dd, J = 14.9, 10.4 Hz, 1H, β-H), 7.08 – 6.75 (m, 5H, Ar-H and γ-H and δ-H), 6.23 (dd, J = 15.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H, α-H), 6.01 (s, 2H, OCH₂O). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 193.7, 152.5, 149.3, 148.5, 142.4, 131.0, 130.2, 124.6, 123.8, 108.8, 106.2, 101.7. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₂H₁₀O₃Na [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 225.0522; Found: 225.0516. IR (KBr): 2914, 1675, 1599, 1495, 1444, 1359, 1296, 1253, 1195, 1154, 1035, 983, 797 cm⁻¹.



(2*E*,4*E*)-5-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)penta-2,4-dienoic acid (5) Prepared according to previous literature's procedure (Chandrasekhar et al., 2000) to afford as yellow solid (83% yield). R_f = 0.40 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 4). m. p. = 194 – 195 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 12.29 (br, 1H, COOH), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 15.2, 6.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H, β-H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.05 – 6.88 (m, 4H, Ar-H and γ-H and δ-H), 6.06 (s, 2H, CH₂), 5.93 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H, α-H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) : δ = 168.1, 148.6, 148.5, 145.1, 140.3, 131.0, 125.3, 123.6, 121.6, 109.0, 106.2, 101.8. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₂H₁₀O₄Na [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 241.0471; Found: 241.0482. IR (KBr): 2921, 2544, 1679, 1601, 1459, 1449, 1368, 1309, 1257, 1193, 1148, 1104, 1035, 998, 930, 851, 797, 607 cm⁻¹.



Piperine Prepared according to previous literature's procedure (Chandrasekhar et al., 2000) to afford as pale yellow solid (71% yield). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.42 (EtOAc / hexanes 1 : 10). m. p. = 121 – 122 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.40 (ddd, J = 14.6, 7.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H, β-H), 6.97 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.81 – 6.71 (m, 3H, Ar-H and γ-H and δ-H), 6.44 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H, α-H), 5.96 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.57 (d, J = 44.1 Hz, 4H, 2CH₂), 1.62 (dd, J = 28.2, 4.5 Hz, 6H, 3CH₂). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 165.4, 148.2, 148.1, 142.5, 138.2, 131.0, 125.4, 122.5, 120.1, 108.5, 105.7, 101.3, 46.9, 43.3, 26.8, 25.7, 24.7. HRMS (ESI) for $C_{17}H_{20}NO_3$ [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 286.1438; Found: 286.1447. IR (KBr): 3007, 2938, 1634, 1583, 1489, 1444, 1363, 1252, 1194, 1132, 1027, 926, 850 cm⁻¹.

3. General Procedure for the Mechanistic Experiments

3.1. Parallel experiments for k_H / k_D

Deuterated-substratep reparation: Synthesis of $[5,5-d_2]$

(*E*)-6-phenylhex-3-en-2-one ($S1-d_2$)



Figure S1 Synthesis of substrate $S1-d_2$, related to Scheme 4

[2,2-d₂]-3-phenylpropanal (D₁). (Ariza et al., 2010) Hydrocinnamaldehyde (1 mL) 100 °C with D_2O (1 mL) was heated to in the presence of 4-(N,N-dimethylamino)pyridine (4-DMAP, 13 mg) for 1 h in a septum-sealed flask. Thus, CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) and 1M aq. HCl (1 mL) were added to the mixture at room temperature. The organic layer was then washed with aq. NaHCO₃ and brine. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent was carefully removed. The crude product was shown to be 99 % deuterated material, and was distilled in vacuo to yield **D**₁ (98% yield, 99% D) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 9.85$ (s, 1H, CHO), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 3.00 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 201.9$, 140.4, 128.7, 128.4, 126.4, 45.1 – 44.4 (m), 28.0. HRMS (ESI) for C₉H₉D₂NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 159.0749; Found: 159.0755. IR (KBr): 3060, 3027, 2927, 2859, 2723, 1722, 1495, 1450, 745, 700 cm⁻¹.



Figure S2 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound D_1 , related to Scheme 4



Figure S3 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound D₁, related to Scheme 4

 $[5,5-d_2]-(E)-6$ -phenylhex-3-en-2-one $(S1-d_2)$. (Shih et al., 2015) A mixture of (acetylmethylene)Triphenylphosphorane (1 g, 318, 3.3 mmol) and D1 (408 mg, 3.0

mmol) was heated at 80 °C in a two necked round bottom flask using 1,2-dichloroethane (10.0 mL) as solvent for 16 hour. The completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Then solvent was evaporated in rotary evaporator under reduced pressure to obtain the residue. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to isolate the product. The product was obtained colorless liquid. (83% yield, 99% D). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.74 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.19 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 198.4, 146.9, 140.5, 131.7, 128.4, 128.2, 126.1, 34.1, 34.0 – 33.1 (m), 26.7. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₂H₁₂D₂NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 199.1062; Found: 199.1057. IR (KBr): 3309, 3059, 3027, 2926, 2859, 1673, 1626, 1360, 1257, 988, 743, 701 cm⁻¹.



Figure S4¹H NMR spectrum of compound S1-d₂, related to Scheme 4



Figure S5 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound S1-*d*₂, related to Scheme 4

KIE experiment: We use **1an** and deuterated **S1**- d_2 as starting materials and two parallel sets reactions at standard conditions. The conversion was measured by ¹H NMR analysis for five times (30 min, 60 min, 90 min, 120 min, 150 min) to compare the initial reaction rates.

Table S1. Conversion (%) of the reaction of 1an (α -H₂ and α -D₂), related to Scheme 4



reaction time (min)	H-Conversion (%)	D-Conversion (%)
30	12.8%	2.9%
60	18.9%	3.8%
90	26.2%	6.0%
120	35.8%	6.5%
150	40.2%	7.7%



Figure S6. Conversion (%) versus Time (min), related to Scheme 4

3.2. Intramolecular competitive reaction for K_H / K_D

Deuterated-substrate preparation (Diao et al., 2012): Synthesis of [6-d] (*E*)-6-phenylhex-3-en-2-one ($S2-d_I$)



Figure S7. Synthesis of substrate S2-d₁, related to Scheme 4

[1,1-*d*₂]-Benzyl alcohol (D₂). (Diao et al., 2012) An oven-dried 250 mL round bottom flask was equipped with a stir bar. After purging with N₂, the flask was charged with LiAlD₄ (513 mg, 13.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and 50 mL THF and stirred at 0 °C. A oven-dried 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with stir bar and septum was purged with N₂. A solution of benzoic acid (1.50 g, 12.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in 50 mL THF were added to the 100 mL flask and stirred at 0 °C. Above benzoic acid solution were added dropwise to the LiAlD₄ suspension at 0 °C using a cannula. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and allowed stirring for overnight. The mixture was diluted to 2 × its original volume with ethyl acetate and quenched by dropwise addition of water at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 50 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated by evaporation. Distillation in vacuo yielded **D**₂ (45%, 99% D) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR data match previously reported data. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 7.41 – 7.16 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 3.74 (br, 1H, OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 140.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.1, 64.4-60.6 (m). HRMS (ESI) for C₇H₆D₂NaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 133.0593; Found: 133.0600. IR (KBr): 3325, 3027, 2197, 2135, 2085, 1494, 1447, 1227, 1095, 1058, 1024, 965, 921, 716 cm⁻¹.



Figure S8 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound D₂, related to Scheme 4


Figure S9¹³C NMR spectrum of compound D₂, related to Scheme 4

[1-*d₁*]-Benzaldhyde (D₃) (Diao et al., 2012) A 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was charged with 20 mL CH₂Cl₂ and D₂ (380 mg, 3.44 mmol). Then DMP (1,1,1-Triacetoxy-1,1-Dihydro-1,2-Benziodoxol-3(1H)-One (2.19 g, 5.16 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added with stirring. The solution was stirred at room temperature and consumption of starting material was monitored by TLC. Upon reaction completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica. Removal of solvent afforded D₃ (90% yield, 99% D) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR data match previously reported data. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.67 – 7.57 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H, Ar-H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ =187.4 (t, *J* = 26 Hz), 131.5, 129.7, 125.0, 124.2. HRMS (ESI) for C₇H₆DO [M+H⁺]: Calcd: 108.0554; Found: 108.0553. IR (KBr): 3061, 3030, 2989, 2937, 2827, 2595, 1687, 1450, 1266, 1113, 1083, 1031, 736, 697 cm⁻¹.



Figure S10 1 H NMR spectrum of compound D₃, related to Scheme 4



Figure S11 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound D₃, related to Scheme 4

[3- d_1]-cinnamaldehyde (D₄) (Diao et al., 2012) A mixture of (acetaldehyde)Triphenylphosphoranylidene (1 g, 3.3 mmol) and D₃ (321 mg, 3.0

mmol) was heated at 80 °C in a two necked round bottom flask using 1,2-dichloroethane (10.0 mL) as solvent for 16 hour. The completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Then solvent was evaporated in rotary evaporator under reduced pressure to obtain the residue. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to isolate the product. The product was obtained colorless liquid (52% Yield, 99% D). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 9.71$ (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, CHO), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.78 – 6.68 (m, 1H, α -H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 193.8$, 152.5 (t, J = 23.0 Hz), 134.0, 131.3, 129.1 (2C), 128.5 (3C). HRMS (ESI) for C₉H₇DNaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 156.0530; Found: 156.0535. IR (KBr): 3058, 3026, 2970, 2828, 2727, 2614, 1676, 1612, 1149, 891, 691 cm⁻¹.



Figure S12 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound D₄, related to Scheme 4



Figure S13¹³C NMR spectrum of compound D₄, related to Scheme 4

[3-*d*₁]-3-phenylpropanal (D₅) (Diao et al., 2012) A 50 mL round bottom flask equipped with stir bar and septum was charged with EtOAc (10 mL), D₄ (211.5 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 5% Pd/C (10 wt % of the substrate). A balloon was purged three times with H₂, and introduced into the reaction via a needle. The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature under H₂ (1 atm) for 2 h. Filtration through a plug of celite and the solvent was removed in vacuo and the crude material was purified by column chromatography using a 10% EtOAc in hexane gradient to afford D₅ as a colorless liquid (82% yield, 99% D). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 9.79 (s, 1H, CHO), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 2.92 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, β -H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, α -H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 201.6, 140.4, 128.6, 128.3, 126.3, 45.2, 27.8 (t, *J* = 20.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI) for C₉H₉DNaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 158.0687; Found: 158.0683. IR (KBr): 3060, 3027, 2929, 2724, 1710, 1495, 1286, 792, 700 cm⁻¹.



Figure S14 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound D₅, related to Scheme 4



Figure S15 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound D₅, related to Scheme 4

 $[6-d_1]-(E)$ -6-phenylhex-3-en-2-one $(S2-d_1)$ (Diao et al., 2012) A mixture of (acetylmethylene)Triphenylphosphorane (1 g, 3.3 mmol) and D_3 (321 mg, 3.0 mmol)

was heated at 80 °C in a two necked round bottom flask using 1,2-dichloroethane (10.0 mL) as solvent for 16 hour. The completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Then solvent was evaporated in rotary evaporator under reduced pressure to obtain the residue. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to isolate the product. The product was obtained colorless liquid. (92% Yield, 99% D). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.81 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H, β -H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H, α -H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, CHD), 2.56 – 2.47 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.21 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 198.6, 147.1, 140.6, 131.7, 128.5, 128.3, 126.2, 34.3 – 33.7 (m, 2C), 26.9. HRMS (ESI) for C₁₂H₁₃DNaO [M+Na⁺]: Calcd: 198.1000; Found: 198.0996. IR (KBr): 3313, 3058, 3026, 2926, 1673, 1628, 1360, 1255, 979, 741, 700 cm⁻¹.



Figure S16 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound S2- d_1 , related to Scheme 4



Figure S17 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound S2- d_1 , related to Scheme 4

KIE experiment: We use deuterated $S2-d_1$ as starting materials to compare the initial reaction rates.



Figure S18 KIE experiment, related to Scheme 4

[6-*d*]-(3*E*,5*E*)-6-phenylhexa-3,5-dien-2-one. A seal tube containing S2-*d*₁ (100%-D, 0.5 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), was evacuated and filled with dioxygen gas using an oxygen containing balloon. Then, Dry DMSO (5 mL), trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (1.0 mmol) were sequentially added to the system via syringe under an oxygen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C until completion of the reaction (TLC). Then the reaction was cooled to RT and partitioned between water and ethyl acetate. The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with aqueous saturated brine solution, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. ¹H NMR specture was recorded without Further purification. (90% yield, 56% D). $k_H / k_D = 1.2$ was also obtained by calculation of the ratio of two products.

The ¹H NMR specture as follows:



Figure S19¹H NMR spectrum for the KIE value, related to Scheme 4

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5. Supplemental Figures for ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra



Figure S21 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2aa, related to Scheme 2



Figure S23 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2ab, related to Scheme 2



Figure S25 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2ac, related to Scheme 2



Figure S27 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2ad, related to Scheme 2



Figure S29 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2ae, related to Scheme 2



Figure S31 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2af, related to Scheme 2



Figure S33 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2ag, related to Scheme 2



Figure S35 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2ah, related to Scheme 2



Figure S37 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2ai, related to Scheme 2



Figure S39 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2aj, related to Scheme 2



Figure S41¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2ak, related to Scheme 2



Figure S43 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2al, related to Scheme 2



Figure S45¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2am, related to Scheme 2



Figure S46¹H NMR spectrum of compound 2an, related to Scheme 2



Figure S47 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2an, related to Scheme 2



Figure S49 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2ao, related to Scheme 2



Figure S51 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2ap, related to Scheme 2



Figure S53 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2ba, related to Scheme 2



Figure S55 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bb, related to Scheme 2



Figure S57 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bc, related to Scheme 2



Figure S59 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bd, related to Scheme 2



Figure S61 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2be, related to Scheme 2



Figure S63 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bf, related to Scheme 2



Figure S65 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bg, related to Scheme 2



Figure S67 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bh, related to Scheme 2



Figure S69 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bi, related to Scheme 2



Figure S71 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bj, related to Scheme 2





Figure S73 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bk, related to Scheme 2




Figure S75¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bl, related to Scheme 2



Figure S77 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bm, related to Scheme 2



Figure S78 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 2bm, related to Scheme 2



Figure S79 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bm, related to Scheme 2



Figure S81 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bo, related to Scheme 2



Figure S82 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 2bp, related to Scheme 2



Figure S83 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bp, related to Scheme 2



Figure S85 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bq, related to Scheme 2



Figure S86¹H NMR spectrum of compound 2br, related to Scheme 2



Figure S87 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2br, related to Scheme 2



Figure S89 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bs, related to Scheme 2



Figure S91 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bt, related to Scheme 2



Figure S93 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2bu, related to Scheme 2



Figure S95 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 4aa, related to Scheme 2



Figure S97 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 4ab, related to Scheme 2



Figure S99 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 4ac, related to Scheme 2



Figure S100 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 4ae, related to Scheme 2



Figure S101 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 4ae, related to Scheme 2



Figure S103 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 3ad, related to Scheme 3



Figure S105 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 4ad, related to Scheme 3



Figure S107 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 5, related to Scheme 3



Figure S109¹³C NMR spectrum of Piperine, related to Scheme 3

6. X-ray Crystal Structure of Compounds 2bt



Figure S110 X-ray Crystal Structure of compound 2bt, related to Scheme 2