## An Efficient and General Approach to β-Functionalized Ketones

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#### Materials and general methods

All solvents were distilled before use. All cyclopropyl alcohols were prepared using the Kulinkovich reaction.<sup>1</sup> All the other compounds were purchased from Aldrich or Acros, and were used without further purification.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 MHz spectrometer. Mass spectra were obtained using a HP 5890 series GC-MS instrument. GC-MS method: initial temp.: 50 °C (hold for 3 min), rate: 15 °C/min, final temp.: 280 °C (hold for 7 min). Column chromatography was performed using 65-250 mesh silica gel.

Yields reported in the supporting information refer to a single experiment. Known compounds were characterized by comparing their <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra to the previously reported data. Their purity was confirmed by NMR analysis with a copy of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum included. Previously unknown compounds were synthesized, purified, analyzed from a single run. They were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, MS, and HRMS. HRMS were performed by the Mass Spectrometry Facility at the University of Notre Dame, IN. For all of the unknown compounds, a copy of their <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra is included.

# Representative procedure for the synthesis of cyclopropanols via the Kulinkovich reaction

In a fume hood, 14 mmol of ethylmagnesium chloride in THF was added dropwise over 30 minutes at room temperature to a solution of 5 mmol of ester and 7 mmol of titanium tetraisopropoxide in THF. The reaction was allowed to stand while stirring overnight. Then the solution was quenched with distilled water and stirred while still in the fume hood. A precipitate was formed and the solution was filtered. After filtration, the solution was extracted with 3 x 30 mL of diethyl ether, washed with distilled water, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> followed by filtration and concentration. The organic residue was subjected to column chromatography to afford the cyclopropanols **1**-**4**.

General procedure for the synthesis of 2-Ethyl-1-phenylcyclopropanol (5)



In a fume hood, 14 mmol of *n*-butylmagnesium chloride in THF was added dropwise over 30 minutes at room temperature to a solution of 5 mmol of ester and 7 mmol of titanium tetraisopropoxide in THF. The reaction was allowed to stand while stirring overnight. Then the solution was quenched with distilled water and stirred while still in the fume hood. A precipitate was formed and the solution was then filtered. After the filtration, the solution was extracted with 3 x 30 mL of diethyl ether, washed with distilled water, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> followed by filtration and concentration. Then the organic residue was subjected to column chromatography to afford compound **5**.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of Bicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-1-ol (8)



To a solution of methyl 6-heptenoate (10 mmol) in 10 mL of THF was added Ti(O*i*-Pr)<sub>4</sub> (10 mmol). *n*-Butylmagnesium chloride (50 mmol, 25 mL of 2.0 M solution in THF) was added at room temperature over a period of 1 h. The reaction mixture was stirred for overnight and quenched with distilled water. A precipitate was formed and the solution was then filtered. After the filtration, the solution was extracted with 3 x 30 mL of diethyl ether, washed with distilled water, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> followed by filtration and concentration. Then the organic residue was subjected to column chromatography to afford compound **8**.

#### General procedure for the preparation of (Bicyclo[4.1.0]hept-1-yloxy)trimethylsilane (10)

To a stirred solution of trimethyl silyl enol ether (5 mmol) in toluene (12 mL) at 0°C was added diethyl zinc (10.2 mL, 1 M, 10.2 mmol) and then diiodomethane (0.82 mL, 10.2 mmol). The white suspension was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 16 hours before the addition of pyridine (1.65 mL, 20.4 mmol). After 25 minutes the reaction mixture was poured onto petroleum ether (100 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with petroleum ether (2x 50 mL). The combined organic extract was washed with brine and dried with anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, followed by filtration and removal of solvent with rotary evaporation. The crude products were purified with column chromatography using silica gel as stationary phase and 9:1 Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O as mobile phase.

#### Representative procedure for the synthesis of β-functionalized ketones using CAN

Organic solvent (MeOH, MeCN, or  $CH_2Cl_2$ ) was added to 1.0 mmol of cyclopropanol (or **10**) in a round bottom flask containing a magnetic stir bar. Next, a solution of 1.0 mmol of the ionic substrate that contains the desired anion was made using water or methanol depending on the reaction conditions needed. This ionic solution was poured into the flask. In a separate reaction vessel, a solution of 2.0 mmol of CAN in an appropriate solvent (MeOH, MeCN, or H<sub>2</sub>O) was prepared. Under nitrogen atmosphere and constant stirring of the cyclopropanol and ionic solution mixture, the CAN solution was added dropwise. The reaction was run for 30 minutes, and was worked up by removing the organic solvent via rotary evaporation. Distilled water (30 mL) was poured into the flask and the solution was extracted with 3 x 30 mL of diethyl

ether, washed with distilled water, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> followed by filtration and concentration. The organic residue was subjected to column chromatography to afford the products. All of the  $\beta$ -substituted ketones are prone to decomposition in neat form, so they are kept in CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solution.

#### Spectral data for the starting materials and products

**1-Phenyl-cyclopropanol**  $(1)^2$ : The representative procedure was followed using methyl benzoate (0.68 g, 5 mmol), titanium tetraisopropoxide (2 g, 7 mmol), and EtMgCl (7 mL of 2 M solution, 14 mmol) employing THF as solvent. The reaction was run overnight at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 0.52 g of compound **1** as a yellow liquid (78%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34-7.30 (m, 5H); 2.29 (s, 1H); 1.25 (m, 2H); 1.03 (m, 2H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**1-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-cyclopropanol** (**2**): The representative procedure was followed using methyl 4-methoxybenzoate (0.83 g, 5 mmol), titanium tetraisopropoxide (2 g, 7 mmol), and EtMgCl (7 mL of 2 M solution, 14 mmol) employing THF as solvent. The reaction was run overnight at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 0.62 g of compound **2** as a yellow liquid (75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.25-6.83 (m, 4H); 3.77 (s, 3H); 2.51 (s, 1H); 1.17 (m, 2H); 0.94 (m, 2H). Registry number: 15973-65-6. A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**1-Cyclohexylcyclopropanol** (**3**)<sup>3</sup>: The representative procedure was followed using methyl cyclohexanecarboxylate (0.71 g, 5 mmol), titanium tetraisopropoxide (2 g, 7 mmol), and EtMgCl (7 mL of 2 M solution, 14 mmol) employing THF as solvent. The

reaction was run overnight at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 0.57 g of compound **3** as a yellow liquid (82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.93 (s, 1H); 1.76-1.11 (m, 11H); 0.65 (m, 2H); 0.40 (m, 2H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**1-Methyl-cyclopropanol** (**4**): The representative procedure was followed using ethyl acetate (0.44 g, 5 mmol), titanium tetraisopropoxide (2 g, 7 mmol), and EtMgCl (7 mL of 2 M solution, 14 mmol) employing THF as solvent. The reaction was run overnight at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 0.23 g of compound **4** as a yellow liquid (63%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 1.82 (s, 1H); 1.21 (s, 3H); 0.62 (m, 2H); 0.41 (m, 2H). Registry number: 29526-99-6. A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**2-Ethyl-1-phenylcyclopropanol** (5)<sup>4</sup>: The representative procedure was followed using methyl benzoate (0.68 g, 5 mmol), titanium tetraisopropoxide (2 g, 7 mmol), and *n*-BuMgCl (7 mL of 2 M solution, 14 mmol) employing THF as solvent. The reaction was run overnight at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 0.57 g of compound **5** as a yellow liquid (70%, diastereomeric mixture). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (*trans* isomer)  $\delta$  7.40–7.20 (m, 5H); 2.56 (bs, 1H); 1.38–1.26 (m, 1H); 1.15–1.03 (m, 1H); 1.05 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 10.2 Hz, 1H); 0.86 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 12.3 Hz, 1H); 0.82–0.72 (m, 4H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity. **Bicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-1-ol** (**8**)<sup>5</sup>: The general procedure was followed using methyl 6-heptenoate (1.42 g, 10 mmol), titanium tetraisopropoxide (2.9 g, 10 mmol), and *n*-BuMgCl (25 mL of 2.0 M solution in THF, 50 mmol) employing THF as solvent. The reaction was run overnight at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 0.81 g of compound **8** as a yellow oil (72%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.18-1.07 (m, 10H); 0.85 (m, 1H); 0.37 (m, 1H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

(Bicyclo[4.1.0]hept-1-yloxy)-trimethylsilane (10)<sup>6</sup>: The general procedure was followed using (cyclohexenyloxy)trimethylsilane (0.85 g, 5 mmol), diethyl zinc (10.2 mL of 1 M solution, 10.2 mmol), diiodomethane (0.82 mL, 10.2 mmol), and pyridine (1.65 mL, 20.4 mmol) with toluene as solvent. The reaction was run for 16 hours at 0 °C with warming to room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/diethyl ether) provided 0.83 g of compound 10 as a yellow oil (69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.14-2.08 (m, 1H); 1.98-1.86 (m, 2H); 1.45-1.34 (m, 2H); 1.20-1.02 (m, 4H); 0.74-0.20 (m, 2H); 0.09 (s, 9H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**3-Azido-1-phenyl-1-propanone**  $(1a)^7$ : The representative procedure was followed using 1 (134 mg, 1 mmol), NaN<sub>3</sub> (65 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O(20%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 135 mg of compound **1a** as a yellow liquid (77%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.98-7.47 (m, 5H);

3.72 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H); 3.23 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**3-Azido-1-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1-propanone**  $(2a)^7$ : The representative procedure was followed using **2** (164 mg, 1 mmol), NaN<sub>3</sub> (65 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O(20%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 170 mg of compound **2a** as a yellow liquid (83%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.92-6.90 (m, 4H); 3.84 (s, 3H); 3.68 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H); 3.14 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**3-Azido-1-cyclohexyl-1-propanone** (**3a**): The representative procedure was followed using **3** (140 mg, 1 mmol), NaN<sub>3</sub> (65 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O(20%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 129 mg of compound **3a** as a yellow liquid (71%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.50 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H); 2.67 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H); 2.32 (m, 1H); 1.81-1.22 (m, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  210.6; 59.9; 50.4; 45.4; 39.9; 38.8; 28.0; 27.8; 25.4. GC-MS: *m/z* (rel int) 181 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1); 126 (8); 111 (16); 83 (100); 55 (91). FAB-HRMS calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ON<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 182.1293, found: 182.1281.

**4-Azido-2-butanone** (**4a**): The representative procedure was followed using **4** (72 mg, 1 mmol), NaN<sub>3</sub> (65 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with  $CH_3CN-H_2O(20\%)$  as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 79 mg of compound **4a** as a yellow liquid

(70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.48 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H); 2.64 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H); 2.01 (s, 3H). Registry number: 193401-62-6. A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**1-Phenyl-3-thiocyanato-1-propanone** (**1b**): The representative procedure was followed using **1** (134 mg, 1 mmol), NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (76 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 166 mg of compound **1b** as a yellow liquid (87%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.96-7.47 (m, 5H); 3.53 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H); 3.31 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H). Registry number: 16006-57-8. A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**1-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-thiocyanato-1-propanone** (**2b**): The representative procedure was followed using **2** (164 mg, 1 mmol), NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (76 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 197 mg of compound **2b** as a yellow liquid (89%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.93-6.89 (m, 4H); 3.85 (s, 3H); 3.46 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H); 3.30 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H). Registry number: 70018-94-9. A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**1-Cyclohexyl-3-thiocyanato-1-propanone** (**3b**): The representative procedure was followed using **3** (140 mg, 1 mmol), NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (76 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 177 mg of compound **3b** 

as a yellow liquid (90%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.12 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H); 2.98 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H); 2.36 (m, 1H); 1.87-1.18 (m, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  209.8; 50.3; 39.4; 30.7; 29.2; 27.8; 27.5; 25.2; 25.0. GC-MS: m/z (rel int) 197 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1); 111 (35); 82 (100); 54 (70). FAB-HRMS calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ONS (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 198.0953, found: 198.0932.

**4-Thiocyanato-2-butanone** (**4b**): The representative procedure was followed using **4** (72 mg, 1 mmol), NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (76 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 110 mg of compound **4b** as a yellow liquid (85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.10 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H); 2.97 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H); 2.16 (s, 3H). Registry number: 57308-66-4. A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**3-Iodo-1-phenyl-1-propanone** (1c)<sup>8</sup>: The representative procedure was followed using 1 (134 mg, 1 mmol), NaI (150 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O(20%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 234 mg of compound 1c as a yellow liquid (90%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.97-7.42 (m, 5H); 3.58 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H); 3.45 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**3-Iodo-1-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1-propanone** (**2c**): The representative procedure was followed using **2** (164 mg, 1 mmol), NaI (150 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with  $CH_3CN-H_2O(20\%)$  as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 248 mg of

compound **2c** as a yellow liquid (92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.90-6.83 (m, 4H); 3.81 (s, 3H); 3.82 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); 3.43 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H). Registry number: 130543-58-7. A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**1-Cyclohexyl-3-iodo-1-propanone** (**3c**)<sup>9</sup>: The representative procedure was followed using **3** (140 mg, 1 mmol), NaI (150 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O(20%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 255 mg of compound **3c** as a yellow liquid (96%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.27 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H); 3.08 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H); 2.30 (m, 1H); 1.84-1.24 (m, 10H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**4-Iodo-2-butanone** (**4c**)<sup>10</sup>: The representative procedure was followed using **4** (72 mg, 1 mmol), NaI (150 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O(20%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 170 mg of compound **4c** as a yellow liquid (86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H); 3.06 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H); 2.16 (s, 3H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**3-Bromo-1-phenyl-1-propanone**  $(1d)^{11}$ : The representative procedure was followed using 1 (134 mg, 1 mmol), KBr (118 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O(50%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 151 mg of compound 1d as a yellow liquid (71%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.95-7.34 (m, 5H);

3.72 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H); 3.56 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**3-Bromo-1-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1-propanone** (**2d**): The representative procedure was followed using **2** (164 mg, 1 mmol), KBr (118 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O(50%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 182 mg of compound **2d** as a yellow liquid (75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.93-6.87 (m, 4H); 3.85 (s, 3H); 3.71 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H); 3.49 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H). Registry number: 33994-11-5. A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**3-Bromo-1-cyclohexyl-1-propanone** (**3d**): The representative procedure was followed using **3** (140 mg, 1 mmol), KBr (118 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O(50%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 201 mg of compound **3d** as a yellow liquid (92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.53 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H); 3.01 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H); 2.31 (m, 1H); 1.84-1.15 (m, 10H). Registry number: 78864-62-7. A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**4-Bromo-2-butanone**  $(4d)^{11}$ : The representative procedure was followed using **4** (72 mg, 1 mmol), KBr (118 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O(50%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 125 mg of compound **4d** as a yellow liquid (83%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.53 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H); 3.04 (t,

J = 6.8 Hz, 2 H); 2.13 (s, 3 H). A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**2-Azidomethyl-1-phenyl-1-butanone** (**6a**): The representative procedure was followed using **5** (162 mg, 1 mmol), NaN<sub>3</sub> (65 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O(20%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. GC analysis suggested 48% yield of **6a** was obtained. Pure product was obtained from silica gel chromatography as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.95-7.44 (m, 5H); 5.65 (m, 1H); 3.42 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 17.4 Hz, 1H); 3.17 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 17.4 Hz, 1H); 2.36-1.05 (m, 2H); 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  201.5; 128.4; 128.0; 127.6; 125.4; 40.3; 37.9; 22.2; 13.5. GC-MS: *m/z* (rel int) 203 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5); 161 (65); 105 (100); 77 (50); 51 (27). FAB-HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ON<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 204.1137, found: 204.1142.

**2-Iodomethyl-1-phenyl-1-butanone** (**6b**): The representative procedure was followed using **5** (162 mg, 1 mmol), NaI (150 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O(20%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 190 mg of compound **6b** as a yellow liquid (66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.94-7.32 (m, 5H); 4.58 (m, 1H); 3.81 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 17.4 Hz, 1H); 3.52 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 17.4 Hz, 1H); 1.83 (m, 1H); 1.27 (m, 1H); 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  202.8; 133.0; 132.1; 128.3; 127.6; 48.7; 29.8; 25.4; 13.8. GC-MS: *m/z* (rel int) 288 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1); 161 (28); 105 (100); 77 (57); 51 (21). FAB-HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OI (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 289.0089, found: 289.0084.

**2-Bromomethyl-1-phenyl-1-butanone** (**6c**): The representative procedure was followed using **5** (162 mg, 1 mmol), KBr (118 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O(50%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 142 mg of compound **6c** as a yellow oil (59%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.96-7.45 (m, 5H); 3.83 (m, 1H); 3.75 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 9.7 Hz, 1H); 3.49 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 9.8 Hz, 1H); 1.85 (m, 1H); 1.39 (m, 1H); 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  201.9; 132.9; 132.4; 128.4; 127.6; 49.5; 31.7; 26.1; 12.7. GC-MS: *m/z* (rel int) 240 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2); 149 (41); 104 (100); 76 (32); 50 (9). FAB-HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OBr (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 241.0228, found: 241.0247.

**3-Azido-cycloheptanone** (**9a**): The representative procedure was followed using **8** (112 mg, 1 mmol), NaN<sub>3</sub> (65 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O(20%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. GC analysis suggested 56% yield of **9a** was obtained. Pure product was obtained from silica gel chromatography as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.23 (m, 1H); 2.88 (m, 2H); 2.53-2.00 (m, 4H); 1.80-1.53 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  207.8; 51.7; 46.3; 43.6; 33.2; 24.1; 23.2. GC-MS: *m/z* (rel int) 153 (M<sup>+</sup>, 12); 111 (76); 83 (25); 54 (100). FAB-HRMS calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ON<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 154.0980, found: 154.0987.

**3-Iodo-cycloheptanone** (**9b**)<sup>9</sup>: The representative procedure was followed using **8** (112 mg, 1 mmol), NaI (150 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O(20%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 162 mg of compound **9b** as a yellow liquid (68%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.49 (m, 1H); 3.24 (dd, J = 2.9,

15.1 Hz, 1H); 3.14 (dd, J = 9.4, 15.0 Hz, 1H); 2.60-1.73 (m, 8H). The isolated yield of compound **9b** was improved to 87% using compound **10** at 0 °C following the same procedure. A copy of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum can be found at the end of this document to confirm the compound's purity.

**3-Bromo-cycloheptanone** (**9c**): The representative procedure was followed using **8** (112 mg, 1 mmol), KBr (118 mg, 1 mmol), and CAN (1.1 g, 2 mmol) with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O(50%) as solvent. The reaction was run for 30 minutes at room temperature. Chromatographic purification (Hexane/ethyl acetate) provided 114 mg of compound **6c** as a yellow oil (60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.40 (m, 1H); 3.15 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 15.1 Hz, 1H); 3.07 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 15.1 Hz, 1H); 2.59-2.40 (m, 2H); 2.23-2.21 (m, 2H); 1.77-1.74 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  204.6; 52.7; 47.1; 43.4; 40.6; 26.8; 23.0. GC-MS: *m/z* (rel int) 190 (M<sup>+</sup>, 10); 111 (60); 83 (28); 54 (100). FAB-HRMS calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>12</sub>OBr (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 191.0072, found: 191.0045.

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