

Divergent Synthetic Routes for Ring Expansion or Cyclization from 1,4-Allylic Diol Derivatives via Gold(I) Catalysis or Zinc(II) Mediation

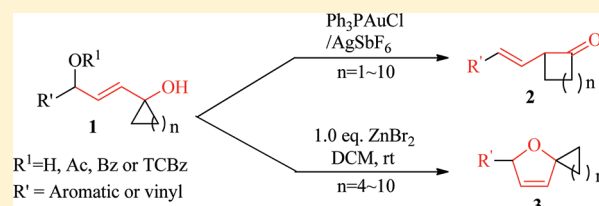
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S Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: A new efficient method was developed to transform cyclic alkanols into one-carbon higher homologated ketones using various esters as the leaving groups through gold-catalyzed allylic cation-promoted pinacol-type rearrangement. This reaction, coupled with oxy-Cope rearrangement, provided a new strategy to synthesize five-carbon homologated ring ketones. In addition, using ZnBr₂, 2,5-dihydrofuran products were obtained in moderate to good yields via an intramolecular cyclization process.



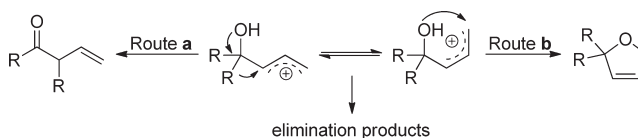
INTRODUCTION

Ring expansion or carbon chain extension by means of carbon-insertion procedures have been employed frequently in organic synthesis.¹ In this field, the carbon cation-induced pinacol-type rearrangement is of particular importance, with its utility being demonstrated in a variety of synthetic applications.² However, a similar transformation, the allylic cation-promoted pinacol-type rearrangement, as exemplified by the reaction (route a) shown in Scheme 1, has received much less attention. This may be because of the improved stability and low isomerization activity of this vinyl conjugated carbon cation system and the possible competitive formation of the 2,5-dihydrofurans (route b) and the elimination products.^{3,4}

Methods for ring expansion of the small ring molecules using transition metal catalysts have been well developed. For example, Toste's group reported the intramolecular ring expansion of alkynyl cyclopropanols/cyclobutanols via gold catalysis⁵ and then extended this to an asymmetric version by using allenyl cyclopropanols as substrates.^{6,7} Yu developed a cation-triggered ring expansion process, in which alkynyl cyclopropanes were transformed into alkylidene cyclobutylamines using gold catalysts.⁸ Nevertheless, from the same substrates, Liu's group found that cyclobutenyl ketones can be obtained through an oxidative ring-expansion pathway, which was triggered by gold-catalyzed nucleophilic addition of oxygen-delivering oxidants, such as diphenylsulfoxide, onto alkynes.⁹ Besides these gold-catalyzed reactions,¹⁰ other transition metal catalysts, such as Fe,¹¹ Ru,¹² Rh,¹³ Co,¹⁴ Pd,¹⁵ and Pt¹⁶ complexes, have also been utilized successfully in numerous ring-expansion reactions. However, all of these studies focused on the small ring structures, primarily on cyclopropane derivatives.

On the basis of our previous studies of the gold-catalyzed reaction of allylic esters,¹⁷ we presumed that the allylic cation

Scheme 1. Divergent Reaction Routes



intermediate, generated from allylic esters via gold catalysis, might promote the cyclic alkanol's ring expansion. As a continuation of our previous research, we herein report a new ring-expansion pathway to synthesize one-carbon higher homologated ring ketones from cycloalkanols through gold-catalyzed allylic cation-promoted pinacol-type rearrangement, in which the medium- and large-sized ring substrates worked very well.

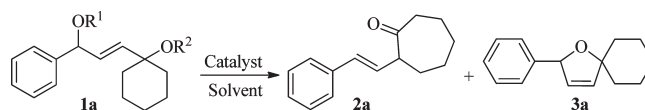
Additionally, we also prepared a series of 2,5-dihydrofurans from the same substrates using ZnBr₂ as the reaction mediator. 2,5-Dihydrofurans and their derivatives are structural motifs that are found frequently in a wide variety of natural products^{18,19} and therefore have aroused great interest for the development of new synthetic methods.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Considering that six-membered rings are the most stable cyclic structure, we chose the cyclohexanol derivative A (entry 1, Table 1) as the model system for our initial investigation. When compound A was treated with AuCl₃ in DCE at rt, cycloheptanone 2a was obtained in 11% yield, along with a mixture of β-elimination products,²⁰ without formation of dihydrofuran 3a. Using AuPPh₃Cl/AgSbF₆ as catalyst, 2a was obtained in 21% yield (entry 2,

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Table 1. Optimization of the Reaction of **1a** To Give Ring-Expansion Product **2a** or Cyclization Product **3a**^a

	(R ¹ /R ²)	catalyst (%)	solvent/temp (°C)	yield (%) (2a/3a)
1	H/H (A)	AuCl ₃ (10)	DCE/rt	11/0
2	H/H (A)	AuPPh ₃ Cl/AgSbF ₆ (10)	DCM/30	21/0
3	H/THP (B)	AuCl ₃ (10)	DCE/rt	18/0
4	Ac/H (C)	AuCl ₃ (10)	DCE/rt	28/0
5	Ac/THP (D)	AuCl ₃ (10)	DCE/rt	13/0
6	Bz/H (E)	AuCl ₃ (10)	DCE/rt	0/0
7	Bz/H (E)	AuPPh ₃ Cl/AgSbF ₆ (10)	DCE/rt	47/0
8	Bz/H (E)	AuPPh ₃ Cl/AgSbF ₆ (10)	DCM/30	71/0
9	Piv/H (F)	AuPPh ₃ Cl/AgSbF ₆ (10)	DCM/30	63/0
10	TCBz/H (1a)	AuPPh ₃ Cl/AgSbF ₆ (10)	DCM/30	84/0
11	TCBz/H (1a)	AuPPh ₃ Cl (10)	DCM/30	0/0
12	TCBz/H (1a)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	DCM/30	43/0
13	TCBz/H (1a)	AuPPh ₃ Cl/AgSbF ₆ (5)	DCM/30	81/0
14	TCBz/H (1a)	AuPPh ₃ Cl/AgSbF ₆ (2)	DCM/30	59/0
15	TCBz/H (1a)	ZnBr ₂ ^b	DCM/rt	Trace/80
16	TCBz/H (1a)	HCl (10)	DCM/30	0/0
17	TCBz/H (1a)	CF ₃ SO ₃ H (10)	DCM/30	22/18
18	TCBz/H (1a)	BF ₃ ·Et ₂ O (10)	DCM/30	26/0
19	TCBz/H (1a)	Cu(OTf) ₂ (5)	DCM/30	48/14

^a Unless noted, all reactions were carried out at 0.1 mmol scale in 4 mL of solvent for 4 h. ^b 1 mol % of ZnBr₂ was used at rt. Ac = acetate, Bz = benzoate, Piv = pivalate, TCBz = 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoate.

Table 1). Replacement of the hydroxyl group by THP ether (R² position, compound B, entry 3, Table 1) and acetate (R¹ position, compound C, entry 4, Table 1) either separately or simultaneously (compound D, entry 5, Table 1) did not improve the yield of **2a**. Investigation of benzoate substrate E afforded no desired product using AuCl₃, but when AuPPh₃Cl/AgSbF₆ (10 mol %) was used as catalyst, **2a** was obtained in 47% yield (entries 6 and 7, Table 1). Solvent and reaction temperature were optimized, which led to a considerable improvement in **2a**'s yield (entry 8, Table 1). Using pivalate as the protecting group to increase the steric bulk (F, entry 9, Table 1) was ineffective, so we turned to exploring the electronic effect on the reaction yield. When electron-deficient 2,4,6-trichloro benzoate (TCBz) was used as the protecting group (**1a**, entry 10, Table 1), **2a** was obtained in 84% yield. Employing AgSbF₆ alone led to a lower yield, and Ph₃PAuCl alone was totally inactive (Table 1, entries 11 and 12). When 5 mol % catalyst was used, **2a**'s yield was slightly reduced (Table 1, entry 13). A variety of other Lewis and Brønsted acids were also tested.²¹ When 1 mol % of ZnBr₂ was used as catalyst, 2,5-dihydrofuran **3a** was obtained in 80% yield (Table 1, entry 15). In control experiments, Brønsted acids HCl and CF₃SO₃H afforded no product, whereas BF₃·Et₂O gave **2a** in 26% yield (Table 1, entries 16–18).

Kirsch's group has developed a similar ring-expansion pathway using Cu(OTf)₂ as catalyst,⁴ but this method did not work for six-membered rings. As a comparison, we investigated cyclohexane substrate **1a**'s reaction using 5 mol % Cu(OTf)₂ catalyst, which interestingly provided **2a** in 48% yield and **3a** in 14% yield (Table 1, entry 19). This meant that the presence of the OTCBz

group played a pivotal role in this transformation. However, the use of different metal complexes (such as Cu or Au) also affected the reaction outcomes.

Using the conditions from entry 13 in Table 1, the scope and limitations of the ring expansion reaction were explored. A number of cyclic and linear substrates with different protection patterns were tested, which provided the corresponding higher homologated cyclic and linear ketones. As shown in Table 2, in the reaction of three- and four-membered rings, unprotected 2-butene-1,4-diols **1b** and **1c** were used, which provided cyclic butanone **2b** and pentanone **2c** in 81% and 72% yield, respectively. For the five-membered substrates, allylic acetate containing cyclopentanols were employed. Both electron-rich and electron-poor reactants worked very well, giving the corresponding cyclohexanones in moderate to good yields (Table 2, entries 3–6). It was notable that the catalyst loading in all of the small rings' reactions was less than 5%.

We then investigated the transformation of cyclohexanol. For electron-deficient arene substrates, TCBz was used as protecting group, which gave the desired products in good yields (Table 2, entries 7–9), but for their electron-rich analogues, the acetyl group was employed instead.²² This provided the desired products in moderate yields (Table 2, entries 10 and 11). Large-sized ring compounds, such as cycloheptanol, cyclooctanol, and cyclododecanol, were also tested. They exhibited higher reactivities, giving the homologated cyclic ketones in good yields (Table 2, entries 12–14). However, although 10 mol % of catalyst was used, the reaction of styryl substrate **1p** gave **2p** in a low yield (Table 2, entry 15). Furthermore, the alkyl substrate

Table 2. Preparation of One-Carbon Higher Homologated Cyclic Ketones through Gold-Catalyzed Ring Expansion^a

Entry	Substrate	%Cat.	Time [h] / Temp.[oC]	Product	Yield
1		2	0.5 / rt		81%
2		2	0.5 / rt		72%
3		3	1 / rt		83%
4		3	2 / rt		91%
5		3	3 / rt		84%
6		3	3 / rt		74%
7		5	1 / 30		81%
8		5	1 / 30		77%
9		5	1 / 30		74%
10		5	2 / 30		51%
11		5	2 / 30		50%
12		5	0.5 / 30		81%
13		5	0.5 / 30		86%
14		5	1 / rt		89%
15		10	2/30		28%
16		10	7/30		34%
17		5	12 / 30		95%
18		5	0.5 / r.t.		95%

^a Unless noted, all reactions were carried out at 0.1 mmol scale in 4 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at 30 °C.

only afforded a mixture of elimination products, which meant that the presence of a phenyl or vinyl group to stabilize the allylic cation intermediate was vital to this reaction. Transformation of adamantanol **1q** to the homologated cyclic ketone **2q** proceeds smoothly, though with a lower reaction yield (Table 2, entry 16). Two linear substrates were then examined. The reaction of **1r** and **1s** provided ketone **2r** and **2s** in high yields in which the hydrogen atom and the benzene group migrated to the neighboring position (Table 2, entries 17 and 18).

Using the conditions from entry 15 in Table 1, a series of 2,5-dihydrofuran derivatives **3** can be prepared through ZnBr₂-induced intramolecular cyclization. Under these conditions, substrate **1h** and **1i** (Table 3, entries 2 and 3), which had an electron-withdrawing phenyl group, worked better than the electron-rich analogues **1j** and **1k** (Table 3, entries 4 and 5). The bulky adamantanol **1q** can also be transformed into the derivative **3q** in moderate yield. The large-sized rings, such as cycloheptanol **1m**, cyclooctanol **1n** and cyclododecanol **1o**, underwent a similar transformation to give the desired dihydrofurans, together with

Table 3. Preparation of a Series of 2,5-Dihydrofuran Derivatives through ZnBr₂-Mediated Cyclization Reaction^a

Entry	Substrate	Time(h)	Product	Yield
1		1		80%
2		0.5		86%
3		1.5		79%
4		0.5		75%
5		0.5		68%
6		0.5		66%
7		1		57%(25%) ^b
8		1		37%(31%) ^b
9		1		41%(53%) ^b

^a Unless noted, all reactions were carried out at 0.1 mmol scale in 4 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at rt. ^b The data in parentheses are the yields of **2m**, **2n**, and **2o**.

the formation of the ring-expansion products. However, small ring substrates (**1b–1g**) and linear substrates (**1s–1t**) did not work very well using ZnBr₂, which primarily provided the ring-enlargement products. Their yields were lower than those of the gold-catalyzed reactions.

To examine the effect of alkene's *Z/E* configuration on the reaction yield, compound *Z*-**1a** was prepared and treated with 5 mol % of Ph₃PAuCl/AgSbF₆ in DCM. **2a** was obtained in 71% yield, together with 15% yield of **3a**, which is lower than that of **1a** (Scheme 2, eq 1). It seemed that the *Z*-configuration substrate is prone to take cyclization route **b** (Scheme 1). When 1 mol % of ZnBr₂ was used as catalyst, only **3a** was obtained in 81% yield (Scheme 2, eq 1).

In the course of **1a**'s reaction, **1a**'s regioisomer **4** can be detected and separated.²³ Treating **4** with 5 mol % of Ph₃PAuCl/AgSbF₆ gave **2a** in 90% yield. Furthermore, when ZnBr₂ was added, **3a** was obtained in 88% yield (Scheme 2, eq 2). These results indicated that compound **4** is a possible reaction intermediate. Further investigation into compound **4** was performed to elucidate the reaction mechanism.

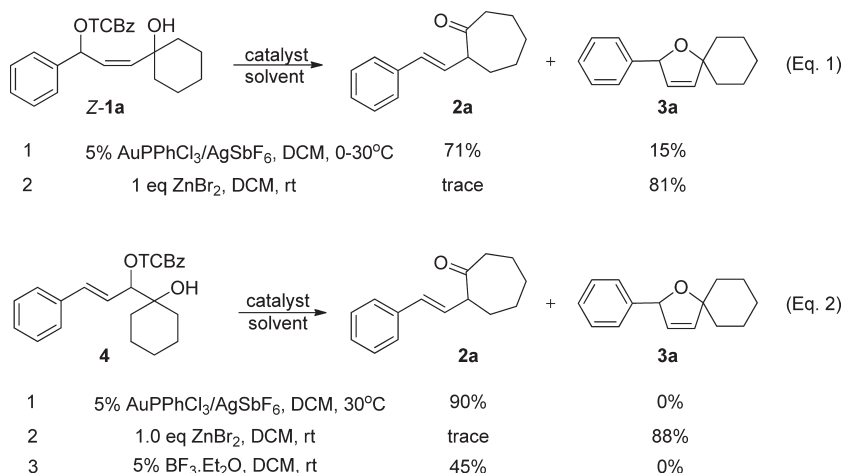
The different reactivity exhibited by the Au(I) cation and ZnBr₂ are intriguing. On the basis of our previous results, the allylic cation intermediates were presumably generated from allylic esters via gold catalysis,¹⁷ to which the neighboring cyclic C–C bonds might serve as intramolecular nucleophiles that react with allylic cations, thereby triggering the pinacol-type rearrangement in a gold-catalyzed transformation. Using ZnBr₂, however, the exposed hydroxyl group attacked the allylic cation.

Inspired by the previous studies of the tricoordinated gold(I) species,²⁴ we thought that complexation of the auric cation with the hydroxyl group might prohibit route **b** (Scheme 1). To elucidate the effect of the complexation mode on the reaction outcomes, Lewis acid BF₃·Et₂O, which had only one vacant coordination site available, was then examined. According to the assumption, monocoordinated BF₃·Et₂O would leave the hydroxyl group exposed, thereby leading to the cyclization products. However, the reaction result did not support this theory; BF₃·Et₂O gave **2a** as a sole product in 45% yield (Scheme 2, eq 3).

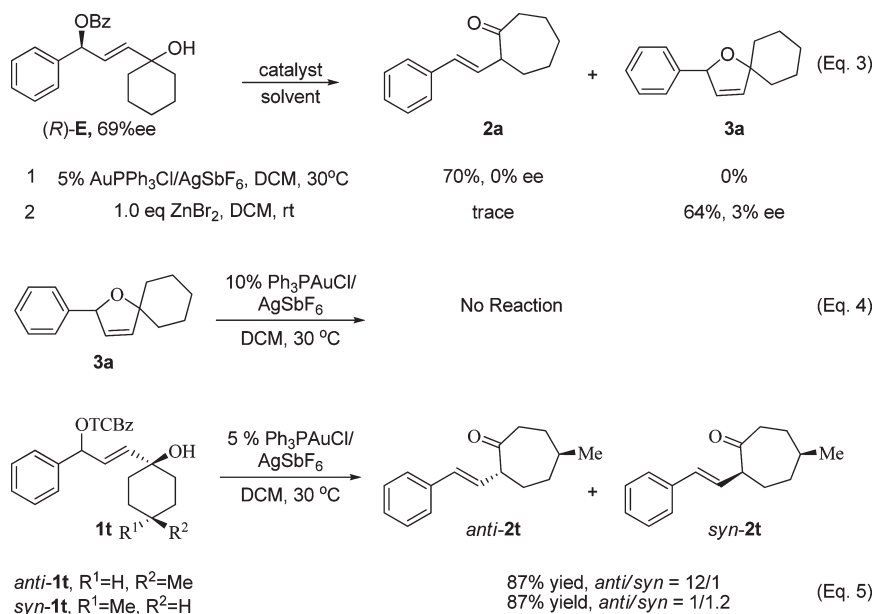
We then explored the possible chirality transfer in these reactions.²⁵ Chiral substrate (*R*)-**E** was prepared and investigated, which gave **2a** in 0% ee using gold catalysis and provided **3a** in 3% ee in the ZnBr₂-mediated reaction (Scheme 3, eq 3). Treating **3a** with the gold catalyst gave no reaction, which indicated that furan **3a** was not the reaction intermediate to afford **4a** (Scheme 3, eq 4).²⁶ 4-Methyl cyclohexanol substrates with either *syn* (*syn*-**1t**) or *anti* (*anti*-**1t**) configuration were then treated with 5 mol % of Ph₃PAuCl/AgSbF₆ in DCM. It was found that *anti*-**1t** mainly provided the *anti*-**2t** (*anti/syn* = 12/1), whereas *syn*-**1t** gave a mixture of *anti*-**2t** and *syn*-**2t** (*anti/syn* = 1/1.2) (Scheme 3, eq 5).²¹

Although the detailed explanation for the divergent reactivity of the gold and zinc salts was still unclear, a plausible mechanism was proposed. This reaction might have started from the formation of **1a**'s regioisomer **4**,²¹ which underwent subsequent ring expansion via gold catalysis or underwent cyclization using ZnBr₂. There are two possible transition states in the pinacol

Scheme 2. Examination of the Gold-Catalyzed Reaction of Compound Z-1a and 4



Scheme 3. Examination of the Gold-Catalyzed Reaction of Compound (R)-E, 3a, and 1t

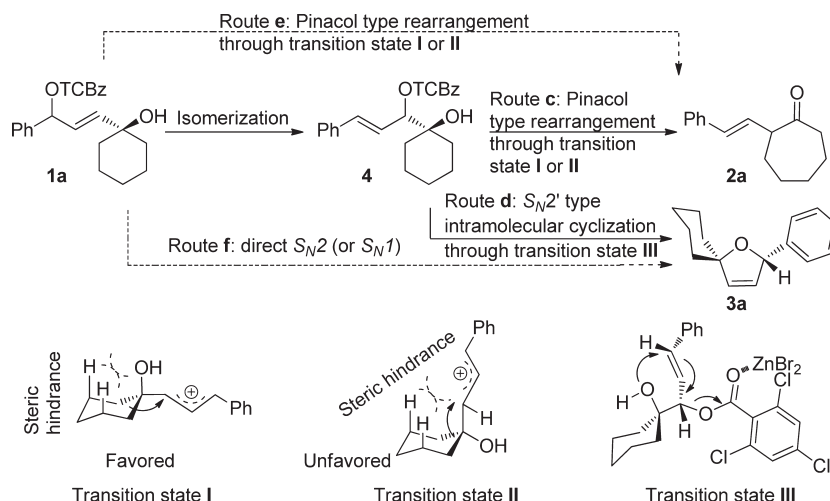


rearrangement process (Scheme 4), in which an allylic cation intermediate was presumably generated. As compared with transition state I, transition state II was energetically unfavored, because of the higher 1,3-axial steric hindrance between the hydrogen atom and the bulky allylic ester group. This assumption was further approved by the reactions in eq 5.²¹ In the reaction of anti-1t, the anti-methyl group occupied an equatorial position in transition I and an axial position in transition II, thus making transition I more favorable. However, in the reaction of syn-1t, the syn-methyl group occupied an axial position in transition I and an equatorial position in transition II, which counteracted the allylic cation group and led to a mixture of anti-2t/syn-2t with a low ratio. Using ZnBr₂, we presumed that an S_N2'-type intramolecular cyclization (transition III) might occur to give the 2,5-dihydrofuran 3a (Scheme 4). Although no chirality transfer was observed in the reaction of eq 3, which would be implied in a concerted S_N2' transfer, the racemization, however, might occur at

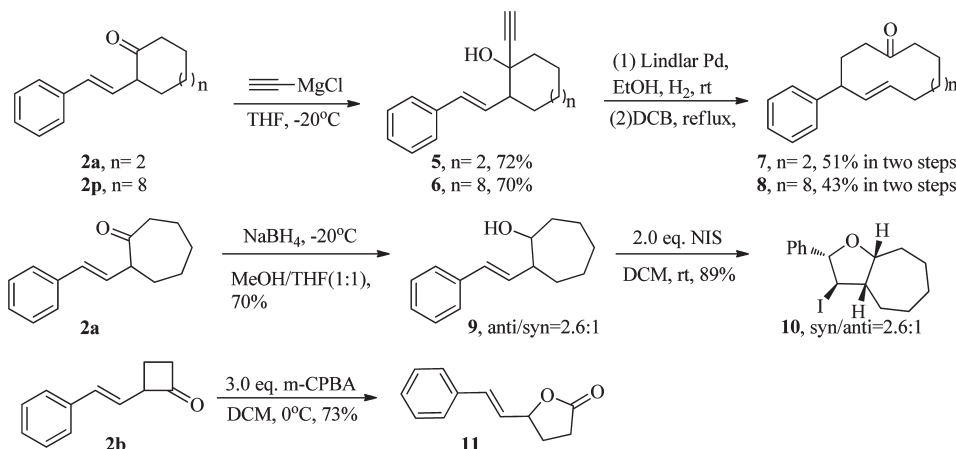
the isomerization step. Although compound 4 is thermodynamically more stable than 1a, the competitive processes, such as pinacol type rearrangement from 4 (route e) to give 2a and direct S_N2 (or S_N1) addition to give 3a (route f), cannot be excluded.

Further derivations for the obtained cyclic ketones were then performed. Ketone 2 can be extended into the higher homologated cyclic ketones. As shown in Scheme 5, addition of ethynyl Grignard to 2a, followed by hydrogenation and oxy-Cope rearrangement, gave cycloundecanone 7 in high yield.²⁷ Therefore, a formal five-carbon expansion product was obtained from cyclohexanol 1a through a pinacol-type rearrangement and then an oxy-Cope rearrangement. Similarly, compound 2p can be transformed into cycloheptadecanone 8. Meanwhile, treating 2a with NaBH₄ in MeOH/THF at -20 °C, followed by iodine-induced cyclization, gave bicyclic 10 in 89% yield (syn/anti = 2.6/1). Compound 2b can be transformed into butyrolactone 11 using m-CPBA as the oxidant.

Scheme 4. A Plausible Mechanism



Scheme 5. Further Transformation of Compound 2a, 2p, and 2b



CONCLUSION

In summary, we have developed an efficient gold-catalyzed method to transform cyclic alkanols into one-carbon higher homologated cyclic ketones through an allylic cation-promoted pinacol-type rearrangement, in which various esters, including acetate, benzoate, and electron-deficient 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoate (TCBz), were used as leaving groups. This reaction, coupled with oxy-Cope rearrangement, also provided a new strategy to yield five-carbon homologated ring ketones. In contrast, when 1 mol % of ZnBr₂ was utilized, a series of 2,5-dihydrofuran products were obtained in moderate to good yields via a cyclization process.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Typical Procedure for the Gold(I)-Catalyzed Ring Expansion from Allylic Ester Substituted Cycloalkanols 1a. The gold catalyst was generated in an oven-dried Schlenk tube containing a magnetic stirrer bar under N₂ by addition of 0.05 mmol AuPPh₃Cl, 0.05 mol AgSbF₆, and 2 mL DCM. After the catalyst mixture stirred at room temperature for 2 min, a solution of 1a (0.1 mmol) in 2 mL DCM was added. The resulting mixture was allowed to stand at 30 °C, until complete consumption of the starting material (as determined by TLC

monitoring). The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford 2a (81%).

Typical Procedure for the Zinc(II)-Catalyzed Ring Cyclization from Allylic Ester Substituted Cycloalkanols 1a. To a solution of ZnBr₂ (1.0 equiv) in 2 mL DCM, was added 1a (0.1 mmol) in 2 mL DCM under N₂. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature. Complete consumption of the starting material was monitored by TLC analysis. The solvent was then removed by rotary evaporation, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford 3a (80%).

(E)-2-Styrylcycloheptanone 2a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.37–3.32 (m, 1H), 2.62–2.48 (m, 2H), 2.04–1.88 (m, 4H), 1.70–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.41 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.6, 137.1, 130.9, 128.6, 128.5, 127.4, 126.3, 56.3, 42.5, 31.6, 29.7, 28.0, 24.8; IR (neat) 2926, 2854, 1701, 1452, 964, 748, 696 cm⁻¹.

(E)-2-Styrylcyclobutanone (2b). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 6.50 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.10 (m, 1H), 3.21–3.11 (m, 1H), 3.07–2.98 (m, 1H), 2.44–2.34 (m, 1H), 2.09–1.99 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 208.2, 136.7, 131.7, 128.5, 127.6, 126.2, 124.1, 63.1, 45.0, 17.1; IR (neat) 2956, 2922, 1783, 1072, 966, 750, 964 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 172.0895, found 172.0882.

(E)-2-Styrylcyclopentanone 2c. ^{29}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, $J = 16.1, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, $J = 15.9, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.42–2.35 (m, 2H), 2.26–2.18 (m, 1H), 2.13–2.07 (m, 1H), 1.96–1.86 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 218.0, 137.0, 132.0, 128.5, 127.4, 126.2, 126.1, 52.4, 37.8, 29.8, 20.8; IR (neat) 2960, 1732, 1647, 1182, 1028, 750, 698 cm^{-1} .

(E)-2-styrylcyclohexanone 2d. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, $J = 16.1, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.15–3.09 (m, 1H), 2.41 (td, $J = 13.6, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.33–2.25 (m, 1H), 2.14–2.09 (m, 1H), 2.02–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.89–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.65 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.0, 137.1, 131.4, 128.4, 127.6, 127.3, 126.3, 54.0, 41.7, 34.4, 27.6, 24.4.

(E)-2-(4-Methylstyryl)cyclohexanone 2e. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.41–6.32 (m, 2H), 3.21–3.16 (m, 1H), 2.48 (td, $J = 13.7, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.40–2.35 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.21–2.15 (m, 1H), 2.09–2.02 (m, 1H), 1.94–1.90 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.73 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.4, 137.1, 134.3, 131.2, 129.2, 126.4, 126.2, 54.1, 41.7, 34.5, 27.6, 24.4, 21.2; IR (neat) 2929, 2858, 1712, 1446, 1124, 966, 792 cm^{-1} ; MS (m/z , rel intensity) 214 (M^+ , 100), 143 (23), 129 (28), 115 (14), 105 (37), 91 (11), 77 (5); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 214.1358, found 214.1357.

(E)-2-(4-Methoxystyryl)cyclohexanone 2f. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.33 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, $J = 16.1, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.20–3.14 (m, 1H), 2.48 (td, $J = 13.8, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.39–2.31 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.14 (m, 1H), 2.08–2.02 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.90 (m, 1H), 1.79–1.72 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.4, 159.0, 130.8, 130.0, 127.4, 125.3, 113.9, 55.3, 54.0, 41.7, 34.5, 27.6, 24.4; IR (neat) 2933, 2860, 1708, 1606, 1508, 1249, 1174, 1031, 966, 839 cm^{-1} .

(E)-2-(4-Fluorostyryl)cyclohexanone 2g. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.34–6.33 (m, 2H), 3.20–3.17 (m, 1H), 2.48 (td, $J = 13.7, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.40–2.32 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.16 (m, 1H), 2.11–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.91 (m, 1H), 1.79–1.72 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.1, 162.2 (d, $J = 245.0$ Hz), 133.3, 130.2, 127.7 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 127.3, 115.3 (d, $J = 21.5$ Hz), 53.9, 41.8, 34.4, 27.6, 24.5; IR (neat) 2935, 2864, 1714, 1508, 1226, 966, 850, 804 cm^{-1} ; MS (m/z , rel intensity) 218 (M^+ , 100), 174 (36), 146 (34), 122 (77), 109 (31), 95 (3), 81 (13); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{FO}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 218.1107, found 218.1110.

(E)-2-(4-Fluorostyryl)cycloheptanone 2h. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, $J = 16.0, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.35–3.30 (m, 1H), 2.61–2.48 (m, 2H), 2.03–1.86 (m, 4H), 1.72–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.40 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 213.7, 162.6 (d, $J = 245.3$ Hz), 133.2, 129.6, 128.3, 127.7 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 115.4 (d, $J = 21.5$ Hz), 56.1, 42.5, 31.6, 30.0, 28.0, 24.8; IR (neat) 2927, 2854, 1701, 1508, 1226, 1157, 1095, 823 cm^{-1} ; MS (m/z , rel intensity) 232 (M^+ , 39), 161 (23), 147 (27), 123 (100), 109 (27), 95 (28), 83 (9), 67 (5), 41 (8); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{FO}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 232.1263, found 232.1265.

(E)-2-(4-Bromostyryl)cycloheptanone 2i. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dd, $J = 16.0, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.36–3.31 (m, 1H), 2.61–2.50 (m, 2H), 2.03–1.86 (m, 4H), 1.72–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.41 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 213.4, 136.1, 131.6, 129.7, 129.6, 127.8, 121.1, 56.1, 42.6, 31.6, 29.6, 28.1, 24.7; IR (neat) 2926, 2848, 1697, 1487, 1070, 812, 501 cm^{-1} ; MS (m/z , rel

intensity) 292 (M^+ , 62), 183 (89), 181 (100), 128 (45), 95 (10), 77 (4), 67 (3); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrO}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 292.0463, found 292.0469.

(E)-2-(4-Methylstyryl)cycloheptanone 2j. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.18 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.32 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.17 (dd, $J = 16.0, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.28–3.22 (m, 1H), 2.54–2.40 (m, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.96–1.80 (m, 4H), 1.65–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.34 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 213.7, 137.1, 134.3, 130.7, 129.2, 127.5, 126.1, 56.3, 42.4, 31.5, 29.7, 27.9, 24.9, 21.1; IR (neat) 3022, 2923, 2854, 1703, 1452, 966, 808 cm^{-1} ; MS (m/z , rel intensity) 228 (M^+ , 14), 119 (100), 91 (26), 65 (6), 41 (4); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 228.1514, found 228.1518.

(E)-2-(2-Methylstyryl)cycloheptanone 2k. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.11 (m, 3H), 6.33 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd, $J = 15.8, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.40–3.34 (m, 1H), 2.63–2.49 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.05–1.88 (m, 4H), 1.75–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.52–1.38 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 213.6, 136.2, 135.2, 130.1, 130.0, 128.8, 127.3, 126.0, 125.7, 56.6, 42.4, 31.7, 29.7, 27.9, 24.8, 19.7; IR (neat) 2927, 2854, 1708, 1454, 964, 752 cm^{-1} ; MS (m/z , rel intensity) 228 (M^+ , 100), 157 (21), 143 (45), 129 (33), 118 (41), 104 (6), 91 (9), 77 (3); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 228.1514, found 228.1516.

(E)-2-Styrylcyclooctanone 2m. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd, $J = 16.0, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.42–3.36 (m, 1H), 2.54–2.47 (m, 1H), 2.43–2.37 (m, 1H), 2.04–1.82 (m, 4H), 1.76–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.41 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 217.0, 137.0, 131.1, 128.5, 127.4, 126.2, 55.2, 40.8, 32.6, 27.0, 26.2, 25.9, 24.6; IR (neat) 2921, 2854, 1699, 1446, 966, 748, 696 cm^{-1} ; MS (m/z , rel intensity) 228 (M^+ , 80), 143 (40), 129 (100), 117 (22), 115 (32), 104 (67), 91 (29), 65 (3), 41 (5); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 228.1514, found 228.1516.

(E)-2-Styrylcyclononanone 2n. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, $J = 15.9, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.49–3.43 (m, 1H), 2.54–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.08–1.99 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.81 (m, 3H), 1.72–1.64 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.54 (m, 3H), 1.48–1.38 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 216.5, 137.0, 131.2, 128.8, 128.5, 127.4, 126.2, 57.3, 41.7, 31.6, 25.7, 25.3, 24.8, 24.5, 24.0; IR (neat) 2930, 2852, 1701, 1450, 946, 748, 695 cm^{-1} ; MS (m/z , rel intensity) 242 (M^+ , 51), 340 (5), 143 (32), 129 (100), 115 (26), 104 (38), 91 (23), 77 (7), 41 (5); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 242.1671, found 242.1674.

(E)-2-Styrylcyclotridecanone 2o. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd, $J = 15.8, 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (td, $J = 9.3, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (ddd, $J = 16.1, 9.2, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (ddd, $J = 16.1, 8.0, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.02–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.27 (m, 16H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 212.3, 136.9, 131.6, 128.6, 127.5, 126.2, 56.4, 40.9, 31.8, 26.5, 26.1, 26.0, 25.7, 25.4, 25.1, 24.4, 24.2, 22.8; IR (neat) 2926, 2858, 1708, 1460, 966, 748, 692 cm^{-1} ; MS (m/z , rel intensity) 298 (M^+ , 100), 143 (23), 129 (54), 118 (55), 91 (20), 41 (5); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 298.2297, found 298.2299.

2-((1E,3E)-4-Phenylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)cycloheptanone 2p. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 15.6, 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, $J = 15.3, 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.90 (dd, $J = 15.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.30–3.25 (m, 1H), 2.59–2.46 (m, 2H), 2.01–1.86 (m, 5H), 1.68–1.60 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 213.4, 137.3, 132.6, 131.8, 131.5, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 126.2, 56.1, 42.4, 31.4, 29.7, 27.9, 24.8; IR (neat) 2912, 2850, 1703, 1452, 1163, 987, 941, 748, 962 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 263.1406, found 263.1402.

(1*S*,3*R*, 6*S*,8*S*)-1-((*E*-Styryl)tricyclo[4.3.1]undecan-2-one 2*q*. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.21–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.05–2.00 (m, 3H), 1.94–1.88 (m, 3H), 1.82–1.76 (m, 3H), 1.72–1.69 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 217.1, 137.3, 131.7, 129.4, 128.4, 127.2, 126.2, 60.8, 49.0, 39.0, 35.4, 33.0, 32.6, 32.0, 31.9, 29.6, 26.9, 26.8; IR (neat) 2912, 2848, 1691, 1446, 1074, 939, 738, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₃O [M + H]⁺ 267.1743, found 267.1738.

(*E*-1-Phenylhept-1-en-4-one 2*r*.³⁰ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (td, *J* = 15.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (sext, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

(*E*-3,5-Diphenylpent-4-en-2-one 2*s*.³¹ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.39–7.36 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, MeOD) δ 207.9, 138.5, 137.0, 132.3, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 125.9, 62.4, 27.

(2*R**,5*S**)-5-Methyl-2-((*E*-styryl)cycloheptanone anti-2*t*. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.33–3.27 (m, 1H), 2.66 (td, *J* = 13.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (ddd, *J* = 13.6, 6.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.05–1.98 (m, 1H), 1.94–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.67 (m, 1H), 1.63–1.56 (m, 1H), 1.42–1.31 (m, 1H), 1.26–1.13 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213., 137.0, 130.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 126.2, 56.7, 41.2, 36.7, 36.5, 33.2, 30.9, 23.5; IR (neat) 2924, 2868, 1711, 1450, 966, 752, 692 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*, rel intensity) 228 (M⁺, 84), 143 (100), 130 (48), 128 (48), 115 (30), 104 (50), 91 (19), 77 (5), 41 (4); HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₆H₂₀O [M]⁺ 228.1514, found 228.1516.

(2*S**,5*S**)-5-Methyl-2-((*E*-styryl)cycloheptanone syn-2*t*. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.41–6.39 (m, 2H), 3.39–3.35 (m, 1H), 2.60–2.57 (m, 2H), 1.99–1.94 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.49–1.40 (m, 2H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.7, 127.2, 131.2, 128.5, 128.2, 127.4, 126.3, 55.3, 40.6, 34.1, 33.8, 31.9, 28.3, 21.4; MS (*m/z*, rel intensity) 228 (M⁺, 100), 143 (71), 130 (42), 128 (41), 115 (23), 104 (21), 91 (5), 77 (6); HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₆H₂₀O [M]⁺ 228.1514, found 228.1517.

(*E*-4-Phenylcycloundec-5-enone 7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 (tt, *J* = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (ddd, *J* = 15.0, 10.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 10.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 10.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.71–2.61 (m, 2H), 2.50 (q, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.22–2.14 (m, 2H), 1.92–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.71–1.63 (m, 3H), 1.45–1.35 (m, 1H), 1.14–1.02 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.1, 145.0, 134.7, 130.8, 128.5, 126.9, 126.1, 52.5, 42.6, 40.6, 34.0, 30.4, 25.7, 24.4, 24.3; IR (neat) 3026, 2926, 2852, 1708, 1438, 974, 752, 698 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*, rel intensity) 242 (M⁺, 20), 224 (100), 143 (42), 129 (61), 91 (26), 77 (5), 41 (3); HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₂O [M]⁺ 242.1671, found 242.1673.

(*E*-4-Phenylcycloheptadec-5-enone 8. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 3H), 5.52–5.43 (m, 2H), 3.22–3.17 (m, 1H), 2.55–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.43–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.14–1.91 (m, 5H), 1.67–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.39–1.29 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.8, 145.1, 133.3, 131.5, 128.4, 127.1, 126.1, 48.4, 42.6, 41.0, 31.8, 30.1, 29.6, 28.7, 27.9, 27.7, 27.6, 27.2, 26.9, 23.9; IR (neat) 3026, 2926, 2854, 1710, 1452, 968, 756, 698 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*, rel intensity) 326 (M⁺, 47), 157 (22), 143 (100), 129 (68), 91 (34), 77 (3), 41 (13); HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O [M]⁺ 326.2610, found 326.2607.

(2*S**,3*R**,3*aS**,8*aR**)-3-Iodo-2-phenyloctahydro-2*H*-cyclohepta[*b*]furan 10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.30 (m, 3H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (td, *J* = 10.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.78–2.70 (m, 1H), 2.10–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.73 (m, 4H), 1.52–1.43 (m, 1H), 1.41–1.26 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.9, 128.4, 128.3, 126.9, 88.0, 82.2, 54.9, 36.4, 32.1, 31.2, 28.4, 27.4, 25.0; IR (neat) 2922, 2850, 1452, 1039, 1024, 758, 696 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*, rel intensity) 342 (M⁺, 2), 215 (100), 129 (22), 105 (48), 91 (22), 77 (8), 41 (4); HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₉IO [M]⁺ 342.0481, found 342.0482.

(*E*-5-Styryldihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one 11.^{17*a*} ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (td, *J* = 14.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.66–2.56 (m, 2H), 2.54–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.15–2.06 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.8, 135.6, 132.8, 128.7, 128.4, 126.7, 126.4, 80.6, 28.9, 28.5.

2-Phenyl-1-oxaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene 3*a*. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27–7.17 (m, 5H), 5.94–5.92 (m, 1H), 5.72–5.70 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.60 (m, 5H), 1.49–1.35 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.4, 133.9, 129.0, 128.4, 127.5, 126.5, 90.2, 86.4, 38.3, 37.4, 25.5, 23.6, 23.3; IR (neat) 2958, 2946, 2854, 1448, 1259, 1085, 1062, 1041, 1022, 800, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₉O [M + H]⁺ 215.1430, found 215.1426.

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-oxaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene 3*h*. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.76–5.74 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.64 (m, 5H), 1.56–1.47 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6 (d, *J* = 234.9 Hz), 138.2, 134.2, 128.8, 128.2 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 90.2, 85.7, 38.4, 37.3, 25.4, 23.5, 23.3; IR (neat) 2946, 2852, 1508, 1220, 1068, 1041, 835, 825, 792 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₈FO [M + H]⁺ 233.1336, found 233.1335.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-oxaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene 3*i*. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.02–6.01 (m, 1H), 5.80–5.75 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.64 (m, 6H), 1.55–1.44 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.6, 134.4, 131.4, 128.5, 128.1, 121.3, 90.4, 85.7, 38.3, 37.3, 25.4, 23.5, 23.3; IR (neat) 3076, 2946, 2854, 1487, 1446, 1068, 1047, 1010, 846, 817, 777, 725 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₈BrO [M + H]⁺ 293.0536, found 293.0545.

2-(*p*-Tolyl)-1-oxaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene 3*j*. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.01 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.78–5.77 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.78–1.74 (m, 4H), 1.71–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.54–1.44 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.5, 137.1, 133.8, 129.1, 129.0, 126.5, 90.0, 86.2, 38.4, 37.4, 25.5, 23.6, 23.3, 21.1; IR (neat) 2946, 2854, 1512, 1445, 1083, 1070, 1049, 1041, 1020, 815, 779 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₆H₂₁O [M + H]⁺ 229.1587, found 229.1582.

2-(*o*-Tolyl)-1-oxaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene 3*k*. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.12 (m, 3H), 6.04–6.03 (m, 1H), 6.00 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.83–1.62 (m, 6H), 1.53–1.42 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.3, 134.6, 134.0, 130.1, 128.1, 127.1, 126.2, 126.0, 89.8, 83.1, 38.1, 37.3, 25.5, 23.6, 23.3, 19.1; IR (neat) 3020, 2946, 2854, 1448, 1267, 1068, 1043, 748, 713 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₆H₂₁O [M + H]⁺ 229.1587, found 229.1582.

2-Phenyl-1-oxaspiro[4.6]undec-3-ene 3*m*. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28–7.35 (m, 1H), 5.99–5.97 (m, 1H), 5.74–5.71 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.93 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.68 (m, 5H), 1.66–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.53–1.46 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2, 135.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.6, 93.6, 86.2, 41.3, 40.0, 29.6, 23.0, 22.9; IR (neat) 2946, 2852, 1454, 1085, 1045, 1028, 752, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₆H₂₁O [M]⁺ 229.1587, found 229.1583.

2-Phenyl-1-oxaspiro[4.7]dodec-3-ene 3n. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 1H), 6.02 (dd, $J = 6.2$, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.75–5.73 (m, 2H), 2.10–2.03 (m, 1H), 1.99–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.88–1.82 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.58 (m, 8H), 1.52–1.47 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.6, 135.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 126.6, 93.4, 86.2, 36.6, 35.6, 28.4, 28.2, 24.9, 22.7, 22.6; IR (neat) 2946, 2850, 1456, 1082, 1066, 1028, 696 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 243.1743, found 243.1741.

2-Phenyl-1-oxaspiro[4.11]hexadec-3-ene 3o. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 1H), 5.97 (dd, $J = 6.0$, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.75–5.73 (m, 2H), 1.85–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.63–1.59 (m, 1H), 1.51–1.47 (m, 4H), 1.40–1.35 (m, 14H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.3, 134.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 126.5, 93.3, 86.6, 34.8, 33.9, 26.5, 26.0, 22.6, 22.2, 20.3, 19.7; IR (neat) 2946, 2848, 1469, 1446, 1058, 1041, 1016, 746, 696 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 299.2369, found 299.2371.

(1*R,2*R**,5*S**)-5'-Phenyl-5*H*-spiro[adamantane-2,2'-furan] 3q.** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 1H), 6.34 (dd, $J = 5.8$, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.84–5.81 (m, 2H), 2.30 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.92–1.74 (m, 10H), 1.61 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 142.9, 132.5, 129.9, 128.2, 127.3, 126.2, 94.1, 86.2, 39.2, 38.6, 37.9, 35.9, 35.7, 33.9, 33.2, 27.6, 26.8; δ IR (neat) 2945, 2849, 1452, 1043, 1040, 1021, 749, 696 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 267.1743, found 267.1739.

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