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## Synthesis of 1-aryl-2,3-diaroyl cyclopropanes from 1,3,5-triaryl-1,5-diketones and their transformation into *E,E*-1,4-diaryl-1,3-butadienes

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Figure S82. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 8m



Figure S83. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 8n



Figure S84. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 8n



Figure S85. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 80



Figure S86. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 80



Figure S87. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 8q



Figure S88. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 8q



Figure S89. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 8r



Figure S90.  $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 8r



Figure S91. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 8s



Figure S92.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 8s



Figure S93. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 11a



Figure S94.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 11a



Figure S95. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 11b



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## X-Ray structure of 8h



Figure S97. ORTEP plot of the crystal structure of 8h (at 30% probability level)

**Crystal structure determination:** Single crystals suitable for X-ray studies were grown by recrystallization of **8h** from hexane/DCM (9:1). X-ray data were collected on a CCD diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation.

CCDC Number for 8h	2338084
Chemical formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>18</sub>
Formula weight	234.14
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	$P 2_1/c$
a (Å)	12.3661(6) A
b (Å)	7.7969(4) A
c (Å)	7.2005(3) A
α (°)	90 deg
β (°)	92.930(4) deg
γ (°)	90 deg
Volume (Å3)	693.35(6)
Ζ	2
R, wR2	0.0539, 0.1719
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.122

Table 1. Selected crystal parameters and refinement metrics for 8h