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A highly efficient TBAF-promoted intramolecular cyclization of *gem*-dibromoolefins for the synthesis of 2-bromobenzofurans(thiophenes)

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1. Physical measurements and materials

All ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz Bruker FT-NMR spectrometers. All chemical shifts are given as δ value (ppm) with reference to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. High resolution mass spectroscopy data of the product were collected on a Waters Micromass GCT instrument. Products were purified by flash chromatography on 100–200 mesh silica gels, SiO₂. Unless otherwise noted, the chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers either from Aldrich, USA or Shanghai Chemical Company, China and were used without purification prior to use.

2. Typical procedure for the intramolecular cyclization

A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with 2-(*gem*-dibromovinyl)phenol (**1a**), TBAF (1.0 M solution in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol), and THF (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature, and then heated at 45 °C for 4 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluant: hexane/ethyl acetate) to give the intramolecular cyclization product, 2-bromobenzofuran (**2a**, 195 mg, 99% yield).

3. Optimization of partial reaction conditions

Table The effect of solvent on the intramolecular cyclization of 2-(*gem*-dibromovinyl)phenol $(1a)^a$

	Br Har (1.0 equiv) Har Har (1.0 equiv) Har Har Har Har Har Har Har Har Har Har	Br 2a
Entry	Solvent	Yield $(\%)^b$
1	THF	99
2	CH ₃ CN	98
3	DMF	99
4	DMSO	97
5	1,4-Dioxane	96
6	Toluene	81
7	H_2O	NR
8	CH ₃ CH ₂ OH	NR
9	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ O	H NR

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: 2-(*gem*-dibromovinyl)phenol (**1a**, 1.0 mmol), TBAF (1.0 mmol), solvent (2.0 mL) at 45 °C for 4 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield.

4. Further transformation of 2-bromobenzofuran

When the prepared 2-bromobenzofuran (2a) reacted with phenylboronic acid and phenylacetylene under the classic Suzuki reaction conditions (See: S. Thielges, E. Meddah, P. Bisseret, J. Eustache, *Tetrahedron Lett.* 2004, *45*, 907–910) and Sonogashira reaction conditions (See: M. Nagamochi, Y.-Q. Fang, M. Lautens, *Org. Lett.* 2007, *9*, 2955–2958), the corresponding cross-coupling product **3a** and **4a** were isolated in 90%, and 92% yields, respectively.



5. Characterization data for the intramolecular cyclization products



2a (Colorless oil):¹ ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.43-7.50$ (m, 2H), 7.19–7.26 (m, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 155.7$, 128.7, 128.2, 124.2, 123.3, 120.1, 110.9, 108.2.



2b (White solid, m.p. 41–43 °C):¹ ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.48 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 154.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.1, 124.4, 119.6, 111.8, 108.0.



2c (Yellow solid, m.p. 55–58 °C):¹ ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.64 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.38 (m, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 154.4, 130.5, 129.7, 127.1, 122.7, 116.6, 112.3, 107.8.



2d (White solid, m.p. 70–72 °C): ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.37 (d, J = 1.6 Hz,

1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 150.2, 130.8, 130.8, 129.4, 124.5, 118.3, 116.9, 108.7. HRMS (EI): calcd for C₈H₃BrCl₂O, 263.8742; found, 263.8744.



2e (Yellow solid, m.p. 87–89 °C): ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.59 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 152.0, 131.1, 130.7, 129.7, 121.9, 116.8, 108.7, 104.2. HRMS (EI): calcd for C₈H₃Br₃O, 351.7730; found, 351.7734.



2f (Yellow solid, m.p. 80–82 °C): ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.44–7.42 (m, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 151.7, 130.8, 130.4, 129.7, 127.2, 118.9, 108.9, 103.8. HRMS (EI): calcd for C₈H₃Br₂ClO, 307.8237; found, 307.8239.



2g (White solid, m.p. 76–78 °C): ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.25 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 145.0, 144.1, 131.4, 129.3, 116.7, 115.0, 110.2, 108.1, 56.4. HRMS (EI): calcd for C₉H₆Br₂O₂, 303.8734; found, 303.8735.



2h (Yellow solid, m.p. 94–96 °C): ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.46$ (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H); ¹³C

NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 158.3, 144.6, 131.9, 129.0, 120.1, 116.5, 111.3, 109.2. HRMS (EI): calcd for C₈H₃BrNO₃, 240.9372; found, 240.9375.



2i (Colorless oil):^{1 1}H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.8, 156.6, 126.0, 122.0, 120.1, 112.2, 108.0, 95.7, 55.7.



2j (Colorless oil):¹ ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.16 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 145.1, 144.7, 130.3, 128.1, 124.1, 112.3, 108.6, 106.5, 56.1.



2k (Colorless oil):^{1 1}H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.01$ (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 153.4$, 130.3, 128.7, 126.6, 126.6, 126.3, 125.1, 124.9, 124.1, 123.3, 111.7, 107.4.



21 (Colorless oil): ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.38-7.36$ (m, 1H), 7.18–7.17 (m, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 1.52 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 154.2$, 134.6, 129.3, 127.1, 123.3, 121.0, 118.0, 108.1, 34.3, 29.8. HRMS (EI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₃BrO,

252.0151; found, 252.0150.



2m (Colorless oil): ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.52–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.24 (m, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 154.1, 141.4, 128.3, 124.2, 123.4, 120.2, 110.9, 103.1. HRMS (EI): calcd for C₈H₅ClO, 152.0028; found, 152.0029.



2n (Colorless oil):¹ ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.75–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.0, 139.5, 126.6, 124.7, 124.5, 122.7, 121.6, 115.4.



20 (White solid, m.p. $35-37 \ {}^{\circ}C$):¹ ¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.60$ (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 141.9$, 137.9, 127.7, 125.1, 125.0, 124.7, 120.0, 116.6.



2p (White solid, m.p. 55–57 °C):¹¹H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.80 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 140.9, 139.4, 127.4, 125.7, 125.2, 122.7, 118.8, 117.2.



2q (White solid, m.p. 48–50 °C):^{1 1}H NMR (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100

Hz, CDCl₃): δ = 142.2, 138.2, 128.2, 126.2, 124.0, 123.7, 118.4, 115.9.

6. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectra and HRMS data

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Instrument: Waters Micromass GCT Premier Ionisation Mode: EI+ Electron Energy: 70eV Card Serial Number: GCT-P-T11-05-050408 Sample Serial Number: HBSF-L05-7 Operator: Li Date: 2011/05/16 Elemental Composition Report Single Mass Analysis Tolerance = 5.0 PFM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 1891 formula (e) evaluated with 6 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) Elements Used: C: 0-60 H: 0-80 N: 0-4 0: 0-6 F: 0-1 Cl: 0-2 Br: 0-3 Minimum: -1.5

Maximum:		1.5	5.0	50.0								
Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT		For		a i			
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	351.7738	-0.8	-2.3	-0.5	350.3	H2	NS	05	C1	2 B	r2	
	351.7739	-0.9	-2.6	1.5	107.5	C5	H6	N	C1	Br3		
	351.7721	0.9	2.6	6.5	15.8	C6	н	NS	Br3			
	351.7745	-1.5	-4.3	2.0	68.1	C5	H4	02	F	Br3		



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Instrument: Waters Micromass GCT Premier Card Serial Number: GCT-P-Ti1-05-050409 Sample Serial Number: HBSF-L05-8 Ionisation Mode: EI+ Electron Energy: 70eV Operator: Li Date: 2011/05/16 O₂N Date: 2011/05/16 Elemental Composition Report Single Mass Analysis Tolerance = 5.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off - Br Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 870 formula(e) evaluated with 5 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) Elements Used: H: 0-80 N: 0-4 O: 0-6 C: 0-60 F: 0-1 C1: 0-2 Br: 0-3 Minimum: -1.5 5.0 PPM Maximum: 1.5 mDa 50.0 DBE Formula C9 N2 O F C12 C3 H3 N4 O3 F Br Calc. Mass i-FIT Mass 240.9372 240.9373 240.9372 0.0 0.0 9.5 77.9 3.5 7.0 2.5 7.5 0.3 -0.1 -0.4 -1.2 C8 H4 N 03 Br C5 H7 N2 02 C1 240.9375 -0.3 -0.7 C5 H7 N2 O2 C1 Br C6 H2 N4 O2 Br 240.9379 20.5 240.9361 1.1 4.6 11.4

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Instrument: Waters Micromass GCT Premier Ionisatio Card Serial Number: GCT-P-T11-05-050500 Sample Serial Number: HBSF-CW4-S3 Operator: Li Date: 2011/06/23 Elemental Composition Report Single Mass Analysis Tolerance = 5.0 FPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off Monoisotopic Mass. Odd and Even Electron Ions Ionisation Mode: EI+ Electron Energy: 70eV -CI Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 160 formula(e) evaluated with 2 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) Elements Used: H: 0-80 N: 0-4 C: 0-60 0: 0-6 C1: 0-3 -1.5 50.0 Minimum: Maximum: 1.5 5.0 Calc. Mass 152.0029 152.0034 mDa -0.1 -0.6 Formula C8 H5 O C1 C5 H8 N C12 PPM BE 6.0 1.5 i-FIT Mass -0.7 3.9 169.9 152.0028



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Date: 2011/06/03										
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Single Mass Analysis OCH3										
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Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions										
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	303.8721	1.3 4.	3 6.5	3.2	C7 H4 N3 O	Br2				



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