

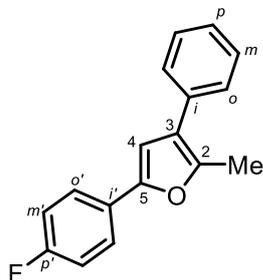
## Acetylene as driving and organizing molecule in the assembling reactions with chalcones in the NaOBu<sup>t</sup>/DMSO superbases system

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*2-Methyl-3,5-diphenylfuran 2a*. Yield 0.316 g (27%); light yellow oil. Physical-chemical characteristics of compound **2a** were identical to the literature data.<sup>1</sup>

*7-Methylidene-1,3,5-triphenyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane 3a*. Yield 0.106 g (12%); colourless crystals; mp 78 °C (lit.<sup>2</sup> 77-78 °C). The spectral data of compound **3f** were identical to the literature data.<sup>2</sup>

*5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-3-phenylfuran 2b*.

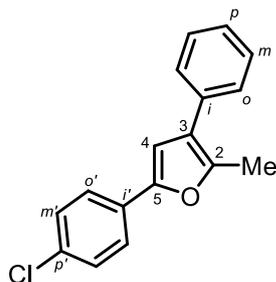


Yield 0.769 g (61%); light yellow crystals; mp 87 °C. Found (%): C, 80.82; H, 5.28; F, 7.46. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FO (252.283) (%): C, 80.93; H, 5.19; F, 7.53. IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3054, 2955, 2921, 2856, 1648, 1603, 1561, 1499, 1450, 1396, 1310, 1228, 1136, 1061, 838, 810, 762, 697. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.61 – 7.53 (m, 2H, H<sub>o'</sub>), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H, H<sub>o,m</sub>), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H, H<sub>p</sub>), 7.05 – 6.94 (m, 2H, H<sub>m'</sub>), 6.64 (s, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.45 (s, 3H, Me). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 162.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>J = 246.7 Hz, C<sub>p'</sub>), 151.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 147.7 (C<sup>2</sup>), 134.1 (C<sub>i</sub>), 128.8 (C<sub>m</sub>), 127.7 (C<sub>o</sub>), 127.4 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.8 Hz, C<sub>i'</sub>), 126.7 (C<sub>p</sub>), 125.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.9 Hz, C<sub>o'</sub>), 123.2 (C<sup>3</sup>), 115.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 21.9 Hz, C<sub>m</sub>), 106.3 (C<sup>4</sup>), 13.3 (Me).

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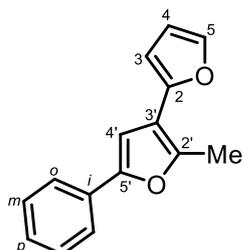
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5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-3-phenylfuran **2c**.



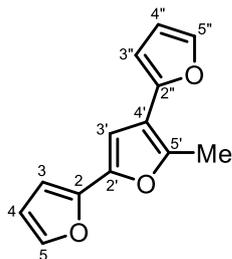
Yield 0.457 g (34%); light yellow crystals; mp 87 °C. Found (%): C, 75.82; H, 4.73; Cl, 13.11. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClO (268.738) (%): C, 75.98; H, 4.88; Cl, 13.19. IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3051, 2920, 2855, 1892, 1743, 1684, 1647, 1620, 1550, 1485, 1446, 1396, 1313, 1223, 1139, 1092, 1006, 930, 815, 762, 697. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H, H<sub>o</sub>), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 4H, H<sub>o,m</sub>), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 2H, H<sub>m'</sub>), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H, H<sub>p</sub>), 6.75 (s, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.49 (s, 3H, Me). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 150.7 (C<sup>5</sup>), 148.1 (C<sup>2</sup>), 134.0 (C<sub>i</sub>), 132.7 (C<sub>p</sub>), 129.5 (C<sub>i'</sub>), 129.0 (C<sub>m'</sub>), 128.8 (C<sub>m</sub>), 127.6 (C<sub>o</sub>), 126.7 (C<sub>p</sub>), 124.8 (C<sub>o'</sub>), 123.4 (C<sup>3</sup>), 107.1 (C<sup>4</sup>), 13.3 (Me).

2'-Methyl-5'-phenyl-2,3'-bifuran **2d**.



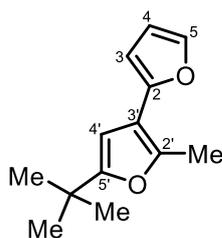
Yield 0.314 g (28%); yellow oil. Found (%): C, 80.12; H, 5.69. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (224.255) (%): C, 80.34; H, 5.39. IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3401, 3300, 3146, 3118, 3060, 2922, 2856, 1709, 1648, 1600, 1574, 1489, 1447, 1388, 1357, 1293, 1224, 1144, 1069, 1020, 891, 799, 758, 734, 695. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 2H, H<sub>o</sub>), 7.40 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H, H<sub>m</sub>), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H, H<sub>p</sub>), 6.77 (s, 1H, H<sup>4'</sup>), 6.43 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 6.31 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>3</sup>), 2.55 (s, 3H, Me). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 151.9 (C<sup>5'</sup>), 148.8 (C<sup>2</sup>), 147.6 (C<sup>2'</sup>), 141.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 130.6 (C<sub>i</sub>), 128.6 (C<sub>m</sub>), 127.2 (C<sub>p</sub>), 123.5 (C<sub>o</sub>), 114.4 (C<sup>3'</sup>), 111.1 (C<sup>4</sup>), 104.9 (C<sup>3</sup>), 104.1 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 13.4 (Me).

*5'-Methyl-2,2':4',2''-terfuran 2e.*



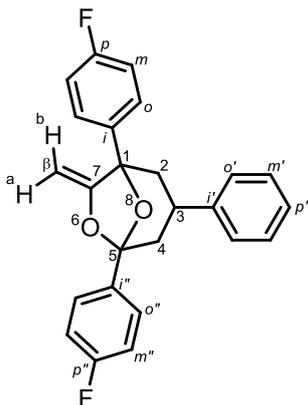
Yield 0.311 g (29%); light yellow oil. Found (%): C, 72.93; H, 4.78. Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{10}O_3$  (214.217) (%): C, 72.89; H, 4.71. IR (film,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 3127, 2922, 2855, 1711, 1656, 1573, 1550, 1502, 1464, 1218, 1157, 1134, 1077, 1006, 965, 891, 796, 730.  $^1H$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.41 (d,  $^3J = 0.9$  Hz, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 7.38 (d,  $^3J = 1.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sup>5''</sup>), 6.67 (s, 1H, H<sup>3'</sup>), 6.51 (d,  $^3J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H, H<sup>3''</sup>), 6.44 – 6.42 (m, 2H, H<sup>4</sup>, H<sup>4''</sup>), 6.31 (d,  $^3J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H, H<sup>3</sup>), 2.54 (s, 3H, Me).  $^{13}C$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 148.7, 147.6, 146.4 (C<sup>2',5',2''</sup>), 144.7 (C<sup>2</sup>), 141.8 (C<sup>5</sup>), 141.3 (C<sup>5''</sup>), 114.3 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 111.5, 111.3, 105.3 (C<sup>3,4,4''</sup>), 105.0 (C<sup>3''</sup>), 104.4 (C<sup>3</sup>), 13.5 (Me).

*5'-(tert-Butyl)-2'-methyl-2,3'-bifuran 2f.*



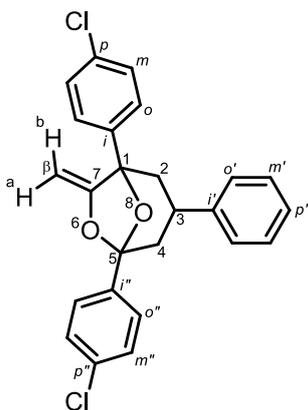
Yield 0.633 g (62%); light yellow oil. Found (%): C, 76.58; H, 7.81; H, 4.78. Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{16}O_2$  (204.265) (%): C, 76.44; H, 7.90. IR (film,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 3119, 2965, 2928, 2869, 1648, 1587, 1500, 1459, 1386, 1362, 1291, 1224, 1139, 1024, 1003, 945, 892, 796, 729.  $^1H$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.36 (d,  $^3J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 6.39 (dd,  $^3J = 3.0$  Hz,  $^3J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 6.22 (d,  $^3J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sup>3</sup>), 6.08 (s, 1H, H<sup>4'</sup>), 2.45 (s, 3H, 2'-Me), 1.26 (s, 9H, 5'-CMe<sub>3</sub>).  $^{13}C$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 162.4 (C<sup>5</sup>), 149.7 (C<sup>2</sup>), 146.0 (C<sup>2'</sup>), 140.8 (C<sup>5'</sup>), 112.6 (C<sup>3'</sup>), 111.1 (C<sup>4</sup>), 104.4 (C<sup>3</sup>), 101.4 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 32.5 (5'-CMe<sub>3</sub>), 29.2 (5'-CMe<sub>3</sub>), 13.4 (2'-Me).

*1,5-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-7-methylidene-3-phenyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane 3b.*



Yield 0.098 g (10%); light yellow oil. Found (%): C, 76.85; H, 5.11; F, 9.80. Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{20}F_2O_2$  (390.422) (%): C, 76.91; H, 5.16; F, 9.73. IR (film,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 3030, 2925, 2849, 2808, 1686, 1603, 1513, 1455, 1411, 1380, 1350, 1311, 1273, 1231, 1160, 1143, 1090, 1076, 1033, 1013, 991, 957, 910, 833, 813, 764, 735, 700, 676, 598, 590, 576, 528.  $^1H$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.66 – 7.62 (m, 2H,  $H_o$ ), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 2H,  $H_{o''}$ ), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 4H,  $H_{o',m'}$ ), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H,  $H_{p'}$ ), 7.13 – 7.02 (m, 4H,  $H_{m,m''}$ ), 4.38 (d,  $^2J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H,  $H^b$ ), 3.62 – 3.50 (m, 1H,  $H^a$ ,  $H^3$ ), 2.53 (dd,  $^2J = 12.9$  Hz,  $^3J = 5.1$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{4eq}$ ), 2.46 (dd,  $^2J = 13.6$  Hz,  $^3J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{2eq}$ ), 2.25 (dd,  $^2J = 12.9$  Hz,  $^3J = 12.4$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{4ax}$ ), 2.14 (dd,  $^2J = 13.6$  Hz,  $^3J = 12.1$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{2ax}$ ).  $^{13}C$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 163.3 (d,  $^1J = 247.8$  Hz,  $C_p$ ), 162.9 (d,  $^1J = 247.4$  Hz,  $C_{p''}$ ), 162.7 ( $C^7$ ), 143.6 ( $C_i$ ), 135.5 (d,  $^4J = 3.1$  Hz), 135.3 (d,  $^4J = 3.1$  Hz) ( $C_{i''}$ ), 129.0 ( $C_m$ ), 128.1 (d,  $^3J = 8.2$  Hz,  $C_o$ ), 127.48 ( $C_{o'}$ ), 127.48 (d,  $^3J = 8.2$  Hz,  $C_{o''}$ ), 127.1 ( $C_{p'}$ ), 115.43 (d,  $^2J = 21.6$  Hz,  $C_m$ ), 115.4 (d,  $^2J = 21.5$  Hz,  $C_{m''}$ ), 108.6 ( $C^5$ ), 85.5 ( $C^1$ ), 79.42 ( $C^6$ ), 41.5 ( $C^4$ ), 40.10 ( $C^2$ ), 37.0 ( $C^3$ ).

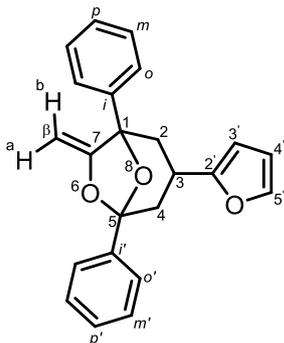
*1,5-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-7-methylidene-3-phenyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane 3c.*



Yield 0.205 g (19%); yellow oil. Found (%): C, 71.12; H, 4.41; Cl, 16.52. Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{20}Cl_2O_2$  (423.331) (%): C, 70.93; H, 4.76; Cl, 16.75. IR (film,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 3063, 3031, 2956, 2924, 2846, 1683, 1644, 1602, 1493, 1452, 1431, 1399, 1373, 1348, 1308, 1269, 1245, 1143, 1086, 990, 956, 909, 823, 734, 702.  $^1H$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 –

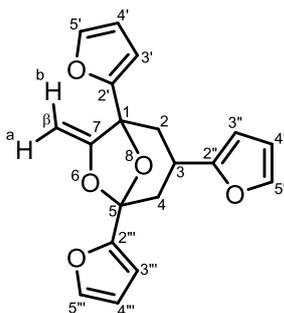
7.27 (m, 8H) ( $C_{Ar}$ ), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H,  $H_p$ ), 4.39 (d,  $^2J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H,  $H^a$ ), 3.61 (d,  $^2J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H,  $H^b$ ), 3.59 – 3.49 (m, 1H,  $H^3$ ), 2.52 (dd,  $^3J = 13.0$  Hz,  $^3J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{2eq}$ ), 2.42 (dd,  $^3J = 13.6$  Hz,  $^3J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{4eq}$ ), 2.23 (dd,  $^3J = 13.0$  Hz,  $^3J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{2ax}$ ), 2.12 (dd,  $^3J = 13.6$  Hz,  $^3J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{4ax}$ ).  $^{13}C$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 162.1 ( $C^7$ ), 143.3 ( $C_i$ ), 137.9, 137.6, 135.0, 134.3 ( $C_{i'',p,p''}$ ), 128.8, 128.59, 128.57, 127.4, 127.3 (10C,  $C_{Ar}$ ), 127.0 ( $C_p$ ), 126.8 ( $C_{o''}$ ), 108.5 ( $C^5$ ), 85.2 ( $C^1$ ), 79.5 ( $C^B$ ), 41.3, 39.8 ( $C^{2,4}$ ), 36.8 ( $C^3$ ).

*3-(Furan-2-yl)-7-methylidene-1,5-diphenyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane 3d.*



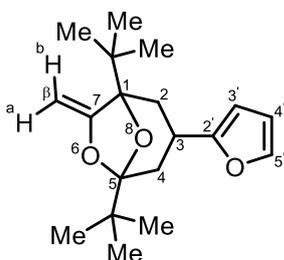
Yield 0.096 g (11%); yellow oil. Found (%): C, 80.43; H, 5.71. Calcd for  $C_{23}H_{20}O_3$  (344.403) (%): C, 80.21; H, 5.85. IR (film,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 3062, 3034, 2959, 2927, 2854, 1717, 1682, 1654, 1596, 1540, 1499, 1447, 1352, 1336, 1280, 1244, 1180, 1145, 1105, 1066, 1011, 955, 912, 806, 754, 735, 698.  $^1H$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 2H,  $H_{o'}$ ), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H,  $H_o$ ), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 7H,  $H^{5'}$ ,  $H_{Ph}$ ), 6.29 (dd,  $^3J = 2.5$  Hz,  $^3J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{4'}$ ), 6.06 (d,  $^3J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{3'}$ ), 4.35 (d,  $^2J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H,  $H^a$ ), 3.76 – 3.65 (m, 1H,  $H^3$ ), 3.63 (d,  $^2J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H,  $H^b$ ), 2.65 (dd,  $^3J = 12.9$  Hz,  $^3J = 5.1$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{2eq}$ ), 2.54 (dd,  $^3J = 13.4$  Hz,  $^3J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{4eq}$ ), 2.25 (dd,  $^3J = 12.9$  Hz,  $^3J = 12.4$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{2ax}$ ), 2.18 (dd,  $^3J = 13.4$  Hz,  $^3J = 12.5$  Hz, 1H,  $H^{4ax}$ ).  $^{13}C$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 162.6 ( $C^7$ ), 157.3 ( $C^2$ ), 141.5 ( $C^{5'}$ ), 139.6 ( $C_{i'}$ ), 139.2 ( $C_i$ ), 129.1 ( $C_{p'}$ ), 128.5 ( $C_{m,m'}$ ), 128.4 ( $C_p$ ), 126.0 ( $C_o$ ), 125.4 ( $C_{o'}$ ), 110.3 ( $C^{4'}$ ), 108.6 ( $C^{5'}$ ), 104.4 ( $C^{3'}$ ), 85.2 ( $C^1$ ), 79.3 ( $C^B$ ), 38.9, 37.6 ( $C^{2,4}$ ), 30.6 ( $C^3$ ).

*1,3,5-Tri(furan-2-yl)-7-methylidene-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane 3e.*



Yield 0.097 g (12%); yellow oil. Found (%): C, 70.24; H, 4.81. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (324.327) (%): C, 70.36; H, 4.97. IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3126, 2962, 2931, 2853, 1686, 1653, 1600, 1503, 1389, 1361, 1330, 1251, 1158, 1076, 1012, 950, 898, 819, 742  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.46 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 0.7 Hz, 1H) (H<sup>5',5'''</sup>), 7.33 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 0.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>5''</sup>), 6.60 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.2 Hz, 1H) (H<sup>3',3'''</sup>), 6.39 – 6.36 (m, 2H, H<sup>4',4'''</sup>), 6.30 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.1 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 0.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>4''</sup>), 6.09 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.1 Hz, 1H, H<sup>3''</sup>), 4.49 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 3.89 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 3.69 – 3.57 (m, 1H, H<sup>3</sup>), 2.59 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 13.4 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, H<sup>2eq</sup>), 2.49 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 13.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 12.3 Hz, 1H, H<sup>4ax</sup>), 2.38 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 13.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>4eq</sup>), 2.31 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 13.4 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 12.1 Hz, 1H, H<sup>2ax</sup>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 158.7 (C<sup>7</sup>), 156.6, 150.7, 149.9, 143.5 (C<sup>1',1'',1''',5',5''</sup>), 141.5 (C<sup>5''</sup>), 110.2 (C<sup>4''</sup>), 110.5, 109.7, 109.1, 104.6 (C<sup>2',2'',3',3''',5</sup>), 104.3 (C<sup>3''</sup>), 81.4 (C <sup>$\beta$</sup> ), 79.8 (C<sup>1</sup>), 36.4, 35.7 (C<sup>2,4</sup>), 29.3 (C<sup>3</sup>).

*1,5-Di-tert-butyl-3-(furan-2-yl)-7-methylidene-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane 3f.*



Yield 0.079 g (10%); colourless oil. Found (%): C, 75.03; H, 9.41. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (304.424) (%): C, 74.96; H, 9.27. IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3120, 2969, 2912, 2877, 1708, 1673, 1600, 1505, 1477, 1391, 1364, 1323, 1260, 1219, 1153, 1102, 1041, 1011, 963, 802, 732. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.30 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 0.9 Hz, 1H, H<sup>5'</sup>), 6.27 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 2.9 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 0.9 Hz, 1H, H<sup>4'</sup>), 5.99 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, H<sup>3'</sup>), 4.29 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 3.91 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 2.1 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 3.39 – 3.27 (m, 1H, H<sup>3</sup>), 2.09 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 12.9 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, H<sup>2eq</sup>), 1.93 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 12.6 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>4eq</sup>), 1.84 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 12.6 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 11.9 Hz, 1H, H<sup>4ax</sup>), 1.74 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 12.9 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 12.1 Hz, 1H, H<sup>2ax</sup>), 1.08 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H) (CMe<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 161.3 (C<sup>7</sup>), 158.7 (C<sup>2'</sup>), 141.2 (C<sup>5'</sup>), 111.2 (C<sup>5'</sup>), 110.1 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 104.0 (C<sup>3'</sup>), 88.5 (C<sup>1</sup>), 77.6 (C <sup>$\beta$</sup> ), 37.0, 35.5 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 33.4, 32.0, 30.6 (C<sup>2,3,4</sup>), 26.0, 25.0 (CMe<sub>3</sub>).