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#### Abstract

\section*{THE SYNTHESIS OF FURANONES VIA RHODIUM-CATALYZED CARBONYLATIVE ADDITION REACTIONS OF ARYLBORONIC ACIDS TO ALKYNES}


This study reveals that 5-Aryl-2(5H)-furanones can be synthesized by rhodiumcatalyzed reaction of arylboronic acids with internal alkynes under a CO atmosphere.

In this thesis, relatively mild and simple method for synthesis of $2(5 \mathrm{H})$ furanones was developed. Our method was found to be applicable for various arylboronic acids and alkynes.

The methodology of this study is well applicable for ortho-, para- and metasubstituted phenylboronic acids. But slightly higher yields were obtained with parasubstituted phenylboronic acids than ortho- or meta- substituted ones.

It was found that when an asymmetric alkyne is used under the optimized conditions, aroylation occurs more on the electron deficient acetylenic carbon as compared with electron rich acetylene when aroylrhodium(I) species undergoes 1,2addition to the carbon-carbon triple bond in the reaction. That affects the ratio of isomeric yields of furanones which were produced in the reactions of asymmetric alkynes with phenylboronic acid.
$2(5 \mathrm{H})$-Furanones that we synthesized can be used in many areas such as food manufacturing, perfume and medicinal industries.

## ÖZET

## ARİLBORONIK ASİTLERİN ALKİNLERE RODYUM KATALİZLİ KARBONILATİ OLARAK EKLENMESİ YOLUYLA FURANON SENTEZİ

Bu çalışma 2-Aril-2(5H)-furanonların arilboronik asitlerin alkinler ile rodyum katalizli olarak CO gazı altında sentezlenebileceklerini göstermektedir.

Bu tezde $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanon sentezi için nispeten daha ılımlı ve basit bir metod geliştirilmiştir. Yöntem, farklı arilboronik asit ve alkin yapıları için uygulanabilirdir.

Çeşitli orto- meta- ve para- sübstütiye fenilboronik asitler tepkimelerde kullanılabilmektedir. Ancak para- sübstütiye fenilboronik asitlerle orto- veya metasübstütiye boronik asitlere oranla daha yüksek verim elde edilmiştir.

Reaksiyon optimum koşullarda bir asimetrik alkinle gerçekleştirildiğinde, aroyilrodyum(I) kompleksinin alkinin üçlü bağına 1,2-katılması sırasında aroyillenmenin daha ziyade elektronca fakir olan asetilenik karbon üzerinde olduğu tespit edilmiştir. Bu durum, fenilboronik asitle asimetrik alkinlerin reaksiyonu sonucu oluşan furanon izomerlerinin ürün oranlarını etkilemektedir.

Sentezlenen 2(5H)-Furanonlar, gıda üretimi, parfüm ve ilaç endüstrisi gibi bir çok alanda kullanılabilirler.

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## CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

After Sakai et al. (1997) reported the first example of the Rh-catalyzed addition reactions of organoborones to enones (Sakai, et al. 1997), Rhodium-catalyzed addition reactions to various unsaturated systems have been more popular method for construction of C-C bonds.

Organoboron reagents readily undergo transmetallation to form arylrhodium(I) species which have capacity to react with many electrophilic sides (Sakai, et al. 1997, Fagnou and Lautens 2003). Organoborons can undergo addition reaction to heterobicyclic alkynes (Lautens and Duckendorrf 2003) and cyclic or acyclic $\alpha, \beta$ unsaturated carbonyl compounds (Lin and Lu 2006) in the presence of water and ynones (Pearce, et al. 2007) with also palladium catalysts.

In the literature, there are various methods for Rh-catalyzed reactions of organoboronic reagents with unsaturated systems (Duursuma, et al.2003, Boiteau, et al. 2002, Frost anf Wadsworth 2001, Oguma, et al. 2002, Sébastien, et al. 2006, Shintani, et al. 2005, Iyer, et al. 2007).
$2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanones which are one of the most stable form of lactones can be produced by various catalytic systems (DeShong, et al.1988, Nozaki, et al. 1995, Ohno 1999, Huang and Zhou 2002, Rossi, et al. 1998, Ma and Gu 2005).

But in the literature there are only a few examples of carbonylative synthesis of furanones. Furanones have an important role in industrial processes which can be used in synthesis of $(+)$ - and (-)-eldanolide (Vigneron, et al. 1982), the antileukaemic lignans $(+)$-transburseran (Tomioka et al. 1979), (-)-isostegane (Tomioka, et al. 1979), (+)- and (-)-steganacin (Tomioka, et al. 1984), (-)-verrucarinolactone (Tomioka, et al. 1982) and chrysanthemic acid analogues (Mann and Thomas 1985), for construction of some biologically active compounds (Bjeldanes 1977), for the synthesis of polyesters since they possess the ability to undergo ring opening (Alzemi, et al. 2002, Trollasas et al. 1998), in medicinal industry (Pearce, et al. 2007, Rustullet, et al. 2007), in food manufacturing and perfume industry (Blank, et al. 1996, Kuhnt, et al. 1990, Gaudin 1995).

In this thesis we have developed a mild and relatively simple method for Rhcatalyzed carbonylative synthesis of $2(5 H)$-furanones by using various alkynes and arylboronic acids.

## CHAPTER 2

## TRANSITION METAL CATALYZED REACTIONS OF ORGANOBORONS

### 2.1. Organoborons

Organoborons are chemical compounds having aryl or alkyl functional groups on the boron atom. The term organoboron refers to a compound which has at least one C-B bond. Trialkoxyboranes are also classified as organoboron, although they do not have any C-B bonds.

Some of the important organoborons are: trialkyl and arylboranes $\left(R_{3} B\right)$, alkoxydialkylboranes ( $\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{BOR}$ ), dialkoxyalkylboranes $\left(\mathrm{RB}(\mathrm{OR})_{2}\right)$, chlorodialkylboranes $\left(\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{BCl}\right)$, dichloro(alkyl)borane $\left(\mathrm{RBCl}_{2}\right)$, hydroxydialkylborane $\left(\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{BOH}\right)$, dihydroxy(alkyl)borane and aryl or alkylboronic acids $\left(\mathrm{RB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}\right.$ or $\left.\operatorname{ArB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}\right)$. Boronic acids are used extensively in the synthesis of organic compounds as building blocks or intermediates, especially in Suzuki cross-coupling reactions.

### 2.1.1. Properties of Boron

Boron, B, atomic weight of 10.811 is the fifth element in the periodic table. It is composed of two stable isotopes with mass numbers of 10 and 11 . Although widespread in nature, it has been estimated to consititute only $0.001 \%$ of the earth's crust. It occurs naturally only in combined form, usually as alkali or alkaline earth borates or as boric acid.

Boron exists in amorphous form and in at least three crystalline forms. Melting point of boron is not known accurately but it is considered to be near $2100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and its boling point is about $2600^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Amorphous boron ranges from yellow to brown in color. Crystalline forms of the element are usually shiny, black, and completely opaque.

### 2.2. Transition Metal Catalyzed Addition Reactions of Organoborons

Transition metals have an important role in the sythesis of organic compounds. Transition metals can catalyze multistep reactions and this is the one of the most significant aspects of them (Oguma, et al. 2000). The interesting thing about transition metals is that their valence electrons, or the electrons they use to combine with other elements, are present in more than one shell. This is the reason why they often exhibit several common oxidation states.

In the past twenty-five years, using transition metals in the sythesis of organic compounds has dramatically increased.

Transition metal catalyzed conjugate addition of organoborons to the unsaturated systems have recently been developed. Cho et al. (1995) reported the $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ catalyzed addition reactions of organoboron compounds to enones in the presence of NaOAc or $\mathrm{SbCl}_{3}$. First key step of this reaction is oxidative addition of the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{B}$ bond to $\operatorname{Pd}(0)$ which results in the formation of arylpalladium species and the second one is the formation of antimony enolate derived from the initial coordination of $\mathrm{SbCl}_{3}$ to the carbonyl oxygen of organopalladium species.

In the literature there are many studies about the palladium-catalyzed addition reactions of organoborons to unsaturated compounds. In here, some examples of them will be given.

Lautens and Duckendorrf (2003) reported palladium-catalyzed ring-opening addition of various arylboronic acids to heterobicyclic alkenes such as aza- and oxabicyclic alkenes resulted in the formation of the corresponding products in excellent yields.

In 2006, a study about the palladium/bipyridine catalyzed addition of arylboronic acid to cyclic and acyclic $\alpha, \beta$-unsaturated carbonyl compounds in aqueous media was reported. In this study moderate to excellent yields were obtained even for $\alpha, \beta$-unsaturated esters (Lin and Lu 2006).

And recently, Arcadi et al. (2008) demonstrated the higly regioselective hydroarylation of readily available ynones with organoboron derivatives. The reaction was catalyzed by both $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{II})$ and $\operatorname{Pd}(0)$ precatalysts, and can be carried out even under neutral conditions.

### 2.2.1. Rhodium-Catalyzed Addition Reactions of Organoborons

Rhodium is a transition metal which is also a member of the platinium metal group with a symbol Rh and atomic number 45 and was discovered by William Hyde Wollaston in 1803. Rhodium's primary use is an alloying agent which is used to harder Pd and Pt. These alloys can be used for thermocoupling elements, furnace windings, bushings for glass fiber production, electrodes for aircraft spark plugs, and laboratory crucibles. Rhodium is also used for jewellery, for decoration, and as a catalyst.

In the past twenty-five years, using transition metals in the synthesis of organic compounds has dramatically increased. Recently rhodium catalysts have been given much more attention by researchers in the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond forming reactions. Rh-catalyzed reactions are milder and more benign, because these reactions can be performed in the presence of water or even in water and show promises from environmental perspective.

Rhodium shows an interesting and new catalytic properties when catalytic cycles were compared with other commonly used metals such as palladium, nickel and platinium (Figure 2.1). In its catalytic reactions with organometallics, rhodium plies between the two oxidation states: Rh (I) and Rh (III), and it means that transmetallation can occur at two point of catalytic cycle.


Figure 2.1. Possible catalytic cycles with Rh-catalysts
(Source: Fagnou and Lautens 2003)

Alternatively, the organorhodium species can also be coupled with an unsaturated compounds as illustrated in cycle 2 (Figure 2.1) and the outcome of cycle 2 is a net $\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{H}$-addition across the unsaturated unit (Fagnou and Lautens 2003).

### 2.2.1.1. Rhodium-Catalyzed Addition Reactions of Organoborons to Cyclic and Acyclic Enones

Firstly, in 1997, Sakai et al. (1997) reported that Rh (I) complexes catalyze the addition reactions of aryl and alkenyl boronic acids to enones in an aqueous solvent to give excellent yield (Figure 2.2). They used various ligands in their reactions and bisphosphine ligands having large bite angles were found to give best results (Sakai, et al. 1997).


Figure 2.2. Rh-catalyzed addition of aryl and alkenyl boronic acids to enones
(Source: Sakai, et al. 1997)

Takaya et al. (1998) reported the first enantioselective variant of this transformation by changing the solvent, rhodium complex and temperature. Good results have also been obtained with the chiral amidomonophosphine ligand (Kuriyama and Tomioka 2001).

Monodentate phosphoramidites firstly used as chiral ligands in the Rh-catalyzed enantioselective conjugate addition of arylboronic acids to some unsaturated systems such as unsaturated esters, lactones, enones and nitro alkenes. Reactions resulted in high enantioselectivity (Boiteau, et al. 2002).

Duursma et al. (2003) reported that more efficient catalysts can be obtained by combining chiral monodentate phosphoramidite for the Rh-catalyzed conjugate additions of boronic acids to three different substances: cyclohexenone, benzylidene acetone and 4-methyl-nitrostyrene (Duursuma, et al. 2003). Chiral catalysts based on hetero-combinations of ligands are found to be more effective than the homocombinations (Figure 2.3).


Figure 2.3. Rh complexes with two monodentate ligands using the ligand combination approach (Source: Duursuma, et al.2003)

Another examples of Rh-catalyzed addition reactions of boronic acids to cyclic and acylic enones which were resulted in high to excellent enantioselectivity in the presence of a chiral [2.2.2] dienes as ligands (Figure 2.4) (Defieber, et al. 2004), or by using a coordinated Rh-complex (Figure 2.5) (Chen, et al. 2006), or by using the DIPHONANE which is a novel chiral biphosphine ligand (Figure 2.6) (Vandyck, et al. 2005) were reported.


Figure 2.4. Structures of chiral [2.2.2] diene ligands (Source: Defieber, et al. 2004)


Figure 2.5. Chiral Rh-complex
(Source: Chen, et al. 2006)


Figure 2.6. Structure of (2S-5S)-DIPHONANE (Source: Vandyck, et al. 2005)

Recently, Rh-catalyzed enantioselective and regioselective 1,4-addition reactions of arylboronic acids to substituted enones such as biofunctional Michael acceptors (Figure 2.7) was reported. Reactivity was high when reaction was performed under bacis conditions and in the presence of monodentate phosphoroamidites (Mediavilla, et al 2006).




Figure 2.7. Structures of biofunctional Michael acceptors (Source: Mediavilla, et al 2006)

Trenkle et al. (2006) demonstrated an efficient method for the conjugate addition of electron-deficient arylboronic acids to 2-cyclohexen-1-one by using low levels of catalyst and boronic acids in an aqueous solution and in the presence of LiOH .

### 2.2.1.2. Rhodium-Catalyzed Addition Reactions of Organoborons to Aldeyhdes

Sakai et al. (1998) developed a Rh-catalyzed addition reaction of organoboronic acids to aldehydes (Figure 2.8). Reaction was found to be spesific for aldehydes.


Figure 2.8. Rh-catalyzed addition of boronic acids to aldehydes (Source: Sakai, et al. 1998)

Excellent catalytic activity was reported in the additon of arylboronic acids to aldehydes with cationic rhodium complexes of certain nitrogen-containing ligands (Moreau, et al. 2001). High yields were also obtained in the additon of arylboronic acids to aldehydes with novel Rh-carbene complexes (Özdemir, et al. 2004) and by a catalyst system generated in situ from novel hexadentate imidazolium salts, $[\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}$ and in the presence of a base (Chen, et al. 2005) and by using an anionic rhodium $\eta^{4}$-quinonoid complex as a multifunctional catalyst (Son, et al. 2005).

### 2.2.1.3. Rhodium-Catalyzed Addition Reactions of Organoborons to Other Unsaturated Carbonyl Substrates

Ketones can be synthesized in high yields by a new method which is defined as Rh-catayzed addition reactions of various of boronic acids to anhydrides (Figure 2.9) (Frost anf Wadsworth 2001).


Figure 2.9. Rh-catalyzed acylation of arylboronic acids with anhydrides
(Source: Frost anf Wadsworth 2001)

After they Oguma et al. (2002) reported a similar reaction with Frost and Wadswoth's study in 2002. The used tetraphenylborates instead of arylboronic acids and added ligands to the reaction medium such as dppf and dppb. Norbornene compound was also used in the reaction medium as a promoter (Figure 2.10) (Oguma, et al. 2002).


Figure 2.10. Rh-catalyzed acylation of arylboronic acids with anhydrides in the presence of norbornene (Source: Oguma, et al. 2002)

First example of catalytic asymmetric synthesis of trifluoromethyl substituted tertiary alcohols was developed in high isolated yields (up to $96 \%$ ) with good enantioselectivities (up to $83 \%$ ) by $\mathrm{Rh} /$ phosphoramidite catalyzed addition of arylboronic acids to trifluoromethyl ketones (Sébastien, et al. 2006).

Shintani et al. (2005) developed a novel chiral phosphine-olefin ligands which act as bidentate ligands with some transition metals and were found to be effective in the Rh-catalyzed 1,4-addition of arylboronic acids to maleimides. Another study was performed by using various electron-rich and electron-poor boronic acids. These reactions were also performed in microwave, which resulted in shorter reaction times and improved efficiencies (Figure 2.11) (Iyer, et al. 2007).


Figure 2.11. Rh-catalyzed addition of arylboronic acids to maleimides
(Source: Iyer, et al. 2007)

Toullec et.al. (2006) developed the 1,2 -addition reactions of arylboronic acids with isatin substrates (Figure 2.12) in the presence of a $\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{I})$ precursor and 2 equiv of $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$. An enantioselective version of this reaction was also reported (Toullec, et al. 2006).


Figure 2.12. Rh-catalyzed addition of arylboronic acids to isatin (Source: Toullec, et al. 2006)

Aryl- and alkenylboronic acids can also be used in the addition reaction to isocyanates (Figure 2.13) which resulted in the formation of secondary amines under mild reaction conditions (Miura, et al. 2007).


Figure 2.13. Rh-catalyzed addition of arylboronic acids to isocyanates
(Source: Miura, et al. 2007)

Recently, asymmetric addition of boronic acids to $\alpha, \beta$-Unsaturated 2-Pyridyl Sulfones (Mauleon, et al. 2007), and unsaturated esters in the presence of Rh-diene complexes as catalysts (Paquin, et al. 2005), arylmethylene cyanoacetates in the presence of $\mathrm{Rh} /$ chiral diene (Sorgel, et al. 2007) and substituted cinnamaldehydes (Paquin, et al. 2005) were also reported. Additions of arylboronic acids to diketones and ketoesters were also performed (Figure 2.14) (Ganci and Chilshom 2007).


Figure 2.14. Rh-catalyzed addition of arylboronic acids to 1,2-diketones and substituted $\alpha$-ketoesters (Source: Ganci and Chilshom 2007)

C-glycoside has been synthesized by a method which is based on cationic $\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{I})-$ catalyzed 1,4 -addition of arylboronic acids to enones derived from glycals. Reaction was found to be depended on the Rh-catalyst's nature and to be stereoselective (Ramnauth, et al. 2001).

Reactions of arylboronic acids with alkynones in the presence of $\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{I})$ catalyst results in the arylative cyclization of alkynones which produces a four- and five-membered-ring cyclic alcohols equipped with a tetrasubstituted exocyclic olefin (Figure 2.1). The presence of the carbonyl group as the secondary acceptor functionality greatly contributes to the high reactivity (Miura, et al. 2007).


Figure 2.15. Rh-catalyzed arylative cyclization of alkynones induced by addition of boronic acids (Source: Miura, et al. 2007)

In another study, a new $\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{I})$-catalyzed acyl 1,3-migration reaction of acetylenic $\beta-$ ketoesters with arylboronic acids was developed (Miura, et al. 2005). In this reactions an intermediate organorhodium(I) species undergoes intramolecular nucleophilic addition to a ketone carbonyl group in 4-exo following cyclobutane cleavage through a retro-aldol reaction (Figure 2.16).


Figure 2.16. Rh-catalyzed 1,3-migration reaction of acetylenic $\beta$-ketoesters with arylboronic acids (Source: Miura, et al. 2005)

### 2.2.1.4. Rhodium-Catalyzed Addition of Organoborons to Alkenes, Alkynes and Their Derivatives

Norbornene can undergo a Rh-catalyzed multistep arylation reactions with arylboronic acids which is called as "merry-go-round multiple alkylation" (Figure 2.17). This sequence results in the formation of a unique class of sterically encumbered aromatic molecules (Oguma, et al. 2000).


Figure 2.17. Rh-catalyzed multiple alkylation on aromatic ring
(Source: Oguma, et al. 2000)

Lautens et al. (2001) demonstrated the Rh-catalyzed addition of arylboronic acids to vinyl heteroaromatic compounds (Figure 2.18).


Figure 2.18. Rh-catalyzed addition of arylboronic acids to olefins (Source: Lautens, et al. 2001)

Recently, Rh-catalyzed addition of various organoboronic acids to the fluoroalkylated electron-deficient olefins in the presence of (S)-BINAP in toluene/water solvent system resulted in the formation of corresponding addition products with high yields and enantioselectivity (Figure 2.19) (Konno, et al. 2008).


Figure 2.19. Rh-catalyzed addition of boronic acids to the fluoroalkylated electrondeficient olefins (Source: Konno, et al. 2008)

Arylboronic acids also undergo addition reaction with alkynes. Hayashi and his co-workers demonstrated the Rh-catalyzed addition reaction of arylboronic acids and arylboroxanes which produces tri-substituted alkenes (Figure 2.20). This study also reported that the reaction showed 1,4 -shift of Rh from 2-aryl-1-alkenylrhodium to 2 alkenylarylrhodium intermediate in the proposed mechanism of the reaction (Figure 2.21) (Hayashi, et al. 2001).


Figure 2.20. Rh-catalyzed addition reactions of arylboronic acids or arylboroxanes to alkynes (Source: Hayashi, et al. 2001)


Figure 2.21. Proposed mechanism for the Rh-catalyzed addition reactions of arylboronic acids or arylboroxanes to alkynes (Source: Hayashi, et al. 2001)

A variant of this study was reported by Genin et al. in 2004. They studied on recycling of $\mathrm{Rh} / \mathrm{m}$-TPPTC catalyst and reactions were performed in toluene. Reactions with various boronic acids were resulted in regioselective formation of the corresponding functionalized alkenyl derivatives with high yields.

Addition reactions of arylboronic acids to alkynyl heteroatomic compounds in the presence of $[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}$ and a water-soluble pyridine-substituted ligand were found to give tri-substituted alkenes with high regioselectivity (Figure 2.22) (Lautens and Yoshida 2002).


Figure 2.22. Rh-catalyzed addition reactions of arylboronic acids to alkynes alkynyl heteroatomic compounds in the presence of water-soluble pyridinesubstituted ligand (Source: Lautens and Yoshida 2002)

Shintani et al. (2005) reported an arylative cyclization of alkyne-tethered electron-deficient olefins with high chemoselectivity and enantioselectivity by using a chiral diene ligands (Figure 2.23). Reactions were performed in the presence of Rhdiene catalyst instead of Rh-biphosphine catalyst in order to obtain more efficient results (Lautens and Yoshida 2002).


Figure 2.23. Rh-catalyzed addition of arylboronic acids to the alkyne-tethered electrondeficient olefins (Source: Lautens and Yoshida 2002)

### 2.2.1.5. Rhodium-Catalyzed Addition of Organoborons to Other Unsaturated Systems

Rh-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition of arylboroxines to 1alkenylphosphonates produced 2-arylakylphosphonates in high yields with high enantioselectivity in the presence of new catalytic system having a chiral phosphinerhodium (Hayashi, et al. 1999).

Hayashi et al. (2000) demonstrated the Rh-catalyzed asymmetric conjugate addition of organoboronic acids to nitroalkenes (Hayashi, et al. 2000).

A new and practical method for diastereoselective and enantioselective Rhcatalyzed addition of arylboronic acids to N-tert-butanesulfinyl and N diphenylphosphinoyl aldimines have been developed (Weix, et al. 2004).

Recently, Nambo et al. (2007) reported the rhodium-catalyzed arylation and alkenylation of $\mathrm{C}_{60}$ by using organoboron compounds (Figure 2.24).


Figure 2.24. Rh-catalyzed addition of arylboronic acids to the $\mathrm{C}_{60}$ (Source: Nambo, et al. 2007)

## CHAPTER 3

## FURANONES

### 3.1. Nomenclature of Furanones

5 H -furan-2-ones, also 2 -furanone, are heterocyclic organic compounds classified as lactones.

A lactone is a cyclic ester. Most stable structures of lactones are 5-membered lactones (called gamma-lactone) and 6-membered lactones (called delta-lactone) since angle strain in these structures is minimalized. Lactones are named by labelling the carbon atoms. First carbon atom after carbonyl-carbon atom is labelled as alpha and second is labelled as beta and so forth. Prefixes (beta-, gamma-, delta-) also show the ring size. Beta-lactones have 4-membered ring, gamma-lactones have 5-membered ring and delta-lactones have 6-membered ring.

### 3.2. Furanones in Use

Furanones, which can also be classified as butenolides are important building blocks for the synthesis of natural products. They have been used in synthesis of (+)and (-)-eldanolide (Vigneron, et al. 1982), the antileukaemic lignans (+)-transburseran (Tomioka, et al. 1979), (-)-isostegane (Tomioka, et al. 1979), (+)- and (-)-steganacin (Tomioka, et al. 1984), (-)-verrucarinolactone (Tomioka, et al. 1982) and chrysanthemic acid analogues (Mann and Thomas 1985).

Lactones containing both saturated and unsaturated five and larger rings are of interest since they are used for construction of some biologically active compounds (Bjeldanes 1977). Lactones can also be used for the synthesis of polyesters since they possess the ability to undergo ring opening (Alzemi, et al. 2002, Trollasas, et al. 1998).

Furanone and its derivatives are important compounds for medicinal industry. Pearce et al. reported first anti-inflammatory rubrolide (Figure 3.1) which is new and exists as a mixture of $E$ - and $Z$ - isomers (Pearce, et al. 2007).


Figure 3.1. $E$ - and $Z$ - isomers of Rubrolide O
(Source: Pearce, et al. 2007)

Jolivet, et al. (2002) demonstrated the activity of some furanones about inhibiting the formation of biofilms which are complicated accumulation of the microorganisms which grow on a firm substrate. They used three diffrent furanones in their experiments and reported that furanones can inhibit the formation of biofilms by interfering with the quorum-sensing system of bacteria. (Figure 3.2).


Figure 3.2. Quorum-sensing system of bacteria inhibition results of some biologically active furanones (Source: Jolivet, et al. 2002 )

In another study, it was reported that carboxylic analogues of oxetanocin can be stereoselectively synthesized via [2+2] photocycloaddition to a chiral $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanone (Rustullet, et al. 2007). This study also has great importance since oxetanocin-A (Figure 3.3) is one of naturally occuring oxetane adenine nucleoside which was reported as exhibiting some antiviral activity towards some viruses such as herpes simplex virus 1 and 2 (HSV-1, HSV-2), varicella zoster virus (VZV), human cytomegalovirus (HCMV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).


Figure 3.3. Structure of oxetanocin-A
(Source: Rustullet, et al. 2007)

Furanones are also used in food manufacturing and perfume industry because of their flavor property (Gaudin 1995). In 1996, formation of sotolon (Figure 3.4) from 4-hydroxy-L-isoleucine and 3-Amino-4,5-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2(5H)-furanone was reported. Sotolon is used in sugar manufacturing as powerful flavor compound and it can also be found in various food and spices (Blank, et al. 1996).


Figure 3.4. Structure of sotolon
(Source: Blank, et al. 1996)

In 1998, Schnider and his co-workers reported the odor property of volatile compounds which include sotolon, involved in the aroma of sweet fortifies wines.

Regio- and stereospecifically identified $\gamma$-alkylidenebutenolides are used in medicinal and biological area because of their biological activities (Negishi and Kotora 1997), such as xerulin, xerulinic acid and dihydroxerulin which inhibit the cholesterol biosynthesis (Kuhnt, et al. 1990) and rubrolides which shows antibiotic activity (Pearce, et al. 2007).


Figure 3.5. Some examples for biologically active $\gamma$-alkylidenebutenolides (Source: Pearce, et al. 2007)

### 3.3. Synthesis of $\mathbf{2 ( 5 H})$-Furanones

Furanones can be synthesized in various ways. In the literature there have been many ways to synthesize $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanones: from their cycloalkane derivatives, from epoxides; cyanohydrins, acetylenic compounds, allenic acids, dienoic acids, vinylacetic acids, miscalleneous acids, other heterocyclic compounds, $3(2 \mathrm{H})$-furanones, from $\beta$ keto sulfoxides or by using some methods such as electrolytic methods, photolysis of
sultones, reformatsky-elderfield reaction, stobbe condensation, condensation of pyruvic acid derivatives with carbonyl compounds (Rao 1976).

### 3.3.1. Synthesis of Furanones from Carbonyl Compounds, Carboxylates and Miscellaneous Acids and from their Derivatives

A common way to synthesize furanones is using a carbonyl compound or derivatives in the reaction.

Highly functionalized furanones were sythesized in high yields from activated carbonyl compounds and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (Figure 3.6) (Nozaki, et al. 1995).


Figure 3.6. Synthesis of furanone from activated carbonyl compound and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (Source: Nozaki, et al. 1995)

Kumar and Pandey reported an efficient and high-yielding synthesis of 5-hydroxy- $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanone by using a titanium silicate molecular sieve catalyst. In this study they developed an environmentally friendly and practically alternative method to synthesize corresponding hydroxylactone by oxidation of furan over a titanium silicate$1 / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ system (Kumar and Pandey 1999).
$2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanones were also synthesized by the ring expansion of 4-hydroxy-2cyclobutenone with the reaction of $\mathrm{PhI}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ in methanol (Figure 3.7) which was used as both solvent and nucleophile gave good yields for furanones (Ohno 1999).


Figure 3.7. Synthesis of furanone from 4-hydroxy-2-cyclobutenone
(Source: Ohno 1999)

Tanabe et al. (2002) reported an efficient method to synthesize tri-substituted $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanones in a one-pot manner by the $\mathrm{TiCl}_{4}-\mathrm{Bu}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$-mediated condensation of ketones with $\alpha, \alpha$-dimethoxyketones (Figure 3.8) and obtained good yields for those furanones. They also demonstrated application of these furanones to straightforward synthesis of $(R)$-mintlactone and $(R)$-menthofuran which are natural mint perfumes.


Figure 3.8. Synthesis of tri-substituted furanone by condensation of ketone with $\alpha, \alpha-$ dimethoxyketone with $\mathrm{TiCl}_{4}-\mathrm{Bu}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ system (Source: Tanabe, et al. 2002)

Huang and Zhou exhibited a $\mathrm{CuX}_{2}$-mediated cyclization reaction of cyclopropylideneacetic acids and esters to synthesize 4-halomethyl-2( 5 H )-furanones, which are important pivotal skeleton molecules in the sythesis of many natural products, in a mild way with moderate to good yields (Figure 3.9). However when the reaction was performed with $\mathrm{CuBr}_{2}$ at $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 h , furanone yield increased up to 78\% (Huang and Zhou 2002).


Figure 3.9. Synthesis of 4-halomethyl-2( 5 H )-furanones
(Source: Huang and Zhou 2002)

Rossi and co-workers developed a simple method for the synthesis of racemic 4,5-disubstituted 5 H -furan-2-ones with the reaction of 3 -ynoic acids and organic halides such as (hetero)aryl bromides or iodides, alkenyl bromides or 1-alkynyl bromides (Figure 3.10). They reported that method is unfortunately not usable for the sythhesis of 4 -substituted 5 H -furan-2-ones (Rossi, et al. 1998).


Figure 3.10. Synthesis of disubstituted 2( 5 H )-furanone
(Source: Rossi, et al. 1998)

Pd-catalyzed alkylative lactonization of 4-hydroxy-2-alkynecarboxylates with organoboronic acid resulted in regioselective formation of butenolides (Oh, et al. 2004). They demonstated lactonization in situ with excellent stereoselectivity and regioselectivity.

When the reaction was performed under condition B at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 4 hours, they found the selectivity to increase. For example reaction of $\mathbf{1 2 b}$ and $\mathbf{1 3 b}$ (Figure 3.11) in 1,4-dioxane gave only 15bb with $94 \%$ yield, reaction of 12c and 13b in again 1,4-
dioxane gave only $\mathbf{1 5 c b}$ with $96 \%$ yield, reaction of $\mathbf{1 2 d}$ and $\mathbf{1 3 b}$ in 1,4-dioxane gave only $\mathbf{1 5 d b}$ with $96 \%$ yield, reaction of $\mathbf{1 2 f}$ and $\mathbf{1 3 b}$ in THF gave only $\mathbf{1 5 f b}$ with 96 yield, reaction of $\mathbf{1 2 g}$ and 13a in THF gave only 15ga with $97 \%$ yield, and reaction of $\mathbf{1 2 g}$ and $\mathbf{1 3 b}$ in THF gave only $\mathbf{1 5 g b}$ with $98 \%$ yield.

When reaction was performed in under condition B in THF at $70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 hours 12c and 12b gave only 15cb with $98 \%$ yield.


Figure 3.11. Reactions of 4-hydroxy-2-alkynecarboxylate 12 with organoboronic acids $13 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b}$ under conditions A and B (Source: Oh, et al. 2004)

### 3.3.2. Synthesis of Furanones from Alkynes, Allenes

Radhakrishan and Periasamy found a novel method for double carbonylation leading formation 1,2 -diketones with the $\mathrm{RMgX} / \mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} / \mathrm{CuCl}$ combination gave moderate yields (Figure 3.12) and system resulted in the formation of the corresponding furanone when reaction was performed in the presence of alkyne. They also reported that when phenylacetylene was used as alkyne, reaction gave only one isomer which is furanone in low yield (Radhakrishan and Periasamy 1996).


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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { R: }-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \quad \mathrm{R}_{1}=\mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{Ph} & \mathbf{1}=26 \% \quad \mathbf{2}=13 \% \\
\text { R: }-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{R}_{1}=\mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{Ph} & \mathbf{1}=32 \% \quad \mathbf{2}=10 \% \\
\text { R: }-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{5} \mathrm{CH}_{3} & \mathrm{R}_{1}=\mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{Ph} \\
\text { R: }-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3} & \mathrm{R}_{1}=35 \% \\
=1=35 & \mathbf{2}=10 \% \\
\mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{H} & \mathbf{1}=32 \% \\
\mathbf{2}=0 \%
\end{array}
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Figure 3.12. Formation of furanone with the reaction of alkynes in the $\mathrm{RMgX} / \mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} / \mathrm{CuCl}$ combination (Source: Radhakrishan and Periasamy 1996)

Allene derivatives are suitable compounds for sythesis of furanones. Katritzky et al. (1996) reported a novel synthesis of $\gamma$-lactones via 1,2,4-triazole-stabilized allenic anions. Recently Ma and Gu developed an efficient route to synthesize $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanone derivatives by $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}$-catalyzed two-component cross-coupling cyclization of 2,3allenoic acids with 2,3 -allenols ( Ma and Gu 2005 ). This is the first report about coupling cyclization of two different allenes leading formation of 4-(1', 3'-dien-2'yl)-2furanone derivatives in good yields.

Regio- and stereospecifically identified $\gamma$-Alkylidenebutenolides are also of a great interest in medicinal and biological area since many of them have been exhibited some biological activities (Negishi and Kotora 1997).

### 3.3.3. Carbonylative Synthesis of Furanones

In the literature there have been a few examples for the carbonylative synthesis of $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanones.

Alper and his research group developed a novel methodology which includes the double carbonylation of styrene oxides by Co-catalysis $\left(\mathrm{NaCo}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\right)$ in the presence of iodomethane, NaOH and a phase transfer agent to form $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanone (Alper, et al. 1985).

Woo and Cheng showed a simple general method for the synthesis of 3,4-dialkyl-2(5H)-furanones by the carbonylation of aldehydes in strong acid (Woo and Cheng 1985).

Some examples of Rh-catalyzed carbonylation of acetylenes were reported in the literature. Joh et al. (1990) reported $\mathrm{Rh}_{4}(\mathrm{CO})_{12}$ catalyzed carbonylation reactions of
acetylenes under water-gas shift reaction conditions. But this method is restricted and it is applicable only for internal acetylenes having alkyl, aryl, and alkenyl substituents. They reported that method was not succesful for the monosubstituted acetylenes such as phenylacetylene. In these cases the catalyst was found to decompose to the metal and no definite compounds were isolated.

Migratory insertion of alkylmanganese pentacarbonyl complexes is a usable method to sythesize butenolides. DeShong et al. (1998) reported a general method to prepare butenolides from organomanganese pentacarbonyl complexes. In this study butenolides were sythesized by the enolization, cyclization and alkene isomerization of the ketene which was generated by the insertion of carbon monoxide into the cationic manganese carbene complex (Figure 3.13).


Figure 3.13. Synthesis of furanone from cationic manganese carbene complex
(Source: DeShong, et al.1988)

In another method, a new catalytic system was improved for such a double functionalisation reaction which follows the formation of chloroacyl or dichloroacyl chlorides which was synthesized with Pd-catalyzed chlorocarbonylation of allyl chlorides (Figure 3.14). Then these intermediates were used for sythesis of $2(5 \mathrm{H})$ furanones resulted in good yields (Bonnet, et al. 1998).


Figure 3.14. Synthesis of furanone from dichloroacyl chloride
(Source: Bonnet, et al. 1998)

Cobalt catalyzed carbonylative reactions of alkyl halides such as methyl bromoacetate and a nucleophilic base such as tertiary amine leaded to formation of 2,4-pentadieno-4-lactone (Figure 3.15). Yields were around $60 \%$ for various substituted alkynes and alkyl halides (Heck 1964).


Figure 3.15. Synthesis of $\gamma$-alkylidenebutenolide Co-catalyzed carbonylative reaction of alkyl halide (Source: Heck 1964)

Another study was done under water-gas shift conditions. Zhang et al. (1999) developed $\mathrm{Rh}_{6}(\mathrm{CO})_{16}$ catalyzed carbonylation reaction of 2-phenylethynylbenzaldehyde under water-gas shift reaction conditions to produce a tricyclic lactone, indeno [2,1-b] furan. On the other hand, a similar reaction of 2-phenylethynylbenzoate gave an isomeric mixture of furanone derivatives. Increasing the reaction temperature resulted in the formation of tetracyclic lactone and indeno [2,1-c]isocoumarin.

In a report, the syntheses of 5-alkoxy-2(5H)-furanones were performed by rhodium-catalyzed carbonylation of acetylenes in alcohos (Figure 3.16) (Mise, et al. 1981).


Figure 3.16. Synthesis of regioisomers of furanones by the Rh-catalyzed carbonylative reaction of asymmetric acetylene in alcohol (Source: Mise, et al. 1981)

Kondo et al. (1994) developed a new route to $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanones via Ru-catalyzed oxidative cyclocarbonylation of allylic alcohols (Figure 3.17). In this study many furanones were directly synthesized in moderate to good yields as the first example of ruthenium-catalyzed cyclocarbonylation of allylic alcohols.


Figure 3.17. Synthesis of furanones via Ru-catalyzed oxidative cyclocarbonylation of allylic alcohols (Source: Kondo, et al. 1994)

Palladium catalyzed carbonylative reactions of arylhalides with acetylenes in the presence of triethyl amine and triphenylphosphine in benzene afforded 3arylidenebutenolides in moderate to good yield (Figure 3.18) (Huang and Alper 1991).


Figure 3.18. Synthesis of furanones via Pd-catalyzed carbonylative reactions of arylhalides with acetylenes (Huang and Alper 1991)

Recently, Cho and Shim demonstrated a method to synthesize lactones by using a base and palladium as catalyst in such an unusual carbonylative cycliation of $\beta$ bromovinyl aldehydes (Cho and Shim 2006).

Yu and Alper reported a method about direct synthesis of butenolide from propargyl alcohol using $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{dba})_{2} / \mathrm{dppb}$ system as catalyst, but this method was not usable for internal alkynols (Ali and Alper 1991). Later they also developed a new method by which internal alkynols with alkyl, phenyl and vinyl units attached to one acetylenic carbon atom could be reacted to result in high to excellent corresponding furanone yields (Figure 3.19) ( Yu and Alper 1991).


Figure 3.19. Synthesis of furanones via Pd-catalyzed cyclocarbonylations of alkynols
(Source: Yu and Alper 1991)

Propargylic alcohols also undergo to mercuration-carbonylation which leads to the formation of butenolides. In 1977, Larock et al. (1977) reported a method to produce $\beta$-chloro- $\Delta^{\alpha, \beta}$-butenolides in high yields via carbonylation of propargyl alcohol in the presence of catalytic amount of palladium (Figure 3.20).


Figure 3.20. Synthesis of $\beta$-chloro- $\Delta^{\alpha, \beta}$-butenolides via Pd-catalyzed mercurationcarbonylations of propargyl alcohols (Source: Larock, et al. 1977)
$\alpha, \beta$-Butenolides can also be generated in good yields via Pd-catalyzed carbonylative coupling of vinyl triflates (trifluoromethanesulfonate) (Figure 3.21) (Crisp and Meyer 1992).


Figure 3.21. Synthesis of $\alpha, \beta$-butenolides via Pd-catalyzed carbonylative couplings of vinyl triflates (Source: Crisp and Meyer 1992)

Yoneda and his co-workers developed ruthenium-catalyzed cyclocarbonylation of allenyl alcohols for selective sythesis of lactones (Yoneda, et al. 1999, Yoneda, et al. 2003).

### 3.4. Photochemical Rearrangement in Furanones

In the literature observed photochemical processes can be given as decarbonylation, aryl group migration, fragmentation, electron-transfer-mediated bond cleavage, and rearrangement upon [1,3]-sigmatropic shift.

Volkmann et al. (1975) investigated the photochemical rearrangement in $2(5 \mathrm{H})$ furanone system. They studied on photochemical behaviour of 3,5-diphenylfuran$2(5 H)$-one by using tert-butyl alcohol as solvent. Cis-3,4-diphenyl-trans-5-tert-butoxy-$\gamma$-lactone was the only isolated product of the reaction. However, photochemical reaction of 3,5 -diphenylfuran- $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-one in benzene under argon atmosphere gave only 3,4-diphenyl-2(5H)-furanone in quantitative yield. If molecular oxygen is present in the reaction medium, $\mathbf{2}$ the well-known stilbene-phenanthrene cyclization route to produce phenanthro[9,10-c]furanone (Figure 3.22).


Figure 3.22. Photochemical rearrangement of 3,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one
(Source: Volkmann, et al. 1975)

In another study solvent controlled photochemical reactions of furanones la-e in methanol gave lactones $\mathbf{4}$ and 5. Then these lactones were treated with stannous chloride in refluxing acetic acid to establish their structures upon identification of the respective secondary products $\mathbf{2}$ and $\mathbf{3}$ (Figure 3.23). Compounds 2a-e and 3a-e were identified by comparison with authentic samples prepared by independent syntheses. Photochemical rearrangement scheme of $\mathbf{1 a}$ is shown in Figure 3.24. Results of this study offers an underline for the importance of electron distribution in photochemical migratory processes (Padwa and Blacklock 1976).


Figure 3.23. Photochemical rearrangement of a furanone derivatives


Figure 3.24. Proposed rearrangement scheme of p-anysyl and phenyl groups in MeOH and benzene solvents (Source: Padwa and Blacklock 1976)

## CHAPTER 4

## EXPERIMENTAL STUDY

### 4.1. General Procedures for Synthesis of Alkynes by Sonogashira C-C Coupling Reactions

Two types of procedures were used to synthesize alkynes by Sonogashira reaction.

In the one of the procedures (Procedure I), to a solution of aryl halide (bromo or iodo, 10 mmol ) and alkyne ( 12 mmol ) in $40 \mathrm{mLEt} \mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ was added $2 \mathrm{~mol} \% \mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ with respect to the aryl halide (Figure 4.1). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for five minutes, after that $1 \mathrm{~mol} \% \mathrm{CuI}$ was added to the mixture. Then reaction flask was placed in a preheated oil bath at $50{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and vigorously stirred under an argon atmosphere. Small amounts of samples were periodically taken by the help of a syringe during the reaction, diluted in ethyl acetate and analyzed by GC to check whether all alkyne was consumed in the reaction. The course of the reaction was followed until no further increase in the formation of coupling product was observed. Then the solution was allowed to cool to the room temperature, and the ammonium salts were taken by the filtration and the solvent was removed by evaporation. Then the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the pure product. Alkynes: A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5 were sythesized with this procedure (Procedure I) (See appendices D and E) (Roesch and Larock 2001).

In the other procedure (Procedure II), a mixture of aryl bromide ( 0.5 mmol ), alkyne ( 0.6 mmol ), pyrrolidine ( 1.0 mmol ), $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}(0.01 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{PPh}_{3}(0.02 \mathrm{mmol})$ and degassed water ( 1.0 mL ) introduced in a two-neck rounded-bottomed flask under nitrogen or argon and flask was placed in a preheated oil bath at $120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Small amounts of samples were periodically taken during the reaction, diluted in ethyl acetate and analyzed by GC to establish completion. The course of the reaction was followed until no further increase in the formation of coupling product was observed. It was then cooled and extracted with 5 mL diethyl ether for four times. After evaporation under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by column chromatography to give the pure
product. Alkyne A6 was sythesized with this procedure (Procedure I) (See appendices D and E) (Guan, et al. 2007).


Figure 4.1. The experimental set-up for sonogashira coupling reactions

### 4.2. General Prodecure for Drying of Solvents

Toluene was dried by using CaH . Toluene and CaH was put into a solventdrying system's flask and it was refluxed overnight under nitrogen atmosphere. Dried toluene was collected and put onto 4A sieve neads under nitrogen (Leonard, Lygo and Procter 1998).

For $200 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{MeOH}, 1.00 \mathrm{mg}$ Mg-turnings, 100 mg iodine and 10 mL methanol was put into a 250 mL round-bottom flask. This mixture was heated under inert atmosphere until iodine disappears. If stream of bubbles is not observed, more iodine was added ( 100 mg ). Heating was continued until no Mg-turnings were observed. Then the remainder MeOH was added and it was refluxed for 3 hours and it was distilled onto 3A sieve beads ( $10 \% \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{v}$ ). Dried solvent was not used for at least 1 day after drying (Leonard, Lygo and Procter 1998).

### 4.3. General Prodecure for the Synthesis of Rh Complexes

$[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{OH}]_{2}$ was synthesized in our laboratory by the reaction shown in equation (4.1) (Uson, et al. 1985).

To a $50-\mathrm{mL}$ round-bottomed flask containing a magnetic stirring bar and charged with a solution of potassium hydroxide ( 1.337 mmol ) in water ( 4 mL ), $[\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}(0.65 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetone $(35 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added. Mixture was stirred for two hours at room temperature, then yellow suspension was concentrated to $\sim 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ with evaporation Then 15 mL of water was added. And solid part was taken by filtration which was done with a fine sintered-glass filter. Then it was washed with water (ten times $5-\mathrm{mL}$ portions) and vacuum-dried over phosphorus(V) oxide

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\begin{equation*}
[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}+2 \mathrm{KOH} \longrightarrow[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{OH}]_{2}+2 \mathrm{KCl} \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

$[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}$ was also synthesized in our laboratory. To a $100-\mathrm{mL}$ roundbottomed flask containing a magnetic stirring bar $7.3 \mathrm{mmol} \mathrm{RhCl}_{3} .3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Precious Metal), $3 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 35 \mathrm{~mL}$ EtOH and 6 mL 1,5-cyclooctadiene (cod) were added. Mixture was overnight refluxed under inert atmosphere. After refluxing, solution was cooled and recrystallized from dichloromethane DCM/ Hexane ( $82 \%$ yield) (Giordano and Crabtree 1979).

### 4.4. General Procedure for Rh-Catalyzed Carbonylative Addition Reactions of Arylboronic Acids to Alkynes

4-acetylbenzeneboronic acid, 2-methylbenzeneboronic acid, 4fluorobenzeneboronic acid, 1-phenyl-1-propyne, bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) tetrafluoroborate and (acetylacetonate)bis(ethylene)rhodium(I) were supplied from Alfa Aesar. Diphenylacetylene, phenylboronic acid, phenylacetylene, bis(ethylene)rhodium(I) chloride dimer ( $53 \% \mathrm{Rh}$ ), 1-hexyne and hexadecane were supplied from Merck. Rhodium(III)chloride hydrate was supplied from Precious Metal;, 3-tolylboronic acid from Acros, 4-Octyne from ABCR and 1-phenyl-1-pentyne from Avocado.4-methoxyphenylboronic acid was supplied from Aldrich. Another phenylboronic was supplied from Fluka.

A mixture of arylboronic acid ( 1.2 mmol ), alkyne ( 1 mmol ) hexadecane (as an internal standard, $0,56 \mathrm{mmol}),[\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{cod}) \mathrm{OH}]_{2}(1 \mathrm{~mol} \% \mathrm{Rh})$ and 10 mL toluene (predried and degassed before used) was added into glass insert which was then placed into a stainless-steel reactor. Reactor was evacuated and purged with 10 atm CO two times. Then reactor was pressurized to 20 atm with CO and the mixture was stirred magnetically in a pre-heated oil bath. After cooling reactor, reaction mixture was recovered with ethyl acetate. After that, a sample was taken from reaction mixture and diluted with ethyl acetate, then analyzed by GC (Aksin, et al. 2006).

### 4.5. Characterization of Products

### 4.5.1. GC Method

The samples were analyzed by GC/MS (HP GC/MS 6890/5973N on a HP-5MS, $30 \mathrm{~m}, 0.25 \mathrm{~mm}$ capillary column, $5 \%$ phenylmethoxysiloxane with $0.25 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ film thickness) and GC (19091J-413 HP-5 6890N on a $30 \mathrm{~m}, 0.25 \mathrm{~mm}$ capillary column ( $5 \%$ dimetylsiloxane, $95 \%$ phenyldimethylsiloxane with a $0.25 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ film thickness and FID detector).

The GC program applied throughout the analysis is as follows: the column temperature was $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ at the beginning of the program and it was heated with a rate of $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{min}$ up to $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, then it was kept at this temperature for 15 min . Throughout the analysis the injector and detector temperatures were kept constant at $280^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, respectively. The analysis was performed on a split mode with a split ratio of $1 / 50$.

### 4.5.1.1. Calculation of Reactant and Product Amount on GC

For the calculation of amount of reactants and products, response factor of each reactant and product for the set temperature program of GC was determined. As internal standard, hexadecane was used. The amount of internal standard does not change throughout the reaction, so the response factor of each compound was determined according to the amounts and areas under the peaks of internal standard and standard compound of interest. For the determination of response factor of a compound, a known amount of standard compound together with a known amount of internal standard dissolved in the reaction solvent and diluted with ethyl acetate, and then was injected to

GC. After the analysis was complete according to the set temperature program, the equation (4.2) was used for the determination of response factor of that compound:
R.F. $=\frac{\text { internal standart area }}{\text { compound area }} \quad \mathrm{x}\left(\frac{\text { compound amount }}{\text { internal standart amount }}\right)$

In order to calculate the amount of both reactant and products at the end of reaction, aliquots of reaction sample taken from the glass-reactor and diluted samples were injected to GC. At the end of GC analysis, taking the amount of hexadecane and the area under the hexadecane peak into account, equation (4.3) was used in order to calculate the amount of reactant and products at the end of reaction:
amount of compound $=\left(\frac{\text { internal standart amount }}{\text { internal standart area }}\right) \times$ R.F. x compound area

### 4.5.1.2. Calculation of Reactant Conversion, Product Yield and Recovery

Reactant conversion at any time is calculated using equation 4.4:

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\begin{equation*}
(\text { Reactant Conversion })_{t} \%=\frac{\left(\left(\text { Reactant }_{\mathrm{t}}\right)_{\mathrm{i}}-(\text { Reactant })_{\mathrm{t}}\right)}{(\text { Reactant })_{i}} \quad \times 100 \tag{4.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $(\text { reactant })_{i}$ is the weight of reactant at the beginning of the reaction and (reactant $)_{t}$ is the weight of reactant at time $t$.

Product yield of a molecule was calculated according to the following equation 4.5:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { Product Yield }=\frac{\text { mole of product }_{t}}{\text { initial mole of aryl halide }} \tag{4.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

### 4.6. Purification of the Products

In this study, many types of products were purified by using column chromatography.

At the end of reaction, reactor was washed with ethyl acetate and this mixture was then extracted with brine for three times. Organic phase was dried over magnesium sulphate and solvent was removed by using evaporator. And products were purified by column chromatography. The purity of products was determined by GC, NMR and Elemental Analysis techniques.

All products were determined by NMR (Varian VnmrJ 400), FT-IR (PerkinElmer Spectrum 100), GC-MS ( GC-Varian star 3400CX, MS-VarianSaturn 2000 Gc-ms-ms) Elemental Analysis and HRMS. The values are represented below and NMR, FT-IR and GC-MS spectrums of furanones are given in Appendix A and Appendix B and Appendix C respectively. NMR and GC-MS spectrums of sonogashira products are also given in Appendix D and Appendix E, respectively.
(1) 3,4,5-triphenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 6.3$ (s, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10-7.51(\mathrm{~m}, 15 \mathrm{H},) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 84.0,127.1,127.9(2)$, 128.6(3C), 128.8(2C), 128.9(2C), 129.1, 129.2(2C), 129.6, 129.7(2C), 130.1, 131.4, 135.1; 159.6, 172.7; MS: 312 (M ${ }^{+}$), 207, 179; 105; FTIR (pellet): 1745 (s) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}: 84.6 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.2 \%$; found C: $84.2 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.3 \%$
(2) 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,4-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 3.68(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}),, 6.14(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.77-7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 14 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 55.5,83.7,114.6,127.0,127.2,128.2,128.6(2 \mathrm{C}), 128.8(2 \mathrm{C}), 128.9(2 \mathrm{C}), 129.0$, 129.3(2C), 129.7(2C), 130.1, 130.2, 131.5, 159.5, 160.6, 172.7; MS: 342 ( ${ }^{+}$), 178, 135; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1748$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{C}: 80.7 \%, \mathrm{H}$ : $5.3 \%$; found C: $80.04 \%$, H: $5.4 \%$.
(3) 3,4-diphenyl-5-p-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ : $2.31(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.23(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10-7.50(\mathrm{~m}, 14 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 21.5$, 83.6, 127.1, 127.8(2C), 128.6(2C), 128.8(2C), 128.9(2C), 129.0, 129.7(2C), 129.9(2C), 130.0, 130.2, 131.5, 132.0, 139.5, 159.5, 172.7; MS: $326\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right), 221,207,179,119$; FTIR (pellet): $1752(\mathrm{~s}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}: 84.6 \%$, $\mathrm{H}: 5.6 \%$; found C: $85.4 \%$, H: 5.7\%.
(4) 5-(4-acetylphenyl)-3,4-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 2,25(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,34(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7,00-7,90(\mathrm{~m}, 14 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ §: 26,9; 83,$1 ; 126,7 ; 127,1 ; 127,9$ (2C); 128,5 (2C); 128,7; 128,9 (2C); 129,1 (2C); 129,1 (2C); 129,3; 129,6 (2C); 130,4; 131,0; 137,9; 159,5; 172,6; 197,9; MS: 354 (M+); 281; 207; 179; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ CO: 1748; HRMS calculated: 354.1256; found: 354.1241
(5) 5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3,4-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 6.32(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10-7.60(\mathrm{~m}, 14 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ : $82.8,122.6,125.3,126.1$ (tet), 126.8, 127.3, 128.1, 128.4, 128.7, 128.8, 129.2, 129.3, 129.6, 129.7, 129.8, 130.4, 131.0, 131.5,131.8, 139.1, 159.1, 172.3; MS: $380\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right), 207$, 179; FTIR (pellet): 1749 (s) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}: 72.6 \%, \mathrm{H}$ : $4.0 \%$; found C: $73 \%, \mathrm{H}: 3.9 \%$.
(6) 3,4-diphenyl-5-m-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ : 2,21 (s, 3H); 6,13 (s, 1H); 6,98-7,41 (m, 14H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 20,3$; 82,7; 123,8; 125,7; 127,1; 127,3 (2C); 127,5 (2C); 127,6 (2C); 127,7; 127,8; 128,4 (2C); 128,$8 ; 128,8 ; 129,1 ; 130,1 ; 133,6 ; 137,7 ; 158,3 ; 171,5 ; \mathrm{MS}: 326\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right) ; 207 ; 221 ; 179 ;$ 119 ; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1746$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}: 84.6 \%$, H: $5.6 \%$; found C: $80.1 \%$, H: $5.8 \%$; HRMS calculated: 326.1327 ; found: 326.1303
(7) 3,4-diphenyl-5-o-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 2,5$ (s, 3H); 6,5 (s, 1H); 7,08-7,5 (m, 14H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 19,5 ; 81,0 ;$ 126,$8 ; 127,8 ; 127,9 ; 128,4$ (2C); 128,8 (2C); 129,0 (2C); 129,1; 129,5; 129,6 (2C); 130,$1 ; 130,3 ; 131,3 ; 131,6 ; 133,1 ; 137,7 ; 159,3 ; 172,7 ;$ MS: $326\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right) ; 207 ; 179 ; 119$; 207; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}: 84.6 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.6 \%$ ; found C: $84.1 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.7 \%$.
(8) 5-phenyl-3,4-dipropylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ : $0.89(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.96(\mathrm{t}, J=0.74 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.26-1.51(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.61$ (sex, $J=7.4$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.92-2.0(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.28-2.37(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 5.67(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.16-7.2(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34-7.40(\mathrm{~m}$,
$3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 14.1,14.3,21.5,21.8,25.9,28.8,84.0,127.2(2 \mathrm{C})$, 127.5, 129.1(2C), 129.4, 135.4, 163.4, 174.8; MS: 244 ( $\mathrm{M}^{+}$), 215, 201, 139, 129, 115, 105, 91, 77, 69; FTIR (film): 1756 (s) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}$ : $78.7 \%, \mathrm{H}: 8.2 \%$; found $\mathrm{C}: 78.7 \%, \mathrm{H}: 8.1 \%$, HRMS calculated: 216.1509 ; found: 216.1507
(9a) 4,5-diphenyl-3-propylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ : $0,97(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})), 1.61-1.75(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.44-2.51(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.13(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.0-7.39$ (m, 10H); MS: $278\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1748$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}: 82.0 \%$, H: $6.5 \%$; found C: $76.8 \%, \mathrm{H}: 6.9 \%$; HRMS calculated: 278.1301; found: 278.1300 .
(9b) 3,5-diphenyl-4-propylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ : $0,87(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 1,29-1,52(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 2,08(\mathrm{ddd}, J=14,2 ; 9,5 ; 5,4 \mathrm{~Hz} ; 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 2,58$ (ddd, $J=14,4 ; 9,6 ; 6,8 \mathrm{~Hz} ; 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 5,85(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;$ FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1749$.
(10a) 4-(4-acetylphenyl)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 7.73(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.36(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.03(\mathrm{td}, J=$ $1.0,7.5,1 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{dd}, J=0.8,8.3,1 \mathrm{H}), 6.36(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.60(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.48(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 26.5,55.3,83.6,111.4,119.1,121.1,126.5,127.8,128.0$, 128.1, 128.2, 129.1, 129.5, 130.8, 130.9, 135.0, 136.2, 137.4, 157.1, 158.0, 172.1, 198.2; MS: $385\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right), 339,251,105$; FTIR (ATR) $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1748$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{C}: 78.1 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.2 \%$; found $\mathrm{C}: 77 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.4 \%$. HRMS calculated: 384.1356; found: 384.1355 .

(11a) 4-(4-acetylphenyl)-3,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ : $7.78(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.45(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.32(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.28(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.51(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=3.0,3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 26.9,83.8,127.8,128.5,128.8,128.9$, $129,3,129.5,129.6,129.8,158.3,172.3,197.5$; MS: $354\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right), 281,249,105$; FTIR
(ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1749$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{C}: 81.3 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.1 \%$; found C: $81 \%$, H: 5.3\%; HRMS calculated: 354.1256; found: 354.1241.

(11b) 3-(4-acetylphenyl)-4,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: \delta 7.93(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.59(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{dt}, J=1.8,8.6,2 \mathrm{H}), 6.29$ $(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.9,3 \mathrm{H}){ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 26.9,84.1,126.1,128.8$, 128.7, 129.1, 129.2, 129.7, 129.9, 130.5, 130.9, 134.6, 134.9, 137.2, 161.1, 172.1, 197.9; MS: $354\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$221, 105; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ CO: 1751; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{C}: 81.3 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.1 \%$; found $\mathrm{C}: 80 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.6 \%$; HRMS calculated: 354.1256; found: 354.1240.
(12a) 3-methyl-4,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 7.35(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 6.18(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7,1 \mathrm{H}), 2.14(\mathrm{t}, J=10.7,3 \mathrm{H}){ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 174.71,158.60,135.31,131.65,129.88,129.43,129.04,129.02$, $128.25,127.73,124.36,83.93,77.58,77.26,76.94,10.54 . ; \mathrm{MS}: 250\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right) 222,145$, 115; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ CO: 1747; HRMS calculated: 250.0994; found: 250.0995 .
(12b) 4-methyl-3,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 7.54(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1,2 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.74(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.00(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: \delta 172.97,160.61,135.01,130.06,129.66,129.31,129.21$, 129.05, 128.83, 128.77, 127.22, 126.67, 85.09, 77.61, 77.29, 76.97, 13.61; MS: 250 $\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$207, 145, 117; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1748$; HRMS calculated: 250.0994; found: 250.0983 .
(13a) 4-(4-acetylphenyl)-3-butyl-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) $\delta 7.92(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.17(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 6.15(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.51(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.63(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.91(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3,3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 14,0 ; 22,9 ; 24,5 ; 26,8 ; 31,0 ; 83,9 ; 127,5 ; 128,3 ; 128,9$; 129,2; 129,6; 130,5; 134,8; 136,3; 137,7; 157,9; 173,8; 197,4; MS: 334 ( ${ }^{+}$) 289, 185, 105; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ CO: 1747; HRMS calculated: 334.1569; found: 334.1559 .

(13b) 3-(4-acetylphenyl)-4-butyl-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 8.03(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.61(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.52(\mathrm{dd}, J=3.0,6.8,1 \mathrm{H}), 7.43(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$, $7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 5.89(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.56(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 2.13(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.31(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.80(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 13,8 ; 22,8 ; 26,9 ; 27,2 ; 30,2 ; 84,1 ; 126,1 ; 127,3 ; 128,7$; 128,7; 129,5; 129,9; 134,6; 135.0; 137,1; 166,6; 172,6; 197,9; MS: 334 ( ${ }^{+}$) 289, 185, 105; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ CO: 1750; HRMS calculated: 334.1569; found: 334.1559.
(14a) 3-butyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 0,94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 1,42(\mathrm{sext}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 1,54-1,73(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$; 2,51-2,56 (m, 2H); 3,77 (s, 3H); 6,12 (s, 1H); 6,85 (d, $J=8,8 \mathrm{~Hz} ; 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 7,17-7,20(\mathrm{~m}$, $4 \mathrm{H}) ; 7,26-7,29(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 14,1 ; 23,1 ; 24,6 ; 30,6 ; 55,5$; 83,7; 114,5 (2C); 124,0; 127,4; 127,7 (2C); 129,0 (2C); 129,3; 129,6 (2C); 135,7; 158,3; 160,7; 174,7; MS: $322\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right) 255,105$, ; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1726$.

(14b) 4-butyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 0,83(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 1,20-1,50(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ; 2,08(\mathrm{ddd}, J=14,0 ; 9,6 ;$ $5,4 \mathrm{~Hz} ; 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 2,61(\mathrm{ddd}, \mathrm{J}=15,2 ; 9,0 ; 6,2 \mathrm{~Hz} ; 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 3,84(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 5,83(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,98(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=8,8 \mathrm{~Hz} ; 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 7,26-7,30(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 7,38-7,42(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 7,46(\mathrm{~d}, J=8,8 \mathrm{~Hz} ; 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 13,9 ; 22,9 ; 27,1 ; 30,2 ; 55,6 ; 88,8 ; 114,2$ (2C); 122,4; 126,3; 127,4 (2C); 129,3 (2C); 129,6; 130,5 (2C); 135,2; 160,0; 163,6; 173,5; MS: $322\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$ 217, 105; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ CO: 1732; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{C}$ : $78.2 \%, \mathrm{H}: 6.9 \%$; found C: $77.8 \%, \mathrm{H}: 7.0 \%$.
(15a) 4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 3,68(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,49(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,72(\mathrm{t}, J=7,6 ; 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,78-6,84(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;$ 7,18-7,30 (m, 9H); 7,44-7,47 (m, 2H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 55,5 ; 83,9$; 111,$5 ; 120,8 ; 121,0 ; 127,2 ; 127,3$ (2C); 128,4; (2C); 128,7; 128,8 (2C); 129,1; 129,2 (2C); 130,5; 130,5; 131,3; 135,3; 156,8; 159,5; 172,9; MS: 342 (M+) 237, 209, 91; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1744$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{C}: 80.7 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.3 \%$; found C: $80.4 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.4 \%$.

(15b) 3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 3,61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,34(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,94(\mathrm{~d}, J=8,4 ; 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7,02(\mathrm{t} ; J=7,6 ; 1 \mathrm{H})$; $7,1-7,4(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 55,6 ; 83,9 ; 111,7 ; 120,0 ; 121,2 ;$ 125,$2 ; 128,1$ (2C); 128,1 (2C); 128,6 (2C); 129,2 (2C); 129,5; 130,0; 130,6; 131,2; 131,$9 ; 135,8 ; 157,5 ; 159,5 ; 172,8 ;$ FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1745$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{C}: 80.7 \%$, H: $5.3 \%$; found $\mathrm{C}: 80.0 \%$, H: $5.2 \%$; HRMS calculated: 342.1256; found: 342.1242 .
(16a) 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 3,73(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,24(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,70(\mathrm{~d} ; J=4,8 ; 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 7,09(\mathrm{~d} ; J=8,8 ; 2 \mathrm{H})$; 7,30-7,51 (m, 10H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 55,4 ; 83,7 ; 114,3$ (2C); 123,4; 125,7; 128, 0 (2C); 128,9 (2C); 128,9; 129,2 (2C); 129,6; 129,7 (2C); 130,3 (2C); 130,7; 135,5; 158,8; 161,0; 172,9; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ CO: 1741; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{C}: 80.7 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.3 \%$; found C: $72.5 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.4 \%$. HRMS calculated: 342.1247; found: 342.1250 .

(16b) 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 3,74(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,14(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,80(\mathrm{~d} ; J=8,8 ; 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 7,02-7,05(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;$ 7,12-7,25 (m, 8H); 7,37 (d, $J=9,2 ; 2 \mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 55,5 ; 83,9$; 114,2 (2C); 122,2; 126,5; 127,9 (2C); 128,5 (2C); 128,9 (2C); 129,1 (2C); 129,5; 129,9; 131 (2C); 131,7; 135,1; 158,1; 160,2; 173,0; MS: 342 (M ${ }^{+}$) 237, 165, 105; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1751$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{C}: 80.7 \%, \mathrm{H}: 5.3 \%$; found C : $80.0 \%$, H: 5.4\%; HRMS calculated: 342.1256 ; found: 342.1254 .
(17a) 3-butyl-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 0,85(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 1,29(\mathrm{sext}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 1,45-1,64(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$; $2,39(\mathrm{t}, J=7,6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 3,81(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,36(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,80-7,30(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 13,9 ; 22,8 ; 24,5 ; 30,2 ; 55,6 ; 83,9 ; 111,2 ; 120,8 ; 120,9 ; 126,9(2 \mathrm{C})$; $128,7(2 \mathrm{C}) ; 128,8 ; 129,2 ; 130,1 ; 130,9 ; 135,7 ; 155,6 ; 159,3 ; 174,6 ; \mathrm{MS}: 322\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right) 251$, 217, 121; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ CO: 1746; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{C}$ : $78.2 \%, \mathrm{H}: 6.9 \%$; found C: $76.9 \%, \mathrm{H}: 6.9 \%$. HRMS calculated: 322.1600 ; found: 322.1600 .

(17b) 4-butyl-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta: 0,74(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.0-1,4(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ; 1,98(\mathrm{ddd} ; J=14,5 ; 9,1 ; 6$ $\mathrm{Hz} ; 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 2,31$ (ddd; $J=15,6 ; 9,2 ; 6,8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 3,85(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 5,9(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 6,9-7,4(\mathrm{~m}$, $9 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 13,9 ; 22,7 ; 27,6 ; 30,2 ; 55,8 ; 84,3 ; 111,4 ; 119,4 ;$ 120, $8 ; 125,1 ; 127,6$ (2C); 129,2 (2C); 129,6; 130,4; 131,2; 135,3; 157,5; 164,4; 173,2; MS: $322\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right) 265,189,121$; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ CO: 1750; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{C}: 78.2 \%$, H: $6.9 \%$; found C: $75.6 \%, \mathrm{H}: 7.2 \%$. HRMS calculated: 322.1563; found: 322.1559 .

(18a) 3,5-diphenyl-4-o-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ : $7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 15 \mathrm{H}), 6.41(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.39(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.02(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ : $83.9,126.6,128.0,128.5,128.9,129.3(2 \mathrm{C}), 129.7,130.4,130.9,135.6,159.2$, MS: 326 $\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right) 282,236,105$; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ CO: 1750; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}: 84.6 \%$, H: $5.6 \%$; found C: 83.6\%, H: 5.6\%. HRMS calculated: 326.1301; found: 326.1304.
(18b) 4,5-diphenyl-3-o-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ : 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.20 (dddd, $J=2.1,7.5,9.5,16.2,18 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6,1 \mathrm{H}), 6.12(\mathrm{~s}$, 1H), $1.70(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta: 172.62,161.59,135.62,134.38$, $131.45,130.96,130.08,129.78,129.43,129.35,129.28,129.18,129.04,128.81$, 128.66, 128.62, 128.59, 128.52, 128.20, 126.63, 126.49, 126.21, 84.53, 19.56, 0.22.; MS: $326,\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right) 194,105$; FTIR (ATR): $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{CO}: 1752$; analytical calculation for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}: 84.6 \%$, H: $5.6 \%$; found C: 83.6\%, H: 6.0\%; HRMS calculated: 326.1307; found: 326.1295.
Table 4.1. Purification of furanones by column chromatography part I

| Product | Gradient Elution | Melting Point $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right)$ | M.P. Literature $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right)$ | Appearance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1) | $121.1-123.5$ | $125-126$ | Pale yellow, solid |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Hexane/ethyl acetate (11:1) |  | $112-113$ | Pale yellow, paste |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(9: 1)$ | $114.0-114.6$ |  | White, solid |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(3: 1)$ |  | Yellow, paste |  |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(9: 1)$ | $132.9-133.5$ |  | White, solid |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(11: 1)$ |  | Yellow, paste |  |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(16: 1)$ | $140.7-142.6$ |  | Pale yellow, solid |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(100: 6)$ |  | Colorless, oily |  |
| 9a | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(10: 1)$ |  | Colorless, oily |  |
| 10a | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(3: 1)$ |  |  | Yellow, paste |
| 11a | Hexane $/ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(1: 10)$ | $78.9-80.1$ |  | Pale yellow, solid |
| 11b | Hexane $/ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(1: 10)$ | $105.2-108.7$ |  | Palle yellow, solid |
| 12a | Hexane $/ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(1: 10)$ |  |  | Colorless, oily |
| 12b | Hexane $/ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(1: 10)$ |  |  | Colorless, oily |
| 13a | Hexane $/ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(1: 10)$ |  |  | Colorless, paste |
| 13b | Hexane $/ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(1: 10)$ |  |  | Colorless, paste |

Table 4.2. Purification of furanones by column chromatography part II

| Product \# | Gradient Elution | Melting Point $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right)$ | M.P. Literature $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right)$ | Appearance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 4 a}$ | Hexane/ethyl acetate (15:1) | $66.7-70.5$ |  | White, solid |
| 14b | Hexane/ethyl acetate (15:1) | $84.1-86.5$ |  | Orange, solid |
| 15a | Hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1) | $67.7-69.1$ |  | Pale yellow, solid |
| 15b | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(4: 1)$ | $142.0-145.7$ |  | Pale yellow, solid |
| 16a | Hexane/ethyl acetate (13:1) | $139.3-142.9$ | Pale yellow, solid |  |
| 16b | Hexane/ethyl acetate (13:1) |  | Pale yellow, paste |  |
| 17a | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(7: 1)$ | $141.5-145.2$ | Pale yellow, solid |  |
| 17b | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(7: 1)$ |  | Yellow, paste |  |
| 18a | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(20: 1)$ | $138.0-141.9$ | Pale yellow, solid |  |
| 18b | Hexane/ethyl acetate $(5: 1)$ |  | Orange, paste |  |

## CHAPTER 5

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In this thesis, different types of furanones were synthesized by Rh-catalyzed carbonylative addition of arylboronic acids with alkynes. These carbonylative addition reactions were carried out with various types of arylboronic acids and alkynes.

### 5.1. Rh-Catalyzed Carbonylative Addition of Phenylboronic Acid to Diphenyl Acetylene

At the outset of this study, phenylboronic acid and diphenyl acetylene reagents were used as probe molecules to optimize reaction conditions. Carbonylation of diphenyl acetylene ( 1 mmol ) and phenylboronic acid ( 3 mmol ) mixture under 20 atm CO pressure in the presence of $[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}(3 \% \mathrm{Rh})$ as a catalyst precursor in dioxane solvent at $120{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h yielded 3,4,5-triphenylfuran-2(5H)-one (1) as the major product along with small amounts of other carbonylation products which are 2,3-dihydro-2,3-diphenylinden-1-one ( $\mathbf{P}^{\mathbf{3}}$ ), 2,3-diphenyl-1 $H$-inden-1-one, product ( $\mathbf{P}^{\mathbf{2}}$ ) and mixture of $E$ - and $Z$-isomers of an $\alpha, \beta$-unsaturated ketone $1,2,3$-triphenylprop-2-en-1one $\left(\mathbf{P}^{4}\right)$ (Table 5.1, entry 1). A direct carbonylation product of phenylboronic acid benzaldehyde and a hydroarylation product, 1,1,2-triphenyl acetylene were also determined in the reaction mixture.

Addition of $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ ligand or $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}$ base to the reaction medium reduced the formation of furanone product, 1. (Table 5.1, entries 2 and 3). The reaction showed less selectivity for the formation of furanone (1) when dioxane: water (9:1) solvent mixture was used (Table 5.1, entry 4). Water addition to the reaction greatly decreased the formation of $\mathbf{1}$, while the formation of $\mathbf{P}^{\mathbf{2}}, \mathbf{P}^{\mathbf{3}}$ and $\mathbf{P}^{4}$ increased with the presence of water.

Table 5.1 The effect of temperature, solvent and additives on $[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}$ catalyzed carbonylative addition reaction of phenylboronic acid to diphenyl acetylene

|  | $\begin{gathered} +\mathrm{Ph}^{-\mathrm{B}}(\mathrm{C} \\ 3 \mathrm{~mm} \\ \mathbf{R}^{2} \end{gathered}$ | $\text { I) } 2 \frac{3 \% \mathrm{Rh},\left[\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right.}{20 \mathrm{amm} \mathrm{CO}, 16 \mathrm{~h}} 1$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | YIELD |  |  |  |
| Entry | $T$ <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Conversion of $\mathbf{R}^{2}$ $\%^{a}$ | $1 \%^{a}$ | $\mathbf{P}^{\mathbf{2}} \%^{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{P}^{\mathbf{3}} \%^{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{P}^{4} \%^{\text {a }}$ |
| 1 | 120 | 100 | 70 | 5 | 15 | 11 |
| $2^{\text {b }}$ | 120 | 100 | 44 | 15 | 15 | $<1$ |
| $3^{\text {c }}$ | 120 | 100 | 39 | 7 | 7 | $<1$ |
| $4^{\text {d }}$ | 120 | 100 | 39 | 11 | 24 | 20 |
| $5^{e}$ | 120 | 100 | 74 | 4 | 9 | $<1$ |
| $6^{\text {e,f }}$ | 120 | 100 | 43 | 9 | 16 | $<1$ |
| $7{ }^{\text {e }}$ | 100 | 100 | 80 | 2 | 5 | <1 |
| $8{ }^{e}$ | 80 | 100 | 86 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| $9^{\text {e,g }}$ | 80 | 88 | 63 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| $10^{h}$ | 80 | 100 | 38 | 3 | 4 | 31 |
| $11^{i}$ | 80 | 100 | 33 | 2 | <1 | 4 |
| $12^{j}$ | 80 | 100 | 25 | 2 | <1 | 7 |
| $13^{k}$ | 80 | 100 | 90 | $<1$ | $<1$ | $<1$ |

${ }^{a} \mathrm{GC}$ yield, ${ }^{b}$ In the presence of $6 \%$ equiv. $\mathrm{PPh}_{3},{ }^{c}$ In the presence of $2 \mathrm{mmol} \mathrm{NEt}_{3},{ }^{d}$ Performed in a dioxane:water solvent mixture (9:1), ${ }^{e}$ Performed in a dried dioxane solvent (dried on molecular sieve $4 \AA$ ), ${ }^{f}$ In the presence of 1 g molecular sieve $4 \AA,{ }^{g}$ Performed with a $1 \% \mathrm{Rh},{ }^{h}$ Ethanol was used, ${ }^{i}$ Dry methanol:water solvent mixture was used (9:1), ${ }^{j}$ Dry methanol:water solvent mixture was used (9.9:0.1), ${ }^{k}$ Performed in dry-toluene solvent

It was observed that using a pre-dried dioxane solvent decreased the formation of benzaldehyde and the product $\mathbf{P}^{4}$ to trace amount (Table 5.1, entry 5). However direct addition of molecular sieve $4 \AA$ into the reaction medium decreased the formation of $\mathbf{1}$ (Table 5.1 , entry 6 ). Under this condition, it was observed that decreasing the reaction temperature to $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ increased the formation of 1 up to yield of $86 \%$ while formation of by-products greatly reduced at these lower temperatures (Table 5.1, entries 7 and 8). A reaction was also performed at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, but no activity was observed in dioxane solvent at this temperature. Then optimum reaction temperature was determined as $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Decreasing the Rhodium amount from $3 \%$ to $1 \%$ was resulted in a decrease in the formation of $\mathbf{1}$ (Table 5.1, entry 9). The use of ethanol or methanol solvent reduced the formation of $\mathbf{1}$. However higher yield of $\mathbf{1}$ was obtained and the formation of side products were decreased to trace amounts by the use of dry toluene instead of dioxane (Table 5.1, entries 8, 10-13).

Table 5.2 The effect of Rh amount and mole ratio of $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{1}}$ and $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{2}}$ on $[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}$ catalyzed carbonylative addition reaction of phenylboronic acid with diphenyl acetylene

| ${ }_{\mathrm{R}^{1}}^{\mathrm{Pl}}$ | $\mathrm{Ph}^{-\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})}$ <br> $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ | $\frac{[\mathrm{Rl}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}}{20 \mathrm{~atm} \mathrm{CO}, 16 \mathrm{~h}} \underset{10 \mathrm{~mL} \text { dry } \text { toluene }}{ }$ |  | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Ph}}^{\mathrm{Ph}}$ | $\mathrm{Ph}$ |  | $\mathrm{P}^{4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | eld ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |
| Entry | Rh(\%) | Mole Ratio of $\mathbf{R}^{2} / \mathbf{R}^{1}$ | Conversion of $\mathbf{R}^{1} \%$ | 1 | $\mathbf{P}^{2}$ | $\mathbf{P}^{3}$ | $\mathbf{P}^{4}$ |
| 1 | 1 | 3 | 100 | 85 | 1 | <1 | $<1$ |
| 2 | 0.3 | 3 | 95 | 81 | 2 | 1 | <1 |
| $3^{\text {b }}$ | 1 | 3 | 63 | 43 | $<1$ | $<1$ | $<1$ |
| 4 | 1 | 1.2 | 100 | 89 (78) | 2 | 1 | <1 |
| ${ }^{a} \mathrm{GC}$ yield, isolated yiels shown in parantheses, ${ }^{\text {b }}$ Reaction was performed at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Rhodium amount could be decreased up to $0.3 \%$ with only little decrease in the yield of 1 from $85 \%$ to $81 \%$ (Table 5.2 , entries 1 and 2 ). When compared to dioxane, using dry-toluene as solvent in the reaction at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, resulted in a moderate yield of $\mathbf{1}$ (Table 5.2, entry 3). The reaction was also effective when 1.2 equivalent of phenylboronic acid was used (Table 5.2, entry 4).

Table 5.3 Effect of Rhodium catalysts on carbonylative addition of phenylboronic acid to diphenyl acetylene


In the optimization study, effect of Rhodium source was also investigated by using various Rhodium complexes (Table 5.3). The reaction was more efficient for the formation of $\mathbf{1}$ when $[\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{cod}) \mathrm{OH}]_{2}$ was used as a catalyst precursor (Table 5.3, entry 2).

Table 5.4 Effect of pressure and additives on carbonylative addition reaction of phenylboronic acid to diphenyl acetylene

| Entry | $\mathbf{P}, \boldsymbol{a t m}$ | Conversion\% $^{\boldsymbol{a}}$ | Yield\% $^{\boldsymbol{a}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 20 | 100 | $93(86)$ |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 10 | 100 | 76 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 5 | 100 | 65 |
| $\mathbf{4}^{\boldsymbol{b}}$ | 20 | 100 | 64 |
| $\mathbf{5}^{\boldsymbol{c}}$ | 20 | 100 | 72 |
| $\mathbf{6}^{\boldsymbol{d}}$ | 20 | 80 | 47 |

${ }^{a}$ GC yield, isolated yield shown in parantheses, ${ }^{b} 2 \mathrm{mmol}$ of water was added, ${ }^{c} 6 \mathrm{mmol}$ of water added and reaction temperature was $88^{\circ} \mathrm{C}^{d} 3 \% \mathrm{Rh}$ and $4.5 \%$ R-BINAP ligand were added

Under the defined conditions shown in equation (5.4), it was found that the formation of product 1 decreases with the decrease of CO pressure (Table 5.4, entries 2 and 3). Addition of water into the reaction medium was also detrimental for the formation of $\mathbf{1}$ (Table 5.4, entries 4 and 5). However enantioselectivity of the product 1 could not be ensured by using BINAP ligand in the reaction (Table 5.4, entry 6).

### 5.2. Rh-catalyzed Carbonylative Reactions of Different Arylboronic Acids with Diphenyl Acetylene

Rh-catalyzed carbonylative reactions of various $p$-, $m$ - and $o$-phenylboronic acids with diphenyl acetylene were investigated under the optimal conditions determined ( 1.2 mmol arylboronic acid, 1 mmol diphenylaceylene with $[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}$ $(1 \% \mathrm{Rh})$ in 10 mL dry-toluene at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under 20 atm CO for 16 h ) (Table 5.5).

Table 5.5. Reaction of arylboronic acids with diphenyl acetylene under CO

|  |  |  | $-\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}} \frac{1 \% \mathrm{Rh},}{20 \mathrm{at}} \begin{aligned} & 20 \mathrm{~mL} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Entry | Product \# | R | Isolated Yield\% |
|  | 1 | 1 | H | 86 |
|  | 2 | 3 | $4-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 88 |
|  | 3 | 6 | $3-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 90 |
|  | $4^{a}$ | 7 | $2-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 41 |
|  | 5 | 2 | $4-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 90 |
|  | 6 | 4 | $4-\mathrm{COCH}_{3}$ | 88 |
|  | $7^{a}$ | 4 | $4-\mathrm{COCH}_{3}$ | 93 |
|  | $8^{\text {b }}$ | 5 | $4-\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ | 47 |
|  | $9^{\text {a }}$ | 5 | $4-\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ | 82 |
|  | ${ }^{a} 3 \% \mathrm{Rh}$ is used, ${ }^{\text {b }}[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}$ was used |  |  |  |

Very high yields of corresponding furanones were isolated with phenylboronic acid and with the phenylboronic acids substituted with electron-donating groups at meta- or para- positions (Table 5.6, entries 1,2,3,5). Reaction of electron-poor arylboronic acid, 4-acetylphenylboronic acid, also proceeded with high efficiency. However the presence of stronger electron-withdrawing group, $-\mathrm{CF}_{3}$, somewhat reduced the activity of the catalyst, and hence relatively higher concentration of catalyst ( $3 \% \mathrm{Rh}$ ) was needed to afford high yield of the furanone correspondingly. When the reaction was performed with ortho-substituted phenylboronic acid the corresponding product formation was found to be moderate (Table 5.5, entry 4).

Corresponding furanone could not be isolated when 2-transphenylvinylboronic acid was used with diphenyl acetylene.

### 5.3. Rh-catalyzed Carbonylative Reactions of Alkynes with Phenylboronic Acid

We also performed the Rhodium-catalyzed carbonylative reactions of different alkynes with phenyboronic acid under the optimized conditions.

### 5.3.1. Rh-catalyzed Carbonylative Reaction of 4-Octyne with Phenylboronic Acid

When 4-Octyne was used in the reaction with phenylboronic acid under the optimized conditions, the presence of two isomers were detected in the crude product by GC and GC-MS analyses (Figure 5.1), These two products had same molecular weight.

Nevertheless only one of these isomers could be isolated via column chromatography on silica gel (Figure 5.2). It seems that the isomer eluting first from the GC column transformed to the other more stable isomer during the column separation on silica gel.


Figure 5.1. GC-Chromatogram of the sample after reaction finished


Figure 5.2. GC-Chromatogram of the sample after purification by column chromatography

The structure of the less stable isomer was 5-phenyl-3,4-dipropylfuran-2(3H)one as determined by the NMR analyses of the crude product (1a in Figure 5.3). A triplet which appears at 3.41 ppm of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and a resonance peak at 46.92 ppm of ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra (Figures A.16a and A.16b) of the crude product, was found to have cross correlation as determined by HMQC NMR analysis (Figure A.16c) and assigned to be 3 H and 3 C within the ring of the structure 1 a . It should be noted that though the presence of such isomer was not determined in the reactions of diaryl alkynes, it does not mean that it did not form at all.

This difference could be explained by the relative rates of conversion of $2(3 \mathrm{H})$ furanones to the $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanone products for the reactions dialkyl acetylene and diaryl acetylene substrates (Figure 5.3). Probably the conversion rate from 1 a to 1 b is much
higher than that for the conversion of 2 a to 2 b due the higher stability of the structure 2 b compared with that of 1 b which is rendered by the extended $\pi$ electron system for the former structure.


Figure 5.3. Reaction rates of aryl-aryl alkynes and alkyl-alkyl alkynes

### 5.3.2. Rh-catalyzed Carbonylative Reactions of Asymmetric Alkynes with Phenylboronic Acid

Reactions with the asymmetrical alkynes were resulted in production of two isomers of furanone.

When alkynes having one phenyl and one substituted phenyl groups attached on the each acetylenic carbon atoms were used under the optimum conditions, isomeric ratio of yields showed that aroylation occurs more on the electron deficient acetylenic carbon as compared with electron rich acetylene when aroylrhodium(I) species undergoes 1,2 -addition to the carbon-carbon triple bond in the reaction.

When methoxy group was attached to one of these phenyl rings on the paraposition, ratio of isomer A to isomer B was found as 29:43 (Table 5.6, entries 3,4). Moreover this ratio was found as increasing when methyl group was on the orthoposition (26: 68) (Table 5.6, entry 5).

Table 5.6. Activity of different diaryl-substituted asymmetric alkynes

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Entry | Product \# | $\mathbf{R}^{1}$ | $\mathbf{R}^{2}$ | Isolated Yield \% (A:B) |
| $1{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 10 | $2-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | $4-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}$ | 23:63 |
| 2 | 11 | H | $4-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}$ | 45:36 |
| $3^{\text {a }}$ | 15 | H | $2-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{O}$ | 26:68 |
| 4 | 16 | H | $4-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{O}$ | 29:43 |
| 5 | 18 | H | $2-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 30:42 |
| ${ }^{a} 1 \% \mathrm{Rh}$ is used |  |  |  |  |

When there is an electron-withdrawing group on the para- position, the ratio of isomer A to isomer B was found to be 45:36 (Table 5.6, entry 2).

When reaction was performed with an alkyne which has an electron-donating group on the ortho- position, reaction produced isomers with 26:68 yield ratio. It is probably because of steric hindrance of this phenyl group substituted with a -MeO group on ortho- position and this electron-donating group also makes that part of the acetylene, electron rich (Table 5.6, entry 3).

The presence of electron-withdrawing group at the $p$-position of one of the phenyl ring and an electron-donating group at the other gave relatively higher A to B isomer ratio (Table 5.6, entry 1).

When an alkyne having aryl group which is substituted by MeO- group on the $p$ position was used isomeric ratio of $A$ to $B$ was found as 29:43 (Table 5.6, entry 4). When a sterically more hindered aryl group attached alkyne was used isomer ratio was relatively higher (Table 5.6 , entry 3 ).

These results revealed that aroylation step on the side of electron poor acetylenic carbon is higher when compared to the electron rich acetylenic carbon.

Table 5.7. Activity of aryl and alkyl substituted alkynes


The reaction of 1-phenyl-1-propyne with $\mathrm{PhB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$ under CO atmosphere yielded two isomeric mixture of furanones almost in a ratio of unity (Table 5.7, entry 1).

When internal alkynes which have both alkyl and aryl substitutents were used, isomers of the corresponding products were able to be isolated separately. Alkyne having alkyl and aryl group which is para-substituted with MeO- gave relatively low isomeric ratio of B to A with $1 \% \mathrm{Rh}$ when compared with the alkyne whose aryl part is sterically more hindered in the presence of $3 \% \mathrm{Rh}$ (Table 5.7, entries 4, 5).

Nevertheless, for other internal alkynes substituted with both aryl and alkyl moieties, the more preferred orientation of aroylation was at the side of acetylenic C attached to an alkyl group (Table 5.7, entries 3, 4, 5).

Reactions were also performed with 1-(3,3-diethoxyprop-1-ynyl)benzene, 4,4-dimethylpent-2-yne, 1-(2-(2-phenylethynyl)phenyl)ethanone, 1,3-dimethyl-2-(2phenylethynyl)benzene, 1,4-dimethoxybut-2-yne, 2-(4-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-
yloxy)but-2-ynyloxy)-tetrahydro-2H-pyran, norbornene, 6-methyl-2-heptyne, 2butynylacetate, methyl-2-heptynoate, phenylacetylene, diphenylpropynone, phenylpropiolaldehyde, 2-butyn-1,4-diol, 2-heptyne-1-ol as alkyne in the rhodium catalyzed carbonylative reactions with phenylboronic acid, but these reactions produced either complex mixture of products or yielded no furanone compounds.

### 5.4. Proposed Mechanism of Rh-catalyzed Carbonylative Reactions of Arylboronic Acids with Alkynes

In Figure 5.4, proposed mechanism for formation of furanones is shown.


Figure 5.4. Proposed mechanism for the Rh-catalyzed carbonylative reaction of arylboronic acids with alkynes

At first, an arylrhodium(I) species (A) can be formed by the transmetallation of Rh (I) compounds with arylboronic acid. Then this arylrhodium(I) species could insert into CO to form an aroylrhodium(I) species. Then this aroylrhodium(I) undergoes 1,2addition to the carbon-carbon triple bond of alkyne which results in the formation of $\beta$ aroylalkenylrhodium(I) complex. This complex then could insert into another CO. Later
ring closure of the formed complex gives a $\sigma$-furanoyl species. Elimination of Rh from this cyclic complex by protonation gives a 5 -aryl- $2(3 \mathrm{H})$-furanone molecule which is an intermediate. In this part, source of proton should be mainly the arylboronic acid itself and its decomposition product. $2(3 H)$-furanone is less stable compared with $2(5 H)$ furanone as a result of conjugation. So, after $2(3 \mathrm{H})$-furanone is formed then it changes to $2(5 \mathrm{H})$-furanone.

### 5.5. Identification of Furanone Isomers

When the reaction was performed with 1-(2-o-tolylethynyl)benzene, two different proton signals were obtained in ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of isomer A (Table 5.6, entry 5, Figure A.81) which is 3,5-diphenyl-4-o-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one. This situation can be explained by the presence of 18a.

Atropisomers are isomers of same compound and they differ only in configuration resulting from hindered rotation of single bond where steric strain barrier to rotation is high enough to allow for the isolation of the conformers (Bringmann, et al. 2005). They can be isolated as separate chemical species. Likewise, it was found to be as two atropisomers for the isomer 18a (Figure 5.5).


Figure 5.5. Atropisomers of furanone 18a

In order to identify some of the isomers, we compared our results with literature. When furanone ring has aryl group on each 4- and 5- positioned carbon atom on the furanone ring, 5 H signal was found to be as singlet between $6-6.5 \mathrm{ppm}$ on the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum. When furanone has an aryl group attached to $5^{\text {th }}$ carbon on the furanone ring
and an alkyl ring on the $4^{\text {th }}$ carbon, it is observed that $5 H$ signal was found to be as singlet between $5.5-6 \mathrm{ppm}$ on the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum (Six 2003, Delaunay 1988). We identified some of the isomers in a manner based on these chemical shift values of 5 H signal and NOE experiments.

Isomers $\mathbf{9 a - 9 b}$ could not be isolated separately with column chromatography. A fraction which was rich by $\mathbf{9 a}$ was obtained and analyzed and identified by comparing the $5 H$ signal with the literature (Six 2003). Isomers 12a and 12b were also identified by comparing their $5 H$ signals on ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum with literature (Delaunay 1988). Likewise, isomer 10b could not be obtained seperately, but isomer 10a was isolated as itself and analyzed with NOE (Figure 5.2, Figure A.21-24).

Isomers 11a (Figure A.29-32), 13a (Figure A.41-44), 14a (Figure A.49-53), 15a (Figure A.58-60), 16a (Figure A.65-68), 17a (Figure A.73-74) and 17b (Figure A.7778) were also analyzed by using the NOE technique, and structure of these isomers were identified by results of these NOE experiments.

## CHAPTER 6

## CONCLUSION

In this thesis study, rhodium-catalyzed carbonylative additions of phenylboronic acids to various alkynes were investigated.
$[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{OH}]_{2}$ was found to be the most effective complex in catalyzing the reactions.

The yield of furanones was higher when para- and ortho- substituted phenylboronic acids were used. However, an ortho-substituted phenylboronic acid was found to give moderate yield for the corresponding furanone product probably due to steric hinderance on the arylboronic acid. Electron-rich arylboronic acids were also found to be more reactive with diphenylacetylene. Yield of furanone product decreased with electron deficient arylboronic acids.

For the reactions of internal alkynes substituted with both aryl and alkyl moieties the more preferred orientation of aroylation was at the side of acetylenic carbon attached to an alkyl group. On the other hand, in the reactions of aryl-aryl alkynes, rhodium aroylation occurs more on the electron deficient acetylenic carbon as compared with electron rich acetylene when aroylrhodium(I) species undergoes 1,2addition to the carbon-carbon triple bond in the reaction. In this type of reactions isomeric ratios were also affected by steric hinderance on the phenyl group attached to the alkyne.

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## APPENDIX A

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Figure A.71. \({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\) NMR of 3-butyl-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one
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Figure A.81. \({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\) NMR of 4,5-diphenyl-3-o-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one
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Figure A.82a. HMQC of 4,5-diphenyl-3-o-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one

\section*{APPENDIX B}

\section*{MASS SPECTRUMS OF FURANONES}

Figure B.1. Mass spectrum of 3,4,5-triphenylfuran-2(5H)-one



Figure B.3. Mass spectrum of 3,4-diphenyl-5-p-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one

Figure B.4. Mass spectrum of 5-(4-acetylphenyl)-3,4-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one



Figure B.7. Mass spectrum of 3,4-diphenyl-5-o-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one

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Figure B.14. Mass spectrum of 3-(4-acetylphenyl)-4,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one

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Figure B.25. Mass spectrum of 3-butyl-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one
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Figure B.27. Mass spectrum of 3,5-diphenyl-4-o-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one

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\section*{APPENDIX C}

\section*{FT-IR SPECTRUMS OF FURANONES}


Figure C.1. FT-IR spectrum of 3,4,5-triphenylfuran-2(5H)-one

Figure C.2. FT-IR spectrum of 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,4-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one


Figure C.3. FT-IR spectrum of 3,4-diphenyl-5-p-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one

Figure C.4. FT-IR spectrum of 5-(4-acetylphenyl)-3,4-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one


Figure C.5. FT-IR spectrum of 5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3,4-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one


Figure C.6. FT-IR spectrum of 3,4-diphenyl-5-m-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one

Figure C.8. FT-IR spectrum of 5-phenyl-3,4-dipropylfuran-2(5H)-one

Figure C.9. FT-IR spectrum of 4,5-diphenyl-3-propylfuran-2(5H)-one

Figure C.12. FT-IR spectrum of 3-(4-acetylphenyl)-4,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one

Figure C.13. FT-IR spectrum of 3-methyl-4,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one

Figure C.14. FT-IR spectrum of 4-methyl-3,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one

Figure C.16. FT-IR spectrum of 3-(4-acetylphenyl)-4-butyl-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one

Figure C.18. FT-IR spectrum of 4-butyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one
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Figure C.21. FT-IR spectrum of 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one


Figure C.22. FT-IR spectrum of 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenylfuran-2(5H)-one

Figure C.23. FT-IR spectrum of 3-butyl-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one


Figure C.25. FT-IR spectrum of 3,5-diphenyl-4-o-tolylfuran-2(5H)-one

\section*{APPENDIX D}

\section*{\({ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\) NMR AND \({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\) NMR OF SONOGASHIRA PRPRODUCTS}


Figure D.1. \({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\) NMR spectrum of 1-methoxy-2-(2-phenylethynyl)benzene


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\section*{APPENDIX E}

\section*{MASS SPECTRUMS OF SONOGASHIRA PRODUCTS}


Figure E.1. GC-MS spectrum of 1-methoxy-2-(2-phenylethynyl)benzene


Figure E.2. Mass spectrum of 1-(4-(hex-1-ynyl)phenyl)ethanone


Figure E.3. GC-MS spectrum of 1-methoxy-4-(2-phenylethynyl)benzene

Figure E.4. GC-MS spectrum of 1-(hex-1-ynyl)-2-methoxybenzene

Figure E.5. GC-MS spectrum of 1-methyl-2-(2-phenylethynyl)benzene
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