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Lipophilic NHC Assisted One-pot Synthesis of Syncarpamide Analogues in Aqueous Medium

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Materials and methods:

1. Materials:

All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere employing standard techniques in handling air-sensitive materials. Substituted ester was prepared from substituted acid, ethanolamine was purchased from SRL, chiral alcohols ((*S*)-(-)-2-Amino-3-phenyl-1-propanol (190438), (*S*)-2-Amino-1-phenylethanol (494577) and (*R*)-(-)-2-Phenylglycinol (A19030) were purchased from Aldrich and Alfa Aesar. Potassium carbonate was purchased from Merck. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 100-200 mesh (code 95178), 200-400 (code 96671) mesh size was purchased from SRL. Sodium chloride was purchased from SRL (Assay =99.5%). ¹H NMR was recorded Brucker model avance-II 300 MHz and ¹³C 75 MHz spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard and CDCl₃, DMSO-d6 as a solvent. The JEOL GCMATE II GC-MS with Data system is a high resolution, Electron Spray Ionization (ESI) methods were used for analyzing mass of molecules. Melting points were measured on an digital melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured on a PerkinElmer Precisely/Model-341 polarimeter operating at the sodium D line with a 100 mm path cell. FT-IR spectrum was taken Perkin Elmer Spectrum RX I model.

Methods:

General Procedure

2. Synthesis of 4-nitrophenyl cinnamate

The synthesis of 4-nitrophenyl cinnamate procedure was performed by closely following the Literature procedure.^{1a}



To the mixture of cinnamic acid (0.15 g, 1 mmol) and 4-nitrophenol (0.14 g, 1 mmol) in dichloromethane, DCC (0.248 g, 1.2 mmol) and DMAP (0.013 g, 0.1 mmol) was added. Then, the reaction was heated at 50 °C for 3 h. After complete consumption of starting material, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and dissolved with DCM and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and obtained crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100-200 mesh) in 10% Ethyl acetate in pet ether to afford 0.215 g of white solid, Yield- 80%. M.p: 141-142 °C, Lit (145-146 °C)^{1b}.

2a. Synthesis of 1,3-Didodecyl Benzimidazolium Bromide (NHC-D)

The synthesis of 1,3-Didodecyl Benzimidazolium Bromide was performed by following the Literature procedure.² ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 11.41$ (s, 1H) , 7.74-7.65 (m, 4H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.10- 2.00 (m, 4H), 1.42- 1.24 (m, 36H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). Spectra data compared with Literature.²

3. Synthesis of 3-Amino-3-phenylpropan-1-ol

The preparation was carried out with slightly modified literature procedure.³



Step 1: NH₄OAc was added in a solution of malonic acid (2.0 mmol) and Benzaldehyde (2.0 mmol) in EtOH (10 ml). The mixture was reflux for overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with ice-cold EtOH. The white solid was dried in vacuo, to give 3-amino-3-phenylpropionic acid. The afford product was taken to next step without further purification.

Step 2: The acid (2 mmol) was dissolved in THF (20 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. To this mixture was added protionwise LiAlH₄ (6 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 15 mins at same temperature. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. After Complete consumption of starting material by TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and slowly quenched with water. The grey mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford crude product. The crude product was washed with n-hexane and triturate to afford white solid. Yield: 66%. Mp: 71-73 °C, (Lit: 76-77 °C)³. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.39-7.23 (m, 5H), 4.15-4.11 (m, 1H), 3.86-3.78 (m, 2H), 2.62 (br s, 3H), 1.94-1.85 (m, 2H).

4. Synthesis of symmetrically substituted analogues of syncarpamide derivatives using NHC organocatalysis:

A 10 mL reaction vial was charged with amino alcohol derivatives (0.2 mmol), Substituted esters (0.2 mmol) and water (2 mL). To this mixture, potassium carbonate (0.042 g, 0.3 mmol) and NHC-D (0.09 g, 0.02 mmol) were added; the reaction vial was closed with rubber septa and purged with argon. After purging for 5 minutes, the reaction vial was tightly sealed with crimper cap and allowed to stir for 12 h at room temperature. (For **3h-n**, the reaction mixture needs to be heated to 60 °C for 5 h). After completion, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The afforded crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (200-400 mesh) in 50-100% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford the product.

2-[(2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enamido]ethyl (2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enoate (3a). White solid, Yield: 26.4 mg (82%), Mp: 93-95 °C (Lit 94–97 °C)⁴, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 4.40 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (q, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H). NMR details were compared with literature report⁴.

2-[(2E)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-enamido]ethyl(2E)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-enoate (3b). White solid, Yield: 29.9 mg (77%), Mp: 236-238 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (dd, *J* = 22.1, 16.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.33 (m, 8H), 6.41 (t, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 4.39 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.77- 3.74 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, DMSO-d6) δ 166.2, 165.6, 143.3, 138.6, 135.8, 134.7, 133.2, 132.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 121.4, 117.9, 62.9, 38.3. HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₁₇Cl₂NO₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 412.0483, found: 412.0483.

2-[(2E)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-enamido]ethyl (2E)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-enoate (3c).

White solid, Yield: 30 mg (84%), Mp: 157-161 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55- 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.08 (q, J = 9 Hz, 4H), 6.36 (t, J = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 4.39 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (q, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 165.9, 165.7, 165.3,144.4, 140.3, 130.9, 130.4, 130.1, 130.0, 129.7, 129.6, 120.0, 117.1, 116.3, 116.1, 116.0, 115.8, 63.4, 39.3. HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₁₈F₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 358.1255, found: 358.1254.

2-[(2E)-3-(3-nitrophenyl)prop-2-enamido]ethyl (**2E)-3-(3-nitrophenyl)prop-2-enoate** (**3d).** White solid, Yield: 35.8 mg (88%), Mp: 115-116 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 8.57 (s,1H), 8.41 (br s, 2H), 8.24 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, DMSO-d6) δ 164.5, 164.1, 147.2, 141.0, 135.72, 135.67, 134.7, 132.7, 129.0, 128.8, 123.4, 123.3, 122.3, 121.2, 120.2, 119.7, 62.0, 37.1. HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N₃O₇ [M+H]⁺: 412.1145, found: 412.1144.

2-[(2E)-3-(4-cyanophenyl)prop-2-enamido]ethyl (**2E)-3-(4-cyanophenyl)prop-2-enoate** (**3e).** White solid, Yield: 27.2 mg (73%), Mp: 216-218 °C , ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 – 7.57 (m, 10H), 6.51 (t, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 2H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, DMSO-d6) δ 164.9, 164.5, 141.8, 138.7, 137.6, 136.8, 131.7, 131.6, 127.6, 127.2, 124.1, 120.4, 117.6, 117.4, 112.2, 111.3, 62.3, 37.5. HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 372.1348, found: 372.1349.

[Ethane 2-[(3-nitrophenyl)formamido]ethyl 3-nitrobenzoate (3f). White solid, Yield: 47.3 mg (65%), Mp: 144-145 °C, (Lit 152–153°C)⁵, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.88 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.46 – 8.36 (m, 3H), 8.19-8.16 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.65 (m, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.66 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (q, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H). NMR details were compared with literature report⁵.

N-(2-hydroxyethyl)benzamide (3g). Colorless gum, Yield: 28.4 mg (85%), ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (q, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H). NMR details were compared with literature report⁶.

(2R)-2-phenyl-2-[(2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enamido]ethyl(2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enoate(3h).

White solid, Yield: 26.8 mg (69%), Mp: 131-132 °C , ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 11H), 6.45 (dd, J = 15.6, 8.4 Hz, 3H), 5.54-5.48 (m, 1H), 4.68 (dd, J = 11.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, J = 11.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 165.5, 146.0, 141.8, 138.4, 134.7, 134.1, 130.6, 129.8, 128.93, 128.88, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 126.8, 120.3, 117.2, 66.2, 53.2. HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₁₈F₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 398.1756, found: 398.1757.

(2R)-2-[(2E)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-enamido]-2-phenylethyl(2E)-3-(4-

methoxyphenyl)prop-2-enoate (**3i**). White solid, Yield: 34.1 mg (74%), Mp: 194-197 °C, 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.65 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H) 7.48 – 7.30 (m, 9H), 6.89 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.1 Hz, 4H), 6.38 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.52 - 5.46 (m, 1H), 4.66 (dd, J = 11.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.5 Hz,

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1H), 3.83 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 165.8, 161.6, 161.0, 145.6, 141.4, 138.6, 130.0, 129.5, 128.8, 127.9, 127.4, 126.9, 126.8, 117.9, 114.7, 114.4, 114.2, 66.1, 55.4, 53.2. HRMS calcd for C₂₈H₂₈NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 458.1967, found: 458.1968.

(2R)-2-[(2E)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-enamido]-2-phenylethyl(2E)-3-(4-

fluorophenyl)prop-2-enoate (3j). White solid, Yield: 23.7 mg (55%), Mp: 138-142 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.54 – 7.27 (m, 11H), 7.06 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (q, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.58 – 4.43 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 165.3, 144.6, 140.6, 138.3, 130.9, 130.4, 130.3, 130.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.1, 126.8, 120.0, 117.0, 116.3, 116.1, 116.0, 115.8, 66.2, 53.2. HRMS calcd for C₂₆H₂₂F₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 434.1568, found: 434.1569.

(2R)-2-[(2E)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-enamido]-2-phenylethyl(2E)-3-(4-

chlorophenyl)prop-2-enoate (**3k**). White solid, Yield: 36.7 mg (79%), Mp: 120-123 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (t, J = 16.8, 2H), 7.45 – 7.31 (m, 13H), 6.40 (q, J = 9 Hz, 3H), 5.53-5.47 (m, 1H), 4.68 (dd, J = 11.7, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 165.2, 144.5, 140.5, 138.2, 136.6, 135.7, 133.2, 132.6, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.1, 126.8, 120.7, 117.8, 66.3, 53.2. HRMS calcd for C₂₆H₂₁Cl₂NO₃Na [M+Na]⁺:488.0796, found: 488.0786. IR (KBr) v 3342, 1712, 1630, 1533, 1490, 1311, 1160, 1086, 973, 822, 700, 468 cm⁻¹.

(2S)-3-phenyl-2-[(2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enamido]propyl (2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enoate (3l). White solid, Yield: 33.8 mg (82%), Mp 164-166 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.28 (m, 10H), 6.48 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.70-4.59 (m, 1H), 4.33-4.22 (m, 2H), 3.07 (dd, J = 13.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, J = 13.8, 8.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 165.5, 145.8, 141.5, 137.0, 134.7, 134.2, 130.6, 129.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 126.9, 120.4, 117.3, 64.8, 50.1, 37.6. HRMS calcd for C₂₇H₂₆NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 412.1913, found: 412.1913.

(2S)-2-[(2E)-3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-enamido]-3-phenylpropyl(2E)-3-(4

bromophenyl)prop-2-enoate (3m). White solid, Yield: 32.3 mg (57%), Mp 101-103 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.60 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.40 – 7.20 (m, 7H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 8.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 165.0, 144.1, 140.0, 136.8, 136.2, 133.4, 132.6, 130.8, 130.5, 130.4, 130.3, 129.3, 128.8, 126.93, 126.87, 126.8, 123.1, 123.0, 121.8, 118.8, 65.0, 50.1, 37.6. HRMS calcd for C₂₇H₂₄Br₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 568.0123, found: 568.0011. IR (KBr) v 3273, 2921, 2851, 1710, 1626, 1555, 1175, 972, 783, 667, 443 cm⁻¹.

(2S)-2-[(2E)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-enamido]-3-phenylpropyl(2E)-3-(4-

fluorophenyl)prop-2-enoate (**3n**). White solid, Yield: 38.7 mg (86%), Mp: 104-106 °C ,¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.12- 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.39 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33-4.21 (m, 2H), 3.05 (dd, J = 13.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, J = 13.8, 8.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 165.7, 165.4, 162.4, 161.9, 144.5, 140.3, 136.9, 130.94, 130.90, 130.42, 130.37, 130.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.7, 126.9, 120.1, 117.0, 116.3, 116.1, 116.0, 115.8, 64.8, 50.1, 37.6. HRMS calcd for C₂₇H₂₄F₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 448.1724, found: 448.1725. IR (KBr) v 3272, 1710, 1628, 1509, 1318, 1279, 1232, 972, 827, 700, 452 cm⁻¹.

(1R)-1-phenyl-2-[(2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enamido]ethyl(2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enoate (3o). White solid, Yield: 31 mg (72%), Mp: 178-180 °C, (Lit 181-183)⁷, $[\alpha]_D^{31}$ - 69.0 (c 0.07, CHCl₃), (Lit: $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ - 57.3 (c 0.5, CHCl₃))⁷, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 - 7.34 (m, 15H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (br s, 1H), 3.98 - 3.78 (m, 2H). NMR details were compared with literature report⁷.

(1R)-1-phenyl-2-[(2E)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-enamido]ethyl(2E)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2enoate (3p). White solid, Yield: 33.6 mg (82%), Mp: 164-166 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08 - 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (br s, 1H), 3.96 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.82 – 3.73 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 165.7, 139.9, 139.4, 138.3, 137.7, 134.3, 131.5, 130.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 126.5, 119.1, 116.2, 74.8, 44.8. HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₀NO₃S₂ [M+H]⁺: 410.0885, found:410.0903. IR (KBr) v 3320, 2920, 1705, 1619, 1546, 1204, 1165, 1103, 1041, 833, 698, 458 cm⁻¹.

(2R)-2-phenyl-2-[(2E)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-enamido]ethyl(2E)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2enoate (3q). White solid, Yield: 29.1 mg (71%), Mp: 138-140 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.31 (m, 8H), 7.20 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07- 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 5.51- 5.45 (m, 1H), 4.64 (dd, J = 11.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 165.2, 139.9, 139.3, 138.4, 138.3, 134.5, 131.4, 130.5, 128.93, 128.86, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 126.8, 119.1, 115.9, 66.2, 53.1. HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₀NO₃S₂ [M+H]⁺: 410.0885, found: 410.0902.

(2S)-2-[(2E)-3-(furan-2-yl)prop-2-enamido]-3-phenylpropyl(2E)-3-(furan-2-yl)prop-

2enoate(3r). White solid, Yield: 22.8 mg (58%), Mp: 122-124 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 6.65 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.50 - 6.44 (m, 2H), 6.35 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.66 – 4.55 (m, 1H), 4.28 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.03 (dd, J = 13.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, J = 13.5, 8.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 165.4, 151.2, 150.8, 145.0, 144.1, 137.0, 131.9, 129.4, 128.7, 128.3, 126.8, 118.1, 115.4, 114.9, 114.0, 112.4, 112.2, 64.6, 50.0, 37.6. HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₂₂NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 392.1498, found: 392.1516. IR (KBr) v 3376, 2926, 1716, 1634, 1535, 1262, 1166, 1020, 749, 701 cm⁻¹.

2-[(2E)-3-(furan-2-yl)prop-2-enamido]ethyl(2E)-3-(furan-2-yl)prop-2-enoate(3s)⁸. off-White solid, Yield: 18.7 mg (62%), Mp: 94-97 °C, (Lit 100-101 °C)⁸. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50- 7.39 (m, 4H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.49- 6.44 (m, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (br s, 1H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.74-3.69 (m, 2H).

3-phenyl-3-[(**2E**)-**3-phenylprop-2-enamido]propyl(2E**)-**3-phenylprop-2enoate(3v).** White solid, Yield: 27.7 mg (66%), Mp: 176-179 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 - 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.28 (m, 11H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.42-2.22 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 165.2, 145.1, 141.6, 141.2, 134.7, 134.3, 130.4, 129.8, 128.93, 128.91, 128.8, 128.2, 127.82, 127.8, 126.6, 120.5, 117.8, 61.7, 51.3, 34.9. HRMS calcd

for C₂₇H₂₆NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 412.1913, found: 412.1929. IR (KBr) v 3273, 3054, 2940, 1711, 1617, 1544, 1316, 1172, 982, 767, 707, 464 cm⁻¹.

3-[(2E)-3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-enamido]-3-phenylpropyl(2E)-3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-enoate(3w). White solid, Yield: 44 mg (74%), Mp: 168-172 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.40 - 7.28 (m, 9H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.36-5.29 (m, 1H), 4.27 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.39-2.18 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 164.8, 143.7, 141.0, 140.3, 133.6, 133.2, 132.2, 132.1, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 127.9, 126.6, 124.7, 124.0, 121.0, 118.5, 61.8, 51.2, 34.8. HRMS calcd for C₂₇H₂₄Br₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 568.0123, found: 568.0141.

2-[methyl(2-{[2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enoyl]oxy}ethyl)amino]ethyl(2E)-3-phenylprop-2-

enoate(**3x**). Colorless oil, Yield: 20.5 mg (53%), ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* =15.9 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 6.47 (d, *J* =15.9 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 4H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 145.1, 134.4, 130.3, 128.9, 128.1, 117.9, 62.2, 56.0, 43.1. HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₂₆NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 380.1862, found: 380.1878.

(2E)-3-phenyl-N-[2-{2-{2-[(2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enamido]ethoxy)ethyl]prop-2-enamide(3y).

Off-white solid, Yield: 16.6 mg (40%), M.P: 98 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 6H), 6.47 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (s, 2H), 3.66-3.61 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.2, 141.1, 134.8, 129.7, 128.8, 127.8, 120.6, 70.3, 70.0, 39.5. HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₉N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 409.2127, found: 409.2139.

5. Synthesis of Unsymmetrically substituted analogues of syncarpamide derivatives using NHC organocatalysis:

A 10 mL reaction vial was charged with amino alcohol derivatives (0.3 mmol), Methyl cinnamate (0.3 mmol) and water (2 mL). To this mixture, potassium carbonate (0.042 g, 0.3 mmol) were added; the reaction vial was closed with rubber septa and heated at 60 °C for 5 h. After 5 h, the substituted esters derivatives (0.2 mmol) and NHC-D (0.014 g, 0.03 mmol) were added. Then, the reaction vial was tightly sealed with crimper cap and allowed to stir for 12 h at room temperature. After completion of 12 h, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The afforded crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (200-400 mesh) in 50-80% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford the product.

2-[(2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enamido] ethyl benzoate (4a). White solid, Yield: 40.8 mg (45%), Mp: 105-109 °C (Lit 110–111°C)⁹, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J=16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.39 (m, 8H), 6.68 (br s, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (q, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H). NMR details were compared with literature report⁹.

2-[(2E)-3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-enamido]ethyl benzoate (**4b**). White solid, Yield: 53.3 mg (47%), Mp: 138-140 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.54- 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 167.1, 144.4, 134.2, 133.1, 132.2, 131.7, 129.6, 128.7, 127.0, 124.9, 118.0, 63.6, 39.8. HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₆BrNO₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 396.0211, found: 396.0214.

2-[(2E)-3-(3-nitrophenyl)prop-2-enamido]ethyl benzoate (**4c).** White solid, Yield: 53.4 mg (52%), Mp: 110-130 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.74 (m, 4H), 7.62-7.43 (m, 4H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (q, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 166.5, 148.7, 142.8, 135.9, 134.2, 133.8, 131.7, 130.1, 128.7, 127.0, 124.8, 122.5, 120.6, 63.8, 39.6. HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₅ [M+H]⁺: 341.1137, found: 341.1138. IR (KBr) v 3294, 3072, 2929, 1715, 1638, 1529, 1352, 1175, 994, 803, 697, 468 cm⁻¹.

(2R)-2-phenyl-2-[(2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enamido] ethyl benzoate (4d). Off-white solid, Yield: 54 mg (40%), Mp: 170-173 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.29 (m, 11H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.30 – 5.19 (m, 1H), 4.04 – 3.93 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 142.1, 138.8, 134.6, 129.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 126.8, 120.0, 66.9, 56.4. HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 372.1600, found: 372.1602.

6. NHC mediated transesterification reaction in aqueous medium:

A 10 mL reaction vial was charged with alcohol derivatives (0.2 mmol), substituted ester (0.2 mmol) and water (2 mL). To this mixture, potassium carbonate (0.042 g, 0.3 mmol) and NHC-D (0.013 g, 0.03 mmol) were added; the reaction vial was closed with rubber septa and purged with argon. After purging for 5 minutes, the reaction vial was tightly sealed with crimper cap and allowed to stir for 12 h at room temperature. After completion of 12 h, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The afforded crude

mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (200-400 mesh) in 10% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford the product.

Methyl (2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enoate (5a). Colorless gum, Yield: 29 mg (88%), ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H). NMR details were compared with literature report¹⁰.

(**2-Bromophenyl)methyl** (**2E**)-**3-phenylprop-2-enoate** (**5b**).Colorless gum, Yield: 56.3 mg (89%), ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 2H). NMR details were compared with literature report¹⁰.

(2-Iodophenyl)methyl (2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enoate (5c). Colorless gum, Yield: 61.8 mg (85%), ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.08- 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H). NMR details were compared with literature report¹¹.

Octadecyl (2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enoate (5d). Colorless gum, Yield: 57.3 mg (73%), ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 6.45 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (t, J = 13.5 Hz, 6.9 Hz, 2H) , 1.74-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 30H), 0.87 (t, J = 13.2 Hz, 6.9 Hz, 3H). NMR details were compared with literature report¹².

Naphthalen-2-yl (**2E**)-**3-phenylprop-2-enoate** (**5e**). White solid, Yield: 38.3 mg (70%), Mp 106-109 °C (Lit 109-110 °C)¹³, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 – 7.81 (m, 4H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H). NMR details were compared with literature report¹³.

Phenyl (2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enoate (5f). White solid, Yield: 36.8 mg (82%), Mp: 70-71 °C, (Lit 73 °C)¹³; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H). NMR details were compared with literature report¹³.

7. Synthesis of transesterification of benzoin derivatives using NHC organocatalysis:

A 10 mL reaction vial was charged with benzoin derivatives (0.2 mmol), Substituted esters (0.2 mmol) and water (2 mL). To this mixture, potassium carbonate (0.069 g, 0.5 mmol) and NHC-D (0.022 g, 0.05 mmol) were added; the reaction vial was closed with rubber septa and purged with nitrogen. After purging for 5 minutes, the reaction vial was tightly sealed with crimper cap and allowed to stir for 3 h at 60 °C. After completion of 3 h, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The afforded crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (200-400 mesh) in 10% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford the product.

1,2-Bis(phenyl)-2-oxoethyl (**2E)-3-phenylprop-2-enoate** (**5g).** White solid, Yield: 50.2 mg (74%), Mp: 100-102 °C, (Lit 104-106 °C)¹⁴; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 5H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 8H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H). NMR details were compared with literature report¹⁴.

8. Mechanism



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