Supplementary Information

Easy access to medium-sized lactones through metal carbene migratory insertion enabled 1,4-palladium shift

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Supplementary Methods

General information

Chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Solvents were dried by Innovative Technology Solvent Purification System. Reaction progress was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) and components were visualized by observation under UV light at 254nm. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (200-300 mesh). ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-BioSpin AVANCE III HD and JNM-ECZ600S spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported parts per million (ppm) referenced to CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm), tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ 0.00 ppm), DMSO-*d*₆ (δ 2.50 ppm), CD₃CN (δ 1.94 ppm) for ¹H NMR; CDCl₃ (δ 77.00 ppm), DMSO-*d*₆ (δ 40.00 ppm), CD₃CN (δ 118.0 ppm) for ¹³C NMR. Data for ¹H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; p = pentet; m = multiplet; br = broad), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Data for ¹³C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm). HRMS were obtained on Thermo Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL and Bruker Impact II UHR-TOF.

Optimization of the reaction conditions



Optimization of the reaction conditions for seven-membered lactone in terms of 2-bromobenzaldehyde.

An oven-dried reaction tube containing a stirring bar was charged with Pd precatalyst (\mathbf{x} mol%), ligand (\mathbf{y} mol%), base (\mathbf{z} equiv.) and $\mathbf{2a}$ (0.4 mmol, 116 mg). After evacuating and back filling with dry argon, the procedure was repeated for three times, anhydrous solvent (2.0 mL) and $\mathbf{1a}$ (0.2 mmol, 37 mg) were added via syringe. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. The crude mixture was cooled to room temperature. EtOAc was added to the mixture. The mixture was filtered through celite. The solvents were evaporated and the crude products were determined via ¹H NMR using mesitylene as internal standard.

H Br 1a	+	NNHTs Pd ₂ (dl	Pd ₂ (dba) _{3.} CHCl ₃ (2.5 mol%) Ligand (y mol%) K ₃ PO ₄ (4.0 equiv.) THF, 80 ℃		
	Entry	Ligand (y	mol%)	3 (%) ^b	-
	1	DPEp	hos (7.5)	5	-
	2	dpp	e (7.5)	52 ^c	
	3	dpp	f (7.5)	49 ^c	
	4	Tri-2-furylp	hosphine (15)	0	
	5	Tri-o-tolylpl	nosphine (15)	0	
	6	Xantp	hos (7.5)	77	
	7	dpp	p (7.5)	67	
	8	dppp	e (7.5)	35	
	9	BINA	VP (7.5)	2	
	10	dpp	b (7.5)	57	
	11	dppi	m (7.5)	0	
	12	CyDPE	phos (7.5)	0	

Supplementary Table 1. Screening of ligands^a

^a Reaction condition: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), Pd₂(dba)_{3.}CHCl₃ (2.5 mol%), **Ligand (y mol%)**, K₃PO₄ (4.0 equiv) in THF (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 24h. ^b NMR yields were determined using mesitylene as internal standard. ^c Isolated yield.

Supplementary Table 2. Screening of solvents^a



^a Reaction condition: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃CHCl₃ (2.5 mol%), Xantphos (7.5 mol%), K₃PO₄ (4.0 equiv) in **solvent** (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 24h.
 ^b NMR yields were determined using mesitylene as internal standard.



Supplementary Table 3. Screening of bases^a

^a Reaction condition: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃CHCl₃ (2.5 mol%), Xantphos (7.5 mol%), **base (4.0 equiv)** in THF (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 24h. ^b NMR yields were determined using mesitylene as internal standard. ^c Isolated yield. ^d 12h.

Supplementary Table 4. Screening of palladium sources^a



^a Reaction condition: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), **[Pd] (x mol%)**, Xantphos (7.5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv.) in THF (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 12h. ^b NMR yields were determined using mesitylene as internal standard. ^c Isolated yield.

Optimization of the reaction conditions for seven-membered lactone in terms of 2-formylphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate.

An oven-dried reaction tube containing a stirring bar was charged with Pd precatalyst (**x** mol%), ligand (7.5 mol%), base (3.0 equiv.) and **2a** (0.4 mmol, 116 mg). After evacuating and back filling with dry argon, the procedure was repeated for three times, anhydrous solvent (2.0 mL) and **1c** (0.2 mmol, 51 mg) were added via syringe. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. The crude mixture was cooled to room temperature. Decane (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv., 39 μ L) was added via microsyringe followed by 5 mL of EtOAc. An aliquot was filtered through a plug of silica and celite and analyzed by GC.

Supplementary Table 5. Screening of solvents^a



^aReaction condition: 1c (0.2 mmol), 2a (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc) (5 mol%), Xantphos (7.5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv) in solvent (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 12h.
^b GC yields were determined using decane as internal standard.

+ NNHTs OH 2a	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5 Ligand (7.5 K ₂ CO ₃ (3.0 ¢ Dioxane, 8	mol%) mol%) equiv.) 60 °C
Entry	Ligand	3 (%) ^b
1	Xantphos	63
2	dppm	trace
3	dppe	18
4	dppp	29
5	dppb	15
6	dpppe	15
7	dppf	22
8	BINAP	trace
9	DPEphos	trace
10	CyDPEphos	trace

Supplementary Table 6. Screening of ligands^a

^a Reaction condition: **1c** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc) (5 mol%), **Ligand** (7.5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv) in dioxane (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 12h. ^b GC yields were determined using decane as internal standard.

Supplementary Table 7. Screening of bases^a



^a Reaction condition: 1c (0.2 mmol), 2a (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc) (5 mol%), Xantphos (7.5 mol%),
base (3.0 equiv) in dioxane (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 12h.
^b GC yields were determined using decane as internal standard.



Supplementary Table 8. Screening of palladium sources^a

^a Reaction condition: **1c** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), **[Pd] (x mol%)**, Ligand (7.5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv) in dioxane (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 12h. ^b GC yields were determined using decane as internal standard. ^c isolated yield.

Optimization of the reaction conditions for eight-membered

lactone.

An oven-dried reaction tube containing a stirring bar was charged with Pd precatalyst (5 mol%), ligand (7.5 mol%), base (3.0 equiv.) and **S2w** (0.4 mmol). After evacuating and back filling with dry argon, the procedure was repeated for three times, anhydrous solvent (2.0 mL) and **1a**/ **1b**/ **1c** (0.2 mmol) were added via syringe. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 10 h. The crude mixture was cooled to room temperature. EtOAc was added to the mixture. The mixture was filtered through celite. The solvents were evaporated and the crude products were determined via ¹H NMR using dibromomethane as internal standard.

O Br 1a	NNHTs OH S2w	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5 mol%) Ligand (7.5 mol%) K ₂ CO ₃ (3.0 equiv.) THF, 0.1 M, 80 °C	► 💭		+ CHO 58'
	Entry	Ligand (7.5 mol%)	58 (%) ^b	58' (%) ^b	
	1	Xantphos	15	trace	
	2	DPEphos	27	8	
	3	P-(2-furyl) ₃	-	-	
	4	Ruphos	trace	-	
	5	S-phos	trace	-	
	6	dppb	47(30) ^c	7	
	7	dppf	-	-	
	8	PPh ₃	12	trace	
	9	BINAP	-	-	
	10	Brettphos	14	-	
	11	Davephos	12	-	
	12	P-(o-tolyl) ₃	19	-	
	13	P-(<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₅ CF ₃) ₃	14	-	
	14	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄	10	-	
	12	2,2'-bipyridine	-	-	
	13	1,10-phenanthroline	-	-	

Supplementary Table 9. Screening of ligands^a

^a Reaction condition: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **S2w** (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), **Ligand** (7.5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv.) in THF (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 10 h. ^b NMR yields were determined using dibromomethane as internal standard. ^c Isolated yield.

Supplementary Table 10. Screening of solvents^a



^a Reaction condition: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **S2w** (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), dppb (7.5 mol%), K_2CO_3 (3.0 equiv.) in **solvent** (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 10 h. ^b NMR yields were determined using dibromomethane as internal standard.



Supplementary Table 11. Screening of bases^a

^a Reaction condition: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **S2w** (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), dppb (7.5 mol%), **Base (3.0 equiv.)** in THF (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 10 h. ^b NMR yields were determined using dibromomethane as internal standard. ^c Isolated yield.

Supplementary Table 12. Screening of palladium sources^a



^a Reaction condition: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **S2w** (0.4 mmol), **[Pd] (5 mol%)**, dppb (7.5 mol%), K_3PO_4 (3.0 equiv.) in THF (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 10 h.

^b NMR yields were determined using dibromomethane as internal standard. ^c Isolated yield.

O H 1a, X = Br 1b, X = I 1c, X = OTf	Û	NNHTs [(η-C ₃ H Liga OH THF S2w	6)PdCl] ₂ (5 mol%) nd (7.5 mol%) e (3.0 equiv.) , 0.1 M, 80 °C		+ + 58'	
Entry	Х	Ligand	Base	58 (%) ^b	58' (%) ^b	
1	Br	dppb	K ₂ CO ₃	74 (64) ^c	8	
2	Br	dppb	Cs ₂ CO ₃	23	5	
3	1	dppb	K ₃ PO ₄	trace	-	
4	CI	dppb	K₃PO₄	-	-	
5	OTf	dppb	K₃PO₄	75 (71) ^c	7	
6	OTf	dppb	K ₂ CO ₃	85 (76) ^c	7 (5) ^c	
7	OTf	dppm	K ₂ CO ₃	40	10	
8	OTf	dppe	K ₂ CO ₃	40	9	
9	OTf	dppp	K ₂ CO ₃	72	10	
10	OTf	dpppe	K ₂ CO ₃	54	9	
11 ^d	OTf	dppb	K ₂ CO ₃	78 (71) ^c	15 (11) ^c	

Supplementary Table 13. Final screening: achieving optimal conditions^a

^a Reaction condition: **1a**/ **1b**/ **1c** (0.2 mmol), **S2w** (0.4 mmol), $[(\eta-C_3H_6)PdCI]_2$ (5 mol%), **Ligand (7.5 mol%)**, **Base(3.0 equiv.)** in THF (2.0 mL), stirring under atmosphere of Argon at 80 °C for 10 h. ^b NMR yields were determined using dibromomethane as internal standard. ^c Isolated yield.

^d [(η -C₃H₆)PdCl]₂ (2.5 mol%), dppb (7.5 mol%) for 16 h.

Gram-scale synthesis



Supplementary Figure 1. Gram-scale synthesis. Synthesis of lactones under optimal reaction conditions.

Substrates involved in the manuscript

Aldehyde derivatives:





Supplementary Figure 2. Substrates involved in the manuscript.

Procedures for the preparation of substrates

The salicylaldehyde analogues with substituents on the aromatic ring **S1s-a**¹, **S1t-a** (paracitamol)², **S1u-a** (methylparaben)^{3,4}, **S1v-a** (thymol)^{3,4}, **S1w-a** (estrone)⁵, **S1x-a** (methyl N-Phth-L-tyrosinate)⁵ were prepared according to the reference. The other salicylaldehyde analogues were commercial available.

5.1 General procedure for the synthesis S1⁶



To a solution of salicylaldehyde (2.44 g, 20 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (60 mL) were successively added pyridine (4.8 mL, 60 mmol) and Tf_2O (5.0 mL, 30 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 3 h at room temperature, the reaction was stopped by adding saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ at 0 °C. The crude products were extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (x 4) and the combined organic extracts were washed with 1 M aqueous HCl (x1), brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, PE/EtOAc = 10/1) to give **1c** (4.63 g, 91%) as a colorless oil.

4-Acetamido-2-formylphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (S1t)



7.54 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 189.2, 169.6, 143.0, 140.6, 128.8, 125.9, 123.9, 122.9, 122.8, 118.7 (q, J = 320.7 Hz), 24.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -73.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₀H₉F₃NO₅S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 312.01480, found 312.01489.

(8S,9R,13R,14R)-2-Formyl-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydr o-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (S1w)



J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (dd, $J_1 = 10.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.15-2.02 (m, 3H), 1.96 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 1.65-1.44 (m, 6H), 0.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 219.9, 186.4, 147.4, 146.5, 141.1, 128.1, 125.8, 122.2, 118.4 (q, J = 320.9 Hz), 50.1, 47.6, 43.7, 37.3, 35.6, 31.2, 29.7, 25.6, 25.4, 21.4, 13.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -72.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₂F₃O₅S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 431.11346, found 431.11340.

(S)-Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(3-formyl-4-(((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl) oxy)phenyl)propanoate (S1x)

CHO Yield 81%, White solid; $R_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether : **H CO₂Me OTf** ethyl acetate = 5 : 1); ¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 7.79-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.70-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd, $J_I = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (q, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.68 (dd, $J_I = 8.4$ Hz, 1H) 14.4 Hz, $J_2 = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, $J_1 = 14.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 10.8$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.2, 168.6, 167.2, 148.4, 138.4, 136.1, 134.4, 131.3, 131.2, 128.2, 123.6, 122.5, 118.4 (q, J = 327.4 Hz,), 53.0, 52.3, 34.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -72.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₁₅F₃NO₈S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 486.04650, found 486.04681.

4-Allyl-2-formyl-6-methoxyphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (S1y)

Yield 87%, White solid; $R_f = 0.50$ (petroleum ether : ethyl orf oMe i acetate = 20 : 1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.15 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.94-5.87 (m, 1H), 5.15-5.10 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.7, 151.4, 141.9, 137.3, 135.3, 129.0, 120.9, 118.7, 118.5 (q, J = 318.9 Hz), 117.4, 56.3, 39.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -72.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{12}F_{3}O_{5}S^{+}$ (M+H)⁺ 325.03521, found 325.03506.

5.2 General procedure for the synthesis of *N*-tosylhydrazones used for seven-membered lactones⁷



Salicylaldehyde (4.8 mL, 44 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (30 mL), then TsNHNH₂ (7.44 g, 40 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The resulting mixture was heated at 60 °C for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, the precipitates were filtered and washed by petroleum ether, and then kept in desiccator under vacuum to

afford pure product 2a (10.4 g, 90%).

N'-(2-hydroxy-5-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohy drazide (S2o)

TMS NNHTS NNHTS NNHTS H Yield 87%, white solid; $R_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether : thyl acetate = 5 : 1); ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.33 (s, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 0.22 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.0, 150.9, 145.1, 135.6, 134.7, 134.1, 130.1, 127.8, 117.2, 116.9, 114.5, 103.9, 93.1, 21.6, -0.1; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₃N₂O₃SSi⁺ (M+H)⁺ 387.11932, found 387.11972.

N'-(2-hydroxy-5-(phenylethynyl)benzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (82p)

Ph Vield 89%, white solid; $R_f = 0.50$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.35 (s, 1H), 8.32-8.28 (m, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, $J_I = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 6H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.0, 151.1, 145.1, 135.3, 134.3, 134.1, 131.4, 130.1, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 123.1, 117.5, 117.0, 114.6, 88.4, 88.2, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₂O₃S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 391.11109, found 391.11127. Methyl 4-hydroxy-3-((2-tosylhydrazono)methyl)benzoate (S2m)

MeO2CNNHTSYield 65%, white solid; $R_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether : ethyl
acetate = 1 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 11.63(s, 1H), 11.09 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, $J_I = 8.8$ Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, J_2)

1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.2, 160.8, 144.4, 144.2, 136.5, 132.9, 130.3, 128.7, 127.6, 121.3, 120.1, 116.9, 52.4, 21.54; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₇N₂O₅S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 349.08527, found 349.08502.

N-(3-hydroxy-4-((2-tosylhydrazono)methyl)phenyl)acetamide (S2n)

Yield 78%, white solid; $R_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 1 : 3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.43 (s, 1H), 9.92 (s, 1H), 9.81 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 168.3, 152.8, 145.5, 144.1, 136.5, 132.0, 130.3, 127.6, 123.6, 119.5, 117.6, 117.0, 24.3, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₈N₃O₄S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 348.10125, found 348.10110.

N'-(((8*S*,9*R*,13*R*,14*R*)-3-hydroxy-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dec ahydro-6H-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonoh ydrazide (S2u)



Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 2.88-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.52 (dd, $J_1 = 19.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.33-1.93 (m, 6H), 1.66-1.35 (m, 6H), 0.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 221.7, 155.6, 152.4, 144.6, 141.5, 134.4, 131.2, 129.9, 127.9, 127.8, 116.6, 115.0, 50.2, 48.0, 43.4, 38.0, 35.9, 31.4, 29.4, 26.2, 25.8, 21.6, 21.5, 13.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₃₁N₂O₄S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 467.19990, found 467.20020.

(S)-Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-((2-tosylhydrazono)meth -yl)phenyl)propanoate (S2v)



DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.41 (s, 1H), 10.06 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 4H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (dd, *J*₁ = 11.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.25-3.19 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 169.6, 167.5, 155.7, 146.2, 144.1, 136.3, 135.6, 132.4, 131.1, 130.3,

128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 124.1, 119.4, 116.7, 53.3, 53.2, 33.6, 21.6; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{24}N_3O_7S^+$ (M+H)⁺ 522.13295, found 522.13330.

5.3 General procedure for the synthesis of *N*-tosylhydrazones used for eight-membered lactones



^{*n*}BuLi (2.5 equiv, 50 mmol) was added slowly to a solution of (2-bromoaryl)methanol (20 mmol) in 20 mL of dry THF at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at that temperature for 30 minutes and dry DMF (2.0 equiv) was added to the solution dropwise. After stirring at -78 °C for another 30 minutes, the reaction flask was taken out from the low-temperature bath and stirred for 10 minutes in an ice-bath. The conversion of starting into product could be checked by TLC. The reaction was then quenched by adding 10 mL of aq. solution of ammonium chloride. 20 mL of ethyl acetate was added and reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. It was then filtered via a short pad of celite and the filtrate was extracted by ethyl acetate (3 X 25 mL). The combined ethyl acetate layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue thus obtained was dissolved in DCM and passed through a short pad of silica gel using DCM as eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then dissolved in methanol (20 mL), TsNHNH₂ was added and the mixture was heated at 65 °C for 1 h. The reaction flask was then cooled to room

temperature during which white precipitate appeared (In case if precipitate didn't appeare petroleum ether could be added). The precipitate was then filtered, and washed with DCM to get pure *N*-tosylhydrzones.

N-(2-(hydroxymethyl)benzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (S2w)

NNHTS Yield 68%, white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 1 : **OH** 1); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*₆**)** δ 11.43 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆**)** δ 146.8, 144.0, 141.3, 136.6, 131.4, 130.2, 130.1, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 61.7, 21.5.

N-(2-(hydroxymethyl)-4-methoxybenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (S2x)

NNHTS Yield 64%, white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl **MeO H** acetate = 1 : 2); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, **DMSO**-*d*₆) δ 11.20 (br s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (br s, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, **DMSO**-*d*₆) δ 160.9, 147.1, 143.9, 143.5, 136.6, 130.1, 129.8, 127.8, 123.7, 113.3, 112.9, 61.7, 55.7, 21.5; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₂O₄S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 335.10600, found 335.10626. *N*-(2-(hydroxymethyl)-5-methylbenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (82y)

Ne Vield 77%, white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate **OH** = 1 : 1); ¹**H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-***d*₆**)** δ 11.43 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 146.9, 144.0, 138.5, 136.8, 136.6, 131.3, 130.8, 130.2, 128.6, 127.8, 127.7, 61.6, 21.5, 21.1; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₂O₃S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 319.11109, found 319.11136.

N-((6-(hydroxymethyl)benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfo nohydrazide (S2z)

Yield 63%, white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 1 : 2); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 11.28 (s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (s,

1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 5.20 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 149.1, 147.0, 146.0, 143.9, 136.9, 136.6, 130.1, 127.8, 125.4, 108.9, 105.5, 101.9, 61.1, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{17}N_2O_5S^+$ (M+H)⁺ 349.08527, found 349.08563.

General procedure for the synthesis of lactones

General procedure for the synthesis of seven-membered lactones



An oven-dried reaction tube containing a stirring bar was charged with $Pd(OAc)_2$ (5 mol%) or $[(\eta-C_3H_6)PdCl]_2$ (2.5 mol%), Xantphos (7.5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv.), *N*-tosylhydrazone S2 (0.4 mmol) and S1 (if solid) (0.2 mmol). After evacuating and back filling with dry argon, the procedure was repeated for three times, solvent THF or dioxane (2.0 mL) and S1 (if liquid) (0.2 mmol) were added via syringe. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C. When the reaction was completed, the crude mixture was cooled to room temperature. The mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite. After removing the solvent under reduced pressure, the residual was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

General procedure for the synthesis of eight-membered lactones



An oven-dried schlenk tube containing a stirring bar was charged with $[(\eta-C_3H_6)PdCl]_2$ (5 mol%), *N*-tosylhydrazone **S2** (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), bis(diphenylphosphanyl)butane (dppb) (7.5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv) and 2-formylaryl trifluoromethanesulfonate **S1** (0.2 mmol, in case it is solid). After

evacuating and back filling with dry argon, the procedure was repeated for three times. 2-formylaryl trifluoromethanesulfonate S1 (0.2 mmol, in case it is liquid) and tetrahydrofuran (THF) (2.0 mL) were added via syringe. The mixture was stirred at 80 ^oC for 10 hours. The crude mixture was cooled to room temperature. The mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite. After removing the solvent under reduced pressure, the residual was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the eight-membered lactone compound.

Dibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (3)

Yield 76% (32.0 mg) from o-bromobenzaldehyde for 10 h; Yield 80% (34.1 mg) from 2-formylphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate for 9 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 **MHz, CDCl₃**) δ 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 $(td, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 2H);$ ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 150.7, 142.6, 133.4, 132.7, 132.6, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 127.1, 125.8, 120.7, 37.4.

9-Methyldibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (4)



Yield 82% (37.0 mg) for 16 h, white solid; $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.25 (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, **CDCl₃**) δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.07 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1,

150.8, 144.4, 142.5, 132.9, 132.7, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 125.8, 125.1, 120.7,

37.4, 21.5; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{13}O_2^+$ (M+H)⁺ 225.09101, found 225.09140.

9-Methoxydibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (5)



white solid; $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.81 (dd, $J_I = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 163.4, 150.9, 144.7, 135.3, 132.4, 128.12, 128.09, 125.7, 120.7, 120.1, 112.61, 112.57, 55.4, 37.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{13}O_3^+$ (M+H)⁺ 241.08592, found 241.08603.

9-Fluorodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (6)



Yield 80% (38.2 mg) for 11 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 3H),

7.16-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.04-6.96 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.28 (d, J = 257.2 Hz), 165.1, 150.7, 145.4 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 135.7, 135.6, 131.9, 128.3 (d, J = 18.7 Hz), 126.0, 124.3 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 120.8, 114.7 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 114.3 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 37.3 (d, J = 1.0 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -104.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₀FO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 229.06593, found 229.06566.

9-Chlorodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (7)



Yield 67% (32.8 mg) for 10 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.22 (m, 5H),

7.17-7.12 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 150.6, 144.0, 139.5, 134.3, 131.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.3, 126.5, 126.1, 120.8, 37.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 245.03638, found 245.03671.

8-Methyldibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (8)

We Yield 73% (33.0 mg), white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.07 (m, 6H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 150.7, 139.7, 137.3, 134.1, 132.98, 132.92, 128.04, 127.96, 127.7, 127.1, 125.8, 120.6, 36.9, 20.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{13}O_2^+$ (M+H)⁺ 225.09101, found 225.09117.

8-Methoxydibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (9)



18 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.08 (m, 5H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 158.7, 150.6, 135.1,

133.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 125.8, 120.6, 120.3, 116.3, 55.5, 36.5; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{13}O_3^+$ (M+H)⁺ 241.08592, found 241.08545.

8-Fluorodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (10)

Yield 65% (30.0 mg) for 14 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (dd, $J_I = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.11 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.8 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 161.6 (d, J = 248.0 Hz), 150.4, 138.6 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 132.5, 129.7, 129.6, 129.0 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 128.2 (d, J = 16.9 Hz), 126.0, 120.8, 120.3 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 119.3 (d, J = 23.7 Hz), 36.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₀FO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 229.06593, found 229.06554.

8-Chlorodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (11)

Yield 65% (32.1 mg) for 10 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J_I = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.8, 150.4, 140.9, 133.3, 133.2, 132.3, 132.1, 129.5, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 126.1, 120.7, 36.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}ClO_2^+$ (M+H)⁺ 245.03638, found 245.03674.

8,9-Dimethoxydibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (12)



(iii, 111), 0.72 (s, 111), 5.95 (s, 511), 5.87 (s, 511), C HWK (101 MHZ, CDCI3) 0 165.8, 153.0, 150.9, 148.0, 137.1, 133.0, 128.0, 127.9, 125.7, 120.7, 119.4, 114.9, 109.8, 56.09, 56.07, 37.2; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}O_4^+$ (M+H)⁺ 271.09649, found 271.09689.

[1,3]Dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-*e*]benzo[*b*]oxepin-5(11*H*)-one (13)



Yield 75% (38.4 mg) for 12 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1H),

6.70 (s, 1H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 151.7, 150.8, 146.9, 138.9, 132.8, 128.1, 127.9, 125.8, 121.0, 120.6, 112.1, 107.4, 102.0, 37.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₁O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 255.06519, found 255.06525.

Benzo[b]naphtho[1,2-e]oxepin-7(13H)-one (14)



Yield 55% (28.9 mg) for 12 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz,

1H), 7.69-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.09 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 151.2, 140.7, 135.6, 132.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 125.7, 125.3, 124.0, 120.3, 30.4; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $C_{18}H_{13}O_2^+$ (M+H)⁺ 261.09101, found 261.09131.

4-Methyldibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (15)

Yield 74% (33.3 mg) for 22 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J =7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08-6.98 (m, 3H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 149.1, 142.9, 133.3, 132.8, 132.6, 130.0, 129.7, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 125.6, 125.5, 37.5, 16.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 225.09101, found 225.09082.

4-Fluorodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (16)

Yield 58% (26.6 mg) for 5 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (td, $J_I = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09-6.88 (m, 3H), 4.03 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 153.1 (d, J = 252.8 Hz), 142.1, 138.4 (d, J = 11.5 Hz), 135.3, 133.7, 133.0, 127.6, 127.5 (d, J = 38.6 Hz), 126.2 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 122.9 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 18.7 Hz), 37.3 (d, J = 2.3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -128.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₀FO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 229.06593, found 229.06569.

4-Chlorodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (17)

Yield 60% (29.4 mg) for 6 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 146.8, 142.1, 134.8, 133.7, 132.9, 129.0, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 126.4, 126.3, 126.0, 37.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 245.03638, found 245.03621.

3-Fluorodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (18)

Yield 60% (27.7 mg) for 10 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.97 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 =$ 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (td, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 161.8 (d, J = 248.1 Hz), 151.2 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 142.4, 133.6, 132.8, 128.8 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 128.5 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 127.7, 127.6, 127.1, 112.6 (d, J = 21.3Hz), 108.7 (d, J = 24.9 Hz), 36.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₀FO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 229.06593, found 229.06551.

3-Chlorodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (19)



Yield 66% (32.3mg) for 6 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.09 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 151.0, 142.1, 133.6, 133.2, 132.8, 131.2, 128.9, 127.72, 127.66, 127.1, 125.9, 121.2, 36.9; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}ClO_2^+$ (M+H)⁺ 245.03638, found 245.03674.

2-Methyldibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (20)



Yield 82% (37.0 mg) for 6 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J =

7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 148.5, 142.6, 135.6, 133.3, 132.7, 132.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.4, 127.1, 120.3, 37.4, 20.6.

2-Methoxydibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (21)



Yield 53% (25.5 mg) for 6 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 **MHz, CDCl₃**) δ 7.89 (dd, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46

(td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 1.2

6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 157.1, 144.4, 142.4, 133.8, 133.3, 132.8, 128.1, 127.5, 127.2, 121.5, 113.4, 112.4, 55.6, 37.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 241.08592, found 241.08601.

2-Fluorodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (22)



Yield 86% (39.3 mg) for 3 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, J_2

= 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J_1 = 8.8 Hz, J_2 = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (td, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 159.8 (d, J = 246.5 Hz), 146.7 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 141.9, 134.5 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 133.5, 132.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 122.1 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 114.8 (d, J = 23.9 Hz), 114.44 (d, J = 23.3 Hz), 37.30 (d, J = 0.9 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₀FO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 229.06593, found 229.06558.

2-Chlorodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (23)



Yield 77% (37.6 mg) for 3 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, *J*₁ = 7.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1H),

7.35 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.14 (m, 4H), 3.96 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 149.2, 141.7, 134.2, 133.6, 132.8, 130.8, 128.0, 127.72, 127.67, 127.2, 122.0, 37.1; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 245.03638, found 245.03653.

2-Bromodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (24)



Yield 62% (35.8 mg) for 5 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, J_2

= 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 149.8, 141.8, 134.7, 133.6, 132.8, 131.0, 130.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 122.4, 118.5, 37.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₀BrO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 288.98587, found 288.98636.

1-Methoxydibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (25)

Yield 58% (28.1 mg) for 4 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J =7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 150.7, 142.8, 139.6, 134.4, 133.3, 132.8, 128.0, 127.4, 127.2, 126.1, 119.3, 111.1, 56.0, 37.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 241.08592, found 241.08583.

1-Fluorodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (26)



ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.16 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 158.96 (d, J = 247.5 Hz), 151.8 (d, J = 5.9 Hz), 141.6, 133.6, 132.9, 128.2, 127.9 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 127.7, 127.6, 120.8 (d, J = 20.3 Hz), 116.4 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 112.6 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 28.4 (d, J = 3.9 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -119.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}FO_2^+(M+H)^+$ 229.06593, found 229.06546.

Yield 64% (29.4 mg) for 10 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum

1-Chlorodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (27)



calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}ClO_2^+$ (M+H)⁺ 245.03638, found 245.03622.

2-((Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)dibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (28)



Yield 67% (41.3 mg) from 2-bromobenzaldehyde for 5 h; Yield 86% (52.6)mg) from 2-formylphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate for 5 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.50$

(petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 100 : 1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 7.86 (dd, $J_I = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J_I = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J =2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 0.23 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 150.6, 142.0, 133.5, 132.7, 132.7, 131.8, 131.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 120.8, 120.7, 103.7, 94.8, 37.1, -0.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₉O₂Si⁺ (M+H)⁺ 307.11488, found 307.11478.

2-(Phenylethynyl)dibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (29)



Yield 81% (50.3 mg) for 6 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.50$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 25 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.44 (m,

4H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 150.4, 142.0, 133.6, 132.8, 132.7, 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 128.43, 128.35, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 122.8, 120.93, 120.90, 89.8, 88.1, 37.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₅O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 311.10666, found 311.10690.

(S)-3-methoxy-11-phenyldibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (30)



Yield 42% (26.7 mg) for 10 h, colorless oil; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.47 (m, 4H),

7.40-7.29 (m, 3H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.34-6.32 (m, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 150.8, 146.4, 136.7, 135.4, 129.30, 129.27, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 124.8, 122.0, 121.9, 120.0, 106.2, 102.5, 100.9, 88.4, 55.2.
Methyl 6-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,e]oxepine-2-carboxylate (31)



Yield 37% (20.2 mg) from 2-bromobenzaldehyde for 5 h; Yield 37% (19.8 mg) from 2-formylphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate for 8 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$

(petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.49 (td, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 165.2, 154.1, 141.9, 133.7, 132.8, 132.7, 129.9, 127.71, 127.69, 127.6, 127.3, 120.9, 52.3, 37.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₃O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 269.08084, found 269.08090.

N-(6-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-2-yl)acetamide (32)



Yield 44% (23.5 mg) for 6 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 1 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 10.03 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H),

7.71 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 168.8, 165.9, 145.9, 143.4, 137.5, 134.1, 133.9, 132.6, 128.2, 128.04, 127.98, 121.1, 119.1, 118.8, 36.6, 24.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 268.09682, found 268.09711.

1-Isopropyl-4-methyldibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (33)



Yield 52% (27.8 mg) for 6 h, colorless oil; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, $J_I = 7.6$, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.26

(m, 2H), 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 3.32 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 149.3, 143.3, 133.4, 133.3, 132.6, 130.9, 129.0, 128.2, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 122.1, 31.8, 29.2, 23.7, 16.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₉O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 267.13796, found 267.13745.

4-Isopropyl-1-methyldibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (34)



Yield 50% (26.8 mg) for 11 h, colorless oil; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz,

1H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.46 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 148.4, 143.1, 138.0, 133.3, 132.5, 132.4, 131.9, 128.1, 127.38, 127.36, 126.9, 124.3, 32.7, 27.4, 22.9, 19.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}O_2^+$ (M+H)⁺ 267.13796, found 267.13748.

2-Allyl-4-methoxydibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (35)



(petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 5.96-5.86 (m, 1H), 5.12-5.07 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.31 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 150.5, 142.8, 138.3, 137.8, 136.7, 134.1, 133.2, 132.8, 128.0, 127.4, 127.2, 119.2, 116.3, 111.2, 55.9, 39.9, 37.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₇O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 281.11722, found 281.11765.

(3*aR*,3*bS*,14*bR*,16*aR*)-3b,16a-dimethyl-3,3a,3b,4,5,13,14b,15,16,16a-decahydro-1 H-benzo[*e*]cvclopenta[7,8]phenanthro[2,3-*b*]oxepine-1,8(2*H*)-dione (36)



Yield 64% (49.4 mg) from 2-bromobenzaldehyde for 16 h; Yield 77% (59.5 mg) from 2-formylphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate for 11 h, white solid; $R_f =$

0.25 (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dt, $J_I = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 2.86-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.54-2.41 (m, 2H), 2.25-1.95 (m, 5H), 1.67-1.36 (m, 6H), 0.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.7, 166.4, 148.4, 142.7, 137.3, 136.6, 133.3, 132.6, 129.7, 128.1, 127.3, 127.0, 125.0, 120.6, 50.2, 47.8, 43.9, 37.9, 37.4, 35.7, 31.4, 28.9, 26.2, 25.8, 21.5, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₂₇O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 387.19547, found 387.19577. (S)-Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(6-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[*b,e*]oxepin-2-yl) propanoate (37)

Yield 77% (68.8 mg) from 2-bromobenzaldehyde for 5 h; Yield 81% (71.8 mg) from 2-formylphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate for 4 h, white solid; $R_f =$ 0.30 (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.01 (m, 4H), 5.12 (dd, $J_I = 10.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.95-3.77 (m, 5H), 3.57-3.45 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 167.3, 165.9, 149.4, 142.3, 134.4, 134.1, 133.3, 132.7, 132.6, 131.3, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.2, 126.9, 123.4, 120.7, 52.9, 52.8, 37.2, 33.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₂₀NO₆⁺ (M+H)⁺ 442.12851, found 442.12897.

2,8-Dimethyldibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (38)



7.14-6.97 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 148.5, 139.8, 137.2, 135.5, 134.1, 133.0, 132.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.0, 120.3, 36.9, 20.7, 20.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 239.10666, found 239.10661.

2,8-Dimethoxydibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (39)



J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 158.7, 157.0, 144.3, 134.9, 134.3, 128.7, 128.5, 121.4, 120.2, 116.3, 113.2, 112.2, 55.6, 55.5, 36.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 271.09649, found 271.09668.

1,7-Dimethoxydibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (40)



found 271.09671.

2,8-Dibromodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (41)



Yield 42 % (31 mg) for 5 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.50$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 149.5, 140.6, 136.4, 135.4, 134.1, 131.3, 131.0, 129.4, 128.9, 122.5, 121.4, 118.8, 36.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₈Br₂ NaO₂⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 388.8783, found 388.8773.

2,8-Difluorodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (42)



Yield 63% (31 mg) for 10 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.50$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (dd, $J_I = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H),

7.27-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.00-6.89 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 161.7 (d, J = 247.8 Hz), 159.8 (d, J = 245.9 Hz), 146.4 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 137.9 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 134.4 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 129.4 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 122.2 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 120.5 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 119.4 (d, J = 23.6 Hz), 114.8 (d, J = 14.8 Hz), 114.6 (d, J = 14.0 Hz), 36.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.8, -116.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₉F₂O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 247.05651, found 247.05618.

4,8-Dimethyldibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (43)



125.45, 37.0, 20.7, 16.4; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}O_2^+$ (M+H)⁺ 239.10666, found 239.10674.

2-Methoxy-8-methyldibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (44)



Yield 71% (36.2 mg) for 7 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H),

7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 157.0, 144.4, 139.5, 137.3, 134.1, 134.0, 133.0, 127.7, 127.1, 121.4, 113.3, 112.3, 55.5, 37.2, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 255.10157, found 255.10164.

1-Methoxy-8-methyldibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (45)



Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82-6.79 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 150.7, 139.9, 139.5, 137.2, 134.7, 134.0, 133.0, 127.6, 127.1, 126.0, 119.2, 110.9, 55.9, 36.9, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 255.10157, found 255.10127.

2,7-Dimethoxydibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (46)



Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.68 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 5H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.3, 159.6, 156.7, 144.24, 144.22, 134.0, 133.1, 121.0, 118.6, 116.8, 113.3, 112.3, 110.5, 56.1, 55.6, 37.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 271.09649, found 271.09625.

1,8-Dimethoxydibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (47)



Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, $J_I = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 158.6, 150.7, 139.4, 135.3, 135.0, 128.54, 128.46, 126.1, 120.2, 119.1, 116.2, 110.9, 55.9, 55.4, 36.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 271.09649, found 271.09683.

7-Methoxy-2-methyldibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (48)



J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 5H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2, 159.5, 148.3, 144.5, 135.1, 133.1, 132.5, 128.5, 128.4, 119.9, 118.5, 116.8, 110.4, 56.1, 37.1, 20.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 255.10157, found 255.10165.

3-Chloro-8-methoxydibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (49)

Yield 60% (33 mg) for 12 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 158.8, 150.9, 134.5, 133.0, 131.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 125.9, 121.2, 120.5, 116.4, 55.6, 36.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}ClO_3^+$ (M+H)⁺ 275.04695, found 275.04706.

8-(Benzyloxy)dibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (50)

Yield 73% (46.7 mg) for 6 h, light yellow solid; $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.89-6.84 (m, 2H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 162.6, 150.9, 144.7, 135.8, 135.3, 132.3, 128.7, 128.3, 128.13, 128.11, 127.5, 125.8, 120.7, 120.3, 113.5, 113.2, 70.1, 37.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₇O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 317.11722, found 317.11731.

8-(Benzyloxy)-2-methoxydibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (51)



7.39-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, $J_I = 8.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.75 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, $J_I = 8.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 162.4, 157.0, 144.6, 144.4, 135.8, 135.3, 133.4, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 121.4, 120.3, 113.5, 113.3, 113.2, 112.4, 70.1, 55.5, 37.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₉O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 347.12779, found 347.12796.

8-(Benzyloxy)-2-methyldibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (52)



5H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, $J_I = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 162.5, 148.7, 144.8, 135.8, 135.5, 135.3, 132.0, 128.67, 128.63, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 120.4, 113.5, 113.1, 70.1, 37.8, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₉O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 331.13287, found 331.13297.

8-(Benzyloxy)-2-chlorodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (53)



5H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.90 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 162.7, 149.4, 143.9, 135.7, 135.4, 134.0, 130.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.4, 122.0, 119.9, 113.6, 113.5, 70.1, 37.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₆ClO₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 351.07825, found 351.07843.

8-(Benzyloxy)-2-bromodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (54)



7H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, $J_I = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 162.7, 150.0, 143.9, 135.7, 135.5, 134.4, 131.0, 130.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.5, 122.5, 119.9, 118.4, 113.6, 113.5, 70.2, 37.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₆BrO₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 395.02773, found 395.02777.

2-Bromo-8-fluorodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (55)



Yield 65% (40 mg) for 6 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.09 (m, 5H),

3.94 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 161.7 (d, J = 249.0 Hz), 149.5, 137.7 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 134.5, 131.2, 130.9, 129.3 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 122.5, 120.6 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 119.4 (d, J = 23.8 Hz), 118.7, 36.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₉BrFO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 306.97645, found 306.97629.

8-((Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)dibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (56)

TMSYield 70% (43.0 mg) for 12 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.50$
(petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 7.98 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J_I = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$
Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.10 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 0.22 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR(151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 150.5, 142.4, 136.2, 132.1, 128.3, 128.24, 128.19, 127.2,
126.0, 122.9, 120.7, 103.0, 96.0, 37.3, -0.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₉O₂Si⁺
(M+H)⁺ 307.11488, found 307.11453.





7.37-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 0.27 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 136.4, 135.2, 134.4, 133.6, 132.5, 131.2, 130.22, 130.17, 129.3, 128.5, 127.2, 122.8, 103.2, 96.1, 71.5, 40.1, -0.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₁O₂Si⁺ (M+H)⁺ 321.13053, found 321.13077.

7,12-Dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*c*,*f*]oxocin-5-one (58)

Yield 76% (34 mg), white solid; $R_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 136.5, 133.9, 133.4, 132.0, 131.8, 129.8, 129.8, 128.8, 128.1, 127.3, 127.2, 126.7, 71.1, 39.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺ 225.09101 , found 225.09116.

3-Fluoro-7,12-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*c*,*f*]oxocin-5-one (59)

Yield 70% (34 mg), white solid; $R_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.13 (m, 6H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.10 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 161.6 (d, J = 248.3 Hz), 136.6, 133.9 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 133.5, 132.1 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 130.3 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 130.2, 129.3, 129.5, 127.2, 119.2 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 114.7 (d, J = 23.6 Hz), 71.6, 39.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₂FO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 243.08158, found 243.08176.

3-Bromo-7,12-dihydro-5*H***-dibenzo**[*c*,*f*]oxocin-5-one (60)

Yield 51% (31 mg), white solid; $R_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, $J_I = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, $J_I = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 =$ 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (td, $J_I = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.09 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 136.1, 135.1, 134.1, 133.5, 133.4, 131.8, 130.5, 130.2, 129.3, 128.5, 127.2, 121.2, 71.6, 39.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₁BrNaO₂⁺ (M + Na)⁺ 324.9835, found 324.9831.

3-Methyl-7,12-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*c*,*f*]oxocin-5-one (61)

Yield 84% (40 mg), white solid; $R_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.8, 137.4, 137.1, 133.8, 132.9, 132.1, 131.3, 130.04, 130.02, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 126.9, 71.5, 39.7, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}O_2^+$ (M+H)⁺ 239.10666, found 239.10683.

9-Methoxy-7,12-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*c*,*f*]oxocin-5-one (62)



6.61 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 158.3, 134.99, 134.91, 132.2, 132.1, 131.2, 130.0, 129.0, 127.7, 127.4, 114.4, 113.6, 71.4, 55.3, 39.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 255.10157, found 255.10168.

10-Methyl-7,12-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*c*,*f*]oxocin-5-one (63)



Yield 73% (35 mg), white solid; $R_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz,

1H), 7.35 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 139.0, 136.5, 134.3, 132.3, 132.0, 130.9, 130.7, 130.0, 128.4, 127.6, 127.45, 127.41, 71.4, 40.1, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 239.10666, found 239.10678.

Methyl 6-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,e]oxepine-8-carboxylate (64)

Yield 36% (19.4 mg) for 4 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, $J_I = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.6, 165.2, 150.5, 147.0, 134.2, 134.1, 131.7, 129.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 126.1, 120.8, 52.4, 37.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}O_4^+$ (M+H)⁺ 269.08084, found 269.08075.

N-(6-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-8-yl)acetamide (65)



7.87 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.12 (td, $J_I = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 166.1, 150.5, 138.2, 137.5, 132.7, 128.2, 128.13, 128.1, 126.0, 125.2, 123.4, 120.7, 36.8, 24.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 268.09682, found 268.09698.

(2*aR*,5*aR*,5*bS*,16*bR*)-2a-Methyl-2,2a,5,5a,6,7,9,16b-octahydro-1H-benzo[*b*]cyclop enta[7,8]phenanthro[2,3-e]oxepine-3,15(4*H*,5*bH*)-dione (66)



Yield 70% (54.6 mg) for 10 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 5 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.18 (m,

3H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 3.94 (dd, $J_1 = 34.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 13.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.97-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.53-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.23-1.95 (m, 5H), 1.66-1.37 (m, 6H), 0.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.5, 166.4, 150.8, 143.0, 139.9, 139.3, 132.9, 130.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 125.8, 125.2, 120.7, 50.3, 47.8, 43.9, 37.7, 37.0, 35.7, 31.3, 29.3, 26.0, 25.5, 21.5, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₂₇O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 387.19547, found 387.19522.

8-Allyl-10-methoxydibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (67)



6.85 (s, 1H), 5.94-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.07 (m, 2H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 154.7, 151.2, 140.1, 136.3, 133.0, 129.28, 129.26, 128.4, 127.8, 125.6, 123.8, 120.4, 116.7, 115.2, 56.1, 39.9, 27.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₇O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 281.11722, found 281.11737.

7-Isopropyl-10-methyldibenzo[*b*,*e*]oxepin-6(11*H*)-one (68)



Yield 52% (27.6 mg) for 9 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.45$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.06 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s,

2H), 3.40-3.29 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.20 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.2, 150.9, 147.7, 140.3, 133.1, 132.8, 130.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 125.2, 124.5, 119.6, 32.1, 29.9, 24.0, 19.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₉O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 267.13796, found 267.13785.

(S)-Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(6-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[*b,e*]oxepin-8-yl)propanoate (69)



Yield 64% (57.3 mg) for 10 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.06 (m, 3H), 5.10 (dd, $J_1 = 10.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.94-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 3.61-3.48 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 167.4, 165.6, 150.5, 141.2, 136.3, 134.2, 133.7, 133.2, 132.4, 131.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 125.7, 123.5, 120.6, 53.0, 52.7, 37.0, 34.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₂₀NO₆⁺ (M+H)⁺ 442.12851, found 442.12909.

N-(5-oxo-7,12-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*c*,*f*]oxocin-3-yl)acetamide (70)



Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.22 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 172.1, 169.1, 139.1, 137.4, 134.4, 132.9, 131.1, 130.7, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 127.3, 122.8, 117.9, 71.3, 38.9, 24.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NO₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 282.11247, found 282.11264.

(3*aR*,3*bS*,15*bR*,17*aR*)-17a-Methyl-3,3a,4,5,7,12,15b,16,17,17a-decahydrobenzo[*c*] cyclopenta[7,8]phenanthro[2,3-f]oxocine-1,14(2*H*,3*bH*)-dione (71)



Yield 72% (58 mg), white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 5 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m,

2H), 7.19 (td, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.91-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.55-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.20-1.97 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.41 (m, 6H), 0.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.4, 173.0, 141.3, 139.5, 137.2, 133.9, 131.9, 130.7, 130.1, 129.8, 129.1, 128.3, 126.9, 125.0, 71.6, 50.4, 47.8, 44.0, 39.8, 37.9, 35.7, 31.4, 29.3, 26.2, 25.6, 21.5, 13.7; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for C₂₇H₂₉O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 401.21112, found 401.21170. (2*aS*,2*bR*,5*aR*,7*aR*)-5a-Methyl-2,2a,3,4,5a,6,7,7a,11,17-decahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4',

5':4,5|benzo[1,2-c]cyclopenta[7,8]phenanthro[2,3-f]oxocine-5,9(1H,2bH)-dione

(72)



Yield 78% (69 mg), white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 5 : 1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.00

(s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 2.92-2.88 (m, 2H), 2.55-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.20-197 (m, 4H), 1.66-1.41 (m, 6H), 0.91 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.5, 173.0, 147.8, 146.1, 141.4, 139.4, 132.2, 131.0, 130.5, 129.7, 127.2, 125.1, 110.7, 108.8, 101.3, 71.3, 50.3, 47.8, 44.0, 39.5, 37.8, 35.7, 31.4, 29.3, 26.1, 25.6, 21.5, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₈H₂₉O₅⁺ (M+H)⁺ 445.20095, found 445.20068.

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(5-oxo-7,12-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*c*,*f*]oxocin-3-yl)propanoate (73)



Yield 78% (71 mg), white solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 5 : 1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (q, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H),

7.65 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (td, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* =

7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (q, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.93-4.85 (m, 2H), 4.02-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.59 (dd, $J_1 = 14.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, $J_1 = 14.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 168.8, 167.2, 136.7, 136.5, 134.2, 133.7, 132.8, 132.6, 132.5, 131.3, 130.4, 130.1, 129.1, 128.3, 128.1, 126.9, 123.4, 71.2, 52.90, 52.88, 39.6, 34.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₇H₂₂NO₆⁺ (M+H)⁺ 456.14416, found 456.14447.

Methyl 5-oxo-7,12-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*c*,*f*]oxocine-3-carboxylate (74)



Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.23 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 165.7, 139.2, 135.9, 133.6, 133.1, 132.6, 130.4, 130.3, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.5, 127.3, 71.5, 52.4, 40.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{15}O_4^+$ (M+H)⁺ 283.09649, found 283.09698.

(3*aR*,5*aR*,11*aS*,11*bR*,14*aR*,16*aR*,21*aS*,21*bR*)-3a,14a-Dimethyl-1,3a,4,5,5a,11,11a,1 2,13,14a,15,16,16a,18,20,21,21a,21b-octadecahydrocyclopenta[7,8]phenanthro[2, 3-*b*]cyclopenta[7,8]phenanthro[2,3-*e*]oxepine-3,7,14(2*H*,10*H*,11b*H*)-trione (75)



Yield 74% (83.6 mg) for 21 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, **CDCl₃)** δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J_1 = 38.4 Hz, J_2 = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 2.92-2.82 (m, 4H), 2.53-2.41 (m, 4H), 2.24-1.94 (m, 10H), 1.64-1.36 (m, 12H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.7, 220.5, 166.7, 148.6, 142.8, 140.0, 139.1, 137.2, 136.5, 130.0, 129.9, 127.6, 125.3, 124.9, 120.6, 50.22, 50.19, 47.8, 47.7, 43.9, 43.8, 37.9, 37.7, 36.9, 35.73, 35.69, 31.4, 31.3, 29.3, 28.9, 26.2, 26.0, 25.8, 25.5, 21.4, 13.69, 13.65; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₈H₄₃O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 563.31559, found 563.31580.

(2*aR*,5*aR*,5*bS*,16*bR*)-11-Allyl-13-methoxy-2a-methyl-2,2a,5,5a,6,7,9,16b-octahydr o-1H-benzo[b]cyclopenta[7,8]phenanthro[2,3-*e*]oxepine-3,15(4H,5*bH*)-dione (76)



Yield 43% (38.8 mg) for 8 h, white solid; R_f = 0.50 (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (s,

1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 5.96-5.86 (m, 1H), 5.12- 5.07 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.31 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.97-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.53-2.42 (m, 2H), 2.23-1.94 (m, 5H), 1.66-1.39 (m, 6H), 0.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.5, 166.2, 150.6, 142.8, 140.1, 139.2, 138.2, 138.0, 136.7, 134.4, 130.2, 127.7, 125.2, 119.1, 116.3, 111.2, 56.0, 50.3, 47.8, 43.9, 39.9, 37.8, 37.0, 35.7, 31.3, 29.3, 26.0, 25.5, 21.5, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₀H₃₃O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 457.23734, found 457.23764. (*S*)-Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-((2*aR*,5*aR*,5*bS*,16*bR*)-2a-methyl-3,15dioxo-2,2a,3,4,5,5a,5b,6,7,9,15,16b-dodecahydro-1H-benzo[*b*]cyclopenta[7,8]phen anthro[2,3-*e*]oxepin-11-yl)propanoate (77)



Yield 64% (79.2 mg) for 5 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 2 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 7.80-7.70 (m, 5H), 7.08-6.97 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15-5.10 (m, 1H), 3.95-3.77 (m, 5H), 3.58-3.45 (m, 2H), 2.97-2.92 (m, 2H), 2.53-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.22-1.94 (m, 5H), 1.66-1.36 (m, 6H), 0.87 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 220.4, 169.1, 167.4, 166.2, 149.6, 142.9, 139.6, 139.2, 134.3, 134.2, 132.92, 132.90, 131.4, 129.98, 129.97, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.62, 127.58, 125.1, 123.5, 120.82, 120.78, 52.9, 52.82, 52.76, 50.2, 47.8, 43.8, 37.7, 36.9, 35.7, 33.8, 31.3, 29.3, 26.0, 25.4, 21.4, 13.7; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for C₃₈H₃₆NO₇⁺ (M+H)⁺ 618.24863, found 618.24878.

(3*aR*,5*aR*,16*aS*,16*bR*)-10-Allyl-8-methoxy-3a-methyl-3a,4,5,5a,15,16,16a,16b-octa hydro-1H-benzo[*e*]cyclopenta[7,8]phenanthro[2,3-*b*]oxepine-3,12(2*H*,7*H*)-dione (78)





7.16 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 5.93-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.06 (m, 2H),

4.04-3.95 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.34 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.54-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.22-1.96 (m, 5H), 1.67-1.48 (m, 6H), 0.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.8, 166.7, 154.6, 149.0, 140.0, 137.0, 136.34, 136.31, 130.1, 129.4, 125.3, 123.8, 120.3, 116.6, 115.2, 56.1, 50.3, 47.9, 44.0, 39.9, 37.9, 35.8, 31.5, 29.0, 27.1, 26.8, 26.2, 25.8, 21.5, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₀H₃₃O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 457.23734, found 457.23749.

2,8-Diallyl-4,10-dimethoxydibenzo[b,e]oxepin-6(11H)-one (79)



Yield 53% (37.5 mg) for 13 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s,

1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.96-5.83 (m, 2H), 5.12-5.06 (m, 4H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.32 (dd, $J_I = 11.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.8$ Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 154.7, 150.3, 140.0, 138.4, 138.0, 136.8, 136.3, 134.4, 129.5, 129.3, 124.0, 119.6, 116.6, 116.2, 115.2, 111.0, 56.1, 55.9, 40.0, 39.9, 27.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₂₃O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 351.15909, found 351.15933.

(*S*)-Methyl 3-(8-allyl-10-methoxy-6-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[*b,e*]oxepin-2-yl)-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)propanoate (80)





4H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.01-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 5.93-5.83 (m, 1H),

5.15-5.06 (m, 3H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.57-3.45 (m, 2H), 3.33 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 167.4, 166.2, 154.6, 150.0, 140.0, 136.2, 134.2, 134.1, 133.1, 131.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 123.7, 123.4, 120.4, 116.6, 115.2, 56.0, 52.9, 39.9, 33.8, 27.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{30}H_{26}NO_7^+$ (M+H)⁺ 512.17038, found 512.17053.

(*S*)-methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-((3*aR*,3*bS*,14*bR*,16*aR*)-16a-methyl-1,8dioxo-2,3,3a,3b,4,5,8,13,14b,15,16,16a-dodecahydro-1H-benzo[*e*]cyclopenta[7,8]p henanthro[2,3-*b*]oxepin-10-yl)propanoate (81)



Yield 31% (38.2 mg) for 28 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.20$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1); ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79-7.68 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (dd, $J_1 = 10.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.61-3.49 (m, 2H), 2.83 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.53-2.34 (m, 2H), 2.21-1.94 (m, 5H), 1.66-1.33 (m, 6H), 0.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 220.7, 169.0, 167.4, 165.9, 148.4, 141.3, 137.2, 136.6, 136.2, 134.2, 133.6, 133.2, 131.5, 129.5, 128.3, 127.6, 125.0, 123.6, 120.58, 120.56, 53.0, 52.8, 50.3, 47.8, 43.9, 37.9, 37.0, 35.8, 33.9, 31.4, 28.9, 26.2, 25.8, 21.5, 13.7; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for C₃₈H₃₆NO₇⁺ (M+H)⁺ 618.24863, found 618.24884.

(*S*)-Methyl 3-(2-allyl-4-methoxy-6-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[*b,e*]oxepin-8-yl)-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)propanoate (82)



Yield 47% (48.1 mg) for 11 h, white solid; $R_f = 0.24$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

7.79-7.69 (m, 5H), 7.30 (dd, $J_I = 8.0$ Hz, $J_I = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.94-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.12-5.06 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.61-3.48 (m, 2H), 3.29 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 167.4, 165.4, 150.5, 141.4, 138.2, 137.8, 136.7, 136.3, 134.2, 133.9, 133.5, 133.4, 131.5, 128.2, 127.7, 123.6, 119.2, 116.3, 111.2, 55.9, 53.0, 52.8, 39.9, 37.0, 34.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₀H₂₆NO₇⁺ (M+H)⁺ 512.17038, found 512.17078.

Deuterium-labeling experiments

In the presence of D₂O:



An oven-dried reaction tube containing a stirring bar was charged with $[(\eta-C_3H_6)PdCl]_2$ (2.5 mol%), Xantphos (7.5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv.) and **2a** (0.4 mmol, 116 mg). After degassed and filled with dry argon repeated three times, dioxane (2.0 mL), **1c** (0.2 mmol, 51 mg) and D₂O (10.0 equiv.) were added via syringe. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 h. The crude mixture was cooled to room temperature. EtOAc was added to the mixture. The reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite. After removing the solvent under reduced pressure, the residual was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the seven-membered lactone (**3**).

8.2 [D]-1c instead of 1c:



Following the general procedure for the synthesis of seven-membered lactone, the reaction was generate the deuterated product (**[D]-3**) in 75% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (dd, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 1.2

Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 150.6, 142.5, 133.4, 132.7, 132.6, 128.13, 128.10, 128.0, 127.4, 127.1, 125.8, 120.7, 37.4, 37.1 (t, *J* = 20.0 Hz).

Kinetic isotope effect experiment:



a) One-pot experiment

One-pot experiment was conducted using 0.2 mmol 1c, 0.2 mmol [D]-1c, 0.2 mmol 2a as the substrates. Following the general procedure for the synthesis of seven-membered lactone, the reaction was stopped after 7 h. The crude mixture was cooled to room temperature. EtOAc was added to the mixture. The reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite. After removing the solvent under reduced pressure, the residual was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the seven-membered lactone (3/[D]-3) compound. The KIE value ($K_H/K_D = 0.96$) was determined on the basis of ¹H NMR analysis.

b) Parallel experiments



Parallel experiments were conducted using 1c and [D]-1c as substrates. Following the general procedure for the synthesis of seven-membered lactone, the two reactions were stopped after 45 min. The crude mixture was cooled to room temperature. EtOAc was added to the mixture. The mixture was filtered through Celite. The solvents were evaporated and the yields of the products (3/[D]-3) were estimated by GC using *n*-decane as the internal standard. KIE = 8.5/8.8 = 0.97 was obtained.

Representative synthetic application



To a mixture of LiAlH₄ (1.01 equiv) in 3 mL of THF at 0 °C, a solution of **3** (161 mg, 0.76 mmol) in 7 mL of THF was added slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h and carefully quenched with 2 mL of aq. NH₄Cl solution. 15 mL of EtOAc and 3 mL of 10% aq. NaOH solution were added sequentially and stirred for another 15

minutes at room temperature. The resulting mixture was then filtered. The filtrate was extracted with EtOAc (3×15 mL). The combined EtOAc layer was washed with 5 mL of 10% aq. HCl, brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residues were purified by column chromatography on silica gel to get product (**83**) (162 mg, 99%) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 2 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.00-6.79 (m, 1H), 6.82-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.65 (m, 3H), 6.44-6.40 (m, 2H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 3.20 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 155.3, 139.5, 139.3, 131.4, 130.2, 128.6, 128.20, 128.15, 127.4, 126.8, 120.4, 115.9, 62.8, 32.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₅O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 215.10666, found 215.10617.

Compound **85** was prepared from **83** using the literature procedure.⁸ Diol **84** (128.4 mg, 0.60 mmol), triphenylphosphine (165.2 mg, 0.63 mmol) in toluene (6 mL) solution of diethyl diazene-1,2-dicarboxylate (95 μ L, 0.60 mmol) was added dropwise at room temperature, the reaction mixture was stirred under argon 6 hours at 70 °C. The solvent of the reaction mixture was evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography to give compound **85** (116.8 mg, 98%) as light yellow liquid; R_f = 0.7 (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.06-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 157.3, 141.3, 136.6, 131.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 126.1, 121.9, 120.0, 70.6, 38.6.

To a mixture of LiAlH₄ (2.5 equiv) in 3 mL of THF at 0 °C, a solution of **58** (150 mg, 0.66 mmol) in 7 mL of THF was added slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h and carefully quenched with 2 mL of aq. NH₄Cl solution. 15 mL of EtOAc and 3 mL of 10% ag. NaOH solution were added sequentially and stirred for another 15 minutes at room temperature. The resulting mixture was then filtered. The filtrate was extracted with EtOAc (3×15 mL). The combined EtOAc layer was washed with 5 mL of 10% aq. HCl, brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residual solid was washed and filtered again using DCM. The pure compound 84 (150 mg, 99%) was obtained as a white solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 1 : 1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.43 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (td, J_1 = 7.2 Hz, J_2 = 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (td, J_1 = 7.2 Hz, J_2 = 0.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 4H), 3.98 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 140.7, 137.7, 129.3, 127.4, 127.2, 126.5, 61.2, 34.0; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{17}O_2^+$ (M+H)⁺ 229.12231, found 229.12238.

Compound **S84** was prepared from **84** using an oxidation method described in literature.⁹ To a stirred mixture of **84** (160 mg, 0.7 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) at room temperature was added sequentially *tert*-butyl alcohol (10 equiv) and Desse-Martin periodinane (3 equiv). After stirring for 5 h, saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (5 mL) and saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate (5 mL) were added to the mixture, which was extracted with dichloromethane (2×20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was

evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column to get **S84** (140 mg, 89% yield) as colourless liquid; $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.16 (s, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.5, 141.9, 133.7, 133.6, 132.8, 130.8, 126.8, 34.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 225.09101, found 225.09125.

Compound **86** was prepared from **S84** using the literature procedure.¹⁰ In a two-neck round-bottom flask containing **S84** (60 mg, 0.27 mmol) and zinc dust (6.0 equiv) in dry THF (10 mL) was added pyridine (12.0 equiv). The stirred mixture was cooled to 0 °C and titanium(IV) chloride (3.0 equiv) was added dropwise. The mixture was then heated at 80 °C for 6 h before being cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. It was then filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was extracted with DCM (2×20 mL), washed brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude product by column chromatography afforded **86** (43 mg, 83%) as white solid; $R_f = 0.6$ (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.35-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.22 (td, $J_I = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (s, 2H); 3.76 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 138.1, 135.1, 131.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 126.0, 41.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 193.10118, found 193.10083

Computational details

The geometries were optimized by hybrid functional B3LYP^[11-12] with the LANL2DZ^[13-15] effective core potential for Pd and Br, and 6-31G* basis set for the rest atoms. The same level calculation of vibrational frequency was carried out to check the stationary point or transition state as minima or saddle point, and to obtain the thermodynamic corrections. Single point energy was performed by meta-GGA hybrid functional M06^[16] with def2-TZVP^[17] basis set for all atoms. Solvation energy was obtained by SMD^[18] continuum solvation model in 1,4-Dioxane solution. The changes in Gibbs free energy with single point and solvation energy are reported in the content. All the calculations were performed in Gaussian09 package.^[19]

Pathway for ligand dissociation

Following one reviewer's suggestion, the possibility of the pathway through attack of **2a'** to **Int2** was further explored. However, all attempts to locate an intermediate with one Pd-P opened with **2a'** failed, presumably because the steric hindrance of ligands prevents the binding of **2a'** to the metal center.

In order to compare with the favorable pathway already shown in the manuscript, we further explored another two possible reaction pathways. As can be seen from the following Fig. SII-1, the direct dissociation of Br⁻ anion from **Int2** to **Int3'** is energetically unfavorable as this process requires the energy of 48.9 kcal/mol. Another process involves the dissociation of one arm of the bidentated ligand to form **Int3** without counter anion exchange, followed by the reaction of **Int3** with **2a'** leading to dediazonation. Such a process is energetically unfavorable as it needs to

overcome a large barrier of 38.2 kcal/mol relative to **Int2**. All in all, these two pathways are not favored compared to the one shown in Figure 3 in the manuscript.



Supplementary Figure 3. Reaction Energy Profiles of Ligand Dissociation Calculated at M06/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d)(LANL2DZ) Level.

Crystal data and structure refinement for 66



Supplementary Figure 4. X-ray structure of 66. The thermal ellipsoid was drawn at

the 50% probability level.

Empirical formula	$C_{26}H_{26}O_3$
Formula weight	386.47
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 A
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, P212121
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.841(2) Å alpha = 90 deg.
	b = 13.449(3) Å beta = 90 deg.
	c = 15.601(3) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	2064.8(7) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.243 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.080 mm^{-1}
F(000)	824
Crystal size	0.90 x 0.45 x 0.30 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.88 to 27.48 deg.
Limiting indices	-12<=h<=12, -17<=k<=16, -20<=l<=20

Reflections collected / unique	16011 / 4666 [R(int) = 0.0219]
Completeness to theta $= 27.48$	98.7 %
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	4666 / 0 / 264
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.077
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	$R_1 = 0.0370, wR_2 = 0.1000$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0383, wR_2 = 0.1012$
Absolute structure parameter	1.4(11)
Largest diff. peak and hole	$0.160 \text{ and } -0.157 \text{ e.A}^{-3}$




Supplementary Figure 5 ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra for compound S1t.





Supplementary Figure 6 ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra for compound S1w.





S1x





S1y



Supplementary Figure 9¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound S20



Supplementary Figure 10 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound S2p



Supplementary Figure 11 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound S2m



Supplementary Figure 11 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound S2n



Supplementary Figure 12 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound S2u



Supplementary Figure 13 $^1\!H$ NMR and $^{13}\!C$ NMR spectra for compound S2v



Supplementary Figure 14 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound S2w



Supplementary Figure 15 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound S2x



Supplementary Figure 16 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound S2y



Supplementary Figure 17 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound S2z





Supplementary Figure 19¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 4



Supplementary Figure 20 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 5







compound 6



Supplementary Figure 22 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 7



Supplementary Figure 23 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 8



Supplementary Figure 24 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 9





Supplementary Figure 25 ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra for compound 10



Supplementary Figure 26 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 11



Supplementary Figure 27 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 12



Supplementary Figure 28 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 13



Supplementary Figure 29 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 14



Supplementary Figure 30 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 15





Supplementary Figure 31 ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra for compound 16



Supplementary Figure 32 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 17


yyh-34-41C





Supplementary Figure 34 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 19



Supplementary Figure 35 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 20



Supplementary Figure 36 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 21







Supplementary Figure 38 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 23



Supplementary Figure 39 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 24



Supplementary Figure 40 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 25









Supplementary Figure 42 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 27



Supplementary Figure 43 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 28



Supplementary Figure 44 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 29



Supplementary Figure 45 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 30



Supplementary Figure 46 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 31



Supplementary Figure 47 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 32



Supplementary Figure 48 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 33



210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1(ppm)

Supplementary Figure 49 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 34



Supplementary Figure 50 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 35



Supplementary Figure 51 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 36



Supplementary Figure 52 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 37



Supplementary Figure 53 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 38



Supplementary Figure 54 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 39



Supplementary Figure 55 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 40



Supplementary Figure 56 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 41







Supplementary Figure 58 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 43



Supplementary Figure 59 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 44



Supplementary Figure 60 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 45



Supplementary Figure 61 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 46



Supplementary Figure 62 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 47



Supplementary Figure 63 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 48



Supplementary Figure 64 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 49



Supplementary Figure 65 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 50


Supplementary Figure 66 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 51



Supplementary Figure 67 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 52







Supplementary Figure 69 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 54





compound 55



Supplementary Figure 71 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 56



Supplementary Figure 72 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 57



Supplementary Figure 73 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 58





compound 59



Supplementary Figure 75 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 60



Supplementary Figure 76 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 61



Supplementary Figure 77 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 62



Supplementary Figure 78 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 63



Supplementary Figure 79 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 64



Supplementary Figure 80 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 65



Supplementary Figure 81 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 66





Supplementary Figure 83 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 68



Supplementary Figure 84 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 69



Supplementary Figure 85 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 70



Supplementary Figure 86 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 71



Supplementary Figure 87 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 72



Supplementary Figure 88 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 73



Supplementary Figure 89 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 74





Supplementary Figure 90 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 75





Supplementary Figure 91 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 76





Supplementary Figure 92 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 77





Supplementary Figure 93 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 78



Supplementary Figure 94 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 79



Supplementary Figure 95 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 80





Supplementary Figure 96 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 81



Supplementary Figure 97 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 82



Supplementary Figure 98 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound [D]-3



Supplementary Figure 99 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 83


Supplementary Figure 100 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 84



Supplementary Figure 101 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound S84



Supplementary Figure 102 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 85



Supplementary Figure 102 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 86

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