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1. General Information

Unless noted otherwise, all solvents were dried by filtration through a Pure-Solv MD-5 Solvent Purification System (Innovative Technology). Tetrahydrofuran and 1,4-dioxane were then vacuum-distilled freshly over sodium. Reaction temperatures were reported as the temperatures of the bather surrounding the flasks or vials. Sensitive reagents and solvents were transferred under nitrogen into a nitrogen-filled glovebox with standard techniques. Cesium carbonate was purchased from Strem, stored and used directly in the glovebox. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out using 0.2 mm commercial silica gel plates (silica gel 60, F254, EMD chemical). Vials (15 x 45 mm 1 dram (4 mL) with PTFE lined cap attached) were purchased from Qorpak and flame-dried and cooled in a desiccator prior to usage. High resolution mass spectra (HR-MS) were recorded on an Agilent 6530 LC Q-TOF mass spectrometer using electrospray ionization with fragmentation voltage set at 115 V and processed with an Agilent MassHunter Operating System. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 380 FTIR using neat thin film technique. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (1H NMR and 13C NMR) were recorded with a Bruker DMX 400 (400 MHz, 1H at 400 MHz, 13C at 101 MHz) or Bruker Model DMX 500 (500 MHz, 1H at 500 MHz, 13C at 126 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm, δ), downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ =0.00ppm) and were referenced to residual solvent (CDCl3, δ =7.26 ppm (1H) and 77.00 ppm (13C)). All the 19F chemical shifts were not referenced. Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Data for ¹H NMR spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm, referenced to protium, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quin = quintet, dd = doublet of doublets, td = triplet of doublets, ddd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet, coupling constant (Hz), and integration). All other materials were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich, TCI Chemicals or Combi-Blocks and were used as received.

2. Optimization of Pd/NBE-Catalyzed Indenone Synthesis

Table S1 Optimization of Pd/NBE-catalyzed annulation reaction between 3a and 4a



Reaction condition: **3** (0.3 mmol), **4a** or **7** (0.6 mmol), [Pd(allyl)Cl]₂ (0.015 mmol), P(2-furyl)₃ (0.06 mmol), **N1** (0.15 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (1.2 mmol), NMe₄Cl (1.2 mmol), dioxane (2.25 mL) and THF (0.75 mL) in 85 °C, 14 h.

3. Kinetic Monitoring of Reactions of (Z)- and (E)-4aa with 3aa



Figure S1 Reaction profile of annulation reaction with (*E*)- and (*Z*)-**4aa**. Reactions were set up in separate vials and yields were determined by ¹H NMR using tetrachloroethane as internal standard.

The above kinetic studies are inconsistent with *path a*; however they are consistent with both *path b* and *path c*. *Path b* involves a 5-endo-trig cyclization, which was considered as disfavored according to the original Baldwin's rule. Yet, a small number of experimental examples^[1] as well as computational studies^[2] could support the feasibility of such a process. *Path c* involves a Nazarov-type cyclization, followed by β -hydrogen elimination, which cannot be ruled out in the current stage.



Figure S2 Possible reaction pathways.

4. Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data

4.1. Preparation of aryl iodides (3):

Aryl iodides **3a**, **3b**, **3d**, **3m**, **3p**, and **3s** are commercially available from Combi-Blocks or Sigma-Aldrich, and were used without further purification. Aryl iodides 3c,^[3] 3e,^[4] 3f,^[5] 3g,^[6] 3h,^[7] 3i,^[8] 3j,^[9] 3k,^[10] 3l,^[11] 3n,^[9] 3o,^[12] 3q,^[13] and 3r^[14] were known compounds and were synthesized according to the reported procedures.

4.2 Preparation of substituted acrylic anhydrides (4):

Anhydrides 4a,^[15] 4t,^[15] 4u,^[15] 4v,^[15] 4w,^[15] and symmetrical anhydride $4ac'^{[16]}$ were known compounds and synthesized according to the reported procedures. Anhydrides 4x, 4y, 4z, and 4ab were synthesized according to the following procedure:

General procedure for preparation of 4:

$$R_1 \xrightarrow{O}_{R_2} OH + CI \xrightarrow{O}_{O} \xrightarrow{O}_{THF, 0 \ ^\circ C \ to \ rt} R_1 \xrightarrow{O}_{R_2} O \xrightarrow{O}_{O} \xrightarrow{O}_{O}$$

In a round-bottom flask, substituted acrylic acids (10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and trimethylamine (1.40 mL, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were dissolved in 50 mL anhydrous tetrahydrofuran. The mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature. In another round-bottom flask, a 2 M isopropyl choloroformate toluene solution (6.0 mL, 12.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was diluted with 50 mL anhydrous tetrahydrofuran. At 0 °C, the mixture of acrylic acid and triethylamine was added dropwise to the diluted isopropyl choloroformate solution via addition funnel over 40 min. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for additional 1 hour monitored by TLC. When TLC showed full conversion, 10% citric acid (30 mL) was added to the reaction mixture until the system became clear. After extraction with ethyl ether (40 mL×2), the organic layer was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (40 mL) and brine (40 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. The solvents were evaporated under vacuum. The crude products can be directly used in the following Pd/NBE-catalyzed annulation reaction.



4x: Yellow solid (10 mmol scale, 2.66 g, 96%). $R_f = 0.30$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). Melting point: 65-67 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (hept, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 6H), 1.38 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8, 152.4, 149.7, 149.2, 130.5, 121.3, 111.7, 108.9, 73.6, 40.0, 21.5. IR (KBr): 2984, 1790, 1724, 1596, 1528, 1487, 1373, 1244, 1147, 1063 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₁₅H₂₀NO₄ (M+H⁺): 278.1387, found: 278.1390.



4y: White solid (10 mmol scale, 2.59 g, 93%). $R_f = 0.15$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1). Melting point: 62-64 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 5.00 (hept, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 150.4, 148.7, 148.4, 127.9, 125.4, 113.1, 108.5, 106.5, 101.7, 74.0, 21.3. IR (KBr): 2985, 1798, 1731, 1602, 1504, 1450, 1365, 1267,1157, 1070 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₁₄H₁₅O₆ (M+H⁺): 279.0863, found: 279.0870.



4z: Brown oil (10 mmol scale, 2.29 g, 95%). $R_f = 0.20$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (ddd, J = 4.8, 3.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (hept, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 148.6, 140.9, 138.7, 132.4, 130.1, 128.4, 113.9, 74.1, 21.4. **IR** (KBr): 2984, 1797, 1732, 1620, 1515, 1467, 1361, 1269 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₁H₁₃O₄S (M+H⁺): 241.0529, found: 241.0530.



The corresponding acid for synthesizing (E)-4aa was a known compound.^[17]

(*E*)-4aa: White solid (10 mmol scale, 2.86 g, 92%). $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1). Melting point: 69-71 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 5.06 (hept, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6, 149.0, 144.1, 134.4, 133.9, 131.0, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.3, 74.6, 21.5. IR (KBr): 2984, 1797, 1731, 1617, 1493, 1377, 1274, 1195, 1133, 1090, 1032 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₁₉H₁₉O₄ (M+H⁺): 311.1278, found: 311.1280.



The corresponding acid for synthesizing (Z)-4aa was a known compound.^[17]

(Z)-4aa: White solid (2 mmol scale, 0.58 g, 93%). R_f = 0.35 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1). Melting point: 75-77 °C.
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 - 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32 - 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 4.84 (hept, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 148.3, 136.2, 135.5, 134.7, 132.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 126.8, 74.5, 21.3. IR (KBr): 3005, 1803, 1752, 1623, 1496, 1377, 1269, 1203, 1122, 1076, 1032 cm⁻¹.
HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₁₉H₁₉O₄ (M+H⁺): 311.1278, found: 311.1280.

4.3 General Procedure of Pd/NBE-Catalyzed Annulation Reaction



Oven-dried vial A (4 mL) was charged with aryl iodide (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), substituted acrylic anhydride (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (392.4 mg, 1.20 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and NMe₄Cl (130.4 mg, 1.20 mmol, 4.0 equiv). Oven-dried vial B (2 mL) was charged with **N1** (22.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv), allylpalladium(II) chloride dimer (5.1 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and tris(2-furyl)phosphine (13.9 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.20 equiv). After transferred into a nitrogen-filled glovebox, 0.5 mL of degassed 1,4-dioxane was added into vial B and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes until a solution was formed. Degassed 1,4-dioxane (1.75 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (0.75 mL) were added to vial A, and the solution in vial B was transferred to vial A. Vial A was tightly sealed, transferred

out of glovebox and stirred on a pie-block preheated to 85 °C for 14 hours. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through a thin pad of celite. The filter cake was washed with ethyl acetate, and the combined filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product. (Note: Carefully dried reagent, freshly distilled anhydrous solvent and vigorous stirring were important to achieve reproducible yields.)



5a: Yellow oil (0.3 mmol scale, 50.1 mg, 76%). R_f = 0.30 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.3, 166.2, 141.5, 137.2, 136.1, 133.0, 132.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 126.9, 125.8, 120.6, 19.8. IR (KBr): v 3058, 2925, 1703, 1613, 1556, 1443, 1363, 1272, 1249, 1164, 1086 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₁₆H₁₃O (M+H⁺): 221.0961, found: 221.0965.



5b: Yellow oil (0.3 mmol scale, 49.1 mg, 66%). $R_f = 0.30$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.39 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), (hept, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.0, 166.3, 144.6, 139.8, 136.8, 132.2, 132.0, 129.8, 129.0, 128.4, 126.6, 126.4, 120.5, 27.3, 23.4. **IR** (KBr): υ 3059, 2965, 1706, 1611, 1560, 1443, 1385, 1283, 1224, 1173 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₈H₁₇O (M+H⁺): 249.1274, found: 249.1283.



5c: Purple oil (0.3 mmol scale, 40.4 mg, 54%). $R_f = 0.20$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.49 - 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.18 - 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.05 (dt, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.1, 166.2, 148.4, 135.2, 134.9, 130.6, 130.3, 129.4, 127.7, 126.9, 124.6, 123.6, 116.0, 43.8. **IR** (KBr): υ 3056, 2923, 1695, 1502, 1443, 1374, 1295, 1114, 1086, 1025 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₇H₁₆NO (M+H⁺): 250.1226, found: 250.1230.



The reaction was run with cinnamic anhydride **7** (0.6 mmol) instead of **4a** at 95°C without NMe₄Cl in dioxane (3 mL). **5d**: Orange solid (0.3 mmol scale, 53.8 mg, 76%). Melting point: 91-93 °C. $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.9, 165.2, 153.6, 134.9, 134.4, 131.6, 129.6, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 123.8, 119.0, 115.7, 55.5. **IR** (KBr): 3061, 2938, 1699, 1607, 1551, 1476, 1368, 1269, 1128, 1096 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₆H₁₃O₂ (M+H⁺): 237.0910, found: 237.0914.



The reaction was run with cinnamic anhydride **7** (0.6 mmol) instead of **4a** at 95°C without NMe₄Cl in dioxane (3 mL). **5e**: Yellow oil (0.3 mmol scale, 47.3 mg, 63%). $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.6, 164.8, 151.3, 134.9, 134.4, 131.4, 130.1, 129.6, 127.8, 127.6, 124.3, 122.7, 116.9, 94.8, 56.2. **IR** (KBr): 3060, 2905, 1703, 1606, 1483, 1369, 1269, 1154, 1081, 1008 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₇H₁₅O₂ (M+H⁺): 251.1067, found: 251.1073.



The reaction was run with cinnamic anhydride 7 (0.6 mmol) instead of 4a at 95°C without NMe₄Cl in dioxane (3 mL).

5f: Yellow solid (0.3 mmol scale, 56.9 mg, 68%). Melting point: 80-82 °C. $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 1.94 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.4, 170.1, 165.0, 142.4, 135.5, 135.3, 132.4, 130.5, 129.8, 129.5, 128.6, 126.6, 126.4, 122.7, 62.5, 20.6. **IR** (KBr): 3060, 2910, 1738, 1708, 1613, 1561, 1490, 1443, 1363, 1085, 1020 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₈H₁₅O₃ (M+H⁺): 279.1016, found: 279.1015.



The reaction was run with cinnamic anhydride **7** (0.6 mmol) instead of **4a** at 95°C without NMe₄Cl in dioxane (3 mL). **5g**: Yellow solid (0.3 mmol scale, 82.9 mg, 79%). Melting point: 72-74 °C. $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 0.81 (s, 9H), -0.11 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.1, 165.2, 140.0, 136.5, 136.3, 133.0, 131.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.6, 126.5, 125.8, 121.4, 61.3, 25.8, 18.3, -5.6. IR (KBr): 3061, 2929, 1709, 1613, 1471, 1377, 1289, 1270, 1105, 1072, 760 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₂H₂₇O₂Si (M+H⁺): 351.1775, found: 351.1772.



The reaction was run with cinnamic anhydride **7** (0.6 mmol) instead of **4a** at 95°C without NMe₄Cl in dioxane (3 mL). **5h**: Yellow oil (0.3 mmol scale, 52.5 mg, 70%). $R_f = 0.2$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.9, 167.2, 161.0, 136.1, 134.7, 134.4, 133.5, 129.1, 128.4, 126.8, 124.5, 119.3, 108.6, 55.7, 20.0. **IR** (KBr): 3051, 2925, 1698, 1595, 1465, 1438, 1367, 1264, 1083, 1012 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₇H₁₅O₂ (M+H⁺): 251.1067, found: 251.1070.



5i: Orange oil (0.3 mmol scale, 65.8 mg, 79%). R_f = 0.25 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 1.96 (s, 4H), 1.57 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.3, 166.2, 150.9, 139.8, 135.9, 132.8, 132.7, 132.6, 129.2, 128.5, 126.8, 125.7, 117.6, 72.4, 31.5, 19.9. **IR** (KBr): v 3058, 2974, 1704, 1621, 1556, 1444, 1399, 1270, 1203, 1029 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₉H₁₉O₂ (M+H⁺): 279.1380, found: 279.1365.



5j: (CAS: 1808175-82-7) Red oil (0.3 mmol scale, 80.5 mg, 88%). $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 3.92 – 3.78 (m, 4H), 3.26 – 3.16 (m, 4H), 1.91 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.5, 167.6, 152.2, 136.2, 134.5, 134.0, 131.7, 129.1, 128.4, 126.8, 123.8, 119.5, 109.8, 66.6, 48.6, 20.2. Both the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR match the literature reported data.²



5k: Purple oil (0.3 mmol scale, 61.8 mg, 78%). R_f = 0.20 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.39 (m, 5H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 3.00 (s, 6H), 1.89 (s, 3H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 168.6, 151.4, 136.7, 134.9, 134.1, 128.9, 128.3, 128.3, 126.8, 122.5, 115.7, 107.4, 40.5, 20.3. **IR** (KBr): v 3056, 2925, 1707, 1637, 1498, 1373, 1270, 1176, 1108, 760 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₈H₁₈NO (M+H⁺): 264.1383, found: 264.1385.



5I: Orange oil (0.3 mmol scale, 76.4 mg, 76%). R_f = 0.35 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7, 166.8, 152.4, 139.5, 135.9, 135.4, 134.0, 133.8, 129.1, 128.4, 126.8, 124.8, 124.3, 112.3, 81.0, 28.2, 20.0. **IR** (KBr): 3059, 2929, 1731, 1705, 1621, 1535, 1478, 1368, 1270, 1154 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₁H₂₂NO₃ (M+H⁺): 336.1594, found: 336.1591.



The reaction was run with cinnamic anhydride **7** (0.6 mmol) instead of **4a** at 95°C without NMe₄Cl in dioxane (3 mL). **5m**: Yellow oil (0.3 mmol scale, 54.2 mg, 65%). $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 5.93 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.7, 166.0, 165.3, 145.5, 139.0, 135.3, 133.0, 132.5, 131.1, 129.4, 128.6, 127.8, 126.9, 121.0, 52.3, 19.7. **IR** (KBr): 3054, 2952, 1722, 1619, 1592, 1435, 1390, 1293, 1213, 1105 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₈H₁₅O₃ (M+H⁺): 279.1016, found: 279.1019.



The reaction was run with cinnamic anhydride **7** (0.6 mmol) instead of **4a** at 95°C without NMe₄Cl in dioxane (3 mL). **5n**: Orange oil (0.3 mmol scale, 72.8 mg, 79%). $R_f = 0.15$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.37(m, 5H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 168.5, 165.5, 143.3, 137.6, 135.4, 135.0, 132.8, 131.8, 129.3, 128.5, 127.0, 126.8, 120.0, 61.1, 33.5, 19.7. **IR** (KBr): 3058, 2934, 1708, 1644, 1445, 1385, 1291, 1269, 1181, 1035, 760 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₉H₁₈NO₃ (M+H⁺): 308.1281, found: 308.1288.



50: Yellow oil (0.3 mmol scale, 59.2 mg, 79%). R_f = 0.2 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 3H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 164.3, 163.3, 143.2, 136.2, 129.0, 128.4, 127.8, 127.0, 124.8, 124.3, 121.9, 107.6, 55.9, 12.5. **IR** (KBr): 3059, 2925, 1698, 1594, 1437, 1366, 1264, 1223, 1083, 1011 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₇H₁₅O₂ (M+H⁺): 251.1067, found: 251.1070.



The reaction was run with cinnamic anhydride **7** (0.6 mmol) instead of **4a** at 95°C without NMe₄Cl in dioxane (3 mL). **5p**: Yellow solid (0.3 mmol scale, 68.4 mg, 82%). Melting point: 106-108 °C. $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.9, 167.8, 166.5, 142.6, 137.5, 135.9, 1345, 133.6, 132.0, 129.4, 128.6, 126.8, 126.7, 119.7, 52.2, 17.9. **IR** (KBr): 3062, 2950, 1707, 1602, 1489, 1442, 1353, 1287, 1208, 1119, 1086 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₈H₁₅O₃ (M+H⁺): 279.1016, found: 279.1020.



The reaction was run with cinnamic anhydride **7** (0.6 mmol) instead of **4a** at 95°C without NMe₄Cl in dioxane (3 mL). **5q**: Yellow solid (0.3 mmol scale, 63.1 mg, 84%). Melting point: 122-124 °C. $R_f = 0.2$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.5, 163.2, 155.1, 143.2, 139.3, 136.1, 128.8, 128.4, 126.9, 126.5, 125.9, 116.4, 115.0, 55.9, 19.0. **IR** (KBr): 3061, 2938, 1695, 1607, 1486, 1443, 1228, 1211,1174, 1051 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₇H₁₅O₂ (M+H⁺): 251.1067, found: 251.1072.



The reaction was run with cinnamic anhydride **7** (0.6 mmol) instead of **4a** at 95°C without NMe₄Cl in dioxane (3 mL). **5r**: Orange solid (0.3 mmol scale, 51.9 mg, 65%). Melting point: 134-136 °C. $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 6.98 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.0, 162.3, 151.5, 148.3, 134.9, 130.6, 129.2, 127.8, 127.5, 124.9, 122.1, 118.1, 117.0, 56.3. **IR** (KBr): 3053, 2937, 1694, 1587, 1491, 1289, 1270, 1176, 1057, 743 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₇H₁₅O₃ (M+H⁺): 267.1016, found: 267.1025.



5s: (CAS: 885263-46-7) Red solid (0.3 mmol scale, 60.6 mg, 76%). Melting point: 146-148 °C. $R_f = 0.3$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.5, 166.3, 163.1, 154.6, 136.0, 134.9, 129.7, 127.8, 127.6, 122.1, 121.0, 103.1, 102.6, 55.8, 55.4. Both the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR match the literature reported data³.



The reaction was run at 85°C for 3 hours.

5t: Orange oil (0.3 mmol scale, 44.7 mg, 58%). R_f = 0.30 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.94 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.88 – 3.80 (m, 4H), 3.22 – 3.15 (m, 4H), 2.68 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 172.4, 152.0, 134.7, 132.8, 132.4, 120.2, 119.8, 109.1, 66.6, 48.7, 25.4, 20.1, 11.6. **IR** (KBr): 3058, 2920, 1708, 1609, 1488, 1352, 1291, 1269, 1181, 1035, 763 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₆H₂₀NO₂ (M+H⁺): 258.1489, found: 258.1494.



5u: Red oil (0.3 mmol scale, 87.5 mg, 87%). $R_f = 0.20$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.85 – 3.81 (m, 4H), 3.23 – 3.15 (m, 4H), 1.98 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.3, 167.7, 160.5, 152.2, 134.9, 133.9, 131.7, 128.5, 128.3, 123.3, 119.5, 113.8, 109.7, 66.6, 55.3, 48.6, 20.5. IR (KBr): 3057, 2931, 1715, 1602, 1510, 1376, 1269, 1244, 1175, 1121, 1029 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₁H₂₂NO₃ (M+H⁺): 336.1594, found: 336.1600.



5v: Red oil (0.3 mmol scale, 93.1 mg, 81%). $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 3.90 – 3.78 (m, 4H), 3.26 – 3.12 (m, 4H), 1.91 (s, 3H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.1, 166.2, 152.3, 135.1, 134.4, 133.9, 131.6, 131.2, 128.5, 124.0, 123.2, 119.4, 109.9, 66.5, 48.5, 20.3. **IR** (KBr): 3056, 2962, 1764, 1699, 1483, 1382, 1360, 1257, 1216, 1176, 1070 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₀H₁₉BrNO₂ (M+H⁺): 384.0594, found: 384.0597.



5w: Red oil (0.3 mmol scale, 75.0 mg, 67%). $R_f = 0.30$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 3.87-3.84 (m, 4H), 3.25-3.21 (m, 4H), 1.90 (s, 3H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.9, 165.6, 152.4, 140.1, 134.9, 133.9, 131.2, 131.1 (q, J = 32.3 Hz), 127.3, 125.5 (q, J = 3.3 Hz), 124.4, 123.8 (q, J = 273.4 Hz), 119.4, 110.0, 66.6, 48.5, 20.2. ¹⁹**F** NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.69. **IR** (KBr): 3060, 2981, 1702, 1618, 1482, 1450, 1327, 1269, 1167, 1124, 1067 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₁H₁₉F₃NO₂ (M+H⁺): 374.1362, found: 374.1367.



5x: Red oil (0.3 mmol scale, 88.7 mg, 85%). $R_f = 0.20$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:1). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.43 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.88 – 3.81 (m, 4H), 3.24 – 3.17 (m, 4H), 3.06 – 2.99 (m, 6H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.2, 168.8, 152.0, 151.3, 135.8, 133.9, 131.8, 128.6, 123.1, 122.2, 119.5, 111.3, 109.44, 66.7, 48.7, 40.2, 20.9. **IR** (KBr): 3057, 1961, 1689, 1603, 1509, 1448, 1360, 1303, 1260, 1168, 1094 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₂H₂₅N₂O₂ (M+H⁺): 349.1911, found: 349.1918.



5y: Red oil (0.3 mmol scale, 84.8 mg, 81%). $R_f = 0.15$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:1). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.01 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.85 (m, 3H), 6.41 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.96 – 3.59 (m, 4H), 3.21 – 3.18 (m, 4H), 2.00 (s, 3H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.2, 167.4, 152.2, 148.5, 147.7, 134.8, 133.9, 131.5, 129.8, 123.5, 120.8, 119.5, 109.7, 108.3, 107.5, 101.36, 66.6, 48.6, 20.4. **IR** (KBr): 3043, 2947, 1695, 1615, 1484, 1445, 1382, 1289, 1269, 1243, 1122, 1038 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₁H₂₀NO₄ (M+H⁺): 350.1387, found: 350.1394.



The reaction was run at 85°C for 4 hours.

5z: Purple oil (0.3 mmol scale, 62.5 mg, 67%). R_f = 0.30 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 3.81 – 3.74 (m, 4H), 3.17-3.11 (m, 4H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.3, 160.0, 152.2, 136.8, 134.8, 134.1, 130.9, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 124.8, 119.6, 109.7, 66.6, 48.5, 20.7. **IR** (KBr): 3074, 2961, 1761, 1615, 1548, 1422, 1381, 1359, 1290, 1178, 1087, 1014 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₈H₁₈NO₂S (M+H⁺): 312.1053, found: 312.1060.



5aa: Purple solid (0.3 mmol scale, 90.3 mg, 79%). Melting point: 201-203 °C. R_f = 0.25 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 – 3.76 (m, 4H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.9 Hz, 4H), 1.76 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.9, 159.7, 151.9, 136.2, 134.0, 132.9, 132.4, 131.9, 131.0, 129.6, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 127.0, 120.4, 110.0, 66.6, 48.7, 19.8. **IR** (KBr): 3056, 2985, 1699, 1617, 1432, 1387, 1279, 1258, 1122, 1017 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₆H₂₄NO₂ (M+H⁺): 382.1802, found: 382.1808.



5ab: (CAS: 1198193-82-6) Purple solid (0.3 mmol scale, 84.1 mg, 80%). Melting point: 187-189 °C. $R_f = 0.15$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.14– 7.06 (m, 3H), 7.04 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 162.7, 158.3, 154.9, 134.8, 134.2, 131.1, 130.9, 129.9, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 127.0, 122.4, 103.9, 102.7, 55.9, 55.6. **IR** (KBr): 3055, 2938, 1702, 1615, 1486, 1423, 1348, 1269, 1223, 1103, 1057 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₃H₁₉O₃ (M+H⁺): 343.1329, found: 343.1334. Both the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR match the literature reported data⁴.



The reaction was run at 85°C for 2 hours with 4ac' (0.6 mmol) instead of 4ac.

5ac: Purple solid (0.3 mmol scale, 39.4 mg, 43%). Melting point: 121-123 °C. R_f = 0.25 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, br, 1H), 3.88 – 3.82 (m, 4H), 3.23 – 3.17 (m, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.5, 152.1, 142.6, 133.8, 133.1, 132.4, 132.3, 132.0, 128.5, 127.8, 126.8, 119.1, 110.3, 66.6, 49.0, 17.4. **IR** (KBr): 3054, 2960, 1703, 1618, 1595, 1481, 1379, 1260, 1153, 1122, 1028 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₀H₂₀NO₂(M+H⁺): 306.1489, found: 306.1092.



Oven-dried vial A (4 mL) was charged with **3** (51.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **7** (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Cs_2CO_3 (392.4 mg, 1.20 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and CsI (39.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv). Oven-dried vial B (2 mL) was charged with **N1**

(22.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv), allylpalladium(II) chloride dimer (5.1 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and DPEPhos (16.2 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv). After transferred into a nitrogen-filled glovebox, 0.5 mL of degassed 1,4-dioxane was added into vial B and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes until a solution was formed. Degassed 1,4-dioxane (1.75 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (0.75 mL) were added to vial A, and the solution in vial B was transferred to vial A. Vial A was tightly sealed, transferred out of glovebox and stirred on a pie-block preheated to 130 °C for 14 hours. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through a thin pad of celite. The filter cake was washed with ethyl acetate, and the combined filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product **5a** as a yellow oil (0.3 mmol scale, 27.7 mg, 42%).



Oven-dried vial A (4 mL) was charged with **3ad** (0.3 mmol, 73.8 mg, 1.5 equiv), **7** (0.20 mmol, 55.6 mg, 1.0 equiv), and Cs_2CO_3 (262 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv). Oven-dried vial B (2 mL) was charged with **N2** (38.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), allylpalladium(II) chloride dimer (3.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and tris(2-furyl)phosphine (9.4 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.20 equiv). After transferred into a nitrogen-filled glovebox, 0.5 mL of degassed 1,4-dioxane was added into vial B and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes until a solution was formed. Degassed 1,4-dioxane (0.5 mL) and toluene (1.0 mL) were added to vial A, and the solution in vial B was transferred to vial A. Vial A was tightly sealed, transferred out of glovebox and stirred on a pie-block preheated to 95 °C for 14 hours. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through a thin pad of celite. The filter cake was washed with ethyl acetate, and the combined filtrate was concentrated. The residue was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product.



5ad: Yellow oil (0.2 mmol scale, 27.8 mg, 56%). $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). δ 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 2.94 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 196.9,162.5, 154.8, 144.4, 133.2, 130.3, 130.2, 128.9, 127.4, 126.6, 123.5, 122.9, 120.5, 34.7, 23.7. **IR** (KBr): 2962, 1766, 1703, 1604, 1565, 1491, 1366, 1318, 1268, 1210, 1098, 1028 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₈H₁₇O (M+H⁺): 249.1274, found: 249.1278.

4.4 Formal total synthesis of pauciflorol F



Following a known procedure:^[18] 4-methoxybenzenacetic acid (8.1 g, 50 mmol), **8** (8.1 g, 50 mmol) and triethylamine (5.1 g, 50 mmol) in acetic anhydride (10.2 g, 100 mmol) were added to a round-bottom flask and heated to 110 °C for 6 hours. Aqueous 6% HCl (70 mL) was added to the cooled reaction mixture. The precipitate was filtered, washed with cold water and dissolved in 2% NaOH (120 mL). The aqueous solution was washed with benzene (100 mL) and then acidified to pH ~5. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with cold water to afford crude product. Further recrystallization with ethanol could afford **9** as a white solid (12.9 g, 82%).



9: (CAS: 959961-16-1) White solid (12.7 g, 82%). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.29 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 6H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 169.2, 160.4, 159.2, 138.9, 136.96, 134.3, 131.2, 129.0, 114.3, 108.6, 101.6, 55.5, 55.3. Both the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR match the literature reported data⁶.



In a round-bottom flask, **9** (5.0 mmol, 1.57 g, 1.0 equiv) and trimethylamine (0.70 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were dissolved in 30 mL anhydrous tetrahydrofuran. The mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature. In another round-bottom flask, a 2 M isopropyl choloroformate toluene solution (3.0 mL, 6.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was diluted with 30 mL anhydrous tetrahydrofuran. At 0 $^{\circ}$ C, the solution of **9** and triethylamine was added dropwise to the diluted

isopropyl choloroformate solution via addition funnel over 40 min. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for additional 1 hour monitored by TLC. When TLC shows full conversion, 10% citric acid (15 mL) was added to the reaction mixture until the system became clear. After extraction with ethyl ether (30 mL×2), the organic layer was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. The solvents were evaporated under vacuum to give the crude product **10** as a white solid (1.96 g, 98%), which can be directly used in the subsequent annulation reaction.



10: White solid (1.96 g, 98%). Melting point: 95-97 °C. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.29 (s, 2H), 5.04 (hept, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 6H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2, 160.4, 159.2, 138.9, 136.96, 134.3, 131.2, 129.0, 114.3, 108.6, 101.6, 55.5, 55.3. **IR** (KBr):2988, 1773,1709, 1598, 1513, 1426, 1291, 1205, 1156, 1092, 1064 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₂H₂₅O₇ (M+H⁺): 401.1595, found: 401.1604.



The reaction was run following the general Pd/NBE-catalyzed annulation procedure (0.3 mmol scale).



11: (CAS: 885263-37-6) Red solid (0.3 mmol scale, 106.3 mg, 82%). Melting point: 154-156 °C. $R_f = 0.15$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H

3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.5, 162.4, 160.1, 158.6, 156.5, 154.6, 136.9, 134.0, 130.9, 130.5, 123.5, 122.6, 113.4, 106.5, 104.0, 102.7, 100.9, 55.8, 55.7, 55.3, 55.1. **IR** (KBr): 2956, 1703, 1608, 1516, 1468, 1423, 1307, 1269, 1115, 1061 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₆H₂₅O₆ (M+H⁺):433.1646, found: 433.1650. Both the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR match the literature reported data.

4.5 Total synthesis of acredinone A

4.5.1 Preparation of 14



14a (CAS: 959961-16-1) was a known compound and prepared according to literature.^[19] White solid (60 mmol scale, 5.96 g, 72%). $R_f = 0.15$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.77 – 6.60 (m, 3H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.8, 148.9, 128.0, 118.0, 112.7, 111.6, 56.1, 16.1. Both the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR match the literature reported data^[19].



14b (CAS: 13523-07-4) was a known compound and prepared according to literature.^[20] Off-white solid (35 mmol scale, 6.3 g, 83%). $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, J =

0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 145.8, 128.0, 117.9, 113.3, 105.8, 55.9, 16.0. Both the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR match the literature reported data^[20].



Following a known procedure:^[21] diisopropylethylamine (6.7 mL, 40 mmol) was added to a solution of **14b** (4.34 g, 20 mmol) in 100 mL dichloromethane; then, MOMCl (2.28 mL, 30 mmol) in 30 mL dichloromethane was added dropwise at 0 °C via addition funnel. The mixture was further stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, diluted with dichloromethane (200 mL), and successively washed with water (50 mL), saturated NaHCO₃ (50 mL), and brine. Combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ethyl acetate (20:1) to afford **14c** (4.76 g, 91%) as an off-white solid.



14c: Off-white solid (20 mmol scale, 4.76 g, 91%). Melting point: 36-38°C. $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.97 (s, 2H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2, 147.2, 126.8, 119.6, 114.6, 109.6, 95.9, 56.2, 55.7, 16.1. **IR** (KBr): 2952, 1497, 1440, 1369, 1270, 1203, 1152, 1085, 1013, 786 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₀H₁₄BrO₃ (M+H⁺): 261.0121, found: 261.0126.



Following a known procedure:^[21] *tert*-butyl lithium (1.7 M in hexanes, 19.4 mL, 33 mmol) was added to **14c** (3.92 g, 15 mmol) in 100 mL ether at -78 °C under nitrogen. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h and a solution of I_2 (5.94 g, 23.4 mmol) in 50 mL diethyl ether was added via cannula. After warmed to room temperature and stirred for 12

hours, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (50 mL). The organic layer was washed successively with saturated aqueous $Na_2S_2O_3$ (50 mL), water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified via flash column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ethyl acetate (20:1) to afford **14** as an off-white solid (5.38 g, 97%).



14: Off-white solid (18 mmol scale, 5.38 g, 97%). Melting point: 42-44 °C. $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.5, 149.9, 128.0, 120.4, 118.1, 95.8, 83.1, 56.3, 55.8, 16.3. IR (KBr): 2952, 1493, 1439, 1365, 1269, 1202, 1151, 1084, 1012, 765 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₁₀H₁₄IO₃(M+H⁺): 308.9982, found: 308.9987.

4.5.2 Preparation of 16



Following a known procedure:^[22] 4-methoxy-3-methylbenzaldehyde (3.01 g, 20 mmol), *N*-bromosuccinimide (4.63 g, 26 mmol), AuCl₃ (60 mg, 1 mmol%) were dissolved in dichloroethane (30 mL) in a 40 mL vial. The reaction was stirred at 60 °C for 6 hours. The solution was then concentrated under vacuum, and the reside was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ethyl acetate (40:1) to afford product **16a** as a yellow oil (3.48 g, 76%).



16a (CAS: 808750-22-3) Yellow oil (20 mmol scale, 3.48 g, 76%). $R_f = 0.30$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 1.2Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.9, 160.4, 134.2, 133.3, 132.6, 131.6, 118.2, 60.2, 16.6. Both the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR match the literature reported data.^[23]



16b (CAS: 808750-22-3) was a known compound and prepared according to literature.^[19] White solid (20 mmol scale, 2.95 g, 68%). $R_f = 0.15$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.79 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 149.0, 133.7, 117.5, 117.1, 117.1, 60.4, 16.7. Both the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR match the literature reported data.^[23]



16c was prepared following the same procedure as **14c** according to literature.^[21] Yellow oil (15 mmol scale, 3.36 g, 86%). $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4, 150.2, 133.5, 118.5, 118.1, 117.1, 94.8, 60.2, 56.0, 16.8. **IR** (KBr): 2954, 1478, 1401, 1254, 1227, 1154, 1084, 1023, 765 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₀H₁₄BrO₃ (M+H⁺): 261.0121, found: 261.0124.



16 was prepared following the same procedure as **14** according to literature.^[21] Yellow oil (10 mmol scale, 2.96 g, 96%). $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.7, 152.9, 132.3, 124.3, 119.3, 94.8, 91.5, 60.3, 56.0, 17.3. **IR** (KBr): 2952, 1473, 1421, 1398, 1279, 1218, 1152, 1115, 1081, 1022, 768 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₀H₁₄IO₃ (M+H⁺): 308.9982, found: 308.9985.

4.5.3 Preparation of indenone 12



Oven-dried 40 mL vial A was charged with **14** (3.6 mmol, 1.11 g, 1.0 equiv), $15^{[24]}$ (4.3 mmol, 1.72 g, 1.2 equiv), and Cs₂CO₃ (4.69 g, 14.4 mmol, 4.0 equiv). Oven-dried 20 mL vial B was charged with **N1** (272 mg, 1.8 mmol, 0.5 equiv), allylpalladium(II) chloride dimer (64 mg, 0.18 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and tris(2-furyl)phosphine (167.1mg, 0.72 mmol, 0.20 equiv). After transferred into a nitrogen-filled glovebox, 8 mL of degassed toluene was added into vial B and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes until a solution was formed. Degassed toluene (24 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (4 mL) were added to vial A, and the solution in vial B was transferred to vial A. Vial A was tightly sealed, transferred out of glovebox and stirred on a pie-block preheated to 95 °C for 14 hours. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through a thin pad of celite. The filter cake was washed with ethyl acetate, and the combined filtrate was concentrated. The residue was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/ethyl acetate (5:1) to give the desired product **19** as an orange oil (0.93 g, 70%).



19: Orange oil (3.6 mmol scale, 0.93 g, 70%). $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 6H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.4, 157.6, 155.2, 151.6, 146.8, 135.9, 131.5, 129.8, 126.4, 125.8, 121.3, 113.5, 103.5, 95.8, 61.5, 55.9, 55.8, 16.3. **IR** (KBr): 3043, 2937, 1693, 1615, 1587, 1473, 1396, 1288, 1251, 1153, 1104, 1065, 1019 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₁H₂₃O₆ (M+H⁺): 371.1487, found: 371.1490.



Under a nitrogen atmosphere, **19** (0.74 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissoloved in 30 mL chloroform and then cooled to -45 °C. *N*-Bromosuccinimide (0.36 mg, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was subsequently added in one portion. After stirring at -45 °C for 16 hours, the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with dichloromethane (30 mL×2), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was further purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/ethyl acetate (10:1) to afford **12** as an orange solid (0.75 g, 83%).



12: Orange solid (2 mmol scale, 0.74 g, 83%). Melting point: 127-129 °C. R_f = 0.25 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H
NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H),
4.02 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.5, 156.3, 151.4, 151.3, 145.2,
134.6, 129.5, 129.5, 125.5, 119.3, 118.2, 110.9, 102.6, 94.6, 60.7, 55.0, 54.8, 15.4. IR (KBr): 2988, 1708, 1614, 1568,

1431, 1303, 1269, 1152, 1111, 1021 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₁H₂₂BrO₆ (M+H⁺): 449.0594, found: 449.0603.

4.5.4 Preparation of 13b



An oven-dried 40 mL vial was charged with bis(dibenzylideneacetone)palladium(0) (188 mg, 0.33 mmol, 0.10 equiv) tris(2-furyl)phosphine (153 mg, 0.66 mmol, 0.20 equiv), **N1** (248 mg, 1.65 mmol, 0.5 equiv), **16** (3.3 mmol, 1.02 g, 1.0 equiv), **17** ^[25] (4.0 mmol, 1.38 g, 1.2 equiv), bis(pinacolato)diboron (3.47 mmol, 0.89 g, 1.05 equiv), Cs_2CO_3 (4.30 g, 13.2 mmol, 4.0 equiv). After transferred into a nitrogen-filled glovebox, 26 mL of degassed 1.4-dioxane and 6.5 mL toluene were added to the vial. Then, the vial was tightly sealed, transferred out of glovebox and stirred on a pieblock preheated to 120 °C for 24 hours. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through a thin pad of celite. The filter cake was washed with ethyl acetate, and the combined filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with dichlorometane/ethyl acetate/toluene (30:1:1) to give the desired product **13a** as an off-white solid (1.05 g, 67%).



13a: Off-white solid (3.3 mmol scale, 1.05 g, 67%). Melting point: 102-104 °C. $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:2). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 6H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.39(s, 12H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.4, 157.2, 156.4, 154.0, 138.6 130.0, 129.7, 121.7, 119.1, 104.1, 94.7, 83.4, 61.8, 56.0, 55.6, 25.2, 16.5. **IR** (KBr): 2973, 1642, 1594, 1473, 1377, 1295, 1269, 1146, 1112 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₂₅H₃₄BO₈ (M+H⁺): 473.2341, found: 473.2352.



Following a known procedure:^[26] At 0 °C, aqueous potassium hydrogen difluoride solution (6 mL, 3.3 M, 20 mmol) was added to a methanol solution (14 mL) of **13a** (2.0 mmol, 0.94 g, 1.0 equiv) in a plastic beaker. Then, the resulting white slurry was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum and dissolved in hot acetone (40 mL), filtered and concentrated under vacuum to afford the crude product. The crude product was further purified by recrystallization from a minimal amount of hot acetone (2 mL) and hot diethyl ether (20 mL) to afford the potassium trifluoroborate salt **13b** as a yellow solid (0.75 g, 83%).



13b: Yellow solid (2.0 mmol scale, 0.75 g, 83%). Melting point: 124-126 °C. ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 7.56 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 193.4, 157.2, 156.4, 154.0, 138.6 130.0, 129.7, 121.7, 119.1, 104.1, 94.7, 83.4, 61.8, 56.0, 55.6, 25.2, 16.5. δ 202.3, 1581, 155.3, 154.0, 146.4, 134.4, 127.0, 118.1, 112.5, 104.7, 94.7, 57.3 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 56.7, 56.3, 18.8. ¹⁹**F** NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ -144.4. **IR** (KBr): 2945, 1673, 1601, 1476, 1410, 1301, 1282, 1252, 1154, 1024 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₁₉H₂₂BF₃KO₆ (M+H⁺): 453.1093, found: 453.1099.

4.5.5 Condition screening for preparation of 20

Table S2 Optimization of the Suzuki-Miyaura reaction between 12 and 13^a

MC Me	DM0 ^{MeO} OMe 12	OMe O Br ⁺ MeO	OMe Me OMe OMOM OMOM THF:H ₂ 13	l <u>₂(dtbpf)</u> Aliquat 336 ₂O, 100 °C	Me OMON MeO MeO MeO OMe MOMO 20	л УМе —Ме
	entry	solvent	Pd/ligand	13	yield of 20 (%)	
	1	DME:H ₂ O (1:1)	PdCl ₂ (dtbpf)	13a	15	
	2	DME:H ₂ O (1:1)	PdCl ₂ +PPh ₃ ^b	13a	trace	
	3	DME:H ₂ O (1:1)	PdCl ₂ +P(tBu) ₃ ^b	13a	trace	
	4	DME:H ₂ O (1:1)	PdCl ₂ +SPhos	13a	trace	
	5	DME:H ₂ O (1:1)	PdCl₂ ⁺ Q-Phos	13a	trace	
	6	DME:H ₂ O (1:1)	PdCl ₂ +IPr	13a	trace	
	7	DME:H ₂ O (1:1)	PdCl ₂ +IMes	13a	trace	
	8	THF:H ₂ O (1:1)	PdCl ₂ (dtbpf)	13a	18	
	9	THF:H ₂ O (1:1)	PdCl ₂ (dtbpf)	13b	56	
	10 ^c	THF:H ₂ O (1:1)	PdCl ₂ (dtbpf)	13b	68	

^aReaction condition: **12** (0.1 mmol), **13** (0.11 mmol), [Pd] (0.01 mmol), ligands (0.01 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (1.0 mmol), Aliquat 336 (0.8 mg), H₂O (0.25 mL) and THF or DME (0.25 mL) in 85 °C, 14 h. ^bLigands (0.02 mmol) was used. ^c**13** (0.15 mmol) was used.

4.5.6 Syntheses of acredinone A



An oven-dried 4 mL vial charged with $PdCl_2(dtbpf)$ (6.6 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.10 equiv), **12** (44.9 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and **13b** (68.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.15 equiv) was transferred into a nitrogen filled glovebox. Cs_2CO_3 (391.0 mg, 1.0 mmol, 10 equiv), Aliquat 336 (0.8 mg) in water (0.25 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (0.25 mL) were added to the vial. The vial was then tightly sealed, transferred out of glovebox and stirred on a pie-block preheated to 100 °C for 16 hours. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with water (3 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (10

mL×3), and dried over MgSO₄. The mixture was concentrated under vacuum and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/ethyl acetate (3:1) to give the desired product **20** as an orange oil (48.6 mg, 68%).



20: Orange oil (0.1 mmol scale, 48.6 mg, 68%). R_f = 0.25 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:2). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.75 – 4.63 (m, 2H), 4.53 – 4.45 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 6H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.4, 190.1, 158.5, 158.4, 158.0, 152.9, 151.9, 151.6, 148.5, 146.8, 134.5, 133.9, 133.8, 132.9, 130.9, 130.6, 128.8, 127.1, 126.0, 121.6, 121.3, 117.9, 113.2, 104.1, 102.7, 102.5, 96.1, 95.7, 61.5, 60.81, 55.8, 55.7, 55.6, 55.2, 54.6, 17.0, 16.1. **IR** (KBr): 2929, 1738, 1703, 1592, 1472, 1431, 1398, 1151, 1113, 1017 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for C₄₀H₄₃O₁₂ (M+H⁺): 715.2749, found: 715.2756.



Following a known procedure:^[27] concentrated HCl (0.53 mL, 6.4 mmol, 80 equiv) was added dropwise to **20** (57.2 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for another 5 hours, monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with H₂O (3 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL×3), dried by MgSO₄. The mixture was concentrated and purified

by flash column chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/ethyl acetate (3:1) to give acredinone A as an orange-red oil (43.6 mg, 87%).



Acredinone A (2): (CAS: 1658444-15-5) Orange-red oil (0.08 mmol scale, 43.6 mg, 87%). $R_f = 0.30$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:2). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.70 (s, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 6H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.4, 190.2, 158.0, 157.9, 157.3, 155.8, 150.4, 150.0, 149.9, 145.4, 138.5, 135.0, 134.5, 131.5, 131.2, 127.0, 126.9, 125.0, 124.7, 120.0, 119.5, 119.2, 110.2, 104.3, 104.3, 103.8, 62.2, 60.9, 56.2, 55.6, 54.7, 17.3, 16.4. IR (KBr): 2933, 1694, 1619, 1595, 1473, 1437, 1385, 1252, 1141, 1113, 1032 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₃₆H₃₅O₁₀ (M+H⁺): 627.2225, found: 627.2234. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR match the literature reported data¹⁴ (*vide infra*).

Table S3 Comparison of ¹³C NMR chemical shifts (ppm) between our sample and reference.

Reference	Our sample	Reference	Our sample	Reference	Our sample
201.38	201.36	190.15	190.15	158.05	158.00
157.95	157.87	157.33	157.25	155.79	155.75
150.43	150.36	150.11	150.03	149.97	149.92
145.44	145.40	138.47	138.46	135.03	134.98
134.53	134.46	131.51	131.47	131.29	131.24
127.00	126.97	126.93	126.92	125.03	124.95
124.68	124.65	120.00	119.97	119.55	119.45
119.24	119.20	110.26	110.20	104.39	104.32
104.30	104.25	103.84	103.78	60.25	62.21
60.95	60.90	56.26	56.22	55.63	55.58
54.73	54.69	17.26	17.25	16.42	16.39

5. NMR Spectra and X-ray Data









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90% purity





60	40	20	0	-20	-40	-60	-80	-100	-120	-140	0 -160	-180
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-60 f1 (ppm)









CCDC Number	1881705						
Empirical formula	$C_{26}H_{24}O_{6}$						
Formula weight	432.45						
Temperature/K	Temperature/K						
Crystal system	triclinic						
Space group	P-1						
Unit cell dimensions	a= 7.2326(4) Å	α=105.6°					
	b=11.2053(7) Å	$\beta = 98.5^{\circ}$					
	c= 14.6268(9) Å	$\gamma = 108.5^{\circ}$					
Volume	1047.15(11) Å ³						
Z	2						
Density (calculated)	1.372 g/cm ³						
Absorption coefficient	0.097						
F(000)	456.0						
Crystal Size	$0.1\times0.05\times0.05\ mm^3$						
Theta range for data collection	4.07 to 56.65°						
Index ranges	$-9 \le h \le 9, -14 \le k \le 14, -19 \le l \le 19$						
Reflections collected	36863						
Independent reflections	5198 [$R_{int} = 0.0395$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0322$]						
Data/restraints/parameters	5198/0/294						
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.028						
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1=0.0420,wR_2=0.0955$						
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1=0.0654,wR_2=0.1053\backslash$						
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.35/-0.22 e.Å ⁻³						

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