

Supporting information

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General procedure for the experiments of **1a**, **1b** and **1c** with **1-alkene**.

Typical experiment of **1a** with **2a** to produce **6a**: A screw-capped pressure vial (1mL) was charged with freshly purified phenethylamine (**1a**) (0.43mmol), 2-amino-3-picoline (**4**) (0.21mmol), 3,3-dimethyl-but-1-ene (**2a**) (2.15mmol), Rh(PPh₃)₃Cl (**3**) (0.02mmol) and toluene (20mg). The mixture was stirred at 170 °C for 24 h. After cooling the reaction mixture to room temperature, it was hydrolyzed with 1 N HCl for 6 h. And then, ketone **6a** was isolated with 96 % yield after extraction with CH₂Cl₂ and purifying by column Chromatography (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1).

7f: ¹H NMR(250MHz, CDCl₃)_(ppm) 7.9 (d, *J*=7.6Hz, 1H in phenyl group), 7.3 (m, 3H), 2.9 (t, *J*=7.2Hz, 2H, -CH₂ to C=O), 2.8 (t, *J*=7.6Hz, 2H, ArCH₂), 1.7 (m, 2H, -CH₂-), 1.5(m, 2H, -CH₂ to CO), 1.3 (m, 8H, -CH₂-), 0.9(m, 6H, -CH₃); ¹³C NMR (62.9MHz, CDCl₃)_(ppm) 205.9(C=O), 142-125(Cs in phenyl group), 42.4 (-CH₂ to C=O), 32.0 (ArCH₂), 33.9, 31.8, 31.7, 24.3, 22.7 (-CH₂-), 14.2, 14.1 (-CH₃); IR(neat): 1689(CO) cm⁻¹; MS: *m/z* (%); 246 (2) [M⁺], 91(24), 175(100); HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₂₆O (M⁺) 246.1984 found 246.1985.

7g: ¹H NMR(250MHz, CDCl₃)_(ppm) 7.6 (d, *J*=7.8Hz, 1H in phenyl group), 7.3 (m, 3H), 2.9 (t, *J*=7.3Hz, 2H, -CH₂ to C=O), 2.8 (t, *J*=7.7Hz, 2H, ArCH₂), 1.7 (m, 2H, -CH₂-), 1.5(m, 2H, -CH₂ to CO), 1.3 (m, 20H, -CH₂-), 0.9(m, 6H, -CH₃); ¹³C NMR (62.9MHz, CDCl₃)_(ppm)

205.8(C=O), 142-126(Cs in phenyl group), 42.4 (—CH₂ to C=O), 29.3 (ArCH₂), 24.6 (—CH₂ to C=O), 33.9, 32.1, 32.1, 32.0, 29.9, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 27.8, 22.9, 22.8 (—CH₂—), 14.3 (—CH₃); IR(neat): 1689(CO) cm⁻¹; MS: *m/z* (%); 330 (1) [M⁺], 91(29), 217(100); HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₃₈O (M⁺) 330.2923 found 330.2939.

Typical experiment of **1a** with **2a** under H₂O to produce **6a**: A screw-capped pressure vial (1mL) was charged with freshly purified phenethylamine (**1a**) (0.43mmol), 2-amino-3-picoline (**4**) (0.21mmol), 3,3-dimethyl-but-1-ene (**2a**) (2.15mmol), Rh(PPh₃)₃Cl (**3**) (0.02mmol), toluene (20mg) and H₂O. The mixture was stirred at 170 °C for 24 h. After cooling the reaction mixture to room temperature, it was hydrolyzed with 1 N HCl for 6 h. Then, ketone **6a** and **14a** were isolated with 78 % and 8% yields, respectively, after extraction with CH₂Cl₂ and purifying by column Chromatography (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1).

Typical experiment of **1c** with **2a** under H₂O : A screw-capped pressure vial (1mL) was charged with freshly purified 3-phenyl-propylamine (**1c**) (0.21mmol), 2-amino-3-picoline (**4**) (0.21mmol), 3,3-dimethyl-but-1-ene (**2a**) (1.08mmol), Rh(PPh₃)₃Cl (**3**) (0.02mmol), toluene (0.86mmol) and H₂O (0.21mmol). The mixture was stirred at 170 °C for 48 h. After cooling the reaction mixture to room temperature, it was hydrolyzed with 1 N HCl for 6 h. Then, ketone **6i** and **14a** were isolated with 49% and 48 % yields, respectively, after extraction with CH₂Cl₂ and purifying by column Chromatography (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1).

6j: ¹H NMR(250MHz, CDCl₃)_(ppm) 7.3 (d, *J*=7.8Hz, 1H in phenyl group), 7.2 (m, 3H), 2.4 (t, *J*=7.5Hz, 2H, —CH₂ to C=O), 2.7 (t, *J*=7.5Hz, 2H, ArCH₂CH₂), 2.9 (t, *J*=7.5Hz, 2H, ArCH₂), 1.5(qt, *J*=7.4Hz, 2H, —CH₂ to CO), 1.3 (m, 4H, —CH₂—), 0.9(t, *J*=6.7Hz, 3H, —CH₃); ¹³C NMR

(62.9MHz, CDCl₃) (ppm) 210(C=O), 141-126(Cs in phenyl group), 43.2 (-CH₂ to C=O), 44.4 (ArCH₂CH₂), 29.9 (ArCH₂), 23.6 (-CH₂ to C=O), 31.5, 22.5 (-CH₂-), 14.0 (-CH₃); IR(neat): 1720.9 (CO) cm⁻¹; MS: *m/z* (%); 204 (7) [M⁺], 91(100), 105(75), 133(31), 148(15); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₂₀O (M⁺) 204.1514 found 204.1515.