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# Visible Light-Mediated Photochemical Reactions of 2-(2'-Alkenyloxy)cycloalk-2-enones

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reactivity was studied upon sensitized irradiation at  $\lambda = 420$  nm. Thioxanthen-9-one was employed as the sensitizer at a loading of 10 mol % in small-scale reactions and of 2.5 mol % on a larger scale. Cyclohex-2-enones substituted by a 2'-propenyloxy, 2'butenyloxy, 2'-pentenyloxy, or 2'-methyl-2'-propenyloxy group in the 2-position gave the products of an intramolecular [2 + 2] photocycloadditon. The reaction proceeded with high regioselectivity (crossed product) and perfect diastereoselectivity (nine examples, 34–99% yield). If the olefin in the tether was trisubstituted (3'-methyl-2'-butenyloxy), no cycloaddition was observed. Rather, a cyclization with subsequent hydrogen



abstraction occurred (three examples, 65-86% yield). The results are consistent with a reaction course via a triplet enone intermediate and the formation of a 1,4-diradical by an initial cyclization. The analogous cyclopent-2-enones were less prone to an intramolecular reaction. Instead, decomposition or intermolecular [2 + 2] photocycloaddition reactions prevailed. In the latter event, two main products were identified (three examples, 30-43% yield), resulting either from a head-to-head [2 + 2]-photodimerization or from a twofold [2 + 2] photocycloaddition of the enone to the olefin. The latter reaction sequence generated pentacyclic products with a central [1,5]dioxocane ring. The structure assignment of the two product types was corroborated by a single-crystal X-ray analysis.

# **INTRODUCTION**

Like most intramolecular cycloadditions, the [2 + 2] photocycloaddition<sup>1</sup> benefits from an improved regioselectivity if the two reaction partners are linked by a suitable tether. Cyclic  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones represent the most frequently used chromophores in these reactions<sup>2</sup> and the preferred position for attachment of a tether is the  $\alpha$ - or the  $\beta$ -position.<sup>3</sup> For an  $\alpha$ -substituted enone I (Scheme 1), the number *m* of atoms in the tether governs the regioselectivity. A preference

Scheme 1. Regioselectivity in the Intramolecular [2 + 2]Photocycloaddition of  $\alpha$ -Substituted Enones I and Possible Reaction Pathways of  $\alpha$ -Allyloxy-Substituted Enones IV



toward a parallel approach of the two olefins is observed if three or four atoms link the two olefinic groups (m = 3, 4), and the photocycloaddition products II are frequently referred to as straight products. If the tether is short (m = 2)photocycloaddition products III prevail in which the two olefins approach each other in a crossed fashion. The regioselectivity can be understood by the mechanistic course of the reaction<sup>4</sup> which involves an initial attack of the olefin on the photoexcited enone to a 1,4-diradical intermediate (vide infra). The first step of the cycloaddition is consequently a cyclization in which the formation of five-membered rings<sup>5</sup> is preferred.

2-(2'-Alkenyloxy)cycloalk-2-enones with the general structure IV represent a relatively unexplored compound class in [2 + 2] photocycloaddition chemistry. Ikeda et al. performed experiments with three 2-allyloxycyclohex-2-enones as substrates, employing a high-pressure mercury lamp as the light

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source and acetone as the solvent.<sup>6</sup> Crossed products (general structure V) were obtained in 53-63% yield and subsequent transformations of these products were intensively studied. We have now looked at an expanded set of substrates with two main objectives: (a) Instead of UV light it was attempted to perform the photochemical reactions with visible light. To this end, a suitable sensitizer was required which absorbs in the visible range and does not lead to any side reactions. While visible light-mediated, sensitized reactions of styrenes and related compounds have recently received broad attention,<sup>7</sup> studies with cyclic enones have remained scarce.<sup>8</sup> (b) It was expected that other reaction pathways might be feasible depending on the structure of the chromophore and the substitution pattern of the olefin. Most importantly, [2 + 2]photodimerization and hydrogen abstraction<sup>9</sup> were foreseen as competing reactions which would in turn lead to intriguing new structures. The results of our experimental work are summarized in this account.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Figure 1 provides an overview about the compounds we employed in the present study. With regard to the olefin



Figure 1. Overview about the 2-(2'-alkenyloxy)cycloalk-2-enones 1-3 employed in this study.

component, three 2'-alkenyloxy groups were employed, that is, a 2'-propenyloxy (allyloxy) group (substrates 1), a 2'-methyl-2'-propenyloxy (methallyloxy) group (substrates 2), and a 3'methyl-2'-butenyloxy (prenyloxy) group (substrates 3). With regard to the enone component, some substituted cyclic enones (substrates **b**, **c**, **d**, **f**) were probed as starting materials apart from the unsubstituted cyclohex-2-enones (substrates **a**) and cyclopent-2-enones (substrates **e**). Cyclohex-2-enones with (*Z*)- and (*E*)-substituted 2'-alkenyloxy groups were also prepared but will be discussed in a later section.

Because the synthesis of 2-(2'-alkenyloxy)-4,4-dimethylcyclohex-2-enones was low yielding only substrates 1d and 2d were synthesized but not 3d. In general, three approaches toward the [2 + 2] photocycloaddition precursors were taken. Starting from cyclic 1,2-diketones the alkenyloxy group was introduced either by condensation with the respective allylic alcohol under acidic conditions (method A: TsOH in cyclohexane, reflux)<sup>6,10</sup> or by nucleophilic substitution of an allyl bromide via the enolate (method B: K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in DMF, room temperature).<sup>11</sup> Along these lines, 1,2-diketones 4a, 4b, 4e, and 4f (Figure 2) served as precursors for the respective 2-(2'-alkenyloxy)cycloalk-2-enones 1a–3a, 1b–3b, 1e–3e, and 1f–3f. For the synthesis of substituted cyclohexenones 1c–3c and 1d, 2d epoxides 4c and 4d served as starting materials, which underwent nucleophilic substitution in position C2



**Figure 2.** Structure of starting materials 4 for the synthesis of 2-(2'-alkenyloxy)cycloalk-2-enones and structure of thioxanthen-9-one (5).

when treated with an excess of allylic alcohol under basic conditions (method C: NaH or KOH as base).<sup>12</sup> As mentioned above the reaction gave low yields (6-12%) when applied to epoxide 4d which limited the supply of the starting material. Reasons for the inefficiency of the procedure were difficulties in removing excess allylic alcohol and formation of a side product (see the Supporting Information for further details) by dimerization of the epoxide. Because the emphasis of the study was on the [2 + 2] photocycloaddition chemistry, alternative routes to the substituted enones were not pursued. With the exception of compounds 1a, 2a, and 1c, 2-(2'-alkenyloxy)cycloalk-2-enones have not been previously employed in photochemical reactions.

Preliminary photochemical studies were performed with substrate 1a. Its triplet energy was determined from phosphorescence experiments (77 K,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ) as  $E_T = 235$ kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. Because a wavelength of  $\lambda = 400$  nm corresponds to an energy of ca. 300 kJ  $Es^{-1}$  (1  $Es = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$  photons), it seemed feasible to promote the  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 + 2 \end{bmatrix}$  photocycloaddition with visible light upon a judicious choice of a sensitizer. In this regard, parent thioxanthen-9-one (5) and its derivatives represent an excellent option and have been nicely exploited by Booker-Milburn and co-workers in  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 + 2 \end{bmatrix}$  photocycloaddition reactions on a large scale.<sup>8b</sup> In recent works on visible light-mediated reactions, we have also seen that catalyst loadings can be as low as 1 mol % for a thioxanthone sensitizer.<sup>13</sup> Experiments with a selection of potential sensitizers (see the Supporting Information for details) confirmed the suitability of thioxanthen-9-one (5) as the catalyst in the planned reaction ( $E_{\rm T} = 268 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ).<sup>14</sup> Dichloromethane was established as the preferred solvent and there was no improvement in selectivity if the reaction was performed at low temperatures. The reactions were run on a small scale  $(50-200 \ \mu \text{mol substrate}, c = 10 \ \text{mM})$  at a wavelength of  $\lambda = 420$  nm (16 fluorescent lamps with an emission maximum at  $\lambda = 420$  nm, for the emission spectrum, see the Supporting Information) and yields of product 8a (Scheme 2) were consistently around 70%, irrespective of whether 2.5, 5, or 10 mol % of 5 were used. Indeed, the lowmolecular weight (212 Da) of thioxanthen-9-one (5) made it relatively difficult to measure the exact quantity. Iridium catalysts (2.5 mol %) with a much higher molecular weight performed similar to 5 and there was a correlation between the reaction time and the triplet energy of the catalyst. Sensitizers with a triplet energy  $E_{\rm T} > 250 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  led to a complete conversion after 2.5 h. The reaction time increased with a decrease in triplet energy. The reaction with  $Ir(ppy)_3$  ( $E_T$  = 231 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>),<sup>15</sup> for example, required 5 h before no substrate was detected by TLC. The ruthenium complex RuScheme 2. Mechanistic Proposal for the Course of the Sensitized Intermolecular [2 + 2] Photocycloaddition of Cyclohex-2-enone 1a



 $(bpy)_3(PF_6)_2$  ( $E_T = 193$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>)<sup>16</sup> did not promote the reaction and there was also no reaction in the absence of a sensitizer.

The formation of crossed product **8a** can be easily understood by assuming an energy transfer from the triplet state T<sub>1</sub> of thioxanthone **5** to substrate **1a**. Intermediate **5** (T<sub>1</sub>) is populated with high efficiency by direct excitation and rapid<sup>17</sup> intersystem crossing (ISC). An exothermic triplet energy transfer occurs by a spin-allowed, mutual electron– electron exchange process, often referred to as sensitization or triplet sensitization.<sup>18</sup> Upon energy transfer, the reactive triplet state **1a** (T<sub>1</sub>) is generated which is  $\pi\pi^*$  in character and prone to undergo double bond addition.<sup>4</sup> Subsequently, 1,4-diradicals **6** and 7 are formed by the five-membered ring closure<sup>5</sup> and both represent potential precursors to product **8a**. The low reduction potentials of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated enones ( $E_{1/2}^{red} \leq -2.0$ V)<sup>19</sup> render any single electron transfer (photoredox) processes not viable.

Several allyloxy- and methallyloxy-substituted cycloalk-2enones reacted similar to substrate 1a, and the results are summarized in Scheme 3. In order to secure a reproducible reaction course, 10 mol % of the sensitizer were used for small scale reactions. Some of the reactions were also performed on a larger scale (1 mmol) and at a higher concentration (c = 25mM). In this case, only 2.5 mol % of the sensitizer was

Scheme 3. Intramolecular [2 + 2] Photocycloaddition of Various 2-(2'-Alkenyloxy)cycloalk-2-enones upon Irradiation with Visible Light



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Yield if the reaction was performed on a 1 mmol scale.

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employed. Despite a longer reaction time, chemoselectivity did not suffer and the yields were as good as on a small scale or even higher.

Crossed photocycloadditon products 8a-8c and 9a-9cwere isolated cleanly without any indication for the formation of other side products. Among the 4,4-dimethylcyclohexenones 1d and 2d, only the latter substrate showed a photochemical reaction. The former substrate did not react and the starting material was recovered. Because quantities were limited, the low yield of product 9d might be associated with the loss of the product during chromatographic purification. Both compounds 9d and 9e were difficult to detect on TLC which further impaired a quantitative isolation. Cyclopentenone 1e was converted upon sensitized irradiation (cf. Scheme 3) but no defined products could be isolated. The same observation was made when the compound was irradiated directly at  $\lambda = 350$ nm (c = 10 mM, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

The suspected intermediacy of 1,4-diradicals in the course of the [2 + 2] photocycloaddition implied the possibility to perform stereoconvergent reactions<sup>20</sup> with 1,2-disubstituted olefins in the tether. Substrates *E*-10/*Z*-10 (Scheme 4) were

Scheme 4. Stereoconvergent Formation of [2 + 2]Photocycloaddition Products 11 and 13



obtained from an E/Z-mixture (d.r. = 50/50) of crotyl alcohol (2-butenol) by condensation with 1,2-diketone 4a (method A). Sensitized irradiation delivered photocycloaddition product 11 as a single diastereoisomer accompanied by an olefinic impurity which was removed by treatment with 3,6-bis-(methoxycarbonyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrazine.<sup>21</sup> The yield of the clean isolated product was 78% and its relative configuration was assigned based on NOESY spectra (see the Supporting Information for further details).

The ethyl-substituted substrates 12 were obtained in a diastereomerically pure form from (E)- and (Z)-3-penten-1-ol and diketone 4a. The compounds were individually subjected to the irradiation conditions and delivered the same product 13. In this case, the product was not completely homogenous but was contaminated by compound 14 (yield from E-12: quant., 13/14 = 82/18; yield from Z-12: 90%, 13/14 = 83/17). Byproduct formation is likely to occur from the intermediate 1,4-diradical by intramolecular hydrogen abstraction (vide infra). It was possible to remove the undesired compound by oxidation and the desired product 13 was obtained in 69% yield. The outcome of the reactions suggests that 1,4-diradicals related to 6 are the major intermediates in the [2 + 2] photocycloaddition to products 11 and 13. Not only do they explain the observed stereoconvergence of the reaction but they also account for the formation of the olefinic side products.

When cyclohexenones 3a-3c with a trisubstituted tethered olefin were employed as starting materials, a cyclization/reduction pathway became dominant and [2 + 2] photocycloaddition products were not detected. The high yields achieved for products 16a-16c (Scheme 5) render some

Scheme 5. Formation of Cyclization Products 16 from 2-Dimethylallyloxy-Substituted Enones 3 via 1,4-Diradicals 15



synthetic utility to this method, which represents formally a conjugate addition to the  $\beta$ -carbon atom of the  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated enone. The assignment of the relative product configuration was suggested by <sup>1</sup>H NMR coupling constants and NOESY experiments (see the Supporting Information for details) and the selectivity of the process is remarkable as it allows to construct three contiguous stereogenic centers with a defined configuration.

Mechanistically, the first step of the sequence occurs presumably in analogy to the C–C bond forming event previously mentioned  $(1a \rightarrow 6)$ , that is, the triplet of 3 undergoes intramolecular addition to the tethered olefin by a five-membered ring cyclization. However, because of steric hindrance of the substituents (R<sup>3</sup> and CMe<sub>2</sub>), bond formation occurs in a *trans* fashion. In the intermediate bicyclic 1,4diradical **15** cyclization to a cyclobutane by C–C bond formation is not feasible, but an intramolecular hydrogen abstraction<sup>9</sup> can readily occur which generates products **16**.

Like cyclopentenone 1e in the [2 + 2] photocycloaddition study, the cyclopentenone with a prenyloxy substituent (3e)showed only decomposition under the conditions successfully employed for substrate 3a. Also the cyclopentenones 1f-3f with an additional methyl group in the  $\beta$ -position displayed a reactivity that did not parallel the reactivity pattern of the comparable six-membered cyclic enones 1b-3b. In this instance, however, defined products could be isolated albeit in only low to moderate yields. The preferred reaction pathway of the cyclopentenones 1f-3f was a [2+2] photodimerization with the interesting twist that there are two double bonds available in each component. Along these lines, 2-(2'propenyloxy)-3-methylcycloalk-2-enone (1f) produced a set of [2 + 2] photocycloaddition products from which two products 17 and 18 could be isolated (Scheme 6). Product 17 is the [2 + 2] photodimerization product resulting from the addition of the two enone double bonds in what is commonly referred to as a *cis-anti-cis* addition.<sup>1,2</sup> The *cis* fusion between the five-membered rings and the four-membered ring is to be expected because of the rigidity of the skeleton, while the anti (trans) configuration of the cyclopentanone rings minimizes their steric repulsion. Based on its NMR data, second product 18 was also symmetric and—as confirmed by its crystal

Scheme 6. [2 + 2] Photodimerization of Cyclopent-2-enone 1f and Crystal Structure<sup>*a*</sup> of Product 18



"Ellipsoids in the ORTEP structure are displayed at the 50% probability level.

structure—it displays an inversion center  $(S_2 \text{ symmetry})$ .<sup>22</sup> The crystal structure revealed that the bicyclo[3.2.0]heptane core is *cis* connected and all substituents within the cyclobutane are positioned in a *cis* fashion. The two constitutionally identical bicyclo[3.2.0]heptane fragments possess an opposite absolute configuration. Given the low combined yield for compounds 17 and 18, it is likely that other dimerization products were formed but could not be isolated in a pure form. [2 + 2] Photodimerization, in a head-to-head fashion, is common for cyclopentenones,<sup>23</sup> while the regioselectivity of the intermolecular head-to-head double bond addition of a monosubstituted olefin to an enone has less precedence.<sup>9d,23d,24</sup>

The overall product yield achieved in the [2 + 2] photodimerization of compound 2f was slightly higher (44%) than observed for 1f. Again two regioisomers were isolated, one of which was the enone dimerization product 19 and the other the product of an enone/olefin addition. The configuration assignment for the latter product 20 was based on an analogy to product 18 (Scheme 7).





Remarkably, even prenyloxy-substituted enone **3f** did not display the cyclization tendency observed with cyclohexenones 3a-3c. Instead, the only product isolated from its sensitized irradiation was the head-to-head regioisomer **21** of a [2 + 2] photodimerization that was obtained in 34% yield. The  $C_2$ -symmetric compound displayed the same relative configuration as the previously discussed enone dimers **17** and **19**, and the structure assignment could in this specific case be secured by a single-crystal structure analysis (Figure 3).

The difference between the cyclopentenone and the cyclohexenone chromophore in the photochemical reactivity of their 2-(2'-alkenyloxy)-substituted derivatives is remarkable. Only in a single case (product **9e**), an intramolecular attack of



Figure 3. Structure of [2 + 2] photodimerization product 21 (ellipsoids in the ORTEP structure are displayed at the 50% probability level) obtained by sensitized irradiation of substrate 3f (34% yield).

the tethered olefin occurred while with all other substrates there was no indication for such an attack, not even for a cyclization to a 1,4-diradical (in analogy to the formation of intermediate 15). The cyclization seems retarded and intermolecular [2 + 2] photocycloaddition reactions become competitive. The observation is important because it allows to access cyclopentenone dimers without protecting the olefinic side chains.

In summary, an array of structurally diverse products has been obtained by irradiation of the title compounds in the presence of a sensitizer. The photochemical reactions of all cyclohexenone derivatives proceeded in moderate to excellent yields and with a high degree of diastereoselectivity. Intramolecular reactions were observed exclusively either as [2 + 2]photocycloaddition or as a cyclization/hydrogen abstraction cascade. Up to four stereogenic centers can be established in a single reaction and the products hold promise as scaffolds which enable further functionalization at several positions. The cyclopentenone derivatives were less prone to intramolecular reactions but underwent preferentially an intermolecular reaction leading to [2 + 2] photodimerization products.

#### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Methods. All air and moisture sensitive reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. For moisture sensitive reactions, tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethylether (Et<sub>2</sub>O), and dichloromethane  $(CH_2Cl_2)$  were dried using a solvent purification system. Cyclohexane was dried over neutral aluminum oxide and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves. Dry N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) was obtained in the highest available purity stored over molecular sieves and used without further purification. For photochemical reactions, dry dichloromethane was degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles. Cooling baths used were ice/water (0 °C) and dry ice/ethanol (-78 °C). Technical solvents [1,2-dichloroethane (DCE), pentane (P), Et<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, methanol (MeOH), ethyl acetate (EtOAc), cyclohexane] were distilled prior to use. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica 60 (230-400 mesh) and thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica-coated glass plates (silica 60  $F_{254}$ ) with detection by UV-light ( $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$ ) and/or by staining with a KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution followed by heat treatment. Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded by the attenuated total reflection (ATR) technique and are reported as wave numbers  $\tilde{\nu}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>). The following abbreviations for intensities were used: vs (very strong), s (strong), m (medium), w (weak). NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature on either a 300, 400, or 500 MHz nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were referenced to the residual solvent peak of either chloroform (7.26 ppm) or  $C_6D_6$  (7.16 ppm), and the  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectra were referenced either against the central peak of  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (77.16 ppm) or the residual solvent peak of C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (128.06 ppm). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift in parts per million (ppm), peak shape (s - singlet, d dublet, t - triplet, q - quartet, quint. - quintet, sept. - septet, m multiplet), coupling constant in Hertz (Hz), and integration.

Apparent multiplets, which occur as a result of the coupling constant equality between magnetically nonequivalent protons, are marked as virtual (*virt.*). Mass spectra were measured with a mass selective quadrupole detector (EI, 70 eV). HRMS data were determined at a double-focussing magnetic sector instrument (EI, 70 eV). UV/Vis Spectra were recorded using a precision cell made of quartz with a pathway of 1 mm.

General Procedure 1 (Method A). To a solution of the respective 1,2-cyclohexadione (1.0 equiv) in dry cyclohexane (40 mL/g starting material) was added p-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mol %) and the corresponding allylic alcohol (4.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux in a Dean–Stark apparatus for 15–17 h. The solution was allowed to cool to room temperature, washed with brine (2 × 50 mL/g), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified using flash column chromatography (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O).

General Procedure 2 (Method B). To a solution of the respective 1,2-cyclohexadione (1.0 equiv) in dry DMF (40 mL/g starting material) was added  $K_2CO_3$  (1.2 equiv) and the respective allylbromide (1.2 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4.5–21 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL/g). Et<sub>2</sub>O (40 mL/g) was added and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (4 × 40 mL/g) and brine (1 × 60 mL/g), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified using flash column chromatography (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O).

General Procedure 3 (Method C). A round bottom flask charged with NaH (60 wt %, 1.2 equiv) was cooled to 0 °C and the respective allylic alcohol (30 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min and subsequently the corresponding epoxide (1.0 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 20-24 h. The mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (75 mL/g) and quenched by the addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (35 mL/g). The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (1 × 35 mL/g) and brine (1 × 75 mL/g), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O).

General Procedure 4 (Method B). To a solution of the respective 1,2-cyclopentadione (1.0 equiv) in dry DMF (40 mL/g starting material) was added  $K_2CO_3$  (1.2 equiv) and the respective allylbromide (1.2 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 17–22 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of  $H_2O$  (20 mL/g). Et<sub>2</sub>O (40 mL/g) was added and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with  $H_2O$  (4 × 40 mL/g) and brine (1 × 60 mL/g), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified using flash column chromatography (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O).

2-(Allyloxy)cyclohex-2-en-1-one (1a). According to general procedure 1, compound 1a was synthesized starting from 4a (1.00 g, 8.92 mmol, 1.0 equiv), allylic alcohol (2.43 mL, 2.07 g, 35.7 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and p-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (51.3 mg, 270 µmol, 3.0 mol %). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 5/1, UV) afforded the product (667 mg, 4.38 mmol, 49%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.18$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.97 (*virt.* quint. <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (td, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.0, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 2.48–2.53 (m, 2H), 4.31 (virt. dt  ${}^{3}J$  = 5.5 Hz,  ${}^{4}J \cong$  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (ddt,  ${}^{2}J$  = 1.5 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 10.6 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (ddt,  ${}^{2}J$  = 1.5 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 17.4 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (t,  ${}^{3}J$ = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (ddt,  ${}^{3}J$  = 17.4, 10.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 23.1 (t), 24.7 (t), 39.0 (t), 68.8 (t), 118.1 (t), 118.7 (d), 133.1 (d), 150.5 (s), 194.5 (s). UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 259$  nm ( $\varepsilon = 3736$  cm<sup>-1</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>). Data of this compound were in accordance with the literature.<sup>6</sup>

**2-(Allyloxy)-3-methylcyclohex-2-en-1-one (1b).** According to general procedure 2, compound **1b**<sup>12a,25</sup> was synthesized starting from **4a** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol, 1.0 equiv), allyl bromide (410  $\mu$ L, 580 mg, 4.76 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (670 mg, 4.85 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 9/1, UV) afforded the product (259 mg, 1.56 mmol, 39%) as colorless oil.

TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.30$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.92–1.97 (m, 2H), 2.38 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.41–2.47 (m, 2H), 4.34 (*virt.* dt, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.0 Hz, <sup>2</sup>J  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (*virt.* dt, <sup>3</sup>J = 10.3 Hz, <sup>2</sup>J  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (*virt.* dt, <sup>3</sup>J = 17.2 Hz, <sup>2</sup>J  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>J = 1.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>J = 17.0, 10.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 18.1 (q), 22.3 (t), 31.7 (t), 38.9 (t), 73.0 (t), 117.8 (t), 134.5 (d), 146.4 (s), 147.9 (s), 194.9 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2928 (w), 1672 (vs), 1631 (m), 1431 (w), 1379 (w), 1304 (w), 1193 (s), 1153 (s), 985 (s), 926 (s). MS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* (%): 166 (80), 151 (100), 137 (13), 125 (17), 113 (38), 110 (93), 95 (82), 82 (78). HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 166.0982; found, 166.0988. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *c* = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 247$  nm ( $\varepsilon = 8212$  cm<sup>-1</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>).

2-(Allyloxy)-5,5-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one (1c). According to general procedure 3, compound  $1c^{12a}$  was synthesized starting from epoxide 4c (200 mg, 1.43 mmol, 1.0 equiv), allylic alcohol (3.00 mL, 2.55 g, 43.9 mmol, 31 equiv), and NaH (60 wt %, 72.0 mg, 1.80 mmol, 1.3 equiv). Purification by flash column chromatography  $(SiO_2, P/Et_2O = 9/1 \rightarrow 6/1, UV)$  afforded the product (115 mg, 640  $\mu$ mol, 45%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.31$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 1.06 (s, 6H), 2.31 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 2H), 4.32 (virt. dt,  ${}^{3}J$  = 5.8 Hz,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J$  = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (virt. dq,  ${}^{3}J$  = 10.6 Hz,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J$  = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (*virt.* dq,  ${}^{3}J$  = 17.3 Hz,  ${}^{2}J$   $\cong$   ${}^{4}J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (t,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (ddt,  ${}^{3}J$  = 17.2, 10.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 28.3 (q), 34.1 (s), 38.6 (t), 52.4 (t), 68.8 (t), 116.1 (d), 118.2 (t), 133.0 (d), 149.8 (s), 194.5 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2959 (m), 1690 (vs), 1629 (m), 1467 (w), 1368 (w), 1165 (m), 999 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 180 (100), 165 (10), 151 (10), 127 (10), 124 (51), 109 (49), 95 (52), 83 (19). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{11}H_{16}O_{2}$ , 180.1145; found, 180.1145. UV/vis ( $CH_2Cl_2$ , c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 261 \text{ nm} (\varepsilon = 5484 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1}).$ 

2-(Allyloxy)-4,4-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one (1d). KOH (85 wt %, 94.2 mg, 1.43 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in allylic alcohol (1.00 mL, 854 mg, 14.7 mmol, 10 equiv). A solution of epoxide 4d (200 mg, 1.43 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in allylic alcohol (1.5 mL, 1.28 g, 22.1 mmol, 15 equiv) was then added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was diluted with 15 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O and quenched by the addition of 15 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2  $\times$  15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine  $(1 \times 50$ mL), dried over Na2SO4, filtered, and the solvent as well as the remaining allylic alcohol were removed under reduced pressure. After purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 20/1 $\rightarrow$  6/1, UV), product 1d (30.5 mg, 169  $\mu$ mol, 12%) was obtained as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.28$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.18 (s, 6H), 1.82 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t,  ${}^{3}J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (virt. dt,  ${}^{3}J$  = 5.6 Hz,  ${}^{4}J \cong {}^{4}J$  = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (virt. dq,  ${}^{3}J = 10.4$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.32 (virt. dq,  ${}^{3}J = 17.2$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.97 (ddt,  ${}^{3}J =$ 17.3, 10.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$ 29.2 (q), 33.0 (s), 35.0 (t), 36.0 (t), 68.7 (t), 118.2 (t), 128.7 (d), 132.9 (d), 148.1 (s), 194.1 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2958 (m), 1690 (vs), 1619 (s), 1458 (w), 1362 (m), 1261 (m), 1200 (s), 1130 (s), 1107 (s), 1014 (m), 925 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 180 (24), 165 (24), 137 (4), 124 (100), 109 (23), 96 (15), 83 (11). HRMS (EI) *m*/ z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 180.1145; found, 180.1144. UV/vis  $(CH_2Cl_2, c = 0.5 \text{ mm}): \lambda = 260 \text{ nm} (\varepsilon = 7584 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1})$ 

**2-(Allyloxy)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (1e).** To a solution of 1,2-cyclopentadione (4e) (95.0 mg, 968  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) in 5.0 mL of dry cyclohexane was added *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (6.10 mg, 32.1  $\mu$ mol, 3.0 mol %) and allylic alcohol (210  $\mu$ L, 178 mg, 3.06 mmol, 3.2 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux using a Dean–Stark apparatus for 23 h. The solution was allowed to cool to room temperature and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. After purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1, UV), product 1e<sup>25</sup> (100 mg, 720  $\mu$ mol, 74%) was obtained as colorless oil. TLC (P/ Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.14$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  2.38–2.48 (m, 2H), 2.52 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.4, 4.2, 2.9 Hz, 2H),

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4.43 (virt. dt,  ${}^{3}J = 5.6 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{4}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.5 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 5.28 (virt. dq,  ${}^{3}J = 10.6 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 5.36 (virt. dq,  ${}^{3}J = 17.3 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.6 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 5.98 (ddt,  ${}^{3}J = 17.3$ , 10.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (t,  ${}^{3}J = 2.9 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H),  ${}^{13}\text{C}{}^{1}\text{H}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  22.1 (t), 33.2 (t), 70.8 (t), 118.7 (t), 128.3 (d), 132.4 (d), 156.4 (s), 202.7 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2925 (w), 1715 (vs), 1624 (m), 1337 (w), 1276 (w), 1119 (m), 1027 (w), 934 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 138 (100), 109 (15), 95 (11), 82 (52). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 138.0675; found, 138.0677, [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>7</sub><sup>-13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 139.0709; found, 139.0712. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 248 \text{ nm}$  ( $\varepsilon = 5180 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1}$ ).

2-(Allyloxy)-3-methylcyclopent-2-en-2-one (1f). According to general procedure 4, compound 1f<sup>12a</sup> was synthesized starting from 4f (500 mg, 4.46 mmol, 1.0 equiv), allyl bromide (460  $\mu$ L, 650 mg, 5.35 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (740 mg, 5.35 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1, UV) afforded the product (387 mg, 2.54 mmol, 55%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.24$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.98 (s, 3H), 2.30–2.39 (m, 2H), 2.43 (virt. dtd, <sup>2</sup>J = 7.1 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J  $\cong$  <sup>3</sup>J = 2.5, <sup>3</sup>J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (virt. dt, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.9 Hz, <sup>2</sup>J  $\cong$  <sup>2</sup>*J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (*virt.* dq, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 10.4 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (*virt.* dq, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2, Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddt, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  1.6 Hz, 1Hz, 1H), 10.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 15.1 (q), 27.6 (t), 33.1 (t), 70.9 (t), 117.9 (t), 134.3 (d), 151.7 (s), 155.6 (s), 203.3 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2917 (w), 1699 (vs), 1643 (m), 1442 (w), 1389 (w), 1333 (m), 1204 (m), 1094 (s), 984 (m), 928 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 152 (49), 137 (76), 123 (19), 112 (9), 96 (22), 84 (16), 81 (8), 69 (26), 67 (15), 55 (19), 41 (100). HRMS (EI) m/ z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 152.0827; found, 152.0832. UV/vis  $(CH_2Cl_2, c = 0.5 \text{ mm}): \lambda = 246 \text{ nm} (\varepsilon = 10,132 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1}).$ 

**2-[(2-Methylallyl)oxy]cyclohex-2-en-1-one (2a).** According to general procedure 1, compound **2a** was synthesized starting from **4a** (1.00 g, 8.92 mmol, 1.0 equiv), methallylic alcohol (3.00 mL, 2.57 g, 35.7 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (52.3 mg, 275  $\mu$ mol, 3.0 mol %). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 9/1  $\rightarrow$  4/1, UV) afforded the product (682 mg, 4.10 mmol, 46%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f$  = 0.19 [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.36 (*virt.* quint. <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.74 (td, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.0, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 2.05–2.21 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 5.30 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  19.8 (q), 23.5 (t), 24.8 (t), 39.6 (t), 71.9 (t), 113.0 (t), 118.1 (d), 141.6 (s), 151.5 (s), 190.4 (s). UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *c* = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda$  = 259 ( $\varepsilon$  = 4518 cm<sup>-1</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>). Data of this compound were in accordance with the literature.

3-Methyl-2-[(2-methylallyl)oxy]cyclohex-2-en-1-one (2b). According to general procedure 2, compound 2b was synthesized starting from 4b (500 mg, 3.96 mmol, 1.0 equiv), methallyl bromide (480 µL, 640 mg, 4.76 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.660 mg, 4.76 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Purification by flash column chromatography  $(SiO_2, P/Et_2O = 9/1, UV)$  afforded the product (414 mg, 2.29 mmol, 58%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.29$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.82 (s, 3H), 1.90–1.98 (m, 5H), 2.38 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 4.90 (virt. t,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (126) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 18.0 (q), 19.9 (q), 22.3 (t), 31.7 (t), 38.9 (t), 75.7 (t), 112.8 (t), 142.0 (s), 146.1 (s), 148.2 (s), 194.9 (s). IR (ATR) v: 2920 (w), 1673 (vs), 1632 (m), 1433 (w), 1378 (m), 1304 (m), 1193 (s), 1151 (vs), 993 (m), 895 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z(%): 180 (100), 165 (37), 137 (11), 123 (21), 110 (94), 95 (74). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 180.1145; found, 180.1145,  $[M]^+$  calcd for  $C_{10}^{13}C_1H_{16}O_2$ , 181.1185; found, 181.1178. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 248$  nm ( $\varepsilon = 7196$  cm<sup>-1</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>).

**5,5-Dimethyl-2-[(2-methylallyl)oxy]cyclohex-2-en-1-one (2c).** According to general procedure 3, compound 2c was synthesized starting from epoxide 4c (200 mg, 1.43 mmol, 1.0 equiv), methallylic alcohol (2.40 mL, 2.06 g, 28.6 mmol, 20 equiv), and NaH (60 wt %, 70.0 mg, 1.75 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 9/1, UV) afforded the product (102 mg, 527  $\mu$ mol, 37%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.40$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> 300 K):  $\delta$  1.06 (s, 6H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 2.29 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 2H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 5.73 (t,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 19.4 (q), 28.3 (q), 34.2 (s), 38.5 (t), 52.4 (t), 71.6 (t), 112.9 (t), 116.3 (d), 140.5 (s), 149.9 (s), 194.3 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2958 (m), 1691 (vs), 1629 (m), 1455 (w), 1368 (w), 1163 (m), 902 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* (%): 194 (57), 179 (8), 151 (9), 138 (22), 127 (14), 109 (100), 95 (9), 83 (14). HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 194.1301; found, 194.1302. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *c* = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda$  = 261 nm ( $\varepsilon$  = 4374 cm<sup>-1</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>).

4.4-Dimethyl-2-[(2-methylallyl)oxy]cyclohex-2-en-1-one (2d). KOH (85 wt %, 59.9 mg, 908  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in methallylic alcohol (1.00 mL, 851 mg, 11.8 mmol, 13 equiv). A solution of epoxide 4d (127 mg, 908  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) in methallylic alcohol (1.0 mL, 0.851 mg, 11.8 mmol, 13 equiv) was then added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was diluted with 15 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O and quenched by the addition of 15 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine  $(1 \times 50)$ mL), dried over Na2SO4, filtered, and the solvent as well as the remaining volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. After purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 6/1), product 2d (11.0 mg, 56.6  $\mu$ mol, 6%) was obtained as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.37$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 300 K):  $\delta$  1.17 (s, 6H), 1.76 (t, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.80–1.83 (m, 2H), 2.52–2.60 (m, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 4.94 (virt. quint.,  ${}^{2}I \cong {}^{4}I =$ 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (*virt.* dq,  ${}^{2}J = 2.1$  Hz,  ${}^{4}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 19.5 (q), 29.2 (q), 33.0 (s), 35.1 (t), 36.0 (t), 71.5 (t), 113.1 (t), 128.9 (d), 140.3 (s), 148.2 (s), 194.1 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2958 (m), 1692 (vs), 1619 (s), 1455 (w), 1363 (m), 1201 (s), 1130 (s), 1109 (s), 1014 (m), 901 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 194 (44), 179 (31), 151 (14), 138 (100), 125 (20), 109 (37), 97 (22), 83 (10). HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C12H18O2, 194.1301; found, 194.1301, [M]+ calcd for  $C_{11}^{13}C_1H_{18}O_2$ , 195.1335; found, 195.1350. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, c = 0.5) mm):  $\lambda = 260 \text{ nm} (\varepsilon = 6300 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1})$ , 338 nm ( $\varepsilon = 912 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  $M^{-1}$ ).

2-[(2-Methylallyl)oxy]cyclopent-2-en-1-one (2e). In analogy to general procedure 4, compound  $2e^{23}$  was synthesized starting from 4e (100 mg, 1.02 mmol, 1.0 equiv), methallyl bromide (150  $\mu$ L, 207 mg, 1.53 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (211 mg, 1.53 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 4.0 mL of dry DMF. The reaction was quenched by the addition of 5 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and 10 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (4 × 10 mL) and brine (1 × 20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO2, P/Et2O = 3/1, UV) afforded the product (55.1 mg, 360  $\mu$ mol, 35%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/1):  $R_f = 0.30$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 1.78 (s, 3H), 2.40–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.50 (dt,  ${}^{3}J = 6.1$ , 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 6.40 (t,  ${}^{3}J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 19.4 (q), 22.1 (t), 33.2 (t), 73.8 (t), 113.7 (t), 128.5 (d, C-3), 140.0 (s), 156.5 (s), 202.6 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2922 (w), 1708 (vs), 1623 (s), 1407 (w), 1336 (w), 1273 (m), 1104 (vs), 1025 (m), 902 (m), 782 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 152 (100), 137 (16), 124 (10), 109 (21), 96 (90), 82 (19). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_9H_{12}O_{22}$  152.0832; found, 152.0831. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>22</sub> c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 248 \text{ nm} (\varepsilon = 6794 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1}).$ 

**3-Methyl-2-[(2-methylallyl)oxy]cyclopent-2-en-1-one (2f).** According to general procedure 4, compound 2f was synthesized starting from 4f (500 mg, 4.46 mmol, 1.0 equiv), methallyl bromide (550  $\mu$ L, 736 mg, 5.46 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (740 mg, 5.35 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 9/1, UV) afforded the product (621 mg, 3.74 mmol, 84%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f$  = 0.28 [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.57–1.59 (m, 3H), 1.56–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.71 (m, 3H), 1.85–1.90 (m, 2H), 4.79–4.86 (m, 2H), 4.86 (*virt.* ddq, <sup>2</sup>J = 2.3 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.6, <sup>4</sup>J  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (*virt.* dq, <sup>2</sup>J = 2.3 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 300 K): δ 14.4 (q), 19.4 (q), 26.8 (t), 33.1 (t), 73.0 (t), 112.7 (t), 142.5 (s), 151.8 (s), 152.1 (s), 201.4 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2917 (w), 1700 (vs), 1646 (m), 1448 (w), 1389 (m), 1335 (m), 1204 (m), 1096 (s), 990 (m), 903 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* (%): 166 (56), 151 (31), 137 (10), 110 (9), 96 (12), 84 (15), 69 (16), 55 (100), 41 (24). HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 166.0988; found, 166.0985, [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub><sup>13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 167.1022; found, 167.1026. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *c* = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda$  = 248 nm (*ε* = 9284 cm<sup>-1</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>).

2-[(3-Methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy]cyclohex-2-en-1-one (3a). According to general procedure 2, compound 3a was synthesized starting from 4a (1.00 g, 8.92 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 3,3-dimethylallyl bromide (1.24 mL, 1.60 g, 10.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.48 g, 10.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O =  $9/1 \rightarrow 4/1 \rightarrow 3/1$ , UV) afforded the product (227 mg, 1.26 mmol, 14%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.15$ [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.64 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.86–1.99 (m, 2H), 2.39 (td, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.1, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 2.47  $(dd, {}^{3}J = 7.4, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (d, {}^{3}J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (virt. ddq, {}^{3}J$ = 8.2, 5.9 Hz,  ${}^{4}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.85 (t,  ${}^{3}J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  18.2 (q), 23.0 (t), 24.6 (t), 25.8 (q), 38.9 (t), 64.6 (t), 117.9 (d), 119.6 (d), 137.6 (s), 150.7 (s), 194.5 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2926 (w), 1686 (vs), 1622 (m), 1444 (w), 1375 (w), 1259 (m), 1184 (s), 1148 (vs), 1003 (m), 874 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 180 (27), 147 (11), 134 (8), 118 (57), 112 (100), 99 (12), 95 (7), 84 (27). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{11}H_{16}O_{2}$ , 180.1148; found, 180.1145,  $[M]^+$  calcd for  $C_{10}^{-13}C_1H_{16}O_{2}$ , 181.1185; found, 181.1178. UV/vis ( $CH_2Cl_2$ , c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 261$ nm ( $\varepsilon = 4126 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1}$ ).

3-Methyl-2-[(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy]cyclohex-2-en-1one (3b). According to general procedure 2, compound  $3b^{2c}$ was synthesized starting from 4b (500 mg, 3.96 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 3,3dimethylallyl bromide (550 µL, 710 mg, 4.76 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and K2CO3 (0.660 mg, 4.76 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O =  $9/1 \rightarrow 3/1$ , UV) afforded the product (197 mg, 1.01 mmol, 26%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.24$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.68 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.86–2.03 (m, 5H), 2.38 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.41–2.45 (m, 2H), 4.32 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.44 (virt. ddq,  ${}^{3}J = 7.4$ , 5.9 Hz,  ${}^{4}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 18.1 (q), 22.3 (t), 26.0 (q), 31.6 (t), 38.9 (t), 68.3 (t), 120.7 (d), 138.2 (s), 146.5 (s), 148.0 (s), 195.1 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2917 (w), 1673 (vs), 1630 (m), 1433 (w), 1381 (m), 1301 (m), 1191 (s), 1148 (s), 970 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 126 (100), 98 (11), 84 (23). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 194.1300; found, 194.1301. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 248$ nm ( $\varepsilon = 6640 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1}$ ).

5,5-Dimethyl-2-[(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy]cyclohex-2-en-1-one (3c). According to general procedure 3, compound 3c was synthesized starting from epoxide 4c (200 mg, 1.43 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 3,3-dimethylallylic alcohol (4.50 mL, 3.83 g, 44.4 mmol, 31 equiv), and NaH (60 wt %, 69.0 mg, 1.73 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 9/1, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 9/1  $\rightarrow$ 6/1, UV) afforded the product (45.2 mg, 217  $\mu$ mol, 15%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.28$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 1.06 (s, 6H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 2.31 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 2H), 4.28 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.42  $(ddd, {}^{3}J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}, {}^{4}J = 4.1, 1.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.71 (t, {}^{3}J = 4.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}).$ <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  18.3 (q), 25.9 (q), 28.3 (q), 34.1 (s), 38.6 (t), 52.4 (t), 64.6 (t), 115.3 (d), 119.6 (d), 137.7 (s), 150.1 (s), 194.5 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2958 (m), 1691 (vs), 1627 (m), 1452 (w), 1368 (w), 1162 (s), 1108 (m), 1003 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 208 (28), 175 (12), 146 (30), 140 (100), 125 (49), 112 (10), 98 (71), 84 (57). HRMS (EI) m/z:  $[M]^+$  calcd for  $C_{13}H_{20}O_2$ , 208.1458; found, 208.1445,  $[M]^+$  calcd for  $C_{12}^{13}C_1H_{20}O_2$ , 209.1491; found, 209.1482. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 263$ nm ( $\varepsilon$  = 4500 cm<sup>-1</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>).

**2-[(3-Methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy]cyclopent-2-en-1-one (3e).** In analogy to general procedure 4, compound 3e was synthesized starting from 4e (170 mg, 1.73 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 3,3-dimethylallyl bromide (310  $\mu$ L, 340 mg, 2.68 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (377

mg, 2.73 mmol, 1.6 equiv) in 7.0 mL of dry DMF. The reaction was quenched by the addition of 7 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and 15 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer was washed with  $H_2O$  (4 × 15 mL) and brine (1 × 30 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>,  $P/Et_2O = 3/1$ , UV) afforded the product (60.0 mg, 360  $\mu$ mol, 21%) as a colorless solid. mp 42-43 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/1):  $R_f = 0.35$ [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 2.41–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.48–2.60 (m, 2H), 4.40 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (t,  ${}^{3}J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (virt. q,  ${}^{3}J \cong {}^{4}J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  18.3 (q), 22.2 (t), 25.9 (q), 33.2 (t), 66.7 (t), 119.1 (d), 127.6 (d), 138.7 (s), 156.6 (s), 202.9 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2924 (w), 1715 (vs), 1623 (s), 1449 (w), 1342 (w), 1275 (w), 1110 (s), 1026 (w), 964 (w), 782 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 166 (59), 148 (21), 120 (11), 110 (23), 106 (28), 99 (100). HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 166.0988; found, 166.0983, [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub><sup>13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 167.1022; found, 167.1021. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 250$  nm ( $\varepsilon = 5976$  cm<sup>-</sup>  $M^{-1}$ ).

3-Methyl-2-[(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy]cyclopent-2-en-1one (3f). According to general procedure 4, compound  $3f^{26}$  was synthesized starting from 4f (500 mg, 4.46 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 3,3dimethylallyl bromide (620 µL, 800 mg, 5.35 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (750 mg, 5.42 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 9/1, UV) afforded the product (558 mg, 3.09 mmol, 69%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f$ = 0.26 [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.55 (dd,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.4, 0.8 Hz, 6H), 1.60–1.62 (m, 3H), 1.63–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.99 (m, 2H), 4.97 (virt. dquint.,  ${}^{3}J$  = 7.1 Hz,  ${}^{4}J \cong {}^{4}J$  = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 5.52 (virt. ddquint.,  ${}^{3}J = 8.4$ , 5.6 Hz,  ${}^{4}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  14.5 (q), 18.0 (q), 25.8 (q), 33.1 (t), 66.4 (t), 121.9 (d), 137.4 (s), 152.2 (s), 152.7 (s), 201.8 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2915 (w), 1700 (vs), 1645 (m), 1443 (w), 1390 (m), 1338 (m), 1205 (m), 1092 (s), 969 (m), 905 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 112 (90), 84 (32), 69 (100), 53 (9), 41 (74). HRMS (EI) *m*/*z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 180.1145; found, 180.1143. UV/ vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 247$  nm ( $\varepsilon = 9532$  cm<sup>-1</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>).

3-Ethoxy-5,5-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one. According to a modified literature procedure:<sup>21</sup> To a solution of dimedone (2.10 g, 15.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 46 mL of dry toluene were added EtOH (3.56 mL, 2.80 g, 61.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv) and p-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (139 mg, 0.73 mmol, 5.0 mol %). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux using a water separator for 90 min at which point EtOH (3.00 mL, 2.37 g, 50.3 mmol, 3.4 equiv) was added. Subsequently, the solution was refluxed for additional 14 h. It was allowed to cool to room temperature and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was then filtered over a short plug of  $Al_2O_3$  (Et<sub>2</sub>O, UV) and the product (2.52 g, 15.0 mmol, 100%) was obtained as pale yellow oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.17$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.07 (s, 6H), 1.36 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.21 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 2H), 3.90 (q,  ${}^{3}J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.35 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 14.3 (q), 28.4 (q), 32.6 (t), 43.1 (t), 50.8 (t), 64.4 (t), 101.6 (d), 176.5 (s), 199.8 (s). Data of this compound were in accordance to the literature.<sup>21</sup>

5,5-Dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one. According to a modified literature procedure:<sup>21</sup> To an ice-cooled suspension of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (138 mg, 3.63 mmol, 0.4 equiv) in 4.0 mL of dry THF, a solution of 3ethoxy-5,5-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one (1.50 g, 8.92 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 7.5 mL of dry THF was added dropwise. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 3 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and quenched by the addition of MeOH (approx. 10 mL) until no further gas evolution was observed. After addition of 14 mL of 1 M HCl, the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min, the layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine  $(2 \times 60 \text{ mL})$ , dried over Na2SO4, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. After purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/  $Et_2O = 8/1$ , UV), the product (663 mg, 5.34 mmol, 60%) was obtained as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/1):  $R_f = 0.29$  [UV,

KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 1.05 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.24 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 4.1 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H, H-4), 2.27 (s, 2H, H-6), 6.02 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 10.1 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H, H-2), 6.86 (dt, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 10.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H, H3). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 28.5 (q), 34.0 (s), 40.0 (t), 51.9 (t), 129.1 (d), 148.5 (d), 200.1 (s). Data of this compound were in accordance to the literature.<sup>21</sup>

(1*SR*,6*SR*)-4,4-Dimethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (4c). According to a modified literature procedure:<sup>27</sup> To an ice-cooled solution of 5,5-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one<sup>21</sup> (990 mg, 7.97 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 16 mL of MeOH were dropwise added  $H_2O_2$  (30 wt %, 3.30 mL, 1.10 g, 32.3 mmol, 4.1 equiv) and 6 м NaOH (0.64 mL, 154 mg, 3.84 mmol, 0.5 equiv). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was diluted with 32 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O was added until proper phase separation was achieved. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine  $(2 \times 80 \text{ mL})$ , dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. After purification by flash column chromatography  $(SiO_2, P/$  $Et_2O = 2/1$ , KMnO<sub>4</sub>), the product (901 mg, 6.43 mmol, 80%) was obtained as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 2/1):  $R_f = 0.56$  [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  0.92 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H),  $1.74-1.89 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 2.04 \text{ (d, }^{2}J = 14.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.66 \text{ (d, }^{2}J = 14.3 \text{ Hz},$ 1H), 3.21 (*virt.* dt  ${}^{3}J$  = 3.8 Hz,  ${}^{3}J \cong {}^{3}J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd,  ${}^{3}J$  = 3.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  28.2 (q), 31.2 (q), 37.4 (t), 37.5 (t), 48.8 (s), 54.9 (d), 57.2 (d), 207.6 (s). Data of this compound were in accordance with the literature.

(1SR,6SR)-5,5-Dimethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (4d). According to a modified literature procedure:<sup>27</sup> To an icecooled solution of 4,4-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one (2.00 g, 16.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 32 mL of MeOH were dropwise added  $H_2O_2$  (30 wt %, 8.23 mL, 80.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and 6 м NaOH (1.33 mL, 8.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 3.5 h. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was diluted with 60 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O was added until proper phase separation was achieved. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 60 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 ×120 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. After purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/  $Et_2O = 6/1$ , KMnO<sub>4</sub>), the product (1.67 g, 11.9 mmol, 74%) was obtained as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 2/1):  $R_f = 0.68$  [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.06 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.34 (dddd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 13.7 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 7.1, 3.0 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.90  $(ddd, {}^{2}J = 13.7 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J = 11.7, 6.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.19 (ddd, {}^{2}J = 18.9 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J$ = 11.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (ddd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 18.9 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 6.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.0 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  23.1 (q), 27.6 (q), 29.9 (t), 30.9 (s), 33.3 (t), 56.1 (d), 64.3 (d), 206.2 (s). Data of this compound were in accordance with the literature.<sup>28</sup>

**General Procedure 5 (Irradiation).** Thioxanthone **5** (10 mol %) was dissolved in 1.0 mL of dry degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and transferred to a flame dried Duran phototube. The respective 2-(2'-alkenyloxy)-cycloalk-2-enone (1.0 equiv) dissolved in 1.0 mL of dry degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was then added, and the reaction mixture was diluted with dry degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> until a concentration of 10 mM (relative to the substrate) was reached. The reaction mixture was irradiated at room temperature in a previously described irradiation setup<sup>21</sup> ( $\lambda$  = 420 nm, for details about the light source, see the Supporting Information). Irradiation was removed until full conversion was reached and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O).

(3*RS*,3a*SR*,7a*SR*)-Hexahydro-7*H*-3,7a-methanobenzofuran-7-one (8a). According to general procedure 5, compound 8a was synthesized starting from 1a (15.6 mg, 103  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (2.21 mg, 10.4  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 2.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (11.2 mg, 73.6  $\mu$ mol, 73%) as a colorless solid. The reaction on a 1 mmol scale was performed with 152 mg of 1a (1.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 5.30 mg of 5 (25.0  $\mu$ mol, 2.5 mol %) in 40 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mm, irradiation time: 5 h). The yield was 138 mg (0.91 mmol, 91%). Mp 59–65 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2):  $R_f = 0.11$  [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.64–1.78 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.96 (m, 2H), 2.03–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.30 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J = 11.0, 7.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.35–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.84 (dd, <sup>2</sup>J = 8.1 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  25.4 (t), 27.3 (t), 40.1 (t), 41.6 (t), 42.0 (d), 55.4 (d), 70.8 (t), 88.6 (s), 203.6 (s). Data of this compound were in accordance with the literature.<sup>6b</sup>

(3RS, 3aSR, 7aSR)-3a-Methylhexahydro-7H-3, 7a-methanobenzofuran-7-one (8b). According to general procedure 5, compound 8b was synthesized starting from 1b (16.8 mg, 101  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (2.19 mg, 10.3  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 2 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (15.2 mg, 91.2  $\mu$ mol, 91%) as a colorless solid. Mp 38-47 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2):  $R_f = 0.04$ [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 0.99 (s, 3H), 1.76  $(d, {}^{2}J = 8.2 \text{ Hz}), 1.84 (ddt, {}^{2}J = 14.1 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J = 4.2 \text{ Hz}, {}^{4}J = 1.9 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}),$ 2.00 (*virt.* qt,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{3}J = 13.9$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.08–2.18 (m, 1H), 2.28 (*virt.* td,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{3}J = 14.1$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.36 (ddt,  ${}^{2}J = 14.5$ Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 4.1$  Hz,  ${}^{4}J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.49 (td,  ${}^{2}J = 14.5$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 8.2 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d,  ${}^{2}J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d,  ${}^{2}J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}^{13}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 15.8 (q), 25.7 (t), 31.8 (t), 40.1 (t), 40.8 (t), 44.6 (d), 56.0 (s), 68.5 (t), 89.9 (s), 204.0 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2925 (m), 1713 (s), 1458 (w), 1123 (w), 1043 (w), 945 (w), 862 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 166 (100), 163 (21), 149 (39), 123 (35), 109 (62), 95 (44), 81 (100). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 166.0988; found, 166.0982.

(3*RS*,3a*SR*,7a*SR*)-5,5-Dimethylhexahydro-7*H*-3,7a-methanobenzofuran-7-one (8c). According to general procedure 5, compound 8c was synthesized starting from 1c (36.2 mg, 201 μmol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (4.34 mg, 20.4 μmol, 10 mol %) over 2.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1 → 1/1, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (36.2 mg, 201 μmol, 100%) as a colorless solid. Mp 73–74 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/1):  $R_f$  = 0.14 [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 0.89 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.76–1.91 (m, 3H), 2.06 (dd, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 14.2 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.34–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.81 (ddd, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 8.2 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 3.1 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 25.5 (q), 31.4 (q), 38.2 (t), 39.9 (s), 41.0 (t), 41.3 (d), 52.8 (d), 53.1 (t), 71.6 (t), 88.5 (s), 203.4 (s). Data of this compound were in accordance with the literature.<sup>6b</sup>

(3*RS*,3a*SR*,7a*SR*)-3-Methylhexahydro-7*H*-3,7a-methanobenzofuran-7-one (9a). According to general procedure 5, compound 9a was synthesized starting from 2a (16.8 mg, 100 μmol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (2.24 mg, 10.6 μmol, 10 mol %) over 3 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (15.3 mg, 92.0 μmol, 91%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2):  $R_f$  = 0.15 [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  [ppm] = 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.66–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.88 (*virt.* t, <sup>2</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.95–2.04 (m, 1H), 2.14 (ddt, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 10.7 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (*virt.* qd, <sup>3</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>3</sup>*J* = 7.7 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.31–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.59 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 5.9 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  [ppm] = 12.8 (q), 23.6 (t), 27.1 (t), 40.1 (t), 45.4 (t), 49.1 (s), 57.4 (d), 75.4 (t), 87.2 (s), 204.2 (s). Data of this compound were in accordance with the literature.<sup>6b</sup>

(3*RS*,3a*SR*,7a*SR*)-3,3a-Dimethylhexahydro-7*H*-3,7a-methanobenzofuran-7-one (9b). According to general procedure 5, compound 9b was synthesized starting from 2b (18.2 mg, 101  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (2.14 mg, 10.1  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (15.9 mg, 88.3  $\mu$ mol, 88%) as a colorless solid. The reaction on a 1 mmol scale was performed with 180 mg of 2b (1.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 5.40 mg of 5 (25.0  $\mu$ mol, 2.5 mol %) in 40 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mm, irradiation time: 9 h). The yield was 169 mg (0.94 mmol, 94%). Mp 67–70 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2):  $R_f = 0.08$  [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  0.90 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.65 (ddt, <sup>2</sup>J = 13.5 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.9 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.92–2.06 (m, 1H), 2.07–2.00 (m, 2H), 2.28–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.38–2.51 (m, 1H), 2.62 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, <sup>2</sup>J = 6.5 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  10.5 (q), 13.8 (q), 25.6 (t), 29.9 (t), 40.0 (t), 45.4 (t), 50.6 (s), 57.0 (s), 72.9 (t), 89.4 (s), 204.5 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2922 (s), 1714 (vs), 1456 (w), 1385 (w), 1245 (w), 949 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 180 (6), 165 (48), 135 (54), 125 (78), 110 (49), 97 (100), 83 (71). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 180.1145; found, 180.1145.

(3RS, 3aSR, 7aSR)-3, 5, 5-Trimethylhexahydro-7H-3, 7a-methanobenzofuran-7-one (9c). According to general procedure 5, compound 9c was synthesized starting from 2c (38.9 mg, 200  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (4.36 mg, 20.5  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 2.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/1, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (35.1 mg, 181  $\mu$ mol, 90%) as a colorless solid. The reaction on a 1 mmol scale was performed with 194 mg of 2c (1.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 5.30 mg of 5 (25.0 µmol, 2.5 mol %) in 40 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mm, irradiation time: 4.5 h). The yield was 178 mg (0.92 mmol, 92%). Mp 65-67 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/1):  $R_f = 0.19$  [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$ 0.90 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.68 (ddd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 14.0 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 7.0 Hz,  ${}^{4}J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.75 (dd,  ${}^{2}J = 14.0$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 11.1$  Hz, 1H), 1.88 (*virt.* t,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.05 (dd,  ${}^{2}J = 14.2$  Hz,  ${}^{4}J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.28–2.41 (m, 2H), 2.56 (dd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 8.0 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68  $(dd, {}^{2}J = 5.9 Hz, {}^{4}J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, {}^{2}J = 5.9 Hz, 1H). {}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 12.8 (q), 25.7 (q), 31.4 (q), 36.4 (t), 39.9 (s), 44.7 (t), 48.4 (s), 53.0 (t), 54.7 (d), 76.1 (t), 87.1 (s), 204.0 (s). IR (ATR) v: 2954 (m), 1714 (vs), 1468 (w), 1245 (w), 1163 (w), 1082 (w), 964 (s). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 194 (25), 179 (9), 151 (16), 124 (10), 109 (100), 95 (16), 83 (15). HRMS (EI) m/ z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 194.1301; found, 194.1301.

(3RS, 3aSR, 7aSR)-3, 4, 4-Trimethylhexahydro-7H-3, 7a-methanobenzofuran-7-one (9d). According to general procedure 5, compound 9d was synthesized starting from 2d (11.0 mg, 56.6  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (1.20 mg, 5.66  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 7.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O =  $3/1 \rightarrow 1/1$ , KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (4.20 mg, 21.6  $\mu$ mol, 38%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/1):  $R_f = 0.14$  [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.32-1.41 (m, 6H), 1.66–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.88 (virt. t,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.01 (d,  ${}^{4}J =$ 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dt,  ${}^{2}J$  = 16.2 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (ddd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 16.2 Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 10.2$ , 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd,  ${}^{2}J = 8.1$  Hz,  ${}^{4}J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 5.9 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d,  ${}^{2}J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 13.6 (q), 24.0 (q), 32.9 (s), 33.7 (q), 37.0 (t), 41.4 (t), 45.9 (t), 49.7 (s), 65.0 (d), 76.8 (t), 86.3 (s), 205.1 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2954 (m), 1719 (vs), 1458 (w), 1062 (m), 948 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 194 (8), 179 (33), 164 (19), 149 (34), 138 (100), 125 (38), 109 (36), 97 (34), 81 (43). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 194.1301; found, 194.1298.

(3RS, 3aSR, 6aSR) - 3 - Methyltetrahydro - 3, 6a methanocyclopenta[b]furan-6(2H)-one (9e). According to general procedure 5, compound 9e was synthesized starting from 2e (30.7 mg, 202  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (4.26 mg, 20.1  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 19 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product  $(10.4 \text{ mg}, 68.3 \mu \text{mol}, 34\%)$  as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f$  = 0.07 [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.95 (virt. t,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.02 (ddd,  ${}^{3}J = 9.2$ , 7.7, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (virt. q,  ${}^{3}J \cong {}^{3}J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dt,  ${}^{2}J = 19.2$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J =$ 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62–2.73 (m, 2H), 4.04 (dd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 6.2 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d,  ${}^{2}J$  = 6.2 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 13.8 (q), 16.9 (t), 41.3 (t), 44.2 (t), 49.0 (s), 51.3 (d), 83.1 (t), 93.0 (s), 206.3 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2956 (w), 1737 (vs), 1451 (w), 1238 (w), 1038 (m), 1006 (m), 975 (s), 919 (m), 894 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) *m*/*z* (%): 151 (6), 137 (36), 123 (13), 110 (100), 96 (70), 81 (92). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 152.0832; found, 152.0828.

(E/Z)-2-(But-2-en-1-yloxy)cyclohex-2-en-1-one (E-10/Z-10). According to general procedure 1, compound  $E-10/Z-10^{29}$  was synthesized starting from 4a (1.00 g, 8.92 mmol, 1.0 equiv), crotyl alcohol (E/Z = 1/1) (3.00 mL, 2.55 g, 35.4 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and p-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (51.7 mg, 272 µmol, 3.0 mol %). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1, UV) afforded the product (510 mg, 3.07 mmol, 34%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.14$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.72 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 6.3$  Hz,  ${}^{4}J = 1.1$  Hz, 3H), 1.96 (virt. quint.  ${}^{3}J \cong {}^{3}J =$ 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (virt. td,  ${}^{3}J \cong {}^{3}J = 5.9$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 4.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.50  $(dd, {}^{3}J = 7.4, 6.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 4.20 (d, {}^{3}J = 6.3 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 5.62-5.71 (m, 10.10)$ 1H), 5.71–5.83 (m, 1H), 5.88 (t,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 17.9 (q), 23.1 (t), 24.7 (t), 39.0 (t), 68.6 (t), 118.1 (d), 125.9 (d), 130.9 (d), 150.6 (s), 194.5 (s). IR (ATR) v: 2939 (w), 1686 (vs), 1622 (m), 1439 (w), 1365 (w), 1259 (m), 1185 (s), 1149 (vs), 1006 (m), 965 (s), 872 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 166 (21), 112 (100), 95 (6), 84 (32). HRMS (EI) m/ z:  $[M]^+$  calcd for  $C_{10}H_{14}O_2$ , 166.0988; found: 166.0988,  $[M]^+$  calcd for  $C_9^{13}C_1H_{14}O_2$ , 167.1022; found, 167.1025. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 260$  nm ( $\varepsilon = 4882$  cm<sup>-1</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>).

(3RS,3aSR,7aSR,8SR)-8-Methylhexahydro-7H-3,7a-methanobenzofuran-7-one (11). In analogy to general procedure 5, compound 11 was synthesized starting from E-10/Z-10 (16.6 mg, 100  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (2.15 mg, 10.1  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 4.5 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue redissolved in 1.0 mL of CH2Cl2 and dimethyl 1,2,4,5tetrazine-3,6-dicarboxylate (5.30 mg, 26.7 µmol, 0.27 equiv) was added.<sup>21</sup> The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4.5 h and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (13.0 mg, 78.2  $\mu$ mol, 78%) as a colorless solid. Mp 48–53 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2):  $R_f = 0.21$  [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  0.91 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.62–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.91 (virt. tdd,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{3}J = 14.2$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 11.0$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.00–2.07 (m, 1H), 2.11 (ddd,  ${}^{2}J = 13.4$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 6.7$ , 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (dd,  ${}^{3}J$  = 11.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28–2.41 (m, 2H), 2.65 (d,  ${}^{3}J$ = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (qd,  ${}^{3}J$  = 6.4 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d,  ${}^{2}J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d,  ${}^{2}J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 9.7 (q), 24.4 (t), 27.1 (t), 40.1 (t), 44.4 (d), 45.0 (d), 52.7 (d), 67.5 (t), 89.1 (s), 203.8 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2946 (m), 1710 (vs), 1451 (w), 1320 (w), 1094 (m), 994 (m), 930 (m), 848 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 166 (20), 151 (4), 138 (5), 123 (5), 112 (100), 109 (15), 95 (11), 84 (41). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 166.0988; found, 166.0982.

(E)-2-(Pent-2-en-1-yloxy)cyclohex-2-en-1-one (E-12). According to general procedure 1, compound E-12 was synthesized starting from 4a (250 mg, 2.23 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (E)-pent-2-en-1-ol (0.90 mL, 770 mg, 8.92 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and p-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (12.7 mg, 70.0 µmol, 3.0 mol %). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O =  $6/1 \rightarrow 3/1$ , P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 6/1, UV) afforded the product (152 mg, 840  $\mu$ mol, 38%) as colorless oil. TLC  $(P/Et_2O = 3/1)$ :  $R_f = 0.18$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.00 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.96 (dt, <sup>2</sup>J = 12.4 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.02–2.13 (m, 2H), 2.41 (virt. td,  ${}^{3}J \cong {}^{3}J = 6.0$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J$ = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (dd,  ${}^{3}J$  = 7.4, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (dd,  ${}^{3}J$  = 6.3 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 5.64 (dtt,  ${}^{3}J$  = 15.5, 6.3 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.75– 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.88 (t,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 13.3 (q), 23.1 (t), 24.7 (t), 25.5 (t), 39.0 (t), 68.7 (t), 118.2 (d), 123.5 (d), 137.6 (d), 150.5 (s), 194.6 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2933 (w), 1686 (vs), 1623 (m), 1458 (w), 1365 (w), 1259 (m), 1185 (s), 1149 (vs), 1123 (s), 1007 (m), 967 (s), 880 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 180 (11), 145 (93), 129 (11), 113 (16), 99 (100), 83 (23). HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 180.1145; found, 180.1143. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 260$  nm ( $\varepsilon = 4760$  cm<sup>-2</sup>  $M^{-1}).$ 

(Ź)-1-Bromopent-2-ene.<sup>30</sup> (Z)-Pent-2-en-1-ol (0.81 mL, 689 mg, 8.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 16 mL of dry  $Et_2O$  and cooled to 0 °C. PBr<sub>3</sub> (0.90 mL, 2.60 g, 9.60 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 4 h. The reaction was quenched by the

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addition of 20 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 × 20 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (1 × 20 mL) and brine (1 × 20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. After purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P), the product (119 mg, 0.80 mmol, 10%) was obtained as colorless oil. TLC (P):  $R_f = 0.67$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.03 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.16 (*virt.* quint.d <sup>3</sup>J  $\cong$  <sup>3</sup>J = 7.5 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.3 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 0.7 Hz, 2H), 5.60 (dt, <sup>3</sup>J = 10.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  13.9 (q), 20.4 (t), 27.4 (t), 124.8 (d), 137.7 (d). Data of this compound were in accordance to the literature.<sup>30</sup>

(Z)-2-(Pent-2-en-1-yloxy)cyclohex-2-en-1-one (Z-12). According to general procedure 2, compound Z-12 was synthesized starting from 4a (520 mg, 4.64 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (Z)-1-bromopent-2ene (830 mg, 5.57 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.770 mg, 5.57 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1, H/EtOAc =  $24/1 \rightarrow 7/3 \rightarrow 0/1$  UV) afforded the product (133 mg, 737  $\mu$ mol, 17%) as colorless oil. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.19$  [UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta 0.99$  (t,  ${}^{3}J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 1.89–2.03 (m, 2H), 2.03–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.42 (virt. td,  ${}^{3}J \cong {}^{3}J = 6.0$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 4.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.51 (dd,  ${}^{3}J =$ 7.5, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 5.43–5.67 (m, 2H), 5.87 (t,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$ 14.2 (q), 21.3 (t), 23.1 (t), 24.7 (t), 39.0 (t), 63.8 (t), 118.2 (d), 124.0 (d), 135.7 (d), 150.5 (s), 194.6 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2933 (w), 1687 (vs), 1622 (m), 1457 (w), 1374 (w), 1259 (m), 1185 (m), 1149 (vs), 1123 (s), 1007 (m), 873 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 180 (17), 145 (58), 129 (11), 113 (100), 99 (87), 84 (40). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 180.1145; found, 180.1145, [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{10}^{13}C_1H_{16}O_2$ , 181.1178; found, 181.1183. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, c = 0.5 mm):  $\lambda = 259 \text{ nm} (\varepsilon = 3754 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1})$ .

(3*RS*,3a*SR*,7a*SR*,8*SR*)-8-Ethylhexahydro-7*H*-3,7a-methanobenzofuran-7-one (13). According to general procedure 5, compound 13 was synthesized starting from *E*-12 (18.1 mg, 100  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (2.14 mg, 10.2  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 2.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 2/1  $\rightarrow$  1/1, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded a mixture of product 13 and olefinic byproduct 14 (18.1 mg, 100  $\mu$ mol, 100%, 13/14 = 82/18) as a colorless solid.

According to general procedure 5, compound 13 was synthesized starting from Z-12 (18.1 mg, 100  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (2.17 mg, 10.1  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 2.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/1, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded a mixture of product 13 and olefinic byproduct 14 (16.3 mg, 90.4  $\mu$ mol, 90%, 13/14 = 83/17) as a colorless solid.

The product mixture (14.2 mg, 78.8  $\mu$ mol) was dissolved in 500  $\mu$ L of DCE and 400  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O. Subsequently, RuCl<sub>3</sub>·xH<sub>2</sub>O (1 small crystal, calc. 0.14 mg, 0.7  $\mu$ mol, 3.5 mol % relative to byproduct) and NaIO<sub>4</sub> (18.6 mg, 87.0  $\mu$ mol, 4.3 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of 2.0 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O, diluted with 2.0 mL Et<sub>2</sub>O and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic layers were then washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (1 × 10 mL) and brine (1 × 10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 2/1, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (9.80 mg, 54.4  $\mu$ mol, 69%) as a colorless solid. Mp 58-61 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2):  $R_f = 0.16$ [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  0.79 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.21-1.33 (m, 1H), 1.37-1.51 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.93 (*virt.* tdd,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{3}J = 14.2$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 11.0$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.99–2.09 (m, 1H), 2.09–2.16 (m, 1H), 2.21 (dd,  ${}^{3}J$  = 11.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.31–2.43 (m, 2H), 2.71 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (ddd,  ${}^{3}J$  = 8.6, 6.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d,  ${}^{2}J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d,  ${}^{2}J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 11.4 (q), 17.9 (t), 24.4 (t), 27.3 (t), 40.2 (t), 43.4 (d), 52.4 (d), 52.8 (d), 67.8 (t), 88.9 (s), 204.2 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2956 (m), 1713 (vs), 1462 (w), 1327 (w), 1095 (m), 1013 (w), 947 (m), 851 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z(%): 180 (8), 151 (6), 123 (7), 113 (100), 109 (9), 95 (12), 84 (22).

HRMS (EI) m/z:  $[M]^+$  calcd for  $C_{10}H_{14}O_2$ , 180.1145; found, 180.1148.

(3RS, 3aRS, 7aRS)-3-(Prop-1-en-2-yl)hexahydrobenzofuran-7(4H)-one (16a). According to general procedure 5, compound 16a was synthesized starting from 3a (18.4 mg, 102  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (2.21 mg, 10.4  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 4.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (11.9 mg, 66.0  $\mu$ mol, 65%, d.r. >95/5) as colorless oil. TLC ( $P/Et_2O = 1/2$ ):  $R_f = 0.05$  [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.46 (virt. qd, <sup>2</sup> $J \cong {}^{3}J = 12.4$  Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.8Hz, 1H), 1.64 (virt. qdd,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{3}J = 12.6$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 5.4$ , 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 1.99–2.06 (m, 1H), 2.08–2.17 (m, 2H), 2.26 (virt. tdd,  $^{2}J \cong$  ${}^{3}J$  = 14.0 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 5.4 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (*virt.* ddt,  ${}^{2}J$  = 14.1 Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 5.1$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.80–2.93 (m, 1H), 4.00 (dd,  $^{2}J = 9.1$  Hz,  $^{3}J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd,  $^{2}J = 9.1$  Hz,  $^{3}J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd,  ${}^{3}J$  = 12.4 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.79–4.81 (m, 1H), 5.03 (*virt.* quint.,  ${}^{2}I \cong {}^{4}I = 1.3$  Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 24.7 (q), 25.9 (t), 27.3 (t), 39.8 (t), 47.5 (d), 50.7 (d), 73.7 (t), 84.0 (d), 112.7 (t), 144.3 (s), 207.8 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2929 (m), 1730 (vs), 1449 (w), 1105 (m), 1045 (m), 900 (m). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 180 (73), 165 (8), 136 (21), 123 (17), 107 (100), 93 (46), 81 (29). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 180.1145; found, 180.1145, [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub><sup>13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 181.1178; found, 181.1183.

(3SR, 3aRS, 7aRS)-3a-Methyl-3-(prop-1-en-2-yl)hexahydrobenzofuran-7(4H)-one (16b). According to general procedure 5, compound 16b was synthesized starting from 3b (19.6 mg, 101  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (2.16 mg, 10.2  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>,  $P/Et_2O = 2/1$ , KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (15.4 mg, 79.1  $\mu$ mol, 79%, d.r. >95/5) as a colorless solid. Mp 87-92 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/2):  $R_f = 0.08 [KMnO_4]$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300  $\tilde{K}$ ):  $\delta$ 0.97 (s, 3H), 1.66 (virt. td,  ${}^{2}I \cong {}^{3}I = 13.0$  Hz,  ${}^{3}I = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.73– 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 1.87-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.98-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.34 (m, 2H), 2.52 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 7.0, 2.1 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 9.6 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.19–4.26 (m, 2H), 4.79–4.81 (m, 1H), 5.07 (virt. quint.,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 20.2 (q), 23.4 (t), 25.5 (q), 30.8 (t), 38.8 (t), 50.6 (s), 55.3 (d), 72.6 (t), 85.3 (d), 112.3 (t), 145.5 (s), 207.8 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2924 (s), 1732 (vs), 1455 (w), 1377 (w), 1260 (w), 1104 (w), 1054 (m), 907 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 176 (6), 149 (7), 126 (97), 111 (100), 97 (67), 93 (45). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C12H18O2, 194.1301; found, 194.1299.

(3RS, 3aRS, 7aRS)-5, 5-Dimethyl-3-(prop-1-en-2-yl)hexahydrobenzofuran-7(4H)-one (16c). According to general procedure 5, compound 16c was synthesized starting from 3c (24.8 mg, 120  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (2.57 mg, 12.1  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 1.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography  $(SiO_2, P/Et_2O = 3/1, KMnO_4)$  afforded the product (21.2 mg, 102 µmol, 86%, d.r. >95/5) as a colorless solid. Mp 95–101 °C. TLC (P/  $Et_2O = 3/1$ ):  $R_f = 0.09 [KMnO_4]$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  0.99 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.46 (virt. t, <sup>2</sup>J  $\cong$  <sup>3</sup>J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (ddd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 13.0 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 3.2 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dd,  ${}^{4}J$  = 1.4, 0.8 Hz, 3H), 2.06 (dd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 13.5 Hz,  ${}^{4}J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (ddd,  ${}^{2}J = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, {}^{4}J = 1.7, 0.9 \text{ Hz}), 2.36 (virt. tdd, {}^{3}J \cong {}^{3}J = 12.7 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J =$ 6.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (virt. t,  ${}^{3}J \cong {}^{3}J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd,  ${}^{2}J = 9.2$ Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.10–4.21 (m, 2H), 4.79–4.81 (m, 1H), 5.06 (*virt.* quint.,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.3$  Hz, 1H).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  24.9 (q), 27.2 (q), 32.1 (q), 38.5 (s), 39.0 (t), 46.3 (d), 47.4 (d), 52.9 (t), 74.4 (t), 83.7 (d), 112.7 (t), 144.4 (s), 207.2 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2957 (m), 1733 (vs), 1459 (w), 1370 (w), 1126 (w), 1060 (m), 919 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 208 (100), 193 (8), 164 (28), 152 (6), 135 (44), 123 (87), 105 (26), 95 (56), 81 (10). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 208.1458; found, 208.1458

(3aSR,3bSR,6aRS,6bRS)-6a,6b-Bis(allyloxy)-3a,3b-dimethyloctahydrocyclo-buta[1,2:3,4]-di[5]annulene-1,6-dione (17). According to general procedure 5, compound 17 was synthesized starting from 1f (61.7 mg, 405  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (8.50 mg, 40.0  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 14 h. Purification by flash pubs.acs.org/joc

column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (7.10 mg, 23.3  $\mu$ mol, 12%) as a colorless solid. Mp > 220 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.47$  [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.25 (s, 6H), 1.70 (ddd, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 14.9 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 13.1, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.24–2.41 (m, 4H), 2.54–2.73 (m, 2H), 4.08 (*virt.* ddt, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 12.8 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 5.4 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (*virt.* ddt, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 12.8 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 5.0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.07 (*virt.* dq, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 10.5 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (*virt.* dq, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.2 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J*  $\cong$  <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.71–5.89 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} MMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  19.1 (q), 32.7 (t), 37.2 (t), 44.2 (s), 68.4 (t), 86.1 (s), 116.1 (t), 134.8 (d), 214.2 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2964 (w), 1748 (vs), 1451 (w), 1413 (w), 1186 (w), 1089 (m), 1060 (w), 988 (w), 923 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* (%): 152 (66), 137 (100), 123 (31), 96 (25), 81 (19), 69 (31), 57 (34), 41 (95). HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 304.1669; found, 304.1660.

(3aRS,4aSR,6aSR,9aSR,10aRS,12aRS)-3a,9a-Dimethyldodecahydro-1H,7H-cyclopenta[1,4]cyclobuta[1,2-b]cyclopenta-[1,4]cyclobuta[1,2-f][1,5]dioxocine-1,7-dione (18). According to general procedure 5, compound 18 was synthesized starting from 1f (61.7 mg, 405  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (8.50 mg, 40.0  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 14 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (11.1 mg, 36.5 µmol, 18%) as a colorless solid. Mp >220 °C. TLC  $(P/Et_2O = 3/1)$ :  $R_f = 0.30 [KMnO_4]$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.15 (s, 6H), 1.31 (dd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 12.9 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 1.58-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.89 (m, 4H), 2.27-2.47 (m, 4H), 2.67  $(ddd, {}^{2}I = 17.8 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}I = 13.1, 8.8 \text{ Hz}, 2H), 3.74 (dd, {}^{2}I = 12.8 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}I =$ 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.46–4.53 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 22.7 (q), 28.9 (t), 34.0 (t), 35.8 (t), 36.0 (d), 44.5 (s), 66.8 (t), 81.3 (s), 220.2 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2927 (m), 1735 (vs), 1456 (w), 1266 (w), 1114 (w), 1068 (s), 802 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 304 (33), 263 (25), 248 (53), 230 (20), 208 (49), 191 (15), 175 (10), 161 (13), 152 (72), 137 (100), 113 (54), 97 (74), 84 (67), 67 (63), 55 (85), 41 (95). HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 304.1669; found, 304.1674,  $[M]^+$  calcd for  $C_{17}^{-13}C_1H_{24}O_4$ , 305.1703; found, 305.1723.

(3aSR,3bSR,6aRS,6bRS)-3a,3b-Dimethyl-6a,6b-bis((2methylallyl)oxy)octahydrocyclo-buta[1,2:3,4]di[5]annulene-1,6-dione (19). According to general procedure 5, compound 19 was synthesized starting from 2f (66.9 mg, 402  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (8.50 mg, 40.0  $\mu mol,$  10 mol %) over 3 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O =  $9/1 \rightarrow 3/1 \rightarrow 1/1$ , KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (11.3 mg, 34.0  $\mu$ mol, 17%) as a colorless solid. Mp 50-65 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.44$ [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 1.26 (s, 6H), 1.66 (s, 6H), 1.69–1.78 (m, 2H), 2.21–2.42 (m, 4H), 2.63 (ddd,  ${}^{2}J$  = 17.6 Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 13.7$ , 9.4 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (d,  ${}^{2}J = 12.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.10 (d,  ${}^{2}J =$ 12.7 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (virt. dt,  ${}^{4}J = 3.0$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J \cong {}^{4}J = 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.83– 4.94 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  19.1 (q), 19.6 (q), 32.7 (t), 37.2 (t), 44.4 (s), 70.3 (t), 85.8 (s), 110.5 (t), 142.3 (s), 214.0 (s). IR (ATR) v: 2967 (m), 1749 (vs), 1450 (w), 1186 (w), 1097 (m), 1060 (w), 897 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 213 (13), 182 (25), 166 (65), 151 (44), 123 (23), 110 (41), 97 (23), 84 (46), 69 (27), 55 (100). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C20H28O4, 332.1982; found, 332.1998.

(3aβ5,4aSR,6aRS,9aSR,10aRS,12aSR)-3a,4a,9a,10a-Tetramethyldodecahydro-1*H*,7*H*-cyclopenta[1,4]cyclobuta[1,2-*b*]cyclopenta[1,4]cyclobuta[1,2-*f*][1,5]dioxocine-1,7-dione (20). According to general procedure 5, compound 20 was synthesized starting from 2f (66.9 mg, 402 μmol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (8.50 mg, 40.0 μmol, 10 mol %) over 3 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 9/1 → 3/1 → 1/1, KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (17.3 mg, 52.0 μmol, 26%) as a colorless solid. Mp 25–30 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1): *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.12 [KMnO<sub>4</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (S00 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 0.99 (s, 6H), 1.18 (s, 6H), 1.65 (dddd, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 14.1 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 9.2, 4.0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (dt, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 14.1 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.49–2.68 (m, 6H), 3.95 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (dd, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 6.7 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K): δ 11.6 (q), 15.0 (q), 25.0 (t), 39.6 (t), 44.7 (t), 51.1 (s), 52.2 (s), 81.0 (t), 95.4 (s), 205.5 (s).

IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2957 (m), 1742 (vs), 1450 (w), 1043 (w), 976 (w), 902 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 151 (37), 137 (9), 123 (58), 110 (43), 95 (100), 81 (64), 67 (92), 55 (79), 41 (47). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 332.1982; found, 332.1983.

(3aSR,3bSR,6aRS,6bRS)-3a,3b-Dimethyl-6a,6b-bis((3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy)octa-hydrocyclobuta[1,2:3,4]di[5]-annulene-1,6-dione (21). According to general procedure 5, compound 21 was synthesized starting from 3f (72.3 mg, 401  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and thioxanthone 5 (8.50 mg, 40.0  $\mu$ mol, 10 mol %) over 4 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, P/Et<sub>2</sub>O =  $9/1 \rightarrow 3/1 \rightarrow 1/1$ , KMnO<sub>4</sub>) afforded the product (24.3 mg, 67.4  $\mu$ mol, 34%) as a colorless solid. Mp 85–98 °C. TLC (P/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3/1):  $R_f = 0.44 \, [\text{KMnO}_4]$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  1.24 (s, 6H), 1.58 (s, 6H), 1.64-1.72 (m, 8H), 2.23-2.39 (m, 4H), 2.62  $(ddd, {}^{2}J = 17.6 Hz, {}^{3}J = 13.8, 9.3 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (dd, {}^{2}J = 11.6 Hz, {}^{3}J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, {}^{2}J = 11.6 Hz, {}^{3}J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 5.08-5.26 (m, 3)$ 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  18.3 (q), 19.3 (q), 25.9 (q), 32.8 (t), 37.1 (t), 44.0 (s), 64.7 (t), 86.3 (s), 121.6 (d), 135.7 (s), 214.4 (s). IR (ATR)  $\tilde{\nu}$ : 2967 (m), 1748 (vs), 1448 (w), 1381 (w), 1185 (w), 1090 (m), 1060 (w), 982 (w). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 224 (13), 160 (14), 124 (11), 113 (43), 97 (21), 83 (29), 69 (100), 55 (39), 41 (64). HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C22H32O4, 360.2295; found, 360.2296.

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