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## CuO/I2-mediated intramolecular annulation for the synthesis of

## 2-aroyl-3-hydroxy-4-iodonaphthalenes

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#### 1. General

All substrates and reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. TLC analysis was performed using pre-coated glass plates. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200-300 mesh). IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer PE-983 infrared spectrometer as KBr pellets with absorption in cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> 600 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances ( $\delta$ ) are given in parts per million relative to tetramethylsilane. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. <sup>13</sup>C spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> 100/150 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm. HRMS were obtained on a Bruker Apex-Ultra 7.0T FTMS equipped with an electrospray source (ESI). The X-ray crystal structure determination of **2a**, **2i** and **2j** were obtained on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD system. Melting points were determined using XT-4 apparatus and not corrected.

#### 2. General procedure for synthesis of 2 (2a as an example)

A mixture of (*Z*)-2-benzylidene-1-phenylbutane-1,3-dione **1a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuO (3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and I<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in 5 mL ethanol at reflux for 36 h, then filter the precipitate and add CuO (3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and I<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) to mother liquor. Continue refluxing for 12 h till almost completed conversion of the substrates by TLC analysis. Then extract with EtOAc three times (3 × 50 mL). The extract was washed with 10% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution (w/w), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the product **2a** as a yellow solid.

#### General procedure for synthesis of B



Finely powdered CuO (0.40 g, 5.0 mmol) and  $I_2$  (1.27 g, 5.0 mmol) were added to a well-stirred soln of (*Z*)-2-benzylidene-1-phenylbutane-1,3-dione **1a** (5.0 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (20 mL). The mixture was stirred for 5 min and then was heated at 65 °C for 10 h. After disappearance of the reactant (TLC), the mixture was filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure (Note: the mixture could not be treated with Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> because it reacted with the iodinated product at r.t.), then direct purification of the residue by column chromatography gave the target products in 68% yield.

#### 3. Spectral data of compounds 2 and B.



(3-hydroxy-4-iodonaphthale n-2-yl)(phe nyl)methanone (2a). Yield 80%; Yellow solid; m.p. 160.2–162.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  12.25 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.71–7.64 (m, 3H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  201.1, 156.7, 138.6, 137.5, 137.3, 132.6, 131.5, 130.7, 130.2, 129.6, 128.6,

127.4, 124.7, 120.3, 86.9; IR (KBr): 1630, 1345, 1287, 1242 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>: 374.9877; found: 374.9873.



(3-hydroxy-4-iodonaphthalen-2-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (2b). Yield 62%; Yellow solid; m.p. 147.3–148.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  12.26 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.64 (m, 4H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  200.7, 156.8, 143.7, 138.5, 137.3, 134.6, 131.4, 130.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.3, 127.4, 124.7, 120.5, 86.8, 21.7; IR (KBr): 1630, 1341, 1322, 1283 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>: 389.0033; found: 389.0033.



(3-hydroxy-4-iodonaphthale n-2-yl)(4-methoxyphe nyl)methanone (2c). Yield 65%; Yellow solid; m.p. 112.4–113.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  12.17 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  199.3, 163.5, 156.6, 138.3, 136.8, 132.3, 131.2, 130.7, 130.1, 129.7, 127.4, 124.6, 120.7, 113.9, 86.7, 55.6; IR (KBr): 1632, 1605, 1329, 1263, 1176 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>IO<sub>3</sub>: 404.9982; found: 404.9986.



(3-hydroxy-4-iodonaphthalen-2-yl)(naphthalen-2-yl)methanone (2d). Yield 57%; Yellow solid; m.p. 173.3–175.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  12.25 (s, 1H), 8.25–8.24 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97–7.95 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69–7.65 (m, 3H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  200.9, 156.7, 138.6, 137.5, 135.1, 134.5, 132.1, 131.5, 131.2, 130.7, 130.2, 129.3, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 127.2, 125.4, 124.7, 120.6, 86.9; IR (KBr): 1635, 1286 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>: 425.0033; found: 425.0028.



(3-hydroxy-4-iodonaphthalen-2-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (2e). Yield 51%; Yellow solid; m.p. 158.7–160.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.73 (s, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H),

7.27–7.26 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  190.6, 155.9, 141.7, 138.3, 135.5, 135.4, 135.1, 131.3, 130.8, 130.1, 128.2, 127.6, 124.8, 120.8, 86.9; IR (KBr): 1628, 1571, 1411, 1287, 1232, 1222 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>INaO<sub>2</sub>S: 402.9260; found: 402.9264.



(3-hydroxy-4-iodo-6-me thylnaphthalen-2-yl)(phe nyl)me thanone (2f). Yield 72%; Yellow solid; m.p. 167.4–168.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  12.35 (s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  201.0, 156.9, 142.4, 138.7, 137.4, 137.3, 132.4, 130.1, 129.7, 129.5, 128.5, 127.1, 125.7, 119.5, 86.1, 22.3; IR (KBr): 1629, 1444, 1341, 1309, 1283 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>: 389.0033; found: 389.0035.



(3-hydroxy-4-iodo-6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (2g). Yield 68%; Yellow solid; m.p. 138.1–138.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  12.59 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  200.8, 162.6, 157.8, 140.8, 137.5, 137.2, 132.3, 132.2, 129.4, 128.5, 122.6, 118.0, 117.8, 109.4, 85.5, 55.6; IR (KBr): 1635, 1500, 1341, 1312, 1228 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>IO<sub>3</sub>: 404.9982; found: 404.9977.



(2-hydroxy-1-iodophe nanthren-3-yl)(phe nyl)me thanone (2h). Yield 59%; Yellow solid; m.p. 166.2–167.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  12.66 (s, 1H), 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.75 (m, 3H), 7.72–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.48 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  200.8, 158.4, 138.4, 137.3, 132.8, 132.6, 130.6, 130.3, 130.2, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 126.6, 123.3, 121.6, 118.4, 89.5; IR (KBr): 1615, 1402 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>: 425.0033; found: 425.0034.



(5-hydroxy-4-iodobenzo[b]thiophen-6-yl)(phenyl)methanone (2i). Yield 43%; Yellow solid; m.p. 133.4–134.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  12.66 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H),

7.70 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  200.8, 158.1, 148.6, 137.4, 134.3, 132.3, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 117.4, 80.3; IR (KBr): 1618, 1388, 1332, 1263, 1235 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>S: 380.9441; found: 380.9435.



(3-hydroxyphe nanthre n-2-yl)(phe nyl)me thanone (2j). Yield 85%; Yellow solid; m.p. 140.1–141.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.63 (s, 1H), 8.59 (bs, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 3.0Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67–7.64 (m, 3H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  201.4, 159.5, 137.9, 136.6, 135.5, 133.5, 132.2, 129.5, 128.7, 128.55, 128.47, 126.9, 126.7, 125.2, 124.7, 123.9, 119.6, 109.7; IR (KBr): 1641, 1332, 1211 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 299.1067; found: 299.1067.



(3-hydroxy-6-nitronaphthale n-2-yl)(phe nyl)me thanone (2k). Yield 38%; Yellow solid; m.p. 144.8–146.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.16 (s, 1H), 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.58 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  201.3, 158.5, 148.0, 137.2, 136.3, 135.9, 132.9, 131.2, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 123.5, 122.6, 117.2, 114.7; IR (KBr): 1643, 1531, 1342, 1294, 1215 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 294.0761; found: 294.0754.



(E)-2-benzylide ne -4-iodo-1-phenylbutane -1,3-dione (B). Yield 68%; Yellow solid; m.p. 120.1–121.8  $^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  196.9, 190.6, 143.6, 135.8, 135.7, 134.1, 132.5, 130.8, 130.5, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 2.3; IR (KBr): 3450, 3050, 1668, 1639, 1616, 1325, 1259, 1234, 915, 750, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>INaO<sub>2</sub>: 398.9852; found: 398.9858.

4. Molecular structure and crystallographic data of compounds 2a, 2i and 2j.



Figure S1 X-ray crystal structure of compounds 2a

Crystal Data for Compound **2a**:  $C_{17}H_{11}IO_2$ , MW = 374.16, monoclinic, a = 11.327(4) Å, b = 11.780(5) Å, c = 10.747(4) Å,  $\alpha$ = 90.00°,  $\beta$ = 94.540(4)°,  $\gamma$ = 90.00°, V = 1429.5(9) Å<sup>3</sup>, T = 296(2) K, space group P2(1)/c, Z = 4, m(Mo-Ka) = 2.238 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 6008 reflections collected, 2592 unique [R(int) = 0.0273] which were used in all calculations. The final wR2 (F2) was 0.0771. CCDC 986777 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.



Figure S2 X-ray crystal structure of compounds 2i

Crystal Data for Compound **2i**:  $C_{15}H_9IO_2S$ , MW = 380.18, orthorhombic, a = 16.603(3) Å, b = 4.1488(8) Å, c = 19.295(4) Å,  $\alpha$ = 90.00°,  $\beta$ = 90.00°,  $\gamma$ = 90.00°, V = 1329.1(4) Å<sup>3</sup>, T = 296(2) K, space group Pna2(1), Z = 4, m(Mo–Ka) = 2.560 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 6961 reflections collected, 2584 unique [R(int) = 0.0590] which were used in all calculations. The final wR2 (F2) was 0.0872. CCDC 986778 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.



Figure S3 X-ray crystal structure of compounds 2j

Crystal Data for Compound **2j**:  $C_{21}H_{14}O_2$ , MW = 298.32, monoclinic, a = 13.966(2) Å, b = 12.7793(19) Å, c = 8.4353(13) Å,  $\alpha$ = 90.00°,  $\beta$ = 100.374(2)°,  $\gamma$ = 90.00°, V = 1480.9(4) Å<sup>3</sup>, T = 296(2) K, space group P2(1)/c, Z = 4, m(Mo–Ka) = 0.085 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 7985 reflections collected, 2741 unique [R(int) = 0.0236] which were used in all calculations. The final wR2 (F2) was 0.1291. CCDC 986779 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

# 5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compounds 2 and B.









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