Supporting information for:

Ligand-Controlled Cobalt-Catalyzed Isomerization and Reductive C-O Bond Cleavage of Allylic Ethers

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#### I. General information

THF, xylene, anisole, 1,4-dioxane, PhCl and Hexane were purchased from Energy Chemical and used as received. Toluene was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl prior to use. HBpin (98%), NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mol/L in THF), Xantphos, DPEPhos and CoCl<sub>2</sub> (99%) were purchased from Energy Chemical and used as received. Bis(2-(diphenylphosphanyl)phenyl)amine (**PNP**),<sup>1</sup> and phosphine-amido-oxazoline ligand (**PAO**)<sup>2</sup> were prepared according to previously reported procedures, respectively. The other commercially available chemicals were used as received. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker-400 or Bruker-500 instrument. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts were referenced to tetramethylsilane signal (0 ppm), <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts were referenced to the solvent resonance (77.00 ppm, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), <sup>19</sup>F NMR chemical shifts were referenced to the solvent resonance. The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, br = broad, q = quadruplet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF-Q II instrument (ESI). Melting points were obtained using a X-4 melting point apparatus (Laboratory Devices, beijing taike CO.; LTD.). In this report, all the reactions that require heating were using oil bath as the heating source.

## **II. Procedures for the synthesis of starting materials**

$$Ar^{1} \xrightarrow{O} Br + Ar^{2} - OH \xrightarrow{K_{2}CO_{3}} Ar^{1} \xrightarrow{O} OAr^{2} \xrightarrow{Ph_{3}PMeBr, KOtBu} Ar^{1} \xrightarrow{O} OAr^{2}$$

**Step 1:** According to a previously reported procedure,<sup>3</sup> a 250 mL round bottom flask equipped with a reflux condenser and a dropping funnel was charged with phenol (22 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (30 mmol) and acetone (50 mL). The mixture was added dropwisely with a solution of 2-bromoacetophenone (20 mmol in 50 mL of acetone) at room temperature over 30 mins. The resulting suspension was stirred at reflux overnight, cooled to room temperature, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by recrystallization from petroleum ether to give the desired product S1.

**Step 2:** According to a previously reported procedure,<sup>4</sup> a 250 mL three-necked flask was charged with PPh<sub>3</sub>MeBr (24 mmol), KO*t*Bu (24 mmol) and dried THF (50 mL) under argon. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, added

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dropwisely with a solution of **S1** (20 mmol in 50 mL of dried THF). Then the resulted solution was stirred at room temperature overnight, passed through a pad of silica gel and washed with EA. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography to give the desired product **S2**.

**1-methoxy-4-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1a).**<sup>5</sup> White solid was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 5.78 g, 24.1 mmol, 60% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H).



(**3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene** (**1b**).<sup>6</sup> White solid was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 1.51 g, 7.1 mmol, 60% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.45-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 3H), 6.93-6.98 (m, 3H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 2H).



**1-methyl-4-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1c).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 2.40 g, 10.6 mmol, 71% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93-6.97 (m, 3H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.7, 142.9, 137.8, 135.5, 129.4, 129.1, 125.9, 120.9, 115.0, 113.9, 69.8, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 225.1274, Found 225.1278.



(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (1d). White solid was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 0.92 g, 3.2 mmol, 38% yield. M. P. 82.2-82.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63-7.54 (m,

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6H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.01 - 6.94 (m, 3H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.7, 142.6, 140.8, 140.6, 137.2, 129.5, 128.8, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 126.4, 121.1, 115.0, 114.8, 69.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 287.1430, Found 287.1439.



*N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)aniline (1e). White solid was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (80:1). 0.46 g, 1.8 mmol, 46% yield. M. P. 52.7-53.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.92-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 2.95 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.7, 150.2, 142.2, 129.3, 126.6, 126.1, 120.8, 114.9, 112.1, 111.1, 69.9, 40.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> 254.1539, Found 254.1537.



**methyl(4-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)sulfane (1f).** White solid was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 0.48 g, 1.9 mmol, 38 % yield. M. P. 39.8-40.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.93-6.98 (m, 3H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.5, 142.2, 138.3, 134.9, 129.4, 126.3, 121.0, 114.8, 114.4, 69.7, 15.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> 257.0995, Found 257.0996.



**1-fluoro-4-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1g).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 2.81 g, 12.2 mmol, 82% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.41-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.00-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.99 (m, 3H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.6 (d, J = 247.0 Hz), 158.5, 142.2, 134.4 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 129.5, 127.8 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 121.1, 115.3 (d, J = 20.0 Hz), 114.9, 69.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -114.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FNaO<sup>+</sup> 251.0843, Found 251.0853.



**1-chloro-4-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1h).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 2.04 g, 8.3 mmol, 88% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.40 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 4H), 6.91-6.99 (m, 3H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.5, 142.1, 136.8, 133.8, 129.5, 128.6, 127.4, 121.2, 115.5, 114.9, 69.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClO<sup>+</sup> 245.0728, Found 245.0728.



**1-bromo-4-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1i).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 2.71 g, 9.4 mmol, 94% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.37 (m, 4H), 6.89-7.00 (m, 3H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.5, 142.2, 137.2, 131.6, 129.5, 127.7, 122.0, 121.2, 115.6, 114.9, 69.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrO<sup>+</sup> 289.0223, Found 289.0232.



**1-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (1j).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE. 0.29 g, 1.0 mmol, 26 % yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.54-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.34 (m, 2H), 6.91-7.02 (m, 3H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, )  $\delta$  158.4, 142.1 (d, J = 46.5 Hz), 130.0 (d, J = 32.5 Hz), 129.5, 126.5, 125.4 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 125.2, 123.1, 121.3, 117.1, 114.9, 69.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 279.0991, Found 279.0987.



**1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1k).** White solid was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (5:1). 0.42 g, 1.5 mmol, 48 % yield. M. P. 68.0-68.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 2H), 6.91-7.03 (m, 3H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 3.06 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.2, 143.7, 141.8, 139.6, 129.5, 127.5, 127.0, 121.3, 118.4, 114.8, 69.5, 44.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup> 289.0893, Found 289.0898.



**1-methyl-3-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (11).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (80:1). 2.34 g, 10.4 mmol, 70% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.21 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.5, 143.0, 138.2, 137.8, 129.3, 128.6, 128.2, 126.6, 123.0, 120.8, 114.8, 114.2, 69.5, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 225.1274, Found 225.1278.



**1-methoxy-3-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1m).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (80:1). 2.04 g, 9.8 mmol, 66% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.20-7.31 (m, 3H), 6.98-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.96 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.7, 158.6, 139.9, 129.4, 121.0, 118.5, 115.0, 114.9, 113.3, 112.1, 69.8, 55.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 263.1043, Found 263.1045.



**1-(benzyloxy)-3-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1n).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (100:1). 0.62 g, 2.0 mmol, 35% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.21-7.48 (m, 8H), 7.05-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.90 (m, 4H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.85 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.7, 158.4, 142.7, 139.8, 136.8, 129.3, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 120.9, 118.6, 114.9, 114.8, 114.0, 112.9, 69.8, 69.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 317.1536, Found 317.1532.



**1-fluoro-3-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene** (**10**). Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE. 1.02 g, 4.5 mmol, 64% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.21-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90-7.03 (m, 4H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, ) δ 162.9 (d, J = 245.5 Hz), 158.5, 142.2, 140.7 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 129.9 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 129.5, 121.7 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 121.2, 116.0,

115.0, 114.8 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 113.1 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 69.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -113.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FNaO<sup>+</sup> 251.0843, Found 251.0853.



**1-chloro-3-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1p).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE. 0.86 g, 3.5 mmol, 70% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.37 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 4H), 6.90-7.00 (m, 3H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.5, 142.2, 140.3, 134.5, 129.7, 129.5, 128.0, 126.3, 124.3, 121.2, 116.1, 115.0, 69.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClO<sup>+</sup> 245.0728, Found 245.0728.



**1-bromo-3-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1q).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE. 0.42 g, 1.5 mmol, 50% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.92-7.00 (m, 3H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.5, 142.1, 140.6, 130.9, 130.0, 129.5, 129.2, 124.7, 122.7, 121.2, 116.2, 115.0, 69.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrO<sup>+</sup> 289.0223, Found 289.0232.



**1-iodo-3-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1r).** Orange oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (25:1). 0.98 g, 2.9 mmol, 60% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.92-7.01 (m, 3H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.3, 141.8, 140.5, 136.8, 135.0, 130.0, 129.4, 125.2, 121.1, 116.0, 114.8, 94.5, 69.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>INaO<sup>+</sup> 358.9903, Found 358.9910.

**1-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (1s).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 0.74 g, 2.7 mmol, 53% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.73 (s, 1H),

7.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 2H), 6.92-7.01 (m, 3H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, )  $\delta$  158.4, 142.2, 139.2, 130.9 (q, J = 31.5 Hz), 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 125.2, 124.6 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 122.9 (q, J = 8.0 Hz), 121.3, 116.7, 115.0, 69.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 279.0991, Found 279.0987.



**1-methoxy-2-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1t).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 2.74 g, 11.4 mmol, 57% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.20-7.33 (m, 4H), 6.85-7.00 (m, 5H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.7, 156.8, 143.9, 130.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 120.7, 120.6, 115.2, 114.9, 110.6, 69.6, 55.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 241.1223, Found 241.1221.



**1-fluoro-2-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1u).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (80:1). 1.43 g, 6.3 mmol, 70% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.31-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.03-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.90-7.00 (m, 3H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, )  $\delta$  160.1 (d, J = 247.5 Hz), 158.6 , 140.3, 130.2 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 129.5, 129.4, 126.8 (d, J = 14.5 Hz), 124.2 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 120.9, 117.5 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 114.9, 69.9 ; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -114.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FNaO<sup>+</sup> 251.0843, Found 251.0853.



**1,2-dimethoxy-4-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1v).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (20:1). 2.86 g, 10.5 mmol, 70% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.26-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.01-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 3.87 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.6, 149.1, 148.9, 142.6, 131.3, 129.4, 121.0, 118.5, 114.9, 113.5, 111.1, 109.6, 70.1, 55.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 293.1148, Found 293.1155.



**1-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole (1w).** Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (150:1). 0.42 g, 1.7 mmol, 33% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.22-7.33 (m, 2H), 6.90-7.02 (m, 5H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.5, 147.8, 147.4, 142.5, 132.6, 129.4, 121.0, 119.6, 114.9, 114.0, 108.2, 106.6, 101.1, 70.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 255.1016, Found 255.1024.



**1-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)-9H-fluorene (1x).** White solid was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (150:1). 0.61 g, 2.0 mmol, 34% yield. M. P. 92.1-92.4 °C.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.80-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 3H), 6.95-7.03 (m, 3H) 5.67 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.6, 143.4, 143.2, 141.6, 141.2, 136.8, 129.4, 126.8, 125.0, 124.8, 122.6, 121.0, 119.9, 119.7, 114.9, 114.5, 69.9, 36.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 299.1430, Found 299.1427.



**1-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)naphthalene (1y).** White solid was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 1.16 g, 4.4 mmol, 44% yield. M. P. 35.7-36.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.76-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.63 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.35 (m, 2H), 6.93-7.04 (m, 3H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.7, 143.0, 135.6, 133.4, 133.1, 129.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 126.2, 126.1, 124.9, 124.2, 121.1, 115.3, 115.1, 69.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 261.1274, Found 261.1277.

**1-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)thiophene (1z).** Yellow oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE. 0.91 g, 4.2 mmol, 52% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.24-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90-7.01 (m, 4H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ

158.5, 141.9, 137.0, 129.5, 127.4, 124.7, 124.0, 121.2, 115.0, 113.3, 69.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NaOS<sup>+</sup> 239.0501, Found 239.0507.



((2-cyclohexylallyl)oxy)benzene (1aa). Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE. 2.39 g, 11.7 mmol, 74% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.23-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.96 (m, 3H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 2.20-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.89 (m, 4H), 1.70 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.15-1.34 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.8, 150.0, 129.3, 120.6, 114.7, 110.1, 70.0, 41.2, 32.2, 26.6, 26.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sup>+</sup> 239.1406, Found 239.1406.



((2-methylallyl)oxy)benzene (1ab).<sup>7</sup> Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE. 3.75 g, 25.3 mmol, 67% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.22-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.98 (m, 3H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 1.82 (s, 3H).



**1-(tert-butyl)-4-((2-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)oxy)benzene (1ac).** White solid was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 0.30 g, 1.1 mmol, 25% yield. M. P. 62.0-62.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  NMR (500 MHz, )  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85-6.92 (m, 4H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.5, 156.5, 143.7, 142.6, 130.9, 127.2, 126.2, 114.4, 113.8, 113.2, 70.2, 55.3, 34.1, 31.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 297.1849, Found 297.1851.



**1-methoxy-4-(3-(4-methoxyphenoxy)prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1ad).** White solid was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 0.73 g, 2.7 mmol, 45% yield. M. P. 94.7-95.7 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.80-6.92 (m, 6H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> W. Gao, X. Zhang, X. Xie, S. Ding, Chem. Commun. 2020, 56, 2012.

3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.5, 154.1, 152.9, 142.7, 130.9, 127.2, 116.1, 114.6, 113.8, 113.2, 70.9,
55.7, 55.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 293.1148, Found 293.1155.



1-methoxy-4-(3-methoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1ae).<sup>8</sup> Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (50:1). 1.21 g, 6.8 mmol, 72 % yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.41 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 3H).



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**1-(3-ethoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (1af).**<sup>9</sup> Colorless oil was obtained by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (200:1). 0.0740 g, 0.41 mmol, 26% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.41 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.49-3.57 (m, 2H), 1.15-1.25 (m, 3H).

### III. Cobalt-catalyzed isomerization of allyl ethers

General procedure for Co-catalyzed isomerization of allyl ethers: To a 10 mL flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled under argon, CoCl<sub>2</sub> (0.025 mmol), PNP (0.03 mmol), PhCl (1 mL), alkene **1** (0.5 mmol) and NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> (0.075 mmol, 1 M in THF) were added in sequence. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h, purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc as the eluent to give the desired product **2**.

(*E*)-1-methoxy-4-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2a)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1187 g (0.50 mmol) of 1a, 0.0161 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol, 1 M in THF) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0973 g (0.40 mmol, 82% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2a as a white solid. M. P. 56.2-56.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$ 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> J. Gupton, J. Dicesare, J. Brown, J. Idoux, Syn. Commun. 1992, 22, 1067.

7.29-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.02-7.07 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.6, 157.7, 137.8, 132.3, 129.5, 126.5, 122.4, 120.4, 116.2, 113.9, 55.2, 13.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 241.1223, Found 241.1228.



(*E*)-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2b)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1040 g (0.50 mmol) of **1b**, 0.0162 g (0.03 mmol) of **PNP**, 0.0031 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0690 g (0.33 mmol, 79% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2b as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.40 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.6, 139.9, 139.0, 129.6, 128.5, 126.7, 125.5, 122.7, 120.6, 116.4, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sup>+</sup> 233.0937, Found 233.0938.



(*E*)-1-methyl-4-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2c)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1116 g (0.49 mmol) of 1c, 0.0163 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0033 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0889 g (0.39 mmol, 80% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2c as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.26-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.7, 138.4, 136.9, 136.4, 129.6, 129.1, 125.4, 122.6, 120.6, 116.3, 21.0, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sup>+</sup> 247.1093, Found 247.1089.



(*E*)-4-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl [(*E*)-(2d)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1418 g (0.49 mmol) of 1d, 0.0164 g (0.031 mmol) of PNP, 0.0034 g (0.026 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75 μL (0.075 mmol)

of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.1168 g (0.41 mmol, 82% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2d as a white solid. M. P. 122.5-122.7 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.55-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.11 (m, 3H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.6, 140.7, 139.5, 139.1, 138.8, 129.6, 128.8, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 125.8, 122.7, 120.1, 116.4, 12.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 287.1430, Found 287.1434.



(*E*)-*N*, *N*-dimethyl-4-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)aniline [(*E*)-(2e)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0746 g (0.29 mmol) of 1e, 0.0194 g (0.036 mmol) of PNP, 0.0042 g (0.03 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L (0.090 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0605 g (0.24 mmol, 81% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2e as a white solid. M. P. 75.6-77.3 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.00-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.70-6.77 (m, 3H), 2.95 (s, 6H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.7, 136.7, 129.5, 126.2, 122.2, 120.9, 116.1, 112.7, 40.7, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> 254.1539, Found 254.1537.



(*E*)-methyl(4-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)sulfane [(*E*)-(2f)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1237 g (0.48 mmol) of 1f, 0.0160 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0034 g (0.026 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 14/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.1194 g (0.46 mmol, 95% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2f as a white solid. M. P. 47.2-48.6 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.03-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.5, 138.7, 136.7, 136.5, 129.6, 128.1, 126.9, 125.8, 122.7, 119.9, 116.3, 16.1, 12.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> 257.0995, Found 257.0997.



(*E*)-1-fluoro-4-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2g)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1139 g (0.50 mmol) of 1g, 0.0161 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 5/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0917 g (0.40 mmol, 81% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2g as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.29-7.37 (m, 4H), 6.98-7.10 (m, 5H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, )  $\delta$  161.9 (d, J = 245.5 Hz), 157.6, 138.8 , 135.9 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 129.7, 126.9 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 122.8, 119.7, 116.4, 115.3 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 13.3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -116.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FO<sup>+</sup> 229.1023, Found 229.1021.



(*E*)-1-chloro-4-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2h)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1223 g (0.50 mmol) of 1h, 0.0161 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 6/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0974 g (0.40 mmol, 82% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2h as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.26-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.01-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.5, 139.4, 138.3, 132.3, 129.6, 128.5, 126.6, 122.8, 119.3, 116.4, 12.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClO<sup>+</sup> 245.0728, Found 245.0728.

(*E*)-1-bromo-4-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2i)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1449 g (0.50 mmol) of 1i, 0.0162 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0033 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 6/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.1115 g (0.38 mmol, 81% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2i as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.02-7.11 (m, 3H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.5,

139.4, 138.8, 131.5, 129.7, 127.0, 122.9, 120.4, 119.4, 116.4, 12.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNaO<sup>+</sup> 311.0042, Found 311.0048.

(*E*)-1-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene [(*E*)-(2j)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1333 g (0.50 mmol) of 1j, 0.0161 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 8/1 *E*/*Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.1138 g (0.41 mmol, 85% yield, >20/1 *E*/*Z*) of (*E*)-2j as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, )  $\delta$  157.4, 143.6, 140.7, 129.7, 128.6 (q, J = 32.5 Hz), 127.9, 125.5, 125.4 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 123.1, 119.0, 116.6, 12.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 279.0991, Found 279.1001.

(*E*)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2k)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0860 g (0.30 mmol) of 1k, 0.0194 g (0.036 mmol) of PNP, 0.0040 g (0.03 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L (0.090 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 14/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0767 g (0.27 mmol, 89% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2k as a white solid. M. P. 88.4-90.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.2, 145.6, 141.8, 138.1, 129.7, 127.6, 125.8, 123.4, 118.2, 116.6, 44.6, 12.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup> 289.0893, Found 289.0893.

(*E*)-1-methyl-3-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2l)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1105 g (0.49 mmol) of 1l, 0.0162 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0035 g (0.027 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75 μL (0.075 mmol)

of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 14/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.1013 g (0.45 mmol, 92% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2l as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.02-7.11 (m, 4H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.6, 139.8, 138.8, 138.0, 129.6, 128.4, 127.5, 126.3, 122.6, 120.7, 116.3, 21.5, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sup>+</sup> 247.1093, Found 247.1097.



(*E*)-1-methoxy-3-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2m)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1210 g (0.50 mmol) of 1m, 0.0161 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0030 g (0.024 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 14/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0946 g (0.39 mmol, 86% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2m as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.18-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8, 157.6, 141.4, 139.2, 129.6, 129.4, 122.7, 120.4, 118.1, 116.4, 111.9, 111.6, 55.2, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 241.1223, Found 241.1228.

(*E*)-1-(benzyloxy)-3-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2n)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1446 g (0.46 mmol) of 1n, 0.0160 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0034 g (0.026 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 13/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.1356 g (0.43 mmol, 93% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2n as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.26 (m, 1H), 6.99-7.07 (m, 5H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.9, 157.5, 141.3, 139.2, 137.0, 129.6, 129.4, 128.5, 127.9, 127.5, 122.7, 120.2, 118.2, 116.3, 112.6, 112.5, 70.0, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 317.1536, Found 317.1537.



(*E*)-1-bromo-3-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2o)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1434 g (0.50 mmol) of 1q, 0.0161 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 11/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, >20/1 *E/Z*), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.1062 g (0.37 mmol, 83% yield) of (*E*)-2o as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.52 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.01-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.4, 142.1, 140.0, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 128.5, 124.0, 123.0, 122.7, 119.0, 116.5, 12.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNaO<sup>+</sup> 311.0042, Found 311.0048.



(*E*)-1-iodo-3-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2p)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1022 g (0.30 mmol) of 1r, 0.0098 g (0.018 mmol) of PNP, 0.0020 g (0.015 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 45  $\mu$ L (0.045 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0903 g (0.27 mmol, 88% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2p as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.04-7.11 (m, 4H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.4, 142.2, 139.9, 135.5, 134.4, 130.1, 129.7, 124.6, 122.9, 118.9, 116.5, 94.7, 12.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NaIO<sup>+</sup> 358.9903, Found 358.9910.



(*E*)-1-fluoro-2-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2q)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1163 g (0.49 mmol) of 1u, 0.0164 g (0.031 mmol) of PNP, 0.0034 g (0.026 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 11/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0411 g (0.18 mmol, 57% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2q as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.29-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.03-

7.14 (m, 5H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, )  $\delta$  160.4 (d, J = 247.5 Hz), 157.5, 141.5 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 129.6, 129.4 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 127.8 (d, J = 13.5 Hz), 124.1 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 122.7, 116.4, 115.9 (d, J = 23.5 Hz), 115.7, 13.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -114.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FO<sup>+</sup> 229.1023, Found 229.1021.



(*E*)-1,2-dimethoxy-4-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene [(*E*)-(2r)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1319 g (0.5 mmol) of 1v, 0.0164 g (0.031 mmol) of PNP, 0.0034 g (0.026 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.1152 g (0.43 mmol, 87% yield, 10/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2r as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.02-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.90-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.6, 148.9, 148.2, 138.1, 132.8, 129.6, 122.5, 120.5, 117.9, 116.3, 111.4, 109.2, 55.91, 55.86, 13.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 293.1148, Found 293.1155.



(*E*)-5-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole [(*E*)-(2s)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0756 g (0.30 mmol) of 1w, 0.0098 g (0.018 mmol) of PNP, 0.0020 g (0.015 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 45  $\mu$ L (0.045 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 11/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0597 g (0.24 mmol, 80% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2s as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.19-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.93-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.74-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.65-6.72 (m, 2H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.6, 147.8, 146.5, 138.2, 134.1, 129.6, 122.6, 120.5, 118.9, 116.3, 108.2, 106.1, 101.0, 29.7, 13.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 255.1016, Found 255.1016.



(*E*)-2-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)-9H-fluorene [(*E*)-(2t)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0891 g (0.30 mmol) of 1x, 0.0098 g (0.018 mmol) of PNP, 0.0020 g (0.015 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 45 μL (0.045 mmol)

of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0853 g (0.28 mmol, 87% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2t as a yellow oil. M. P. 109.1-109.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.6, 143.5, 143.2, 141.5, 140.4, 138.8, 138.4, 129.6, 126.7, 126.5, 125.0, 124.2, 122.6, 122.0, 120.8, 119.7, 116.6, 116.3, 36.9, 13.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 299.1430, Found 244.1426.



(*E*)-2-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)naphthalene [(*E*)-(2u)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1292 g (0.50 mmol) of 1y, 0.0161 g (0.03 mmol) of PNP, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h (> 99% conv., 5/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0759 g (0.30 mmol, 60% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2u as a white solid. M. P. 66.8-66.9 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74-7.84 (m, 4H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.7, 139.7, 137.1, 133.7, 132.4, 129.7, 127.91, 127.90, 127.5, 126.2, 125.5, 123.9, 122.8, 120.3, 116.5, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 261.1274, Found 261.1284.

(*E*)-2-(1-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)thiophene [(*E*)-(2v)]. Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1081 g (0.50 mmol) of 1z, 0.0164 g (0.031 mmol) of PNP, 0.0034 g (0.026 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h (> 99% conv., 6/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0696 g (0.32 mmol, 64% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of (*E*)-2v as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.11 (m, 4H), 6.99 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.4, 143.4, 138.3, 129.7, 127.2, 122.9, 122.3, 122.3, 116.5, 115.6, 13.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> 217.0682, Found 217.0678.



((2-cyclohexylprop-1-en-1-yl)oxy)benzene (2w). Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1081 g (0.50 mmol) of 1aa, 0.0161 g (0.030 mmol) of PNP, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75 µL (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (70% conv., 3/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0487 g (0.23 mmol, 48% yield, 3/1 E/Z) of 2w as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.23-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.93-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 1.93 (s, 1H), 1.82-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.50-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.29 (dd, J = 17.2, 8.8 Hz, 4H), 1.13-1.21 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.8, 134.9, 129.4, 126.9, 121.8, 115.8, 42.4, 31.9, 26.6, 26.3, 11.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sup>+</sup> 239.1406, Found 239.1406.

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((2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)oxy)benzene (2x).<sup>7</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0741 g (0.50 mmol) of 1ab, 0.0164 g (0.031 mmol) of PNP, 0.0034 g (0.026 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (30 % conv., monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0138 g (0.09 mmol, 19% yield) of **2x** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.26-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.03 - 6.93 (m, 3H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 1.71 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 6H).



**1-(tert-butyl)-4-((2-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-1-en-1-yl)oxy)benzene (2y).** Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1423 g (0.48 mmol) of **1ac**, 0.0161 g (0.030 mmol) of **PNP**, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of  $CoCl_2$ , 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.1342 g (0.45 mmol, 88% yield, 10/1 *E/Z*) of **2y** as a yellow solid. M. P. 97.2-98.3 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29-7.37 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.5, 155.4, 145.3, 138.2, 132.4, 128.8, 126.5, 126.4, 119.9, 115.8, 113.9, 55.3, 34.2, 31.5, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 297.1849, Found 297.1848.



**1-methoxy-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenoxy)prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (2z).** Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1305 g (0.5 mmol) of **1ad**, 0.0161 g (0.030 mmol) of **PNP**, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75 μL (0.075

mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.1183 g (0.44 mmol, 88% yield, 10/1 *E/Z*) of **2z** as a yellow solid. M. P. 85.9-86.1 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84-6.90 (m, 4H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 3.80 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 6H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.4, 155.1, 151.7, 138.8, 132.3, 126.4, 119.2, 117.3, 114.6, 113.8, 55.6, 55.3, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 293.1148, Found 293.1155.

**1-methoxy-4-(1-methoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (2aa).** Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0888 g (0.50 mmol) of **1ae**, 0.0161 g (0.030 mmol) of **PNP**, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of  $CoCl_2$ , 75 µL (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 9/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0764 g (0.43 mmol, 86% yield, 9/1 *E/Z*) of **2aa** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.1, 144.0, 133.2, 128.6, 126.1, 113.7, 59.7, 55.2, 12.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 201.0886, Found 201.0896.



**1-(1-ethoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (2ab).** Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0228 g (0.12 mmol) of **1af**, 0.0039 g (0.0072 mmol) of **PNP**, 0.0008 g (0.006 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 18 μL (0.018 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 0.5 mL (0.5 M) of PhCl. Then the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h (> 99% conv., 9/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0194 g (0.010 mmol, 85% yield, 9/1 *E/Z*) of **2ab** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.76-3.84 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.9, 142.6, 133.4, 128.5, 126.0, 113.8, 67.8, 55.2, 15.4, 12.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{16}NaO_2^+$  215.1043, Found 215.1044.

#### IV. Cobalt-catalyzed reductive C-O bond cleavage of allyl ethers

General procedure for cobalt-catalyzed reductive C-O bond cleavage of allyl ethers: To a 10 mL flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled under argon, added with PAO<sup>Me</sup> (0.03mmol), CoCl<sub>2</sub> (0.025 mmol), THF (1 mL), alkene 1 (0.5

mmol), NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> (75  $\mu$ L, 0.075 mmol, 1 M in THF) and HBpin (90  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol) in sequence. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h, purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc as the eluent to give the desired product **3**.



**1-methoxy-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3a).**<sup>10</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1204 g (0.5 mmol) of **1a**, 0.0131 g (0.030 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0034 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0646 g (0.44 mmol, 87% yield) of **3a** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H).



**prop-1-en-2-ylbenzene (3b).**<sup>11</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1051 g (0.5 mmol) of **1b**, 0.0134 g (0.030 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0034 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0557 g (0.47 mmol, 87% yield) of **3b** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H).



**1-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3c).**<sup>11</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1109 g (0.50 mmol) of **1c**, 0.0140 g (0.032 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0521 g (0.39 mmol, 72% yield) of **3c** as a colorless oil.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> X. Wang, Z. Wang, Y. Asanuma, Y. Nishihara, Org. Lett. 2019, 21, 3640.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.19-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H).



**4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3d).**<sup>11</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1405 g (0.49 mmol) of **1d**, 0.0140 g (0.032 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0033 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0807 g (0.42 mmol, 84% yield) of **3d** as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50-7.60 (m, 6H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.35 (m, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H).

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*N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)aniline (3e).<sup>13</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0776 g (0.31mmol) of 1e, 0.0086 g (0.019 mmol) of PAO<sup>Me</sup>, 0.0025 g (0.019 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 45  $\mu$ L (0.045 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 50  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.36 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0394 g (0.24 mmol, 82% yield) of 3e as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 2.95 (s, 6H), 1.22 (s, 3H).



**methyl(4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)sulfane (3f).**<sup>12</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0757 g (0.30 mmol) of **1f**, 0.0081 g (0.018 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0023 g (0.017 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 45 μL (0.045 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 50 μL of HBpin (0.36 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0415 g (0.25 mmol, 84% yield) of **3f** as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> U. Chakraborty, E. Reyes-Rodriguez, S. Demeshko, F. Meyer, A. Wangelin, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2018, 57, 4970.



**1-fluoro-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3g).**<sup>11</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1150 g (0.50 mmol) of **1g**, 0.0137 g (0.031 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0036 g (0.027 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0608 g (0.45 mmol, 89% yield) of **3g** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39-7.47 (m, 2H), 6.95-7.05 (m, 2H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H).



**1-chloro-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3h).**<sup>11</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1245 g (0.51 mmol) of **1h**, 0.0132 g (0.030 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0036 g (0.027 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0720 g (0.47 mmol, 94% yield) of **3h** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H).



**1-bromo-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3i).**<sup>11</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1475 g (0.51 mmol) of **1i**, 0.0133 g (0.030 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0034 g (0.026 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0916 g (0.46 mmol, 92% yield) of **3i** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H).



1-methyl-3-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3j).<sup>13</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0672 g (0.30

mmol) of **11**, 0.0083 g (0.018 mmol) of **PAO**<sup>Me</sup>, 0.0025 g (0.018 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 45  $\mu$ L (0.045 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 50  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.36 mmol), 1 mL (0.3 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0311 g (0.24 mmol, 85% yield) of **3j** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.18-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H).



**1-methoxy-3-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3k).**<sup>15</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1208 g (0.50 mmol) of **1m**, 0.0136 g (0.032 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0035 g (0.027 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0640 g (0.43 mmol, 86% yield) of **3k** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.20-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 8.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H).



**1-fluoro-3-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3l).**<sup>16</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1158 g (0.51 mmol) of **1o**, 0.0137 g (0.031 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0033 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0613 g (0.45 mmol, 89% yield) of **3l** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.20-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90-7.00 (m, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H).



1-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3m).<sup>14</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1378 g (0.49 mmol) of 1s, 0.0131 g (0.030 mmol) of PAO<sup>Me</sup>, 0.0035 g (0.027 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> D. Phan, K. Kou, V. Dong, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 16354.

NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90 µL of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0764 g (0.41 mmol, 82% yield) of **3m** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.45 (m, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H);



**1-chloro-3-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3n).**<sup>15</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1227 g (0.50 mmol) of **1p**, 0.0138 g (0.032 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0037 g (0.028 mmol) of  $CoCl_2$ , 75 µL (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90 µL of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0684 g (0.45 mmol, 88% yield) of **3n** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 2H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H).



**1-methoxy-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (30).**<sup>16</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1208 g (0.50 mmol) of **1t**, 0.0140g (0.032 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0032g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0523 g (0.35 mmol, 72% yield) of **3o** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.15-7.28 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.95 (m, 2H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H).



**1-fluoro-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3p).**<sup>16</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1156 g (0.51 mmol) of **1u**, 0.0137 g (0.031 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0043 g (0.033 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75 μL (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90 μL of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> P. Cooper, A. Dalling, E. Farrar, T. Aldhous, S. Grelaud, E. Lester, L. Feron, P. Kemmitt, M. Grayson, J. Bower, *Chem. Sci.* 2022, 13, 11183.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> M. Han, H. Pan, P. Li, L. Wang, J. Org. Chem. 2020, 85, 5825.

column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0574 g (0.41 mmol, 82% yield) of **3p** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.39-7.45 (m, 2H), 6.95-7.05 (m, 2H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H).



**1,2-dimethoxy-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3q).**<sup>17</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0947 g (0.30 mmol) of **1v**, 0.0081 g (0.018 mmol) of **PAO**<sup>Me</sup>, 0.0020 g (0.018 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 45  $\mu$ L (0.045 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 50  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.36 mmol), 1 mL (0.3 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0580 g (0.26 mmol, 87% yield) of **3o** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.05 - 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H).



**2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-9H-fluorene (3r).**<sup>18</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0877 g (0.29 mmol) of **1x**, 0.0083 g (0.018 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0020 g (0.015 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 45  $\mu$ L (0.045 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 50  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.36 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0540 g (0.26 mmol, 87% yield) of **3r** as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 2H), (s, 3H).



**2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)naphthalene (3s).**<sup>11</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1300 g (0.50 mmol) of **1y**, 0.0132 g (0.030 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0037 g (0.028mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0699 g (0.42 mmol, 85% yield) of **3s** as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74-7.86 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.46 (m, 2H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> J. Wu, L. Gong, Y. Xia, R. Song, Y. Xie, J. Li, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2012, 51, 9909.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> L. Gao, X. Liu, G. Li, S. Chen, J. Cao, G. Wang, S. Li, Org. Lett. 2022, 24, 31, 5698.

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**2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)thiophene (3t).**<sup>11</sup> Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.1121 g (0.51 mmol) of **1z**, 0.0133 g (0.03 mmol) of **PAO<sup>Me</sup>**, 0.0040 g (0.03 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 75  $\mu$ L (0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 90  $\mu$ L of HBpin (0.6 mmol), 1 mL (0.5 M) of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 0.0434 g (0.35 mmol, 87% yield) of **3t** as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.15 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H);

#### V. Gram-scale reactions.



Performed according to the general procedure using 1.2026 g (5 mmol) of **1a**, 0.0323 g (0.06 mmol) of **PNP**, 0.0064 g (0.05 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 150  $\mu$ L (0.15 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> and 10 mL (1.0 M) of PhCl. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h (> 99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*, monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), passed through a pad of silica gel and washed with EA, concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the residue was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc as the eluent to give 1.0222 g (4.3 mmol, 85% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of **2a** as a white solid.

Performed according to the general procedure using 1.9233 g (8 mmol) of **1a**, 0.0419 g (0.096 mmol) of **PAO**<sup>Me</sup>, 0.0108 g (0.08 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 240  $\mu$ L (0.24 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub>, 1.2290 g (9.6 mmol) of HBpin and 10 mL (1.0 M) of THF. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h, passed through a pad of silica gel and washed with PE, concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the residue was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give 1.0200 g (6.9 mmol, 85% yield) of **3a** as a white solid.

## VI. Further derivatizations.



(*E*)-1-(but-2-en-2-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (4a):<sup>2</sup> Performed according to a previously reported procedure:<sup>19</sup> To a 10 mL flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled under argon, 0.0597 g (0.25 mmol) of 2a, 0.5 mL (0.5 mmol, 1 mmol/mL in THF) of MeMgBr, 0.0186 g (0.025 mmol) of NiCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and 1 mL (0.25 M) of benzene were added in sequence. Then the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, cooled to room temperature, passed through a pad of silica gel, washed with EA, concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc as the eluent to give 0.0357 g (0.22mmol, 88% yield, >20/1 *E/Z*) of 4a as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.74-5.80 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.78 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H).



(*E*)-1-methoxy-4-(1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (4b):<sup>20</sup> Performed according to a previously reported procedure:<sup>19</sup> To a 10 mL flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled under argon, 0.0599 g (0.25 mmol) of 2a, 0.5 mL (0.5 mmol, 1 mmol/mL in THF) of PhMgBr, 0.0328 g (0.05 mmol) of NiCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and 1 mL (0.25 M) of benzene were added in sequence. Then the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, cooled to room temperature, passed through a pad of silica gel, washed with EA, concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc as the eluent to give 0.0400 g (0.18mmol, 71% yield, 17/1 *E/Z*) of 4b as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 4H), 6.91 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

## VII. Preliminary mechanistic studies

(a) Radical Trap Experiments:



To a 10 mL flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled under argon, 0.0034 g (0.026 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.0164 g (0.031 mmol) of **PNP**, 1 mL of PhCl, 0.1195 g (0.5 mmol) of **1a** and 0.0898 g (0.5 mmol) of ethene-1,1-diyldibenzene were added in sequence. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes, then NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> (75 µL, 0.075 mmol)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Y. Nassar, F. Rodier, V. Ferey, J. Cossy, ACS Catal. 2021, 11, 5736.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> X. Hu, J. He, Z. Ying, J. Zhou, J. Yu, Chin. J. Chem. 2021, 39, 2227.

was added by dropwise. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (99% conv., 10/1 E/Z).



To a 10 mL flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled under argon, 0.0033 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.0168 g (0.031 mmol) of PNP, 1 mL of PhCl, 0.1202 g (0.5 mmol) of **1a** and 0.0896 g (0.5 mmol) of 9,10-dihydroanthracene were added in sequence. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes, then NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> (75  $\mu$ L, 0.075 mmol) was added by dropwise. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*).



To a 10 mL flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled under argon, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.0164 g (0.031 mmol) of PNP, 1 mL of PhCl, 0.1205 g (0.5 mmol) of **1a** and 0.1082 g (0.49 mmol) of di-tert-butylhydroxytoluene were added in sequence. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes, then NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> (75  $\mu$ L, 0.075 mmol) was added by dropwise. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (99% conv., 10/1 *E/Z*).



To a 10 mL flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled under argon, 0.0036 g (0.027 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.0134 g (0.031 mmol) of PAO<sup>Me</sup>, 1 mL of THF, 0.1203 g (0.5 mmol) of **1a** and 0.0894 g (0.50 mmol) of ethene-1,1-diyldibenzene were added in sequence. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes, then NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> (75  $\mu$ L, 0.075 mmol) and HBpin (90  $\mu$ L, 0.60 mmol) was added by dropwise. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (99% conv.).



To a 10 mL flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled under argon, 0.0035 g (0.027 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.0134 g (0.031 mmol) of PAO<sup>Me</sup>, 1 mL of THF, 0.1208 g (0.5 mmol) of **1a** and 0.0894 g (0.50 mmol) of 9,10-dihydroanthracene were added in sequence. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes, then NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> (75  $\mu$ L, 0.075 mmol) and HBpin (90  $\mu$ L, 0.60 mmol) was added by dropwise. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (99% conv.).



To a 10 mL flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled under argon, 0.0032 g (0.025 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.0141 g (0.032 mmol) of PAO<sup>Me</sup>, 1 mL of THF, 0.1205 g (0.5 mmol) of **1a** and 0.1095 g (0.50 mmol) of di-tert-butylhydroxytoluene were added in sequence. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes, then NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> (75  $\mu$ L, 0.075 mmol) and HBpin (90  $\mu$ L, 0.60 mmol) was added by dropwise. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (99% conv.).

### (b) H/D scrambling experiments:



**1-methoxy-4-(3-phenoxyprop-1-en-2-yl-3,3-d2)benzene (D-1a).** Prepared according to the general procedure<sup>21</sup> of Witting reaction using Ph<sub>3</sub>PMeBr and 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenoxyethan-1-one-2,2-d2 (prepared according to a previously reported method, 100% D) as the starting materials, white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 0.2H), 3.82 (s, 3H). <sup>2</sup>H NMR (61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.85 (s, 1.8D).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> J. Zhao, B. Cheng, C. Chen, Z. Lu, Org. Lett. 2020, 22, 837.



Performed according to the general procedure using 0.0603 g (0.25 mmol) of D-1a, 0.0681 g (0.25 mmol) of 1v, 0.0043 g (0.030 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.0179 g (0.033 mmol) of **PNP**, 75  $\mu$ L (1 M in THF, 0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> and 1 mL of PhCl. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give D-(*E*)-2a (0.0550 g, 0.23 mmol, 91%) and D-(*E*)-2v (0.0621 mg, 0.23 mmol, 91%), respectively. For D-(*E*)-2a: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (s, 0.24H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 2.1H). <sup>2</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.85 (s, 1.8D). <sup>2</sup>H NMR (61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.77 (s, 0.76D), 2.09 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 0.9D). For D-(*E*)-2v: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H). <sup>2</sup>H NMR (61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.12 (s, 0.20D).



Prepared according to the general procedure using 0.0600 g (0.25 mmol) of D-1a, 0.0698 g (0.26 mmol) of 1v, 0.0039 g (0.030 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.0139 g (0.032 mmol) of PAO<sup>Me</sup>, 75  $\mu$ L (1 M in THF, 0.075 mmol) of NaBHEt<sub>3</sub> and 1 mL of THF. After 1 h, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using PE as the eluent to give D-3a (0.0277 g, 0.19 mmol, 75%) and D-3q (0.0387 mg, 0.22 mmol, 87%), respectively. For D-3a: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (s, 0.85H), 4.99 (s, 0.85H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 2.40H). <sup>2</sup>H NMR (61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.29 (s, 0.15D), 4.99 (s, 0.15D), 2.08 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.25 mmol).

0.6D). For D-**3q**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.04 - 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 0.84H), 5.01 (s, 0.84H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 2.40H). <sup>2</sup>H NMR (61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.32 (s, 0.16D), 5.04 (s, 0.16D), 2.12 (s, 0.6D).

# VIII. NMR Spectra







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