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### Dicarboxylation of Arenes with Formate and CO<sub>2</sub>

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#### **1.** General information

All the reactions were carried out in pre-dried Schlenk tube. Boc-indoles in this work were synthesized as the literatures reported.<sup>1</sup> The other reagents were purchased from commercially available suppliers and used without further purification. All of the solvents were dried prior to use. Flash chromatography columns were packed with 200-300 mesh silica gel in petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, and alcohol.

All NMR spectra are collected on 400 MHz or 600 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent. All chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$ -scale as parts per million [ppm] (multiplicity, coupling constant *J*, number of protons) relative to TMS (Me<sub>4</sub>Si) and d-solvent peaks, respectively. Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hertz [Hz]. Abbreviations used for signal multiplicity. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>19</sup>F NMR: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, td = triplet of doublets, ddd = doublet of doublets of doublets, tt = triplet, and m = multiplet.

Information about the photoreactor: the photoreactor (Type H106065) used in this research was purchased from GeAo Chem, Wuhan, China. The photoreactor was made up of 8 blue LED bulbs (5 W for each) with a cooler fan to keep room temperature. Spectral distribution: 415 - 430 nm. In the reaction, each Schlenk tube is mainly irradiated by one of the light bulbs. The approximate distance of the tube to the closest light bulb is 2 cm. A magnetic stirrer is placed under the photoreactor to keep the reaction being stirred.

#### 2. General procedure



To a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added **1** or **3** (0.2 mmol), 4DPAIPN (3.2 mg, 0.004 mmol), DABCO (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>K (50.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (82.8 mg, 0.6 mmol), the tube was evacuated and filled CO<sub>2</sub> for three times. Then the anhydrous DMSO (2 mL) was added to the tube under the CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The solution was bubbled with CO<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The reaction tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature under blue LEDs (5 W) for 24 h. After completion, the reaction was carefully quenched with 2 N HCl and the mixture was extracted with 5 mL dichloromethane for 3 times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The yields were determined by crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR using dibromomethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>) or dichloroethylene (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) as the internal standard. Then the crude product was esterified to allow for further characterization and isolation.

#### 3. Mechanism studies

#### **3.1 Radical capture experiment with TEMPO**



To a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added **1a** (35.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4DPAIPN (3.2 mg, 0.004 mmol), DABCO (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>K (50.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (82.8 mg, 0.6 mmol), the tube was evacuated and filled CO<sub>2</sub> for three times. Then the anhydrous DMSO (2 mL) and TEMPO (157 mg, 1 mmol) were added to the tube under the CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The solution was bubbled with CO<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The reaction tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature under blue LEDs (5 W) for 24 h. After completion, the reaction was carefully quenched with 2 N HCl and the mixture was extracted with 5 mL dichloromethane for 3 times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The yields were determined by crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR using dichloroethylene (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) as the internal standard. After esterification, the crude product was tested by HRMS(ESI).



### 3.2 D-labeling experiment with D<sub>2</sub>O



To a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added **1a** (35.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4DPAIPN (3.2 mg, 0.004 mmol), DABCO (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>K (50.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (82.8 mg, 0.6 mmol), the tube was evacuated and filled N<sub>2</sub> for three times. Then the anhydrous DMSO (2 mL) and D<sub>2</sub>O (13.2  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol) were added to the tube under the N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The reaction tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature under blue LEDs (5 W) for 24 h. After completion, the reaction was carefully quenched with 2 N HCl and the mixture was extracted with 5 mL dichloromethane for 3 times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. After purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as the eluent, the deuterium ratio was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (the reaction system of 3 equiv. of  $D_2O$ , **1a**, in standard condition without  $CO_2$ ):



**Figure S1** 

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (the reaction system of 3 equiv. of  $D_2O$ , **1a**, in standard condition without  $CO_2$ ):



To a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added **1a** (35.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4DPAIPN (3.2 mg, 0.004 mmol), DABCO (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>K (50.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (82.8 mg, 0.6 mmol), the tube was evacuated and filled CO<sub>2</sub> for three times. The solution was bubbled with CO<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. Then the anhydrous DMSO (2 mL) and D<sub>2</sub>O (13.2  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol) were added to the tube under the CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The reaction tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature under blue LEDs (5 W) for 24 h. After completion, the reaction was carefully quenched with 2 N HCl and the mixture was extracted with 5 mL dichloromethane for 3 times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated

under reduced pressure. After purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as the eluent, the deuterium ratio was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (the reaction system of 3 equiv. of D<sub>2</sub>O, **1a**, in standard condition):



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For the validation experiment, the reaction conditions were the same as the labeling experiment, except that D<sub>2</sub>O was replaced with more equivalents of H<sub>2</sub>O (40  $\mu$ L, 2 mmol) to gain the reduced product 9, 10-dihydroanthracene. Then 9, 10-dihydroanthracene underwent the D-labeling reaction in the same conditions. The deuterium ratio was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (the reaction system in 3 equiv. of D<sub>2</sub>O, 9, 10-dihydroanthracene):



# 3.3 <sup>13</sup>C-labeling experiment with H<sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>Na



To a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added **1a** (35.6mg, 0.2 mmol), 4DPAIPN (3.2 mg, 0.004 mmol), DABCO (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), H<sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>Na (41.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (82.8 mg, 0.6 mmol), the tube was evacuated and filled CO<sub>2</sub> for three times. Then the anhydrous DMSO (2 mL) was added to the tube under the CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The solution was bubbled with CO<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The reaction tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature under blue LEDs (5 W) for 24 h. After completion, the reaction was carefully quenched with 2 N HCl and the mixture was extracted with 5 mL dichloromethane for 3 times. The combined organic layers were

dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the crude product was esterified to allow for further characterization and isolation. After purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as the eluent, the <sup>13</sup>C ratio was determined by quantitative <sup>13</sup>C NMR.

Quantitative <sup>13</sup>C NMR (H<sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>Na):





Assume that the <sup>13</sup>C labeling ratio of the base is *x*, and the natural abundance of <sup>13</sup>C is known to be 1.11%, so there are:

$$\frac{1.11\%(1-x)+x}{1.11\%} = \frac{34.64}{2}$$

Solution  $x = 18.3\% \approx 20\%$ 

### 3.4<sup>13</sup>C-labeling experiment with <sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>



To a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added **1a** (35.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4DPAIPN (3.2 mg, 0.004 mmol), DABCO (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>K (50.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (82.8 mg, 0.6 mmol), the above feeding steps

are all completed in the N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere of the glove box. Then the anhydrous DMSO (2 mL) was added to the tube under the N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The solution was bubbled with  $^{13}CO_2$  for 5 min. The reaction tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature under blue LEDs (5 W) for 24 h. After completion, the reaction was carefully quenched with 2 N HCl and the mixture was extracted with 5 mL dichloromethane for 3 times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the crude product was esterified to allow for further characterization and isolation. After purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as the eluent, the <sup>13</sup>C ratio was determined by quantitative <sup>13</sup>C NMR.

Quantitative <sup>13</sup>C NMR (<sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>):



**Figure S6** 

The calculation was performed as follows:

Assume that the <sup>13</sup>C labeling ratio of the base is *x*, and the natural abundance of <sup>13</sup>C is known to be 1.11%, so there are:

$$\frac{1.11\%(1-x)+x}{1.11\%} = \frac{180.99}{2}$$

Solution  $x \approx 1$ 

#### **3.5 Stern-Volmer fluorescence quenching experiments**

Fluorescence quenching experiments were tested on a LS (PERKINELMER(HK)LTD) Spectrofluorophotometer with a 4 mL quartz cuvette with a cap. 4DPAIPN was irradiated at 430 nm and the emission intensity at about 530 nm was observed. In a typical experiment, the emission spectrum of a 10<sup>-5</sup> M solution of 4DPAIPN in anhydrous DMSO was collected.

DABCO: A stock solution of DABCO (0.05 M) was prepared. Then, different amounts of this stock solution were added to 2 mL of 4DPAIPN in DMSO ( $10^{-5}$  M).

**1a** (anthracene): A stock solution of **1a** (0.02 M) was prepared. Then, different amounts of this stock solution were added to 2 mL of 4DPAIPN in DMSO ( $10^{-5}$  M).

HCO<sub>2</sub>K: A stock solution of HCO<sub>2</sub>K (0.05 M) was prepared. Then, different amounts of this stock solution were added to 2 mL of 4DPAIPN in DMSO ( $10^{-5}$  M).

**1h** (phenanthrene), **1m** (naphthalene), **3d** (Boc-indole): A stock solution of **1h/1m/3d** (0.02 M) was prepared. Then, different amounts of this stock solution were added to 3 mL of 4DPAIPN in DMSO (10<sup>-5</sup> M).



Figure S7

The results of Stern-Volmer fluorescence quenching experiments suggested that **1a**, **1j**, **1p** and **3d** are all able to quench the PC\* (4DPAIPN\*). Considering that the S11

phenanthrene ( $E_0^{\text{red}} = -2.49 \text{ V}$  in DMSO *vs.* SCE), Boc-indole ( $E_0^{\text{red}} = -2.70 \text{ V}$  in DMSO *vs.* SCE), benzothiophene ( $E_0^{\text{red}} = -2.80 \text{ V}$  in DMSO *vs.* SCE) and benzofuran ( $E_0^{\text{red}} = -2.87 \text{ V}$  in MeCN *vs.* SCE) cannot be directly reduced by PC<sup>--</sup> [ $E_{1/2}$ (PC/PC<sup>+-</sup>) = -1.52 V *vs.* SCE] or CO<sub>2</sub><sup>--</sup> ( $E_{1/2} = -2.21 \text{ V}$  in DMF *vs.* SCE) because of their high  $E_0^{\text{red}}$ , we believe that these substrates might quench the PC<sup>\*</sup> or potentially generated PC'\* (4DPA-Me-IBN\*) by energy transfer instead of electron transfer, despite no diradicals detected.



**Figure S8** 

#### **3.6 Light on/off experiments**

To a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added **1a** (35.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4DPAIPN (3.2 mg, 0.004 mmol), DABCO (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>K (50.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (82.8 mg, 0.6 mmol), the tube was evacuated and filled CO<sub>2</sub> for three times. Then the anhydrous DMSO (2 mL) was added to the tube under the CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The solution was bubbled with CO<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The reaction tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature under blue LEDs (5 W). Turn on/off the blue LEDs every 2 hours and quenched one reaction with 2 N HCl at the same time until all the reactions were quenched. Each reaction mixture was extracted with 5 mL dichloromethane for 3 times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The yields were determined by crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR using dichloroethylene (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) as the internal standard. **Table S1.** Light on/off experiment (**1h**)<sup>*a*</sup>

C	+	4DPAIPN (2 HCO <sub>2</sub> K (3 DMSO	2 4DPAIPN (2 mol%), DABCO (50 mol%) HCO <sub>2</sub> K (3 equiv.), K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (3 equiv.) DMSO (0.1 M), Blue LEDs, rt then 2 N HCI			
•	Entry	time (h)	reaction time (h)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>		
	0	2	2	14		
	1	4	2	14		
	2	6	4	37		
	3	8	4	37		
	4	10	6	53		
	5	12	6	53		

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<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), 4DPAIPN (2 mol%), DABCO (50 mol%), HCO<sub>2</sub>K (3 equiv.), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 equiv.), DMSO (0.1 M), 5 W blue LEDs, room temperature, 1 atm CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. <sup>*b*</sup>Crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield.



Figure S9

# 4. X-ray crystallographic data

# 4.1 X-ray crystallographic data of 2a



# Crystal data and structure refinement for 2a

Empirical formula	$C_{18}H_{16}O_4$			
Formula weight	296.31			
Temperature/K	169.9(3)			
Crystal system	triclinic			
Space group	P-1			
a/Å	7.4833(6)			
b/Å	8.3504(7)			
c/Å	13.1170(8)			
$\alpha/\circ$	87.703(6)			
β/°	79.960(6)			
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	63.498(8)			
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	721.64(11)			
Z	2			
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.364			
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.788			
F(000)	312.0			
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.42 \times 0.35 \times 0.25$			
Radiation	$Cu K\alpha (\lambda = 1.54184)$			
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/° 6.85 to 151.772				
Index ranges	$-9 \le h \le 8, -10 \le k \le 9, -16 \le l \le 15$			
Reflections collected	8294			
Independent reflections	2898 [ $R_{int} = 0.0268, R_{sigma} = 0.0271$ ]			
Data/restraints/parameters	2898/0/202			
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.062			
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1=0.0381,wR_2=0.1012$			
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0410,  wR_2 = 0.1032$			
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> 0.25/-0.17				

#### 4.2 X-ray crystallographic of (1R,2R)-1,2data

# dihydroacenaphthylene-1,2-dicarboxylic acid



Crystal data and structure refinement for (1R,2R)-1,2-dihydroacenaphthylene-				
1,2-dicarboxylic acid				
Empirical formula	$C_{14}H_{10}O_4$			
Formula weight	121.11			
Temperature/K	170.0(4)			
Crystal system	orthorhombic			
Space group	Pccn			
a/Å	5.56956(10)			
b/Å	10.83565(18)			
c/Å	18.2517(3)			
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90			
β/°	90			
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90			
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1101.49(3)			
Z	8			
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.461			
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.901			
F(000)	504.0			
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.25 \times 0.22 \times 0.18$			
Radiation	Cu Ka ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )			
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	9.692 to 151.362			
Index ranges	$-6 \le h \le 7, -13 \le k \le 12, -22 \le l \le 21$			
Reflections collected	11646			
Independent reflections	1135 [ $R_{int} = 0.0298$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.0146$ ]			
Data/restraints/parameters	1135/0/85			
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.034			
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0332, wR_2 = 0.0890$			
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0345,  wR_2 = 0.0900$			
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.25/-0.16			

### 5. Cyclic Voltammetry Measurements

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) was performed with CHI-660E electrochemical workstation with a three-electrode system. A glassy carbon served as the working electrode, a platinum wire served as the counter electrode and a saturated calomel reference electrode was employed. The scan rate for the experiment was  $0.2 \text{ V} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ . The scan direction was negative. The cyclic voltammetry was carried out with 100 mM DMSO solution of <sup>n</sup>Bu<sub>4</sub>N·ClO<sub>4</sub> containing 2 mM of phenanthrene and heteroarenes under a argon gas atmosphere at room temperature.



#### 6. NMR data of products



**Dimethyl (9S,10S)-9,10-dihydroanthracene-9,10-dicarboxylate (2a)**<sup>2</sup> (**d.r.** = **8:1**): white solid, 52.7 mg, 89% yield, (PE: EA = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.44 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.2 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.2 Hz, 4H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.57 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  171.6, 133.6, 129.6, 127.7, 52.5, 52.0.



**Dimethyl (9R,10S)-2,3-dimethyl-9,10-dihydroanthracene-9,10-dicarboxylate (2b)** (d.r. > 20:1): colorless liquid, 55.1 mg, 85% yield, (PE: EA = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.43 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (s, 2H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 3.57 (s, 6H), 2.27 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  172.0, 136.2, 133.9, 130.9, 130.6, 129.6, 127.6, 52.6, 51.6, 19.6.

HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z  $[M+Na]^+$  for  $C_{20}H_{20}NaO_4$  347.1259, found 347.1257.



**Dimethyl (9R,10S)-2-(tert-butyl)-9,10-dihydroanthracene-9,10-dicarboxylate (2c)** (**d.r.** > **20:1):** colorless liquid, 66.2 mg, 94% yield, (PE: EA = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.44 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  171.8, 150.5, 133.9, 133.9, 133.2, 130.6, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 127.6, 126.4, 124.9, 52.5, 52.4, 52.4, 51.6, 34.6, 31.4.

HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z  $[M+Na]^+$  for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> 375.1572, found 375.1569.



**Dimethyl 2,6-dimethoxy-9,10-dihydroanthracene-9,10-dicarboxylate (2d) (d.r.** > **20:1):** yellow liquid, 37.0 mg, 52% yield, (PE: EA = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 3.58 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  171.9, 159.0, 135.1, 130.4, 125.8, 114.5, 113.8, 55.5, 52.5, 51.5.

HRMS (ESI) calculated  $m/z [M+Na]^+$  for  $C_{20}H_{20}NaO_6$  379.1158, found 379.1157.



**Dimethyl (9R,10S)-2,6-dimethoxy-9,10-dihydroanthracene-9,10-dicarboxylate (2e)** (d.r. > 20:1): colorless liquid, 43.9 mg, 62% yield, (PE: EA = 2:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.14 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, *J* = 6.0, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  171.2, 138.8, 133.3, 133.1, 130.9, 129.9, 129.7, 128.8, 128.0, 52.7, 52.4, 52.1, 52.0, 29.8.

HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z  $[M+Na]^+$  for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub> 377.1001, found 377.1000.



**Dimethyl (9R,10S)-2-phenyl-9,10-dihydroanthracene-9,10-dicarboxylate (2f) (d.r.** > **20:1):** colorless liquid, 43.2 mg, 58% yield, (PE: EA = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  171.6, 171.6, 140.7, 140.7, 134.1, 133.6, 132.7, 130.0, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.2,

127.8, 127.5, 127.3, 126.5, 52.6, 52.6, 52.2, 51.7.

HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z  $[M+Na]^+$  for  $C_{24}H_{20}NaO_4$  395.1259, found 395.1256.



**Dimethyl** (9R,10S)-2-fluoro-9,10-dihydroanthracene-9,10-dicarboxylate (2g)<sup>2</sup> (d.r. > 20:1): white solid, 51.5 mg, 82% yield, (PE: EA = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.44 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (td, *J* = 8.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  171.5, 171.1, 162.1 (d, *J* = 246.13 Hz), 135.8 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 133.5, 133.0, 131.0 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 129.6, 129.5, 127.9 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 116.4, 116.2, 115. 0, 114.8, 52.7, 52.6, 52.0, 51.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -114.9.



**Dimethyl (5R,12S)-5,12-dihydrotetracene-5,12-dicarboxylate (2h)**<sup>2</sup> (d.r. > 20:1): white solid, 49.1 mg, 71% yield, (PE: EA = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.91 (s, 2H), 7.86 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (ddd, J = 9.4, 5.9, 3.3 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 3.60 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  171.7, 133.9, 132.7, 131.6, 129.8, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 126.2, 52.6, 52.3.



**Dimethyl (9S,10S)-9,10-diphenyl-9,10-dihydroanthracene-9,10-dicarboxylate (2i)** (**d.r.** > 20:1): white solid, 38.5 mg, 43% yield, (PE: EA = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.35 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.0 Hz, 4H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.4 Hz, 4H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.4 Hz, 4H), 3.63 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  172.9, 145.7, 138.7, 131.1, 130.1, 128.2, 127.0, 61.7, 52.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> 471.1572, found 471.1566.



Dimethyl 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene-9,10-dicarboxylate  $(2j)^3$  (d.r. > 20:1): colorless liquid, 41.5 mg, 70% yield, (PE: EA = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroformd)  $\delta$  7.74 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 172.1, 133.3, 131.6, 130.2, 128.6, 128.1, 124.1, 52.6, 47.1.



Dimethyl 5,6-dihydrochrysene-5,6-dicarboxylate (2k) (d.r. > 20:1): colorless liquid, 54.7 mg, 79% yield, (PE: EA = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.55 – 8.49 (m, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.41 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) & 171.8, 171.8, 134.6, 133.8, 133.0, 131.2, 131.2, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 126.5, 125.9, 125.8, 52.6, 48.4, 47.6.

HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> 369.1103, found 369.1101.



Dimethyl 1,2,3,10b-tetrahydrofluoranthene-1,2-dicarboxylate (2l) (d.r. = 1.2:1): colorless liquid, 21.9 mg, 34% yield, (PE: EA = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform*d*) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40– 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.14 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.05 – 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.89 (m, 3H), 3.78 – 3.70 (m, 3H), 2.84 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.42 (dtd, J = 27.4, 11.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  176.1, 175.4, 174.0, 145.5, 143.7, 141.4, 140.2, 130.9, 128.4, 127.7, 127.2, 126.0, 125.3, 120.6, 118.9, 52.2, 46.3, 43.6, 42.1, 40.9, 31.4.

HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z  $[M+Na]^+$  for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> 345.1103, found 345.1095.



**Methyl 1,2,3,10b-tetrahydrofluoranthene-1-carboxylate (2l'):** colorless liquid, 16.4 mg, 31% yield, (PE: EA = 30:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.15 (dt, *J* = 16.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.26 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  176.6, 145.9, 143.4, 141.7, 139.7, 134.1, 128.0, 127.6, 126.9, 125.6, 125.1, 120.6, 117.5, 52.1, 46.7, 43.2, 28.4, 26.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> 287.1048, found 287.1045.



**Dimethyl 1,2-dihydroacenaphthylene-1,2-dicarboxylate**  $(2m)^2$  (d.r. > 20:1): yellow solid, 30.2 mg, 56% yield, (PE: EA = 10:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  172.2, 139.8, 136.8, 31.6, 28.2, 124.4, 121.0, 52.8, 51.8.



**Methyl 1,2-dihydroacenaphthylene-1-carboxylate (2m'):** colorless liquid, 7.6 mg, 18% yield, (PE: EA = 30:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.67 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.62 (dd, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.62 (dd, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.62 (dd, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd,

= 17.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  173.5, 143.4, 142.3, 138.3, 131.7, 128.2, 128.0, 124.1, 122.8, 120.5, 119.7, 52.5, 48.5, 34.3.

HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z  $[M+Na]^+$  for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> 235.0735, found 235.0730.



Methyl 10-phenyl-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene-9-carboxylate (2o') (d.r. > 20:1): colorless liquid, 20.1 mg, 32% yield, (PE: EA = 15:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.83 (ddd, J = 7.9, 4.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (qd, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 - 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.13 - 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.13 -7.06 - 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.69 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 173.2, 142.0, 137.0, 134.2, 133.8, 132.0, 129.7, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 126.9, 124.0, 52.8, 52.3, 47.1.

HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z  $[M+Na]^+$  for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> 337.1204, found 337.1199.



1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 7-cyanoindoline-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (4a) (d.r. > 20:1): yellow liquid, 39.6 mg, 55% yield, (PE: EA = 10:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroformd)  $\delta$  7.58 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 - 3.77 (m, 6H), 1.59 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) § 170.6, 169.6, 151.5, 143.2, 134.6, 130.0, 129.9, 124.1, 117.2, 102.1, 84.3, 64.5, 53.4, 53.2, 49.5, 28.2.

HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z  $[M+Na]^+$  for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub> 383.1219, found 383.1213.



1-(tert-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-(trifluoromethyl) indoline-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (4b) (d.r. > 20:1): yellow liquid, 67.7 mg, 84% yield, (PE: EA = 10:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.01 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 5.48 – 5.34 (m, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  170.8, 169.8, 151.2, 145.3, 127.3, 127.3, 125.0 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 124.3 (q, *J* = 272.7 Hz), 122.6, 114.9, 82.7, 63.0, 53.4, 52.8, 49.4, 28.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -61.8.

HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z  $[M+Na]^+$  for  $C_{18}H_{20}F_3NNaO_6$  426.1140, found 426.1136.



**1**-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-fluoroindoline-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (4c)<sup>4</sup> (d.r. > 20:1): yellow liquid, 55.1 mg, 78% yield, (PE: EA = 10:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform*d*) δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (td, J = 8.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.15 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 171.1, 169.9, 158.8 (d, J = 242.4 Hz), 151.3, 138.5, 126.6, 116.0 (d, J = 23.2 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 112.6 (d, J = 25.3 Hz), 82.0, 62.9, 53.3, 52.7, 49.6, 28.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -120.6.



**1-**(*tert*-Butyl) **2,3-dimethyl indoline-1,2,3-tricarboxylate**  $(4d)^5$  (d.r. > 20:1): colorless liquid, 20.8 mg, 31% yield, (PE: EA = 10:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.92 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.98 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  170.6, 129.6, 125.2, 122.9, 115.1, 62.8, 53.2, 52.7, 29.8, 28.4.

1-(tert-butyl) 2-methyl indoline-1,2-dicarboxylate (4d')<sup>6</sup>: colorless liquid, 15.0 mg,

27% yield, (PE: EA = 20:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  172.6, 128.0, 124.5, 122.7, 114.8, 81.4, 60.5, 52.4, 32.8, 29.8, 28.4.



**Dimethyl 2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]thiophene-2,3-dicarboxylate** (4e) (d.r. > 20:1): colorless liquid, 21.2 mg, 42% yield, (PE: EA = 10:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.39 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.09 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  171.4, 171.0, 139.3, 135.3, 129.1, 126.0, 125.1, 121.9, 54.7, 53.2, 53.0, 50.2.

HRMS (ESI) calculated  $m/z [M+Na]^+$  for  $C_{12}H_{12}NaO_4S$  275.0354, found 275.0351.



**Dimethyl 6-cyano-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]thiophene-2,3-dicarboxylate** (4f) (d.r. > **20:1):** yellow liquid, 17.2 mg, 31% yield, (PE: EA = 10:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.68 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  170.7, 169.8, 146.5, 136.6, 132.8, 129.5, 122.4, 118.8, 108.7, 54.1, 53.5, 50.3, 45.8.

HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>S 300.0306, found 300.0301.



**Dimethyl 2,3-dihydronaphtho**[2,3-b] thiophene-2,3-dicarboxylate (4g) (d.r. > 20:1): colorless liquid, 25.4 mg, 42% yield, (PE: EA = 15:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H),

7.06 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  171.5, 171.2, 133.3, 133.0, 132.8, 132.5, 129.8, 129.6, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 125.1, 52.8, 52.6, 48.2, 47.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>S 325.0510, found 325.0505.

# 7. NMR spectra of products





 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}^{6}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2a** 



 $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2b** 



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<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2d** 



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2e** 



<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2e** 



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2f** 



 $^{13}C{^{1}H} NMR$  (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2f** 



 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-d) spectrum of 2g



# $^{19}\mathrm{F}$ NMR (565 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of $\mathbf{2g}$



 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2h** 



 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) spectrum of **2i** 



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 $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2** 



 $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2**I'



 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2m** 



 $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **2m'** 



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **20'** 



<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **20'** 



<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **4a** 



 $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **4b** 







<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **4c** 



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<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) spectrum of **4**c



 $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **4d** 



 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **4d'** 







 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) spectrum of **4f** 



 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) spectrum of 4g

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