Supplementary Data

$Fe_2(CO)_9$ -mediated [5+1] cycloaddition of vinylcyclopropanes and

CO for the synthesis of α , β -cyclohexenones

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1. General

Air and moisture sensitive reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware sealed with rubber septa under a positive pressure of dry argon. Similarly sensitive liquids and solutions were transferred via syringe. Reactions were stirred using Teflon-coated magnetic stir bars. Elevated temperatures were maintained using Thermostat-controlled silicone oil baths. Organic solutions were concentrated using a Büchi rotary evaporator with a desktop vacuum pump. Analytical TLC was performed with 0.25 mm silica gel G plates with a 254 nm fluorescent indicator. The TLC plates were visualized by ultraviolet light and treatment with phosphomolybdic acid stain followed by gentle heating. Purification of products was accomplished by flash chromatography on silica gel and the purified compounds showed a single spot by analytical TLC.

Tetrahydrofuran, diethyl ether, 1,2-dimethoxyethane and toluene were distilled from sodium and benzophenone prior to use. Dichloromethane, 1,2-dichloroethane and acetonitrile were distilled from CaH₂ prior to use. Synthetic reagents were purchased from Acros, Aldrich, and Alfa Aesar and used without further purification, unless otherwise indicated. Analytical pure ^{*t*}BuOH was used directly. Fe₂(CO)₉ was stored in glove box at -20 $^{\circ}$ C and weighted in the glovebox.

NMR spectra were measured on Bruker ARX 400 (¹H at 400 MHz, ¹³C at 101 MHz) nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometers. ¹H NMR spectra are reported relative to Me₄Si (0.00 ppm) or residual solvent signals (C₆D₆: 7.16 ppm, CD₂Cl₂: 5.32 ppm). Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm, s = singlet, br. = broad, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, dm = doublet of multiplet, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublet of doublet of doublet of doublet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Data for ¹³C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (ppm) relative to residual solvent peak (CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm, C₆D₆: 128.0 ppm, CD₂Cl₂: 53.8 ppm). Infrared spectra were recorded on Bruker Tensor 27 fourier transform infrared spectrometer (FT-IR) and were reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Bruker (ESI) and Micromass U.K. GCT GC–MS mass spectrometer (EI).

Abbreviations:

acac = acetylacetone	MS = molecular sieve
t amylOH = <i>tert</i> -amyl alcohol	NMO = N-methyl morpholine- N -oxide
CPME = cyclopentyl methyl ether	NMP = N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone
DBU = 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene	PE = petroleum ether
DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane	Tf = trifluoromethanesulfonyl
DCM = dichloromethane	THF = tetrahydrofuran
DME = 1,2-dimethoxyethane	TLC = thin layer chromatography
DMF = N, N-dimethylformamide	TPAP = tetra-n-propylammonium perruthenate
EA = ethyl acetate	Ts = p-toluenesulfonyl
HFIP = hexafluoroisopropanol	

2. Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data

2.1 Synthesis of VCP substrates

Substrates $1a_1^1 1b_1^1 1c_2^2 1d_3^3 1e_3^3 1f_4^4 1g_1^1 1i_5^5 1j_6^6 1k_7^7 1l_5^5 1m_4^4 1n_8^8 1o_5^5 1p_5^5 1s_9^9 1t_4^{10} 1u_4^{11} 1w^{12}$ were synthesized according to the reported literature.

VCP (1h)



To a mixture of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (3.57 g, 10 mmol) and ¹BuOK (897 mg, 8 mmol) in round bottle was added THF (30 mL) under an argon atmosphere at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. Then a solution of ketone **S1h**¹³ (636 mg, 3.61 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. After that, saturated aqueous NH₄Cl was added to quench the reaction, and the mixture was extracted with ether. The combined extract was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluted with PE/EA, 100:1) to afford VCP **1h** (606 mg, 98%).

1h: Colorless oil, TLC $R_{\rm f} = 0.53$ (PE). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.86–6.81 (m, 1H), 5.29–5.26 (m, 1H), 4.95–4.92 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.69–1.59 (m, 1H), 0.87–0.79 (m, 2H), 0.62–0.56 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.4, 149.2, 143.2, 129.1, 118.7, 112.6, 112.1, 109.3, 55.2, 15.6, 6.7. IR (KBr): *v* 3083, 3002, 2955, 2834, 1927, 1603, 1579, 1488, 1461, 1429, 1285, 1223, 1049 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₅O (M+H⁺): 175.1117. Found: 175.1118.

VCP (1q)



To a mixture of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (2.15 g, 6 mmol) and ^{*t*}BuOK (562 mg, 5 mmol) in round bottle was added THF (20 mL) under an argon atmosphere at 0 °C, and the resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. Then a solution of ketone **S1q**¹⁴ (428 mg, 2.12 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. After that, saturated aqueous NH₄Cl was added to quench the reaction, and the mixture was extracted with ether. The combined extract was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluted with PE/EA, 100:1 then 50:1) to afford VCP **1q** (286 mg, 67%).

1q: White powder, TLC $R_f = 0.79$ (PE/EA 5:1), m.p. = 74–76 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ

7.39 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.91–6.84 (m, 3H), 6.75 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.62–1.54 (m, 1H), 0.81–0.74 (m, 2H), 0.54–0.48 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.1, 147.5, 130.3, 129.4, 128.1, 127.7, 114.0, 112.8, 55.3, 12.6, 5.5. IR (KBr): v 3084, 3005, 2955, 2838, 1599, 1510, 1269, 1247, 1178, 1020, 966 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₇O (M+H⁺): 201.1274. Found: 201.1276.

VCP (1r)



To a solution of 4-methoxyphenylacetylene (662 mg, 5 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C was added ^{*n*}BuLi (1.6 M, 6 mL, 9.6 mmol), and the resulting yellow solution was stirred for 30 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. Then cyclopropanecarboxaldehyde (700 mg, 10 mmol) was added slowly at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. After that, saturated aqueous NH₄Cl was added to quench the reaction, and the mixture was extracted with ether. The combined extract was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluted with PE/EA 5:1 then 3:1) to afford intermediate alcohol.

The intermediate alcohol was dissolved in DCM (25 mL). Then TPAP (70 mg, 0.2 mmol), NMO (1.17g, 10 mmol) and 4 Å MS (2.5 g) were added successively. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h at 30 °C. After the accomplishment of the oxidation reaction, the mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluted with PE/EA 10:1 then 5:1) to afford **S1r** (854 mg, 85% for 2 steps) as yellow oil. Compound **S1r** was used directly in the next reaction.

To a mixture of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (4.29 g, 12 mmol) and ^{*t*}BuOK (1.12 g, 10 mmol) in round bottle was added THF (30 mL) under an argon atmosphere at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. Then a solution of ketone **S1r** (854 mg, 4.26 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. After that, saturated aqueous NH₄Cl was added to quench the reaction, and the mixture was extracted with ether. The combined extract was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluted with PE/EA, 50:1 then 30:1) to afford VCP **1r** (807 mg, 95%).

1r: Color less oil, TLC $R_f = 0.73$ (PE/EA 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.37–5.32 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.66–1.57 (m, 1H), 0.81–0.75 (m, 2H), 0.74–0.68 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.5, 134.0, 133.0, 118.2, 115.1, 113.9, 89.4, 85.2, 55.2, 16.5, 5.9. IR (KBr): v 3087, 3006, 2958, 2838, 2200, 1770, 1599, 1509, 1462, 1288, 1249, 1175, 1032 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₅O (M+H⁺): 199.1117. Found: 199.1120.

VCP $(1v)^{15}$



To a red solution of $S1v^{16}$ (612 mg, 2 mmol) and Fe(acac)₃ (36.3 mg, 0.10 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was added NMP (1.2 mL, 12.4 mmol) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C under an argon atmosphere. Then a solution of cyclopropylmagnesium bromide (0.5 M, 8 mL, 4 mmol) was added slowly at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the reaction system was stirred overnight at room temperature. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl was added to quench the reaction, and the mixture was extracted with ether. The combined extract was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluted with PE) to afford VCP 1v (254 mg, 64%).

1v: Colorless oil, TLC R_f = 0.49 (PE). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.15 (m, 3H), 5.55–5.50 (m, 1H), 2.80–2.68 (m, 1H), 2.33–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.18–2.03 (m, 2H), 2.00–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.67 (m, 1H), 1.40–1.30 (m, 1H), 0.60–0.51 (m, 2H), 0.51–0.38 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.2, 138.2, 128.3, 126.9, 125.9, 119.2, 40.4, 33.5, 30.0, 27.1, 17.1, 4.6, 3.9. IR (KBr): *v* 3081, 3026, 3005, 2915, 2835, 1603, 1493, 1453, 1435, 1018 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₈ (M⁺): 198.1409. Found: 198.1406.

VCP (1x)



To a solution of $S1x^{12}$ (620 mg, 5 mmol) in THF (25 mL) at 0 °C was added 4-methoxyphenylmagnesiumbromide (1M, 10 ml, 10 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. After that, saturated aqueous NH₄Cl was added to quench the reaction, and the mixture was extracted with ether. The combined extract was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluted with PE/EA 5:1) to afford intermediate alcohol.

The intermediate alcohol was dissolved in DCM (25 mL). Then TPAP (70 mg, 0.2 mmol), NMO (1.17g, 10 mmol) and 4 Å MS (2.5 g) were added successively. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at 30 °C. After the accomplishment of the oxidation reaction, the mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluted with PE/EA 20:1) to afford **S1x** (773 mg, 67% for 2 steps). Compound **S1x** was used directly in the next reaction.

To a mixture of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (3.57 g, 10 mmol) and ⁷BuOK (899 mg, 8 mmol) in round bottle was added THF (15 mL) under an argon atmosphere at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. Then a solution of ketone **S1x** (770 mg, 3.34 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. After that, saturated aqueous NH₄Cl was added to quench the reaction, and the mixture was extracted with ether. The combined extract was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluted with PE/EA, 100:1) to afford VCP **1x** (446 mg, 58%).

1x: Colorless oil, TLC $R_f = 0.80$ (PE/EA 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.17 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.09–1.98 (m, 1H), 1.84–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.32 (m, 1H), 1.29–1.13 (m, 4H), 0.94–0.89 (m, 1H), 0.53–0.48 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.0, 154.1, 133.0, 127.9, 113.4, 109.4, 55.2, 29.7, 24.4, 23.6, 22.0, 20.5, 18.8, 16.7. IR (KBr): v 3063, 2999, 2929, 2855, 2059, 1609, 1510, 1453, 1290, 1246, 1176, 1114, 1036, 891, 835 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₂₁O (M+H⁺): 229.1587. Found: 229.1593.

2.2 [5+1] cycloaddition

Typical procedure for the [5+1] cycloaddition of (1-cyclopropylvinyl)benzene (1a) to 3-phenyl-cyclohex-2-enone (2a)

A solution of **1a** (44.5 mg, 0.30 mmol) and $Fe_2(CO)_9$ (109 mg, 0.30 mmol) in ^{*t*}BuOH (2 mL) was stirred under an argon atmosphere at 90 °C for 12 h. After the accomplishment of the [5+1] cycloaddition reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and then filtered through a short silica gel eluting with DCM. The filtrate was concentrated and a DCM solution of DBU (45 mg, 0.3 mmol in 2 mL DCM) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and then concentrated. The crude mixture was submitted to flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluted with PE/EA 20:1 then 10:1) to afford the corresponding product **2a** as a white solid (42.6 mg, 80% reaction yield).

The second run of this reaction using 44.0 mg 1a gave 40.7 mg 2a, with a reaction yield of 78%. Therefore, the average yield of two runs for this substrate was 79%, which has been reported in Table 2.

2a: White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.56–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.38 (m, 3H), 6.42 (t, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.79–2.74 (m, 2H), 2.51–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.19–2.11 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature.

The similar procedure was used for the [5+1] cycloaddition reactions of **1b–1p** and **1x**. For substrates **1j** and **1x**, the reaction system was stirred at 90 °C for 24 h. For substrate **1j**, after filtration, *para*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate was added instead of DBU and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h.

3-(4-fluorophenyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2b)



Run 1: 49.4 mg **1b** was converted to 42.3 mg **2b**, yield 73%. Run 2: 49.3 mg **1b** was converted to 45.2 mg **2b**, yield 78%. So the average yield of two runs was 76%.

2b: Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.57–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 2.78–2.72 (m, 2H), 2.52–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.20–2.12 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature⁵.

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2c)



Run 1: 53.9 mg 1c was converted to 49.8 mg 2c, yield 80%. Run 2: 53.2 mg 1c was converted to 47.0 mg 2c, yield 76%. So the average yield of two runs was 78%.

2c: Color less oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 2.74 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.51–2.46 (m, 2H), 2.20–2.12 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature^{17a}.

3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2d)



Run 1: 64.1 mg **1d** was converted to 50.6 mg **2d**, yield 70%. Run 2: 63.6 mg **1d** was converted to 46.9 mg **2d**, yield 65%. So the average yield of two runs was 68%.

2d: Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.74–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.45–6.42 (m, 1H), 2.82–2.77 (m, 2H), 2.54–2.49 (m, 2H), 2.24–2.15 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature^{17a}.

3-(4-phenylphenyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2e)



Run 1: 64.7 mg 1e was converted to 55.5 mg 2e, yield 76%. Run 2: 66.3 mg 1e was converted to 60.0 mg 2e, yield 80%. So the average yield of two runs was 78%.

2e: White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67–7.60 (m, 6H), 7.49–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.35 (m, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 2.84–2.79 (m, 2H), 2.54–2.48 (m, 2H), 2.22–2.14 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature^{17a}.

3-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2f)



Run 1: 62.0 mg 1f was converted to 49.9 mg 2f, yield 70%. Run 2: 62.1 mg 1f was converted to 50.6 mg 2f, yield 71%. So the average yield of two runs was 70%.

2f: Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 2.80–2.75 (m, 2H), 2.51–2.46 (m, 2H), 2.19-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature^{17a}.

3-(4-methoxylphenyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2g)



Run 1: 49.4 mg **1g** was converted to 45.2 mg **2g**, yield 79%. Run 2: 53.1 mg **1g** was converted to 48.5 mg **2g**, yield 79%. So the average yield of two runs was 79%.

2g: White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.78–2.73 (m, 2H), 2.50–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.11 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature⁵.

3-(3-methoxylphenyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2h)



Run 1: 52.6 mg **1h** was converted to 49.1 mg **2h**, yield 80%. Run 2: 52.3 mg **1h** was converted to 45.5 mg **2h**, yield 75%. So the average yield of two runs was 78%.

2h: Light yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06–7.04 (m, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.76 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.52–2.46 (m, 2H), 2.20–2.12 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature^{17a}.

3-(2-methoxylphenyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2i)



Run 1: 53.2 mg **1i** was converted to 44.7 mg **2i**, yield 72%. Run 2: 53.0 mg **1i** was converted to 47.2 mg **2i**, yield 77%. So the average yield of two runs was 74%.

2i: Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 7.6 and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.77–2.72 (m, 2H), 2.51–2.46 (m, 2H), 2.15-2.07 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature⁵.

3-(2-naphthyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2j)



Run 1: 57.8 mg 1j was converted to 41.1 mg 2j, yield 62%. Run 2: 58.6 mg 1j was converted to 42.1 mg 2j, yield 63%. So the average yield of two runs was 62%.

2j: White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.91–7.82 (m, 3H), 7.68–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.57–7.49 (m, 2H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 2.96–2.88 (m, 2H), 2.58–2.49 (m, 2H), 2.27–2.17 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature⁵.

3-(1-naphthyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2k)



Run 1: 58.8 mg 1k was converted to 42.3 mg 2k, yield 63%. Run 2: 57.7 mg 1k was converted to 45.0 mg 2k, yield 68%. So the average yield of two runs was 66%.

2k: Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89–7.81 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 2.78–2.73 (m, 2H), 2.62–2.56 (m, 2H), 2.29–2.21(m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature^{17b}.

3-(2-thienyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2l)



Run 1: 44.9 mg 11 was converted to 38.8 mg 21, yield 73%. Run 2: 45.0 mg 11 was converted to 36.1 mg 21, yield 68%. So the average yield of two runs was 70%.

21: Light yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (dd, J = 5.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 3.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 2.82–2.77 (m, 2H), 2.50–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.19–2.10 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature⁵.

3-cyclohexyl-cyclohex-2-enone (2m)



Run 1: 44.1 mg 1m was converted to 29.1 mg 2m, yield 56%. Run 2: 43.8 mg 1m was converted to 31.7 mg 2m, yield 61%. So the average yield of two runs was 58%.

2m: Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.86 (s, 1H), 2.43–2.26 (m, 4H), 2.10–1.94 (m, 3H), 1.85–1.67 (m, 5H), 1.37–1.12 (m, 5H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature^{17c}.

3-(2-phenylethyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (2n)



Run 1: 51.1 mg 1n was converted to 32.7 mg 2n, yield 55%. Run 2: 51.7 mg 1n was converted to 35.1 mg 2n, yield 58%. So the average yield of two runs was 56%.

2n: Light yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.15 (m, 3H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 2.86–2.79 (m, 2H), 2.56–2.50 (m, 2H), 2.38–2.33 (m, 2H), 2.32–2.27 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.03–1.94 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature⁵.

3- [(N,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamino)methyl]-cyclohex-2-enone (20)



Run 1: 79.2 mg **10** was converted to 42.6 mg **20**, yield 49%. Run 2: 78.3 mg **10** was converted to 46.6 mg **20**, yield 54%. So the average yield of two runs was 52%.

20: White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.43–2.36 (m, 4H), 2.07–1.99 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature⁵.

3- [(4-methylbenzenesulfonamino)methyl]-cyclohex-2-enone (2p)



Run 1: 72.6 mg **1p** was converted to 32.6 mg **2p**, yield 40%. Run 2: 76.1 mg **1p** was converted to 38.1 mg **2p**, yield 45%. So the average yield of two runs was 42%.

2p: Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 4.81 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.35–2.29 (m, 2H), 2.27–2.21 (m, 2H), 1.97–1.89 (m, 2H). The ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the literature⁵.

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3. ¹H and ¹³C-NMR Spectra











































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