

**PdCl<sub>2</sub>-Catalyzed Two-Component Cross-coupling Cyclization of 2,3-Allenoic  
Acids with 2,3-Allenols. An Efficient Synthesis of 4-(1',  
3'-Dien-2'-yl)-2(5H)-furanone Derivatives**

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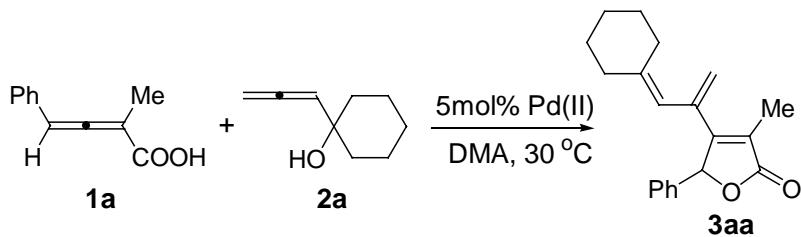
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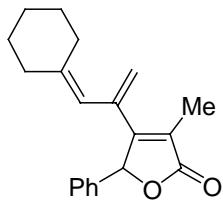
**Table SI.** Pd(II)-catalyzed cross-coupling cyclization of 2,3-allenoic acid **1a** and 2,3-allenol **2a**<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Time (h)	Yield of <b>3aa</b>	
				(%)	
1	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	Cl <sub>2</sub> CHCHCl <sub>2</sub>	15	0	
2	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	13	0	
3	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	NMP	16	45	
4	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	DMSO	7.5	30	
5	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	DMF	16.5	43	
6	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	DMA	16.5	51	
7	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	DMA	11	0	
8	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	DMA	11	0	

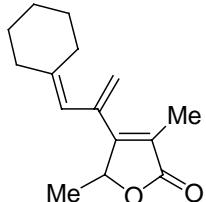
<sup>a</sup> A solution of **1a** (0.25 mmol), **2a** (0.325 mmol), and Pd(II) (5 mol%) in 2 mL of solvent was stirred at 30 °C for the indicated time in the table.

**1. 4-(1'-Cyclohexyldienemethyl-vinyl)-3-methyl-5-phenyl-5H-furan-2-one (3aa):**



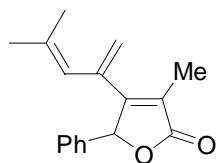
**General Procedure** for PdCl<sub>2</sub>-catalyzed cross-coupling cyclization of 2,3-allenoic acids **1** and 2,3-allenols **2**: PdCl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 4.5 mol%) was added to a mixture of **1a** (44 mg, 0.253 mmol) and **2a** (54 mg, 0.39 mmol) in DMA (3 mL). The mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 22 h. After complete consumption of starting material as determined by TLC, the mixture was diluted with ether, washed with water, and dried by Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation, the residue was purified via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate =15:1) to afford liquid **3aa** (50 mg, 67%). liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.40-7.12 (m, 5 H), 5.86 (s, 1 H), 5.58 (s, 1 H), 5.21 (s, 1 H), 5.17 (s, 1 H), 2.20-1.98 (m, 7 H), 1.64-1.20 (m, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 10.1, 26.2, 27.3, 28.1, 29.3, 37.0, 83.5, 119.8, 121.5, 123.9, 127.2, 128.5, 128.9, 135.1, 136.7, 145.7, 159.6, 174.5; EIMS: *m/z* 294 (M<sup>+</sup>, 8.20), 105 (100); IR (neat): 3032, 2927, 2854, 1756, 1651, 1496, 1447 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: caclcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+1], 295.1693; found, 295.1715.

**2. 4-(1'-Cyclohexyldienemethylethenyl)-3,5-dimethyl-5H-furan-2-one (3ba):**



The reaction of **1b** (33 mg, 0.295 mmol), **2a** (62 mg, 0.45 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded **3ba** (42 mg, 61%): liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 5.71 (s, 1 H), 5.32 (s, 1 H), 5.28 (s, 1 H), 5.10-5.00 (m, 1 H), 2.38-2.08 (m, 4 H), 1.93 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.78-1.41 (m, 6 H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.8, 18.8, 26.3, 27.5, 28.2, 29.5, 37.2, 78.1, 119.8, 120.5, 123.1, 137.0, 145.9, 161.9, 174.4; EIMS *m/z* 232 (M<sup>+</sup>, 13.92), 43 (100); IR (neat): 2928, 2854, 1755, 1648 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: caclcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 232.1463; found, 232.1458.

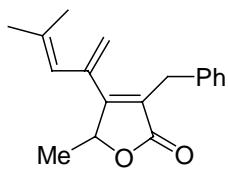
### 3. **3-Methyl-4-(3'-methyl-1'-methylene-but-2'-enyl)-5-phenyl-5H-furan-2-one (3ab):**



The reaction of **1a** (44 mg, 0.253 mmol), **2b** (50 mg, 0.510 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 2 mL of DMA afforded **3ab** (38 mg, 59%): liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.39-7.30 (m, 3 H), 7.23-7.13 (m, 2 H), 5.85 (s, 1 H), 5.63 (s, 1 H), 5.22 (s, 1 H), 5.17 (s, 1 H), 2.03 (s, 3 H), 1.76 (s, 3 H), 1.52 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 10.1, 19.0, 26.0, 83.6, 121.6, 122.9, 123.9, 127.3, 128.6, 129.0, 135.2, 137.3, 138.3, 159.8, 174.7; EIMS: *m/z* 254 (M<sup>+</sup>, 13.36), 105 (100); IR (neat): 2914, 1755, 1655, 1455 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: caclcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 254.1301; found, 254.1310.

### 4. **3-Benzyl-5-methyl-4-(3'-methyl-1'-methylenebut-2'-enyl)-5H-furan-2-one**

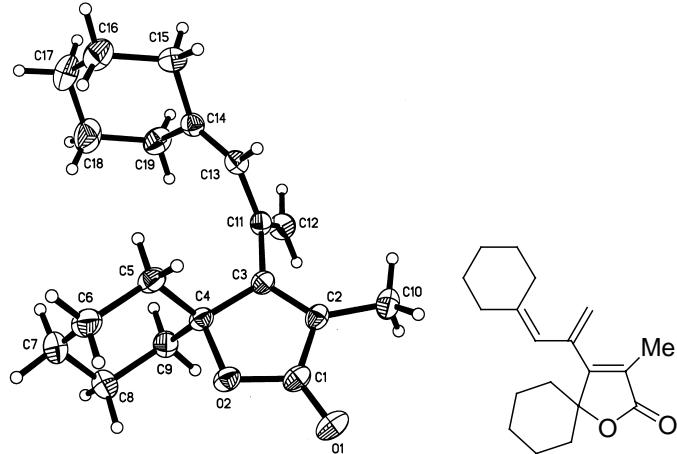
**(3cb):**



The reaction of **1c** (47 mg, 0.25 mmol), **2b** (37 mg, 0.375 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded **3cb** (35 mg, 52%): liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.30-7.13 (m, 5 H), 5.72 (s, 1 H), 5.30 (s, 1 H), 5.29 (s, 1 H), 5.08 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.80 (s, 3 H), 1.67 (s, 3 H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 19.0, 19.3, 26.3, 29.8, 78.3, 120.9, 122.7, 126.1, 126.2, 128.3, 128.4, 137.2, 138.3, 138.8, 163.3, 173.9; EIMS *m/z* 268 (M<sup>+</sup>, 25.07), 91 (100); IR (neat): 2929, 1755, 1651, 1603, 1495, 1453 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: cacl. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 268.1463; found, 268.1498.

## 5. 4-(1'-Cyclohexyldienemethylethenyl)-3-methyl-1-oxa-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one

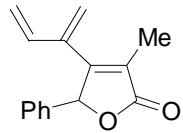
**(3da):**



The reaction of **1d** (41 mg, 0.247 mmol), **2a** (55 mg, 0.399 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded **3da** (53 mg, 75%): Solid, m.p. 73-75 ◻

(Chloroform).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  5.54 (s, 1 H), 5.24 (s, 1 H), 5.09 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.34 (t,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.17 (br, 1 H), 1.83 (s, 3 H), 1.80-1.65 (m, 7 H), 1.65-1.40 (m, 7 H), 1.23-1.08 (m, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.3, 22.2, 24.6, 26.4, 27.7, 28.3, 29.5, 34.0, 37.5, 87.7, 119.6, 120.2, 123.4, 137.4, 145.2, 167.4, 173.7; EIMS  $m/z$  286 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 23.18), 188 (100); IR (KBr): 2930, 2854, 1755  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2$ : (%) C 79.68, H 9.15; found, C 79.43, H 9.17; Crystal data for **3da**:  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2$ , MW = 286.40, Monoclinic, space group C2/c, final R indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ], R1 = 0.0534, wR2 = 0.1292,  $a = 28.423(3)$  Å,  $b = 6.5858(8)$  Å,  $c = 17.641(2)$  Å,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 97.363(2)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 3275.0(7)$  Å $^3$ , Crystal size: 0.432\*0.409\* 0.327 mm, T = 293(2) K, absorption coefficient: 0.073 mm $^{-1}$ , wavelength: 0.71073 Å, Z = 8, reflections collected/unique: 9178 / 3565 ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0589$ ), Data: 3536, restraints: 0, parameters: 252. Supplementary crystallographic data have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center. CCDC 256927.

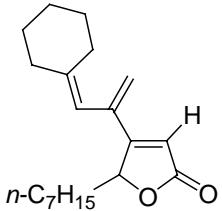
## 6. 3-Methyl-4-(1-methylene-allyl)-5-phenyl-5H-furan-2-one (**3ac**):



The reaction of **1a** (43 mg, 0.247 mmol), **2c** (44 mg, 0.628 mmol),  $\text{PdCl}_2$  (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded **3ac** (33 mg, 59%): liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.38-7.22 (m, 3 H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2 H), 6.30 (dd,  $J$  = 11.0, 17.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.91 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.31 (s, 1 H), 5.15 (d,  $J$  = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.00 (d,  $J$  = 17.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.88 (s, 1 H), 1.89 (t,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.8, 84.0,

117.4, 120.4, 125.3, 126.5, 128.5, 128.9, 134.4, 135.3, 138.7, 159.0, 174.3; EIMS: m/z 226 ( $M^+$ , 1.07), 84 (100); IR (neat): 1760, 1674  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: caclcd. for  $C_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$  [ $M^+$ ], 226.0994; found, 226.0980.

#### 7. 4-(1'-Cyclohexyldienemethylethenyl)-5-heptyl-5H-furan-2-one (3ea):



The reaction of **1e** (45 mg, 0.247 mmol), **2a** (69 mg, 0.50 mmol),  $\text{PdCl}_2$  (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded **3ea** (39 mg, 52%): liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  5.92 (s, 1 H), 5.72 (s, 1 H), 5.44 (s, 1 H), 5.32 (s, 1 H), 5.22-4.97 (m, 1 H), 2.30-2.08 (m, 4 H), 2.08-1.92 (m, 1 H), 1.72-1.42 (m, 7 H), 1.42-1.15 (m, 10 H), 0.87 (t,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.0, 22.5, 24.3, 26.4, 27.9, 28.5, 29.0, 29.1, 29.8, 31.6, 33.7, 37.1, 82.2, 116.0, 118.3, 120.9, 136.5, 146.7, 167.9, 173.1; EIMS *m/z* 302 ( $M^+$ , 7.37), 41 (100.); IR (neat): 2927, 2855, 1758  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: caclcd. for  $C_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2$  [ $M^+$ ], 302.2246; found, 302.2232.

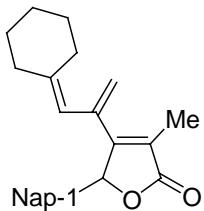
#### 8. 3-Benzyl-4-(1'-cyclohexyldienemethylethenyl)-5H-furan-2-one (3fa):



The reaction of **1f** (43 mg, 0.247 mmol), **2a** (51 mg, 0.370 mmol),  $\text{PdCl}_2$  (2 mg, 0.0113

mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded **3fa** (45 mg, 62%): liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.30-7.12 (m, 5 H), 5.76 (s, 1 H), 5.40 (s, 1 H), 5.25 (s, 1 H), 4.85 (s, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 2 H), 2.22-2.08 (m, 4 H), 1.67-1.40 (m, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.3, 27.6, 28.2, 29.7, 29.9, 37.1, 70.7, 119.5, 120.6, 126.28, 126.35, 128.38, 128.41, 137.2, 138.3, 146.1, 156.9, 175.1; EIMS *m/z* 294 (M<sup>+</sup>, 26.57), 159 (100.); IR (neat): 3086, 3061, 3028, 2928, 2853, 1753 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: caclcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>+1], 295.1692; found, 295.1718.

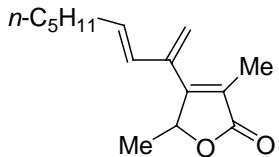
**9. 4-(1'-cyclohexyldieneprop-2'-en-2'-yl)-3-methyl-5-(naphthalen-1"-yl)furan-2(5H)-one (3ga):**



The reaction of **1g** (56 mg, 0.250 mmol), **2a** (52 mg, 0.377 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (3 mg, 0.0169 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded **3ga** (48 mg, 56%): Solid, m.p. 138-140 °C (ethyl acetate). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.62-7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.71 (s, 1 H), 5.59 (s, 1 H), 5.26 (s, 1 H), 5.15 (s, 1 H), 2.15 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3 H), 2.12-1.90 (m, 4 H), 1.52-1.22 (m, 5 H), 1.18-1.01 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 10.6, 26.3, 27.3, 28.0, 29.3, 37.1, 79.4, 119.7, 121.9, 122.8, 125.1, 125.3, 125.8, 125.9, 126.7, 128.8, 129.8, 131.1, 131.9, 133.8, 137.2, 146.0, 159.2, 174.6; EIMS: *m/z* 344 (M<sup>+</sup>, 37.77), 141 (100); IR (KBr): 2926, 2851, 1756, 1652, 1599, 1511, 1446 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal.

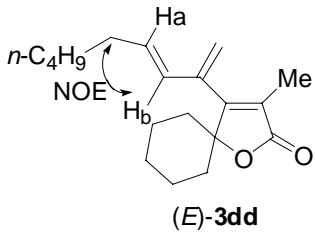
caclcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: (%) C 83.69, H 7.02; found, C 83.73, H 7.05.

**10. 3,5-Dimethyl-4-(1'-methyleneoct-2'(E)-enyl)-5H-furan-2-one (*E*-3bd):**



The reaction of **1b** (33 mg, 0.295 mmol), **2d** (104 mg, 0.743 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (3 mg, 0.0169 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded **E-3bd** (36 mg, 52%): liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 6.13 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.53 (td, *J* = 6.9, 15.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.32 (s, 1 H), 5.10-5.00 (m, 1 H), 4.96 (s, 1 H), 2.11 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.44-1.20 (m, 9 H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.6, 14.0, 18.3, 22.4, 28.6, 31.3, 32.6, 79.0, 116.6, 124.9, 128.7, 135.3, 139.0, 161.6, 174.1; EIMS *m/z* 234 (M<sup>+</sup>, 17.55), 43 (100); IR (neat): 2957, 2928, 2857, 1762 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: caclcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 234.1620; found, 234.1619.

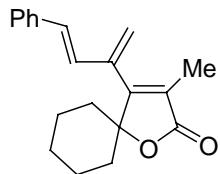
**11. 3-Methyl-4-(1'-methyleneoct-2'-enyl)-1-oxa-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (*E*-3dd):**



The reaction of **1d** (42 mg, 0.253 mmol), **2d** (52 mg, 0.371 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded **E-3dd** (40 mg, 55%): liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 6.10 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.42 (td, *J* = 6.9, 15.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.29 (s, 1 H), 4.86 (s, 1 H), 2.09 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 1.80-1.60 (m, 10 H), 1.60-1.44 (m, 2 H),

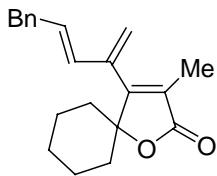
1.42-1.10 (m, 7 H), 0.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.1, 14.0, 22.1, 22.4, 24.4, 28.7, 31.2, 32.5, 33.8, 87.9, 116.1, 124.9, 129.0, 135.0, 139.3, 165.3, 173.5; EIMS  $m/z$  288 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 37.41), 41 (100.); IR (neat): 2931, 2857, 1756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: caclcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}^++1$ ], 289.2162; found, 289.2173.

**12. 3-Methyl-4-(1'-methylene-3'-phenyl-2'(*E*)-propenyl)-1-oxa-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (*E*-3de):**



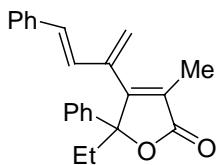
The reaction of **1d** (41 mg, 0.247 mmol), **2e** (92 mg, 0.630 mmol),  $\text{PdCl}_2$  (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded **E-3de** (46 mg, 63%): liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.42-7.23 (m, 5 H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 16.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.26 (d,  $J$  = 16.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.54 (s, 1 H), 5.07 (s, 1 H), 1.85-1.68 (m, 10 H), 1.68-1.50 (m, 2 H), 1.23-1.07 (m, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.2, 22.1, 24.4, 33.9, 88.0, 118.8, 125.6, 126.6, 127.6, 128.3, 128.7, 131.9, 136.1, 139.2, 164.6, 173.3; EIMS  $m/z$  294 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 55.81), 84 (100.); IR (neat): 2930, 2856, 1753  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: caclcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}^++1$ ], 295.1693; found, 295.1700.

**13. 3-Methyl-4-(1'-methylene-4'-phenylbut-2'(*E*)-enyl)-1-oxa-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (*E*-3df):**



The reaction of **1d** (42 mg, 0.253 mmol), **2f** (60 mg, 0.375 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded *E*-**3df** (58 mg, 74%): Solid, m.p. 109-111 °C (ethyl acetate); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.32-7.10 (m, 5 H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.58 (td, *J* = 7.5, 15.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.34 (s, 1 H), 4.92 (s, 1 H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.81-1.61 (m, 10 H), 1.55-1.40 (m, 2 H), 1.24-1.06 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.1, 22.1, 24.4, 33.8, 38.7, 87.8, 117.2, 125.1, 126.2, 128.3, 128.4, 130.2, 132.9, 138.9, 139.2, 164.9, 173.3; EIMS *m/z* 308 (M<sup>+</sup>, 13.39), 91 (100.); IR (neat): 3061, 83026, 2934, 2861, 1754 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: caclcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 308.1776; found, 308.1801.

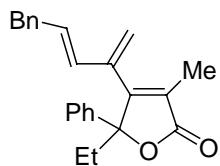
#### 14. **5-Ethyl-3-methyl-4-(1'-methylene-3'-phenyl-2'(*E*)-propenyl)-5-phenyl-5H-furan-2-one (*E*-**3he**):**



The reaction of **1h** (51 mg, 0.252 mmol), **2e** (91 mg, 0.623 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded *E*-**3he** (55 mg, 66%): liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.39-7.08 (m, 10 H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.69 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.47 (s, 1 H), 4.79 (s, 1 H), 2.50-2.34 (m, 1 H), 2.18-1.98 (m, 1 H), 1.78 (s, 3 H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.1, 9.4, 29.7, 91.2, 119.0,

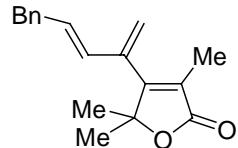
124.8, 125.3, 126.4, 127.3, 127.92, 127.94, 128.3, 128.4, 132.0, 136.1, 137.4, 138.8, 163.5, 173.9; EIMS  $m/z$  330 ( $M^+$ , 6.42), 84 (100.); IR (neat): 3059, 3027, 2976, 2925, 1758  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: caclcd. for  $C_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2$  [ $M^+$ ], 330.1620; found, 330.1606.

**15. 5-Ethyl-3-methyl-4-(1'-methylenene-4'-phenylbut-2'(E)-enyl)-5-phenyl-5H-furan-2-one (*E*-3hf):**



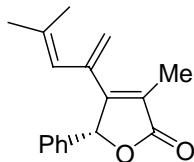
The reaction of **1h** (51 mg, 0.252 mmol), **2f** (61 mg, 0.375 mmol),  $\text{PdCl}_2$  (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 3 mL of DMA afforded *E*-**3hf** (71 mg, 82%): liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.32-7.10 (m, 8 H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H), 5.95 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1 H), 5.29 (s, 1 H), 5.04 (td,  $J = 6.3, 15.6$  Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (s, 1 H), 3.25-3.05 (m, 2 H), 2.42-2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.10-1.90 (m, 1 H), 1.71 (s, 3 H), 0.91 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.0, 9.4, 29.8, 38.5, 91.1, 117.2, 124.5, 125.2, 126.0, 127.7, 128.1, 128.26, 128.28, 129.8, 132.9, 137.6, 138.7, 139.0, 163.4, 173.8; EIMS  $m/z$  344 ( $M^+$ , 2.87), 91 (100.); IR (neat): 3061, 3027, 2977, 2939, 1759  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: caclcd. for  $C_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2$  [ $M^+$ ], 344.1776; found, 344.1786.

**16. 3,5,5-trimethyl-4-(5'-phenylpenta-1',3'-dien-2'(E)-yl)furan-2(5H)-one (*E*-3if):**



The reaction of **1i** (32 mg, 0.254 mmol), **2f** (61 mg, 0.381 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 2 mL of DMA afforded **3if** (48 mg, 71%): liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.31-7.10 (m, 5 H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.61 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 15.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.35 (s, 1 H), 4.98 (s, 1 H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.70 (s, 3 H), 1.41 (s, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 89.2, 25.2, 38.6, 86.1, 117.2, 124.9, 126.2, 128.3, 128.4, 130.0, 132.8, 138.7, 139.1, 164.1, 172.8; EIMS *m/z* 268 (M<sup>+</sup>, 59.68), 91 (100.); IR (neat): 2982, 2928, 1758, 1677, 1597, 1494, 1454, 1287 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>+1], 269.1536; found, 269.1549.

**17. R-(*-*)-3-Methyl-4-(3'-methyl-1'-methylene-but-2'-enyl)-5-phenyl-5H-furan-2-one (R-(*-*)-3ab):**



The mixture of **R-(*-*)-1a** (44 mg, 0.253 mmol, 98% ee), **2b** (49 mg, 0.50 mmol), TFA (23 mg, 0.20 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in 2 mL of DMA stirred at 35 °C for 10 hours to afford **R-(*-*)-3ab** (40 mg, 62%, 98% ee): HPLC conditions: AD column; rate, 0.8 mL/min; eluent, hexane/*i*-PrOH 95/5.  $\lambda = 589$  nm.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -437^\circ$  (*c* = 1.600, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

