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Enantioselective Intramolecular Cyclization of Alkynyl Esters

Catalyzed by Chiral Brønsted Base

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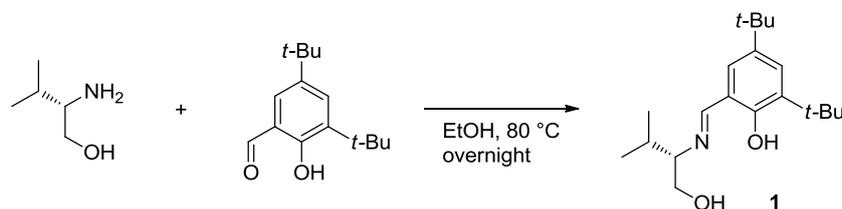
General Information

Unless otherwise noted, the reactions were carried out with dried glassware under argon atmosphere. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-ECA600 (600 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the solvent resonance or tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : 7.26 ppm, TMS: 0.00 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), and coupling constants (Hz). ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-ECA600 (150 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : 77.0 ppm). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck precoated TLC plates (silica gel 60 GF₂₅₄, 0.25 mm). Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60N (spherical, neutral, 40-50 μm ; Kanto Chemical Co., Inc.). High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a Jasco equipped with a variable wavelength detector using Daicel chiral column (0.46 \times 25 cm). Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco P-1020 digital polarimeter with a sodium lamp and reported as follows; $[\alpha]_D^{T^\circ\text{C}}$ ($c = \text{g}/100 \text{ mL}$, solvent). High resolution mass spectra analysis was performed on a Bruker Daltonics solariX 9.4T FT-ICR-MS spectrometer at the Instrumental Analysis Center for Chemistry, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University.

Materials: Unless otherwise noted, materials were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., LTD., Aldrich Inc., and other commercial suppliers and were used without purification. Dichloromethane, tetrahydrofuran and toluene were supplied from Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. as “Dehydrated solvent system”. Other solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers as dehydrated solvents, and used under argon atmosphere.

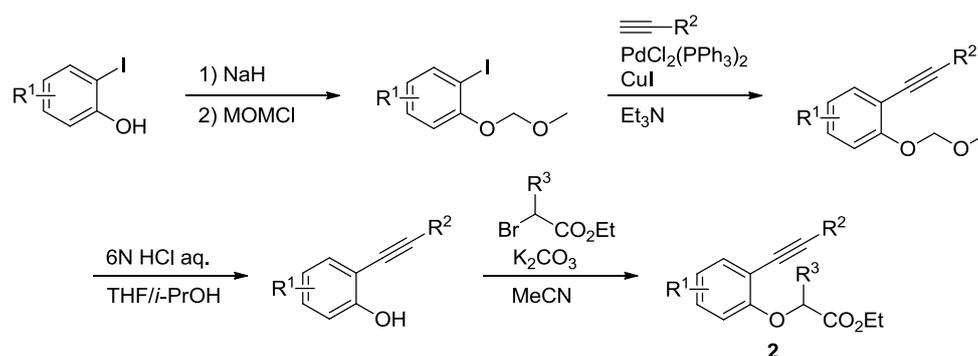
Experimental Procedure

Procedure for Preparation of Chiral Schiff Base **1**



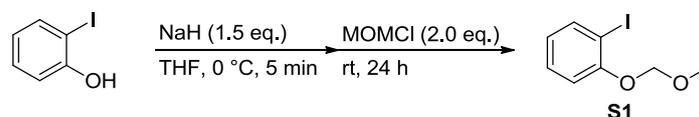
3,5-Di-*tert*-butylsalicylaldehyde (0.23 g, 1.0 mmol) was added to a solution of L-Valinol (0.11 mL, 1.0 mmol) in EtOH (1.0 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for overnight. Then, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. After purification by flash column chromatography, the pure Schiff base **1a** was obtained (0.30 g, 0.94 mmol, 94%) as a yellow solid.

Procedure for Preparation of Alkynyl Ester **2**



Alkynyl esters **2** were synthesized according to the procedure described in the literature.¹ Synthesis of **2a** is representative.

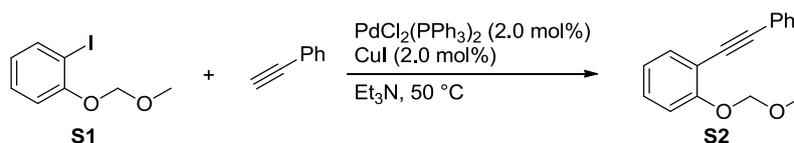
Synthesis of **S1**



2-iodophenol (2.2 g, 10 mmol) was added portionwise to a suspension of NaH (0.60 g, 15 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at 0 °C. After stirred for 5 min, chloromethyl methyl ether (1.5 mL, 20 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature, and further stirred for 24 h. The reaction was quenched with H₂O at 0 °C, and the product was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layer was washed with H₂O (x2) and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane = 1/25) to afford **S1** (2.31 g, 87% yield) as a colorless oil.

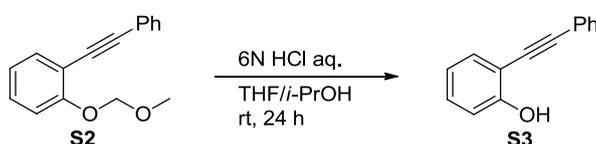
¹ A. Fürstner and P. W. Davies, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2005, **127**, 15024.

Synthesis of S2



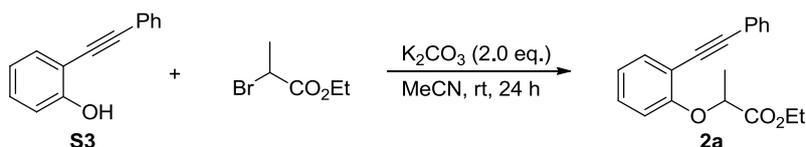
$\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (70 mg, 0.10 mmol) and CuI (19 mg, 0.10 mmol) were added to a solution of **S1** (1.3 g, 5.0 mmol) and phenylacetylene (0.55 mL, 5.0 mmol) in triethylamine (33 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C until the reaction was completed as determined by TLC. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. AcOEt was added to the mixture, and the mixture was filtrated through a pad of celite. After concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography ($\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{Hexane} = 1/10$), **S2** was obtained (1.1 g, 4.8 mmol, 96%) as a colorless oil.

Synthesis of S3



To a solution of **S2** (1.1 g, 4.5 mmol) in a mixture of THF (4.5 mL) and isopropanol (4.5 mL) was added dropwise 2.0 mL of 6N HCl aq. The reaction was stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with Et_2O and the combined organic layer was washed with H_2O and brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The purification of the crude mixture by flash column chromatography ($\text{Et}_2\text{O} / \text{Hexane} = 1/10$) provided **S3** (0.80 g, 4.1 mmol, 92%) as a colorless oil.

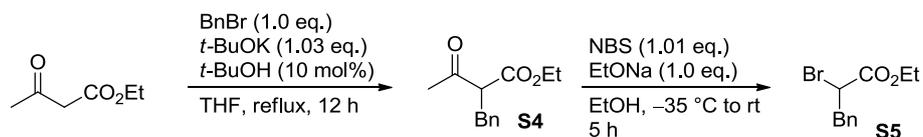
Synthesis of 2a



To a solution of **S3** (0.78 g, 4.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (4.0 mL) was added K_2CO_3 (1.1 g, 8.0 mmol). After stirring for 5 min ethyl 2-bromopropionate (0.60 mL, 4.8 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was further stirred for 24 h and then extracted with Et_2O . The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The purification by flash column chromatography ($\text{Et}_2\text{O} / \text{Hexane} = 1/10$) followed by recrystallization from hexane afforded **2a** (0.94 g, 3.2 mmol, 80%) as a white solid.

For the synthesis of **2m** and **2n**, the corresponding ethyl α -bromoacetate derivatives were prepared as follows.

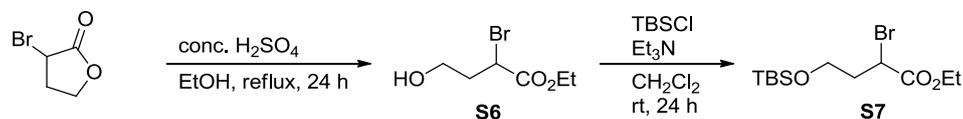
Synthesis of **S5**^{2,3}



To a solution of potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.3 g, 10.3 mmol) in THF (25 mL) were added ethyl acetoacetate (1.3 mL, 10 mmol) and *tert*-butanol (0.10 mL, 1.0 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min, benzyl bromide (1.2 mL, 10 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was then heated at reflux for 12 h. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction was quenched with H₂O, and sat. aq. NaHCO₃ was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. After purification by flash column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane = 1/15), **S4** was obtained (1.62g, 7.4 mmol, 74%) as a colorless oil.

To a solution of sodium ethoxide (0.50 g, 7.4 mmol) in ethanol (12 mL) were slowly added **S4** (1.6 g, 7.4 mmol) and *N*-bromosuccinimide (1.3 g, 7.4 mmol) at -35 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 5 h. The reaction was quenched with H₂O, and then the product was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. After purification by flash column chromatography (Et₂O/Hexane = 1/25), **S5** was obtained (1.2 g, 4.5 mmol, 62%) as a colorless oil.

Synthesis of **S7**^{4,5}



To a solution of α -bromo- γ -butyrolactone (1.8 mL, 16 mmol) in ethanol (16 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise 4.0 mL of conc. H₂SO₄. After stirring at room temperature for 5 min, the resulted mixture was allowed to be heated at reflux for 24 h. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and brought to pH 3 with sat. aq. NaHCO₃, followed by extraction with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. After purification by a short-pass column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane = 1/4), a mixture of **S6** and α -bromo- γ -butyrolactone was obtained (ratio = ca. 3 : 1).

The mixture thus obtained was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL). Then, triethylamine (2.9 mL, 40 mmol) and *tert*-butyl(chloro)dimethylsilane (4.8 g, 32 mmol) were added to the solution at 0 °C. After stirring for 24 h at room temperature, the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane = 1/15) to provide **S7** (2.2 g, 6.8 mmol, 43% over 2 steps) as a colorless oil.

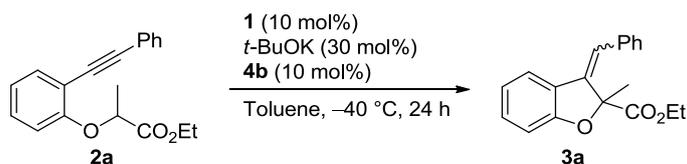
² H.-S. Lee, J.-S. Park, B. M. Kim, and S. H. Gellman, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2003, **68**, 1575.

³ G. Mignani, D. Morel and F. Grass, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 1987, **28**, 5505.

⁴ A. Banerji, D. Bandyopadhyay and K. A. Siddhanta, *Phytochemistry*, 1987, **26**, 3345.

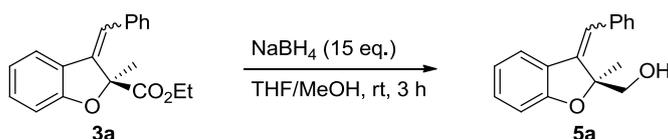
⁵ K. Kanai, H. Wakabayashi and T. Honda, *Org. Lett.*, 2000, **2**, 2549.

Typical Procedure for Enantioselective Intramolecular Cyclization



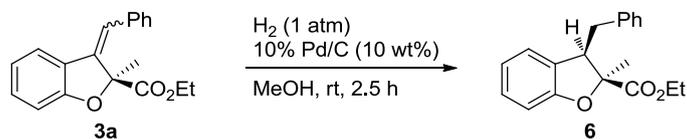
The reaction of **2a** is representative (Table 1, entry 17). To a solution of **1** (6.4 mg, 0.020 mmol) and 1,1-diphenylethanol (**4b**, 4.0 mg, 0.020 mmol) in toluene (0.60 mL) was added a solution of *t*-BuOK in THF (1.0 M, 60 μ L, 0.060 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature. Then, the mixture was cooled to -40 °C. After stirring for 5 min, a solution of **2a** (59 mg, 0.20 mmol) in toluene (0.40 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 24 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl, and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Et₂O /Hexane = 1/25) to afford **3a** (53 mg, 0.18 mmol, 90%) as a colorless oil. The *E/Z* ratio was determined by ¹H NMR analysis after purification by flash column chromatography. The enantiomeric excess was calculated by HPLC analysis for *Z* isomer.

Procedure for Transformation of **3** into **5** (Scheme 2a)



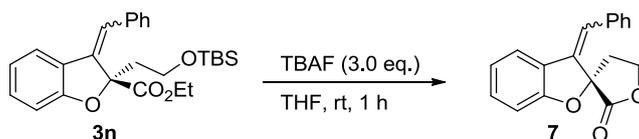
The reaction of **3a** is representative. NaBH₄ (0.11 g, 3.0 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of **3a** (90% ee, 59 mg, 0.20 mmol) in a mixture of THF (0.50 mL) and methanol (0.50 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, and then stirred for additional 3 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl, and the product was extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Purification of the crude mixture by flash column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane = 1/10) provided **5a** (46 mg, 0.18 mmol, 90%, 90% ee) as a white solid.

Procedure for Hydrogenation of **3a** into **6** (Scheme 2b)



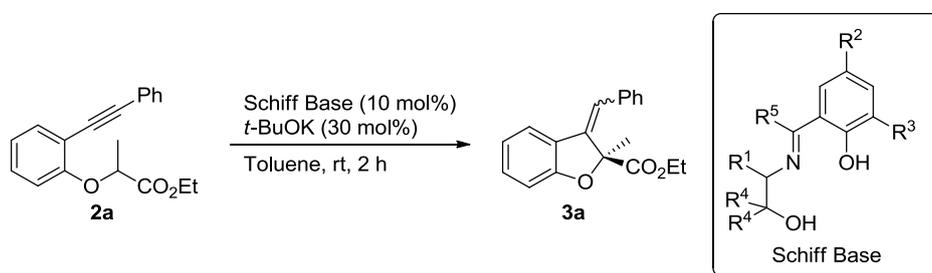
A mixture of **3a** (90% ee, 59 mg, 0.20 mmol), 10% Pd/C (10 wt %, 11 mg) in MeOH (1.0 mL) was vigorously stirred at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere (balloon, 1 atm) for 2.5 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a thick pad of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated. After purification by flash column chromatography (Et₂O /Hexane = 1/25), **6** was obtained (54 mg, 91%, dr = >95:5, 90% ee) as a white solid. The ratio of diastereomers was determined by ¹H NMR analysis after flash column chromatography and the enantiomeric excess was calculated by HPLC analysis for the major diastereomer.

Procedure for Hydrogenation of **3n** into **7** (Scheme 2c)



To a solution of **3n** (78% ee, 73 mg, 0.15 mmol) in THF (0.75 mL) was added a solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride in THF (1.0 M, 0.45 mL, 0.45 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO₃, and then the product was extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Et₂O/Hexane = 1/8) to afford **7** (37 mg, 0.13 mmol, 90%, 77% ee) as a white solid.

Screening of Chiral Schiff Bases

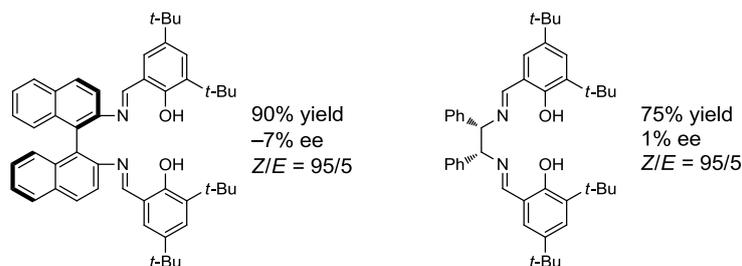


Entry	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	Yield (%) ^a	Z/E ^a	%ee (Z) ^b
1	<i>i</i> -Pr	<i>t</i> -Bu	<i>t</i> -Bu	H	H	84	95/5	53
2	Ph	<i>t</i> -Bu	<i>t</i> -Bu	H	H	82	>95/5	28
3	<i>i</i> -Pr	H	<i>t</i> -Bu	H	H	90	>95/5	59
4	<i>i</i> -Pr	H	<i>i</i> -Pr	H	H	88	94/6	14
5	<i>i</i> -Pr	H	H	H	H	92	>95/5	6
6	<i>i</i> -Pr	H	Ph	H	H	86	95/5	0
7	<i>i</i> -Pr	H	Ph ₃ Si	H	H	83	93/7	3
8	<i>i</i> -Pr	H	<i>i</i> -Pr ₃ Si	H	H	81	>95/5	49
9 ^c	<i>i</i> -Pr	<i>t</i> -Bu	<i>t</i> -Bu	Ph	H	75	>95/5	6
10	<i>i</i> -Pr	<i>t</i> -Bu	<i>t</i> -Bu	H	Ph	89	94/6	9

^a Determined by ¹H NMR analysis after column chromatography.

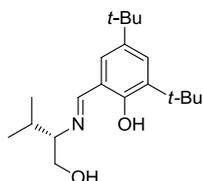
^b Enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC analysis for Z isomer.

^c The reaction was conducted for 6 h.



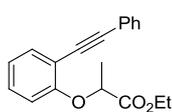
Analytical Data

(S)-2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-((1-hydroxy-3-methylbutan-2-ylidene)methyl)phenol (1): yellow solid; ^1H NMR (600



MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.95 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.97 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 1.31 (9H, s), 1.45 (9H, s), 1.94 (1H, dq, $J = 6.6, 6.6, 6.6$ Hz), 3.03 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.0, 6.6, 3.6$ Hz), 3.76-3.78 (1H, m), 3.82-3.85 (1H, m), 7.13 (1H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 7.40 (1H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 8.38 (1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 18.8, 19.8, 29.4, 30.1, 31.5, 34.1, 35.0, 64.7, 77.9, 117.7, 126.1, 127.1, 136.7, 140.2, 158.1, 167.1.

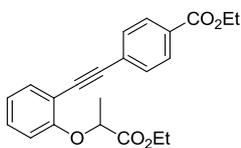
Ethyl 2-(2-phenylethynylphenoxy)propanoate (2a): white solid; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (3H, dd, $J =$



7.2, 7.2 Hz), 1.70 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 4.20 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.23 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.86 (1H, q, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 6.87 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz), 6.99 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.2, 1.2$ Hz), 7.23-7.26 (1H, m), 7.31-7.36 (3H, m), 7.50 (1H, dd, $J = 7.2, 1.8$ Hz), 7.53-7.55 (2H, m); ^{13}C

NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 18.6, 61.2, 74.5, 85.6, 93.8, 114.3, 115.2, 122.0, 123.6, 128.1, 128.2, 129.4, 131.5, 133.5, 158.4, 171.9; IR (ATR) 2985, 2219, 1750, 1733, 1497, 1482, 1444, 1275, 1236, 1194, 1131, 1094, 1046, 948, 860 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 317.1148, Found 317.1148.

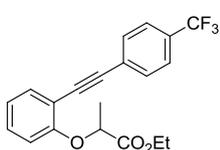
Ethyl 2-(2-(4-ethoxycarbonyl)phenylethylphenoxy)propanoate (2b): colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (600 MHz,



CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.40 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 6.6$ Hz), 1.70 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 4.21 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.24 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.38 (2H, q, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.84 (1H, q, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 6.99 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.2, 0.6$ Hz), 7.26-7.29 (1H, m), 7.51 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 1.8$ Hz), 7.59 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 8.02 (2H, d, $J =$

8.4 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 14.3, 18.5, 61.1, 61.3, 74.1, 88.6, 93.0, 113.5, 114.5, 121.8, 128.2, 129.4, 129.6, 130.0, 131.3, 133.6, 158.5, 166.1, 171.8; IR (ATR) 2983, 2938, 2218, 1752, 1714, 1605, 1595, 1485, 1446, 1367, 1268, 1240, 1195, 1175, 1095, 1018, 948, 858 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 389.1359, Found 389.1359.

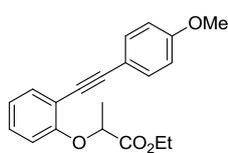
Ethyl 2-(2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)ethynylphenoxy)propanoate (2c): white solid; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



δ 1.25 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.70 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 4.21 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.24 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.84 (1H, q, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 6.84 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.99 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.2, 0.6$ Hz), 7.28 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.4, 7.8, 1.8$ Hz), 7.51 (1H, dd, $J = 7.2, 1.8$ Hz), 7.59 (2H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.63 (2H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.0, 18.5,

61.3, 74.2, 88.2, 92.3, 113.4, 114.5, 121.8, 124.0 (q, $J = 270$ Hz), 125.2 (q, $J = 3$ Hz), 127.5, 129.7 (q, $J = 32$ Hz), 130.1, 131.7, 133.6, 158.6, 171.8; IR (ATR) 2989, 2939, 2221, 1752, 1732, 1614, 1487, 1448, 1321, 1277, 1197, 1166, 1125, 1105, 1065, 1015, 949, 842 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 385.1022, Found 385.1022.

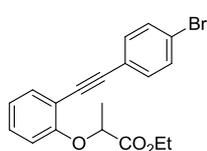
Ethyl 2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethynylphenoxy)propanoate (2d): colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ



1.24 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 6.6$ Hz), 1.69 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.82 (3H, s), 4.20 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.22 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.85 (1H, q, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 6.86-6.88 (3H, m), 6.98 (1H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 7.20-7.23 (1H, m), 7.46-7.48 (3H, m); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 18.6, 55.3, 61.2, 74.5, 84.2, 93.8, 113.9, 114.7, 115.4, 115.8, 122.0, 129.1,

133.0, 133.3, 158.3, 159.5, 172.0; IR (neat) 2985, 2938, 2838, 2216, 1720, 1606, 1733, 1510, 1487, 1446, 1286, 1246, 1195, 1131, 1106, 1028, 948, 832 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 347.1254, Found 347.1254.

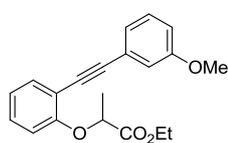
Ethyl 2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)ethynylphenoxy)propanoate (2e): colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ



1.25 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.69 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 4.19 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.22 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.83 (1H, q, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 6.84 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 6.99 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 7.2$ Hz), 7.26 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.8, 1.8$ Hz), 7.40 (2H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.46 (2H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.48 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 1.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 18.5, 61.2, 74.2, 86.8,

92.6, 113.8, 114.7, 121.9, 122.3, 122.6, 129.7, 131.5, 132.9, 133.4, 158.4, 171.8; IR (ATR) 2985, 2938, 2220, 1751, 1733, 1496, 1481, 1446, 1278, 1238, 1196, 1132, 1095, 1069, 1010, 948, 824 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrNaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 395.0253, Found 395.0253.

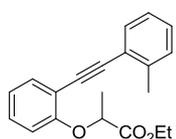
Ethyl 2-(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethynylphenoxy)propanoate (2f): colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ



1.25 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 6.6$ Hz), 1.69 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.83 (3H, s), 4.20 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.23 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.85 (1H, q, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 6.86 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.89 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.4, 2.4, 0.6$ Hz), 6.99 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.2, 0.6$ Hz), 7.08 (1H, dd, $J = 2.4, 1.2$ Hz), 7.14 (1H, dt, $J = 7.2, 0.6$ Hz), 7.23-7.27 (2H, m), 7.50 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 1.8$ Hz); ^{13}C

NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 18.6, 55.2, 61.2, 74.4, 85.4, 93.7, 114.2, 114.7, 115.1, 116.4, 121.9, 124.1, 124.6, 129.3, 129.5, 133.5, 158.4, 159.3, 171.9; IR (ATR) 2985, 2938, 2210, 1750, 1733, 1594, 1574, 1495, 1447, 1282, 1242, 1195, 1138, 1094, 1045, 949, 930, 856, 810 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 347.1254, Found 347.1254.

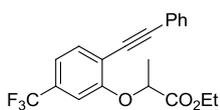
Ethyl 2-(2-(2-methylphenylethynyl)phenoxy)propanoate (2g): colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ



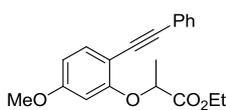
1.24 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 6.6$ Hz), 1.68 (3H, d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 2.55 (3H, s), 7.20 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 7.23 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.86 (1H, q, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 6.82 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 6.98 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.2, 7.2, 0.6$ Hz), 7.14-7.19 (1H, m), 7.22-7.24 (3H, m), 7.50-7.52 (2H, m); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 18.6, 20.8, 61.2, 73.8, 89.6, 92.7, 113.8, 114.1, 121.6, 123.4, 125.4,

128.1, 129.29, 129.34, 131.7, 133.4, 140.2, 158.1, 171.9; IR (ATR) 2985, 2938, 2214, 1752, 1732, 1495, 1479, 1446, 1274, 1236, 1192, 1132, 1098, 1045, 946, 861 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 331.1305, Found 331.1305.

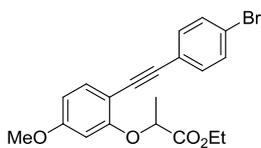
Ethyl 2-(2-(phenylethynyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)propanoate (2h): colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.24 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.72 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 4.22 (1H, q, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.89 (1H, q, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 7.07 (1H, s), 7.23 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 0.6$ Hz), 7.34-7.36 (3H, m), 7.54-7.56 (2H, m), 7.58 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.0, 18.4, 61.5, 74.4, 84.3, 96.0, 111.5, 118.0, 118.5, 122.9, 123.6 (q, $J = 270$ Hz), 128.4, 128.7, 130.9 (q, $J = 32$ Hz), 131.7, 133.7, 158.3, 171.2; IR (ATR) 2988, 2940, 2220, 1752, 1423, 1326, 1269, 1236, 1196, 1170, 1123, 964, 859, 829 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 385.1022, Found 385.1022.



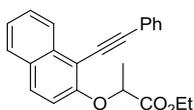
Ethyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)phenoxy)propanoate (2i): yellowish liquid; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.69 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.78 (3H, s), 4.20 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.23 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.85 (1H, q, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 6.44 (1H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 6.54 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz), 7.28-7.34 (3H, m), 7.41 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.51 (2H, m); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 18.6, 55.4, 61.2, 74.5, 85.7, 92.4, 102.5, 106.7, 107.2, 123.9, 127.8, 128.2, 131.3, 134.2, 159.6, 160.8, 171.8; IR (ATR) 2984, 2938, 2215, 1751, 1733, 1609, 1595, 1506, 1442, 1297, 1201, 1169, 1131, 1113, 1041, 983, 915, 832 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 347.1254, Found 347.1254.



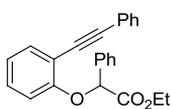
Ethyl 2-(2-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)-5-methoxyphenoxy)propanoate (2j): white solid; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.68 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.78 (3H, s), 4.21 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.24 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.82 (1H, q, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 6.42 (1H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 6.53 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz), 7.35-7.38 (2H, m), 7.40 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.44-7.46 (2H, m); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 18.6, 55.4, 61.3, 74.3, 86.9, 91.3, 102.0, 106.2, 107.0, 121.8, 122.9, 131.5, 132.8, 134.2, 159.6, 161.0, 171.7; IR (ATR) 2984, 2937, 2215, 1751, 1733, 1607, 1507, 1443, 1428, 1297, 1253, 1200, 1168, 1112, 1093, 1040, 1009, 915, 822 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrNaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 425.0359, Found 425.0359.



Ethyl 2-((1-(phenylethynyl)naphthalen-2-yl)oxy)propanoate (2k): white solid; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.23 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.75 (3H, d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.19 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.22 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 5.08 (1H, q, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.22 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.34-7.40 (3H, m), 7.42 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.8, 1.2$ Hz), 7.56 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.8, 1.2$ Hz), 7.64-7.67 (2H, m), 7.75 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.78 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 8.34 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 18.8, 61.2, 75.6, 83.7, 99.4, 109.3, 117.6, 123.7, 124.9, 125.6, 127.2, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 129.5, 129.8, 131.5, 134.4, 157.5, 172.0; IR (ATR) 3059, 2985, 2938, 2207, 1750, 1590, 1507, 1491, 1465, 1442, 1267, 1234, 1198, 976, 914, 863 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 367.1305, Found 367.1304.

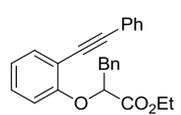


Ethyl 2-phenyl-2-(2-phenylethynylphenoxy)acetate (2l): white solid; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.18 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 4.16 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.19 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 5.75 (1H, s), 6.87 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.00 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.2, 1.2$ Hz), 7.23 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.4, 7.8, 1.8$ Hz), 7.31-7.41 (6H, m), 7.50-7.53 (3H, m), 7.70 (2H, m); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 61.5,



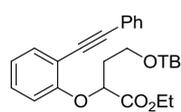
79.6, 85.6, 94.2, 114.4, 114.6, 122.0, 123.6, 126.9, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 128.8, 129.4, 131.5, 133.3, 135.5, 158.0, 169.7; IR (ATR) 3063, 3033, 2981, 2219, 1752, 1733, 1496, 1481, 1448, 1277, 1235, 1203, 1179, 1108, 1057, 1027, 916, 817 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 379.1305, Found 379.1304.

Ethyl 3-phenyl-2-(2-phenylethynylphenoxy)propanoate (2m): white solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.16



(3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.8, 4.2 Hz), 3.36 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.8, 7.8 Hz), 4.16 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.87 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.2 Hz), 6.69 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.2 Hz), 7.18-7.22 (4H, m), 7.33-7.39 (3H, m), 7.43 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 2.4 Hz), 7.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz), 7.58 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 39.1, 61.3, 78.4, 85.9, 93.6, 113.1, 113.6, 121.5, 123.7, 126.9, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 129.4, 129.9, 131.5, 133.6, 136.1, 158.3, 170.7; IR (ATR) 3063, 3030, 2980, 2933, 2220, 1752, 1731, 1496, 1482, 1444, 1279, 1235, 1186, 1107, 1027, 915, 855 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₂NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 393.1461, Found 393.1461.

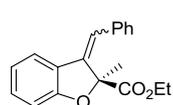
Ethyl 4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(2-(phenylethynylphenoxy)butanoate (2n): colorless liquid; ¹H NMR



(600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.06 (3H, s), -0.01 (3H, s), 0.82 (9H, s), 1.25 (3H, dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz), 2.22-2.25 (2H, m), 3.88 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.6, 5.4, 5.4 Hz), 4.00 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.6, 7.8, 6.0 Hz), 4.21 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 7.2 Hz), 4.24 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 7.2 Hz), 4.88 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.4 Hz), 6.80

(1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.95 (1H, ddd, *J* = 7.8, 7.2, 0.6 Hz), 7.23 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.0, 8.4, 1.8 Hz), 7.29-7.35 (3H, m), 7.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz), 7.51-7.53 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.6, -5.5, 14.1, 18.2, 25.8, 35.8, 58.4, 61.2, 74.4, 85.8, 93.5, 113.3, 113.6, 121.3, 123.8, 128.0, 128.2, 129.4, 131.5, 133.4, 158.7, 171.7; IR (ATR) 2955, 2928, 2856, 2220, 1755, 1734, 1497, 1483, 1450, 1277, 1250, 1187, 1026, 955, 834 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₆H₃₄NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 461.2119, Found 461.2118.

(*Z*)-Ethyl 3-benzylidene-2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3a): colorless liquid; HPLC analysis



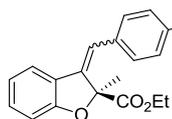
Chiralpak IC-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 6.0 (minor), 6.9 (major) min; 92% ee, [α]_D²⁵ = +411 (c = 0.99, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.15 (3H, dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz), 1.70 (3H, s), 4.14 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 7.2 Hz), 4.20 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 7.2 Hz), 6.87

(1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.98 (1H, ddd, *J* = 7.8, 7.2, 0.6 Hz), 7.00 (1H, s), 7.22-7.28 (4H, m), 7.34 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz), 7.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 20.7, 62.0, 89.3, 110.5, 119.8, 120.3, 121.3, 127.1, 127.4, 128.4, 128.6, 130.3, 135.5, 140.5, 160.3, 169.8; IR (ATR) 2983, 2938, 1735, 1595, 1464, 1252, 1127, 1075, 1017, 911, 858 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 317.1148, Found 317.1148.

(*E*)-Ethyl 3-benzylidene-2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3a): white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz,

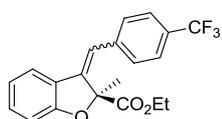
CDCl₃) δ 1.27 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.84 (3H, s), 4.25 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.67 (1H, s), 6.70 (1H, ddd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8, 0.6 Hz), 6.94 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.19 (1H, ddd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8, 1.2 Hz), 7.22 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.30-7.33 (1H, m), 7.37-7.42 (4H, m); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 25.1, 61.9, 89.2, 110.7, 120.7, 121.7, 122.9, 123.9, 127.6, 128.4, 128.5, 130.9, 136.4, 140.4, 162.3, 171.2; IR (ATR) 2982, 2935, 1734, 1462, 1252, 1117, 1092, 1021, 982, 936, 859 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 317.1148, Found 317.1148.

(Z)-Ethyl 3-(4-ethoxycarbonylbenzylidene)-2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3b): colorless



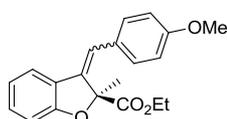
liquid; HPLC analysis Chiralpak AD-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 13.3 (major), 29.6 (minor) min; 33% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +135$ ($c = 1.06$, CDCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.16 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.40 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.71 (3H, s), 4.16 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.21 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.38 (2H, q, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 6.99 (1H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 6.99 (1H, s), 7.26 (1H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 7.35 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.49 (1H, d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 8.01 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 14.3, 20.7, 61.0, 62.1, 89.4, 110.7, 118.7, 120.6, 121.5, 126.8, 128.5, 129.7, 130.9, 140.0, 142.5, 160.6, 166.2, 169.6; IR (ATR) 2982, 2938, 1738, 1713, 1465, 1269, 1101, 1018, 913, 889, 854 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 389.1359, Found 389.1359.

(Z)-Ethyl 2-methyl-3-(4-trifluoromethylbenzylidene)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3c): colorless



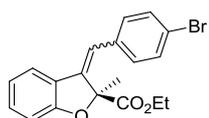
liquid; HPLC analysis Chiralpak AD-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 4.5 (major), 6.6 (minor) min; 53% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +223$ ($c = 1.01$, CDCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.15 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.69 (3H, s), 4.15 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.21 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 6.90 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.99 (1H, s), 7.00 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.2, 7.2, 0.6$ Hz), 7.27 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 7.2, 1.2$ Hz), 7.40 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.49 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 1.2$ Hz), 7.59 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.8, 20.7, 62.2, 89.2, 110.7, 118.1, 124.0 (q, $J = 270$ Hz), 125.3, (q, $J = 4$ Hz), 125.3, 125.4, 126.6, 128.8, 129.1 (q, $J = 32$ Hz), 131.0, 142.6, 160.6, 169.6; IR (ATR) 2986, 2940, 1738, 1466, 1320, 1254, 1165, 1118, 1066, 1017, 914, 858 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 385.1022, Found 385.1022.

(Z)-Ethyl 3-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3d): yellowish liquid;



HPLC analysis Chiralpak AD-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 9.2 (major), 10.2 (minor) min; 85% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +375$ ($c = 1.02$, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.14 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.73 (3H, s), 3.81 (3H, s), 4.15 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.20 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.87 (2H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 6.92 (1H, s), 6.95 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.2, 0.6$ Hz), 7.20 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.8, 1.2$ Hz), 7.23 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.44 (1H, dd, $J = 7.2, 0.6$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 20.5, 55.2, 62.9, 89.3, 110.3, 113.9, 119.6, 120.0, 121.2, 127.6, 128.0, 129.9, 130.0, 138.6, 158.9, 160.0, 170.0; IR (ATR) 2982, 2937, 2837, 1733, 1510, 1464, 1249, 1180, 1127, 1031, 912, 883, 863, 826 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 347.1254, Found 347.1254.

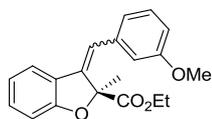
(Z)-Ethyl 3-(4-bromobenzylidene)-2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3e): colorless liquid;



HPLC analysis Chiralpak AD-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 8.0 (major), 10.2 (minor) min; 85% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +363$ ($c = 1.08$, CDCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.15 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.69 (3H, s), 4.14 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.19 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 6.90 (1H, s), 6.97 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.2, 0.6$ Hz), 7.16 (2H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.24 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.8, 1.2$ Hz), 7.44-7.47 (3H, m); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 20.7, 62.1, 89.3, 110.6, 118.5, 120.4, 121.3, 121.4, 126.9, 130.2, 130.7, 131.6, 134.4, 141.2, 160.4, 169.7; IR (ATR) 2982, 2938, 1735, 1488, 1464, 1253, 1126, 1076, 1009, 913, 858, 813 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrNaO}_3$

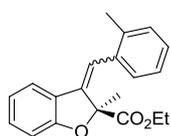
[M+Na]⁺ 395.0253, Found 395.0253.

(Z)-Ethyl 3-(3-methoxybenzylidene)-2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3f): colorless liquid;



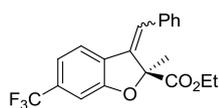
HPLC analysis Chiralpak AD-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 7.2 (minor), 14.1 (major) min; 87% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +333$ ($c = 1.00$, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.15 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.73 (3H, s), 3.81 (3H, s), 4.15 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.20 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 6.81 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz), 6.84 (1H, s), 6.87 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.96 (1H, s), 6.97 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.8, 0.6$ Hz) 7.23 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.2, 7.2, 1.2$ Hz), 7.24 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 7.8$ Hz), 7.46 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 20.6, 55.2, 62.0, 89.3, 110.5, 113.4, 113.5, 119.7, 120.3, 121.29, 121.34, 127.1, 129.4, 130.4, 136.7, 140.5, 159.6, 160.3, 169.8; IR (neat) 2991, 2938, 2835, 1735, 1594, 1464, 1247, 1127, 1078, 1017, 908, 854 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₂₀NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 347.1254, Found 347.1254.

(Z)-Ethyl 2-methyl-3-(2-methylbenzylidene)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3g): colorless liquid;



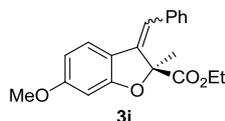
HPLC analysis Chiralpak IA-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 6.0 (minor), 7.2 (major) min; 81% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +275$ ($c = 1.00$, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.17 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.50 (3H, s), 2.27 (3H, s), 4.08 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.15 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.99 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 7.2$ Hz), 7.01 (1H, s), 7.08 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.14 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.2, 7.2, 1.2$ Hz), 7.18-7.26 (3H, m), 7.50 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 20.2, 21.3, 61.8, 89.0, 110.5, 119.1, 120.5, 121.2, 125.5, 126.5, 127.8, 128.2, 129.7, 130.3, 135.1, 136.8, 141.2, 160.5, 169.9; IR (ATR) 2983, 2938, 1464, 1251, 1127, 1112, 1079, 1018, 913, 858 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₂₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 331.1305. Found 331.1304.

(Z)-Ethyl 3-benzylidene-2-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3h): colorless



liquid; HPLC analysis Chiralpak IA-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 4.3 (major), 10.3 (minor) min; 79% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +291$ ($c = 0.98$, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.16 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.72 (3H, s), 4.16 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.21 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 7.10 (1H×2, s), 7.24 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 0.6$ Hz), 7.28 (2H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.29 (1H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 7.36 (2H, dd, $J = 7.8, 6.6$ Hz), 7.54 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 20.6, 62.2, 90.3, 107.7 (q, $J = 4$ Hz), 118.4, 118.5, 120.5, 122.6, 123.9 (q, $J = 270$ Hz), 128.0, 128.5, 128.7, 130.8, 132.1 (q, $J = 33$ Hz), 134.8, 138.9, 160.1; IR (ATR) 2987, 2941, 1739, 1437, 1322, 1264, 1165, 1119, 1053, 934, 868, 820 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₇F₃NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 385.1022, Found 385.1022.

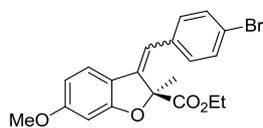
(Z)-Ethyl 3-benzylidene-2-methyl-6-methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3i): yellowish liquid;



HPLC analysis Chiralpak IC-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 15.5 (minor), 19.4 (major) min; 89% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +308$ ($c = 0.71$, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.16 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.70 (3H, s), 3.82 (3H, s), 4.15 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.21 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 6.44 (1H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 6.56 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz), 6.82 (1H, s), 7.23 (1H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.25 (2H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.32 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 7.2$ Hz), 7.36 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (150

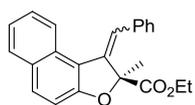
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 20.7, 55.5, 62.0, 90.2, 95.9, 108.4, 117.3, 119.9, 120.9, 127.0, 128.3, 128.5, 135.8, 140.0, 161.7, 162.3, 169.8; IR (ATR) 2982, 2939, 2837, 1736, 1616, 1593, 1498, 1445, 1285, 1158, 1127, 1080, 1027, 957, 826 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₂₀NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 347.1254, Found 347.1254.

(Z)-Ethyl 3-(4-bromobenzylidene)-6-methoxy-2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3j): colorless



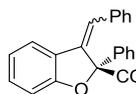
liquid; HPLC analysis Chiralpak AD-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 96/4, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 11.3 (minor), 14.4 (major) min; 92% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +333$ (c = 1.03, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.17 (3H, dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz), 1.68 (3H, s), 3.81 (3H, s), 4.15 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 7.2 Hz), 4.21 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 7.2 Hz), 6.43 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.55 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz), 6.72 (1H, s), 7.13 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.34 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.44 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 20.7, 55.6, 62.1, 90.1, 95.9, 108.6, 116.0, 119.6, 120.8, 120.9, 130.1, 131.5, 134.7, 140.9, 161.9, 162.6, 169.7; IR (ATR) 2983, 2939, 2837, 1737, 1615, 1594, 1497, 1285, 1264, 1159, 1128, 1078, 1026, 957, 824 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₉BrNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 425.0359, Found 425.0359.

(Z)-Ethyl 1-benzylidene-2-methyl-1,2-dihydronaphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-carboxylate (3k): bright yellow liquid;



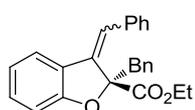
HPLC analysis Chiralpak IC-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 7.4 (major), 13.5 (minor) min; 93% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +313$ (c = 1.03, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.10 (3H, dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz), 1.72 (3H, s), 4.04 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.4, 7.2 Hz), 4.07 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.4, 7.2 Hz), 7.14 (1H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.27 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.30 (2H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.35 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz), 7.39 (1H, ddd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2, 1.2 Hz), 7.57 (1H, s), 7.58 (1H, ddd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2, 1.2 Hz), 7.76 (1H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.86 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 8.37 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7, 22.2, 61.9, 89.6, 112.5, 117.1, 122.2, 122.4, 123.5, 127.2, 127.9, 128.2, 128.7, 129.4, 129.7, 130.3, 132.3, 136.7, 143.1, 160.1, 169.8; IR (ATR) 3058, 2984, 2937, 1739, 1702, 1631, 1581, 1522, 1462, 1447, 1374, 1258, 1125, 1082, 1007, 932, 859, 822 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 367.1305, Found 367.1304.

(Z)-Ethyl 3-benzylidene-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3l): white solid; HPLC analysis



Chiralpak IA-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 10.4 (major), 12.1 (minor) min; 48% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -167$ (c = 1.02, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.96 (3H, dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz), 4.05 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 7.2 Hz), 4.14 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 7.2 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.00 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.2 Hz), 7.12-7.16 (3H, m), 7.19-7.24 (3H, m), 7.27 (1H, s), 7.30-7.35 (3H, m), 7.57-7.60 (3H, m); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.6, 62.2, 93.2, 110.6, 120.1, 121.5, 123.1, 127.4, 127.5, 127.9, 128.2, 128.6, 129.0, 129.6, 130.4, 134.7, 15.7, 136.9, 159.6, 168.4; IR (ATR) 3059, 3027, 2980, 1735, 1460, 1447, 1234, 1019, 971, 928, 861 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 379.1305, Found 379.1304.

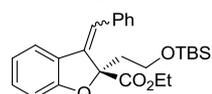
(Z)-Ethyl 2-benzyl-3-benzylidene-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3m): colorless liquid; HPLC analysis



Chiralpak IC-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 7.6 (minor), 8.2 (major) min; 84% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +80$ (c = 0.87, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.16 (3H, dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz), 3.37 (1H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 3.59 (1H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 4.18 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 7.2 Hz),

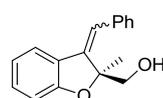
4.24 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 6.78 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.80 (1H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 6.97 (1H, s), 6.98-7.03 (5H, m), 7.09 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.8, 1.2$ Hz), 7.25 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.28-7.31 (1H, m), 7.38-7.41 (4H, m); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 38.0, 62.1, 91.4, 109.9, 119.9, 120.3, 121.0, 126.4, 127.4, 127.5, 127.9, 128.5, 128.8, 130.1, 130.6, 134.8, 135.7, 138.3, 160.6, 169.8; IR (ATR) 3061, 3029, 2980, 1734, 1464, 1262, 1244, 1051, 938, 910, 876 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 393.1461, Found 393.1461.

(Z)-Ethyl 3-benzylidene-2-(2-((tert-butyl)dimethylsilyloxy)ethyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3n):



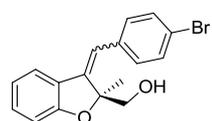
colorless liquid; HPLC analysis Chiralpak IA-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98.5/1.5, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 5.5 (minor), 11.5 (major) min; 80% ee, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +172$ ($c = 1.13$, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -0.17 (3H, s), -0.14 (3H, s), 0.76 (9H, s), 1.15 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 2.37 (1H, ddd, $J = 15.0, 9.6, 6.0$ Hz), 2.49 (1H, ddd, $J = 15.0, 9.0, 5.4$ Hz), 3.59 (1H, ddd, $J = 10.2, 9.0, 6.0$ Hz), 3.64 (1H, ddd, $J = 10.2, 9.6, 5.4$ Hz), 4.12 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.19 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.96 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.2, 7.2, 0.6$ Hz), 7.04 (1H, s), 7.22 (2H, ddd, $J = 7.2, 7.2, 1.8$ Hz), 7.24-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.35 (4H, m), 7.45 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 0.6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -5.62, -5.58, 13.8, 18.1, 25.8, 36.1, 58.4, 61.9, 90.3, 110.2, 120.2, 120.4, 121.2, 127.4 (2C), 128.3, 128.7, 130.3, 135.5, 138.4, 160.9, 169.6; IR (ATR) 2954, 2928, 2856, 1464, 1249, 1218, 1084, 1028, 940, 834 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{34}\text{NaO}_4\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 461.2119, Found 461.2118.

(Z)-(3-Benzylidene-2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)methanol (5a): white solid; HPLC analysis Chiralpak



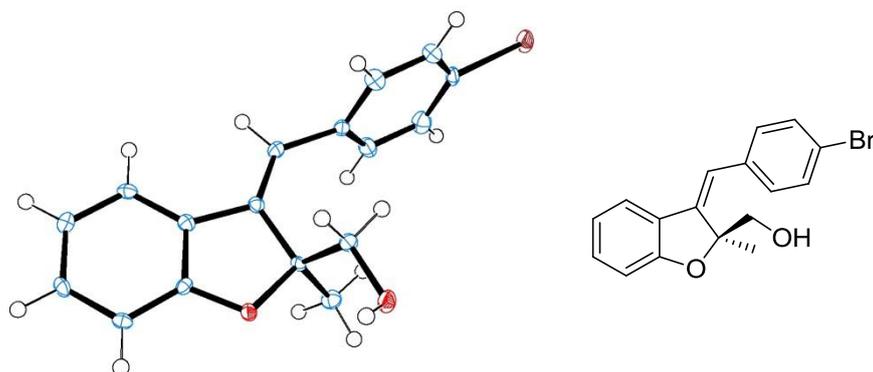
IC-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 96/4, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 14.0 (major), 17.8 (minor) min; 90% ee, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +64$ ($c = 1.20$, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.49 (3H, s), 1.85 (1H, br), 3.63 (1H, dd, $J = 12.0, 6.6$ Hz), 3.67 (1H, dd, $J = 12.0, 7.8$ Hz), 6.84 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 6.94 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.2, 7.2, 1.2$ Hz), 7.13 (1H, s), 7.22 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.2, 7.2, 0.6$ Hz), 7.28 (1H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.29 (2H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.34 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 7.2$ Hz), 7.45 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 0.6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.2, 67.7, 91.8, 110.4, 118.9, 120.5, 130.8, 127.2, 128.1, 128.8, 130.3, 136.1, 141.4, 160.1; IR (ATR) 3449, 3052, 2983, 2932, 2869, 1596, 1491, 1466, 1322, 1261, 1053, 926, 905, 867 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 275.1042, Found 275.1043.

(Z)-(3-(4-Bromobenzylidene)-2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)methanol (5e): white solid; HPLC analysis

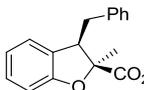


Chiralpak IA-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 96/04, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 23.7 (major), 28.5 (minor) min; 85% ee, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +52$ ($c = 1.01$, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.41 (3H, s), 1.80-1.95 (1H, br), 3.60 (dd, $J = 12.0, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, $J = 12.0, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 6.94 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 7.2$ Hz), 7.01 (1H, s), 7.17 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.23 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8, 7.2$ Hz), 7.44 (1H, d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.47 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.2, 67.7, 91.7, 110.5, 117.5, 120.6, 120.9, 121.3, 126.9, 130.55, 130.62, 131.3, 135.1, 142.2, 160.2; IR (neat) 3421, 2982, 2932, 2869, 1595, 1486, 1465, 1321, 1261, 1070, 1054, 1011, 912, 869 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 353.0148. Found 353.0148; CCDC No. 1431742.

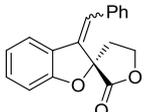
Figure S1. ORTEP diagram of 5e.



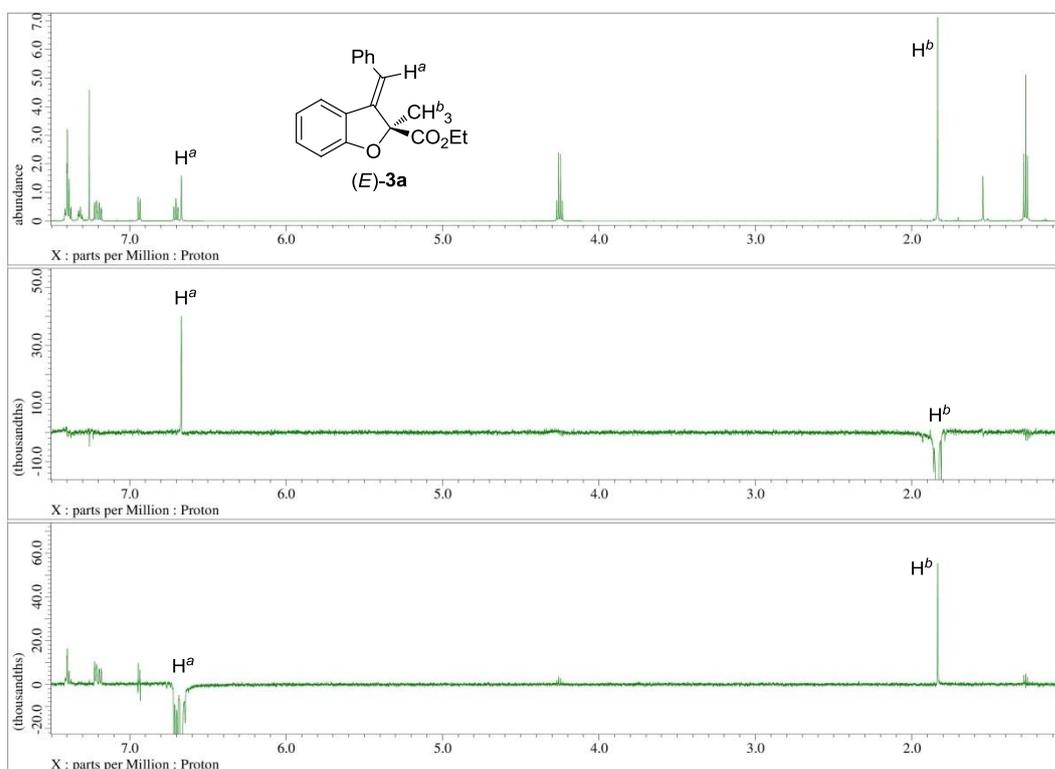
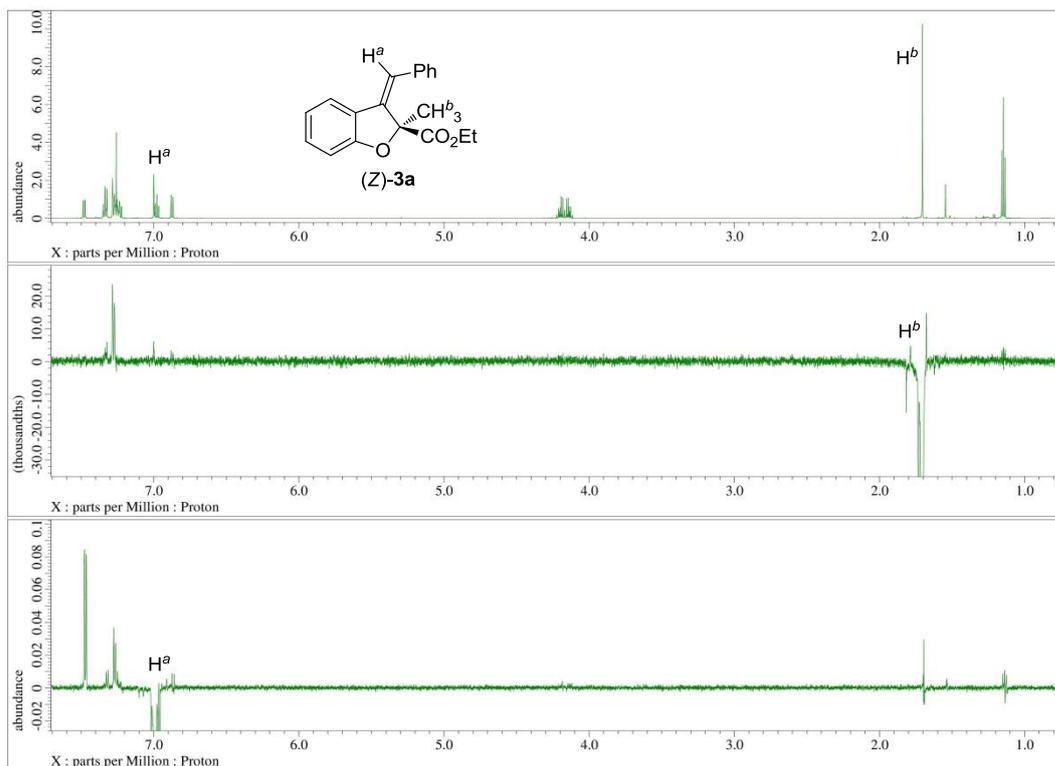
Ethyl 3-benzyl-2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (6a): white solid, dr = 21 : 1; HPLC analysis

 Chiralpak IB-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/02, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 5.5 (major), 7.5 (minor) min; 90% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -133$ ($c = 1.13$, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.31 (3H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz), 1.66 (3H, s), 2.58 (1H, dd, $J = 13.2, 11.4$ Hz), 3.07 (1H, dd, $J = 13.2, 4.8$ Hz), 3.53 (1H, dd, $J = 11.4, 4.8$ Hz), 4.23 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 4.32 (1H, dq, $J = 10.8, 7.2$ Hz), 6.29 (1H, d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 6.66 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.8, 1.2$ Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.10 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.12 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.8, 1.2$ Hz), 7.23-7.26 (1H, m), 7.30 (2H, dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 24.5, 37.4, 53.0, 61.5, 90.4, 110.1, 120.3, 125.5, 126.5, 128.3, 128.4, 128.6, 129.5, 138.3, 157.9, 171.4; IR (ATR) 3029, 2981, 1733, 1478, 1461, 1244, 1123, 1084, 1018, 930, 859 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 319.1305, Found 319.1305.

(Z)-3-Benzylidene-4',5'-dihydro-2'H,3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-furan]-2'-one (7): colorless liquid; HPLC

 analysis Chiralpak AD-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 30 °C); 10.1 (minor), 17.7 (major) min; 77% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +535$ ($c = 1.01$, CDCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.37 (1H, ddd, $J = 14.4, 7.2, 2.4$ Hz), 2.60 (1H, ddd, $J = 14.4, 9.0, 9.0$ Hz), 4.01 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.0, 9.0, 2.4$ Hz), 4.42 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.0, 9.0, 7.2$ Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.00 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.8, 7.2, 0.6$ Hz), 7.19 (1H, s), 7.23-7.27 (3H, m), 7.29 (1H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.37 (2H, dd, $J = 7.8, 7.2$ Hz), 7.48-7.50 (1H, m); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 66.0, 88.0, 110.5, 120.4, 121.0, 121.9, 126.4, 127.8, 128.4, 128.8, 130.8, 135.4, 137.5, 159.8, 173.1; IR (ATR) 3054, 3024, 2922, 1775, 1464, 1173, 1020, 957, 932, 859 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 301.0835, Found 301.0835.

NOE Analysis of 3a



NOE Analysis of 6a

