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Brønsted acid catalyzed Ficini [2 + 2] cycloaddition of ynamides with enones

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Part I Experimental Part

General Information

Unless otherwise indicated, all starting materials were obtained from commercial supplies and used as received. Ynamides 1a, 1b, 21c, 31d, 41e, 51f, 61g, 71h, 61i, 81j, 81k, 1l, 1m, 9, 1n, 1o, 10, 1p, 11, 1q, 1r, 1^{12} and $1s^{13}$ were known compounds and synthesized according to the literature, and the data were matched with the reported values. All reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware under a nitrogen atmosphere unless otherwise stated. All catalysts were added in the glove box. Solvents were distilled prior to use. Chromatographic separations were performed using 200~300 mesh silica gel. ¹H NMR and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker's AscendTM 400 NMR spectrometer using CDCl₃ as the solvent with TMS or residual solvent as standard unless otherwise noted. ABq represents the splitting of two hydrogens on the same carbon. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz) spectra were reported in ppm with the internal chloroform signal at 77.2 ppm as the standard. Infrared spectra were obtained on a PerkinElmer FT/IR spectrophotometer and relative intensities are expressed qualitatively as s (strong), m (medium), and w (weak). TLC analysis was performed using 254 nm polyester-backed plates and visualized using UV and KMnO₄ stain. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were performed on a Bruker MicrOTOF-Q II mass spectrometer.

1.1 Optimization of the Reaction Conditions.

Entry 13 (1.0 mmol synthetic method): To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1a^1$ (358.9 mg, 1.20 mmol), cyclohexenone 2a (96.13 mg, 1.00 mmol), DCE (5.0 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (56.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel. Then the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3a** (356.1 mg, 0.90 mmol) in 90% yield.

Ts	S N ^{−Bn} O ↓ + ↓ Me	catalyst (0.2 equ solvent, rt, time	$\xrightarrow{\text{Hiv}}_{e} \xrightarrow{\text{Ts}} \xrightarrow{N}_{Me} \xrightarrow{H}_{H}$	Ts N B	o Et
	1a 2a		3a	3a'	
entry ^a	catalyst	solvent	time (min)	3a	ld [°] (%) 3a'
1	Tf_2O	CH_2Cl_2	10.0	55	30
2	TfOMe	CH_2Cl_2	10.0	70	0
3	TMSOTf	CH_2Cl_2	10.0	75	20
4	TBSOTf	CH_2Cl_2	10.0	75	12
5	TIPSOTf	CH_2Cl_2	10.0	74	18
6	TfOH	CH_2Cl_2	10.0	64	28
7	Tf ₂ NH	CH_2Cl_2	10.0	90	trace
8	BF ₃ •Et ₂ O	CH_2Cl_2	5.0	87	10
9	Tf_2NH	toluene	10.0	85	9
10	Tf_2NH	1,4-dioxane	10.0	63	13
11	Tf ₂ NH	THF	25.0	18	22
12	Tf ₂ NH	DCE	10.0	93	trace
13 ^c	Tf_2NH	DCE	10.0	90	trace

Table S1. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

^{*a*}Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out using **1a** (0.36 mmol) and **2a** (0.30 mmol) with catalyst (0.06 mmol) in solvent (1.5 mL) under N₂. ^{*b*}Isolated yields. ^{*c*}**1a** (1.20 mmol) and **2a** (1.00 mmol) were added.

1.2 Reaction Scope of the [2 + 2] Cycloaddition.

Cyclobutenamides 3a,² 3b,² 3d,² 3e,² 3u,¹⁴ and 3z² were known compounds, the data were matched with reported values. Cyclobutenamides 3c, 3f, 3g, 3h, 3i, 3j, 3k, 3l, 3m, 3n, 3o-3t, 3v-3y, 3aa, and 3ab were new compounds.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1a^1$ (107.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 2a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3a (110.1 mg, 0.28 mmol) in 93% yield.

3a: $R_f = 0.19$ [6:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 114–115 °C;¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.34-7.27 (m, 7H), 4.63, 4.56 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 15.0$ Hz), 3.18 (dq, 1H, J = 4.6, 2.3 Hz), 2.75 (br, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.81-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.67 (m, 3H), 1.45-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.22 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.7, 144.1, 144.0, 136.6, 136.5, 129.9, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 126.7, 53.9, 51.3, 40.5, 38.6, 23.8, 21.8, 17.1, 12.6. Spectral data are in agreement with literature values².



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1b^2$ (113.5 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone **2a** (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3b** (114.7 mg, 0.28 mmol) in 93% yield.

3b: $R_f = 0.23$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 128–129 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.79 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 7.33-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.00 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 4.61, 4.55 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 15.0$ Hz), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.19 (dq, 1H, J = 4.7, 2.3 Hz), 2.75 (br, 1H), 1.88-1.75 (m, 3H), 1.68-1.67 (m, 3H), 1.48-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.22 (m, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.7, 163.3, 144.0, 136.5, 131.2, 129.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 114.4, 55.8, 54.0, 51.3, 40.5, 38.6, 23.8, 17.1, 12.6. Spectral data are in agreement with literature values².



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1c^3$ (114.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 2a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3c (103.8 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 83% yield.

3c: $R_f = 0.33$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 114–115 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.51 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.34-7.27 (m, 5H), 4.63, 4.56 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 14.9$ Hz), 3.19 (dq, 1H, J = 4.6, 2.4 Hz), 2.76 (br, 1H), 1.86-1.77 (m, 3H), 1.66-1.65 (m, 3H), 1.50-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.22 (m, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.4, 144.9, 139.7, 138.1, 136.1, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 126.3, 53.7, 51.5, 40.7, 38.6, 23.8, 17.2, 12.6; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2928m, 2865w, 1686s, 1521m, 1294w, 626s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₂H₂₃ClNO₃S [M + H]⁺ 416.1082, found 416.1080.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1d^4$ (118.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 2a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3d** (98.2 mg, 0.23 mmol) in 77% yield.

3d: $R_f = 0.29$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 115–116 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 8.04 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.35-7.28 (m,

5H), 4.66, 4.58 (ABq, 2H, J_{AB} = 14.8Hz), 3.19 (br, 1H), 2.79 (br, 1H), 1.96-1.79 (m, 3H), 1.67-1.66 (m, 3H), 1.55-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.25 (m, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.1, 150.4, 146.1, 145.5, 135.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 125.8, 124.5, 53.4, 51.8, 41.0, 38.7, 23.8, 17.2, 12.6. Spectral data are in agreement with literature values².



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1e^5$ (89.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 2a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3e (95.1 mg, 0.28 mmol) in 92% yield.

3e: $R_f = 0.17$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 100–101 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.67 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.29 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.82-5.72 (m, 1H), 5.26-5.14 (m, 2H), 4.13-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.28 (br, 1H), 2.88 (br, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.15-2.09 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.73 (m, 3H), 1.65-1.53 (m, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.5, 143.9, 143.2, 136.8, 133.7, 129.8, 127.6, 126.9, 117.8, 53.9, 50.3, 40.6, 38.6, 23.9, 21.8, 17.3, 12.6. Spectral data are in agreement with literature values².



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1f^6$ (80.38 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 2a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic

eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3f** (80.8 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 84% yield.

3f: $R_f = 0.25$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.66 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.30 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 3.32 (br, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.88 (br, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.19-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.76 (m, 3H), 1.73-1.53 (m, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.7, 144.0, 139.6, 135.8, 129.7, 128.2, 127.6, 53.8, 40.2, 38.7, 35.5, 24.0, 21.8, 17.4, 12.7; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2932m, 2855w, 1595m, 1402w, 1013w, 887m, 675s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NNaO₃S [M + Na]⁺ 342.1134, found 342.1126.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1g^7$ (95.5 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 2a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3g (80.4 mg, 0.22 mmol) in 74% yield.

3g: $R_f = 0.32$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 61–62 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.65 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.27 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 3.48-3.33 (m, 2H), 3.31 (br, 1H), 2.90 (br, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.12-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.74 (m, 3H), 1.64-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.25 (m, 3H), 0.91 (t, 3H, J = 7.3 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.4, 143.7, 143.5, 137.1, 129.7, 127.5, 127.0, 53.8, 47.6, 40.5, 38.6, 31.5, 24.0, 21.8, 19.6, 17.4, 13.9, 12.6; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2957s, 2727m, 1693s, 1458m, 1031m, 815s, 572m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₈NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 362.1784, found 362.1784.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $2h^6$ (102.73 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 1a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3h (81.0 mg, 0.21 mmol) in 71% yield.

3h: $R_f = 0.38$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 152–153 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.58 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.32-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 4H), 3.39 (br, 1H), 2.89 (br, 1H), 2.46-2.38 (m, 4H), 2.12-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.59 (m, 5H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.9, 144.0, 142.9, 138.4, 136.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 55.5, 40.1, 39.3, 24.1, 21.8, 17.7, 12.2; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2966m, 2861w, 1685s, 1492m, 1226w, 1089s, 542m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₂H₂₄NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 382.1471, found 382.1471.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $2i^8$ (117.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 1a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3i (110.2 mg, 0.26 mmol) in 87% yield.

3i: $R_f = 0.28$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 55–56 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.74 (d, 2H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.34-7.25 (m, 7H), 4.69, 4.51 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 14.9$ Hz), 3.18 (br, 1H), 2.82 (br, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.30-2.22 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.25 (m, 5H), 0.80 (t, 3H, J = 7.4 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.7, 148.4, 144.0, 136.8, 136.4, 129.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 126.3, 53.6, 51.5, 40.6, 37.0, 29.1, 24.3, 21.8, 19.8, 17.3, 14.4; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2925m, 2867w, 1595w, 1351m, 1070w, 856m, 556s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₅H₃₀NO₃S [M + H]⁺

424.1941, found 424.1941.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1j^8$ (122.9 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone **2a** (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3j** (121.6 mg, 0.28 mmol) in 93% yield.

3j: $R_f = 0.27$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 57–58 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.73 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.36-7.26 (m, 7H), 4.70, 4.49 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 14.8$ Hz), 3.19 (br, 1H), 2.81 (br, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.31-2.24 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.16 (m, 7H), 0.85 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.6, 148.6, 144.0, 136.7, 136.4, 129.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 126.1, 53.6, 51.5, 40.6, 37.0, 28.5, 26.8, 24.3, 22.9, 21.8, 17.3, 14.1; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2925m, 2869w, 1598w, 1348m, 1090w, 832m, 557s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₆H₃₂NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 438.2097, found 438.2090.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1k^1$ (133.0 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 2a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3k (118 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 85% yield.

3k: $R_f = 0.29$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 62–63 °C; ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.73 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.33-7.23 (m, 7H), 4.70, 4.49 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 14.9$ Hz), 3.19 (br, 1H), 2.81 (br, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.29-2.23 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.77 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.33 (m, 4H), 1.31-1.13 (m, 7H), 0.89 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.7, 148.6, 144.0, 136.8, 136.4, 129.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 126.1, 53.6, 51.5, 40.6, 37.0, 31.8, 29.6, 27.1, 26.4, 24.3, 22.8, 21.8, 17.3, 14.3; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2925s, 2853m, 1594w, 1347s, 1070w, 863m, 557s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₈H₃₆NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 466.2410, found 466.2410.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide 11^{1} (130.1 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone **2a** (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **31** (123.9 mg, 0.27 mmol) in 90% yield.

31: $R_f = 0.20$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 151–152 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.37-7.34 (m, 7H), 7.18-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 2H), 4.55, 4.42 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 14.4$ Hz), 3.29 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.18-1.93 (m, 3H), 1.61-1.48 (m, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.8, 144.7, 144.3, 136.3, 135.5, 132.1, 130.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.52, 128.48, 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 126.8, 55.5, 51.2, 40.6, 37.4, 24.9, 21.8, 17.5; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2924m, 2869w, 1693s, 1368s, 1143m, 662s, 654s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₈H₂₈NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 458.1784, found 458.1784.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1m^9$ (140.1 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 2a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*),

and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3m** (121.3 mg, 0.25mmol) in 83% yield.

3m: $R_f = 0.25$ [6:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.79 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.50 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.30-7.25 (m, 5H), 4.69, 4.50 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 14.7$ Hz), 3.20 (br, 1H), 2.82 (br, 1H), 2.26-2.19 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.77 (m, 3H), 1.50-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.26 (m, 4H), 1.25-1.12 (m, 6H), 0.89 (t, 3H, J = 7.0Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.3, 149.3, 139.7, 138.2, 136.0, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 125.7, 53.3, 51.7, 40.8, 37.0, 31.8, 29.5, 27.1, 26.3, 24.3, 22.7, 17.4, 14.3; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2924s, 2185m, 1690s, 1476w, 1330m, 847m, 623s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₇H₃₃ClNO₃S [M + H]⁺ 486.1864, found 486.1864.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1n^1$ (102.7 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 2a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3n (104.6 mg, 0.27 mmol) in 91% yield.

3n: $R_f = 0.23$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 91–92 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.77 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.43-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 5H), 3.54 (d, 1H, J = 4.3 Hz), 3.48 (br, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.71-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.16 (m, 2H), 2.07-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.67 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.9, 144.1, 141.8, 135.5, 131.7, 129.9, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.3, 55.0, 40.2, 37.4, 35.7, 24.8, 21.7, 17.8, one carbon missing due to overlap, overlapped signal at 128.8 ppm; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2937m, 2875w, 1692s, 1494m, 1229w, 1157m, 676s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₂H₂₄NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 382.1471, found 382.1470.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide 10^{10} (125.08 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone **2a** (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **30** (109.3 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 82% yield.

3o: $R_f = 0.39$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 140–141 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.62-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.37-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 5H), 3.64 (d, 1H, J = 4.1 Hz), 3.49-3.44 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.66 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.07 (m, 3H), 1.80-1.71 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.2, 145.0, 144.2, 138.5, 136.1, 131.2, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 56.1, 40.5, 37.2, 24.9, 21.8, 17.8, one carbon missing due to overlap, overlapped signal at 128.7 ppm; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2924m, 2858w, 1688s, 1447m, 1236w, 1054m, 583s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₇H₂₆NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 444.1628, found 444.1628.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1p^{11}$ (132.5 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone **2a** (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3p** (59.5 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 43% yield.

3p: $R_f = 0.22$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 153–154 °C; ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.84 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.36-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 2H), 4.57, 4.52 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 14.4$ Hz), 3.41 (d, 1H, J = 4.2 Hz), 3.27-3.24 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.17-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.56 (m, 1H), 1.47-1.36 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.9, 144.3, 138.2, 136.3, 135.5, 134.2, 130.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.04, 128.02, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 124.4, 55.4, 50.9, 40.7, 38.3, 24.9, 21.8, 17.2; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2922m, 2850w, 1690s, 1453m, 1353s, 930m, 557s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₆H₂₆NO₃S₂ [M + H]⁺ 464.1349, found 464.1349.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $\mathbf{1q}^1$ (159.0 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone $\mathbf{2a}$ (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide $\mathbf{3q}$ (82.1 mg, 0.15 mmol) in 51% yield.

3q: $R_f = 0.21$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 139–140 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.73 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.32-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 3H), 4.78, 4.59 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 14.6$ Hz), 3.67 (d, 1H, J = 4.3 Hz), 2.97-2.94 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.02-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.71-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 3H), 1.07 (d, 9H, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.00 (d, 9H, J = 7.5 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.5, 150.9, 144.8, 144.0, 137.0, 136.0, 129.7, 129.3, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 56.3, 52.4, 41.1, 39.1, 27.4, 21.8, 19.5, 19.4, 18.1, 12.2; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 3032w, 2926m, 1697s, 1495m, 1347s, 1029w, 552m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₃₁H₄₄NO₃SSi [M + H]⁺ 538.2806, found 538.2806.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1r^{12}$ (102.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone **2a** (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3r** (67.4 mg, 0.22 mmol) in 74% yield.

3r: $R_f = 0.16$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 4H), 4.66, 4.61 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} =$ 14.6 Hz), 3.52 (d, 1H, J = 4.2 Hz), 3.38 (br, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.54-2.49 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.60 (m, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.6, 144.2, 135.5, 131.7, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.3, 127.0, 54.9, 52.3, 41.8, 41.1, 37.1, 25.0, 17.5, one carbon missing due to overlap, overlapped signal at 128.8 ppm; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 3430w, 2928m, 1696s, 1350s, 1120w, 1085w, 696m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₂H₂₄NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 382.1471, found 382.1471.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1a^1$ (107.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), 4,4-dimethyl-cyclohexenone **2b** (38.4 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3s** (104.4 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 82% yield.

3s: $R_f = 0.31$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 114–115 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.73 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.34-7.27 (m, 7H), 4.63, 4.51 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 15.0$ Hz), 3.17 (br, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.34 (br, 1H), 2.02-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.78 (m, 3H), 1.56-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.19-1.13 (m, 1H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 CDCl₃) δ 211.7, 145.4, 144.1, 136.8, 136.4, 129.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 54.1, 51.5, 51.1, 35.8, 32.6, 30.9, 28.1, 25.2, 21.8, 15.5; IR (neat)

(cm⁻¹) 3450w, 2954m, 1693s, 1496m, 1165s, 1044w, 544m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{25}H_{30}NO_3S [M + H]^+$ 424.1941, found 424.1941.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1a^1$ (107.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), 3-methyl-cyclohexenone 2c (33.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3t** (51.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) in 42% yield.

3t: $R_f = 0.38$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 112–113 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.74 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.34-7.27 (m, 7H), 4.66, 4.51 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 14.8$ Hz), 2.74 (q, 1H, J = 2.2 Hz), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.78-1.65 (m, 3H), 1.55 (d, 3H, J = 2.3 Hz), 1.46-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.23 (m, 2H), 0.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.8, 148.1, 144.2, 136.8, 136.5, 130.0, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 126.0, 62.1, 51.6, 43.3, 39.9, 31.1, 23.8, 22.0, 18.5, 10.2; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 3442w, 2923s, 1696m, 1352s, 1164m, 1018w, 545m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₈NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 410.1784, found 410.1783.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1a^1$ (107.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclopentenone 2d (24.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3u (110.4 mg, 0.29 mmol) in 96% yield.

3u: $R_f = 0.17$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 100–101 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.72 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.35-7.24 (m, 7H), 4.51, 4.44 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 15.0$ Hz), 2.94 (br, 1H), 2.90 (br, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.94-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.73 (m, 3H), 1.70-1.64 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 216.0, 144.3, 144.2, 136.5, 136.2, 130.0, 129.2, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 54.3, 51.3, 40.2, 34.1, 21.8, 19.9, 13.1. Spectral data are in agreement with literature values¹⁵.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1a^1$ (107.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), 3-methyl-2-cyclopentenone 2e (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3v (52.5 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 44% yield.

3v: $R_f = 0.43$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.73 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.35-7.24 (m, 7H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 2.53 (br, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.94-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.63 (d, 3H, J = 1.9 Hz), 1.44-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 216.3, 147.7, 144.1, 136.4, 136.1, 129.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 61.1, 51.4, 46.2, 36.0, 26.9, 21.8, 21.3, 10.4; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 3031w, 2924s, 1729s, 1351m, 1121w, 1027m, 658m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₃H₂₆NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 396.1628, found 396.1628.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1a^1$ (107.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), (*E*)-3-penten-2-one **2f** (26.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the

reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3w** (83.2 mg, 0.22 mmol) in 72% yield.

3w: $R_f = 0.52$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.72 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.33-7.27 (m, 7H), 4.66, 4.42 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 15.0$ Hz), 3.25 (br, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.38-2.32 (m, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.33-1.32 (m, 3H), 1.02 (d, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.1, 143.9, 140.4, 136.5, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 63.0, 52.1, 38.1, 28.6, 21.8, 16.9, 12.1, one carbon missing due to overlap; overlapped signal at 127.9 ppm; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 3450w, 2960m, 1694s, 1455m, 1166s, 1025w, 609m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₂H₂₆NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 384.1628, found 384.1628.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1a^1$ (107.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), (*E*)-4-hexen-3-one 2g (29.4 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3x (98.8 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 83% yield.

3x: $R_f = 0.54$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 69–70 °C; 7.72 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.32-7.28 (m, 7H), 4.63, 4.44 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 14.9$ Hz), 3.31-3.29 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.26 (m, 2H), 1.26-1.25 (m, 3H), 1.02 (d, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 0.92 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz); ¹³C {¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.1, 143.8, 140.4, 136.6, 136.5, 129.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.4, 61.9, 52.2, 38.2, 35.1, 21.7, 16.9, 12.0, 7.6; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 3450w, 2922m, 1708s, 1598m, 1354s, 1117w, 598m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₃H₂₈NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 398.1784, found 398.1784.

To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1a^1$ (107.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), (*E*)-chalcone **2h** (62.5 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at

rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3y** (126.2 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 81% yield.

3y: $R_f = 0.38$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 69–70 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), 7.77 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 8H), 7.22 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.38-4.36 (m, 1H), 3.46 (br, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.20-1.19 (m, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 143.8, 140.0, 139.7, 137.0, 136.8, 136.4, 133.3, 130.9, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 60.1, 52.7, 49.5, 21.7, 12.4, one carbon missing due to overlap, overlapped signal at 128.9 ppm; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 3029w, 2921s, 1728m, 1350m, 1120w, 812m, 546s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₃₂H₃₀NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 508.1941, found 508.1942.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1b^2$ (113.5 mg, 0.36 mmol), (*E*)-chalcone 2h (62.5 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide 3z (118.7 mg, 0.23 mmol) in 76% yield.

3z: $R_f = 0.14$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 120–121 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.82 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 7.68 (d, 2H, J = 6.9 Hz), 7.53-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 8H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.87 (m, 2H), 4.69, 4.65 (ABq, 2H, $J_{AB} = 14.9$ Hz), 4.39-4.37 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.46 (br, 1H),

1.22 (t, 3H, J = 1.6 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8, 163.1, 139.8, 139.4, 136.9, 136.5, 133.2, 131.6, 131.1, 129.8, 128.9, 128.67, 128.64, 128.57, 128.53, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 114.3, 60.0, 55.7, 52.5, 49.5, 12.4; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 3431s, 2922m, 1701m, 1455s, 1126m, 833m, 555m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₃₂H₃₀NO₄S [M + H]⁺ 524.1890, found 524.1893. Spectral data are in agreement with literature values².



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1a^1$ (107.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), 1-penten-3-one 2i (25.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3aa** (79.0 mg, 0.21 mmol) in 69% yield.

3aa: $R_f = 0.50$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.71 (d, 2H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.32-7.27 (m, 7H), 4.61-4.43 (m, 2H), 3.78-3.75 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.33-2.14 (m, 4H), 1.34-1.32 (m, 3H), 0.90 (t, 3H, J = 7.3 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.3, 143.9, 137.5, 136.63, 136.58, 129.9, 129.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.4, 53.6, 52.3, 34.7, 30.9, 21.8, 14.5, 7.6; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 3451m, 2923m, 1708s, 1597w, 1350s, 1164s, 814m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₂H₂₆NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 384.1628, found 384.1627.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1a^1$ (107.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), 1-octen-3-one 2j (37.9 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 10.0 min. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [isocratic eluent: 10:1 petroleum ether /EtOAc] to afford cyclobutenamide **3ab** (104.4 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 82% yield.

3ab: $R_f = 0.61$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.71 (d, 2H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.32-7.28 (m, 7H), 4.60-4.43 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.74 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.31-2.09 (m, 4H), 1.44-1.13 (m, 9H), 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 7.3 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.1, 143.8, 137.2, 136.75, 136.66, 129.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.4, 53.6, 52.2, 41.5, 31.5, 30.9, 23.2, 22.7, 21.8, 14.5, 14.2, one carbon missing due to overlap, overlapped signal at 127.9 ppm; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 3446s, 2955m, 1706m, 1352s, 1164s, 1048w, 665m; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₅H₃₂NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 426.2097, found 426.2097.

1.3 [2 + 2] Cycloaddition of *N*-acyl ynamides.



To an oven-dried tube was added ynamide $1s^1$ (70.3 mg, 0.36 mmol), cyclohexenone 2a (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), DCE (1.5 mL, ynamide *concn* = 0.24 *M*), and Tf₂NH (16.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) at rt. Then the reaction vessel was capped and stirred at rt for 4.0 h. After the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [gradient eluent: 10:1~6:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc] to afford amide 5a (44.8 mg, 0.23 mmol) in 64% yield. 5a: $R_f = 0.30$ [6:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 39–40 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.41 (t, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 4.02 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.92 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.70-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.35 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz); Spectral data are in agreement with literature values.¹³

Amide **5b** (40.9 mg, 0.19 mmol) was prepared from ynamide $1t^{15}$ (89.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), and cyclohexenone **2a** (28.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) in 27% yield after stirring at rt

for 4.0 h. **5b**: $R_f = 0.45$ [10:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_7.56$ -7.51 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 5H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 2.41 (q, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz), 1.05 (t, 3H, J = 7.3 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.7, 174.4, 137.6, 136.1, 132.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 49.6, 32.1, 9.8; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 3334w, 2929w, 1656s, 1346m, 1191m, 1022s, 692s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₈NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 268.1332, found 268.1335.

1.4 Chemical Transformations of Cyclobutenamides 3.



To an oven-dried tube were added cyclobutenamide **3b** (41.2 mg, 0.10 mmol), toluene (1.5 mL, cyclobutenamide concn = 0.067 *M*) and BF₃•Et₂O (4.9 μ L, 0.04 mmol) at rt. The reaction vessel was then capped it and directly heated to 105 °C. After stirring at 105 °C for 1.0 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to rt slowly. The crude mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography [gradient eluent: 7:1~5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc] to afford bicyclic ketone **4a** (37.4 mg, 0.091 mmol) in 91% yield.



4a: $R_f = 0.28$ [5:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 114–115 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 7.33-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.01 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 4.68 (d, 1H, J = 14.4 Hz), 4.26 (d, 1H, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.57 (br, 1H), 2.29 (br, 1H), 1.71-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.58-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.22-1.08 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.4, 163.3, 139.9, 136.2, 131.5, 129.5, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 114.6, 55.8, 55.3, 52.9, 50.8, 29.2, 27.6, 17.2, 13.6, one carbon missing due to overlap, overlapped signal at 128.7 ppm; Spectral data are in agreement with literature values¹⁴.



Bicyclic ketone **4b** (39.9 mg, 0.086 mmol) was prepared from cyclobutenamide **3k** (46.5 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 86% yield after stirring at 105 °C for 30.0 min. **4b**: $R_f = 0.35$ [10:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 109–110 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.35-7.26 (m, 7H), 4.66 (d, 1H, J = 14.3 Hz), 4.29 (d, 1H, J = 14.3 Hz), 2.68 (br, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.29 (br, 1H), 2.23-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.52 (m, 6H), 1.46-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.20-1.04 (m, 6H), 0.88 (d, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.2, 144.6, 144.0, 137.2, 136.1, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.5, 53.2, 53.1, 50.8, 31.8, 30.0, 29.2, 28.8, 28.6, 27.2, 22.8, 21.8, 17.5, 14.3; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2929br, 2858w, 1761m, 1495m, 1344s, 1156s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₈H₃₆NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 466.2410, found 466.2408.



Bicyclic ketone **4c** (43.5 mg, 0.095 mmol) was prepared from cyclobutenamide **3l** (45.8 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 95% yield after stirring at 105 °C for 30.0 min. **4c**: $R_f = 0.27$ [6:1 petroleum ether/EtOAc]; white solid; mp = 135–136 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.36 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.28-7.15 (m, 6H), 6.97-6.89 (m, 4H) 4.45 (d, 1H, J = 14.4 Hz), 4.18 (d, 1H, J = 14.4 Hz), 3.06-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.87-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.17-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.39 (m, 1H), 1.29-1.23 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.1, 144.3, 136.7, 136.3, 135.7, 133.8, 130.4, 130.2, 128.574, 128.566, 128.55, 128.52, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 55.4, 54.6, 52.6, 30.0, 29.1, 21.8, 17.5; IR (neat) (cm⁻¹) 2921m, 2859w, 1764s, 1455m, 1348s, 1269w, 1165s; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₈H₂₈NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 458.1784, found 458.1793.

1.5 Failed [2 + 2] Cycloadditions.



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Part II Copies of ¹H NMR, ¹³C{¹H} NMR, and NOESY Spectra.

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NOESY, COSY, HSQC, and HMBC Spectra of Cyclobutenamides 3y and 3z.





























