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Solvent and Catalyst-Free Bromofunctionalization of Olefins Using a Mechanochemical Approach

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(A) General Information

Unless otherwise specified, commercially available reagents were used directly without further purification. All reactions requiring anhydrous conditions were conducted by standard procedures under nitrogen atmosphere. The solvents were dried over a solvent purification system from Innovative Technology. Melting points were determined on a Buchi B-540b melting point apparatus. ¹H NMR and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX500 (500 MHz) spectrometer or a Bruker AMX400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Proton and carbon chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) values downfield from TMS (δ 0.00) and referenced to residual protons in NMR solvents (CDCl₃ at δ 7.26, CD₂Cl₂ at δ 5.36) or carbon signals in NMR solvent (CDCl₃ at δ 77.16, CD₂Cl₂ at δ 55.42). ¹H NMR data were reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity, coupling constants (Hz), and integration. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Thermo Finnigan MAT95XL Magnetic Sector mass spectrometer (ionization mode: EI) or a Thermo Q Exactive Hybrid Quadrupole-Orbitrap mass spectrometer (ESI). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with Merck precoated TLC plates, silica gel 60F-254, layer thickness 0.25 mm. Flash chromatography separations were performed on Merck 60 (0.040–0.063 mm) mesh silica gel.

(B) Mechanochemical Bromolactonization Reactions

General Procedure. Alkenoic acid **1** (0.2 mmol) and NBS (39.2 mg, 0.22 mmol) were added into a 10 mL zirconium oxide chamber. The milling chamber was then securely fastened into a Retsch mixer mill (MM 400) and set to oscillate at 30 Hz for 1 hour. On completion of reaction, the mill chamber was extracted with hexane or cyclohexane and the solution was filtered through a thin plug of celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the desired product **2** with high purity. No column chromatography was necessary.

5-(bromomethyl)-5-phenyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2a)

Yield: 97% (49.5 mg, colorless oil)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 4H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 11.4, 1H), 2.77-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.49-2.61 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.7, 140.8, 129.0, 128.8, 125.0, 86.6, 41.2, 32.5, 29.2.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}BrO_2$ 276.98346, found 276.98365.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Chen, T.; Foo, T. J. Y.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *ACS Catal.* **2015**, *5* (8), 4751–4755).

5-(bromomethyl)-5-(p-tolyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2b)

Yield: 98% (52.7 mg, colorless oil)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 11.1, 1H), 2.74-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.58 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.8, 138.7, 137.8, 129.6, 125.0, 86.6, 41.2, 32.4, 29.2, 21.2.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}BrO_2$ 290.99911, found 290.99917.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Chen, T.; Foo, T. J. Y.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *ACS Catal.* **2015**, *5* (8), 4751–4755).

5-(bromomethyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2c)



Yield: 87% (49.6 mg, colorless oil)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.83 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.58 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.8, 159.8, 132.6, 126.4, 114.3, 86.5, 55.5, 41.3, 32.3, 29.3.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}BrO_3$ 306.99403, found 306.99378.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Zhou, L.; Tan, C. K.; Jiang, X.; Chen, F.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132* (44), 15474–15476.).

5-(bromomethyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2d)



Yield: 98% (56.7 mg, colorless oil)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.59 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.3, 139.4, 134.9, 129.2, 126.6, 86.1, 40.7, 32.5, 29.1.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{10}BrClO_2$ 312.94236, found 312.94231.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Chen, T.; Foo, T. J. Y.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *ACS Catal.* **2015**, *5* (8), 4751–4755).

5-(bromomethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2e)

Yield: 90% (49.2 mg, colorless oil)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.76-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.49-2.60 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.4, 163.8, 161.8, 136.7, 136.6, 127.1, 127.0, 116.0, 115.9, 86.2, 41.0, 32.5, 29.2.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{10}BrFO_2$ 294.97404, found 294.97435.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Zhou, L.; Tan, C. K.; Jiang, X.; Chen, F.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132* (44), 15474–15476.).

5-(bromomethyl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2f)



Yield: 98% (63.3 mg, colorless oil)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.78-2.88 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.60 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.1, 144.8, 131.0 (q, *J* = 33 Hz), 126.0 (q, *J* = 4 Hz), 125.6, 123.9 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 86.0, 40.4, 32.6, 29.0.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{10}BrF_3O_2$ 344.97085, found 344.97095.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Zhou, L.; Tan, C. K.; Jiang, X.; Chen, F.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132* (44), 15474–15476.).

5-(4-acetylphenyl)-5-(bromomethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2g)



Yield: 81% (48.1 mg, white solid).

IR (KBr): 3020, 1785, 1737, 1685, 1270, 1216, 1162, 760, 668 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.76-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.50-2.60 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.4, 175.2, 145.8, 137.4, 129.0, 125.4, 86.3, 40.5, 32.6, 29.1, 26.8.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{13}BrO_3$ 318.99403, found 318.99413.

5-bromo-6-phenyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-one 2h



Yield: 78%, d.r. > 99:1 (39.7 mg, white solid)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dt, J = 18.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (dt, J = 18.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.31 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.2, 137.4, 129.2, 128.9, 126.5, 85.7, 47.3, 28.5, 27.7.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}BrO_2$ 276.98346, found 276.98327.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Zhou, L.; Tan, C. K.; Jiang, X.; Chen, F.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132* (44), 15474–15476.).

(C) Mechanochemical Bromocycloetherification Reactions

General Procedure. Olefinic mono-alcohol 5 (0.2 mmol) and NBS (39.2 mg, 0.22 mmol) were added into a 10 mL zirconium oxide chamber. The milling chamber was then securely fastened into a Retsch mixer mill (MM 400) and set to oscillate at 30 Hz, for 1 hour. On completion of reaction, the ball mill chamber was extracted with hexane and the solution was filtered through a thin plug of celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the desired product **6** in high purity. No column chromatography was necessary.

2-(bromomethyl)-2-phenyltetrahydrofuran (6a)

Yield: 98% (47.2 mg, colorless oil).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H), 4.06-4.12 (m, 1H), 3.92-3.97 (m, 1H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 2.40-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.02-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.89 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.1, 128.4, 127.5, 125.7, 85.4, 68.8, 42.3, 36.6, 26.3.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Greb, M.; Hartung, J.; Köhler, F.; Špehar, K.; Kluge, R.; Csuk, R. *European J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, *2004* (18), 3799–3812.).

2-(bromomethyl)-2-(p-tolyl)tetrahydrofuran (6b)

Yield: 99% (50.5 mg, colorless oil).

IR (KBr): 3017, 1216, 750 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 2.37-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.21-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.00-2.09 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.89 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.1, 137.2, 129.1, 125.6, 85.3, 68.7, 42.4, 36.5, 26.3, 21.2.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: [M-H₂O+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₅BrO 237.02734, found 237.02724.

2-(bromomethyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)tetrahydrofuran (6c)



Yield: 76% (41.2 mg, colorless oil).

IR (KBr): 3019, 1510, 1249, 1216, 763, 669 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 2.36-2.43 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.00-2.09 (m, 1H), 1.809-1.89 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.0, 136.0, 126.9, 113.7, 85.1, 68.7, 55.4, 42.5, 36.4, 26.3.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: [M-H₂O+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₅BrO₂ 253.02225, found 253.02216.

2-(bromomethyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)tetrahydrofuran (6d)

Yield: 90% (49.6 mg, colorless oil).

IR (KBr): 3018, 1490, 1216, 1052, 752 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 2.36-2.43 (m, 1H), 2.16-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.01-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.89 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.6, 133.4, 128.5, 127.2, 85.1, 68.9, 41.9, 36.7, 26.2.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₂BrClO 276.98107, found 276.98107.

2-(bromomethyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)tetrahydrofuran (6e)

Yield: 93% (48.2 mg, colorless oil).

IR (KBr): 3017, 2981, 1604, 1508, 1210, 1052, 838, 756 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 2.37-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.19-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.01-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.89 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.2, 161.2, 139.8, 139.7, 127.5, 127.4, 115.3, 115.1, 85.1, 68.8, 42.1, 36.7, 26.2.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₂BrFO 259.01283, found 259.01287.

2-(bromomethyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)tetrahydrofuran (6f)

Yield: 98% (60.6 mg, colorless oil).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.08-4.13 (m, 1H), 3.92-3.97 (m, 1H), 3.63 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 2.41-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.04-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.90 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.2, 129.8 (q, *J* = 32 Hz), 126.2, 125.4 (q, *J* = 4 Hz), 124.4 (q, *J* = 271 Hz), 85.3, 69.0, 41.6, 36.9, 26.2.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Greb, M.; Hartung, J.; Köhler, F.; Špehar, K.; Kluge, R.; Csuk, R. *European J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, *2004* (18), 3799–3812.).

2-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-(bromomethyl)tetrahydrofuran (6g)

Yield: 98% (73.9 mg, colorless oil).

IR (KBr): 3019, 1377, 1280, 1216, 1180, 1139, 1055, 900, 844, 757, 669 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.89 (s, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 4.11-4.16 (m, 1H), 3.95-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 10.8, 1H), 2.47-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.08-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.93 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.0, 131.7 (q, *J* = 33 Hz), 126.2, 123.4 (q, *J* = 273 Hz), 121.6-121.8 (m), 85.0, 69.2, 41.0, 37.1, 26.3.

(D) Mechanochemical Intermolecular Bromoesterification Reactions

General Procedure. Carboxylic acid **7** (0.2 mmol), alkene **8** (0.22 mmol) and DBDMH (62.9 mg, 0.22 mmol) were added into a 10 mL zirconium oxide chamber. The milling chamber was then securely fastened into a Retsch mixer mill (MM 400) and set to oscillate at 30 Hz, for 1 hour. On completion of reaction, the ball mill chamber was extracted with hexane and the solution was filtered through a thin plug of celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the desired product **9**. Purification using flash chromatography through silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate 40:1) was used to obtain the final product.

2-bromo-1-phenylethyl benzoate (9aa)



Yield: 92% (56.2 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.47$, hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.12-8.16 (m, 2H), 7.60 (tt, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.43 (m, 3H), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.5, 137.9, 133.4, 129.9, 129.8, 128.6, 126.6, 75.4, 34.6.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{13}BrO_2$ 326.99911, found 326.99884.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Ng, W.-H.; Hu, R.-B.; Lam, Y.-P.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *Org. Lett.* **2020**, *22* (14), 5572–5576.).

2-bromo-1-(p-tolyl)ethyl benzoate (9ab)

Yield: 93% (59.3 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.30$, hexane/dichloromethane = 2:1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.6, 138.9, 134.9, 133.4, 130.0, 129.6, 128.6, 126.6, 75.5, 34.6, 21.4.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}BrO_2$ 341.01476, found 341.01511.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Ng, W.-H.; Hu, R.-B.; Lam, Y.-P.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *Org. Lett.* **2020**, *22* (14), 5572–5576.).

2-bromo-1-mesitylethyl benzoate (9ac)



Yield: 99% (68.5 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.40$, hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11-8.14 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 6H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.6, 138.4, 136.8, 133.2, 130.6, 130.4, 129.9, 129.8, 128.6, 73.5, 32.0, 21.0, 20.8.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}BrO_2$ 369.04606, found 369.04625.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Ng, W.-H.; Hu, R.-B.; Lam, Y.-P.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *Org. Lett.* **2020**, *22* (14), 5572–5576.).

2-bromo-1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)ethyl benzoate (9ad)



Yield: 90% (65.0 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.37$, hexane/dichloromethane = 2:1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.13 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 4H), 6.21 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 10.9, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 10.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (s, 9H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.6, 152.0, 134.8, 133.4, 130.0, 128.6, 126.4, 125.8, 75.4, 34.8, 34.6, 31.4.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{19}H_{21}BrO_2$ 383.06171, found 383.06263.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Ng, W.-H.; Hu, R.-B.; Lam, Y.-P.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *Org. Lett.* **2020**, *22* (14), 5572–5576.).

2-bromo-1-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl benzoate (9ae)



Yield: 89% (68.3 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.30$, hexane/dichloromethane = 2:1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09-8.13 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 2H), 6.16 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.4, 136.9, 133.6, 132.1, 129.9, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 123.0, 74.7, 34.1.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}Br_2O_2$ 406.90765, found 406.90751.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Ng, W.-H.; Hu, R.-B.; Lam, Y.-P.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *Org. Lett.* **2020**, *22* (14), 5572–5576.).

2-bromo-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl benzoate (9af)



Yield: 88% (59.8 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.27$, hexane/dichloromethane = 2:1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10-8.14 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 4H), 6.19 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.4, 136.3, 134.8, 133.6, 129.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.6, 128.1, 74.7, 34.2.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}BrClO_2$ 362.95798, found 362.95726.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Ng, W.-H.; Hu, R.-B.; Lam, Y.-P.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *Org. Lett.* **2020**, *22* (14), 5572–5576.).

2-bromo-1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl benzoate (9ag)



Yield: 93% (60.1 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.24$, hexane/dichloromethane = 2:1).

IR (KBr): 3020, 1722, 1511, 1268, 1216, 1109, 757, 669 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.05-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.19 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 10.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, J = 10.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.5, 164.0, 162.0, 133.8, 133.7, 133.6, 130.0, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 116.0, 115.8, 74.8, 34.4.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₂BrFO₂ 344.98969, found 344.98986.

2-bromocyclohexyl benzoate (9ah)



Yield: 86% (48.6 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.17$, pure hexane).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.10-5.16 (m, 1H), 4.13-4.19 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.45 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.33 (m, 1H), 1.90-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.45 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.7, 133.2, 130.3, 129.9, 128.5, 76.5, 52.8, 35.7, 31.2, 25.6, 23.4.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{15}BrO_2$ 305.01476, found 305.01457.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Ng, W.-H.; Hu, R.-B.; Lam, Y.-P.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *Org. Lett.* **2020**, *22* (14), 5572–5576.).

2-bromo-1-phenylethyl 2,4-dimethylbenzoate (9ba)



Yield: 82% (54.6 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.57$, hexane/dichloromethane = 1:1). IR (KBr): 3019, 1717, 1615, 1256, 1216, 756 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (10.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.2, 143.1, 141.0, 138.1, 132.7, 131.2, 128.9, 126.7, 126.2, 75.2, 34.8, 22.1, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{17}BrO_2$ 355.03041, found 355.03042.

2-bromo-1-phenylethyl 2,4,6-trimethylbenzoate (9ca)



Yield: 90% (62.5 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.43$, hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1).

IR (KBr): 3020, 1726, 1612, 1262, 1216, 1167, 1079, 756, 669 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.42 (m, 3H), 6.86 (s, 2H), 6.25 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.2, 139.6, 137.7, 135.3, 130.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 127.1, 76.1, 34.0, 21.3, 19.9.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}BrO_2$ 369.04606, found 369.04633.

2-bromo-1-phenylethyl 2-bromobenzoate (9da)



Yield: 90% (69.1 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.32$, hexane/dichloromethane = 2:1).

IR (KBr): 3019, 1735, 1249, 1215, 755, 669 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.92 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.43 (m, 5H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.9, 137.4, 134.7, 133.0, 131.8, 131.6, 129.1, 128.9, 127.4, 126.9, 122.1, 76.3, 34.3.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}Br_2O_2$ 406.90765, found 406.90749.

2-bromo-1-phenylethyl 2-fluorobenzoate (9ea)



Yield: 99% (63.9 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.24$, hexane/dichloromethane = 2:1).

IR (KBr): 3020, 1718, 1615, 1216, 756 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.23 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.3, 163.3, 163.2, 161.2, 137.6, 135.0, 134.9, 132.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.9, 126.8, 124.2, 124.1, 118.4, 118.3, 117.3, 117.1, 75.9, 34.5.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}BrFO_2$ 344.98969, found 344.98977.

2-bromo-1-phenylethyl 4-nitrobenzoate (9fa)



Yield: 69% (48.3 mg, colorless oil, $R_f = 0.20$, hexane/dichloromethane = 2:1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.26-8.33 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.46 (m, 5H), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.7, 150.9, 137.2, 135.2, 131.1, 129.4, 129.1, 126.7, 123.8, 76.6, 34.1.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}BrNO_4 371.98419$, found 371.98425.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Ng, W.-H.; Hu, R.-B.; Lam, Y.-P.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *Org. Lett.* **2020**, *22* (14), 5572–5576.).

2-bromo-1-phenylethyl 3-phenylpropanoate (9ga)



Yield: 96% (64.0 mg, yellow oil, $R_f = 0.33$, hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 3H), 6.03 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd, *J* =10.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.97-3.07 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.83 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.8, 140.3, 137.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 126.6, 126.4, 75.0, 35.9, 34.3, 30.9.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{17}BrO_2 355.03041$, found 355.03031.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Shi, Y.; Wong, J.; Ke, Z.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *J. Org. Chem.* **2019**, *84* (7), 4017–4024.).

(E) Synthesis of olefinic acid substrates 1



General procedure.

1. Preparation of LDA solution: n-Butyllithium solution 1.58 M in hexanes (47.5 mL, 75.0 mmol) was added to a solution of diisopropylamine (10.5 mL, 75.0 mmol) in THF (25.0 mL) at -78 °C. The resultant mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 2 hours.

2. Enolate alkylation: The LDA solution was added to a suspension of ethyl acetate (7.3 mL, 75.0 mmol) and copper (I) iodide (28.6 g, 150.0 mmol) in THF (75.0 mL) at -45 °C. The resultant solution was warmed to -30 °C. A solution of 2,3-dibromopropene (3.7 mL, 37.5 mmol) in THF (37.5 mL) was then added dropwise. The resultant mixture was stirred for an additional 5 hours at -30 °C. The reaction was then quenched using a saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (20.0 mL), acidified to pH 2 with 1 M aqueous hydrogen chloride solution, and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 20.0 mL). The organic extracts were then washed with 28% aqueous ammonia solution (3 x 10.0 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtereted, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the intermediate **A**; which was used in the next step without further purification.

3. Suzuki coupling: A mixture of intermediate **A** (2.1 g, 10.0 mmol), aryl boronic acid (11.0 mmol), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)-palladium(0) (0.6 g, 0.5 mmol), cesium carbonate (4.9 g, 15.0 mmol), in ethanol (50 mL) was degassed with nitrogen in a resealable tube. The sealed system was then heated to 80 $^{\circ}$ C for 8 hours. The resultant reaction mixture was filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and purification by flash column chromatography in silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 20:1) to give the intermediate **B**.

4. Ester hydrolysis: To a suspension of intermediate **B** (6.0 mmol), in a 1:1 mixture of THF and water (60.0 mL) at 0 °C, lithium hydroxide monohydrate (1.3 g, 30.0 mmol) was added in portions. The resultant mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 18 hours. The product mixture was then acidified to pH < 4 with a 1 M hydrogen chloride aqueous solution, extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10.0 mL) and washed with brine (3 x 5.0 mL). The organic fractions were concentrated in vacuo and recrystallized from a mixture of diethyl ether and hexane to give the alkenoic acid **1**.

4-phenylpent-4-enoic acid (1a)

White solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.50 (br. s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.4, 146.6, 140.5, 128.6, 127.8, 126.2, 113.1, 33.1, 30.3.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M - H]^{-}$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{12}O_2$ 175.07645, found 175.07630.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Zhou, L.; Tan, C. K.; Jiang, X.; Chen, F.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132* (44), 15474–15476.).

4-(p-tolyl)pent-4-enoic acid (1b)



White solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.91 (br. s, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.8, 146.4, 137.6, 137.5, 129.2, 126.1, 112.3, 33.2, 30.2, 21.2.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M - H]^{-}$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}O_2$ 189.09210, found 189.09202.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Zhou, L.; Tan, C. K.; Jiang, X.; Chen, F.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132* (44), 15474–15476.).

4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (1c)



White solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 174.1, 159.0, 145.8, 132.4, 127.1, 114.0, 110.8, 55.3, 32.9, 29.8.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₄O₃ 229.08352, found 229.08351.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Zhou, L.; Tan, C. K.; Jiang, X.; Chen, F.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132* (44), 15474–15476.).

4-(4-chlorophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (1d)

White solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.25 (br. s, 1H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 4H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 5.12 (m, 1H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.1, 145.5, 139.0, 133.6, 128.7, 127.5, 113.7, 32.9, 30.1.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: [M - H]⁻ calcd for C₁₁H₁₁ClO₂ 209.03748, found 209.03744.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Zhou, L.; Tan, C. K.; Jiang, X.; Chen, F.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132* (44), 15474–15476.).

4-(4-fluorophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (1e)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.02 (br. s, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.8, 163.5, 161.6, 145.6, 136.6, 136.6, 127.9, 127.8, 115.5, 115.3, 113.1, 33.0, 30.3.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M - H]^{-}$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}FO_2$ 193.06703, found 193.06691.

4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (1f)

White solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.7, 145.6, 144.2, 129.8 (q, *J* = 32 Hz), 126.6, 125.6 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 115.1, 32.8, 30.1.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M - H]^{-}$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{12}F_{3}O_{2}$ 243.06384, found 243.06371.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Zhou, L.; Tan, C. K.; Jiang, X.; Chen, F.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132* (44), 15474–15476.).

4-(4-acetylphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (1g)

White solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.8, 177.6, 145.8, 145.3, 136.4, 128.7, 126.4, 115.2, 32.7, 30.0, 26.8.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{14}O_3 241.08345$, found 241.08342.

(*E*)-5-phenylpent-4-enoic acid **1h**



White solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.18-6.25 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.57 (m, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.1, 137.4, 131.3, 128.7, 128.1, 127.4, 126.2, 33.9, 28.0.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M-H]^{-}$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{12}O_2$ 175.07645, found 175.07651.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Zhou, L.; Tan, C. K.; Jiang, X.; Chen, F.; Yeung, Y.-Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132* (44), 15474–15476.).

Synthesis of olefinic mono-alcohol 5



General procedure. To a solution of **1** (3.0 mmol) in anhydrous THF (6.0 mL) at 0 °C lithium aluminum hydride (0.2 g, 6.0 mmol) was added in portions. The resultant suspension was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 hour. The reaction was then quenched with a 2 M aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (5.0 mL), filtered through a thin pad of celite, and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 5 ml). The organic fractions were dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash column chromatography through silica gel yielded the alkenoic alcohol **5**.

4-phenylpent-4-en-1-ol (5a)

Colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.68-1.77 (m, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.02, 141.1, 128.4, 127.5, 126.2, 112.7, 62.4, 31.6, 31.2.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₄O 185.09369, found 185.09375.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Hornback, J. M.; Proehl, G. S. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1979**, *101* (24), 7367–7373.)

4-(p-tolyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (5b)

,OH

Yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.69-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.67 (br. s, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.8, 138.1, 137.3, 129.1, 126.1, 111.9, 62.5, 31.6, 31.2, 21.2. HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O 199.10934, found 199.10952.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Rösner, C.; Hennecke, U. *Org. Lett.* **2015**, *17* (13), 3226–3229.).

4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (5c)

Yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.639-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.59 (br. s, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.1, 147.29, 133.4, 127.3, 113.8, 111.1, 62.5, 55.4, 31.7, 31.3. HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₂ 193.12231, found 193.12252.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Rösner, C.; Hennecke, U. *Org. Lett.* **2015**, *17* (13), 3226–3229.).

4-(4-chlorophenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (5d)

Colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.67-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.41 (br. s, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.9, 139.5, 133.3, 128.6, 127.5, 113.2, 62.4, 31.6, 31.1.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₃ClO 197.07277, found 197.07285.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Tsuji, N.; Kennemur, J. L.; Buyck, T.; Lee, S.; Prévost, S.; Kaib, P. S. J.; Bykov, D.; Farès, C.; List, B. *Science*. **2018**, *359* (6383), 1501–1505.).

4-(4-fluorophenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (5e)

Yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.64 (t, *J* = 6.3, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (br. s, 1H), 1.70 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.3, 161.4, 137.1, 137.1, 127.8, 127.7, 115.3, 115.1, 112.6, 62.3, 31.7, 31.1.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}FO$ 181.10232, found 181.10239.

The data are in full accordance with the literature (Rösner, C.; Hennecke, U. *Org. Lett.* **2015**, *17* (13), 3226–3229.).

4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (5f)

Colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.68-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.50 (br. s, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.0, 144.8, 129.5 (q, *J* = 32 Hz), 126.5, 125.4 (q, *J* = 4 Hz), 114.6, 62.3, 31.5, 31.1.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M-H]^-$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}F_3O$ 229.08457, found 229.08467.

4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (5g)

Colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83 (s, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 3.69 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.68-1.78 (m, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.7, 134.5, 131.8 (q, *J* = 33 Hz), 126.3, 123.5 (q, *J* = 271 Hz), 121.2 (m), 115.8, 62.1, 31.2, 30.9.

HRMS (ESI-Q-orbitrap) m/z: $[M-H]^-$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{12}F_6O$ 297.07196, found 297.07153.

(F) ¹H NMR of filter purified products and recovered imide by-products









S31











S36







































































































































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