Supplementary Information

An Umpolung Strategy to React Catalytic Enols with Nucleophiles

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Supplementary Methods

General information

All reagents were utilized without any further purification as obtained from commercial sources. Flash chromatography was performed with 60 Å (35-70 µm) silica gel (GC 60A 35-70 Micron, DAVISIL). Analytical TLC was performed on aluminum plates pre-coated (0-25 mm) with silica gel (Merck, Silica Gel 60 F254). Compounds were detected by exposure to UV light or by revealing the plates in a solution of 5% KMnO₄ in water. Melting points were recorded in metal block and are uncorrected. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 100 MHz respectively on a Bruker Advance spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are shown in ppm, using as a reference the residual peaks of CDCl₃ (δ_H 7.26 and δ_C 77.00). Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. NMR yields were calculated using 1 equiv. of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Brucker microTOF ESI-TOF mass spectrometer.

Substrates 1c, 1s, 1v and 1w were obtained directly from commercial suppliers. 1a,^[1] 1b,^[2] 1d,^[3] 1e,^[4] 1f,^[4] 1g,^[3] 1h,^[2] 1i,^[2] 1k,^[5] 1o,^[2] 1p,^[6] 1q,^[7] 1r,^[8] 1t,^[2] 1u,^[9] 8a,^[10] 8i,^[10] were synthesized according to methods described in the literature.

Supplementary Table 1. Optimization studies



All experiments were carried out under air atmosphere on 0.15 mmol scale of **1a** and 0.2 M, KBF₄ (0.3 equiv.) for 2 h. ^{*a*}Determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy against an internal standard (1,2,4,5-tetrachloro-3-nitrobenzene). ^{*b*}Decomposition.

Synthesis of 5-phenylpent-1-en-3-d-3-ol (1a-d)



According to a literature procedure,^[11] a 1 M solution of vinyl magnesium bromide (1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added dropwise to a solution of 3-phenylpropanal-1-*d* (1 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry THF (10 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and quenched with NH₄Cl sat. aqueous solution (10 mL). The mixture was then extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and reduced under vacuum. The final product was purified using silica chromatography and mixture petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1) as eluent yielding the desired product as a colorless oil with 68% yield with >99% D.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 3H), 5.91 (dd, J = 17.2, 10.4, 1H), 5.25 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dt, J = 10.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.80–2.66 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.82 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0, 141.1, 128.6, 128.5, 126.0, 115.1, 72.18 (t, J = 22 Hz), 38.5, 31.7. Characterization in accordance to the previously reported data.¹²

Synthesis of 5-(phenylsulfonyl)pent-1-en-3-ol (1j)



To a solution of 3-(phenylsulfonyl)propanal (1 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry THF (10 mL) at 0 °C, a 1 M solution of vinyl magnesium bromide (1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and quenched with NH₄Cl sat. aqueous solution (10 mL). The mixture was then extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and reduced under vacuum. The final product was purified using silica chromatography and mixture petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1) as eluent yielding the desired product as a colorless oil with 60% yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.69–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.56 (m, 2H), 5.81 (ddd, J = 17.2, 10.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dt, J = 17.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dt, J = 10.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.28–4.23 (m, 1H), 3.29–3.17 (m, 2H), 2.07–2.00 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.85 (m, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.6, 133.9, 129.7, 129.5, 128.2, 116.2, 71.0, 52.7, 31.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₁₁H₁₄O₃S+Na⁺]: 249.0556; found: 249.0554.

Synthesis of 6-hydroxyoct-7-enenitrile (11)



Allylic alcohol 7-chlorohept-1-en-3-ol (0.67 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaI (1 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and K_2CO_3 (0.67 mmol, 1 equiv.) were dissolved in dry DMF (3 mL) at room temperature. NaCN (0.67 mmol, 1 equiv.) was subsequently added and the mixture was heated at 100 °C during 16 h. The reaction was then allowed to warm to room temperature and quenched with H₂O (3 mL). The mixture was then extracted with EtOAc (3 x 3 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and reduced under vacuum. The final product was purified using silica chromatography and mixture petroleum ether / EtOAc (8:2) as eluent yielding the desired product as a colorless oil with 54% yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.86 (ddd, J = 16.9, 10.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dt, J = 17.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dt, J = 10.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15–4.10 (m, 1H), 2.36 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.73–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.54 (m, 4H), 1.52 (bs, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.9, 119.8, 115.3, 73.0, 36.1, 25.5, 24.7, 17.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₈H₁₃O+Na⁺] : 162.0889; found: 162.0898.

Synthesis of allylic alcohol(3S,8R,9S,10S,13S,14S)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-
oxohexadecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl4-(1-
hydroxyallyl)benzoate (1x)



To a solution of (3S,8R,9S,10S,13S,14S)-10,13-dimethyl-17oxohexadecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl-4-formylbenzoate (1 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry THF (10 mL) at -78 °C, a 1 M solution of vinyl magnesium bromide (1 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction was subsequently stirred during 3 hours and quenched with NH₄Cl sat. aqueous solution (10 mL). The mixture was then extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and reduced under vacuum. The final product was purified using silica chromatography and mixture petroleum ether / EtOAc (8:2) as eluent yielding the desired product as a white solid with 48% yield. m.p = 187–189 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.01 (ddd, J = 17.1, 10.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dt, J = 17.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (dt, J = 10.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.98–4.90 (m, 1H), 2.47–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.03 (m, 1H), 1.97–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.73 (m, 4H), 1.70–1.48 (m, 7H),

1.39–1.21 (m, 7H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 221.4, 166.0, 147.4, 139.9, 130.3, 129.9, 126.2, 116.0, 75.2, 74.3, 54.5, 51.5, 48.0, 44.9, 36.9, 36.0, 35.9, 35.2, 34.2, 31.7, 31.0, 28.4, 27.7, 21.9, 20.6, 14.0, 12.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₂₉H₃₈O₄+Na⁺]: 473.2662; found: 473.2665.

Synthesis of allylic alcohol (8R,9S,10S,13R,14S)-17-((2R)-5-hydroxyhept-6-en-2-yl)-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-one (1y)



To a solution of (4R)-4-((8R,9S,10S,13R,14S)-10,13-dimethyl-3oxohexadecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanal (1 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry THF (10 mL) at -78 °C, a 1 M solution of vinyl magnesium bromide (1 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction was subsequently stirred during 3 hours and quenched with NH₄Cl sat. aqueous solution (10 mL). The mixture was then extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and reduced under vacuum. The final product was purified using silica chromatography and mixture DCM / EtOAc (95:05) as eluent yielding the desired product as a colorless oil with 27% yield as a mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca*. 1:1) δ 5.91–5.82 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.24–5.19 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.12–5.09 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 4.08–4.02 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.73–2.66 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.38–2.29 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.19–2.13 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.05–2.00 (m, 2H (both diast.)), 1.92–1.79 (m, 3H (both diast.)), 1.61–1.52 (m, 2H (both diast.)), 1.48–1.37 (m, 11H (both diast.)), 1.27–1.08 (m, 8H (both diast.)), 1.02 (s, 3H (both diast.)), 0.93 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H (both diast.)), 0.68 (s, 3H (both diast.)). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca*. 1:1) δ 213.5, 141.6, 141.4, 114.6, 114.4, 73.8, 73.6, 56.5, 56.1, 53.5, 44.4, 42.8, 42.4, 40.8, 40.1, 37.3, 37.1, 35.6, 35.60, 35.59, 34.9, 33.60, 33.55, 31.46, 31.42, 28.30, 28.27, 26.7, 25.8, 24.2, 22.7, 21.2, 18.7, 12.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₂₆H₄₂O₂+Na⁺]: 409.3077; found: 409.3076.

Synthesis of γ -carbonyl allylic alcohols

To a stirred solution of diisopropylamine (1.70 mL, 12 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) at -78 °C, n-BuLi was added dropwise (5 mL, 12 mmol, 2.5 M solution in hexanes). After 3 min, the corresponding ketone (10 mmol) in 2 mL of dry THF was added and the resulting solution was stirred 1 h at -78 °C. After that, a solution of the α , β -unsaturated aldehyde (11 mmol) in 2 mL of dry THF was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred for another 15 min. The reaction was quenched at -78 °C with a saturated ammonium chloride solution (2 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The

combined organic phases were dried over $MgSO_4$ and the solvent reduced under vacuum. The resulting product was purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether / EtOAc (9:1) mixture as eluent.

1-Cyclohexyl-3-hydroxy-2-methylpent-4-en-1-one (8b)



The title compound was synthesized according to the above procedure using 1-cyclohexylpropan-1-one and acrolein as substrates. The final compound was isolated as a yellowish oil with 76% isolated yield as a mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 75:25.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 75:25) δ 5.81–5.72 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.30–5.23 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.17–5.14 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 4.40–4.34 (m, 1H (major diast.)), 4.17–4.15 (m, 1H, (minor diast.)), 2.91 (bs, 1H (both diast.)), 2.81–2.78 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.50–2.43 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 1.83–1.64 (m, 5H (both diast.)), 1.34–1.20 (m, 5H (both diast.)), 1.11–1.08 (m, 3H (both diast.)); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 75:25) δ 218.5, 138.9, 138.0, 116.5, 115.9, 75.5, 72.6, 51.2, 50.4, 49.2, 48.6, 28.6, 28.6, 28.3, 28.2, 28.2, 26.0, 25.9, 25.8, 25.8, 25.7, 25.6, 14.4, 11.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₁₂H₂₀O₂+Na⁺]: 219.1356; found: 219.1135.

(E)-1-Cyclohexyl-3-hydroxy-2-methylhex-4-en-1-one (8c)



The title compound was synthesized according to the above procedure using 1cyclohexylpropan-1-one and crotonaldehyde as substrates. The final compound was isolated as a yellowish oil with 49% isolated yield as a mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 70:30.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 70:30) δ 5.71–5.64 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.45–5.40 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 4.27–4.25 (m, 1H (major diast.)), 4.13-4.09 (m, 1H (minor diast.)), 2.81–2.75 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.72 (bs, 1H (both diast)), 2.54–2.42 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 1.82–1.64 (m, 8H (both diast.)), 1.34–1.19 (m, 5H (both diast.)), 1.09 (d, ³*J* (¹H, ¹H) = 7.1 Hz, 3H (major diast.)), 1.02 (d, ³*J* (¹H, ¹H) = 7.2 Hz, 3H(minor diast.)); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 70:30) δ 218.7, 218.5, 132.0, 131.0, 128.6, 127.9, 75.4, 72.9, 51.2, 50.7, 49.7, 49.1, 28.5, 28.3, 28.3, 28.2, 26.0, 25.9, 25.80, 25.75, 25.70, 17.8, 14.50, 14.48, 11.3.; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₁₃H₂₂O₂+Na⁺] : 233.1512; found: 233.1524.

5-Hydroxy-4-methylhept-6-en-3-one (8d)



The title compound was synthesized according to the above procedure using pentan-3one and acrolein as substrates. The final compound was isolated as a colorless oil with 56% isolated yield as a mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 65:35.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 65:35) δ 5.84–5.73 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.29–5.22 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.17–5.13 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 4.41–4.39 (m, 1H (major diast.)), 4.19–4.14 (m, 1H (minor diast.)), 2.83 (bs, 1H (major diast.)), 2.72 (bs, 1H (minor diast.)), 2.70–2.62 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.57–2.42 (m, 2H (both diast.)), 1.12–1.00 (m, 6H (both diast.)). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 65:35) δ 215.74, 215.67, 138.7, 138.0, 116.7, 116.0, 75.4, 72.7, 50.9, 50.4, 36.3, 35.4, 14.0, 10.9, 7.6, 7.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₈H₁₄O₂+Na⁺]: 165.0886; found: 165.0883.

5-Ethyl-6-hydroxyoct-7-en-4-one (8e)



The title compound was synthesized according to the above procedure using heptan-4one and acrolein as substrates. The final compound was isolated as a colorless oil with 71% isolated yield as a mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 55:45.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca*. 55:45) δ 5.85–5.76 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.27–5.22 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.15–5.12 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 4.30–4.26 (m, 1H (major diast.)), 4.22–4.19 (m, 1H (minor diast.)), 2.60–2.33(m, 4H (both diast.)), 1.60–1.54 (m, 4H (both diast.)), 0.90–0.85 (m, 6H (both diast.)). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca*. 55:45) δ 215.8, 214.8, 139.1, 138.2, 116.4, 116.3, 73.9, 73.1, 58.4, 58.0, 47.0, 46.8, 44.8, 22.3, 20.4, 17.4, 16.7, 13.8, 12.3, 11.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₁₀H₁₈O₂+Na⁺] : 193.1199; found: 193.1195.

3-Hydroxy-4-propylnon-1-en-5-one (8f)



The title compound was synthesized according to the above procedure using nonan-5one and acrolein as substrates. The final compound was isolated as a colorless oil with 81% isolated yield as a mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 65:35. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 65:35) δ 5.84–5.76 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.27–5.22 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.15–5.13 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 4.27–4.25 (m, 1H (major diast.)), 4.17–4.16 (m, 1H (minor diast.)), 2.72–2.60 (m, 2H (both diast.)), 2.54–2.39 (m, 2H (both diast.)), 1.67–1.48 (m, 4H (both diast.)), 1.33–1.21 (m, 4H (both diast.)), 0.90–0.86 (m, 6H (both diast.)). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 65:35) δ 215.7, 214.7, 139.1, 138.0, 116.13, 116.07, 74.1, 73.1, 56.5, 56.3, 44.6, 44.3, 31.3, 29.3, 25.2, 25.1, 22.2, 21,1, 20.6, 14.2, 14.1, 13.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₁₂H₂₂O₂+Na⁺] : 221.1512; found: 221.1501.

2-(1-Hydroxyallyl)cyclohexan-1-one (8g)



The title compound was synthesized according to the above procedure using cyclohexanone and acrolein as substrates. The final compound was isolated as a colorless oil with 65% isolated yield as a mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 80:20.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 80:20) δ 5.83–5.75 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.27–5.21 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.17–5.11 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 4.57–4.54 (m, 1H (minor diast.)), 4.21 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H (major diast.)), 3.53 (bs, 1H (major diast.)), 2.85 (bs, 1H (minor diast.)), 2.40–2.25 (m, 3H (both diast.)), 2.08–2.00 (m, 2H (both diast.)), 1.90–1.80 (m, 2H (both diast.)), 1.65–1.56 (m, 1H (both diast.)). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 80:20) δ 214.9, 214.1, 137.9, 137.8, 116.9, 115.6, 73.4, 70.6, 55.8, 55.3, 42.7, 42.6, 30.6, 27.8, 27.6, 27.1, 24.9, 24.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₉H₁₄O₂+Na⁺] : 177.0886; found: 177.0885.

(3*R*,6*S*)-2-((*E*)-1-Hydroxybut-2-en-1-yl)-6-isopropyl-3-methylcyclohexan-1-one (8h)



The title compound was synthesized according to the above procedure using (2S,5R)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexanone and crotonaldehyde as substrates. The final compound was isolated as a colorless oil with 80% isolated yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.75–5.57 (m, 2H), 4.16–4.11 (m, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 2.14–2.09 (m, 4H), 2.06–1.98 (m, 1H), 1.93–1.88 (m, 1H), 1.67 (d, J = 6 Hz, 3H), 1.52–1.33 (m, 2H), 1.12 (d, J = 6 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 217.3, 133.5, 126.8, 70.9, 62.7,

58.4, 38.6, 34.8, 30.7, 26.1, 21.7, 20.5, 19.0, 17.8. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $[C_{14}H_{24}O_2+Na^+]$: 247.1669; found: 247.1678.

3-Hydroxy-N,N-2-trimethylpent-4-enamide (8j)



The title compound was synthesized according to the above procedure using *N*,*N*-dimethylpropionamide and acrolein as substrates. The final compound was isolated as a colorless oil with 73% isolated yield as a mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 66:33.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 66:33) δ 5.91–5.75 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.39–5.28 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 5.21–5.15 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 4.67 (s, 1H (minor diast.)), 4.48 (s, 1H (major diast)), 4.18–4.12 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 3.05 (s, 3H (both diast.)), 2.96 (s, 3H (both diast.)), 2.82–2.68 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 1.22 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H (minor diast.)), 1.14 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H (major diast.)). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 66:33) δ 177.4, 176.1, 139.3, 137.9, 116.2, 115.8, 75.6, 72.2, 40.7, 39.5, 37.50, 37.50, 35.52, 35.50, 14.9, 10.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₈H₁₅O₂+Na⁺]: 180.0995; found: 180.1004.

N-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-N-methylpent-4-enamide (8k)



The title compound was synthesized according to the above procedure using *N*-benzyl-*N*-methylacetamide and acrolein as substrates. The final compound was isolated as a colorless oil with 63% isolated yield as a mixture of two rotamers at rt ca. 60:40.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of two rotamers at rt *ca*. 60:40) δ 7.39–7.28 (m, 3H (both rotamers)), 7.26-7.14 (m, 2H (both rotamers)), 5.97–5.82 (m, 1H (both rotamers)), 5.38–5.28 (m, 1H (both rotamers)), 5.18–5.11 (m, 1H (both rotamers)), 4.66–4.51 (m, 2H (minor diast.)), 4.43 (m, 1H (both rotamers), 4.42 (m, 1H (both rotamers), 2.97 (s, 3H (minor rotamer)), 2.91 (s, 3H (major rotamer)), 2.65–2.48 (m, 2H (both rotamer)). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of two rotamers at rt *ca*. 60:40) δ 172.8, 172.4, 139.25, 139.21, 136.9, 136.1, 129.2, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 126.4, 115.2, 69.3, 69.2, 53.3, 50.8, 39.7, 39.2, 34.8, 33.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₁₃H₁₇O₂+Na⁺]: 242.1151; found: 242.1157.

General methods for the synthesis of α -alcoxy ketones and 3(2H)-furanones



Procedure A. The corresponding allylic alcohol (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in a mixture MeOH / TFE (3:1) (15 mL). KBF₄ (30 mg, 0.24 mmol, 80 mol%), 1-fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-1- λ -3-benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (102 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), and [Cp*IrCl₂]₂ (6 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.025 equiv.) were added and the mixture stirred at 35 °C during 2 h. After that, H₂O was added to dilute the reaction and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 1 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The resulting crude was purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether / EtOAc (90:10) mixture as eluent.

Procedure B. $[Cp*IrCl_2]_2$ (6 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.025 equiv.), KBF₄ (30 mg, 0.24 mmol, 80 mol%) were dissolved in a mixture MeOH / TFE (3:1) (15 mL). A solution of the corresponding allylic alcohol (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) in MeOH / TFE (3:1) (3 mL) and a solution of 1-fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-1 λ 3-benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (102 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in TFE (3 mL) were both slowly added by means of a syringe pump with a flow of 0.3 mL / h. The resulting solution was heated at 35 °C during 4 h. Afterwards, the reaction was diluted with H₂O and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 1 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The resulting crude was purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether / EtOAc (90:10) mixture as eluent.

4-Methoxy-1-phenylpentan-3-one (2a)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 5-phenylpent-1-en-3-ol (**1a**, 49 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **2a** as a colorless oil (45 mg, 78%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.17 (m, 3H), 3.71 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.93–2.80 (m, 4H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.1, 141.3, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 83.0, 57.6, 39.0, 29.5, 17.0. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₂H₁₆O₂+Na⁺]: 215.1043; found: 215.1030.

4-Methoxy-1-phenylpentan-3-one (2a-d)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 5-phenylpent-1-en—3-*d*-3-ol (**1a**, 49 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **2a**-*d* as a colorless oil (36 mg, 62%) with 47% D at C β and 49% D at C α .

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.17 (m, 3H), 3.70 (7, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 2.92–2.82 (m, 4H), 1.22–1.21 (m, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.2, 141.3, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 83.0, 57.6, 39.0, 29.4, 16.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₂H₁₅DO₂+Na⁺]: 216.1105; found: 216.1092.

2-Methoxy-7-phenylheptan-3-one (2b)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 7-phenylhept-1-en-3-ol (**1b**, 57 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **2b** as a colorless oil (44 mg, 66%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 3H), 3.72 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.65–2.61 (m, 2H), 2.56–2.53 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.61 (m, 4H), 1.28 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.8, 142.2, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 82.8, 57.5, 36.9, 35.8, 31.1, 22.8, 17.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₄H₂₀O₂+Na⁺]: 243.1356; found: 243.1368.

2-Methoxyoctan-3-one (2c)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from oct-1en-3-ol (1c, 38 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded 2c as a colorless oil (21 mg, 45%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.73 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.54–2.49 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.24 (m, 7H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 213.3, 83.0, 57.7, 37.3, 31.6, 23.1, 22.6, 17.3, 14.1. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₉H₁₈O₂+Na⁺]: 181.1199; found: 181.1196.

4-Ethyl-2-methoxyoctan-3-one (2d)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 4ethyloct-1-en-3-ol (1d, 47mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded 2d as a colorless oil (20 mg, 36% as a mixture of two diastereoisomers 1:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1): δ 3.83 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.72–2.68 (m, 1H), 1.70–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.16 (m, 11H), 0.90–0.82 (m, 6H). ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1): δ 215.09, 215.07, 82.31, 82.28, 57.59, 57.58, 48.7, 48.6, 31.4, 30.3, 29.9, 29.7, 24.9, 23 .9, 23.00, 22.98, 16.7, 16.6, 14.10, 14.08, 12.2, 11.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₁H₂₂O₂+Na⁺] : 209.1512; found: 209.1506.

2-Methoxy-1-phenylpropan-1-one (2e)



The title compound was prepared according the general procedure from 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (1e, 40 mg) according to general procedure B. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded 2e as a colorless oil (28 mg, 58%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06–8.04 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.46 (m, 2H), 4.63 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 1.49 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.7, 135.0, 133.5, 128.9, 128.8, 80.4, 57.4, 18.6. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₀H₁₂O₂+Na⁺]: 187.0730; found: 187.0731.

2-Methoxy-5,9-dimethyldec-8-en-3-one (2f)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 7,11dimethyldodeca-1,10-dien-3-ol (**1f**, 55 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **2f** as a colorless oil (43 mg, 67% as a mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1): δ 5.10–5.07 (m, 1H), 3.73–3.68 (m, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.53–2.31 (m, 2H), 2.09–2.00 (m, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.36–1.16 (m, 5H), 0.91–0.88 (m, 3H). ppm. ¹³C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1): δ 212.7, 212.6, 131.6, 124.5, 83.2, 83.1, 57.66, 57.63, 44.8, 44.7, 37.18, 37.15, 28.27, 28.21, 25.8, 25.7, 20.01, 19.96, 17.8, 17.2, 17.1. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₃H₂₄O₂+Na⁺]: 235.1669; found: 235.1677.

1-(Benzyloxy)-3-methoxybutan-2-one (2g)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 1-(benzyloxy)but-3-en-2-ol (**1g**, 54 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **2g** as a colorless oil (56 mg, 90%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39–7.34 (m, 5H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.44–4.32 (m, 2H), 3.93 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 208.9, 137.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 81.3, 79.3, 72.0, 57.5, 16.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₃+Na⁺]: 231.0992; found: 231.0989.

5-((*Tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methoxyhexan-3-one (2h)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-1-en-3-ol (**1h**, 69 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **2h** as a colorless oil (56 mg, 72% as a mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ as mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1):** δ 4.40–4.32 (m, 1H), 3.75–3.68 (m, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.86–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.39 (m, 1H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.18–1.16 (m, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 3H). ppm. ¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃ as mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1):** δ 211.1, 211.0, 83.3, 83.2, 64.9, 57.64, 57.62, 47.3, 47.2, 26.0, 24.3, 24.1, 18.1, 16.7, -4.40, -4.45, -4.7. ppm. **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₃H₂₈O₃Si+Na⁺]: 283.1700; found: 283.1709.

6-Methoxyheptane-2,5-dione (2i)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 1cyclohexyl-3-hydroxypent-4-en-1-one (1i, 38 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / DCM, 80:20) afforded 2i as a colorless oil (15 mg, 31%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.80 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.81-2.72 (m, 4H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.32 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 211.7, 207.2, 82.9, 57.8, 36.7, 31.2, 30.1, 17.4. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₈H₁₄O₃+Na⁺]: 181.0835; found: 181.0828.

4-Methoxy-1-(phenylsulfonyl)pentan-3-one (2j)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 5-(phenylsulfonyl)pent-1-en-3-ol (1j, 68 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 70:30) afforded 2j as a colorless oil (53 mg, 69%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 2H), 3.75 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.09-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.27 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 208.6, 139.2, 134.0, 129.5, 128.1, 82.6, 57.8, 50.4, 30.5, 16.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₂H₁₆O₄S+Na⁺]: 279.0662; found: 279.0663.

7-Chloro-2-methoxyheptan-3-one (2k)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 7chlorohept-1-en-3-ol (1k, 44 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / acetone, 95:05) afforded 2k as a colorless oil (28 mg, 53%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.73 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.60–2.54 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.4, 83.0, 57.7, 44.8, 36.3, 32.2, 20.7, 17.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₈H₁₅O₂³⁵Cl+Na⁺]: 201.0653; found: 201.0643.

7-Methoxy-6-oxooctanenitrile (21)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 6-hydroxyoct-7-enenitrile (**11**, 42 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / DCM, 60:40) afforded **21** as a colorless oil (45 mg, 88%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.72 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.62–2.57 (m, 2H), 2.36 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.77–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.28 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.0, 119.6, 82.9, 57.7, 36.1, 25.1, 22.3, 17.3, 17.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₉H₁₅NO₂+Na⁺]: 192.0995; found: 192.0997.

7-Azido-2-methoxyheptan-3-one (2m)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 7chlorohept-1-en-3-ol (**1k**, 44 mg). After the reaction was finished, the mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and redissolved in dry DMF (1 mL). NaI (0.45 mmol, 1 equiv.), K_2CO_3 (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) and NaN₃ (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) were added and the mixture was heated at 100 °C during 16 h. The reaction was then allowed to warm to room temperature and quenched with H₂O (3 mL). The mixture was then extracted with EtOAc (3 x 3 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and reduced under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 80:20) afforded **2m** as a colorless oil (36 mg, 65%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.73 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.29 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.63–2.53 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.5, 83.0, 57.7, 51.4, 36.6, 28.6, 20.5, 17.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₈H₁₅N₃O₂+Na⁺]: 208.1056; found: 208.1062.

2-Methoxy-7-morpholinoheptan-3-one (2n)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 7chlorohept-1-en-3-ol (**1k**, 44 mg). After the reaction was finished, the mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and redissolved in dry DMF (1 mL). NaI (0.45 mmol, 1 equiv.), K₂CO₃ (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) and morpholine (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) were added and the mixture was heated at 100 °C during 16 h. The reaction was then allowed to warm to room temperature and quenched with H₂O (3 mL). The mixture was then extracted with EtOAc (3 x 3 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and reduced under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 40:60) afforded **2n** as a colorless oil (48 mg, 70%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.67–3.63 (m, 3H), 3.58–3.56 (m, 1H), 3.40–3.34 (m, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.57–2.52 (m, 2H), 2.43–2.40 (m, 4H), 2.35–2.31 (m, 2H), 1.63–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.52–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.8, 83.0, 67.1, 53.8, 46.0, 40.8, 37.0, 26.2, 21.2, 17.2. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₂H₂₄NO₃+H⁺]: 230.1751; found: 230.1756.

3-Methoxyoctan-2-one (20)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from (*E*)oct-3-en-2-ol (**1o**, 38 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **2o** as a colorless oil (37 mg, 79%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.54 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.64–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.25 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 211.7, 87.8, 58.2, 32.0, 31.8, 25.2, 24.9, 22.6, 14.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₉H₁₈O₂+Na⁺]: 181.1199; found: 181.1189.'12' pelp

3-Methoxy-6-phenylhexan-2-one (2p)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from (*E*)-6-phenylhex-3-en-2-ol (**1p**, 53 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **2p** as a colorless oil (47 mg, 76%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 3H), 3.57–3.54 (m, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.64–2.61 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.74–1.59 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 211.5, 141.8, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 87.3, 58.1, 35.6, 31.3, 26.8, 25.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₈O₂+Na⁺]: 229.1199; found: 229.1195.

4-Methoxy-7-phenylheptan-3-one (2q)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from (*E*)-7-phenylhept-4-en-3-ol (1q, 57 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded 2q as a colorless oil (30 mg, 45%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 3H), 3.62–3.59 (m, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.64–2.60 (m, 2H), 2.53–2.47 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.63 (m, 4H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 213.9, 142.0, 128.53, 128.49, 126.0, 87.2, 58.4, 35.8, 31.8, 30.9, 27.09, 7.4. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₄H₂₀O₂+Na⁺]: 243.1356; found: 243.1342.

4-Methoxy-1-phenylhexan-3-one (2r)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from (*E*)-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-ol ($\mathbf{1r}$, 53 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded $\mathbf{2r}$ as a colorless oil (40 mg, 65%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.18 (m, 3H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.92–2.89 (m, 2H), 2.85–2.81 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.59 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.2, 141.1, 128.43, 128.40, 126.1, 88.4, 58.1, 39.3, 29.2, 24.8, 9.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₃H₁₈O₂+Na⁺]: 229.1199; found: 229.1201.

2-Methoxycyclohexan-1-one (2s)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from cyclohex-2-en-1-ol (1s, 29 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded 2s as a colorless oil (23mg, 60%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.72–3.68 (m, 1H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 2.54–2.48 (m, 1H), 2.32–2.19 (m, 2H), 1.97–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.63 (m, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.1, 84.4, 57.8, 40.7, 34.3, 27.8, 23.2. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₇H₁₂O₂+Na⁺]: 151.0730; found: 151.0731.

3-Methoxy-6,10-dimethylundec-9-en-2-one (2t)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from (*E*)-6,10-dimethylundeca-3,9-dien-2-ol (**1t**, 59 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **2t** as a colorless oil (55 mg, 81% as a mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1): δ 5.07 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.53–3.49 (m, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.02–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.65–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.42–1.28 (m, 3H), 1.20–1.09 (m, 2H), 0.86 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of two diastereoisomers ca. 1:1): δ 211.74, 211.72, 131.3, 124.9, 88.0, 87.9, 58.23, 58.20, 37.0, 36.9, 32.5, 32.3, 32.2, 32.1, 29.6, 25.8, 25.6, 25.3, 25.2, 19.53, 19.48, 17.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₄H₂₆O₂+Na⁺]: 249.1825; found: 249.1828.

4-Methoxy-1,7-diphenylheptan-3-one (2u)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from (*E*)-1,7-diphenylhept-4-en-3-ol (1u, 80 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded 2u as a colorless oil (59 mg, 66%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 4H), 7.14–7.12 (m, 2H), 3.56–3.54 (m, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.89–2.87 (m, 2H), 2.81–2.79 (m, 2H), 2.58–2.55 (m, 2H), 1.59–1.56 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.1, 141.8, 141.7, 128.42, 128.40, 128.36, 128.3, 126.1, 125.8, 87.1, 58.1, 39.2, 35.5, 31.2, 29.2, 26.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₂₀H₂₄O₂+Na⁺]: 319.1669; found: 319.1681.

2-Methoxy-5-phenylpentanal (2v)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from (*E*)-5-phenylpent-2-en-1-ol (1v, 49 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded 2v as a colorless oil (36 mg, 62%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.64 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 3H), 3.58–3.55 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.66–2.62 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.67 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 204.0, 141.8, 128.52, 128.50, 126.1, 85.8, 58.4, 35.8, 29.5, 26.6. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₂H₁₅O₂+CH₃OH+Na⁺]: 247.1305; found: 247.1309.

2-Methoxyoctanal (2w)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from (*E*)oct-2-en-1-ol (1w, 38 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded 2w as a colorless oil (31 mg, 65%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.56–3.53 (m, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 1.67–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.25 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H). ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 211.7, 87.8, 58.2, 32.0, 31.8, 25.2, 24.9, 22.6, 14.1.ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₀H₂₂O₃+CH₃OH+Na⁺]: 213.1467; found: 213.1461.

(3*S*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*S*,14*S*)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-oxohexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta [*a*]phenanthren-3-yl 4-(2-methoxypropanoyl)benzoate (2x)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure B from (3S,8R,9S,10S,13S,14S)-10,13-dimethyl-17-oxohexadecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a] phenanthren-3-yl 4-(1-hydroxyallyl)benzoate (1x, 135 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded 2x as a white solid (94 mg, 65%). m. p. 152–154 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15–8.06 (m, 4H), 5.01–4.93 (m, 1H), 4.59 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.48–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.13–2.03 (m, 1H), 2.00–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.75 (m, 4H), 1.72–1.53 (m, 7H), 1.49 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.38–1.29 (m, 7H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 221.4, 200.5, 165.3, 138.0, 134.9, 129.9, 128.8, 80.8, 74.9, 57.5, 54.5, 51.5, 47.9, 44.8, 36.9, 35.8, 35.2, 34.1, 31.7, 31.0, 29.8, 28.4, 27.6, 21.9, 20.6, 18.3, 14.0, 12.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₃₀H₄₀O₅+Na⁺]: 503.2768; found: 503.2777.

(8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,14*S*)-17-((2*R*)-6-Methoxy-5-oxoheptan-2-yl)-10,13-dimethylhexa decahydro-3*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-one (2y)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from (8R,9S,10S,13R,14S)-17-((2R)-5-hydroxyhept-6-en-2-yl)-10,13-dimethylhexadeca hydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-one (**1**y, 116 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 95:05) afforded**2**y as a colorless oil (77 mg, 62% as a mixture of two diastereoisomers*ca*. 60:40).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 1:1) δ 3.73 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H (one diast.)), 3.72 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H (one diast.)), 3.35 (s, 3H (both diast.)), 2.72–2.65 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.56–2.41 (m, 2H (both diast.)), 2.37–2.28 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.17–2.12 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.04–2.00 (m, 3H (both diast.)), 1.91–1.78 (m, 3H (both diast.)), 1.47–1.36 (m, 7H (both diast.)), 1.29–1.20 (m, 8H (both diast.)), 1.16–1.07 (m, 5H (both diast.)), 1.01 (s, 3H (both diast.)), 0.92 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H (both diast.)), 0.67 (s, 3H (both diast.)). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereoisomers *ca.* 1:1) δ 214.0, 213.86, 213.85, 83.0, 82.9, 57.73, 57.72, 56.47, 56.00, 55.96, 44.4, 42.8, 42.5, 40.7, 40.1, 37.4, 37.1, 35.7, 35.5, 35.40, 35.38, 35.0, 34.1, 34.0, 29.8, 29.3, 28.3, 26.7, 25.8, 24.3, 22.8, 21.3, 18.6, 17.4, 17.3, 12.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C₂₇H₄₄O₃+Na⁺]: 439.3183; found: 439.3185.

4-Ethoxy-1-phenylpentan-3-one (6a)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 5phenylpent-1-en-3-ol (**1a**, 49 mg) but using EtOH instead. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **6a** as a colorless oil (20 mg, 32%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.19 (m, 3H), 4.29 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.13–2.90 (m, 6H), 1.56 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90–0.83 (m, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.7, 141.4, 128.58, 128.54, 126.2, 81.4, 65.6, 38.9, 29.5, 17.5, 15.5. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₃H₁₈O₂+Na⁺]: 229.1199 [M-Na]⁺; found: 229.1193.

1-Phenyl-4-propoxypentan-3-one (7a)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 5phenylpent-1-en-3-ol (**1a**, 49 mg) but using PrOH instead. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **7a** as a colorless oil (13 mg, 20%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.17 (m, 3H), 3.77 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.36–3.26 (m, 2H), 2.92–2.84 (m, 4H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.8, 141.4, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 81.6, 72.0, 38.9, 29.5, 23.2, 17.4, 10.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₄H₂₀O₂+Na⁺]: 243.1356 [M-Na]⁺; found: 243.1365.

5-Cyclohexyl-2-methylfuran-3(2H)-one (9a)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 1-cyclohexyl-3-hydroxypent-4-en-1-one (**8a**, 55 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / DCM, 80:20) afforded **9a** as a colorless oil (33 mg, 61%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.46 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.45–2.41 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.95 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.42 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.40–1.26 (m, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.0, 197.6, 100.8, 82.3, 53.6, 39.8, 30.0, 29.9, 25.9, 25.7, 16.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₁H₁₆O₂+Na]⁺: 203.1043 [M-Na]⁺; found: 203.1048.

5-Cyclohexyl-2,4-dimethylfuran-3(2H)-one (9b)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 1-cyclohexyl-3-hydroxy-2-methylpent-4-en-1-one (**8b**, 59 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / DCM, 80:20) afforded **9b** as a colorless oil (46 mg, 80%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.37 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.69–2.61 (m, 1H), 1.85–1.81 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.58–1.49 (m, 2H), 1.38 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.39–1.26 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.5, 191.1, 108.1, 80.6, 38.6, 29.2, 29.0, 25.92, 25.92, 25.8, 16.8, 5.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₂H₁₈O₂+Na]⁺: 217.1199 [M-Na]⁺; found: 217.1202.

5-Cyclohexyl-2-ethyl-4-methylfuran-3(2H)-one (9c)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from (*E*)-1-cyclohexyl-3-hydroxy-2-methylhex-4-en-1-one (**8c**, 63 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / DCM, 80:20) afforded **9c** as a colorless oil (47 mg, 75%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.30–4.28 (m, 1H), 2.70–2.63 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.90 (m, 1H), 1.85–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.75 (m, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.58–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.39–1.24 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 205.7, 191.6, 109.2, 85.0, 38.6, 29.3, 29.0, 25.9, 25.9, 25.8, 24.7, 8.5, 5.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₃H₂₀O₂+Na]⁺: 231.1356 [M-Na]⁺; found: 231.1367.

5-Ethyl-2,4-dimethylfuran-3(2H)-one (9d)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 5hydroxy-4-methylhept-6-en-3-one (**8d**, 43 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / DCM, 80:20) afforded **9d** as a colorless oil (30 mg, 71%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.38 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.2, 188.8, 109.0, 80.8, 22.4, 16.6, 10.5, 5.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₈H₁₂O₂+Na]⁺: 163.0730 [M-Na]⁺; found: 163.0731.

4-Ethyl-2-methyl-5-propylfuran-3(2H)-one (9e)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 5ethyl-6-hydroxyoct-7-en-4-one (**8e**, 51 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / DCM, 80:20) afforded **9e** as a colorless oil (38 mg, 75%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.37 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.72–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.39 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.0, 187.6, 115.9, 80.7, 30.7, 20.0, 16.6, 14.6, 13.92, 13.88 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₀H₁₆O₂+CH₃OH+Na]⁺: 223.1305; found: 223.1310.

5-Butyl-2-methyl-4-propylfuran-3(2H)-one (9f)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 3hydroxy-4-propylnon-1-en-5-one (**8f**, 59 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / DCM, 80:20) afforded **9f** as a colorless oil (49 mg, 82%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.36 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.51–2.47 (m, 2H), 2.10–2.06 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.33 (m, 7H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.0, 188.1, 114.1, 80.6, 28.7, 28.6, 23.3, 22.6, 22.3, 16.7, 13.90, 13.90 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₂H₂₀O₂+Na]⁺: 219.1356 [M-Na]⁺; found: 219.1351.

2-Methyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-3(2H)-one (9g)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 2-(1-hydroxyallyl)octahydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-one (**8g**, 46 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / DCM, 80:20) afforded **9g** as a colorless oil (21 mg, 46%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.46–4.41 (m, 1H), 2.44–2.41 (m, 2H), 2.20–2.16 (m, 2H), 1.85–1.81 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 204.0, 188.1, 112.3, 81.9, 26.0, 22.0, 21.9, 18.3, 16.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₉H₁₂O₂+Na]⁺: 175.0730 [M-Na]⁺; found: 175.0737.

(4*R*,7*S*)-2-Ethyl-7-isopropyl-4-methyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-3(2*H*)-one (9h)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from (3R,6S)-2-((E)-1-hydroxybut-2-en-1-yl)-6-isopropyl-3-methylcyclohexan-1-one (**8h**, 67 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / ethyl acetate, 90:10) afforded **9h** as a colorless oil (49 mg, 74% as a mixture of two diastereoisomers *ca*. 1:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ as a mixture of two diastereoisomers *ca*. 1:1): δ 4.29–4.24 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.52–2.44 (m, 2H (both diast.)), 2.31–2.22 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 2.02–1.80 (m, 4H (both diast.)), 1.73–1.63 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 1.54–1.46 (m, 1H (both diast.)), 1.21–1.15 (m, 3H (both diast.)), 1.04–0.94 (m, 6H (both diast.)), 0.89–0.84 (m, 3H (both diast.)) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃ as a mixture of two diastereoisomers *ca*. 1:1): δ 204.0, 203.8, 190.6, 190.2, 117.8, 117.7, 86.3, 86.0, 42.8, 42.7, 31.34, 31.32, 28.5, 28.4, 26.79, 26.76, 24.8, 24.4, 22.1, 22.0, 20.17, 20.16, 18.85, 18.77, 18.5, 18.4, 9.6, 8.8. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₄H₂₂O₂+Na]⁺: 245.1512 [M-Na]⁺; found: 245.1520.

5-(Dimethylamino)-2-methylfuran-3(2H)-one (9i)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 3-hydroxy-N,N-dimethylpent-4-enamide (**8i**, 43 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; DCM, and then DCM / MeOH, 95/5) afforded **9i** as a colorless oil (38 mg, 91%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.59 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 2.98 (bs, 6H), 1.43 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.7, 178.1, 83.4, 78.4, 38.7, 35.9, 17.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₇H₁₁NO₂+Na]⁺: 164.0682 [M-Na]⁺; found: 164.0680.

5-(Dimethylamino)-2,4-dimethylfuran-3(2H)-one (9j)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from 3-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethylpent-4-enamide (**8j**, 47 mg). Purification by column

chromatography (SiO₂; DCM, and then DCM / MeOH, 95/5) afforded 9j as a colorless oil (40 mg, 87%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.47 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 6H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 198.0, 175.5, 86.1, 80.9, 38.1, 17.5, 7.8. ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₈H₁₃NO₂+Na]⁺: 178.0838 [M-Na]⁺; found: 178.0843.

5-(Benzyl(methyl)amino)-2-methylfuran-3(2H)-one (9k)



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure A from Nbenzyl-3-hydroxy-N-methylpent-4-enamide ($\mathbf{8k}$, 66 mg). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂; DCM, and then DCM / MeOH, 95/5) afforded $\mathbf{9k}$ as a colorless oil (48 mg, 74%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.20 (m, 2H), 4.66 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.60–4.44 (m, 3H), 2.97–2.86 (bs, 3H), 1.39 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 198.0, 177.9, 135.7, 129.1, 128.2, 127.6, 83.5, 78.7, 52.0, 36.4, 17.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₁₃H₁₅NO₂+Na]⁺: 240.0995 [M-Na]⁺; found: 240.1002.

Mechanistic studies



Supplementary Figure 1. Kinetic profile of isomerization of **1a** with (blue dots) and without (red dots) KBF₄.

(Z)-trimethyl((1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)oxy)silane 10 (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv.) in presence or in absence of KBF₄ (10 mg, 0.08 mmol, 80 mol%) was dissolved in a mixture MeOH / TFE (3:1)(5 mL). Then, 1-fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-1-λ-3benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxole (34 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added and the mixture stirred at 35 °C during the depicted time. The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and treated with NaBH₄ (20 mg, 0.5 mmol) to stop the reaction. After 10 minutes, H₂O was added to dilute the reaction and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 1 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with MgSO4 and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Yields of 11 were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using an internal standard (1,2,4,5-tetrachloro-3-nitrobenzene) obtaining a diastereomeric ratio of 6:4 in all cases.



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Supplementary Figure 2. Kinetic profile of 10 with and without KBF4.

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(*Z*)-trimethyl((1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)oxy)silane **10** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv.) in presence or in absence of [Cp*IrCl₂]₂ (2 mg, 0.0025 mmol, 2.5 mol%) was dissolved in a mixture MeOH / TFE (3:1) (5 mL). Then, 1-fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-1- λ -3benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (34 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added and the mixture stirred at 35 °C during the depicted time. The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and treated with NaBH₄ (20 mg, 0.5 mmol) to stop the reaction. After 10 minutes, H₂O was added to dilute the reaction and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 1 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Yields of **11** were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using an internal standard (1,2,4,5-tetrachloro-3-nitrobenzene) obtaining a diastereomeric ratio of 6:4 in all cases.



	Yield of 11 (%)	
time (minutes)	In absence of	In presence of
	[Cp*IrCl ₂] ₂	[Cp*IrCl ₂] ₂
1	59	30
20	99	85

Supplementary Figure 3. Kinetic profile of 10 with and without [Cp*IrCl₂]₂.

[Cp*Ir(H₂O)₃]SO₄ (2.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.025 equiv.), *N*-chlorosuccinimide (1.4 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) in presence or in absence of KBF₄ (20 mg, 0.16 mmol, 80 mol%) were dissolved in in a mixture MeOH / TFE (3:1) (8 mL). The mixture was stirred for 15 minutes at rt. Then, a solution of allylic alcohol **1a** (32 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) in a mixture MeOH / TFE (3:1) (2 mL) and 1-fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-1- λ -3-benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (68 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were added and the mixture stirred at 35 °C during 2 h. After that, H₂O was added to dilute the reaction and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 1 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Yields of **2a** were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using an internal standard (1,2,4,5-tetrachloro-3-nitrobenzene).



Supplementary Figure 4. Catalyst studies



Supplementary Figure 5. Deuterium labelling experiments.

Allylic alcohol **1a** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in a mixture MeOH / TFE (3:1) (5 mL). The corresponding radical scavenger (0.1 mmol or 0.3 mmol), KBF₄ (10 mg, 0.08 mmol, 80 mol%), 1-fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-1- λ -3-benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxole (34 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), and [Cp*IrCl₂]₂ (2 mg, 0.0025 mmol, 0.025 equiv.) were added and the mixture stirred at 35 °C during 2 h. After that, H₂O was added to dilute the reaction and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 1 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Yields of **2a** were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using an internal standard (1,2,4,5-tetrachloro-3-nitrobenzene).



Supplementary Figure 6. Radical-trapping experiments.

Computational Methods

All structures were initially optimized using density functional theory (DFT) by using the M06¹³ functional as implemented in Gaussian 16.¹⁴ Optimizations were carried out by using the SDD¹⁵ basis set for Iodine and 6-31G** basis set for the rest of the atoms. The critical stationary points were characterized by frequency calculations in order to verify that they have the right number of imaginary frequencies, and the intrinsic reaction coordinates (IRC)¹⁶ were followed to verify the energy profiles connecting the key transition structures to the correct associated local minima.

The energies showed in the manuscript have been refined by single-point calculations on the previously optimized structures, by applying the M06 functional and def2tzvpp basis set in a solvent model (IEFPCM, solvent = methanol).¹⁷⁻¹⁹



Supplementary Figure 7. Two possible structures for enolonium C. Enolonium C (0.0 kcal mol⁻¹) and Enolonium C'' (13.9 kcal mol⁻¹).



C_2TFE

TS_1_2TFE

Supplementary Figure 8. Energies of intermediate C and TS1 with 2 molecules of TFE.



Supplementary Figure 10. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 1a-d







Supplementary Figure 16. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 1x



Supplementary Figure 18. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 1y



Supplementary Figure 20. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 8b



Supplementary Figure 22. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 8c




Supplementary Figure 26. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 8e



Supplementary Figure 28. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 8f







Supplementary Figure 32. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 8h





Supplementary Figure 36. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 8k



Supplementary Figure 38. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 2a



Supplementary Figure 40. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 2a-d







Supplementary Figure 46. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 2d



Supplementary Figure 48. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 2e



Supplementary Figure 50. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 2f

















Supplementary Figure 65. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of **2n**. The compound could not be completely separated from some DMF traces. For this reason, DMF signals can be spotted in NMR.



Supplementary Figure 66. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of **2n**. The compound could not be completely separated from some DMF traces. For this reason, DMF signals can be spotted in NMR.





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Supplementary Figure 73. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of 2r













Supplementary Figure 83. ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of **2w**. The compound is volatile and it cannot be kept for long under vacuum. For this reason, some solvents can be spotted in ¹H NMR.





Supplementary Figure 86. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 2x


















Supplementary Figure 102. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 9e







Supplementary Figure 108. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 9h







Supplementary Figure 114. ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 9k

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