



Supporting Information

for

Synthesis of β -triazolylenones via metal-free desulfonylative alkylation of *N*-tosyl-1,2,3-triazoles

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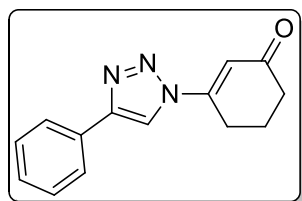
General experimental details. A Buchi-M-560 apparatus was used to record melting points of the solid compounds; the melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum One FT spectrometer. Bruker 400 and 500 MHz spectrometers were used to record NMR spectra (^1H , ^{13}C , APT and ^{19}F) by using TMS as the internal standard. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hz. A Micromass Q-TOF mass spectrometer was used to record High Resolution Mass Spectra at 60–70 eV in ESI mode. X-ray data were collected on a Rigaku Saturn 724+ diffractometer that was equipped with a graphite monochromator using (Cu and Mo- $K\alpha$) radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The structures were solved by using direct methods (SHELXS97) and were refined by full-matrix least-squares against F2 by using SHELXL97 software. *N*-Tosyl and *N*-mesyl triazoles were prepared by literature methods.¹ All the 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds were commercially available (Sigma/Alfa Aesar/Spectrochem).

General procedure

N-Tosylphenyltriazole (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) and the respective 1,3-dicarbonyl compound (0.2 mmol) were stirred in anhydrous chloroform (3 mL) under inert atmosphere at room temperature. After completion of the reaction (as observed by TLC) the solvent was removed and the residue was directly subjected to silica-gel column chromatography (20% EA-PE) to afford the pure product (see Scheme 2 and Scheme 3a).

Experimental data

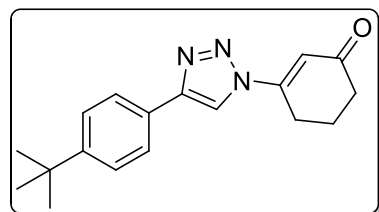
3-(4-Phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclohex-2-enone (3a)



White solid; Yield 38 mg, 78%; mp 116-118 °C; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3137 (w), 3114 (w), 3055 (vw), 2927 (m), 2854 (w), 1668 (vs), 1622 (vs), 1455 (m), 1435 (m), 1229 (m), 1020 (m), 764 (m), 738 (s), 705 (m); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.27 (quint, $J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.57 (t, $J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 3.25 (t, $J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 8.12 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.5, 26.0, 37.2, 115.5, 116.6, 126.2, 129.1, 129.2, 129.5, 149.0, 153.0, 198.5; HRMS

(ES+) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ (MH^+) 240.1131, found 240.1134.

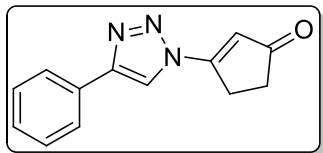
3-(4-(4-*tert*-Butyl)phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclohex-2-enone (3d)



White solid; Yield 42 mg, 70%; mp 148-150 °C; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3121 (w), 2953 (m), 1669 (vs), 1621 (s), 1442 (s), 1228 (s); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.36 (s, 9H), 2.26 (quint, $J = 6.5 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.56 (t, $J = 6.5 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 3.25 (td, $J = 6.5, 1.3 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.43 (t, $J = 1.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.5 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.5 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz,

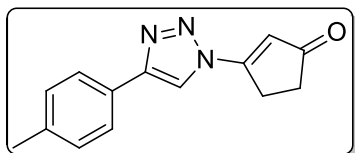
CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 25.9, 31.4, 34.9, 37.1, 115.3, 116.2, 125.9, 126.1, 126.6, 149.0, 152.4, 153.0, 198.6; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for C₁₈H₂₁N₃OK (MK⁺) 334.1316, found 334.1314.

3-(4-Phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3e)



White solid; Yield 24 mg, 55%; mp 168-170 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3133 (vw), 2929 (w), 1664 (vs), 1622 (vs), 1579 (vs), 1462 (m), 1432 (m), 1188 (m), 1023 (m), 852 (m), 765 (s), 693 (m); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.71-2.74 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.42 (m, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.1, 34.6, 117.5, 117.7, 126.3, 129.2, 129.3, 129.4, 149.5, 164.6, 205.0; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₃O (MNa⁺) 226.0975, found 226.0975; Selected X-ray data (CCDC 2044636): C₁₃H₁₁N₃O, *M* = 225.25, Monoclinic, space group *P*2₁/*n*, *a* = 5.890, Å, *b* = 24.263, Å, *c* = 7.661, Å, α = 90°, β = 99.67°, γ = 90°, *V* = 1079.3 Å³, *D_x* = 1.386 Mg m⁻³, *Z* = 4, *F*(000) = 472.0, λ = 0.71073 Å, μ = 0.092 cm⁻¹, total/unique = 1881/1881 [*R*(int) = 0.0876], *T* = 293(2) K, θ range = θ_{\max} = 24.996°, θ_{\min} = 3.117°, final *R*[*I* > 2 σ (*I*)]: *R*₁ = 0.0511, *wR*₂ = 0.1082, *R*(all data): *R*₁ = 0.1056, *wR*₂ = 0.1493.

3-(4-(p-Tolyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3f)



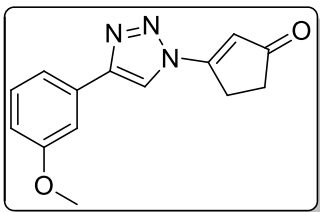
White solid; Yield 34 mg, 71%; mp 183-185 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2922 (w), 2854 (vw), 1717 (s), 1697 (m), 1621 (m), 1219 (w), 1049 (m), 750 (vs); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.70-2.73 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.41 (m, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 27.1, 34.6, 117.3, 117.4, 126.2, 126.3, 129.9, 139.4, 149.5, 164.6, 205.0; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for C₁₄H₁₃NONa ([M-N₂]Na⁺) 234.0889, found 234.0884.

3-(4-Methoxyphenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3g)



Whitesolid; Yield 32 mg, 61%; mp 168-170 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2922 (m), 2855 (w), 1716 (w), 1624 (vvs), 1262 (w), 1030 (m), 849 (w), 765 (w); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.70-2.72 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.40 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.1, 34.6, 55.6, 114.7, 116.7, 117.3, 121.8, 127.7, 149.4, 160.6, 164.7, 205.1; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄NO₂ ([M-N₂]H⁺) 228.1019, found 228.1015.

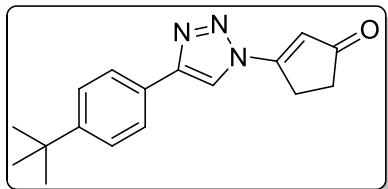
3-(3-Methoxyphenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3h)



White solid; Yield 20 mg, 38%; mp 168-170 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3131 (w), 2931(w), 1710 (vs), 1623 (s), 1584 (m), 1436 (m), 1256 (m), 1044 (m), 1017 (s), 787 (m); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.70-2.72 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.39 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.1, 34.6, 55.6, 111.5, 115.2, 117.6,

117.9, 118.6, 130.3, 130.4, 149.3, 160.3, 164.5, 205.0; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₃O₂ (MH⁺) 256.1081, found 256.1085.

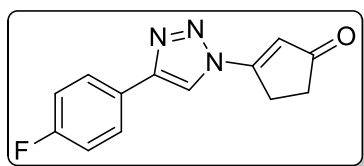
3-(4-(4-*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3i)



White solid; Yield 30 mg, 53%; mp 233-235 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3115 (m), 3086 (w), 2959 (s), 1715 (s), 1697 (m), 1621 (vs), 1434 (s), 1028 (m), 809 (w); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.36 (s, 9H) 2.70-2.72 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.41 (m, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.1, 31.4, 34.6, 35.0, 117.3, 117.4, 126.1, 126.2, 126.3, 149.5, 152.7, 164.6, 205.1;

HRMS (ES+) calcd for C₁₇H₁₉NONa ([M-N₂]Na⁺) 276.1359, found 276.1358.

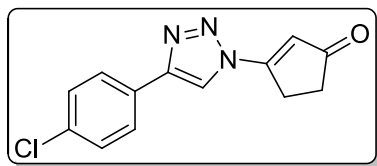
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34.6, 116.3 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 117.5, 117.6, 125.4, 128.1 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 148.5, 163.4 (d, *J* = 248.8 Hz), 164.5, 205.0; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -111.7; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C₁₃H₁₁FN₃O (MH⁺) 244.0881, found 244.0883.

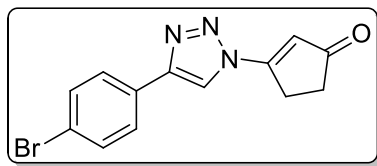
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White solid; Yield 38 mg, 52%; mp 184-186 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2933 (w), 1713 (m), 1689 (w), 1616 (vs), 1455 (m), 1431 (m), 1236 (m), 1216 (m), 1022 (s), 812 (m), 742 (vs); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.71-2.73 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.40 (m, 2H), 6.42 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 27.1, 34.6, 117.7, 117.8, 127.5, 127.7, 129.5, 135.3, 148.4, 164.4, 204.9; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C₁₃H₁₀ClN₃ONa (MNa⁺) 282.0405, found 282.0399.

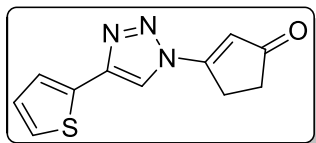
3-(4-(4-Bromophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3l)



White solid; Yield 34mg, 54%; mp 205-207 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2930 (vw), 1708 (vvs), 1693 (vvs), 1622 (vs), 1451 (vs), 1430 (vs), 1237 (m), 1215 (m), 1184 (m), 1072 (vw), 1024 (s), 1015 (s), 807 (m); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.59-2.61 (unresolved m, 2H), 3.26-3.28 (unresolved m, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* =

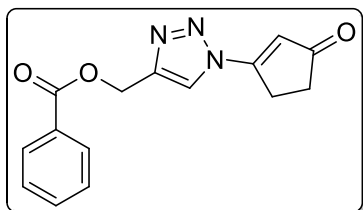
6.4 Hz, 2H), 9.31 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO) δ 26.5, 34.3, 117.4, 120.8, 121.8, 127.5, 128.6, 132.1, 146.7, 164.9, 205.2; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C₁₃H₁₁BrN₃O (MH⁺) 304.0080, found 304.0083.

3-(4-(Thiophen-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3m)



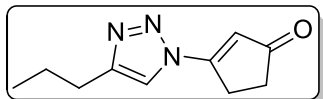
White solid; Yield 34 mg, 75%; mp 205-207 °C; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3150 (w), 3044 (w), 2936 (w), 1718 (s), 1692 (vs), 1618 (vs), 1454 (s), 1430 (s), 1265 (m), 1205 (m), 1183 (m), 1040 (s), 860 (m), 801 (s), 743 (vvs); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 1.74-1.76 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.45 (m, 2H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 6.36 (dd, $J = 4.5, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO) δ 26.5, 34.3, 117.4, 119.5, 125.3, 126.7, 128.2, 131.3, 143.2, 164.9, 205.3; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ (MH^+) 232.0539.

(1-(3-Oxocyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl benzoate (3n)



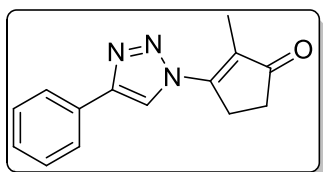
White solid; Yield 46 mg, 82%; mp 128-130 °C; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3107 (w), 3085 (w), 2929 (w), 1709 (vs), 1620 (m), 1599 (m), 1453 (m), 1267 (s), 1243 (m), 716 (s); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.68-2.70 (m, 2H), 3.32-3.35 (m, 2H), 5.54 (s, 2H), 6.42 (t, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 27.1, 34.6, 57.7, 118.1, 122.9, 128.7, 129.5, 129.9, 133.6, 144.8, 164.3, 166.6, 204.8; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ (MNa^+) 306.0849, found 306.0849.

3-(4-Propyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3o)



White solid; Yield 20 mg, 52%; mp 101-103 °C; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3128 (w), 3077 (w), 2959 (m), 2934 (m), 2874 (w), 1714 (vs), 1698 (vs), 1621 (vs), 1457 (s), 1431 (m), 1189 (s), 1045 (s), 868 (s); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.00 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.74 (sext, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.66-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.76 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.32-3.35 (m, 2H), 6.31 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 22.5, 27.0, 27.6, 34.5, 116.9, 119.4, 150.3, 164.9, 205.2; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ (MH^+) 192.1131, found 192.1129.

2-Methyl-3-(4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3p)

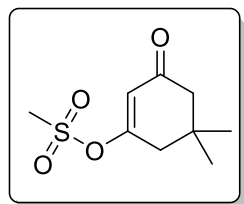


White solid; Yield 26 mg, 55%; mp 179-180 °C; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3140 (m), 2929 (m), 1703 (vs), 1645 (vvs), 1455 (m), 1436 (s), 1301 (m), 1240 (m), 1012 (m), 767 (vs), 696 (m); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.18 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 3H), 2.69-2.72 (m, 2H), 3.23-3.28 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.16 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.7, 26.6, 33.4, 118.2, 126.1, 127.3, 129.1, 129.2, 129.4, 148.5, 157.1, 206.0; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ (MH^+) 240.1131, found 240.1130.

5,5-Dimethyl-3-oxocyclohex-1-en-yl methanesulfonate (4a) (Scheme 3a)

N-Mesyl phenyl triazole (1a', 44 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and dimedone (2d, 28 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) were stirred in anhydrous chloroform (3 mL) under inert atmosphere at room temperature for 48 h. After

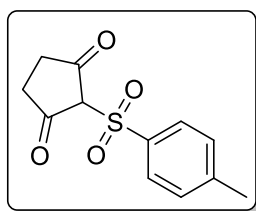
completion of reaction, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was directly subjected to silica-gel column chromatography (15% EA-PE) to afford the pure product **4a**.



Colourless liquid; Yield 20 mg, 45%; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3019 (w), 2962 (vs), 2873 (m), 1666 (vs), 1614 (vs), 1469 (m), 1371 (vs), 1355 (vs), 1095 (m), 734 (m), 538 (m); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.08 (s, 6H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 3.45 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 6.02 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 32.4, 32.6, 38.6, 41.2, 41.9, 50.1, 114.7, 166.1, 198.3; HRMS (ES+) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ (MH^+) 219.0686, found 219.0684.

Control experiment (Scheme 3b)

N-Tosylphenyltriazole **1a** (59 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and cyclopentane-1,3-dione (**2b**, 20 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) were stirred in anhydrous chloroform (3 mL) under inert atmosphere at room temperature. The reaction was stopped after 10 h before the completion of the reaction. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was directly subjected to silica-gel column chromatography (20% EA-PE) to afford the products **3e** as a white solid in 40% yield (18 mg) and **4b'** as a colourless liquid in 30% yield (15 mg).



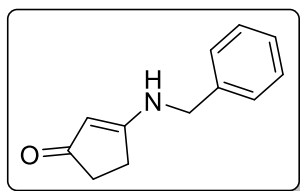
2-Tosylcyclopentane-1,3-dione (4b'): Colorless liquid; Yield 15 mg, 30%; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3428 (br m), 2929 (w), 1661 (w), 1567 (m), 1426 (m), 1172 (vs), 1124 (vs), 1034 (s), 1010 (s), 842 (m), 818 (m), 686 (s), 568 (s); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 4H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 21.1, 31.6, 105.3, 125.8, 128.7, 138.9, 144.6, 198.8; HRMS (ES+) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ (MH^+) 252.0451, found 252.0452.

Rearrangement of **4b** to **4b'** (Scheme 3c)

3-Oxocyclopent-1-en-1-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**4b**)² (50 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) was kept at room temperature overnight (12 h) which completely converted to **4b'** (colorless liquid) in quantitative yield.

3-(Benzylamino)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (**6b**, Scheme 3e)

To a stirred solution of benzyl amine (**5a**, 72 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) in chloroform (3 mL), the 3-oxocyclopent-1-en-1-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**4b**, 50 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and the stirring was continued for 48 h at room temperature. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was directly subjected to silica-gel column chromatography (20% Ethyl acetate/MeOH) to afford the pure product **6b**.



White solid; Yield 27 mg, 72%; mp 121-123 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3227 (br s), 3058 (m), 2920 (w), 1645 (m), 1563 (vs), 1435 (m), 1274 (m), 1194 (s), 1067 (m), 749 (m), 702 (m), 631 (m); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.42 (poorly resolved t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.60 (poorly resolved t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.31 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 5.25 (br s, 1H), 7.26-7.38 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR

(100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 27.4, 33.6, 47.9, 97.9, 127.3, 127.5, 128.6, 138.2, 177.1, 202.8; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NNaO (MNa⁺) 210.0889 found 210.0885.

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