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Cis-Selective Single-Cleavage Skeletal Rearrangement of 1,6-Enynes Reveals the Multifaceted Character of the Intermediates in Metal-Catalyzed Cycloisomerizations

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### 1. General Procedures

All reactions were carried out under N<sub>2</sub> or Ar in solvents dried using a Solvent Purification System (SPS). Thin layer chromatography was carried out using TLC-aluminum sheets with 0.2 mm of silica gel (Merck GF234). Chromatography purifications were carried out using flash grade silica gel. Chromatogel 60 ACC, 40-60 μm). NMR spectra were recorded at 23 °C on a Bruker Avance 400 Ultrashield and Bruker Avance 500 Ultrashield apparatus. Mass spectra were recorded on a Waters LCT Premier spectrometer. Melting points were determined using a Buchi melting point apparatus. Complexes 10,<sup>1</sup> 11a,b,<sup>2</sup> and 13<sup>3</sup> were prepared according to the described procedures. Catalyst 12<sup>4</sup> was prepared from the corresponding NHC-gold complex. The following compounds were previously described: 1-Cyclopropyl-2-propenyl acetate,<sup>5</sup> 1-cyclopentylallyl acetate,<sup>6</sup> E-7a,<sup>7</sup> 14b,<sup>2</sup> 14g,<sup>2</sup> 19d,<sup>2</sup> and 20a.<sup>8</sup>

### 2. General Procedure for the synthesis of allylic acetates

All allylic acetates were prepared by the reaction of the corresponding aldehydes with vinylmagnesium chloride at 0 °C in THF to generate the allylic alcohol. For the synthesis of the acetates, acetic anhydride (2 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C after complete consumption of aldehyde. The reaction mixtures were stirred for 1 h, at which time conversion of allylic alcohol to allylic acetate was complete. Methanol (2 equiv) was added to quench the excess of acetic anhydride. Then a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the volatiles gave a crude oil that was chromatographed over silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc to give the desired allylic acetates.

### 1-(2,4-Dimethylphenyl)allyl acetate (S1).

A solution of vinylmagnesium bromide (1.0 M, 3.94 mL, 3.94 mmol) was added to a cooled solution of 2,4-dimethylbenzaldehyde (0.5 mL, 3.58 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C. After the addition the cooling bath was removed and the mixture was let to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. At that point the mixture was cooled down to 0 °C with an ice bath and a mixture of pyridine (0.58 mL, 7.17 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.678 mL, 7.17 mmol) was added. Finally 5 mg of DMAP were added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Then methanol (0.145 mL, 3.58 mmol) was added to quench the excess of acetic anhydride. Then a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>.

Evaporation of the volatiles gave a yellow oil that was chromatographed with 10:1 hexanes-EtOAc to give **S1** as a yellow oil (720 mg, 98% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.26 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dddd, J = 16.9, 10.5, 5.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.25-5.15 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 169.97, 137.76, 135.88, 135.64, 134.06, 131.32, 126.97, 126.86, 116.61, 73.36, 21.18, 21.00, 19.11; HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{13}H_{16}O_2Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 227.1048; found 227.1039.

### 1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)allyl acetate (S2).9

A solution of vinylmagnesium bromide (1.0 M, 27.12 mL, 27.12 mmol) was added to a cooled solution of 4-methoxybenzaldexyde (3.0 mL, 24.66 mmol) in THF (75 mL) at 0 °C. After the addition the cooling bath was removed and the mixture was let to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. At that point the mixture was cooled down to 0 °C with an ice bath and a mixture of pyridine (3.97 mL, 49.3 mmol) and acetic anhydride (4.70 mL, 49.3 mmol) was added. Finally 5 mg of DMAP were added and the mixture was stirred overnight and let to warm to room temperature slowly. After 15 h stirring, methanol (1 mL, 24.6 mmol) was added to quench the excess of acetic anhydride. Then a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the volatiles gave a yellow oil that was chromatographed with 9:1 to 4:1 hexanes-EtOAc to give **S2** as a yellow oil (4.55 g, 89% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.33-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.23 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (ddd, J = 17.1, 10.5 Hz, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.31-5.21 (two overlapping dt at 5.27 and 5.23, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C PENDANT (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 170.01 (C), 159.50 (C), 136.38 (CH), 131.01 (C), 128.69 (CH), 116.46 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 113.91 (CH), 75.80 (CH), 55.27 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.26 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

### 1-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl) allyl acetate (S3).

A solution of vinylmagnesium bromide (1.0 M, 14.14 mL, 14.14 mmol) was added to a cooled solution of 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (2.0 g, 12.04 mmol) in THF (45 mL) at 0 °C. After the addition the cooling bath was removed and the mixture was let to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. At that point the mixture was cooled down to 0 °C with an ice bath and a mixture of pyridine (1.94 mL,

24.07 mmol) and acetic anhydride (2.28 mL, 24.07 mmol) was added. Finally 5 mg of DMAP were added and the mixture was stirred overnight and let to warm to room temperature slowly. After 15 h stirring, methanol (0.5 mL, 12.3 mmol) was added to quench the excess of acetic anhydride. Then a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the volatiles gave a yellow oil that was chromatographed over silica gel with 4:1 hexanes-EtOAc to give **S3** as a light yellow thick oil (2.02 g, 71 % yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 6.92 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (ddd, J = 17.2, 10.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.32-5.21 (two overlapping dt, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 169.19, 148.52, 135.88, 130.90, 119.37, 115.84, 110.57, 110.09, 75.37, 55.28, 20.59 (several signals overlap); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 259.0946; found 259.0942.

### 1-(3,4,5-Trimethoxyphenyl)allyl acetate (S4).<sup>10</sup>

Starting from trimethoxybenzaldehyde and the corresponding vinyl magnesium, and following the general procedure for the synthesis of allylic acetate, **S4** was obtained in 79 % yield as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 6.57$  (s, 2H), 6.19 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (ddd, J = 16.9 Hz, J = 10.5 Hz, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dt, J = 16.9 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dt, J = 10.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C PENDANT (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 169.94$  (C), 153.30 (C), 137.84 (C), 136.01 (CH), 134.40 (C), 116.81 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 104.31 (CH), 76.17 (CH), 60.79 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.11 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.26 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

### 1-(1-Acetyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)allyl acetate (S5).

A solution of vinylmagnesium bromide (1.0 M, 7.96 mL, 7.96 mmol) was added to a cooled solution of indole-3-carboxaldehyde (525 mg, 3.62 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Acetic anhydride (1.03 mL, 10.85 mmol) and pyridine (0.874 mL, 10.85 mmol) were sequentially added at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. Then methanol was added (0.293 mL) and the reaction mixture was

stirred for 20 min, before extractive work-up with a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and EtOAc was performed. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography with 4:1 hexanes-EtOAc to give **S5** as a yellow oil that later solidified (220 mg, 24 % yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (ddd, J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dt, J = 17.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dt, J = 10.5 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 170.05, 168.50, 136.19, 134.66, 128.32, 125.60, 123.78, 123.73, 120.28, 119.93, 117.80, 116.75, 69.55, 23.95, 21.15; HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 280.0950; found 280.0951.

### tert-Butyl 3-(1-acetoxyallyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (S6).

Starting from *N*-Boc-1*H*-indole-3-carboxaldehyde<sup>11</sup> and the corresponding vinyl magnesium, and following the general procedure for the synthesis of allylic acetate, **S6** was obtained in 79 % yield as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (ddd, J = 17.2, 10.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (dt, J = 17.2, 1.5, Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dt, J = 10.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 170.11, 149.52, 135.76, 134.88, 128.38, 124.67, 124.47, 122.70, 119.96, 118.43, 117.49, 115.37, 83.96, 69.72, 28.28, 28.16, 21.18; HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{18}H_{21}NO_4Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 338.1368; found 338.1354.

### 3. Procedure for the cross coupling

### (E)-4-Cyclopropyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1-(2-propynyl)-3-butenyl phenylsulfone E-7b

### (E)-4-Cyclopropyl-3-butenylbis(phenylsulfonyl)methane (S7).

To a stirred solution of [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] (346 mg, 0.30 mmol, 5 mol%) in THF (50 mL) was added a solution of 1-cyclopropyl-2-propenyl acetate (840 mg, 5.99 mmol) in THF (50 mL) and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 15 min before adding a solution of bis bis(phenylsulfonyl)methane (1.86 g, 6.29 mmol, 1.05 equiv) in THF (20 mL). After 16 h at room temperature the solvent was evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography (70:30 hexanes-EtOAc) afforded **S7** as a white solid (444 mg, 19 % yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 7.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 5.38 (dt, J = 15.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dd, J =

8.8, 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.84 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.20 (m, 1H), 0.68-0.63 (m, 2H), 0.29-0.21 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, PENDANT):  $\delta = 139.07$  (CH), 138.06 (C), 134.51 (CH), 129.66 (CH), 129.03 (CH), 120.98 (C), 84.04 (CH), 28.88 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.43 (CH), 6.58 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{19}H_{20}O_4NaS_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 399.0701; found: 399.0701.

### (*E*)-4-Cyclopropyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1-(2-propynyl)-3-butenyl phenylsulfone (*E*-7b).

To a stirred solution S7 (423 mg, 1.01 mmol) in dry DMF (5 mL) at 0 °C was added portion-wise NaH (60 % in mineral oil, 44.9 mg, 1.12 equiv). The flask was then sonicated for *ca.* 2 min after which it was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Propargyl bromide (125 μL, 1.12 mmol, 1.12 equiv) was added to the reaction, which was further stirred overnight at room temperature. The mixture was partitioned between water and Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic phase was washed (3 x 2 mL of 10 % HCl), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography (80:20 to 70:30 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded *E*-7b as a yellowish oil. The product was precipitated with a mixture hexane/EtOAc to give pure sulfone as a white powder (200 mg, 48 % yield), mp = 141-142 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 8.13-8.11 (m, 4H), 7.73-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 4H), 5.68 (dt, *J* = 15.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 1.0, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.47-1.39 (m, 1H), 0.75-0.72 (m, 2H), 0.40-0.36 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  = 141.55 (CH), 136.67 (C), 134.69 (CH), 131.61 (CH), 128.52 (CH), 117.60 (CH), 89.12 (C), 76.03 (C), 74.16 (C), 32.27 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.76 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.81 (CH), 6.63 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-CI: *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [*M*+H]<sup>+</sup>: 415.1038; found: 415.1044.

### (E)-Dimethyl 2-(3-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)allyl)-2-(prop-2-ynyl)malonate (14a).

To a solution of acetate **S1** (300 mg, 1.47 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added to a solution of [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> (127 mg, 0.11 mmol) in THF (5 mL). While the this mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min, a second solution was prepared in a different flask by addition of the dimethyl propargylmalonate (0.300 mg, 1.76 mmol) to a NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 70.5 mg, 1.76 mmol) suspension in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C. The anion was added over the former acetate mixture via cannula and the mixture was stirred for 2 h. The mixture was filtered through Celite and the solvent was evaporated. The crude material was chromatographed with 15:1 hexanes-EtOAc to give the enyne **14a** as a colorless oil (196 mg, 42% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (dt, J = 15.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 6H), 2.98 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.06 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.06 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =

170.20, 137.19, 135.01, 133.42, 132.77, 130.90, 126.74, 125.79, 123.49, 78.84, 71.53, 57.24, 52.81, 36.09, 22.87, 21.02, 19.63; HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{19}H_{22}O_4Na$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 337.1416; found 337.1407.

### (E)-Dimethyl 2-(3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)allyl)-2-(prop-2-ynyl)malonate (14c).

A solution of acetate S3 (2.03 g, 8.57 mmol) in THF (12 mL) was added to a suspension of [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] (602 mg, 0.857 mmol) and dppe (341 mg, 0.857 mmol) in THF (12 mL). A solution of the malonate anion was prepared in a different flask by addition of the dimethyl propargylmalonate (1.17 mL, 7.72 mmol) to a NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 343 mg, 8.57 mmol) suspension in THF (26 mL) at 0 °C. The anion was added over the former acetate mixture via cannula and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Aqueous work-up with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and Et<sub>2</sub>O was performed and the organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and solvent evaporated. The crude material was chromatographed 3:1 with hexanes-EtOAc to give crude enyne 14c as a yellow solid, mixed with starting material. This material was purified by trituration with Et<sub>2</sub>O/pentane to afford **14c** as a white solid (1.14 g, 42 % yield). Mp = 93.5-95.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 6.90-6.83 (m, 2H),  $6.79 \text{ (d, } J = 8.1 \text{ Hz, } 1\text{H)}, 6.45 \text{ (d, } J = 15.7 \text{ Hz, } 1\text{H)}, 5.85 \text{ (dt, } J = 15.6, 7.7 \text{ Hz, } 1\text{H)}, 3.89 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H)}, 3.87 \text{ (s, } 3.87 \text{$ 3H), 3.76 (s, 6H), 2.95 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C PENDANT (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 170.20$  (C), 148.97 (C), 148.78 (C), 134.38 (CH), 130.10 (C), 120.93 (CH), 119.32 (CH), 111.08 (CH), 108.93 (CH), 78.88 (C), 71.58 (CH), 57.27 (C), 55.92 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.88 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.83 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 35.89 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.92 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-EI: m/z calcd for  $C_{19}H_{22}O_6$  [M]<sup>+</sup>: 346.1416; found 346.1416. Anal. Calcd for: C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub> C, 65.88; H, 6.40; Found: C, 65.57; H, 6.25.

### (E)-Dimethyl 2-(prop-2-ynyl)-2-(3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)allyl)malonate (14d).

A solution of acetate **S4** (2.05 g, 7.70 mmol) in THF (12 mL) was added to a suspension of PdCl<sub>2</sub> (136.5 mg, 0.77 mmol) and dppe (307 mg, 0.77 mmol) in THF (12 mL). A solution of the anion of the malonate was prepared in a different flask by addition of the dimethyl propargylmalonate (1.05 mL, 6.93 mmol) to a NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 277 mg, 6.93 mmol) suspension in THF (26 mL) at 0 °C. The anion was added over the former acetate mixture via cannula and the mixture was stirred at

room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel and the solvent was evaporated. The crude material was chromatographed with 3:1 hexanes-EtOAc to give **14d** as a white solid (3.54 g, 70 % yield). Mp = 123.5-125.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$  = 6.54 (s, 2H), 6.43 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (dt, J = 15.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 6H), 3.83 (d, 3H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 2.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (m<sub>c</sub>, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C PENDANT (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 170.15 (C), 153.28 (C), 137.27 (C), 134.66 (CH), 132.69 (C), 122.43 (CH), 103.46 (CH), 78.82 (C), 71.65 (CH), 60.91 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 57.20 (C), 56.14 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.87 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 35.86 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.97 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-EI: m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>7</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 376.1522; found 376.1525. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: C, 63.82; H, 6.43; Found: C, 63.76; H, 6.29.

### (E)-Dimethyl 2-(3-(1-acetyl-1H-indol-3-yl)allyl)-2-(prop-2-ynyl)malonate (14e).

A solution of acetate **S5** (200 mg, 0.777 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added to a solution of [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> (67.4 mg, 0.058 mmol) in THF (3 mL). A solution of the malonate anion was prepared in a different flask by addition of the dimethyl propargylmalonate (0.142 mL, 0.933 mmol) to a NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 37.3 mg, 0.933 mmol) suspension in THF (3 mL) at 0 °C. The anion was added over the former acetate mixture via cannula and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Then filtration through Celite and evaporation of the solvent. The crude material was chromatographed over silica gel with 5:1 hexanes-EtOAc to give the desired enyne **14e** as a yellow solid (114 mg, 40% yield). Mp = 110.5-113.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.45 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dt, J = 15.8, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.02 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.09 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 170.17, 168.39, 136.24, 128.72, 125.56, 125.35, 124.73, 123.92, 122.62, 120.17, 119.65, 116.75, 78.77, 71.73, 57.24, 52.90, 36.55, 24.03, 23.07; HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 390.1317; found 390.1319.

### (E)-Dimethyl 2-(3-(1-Boc-1H-indol-3-yl)allyl)-2-(prop-2-ynyl)malonate (14f).

A solution of acetate **S6** (1 g, 3.17 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added to a solution of [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> (183 mg, 0.016 mmol) in THF (5 mL). A solution of the malonate anion was prepared in a different flask by

addition of the dimethyl propargylmalonate (0.593 mL, 3.48 mmol) to a NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 139 mg, 3.48 mmol) suspension in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C. The anion was added over the former acetate mixture via cannula and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 30 min under microwaves. After filtration through Celite and evaporation of the solvent, the crude material was chromatographed with 6:1 hexanes-EtOAc to give the enyne **14f** as a yellow solid (878 mg, 67% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dt, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dt, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dt, J = 15.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.0 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 170.43, 149.80, 128.92, 125.99, 124.84, 123.84, 123.76, 123.13, 119.99, 118.66, 117.64, 115.57, 79.09, 95.21, 71.87, 57.55, 53.08, 36.77, 28.42, 23.23; HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{24}H_{27}NO_6Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 448.1736; found 448.1719.

### 4. General Procedure for the Cyclizations of Table 1

To a stirred solution of gold or metal catalyst (0.04 mmol, 2 mol%) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) was added via syringe a solution of the enyne (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL). The reaction was stirred for 5 min. The reaction was then treated with Et<sub>3</sub>N (*ca.* 2 drops) and either passed directly through a short column (eluted with 95:5 hexanes-EtOAc) or silica was added and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography (95:5 hexanes-EtOAc). In the case of catalyzed cyclization with phosphine gold chloride catalyst, AgSbF<sub>6</sub> was employed (0.04 mol, 2 mol%) and was mixed to the gold chloride complex in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) before addition of the substrate solution.

### (E)-3-(2-Cyclopropylethenyl)-3-cyclopentene-1,1-dicarboxylic acid dimethyl ester (E-8a)

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 6.20$  (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 3.05 (s, 4H), 1.43-1.37 (m, 1H), 0.75 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.3, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 0.42-0.38 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT):  $\delta = 172.50$  (C), 139.27 (C), 136.26 (CH), 123.38 (CH), 122.97 (CH), 58.70 (C), 52.77 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.69 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.72 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.14 (CH), 7.32 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 273.1103; found: 273.1112. The structure of E-8a was confirmed by COSY, HMQC, HMBC, and NOESY experiments.

### (Z)-3-(2-Cyclopropylethenyl)-3-cyclopentene-1,1-dicarboxylic acid dimethyl ester (Z-8a)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \end{array}$$

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 5.85 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 5.54-5.53 (m, 1H), 4.73 (t, J

= 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 3.32 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (s, 2H), 1.83-1.74 (m, 1H), 0.78 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.4, 4.4, Hz, 2H), 0.40-0.36 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 172.50$  (C), 138.75 (C), 136.39 (CH), 126.32 (CH), 122.40 (CH), 59.54 (C), 52.81 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 42.92 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.05 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.35 (CH), 8.09 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 273.1103; found: 273.1112. The structure of **Z-8a** was confirmed by COSY, HMQC, HMBC, and NOESY experiments.

### (Z)-Dimethyl 5-(cyclopropylmethylene)cyclohex-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (9a)

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 6.54$  (dd, J = 10.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (dtd, J = 10.1, 4.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 6H), 2.76 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (br d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.64-1.57 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.57 (m, 1H), 0.74 (ddd, J = 7.9, 6.3, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 0.35-0.31 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 171.51$  (C), 133.06 (CH), 127.75 (C), 124.98 (CH), 124.37 (CH), 54.01 (C), 52.64 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 37.02 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.66 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 9.68 (CH), 7.41 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{17}O_{4}$  [M-H]<sup>+</sup>: 249.1127; found: 249.1120.

### (Z)-1-(3-(2-cyclopropylvinyl)-1-(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopent-3-enylsulfonyl)benzene (E-9b)

White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 8.01 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 5.59 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 4.71 (t, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 1.51-1.41 (m, 1H), 0.79-0.74 (m, 2H), 0.37-0.33 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT):  $\delta$  = 138.35 (C), 137.80 (CH), 136.87 (C), 134.54 (CH), 130.78 (CH), 128.72 (CH), 124.55 (CH), 120.96 (CH), 91.79 (C), 40.70 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.31 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.33 (CH), 8.16 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 437.0857; found: 437.0870.

### 5. Deuterium labeling experiments

### Cyclopropanecarbaldehyde-d<sub>1</sub> (S8)

To a stirred cold solution of deuterated cyclopropylmethanol<sup>12</sup> (4.32g, 58.3 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (140 mL) was added PCC (18.45g, 87.4 mmol). The reaction was let to warm up to room temperature and was stirred overnight. The mixture was filtered over a pad of neutral alumina and the alumina was rinsed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The solvent was carefully removed and the crude aldehyde was distilled at atmospheric pressure, T = 48-50 °C (m = 2.8 g of aldehyde mixed with a bit of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in about 25 % weight, Yield: 48 %) to give aldehyde **S8** as a colorless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 1.86-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.09-1.05 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT):  $\delta$  = 201.25 (t, J = 26.4 Hz, CD), 22.52 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, CH), 7.29 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-EI: m/z calcd for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>5</sub>DO [M]<sup>+</sup>: 279.1960; found: 279.1955.

### 1-Cyclopropylallyl acetate 3-d<sub>1</sub> (S9)

To a solution of vinylmagnesium bromide in THF (1M, 15 mL, 15 mmol) at 0 °C was added a solution of aldehyde S8 (1.40g, 14.4 mmol) in ether (15 mL). The reaction was left to stir for 30 min at this temperature. A mixture of Pyr/Ac<sub>2</sub>O (2.00 mL, 18.0 mmol/1.45 mL, 18.0 mmol) was then added to the reaction flask and the reaction was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with MeOH (0.5 mL) and diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and water. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and the combined organic layers were washed with 10% HCl solution, brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure carefully. Purification by flash chromatography with 95:5 Pentane-Et<sub>2</sub>O gave labeled allylic acetate S9 as a colorless liquid (1.39 g, 68% yield) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 5.83 (dd, J = 17.3, 10.5, Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 6H), 1.08-1.02 (m, 1H), 0.59-0.50 (m, 2H), 0.43-0.78 (m, 1H), 0.33-0.27 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 170.39 (C), 135.53 (CH), 116.48 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 78.12 (t, J = 22.5 Hz, CD), 21.26

(CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.46 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.38 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.43 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>DONa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 164.0798; found: 164.0795.

### (E)-Dimethyl 2-(3-cyclopropylallyl-(3-deuterium))-2-(prop-2-ynyl)malonate-1- $d_1$ ((1- $d_1$ )-E-7a).

THF (10 mL) was added to a flask containing  $[Pd(\pi-C_3H_5)C1]_2$  (35.0 mg, 0.096 mmol) and dppe (76.3 mg, 0.192 mmol). The resulting yellow solution was stirred during 30 min. During the meantime dimethylpropargyl malonate (583 µL, 3.83 mmol) was added slowly to a stirred suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 153.2 mg, 3.83 mmol) in THF (10 mL) cooled at 0 °C. The resulting solution was left to reach room temperature slowly. A solution of allylic acetate S9 (540.9 mg, 3.83 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added to the solution containing the Pd catalyst followed by the addition of the nucleophile. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and then it was partitioned between water and EtOAc. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc, the combined organic phases were dried and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography with 95:5 hexanes-EtOAc gave labeled envne  $(1-d_1)$ -E-7a as a colorless oil (526.7 mg, 55% yield) mixed with 5% in weight of the undesired product coming from the addition of the nucleophile to the  $\pi$ -allyl Pd complex to the other position. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 5.26$  (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, 3.75 (s, 6H), 2.78 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H),1.36-1.29 (m, 1H), 0.68-0.63 (m, 2H), 0.33-0.29 (m, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 170.29$ (C), 139.36 (t, J= 22.5 Hz, CD), 119.95 (CH), 78.96 (C), 71.27 (CH), 57.21 (C), 52.66 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 35.17 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.57 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.49 (CH), 6.60 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{17}O_4NaD$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 274.1166; found: 274.1163.

MeO<sub>2</sub>C NaH, THF; MeO<sub>2</sub>C MeO<sub>2</sub>C MeO<sub>2</sub>C 
$$E$$
-7a  $E$ -7a-7 $d$ 1

### (E)-Dimethyl 2-(3-cyclopropylallyl-2-(prop-2-ynyl)malonate- $7d_1$ ((7- $d_1$ )-E-7a).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz), δ 5.28 (dt, J = 15.1, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dd, J = 15.1, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 2.78 (s, 2H), 2.72 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36-1.30 (m, 1H), 0.68-0.68-0.63 (m, 2H), 0.33-0.29 (m, 2H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 170.29 (C), 139.72 (CH), 120.08 (CH), 71.03 (t, J = 38.1 Hz, CD), 57.21 (C), 52.67 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 35.2 2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.54 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.60 (CH), 6.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

Table S1: Deuteration experiments. [a]

| entry | enyne  | [M]  | Yield | Z-8/E-8/9             |
|-------|--|--|-------|-----------------------|
|       |  |  | [%]   |                       |
| 1     | 1- <i>d</i> <sub>1</sub> - <b><i>E</i></b> -7 <b>a</b> | AuCl   | 85    | 83: <u>9</u> : 8      |
| 2     | 1- <i>d</i> <sub>1</sub> - <i>E</i> -7a                | [Au(oTol <sub>3</sub> P)Cl] / AgSbF <sub>6</sub> | 91    | <u>&gt;95</u> : - : - |
| 3     | 7-d <sub>1</sub> - <b>E-7a</b>                         | 10a / AgSbF <sub>6</sub>                         | 91    | 78:11:11              |

[a] in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, at room temperature for 5 min.

### (Z)-Dimethyl 3-(2-cyclopropylvinyl)cyclopenten-3-1,1-dicarboxylate- $1d_1$ ((1- $d_1$ )-Z-8a)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \end{array}$$

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 5.86 (s, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.34 (br s, 2H), 3.06 (br s, 2H),  $\delta$  1.85-1.75 (m, 1H), 0.81-0.79 (m, 2H), 0.40-0.36 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT):  $\delta$  = 172.53 (C), 138.76 (C), 136.04 (t, J = 23.4 Hz, CD), 126.32 (CH), 122.27 (CH), 59.56 (C), 52.72 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 42.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.07 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.28 (CH), 8.10 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NaD [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 274.1166; found: 274.1159.

### (E)-Dimethyl 3(2-cyclopropylvinyl)cyclopenten-3-1,1-dicarboxylate- $1d_1$ ((1- $d_1$ )-E-8a)

$$MeO_2C$$
 $MeO_2C$ 
 $D$ 

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 6.24$  (s, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.07 (s, 4H), 1.43-1.41 (m, 1H), 0.79-0.74 (m, 2H), 0.43-0.38 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 172.53$  (C), 139.27 (C), 135.93 (t, J = 23.1 Hz, CD), 123.27 (CH), 122.95 (CH), 58.73 (C), 52.79 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.71 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.74 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.06 (CH), 7.32 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NaD [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 274.1166; found: 274.1167.

### (Z)-Dimethyl 3-(2-cyclopropylvivnyl)cyclopenten-3-1,1-dicarboxylate- $2d_1$ ((2- $d_1$ )-Z-8a)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \end{array}$$

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 5.56 (m, 1H), 4.75 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.34 (s, 2H), 3.05 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.77 (m, 1H), 0.83-0.78 (m, 2H), 0.40-0.36 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 172.51 (C), 138.71 (C), 136.26 (CH), 126.31 (CH), 122.10 (t, J = 23.5 Hz, CD), 59.54 (C), 52.83 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 42.91 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.06 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.32 (CH), 8.11 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

### 6. General Procedure for the Cyclizations of Table 2

To a solution of gold cationic complex (5-15 % mol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) was added a solution of the enyne in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL). The reaction was stirred at the stated conditions for 1-48 h. The resulting mixture was filtered through Celite and purified by chromatography (hexanes-EtOAc).

# (E)-Dimethyl 3-(2,4-dimethylstyryl)cyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (E-15a) and (Z)-Dimethyl 5-(2,4-dimethylbenzylidene)cyclohex-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (16a)

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.38 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.92 (m, 5H), 6.77 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (overlapping d at 6.34, J = 10.1 Hz, and s at 6.31, 2H), 5.79 (dtd, J = 10.1, 4.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (m<sub>c</sub>, 1H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 3.28 (m<sub>c</sub>, 2H), 3.16 (s, 2H), 2.99 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (ddd, J = 4.0, 2.1, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 2.19 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C PENDANT (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 172.51 (C), 171.41 (C), 140.07 (C), 137.25 (C), 136.67 (C), 136.27 (C), 135.49 (C), 133.21 (C), 133.10 (C), 131.16 (C), 131.15 (CH), 130.59 (CH), 129.77 (CH), 127.49 (CH), 127.12 (CH), 126.87 (CH), 126.79 (CH), 126.73 (CH), 125.95 (CH), 125.39 (CH), 124.99 (CH), 124.54 (CH), 58.82 (C), 54.33 (C), 52.94 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.74 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.97 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.74 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.45 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.88 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.07 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.05 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.83 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.72 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 315.1596; found 315.1600.

### (Z)-Dimethyl 3-(4-methoxystyryl)cyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (Z-15b)

Colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 7.17$  (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.14 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (br s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 3.02 (br s, 2 H), 2.86 (br s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 172.32$ , 158.77, 138.42, 130.19, 130.08, 128.41, 124.82, 133.35, 59.34, 55.41, 52.92, 42.13, 40.31; HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{18}H_{20}O_{5}[M]^{+}$ : 339.1208; found 339.1222. The structure of **Z-15b** was confirmed by HMQC, HMBC, COSY, and NOESY experiments.

### (Z)-Dimethyl 3-(3,4-dimethoxystyryl)cyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (Z-15c)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 6.84-6.73 (m, 3H), 6.43 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 6H), 3.02 (br s, 2H), 2.90 (br s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 172.46, 148.23, 148.17, 138.54, 130.55, 130.10, 128.81, 124.93, 121.65, 112.04, 110.56, 59.28, 55.84, 55.78, 52.77, 41.95, 40.34; HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 369.1314; found 369.1326.

# (E)- and (Z)-Dimethyl 3-(3,4-dimethoxystyryl)cyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (E-15c / Z-15c, 1/9)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.05 (s, 1H, trans), 6.96 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, trans), 6.84-6.73 (m, 3H, cis and trans), 6.49 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H, trans), 6.43 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H, cis), 6.40 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H, trans), 6.14 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H, cis), 5.84 (br s, 1H, trans), 5.65 (br s, 1H, cis), ), 3.96 (s, 3H, trans), 3.90 (s, 3H, trans), 3.89 (s, 3H, cis), 3.88 (s, 3H, cis), 3.69 (s, 6H, cis and trans), 3.25 (br s, 2H, trans),

3.15 (br s, 2H, trans).3.02 (br s, 2H, cis), 2.90 (br s, 2H, cis). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 172.46 (cis), 171.64 (trans), 149.11 (trans), 149.04 (trans), 148.23 (cis), 148.17 (cis), 139.75 (trans), 138.54 (cis), 131.84 (trans), 130.55 (cis), 130.10 (cis), 129.80 (trans), 128.81 (cis), 126.40 (trans), 126.25 (trans), 124.93 (cis), 121.65 (cis), 119.70 (trans), 112.04 (cis), 111.13 (trans), 110.56 (cis), 108.65 (trans), 59.28 (cis), 58.90 (trans), 56.04 (trans), 55.92 (trans), 55.84 (cis), 55.78 (cis), 52.93 (trans), 52.77 (cis), 41.95 (cis), 41,00 (trans), 40.34 (cis), 39,71 (trans). HRMS-ESI Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 369.1314, Found 369.1302.

### (Z)-Dimethyl 3-(3,4,5-trimethoxystyryl)cyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (Z-15d)

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 6.48$  (s, 2H), 6.41 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (br d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.69-5.65 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 3.68 (s, 6H), 3.02 (s, 2H), 2.93-2.89 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C PENDANT (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 172.43$  (C), 152.68 (C), 138.36 (C), 137.17 (C), 133.36 (C), 130.15 (CH), 129.37 (CH), 125.59 (CH), 106.13 (CH), 60.94 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 59.18 (C), 56.04 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.78 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.92 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.38 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 399.1420; found 399.1418.

### (E)-Dimethyl 3-(3,4,5-trimethoxystyryl)cyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (E-15d)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{OMe} \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \end{array}$$

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 6.80 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 2H), 6.38 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.25 (s, 2H), 3.16 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 172.42, 153.34, 139.58, 137.91, 132.94, 130.00, 127.27, 123.84, 103.45, 60.94, 58.84, 56.08, 52.95, 41.03, 39.68; HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 399.1420; found 399.1418.

### (Z)-Dimethyl 3-(2-(1-acetyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)vinyl)cyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (Z-15e)

Yellow solid. Mp = 90-95 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.46 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.37 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, J = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (part A of an AB system, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (part B of an AB system, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 5.74-5.71 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 6H), 3.05 (m<sub>c</sub>, 2H), 2.99 (m<sub>c</sub>, 2H), 2.69 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C PENDANT (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 172.37 (C), 168.93 (C), 138.69 (C), 135.36 (C), 130.33 (C), 130.08 (CH), 127.58 (CH), 125.37 (CH), 124.08 (CH), 123.73 (CH), 119.57 (CH), 119.40 (CH), 119.18 (C), 116.62 (CH), 59.19 (C), 52.81 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.18 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.20 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.98 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 390.1317; found 390.1305.

# (E)- and (Z)-dimethyl 3-(2-(1-acetyl-1H-indol-3-yl)vinyl)cyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate. (Z-15e / 16,e 4/1)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.46 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H, Z-15e), 8.42 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H, 16e), 7.54-7.46 (m, H<sub>arom</sub> of both compounds, 2H), 7.39-7.37 (m, H<sub>arom</sub> of both compounds, 2H), 7.32-7.27 m, H<sub>arom</sub> of both compounds, 2H), 6.63 (dt, J = 10.1, 2 Hz, 1H, 16e), 6.42 (part A of an AB system, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H, Z-15e), 6.40 (part B of an AB system, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H, Z-15e), 6.32 (s, 1H, 16e), 5.93 (dtd, J = 10.1, 4.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H, 16e), 5.74-5.71 (m, 1H, Z-15e), 3.78 (s, 6H, 16e), 3.67 (s, 6H, Z-15e), 3.05 (m<sub>e</sub>, 4H, Z-15e, 16e), 2.99 (m<sub>e</sub>, 2H, Z-15e), 2.80 (m<sub>e</sub>, 2H, 16e), 2.69 (s, 3H, Z-15e), 2.64 (s, 3H, 16e); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 172.37(C, 16e), 171.27 (C, 16e), (C, Z-15e), 168.93 (C, Z-15e), 168.44 (C, 16e), 138.69 (C, Z-15e), 135.36 (C, Z-15e), 135.36 (C, 16e), 130.33 (C, Z-15e), 130.08 (CH, Z-15e), 128.43 (CH, 16e), 127.58 (CH, Z-15e), 125.37 (CH, Z-15e), 125.49 (CH, 16e), 124.08 (CH, Z-15e), 123.73 (CH, Z-15e), 123.72 (CH, 16e), 123.09 (CH, 16e), 119.57 (CH, Z-15e), 119.40 (CH, Z-15e), 119.29 (C, 16e), 119.18 (C, Z-15e), 119.17 (CH, 16e), 116.62 (CH, Z-15e), 116.58 (C, 16e), 65.83 (C, 16e), 54.23 (C, 16e), 52.88 (CH<sub>3</sub>, 16e), 52.81 (CH<sub>3</sub>, Z-15e), 41.18 (CH<sub>2</sub>, Z-15e), 40.20 (CH<sub>2</sub>, Z-15e), 37.61 (C, 16e), 31.84 (CH<sub>2</sub>, 16e), 29.68 (CH<sub>2</sub>, 16e), 24.12 (CH<sub>3</sub>, 16e), 23.98 (CH<sub>3</sub>, Z-15e).

### (Z)-Dimethyl 3-(2-(1-acetyl-1H-indol-3-yl)vinyl)cyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (Z-15e)

Yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.19 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.9, 1H), 7.32 (td, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (td, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (part A of an AB system, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (part B of an AB system, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 5.71-5.68 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 6H), 3.02 (m<sub>c</sub>, 2H), 2.96 (m<sub>c</sub>, 2H), 1.68 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 172.33 (C), 138.81 (C), 130.35 (C), 129.73 (CH), 127.46 (CH), 124.58 (C), 124.44 (CH), 123.20 (C), 124.29 (CH), 122.69 (CH), 119.79 (CH), 119.72 (CH), 117.64 (C), 115.11 (CH), 83.70 (C), 59.29 (C), 52.75 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.47 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.24 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.18 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 448.1701; found 448.1714.

### 7. Preparation of enyne Z-7

Dimethyl 2-(3-bromo-2-propargyl)malonate (S10)

$$MeO_2C$$
  $Br$   $CO_2Me$ 

In a round-bottom flask was dissolved propargyl malonate (2.0 g, 1.30 mL, 11.75 mmol) in acetone (30.0 mL). *N*-bromosuccinimide (2.30 g, 12.93 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and silver nitrate (199.6 mg, 1.17 mmol, 10 mol%) were added to the reaction mixture and it was allowed to stir at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and ether. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography with hexanes-EtOAc

90:10 to give bromoalkyne **S10** as a colorless oil (2.17 g, 74% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.60 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT):  $\delta$  = 168.14 (C), 75.73 (C), 52.89 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.62 (CH), 40.92 (C), 19.68 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-CI: m/z calcd for  $C_8H_{10}O_4Br$  [M-H]<sup>+</sup>: 248.9762; found: 248.9776.

### Dimethyl 2 [(Z)-3-bromo-2-propenyl]malonate (S11)

A flask equipped with a condenser and a bubbler at the top was charged with alkyne **S10** (1.0 g, 4.01 mmol), tosyl hydrazine (2.24g, 12.04 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and sodium acetate (1.15 g, 14.05 mmol, 3.5 equiv). MeOH (50 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was heated up to reflux. After 9 h,  $^{1}$ H NMR showed complete conversion. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, the solvent was evaporated and the crude product purified by flash chromatography with 9:1 hexanes-EtOAc to give *cis* alkene bromide **S11** as a colorless oil mixed with 10% of over-hydrogenated compound. (534 mg, 48% yield).  $^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 6.29 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (br t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT):  $\delta$  = 168.95 (C), 130.20 (CH), 110.79 (CH), 52.69 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.17 (CH), 28.97 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-CI: m/z calcd for  $C_8H_{10}O_4Br$  [M-H] $^+$ : 248.9762; found: 248.9774.

### Dimethyl 2 [(Z)-3-cyclopropyl-2-propenyl|malonate (S12)

A flask was charged with  $[Pd(OAc)_2]_3$  (66.5 mg, 5 mol%),  $PCy_3$  (55.4 mg, 10 mol%),  $K_3PO_4$  (1.47g, 6.91 mmol, 3.5 equiv), cyclopropyl boronic acid (220.6 mg, 2.57 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and bromoalkene **S11** (496.0 mg, 1.97 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Solvents (dry toluene 10 mL and water 0.500 mL) were added and the reaction was heated up to reflux. After 2 h at reflux, more palladium (5 mol%  $[Pd(OAc)_2]_3$ ), more phosphine (10 mol%  $PCy_3$ ), more base ( $K_3PO_4$ , 3.5 equiv) and more cyclopropylboronic acid (1.3 equiv) and water (0.050 mL) were added and the reaction was further heated at reflux for 1 h more. The reaction was partitioned between water and EtOAc. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ) and solvent was evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography with 85:15 hexanes-EtOAc afforded vinylcyclopropyl derivative **S12** as a colorless oil (63.5 mg, 22% yield).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta = 5.23$  (dt, J = 10.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (t, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 3.45 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 1.31-1.24 (m, 1H), 0.77-

0.72 (m, 2H), 0.34-0.30 (m, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT):  $\delta$  = 169.51 (C), 137.35 (CH), 122.46 (CH), 52.51 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.89 (CH), 27.14 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 9.58 (CH), 6.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

### Dimethyl 2-[(Z)-3-cyclopropyl-2-propenyl]-2-(2-propynyl)malonate (Z-8a)

To a stirred solution of monoalkylated malonate **S12** (63.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) at 0 °C was added portion wise NaH (60% in mineral oil, 11.9 mg, 1.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred at this temperature for 30 min before adding propargyl bromide (33 mL, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction was warmed to room temperature for 2 h. Then extractive work-up with Et<sub>2</sub>O and aqueous 10% HCl was performed. The organic phase was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography with 95:5 hexanes-EtOAc gave pure enyne **Z-8a** as a colorless oil (43mg, 58% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz),  $\delta$  = 5.09 (dt, J = 10.4, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (t, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 2.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.69-1,61 (m, 1H), 0.76-0.72 (m, 2H), 0.35-0.31 (m, 2H).

### 8. Synthesis of enyne Z-14b

### Dimethyl 2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-ynyl)malonate (S13)

A Schlenk flask was charged with [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] (230 mg, 0.327 mmol), CuI (125 mg, 0.654 mmol), and diisopropylamine (30 mL). The mixture was stirred for 5 min at room temperature and then, dimethylpropargyl malonate (1.0 mL, 6.55 mmol) and 4-bromo-anisole (1.07 mL, 8.51 mmol) were sequentially added. The mixture turned black and was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. Then it was warmed up to 50 °C and was stirred at that temperature overnight. After 18 h, the heating bath was removed and the mixture was let to cool to room temperature before diluting it with Et<sub>2</sub>O. Then it was filtered through Celite and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was

purified by column chromatography with 3:1 hexanes-EtOAc to give compound **S13** as a yellow oil (787 mg, 43% yield) contaminated with palladium. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.33-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.75 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.68 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C PENDANT (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 168.49 (C), 159.38 (C), 133.02 (CH), 115.25 (C), 113.81 (CH), 83.61 (C), 82.35 (C), 55.25 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.77 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.30 (CH), 19.54 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 299.0895; found 299.0889.

### (Z)-Dimethyl 2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)malonate (S14)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Ni(OAc)}_2.4 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{CO}_2\text{Me} \\ \text{OMe} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{NaBH}_4 \\ \text{H}_2\text{N} \\ \text{NH}_2 \\ \text{H}_2, \text{ MeOH} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{CO}_2\text{Me} \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{OMe} \\ \text{OMe} \end{array}$$

In a Schlenk flask Ni(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (130 mg, 0.45 mmol) was solubilised in MeOH (4 ml). The blue-green solution was vigorously stirred and cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath, then NaBH<sub>4</sub> powder (17 mg, 0.45 mg) was added in one portion. With the vigorous evolution of gas, the mixture turned black immediately. The ice bath was removed, and the suspension was stirred for 5 min at room temperature, then ethylenediamine (0.06 ml, 0.5 mmol) was added, and the resulting mixture was further stirred for 5 min. A solution of dimethyl 2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-ynyl)malonate **S13** (0.5 g, 1,8 mmol) in MeOH (1ml) was added to the above reaction mixture under H<sub>2</sub> (1 atm) and it was stirred during 24 h. The crude product is filtered over a pad of Celite, evaporated under vacuum, and purified by flash chromatography with 4:1 hexanes-EtOAc, to give alkene **S14** as a yellow oil (320 mg, 64% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.21 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dt, J = 11.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.48 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C PENDANT (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 169.27 (C), 158.57 (C), 131.48 (CH), 129.90 (CH), 129.32 (C), 125.50 (CH), 113.80 (CH), 55.13 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.45 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.72 (CH), 27.77 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 301.1052; found 301.1039.

### (Z)-Dimethyl 2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)-2-(prop-2-ynyl)malonate (Z-14b)

To a suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 50 mg, 1.2 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added the alkene (320 mg, 1.15 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C and stirred for 30 min. Then propargyl bromide

(80 % in Toluene, 0.140 mL, 1.26 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 14 h. After these 14 h, completion was observed and the mixture was quenched with water at 0 °C. The solution was extracted with EtOAc, and the organic was collected, washed with HCl (10 %), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under low pressure. The crude material was chromatographed with 8:1 hexanes-EtOAc to give the desired enyne as a yellow oil (270 mg, 74% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.24 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dt, J = 11.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 6H), 3.12 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C RMN (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 170.20, 158.46, 132.46, 129.98, 129.40, 123.03, 113.58, 78.57, 71.40, 56.99, 55.20, 52.74, 30.68, 22.80; HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 317.1389; found 317.1378

### (E)-Dimethyl-2-(3-cyclopentylallyl)-2-(prop-2-ynyl)malonate (17)

THF (20 mL) was added to [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] (90.1mg, 0.51 mmol) and dppe (202.5 mg, 0.51 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min before adding a solution of cyclopentylallyl acetate (1.71 g, 10.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (10 mL). In the meantime dimethylpropargyl malonate (1.62 mL, 10.67 mmol, 1.05 equiv) was added dropwise via syringe to a suspension of NaH (60% in mineral oil, 426.9 mg, 10.67 mmol, 1.05 equiv) in THF cooled at 0 °C. The solution of the nucleophile was added via cannula to the solution containing the catalyst and the allylic acetate and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. After 16 h, [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] was added (234.7 mg, 0.21 mmol, 2 mol%) and the reaction was further stirred at room temperature. After 78 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography 9:1 pentane-Et<sub>2</sub>O to give envne 23 as a colorless oil (1.06 g, 37% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 5.55 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (tdd, J = 15.1, 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 2.77 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.5 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (sextuplet, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.77-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.20 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT):  $\delta = 170.28$  (C), 140.98 (CH), 120.59 (CH), 78.95 (C), 71.27 (CH), 57.23 (C), 52.64 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 43.19 (CH), 35.29 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.04 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.06 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.57 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{16}H_{22}O_4Na [M+Na]^+$ : 301.1416; found: 301.1410.

### (E)-Dimethyl 3-(2-cyclopentylvinyl)cyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (18)

To a solution of complex **10** (2 mol %) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) was added the enyne dissolved in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL). The reaction was stirred at the stated conditions for 5 min. The resulting mixture was filtered through Celite and purified by chromatography (hexane-EtOAc) to give **18** as a colorless oil (92 % yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 6.15$  (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.42-5.41 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 3.12-3.11 (m, 2H), 3.07 (br s, 2H), 2.46 (sextuplet, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.82-1-74 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.53 (m, 4H), 1.34-1.25 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT):  $\delta = 172.63$  (C), 139.69 (C), 137.29 (CH), 123.86 (CH), 123.77 (CH), 58.72 (C), 52.85 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 43.59 (CH), 40.79 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.92 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.21 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.17 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 301.1416; found: 301.1418.

### 9. General Procedure for the Methoxycyclizations of Table 3

To a solution of complex **10** (2 mol %) in dry MeOH (1 mL) was added the enyne dissolved in dry MeOH (0.5 mL). The reaction was stirred at the stated conditions for 5-120 min. The resulting mixture was filtered through Celite and purified by chromatography (hexane-EtOAc).

### Dimethyl 3-cyclopropyl(methoxy)methyl)-4-methylenecyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate (19a)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \text{MeO}_2\text{C} & & \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} & & \text{MeO}_2\text{C} \\ \end{array}$$

White solid, mp =  $56.5-57.5^{\circ}$ C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 5.00$  (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 2.99 (ddd, J = 16.0, 5.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.91-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.65 (dd, J = 8.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (ddd, J = 13.3, 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dd, J = 13.0, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 0.82-0.78 (m, 1H), 0.67-0.64 (m, 1H), 0.48-0.41 (m, 2H), 0.09-0.06 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT):  $\delta = 172.34$  (C), 171.91 (C), 150.04 (C), 106.89 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 86.72 (CH), 58.88 (C), 57.93 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.69 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.61 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.32 (CH), 41.96 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.98 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.03 (CH), 5.08 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.81 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 305.1365; found: 305.1370.

# Dimethyl 3-(methoxy(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)-4-methylenecyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate (19b anti)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \text{MeO}_2\text{C} & \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} & \\ \text{OMe} & \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Cat.} & \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} & \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} & \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} & \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{OMe} & \\ \text{MeO}_2\text{C} & \\ \end{array}$$

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.23-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.83 (m, 2H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 4.08 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 3.01-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.83 (m, 2H), 2.49 (ddd, J = 13.5, 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dd, J = 13.5, 9.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C PENDANT (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 172.12 (C), 172.08 (C), 159.07 (C), 148.33 (C), 132.60 (C), 128.47 (CH), 113.58 (CH), 108.71 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 85.34 (CH), 58.57 (C), 56.88 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.22 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.67 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 49.26 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 42.05 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.75 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 371.1471; found 371.1471.

anti/syn 19b (Table 4, entry 3). Colorless oil.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.23-7.16 (m, 4 H, H<sub>arom</sub> of both diastereoisomer), 6.91-6.83 (m, 4 H, H<sub>arom</sub> of both diastereoisomer), 5.17 (br s, 1 H, syn), 5.02 (br s, 1 H, syn), 4.90 (s, 1H, anti), 4.46 (s, 1H, anti), 4.08 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, anti), 4.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, syn), 3.81 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub> of both diastereoisomer), 3.73 (s, 3H, anti), 3.68 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub> of both diastereoisomer), 3.67 (s, 6 H, syn), 3.17 (s, 3H, anti), 3.16 (s, 3 H, syn), 3.01-3.83 (m, 8 H, CH<sub>2</sub> of both diastereoisomer), 2.49 (ddd, J = 13.5, 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H, anti), 2.31 (dd, J = 13.5, 9.0 Hz, 1H, anti), 2.11 (ddd, J = 13.4, 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1 H, syn), 1.74 (dd, J = 13.4, 9.8 Hz, 1 H, syn);  $^{13}$ C PENDANT (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 172.12 (C, anti), 172.08 (C, anti), 172.02 (C, syn), 171, 96 (C, syn), 159.17 (C, syn), 159.07 (C, anti), 148.91 (C, syn), 148.33 (C, anti), 132.60 (C, anti), 132.09 (C, syn), 128.70 (CH, syn), 128.47 (CH, anti), 113.65 (CH, syn), 113.58 (CH, anti), 109.36 (CH<sub>2</sub>, syn), 108.71 (CH<sub>2</sub>, anti), 86.22 (CH, syn), 85.34 (CH, anti), 58.57 (C, anti), 58.20 (C, syn), 56.88 (CH<sub>3</sub>, anti), 56.28 (CH<sub>3</sub>, syn), 55.22 (CH<sub>3</sub>, anti and syn), 52.71 (CH<sub>3</sub>, syn), 52.67 (CH<sub>3</sub>, anti), 49.26 (CH<sub>3</sub>, anti), 47.95 (CH<sub>3</sub>, syn), 42.05 (CH<sub>2</sub>, anti), 41.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>, syn), 36.90 (CH<sub>2</sub>, syn), 35.75 (CH<sub>2</sub>, anti).

Dimethyl 3-(*N-tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(ethoxy)methyl)-4-methylenecyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate (19c-*anti*)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{MeO_2C} \\ \mathsf{MeO_2C} \\ \mathsf{H} \\ \mathsf{EtO} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{N} \\ \mathsf{O} \\ \mathsf{O} \end{array}$$

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.13$  (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (br s, 1H), 4.61 (br s, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.5 (dq, J = 9.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dq, J = 9.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.16-3.09 (m, 1H), 3.04 (dq, J = 16.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.9 (dd, J = 16.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (part **A** of a **AB** system, ddd, J = 13.5, 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (part **B** of a **AB** system, dd, J = 13.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.14 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 172.38$  (C), 172.36 (C), 149.97 (C), 148.88 (CH), 135.89 (C), 135.89 (C), 124.58 (CH), 124.02 (CH), 122.47 (CH), 121.04 (C), 120.13 (CH), 115.49 (CH), 108.90 (CH), 83.96 (C), 77.78 (CH), 65.04 (C), 58.93 (CH), 52.90 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.67 (CH<sub>3</sub>),

48.06 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.30 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.05 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.44 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 15.05 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{26}H_{33}NO_7Na [M+Na]^+ 494.2162$ ; found 494.2155.

### anti/syn 19c (Table 4, entry 4).

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{MeO_2C} \\ \mathsf{MeO_2C} \\ \mathsf{H} & \mathsf{EtO} \end{array}$$

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.13$  (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, syn), 7.78 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H, anti), 7.65 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, anti), 7.49 (s, 1H, syn), 7.48 (s, 1H, anti), 7.31 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, anti and syn), 7.22 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, anti and syn), 5.34 (br s, 1H, syn), 5.04 (br s, 1H, syn), 4.94 (br s, 1H, anti), 4.61 (br s, 1H, anti), 4.53 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H, anti), 4.38 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H, syn), 3.74 (s, 3H, anti), 3.67 (s, 3H, anti), 3.66 (s, 3H, syn), 3.65 (s, 3H, syn), 3.55-3.24 (m, 5H, anti and syn), 3.06-2.94 (m overlapping signal, 5H, anti and syn), 2.9 (dq, J = 15.9, 1.43 Hz, 1H, anti), 2.53 (part A of a AB system, ddd, J = 13.5, 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H, anti), 2.41 (part **B** of a **AB** system, dd, J = 13.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H, anti), 2.16 (part **A** of a **AB** system, ddd, J = 13.4, 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H, syn), 1.80 (part **B** of a **AB** system, dd, J = 13.4, 10.0 Hz, 1H, syn), 1.69 (s, 9H, syn), 1.68 (s, 9H, anti), 1.14 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, anti and syn);  $^{13}$ C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 172.38$  (C anti), 172.36 (C anti), 172.27 (C syn), 172.11 (C syn), 149.97 (C, overlapping signal anti and syn), 149.44 (CH syn), 148.88 (CH anti), 136.03 (C syn), 135.89 (C anti), 124.58 (CH anti), 129.18 (CH syn), 124.69 (CH syn), 124.59 (CH anti), 124.02 (CH anti), 123.12 (CH syn), 122.81 (CH syn), 122.47 (CH anti), 121.04 (C anti), 120.83 (C syn), 120.24 (CH syn), 120.13 (CH anti), 115.49 (CH anti), 115.33 (CH syn), 109.58 (CH syn), 108.90 (CH anti), 84.01 (C syn), 83.96 (C anti), 79.12 (CH syn), 77.78 (CH anti), 65.04 (C anti), 64.22 (C syn), 58.93 (CH anti), 58.37 (CH syn), 52.96 (CH<sub>3</sub> syn), 52.90 (CH<sub>3</sub> anti), 48.06 (CH<sub>2</sub> anti), 46.72 (CH<sub>2</sub> syn), 42.30 (CH<sub>2</sub> anti), 42.11 (CH<sub>2</sub> syn), 37.41 (CH<sub>2</sub> syn), 35.05 (CH<sub>2</sub> anti), 28.44 (CH<sub>3</sub> anti an syn), 15.05 (CH<sub>3</sub> anti), 15.47 (CH<sub>3</sub> syn).

### 10. Procedure for the cyclizations 4+2 of Table 4

trans/cis Dimethyl 4-cyclopropyl-3a,4-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[b]naphthalene-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (21a).

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 7.81\text{-}7.79$  (m, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 1H); 6.32 (br d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.31 (dd, J = 1.7, 18.2 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dt, J = 2.6, 18.2 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (ddd, J = 12.7, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.72-2.66 (m, 1H), 2.06 (t, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 0.91-0.84 (m, 2H), 0.66-0.64 (m, 1H), 0.34-0.27 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT):  $\delta = 172.20$  (C), 172.08 (C), 145.05 (C), 137.79 (C), 135.35 (C), 126.53 (CH), 126.41 (CH), 125.48 (CH), 125.47 (CH), 119.79 (CH), 59.22 (C), 52.83 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 49.03 (CH), 45.29 (CH), 40.56 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.23 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 12.92 (CH), 4.74 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.32 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 349.1416; found: 349.1411.

### (E)-Dimethyl 2-(3-Cyclopropylallyl)-2-(3-(4-nitrophenyl)prop-2-ynyl)malonate (20b)

To a flask containing dry THF (18 mL) was added [Pd(π-allyl)Cl)]<sub>2</sub> (33 mg, 0,09 mmol) and dppe (71 mg, 0.18 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 30 min before adding a solution of cyclopropylallylic acetate (500 mg, 3,56 mmol) in THF (10 mL). In the meantime a suspension of NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 142 mg, 3.56 mmol) in THF (9 mL) was cooled down to 0 °C and a solution of dimethyl-2-(3-(4-nitrophenyl)prop-2-ynyl)malonate<sup>13</sup> (1038 mg, 3.56 mmol) in THF (9 mL) was added slowly via syringe. The solution of the nucleophile was added to the one containing the catalyst and the allylic acetate. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and then it was partitioned between ether and water. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, the combined organic phases were dried and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography 95:5 hexanes-EtOAc to give the enyne **20b** as a yellow oil (877 mg, 66% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.15$  (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (dt, J = 15.3, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 6H), 3.05 (s, 2H), 2.77 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40-1.31 (m, 1H), 0.68 (ddd, J = 7.9, 6.4, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 0.32 (dt, J = 6.4, 4.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 170.46$  (C), 147.15 (C), 140.13 (CH), 132.60 (CH), 123.73 (CH), 122.22 (CH), 90.86 (C), 82.12 (C), 57.64 (C), 53.23 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 37.12 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.99 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.90 (CH), 6.93 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{20}H_{21}NO_6Na [M+Na]^+$  394.1267; found 394.1273.

Mixture of two diastereoisomer **21b** (table 3, entry 4) has been separated by combiflash Companion® with C18 column ( $H_2O/MeOH$ ).

Dimethyl (3aR\*,4R\*)-4-cyclopropyl-6-nitro-3a,4-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalene-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (*trans*-21b).

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{MeO_2C} \\ \mathsf{MeO_2C} \\ \mathsf{H} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{NO_2} \\ \mathsf{NO_2} \end{array}$$

Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.05 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (q, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.34 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dt, J = 18.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, J = 12.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.78-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.09 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (dd, J = 14.7, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.04-0.91 (m, 2H), 0.77-0.70 (m, 1H), 0.40-0.29 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 171.78 (C), 151.17 (C), 141.68 (C), 139.20 (C), 125.65 (CH), 122.45 (CH), 121.05 (CH), 118.95 (CH), 59.06 (C), 53.04 (CH), 53.02 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.66 (CH), 45.13 (CH), 40.18 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.55 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 12.60 (CH), 4.56 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.42 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 394.1267; found 394.1267. The structure of *trans*-21b was confirmed by COSY, HMQC, HMBC, and NOESY experiments.

Dimethyl (3aR\*,4S\*)-4-cyclopropyl-6-nitro-3a,4-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*] naphthalene-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (*cis*-21b).

Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.04$  (dd, J = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.9 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (q, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.34 (d, J = 18.9 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dt, J = 18.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.08-3.4 (m, 1H), 2.66 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (dd, J = 10.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 0.88-0.79 (m, 1H), 0.70-0.64 (m, 1H), 0.31-0.21 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 171.78$  (C), 149.44 (C), 140.12 (C), 139.71 (C), 126.06 (CH), 122.98 (CH), 122.58 (CH), 118.15 (CH), 59.08 (C), 52.99 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 46.24 (CH), 42.85 (CH), 39.04 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.90 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.19 (CH), 7.31 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.43 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for  $C_{20}H_{21}NO_6Na$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 394.1267; found 394.1281. The

### 11. Influence of solvent in the [4+2] cycloaddition with the enyne 20b

Table S2. Effect of solvent, silver counteranion, and catalyst on cis/trans selectivity

| entry | [Salt]             | solvent                         | t          | Yield [%] | trans-21b/cis-21b <sup>[a]</sup> |
|-------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 1     | AgSbF <sub>6</sub> | CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> | 6 h        | 60        | 28 : 72                          |
| 2     | AgSbF <sub>6</sub> | CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> | 10 min, MW | 95        | 35 : 65                          |
| 3     | AgPF <sub>6</sub>  | CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> | 6 h        | 88        | 26 : 74                          |
| 4     | AgBF <sub>4</sub>  | CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> | 6 h        | 80        | 28:72                            |
| 5     | AgOTf              | CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> | 6 h        | 100       | 31 : 69                          |
| 6     | AgAsF <sub>6</sub> | CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> | 6 h        | 100       | 26 : 74                          |
| 7     | AgSbF <sub>6</sub> | CHCl <sub>3</sub>               | 10 min, MW | 85        | 33 : 67                          |
| 8     | AgSbF <sub>6</sub> | acetone                         | 10 min, MW | 50        | 45 : 55                          |
| 9     | AgSbF <sub>6</sub> | toluene                         | 10 min, MW | 100       | 36 : 64                          |
| 11    | AgSbF <sub>6</sub> | THF                             | 10 min, MW | -         | -                                |

a. *trans/cis* ratios determined by GC and confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

### 12. Computational methods

Calculations were performed with Gaussian 03 at DFT level.<sup>15</sup> The geometries of all complexes here reported were optimized using the B3LYP hybrid functional.<sup>16</sup> Optimizations were carried out using the standard 6-31G(d) basis set for C, H, O, P, and Cl. The LANL2DZ basis set, which includes the relativistic effective core potential (ECP) of Hay and Wadt and employs a split-valence (double-ζ) basis set, was used for Au.<sup>17</sup> Harmonic frequencies were calculated at the same level to characterize the stationary points and to determine the zero-point energies (ZPE). The starting approximate geometries for the transition states (TS) were graphically located. Intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) studies were performed to confirm the relation of the transition states with the corresponding minima. Solvent effects were considered by performing single point calculations in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> using the polarized continuum model (PCM) on the optimized structures.

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| 7      | 6                   | 0    | 3.007141  | -0.039247    | 0.362596  |
| 8      | 17                  | 0    | -3.758955 | 0.083994     | 0.192898  |
| 9      | 79                  | 0    | -1.438424 | -0.129027    | -0.091133 |
| 10     | 6                   | 0    | 3.068956  | -2.562701    | -0.607784 |
| 11     | 6                   | 0    | 2.598179  | -2.643764    | 0.824576  |
| 12     | 6                   | 0    | 3.449524  | -1.480346    | 0.374473  |
| 13     | 1                   | 0    | 2.139470  | 3.815726     | 0.465491  |
| 14     | 1                   | 0    | 3.219085  | 2.712942     | 1.298510  |
| 15     | 1                   | 0    | 0.318572  | 2.243221     | 0.479367  |
| 16     | 1                   | 0    | 1.133372  | 1.694991     | 1.940776  |
| 17     | 1                   | 0    | 0.849388  | -1.177033    | -0.910886 |
| 18     | 1                   | 0    | 2.460890  | 2.704035     | -1.666505 |
| 19     | 1                   | 0    | 4.067690  | 2.510101     | -0.956944 |
| 20     | 1                   | 0    | 2.765989  | 0.237418     | -1.790316 |
| 21     | 1                   | 0    | 3.415301  | 0.500301     | 1.216558  |
| 22     | 1                   | 0    | 2.339060  | -2.361268    | -1.385949 |
| 23     | 1                   | 0    | 3.859265  | -3.235859    | -0.928356 |
| 24     | 1                   | 0    | 3.043974  | -3.387760    | 1.478352  |
| 25     | 1                   | 0    | 1.547772  | -2.450288    | 1.026567  |
| 26     | 1                   | 0    | 4.487986  | -1.529022    | 0.701940  |

| Zero-point correction=                     | 0.217035 (Hartree/Particle) |
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| 8      | 17     | 0      | 3.466805  | 1.773829     | -0.587589 |
| 9      | 79     | 0      | 1.368507  | 0.855035     | 0.081920  |
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| 21   | 1  | 0                                | -3.757975                        | -2.63648                            | 36 0.302253   |
| 22   | 1  | 0                                | -2.520019                        | -4.41457                            | 72 -0.904451  |
| 23   | 1  | 0                                | -0.691650                        | -4.39847                            | 76 -0.747603  |
| 24   | 1  | 0                                | -0.918110                        | -4.68058                            | 1.764591  |
| 25   | 1  | 0                                | -2.744010                        | -4.66789                            | 1.598129  |
| 26   | 1  |                                  |                                  |                                     | 0.735641  |
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| 6      | 6                        | 0    | 2.591342  | 0.975371               | -0.973690 |  |  |                       |  |  |
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| 15     | 1                        | 0    | 0.222768  | 2.169477               | 0.724609  |  |  |                       |  |  |
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| 23     | 1                        | 0    | 2.886689  | -3.501147              | 0.457589  |  |  |                       |  |  |
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| Variational PCM results                 |                                |             |  |  |  |  |
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| with all non electrostatic terms        | (a.u.) =                       | -985.111551 |  |  |  |  |
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| (Polarized solute)-Solvent              | (kcal/mol) =                   | -19.19      |  |  |  |  |
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| Dispersion energy                       | (kcal/mol) =                   | -15.84      |  |  |  |  |
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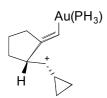
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| 9      | 79     | 0      | 1.378129  | 0.862757     | -0.117409 |

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Thermal correction to Energy= 0.255709
Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.256653
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.195254
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -867.562111
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Zero-point correction= 0.243306 (Hartree/Particle) Thermal correction to Energy= 0.258351 Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.259295 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.197150 Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -867.577713 Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -867.562669 Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -867.561725 Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -867.623870

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Variational PCM results
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| with all non electrostatic terms | (a.u.) =     | -1096.739260 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
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| Cavitation energy                | (kcal/mol) = | 29.18        |
| Dispersion energy                | (kcal/mol) = | -20.58       |
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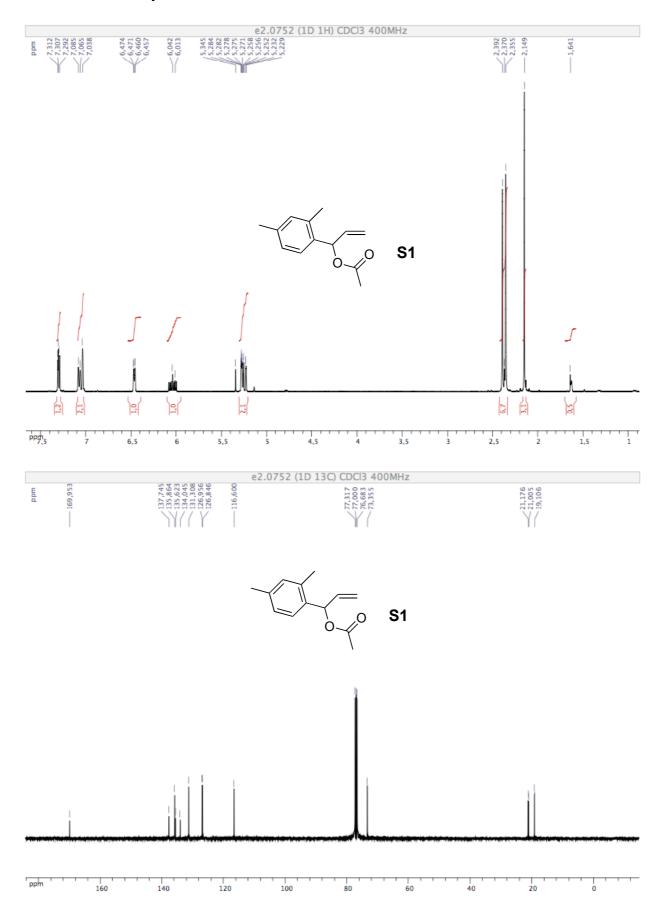
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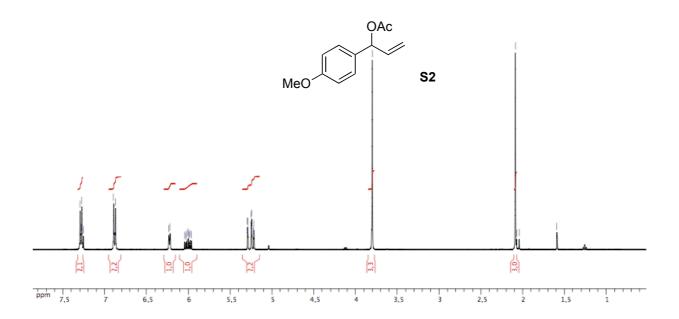
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| Repulsion   | energy<br>electrostati | ic           |               | /mol) = /mol) =              |          |              |  |
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| Cavitatio   |                        |              |               | /mol) =                      |          |              |  |
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|   | d solute)-Sol          |              | (kcal         |                              |          |              |  |
|   | non electros           |              |               | a.u.) =                      |          |              |  |
| Total fre   | e energy in s          | solution:    |               |                              |          |              |  |
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|   | H  psi(:               |              | ()            | a.u.) =                      | -1096    | .701029      |  |
|   | al PCM result          |              |               |                              |          |              |  |
| Sum of el   | ectronic and           | thermal Free | : Energies=   | -1(                          | J96.459( | J23          |  |
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|   | orrection to           |              |               | 0.3152                       |          |              |  |
|   | orrection to           |              |               | 0.3142                       |          |              |  |
| Gero-poin   | t correction=          | =            |               | 0.2952                       | 247 (Ha: | rtree/Partic |  |
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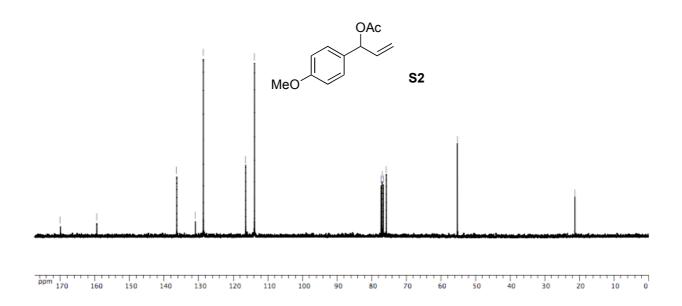
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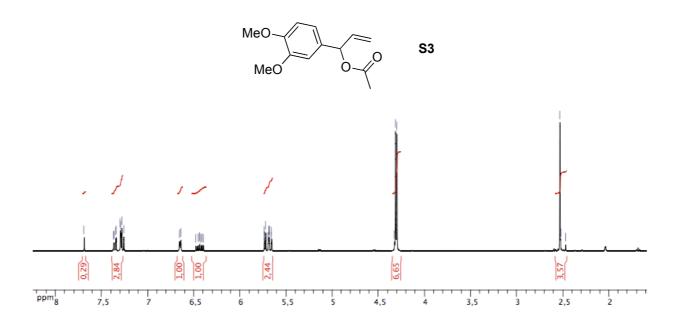




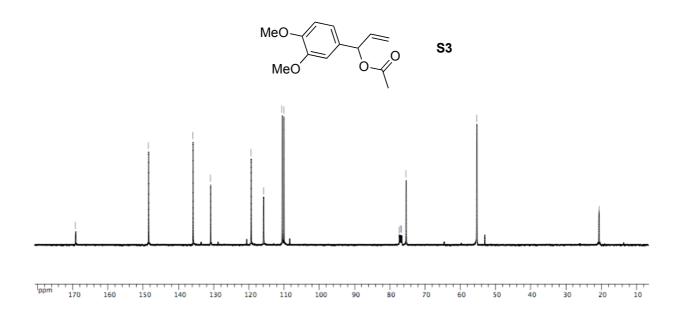
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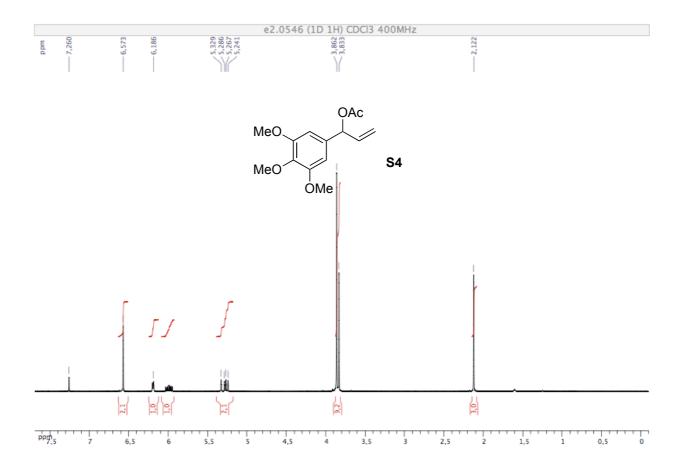


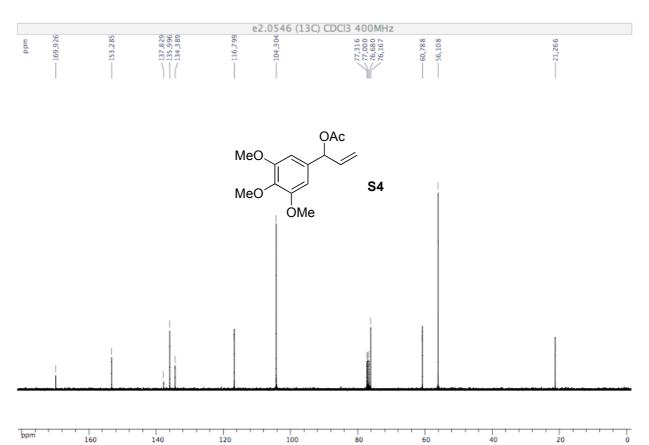




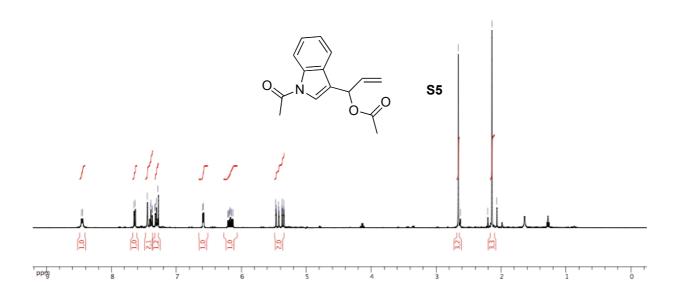
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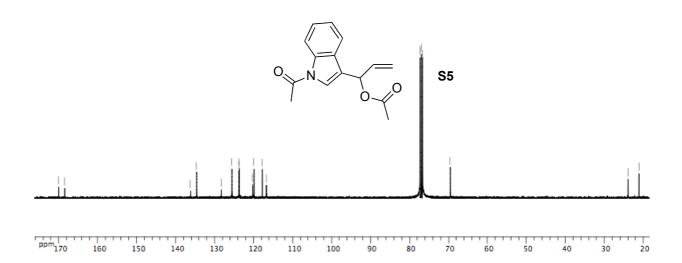


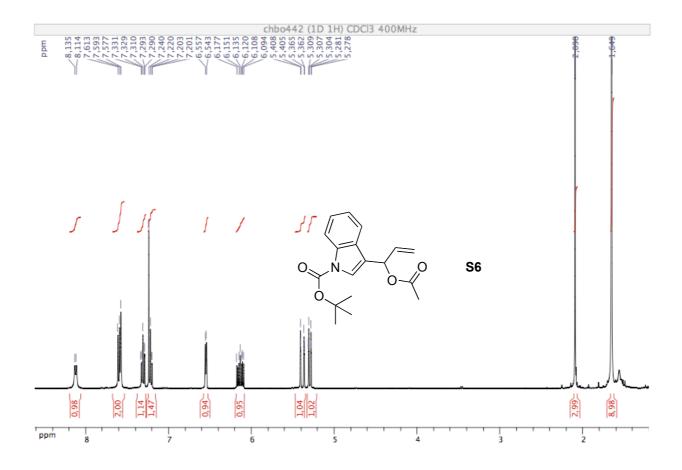


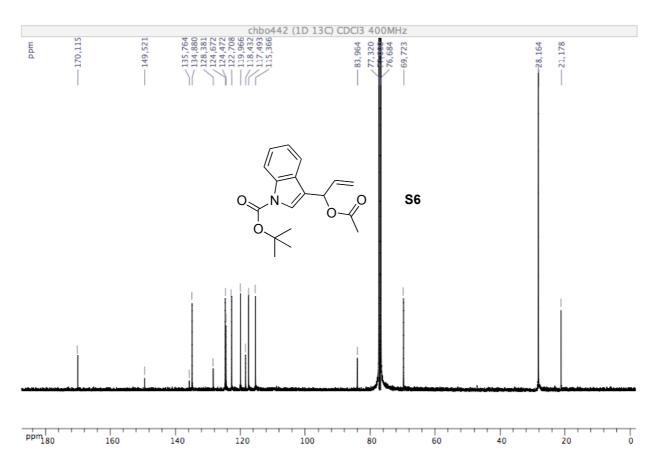


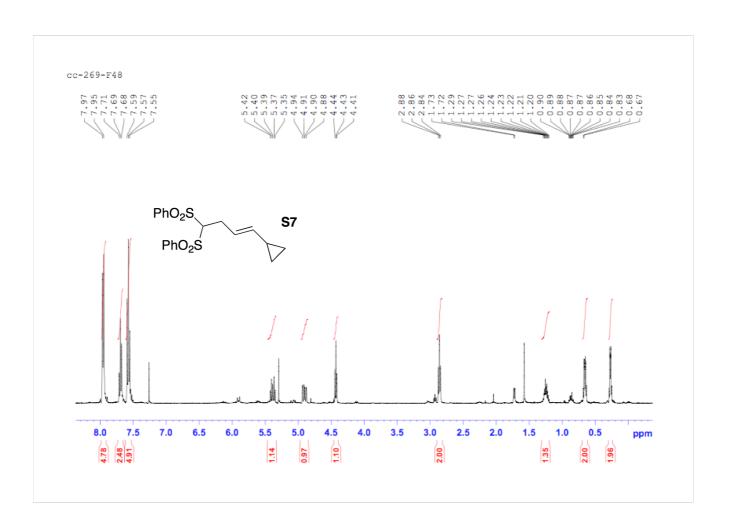


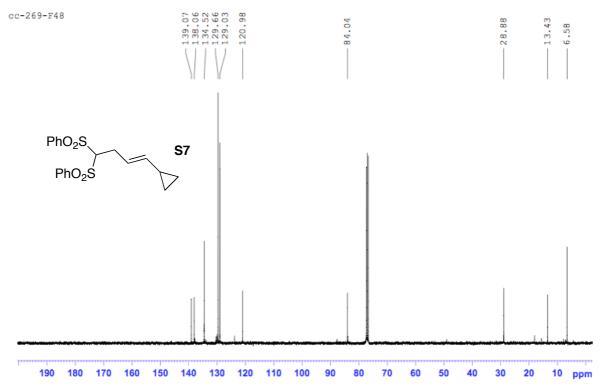


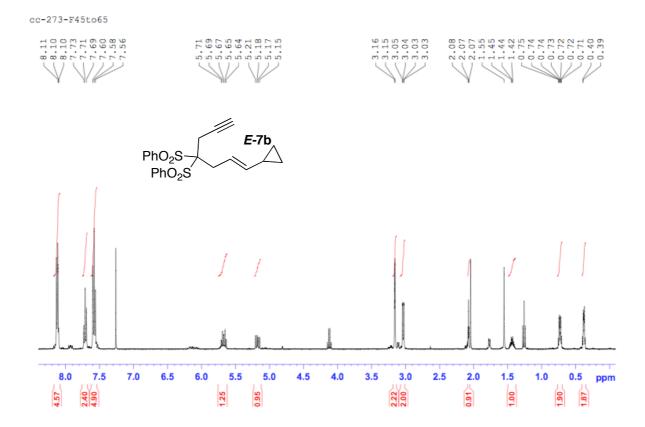


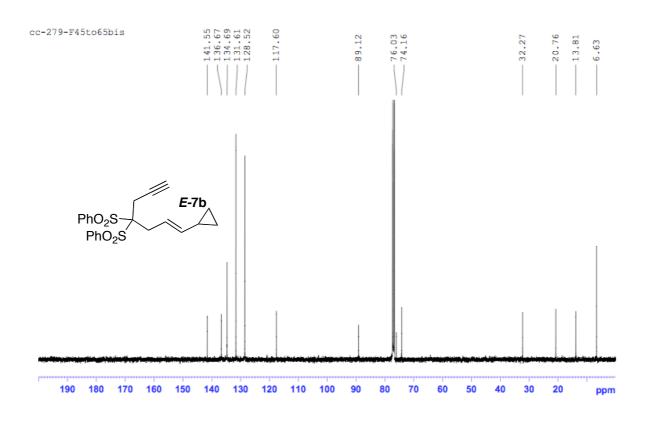


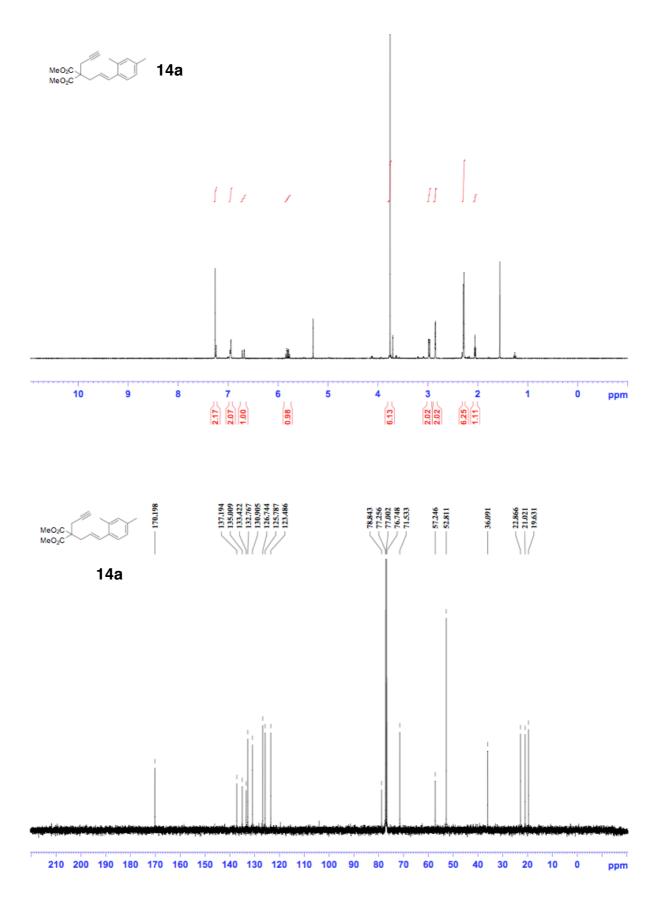


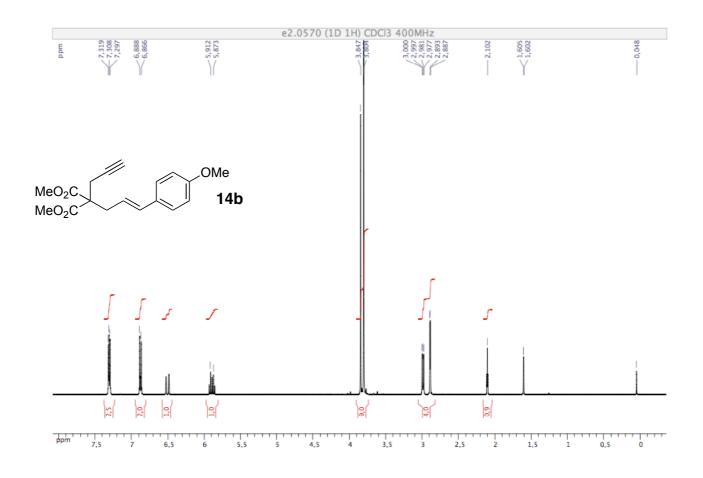




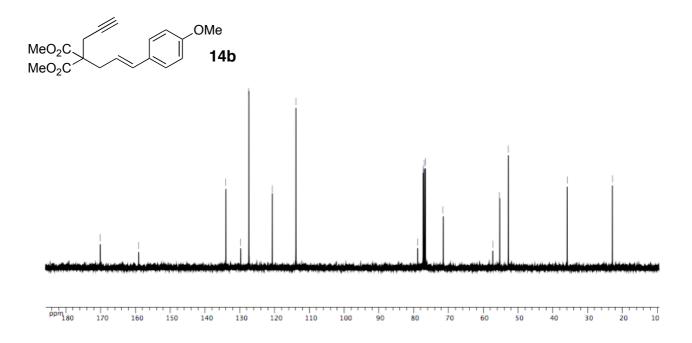


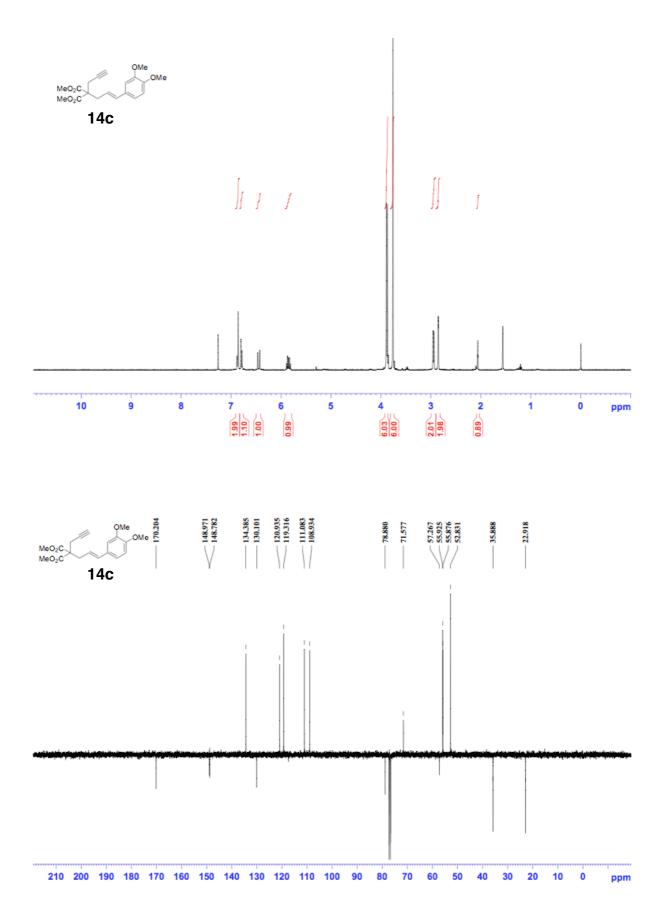


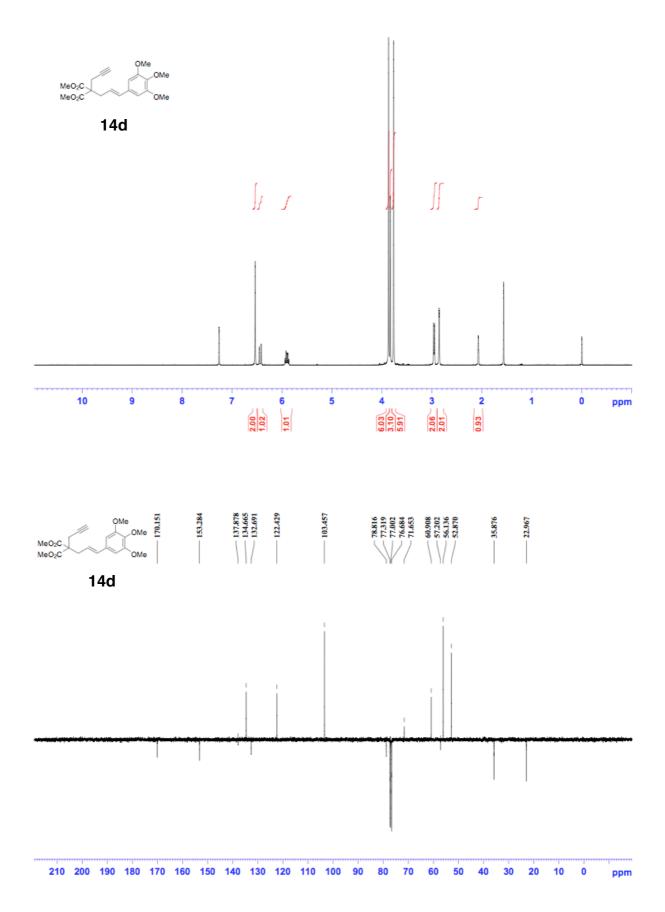


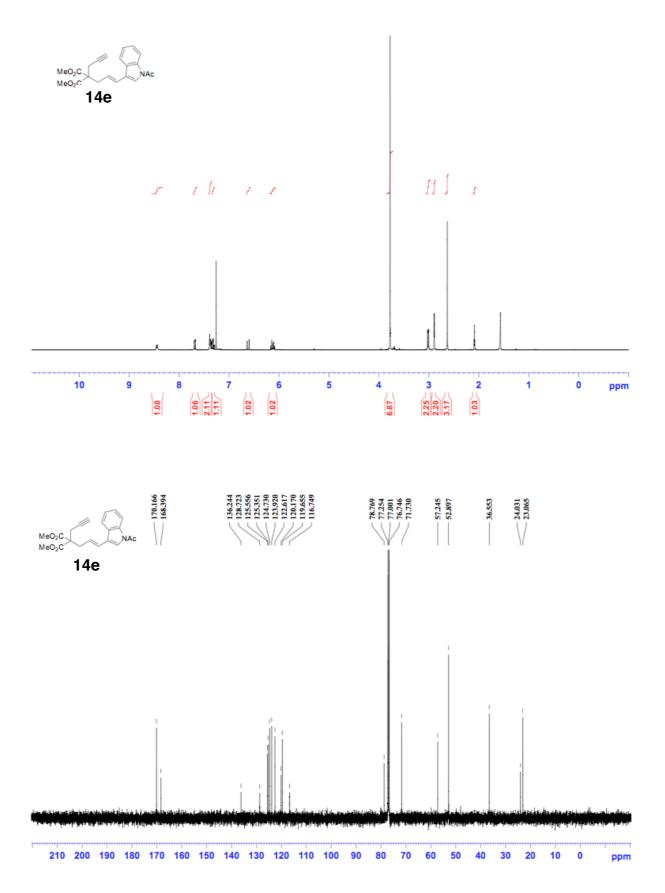


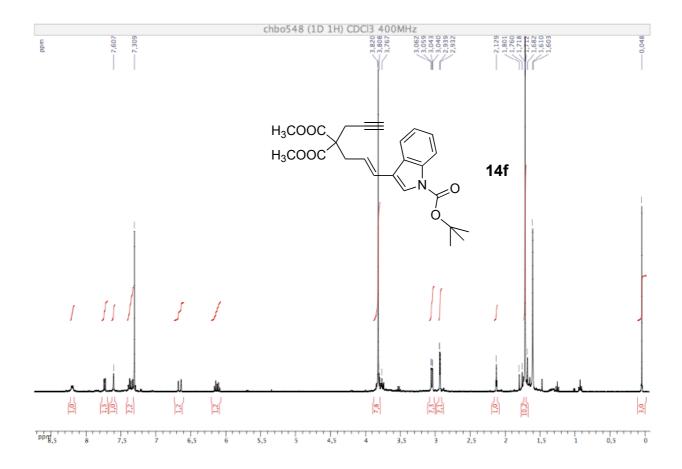
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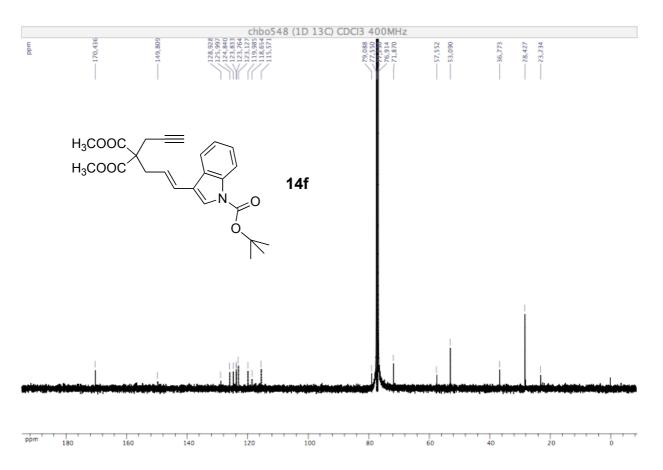




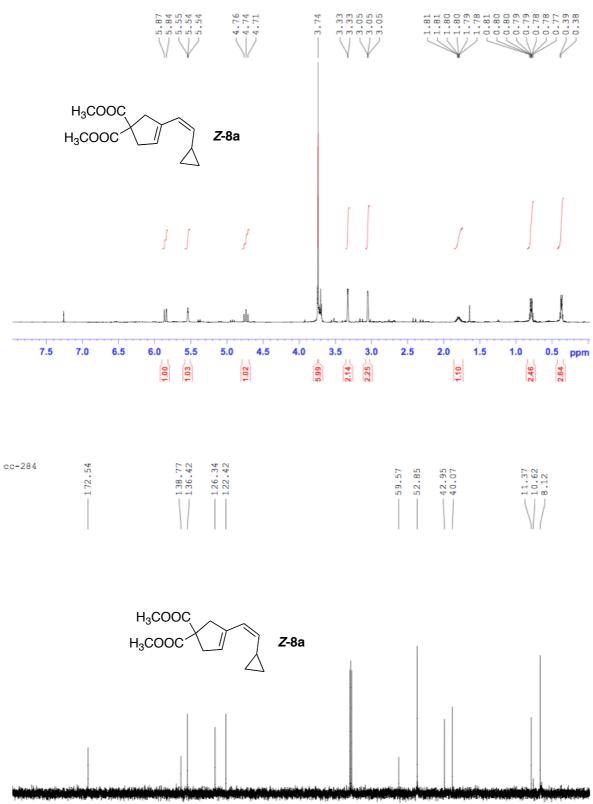








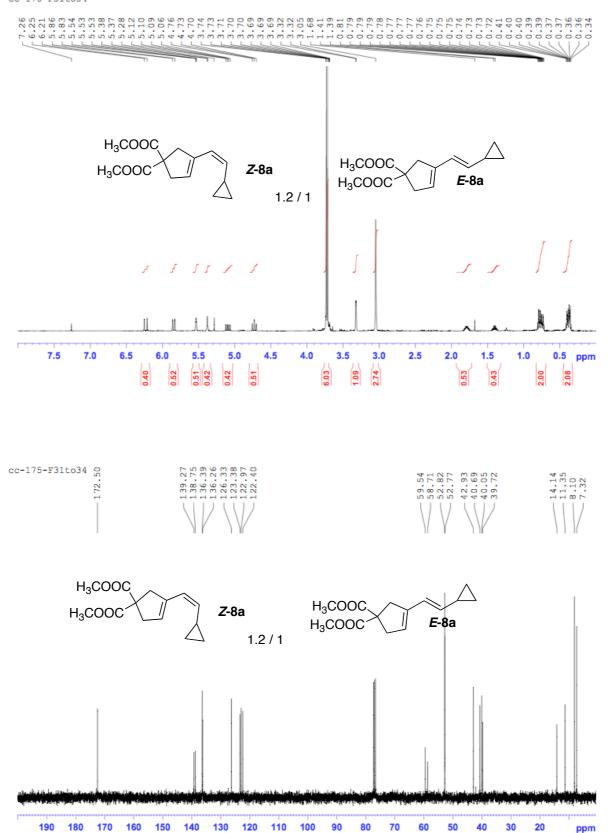


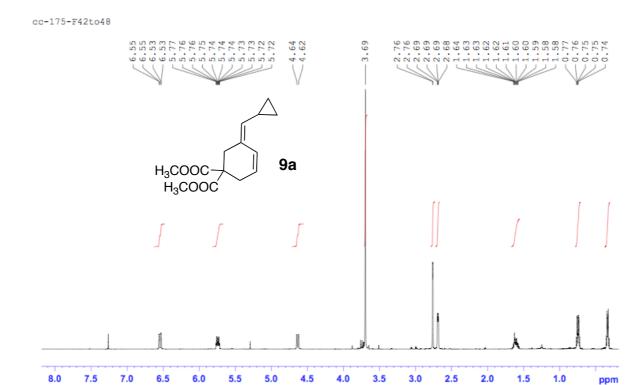


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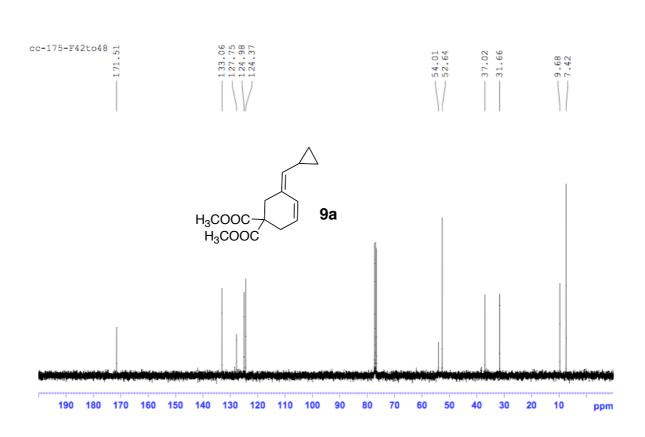
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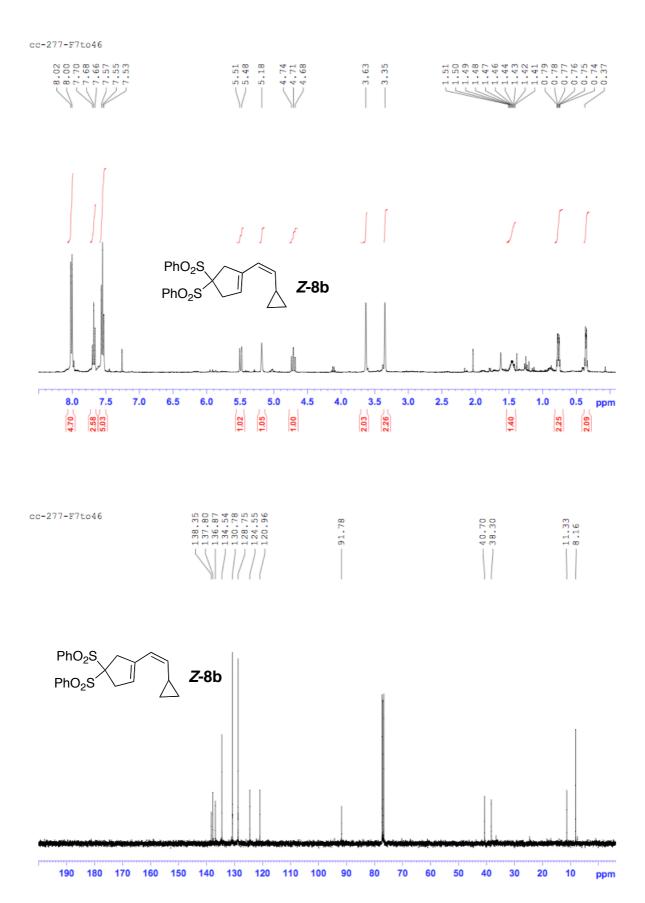
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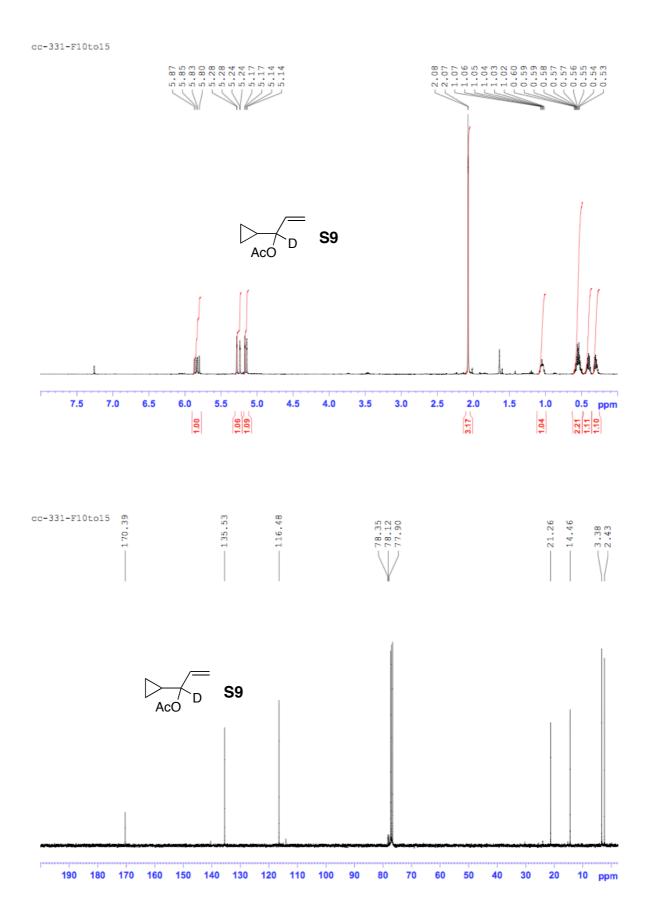
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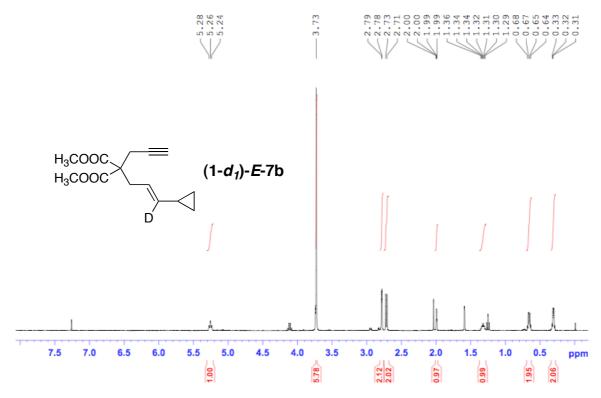
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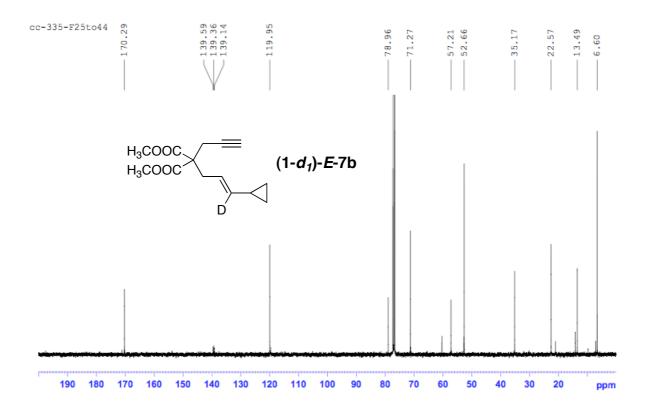
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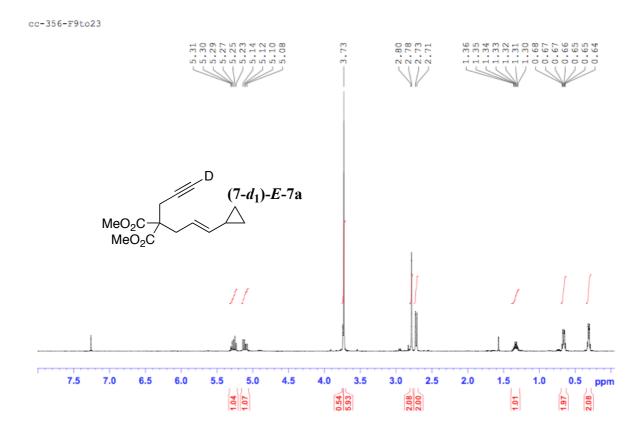


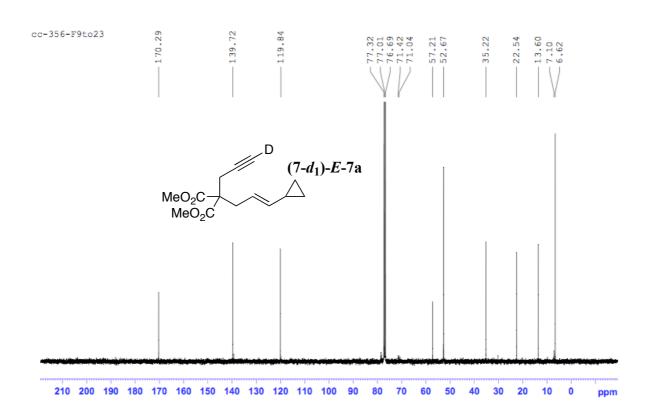




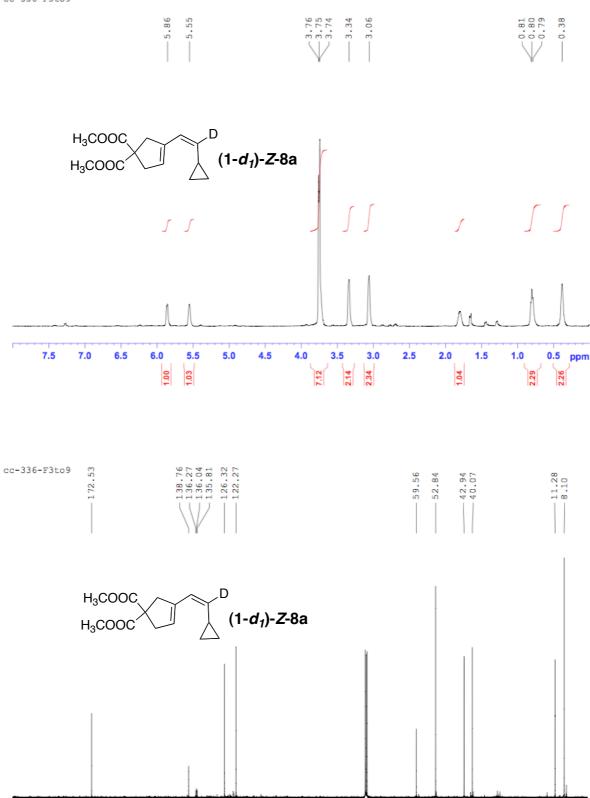












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