# Photoinduced 1,2-Dicarbofunctionalization of Alkenes with Organotrifluoroborate Nucleophiles via Radical/Polar Crossover

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# 1. General Considerations

1.1 General: All chemical transformations requiring inert atmospheric conditions were carried out using Schlenk line techniques with a 4- or 5-port dual-bank manifold. For blue light irraditation, blue LED strips (light-emitting diode,  $\lambda$ max = 456 nm) were employed at a distance of ~3-5 cm from the reaction vials. A fan was used to ensure reactions remained near room temperature.<sup>1</sup> NMR spectra (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F, <sup>11</sup>B) were obtained at 298 <sup>o</sup>K using 300, 400, or 500 MHz spectrometers. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were referenced to residual, CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  7.26) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, acetone ( $\delta$ 1.96) in acetone- $d_6$ , or DMSO- $d_6$  ( $\delta$  2.50). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  77.16), acetone- $d_6$  ( $\delta$  30.9), or DMSO- $d_6$  ( $\delta$  39.5). <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were referenced to hexafluorobenzene ( $\delta$  –161.64 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Reactions were monitored by GC/MS, LC/MS, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and/or TLC on silica gel plates (60 Å porosity, 250 μm thickness). TLC analysis was performed using hexanes/EtOAc or hexanes/acetone as the eluents and visualized using ninhydrin, p-anisaldehyde, or KMnO<sub>4</sub> stain as well as UV light. Flash chromatography was accomplished using an automated system (CombiFlash<sup>®</sup>, UV detector,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm and 280 nm) with RediSep<sup>®</sup> R<sub>f</sub> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 40–60 μm) or RediSep Rf Gold<sup>®</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40 μm). Accurate mass measurement analyses were conducted using electron ionization (EI) or electrospray ionization (ESI). The signals were mass measured against an internal lock mass reference of perfluorotributylamine (PFTBA) for EI-GCMS and leucine enkephalin for ESI-LCMS. The utilized software calibrates the instruments and reports measurements by use of neutral atomic masses. The mass of the electron is not included. IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR using either neat oil or solid products. Solvents were purchased and used as is or purified with drying cartridges through a solvent delivery system. Melting points (°C) are uncorrected. UV-vis absorption spectra for the quantum yield reaction were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Lambda 365 UV-Vis spectrophotometer. Quartz fluorometric cells (1 cm optical path length, Starna) were used in all optical experiments. The quantum yield reaction was conducted on a FS920 spectrofluorometer (Edinburgh Instruments, UK), equipped with R2658P red-sensitive PMT (Hamamatsu), a temperature and stir controller.

**1.2 Chemicals:** Deuterated NMR solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and stored over 4Å molecular sieves.  $CH_2Cl_2$ , EtOAc, hexanes,  $Et_2O$ , and toluene were obtained commercially and used as received. When used as dry solvents, THF and  $CH_2Cl_2$  were dried *via* a solvent delivery system. Anhydrous MeCN was obtained from commercial sources and stored over molecular sieves. The photocatalyst  $Ir(ppy)_3$  was synthesized following a reported literature procedure.<sup>2</sup> All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further manipulation. Redox-active esters, organotrifluoroborates, and vinyl(hetero)arenes were prepared according to the literature.<sup>3-6</sup> The synthesis of all new redox-active esters, styrene derivatives, and organotrifluoroborates is reported here. Photoredox-catalyzed reactions were performed using 4 mL vials (1-dram, 15 x 45 mm, 13–425 Green Open Top Cap, TFE septa) or 8 mL vials (2-dram, 17 x 60 mm, 15–425 Green Open Top Cap, TFE septa).

## 2. Synthesis of Styrene Derivatives

## 4-Vinylphenyl 3-Phenylpropanoate (1aj)



4-Vinylphenyl 3-phenylpropanoate (**1aj**) was prepared according to the literature.<sup>6d</sup> To a round-bottom flask was added 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (200 mg, 1.66 mmol, 1 equiv, 10% in ethylene glycol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.7 mL, 5.0 mmol, 3 equiv) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.6 mL). The soln was cooled to 0 °C using an ice/water bath. To this mixture was added 3-phenylpropanoyl chloride (0.75 mL, 4.99 mmol, 3 equiv) dropwise, and the reaction was stirred at rt overnight. Upon completion, the mixture was quenched with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated under reduced pressure to dryness. The resulting oil was purified using an automated system (UV detector,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm and 280 nm) with RediSep R<sub>f</sub> Gold<sup>\*</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40 µm) and hexanes/EtOAc as eluent to obtain the title compound as a white solid (88 mg, 0.35 mmol, 21%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dd, *J* =

17.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dd, J = 10.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 171.5, 150.3, 140.2, 136.0, 135.5, 128.7 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 127.3 (2C), 126.6, 121.7 (2C), 114.2, 36.1, 31.1. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v} = 1756$ , 1602, 1454, 1367, 1287, 1208, 1197, 1166, 1127, 1077, 1015. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 252.1150, found 252.1158. mp = 34 – 35 °C.

#### 4-Vinylphenyl Furan-2-carboxylate (1ak)



4-Vinylphenyl furan-2-carboxylate (**1ak**) was prepared according to the literature.<sup>6d</sup> To a round-bottom flask was added 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (200 mg, 1.66 mmol, 1 equiv, 10% in ethylene glycol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.7 mL, 5.0 mmol, 3 equiv) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.6 mL). The soln was cooled to 0  $^{\circ}$ C using an ice/water bath. To this mixture was added furan-2-carbonyl chloride (0.5 mL, 5.0 mmol, 3 equiv) dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. Upon completion, the mixture was quenched with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated under reduced pressure to dryness. The resulting oil was purified using an automated system (UV detector,  $\lambda = 254$  nm and 280 nm) with RediSep R<sub>f</sub> Gold<sup>\*</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40 µm) and hexanes/EtOAc as eluent to obtain the title compound as a white solid (99 mg, 0.46 mmol, 28%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 157.0, 149.9, 147.3, 144.1, 134.0, 135.8, 127.4 (2C), 121.8 (2C), 119.6, 114.3, 112.3. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v} = 1731$ , 1506, 1469, 1392, 1291, 1231, 1206, 1195, 1168, 1084, 1069, 1013. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 214.0630, found 214.0616. **mp** = 42 – 44  $^{\circ}$ C.

#### 4-Vinylphenyl Morpholine-4-carboxylate (1al)



4-Vinylphenyl morpholine-4-carboxylate (**1a**l) was prepared according to the literature.<sup>6d</sup> To a round-bottom flask was added 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (200 mg, 1.66 mmol, 1 equiv, 10% in ethylene glycol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.7 mL, 5.0 mmol, 3 equiv) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.6 mL). The soln was cooled to 0  $^{\circ}$ C using an ice/water bath. To this mixture was added morpholine-4-carbonyl chloride (0.6 mL, 5.0 mmol, 3 equiv) dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The mixture was quenched with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated under reduced pressure to dryness. The resulting oil was purified using an automated system (UV detector,  $\lambda = 254$  nm and 280 nm) with RediSep R<sub>f</sub> Gold<sup>\*</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40 µm) and hexanes/EtOAc as eluent to obtain the title compound as a white solid (92.3 mg, 0.40 mmol, 24%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.71 (m, 4H), 3.67 (bs, 2H), 3.57 (bs, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 153.8, 150.9, 136.1, 135.1, 127.2 (2C), 121.8 (2C), 113.9, 66.7 (2C), 45.0, 44.3. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v} = 2859$ , 1718, 1508, 1454, 1419, 1365, 1277, 1241, 1210, 1198, 1168, 1116, 1064, 1024, 1015. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 233.1052, found 233.1041. **mp** = 55 – 57 °C.

## 4-Vinylphenyl 4-Fluorobenzoate (1am)



4-Vinylphenyl 4-fluorobenzoate (**1am**) was prepared according to the literature.<sup>6d</sup> To a round-bottom flask was added 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (200 mg, 1.66 mmol, 1 equiv, 10% in ethylene glycol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.7 mL, 5.0 mmol, 3 equiv) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.6 mL). The soln was cooled to 0 °C using an ice/water bath. To this mixture was added 4-fluorobenzoyl chloride (0.6 mL, 5.0 mmol, 3 equiv) dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The mixture was quenched with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated under reduced pressure to dryness. The resulting oil was purified using an automated system (UV detector,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm and 280 nm) with RediSep R<sub>f</sub> Gold<sup>\*</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40 µm) and hexanes/EtOAc as eluent to obtain the title compound as a white solid (90 mg, 0.37 mmol, 22%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.23 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = -104.38. <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 166.3 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 255.1 Hz), 164.3, 150.5, 136.0, 135.7, 133.0 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 9.4 Hz, 2C), 127.4 (2C), 125.9 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 2.9 Hz), 121.9 (2C), 115.8, 115.2 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 22.0 Hz, 2C). **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v} = 1732$ , 1602, 1508, 1264, 1219, 1207, 1197, 1167, 1155, 1075, 1015. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 242.0743, found 242.0740. **mp** = 94 – 95 °C.

# 3. Synthesis of Redox-Active Esters



Redox-active esters were prepared according to the literature.<sup>3</sup>

## General Procedure A

To a round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added the corresponding carboxylic acid (if solid) (1.0 equiv), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (1.0 equiv), and DMAP (0.1 equiv). The flask was then charged with  $CH_2Cl_2$  or EtOAc (0.2 M). At this point, carboxylic acid (1.0 equiv) was added via syringe (if liquid). DCC (1.1 equiv) was added, and the reaction was allowed to stir at rt until full consumption of the starting material. The mixture was then filtered over Celite and rinsed with additional  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude material was purified via flash chromatography (UV detector,  $\lambda = 254$  nm and 280 nm) with RediSep R<sub>f</sub> Gold<sup>\*</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40 µm).

## 1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 4-Chloro-2,2-dimethylbutanoate (2g)



Prepared using carboxylic acid (2.0 g, 15 mmol, 1.0 equiv). After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a white solid (2.8 g, 9.9 mmol, 68%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.93 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.84 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 1.53 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 171.6, 161.9 (2C), 134.9 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 124.1(2C), 50.9, 44.5, 23.3(2C). FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 1810, 1786, 1741, 1468, 1370, 1290, 1187, 1160, 1056, 1019. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 282.0533, found 282.0525. m.p. = 54 – 56 °C

# 4. Synthesis of Potassium Organotrifluoroborates

Potassium organotrifluoroborate salts **3a**, **3k-o** were prepared from the corresponding acetylene derivatives according to the literature.<sup>4</sup> Organotrifluoroborates **3p-ad** were synthesized from the corresponding boronic acids following a reported literature procedure.<sup>5</sup>

## (Cyclohexylethynyl)trifluoro- $\lambda^4$ -borane, Potassium Salt (3n)



(Cyclohexylethynyl)trifluoro- $\lambda^4$ -borane, potassium salt (**3n**) was prepared according to the literature.<sup>4</sup> To a roundbottom flask was added 2-cyclohexylacetylene (1.0 mL, 7.65 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (19.0 mL, 0.4 M), and the temperature was maintained at -78 °C using a dry ice/acetone bath under inert atmosphere. To this soln was added n-BuLi (3.1 mL, 7.6 mmol, 1 equiv, 2.5 M in hexanes) dropwise, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C. Trimethylborate (1.3 mL, 11 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was then added dropwise at -78 °C, and the soln was stirred at this temperature for 30 min. The reaction was then allowed to warm to -30 °C and stirred for 30 min. An ag soln of KHF<sub>2</sub> (5.0 g, 46 mmol, 6 equiv, 4.5 M) was added to the vigorously stirred soln at -30 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 2 h. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure, and the resulting white solid was dried under high vacuum to remove all the water. The solid was dissolved in hot acetone, and the non-soluble solids were filtered off. The acetone solution was removed under reduced pressure to afford a fluffy white solid. This solid was then dissolved in hot acetone and precipitated with Et<sub>2</sub>O, after which the soln was cooled to -20 °C to allow complete precipitation of the solid. The title product was collected as a white crystalline solid (819 mg, 3.82 mmol, 50%).<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 2.19 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.72 - 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.53 - 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.31 - 1.15 (m, 5H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO), δ (ppm) = -130.79. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO),  $\delta$  (ppm) = -1.9. <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 33.14 (2C), 29.13 (2C), 25.57 (2C), 24.66 (2C). FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR): ν̃ = 2931, 1115, 1005. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BF<sub>3</sub> [M-K<sup>+</sup>]<sup>-</sup>: 175.0906, found 175.0899.

## 5. Reaction Optimization

To an 8 mL reaction vial (2-dram, 17 x 60 mm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added the corresponding amounts of 1-methylcyclohexyl redox active ester, phenylethynyltrifluoroborate, and  $Ir(ppy)_3$ . The vial was sealed with a cap containing a TFE-lined silicone septum and then evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen three times. Corresponding amounts of solvent and styrene were then added via syringe. The reaction was irradiated for 24 h with blue LEDs for 16 h (as described in the Reaction Workflow section) whereby the temperature was maintained at approximately 27 °C via cooling with a fan. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness and then analyzed by crude <sup>1</sup>NMR using equimolar (0.1 mmol) trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

**Table S1.** Supplementary optimization of loadings and reaction concentration. <sup>a</sup>Yields determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 0.1 mmol trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.



## 6. Photoinduced Dicarbofunctionalization of Alkenes

#### 6.1 Reaction Workflow

All photoredox reactions were performed using blue LED strips (light-emitting diode,  $\lambda_{max}$  = 456 nm) at a distance of ~ 3-5 cm from the reaction vials. A fan was used to ensure reactions remained near rt. A typical reaction setup is shown below:



Figure 1. Reaction setup for photoinduced dicarbofunctionalization reactions.

#### 6.2 General Procedure B:



To an 8 mL reaction vial (2-dram, 17 x 60 mm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added styrene derivative (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv, if solid or non-volatile liquid), redox-active ester (0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), potassium organotrifluoroborate salt (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and  $Ir(ppy)_3$  (6 mg, 0.009 mmol, 3.0 mol %, 0.03 equiv) under

air. The vial was sealed with a cap containing a TFE-lined silicone septum, evacuated, and back-filled with nitrogen. After this process was repeated 3 times, anhyd MeCN (3 mL, 0.1 M) was added followed by styrene via syringe (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv, if volatile liquid). The reaction was irradiated for 24 h using blue LED strips ( $\lambda_{max}$  = 456 nm, distance lamp–vial ~ 3-5 cm), whereby the temperature was maintained at approximately 25 °C via cooling with a fan. Upon completion, the mixture was taken to dryness and then purified using an automated system (UV detector,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm and 280 nm) with RediSep R<sub>f</sub> Gold<sup>®</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40 µm) with hexanes/EtOAc as eluent.

## 4-(1-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4a)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (89 mg, 0.25 mmol, 82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.03 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.62 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.32 (m, 8H), 1.12 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 149.3, 142.0, 131.5 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.8, 124.0, 121.7 (2C), 93.2, 83.3, 51.1, 38.5, 38.1, 33.9, 33.4, 26.5, 25.9, 22.2 (2C), 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2924, 2860, 1761, 1691, 1599, 1504, 1491, 1443, 1369, 1198, 1166, 1102, 1018. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 361.2168, found 361.2160.

## 4-(1-(1-Methylcyclobutyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4b)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (117 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (59 mg, 0.180 mmol, 59%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.07 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (dddd, *J* = 15.8, 10.5, 5.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.73 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.7, 149.3, 141.0, 131.5 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.8, 124.0, 121.6 (2C), 91.9, 83.6, 51.7, 38.9, 34.6, 34.4, 25.6, 21.3, 15.8. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2950, 2923, 1759, 1503, 1489, 1368, 1196, 1017, 754. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 333.1855, found 333.1852.

#### 4-(1-(1-Methylcyclohex-3-en-1-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4c)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (128 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–15% acetone in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (50 mg, 0.14 mmol, 46%, isolated as an inseparable 1:1 diastereomeric mixture). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.41 (ddt, *J* = 6.6, 4.0, 2.1 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.72 – 5.55 (m, 2H), 3.96 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.24 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 1.80 (m, 4H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). **Diastereomer 1** <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.7, 149.3, 141.8, 131.5 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.9, 125.8, 125.5, 124.0, 121.7 (2C), 93.1, 83.4, 50.5, 38.2, 33.8, 33.7, 32.4, 25.3, 22.9, 21.3. **Diastereomer 2** <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.7, 149.3, 141.8, 131.5 (2C), 127.9, 126.3, 125.9, 124.0, 121.7 (2C), 93.1, 83.6, 50.4, 37.9, 34.1, 33.6, 32.3, 25.3, 22.8, 21.3. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v} = 2915$ , 1759, 1503, 1490, 1368, 1197, 1165, 1017. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 359.2011, found 359.2008.

#### tert-Butyl 4-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-1-yl)-4-methylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (4d)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (175 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (36.6 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–20% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (75.2 mg, 0.178 mmol, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.56 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.35 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 2.06 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.76 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.61 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.55 – 1.33 (m, 12H), 1.17 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.0, 160.5, 155.1, 139.5 (2C), 131.5, 128.9 (2C), 128.4, 128.1, 123.6, 115.7, 115.5, 92.5, 83.8, 79.4, 50.7, 39.9, 37.6, 37.0, 33.2, 32.5, 29.8, 28.6 (3C), 24.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -116.34. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2925, 1684, 1506, 1422, 1364, 1248, 1222, 1156, 755. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FN [M-Boc+2H]<sup>+</sup>: 322.1971, found 322.1971.

#### 4-(1-((3r,5r,7r)-Adamantan-1-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4e)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (146 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv)

with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–15% acetone in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (84 mg, 0.21 mmol, 70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.42 (dt, J = 6.6, 2.3 Hz, 4H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (dd, J = 10.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.03 – 1.97 (m, 3H), 1.83 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.78 – 1.62 (m, 12H), 1.50 (dd, J = 13.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.7, 149.2, 142.0, 131.5 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.8, 124.1, 121.6 (2C), 93.4, 83.4, 54.2, 42.8 (3C), 37.2 (3C), 33.4, 32.5, 28.9 (3C), 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v} = 2899, 2845, 1760, 1502, 1489, 1199, 1166, 755.$  HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 399.2324, found 399.2318.

## 4-(5,5-Dimethyl-1-phenylhex-1-yn-3-yl)phenyl Acetate (4f)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (111 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (64 mg, 0.20 mmol, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.08 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 149.3, 141.8, 131.5 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.8, 124.0, 121.7 (2C), 93.1, 83.6, 53.1, 34.5, 31.5, 30.0 (3C), 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2954, 2866, 1762, 1692, 1599, 1504, 1490, 1476, 1367, 1199, 1166, 1103, 1018. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 321.1855, found 321.1854.

#### 4-(6-Chloro-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhex-1-yn-3-yl)phenyl Acetate (4g)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (127 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (64 mg, 0.18 mmol, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.65 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.02 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 149.5, 140.9, 131.6 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.1, 123.6, 121.8 (2C), 91.9, 84.1, 55.3, 47.9, 36.2, 34.0, 26.1, 25.9, 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2963, 1760, 1598, 1504, 1490, 1470, 1443, 1387, 1368, 1200, 1167, 1018. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 354.1387, found 354.1404.

#### 4-(8-(2,5-Dimethylphenoxy)-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenyloct-1-yn-3-yl)phenyl Acetate (4h)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (178 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (108 mg, 0.23 mmol, 77%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 4.00 – 3.88 (m, 3H), 2.33 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 6H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.02 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.96 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.70 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.14 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 157.2, 149.3, 141.7, 136.5, 131.5 (2C), 130.4, 128.5 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.9, 123.9, 123.7, 121.7 (2C), 120.7, 112.1, 92.9, 83.5, 68.6, 50.8, 38.4, 34.0, 33.7, 27.9, 27.9, 24.5, 21.5, 21.3, 16.0. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2954, 2869, 1762, 1585, 1507, 1490, 1471, 1443, 1415, 1389, 1368, 1265, 1200, 1166, 1130, 1018. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 496.2743, found 496.2751.

#### 4-(1-Cyclohexyl-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4i)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (123 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–15% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (42 mg, 0.120 mmol, 40%,). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.92 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.57 (m, 7H), 1.37 – 1.17 (m, 3H), 1.06 – 0.91 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.7, 149.4, 140.5, 131.8 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.9, 123.9, 121.6 (2C), 91.7, 83.3, 46.7, 35.7, 35.3, 33.9, 32.7, 26.8, 26.4, 26.3, 21.3. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2921, 2849, 1759, 1503, 1490, 1447, 1368, 1196, 1165. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 346.1933, found 346.1917.

## 4-(1-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)pent-4-en-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4j)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (89 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Ir(dtbbpy)(ppy)<sub>2</sub> (8 mg, 0.009 mmol, 3.0 mol %, 0.03 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a yellow oil (47 mg, 0.16 mmol, 53%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ (ppm) = 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.60 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 – 4.87 (m, 2H), 2.74 (qd, *J* = 7.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.69 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.49 – 1.32 (m, 4H), 1.32 – 1.18 (m, 6H), 1.06 – 1.01 (m, 2H), 0.74 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ (ppm) = 169.6, 148.7, 145.2, 137.3, 128.7 (2C), 121.2 (2C), 116.1, 48.1, 44.4, 41.2, 38.6, 38.5, 33.8, 26.5, 25.5, 22.2, 22.0, 21.3. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 2849, 1766, 1640, 1606, 1507, 1446, 1368, 1198, 1166, 1100, 1017. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 323.1982, found 323.1978.

#### 4-(6-Chloro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,5-dimethylhex-1-yn-3-yl)phenyl Acetate (4k)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (127 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (143 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (94 mg, 0.24 mmol, 81%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.99 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 159.5, 149.4, 141.2, 132.9 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 121.7 (2C), 115.8, 114.0 (2C), 90.3, 83.9, 55.4, 55.4, 47.9, 36.2, 34.0, 26.2, 25.9, 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2961, 1758, 1605, 1508, 1466, 1442, 1368, 1290, 1246, 1195, 1165, 1105, 1030, 1018. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 385.1570, found 385.1555.

## 4-(1-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4l)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (155 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (56 mg, 0.14 mmol, 45%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.13 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.69 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.37 (m, 8H), 1.17 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 149.3, 142.2, 133.6, 133.3, 130.2, 128.5 (2C), 128.3, 128.2, 126.7, 126.4, 126.4, 125.4, 121.8 (2C), 121.7, 98.2, 81.6, 51.5, 38.5, 38.3, 33.9, 33.8, 26.5, 25.8, 22.2 (2C), 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 2850, 1760, 1504, 1454, 1396, 1368, 1265, 1196, 1165, 1017. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 411.2324, found 411.2325.

#### 4-(1-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)pent-3-yn-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4m)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (87.6 mg 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–15% acetone in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (49.3 mg, 0.165 mmol, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.62 (dt, *J* = 9.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.89 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 1.56 – 1.38 (m, 7H), 1.38 – 1.22 (m, 4H), 1.01 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.7, 149.1, 142.8, 128.4 (2C), 121.5 (2C), 82.6, 78.4, 51.1, 38.4, 38.2, 33.8, 32.9, 26.6, 25.7, 22.2, 22.1, 21.3, 3.8. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2922, 2858, 1762, 1504, 1368, 1200, 1165, 1018, 911. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 299.2011, found 299.2010.

## 4-(4-Cyclohexyl-1-(1-methylcyclohexyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4n)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (128 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (52 mg, 0.14 mmol, 48%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (dt, *J* = 10.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.43 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.89 – 1.76 (m, 3H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.48 (m, 3H), 1.48 – 1.27 (m, 14H), 1.05 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 149.0, 143.0, 128.4 (2C), 121.4 (2C), 87.5, 83.1, 51.4, 38.5, 38.1, 33.8, 33.0 (2C), 32.8, 29.4, 26.6, 26.1, 25.9, 25.1, 22.2 (3C), 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2925, 2854, 1762, 1675, 1599, 1504, 1449, 1368, 1194, 1164, 1103, 1045, 1011. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 367.2637, found 367.2655.

## 4-(1-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)dodec-3-yn-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (40)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (146 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (56 mg, 0.14 mmol, 47%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz,

2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.18 (td, J = 7.0, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (dd, J = 13.9, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.47 (m, 5H), 1.45 – 1.26 (m, 18H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.92 – 0.85 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 149.1, 142.9, 128.4 (2C), 121.5 (2C), 83.3 (2C), 51.3, 38.4, 38.2, 33.8, 32.9, 32.0, 29.4, 29.3, 29.1, 29.0, 26.6, 25.8, 22.8, 22.2, 22.2, 21.3, 19.0, 14.3. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v} = 2924$ , 2855, 1763, 1675, 1599, 1504, 1454, 1369, 1277, 1194, 1164, 1103, 1044, 1011. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 397.3107, found 397.3094.

#### (E)-4-(1-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)pent-3-en-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4p)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (89 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (33 mg, 0.11 mmol, 36%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (ddd, *J* = 15.2, 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.41 – 5.29 (m, 1H), 3.40 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.6 Hz, 3H), 1.45 – 1.32 (m, 5H), 1.31 – 1.22 (m, 3H), 1.21 – 1.08 (m, 2H), 0.84 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 148.6, 145.1, 137.5, 128.5 (2C), 123.8, 121.4 (2C), 48.6, 44.6, 38.7, 38.6, 33.9, 26.6, 25.6, 22.1 (2C), 21.3, 18.0. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2922, 2853, 1766, 1605, 1505, 1451, 1368, 1197, 1166, 1100, 1044, 1017. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 301.2168, found 301.2177.

#### (Z)-4-(1-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)pent-3-en-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4q)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (89 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (31 mg, 0.10 mmol, 34%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.62 – 5.53 (m, 1H), 5.41 – 5.30 (m, 1H), 3.76 (dt, *J* = 9.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.69 – 1.64 (m, 5H), 1.45 – 1.36 (m, 5H), 1.31 – 1.19 (m, 5H), 0.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 148.6, 145.4, 136.9, 128.2 (2C), 122.0, 121.5 (2C), 49.8, 38.7, 38.6, 38.5, 33.9, 26.6, 25.6, 22.2 (2C), 21.3, 13.2. **FT**-**IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 2858, 1765, 1505, 1449, 1399, 1368, 1196, 1166, 1100, 1017. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 301.2168, found 301.2174.

(E)-4-(1-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)-4-(p-tolyl)but-3-en-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4r)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (134 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–15% acetone in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (73 mg, 0.194 mmol, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.37 – 6.24 (m, 2H), 3.65 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.90 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.18 (m, 10H), 0.93 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.7, 148.8, 144.4, 136.8, 135.3, 135.0, 129.3 (2C), 128.6 (3C), 126.1 (2C), 121.5 (2C), 48.7, 44.8, 38.7, 38.6, 34.0, 26.5, 25.7, 22.2 (2C), 21.3 (2C). FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2922, 2853, 1765, 1504, 1452, 1367, 1199. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 376.2402, found 376.2385.

## 4-(2-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)-1-(1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-7-en-8-yl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (4s)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (148 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (45 mg, 0.11 mmol, 38%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 3.96 – 3.83 (m, 4H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 2H), 2.09 (q, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.42 – 1.21 (m, 10H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 0.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 148.8, 142.9, 139.8, 129.0 (2C), 121.1 (2C), 120.0, 108.7, 64.4 (2C), 47.6, 44.9, 38.7, 38.4, 37.0, 33.8, 30.9, 26.6, 25.0, 24.3, 22.2, 22.1, 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 1761, 1504, 1448, 1367, 1310, 1199, 1166, 1100, 1059, 1042, 1017. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 399.2535, found 399.2551.

#### 4-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (4t)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (128 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (53 mg, 0.14 mmol, 48%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.07 (qd, *J* = 14.2, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.44 – 1.32 (m, 5H), 1.27 – 1.15 (m, 5H), 0.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 157.9, 148.7, 145.2, 138.8, 128.8 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 121.4 (2C), 113.9 (2C), 55.3, 48.6, 46.0, 38.6 (2C), 34.0, 26.5, 25.4, 22.1, 22.1, 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 2848, 1761, 1609, 1504, 1462, 1368, 1301, 1247, 1198, 1166, 1110, 1037, 1017. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 367.2273, found 367.2280.

## 4-(1-(4-Ethoxyphenyl)-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (4u)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (137 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (70 mg, 0.18 mmol, 61%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.15 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.30 (m, 8H), 1.29 – 1.16 (m, 5H), 0.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 157.3, 148.7, 145.2, 138.7, 128.8 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 121.4 (2C), 114.5 (2C), 63.5, 48.7, 46.0, 38.7 (2C), 34.0, 26.5, 25.4, 22.2, 22.1, 21.3, 15.0. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 1761, 1610, 1504, 1478, 1445, 1368, 1244, 1197, 1166, 1116, 1047, 1017. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 381.2430, found 381.2421.

## 4-(2-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)-1-(4-propoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (4v)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (145 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (59 mg, 0.15 mmol, 50%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.15 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.31 (m, 5H), 1.29 – 1.16 (m, 5H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 157.4, 148.6, 145.2, 138.6, 128.8 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 121.4 (2C), 114.5 (2C), 69.6, 48.7, 46.0, 38.6 (2C), 34.0, 26.5, 25.4, 22.8, 22.1 (2C), 21.3, 10.7. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2924, 1761, 1504, 1455, 1368, 1243, 1197, 1166, 1112, 1068, 1048, 1017. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 395.2586, found 395.2570.

## 4-(2-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)-1-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (4w)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (138 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (56 mg, 0.15 mmol, 49%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.30 (m, 5H), 1.27 – 1.16 (m, 5H), 0.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 148.8, 144.6, 143.8, 135.6, 128.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 121.5 (2C), 48.4, 46.4, 38.6 (2C), 34.0, 26.5, 25.4, 22.1 (2C), 21.3, 16.3. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2921, 2847, 1757, 1504, 1492, 1441, 1406, 1367, 1195, 1166, 1094, 1015. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 383.2045, found 383.2044.

## 4-(1-(4-((tert-Butoxycarbonyl)amino)phenyl)-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (4x)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (179 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–15% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a white solid (80 mg, 0.18 mmol, 59%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (bs, 1H), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.44 – 1.31 (m, 5H), 1.26 – 1.13 (m, 5H), 0.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6 (2C), 152.9, 148.7, 144.9, 141.3, 136.4, 128.6 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 121.4 (2C), 118.8, 80.5, 48.5, 46.2, 38.6, 38.6, 34.0, 28.5 (3C), 26.5, 25.4, 22.1, 22.1, 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2925, 1756, 1725, 1594, 1521, 1504, 1454, 1412, 1392, 1367, 1314, 1218, 1199, 1157, 1052, 1016. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 474.2620, found 474.2609. mp = 142 – 144  $^{\circ}$ C

4-(4-Chloro-1-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutyl)phenyl Acetate (4y)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (127 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (145 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (57 mg, 0.15 mmol, 49%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.53 – 4.44 (m, 1H), 4.00 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.17 (qd, *J* = 14.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 6H), 0.91 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 156.4, 148.9, 144.0, 137.3, 128.8 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 121.5 (2C), 116.0 (2C), 70.0, 56.1, 46.5, 44.9, 36.3, 26.2, 26.0, 22.2 (2C), 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2975, 2933, 1759, 1609, 1505, 1468, 1384, 1369, 1297, 1243, 1198, 1167, 1118, 1017. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 389.1883, found 389.1885.

## 4-(1-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (4z)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (137 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (58 mg, 0.15 mmol, 50%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.83 – 6.66 (m, 3H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.29 (m, 5H), 1.29 – 1.13 (m, 5H), 0.80 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 148.8, 147.7, 145.8, 144.8, 140.8, 128.6 (2C), 121.4 (2C), 120.8, 108.3, 108.2, 100.9, 48.5, 46.5, 38.6 (2C), 34.0, 26.5, 25.3, 22.1 (2C), 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 2859, 1761, 1503, 1487, 1440, 1368, 1244, 1197, 1166, 1120, 1097, 1038, 1017. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 381.2066, found 381.2078.

## 4-(1-(2,3-Dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (4aa)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (145 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a white solid (61 mg, 0.15 mmol, 52%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.74 (s, 2H), 4.21 (s, 4H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.31 (m, 5H), 1.27 – 1.17 (m, 5H), 0.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 148.7, 144.9, 143.4, 141.8, 140.2, 128.6 (2C), 121.4 (2C), 120.8, 117.2, 116.5, 64.5, 64.4, 48.5, 46.2, 38.6, 38.6, 34.0, 26.5, 25.3, 22.1 (2C), 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2925, 1764, 1589, 1504, 1459, 1431, 1369, 1308, 1286, 1258, 1200, 1167, 1126, 1069, 1017. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 395.2222, found 395.2231. mp = 95 – 96 °C.

## 4-(1-(Furan-2-yl)-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (4ab)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (219 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (104 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (115 mg, 0.44 mmol, 87%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.20 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.41 – 1.36 (m, 5H), 1.25 – 1.17 (m, 5H), 0.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 156.6, 150.6, 149.0, 143.0, 128.8 (2C), 121.4 (2C), 106.0, 105.9, 47.1, 40.6, 38.4, 38.2, 33.7, 26.5, 25.1, 22.1, 21.3, 13.7. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2924, 2849, 1765, 1505, 1449, 1368, 1196, 1166, 1072, 1010. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 327.1960, found 327.1959.

## 4-(2-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (4ac)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (114 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 39%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 4H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.15 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.32 (m, 5H), 1.29 – 1.16 (m, 5H), 0.80 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 148.8, 147.6, 144.3, 128.8 (2C), 127.9, 125.5, 121.4 (2C), 120.0, 49.0, 42.3, 38.6, 38.5, 33.9, 26.5, 25.3, 22.1, 22.1, 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2922, 2851, 1763, 1504, 1450, 1368, 1196, 1166, 1103, 1017. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 343.1732, found 343.1735.

## 4-(2-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)-1-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (4ad)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (113 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (50 mg, 0.15 mmol, 49%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.88 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.17 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.42 – 1.36 (m, 5H), 1.26 – 1.17 (m, 5H), 0.80 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 156.7, 150.6, 149.0, 143.0, 128.8 (2C), 121.4

(2C), 106.0, 105.9, 49.2, 40.6, 38.4, 38.2, 33.7, 26.5, 24.3, 22.1 (2C), 21.3, 13.7. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v} = 2924$ , 2854, 1762, 1605, 1505, 1450, 1369, 1196, 1166, 1102, 1044, 1017. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 341.2117, found 341.2108.

## (4-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)but-1-yne-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (4ae)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (31.2 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (45 mg, 0.15 mmol, 50%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.43 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.8 Hz, 4H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.63 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.33 (m, 8H), 1.12 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 144.5, 131.6 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.7, 127.5 (2C), 126.6, 124.2, 93.6, 83.1, 51.1, 38.5, 38.2, 34.0, 33.9, 26.6, 25.9, 22.2 (2C). FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 2849, 1692, 1673, 1598, 1490, 1450, 1377, 1350, 1318, 1262, 1177, 1071, 1025. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.2113, found 303.2100.

## 1-Methoxy-4-(1-(1-methylcyclohexyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (4af)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (40.3 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (55 mg, 0.16 mmol, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.00 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.32 (m, 8H), 1.09 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 158.3, 136.7, 131.5 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.7, 124.3, 114.1 (2C), 93.9, 83.0, 55.5, 44.5, 38.5, 38.2, 33.8, 33.1, 26.6, 25.9, 22.2 (2C). FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2925, 2860, 1749, 1726, 1610, 1510, 1490, 1462, 1301, 1250, 1211, 1175, 1118, 1037. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 332.2140, found 332.2144.

## 1-Bromo-4-(1-(1-methylcyclohexyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (4ag)



Prepared according to General Procedure B using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5

equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (54.9 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (41.4 mg, 0.135 mmol, 45%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.64 – 1.30 (m, 11H), 1.10 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.5, 131.8 (2C), 131.5 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.9, 123.9, 120.3, 92.8, 83.5, 51.0, 38.5, 38.2, 33.9, 33.5, 26.5, 25.8, 22.2 (2C). FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 2848, 1597, 1486, 1071, 1011, 754. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>Br [M]<sup>+</sup>: 380.1140, found 380.1144.

## 2-(6-Chloro-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhex-1-yn-3-yl)naphthalene (4ah)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (127 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (46 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (49 mg, 0.14 mmol, 47%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) =  $\delta$  7.92 – 7.80 (m, 4H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (q, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 140.7, 133.7, 132.6, 131.6 (2C), 128.6, 128.4 (2), 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 126.3, 126.0, 125.8, 125.8, 123.8, 92.2, 84.2, 55.5, 47.7, 36.3, 34.7, 26.2, 25.9. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2961, 1598, 1507, 1490, 1468, 1442, 1387, 1367, 1265. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 347.1567, found 347.1557.

#### 1,4-Dimethyl-2-(1-(1-methylcyclohexyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (4ai)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (39.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (55 mg, 0.17 mmol, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 1.71 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.45 (m, 6H), 1.45 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.17 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 142.3, 136.0, 131.5 (2C), 131.2, 130.6, 128.7, 128.3 (2C), 127.6, 127.3, 124.4, 94.1, 82.4, 49.6, 38.8, 38.1, 34.0, 30.3, 26.6, 25.7, 22.3 (2C), 21.3, 19.2. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2924, 2861, 1598, 1502, 1490, 1443, 1378, 1156, 1069. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>31</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 330.2348, found 330.2349.

4-(1-(4-Isopropoxyphenyl)-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl 3-Phenylpropanoate (4aj)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (145 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (76 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (65 mg, 0.13 mmol, 45%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.54 – 4.44 (m, 1H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.13 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.33 (m, 5H), 1.32 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 1.3 Hz, 6H), 1.26 – 1.14 (m, 5H), 0.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 171.6, 156.2, 148.6, 145.2, 140.3, 138.7, 128.8 (2C), 128.7(4C), 128.5 (2C), 126.5, 121.3 (2C), 115.9 (2C), 70.0, 48.6, 46.0, 44.6, 38.6, 36.1, 34.0, 31.1, 29.9, 26.5, 25.4, 22.3, 22.2, 22.1. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 3029, 2974, 2924, 2860, 1758, 1608, 1504, 1454, 1372, 1297, 1243, 1203, 1167, 1129, 1077, 1017. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 507.2875, found 507.2886.

#### 4-(1-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl furan-2-carboxylate (4ak)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (137 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (64 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a white solid (63 mg, 0.15 mmol, 48%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.82 – 6.68 (m, 3H), 6.57 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.11 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.34 (m, 5H), 1.29 – 1.18 (m, 5H), 0.80 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 157.1, 148.3, 147.8, 147.2, 145.8, 145.1, 144.2, 140.7, 128.7 (2C), 121.5 (2C), 120.8, 119.4, 112.3, 108.4, 108.3, 101.0, 48.5, 46.6, 38.6 (2C), 34.0, 26.5, 25.3, 22.1 (2C). FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2924, 2859, 1740, 1503, 1486, 1471, 1441, 1392, 1293, 1245, 1231, 1203, 1174, 1089, 1070, 1040, 1015. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 455.1834, found 455.1835. mp = 75 – 77  $^{\circ}$ C.

#### 4-(1-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl Morpholine-4-carboxylate (4al)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (137 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (70 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–30% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a white solid (92 mg, 0.20 mmol, 68%) with 5% of isoindoline-1,3-dione as impurity. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.81 – 6.68 (m, 3H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 3.66 (bs, 2H), 3.58 (bs, 2H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.45 – 1.34 (m, 5H), 1.29 – 1.18 (m, 5H), 0.81 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 153.9, 149.3, 147.7, 145.7, 144.4, 141.0, 128.5 (2C), 121.5 (2C), 120.8, 108.4, 108.2, 100.9, 66.7 (2C), 48.5, 46.5, 45.0, 44.6, 38.6 (2C), 34.0, 26.5, 25.4, 22.1 (2C). **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2922, 2858, 1719, 1503, 1487, 1454, 1439, 1420, 1366, 1278, 1241, 1208, 1169, 1117, 1066, 1040, 1017. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 474.2256, found 474.2259. **mp** = 103 – 105 °C

#### 4-(1-(4-Isopropoxyphenyl)-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl 4-Fluorobenzoate (4am)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (145 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and styrene (73 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a white solid (65 mg, 0.14 mmol, 46%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.20 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.54 – 4.44 (m, 1H), 4.07 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.35 (m, 5H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6H), 1.28 – 1.17 (m, 5H), 0.81 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = -104.62. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 166.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 255.0 Hz), 164.3, 156.1, 148.7, 145.3, 138.6, 132.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.4 Hz, 2C), 128.7 (4C), 126.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.9 Hz), 121.3 (2C), 115.83 (2C), 115.76 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.1 Hz, 2C), 69.9, 48.5, 46.0, 38.6 (2C), 33.9, 26.4, 25.3, 22.2, 22.1, 22.0 (2C). **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2975, 2924, 2860, 1739, 1604, 1507, 1452, 1297, 1262, 1242, 1202, 1168, 1154, 1120, 1071, 1015. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>35</sub>FO<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 492.2468, found 492.2463. **mp** = 67 – 68 <sup>o</sup>C

(8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-Methyl-3-(1-(1-methylcyclohexyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16-decahydro-17H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one (4an)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and alkene (84.1 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–15% acetone in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (112 mg, 0.234 mmol, 78%, isolated as 1:1 diastereomeric mixture). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (ddd, *J* = 6.3, 3.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 3.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 18.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.31 (td, *J* = 11.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 1.90 (m, 5H), 1.71 – 1.27 (m, 17H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.1, 138.1, 138.0, 136.8 (2C), 131.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 125.8, 124.9, 124.3, 93.7 (2C), 83.0 (2C), 50.7, 48.2, 44.5, 38.6, 38.3, 38.2, 36.0, 33.9, 33.5 (2C), 31.8, 29.7, 29.6, 26.7, 26.6, 25.9, 22.3, 21.8, 14.0. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 2856, 1739, 1489, 1453, 755. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 479.3314, found 479.3308.

#### 2-Methoxy-5-(1-(1-methylcyclohexyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)pyridine (4ao)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and alkene (40.6 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–15% acetone in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (58.3 mg, 0.175 mmol, 58%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.18 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28 (dt, *J* = 4.7, 2.8 Hz, 3H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.63 – 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.49 – 1.31 (m, 8H), 1.09 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.1, 145.4, 138.1, 132.7, 131.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.9, 123.9, 110.9, 92.8, 83.3, 53.6, 50.9, 38.5, 38.2, 33.9, 30.7, 26.5, 25.8, 22.2 (2C). FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2924, 2847, 1605, 1490, 1391, 1288, 1027, 755. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 334.2171, found 334.2175.

#### 5-(1-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)benzofuran (4ap)



Prepared according to General Procedure B using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5

equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and alkene (43.3 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–15% acetone in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (65.4 mg, 0.191 mmol, 64%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dq, *J* = 5.0, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.30 (m, 8H), 1.12 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.0, 145.5, 139.2, 131.8, 131.6 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.7, 124.2, 124.1, 119.8, 111.5, 106.8, 94.0, 83.1, 51.6, 38.5, 38.2, 33.9 (2C), 26.6, 25.9, 22.3 (2C). FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2924, 2849, 1490, 1466, 1442, 1262, 1109, 1031, 755. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 342.1984, found 342.1974.

## 5-(1-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)benzo[b]thiophene (4aq)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and alkene (48.1 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–15% acetone in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (78 mg, 0.22 mmol, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.1, 3.6 Hz, 4H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.31 (m, 8H), 1.13 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.8, 140.1, 138.1, 131.6 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.8, 126.9, 124.4, 124.2, 124.0, 122.7, 122.2, 93.7, 83.2, 51.4, 38.5, 38.2, 33.9 (2C), 26.6, 25.9, 22.3 (2C). FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2921, 2845, 1597, 1489, 1441, 754, 690. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 359.1833, found 359.1826.

## *tert*-Butyl 5-(1-(1-methylcyclohexyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-1H-indazole-1-carboxylate (4ar)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and alkene (73.3 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–15% acetone in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (86.4 mg, 0.195 mmol, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 9H), 1.67 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.63 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.32 (m, 8H), 1.12 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.3, 140.2, 139.7, 138.8, 131.5 (2C), 129.1, 128.4 (2C), 127.9, 126.3, 123.9, 119.2, 114.9, 93.2, 84.9, 83.5, 51.3, 38.5, 38.2, 33.9, 33.7, 28.3 (3C), 26.5, 25.9, 22.2 (2C). **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 1758, 1734, 1384, 1369, 1350, 1290, 1249, 1162, 1149, 1029. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M-Boc]: 341.2018, found 341.2032.

#### 4-(1-Cyclohexylpent-4-en-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4as)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* using the corresponding redox-active ester (123 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), organotrifluoroborate salt (89 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv),  $Ir(dtbbpy)(ppy)_2$  (8 mg, 0.009 mmol, 3.0 mol %, 0.03 equiv), and styrene (48.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with an irradiation time of 24 h. After chromatographic purification (0–5% EtOAc in hexanes), the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (43 mg, 0.15 mmol, 50%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.63 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.97 – 4.88 (m, 2H), 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.32 – 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.77 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.17 – 1.04 (m, 4H), 0.94 – 0.78 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 148.9, 143.3, 137.1, 128.6 (2C), 121.3 (2C), 116.0, 44.0, 42.2, 42.2, 34.8, 34.3, 32.9, 26.8, 26.3, 26.2, 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2920, 2850, 1765, 1639, 1506, 1448, 1368, 1193, 1166, 1102, 1017. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 286.1933, found 286.1942.

#### 6.3 Unsuccesfull Substrates:

Table S2. Unsuccesfull redox-active esters and alkene systems under this RPC difunctionalization conditions.



6.4 Gram Scale Synthesis: 4-(1-(1-Methylcyclohexyl)pent-4-en-2-yl)phenyl Acetate (4j)



Figure 2. Gram scale synthesis reaction setup of 4j.



To an 40 mL reaction vial (28 x 95 mm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 1methylcyclohexane-1-carboxylate (2.7 g, 9.25 mmol, 1.5 equiv), allyltrifluoro- $\lambda^4$ -borane, potassium salt (1.8 g, 12.33 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and Ir(dtbbpy)(ppy)<sub>2</sub> (170.0 mg, 0.19 mmol, 3.0 mol %, 0.03 equiv) under air. The vial was sealed with a cap containing a TFE-lined silicone septum, evacuated, and back-filled with nitrogen. After this process was repeated 3 times, MeCN (6.2 mL, 0.1 M) was added followed by 4-vinylphenyl acetate (1.0 g, 6.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) via syringe. The reaction was irradiated for 24 h using blue LED strips ( $\lambda_{max}$  = 456 nm, distance lamp-vial ~ 8-10 cm), whereby the temperature was maintained at approximately 25 °C via cooling with a fan. Upon completion, the mixture was taken to dryness and then purified using an automated system (UV detector,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm and 280 nm) with RediSep R<sub>f</sub> Gold<sup>\*</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40  $\mu$ m) with hexanes/EtOAc (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes) as eluent. The title compound was obtained as a yellow oil (0.9 g, 2.96 mmol, 48%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ (ppm) = 7.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.60 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 – 4.87 (m, 2H), 2.74 (qd, J = 7.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.69 (dd, J = 14.2, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (dd, J = 14.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.49 – 1.32 (m, 4H), 1.32 – 1.18 (m, 6H), 1.06 – 1.01 (m, 2H), 0.74 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 148.7, 145.2, 137.3, 128.7 (2C), 121.2 (2C), 116.1, 48.1, 44.4, 41.2, 38.6, 38.5, 33.8, 26.5, 25.5, 22.2, 22.0, 21.3. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR): ν̃ = 2923, 2849, 1766, 1640, 1606, 1507, 1446, 1368, 1198, 1166, 1100, 1017. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 323.1982, found 323.1978.

## 7. Mechanistic Studies

## 7.1 Reactivity Studies of Organoboron Compounds:

(4-((tert-Butoxycarbonyl)amino)phenyl)boronic acid (**3xa**) was purchased commercially and use as received. tert- $Butyl (4-(trifluoro-<math>\lambda^4$ -boraneyl)phenyl)carbamate, potassium salt (**3x**),<sup>5</sup> tert-butyl (4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)carbamate (**3xb**)<sup>7</sup> and tert-butyl (4-(4-methyltetrahydro-2H-4 $\lambda^4$ ,8 $\lambda^4$ -[1,3,2]oxazaborolo[2,3-b][1,3,2]oxazaborol-8-yl)phenyl)carbamate (**3xc**)<sup>8</sup> were synthesized following reported literature protocols.



To an 8 mL reaction vial (17 x 60 mm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 1methylcyclohexane-1-carboxylate (86 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv), boron substrate (0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> (4 mg, 0.006 mmol, 3.0 mol %, 0.03 equiv) under air. The vial was sealed with a cap containing a TFE-lined silicone septum, evacuated, and back-filled with nitrogen. After this process was repeated 3 times, MeCN (3.0 mL, 0.1 M) was added followed by 4-vinylphenyl acetate (32.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) via syringe. The reaction was irradiated for 24 h using blue LED strips ( $\lambda$ max = 456 nm, distance lamp–vial ~3-5 cm), whereby the temperature was maintained at approximately 25 °C via cooling with a fan. Upon completion, the mixture was taken to dryness and then purified using an automated system (UV detector,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm and 280 nm) with RediSep R<sub>f</sub> Gold<sup>\*</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40 µm) with hexanes/EtOAc (0–15% EtOAc in hexanes) as eluent. The yield of the title compound was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis using trimethoxybenzene (34 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) as internal standard in MeCN-d<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  2.13).



**Table S3.** Reactivity studies with different boron compounds. <sup>a</sup>Yields determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 0.1 mmol trimethoxybenzene as internal standard. n.r. = no reaction.

#### 7.2 Radical Trapping Experiment



To an 8 mL reaction vial (17 x 60 mm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 1-methylcyclohexane-1-carboxylate (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TEMPO (141 mg, 0.90 mmol, 3.0 equiv), trifluoro(phenylethynyl)- $\lambda^4$ -borane, potassium salt (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> (6 mg, 0.009 mmol, 3.0 mol %, 0.03 equiv) under air. The vial was sealed with a cap containing a TFE-lined silicone septum, evacuated, and back-filled with nitrogen. After this process was repeated 3 times, MeCN (3.0 mL, 0.1 M) was added followed by 4-vinylphenyl acetate (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) via syringe. The reaction was irradiated for 24 h using blue LED strips ( $\lambda_{max}$  = 456 nm, distance lamp–vial ~ 3-5 cm), whereby the temperature was maintained at approximately 25 °C via cooling with a fan. Upon completion, the mixture was taken to dryness and then purified using an automated system (UV detector,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm and 280 nm) with RediSep R<sub>f</sub> Gold<sup>\*</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40 µm) with hexanes/EtOAc (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes) as eluent. The TEMPO derivative was isolated as a colorless oil (6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 6%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 – 6.61 (m, 2H), 3.96 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.01 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.42 (m, 4H), 1.30 (s, 6H), 1.30 – 1.23 (m, 2H), 1.13 (s, 6H), 1.09 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 157.2, 136.4, 130.3, 123.6, 120.5, 111.9, 78.3, 68.4, 59.2 (2C), 40.9 (2C), 40.1, 34.8 (2C), 27.0

(2C), 24.4, 21.4, 20.7 (2C), 17.2, 15.9. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v} = 3007$ , 2971, 2928, 2869, 1586, 1509, 1467, 1414, 1375, 1361, 1285, 1265, 1209, 1180, 1157, 1130, 1046. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>40</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 361.2981, found 361.2993.

#### 7.3 Carbocation Trapping Experiments

#### Formation of 4-(1-methoxy-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (6)



To an 8 mL reaction vial (17 x 60 mm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 1-methylcyclohexane-1-carboxylate (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> (6 mg, 0.009 mmol, 3.0 mol %, 0.03 equiv) under air. The vial was sealed with a cap containing a TFE-lined silicone septum, evacuated, and back-filled with nitrogen. After this process was repeated 3 times, MeCN (3.0 mL, 0.1 M) and MeOH (36  $\mu$ L, 0.9 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were added. This was followed by addition of 4-vinylphenyl acetate (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) via syringe. The reaction was irradiated for 24 h using blue LED strips ( $\lambda_{max}$  = 456 nm, distance lamp–vial ~ 3-5 cm), whereby the temperature was maintained at approximately 25 °C via cooling with a fan. Upon completion, the mixture was taken to dryness and then purified using an automated system (UV detector,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm and 280 nm) with RediSep R<sub>f</sub> Gold<sup>\*</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40 µm) and hexanes/EtOAc (0–10% EtOAc in hexanes) as eluent. The title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (59 mg, 0.20 mmol, 68%). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.51 – 1.39 (m, 6H), 1.38 – 1.23 (m, 5H), 0.97 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.6, 149.8, 141.8, 127.5 (2C), 121.5 (2C), 80.8, 56.4, 50.6, 38.7, 38.4, 33.1, 26.5, 25.8, 22.2, 22.1, 21.3. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 2923, 2861, 1759, 1504, 1450, 1369, 1212, 1196, 1163, 1097, 1048, 1016. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Na[M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 313.1780, found 313.1782.

## Formation of 4-(1-hydroxy-2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenyl Acetate (7)



To an 8 mL reaction vial (17 x 60 mm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 1methylcyclohexane-1-carboxylate (129 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> (6 mg, 0.009 mmol, 3.0 mol %, 0.03 equiv) under air. The vial was sealed with a cap containing a TFE-lined silicone septum, evacuated, and back-filled with nitrogen. After this process was repeated 3 times, MeCN (3.0 mL, 0.1 M) and H<sub>2</sub>O (162 µL, 9.0 mmol, 30.0 equiv) were added. This was followed by addition of 4-vinylphenyl acetate (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) via syringe. The reaction was irradiated for 24 h using blue LED strips ( $\lambda_{max}$  = 456 nm, distance lamp–vial ~ 3-5 cm), whereby the temperature was maintained at approximately 25 °C via cooling with a fan. Upon completion, the mixture was taken to dryness and then purified using an automated system (UV detector,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm and 280 nm) with RediSep R<sub>f</sub> Gold<sup>\*</sup> silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20–40 µm) and hexanes/EtOAc (0– 10% EtOAc in hexanes) as eluent. The title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (30 mg, 0.10 mmol, 34%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.82 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.60 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.49 – 1.26 (m, 10H), 1.01 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  (ppm) = 169.7, 149.8, 144.5, 126.9 (2C), 121.7 (2C), 71.4, 51.5, 38.8, 38.4, 33.1, 26.5, 25.7, 22.1 (2C), 21.3. **FT-IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>, neat, ATR):  $\tilde{v}$  = 3431, 2923, 2859, 1758, 1606, 1505, 1451, 1369, 1196, 1165, 1061, 1016. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 299.1623, found 299.1632.

## 7.4 Stern-Volmer Quenching Studies

Fluorescence measurements were obtained using septa-capped UV-Quartz cuvettes (10 mm pathlength) obtained from Starna Cells (Cat#: 29F-Q-10). Excitation was performed at 375 nm; fluorescence spectra were obtained from 400-700 nm. In a nitrogen filled glovebox, the following stock solutions were prepared:

- A) Photocatalyst solution (0.0002 M): To an oven dried scintillation vial equipped with a stir bar was added Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> (1.46 mg, 2.23x10<sup>-3</sup> mmol). This was diluted with 10.8 mL of MeCN and stirred until completely dissolved, producing a 2.06x10<sup>-4</sup> M solution of Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub>.
- B) Phthalimide ester solution (0.004 M): To an oven dried scintillation vial equipped with a stir bar, was added 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 1-methylcyclohexane-1-carboxylate RAE 2a (12.4 mg, 4.32x10<sup>-2</sup> mmol). This was diluted in 10.8 mL of MeCN and stirred until completely dissolved, producing a colorless, 4.00x10<sup>-3</sup> M solution of phthalimide ester 2a.
- C) Organotrifluoroborate solution (0.004 M): To an oven dried scintillation vial equipped with a stir bar was added (trifluoro(phenylethynyl)- $\lambda$ 4-borane, potassium salt **3a** (8.99 mg, 4.32x10<sup>-2</sup> mmol). This was diluted in 10.8 mL of MeCN and stirred until completely dissolved, producing a colorless, 4.00x10<sup>-3</sup> M solution of organotrifluoroborate **3a**.
- D) Styrene solution (0.004 M): To an oven dried scintillation vial equipped with a stir bar, was added 10.8 mL of MeCN followed by styrene derivative 1a (6.6 IL, 4.32x10<sup>-2</sup> mmol). The solution was stirred until completely dissolved, producing a 4.00x10<sup>-3</sup> M solution of styrene derivative 1a.

Following preparation, the solutions were allocated to the cuvettes and fluorescence quenching was determined with individual quenchers (phthalimide ester, styrene, and organotrifluoroborate). The  $I_0/I$  values of each sample were calculated from the average of three scans per data point. Linear regression of  $I_0/I$  against concentration was carried out to yield the Stern-Volmer quenching rate constant (K<sub>SV</sub>). The following Stern-Volmer plots for luminescence quenching of  $Ir(ppy)_3$  ( $1.9 \times 10^{-5}$  M in degassed MeCN) by quenchers were obtained. The excited catalyst is quenched most efficiently by the aliphatic phthalimide ester with a Stern-Volmer quenching rate constant of  $1.4 \times 10^4$  M<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure 3**. Stern-Volmer plots for luminescence quenching of  $Ir(ppy)_3$  ( $1.9 \times 10^{-5}$  M in degassed MeCN) by redoxactive ester **2a** (blue), organotrifluoroborate **3a** (red), styrene **1a** (green),  $\lambda_{exc.} = 375$  nm,  $\lambda_{em.} = 534$  nm,  $K_{SV} = Stern-Volmer constant$ .

## 7.5 Determination of Quantum Yield: A Closed Catalytic Loop ( $\Phi \le 1$ ) or Radical Chain Process ( $\Phi > 1$ )?

The quantum yield of the reaction was determined using the procedure reported previously:<sup>9-10</sup> 4-Vinylphenyl acetate **1a**, *N*-hydroxyphtalamide ester **2a** and potassium (2-phenylethynyl)trifluoroborate **3a** were used as a model substrates to determinated the quantum yield, using trimethoxybenzene as internal standard in a proportion 1:1 with **1a**.



The quantum yield of the reaction is defined as:

$$\Phi = \frac{\text{mol of product formed}}{\text{mol of photon flux } \times \text{ t } \times \text{ f}}$$
(1)

where  $\Phi$  is the quantum yield of the reaction, t is the time of the reaction (s), f is the incident light absorbed by the Ir catalyst at 406 nm and the photon flux is calculated by standard ferrioxalate actinometry<sup>11</sup> (section C).

## A) Incident light absorbed by the Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> (f)

The fraction of light, f, absorbed was determined according to *equation 2*:

$$f = 1 - 10^{-A} \tag{2}$$

where A is the absorbance of the fully soluble Ir in acetonitrile at 406 nm. The wavelength of 406 nm was chosen based on two criteria: the wavelength at which the (i) absolute  $\Phi(Fe^{2+})$  had been established;<sup>11</sup> and (ii) reaction was going to be irradiated where the Ir catalyst absorbs most. The absorbance of Ir catalyst was measured by adding Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> (4 mg, 0.003 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) to a cuvette equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar and stirred for 10 minutes. The absorbance of the suspension was recorded. To accurately determine the fraction of light absorbed, another identical solution of Ir in acetonitrile was prepared and then filtered. The absorbance of the solvated Ir solution in acetonitrile was measured. The absorbance (A) at 406 nm was determined to be 1.94888 (*Figure 4*), and thus indicating the fraction of light absorbed is > 0.98875 according to equation 2.



*Figure 4*. Absorption spectrum for filtered solution of *Ir*(*ppy*)<sub>3</sub> in acetonitrile.

## B) The photoredox reaction

To the cuvette in section A containing Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> (4 mg, 0.003 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was added 4-vinylphenyl acetate (32.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), potassium trifluoro(phenylethynyl)borate (83.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 1-methylcyclohexane-1-carboxylate (86.2 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in a dark room (laboratory lights were shut off). The cuvette was then capped with a PTFE stopper, and Ar(g) was bubbled through for 300 s. Initial emission quenching experiments were performed on the Ir catalyst to determine the time it takes for the system to deoxygenate, and this was found to be 200 s. Under an Ar (g) atm., the sample was stirred (1200 rpm, temp maintained at 23 °C using a temperature controller) and irradiated ( $\lambda$  = 406 nm, excitation slit width = 10.0 nm, step = 1.0 nm, Iris = 100) for 12600 s (3.5 h) (*Figure 5*). Note: the reaction is heterogeneous and light scattering due to solids has not been accounted for.



*Figure 5*. The photoredox reaction set-up. The reaction mixture was irradiated at 406 nm under an atmosphere of Ar (g) at 23 °C.

After irradiation, the crude mixture was passed through a silica plug using EtOAc and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to give a yellow residue. The reaction was repeated twice for reproducibility. The yield of product (0.01 mmol after 12,600 s) obtained after irradiating at 406 nm was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR based on a 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene internal standard (internal standard added was 1:1 with **1a**, the limiting reagent).

## C) Photon flux at 406 nm.

Standard ferrioxalate actinometry was used to determine the photon flux of the spectrophotometer using equations 3 and 4.<sup>9-11</sup> For the ferrioxalate actinometer the production of iron(II) ions proceeds by the following reactions:<sup>11</sup>

$$[Fe(C_2O_4)_n]^{(3-2n)+} \xrightarrow{h\nu} Fe^{2+} + (n-1)(C_2O_4)^{2-} + C_2O_4^{-}$$
$$[Fe(C_2O_4)_n]^{(3-2n)+} + C_2O_4^{-} \xrightarrow{Fe^{2+} + n(C_2O_4)^{2-} + 2CO_2}$$

The moles of Fe<sup>2+</sup> formed are determined spectrophotometrically by development with 1,10-phenanthroline (phen) to form the red [Fe(phen)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> moiety ( $\lambda$  = 510 nm).<sup>9-11</sup> The photon flux is defined as:

Photon flux = 
$$\frac{\text{mol}(Fe^{2+})}{\Phi(Fe^{2+}) \times t \times f}$$
 (3)

Where  $\Phi$  is the quantum yield for the ferrioxalate actinometer (1.188 at  $\lambda$  = 406 nm),<sup>11</sup> t is the time (s), and f > 0.999, and the mol of Fe<sup>2+</sup> are calculated according to *equation 4*.

$$mol(Fe^{2+}) = \frac{V \times \Delta A}{1 \times \varepsilon}$$
(4)

Where V is the total volume of the solution,  $\Delta A$  is the difference in absorbance between irradiated and non-irradiated solutions, I is the path length (1.0 cm),  $\epsilon$  is the molar absorptivity at 510 nm (11,110 L mol<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>).<sup>11</sup>

## D) Experimental.

The following solutions were prepared in the dark (flasks were wrapped in aluminum foil) and stored in the dark at room temperature:

- Ferrioxalate solution (0.15 M): Potassium ferrioxalate hydrate (2.21 g) was added to a flask wrapped in aluminum foil containing H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (30 mL, 0.05 M). The flask was stirred for complete solvation of the green solid in complete darkness. It is noteworthy that the solution should not be exposed to any incident light.
- Developer solution: 1,10-Phenanthroline (50 mg) and sodium acetate (11.25 g) was added to a flask containing H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (50 mL, 0.5 M) and sonicated until completely solvated.

The absorbance of the non-irradiated sample. The buffered solution of phen (0.35 mL) was added to a ferrioxalate (2.0 mL) in a vial that had been covered with aluminum foil {lights of the laboratory were switched off}. The vial was capped and allowed to rest for 1 h and then transferred to a cuvette. The absorbance of the non-irradiated was measured at 510 nm to be 0.3534 (*Figure 6*).

The absorbance of the irradiated sample. In a cuvette equipped with a stir bar was added the ferrioxalate solution (2.0 mL), and the stirred solution was irradiated for 90.0 s at  $\lambda$  = 406 nm with an excitation slit width = 10.0 nm (step = 1.0 nm, Iris = 100). After irradiation, the buffered phen solution (0.35 mL) was added to the cuvette and allowed to rest for 1 h in the dark to allow the ferrous ions to coordinate completely to phen. The absorbance was measured at 510 nm to be 1.93858 (*Figure 6*).



Figure 6. Absorption spectra for irradiated and non-irradiated samples of red [Fe(phen)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>.

Photon flux sample calculation. Sample calculation:

$$mol(Fe^{2+}) = \frac{V \times \Delta A}{1 \times \varepsilon}$$
(4)

$$mol (Fe^{2+}) = \frac{0.00235 \text{ L} \times 1.58518}{1.00 \text{ cm} \times 11.110 \text{ Lm}ol^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}} = 3.3530 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol}$$
$$mol (Fe^{2+})$$

Photon flux = 
$$\frac{\text{mol}(Fe^{2+})}{\Phi(Fe^{2+}) \times t \times f}$$
 (3)

Photon flux =  $\frac{3.3530 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol}}{1.188 \times 90.0 \text{ s} \times 1.00} = 3.13598 \times 10^{-9} \text{ einstein s}^{-1}$ 

# E) Quantum yield of the reaction.

Therefore, the quantum yield of the reaction is determined to be:

$$\Phi = \frac{\text{mol of product formed}}{\text{mol of photon flux } \times \text{ t } \times \text{ f}}$$
(1)

$$\Phi = \frac{0.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}}{3.13598 \times 10^{-9} \text{ einstein s}^{-1} \times 12600 \text{ s} \times 0.98875} = 0.256$$

 $\Phi$  > 1 would mean that the chain propagation;  $\Phi \leq$  1 would mean closed photocatalytic pathway

The quantum yield studies indicate that this is not a radical-chain process as evidenced by the  $\Phi$ .

## 8. NMR Spectra of Synthesized Compounds






















<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3n























 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl\_3) spectrum of 4c







<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 4d







<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **4e** 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4f











<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **4i** 























<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 40























































 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl\_3) spectrum of 4ab


























<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4ai























<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4an







<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4ao







<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4ap







<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4aq



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4ar





















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