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# Synthesis of silyl indenes by ruthenium catalyzed aldehyde and acylsilane enabled C–H alkylation/cyclization

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### **General Considerations**

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness). Subsequent to elution, plates were visualized using UV radiation (254 nm) on Spectroline Model ENF-24061/F 254 nm. Further visualization was possible by staining with basic solution of potassium permanganate or acidic solution of ceric molybdate. Flash column chromatography was performed using Merck aluminium oxide 90 active neutral with freshly distilled solvents. Columns were typically packed as slurry and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent system prior to use. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) were recorded on Bruker AMX 500 spectrophotometer (CDCl3 as solvent). Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported as  $\delta$  in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe<sub>4</sub> ( $\delta$ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d ( $\delta$  7.26, singlet). Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublets of doublet) or m (multiplets). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated by nH. Coupling constants are reported as a J value in Hz. Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) are reported as  $\delta$  in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe<sub>4</sub> ( $\delta$  0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d ( $\delta$  77.0, triplet). Mass spectrometry was performed by Waters Q-Tof Premier Micromass instrument, using Electro Spray Ionization (ESI) mode. IR spectra were recorded as thin films on KBr plates on a Bio-Rad FTS165 FTIR spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm<sup>-1</sup>).  $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$ , AgSbF<sub>6</sub> and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> were purchased from TCI and used directly. Other reagents, unless otherwise noted below, are commercially available from TCI, Energy Chemical, Alfa Aesar (China) Chemical Co. Ltd. and used without further purification. Aroylsilanes were prepared by reported methods.

### General Procedure for the Ru-Catalyzed Synthesis of Sily Indenes 3

A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$  (5 mol%, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%, 0.04 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.3 equiv, 0.26 mmol) and DCM (1.0 mL). Then, aroylsilane **1** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) and acrolein **2** (3.0 equiv, 0.6 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 16 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography for separation (EtOAc/petroleum ether mixtures).

### **Characterization Data**



3-(Trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3aa) Following the general procedure, 3aa was obtained as a white solid, m.p.: 60.5-62.8 °C, yield = 73%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 10.26 (s, 1H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 0.51 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 188.56, 160.80, 153.59, 146.31, 143.54, 127.03, 125.57, 124.24, 123.48, 37.26, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 217.1043, found: 217.1042. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3450.19, 3410.97, 2956.89, 1643.81, 1658.52, 1538.35, 1402.49, 844.89.



5-Methyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3ba) Following the general procedure, **3ba** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 57.3-59.9 °C, yield = 68%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.24 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 0.51 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.55, 160.84, 153.81, 146.54, 140.59, 135.09, 128.02, 124.68, 123.05, 36.76, 20.46, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 231.1200, found: 231.1211. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444.57, 3176.13, 1659.72, 1651.56, 1455.14, 1402.44, 1253.81, 1015.45, 840.67, 802.07. Me SiMe<sub>3</sub>

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Me **6-Methyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3ca)** Following the general procedure, **3ca** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 77.4-78.2 °C, yield = 52%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.22 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 0.49 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.54, 161.08, 152.83, 143.99, 143.80, 137.50, 126.55, 124.24, 123.96, 36.97, 20.53, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 231.1200, found: 231.1199. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3507.43, 3441.30, 3175.56, 3144.15, 1651.19, 1644.34, 1402.01, 1247.33, 844.90.

Et **6-Ethyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3da)** Following the general procedure, **3da** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 60.0-60.8 °C, yield = 62%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.22 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.74-2.69 (q, *J* = 7.5Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.50 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.50, 161.09, 152.95, 144.06, 144.04, 143.94, 125.46, 124.09, 123.02, 37.02, 27.93, 14.64, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 245.1356, found: 245.1360. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444.29, 3417.44, 3168.01, 2966.48, 1651.10, 1402.79, 1246.27, 843.90.

Et SiMe<sub>3</sub> (E)-3-(5-Ethyl-2-((trimethylsilyl) carbonyl) phenyl) acrylaldehyde (5da) Following the general procedure, 3da was obtained as a brown liquid, yield = 8%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 9.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (s, 2H), 0.36 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 195.97, 154.26, 150.21, 141.07, 134.17, 132.82, 132.38, 131.25, 129.73, 30.53, 16.77, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 261.1305, found: 261.1310. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444.47, 3416.34, 3171.24, 2923.44, 2358.73, 1643.03, 1632.00, 1401.94.



<sup>*n*</sup>Bu **6-Butyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3ea)** Following the general procedure, **3ea** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 65%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.22 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.35 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.50 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.51, 161.14, 152.89, 144.02, 143.93, 142.62, 125.98, 123.98, 123.54, 36.98, 34.67, 32.64, 21.26, 12.82, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 295.1489, found: 295.1498. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3472.50, 3444.54, 3417.37, 3175.09, 1651.34, 1644.55, 1504.69, 1402.46.



### 6-Isopropyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3fa)

Following the general procedure, **3fa** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 50.2-52.4 °C, yield = 67%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 10.23$  (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.02-2.93 (m, 1H), 1.29 (dd, J = 7.0 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, 6H), 0.50 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 188.47$ , 161.06, 153.04, 148.56, 144.23, 144.01, 124.10, 124.08, 121.50, 37.07, 33.19, 22.92, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 281.1332, found: 281.1332. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3452.60, 3417.27, 2958.38, 1658.87, 1402.63, 1384.70, 1251.86, 841.72.



# Me6-(Tert-butyl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde(3ga)Following the general procedure, 3ga was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 61%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): $\delta$ = 10.23 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J =8.0 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 0.50 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): $\delta$ =188.49, 161.01, 153.21, 150.79, 143.79, 143.73, 123.80, 122.90, 120.45, 37.22, 33.85, 30.30, 0.21.HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 273,1669, found: 273.1673. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444.53,



### 6-Methoxy-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3ha)

Following the general procedure, **3ha** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 121.8-123.1 °C, yield = 51%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.17 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 0.49 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 187.98, 161.23, 159.31, 151.83, 146.17, 139.4 125.07, 112.26, 108.63, 54.39, 37.22, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 247.1149, found: 247.1148. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3584.82, 3472.65, 3444.32, 3175.42, 1659.84, 1644.79, 1402.44, 1182.43.



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F<sub>3</sub>CO **6-(Trifluoromethoxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde** (**3ia)** Following the general procedure, **3ia** was obtained as a white solid, m.p.: 75.6-76.9 °C, yield = 62%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.24 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 0.51 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup> C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.25, 159.46, 154.47, 148.24 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.6 Hz), 145.56, 144.97, 125.07, 119.49 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 255.9 Hz), 118.62, 116.34, 37.66, 0.22. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 323.0686, found: 323.0694. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3473.08, 34 16.85, 3384.55, 3225.49, 1659.96, 1402.54, 1254.56, 1158.41, 840.66.

**F 6-Fluoro-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3ja)** Following the general procedure, **3ja** was obtained as a white solid, m.p.: 98.4-105.1 °C, yield = 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.21 (s, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (td, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 0.50 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.13, 162.07 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 247.4 Hz), 160.02, 153.51 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.9 Hz), 146.16 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.1 Hz), 142.44 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 125.30 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.1 Hz), 113.08 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23 Hz), 110.92 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.8 Hz), 37.49 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.5 Hz), 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FOSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 235.0949, found: 235.0954. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3472.65, 3444.32, 3175.42, 1659.84, 1651.59, 1402.44, 1182.43, 841.78.



Cl  $\circ$  6-Chloro-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3ka) Following the general procedure, 3ka was obtained as a white solid, m. p.: 92.7-93.2 °C, yield = 58%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.23 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 0.50 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.40, 159.80, 153.72, 145.29, 144.89, 133.37, 126.09, 125.03, 123.92, 37.32, 0.22. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClOSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 273.0473, found: 273.0471. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3443.88, 3417.49, 3175.63, 1660.84, 1402.39, 1241.12, 845.57, 818.75.



**O** 5-Chloro-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3la) Following the general procedure, **3la** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 28%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.25 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 0.51 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.48, 159.60, 154.91, 148.01, 147.70, 131.64, 126.98, 124.43, 124.16, 37.06, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClOSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 273.0473, found: 273.0475. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3452.07, 3423.13, 3385.24, 2922.98, 2359.82, 1651.58, 1399.27, 841.79.



Cl 7-Chloro-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3la') Following the general procedure, **3la'** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 17%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 10.26$  (s, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 0.51 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 188.38$ , 160.08, 153.69, 147.83, 141.54, 129.72, 127.34, 127.05, 122.67, 37.39, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClOSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 273.0473, found: 273.0476. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3474.76, 3449.87, 3424.16, 2985.53, 2956.17, 2354.39, 1644.84, 1633.64, 1402.65.



Br **6-Bromo-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3ma)** Following the general procedure, **3ma** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 118.1-121.0 °C, yield = 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.24 (s, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 0.50 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.38, 159.75, 153.64, 145.53, 145.30, 128.94, 126.85, 125.35, 121.66, 37.33, 0.22. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrOSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 316.9968, found: 316.9952. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3452.10, 3417.62, 3209.15, 1657.27, 1652.02, 1402.74, 844.84, 817.34.



6-Phenyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3na) Following the general procedure, 3na was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 138.5-140.7 °C, yield = 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.28 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 0.55 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.42, 160.59, 153.70, 145.53, 144.32, 140.19, 139.68, 127,74, 126.45, 126.11, 124.79, 124.45, 122.15, 37.33, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 293.1356, found: 293.1362. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3472.61, 3444.42, 3175.51, 1651.32, 1645.16, 1402.35, 1247.68, 849.32, 769.88.



Following the general procedure, **30a** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 141.9-143.0 °C, yield = 64%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.32 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 0.58 (t, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.76, 160.11, 154.21, 145.15, 139.85, 132.05, 131.31, 127.47, 126.36, 125.26, 124.23, 123.47, 121.55, 36.12, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 267.1200, found: 267.1192. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3472.65, 3444.32, 3175.42, 1651.59, 1644.79, 1402.44, 1182.43,



Me 5,7-Dimethyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3pa) Following the general procedure, **3pa** was obtained as a white solid, m.p.: 106.0-107.8 °C, yield = 25%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.24 (s, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 0.50 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.57, 161.27, 153.1, 146.19, 139.46, 135.50, 132.37, 129.14, 122.34, 35.74, 20.35, 17.62, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 245.1356, found: 245.1358. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444.57, 3417.72, 3175.22, 1651.17, 1645.31, 1633.64, 1455.08, 1402.27.



(3qa) Following the general procedure, **3ra** was obtained as a white solid, m.p.: 173.4-173.8 °C, yield = 74%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.18 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 0.49 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 187.91, 160.26, 152.43 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.0 Hz), 147.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 247.4 Hz), 147.06 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 10.4 Hz), 141.33 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0 Hz), 130.27 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 14.3 Hz), 120.23 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.6 Hz), 111.34, 55.54, 33.90, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FO<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 265.1055, found: 265.1060. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3416.48, 1682.17, 1634.67, 1620.57, 803.56, 618.45, 480.91.

5-Fluoro-6-methoxy-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde



F <sup>O</sup> **6-Fluoro-5-methyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehydee (3ra)** Following the general procedure, **3sa** was obtained as a white solid, m.p.: 105.1-105.7 °C, yield = 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.19 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.19 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 0.51 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.06, 160.58 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 246.5 Hz), 160.17, 153.48 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.9 Hz), 143.38 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 11.3 Hz), 142.22 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.5 Hz), 126.55 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.3 Hz), 122.38 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.8 Hz), 110.31 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23.8 Hz), 37.15 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.5$  Hz), 13.92 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.8$  Hz), 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for  $C_{14}H_{17}FOSi [M+Na]^+$ : 271.0925, found: 271.0919. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3416.49, 1651.53, 1634.53, 1615.59, 838.39, 618.38, 469.84.



**F** (E)-3-(5-Fluoro-4-methyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)carbonyl) phenyl) acryl aldehyde (5ra) Following the general procedure, 5ra was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 88.3-89.1 °C, yield = 6%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 9.72 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 0.37 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 241.23, 195.54, 164.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 251. 4 Hz), 152.10 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.8 Hz), 139.95 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.4 Hz), 135.87 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.6 Hz), 1 34.23 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.3 Hz), 132.63, 129.08 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 17.9 Hz), 116.57 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23.6 Hz), 16.52 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.9 Hz), 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FO<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 265.1055, fo und: 265.1057. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3441.64, 3418.32, 2900.10, 2359.36, 2329.81, 1682.78, 1402.63, 845.11.



**6-((1s,4r)-4-Butylcyclohexyl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3sa)** Following the general procedure, **3ta** was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 49.6-55.2 °C, yield = 6%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.22 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 4H), 1.53-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 4H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.10-1.03 (m, 2H), 0.92-0.91 (m, 3H), 0.49 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.44, 161.09, 153.00, 147.59, 144.24, 143.95, 124.50, 124.05, 121.92, 43.72, 37.06, 36.13, 35.94, 33.26, 32.42, 28.09, 21.87, 13.03, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>OSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 377.2271, found: 377.2277. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3452.48, 3417.55, 2955.86, 2921.81, 2851.66, 1659.70, 1393.30, 840.93.



**Trimethyl (2-methyl-1H-inden-3-yl) silane (4ab)** Following the general procedure, **4ab** was obtained as a brown liquid, yield = 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.42-7.37 (dd, *J* = 17.0 Hz, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 0.35 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 155.43, 149.71, 142.82, 135.16, 125.55, 122.77, 122.63, 120.83, 45.95, 17.08, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 225.1070, found: 225.1078. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3473.09, 3453.12, 3225.51, 1651.59, 1644.80, 1633.88, 1402.39, 1385.06.



Me (2-Decyl-1H-inden-3-yl)trimethylsilane (4ac) Following the general procedure, 4ad was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 51%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 1H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 2.58-2.54 (m, 2H), 1.53 (s, 2H), 1.31-1.26 (m, 14H), 0.89-0.86 (m, 3H), 0.35 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 160.55, 149.31, 142.80, 134.82, 125.33, 122.59, 122.58, 120.87, 31.32, 31.19, 30.51, 29.25, 29.04, 28.75, 22.10, 13.53, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>36</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 351.2478, found: 351.2479. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444.37, 3417.69, 3224.58, 1651.39, 1644.67, 1633.68, 1402.64, 1384.98.



### 1-Methyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (4ad)

Following the general procedure, **4ae** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 68%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.25 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 2H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.50 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 188.58, 159.88, 158.13, 150.21, 144.48, 127.13, 125.61, 124.23, 122.34, 43.64, 15.61, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 231.1200, found: 231.1208. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444.57, 3417.74, 3159.92, 2358.08, 1651.59, 1402.60, 1251.77, 841.25.



**3**-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3ua) Following the general procedure, **3ua** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 55%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 9.96 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.55(d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 0.75 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 189.92, 159.70, 155.75, 147.43, 144.57, 137.29, 133.86, 129.86, 128.39, 128.16, 126.70, 125.71, 124.51, 38.58, 0.22. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 301.1019, found: 301.1027. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3456.29, 3417.61, 2935.88, 2851.09, 2361.94, 2339.90, 1658.84, 1402.23.



**O** 3-(Methyldiphenylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3va) Following the general procedure, **3va** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 68%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 9.54$  (s, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 1.02 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 191.80$ , 159.17, 158.23, 149.01, 145.96, 136.80, 136.44, 131.67, 129.97, 129.67, 128.17, 127.65, 125.91, 40.30, 0.22. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 363.1176, found: 363.1168. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3443.58, 3416.79, 1682.25, 1659.24, 1651.52, 1634.20, 1634.20, 1402.54.



O 3-(Triethylsilyl)-1H-indene-2-carbaldehyde (3wa) Following the general procedure, 3wa was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 68%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.18 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 1.02 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 15H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 185.12, 154.79, 151.36, 142.79, 139.69, 123.15, 121.73, 120.34, 119.53, 33.57, 2.49, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 259.1513, found: 259.1512. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3455.33, 3433.69, 3206.49, 1679.61, 1649.52, 1642.94, 1537.47.



COEt (E)-1-(2-((trimethylsilyl) carbonyl) phenyl) pent-1-en-3-one (5af) Following the general procedure, 5af was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 19%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.68 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.33 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 243.67, 203.10, 144.54, 143.48, 134.69, 133.15, 131.34, 131.29, 131.02, 130.10, 35.21, 10.07, 0.21.



COOMe Methyl (E)-3-(2-((trimethylsilyl) carbonyl) phenyl) acrylate (5ag) Following the general procedure, 5af was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 31%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.95 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 0.32 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 243.90, 168.98, 145.76, 145.09, 134.36, 133.08, 131.46, 130.84, 130.17, 122.53, 53.77, 0.21.



**2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl(E)-3-(2-((trimethylsilyl) carbonyl) phenyl) acrylate (5ah)** Following the general procedure, **5ah** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 66%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.03 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 2H), 6.31 (dd, *J* = 16.0 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 0.31 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 243.67, 166.80, 148.41, 145.20, 133.91, 133.24, 131.96, 131.10, 130.35, 125.13 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 275.6 Hz), 120.39, 62.43 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 36.4 Hz), 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 331.0972, found: 331.0974. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3441.26, 3423.74, 3199.39, 2921.62, 2851.15, 1633.67, 1539.48, 1402.81.



PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub> Diethyl (E)-(2-((trimethylsilyl) carbonyl) styryl) phosphonate

(5ai) Following the general procedure, 5ai was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 74.2 °C, yield = 69%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.71-7.64 (dd, *J* = 22.5 Hz, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 6.15-6.07 (m, 1H), 4.20-4.14 (m, 4H), 1.38-1.35 (td, *J* = 7.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 6H), 0.32-0.31 (m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 243.86, 149.25 (d, *J*<sub>C-P</sub> = 7.1 Hz), 144.81, 134.99 (d, *J*<sub>C-P</sub> = 23.8 Hz), 133.05, 131.32, 130.74, 130.02 (d, *J*<sub>C-P</sub> = 1.3 Hz), 119.69, 118.18, 64.07 (d, *J*<sub>C-P</sub> = 5.5 Hz), 18.43 (d, *J*<sub>C-P</sub> = 6.5 Hz), 0.21.



 $SO_2Ph$  (E)-(2-(2-(phenylsulfonyl) vinyl) phenyl) (trimethylsilyl) methanone (5aj) Following the general procedure, 5aj was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 79%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.05-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.48 (m, 6H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 0.34 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 242.56, 144.68, 144.66, 142.56, 135.27, 133.30, 132.38, 132.04, 131.49, 131.23, 131.13, 130.63, 129.72, 0.21.



(E)-(2-(4-(Trifluoromethyl) styryl) phenyl) (trimethylsilyl) methanone (5ak) Following the general procedure, 5ak was obtained as a yellow solid, m.p.: 62.5 °C, yield = 53%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 5H), 7.56-7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.30 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 244.76, 143.98, 142.67, 136.50, 132.90, 132.32, 131.81, 131.38 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.3 Hz), 130.92, 129.71, 129.41, 128.82, 127.57 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz ), 126.17 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 270.1 Hz)

SiMe<sub>3</sub> (1H-Inden-3-yl)trimethylsilane (4aa) Following the general procedure, 4aa was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 3%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.63 (m, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 0.22-0.19 (m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 149.35, 146.51, 145.96, 145.36, 127.39, 125.55, 125.07, 123.27, 42.03, 0.21 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 211.0913, found: 211.0910. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3493.29, 3416.36, 3300.24, 2367.89, 2289.63, 1658.81, 1643.78, 1632.84.



(E)-3-(2-((Trimethylsilyl) carbonyl) phenyl) acrylaldehyde (5aa) Following the general procedure, **5aa** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 2%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 9.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 2H), 6.58 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 0.36 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 243.15, 195.95, 153.60, 143.86, 133.85, 133.41, 132.71, 131.97, 131.97, 130.29, 0.22. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 233.0992, found: 233.0997. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3443.12, 3422.59, 2923.97, 2850.63, 2354.42, 1643.25, 1632.39, 1402.04.

### Competition Experiments with 1k and 1h:

A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$  (5 mol%, 0.005 mmol, 3.1 mg), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%, 0.02 mmol, 6.9 mg), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.3 equiv, 0.13 mmol, 23.6 mg) and DCM (0.5 mL). Then, aroylsilanes **1k** (1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol, 21.2 mg), **1h** (1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol, 20.8 mg) and **2a** (3.0 equiv, 0.3 mmol, 16.8 mg) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 1 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether mixtures), only leading to product **3ha** (8.4 mg, 32%).

### H/D Exchange Experiment

A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$  (5 mol%, 0.005 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%, 0.02 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.3 equiv, 0.13 mmol) and DCM (0.5 mL). Then, **1a-d<sub>5</sub>** (1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (3.0 equiv, 0.3 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 15 min. After cooling down, the mixture was

directly applied to a flash column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether mixtures), affording **3aa-d**<sub>5</sub> (5.9 mg, 25% yield) and **1a-d**<sub>5</sub> (11.1 mg, 61% yield). The deuterium incorporation was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.





### **Intermolecular KIE Experiment**

A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$  (5 mol%, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%, 0.04 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.3 equiv , 0.26 mmol) and DCM (1.0 mL). Then, **1a** (1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol), **1a-d**<sub>5</sub> (1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (3.0 equiv, 0.6 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 5 min. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether mixtures), affording the product as a light yellow solid (7.9 mg, 17% total yield). KIE was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR to be 3.0.





### **Intramolecular KIE Experiment**

A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$  (5 mol%, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%, 0.04 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.3 equiv , 0.26 mmol) and DCM (1.0 mL). Then, **1a-d<sub>1</sub>** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) and **2a** (3.0 equiv, 0.6 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 60 °C with stirring for 16 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether mixtures), affording the product **3aa-d1** as a light yellow solid (30 mg, 64% yield). KIE was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR to be 1.2.





### Deuterium Labelling Experiment with 2d-d<sub>2</sub>

A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$  (10 mol%, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (40 mol%, 0.04 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.3 equiv, 0.13 mmol) and DCM (0.5 mL). Then, **1a** (17.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2d-d<sub>2</sub>** (10.0 equiv, 1.0 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 40 °C with stirring for 16 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether mixtures), affording **4ad-d<sub>2</sub>** as a light yellow oil (14.5 mg, 42% yield).





### Deuterium Labelling Experiment with 2d-d

A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$  (10 mol%, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (40 mol%, 0.04 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.3 equiv, 0.13 mmol) and DCM (0.5 mL). Then, **1a** (17.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2d-d** (10.0 equiv, 1.0 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 40 °C with stirring for 16 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether mixtures), affording **4ad** as a yellow liquid (13.4 mg, 39% yield).

### Synthesis of 8

![](_page_19_Figure_4.jpeg)

A screw-cap vial was charged with NaOAc (1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol), AcOH (0.2 mL), KF (0.1 equiv, 0.01 mmol). Then **3aa** (23.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and PhNHNH<sub>2</sub> (1.1 equiv, 0.11 mmol) were added in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and stirring in room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> to pH 8. After the mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature, then taken up in EtOAc and washed three times with brine. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, then concentrated in vacuo. The arylsilanes products were purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether mixtures). Compound **8** was obtained as a brown liquid (31.9 mg, yield = 99%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3):  $\delta$  = 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.20 (td, *J* = 7.5 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.91 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 0.49 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 152.15, 148.24, 143.47, 142.43, 141.17, 134.83, 125.22, 123.97, 122.65, 121.50, 119.25, 111.86, 39.40, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C19H22N2Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 329.1444, found: 329.1444... FTIR (KBr, cm-1): 3451.80, 3416.80, 2954.62, 2922.40, 1642.85, 1602.16, 1503.41, 1401.52, 1251.64.

### Synthesis of 9

A screw-cap vial was charged with NaOAc (1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol), AcOH (0.2 mL), KF (0.1 equiv , 0.01 mmol). Then **3aa** (23.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and PhNHNH<sub>2</sub> (1.1 equiv, 0.11 mmol) were added in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and stirring in room temperature for 1 h, then heated to 60 °C with stirring overnight. After the mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature, the mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> to pH 8, then taken up in EtOAc and washed three times with brine. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, then concentrated in vacuo. The arylsilanes products were purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether mixtures). Compound **9** was obtained as a brown liquid (21.3 mg, yield = 91%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.93-6.89 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 144.66, 144.55, 144.50, 143.30, 135.21, 131.56, 129.36, 126.60, 125.42, 123.91, 121.17, 120.17, 112.76. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C17H16N2 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 249.1386, found: 249.1386. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3454.68, 3422.99, 3093.24, 2921.38, 2850.15, 1651.17, 1633.00, 1402.54, 987.09.

Synthesis of 10

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Ph PhMgBr (1 M in THF, 0.12 mmol) was dissolved in THF (0.25 mL) and

**3aa** (23.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in THF (0.25 mL) ware added at 0 °C. After warming up to rt the mixture was stirred for 3 h. The mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH4Cl. After the mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature, then taken up in EtOAc and washed three times with brine. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated in vacuo, and purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether mixtures). Compound **10** was obtained as a yellow liquid (25.8 mg, yield = 83%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 23.5 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, *J* = 23.5 Hz, 1H), 0.45 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 158.80, 147.67, 143.03, 142.31, 139.10, 127.64, 126.46, 125.30, 124.85, 123.73, 122.96, 121.88, 70.55,38.05, 0.23. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C19H22OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 295.1513, found: 311.1460. FTIR (KBr, cm-1): 3451.61, 3421.72, 2966.31, 2359.56, 2333.63, 1658.81, 1632.69, 1402.41.

### Synthesis of 11

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Compound **4ab** (21.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) and *m*-CPBA (0.11 mmol) ware added at 0 °C. After warming up to rt the mixture was stirred for 12 h. The mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature, then taken up in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed three times with brine. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, then concentrated in vacuo. The arylsilanes products were purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether mixtures). Compound **11** was obtained as a colorless liquid (19.4 mg, yield = 83%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.72 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (td, *J* = 7.5 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 3H), - 0.05 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 214.80, 156.70, 142.45, 138.25, 131.69, 130.15, 127.81, 48.75, 42.92, 22.77, 0.21. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 219.1200, found: 219.1205.. FTIR (KBr, cm-1): 3447.89, 3423.57, 2945.62, 2796.97, 1734.19, 1657.89, 897.63.

NMR Spectra

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# mo\_210617\_LXN\_3\_0m

Table 1 Crystal data and structu	re refinement for mo 210617 LXN 3 0m.
Identification code	mo 210617 LXN 3 0m
Empirical formula	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>16</sub> OSi
Formula weight	216.35
Temperature/K	170.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /m
a/Å	8.6562(3)
b/Å	7.0369(2)
c/Å	9.8957(3)
$\alpha ^{\prime \circ}$	90
β/°	97.7960(10)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	597.20(3)
Ζ	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.203
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.168
F(000)	232.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.49 \times 0.35 \times 0.3$
Radiation	MoKa ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	4.75 to 54.232
Index ranges	$-11 \le h \le 11, -9 \le k \le 9, -12 \le l \le 12$
Reflections collected	11768
Independent reflections	1422 [ $R_{int} = 0.0304, R_{sigma} = 0.0172$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	1422/0/88
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.069
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0338,  wR_2 = 0.0924$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0362,  \mathrm{wR}_2 = 0.0947$

Table 2 Fractional Atomic Coordinates (×10<sup>4</sup>) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $Å^2 \times 10^3$ ) for mo\_210617\_LXN\_3\_0m. U<sub>eq</sub> is defined as 1/3 of of the trace of the orthogonalised U<sub>IJ</sub> tensor.

Atom	x	У	Z	U(eq)
Sil	8422.0(5)	2500	2089.8(4)	23.67(16)
01	3317.7(17)	2500	-362.1(15)	48.6(4)
C1	7112(2)	2500	5185.5(17)	26.8(4)
C2	6508(2)	2500	6420.7(18)	32.0(4)
C3	4904(3)	2500	6454.7(19)	35.0(4)
C4	3869(2)	2500	5249.9(19)	31.6(4)
C5	4460(2)	2500	4020.3(17)	24.5(3)
C6	6073.0(19)	2500	3974.6(16)	22.3(3)
C7	6366.5(19)	2500	2535.2(16)	22.7(3)
C8	4940.4(19)	2500	1749.9(17)	24.4(3)
С9	3619.8(19)	2500	2595.4(18)	26.9(4)
C10	9368.4(15)	4709(2)	2845.6(15)	36.6(3)
C11	8589(2)	2500	231(2)	40.1(5)
C12	4624(2)	2500	270.7(18)	33.3(4)

Table 3 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $Å^2 \times 10^3$ ) for mo\_210617\_LXN\_3\_0m. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2[h^2a^{*2}U_{11}+2hka^{*b}U_{12}+...]$ .

Atom	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>
Si1	21.8(2)	26.5(3)	23.1(3)	0	4.30(17)	0
01	35.2(8)	77.0(12)	30.2(7)	0	-8.5(6)	0
C1	31.3(9)	24.3(8)	23.8(8)	0	0.6(7)	0
C2	49.5(11)	25.0(8)	20.6(8)	0	1.7(7)	0
C3	54.1(12)	28.3(9)	25.3(9)	0	15.3(8)	0
C4	35.8(10)	28.1(9)	33.6(9)	0	14.8(8)	0
C5	26.9(8)	21.1(8)	26.1(8)	0	5.5(6)	0
C6	26.2(8)	19.1(7)	21.8(7)	0	3.7(6)	0
C7	25.0(8)	22.2(8)	20.8(7)	0	2.4(6)	0
C8	23.7(8)	25.8(8)	23.4(8)	0	2.0(6)	0
С9	21.7(8)	30.1(9)	29.0(8)	0	3.6(6)	0
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C10	31.3(6)	34.5(7)	44.5(7)	-5.4(6)	7.7(5)	-7.6(5)
C11	38.4(10)	54.8(13)	29.2(9)	0	11.8(8)	0
C12	31.1(9)	43.8(11)	24.0(9)	0	-0.3(7)	0

Table 4 Bond Lengths for mo\_210617\_LXN\_3\_0m.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
Si1	C7	1.8902(17)	C3	C4	1.391(3)
Si1	C10	1.8656(14)	C4	C5	1.383(2)
Si1	C10 <sup>1</sup>	1.8656(14)	C5	C6	1.403(2)
Si1	C11	1.865(2)	C5	C9	1.496(2)
01	C12	1.216(2)	C6	C7	1.480(2)
C1	C2	1.393(2)	C7	C8	1.367(2)
C1	C6	1.397(2)	C8	С9	1.505(2)
C2	C3	1.393(3)	C8	C12	1.452(2)

1+X,1/2-Y,+Z

# Table 5 Bond Angles for mo\_210617\_LXN\_3\_0m.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
$C10^1$	Si1	C7	106.41(5)	C6	C5	С9	109.16(14)
C10	Si1	C7	106.41(5)	C1	C6	C5	120.01(16)
C10	Si1	C10 <sup>1</sup>	112.86(9)	C1	C6	C7	130.58(15)
C11	Si1	C7	115.56(8)	C5	C6	C7	109.42(14)
C11	Si1	C10 <sup>1</sup>	107.87(6)	C6	C7	Si1	120.95(12)
C11	Si1	C10	107.87(6)	C8	C7	Si1	132.35(13)
C2	C1	C6	118.53(17)	C8	C7	C6	106.70(14)
C3	C2	C1	121.00(17)	C7	C8	C9	112.30(15)
C4	C3	C2	120.51(17)	C7	C8	C12	127.27(16)
C5	C4	C3	118.81(17)	C12	C8	C9	120.43(15)
C4	C5	C6	121.14(16)	C5	C9	C8	102.42(13)
C4	C5	C9	129.71(16)	01	C12	C8	123.66(18)

 $^{1}+X,1/2-Y,+Z$ 

# Table 6 Torsion Angles for mo\_210617\_LXN\_3\_0m.

Α	BC	D	Ar	ngle/°	Α	B	С	D	Angle/°
Sil	C7 C8	C9	18	80.000(0)	C6	C5	C9	C8	0.000(0)
Sil	C7 C8	C12	2	0.000(0)	C6	C7	C8	C9	0.000(0)
C1	C2 C3	C4		0.000(1)	C6	C7	C8	C12	180.000(0)
C1	C6 C7	Sil		0.000(0)	C7	C8	C9	C5	0.000(0)
C1	C6 C7	C8	18	80.000(0)	C7	C8	C12	01	180.000(0)
C2	C1 C6	C5		0.000(0)	C9	C5	C6	C1	180.000(0)
C2	C1 C6	C7	18	80.000(0)	C9	C5	C6	C7	0.000(0)
C2	C3 C4	C5		0.000(1)	C9	C8	C12	01	0.000(0)
C3	C4 C5	C6		0.000(1)	C10 <sup>1</sup>	Si1	C7	C6	60.29(5)
C3	C4 C5	C9	18	80.000(0)	C10	Si1	C7	C6	-60.29(5)
C4	C5 C6	C1		0.000(0)	C10 <sup>1</sup>	Si1	C7	C8	-119.71(5)
C4	C5 C6	C7	18	80.000(0)	C10	Si1	C7	C8	119.71(5)
C4	C5 C9	C8	18	80.000(0)	C11	Si1	C7	C6	180.000(0)
C5	C6 C7	Si1	18	80.000(0)	C11	Si1	C7	C8	0.000(0)
C5	C6 C7	C8		0.000(0)	C12	C8	C9	C5	180.000(0)
C6	C1 C2	C3		0.000(1)					

 $^{1}+X,1/2-Y,+Z$ 

Table 7 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates (Å×10<sup>4</sup>) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>×10<sup>3</sup>) for mo\_210617\_LXN\_3\_0m.

Atom	x	у	Z	U(eq)
H1	8206.73	2500	5166.85	32
H2	7200.08	2500	7252.44	38
Н3	4515.12	2500	7307.3	42
H4	2774.87	2500	5271.71	38
H9A	2961.09	3646.64	2416.55	32
H9B	2961.09	1353.36	2416.54	32
H10A	9296	4742.95	3825.06	55
H10B	10467.54	4722.58	2705.4	55
H10C	8838.75	5821.71	2403.39	55
H11A	8099.17	1350.52	-191.38	60
H11B	8063.5	3624.3	-197.99	60
H11C	9692.29	2525.18	104.02	60
H12	5485.36	2500	-230.49	40

	Table 8 Atomic	Occupanc	y for mo	210617	LXN	3 0m.
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Atom	Occupancy	Atom	Occupancy	Atom	Occupancy	
H9A		0.5 H9B		0.5 H11A		0.5
H11B		0.5 H11C		0.5		

### **Experimental**

Single crystals of  $C_{13}H_{16}OSi$  [mo\_210617\_LXN\_3\_0m] were []. A suitable crystal was selected and [] on a 'Bruker APEX-II CCD' diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 170.0 K during data collection. Using Olex2 [1], the structure was solved with the ShelXT [2] structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL [3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

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### Crystal structure determination of [mo\_210617\_LXN\_3\_0m]

**Crystal Data** for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OSi (M = 216.35 g/mol): monoclinic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>/m (no. 11), a = 8.6562(3) Å, b = 7.0369(2) Å, c = 9.8957(3) Å,  $\beta = 97.7960(10)^\circ$ , V = 597.20(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 2, T = 170.0 K,  $\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) = 0.168 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *Dcalc* = 1.203 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 11768 reflections measured ( $4.75^\circ \le 2\Theta \le 54.232^\circ$ ), 1422 unique ( $R_{int} = 0.0304$ ,  $R_{sigma} = 0.0172$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0338 (I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)) and  $wR_2$  was 0.0947 (all data).

### **Refinement model description**

Number of restraints - 0, number of constraints - unknown.

Details:

1. Fixed Uiso

At 1.2 times of:

All C(H) groups, All C(H,H) groups

At 1.5 times of:

All C(H,H,H) groups

2. Others

Fixed Sof: H9A(0.5) H9B(0.5) H11A(0.5) H11B(0.5) H11C(0.5)

3.a Secondary CH2 refined with riding coordinates:

C9(H9A,H9B)

3.b Me refined with riding coordinates:

C10(H10A,H10B,H10C), C11(H11A,H11B,H11C)

3.c Aromatic/amide H refined with riding coordinates:

C1(H1), C2(H2), C3(H3), C4(H4), C12(H12)

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if you would like to have additional features.