Direct Use of Carboxylic Acids in the Photocatalytic Hydroacylation of Styrenes To Generate Dialkyl Ketones

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I. General Information

Materials. Commercial reagents were acquired from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Acros, Strem, TCI, or Oakwood and used as received. Diethyl ether (Et₂O), tetrahydrofuran (THF), and toluene (PhMe) were dried by passing through activated alumina columns and stored over molecular sieves in a N₂-filled glovebox; *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) was dried by passing through a column of activated molecular sieves. Acetonitrile (MeCN) was purchased from Millipore Sigma *without sieves* and subsequently sparged with nitrogen before bringing it into the glovebox. Sieves were detrimental for reactivity.

Instrumentation. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 AVANCE spectrometer (500 MHz), a Bruker NB 300 spectrometer (300 MHz), or a Bruker Avance III HD NanoBay (400 MHz) spectrometer. Deuterium nuclear magnetic resonance (²H NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 AVANCE spectrometer (77 MHz). Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 AVANCE spectrometer (126 MHz). Fluorine nuclear magnetic resonance (¹⁹F NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker NB 300 spectrometer (282 MHz). Chemical shifts for protons are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃ = δ 7.26 ppm). Chemical shifts for carbon are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the carbon resonances of the solvent residual peak (CDCl₃ = δ 77.16 ppm). Chemical shifts for fluorine are reported in parts per million referenced to CFCl₃ (δ 0 ppm). NMR data are represented as follows: chemical shift $(\delta \text{ ppm})$, multiplicity (s = singlet, bs = broad singlet, d = doublet, appd = apparent doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, sx = sextet m = multiplet), coupling constant in Hertz (Hz), integration. Reversed-phase liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry (LC/MS) was performed on an Agilent 1260 Infinity analytical LC and Agilent 6120 Quadrupole LC/MS system, using electrospray ionization/atmospheric-pressure chemical ionization (ESI/APCI), and UV detection at 254 and 280 nm. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on an Agilent 6220 LC/MS using electrospray ionization time-of-flight (ESI-TOF) or Agilent 7200 gas chromatography/mass spectrometry using electron impact time-of-flight (EI-TOF). Gas chromatography was performed on an Agilent 7890A series instrument equipped with a split-mode capillary injection system and flame ionization detectors. Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 100 and are reported in terms of frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on an Agilent 1200 series instrument with a binary pump and a diode array detector, using Chiralcel OD-H (25 cm x 0.46 cm), Chiralcel OJ-H (25 cm x 0.46 cm), Chiralpak AS-H (25 cm x 0.46 cm), Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm x 0.46 cm), Chiralpak IC (25 cm x 0.46 cm) and Chiralpack ID (25 cm x 0.46 cm).

Light Sources. Reactions were initially optimized on 34 W blue LED lamps (KSH150B Grow Light Blue) purchased from Kessil. When Kessil lamps were used, they were placed 2 cm away from 1-dram reaction vials without the use of fans. Isolations yields were obtained using a Photoreactor (PR). Photoreactors were generously obtained from the MacMillan lab. A Penn OC Photoreactor M1 series was used with a 450 nm light source.¹

II. Control and Optimization Studies

Procedure for reaction optimization: An oven-dried 1-dram reaction vial (VWR® glass vials, 66011-041) was charged with carboxylic acid (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and equipped with a PTFE-coated stir bar (VWR® Micro stir bars, 2 x 7 mm, 58948-976). The vial was Teflon taped on the threads, and then taken into a N₂-filled glovebox. To the vial was added MeCN (0.1 M), alkene (0.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and base (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). From a stock solution was added [Ir(dF-Me-ppy)₂dtbbpy]PF₆ (2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 0.02 equiv) and Ph₂S₂ (1.0 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.05 equiv). Finally, phosphine (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The vial was then capped and sealed with electrical tape. The vial was irradiated for 24 h with 34 W blue LEDs. An aliquot of the crude reaction mixture was analzed by ¹H-NMR with 1-fluoronaphthalene (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) as an external standard.

Our initial efforts began employing 3-(4-fluorophenyl)propanoic acid with 1-(trifluoromethyl)-2-vinylbenzene as alkene acceptor and ethyl diphenyl phosphinite as mediator.

Table S1. Control and optimization of the coupling reaction between 3-(4-fluorophenyl)propanoic acid and 1-(trifluoromethyl)-2-vinylbenzene



Table S2. Optimization of solvent using ethyl diphenyl phosphinite as phosphine mediator.



Entry	Solvent	% Yield ^a	
а	TFT	5	
b	MTBE	0	
с	DME	3	
d	NMP	4	
е	Et ₂ O	0	
f	THF	0	
g	DMF	6	
h	DMA	12	
i	PhOMe	8	
j	MeCN	19	

^aYield was determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy using 1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard

Table S3. Optimization of bases using ethyl diphenyl phosphinite as phosphine mediator.



^aYield was determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy using 1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard

Given the poor success of ethyl diphenyl phosphinite in this reaction, emission quenching experiments were undertaken (See Section V). More importantly, other phosphines were explored for this reaction. The alkene acceptor was substituted for α -methyl styrene in order to bias the reaction toward radical addition.



^aYield was determined by GC-FID using 1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard.

Figure S1. Optimization of phosphines using 3-(4-fluorophenyl)propanoic acid and alpha methyl styrene.

Table S4. Examination of photocatalysts.



^aYield was determined by GC-FID using

1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard

Table S5. Examination of hydrogen atom donors.



^aYield was determined by GC-FID using 1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard

Table S6. Examination of phenyl disulfide loading. Yield was determined by GC-FID using 1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard.



1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard

Table S7. Examination of base additives. Yield was determined by GC-FID using 1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard.



^aYield was determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy using 1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard

Table S8. Optimization of Phosphine loading using methyl diphenyl phosphinite, 3-(4-fluoro-phenyl)propanoic acid, and alpha methyl styrene.



1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard

Table S9. Deoptimization table highlights the need for Iridium and phosphine for reactivity. While kessils provide moderate yield, Photoreactors were used because they provide a standardized light and temperature set up. Use of 5-cyclohexylpentanoic acid on 0.5 mmol scale without diphenyl disulfide results in lower yield. The yield was restored by using 2.4 equivalents of phosphine. Diphenyl disulfide was removed from non-polar carboxylic acids to provide an easier isolation.



Entry	Deviation	% Yield
а	Merck Photoreactor	81 ^{<i>b</i>}
b	none	64
с	no photocatalyst	0
d	no phosphine	0
e	no disulfide	62
f	no base	60
g	5-cyclohexylpentanoic acid	92 ^b
h	5-cyclohexylpentanoic acid and no Ph_2S_2	80 ^b
i	5-cyclohexylpentanoic acid, no $\mathrm{Ph}_2\mathrm{S}_2$, and 2.4 equiv $\mathrm{PMe}_2\mathrm{Ph}$	90 ^b

^aYield was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard.

^b0.5 mmol scale in a Photoreactor



^aYield was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard

Figure S2. Poorly performing carboxylic acids when coupling with 1,1 diphenyl ethylene.



^aYield was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard ^b1 equivalent of alkene, 15 mol% of (TripS)₂

Figure S3. Poorly performing alkenes when coupling with 4-fluoro hydrocinnamic acid. Morita-Baylis Hillman reactivity was observed by GC-MS for the acrylate derivatives.

II. General Procedures

General procedure A. An oven-dried 1-dram reaction vial (VWR® glass vials, 66011-041) was charged with carboxylic acid (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and equipped with a PTFE-coated stir bar (VWR® Micro stir bars, 2 x 7 mm, 58948-976). The vial was Teflon taped on the threads, and then taken into a N₂-filled glovebox. To the vial was added MeCN (0.5 M), alkene (265 μ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and 2,6-lutidine (58 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv). From a stock solution was added [Ir] (8.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.017 equiv) and Ph₂S₂ (5.46 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.05 equiv). Finally, phosphine (142 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added. The vial was then capped and sealed with electrical tape. The vial was irradiated for 24 h in a Photoreactor (800 rpm, 1500 fan speed, 100% light intensity). An aliquot of the crude reaction mixture was analzed by ¹H-NMR with 1-fluoronaphthalene (65 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) as an external standard.

General procedure B. An oven-dried 1-dram reaction vial (VWR® glass vials, 66011-041) was charged with carboxylic acid (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and equipped with a PTFE-coated stir bar (VWR® Micro stir bars, 2 x 7 mm, 58948-976). The vial was Teflon taped on the threads, and then taken into a N₂-filled glovebox. To the vial was added MeCN (0.5 M), alkene (265 μ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and 2,6-lutidine (58 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv). From a stock solution was added [Ir] (8.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.017 equiv). Finally, phosphine (171 μ L, 1.2 mmol, 2.4 equiv) was added. The vial was then capped and sealed with electrical tape. The vial was irradiated for 24 h in a Photoreactor (800 rpm, 1500 fan speed, 100% light intensity). An aliquot of the crude reaction mixture was analzed by ¹H-NMR with 1-fluoronaphthalene (65 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) as an external standard.

IV. Compound Characterization

A. Starting Material Synthesis

1-chloro-4-(1-phenylvinyl)benzene (S33) was prepared on a 23.08 mmol scale according to a published literature procedure.² The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Hexanes (10 CV). The title compound was concentrated to produce a colorless oil (4.05 g, 82% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃):</u> δ 7.41 – 7.17 (m, 8H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 149.11, 141.15, 140.08, 133.72, 129.70, 128.49, 128.41, 128.33, 128.07, 114.85.



1-methyl-4-(1-phenylvinyl)benzene (S34) was prepared on a 12.33 mmol scale according to a published literature procedure.² The title compound was isolated using automated column

chromatography eluting with Hexanes (10 CV). The title compound was concentrated to produce a colorless oil (2.24 g, 94% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)</u>: δ 7.36 (dt, J = 7.1, 3.1 Hz, 5H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

<u>1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃):</u> δ 150.03, 141.83, 138.74, 137.66, 129.00, 128.43, 128.29, 128.26, 127.77, 113.79, 21.32.

hex-1-en-2-ylbenzene (S35) was prepared on a 5.28 mmol scale according to a published literature procedure.² The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Hexanes (10 CV). The title compound was concentrated to produce a colorless oil (428 mg, 50% yield). Spectral data were consistent with reported literature values.⁴

<u>¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)</u>: δ 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.49 – 1.29 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

1³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 148.93, 141.67, 128.36, 127.37, 126.27, 112.14, 35.22, 30.61, 22.56, 14.07.



7-methoxy-1-methylene-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (S36) was prepared on a 11.35 mmol scale according to a published literature procedure.² The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Hexanes (10 CV). The title compound was concentrated to produce a colorless oil (1.17 g, 59% yield). Spectral data were consistent with reported literature values.⁵

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃)</u>: δ 7.17 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.79 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (ddt, J = 7.7, 4.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (p, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H).

<u>1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃):</u> δ 157.86, 143.71, 135.68, 130.26, 130.00, 114.47, 108.67, 108.16, 55.46, 33.31, 29.77, 24.19.

1-chloro-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (S38) was prepared on a 32.3 mmol scale according to a published literature procedure.² The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Hexanes (10 CV). The title compound was concentrated to produce a colorless oil (4.94 g, 100% yield). Spectral data were consistent with reported literature values.³ ¹<u>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):</u> δ 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.10 (h, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.33, 139.83, 133.33, 128.47, 126.96, 113.10, 21.88.



1-bromo-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (S39) was prepared on a 11.35 mmol scale according to a published literature procedure.² The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Hexanes (10 CV). The title compound was concentrated to produce a colorless oil (1.63 g, 72% yield). Spectral data were consistent with reported literature values.³ <u>**1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3):**</u> δ 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 5.36 (bs, 1H), 5.10 (p, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.01 (m, 3H).



(*R*)-1-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)piperidine-3-carboxylic acid (S41) was prepared on a 4.03 mmol scale according to a published literature procedure.⁶ The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with MeOH:DCM (0% 4 CV, 0-10% 10 CV, 10% 6 CV). The title compound was concentrated to produce a white solid (655 mg, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, ((CD₃)₂SO): δ 12.37 (s, 1H), 4.17 – 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 1H), 3.17 – 2.76

(m, 2H), 2.31 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.38 – 1.28 (m, 1H).



Figure S4. Racemic standard of (**S41**). ChiralPak[®] IC, 10% IPA in Hexanes, 60 min run, 1 mL/min.



Figure S5. Enantioenriched carboxylic acid (**S41**; >99% e.e.). ChiralPak[®] IC, 10% IPA in Hexanes, 60 min run, 1 mL/min.

B. Product Characterization



4-(3-oxo-5,5-diphenylpentyl)benzonitrileone (4) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-5% 12 CV, 10% 3 CV, 15% 2 CV, 20% 2 CV. 25% 5 CV) to produce a white solid (116 mg, 68% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)</u>: δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H).

<u>1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃):</u> δ 207.35, 146.75, 143.68, 132.35, 129.26, 128.77, 127.78, 126.70, 119.13, 110.04, 49.10, 46.29, 44.27, 29.38.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₄H₂₁NaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 362.1515, found: 362.1512.

FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 2923, 2225, 1712, 1605, 1579, 1493, 1450, 1412, 1369, 1241, 1177, 1155, 1091, 1074, 1030, 822, 748, 696, 625, 607, 550, 474, 425.



1,1-diphenyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentan-3-one (5) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-10% 10 CV, 10% 10 CV) to produce a white solid (121 mg, 63% yield).

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 8H), 4.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H). 13C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 207.50, 145.95 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 129.10, 128.95, 128.37 (appd, J = 32.2 Hz), 127.96, 126.81, 125.57 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.83 (q, J = 271.7 Hz), 48.96, 46.39, 44.54, 29.41. Note: Carbon peaks for this compound are overlaping, so assignment is missing one carbon peak.

Note: HSQC NMR of (5) in CD₂Cl₂.



¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCI₃): δ -62.39.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₄H₂₁F₃NaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 405.1437, found: 405.1435. **FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹):** 3027, 1713, 1617, 1599, 1494, 1450, 1417, 1322, 1161, 1109, 1065, 1030, 1017, 907, 825, 791, 729, 697, 648, 617, 603, 573, 554, 516, 471, 413.

MeO

methyl 4-(3-oxo-5,5-diphenylpentyl)benzoate (6) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 7 CV, 0-5% 12 CV, 5% 2 CV, 5-10% 4 CV, 10% 2 CV, 15% 8 CV) to produce a white solid (121 mg, 65% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)</u>: δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 4.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.21 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H).

<u>1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃):</u> δ 207.68, 167.14, 146.56, 143.79, 129.89, 128.73, 128.43, 128.12, 127.78, 126.62, 52.15, 49.12, 46.19, 44.59, 29.40.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₅H₂₅O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 373.1798, found: 373.1794.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u>: 1703, 1607, 1435, 1277, 1255, 1179, 1104, 1093, 1076, 1030, 1019, 986, 757, 749, 727, 699, 628, 606, 571, 551, 511, 486, 471.



5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,1-diphenylpentan-3-one (7) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-10% 10 CV, 10% 12 CV) to produce a yellow white solid (123 mg, 74% yield).

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI_3):}}{7.01 - 6.93 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 4.65 \text{ (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H)}, 3.20 \text{ (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H)}, 2.82 \text{ (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H)}, 2.68 \text{ (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H)}.$

 $\frac{^{13}C \text{ NMR (126 MHz, CDCI_3):}}{129.79 \text{ (d, } J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}\text{), } 128.74 \text{, } 127.83 \text{, } 126.62 \text{, } 115.30 \text{ (d, } J = 21.1 \text{ Hz}\text{), } 49.21 \text{, } 46.17 \text{, } 45.21 \text{ (d, } J = 1.1 \text{ Hz}\text{), } 28.67 \text{.}}$

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -117.39.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₃H₂₂FO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 333.1649, found: 333.1643. FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 1701, 1660, 1593, 1509, 1355, 1344, 1253, 1220, 836, 812, 749, 701.



5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,1-diphenylpentan-3-one (8) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-10% 10 CV, 10% 7 CV) to produce a white solid (140 mg, 81% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.06 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 4.66 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.69 – 2.62 (m, 2H).

1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 208.30, 158.00, 143.96, 133.07, 129.31, 128.70, 127.83, 126.55, 113.96, 55.36, 49.20, 46.10, 45.43, 28.70.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₄H₂₄NaO₂⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 367.1668, found: 367.1660.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 2915, 1702, 1607, 1580, 1511, 1492, 1464, 1448, 1401, 1366, 1317, 1298, 1240, 1176, 1091, 1076, 1028, 854, 828, 806, 788, 768, 742, 700, 625, 607, 571, 557, 543, 528, 518, 468, 436, 408, 401.



5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,1-diphenylpentan-3-one (9) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 7 CV, 0-5% 10 CV, 5% 6 CV) to produce a yellow tinted solid (110 mg, 63% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃)</u>: δ 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 7.11 (ddd, *J* = 12.4, 6.0, 2.6 Hz, 3H), 4.60 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 207.99, 143.89, 138.61, 133.95, 130.75, 129.62, 128.74, 127.84, 127.77, 127.01, 126.61, 49.06, 46.28, 43.21, 27.67.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₃H₂₂CIO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 349.1354, found: 349.1351.

FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 3025, 2931, 2892, 1703, 1599, 1492, 1473, 1445, 1414, 1367, 1305, 1268, 1232, 1196, 1077, 1050, 1034, 1000, 991, 753, 742, 727, 719, 697, 665, 624, 610, 582, 557, 523, 483, 457, 436.



5-(4,5-diphenyloxazol-2-yl)-1,1-diphenylpentan-3-one (10) was prepared according to the general Procedure A using 2.4 equivalents of phosphine and at a concentration of 0.33 M. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 5 CV, 5-20% 18 CV, 20% 5 CV) to produce a white solid (228 mg, 34% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 4.69 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.07 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 206.76, 162.31, 145.43, 143.88, 135.12, 132.59, 129.07, 128.72, 128.66, 128.51, 128.14, 128.00, 127.80, 126.58, 126.55, 49.06, 45.98, 39.76, 22.10.

Note: Carbon peaks for this compound are overlaping, so assignment is missing one carbon peak.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₃₂H₂₇NNaO₂+ ([M+Na]⁺): 480.1935, found: 480.1934.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u>: 3026, 2921, 1716, 1569, 1493, 1447, 1365, 1264, 1218, 1156, 1094, 1072, 1057, 1024, 1000, 961, 913, 762, 733, 692, 673, 625, 606, 572, 555, 522, 470.



5-(1*H***-indol-3-yl)-1,1-diphenylpentan-3-one (11)** was prepared according to the general procedure A using 2.4 equivalents of phosphine and at a concentration of 0.33 M. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (10% 4 CV, 10-20% 6.8 CV, 20% 10 CV) to produce a yellow white solid (106.2 mg, 60% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 7.88 (bs, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 7H), 7.14 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 208.98, 143.98, 136.31, 128.68, 127.84, 127.18, 126.52, 122.10, 121.61, 119.36, 118.76, 115.09, 111.25, 49.10, 46.12, 44.05, 19.17. HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₅H₂₃NNaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 376.1672, found: 376.1678. **<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u>** 2360, 1707, 1493, 1455, 1418, 1338, 1264, 1092, 1030, 1010, 731, 697, 608, 580, 552, 470, 423.



1,1-diphenyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)pentan-3-one (12) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with EtOAc:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 1% 4 CV, 1-7% 9 CV, 7% 13 CV) to produce a yellow oil (109 mg, 68% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃)</u>: δ 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 7.09 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (td, J = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 207.53, 143.89, 143.66, 128.74, 127.83, 126.94, 126.61, 124.69, 123.44, 49.18, 46.08, 45.27, 23.75.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₁H₂₀NaOS⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 343.1127, found: 343.1122.

FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 3025, 2921, 1711, 1598, 1492, 1449, 1406, 1368, 1235, 1091, 1073, 1030, 1003, 847, 821, 744, 692, 626, 609, 548, 502, 470.



5-(2-oxo-4,4-diphenylbutyl)-6,7-dihydrobenzofuran-4(5H)-one (13) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-15% 8 CV, 15% 15 CV) to produce a white solid (68 mg, 38% yield). Crude NMR analysis shows a 52% Yield.

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3):}}{4.62 \text{ (t, } J = 7.7 \text{ Hz, 1H)}, 3.28 \text{ (qd, } J = 16.4, 7.7 \text{ Hz, 2H)}, 3.13 \text{ (dd, } J = 17.6, 4.7 \text{ Hz, 1H)}, 2.96 - 2.75 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 2.26 \text{ (dd, } J = 17.6, 7.5 \text{ Hz, 1H)}, 2.04 - 1.96 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 1.71 \text{ (tdd, } J = 12.9, 11.4, 5.7 \text{ Hz, 1H)}.$

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 207.64, 194.82, 166.67, 144.02, 143.85, 142.95, 128.73, 127.93, 127.86, 126.61, 120.68, 106.83, 49.28, 46.28, 43.15, 42.58, 28.79, 23.49.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₄H₂₂NaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 381.1461, found: 381.1457.

FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 2922, 2853, 1772, 1713, 1671, 1594, 1579, 1493, 1451, 1372, 1288, 1261, 1196, 1155, 1117, 1031, 947, 883, 773, 735, 696, 607, 558, 535, 474, 447, 403.



Figure S6. Crude NMR Yield for (13). Referenced to one equivalent of 1-fluoronaphthalene.



6,6,6-trifluoro-1,1-diphenylhexan-3-one (14) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-4% 9 CV, 6% 7 CV) to produce a yellow oil (93 mg, 61% yield). **<u>1</u>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3):</u> \delta 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 4.59 (t,** *J* **= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d,** *J* **= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.59 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.29 (qt,** *J* **= 10.8, 7.7 Hz, 2H). <u>13</u>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 205 37, 143 55, 128 82, 127 73, 126 95 (n, *J* = 275 8 Hz), 126 77

 $\frac{1^{3}\text{C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI_{3}):}}{48.90, 46.20, 35.91 (q, J = 2.6 Hz), 27.81 (q, J = 29.9 Hz).}$

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -66.68 (t, J = 10.7 Hz).

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₁₈H₁₇F₃NaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 329.1124, found: 329.1126.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 3028, 1720, 1597, 1494, 1452, 1439, 1423, 1379, 1314, 1255, 1233, 1195, 1175, 1134, 1101, 1089, 1001, 983, 927, 850, 823, 794, 746, 726, 696, 627, 602, 565, 538, 469, 458, 403.



1,1-diphenyldecan-3-one (15) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-5% 8 CV, 5% 6 CV) to produce a yellow oil (107 mg, 69% yield).

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3):}}{3.18 \text{ (d, } J = 7.5 \text{ Hz, 2H)}, 2.33 \text{ (t, } J = 7.4 \text{ Hz, 2H)}, 1.50 \text{ (p, } J = 7.3 \text{ Hz, 2H)}, 1.34 - 1.13 \text{ (m, 8H)}, 0.90 \text{ (t, } J = 7.0 \text{ Hz, 3H)}.$

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 209.30, 144.09, 128.63, 127.84, 126.48, 48.86, 46.08, 43.72, 31.73, 29.11, 23.62, 22.69, 14.18.

Note: 13 carbon signals observed due to overlap.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₂H₂₈NaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 331.2032, found: 331.2029.

FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 2924, 2853, 1711, 1493, 1450, 1368, 1068, 1030, 744, 696, 608, 575, 555.

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tert-butyl (6-oxo-8,8-diphenyloctyl)carbamate (16) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with EtOAc:Hexanes (5% 6 CV, 5-20% 10 CV, 20% 7 CV) to produce a white solid (198 mg, 82% yield).

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI_3):}}{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI_3):}} \delta 7.26 (t, J = 3.7 \text{ Hz}, 4\text{H}), 7.24 - 7.19 (m, 4\text{H}), 7.17 (td, J = 6.9, 1.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 4.59 (t, J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.46 (bs, 1\text{H}), 3.14 (d, J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 3.04 (q, J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 2.31 (t, J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 1.54 - 1.45 (m, 2\text{H}), 1.44 (s, 9\text{H}) 1.37 (p, J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 1.14 (p, J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}).$

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.11, 156.07, 144.03, 128.71, 127.87, 126.58, 79.20, 48.94, 46.21, 43.54, 40.48, 29.92, 28.57, 26.32, 23.17.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₅H₃₃NNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 418.2353, found: 418.2360.

FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 3356, 3026, 2929, 2860, 1697, 1599, 1494, 1450, 1390, 1364, 1246, 1165, 1064, 1031, 987, 866, 780, 746, 697, 626, 608, 575, 555, 468.



7-cyclohexyl-1,1-diphenylheptan-3-one (17) was prepared according to the general procedure B. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-10% 10 CV, 10% 10 CV) to produce a slightly yellow tinted white solid (149.8 mg, 86% yield)

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI_3):}}{4.61 \text{ (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H)}, 3.15 \text{ (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H)}, 2.30 \text{ (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H)}, 1.75 - 1.59 \text{ (m, 5H)}, 1.44 \text{ (p, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H)}, 1.27 - 1.03 \text{ (m, 8H)}, 0.80 \text{ (q, J = 13.9, 12.1 Hz, 2H)}.$

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.42, 144.13, 128.68, 127.88, 126.53, 48.93, 46.11, 43.81, 37.57, 37.30, 33.49, 26.85, 26.54, 26.45, 23.96.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₅H₃₃O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 349.2526, found: 349.2531.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u>: 3027, 1713, 1617, 1599, 1494, 1450, 1417, 1322, 1161, 1109, 1065, 1030, 1017, 907, 825, 791, 729, 697, 648, 617, 603, 573, 554, 516, 471, 413.



(*Z*)-1,1-diphenylicos-11-en-3-one (18) was prepared according to the general procedure B. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 7 CV, 0-2% 4 CV, 2-7% 5 CV, 7% 7 CV) to produce a yellow oil (223 mg, 78% yield).

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI_3):}}{5.34 (dq, J = 5.6, 5.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 4.61 (t, J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.15 (d, J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 2.30 (t, J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 2.00 (p, J = 6.9 \text{ Hz}, 4\text{H}), 1.46 (p, J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 1.38 - 1.09 (m, 20\text{H}), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}).$

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.35, 144.12, 130.12, 129.91, 128.68, 127.88, 126.53, 48.91, 46.13, 43.77, 32.05, 29.91, 29.82, 29.67, 29.47, 29.39, 29.22, 29.17, 27.36, 27.31, 23.65, 22.83, 14.27.

Note: 23 carbon signals observed due to overlap.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₃₂H₄₇O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 447.3621, found: 447.3617.

FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 2921, 2851, 1713, 1493, 1451, 1366, 1064, 1031, 742, 696, 608, 575, 555.

4,4-diphenylbutan-2-one (19) was prepared according to the general procedure B. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-8% 12 CV, 15% 3 CV) to produce a yellow oil (86.1 mg, 76% yield).

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3):}}{4.60 \text{ (t, J} = 7.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.19 \text{ (d, J} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 2.09 \text{ (s, 3H)}.}$

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 207.02, 143.96, 128.72, 127.83, 126.58, 49.80, 46.15, 30.81.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₁₆H₁₆NaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 247.1093, found: 247.1089.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u>: 3024, 2926, 1706, 1595, 1583, 1491, 1450, 1407, 1368, 1332, 1249, 1201, 1162, 1086, 1050, 1031, 1017, 966, 776, 745, 694, 633, 617, 596, 565, 543, 469.

5,9-dimethyl-1,1-diphenyldec-8-en-3-one (20) was prepared according to the general procedure B. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-7% 10 CV, 7% 3 CV) to produce a pale yellow oil (69 mg, 41% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃):</u> δ 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 8H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.06 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.07 – 1.80 (m, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.27 – 1.18 (m, 1H), 1.18 – 1.08 (m, 1H), 0.79 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 208.96, 144.10, 131.56, 128.66, 127.88, 127.87, 126.51, 124.43, 51.17, 49.39, 46.04, 36.97, 28.78, 25.84, 25.52, 19.73, 17.78.

<u>HRMS:</u> (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₄H₃₀NaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 357.2189, found: 357.2184. <u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹):</u> 2959, 2913, 1709, 1493, 1449, 1407, 1374, 1060, 1031, 747, 696, 627, 609, 547, 470.

(3aS,4S,6aR)-4-(5-oxo-7,7-diphenylheptyl)tetrahydro-1H-thieno[3,4-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (21) was prepared according to the general procedure B in DMA and at 0.25 mmol scale and 0.25 M concentration and six equivalents of alkano. The title compound was isolated using our

0.25 M concentration and six equivalents of alkene. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with EtOAc:Hexanes (60% 4CV, 60-100% 10 CV, 100% 5 CV) followed by (35% MeOH:EtOAc):EtOAc 0-10% 6 CV, 10% 2 CV, 15%% 2 CV, 15-25% 5 CV, 25% 12 CV) to produce a pale yellow oil with 80% purity. Isolation of authentic product was obtained using supercritical fluid chromatography with a ChiralCel AD-H (2 x 25 cm) column and the following conditions: 30% EtOH (0.1 DEA)/CO₂, 100 bar, 60 mL/min, 220 nm to produce a white/yellow semisolid (28 mg, 27% Yield). Comparison of the crude reaction mixture to clean product resulted in 62% crude NMR yield. When using three equivalents of alkene a 44% crude NMR yield is obtained.

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3):}}{5.66 (s, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (td, J = 7.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 12.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.63 - 1.42 (m, 4H), 1.25 (q, J = 7.8, 7.3 Hz, 2H).$

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.22, 163.59, 144.02, 128.71, 127.86, 127.85, 126.56, 61.96, 60.18, 55.39, 48.89, 46.11, 43.22, 40.65, 28.38, 28.32, 23.38.

<u>HRMS:</u> (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₄H₂₈N₂NaO₂S⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 431.1764, found: 431.1770. <u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹):</u> 3234, 2925, 1701, 1493, 1451, 1371, 1330, 1265, 748, 701, 608.



Figure S7. Crude NMR Yield for (21). Referenced to one equivalent of 1-fluoronaphthalene.



Benzyl (S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-oxo-6,6-diphenylhexanoate (22) was prepared according to the general procedure A and at a 0.25 M concentration. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-10% 4 CV, 10% 6 CV, 10-25% 6 CV, 25% 10 CV) to produce a slightly yellow tinted white solid (79 mg, 32% Yield).

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI_3):}}{5.38 \text{ (d, } J = 8.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.10 \text{ (d, } J = 12.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.00 \text{ (d, } J = 12.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.54 \text{ (t, } J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.46 \text{ (dt, } J = 8.7, 4.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.28 - 3.04 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 2.86 \text{ (dd, } J = 18.1, 4.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.40 \text{ (s, 9H)}.$

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 207.07, 171.27, 155.62, 143.65, 143.61, 135.48, 128.78, 128.74, 128.65, 128.44, 128.29, 127.77, 126.70, 126.67, 80.08, 67.38, 49.62, 48.88, 45.89, 45.20, 28.41.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₃₀H₃₄NO₅⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 488.2432, found: 488.2424.

FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 1712, 1495, 1453, 1367, 1336, 1264, 1160, 1074, 1025, 731, 697, 607, 493.



Figure S8. HPLC trace of benzyl (S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-oxo-6,6-diphenylhexanoate (93% e.e.).

ChiralPak[®] IC, 10% IPA in Hexanes, 60 min run, 1 mL/min.



Figure S9. HPLC trace of benzyl (R)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-oxo-6,6-diphenylhexanoate (95% e.e.).

ChiralPak[®] IC, 10% IPA in Hexanes, 60 min run, 1 mL/min.

5-(1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1,1-diphenylpentan-3-one (23) was prepared according to the general Procedure A using 2.4 equivalents of phosphine and at

a concentration of 0.33 M. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 5 CV, 0-10% 6 CV, 10-13% 2 CV, 13-25% 4 CV, 25% 5 CV) to produce a white solid (142.8 mg, 50% yield in 91% purity which corresponds to an isolated yield of 45%). Crude NMR analysis shows a 50% Yield.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65 − 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.42 − 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29 − 7.10 (m, 11H), 4.58 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.93, 150.58, 143.72, 138.98, 134.06, 132.50, 131.91, 129.14, 128.96, 128.74, 127.76, 126.83, 126.68, 120.52, 120.29, 119.50, 48.97, 46.26, 43.81, 18.25. HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₃₂H₂₇BrClN₂O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 569.0989, found: 569.0983. FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 1738, 1492, 1450, 1353, 1269, 1155, 1092, 1077, 1009, 984, 955, 902, 874, 831, 790, 765, 694, 603, 552, 503.



Figure S10. Crude NMR Yield for (23). Referenced to one equivalent of 1-fluoronaphthalene.

1-(cyclohex-3-en-1-yl)-3,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (24) was prepared according to the general procedure B. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-5% 12 CV, 5% 10 CV) to produce a pale yellow oil (75 mg, 51% yield in 94% purity which corresponds to an isolated yield of 48%).

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl}_3):}{(m, 2H), 3.26 (p, J = 9.3 \text{ Hz}, 2H), 2.54 (dddd, J = 11.7, 9.1, 5.9, 2.8 \text{ Hz}, 1H), 2.10 - 1.98 (m, 4H), 1.89 - 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.55 - 1.44 (m, 1H).}$

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 211.43, 144.25, 144.22, 128.66, 127.91, 127.90, 126.75, 126.51, 125.41, 47.22, 47.10, 45.86, 26.66, 24.76, 24.39.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₁H₂₂NaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 313.1563, found: 313.1563.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u>: 3024, 2921, 1707, 1493, 1450, 1436, 1373, 1103, 1031, 747, 732, 698, 648, 611.

Note: HMBC NMR of (24). Peaks centered at 127.90 and 127.91 are diastereotopic carbons.





tert-butyl 4-(3,3-diphenylpropanoyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (25) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-8% 8 CV, 8% 2 CV, 8-12% 2 CV, 15% 15 CV) to produce a white solid (157 mg, 80% yield).

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3):}}{4.01 \text{ (bs, 2H), } 3.20 \text{ (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), } 2.70 \text{ (t, J = 12.2 Hz, 2H), } 2.35 \text{ (tt, J = 11.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), } 1.65 \text{ (bs, 2H), } 1.43 \text{ (s, 9H), } 1.42 - 1.32 \text{ (m, 2H).}}$

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.16, 154.75, 144.03, 128.71, 127.85, 126.61, 79.74, 49.25, 46.96, 45.82, 29.85, 28.55, 27.23.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₅H₃₁NNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 416.2196, found: 416.2200.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 2925, 2848, 1706, 1688, 1494, 1450, 1420, 1383, 1365, 1335, 1308, 1276, 1248, 1232, 1159, 1129, 1079, 1064, 1028, 1014, 980, 950, 921, 906, 869, 791, 770, 747, 702, 694, 650, 629, 594, 555, 540, 471.

tert-butyl 3-(3,3-diphenylpropanoyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (26) was prepared according to the general Procedure A using 2.4 equivalents of phosphine and at a concentration of 0.33 M. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-25% 10 CV, 25% 20 CV) to produce a slightly yellow tinted white solid (92 mg, 50% Yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)</u>: δ 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.12 (m, 6H), 4.61 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.00 – 3.75 (m, 4H), 3.30 (p, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H).

1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.32, 156.25, 143.61, 128.84, 127.74, 126.81, 79.91, 50.30, 47.31, 45.95, 39.15, 28.46.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₃H₂₇NNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 388.1883, found: 388.1876.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 2972, 2929, 2887, 1714, 1697, 1598, 1492, 1474, 1448, 1404, 1368, 1342, 1296, 1251, 1163, 1129, 1102, 1083, 1070, 1031, 983, 958, 904, 862, 792, 770, 751, 730, 697, 628, 614, 587, 568, 543, 494, 470, 414.

1-cyclopropyl-3,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (27) was prepared according to the general procedure B. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-5% 12 CV, 5% 5 CV) to produce a white solid (88.7 mg, 70% yield in 92% purity which corresponds to an isolated yield of 65%).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)</u>: δ 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 8H), 7.21 (qd, J = 7.0, 6.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (tt, J = 8.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 0.96 – 0.83 (m, 2H), 0.81 (dd, J = 7.7, 3.6 Hz, 2H).

<u>1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃):</u> δ 208.99, 144.17, 128.64, 127.92, 126.48, 49.72, 46.23, 21.24, 10.90.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₁₈H₁₉O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 251.1430, found: 251.1426.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u>: 3025, 3003, 2892, 1694, 1596, 1492, 1449, 1412, 1386, 1362, 1244, 1193, 1095, 1070, 1044, 1019, 999, 982, 958, 904, 866, 789, 780, 751, 736, 702, 692, 626, 612, 592, 575, 564, 548, 504, 465.

1-cyclobutyI-3,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (28) was prepared according to the general procedure B. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-5% 12 CV, 5% 2.5 CV) to produce a white solid (99 mg, 74% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)</u>: δ 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.17 (td, J = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (p, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 – 1.99 (m, 4H), 1.94 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.66 (m, 1H).

1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 209.77, 144.24, 128.67, 127.88, 126.51, 46.39, 46.02, 45.87, 24.11, 17.72.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₁₉H₂₁O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 265.1587, found: 265.1593.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 2987, 2941, 2860, 1705, 1596, 1493, 1451, 1415, 1376, 1341, 1248, 1120, 1029, 985, 920, 907, 794, 747, 738, 696, 628, 612, 570, 546, 471.



1-cyclopentyl-3,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (29) was prepared according to the general procedure B. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 10 CV, 0-1% 3 CV, 1-5% 8 CV, 5% 2 CV) to produce a white solid (62 mg, 52% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)</u>: δ 7.30 – 7.16 (m, 8H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.82 – 2.73 (m, 1H), 1.70 (dtd, J = 12.1, 8.8, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 1.63 – 1.46 (m, 6H).

1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 211.09, 144.31, 128.64, 127.92, 126.47, 52.10, 48.14, 45.92, 28.62, 26.02.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₀H₂₃O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 279.1743, found: 279.1750.

FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 2960, 1704, 1493, 1450, 1421, 1375, 1089, 1058, 1032, 743, 702, 611, 568, 547, 471.

1-cyclohexyl-3,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (30) was prepared according to the general procedure B. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-5% 12 CV, 5% 5 CV) to produce a white solid (87 mg, 59% yield). <u>**1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI_3):**</u> δ 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 4.62 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.28 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 1.27 – 1.12 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 211.92, 144.35, 128.63, 127.92, 126.45, 51.45, 46.97, 45.76, 28.27, 25.94, 25.73.

<u>HRMS</u>: (ESI-TOF) calculated for $C_{21}H_{24}NaO^+$ ([M+Na]⁺): 315.1719, found: 315.1715. <u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹):</u> 2928, 2849, 1704, 1494, 1450, 994, 748, 697, 628, 613, 587, 554.

1-((1r,3s,5R,7S)-3-bromoadamantan-1-yl)-3,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (31) was prepared according to the general procedure B. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with a 10% Ether Hexanes stock solution:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-10%)

10 CV, 12% 8 CV, 15% 9 CV, 18% 2 CV, 20% 5 CV) to produce a white solid (100 mg, 47% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃)</u>: δ 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 4.65 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.34 – 2.28 (m, 4H), 2.28 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.21 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.60 (m, 6H).

<u>1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃):</u> δ 210.38, 144.18, 128.65, 127.89, 126.51, 64.23, 50.95, 48.95, 48.23, 45.40, 42.84, 36.32, 34.60, 31.78.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₅H₂₈BrO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 423.1318, found: 423.1314.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 2908, 2855, 1697, 1493, 1449, 1306, 1173, 1153, 1132, 1029, 956, 906, 820, 727, 697, 647, 630, 612, 591, 561, 477.

Methyl 4-(3,3-diphenylpropanoyl)bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylate (32) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-5% 10 CV, 5% 5 CV, 10% 12 CV) to produce a white fluffy solid (50.8 mg, 54% yield).

¹<u>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)</u>: δ 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 6H), 4.63 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.18 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.81 – 1.72 (m, 6H), 1.66 – 1.60 (m, 6H).

1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.40, 177.93, 144.34, 128.63, 127.91, 126.46, 51.92, 45.42, 44.79, 43.78, 39.03, 27.85, 26.93.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₅H₂₉O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 377.2111, found: 377.2117.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 2947, 2919, 2870, 1720, 1695, 1494,1453, 1432, 1373, 1255, 1237, 1191, 1077, 1061, 1031, 1004, 905, 841, 795, 761, 751, 727, 704, 696, 628, 611, 570, 549, 470.



1-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylpentan-3-one (33) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-5% 10 CV, 5% 10 CV) to produce a white powdery solid (128 mg, 69% yield).

 $\frac{1}{14} \text{ NMR} (400 \text{ MHz, CDCI}_3):}{6.96 - 6.89} (\text{m}, 2\text{H}), 4.58 (\text{t}, J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.12 (\text{d}, J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 2.79 (\text{t}, J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 2.68 - 2.60 (\text{m}, 2\text{H}).$

 $\frac{{}^{13}\text{C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI_3):}}{2.9 \text{ Hz}} \delta 207.60, 161.47 \text{ (d, J} = 243.9 \text{ Hz}), 143.40, 142.43, 136.56 \text{ (d, J} = 2.9 \text{ Hz}), 132.37, 129.81 \text{ (d, J} = 7.8 \text{ Hz}), 129.20, 129.19, 128.84, 127.72, 126.82, 115.33 \text{ (d, J} = 21.2 \text{ Hz}), 49.04, 45.41, 45.19, 28.66.$

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃): δ -117.20 – -117.28 (m).

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₃H₂₀CIFNaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 389.1079, found: 389.1078.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 2925, 1712, 1600, 1508, 1488, 1451, 1407, 1365, 1305, 218, 1156, 1088, 1030, 1013, 858, 821, 750, 717, 697, 594, 556, 533, 478, 420.



5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phfenyl-1-(p-tolyl)pentan-3-one (34) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 7 CV, 0-5% 11 CV, 5% 16 CV) to produce a slightly yellow tinted solid (126 mg, 73% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)</u>: δ 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 7.02 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.93 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 4.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

1³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 208.11, 161.45 (d, J = 243.6 Hz), 144.13, 140.87, 136.71 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 136.15, 129.80 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 129.42, 128.71, 127.76, 127.67, 126.54, 115.28 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 49.28, 45.84, 45.20, 28.67, 21.11.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -117.31 – -117.51 (m).

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₄H₂₃FNaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 369.1625, found: 369.1631.

FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 1701, 1598, 1508, 1492, 1452, 1417, 1371, 1319, 1258, 1218, 1194, 1157, 1109, 1078, 1015, 855, 825, 786, 772, 752, 733, 701, 608, 565, 544, 529, 516, 483, 450, 420.



1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenylnonan-3-one (35) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-5% 12 CV, 5% 5 CV) to produce a white oil (76 mg, 48% yield).

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI_3):}}{7.01 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 6.91 (t, J = 8.7 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 3.10 (dt, J = 14.7, 7.1 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.80 - 2.55 (m, 5\text{H}), 2.47 (ddd, J = 17.4, 8.4, 6.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.62 - 1.48 (m, 2\text{H}), 1.35 - 1.00 (m, 4\text{H}), 0.81 (t, J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}).$

 $\frac{^{13}\text{C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3):}}{^{129.79} \text{ (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 128.60, 127.60, 126.46, 115.26 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 50.47, 45.24 (d, J = 1.1 Hz), 41.50, 36.26, 29.70, 28.72, 22.72, 14.09.}$

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃): δ-118.33 (tt, J = 9.0, 4.6 Hz).

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₁H₂₅FNaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 335.1782, found: 335.1786.

FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹): 2954, 2926, 2856, 1711, 1601, 1508, 1494, 1452, 1406, 1367, 1219, 1157, 1095, 1073, 823, 757, 727, 699, 533, 479, 420.



4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-(7-methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)butan-2-one (36) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-5% 10 CV, 5% 18 CV, 8% 2 CV) to produce a yellow tinted white solid (110 mg, 66% yield).

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3):}}{(\text{dd}, J = 8.4, 2.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.60 - 6.57 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 3.74 \text{ (s, 3H)}, 6.96 \text{ (td}, J = 8.5, 1.8 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}), 6.68 \text{ (dd}, J = 8.4, 2.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.60 - 6.57 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 3.74 \text{ (s, 3H)}, 3.38 \text{ (dq}, J = 10.5, 5.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.89 \text{ (dd}, J = 8.4, 2.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.60 - 6.57 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 3.74 \text{ (s, 3H)}, 3.38 \text{ (dq}, J = 10.5, 5.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.89 \text{ (dd}, J = 8.4, 2.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.60 - 6.57 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 3.74 \text{ (s, 3H)}, 3.38 \text{ (dq}, J = 10.5, 5.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.89 \text{ (dd}, J = 10.5, 5.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.74 \text{ (s, 3H)}, 3.74 \text{ (s, 3H$

(t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.78 – 2.60 (m, 6H), 1.87 – 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.46 (m, 1H).

 $\frac{1^{3}$ C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 209.16, 161.52 (d, *J* = 243.9 Hz), 157.76, 140.97, 136.74 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 130.25, 129.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 129.35, 115.38 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 113.22, 112.21, 55.39, 50.89, 45.21, 33.52, 29.09, 28.81, 28.43, 19.91.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃): δ -117.23 (tt, J = 9.0, 4.9 Hz).

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₁H₂₃FNaO₂⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 349.1574, found: 349.1573.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 2927, 1709, 1607, 1507, 1463, 1450, 1359, 1278, 1247, 1217, 1156, 1125, 1096, 1038, 1015, 809, 701, 533, 477.



1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenylhexan-3-one (37) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-10% 10 CV, 10% 12 CV) to produce a yellow white solid (97 mg, 71% yield).

 $\frac{^{1}\text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3):}}{^{1}\text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3):}} \delta 7.30 (t, J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 7.24 - 7.17 (m, 3\text{H}), 7.06 (dd, J = 8.3, 5.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 6.94 (t, J = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 3.32 (sx, J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.85 - 2.70 (m, 3\text{H}), 2.69 - 2.51 (m, 3\text{H}), 1.26 (d, J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}).$

 $\frac{^{13}C \text{ NMR (126 MHz, CDCI_3):}}{129.79 (d, J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}), 128.66, 126.87, 126.45, 115.27 (d, J = 21.1 \text{ Hz}), 51.48, 45.11 (d, J = 1.1 \text{ Hz}), 35.62, 28.77, 22.09.}$

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃): δ -117.33 – -117.46 (m).

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₁₈H₂₀FO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 271.1493, found: 271.1491.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u>: 1601, 1508, 1493, 1451, 1407, 1365, 1218, 1157, 1113, 1095, 1074, 1015, 822, 760, 698, 532, 478, 422.



5-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)hexan-3-one (38) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-5% 12 CV, 5-10% 2 CV, 10% 5 CV) to produce a white solid (Run 1= 93.9 mg, 61% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃)</u>: δ 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.00 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 3.32 (h, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.74 – 2.52 (m, 4H), 1.24 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

 $\frac{13$ C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 208.45, 161.47 (d, *J* = 243.8 Hz), 144.64, 136.66 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 132.06, 129.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 128.76, 128.30, 115.32 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 51.33, 45.15, 34.94, 28.76, 22.08.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃): δ -117.17 – -117.30 (m).

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C18H18CIFNaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 327.0923, found: 327.0926.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 2925, 1712, 1600, 1508, 1488, 1451, 1407, 1365, 1305, 1218, 1156, 1088, 1030, 1013, 858, 821, 750, 717, 697, 594, 556, 533, 478, 420.



5-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)hexan-3-one (39) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 8 CV, 0-5% 10 CV, 5% 5 CV, 10% 7 CV) to produce a white solid (Run 1= 97.9 mg, 56% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.05 (dt, J = 8.4, 2.7 Hz, 4H), 6.93 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (h, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.70 – 2.50 (m, 4H), 1.21 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

 $\frac{{}^{13}\text{C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI_3):}}{131.72, 129.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 128.72, 120.12, 115.34 (d, J = 243.9 Hz), 145.17, 136.66 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 131.72, 129.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 128.72, 120.12, 115.34 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 51.27, 45.16 (d, J = 1.1 Hz), 35.01, 28.78, 22.03.$

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -117.23 (tt, J = 8.4, 5.3 Hz).

<u>HRMS:</u> (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₁₈H₁₈BrFNaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 371.0417, found: 371.0420. <u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹):</u> 3027, 2925, 1712, 1600, 1508, 1488, 1451, 1407, 1365, 1305, 1218, 1156, 1088, 1030, 1013, 858, 821, 750, 717, 697, 594, 556, 533, 478, 420.



1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentan-3-one (40) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 4 CV, 0-10% 10 CV, 10% 10 CV) to produce a yellow white solid (Run 1= 87 mg, 53% yield).

<u>¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)</u>: δ 7.59 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.93 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.70 – 2.64 (m, 4H).

 $\frac{^{13}\text{C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI_3):}}{(d, J = 3.2 \text{ Hz}), 132.07, 131.30, 129.86 (d, J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}), 128.58 (q, J = 29.8 \text{ Hz}), 126.46, 126.23 (q, J = 5.7 \text{ Hz}), 124.68 (q, J = 273.7 \text{ Hz}), 115.38 (d, J = 21.1 \text{ Hz}), 44.76, 44.44, 29.05, 26.68 (d, J = 1.9 \text{ Hz}).$

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃): δ -59.76 (s, 3F), -117.22 (tt, J = 9.2, 5.2 Hz, 1F).

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₁₈H₁₇F₄O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 325.1210, found: 325.1213.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 2931, 1714, 1607, 1583, 1509, 1453, 1415, 1372, 1311, 1220, 1158, 1113, 1059, 1037, 1016, 979, 956, 909, 823, 767, 731, 651, 598, 533, 478, 425



tert-butyl 3-(3,3-diphenylpropanoyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (41) was prepared according to the general procedure A. The title compound was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 6 CV, 0-20% 12 CV, 20% 8 CV) to produce a white solid (140 mg, 71% yield).

 $\frac{1 \text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3):}}{4.61 \text{ (t, J} = 7.4 \text{ Hz, 1H)}, 3.90 \text{ (bs, 2H)}, 3.31 - 3.17 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 2.79 \text{ (bs, 1H)}, 2.70 \text{ (bs, 1H)}, 2.41 \text{ (bs, 1H)}, 1.63 \text{ (bs, 1H)}, 1.44 \text{ (s, 9H)}, 1.42 - 1.34 \text{ (m, 2H)}.$

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 209.45, 154.80, 143.98, 128.72, 128.70, 127.87, 127.81, 126.58, 79.87, 49.15, 47.56, 45.68, 28.56, 26.67, 24.51.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₂₅H₃₁NNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 416.2196, found: 416.2192.

<u>FTIR (ATR cm⁻¹)</u> 2932, 2861,1697, 1653,1495, 1473, 1463, 1451, 1417, 1364, 1348, 1301, 1290, 1266, 1237, 1106, 1090, 1079, 1060, 1043, 1033, 1015, 996, 960, 940, 918, 889, 866, 854, 791, 762, 742.

V. Scale Up



An oven-dried 20 mL reaction vial (Fisher® glass vials, 03-337-15) was charged with Iridium (172 mg, 0.017 mmol, 0.017 equiv) and equipped with a PTFE-coated stir bar. The vial was Teflon taped on the threads, and then taken into a N₂-filled glovebox. To the vial was added diphenyl ethylene (5.30 mL, 30 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 2,6-lutidine (1.16 mL, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and acetic acid (571 μ L, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Finally, phosphine (3.41 mL, 24 mmol, 2.4 equiv) was added. The vial was then capped and sealed with electrical tape. The vial was irradiated for 24 h in a Photoreactor (800 rpm, 1500 fan speed, 100% light intensity). An aliquot of the crude reaction mixture was analzed by ¹H-NMR with 1-fluoronaphthalene (647 μ L, 5.0 mmol, 0.5 equiv) as an external standard. Comparison of the crude reaction mixture to clean product resulted in a 54% crude NMR Yield. The title compound, 4,4-diphenylbutan-2-one (**19**) was isolated using automated column chromatography eluting with Ether:Hexanes (0% 15 CV, 0-8% 12 CV, 15% 3 CV) to produce a yellow oil that solidified into a white solid inside the freezer (1.09 g, 48% yield).

VI. Mechanistic Studies

In the course of optimization, differential reactivity was observed between electron neutral and electron deficient alkenes in the presence of different phosphines. To probe the origin of this reactivity, emission quenching experiments were undertaken to rule out the possibility of competitive electron transfer to the alkenes.

Table S10. Reactivity observed with diphenyl ethylene, alpha methyl styrene, and 1-(trifluoromethyl)-2-vinylbenzene in the coupling of 3-(4-fluorophenyl)propanoic acid with triphenyl phosphine, ethyl diphenyl phosphinite, and dimethyl phenyl phosphine



Entry	Alkene	% Yield (POEtPh ₂)	% Yield (PPh ₃)	% Yield (PMe ₂ Ph)
A	Ph	26	6	81
В	Me	25	2	74
С	CF3	34	10	54

^aYield was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1-fluoronaphthalene as an external standard.

A. Emission Quenching Experiments

Absorption and Emission experiments were conducted in line with our previous publication on the arylation of ethereal C–H bonds.⁷ An excitation wavelength of 415 nm and an emission wavelength of 515 nm were used for monitoring quenching of the iridium photocatalyst. All reagents were prepared in stock solutions inside a nitrogen filled glove box. Reagents were diluted in acetonitrile (3 mL) and sealed in a screw-top 1.0 cm quartz cuvette. A blank composed of acetonitrile was used in absorbance measurements. Samples for quenching experiment were dispensed from a stock solution of Ir[dF(Me)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (1.314 mM in MeCN, amount dispensed: 456 μ L, 0.6 μ mol, 2.0x10⁻⁴ M after dilution) followed by addition of quenchers that were also prepared from stock solutions in MeCN. Absorption spectra were collected on an Agilent Technologies Cary 60 UV-Vis Spectrophotometer. Emission quenching data were collected on an Agilent Cary Eclipse Fluorescence Spectrophotometer with excitation and emissions slit widths of 2.5 and 5 nm were used, respectively.



Figure S11. A. The electronic absorption spectra of $Ir[dF(Me)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ at concentrations ranging from $1.0x10^{-4}$ to $5.0x10^{-4}$ M in MeCN. On the right is the calibration curve for $Ir[dF(Me)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ at a wavelength of 415 nm ($\epsilon = 1.149x10^3 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$).



Figure S12. Characteristic plot of $Ir[dF(Me)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (2.0x10⁻⁴ M) emission quenching by 3-(4-fluorophenyl)propanoic acid and 2,6-lutidine. Base and acid were used in a one to one stoichiometry.



Figure S13. Characteristic plot of $Ir[dF(Me)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (2.0x10⁻⁴ M) emission quenching by diphenyl disulfide.

Our current rationale for the modest boost in yield with diphenyl disulfide is that it is capable of oxidizing Ir(II) to regenerate the ground-state Ir(III) photocatalyst.⁸ This likely increases the concentration of phosphine radical cation present in solution. It is possible that disulfide bond homolysis *via* blue-light irradiation could generate aryl thiyl radicals that are also capable of oxidizing Ir(II).⁹



Figure S14. Characteristic plot of $Ir[dF(Me)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (2.0x10⁻⁴ M) emission quenching by dimethyl phenyl phosphine.


Figure S15. Characteristic plot of Ir[dF(Me)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (2.0x10⁻⁴ M) emission quenching by tris(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine.



Figure S16. Characteristic plot of $Ir[dF(Me)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (2.0x10⁻⁴ M) emission quenching by diphenyl ethylene.



Figure S17. Characteristic plot of Ir[dF(Me)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (2.0x10⁻⁴ M) emission quenching by ethyl diphenyl phosphinite.



Figure S18. Characteristic plot of Ir[dF(Me)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (2.0x10⁻⁴ M) emission quenching by triphenyl phosphine.



Figure S19. Characteristic plot of Ir[dF(Me)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (2.0x10⁻⁴ M) emission quenching by 1-(trifluoromethyl)-2-vinylbenzene.



Figure S20. Characteristic plot of $Ir[dF(Me)ppy]_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (2.0x10⁻⁴ M) emission quenching by the reaction mixture. Aliquots of the reaction mixture were added relative to phosphine. The mixture contained dimethyl phenyl phosphine (2 equiv), 2,6-lutidine (1.0 equiv), 3-(4-fluoro-phenyl)propanoic acid (1.0 equiv), dipheny disulfide (5 mol%), and diphenyl ethylene (3 equiv).



Figure S21. Overlay plot of Ir[dF(Me)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ emission quenching by dimethyl phenyl phosphine, diphenyl ethylene, 1-(trifluoromethyl)-2-vinylbenzene, triphenyl phosphine, and ethyl diphenyl phosphinite.



Figure S22. Overlay plot of Ir[dF(Me)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ emission quenching by the reaction, dimethyl phenyl phosphine, and diphenyl ethylene.

Based on the Stern-Volmer quenching constants, it is likely that competitive electron transfer between dimethyl phenyl phosphine and an alkene takes place during the course of the reaction. Moreover, we propose that the higher quenching rate of dimethyl phenyl phosphine to quench

the excited state of iridium relative to diphenyl ethylene is crucial for productive chemistry to occur. Likewise, the closer proximity of the Stern-Volmer quenching constant of ethyl diphenyl phosphinite to 1-(trifluoromethyl)-2-vinylbenzene than diphenyl ethylene leads to an increased efficiency in the coupling with 3-(4-fluorophenyl)propanoic acid with 1-(trifluoromethyl)-2-vinylbenzene (Table S10).

B. Deuterium Studies

General procedure for deuterium experiments. An oven-dried 1-dram reaction vial (VWR® glass vials, 66011-041) was charged with carboxylic acid (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and equipped with a PTFE-coated stir bar (VWR® Micro stir bars, 2 x 7 mm, 58948-976). The vial was Teflon taped on the threads, and then taken into a N₂-filled glovebox. To the vial was added MeCN (0.5 M), 1,1-diphenyl ethylene (265 μ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and pyridine (40 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Pyridine was used instead of 2,6-lutidine to prevent other hydrogen atom transfer reagents from interfering with the reaction. From a stock solution was added Ir[dF(Me)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (8.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.017 equiv). Finally, dimethyl phenyl phosphine (171 μ L, 1.2 mmol, 2.4 equiv) was added. The vial was then capped and sealed with electrical tape. The vial was irradiated for 24 h in a Photoreactor (800 rpm, 1500 fan speed, 100% light intensity). An aliquot of the crude reaction mixture was analzed by ¹H-NMR with 1-fluoronaphthalene (65 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) as an external standard. Quantitative carbon was used for calculating deuterium incorporation.





Figure S23. Crude reaction mixture of acetic acid and diphenyl ethylene in d₃-MeCN after 24 hours.



Figure S24. A. The reaction of monodeuteroacetic acid with diphenyl ethylene in MeCN. B. The reaction of monodeuteroacetic acid with diphenyl ethylene in MeCN with diphenyl disulfide.



Figure S25. Crude reaction mixture of monodeuteroacetic acid and diphenyl ethylene after 25 minutes when diphenyl disulfide is excluded. The crude ¹H-NMR using 1-fluoronaphthalene as standard reveals 76% deuterium incorporation.



Figure S26. Crude reaction mixture of monodeuteroacetic acid and diphenyl ethylene after 25 minutes when diphenyl disulfide is included. The crude ¹H-NMR using 1-fluoronaphthalene as standard reveals 86% deuterium incorporation.







Figure S27. Crude reaction mixture of monodeuteroacetic acid and diphenyl ethylene after 24 hours. Phenyl disulfide was included in this reaction. A. The crude ¹H-NMR using 1-fluoronaph-thalene as standard. B. The quantitative ¹³C-NMR of the secondary alpha C–H bond. C. The quantitative ¹³C-NMR centered about the methine carbon of the product. D. The quantitative ¹³C-NMR centered about the primary alpha carbon of the carbonyl. All quantitative carbon signals show an isotropic shift associated with deuteration.

In order to further probe the configurational stability of enolizable C–H bonds in the product, an enantioenriched derivative of nipecotic acid was subjected to the reaction conditions (Table S11). An erosion of e.e. was measured in the product during the reaction conditions. Notably, the enantioenriched ketone maintains the same level of e.e. when cyclohexane carboxylic acid is coupled with diphenyl ethylene (Figure S28).



Table S11. Reaction of an enantioenriched derivative of nipecotic acid with diphenyl ethylene.



Figure S28. Reaction between cyclohexane carboxylic acid and diphenyl ethylene with the product of nipecotic acid added as an additive.



Figure S29. Racemic standard of product. ChiralPak[®] IC, 5% IPA in Hexanes, 60 min run, 1 mL/min.



Figure S30. Product of enantioenriched acid after 24 h. ChiralPak[®] IC, 5% IPA in Hexanes, 60 min run, 1 mL/min.

Given the lack of deuterium incorporation when d_3 -MeCN was used as solvent, and the observed reactivity at enolizable C–H bonds, a reduction/protonation sequence is proposed to close the catalytic cycle of this reaction.

C. CV of PMe₂Ph

Cyclic voltammetry was conducted on a CH Instruments Electrochemical Analyzer (CH1600E). In a nitrogen filled glove box, a 1.3 mM solution of PMe₂Ph with 0.2 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate as supporting electrolyte in MeCN was prepared. The solution was removed from the glove box and a cyclic voltammogram was collected under a nitrogen atmosphere using a glassy carbon working electrode, a platinum mesh counder electrode, and a saturated calomel reference electrode.



Figure S31. Cyclic Voltammogram of PMe₂Ph (Scan rate 0.1 Vs⁻¹) shows an irreversible oxidation at Ep = 0.51 V vs Fc/Fc⁺, when ferrocene was used as an external reference (Ep = 0.89 V vs SCE).¹⁰

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